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JANUARY CRIME

Read up on Midland crime from this month of January.

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HIGHWAY FATALITY

Midland County roadways saw a fatal collision Sunday night, and a man has been charged with intoxication manslaughter. This marks the second fatality on Midland County roads this year.

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Obama budget stresses taxes for oil and gas industry

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama is proposing billions of dollars in government spending to tackle climate change and boost alternative energy sources, even as he proposes hiking oil and gas industry taxes by tens of billions of dollars.

The climate ventures include a program to boost the resiliency of coastal communities that could be battered by more intense storms and a $4 billion fund to encourage states to cut greenhouse gas emissions more quickly than federal regulations require.

More inside

President Obama's budget makes the second audacious challenge in the past three weeks to the Republican controled Congress. Read more about Obama's budget plans inside.

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In his $4 trillion budget request to Congress, Obama also said he wants to change the way money from offshore oil and gas production is shared with Texas and other Gulf Coast states, by diverting more of those dollars to national programs with "broad" natural resource and conservation benefits.

The moves reflect the president's intensifying focus on the environment and climate change during his final two years in office. And they demonstrate his ongoing balancing act when it comes to the domestic oil boom, as Obama seeks to sustain that major economic engine while also appeasing environmentalists worried about damage to the land and air.

Obama emphasized the costs of climate change in outlining his budget on Monday. "No challenge," he said, "poses a greater threat."

"The significant costs to inaction on climate change hit the Federal Government's bottom line directly, as worsening climate impacts create government liabilities," Obama added. "That's why this budget takes action on climate ... with investments to accelerate carbon pollution reductions, to build on-the-ground partnerships with local communities and

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Wet winter weather

Wet January continues up-and-down trend

By Stewart Doreen
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The fourth wettest January on record continued an up-and-down trend over six years when it comes precipitation.

Three of Midland's wettest Januarys on record were in 2010, 2013 and 2015, and two of its driest Januarys were in 2011 and 2014, according to National Weather Service. And what about 2012? In January of that year, Midland recorded the most snowfall during any month in the city's history.

"It is the nature of weather," said local meteorologist Eric Ahasic.

Ahasic said it often takes one event during the month to reach such extremes when it comes to the record books, and indeed, on Jan. 2 of this year, 1.45 inches of precipitation fell on Midland (part of the ice storm). That corresponds to nearly 60 percent of the rain during the month.

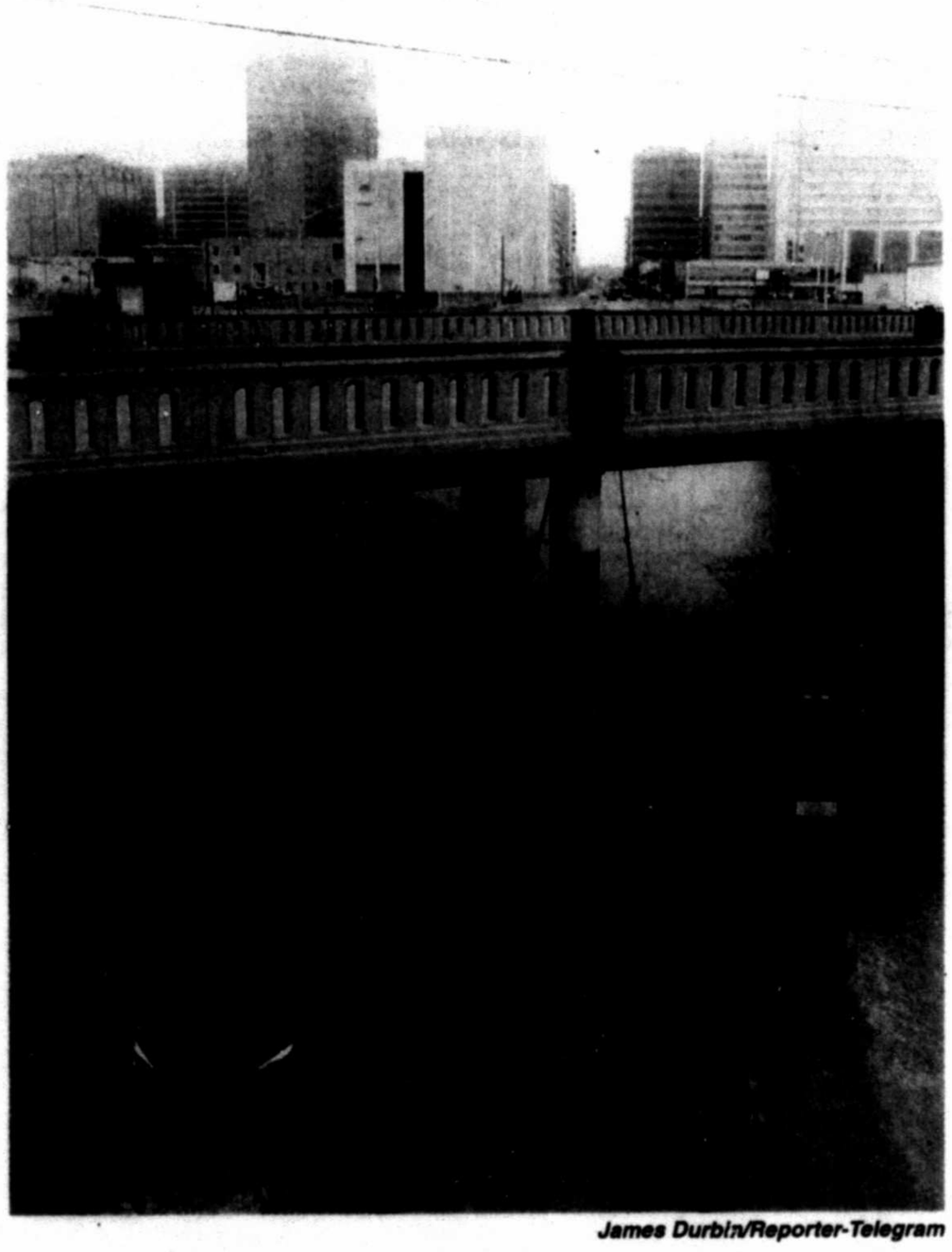
The same holds true in 2013 when 92 percent of the 1.45 inches fell on one day.

And when it came to the 10.6 inches of snow in 2012, all of it fell in one day — Jan. 9, 2012, a record for one day in Midland history.

Ahasic said these extremes are not unusual, but are the nature of weather. He said climate — average weather conditions over a period of years — might offer a different scenario. But often, patterns such as Midland has experienced in the short term evens out over the long term.

Average rainfall for Midland during the month of January is 0.56 of an inch. And considering the long-term drought Midland has experienced, the above-average precipitation is welcome. The same is true across the Basin, which is likely to be listed as mostly normal in the next U.S. Drought Monitor, Ahasic said.

The Climate Prediction Center is calling for a 40 percent chance of above-average precipitation for the region through April.



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Fog covers downtown Midland as cars splash through the underpass at Big Spring and Front Streets on Saturday.

Precipitation during January

City	Inches of precipitation
Alpine	2.13
Big Lake	1.27
Big Spring	1.03
Crane	1.69
Lamesa	1.60
Lenorah	2.78
Pecos	1.41
Seminole	1.21
Snyder	2.01
St. Lawrence	2.36

Source: National Weather Service

Extremes in January precipitation

WETTEST JANUARYS ON RECORD IN MIDLAND

Year	Inches of precipitation
1. 1939	4.99
2. 1949	3.66
3. 1946	3.18
4. 2015	2.43
5. 1958	1.97
Also	
7. 2010	1.64
9. 2013	1.45

Note: The average precipitation in January is 0.56 of an inch.

DRIEST JANUARYS ON RECORD IN MIDLAND

Year	Inches of precipitation
1. 2014	0.00
1. 1967	0.00
Also	
T-10. 2011	0.02

Source: National Weather Service

More inside

Groundhogs across the nation today weighed in on how much more winter the country can expect.

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Infrastructure work taking place at H-E-B owned property

■ City engineer: Taco restaurant coming to the North Big Spring Street property

From staff reports

Roads and other infrastructure are being built on H-E-B -owned property located at Loop 250 and Big Spring Street and among the tenants will be a taco restaurant, according to Midland's interim Planning Division Manager Bob Baronti.

The space is a third property in Midland owned by the grocery store company, based out of San Antonio. In addition to the store on Wadley Avenue, there are plans to build a second location where the former AT&T call center current stands — Loop 250 and State Highway 191.

In other P&Z news, a final plat for a 19.7-acre property owned by former Basic Energy Services CEO Kenneth Huseman was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission. The plat approval paves the way for a development — generally located at Loop 250 and I-20 in west Midland — that Huseman had previously described as having an apartment complex, a truck stop, retail shops and single-family housing, according to a previous article by the Reporter-Telegram. Huseman did not attend the meeting.

The Planning and Zoning Commission has had a few months with smaller agendas, compared with what felt like a hectic end to 2014.

"I believe that people in this area are taking a wait-and-see approach," said commission chairman Kevin Wilton. "But there is a lot still in the pipeline."

Judge puts action on hold in veterans parade crash trial

Associated Press

MIDLAND — A West Texas judge has postponed further action in the trial of a lawsuit arising from a collision between a freight train and a veterans' parade float that killed four vets.

State District Judge James Rush granted an extension to one of the parties to file briefs in the case. A court aide declined to say how long an extension was given or who asked for it.

Rush had said Friday that Union Pacific Railroad had asked for an immediate ruling in its favor and that attorneys for the 17 plaintiffs had been expected to file a response Monday.

The 2012 crash killed four veterans and injured about a dozen. Twenty-six people reached a confidential settlement this month with Union Pacific.

Weather Mostly sunny 63/39 Get your complete forecast on 5B

Energy prices

WTI Futures	$48.87	▲ $1.33
WTI Posted	$48.69	▲ $1.25
WTB Posted	$50.15	▼ $1.55
Natural Gas	$2.680	▼ $0.011
Gasoline	$1.573	▼ $0.005

The big number The Texas Panhandle was hit by a 3.1 magnitude earthquake Sunday. Page 2A

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

Today

■ Storytime for 2-6 years, 10:30 a.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Friday

■ Mike Huckabee book signing "God, Guns, Grits and Gravy," 11 a.m., Barnes and Noble Booksellers. barnesandnoble.com.

Support groups, club meetings today

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

■ The Helping Hand Metastatic Cancer Support Group meets noon, Texas Tech Physicians of the Permian Basin Clinic, Room 210B. Lunch will be served. To RSVP, call Amber Chavez at 620-1023.

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

■ A confidential peer-to-peer support gathering for combat veterans, first, third and fifth Tuesdays at Midland College Cogdell Center, 201 Florida Ave.; Steve Cree, 770-7469.

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

■ Parent Quest, for parents of special needs children, meets 6-8 p.m., First Christian Church. For more information, contact Malissa Roach, SHARE program coordinator, at 349-1069.

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

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

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

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

■ Pop-Up Toasters Toastmasters Club., 6:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church's Family Life Center — Room 228, 800 W. Texas Ave.; 432-242-2061 or popuptoasters@gmail.com.

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Weather report for January

Average high: 52.3
Average low: 31.1
Average temperature: 41.7
Warmest day: 79 (Jan. 28)
Coldest night: 20 (Jan. 8)
Typical average for January: 43.9
Precipitation: 2.43 inches
Average for January: 0.56 of an inch
Snowfall: 2.4 inches
Source: National Weather Service

FSA meetings

The Martin & Ector/Crane/Midland County FSA is hosting informational meetings about farm bill programs (including ARC and PLC). The Midland meeting is set for 9 a.m. Feb. 11 at the Midland Farmers Co-op and the Stanton meeting is set for 9 a.m. Feb. 12 at the Martin County 4-H building.

For more information, call the FSA office at 432-756-3324.

Watering schedule

The current outdoor watering schedule allows residents and businesses in the city of Midland to water twice per week.

Even-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Saturdays and Wednesdays from 6 p.m. until midnight.

Odd-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Fridays and Tuesdays from 6 p.m. until midnight.

Any violation may result in a fine up to $500.

The ban on washing outdoor surfaces is still in effect.

Lake levels

Lake	Acre feet	Percent full
Thomas	90,861	45.29
Spence	10,796	2.09
Ivie	79,810	14.40
Totals	181,467	14.26

Source: Colorado River Municipal Water District

Lottery

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

Texas establishes 'Chris Kyle Day' 2 years after his death

By Eva Ruth Moravec
Associated Press

Associated Press

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, surrounded by lawmakers, signs a proclamation making February 2, "Chris Kyle Day" in Austin, Texas. Two years after Kyle's death, and days before the man accused of killing him goes to trial, the retired SEAL was honored by his home state.

AUSTIN — Two years after Chris Kyle's death, and days before the man accused of killing him goes to trial, the retired Navy SEAL depicted in the blockbuster movie "American Sniper" received a state day Monday in his honor.

Gov. Greg Abbott signed a proclamation declaring Feb. 2 "Chris Kyle Day" in Texas, where Kyle was raised and lived after serving in Iraq. Flags statewide were to fly Monday at half-staff.

"As governor, I am proclaiming this to be Chris Kyle Day, but in doing so, as Chris would have it, we are also recognizing every man and woman who has ever worn the uniform of the United States Military," Abbott said, flanked by a dozen bipartisan lawmakers.

Abbott called Kyle — reputed to be the deadliest sniper in American history — "the face of a legion of warriors who have led the mightiest military in the history of the world."

Four years after he retired from service, he and neighbor Chad Littlefield were shot and killed at a North Texas gun range. Accused in their deaths is former Marine Eddie Ray Routh, whom the two men were trying to help. Routh has been described by family as a troubled veteran who was hospitalized for mental illnesses, including post-traumatic stress disorder.

An Abbott spokeswoman said the success of the movie based on Kyle's autobiography and the upcoming trial were not driving forces behind Monday's announcement. An effort is underway to make Chris Kyle Day an annual event.

Jury selection begins Thursday in Stephenville, about 150 miles north of Austin, in the trial of Routh, 27, who is charged with one count of capital murder and two counts of murder.

Some 800 people have been summoned for jury duty, said court spokeswoman Wanda Pringle, compared with the typical jury pool of 175 in Erath County. Once seated, the jury will be under orders not to discuss the case.

Routh's attorney, J. Warren St. John, has said that Routh will plead not guilty by reason of insanity. If convicted, he could face the death penalty.

Finding jurors who haven't heard about Chris Kyle could prove to be difficult, said Allen Place Jr., a criminal defense attorney and spokesman for the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.

"We want everything to be even-handed, and if there was any pretrial publicity that intends a different spin on anything, then we should all be upset, regardless of where it comes from," Place said.

Last week, Kyle's widow, Taya Kyle, spoke to legislators at a private screening of "American Sniper" at the Texas Capitol. She praised peer counseling such as the Military Veteran Peer Network, one of several assistance programs that the Texas Veterans Commission hopes will receive more state funding this year.

Although Chris Kyle wasn't working with the network, "he is sort of a model of that network," said Kyle Mitchell, deputy executive director of the commission. "He was outreaching in the field on his own."

Taya Kyle did not attend Monday's event.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AMARILLO

3.1 magnitude earthquake in Panhandle

Parts of the Texas Panhandle had some unexpected shaking from a 3.1 magnitude earthquake.

The U.S. Geological Survey reports the quake was recorded at 6:39 p.m. Sunday and was centered about 9 miles northeast of Amarillo.

The Carson County Sheriff's Office on Monday had no immediate reports of anyone hurt or damages related to the earthquake.

The Potter County Sheriff's Office didn't immediately provide information.

SAN ANTONIO

Cellphone ban grace period ends for drivers

Drivers who are caught talking on their cellphone without a hands-free device will now be subjects to tickets in San Antonio.

The San Antonio Express-News reports a 30-day grace period ended Sunday for the city's new driving ordinance that began Jan. 1.

The rule prohibits drivers from holding phones while in traffic or at a stoplight. Drivers must use speakerphone or a Bluetooth device to make calls. Texting is also prohibited.

The newspaper reports the ordinance does not apply to drivers who are operating an emergency vehicle, driving on private property or reporting illegal activity to law enforcement.

Violators will be subject to a fine of up to $200.

HOUSTON

Coast Guard airlifts sick passenger aboard cruise ship

An ill passenger on a Carnival cruise ship is in stable condition after a Coast Guard helicopter airlifted her to a hospital.

The Coast Guard said Sunday that it received word Saturday night that a 51-year-old woman was having respiratory problems on the Carnival ship Magic. Authorities dispatched a helicopter Saturday night to a ship more than 180 miles offshore from Galveston.

The helicopter crew hoisted the woman and a nurse on board and flew them to Galveston, where the woman continues to receive treatment.

Houston school projects may benefit from low oil prices

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Falling oil prices may mean lower-than-expected costs for school construction projects in Houston.

The Houston Independent School District, which passed a historic $1.9 billion bond issue in 2012, faced high building costs due to a robust construction market. District officials say the drop in crude oil prices may help ease budget strains. The Houston Chronicle reports that district will delay projects for several months so it can solicit better bids for construction.

District officials estimated in 2012 that the cost of building new schools would be an average of $160 per square foot. That price has since risen to about $210 per square foot.

As an example, bids to build a new Mandarin immersion school were around $246 per square foot. Staffers are trying to get that down to around $200 per square foot.

District officials have been reviewing their plans to find other ways to reduce costs, such as using cheaper materials and possibly excluding an auditorium, swimming pool or dance room planned for high school campuses. They say they are using about half of their contingency fund to have money available for construction.

District board members were told in an email by district officer Robert Sands that nine of the 25 projects were proceeding as scheduled, while the other 16 are being reviewed. Sands said, "We will not cut corners, and we are committed to treating each and every school community equitably."

Other school districts are also dealing with uncertainty about the cost of building plans.

BUDGET

From 1A

help them put in place strategies for greater resilience to climate change impacts, and to support America's leadership abroad on this important moral and fiscal issue."

Many of Obama's proposals are nothing new, and few are likely to find favor in the Republican-controlled Congress that actually sets the government's budget. But they signal where Obama's administration will focus in its closing years. And increasingly, that's on the environment and climate change.

As in previous years, Obama's budget plan asks Congress to repeal a host of tax deductions used by the oil and gas industry, worth at least $43.8 billion from 2016 to 2025. His targets include a credit for oil and gas produced from low-producing marginal wells and an allowable expense for intangible drilling costs, such as repairs and hauling supplies.

Oil industry leaders said the president's plan would be a painful blow to a sector already reeling as crude prices plummet.

"The United States is now the No. 1 producer of oil and natural gas in the world," said Jack Gerard, president of the American Petroleum Institute. "Tax increases would jeopardize America's competitiveness."

Industry leaders insist that the targeted tax breaks are not unique to the sector and have corollaries throughout the tax code.

Bruce Thompson, president of the American Exploration and Production Council, said Obama's plan would block oil and gas companies from deducting "the ordinary and necessary business expenses incurred in operating their businesses."

"It is fundamentally bad economic policy to increase taxes on an industry that is providing abundant, affordable domestic energy, supporting growth and job creation while moving our nation toward energy independence," Thompson said.

Obama also would get rid of master limited partnerships, a corporate structure widely used by oil and gas pipeline and storage companies. The move flies in the face of a congressional bid to open up MLPs to renewable energy companies.

The oil and gas industry would see a small win in Obama's plan to boost spending on research into capturing the carbon dioxide emissions produced when fossil fuels are burned. Under Obama's budget proposal, the carbon dioxide research would see a boost to $117 million in fiscal year 2016, up from $89 million in fiscal 2014.

And while the Obama administration would trim spending on the Department of Energy's fossil energy research overall, it would launch new work "focused on developing technologies to monitor and reduce emissions from midstream natural gas infrastructure."

At the same time, Obama wants to add extra oomph to the Environmental Protection Agency's plan to cut power plant carbon dioxide emissions, set to be finalized later this year.

The administration's proposed $4 billion "Clean Power State Incentive Fund" is designed to prod states to accelerate their carbon dioxide emission cuts, going faster — and further — than minimum requirements EPA proposed.

Environmental groups praised Obama's approach, with League of Conservation Voters President Gene Karpinski calling the budget proposal "a roadmap for addressing the biggest challenge of our time."

"President Obama is clearly moving full speed ahead to tackle climate change, hold polluters accountable and protect our country's special places," Karpinski said.

One proposal is already causing alarm on the Gulf Coast: a plan to change the way offshore oil and gas revenue is distributed to Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

Although details were limited Monday, the plan would involve siphoning off some of the dollars set to flow to Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas and sending them "to programs that provide broad natural resource, watershed and conservation benefits to the nation."

The Interior Department said it would be seeking congressional approval for the changes but so far has not consulted with lawmakers from the region.

Former Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., blasted the proposal Monday, in her first statement since losing reelection last December.

"This is a real and grave threat to Louisiana's three-decade march to save our coast, America's wetlands," Landrieu said. "The administration's proposal is shortsighted and a gross injustice to Gulf Coast states."

Four Gulf states now claim 37.5 percent of the royalties and other revenues that oil and gas companies send the federal government in exchange for drilling rights and production on some of their leases in the Gulf of Mexico.

The current paycheck is capped at $375 million annually, but the windfall for those four Gulf states is set to climb to as much as $500 million annually beginning in fiscal year 2017, under an existing 2006 law that Landrieu helped push through Congress.

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell emphasized that the outer continental shelf — where oil and gas companies drill on federal leases — "is owned by all Americans."

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CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MPD: Man allegedly uses knife to threaten housemate

A Midland man was arrested Saturday after allegedly threatening a house mate with a kitchen knife in a rent dispute, according to court documents.

Ellis

Leroy Ellis, 38, was charged with a first-degree felony of aggravated assault of a house member with a weapon. He was being held Monday evening on a $75,000 bond.

Officers were called out to the 5000 block of North "A" Street at 2:39 a.m. in reference to a disturbance with weapons. Officers made contact with two males and detained them because of the possibility of a weapon being present. They located a large kitchen knife on the floor of the living room, and a scuffle appeared to have taken place.

The officers identified the aggressor as Ellis, who said that he had gotten into a verbal argument with the alleged victim over rent, according to the affidavit. Ellis claimed both men had pushed each other during the argument, but did not mention a weapon or physical violence.

In the affidavit, the alleged victim told the officers that the argument was over rent but alleged that Ellis told him to leave the apartment and then began to throw his belongings on the floor near the front door. The alleged victim said he became upset when Ellis began picking up the alleged victim's electronic items and throwing them. He said that he had been very intoxicated and that he did not remember who had pushed the other first, but that Ellis at one point had picked up the knife and held it in the air, making the alleged victim scared for his life.

If convicted of the first-degree felony, Ellis faces between two and 99 years in prison.

Woman allegedly gashes other woman in fight

A 31-year-old woman was arrested Friday after allegedly punching someone in the face and then stabbing them, according to court documents.

Amber Schenck of Midland was charged with a second-degree felony of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Schenck

She was being held Monday on a $75,000 bond, according to the Midland County Sheriff's Office.

Officers were called out to the 4700 block of West Loop 250 North at 11:40 p.m. in reference to a disturbance. The officers learned that a woman had been taken to the 4700 block of Briarwood Avenue. The officers went to that location, where they saw a woman with a facial laceration and learned that she had been stabbed by a woman — later identified as Schenck — according to the arrest affidavit.

The woman said she and Schenck had gotten into an argument in the Target parking lot and that Schenck punched her several times and stabbed her, according to the affidavit. The woman was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital, where she was found to have suffered a punctured lung, according to the affidavit.

Officers found Schenck at the Days Inn off West Wall Street. She told a detective that she had fought with the woman and hit her in the face and that her ring caused the facial laceration, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the second-degree felony, Schenck faces up to 20 years in prison.

FELONYARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Justin B. Hicks, 36, was charged Friday with obstruction or retaliation.

David M. Payne, 25, of Midland was charged Friday with possession of a controlled substance between one and four grams, fraudulent use or possession of identifying information, forgery of a financial instrument, and three counts of burglary of a habitation.

Javier Sanjuan, 25, of Midland was charged Friday with assault on a public servant.

Manuel L. Vela, 47, of Midland was charged Friday with evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

Richard U. Carrizales, 45, of Midland was charged Saturday with credit or debit card abuse.

Leroy Ellis III, 38, of Midland was charged Saturday with aggravated assault of a date, family or house member with a weapon.

Juan J. Garcia, 19, of Midland was charged Saturday with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Phillip Leon, 22, of Midland was charged Saturday with two counts of abandoning or endangering a child, putting them in imminent danger of bodily injury.

Amber M. Schenck, 31, of Midland was charged Saturday with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Charles D. Shrum, 43, of Asheville, North Carolina, was charged Saturday with unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Raul R. Granillo, 59, of Colton, California, was charged Sunday with unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Fernando A. Jaquez, 26, of Midland was charged Sunday with possession of a controlled substance of less than one gram.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

GUILTYPLEAS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Guilty pleas accepted and sentences imposed Jan. 26-30 by district Judges George D. Gilles, Robin Malone Darr, Elizabeth B. Leonard and Rodney W. Satterwhite:

Tomas Baeza, 36, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, nine months state jail.

Brackston Teague Buck, 19, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, revoked six years deferred adjudication, suspended for two years state jail, suspended for five years probation.

Molly Ann Crumpton, 40, failure to appear, 10 years TDCJ, suspended for five years community supervision, $1,500 fine, 400 hours community service; possession of substance in penalty group 1, two years state jail, suspended for five years community supervision, $180 restitution, 180 days driver's license suspension, TAIP; theft over $1,500 but under $20,000, two years state jail, suspended for five years community supervision, to run concurrent.

Tony Juan Pablo Enriquez, 41, felony driving while intoxicated, extended two years.

Bravlio Esquivel Jr., 27, unlawful restraint, five days Midland County jail.

Daniel Gonzalez Jr., 34, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, four years deferred adjudication, $1,000 fine, court cost and 200 hours community service.

Rhonda Dawn Harper, 41, fraudulent use or possession of ID, three years TDCJ.

Francisco M. Hernandez, 44, assault family violence, revoked extended one year.

Luis Gerardo Herrera, 25, assault family violence with previous conviction, revoked four years TDCJ.

Tony Dorsett Hille, 36, indecency with a child (count I), six years TDCJ; indecency with a child (count II), six years TDCJ; indecency with a child (count III), six years TDCJ.

Valerie Niolla Jimenez, 28, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, eight years TDCJ; aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (count I), revoked eight years TDCJ; aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (count II), revoked eight years TDCJ.

Casimiro Valeriano Magana, 30, felony driving while intoxicated, 10 years TDCJ, suspended for six years community supervision, $2,000 fine, 30 days jail, 175 hours community service, TAIP, three years deep lung device, one year driver's license suspension.

Christopher Blake Paulette, 30, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, adjudicate and revoke two years TDCJ.

Terry Dan Ratliff, 50, injury to a child, elderly individual or disabled individual as a lesser included offense of sexual assault of a child, three years TDCJ.

Billy Ray Riggins, 52, possession of a controlled substance — cocaine, deferred adjudication, two years community supervision, $500 fine, 120 hours community service, TAIP.

Clarence Edward Roper, 54, aggravated assault, five years deferred adjudication, $250 fine, court cost, 30 days in jail.

Gilbert Sanchez, 73, theft be repetition, nine months state jail.

Manuel Eladio Sanchez Morales, 18, aggravated assault (count I), eight years deferred adjudication, $2,000 fine, court cost, 200 hours community service, anger management; aggravated assault (count II), eight years deferred adjudication, $2,000 fine, court cost, 200 hours community service, anger management.

Garry Alexis Smith, 31, theft over $1,500 but under $20,000, two years TDCJ, suspended for three years probation, $8,863 restitution, court cost, 150 hours community service.

Jaime Richard Taylor, 31, criminal mischief, two years state jail, suspended for four years probation, court cost, $4,414.48 restitution, 200 hours community service.

Alejandro Lopez Tinajero, 20, burglary of a habitation to commit theft, revoke community supervision, two years TDCJ; engaging in organized criminal activity — aggravated assault, revoke community supervision, five years TDCJ; failure to appear, revoke community supervision, two years TDCJ.

Beverly Lyn Wright, 56, possession of a controlled substance, three years TDCJ.

Note: Texas Department of Criminal Justice; TIC = ; TAIP = treatment alternative to incarceration program

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MPD: El Paso man charged with intoxication manslaughter

From staff repoprts

An Odessa man died late Sunday night after his vehicle was struck by a pickup traveling in the wrong direction on Highway 191, according to the Midland Police Department.

Midland police and fire departments responded to a wreck at about 11:30 p.m. in the 6100 block of Highway 191, where they discovered Anthony Bennett, 26, according to a press release from the city. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Bennett was traveling in the westbound lanes of the highway in a Ford Escort when his vehicle collided head-on with a Nissan Frontier, driven by 26-year-old Joaquin Arce of El Paso, who was traveling in the wrong direction, according to the release.

Arce was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital, where he was treated and released for minor injuries, according to MPD. He was arrested and has been charged with intoxication manslaughter.

Bennett is the second person to die on roads in Midland County this year, according to Reporter-Telegram reports. A 31-year-old Midland woman died Jan. 8 in a two-vehicle wreck on Interstate 20.

STATECRIME

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AMARILLO

Troopers seize $33M in drugs, cash in 2014 Panhandle stops

Troopers seized more than $33 million in drugs and cash during traffic stops last year in the Texas Panhandle.

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Monday announced results of the 219 traffic stops along Interstate 40 and elsewhere in the region including Amarillo.

Sgt. Bryan Witt said the traffic stops also led to the arrest of eight suspects.

The seizures included nearly 4,200 pounds of marijuana, 458 pounds of methamphetamine, 100 pounds of cocaine, 29 pounds of heroin, 27 pounds of hashish and more than $1.5 million.

DPS did not immediately have figures for similar 2013 traffic stops in the Texas Panhandle.

AMARILLO

9 arrested in online sex solicitation sting

Nine people have been arrested in an online sex solicitation and human trafficking investigation in the Texas Panhandle.

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Sunday announced the arrests following a crackdown in the Amarillo area.

Law enforcement officers went undercover during the investigation into online solicitation of children.

DPS said eight suspects are from Amarillo. One man is from Pampa. All are charged with felony online solicitation of a minor.

One of the defendants has also been charged with assault on a public servant, evading arrest and tampering with or fabricating evidence.

HOUSTON

Rapper gets 10 years for sex trafficking of girl, 14

A Houston rapper has been sentenced to 10 years in prison for forcing a girl into prostitution after meeting her online and taking her to a music studio.

Jeremy Jacobi Scott was sentenced Monday in Houston for exploiting a 14-year-old girl.

The 30-year-old Scott last June pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit sex trafficking of a minor.

Federal prosecutors said Scott in 2011 became acquainted with the girl online, then started picking her up at home and school. Investigators said Scott gave marijuana to the teen and took her to a studio where he recorded songs about violence and using women.

Scott used a cellphone to photograph the girl and advertise her online for prostitution.

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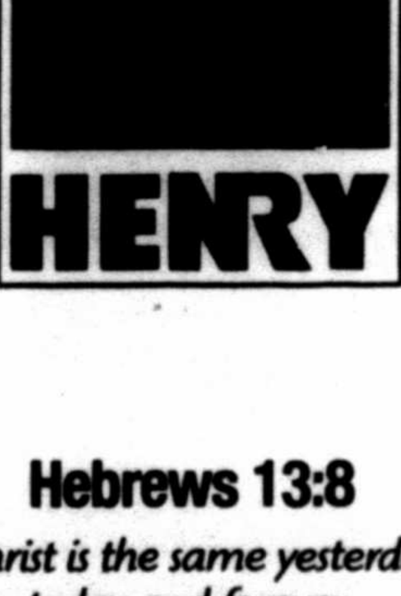

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Trial ends over how much BP should pay for Gulf oil spill

■ In earlier phase, judge ruled BP acted with "gross negligence"

By Kevin McGill
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The latest phase of a trial to determine how much BP should pay in Clean Water Act penalties for the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill — which could reach $13.7 billion — ended Monday, but a decision from the judge is not expected for months.

The trial closed after two weeks of testimony and arguments by lawyers for the Justice Department, which wants a high penalty, and BP, which wants a lower figure. Anadarko Petroleum Corp., a minority owner of the ill-fated well, was also part of the proceeding and is fighting the government's push for more than $1 billion in penalties.

Attorneys may file briefs in the case as late as April, and it remains unclear how soon after that U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier will rule.

It was the third phase of a trial to determine Clean Water Act penalties arising from the April 20, 2010, explosion of the Deepwater Horizon rig at BP's Macondo well. The blast killed 11 workers and sent oil spewing into the Gulf for 87 days.

Barbier has already issued key rulings after two earlier phases: that BP acted with "gross negligence" in the disaster, a decision BP is appealing; and that 3.19 million barrels of oil were discharged. Those two factors could lead to a maximum $13.7 billion fine based on a per-barrel penalty.

BP argued against a heavy penalty. It said its response to the spill and cleanup effort were robust, that the economy and environment of the Gulf has recovered strongly and that it already has run up $42 billion in costs including the cleanup, response, settlements with victims and criminal penalties.

Also, BP attorneys argued an excessive penalty would be too much of an economic hardship on BP Exploration and Production, the BP entity deemed responsible for the spill.

Government attorneys said a higher-end penalty is called for, given the economic and environmental harm caused by the spill, and they cast doubts about the effect of a high fine on BP Exploration and Production and other BP entities.

Anadarko attorneys kept a low profile throughout the trial, until Monday, when they focused on the fact that Anadarko was not involved in operations on the Deepwater Horizon rig.

They said a stiff Clean Water Act penalty would have unintended consequences: giving investors who don't have a hands-on operating role in a venture an incentive to interfere with operators' safety decisions. They called Kenneth Arnold, an engineer and oil industry safety expert, who testified that forcing non-operators on a well project into a role where they contribute to safety decisions can lead to confused roles and unsafe practices.

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Southwest Floors adds Mannington's 100 years of history to laminate flooring selection

For 100 years as of this year, Mannington has been a trusted name in flooring—and as of this month, Mannington laminates are available at Southwest Floors.

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Check out the Restoration Collection, a stunning combination of Mannington's award winning technology and refined rustic hardwood looks. For those that prefer something more exotic, they offer the Diamond Bay Collection, a sleek and contemporary collection of wood patterns. If tile is more your style, there's Mojave Slate and Adirondack, both are impressive modular stone visuals, high in color play and detail.

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Southwest Floors also has a great selection of ceramic tile, in styles that range from the traditional bright colors to those that resemble hardwood or natural stone.

There is also your choice of carpeting—still a staple for bare feet in bedrooms. You will also find area rugs that accent tile, laminate or wood flooring in just about any room of your home.

Have questions about what flooring is right for what room in your home? Southwest Floors' Travis Kendrick has years of experience at answering those questions. Never a high pressure guy, he will give you the information you need to make your own informed decision. After all, you're the only one who can really make that decision.

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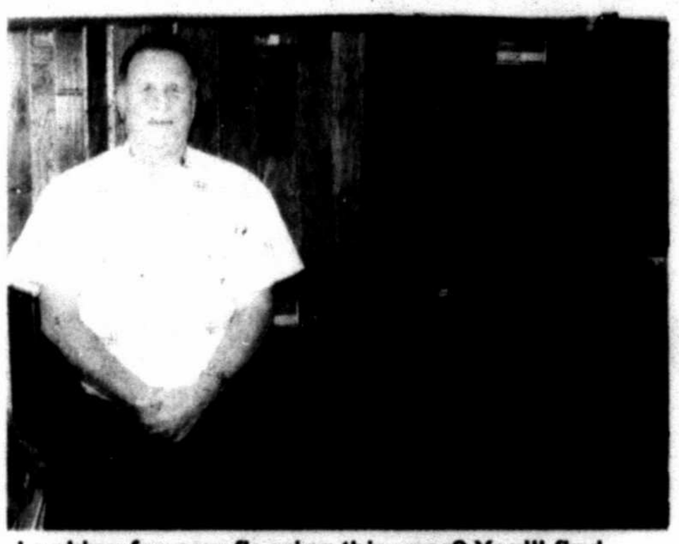

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Firefighters work Monday to contain a fire at a storage building to prevent it from spreading to a mobile home in the 2200 block of North County Road 1134. The investigation revealed that the fire was caused by a heat lamp inside a wooden dog house that was sitting on the storage building's covered porch, according to a press release from the city. The homeowner reported hearing a loud popping noise from the direction of the storage building before seeing flames on the porch. No one was injured in the fire, but the storage building and its contents were damaged. Heat radiating from the flames caused damage to the exterior wall of the mobile home and the home also received smoke and water damage. Responding to the fire at about 10:40 a.m. were the Midland Fire Department, Northeast Volunteer Fire Department and Midland County Sheriff's Office.

Jury selection canceled in bombing trial

Associated Press

BOSTON — Jury selection in the federal trial of Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev has been canceled for today because of a snowstorm that dumped a foot of snow across much of Massachusetts.

The 21-year-old Tsarnaev is accused in the 2013 attack, which killed three people and injured more than 260. He could face the death penalty if convicted.

Judge George O'Toole Jr. has questioned 114 prospective jurors over nine days. He hasn't said how many of those people have been excused.

Jury selection was canceled Monday because of the storm, which was expected to continue into the night.

Tsarnaev's lawyers have repeatedly argued that the trial should be moved from Massachusetts because many residents already believe he is guilty and many have personal connections to the bombings.

Pennsylvania groundhog sees shadow; 'forecasts' 6 more weeks of winter

■ Groundhog in New York called for early spring, while one in Wisconsin bit mayor

Associated Press

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa. — The handlers of Pennsylvania's most famous groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, said Monday the furry rodent has forecast six more weeks of winter.

Members of the top hat-wearing Inner Circle announced the "prediction" Monday morning.

A German legend has it that if a furry rodent sees his shadow on Feb. 2, winter will last another six weeks. If not, spring comes early.

The forecast was also announced on Twitter, as was referenced in the official proclamation read by Jeff Lundy, the Fair Weatherman of the Inner Circle.

"Forecasts abound on the Internet, but, I, Punxsutawney Phil am still your best bet. Yes, a shadow I see, you can start to Twitter, hash tag: Six more weeks of winter!"

The forecast was delivered after a steady pre-dawn rain turned to snow as temperatures dropped from the high 30s to around freezing. They were forecast to keep dropping over much of the state, prompting the state Department of Transportation to lower the speed limit to 45 mph for many interstate highways which were already wet and expected to freeze or be covered with snow as the day wore on.

The rain kept some revelers away, with state police estimating the crowd at around 11,000, slightly smaller than in recent years when upward of 15,000 attended.

Despite the German legend, Phil's handlers don't wait to see if he sees his shadow — as he likely would not have on such an overcast day. Instead, the Inner Circle decide on the forecast ahead of time and announce it on Gobbler's Knob, a tiny hill in the town for which the groundhog is named, about 65 miles northeast of Pittsburgh.

Records going back to 1887 show Phil has now predicted more winter 102 times while forecasting an early spring just 17 times. There are no records for the remaining years.

Phil's counterpart in New York City, Staten Island Chuck, delivered a conflicting message in calling for an early spring after not seeing his shadow.

Chuck emerged from his home at the Staten Island Zoo early Monday and took part in a new ceremony that didn't include being held by New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio.

Last year, in de Blasio's first time at the annual ceremony, the rodent slipped from his grasp and fell to the ground. It died weeks later.

A medical exam revealed it died of internal injuries, but zoo officials said it was unclear if they were caused by the fall from de Blasio's arms. Zoo officials didn't make the death public for months.

The accident became a source of teasing for the mayor, and de Blasio himself suggested Monday that "teams of animal behavior experts and scientists have consulted from all over the country" to keep the groundhog safe.

In Wisconsin, the mayor of Sun Prairie might not be getting too close to a groundhog again.

During a celebration Monday, the handler of Jimmy the groundhog held the animal next the face of Mayor Jonathan Freund, and Jimmy promptly bit down on the mayor's left ear.

Freund flinched, but went on with the event.

State drilling panel weighs disclosure of fracturing chemicals

By Dan Elliott
Associated Press

DENVER — Gov. John Hickenlooper's task force on oil and gas discussed proposals Monday that would force energy companies to disclose all the chemicals they use in hydraulic fracturing and give local governments more of a say on where wells can be drilled.

The task force is winnowing down a list of 56 suggestions from members before making its recommendations to Hickenlooper on Feb. 27 on ways to resolve disputes over local control and landowner rights.

The 21-member panel hasn't taken any final votes, and it wasn't yet clear whether the proposals on chemicals and local government would be among its final suggestions.

When Colorado's oil and gas industry was booming, residents complained as drilling rigs and hydraulic fracturing wells edged close to homes. Hickenlooper has said the state has final say over whether and where wells are drilled, but a number of communities attempted to limit or ban some kinds of energy development, including hydraulic fracturing or fracturing.

Fracturing involves pumping pressurized water, sand and chemicals underground to release oil and gas.

Hickenlooper formed the task force last year in a deal that kept four measures off the November ballot, two that would have restricted hydraulic fracturing and two designed to accommodate it.

Task force members Gwen Lachelt and Jon Goldin-Dubois proposed tightening disclosure rules for fracturing chemicals. Some industry representatives on the panel raised doubts, saying some companies view the chemical combinations as intellectual property.

Task force member Jim Fitzgerald proposed that the state not approve any new wells unless local government agreed to them first.

"This is a big deal and these arguments ought to take place not only at a state level, but they ought to take place on a county level," Fitzgerald said.

Another proposal would require energy companies to negotiate with local governments before putting multiple-well sites near homes.

Some multi-well sites are industrial facilities incompatible with residential zoning, said task force member Matt Sura, a Boulder attorney.

"These ain't our grandparents' oil and gas wells out there," he said.

Task force member Perry Pearce suggested Sura's proposal was too specific.

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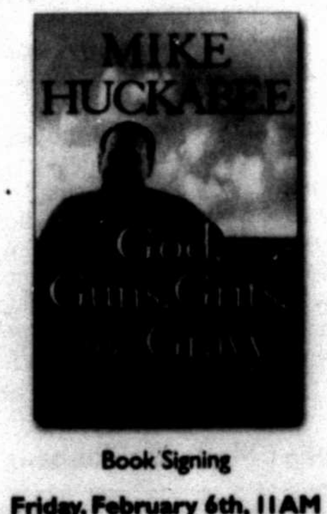

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OPINION

Opting out of vaccinations goes against public good

■ The loud minority can't make their own rules, especially when the greater majority can be impacted so easily

MICHAEL GERSON
Washington Post Writers Group

The measles outbreak at California's Disneyland — which has spread like pixie dust — along with several other smaller flare-ups, has health officials warning of worse to come. Preventable infectious disease is making its return to the developed world — this time by invitation.

The scientific consensus on measles is effectively unanimous: (1) It is not trivial. Children with measles can get seriously ill, and there is chance of complications such as middle ear infections, pneumonia and encephalitis. (2) Measles is highly transmissible — one of the easiest viruses to get or give. (3) The measles vaccine is highly effective — one of the most successful against any virus or microbe.

I'll turn "(4)" over to Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases: "The 'evidence' that measles vaccination is associated with serious adverse events such as autism and other afflictions, " Fauci told me, "has been completely discredited by a number of independent scientific bodies."

Yet, a significant minority of parents — often well-educated parents — are opting out of vaccination. Many states (including California) make it relatively easy to refuse vaccination for "philosophic" reasons. This does not, I suspect, mean that people are reading Immanuel Kant or John Stuart Mill; it means they are consuming dodgy sources on the Internet.

Resistance to vaccination on the left often reflects an obsession with purity. Vaccines are placed in the same mental category as GMOs, DDT and gluten. But the problem with organic health care is that the "natural" rate of child mortality is unacceptably high. Organically raised children can get some very nasty diseases.

Opposition to vaccination on the right often reflects an obsession with liberty — in this case, freedom from intrusive state mandates. It has always struck me as odd that a parent would defend his or her children with a gun but leave them vulnerable to a microbe. Some conservatives get especially exercised when vaccination has anything to do with sex — as with the HPV vaccine — on the questionable theory that teenagers are more likely to fornicate if they have a medical permission slip (or less likely to without it).

Whether hipsters or homeschoolers, parents who don't vaccinate are free riders. Their children benefit from herd immunity without assuming the very small risk of adverse reaction to vaccination. It is a game that works — until too many play it.

Herd immunity requires about 90 percent vaccine coverage. Some children with highly vulnerable immune systems — say, a child being treated for leukemia — can't be vaccinated for medical reasons. When the number of non-medical exemptions from vaccination gets large enough, the child with leukemia becomes the most vulnerable to the spread of disease.

The government (in this case, state governments) has the responsibility to keep vaccination rates above 90 percent, which benefits everyone. This requires burdening the freedom of parents in a variety of ways — not putting them in jail if they refuse to vaccinate, but denying them some public good (like public education) and subjecting them to stigma (which they generally deserve). As the rate of vaccination goes lower, the level of coercion must increase — making exemptions more difficult and burdensome to secure (as California needs to do).

This issue is important in itself. It also demonstrates a point that is properly called "philosophic." Vaccination is communitarianism in its purest, laboratory form. The choices of citizens are restricted for a clearly (even mathematically) defined social good.

Things get murkier with other kinds of goods. Does the same coercive power apply to chronic diseases involving lifestyle choices? Government has taken a position against the use of tobacco. What of substances such as sugar, salt and saturated fat?

Does the common good extend to the moral and social health of a community? Maybe just to the moral health of people under 21 or 18 who can't buy or consume certain things? How about prostitution, which degrades women and men (even as willing participants) and results in a squalid social atmosphere? How about the legal availability of concentrated forms of THC?

In all these matters, there is a balance between individual rights and the common good. This may sound commonplace. But some Americans seem to believe that the mere assertion of a right is sufficient to end a public argument. It is not, when the exercise of that right has unacceptable public consequences, or when the sum of likely choices is dangerous to a community. Sometimes we need 90 percent of the public to make the right choice, or innocent people suffer.

GUEST VIEW

Measles outbreak could have been prevented

Dallas Morning News

Your child has a cough, runny nose, sore throat and a high fever. The symptoms point to a cold. Then white spots appear in the mouth and red spots on the face, and your family pediatrician says its measles. Distressed, you say, "I thought measles were a thing of the past."

Measles were a thing of the past in the United States, just like polio, which destroyed many lives until Jonas Salk in the early 1950s discovered a vaccine. Measles also were fought vigorously back then because the consequences were so deadly.

Before measles vaccines became commonplace in the early 1960s, an estimated 3 million to 4 million Americans a year contracted measles, and 400 to 500 died. Survivors often suffered blindness, deafness and neurological disabilities. Measles were not taken lightly; people wanted a vaccine because too many families suffered too much.

That's why the resurgence of measles and other preventable illnesses is so distressing. Parents who miss scheduled inoculations or believe the myth that vaccines cause autism are erasing decades of medical progress and putting us all at risk. How misguided, dangerous and selfish is that when history shows us a safe vaccine is available? The measles outbreak at Disneyland [in December] should sound an alarm that vaccinations aren't optional.

The latest measles outbreak has spread toward the 100 mark across several states in just a matter of weeks. Children are in isolation wards, and experts expect more cases as those infected with the highly contagious illness, spread through the air, come into contact with others who have skipped vaccinations. Arizona is monitoring nearly 1,000 people for possible measles exposure, and hospitals in the state are asking those who may have been exposed not to go doctors' offices, emergency rooms or urgent care clinics to minimize further exposures.

The irony is that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention declared measles eradicated in the United States in 2000. In 2001, there were about 100 measles cases nationally; last year there were 644 in 27 states, including Texas. Infections are certain to surpass last year's total and cost millions of dollars in health care. Vaccinations could have prevented this hard-to-control spread.

Opposition to vaccines is turning back the clock to a time we should never want to see again, and it's not just measles staging a comeback. In 2012, whooping cough cases in the United States were the worst since 1955. There were nearly 50,000 reported cases and 20 deaths, most of them babies younger than 3 months old. Do we really want to return to those dark, desperate days?

Getting vaccinated is a responsibility, not a choice. Get your children vaccinated.

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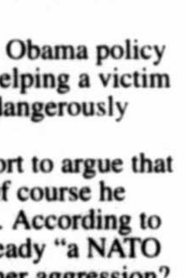
Obama's Ukraine strategy doesn't work

■ The president can't appease Putin.



RICH LOWRY
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In his State of the Union address, President Barack Obama touted his Ukraine strategy as a demonstration of "the power of American strength and diplomacy."

Word of this stirring success has yet to reach the Kremlin. While President Obama praised his mastery, Russia's troops and associated thugs were pressing ahead with the on-and-off invasion of Eastern Ukraine that has seized roughly another 200 square miles of territory the past few months.

The latest Russian offensive has dispensed with the pretense of supporting an indigenous uprising by ethnic Russians and become an even more naked land grab.

We believe in the power of 21st-century international norms. Russian President Vladimir Putin believes in the power of lies and brute force, and implicitly asks, in the spirit of Josef Stalin, "How many divisions do international norms have?"

Moscow excels at violating international agreements. It is trampling on the 1975 Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe Final Act guaranteeing the "inviolability of borders." It is breaking its commitments as a party to the 1994 Budapest Memorandum on Security Assurances for Ukraine. And it has ripped up last September's Minsk agreement for a Ukrainian cease-fire.

To lend a symbolic poignancy to the end of the Minsk agreement, pro-Russian forces shelled the city hall in the Ukrainian town of Debaltseve that had served as the cease-fire control center under the Minsk agreement. Give them credit: Putin's minions leaven their murderous disregard for civilian life with a perverse sense of humor.

The latest Russian offensive has exposed the moral and strategic bankruptcy of the Obama administration's opposition to providing arms to the Ukrainian government. While Russia rolls its T-72 and T-80 tanks — with at least 1,000 Russian personnel in support — we have countered with night-vision goggles and first-aid kits.

A new report issued by Democratic foreign-policy experts decrying the lack of military aid to Ukraine notes that pro-Russian forces enjoy an advantage "in air superiority, intelligence, electronic warfare, command and control, artillery and rockets, supply and logistics, and sanctuary in Russia."

Besides that, it's a fair fight. The Obama policy reflects the craven logic that says helping a victim defend itself from an aggressor is dangerously provocative.

Will Putin use our military support to argue that Ukraine is a puppet of the West? Of course he will, but he will say this regardless. According to Putin, the Ukrainian military is already "a NATO foreign legion." Will it lead to further aggression? For a year now, Putin has waged an entirely unprovoked war of territorial aggrandizement that has steadily grown more brazen. If hanging Ukraine out to dry was supposed to de-escalate the crisis, it clearly hasn't worked.

In conflicts in the Middle East, it can be difficult for us to find allied forces that are both willing to fight and broadly share our values. This isn't an issue in Ukraine. The Ukrainian government wants to defend its territory and had some success at it last August, before regular Russian military units entered the fight. It is a democratically elected government that is determined to make itself part of the West and is getting dismembered for the offense of replacing a Putin-style kleptocrat.

As journalist Chrystia Freeland writes in the magazine Prospect, Putin's initial design for his own rule in Russia was an authoritarian government that relied on economic growth for its legitimacy. But he eventually realized that nationalism was a surer foundation. In the Ukrainian conflict, he has chosen nationalistic glory — such as it is — over his country's own economic interests in the face of Western sanctions.

There is no appeasing Putin. Frankly, there is no directly stopping him, either. It is only possible to raise the costs to him of his war, including the military costs. If we won't provide military materiel to Ukraine now, we deserve the contempt with which Putin regards us.

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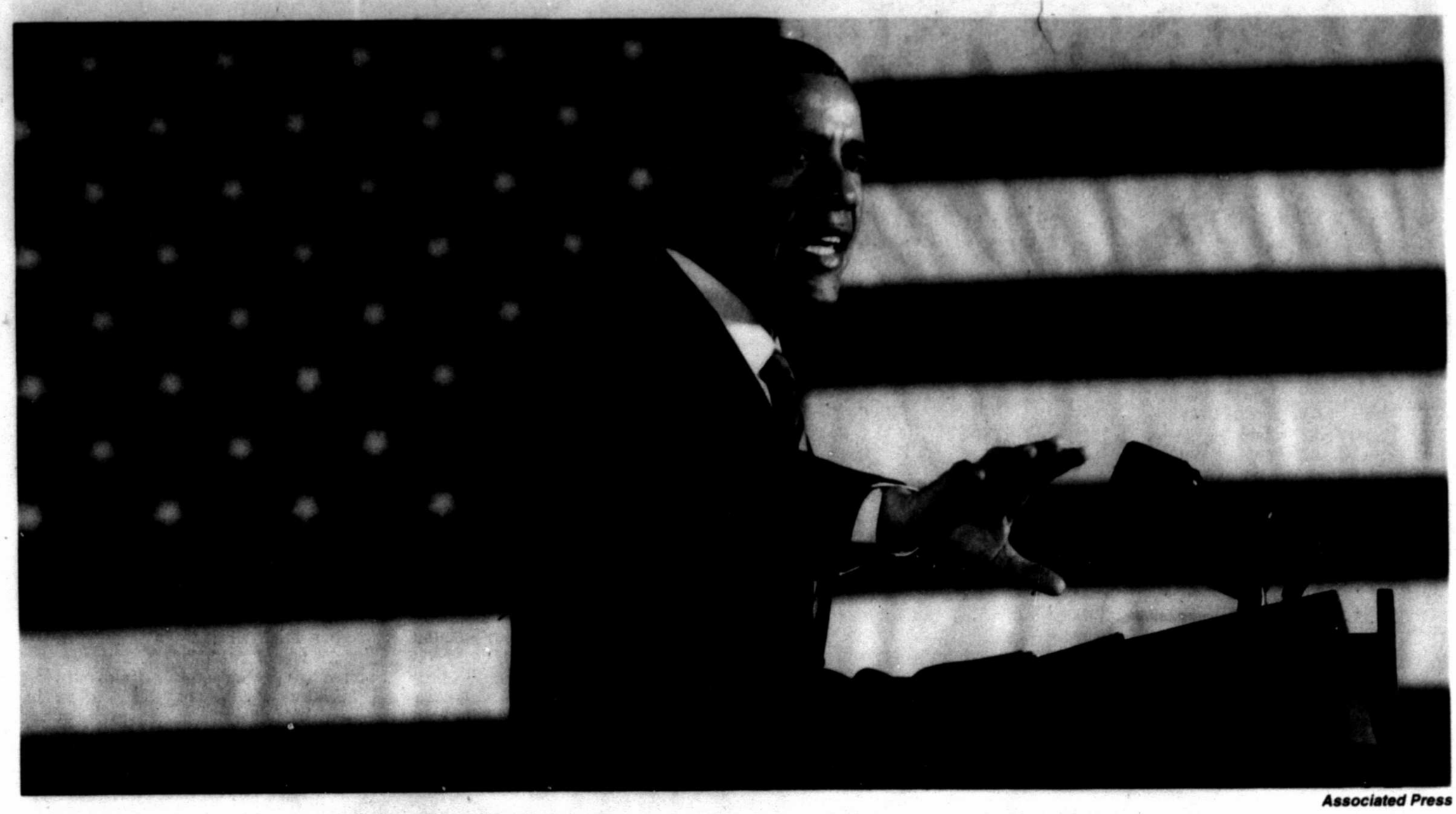

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President Barack Obama delivers remarks at the Department of Homeland Security on his FY2016 budget proposal, on Monday, in Washington. Obama warned congressional Republicans Monday that he won't accept a spending plan that boosts national security at the expense of domestic programs for the middle class.

Obama challenges GOP again, this time with budget

By David Espo
Associated Press

■ ANALYSIS

WASHINGTON — With higher taxes on the wealthy and billions in new spending, President Barack Obama's no-balance budget lays down an audacious challenge to Republicans who swept to full control of Congress last fall and now claim a mandate to eliminate deficits over the next decade.

Make that the second audacious challenge in the past three weeks — coming after a State of the Union address in which Obama threatened to veto Republican legislative priorities and demanded lawmakers enact his own.

Then, as now, his objective was in part to help Democrats in Congress recover from their election drubbing, and in part to position them and his party as the champion of the middle class in advance of the 2016 campaign. To do that, he tars Republicans as apostles of a "mindless austerity" that has set back the economic recovery and was woven into a recent history that includes a partial government shutdown and flirtation with default.

Policies adopted after Republicans took control of the House in 2011 "hurt, rather than helped, the economy," his budget says, although it fails to mention that Obama once negotiated seriously if unsuccessfully with Speaker John Boehner over billions of dollars in savings to Social Security and Medicare.

The word "austerity" appears seven times in a 17-page introduction, none of them favorable and usually attributed to Republicans and described as mindless or needless.

Now, Obama and budget say, those days are over.

To make the point, he called for about $1.5 trillion in tax hikes, mostly on wealthy corporations and individuals as well as smokers. Enacting new immigration policies like the ones approved in the Democratic-controlled Senate last year is estimated to raise another $500 million in higher tax revenue over a decade, as immigrants freed from the threat of deportation enter the workforce.

Spending is roughly flat: $50.3 trillion over a decade in the president's budget, compared with $50.4 the Office of Management and Budget calculates would otherwise be spent. Within those totals, though, Obama proposes hundreds of billions in cuts to Medicare providers on one side of the ledger, and nearly $500 billion in new highway and bridge construction, free community college for two years and other, smaller programs such as a National Park Service Centennial Initiative.

Further irritants to Republicans are embedded in the administration's tax-and-spending plan, including steps to fight climate change that they have ridiculed and the continued existence of the health care plan the GOP has vowed to uproot.

By Obama's reckoning, this all adds up to persistent deficits, estimated at $687 billion in 2025 despite what the administration predicts will be relatively strong economic growth and low unemployment.

Obama is at pains to say that's not so bad after much higher deficits in recent years. "The key test of fiscal sustainability is whether debt is stable or declining as a share of the economy," he says in his budget message. "The budget meets that test."

That may be fine for Obama and Democrats in Congress, but Republicans are betting their political election gains on a different test entirely.

"Our budget will balance, and it will help promote job creation and higher wages, not more government bureaucracy," House Speaker John Boehner said in a statement that also said the president wants to "impose new taxes and more spending without a responsible plan to honestly address the big challenges facing our country."

Republicans have passed a 10-year balanced budget through the House each year since they took power in 2011. The Senate, now under GOP control, intends to do the same thing, according Sen. Mike Enzi, R-Wyo., chairman of the budget panel. In a statement, he and Rep. Tom Price of Georgia, head of the House Budget Committee, said Obama is advocating more spending, more taxes and more debt.

"...That approach will yield less opportunity for the middle class and a crushing burden of debt that threatens both our future prosperity and our national security."

If they succeed in agreeing on a balance budget plan, House and Senate Republicans will be obliged to pass separate legislation to make it happen, deep spending cuts included.

Judging from his State of the Union speech and his budget, Obama will be waiting.

With a veto pen and a talk about the perils of austerity.

5 things to know about Obama's budget

WASHINGTON — When you have a quarter of the nation's $17 trillion economy to play with, it's inevitable that you and your political opponents will clash over what to do with the money.

President Barack Obama's nearly $4 trillion budget for 2016, with the thumbs-down it got from Republican leaders, is no different. But while such partisan clashes are important, smaller tidbits can be just as interesting.

Here are five things great and small about the president's spending plan and the GOP reaction to it.

Games budget play

To be precise, Obama's budget claims 2016 spending of $3.999 trillion.

Is it a coincidence that the total falls just below the more attention-grabbing figure of $4 trillion?

All but certainly not. For years, smart budget geeks from both parties have figured out ways to make numbers less troublesome. Intentional or not, Obama's budget contains an example.

Among his initiatives are two Commerce Department programs aimed at helping young technology firms develop products that can be manufactured in the U.S.

Conveniently, neither one starts spending money until 2017. That means no pesky 2016 expenditures that might help tip that year's overall spending total to $4 trillion and beyond.

Climate change: No small change for taxpayers

While many Republicans consider climate change a liberal fiction aimed at hurting the coal industry, Obama's budget argues that the extreme conditions it's causing are already costing taxpayers money. The price tag: $300 billion over the past decade.

More than half that cost — $179 billion — comes from the government's response to hurricanes and other disasters. Other major expenditures the budget attributes to extreme weather and rising sea levels including crop insurance, flood insurance and battling wildfires.

The budget also cites $64 million repairing damage torrential rains caused to a military installation in the Southwest and unspecified spending boosts for health care and mushrooming overseas conflicts. It even expects growing expenditures for protecting endangered species, citing declining populations of Edith's checkerspot butterfly.

Federal deficits — small enough?

Obama's budget projects a $474 billion deficit for 2016, the lowest it's been since 2008.

That is a huge improvement over the recession-fueled shortfalls of Obama's first four years in office, when the red ink exceeded $1 trillion annually. It's also small enough compared to the overall size of the economy that many economists consider it manageable.

Republicans say the shortfalls are too big and moving the wrong way.

Keep in mind — that $474 billion deficit is bigger than every deficit in history before the Great Recession of 2008. And Obama's own budget foresees the red ink growing again by this decade's end.

Let's help the middle class. Ok, but how?

Both parties say they want to help the middle class, where most voters come from. But their recipes differ.

Obama's budget is largely about cutting taxes for middle-income families and boosting spending for roads, community colleges and other things that he thinks will prod economic growth. He'd pay for it largely with $2 trillion in 10-year tax increases, mostly on the rich and corporations but also on cigarette smokers.

Republicans think the real problem is too much spending and a national debt that keeps ballooning. Republicans say they will produce a budget that balances within a decade. Instead of tax increases, they want to squeeze savings from benefit programs like Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid.

Tax targets

Some details inside of Obama's $2 trillion tax increase are worth mentioning.

Donors to colleges who in return can buy tickets to the school's sporting events would no longer be able to deduct those contributions from their taxes.

While the government taxes distilled spirits $13.50 per proof gallon, the taxes are reduced for such liquor that is flavored with wine or other additives. Obama would eliminate that tax reduction.

And while it's a misdemeanor — punishable with up to a year in prison — to purposely not file a tax return, Obama would make doing so for three out of five years a felony. That could be up to five years in prison.

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

Rep. Mike Conaway's response to President Obama's FY2016 budget proposal

"Like a broken record, the president's latest budget proposal calling for higher taxes and more spending doesn't sound any better to hard-working Americans than it did the first time around. Simply put — this budget will hurt the economy and cost American jobs.

"Rural America is no exception. Under the president's proposed tax increases, including the elimination of stepped-up basis, the next generation of young producers would find it harder to take over the family farm or ranch. At the same time, the president's ill-timed proposal on crop insurance would jeopardize the ability of producers to insure their crops in a climate of collapsing crop prices, major crop losses, and falling farm income.

"These tired proposals for higher taxes and more spending, along with EPA's long list of choke-hold regulations, reflect the agenda of a president who is out of touch with the everyday concerns and lives of working families in rural America."

— U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway, District 11, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee

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Cookie season!

ABOVE: Girl Scout Kynlee Tatsch, 7, of Troop 230, sells cookies on the corner of Neely Avenue and Midland Drive on Jan. 27.
RIGHT: Tatsch rearranges the boxes of cookies.

Concert promoters Live On Stage look toward the future

Editor's note: This is the second story in a series looking at concert and entertainment venues and promoters in Midland.

By Rich Lopez
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As we begin to examine live music venues in Midland, that also begs a look at local promoters. Without talent buyers, live music here would be virtually nil. And Live On Stage Permian Basin has been performing that job consistently with its concert seasons at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center.

With a niche that steers toward acts ranging from cover bands to opera and jazz singers, Live on Stage has posited its place in local options for shows.

"We've had some talks of changes in the coming years," John Dzubinski, publicity chairman for LOS, said. "There's been some questions of do we continue beyond 2016, which is something we have to determine before heading to Nashville this July."

An annual showcase of new acts is featured at the Nashville headquarters of Live On Stage, where the Permian Basin board selects the next year's acts. So LOS-PB has to figure out by summer whether to attend 2016's season.

But LOS' dilemma has been figuring out where it fits against the landscape of concerts that has been growing with Wagner Noel's calendar, as well as La Hacienda Events Center shows and now the new Horseshoe Pavilion.

Courtesy photo

Salesman-turned-singer Brian Roman will perform Saturday at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center as part of the Live On Stage series.

Dzubinski knows LOS shows have a specific audience that doesn't translate into the numbers the aforementioned venues are bringing in — mostly because the scene around LOS has changed. Initially started as the Midland Community Concert Association and changed into LOS, the mission was to provide affordable, quality entertainment at a time when the options weren't there.

Now audiences have more choice and Live On Stage found itself inadvertently competing with its own home venue.

"The Wagner Noel has 250 performances a year, and we're six of those, but they have the ability to bring in bigger concerts where ours are smaller," he said.

By smaller, Dzubinski means less familiar. He is well aware Live on Stage's season of performers are those not overly recognized or those with a limited audience.

"If you were to take the next three artists in our season, I think the

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PBS series looks at poverty, gender inequality

By Steve Kuhlmann
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Basin PBS is hoping its programming can do more than just entertain, but inspire, as well. Last week, the nonprofit television station hosted a Community Cinema event featuring the first episode in the three-part documentary series "A Path Appears" with a panel discussion after the viewing in which the audience and local experts discussed the film's issues at a local level.

The series, presented by PBS' Independent Lens program, focuses on issues of gender inequality and poverty such as sex trafficking, child slavery, teen pregnancy and violence. In the first installment, the series focused on sex trafficking in the United States.

"I think that a lot of people walked away Tuesday night saying that they had no idea that that goes on here," said Carla Holeva, CEO and general manager of Basin PBS. "We had local folks, a national show, bringing people together to have good conversations. If we can help facilitate conversation around helping (the community), that's what we love to do."

Panelists who spoke to the issue of sex trafficking locally included Troy Murdock, supervisory senior resident agent in the FBI Midland office; Dennis Mark, executive director of Redeemed Ministries; Chris Stonedale, resource development director for the Boys and Girls Club of the Permian Basin; and Austin Berry, assistant United States attorney.

During the panel discussion, Berry made

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clear that often, smuggling and trafficking are seen as interchangeable when the two are actually quite different.

"Trafficking is very much a different thing from smuggling," Berry said. "Smuggling can be a person wanting to move from one location to another and someone is helping them do that. Trafficking is about a person being used, sold, abused, against their will in one form or another."

A native of Midland, Berry said when he returned home after decade of school and job training he was shocked to see the prevalence of sex trafficking in the Permian Basin.

"It was very eye-opening to think that we live in this community that we know and love and don't think that this kind of stuff happens, but it is very, very real," Berry said. "The reality is that this exact scenario (from the film) is happening right here in Midland and Odessa. It's hard to believe that it's happening here, but it really is."

Berry said in Midland and Odessa there are between 70-90 online postings on the Craigslist-like website Backpage.com featuring trafficked women.

"If you look at other locations — Dallas, Houston, New Orleans, Denver, Amarillo, El Paso, Albuquerque — you will see that Houston and San Antonio have more real numbers, but when you look at a per capita basis, the number of people living in Midland-Odessa versus the number of Backpage ads, we have more Backpage ads than Houston," Berry said.

While Berry said law enforcement was doing what it could to combat the problem, he also placed emphasis on prevention from an early age by introducing positive relationships to at-risk children through programs like the Boys and Girls Club and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Creating a sense of community and belonging was one of the Boys and Girls Club's highest goals, Stonedale said.

"When I was watching this film, the first thing that popped into my head was watching all of these people tell that the reason they got involved was the lack of family structure, the nurturing environment, within their own homes or when they were on the streets," said Stonedale. "They wanted someone to call dad, they wanted someone to call brother, sister and so forth."

Stonedale said the non-profit strives to make itself a home that offers another path for those who may be faced with the realities of gang life and prostitution as they grow up.

"Part of our mission statement is helping children to achieve and become responsible citizens and that's what we want," Stonedale said.

The final episode of the "A Path Appears" series will air at 9 p.m. Monday. The first two episodes, as well as previous films featured on the Independent Lens series, are available online at video.basinpbs.org/program/independent-lens.

Monument planned in Austin to salute Navarro

By Mike Ward
Houston Chronicle

AUSTIN — Along with Stephen F. Austin, he is considered a founding father of Texas.

As a leading participant in the Texas Revolution, he was one of three Mexican signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence.

He was the sole Hispanic representative at an 1845 convention that led Texas to statehood. Alamo hero James Bowie was his nephew.

The Houston Chronicle reported that yet, in the state Capitol, where monuments to Texas historical figures are as common as cowboy boots in the Legislature, for Jose Antonio Navarro — an early Texas statesman, legislator, rancher, merchant and namesake of a North Texas county — such an honor is not to be found.

That will change on Feb. 27, when a cenotaph will be dedicated to Navarro at the State Cemetery.

"It will be the 220th anniversary of his birthday . a fitting tribute to his life, for a man who helped shape and determine the destiny of Texas," said Navarro's great-great-great granddaughter, Sylvia Navarro Tillotson of Dallas. "This will be the first monument to him in Austin."

Will Erwin, senior historian at the State Cemetery, said Navarro was "one of those historical figures who was a part of most of the big events that you read about in the history books.

"We always appreciate an opportunity to talk about that part of Texas history, and this new monument will allow us to talk about his life and his accomplishments," Erwin said. "It will put a face on him, so it's not just someone you read about."

Born in San Antonio in 1795, when Texas was still a part of Mexico, Navarro, whose mother descended from Spanish nobility, grew up with a rudimentary education but taught himself the law.

After becoming licensed to practice law, he represented Texas in the Legislature the early 1830s, and in the federal congress in Mexico City. Historical records show he helped Stephen F. Austin obtain his contracts from the Mexican government to bring settlers into Texas and served as a land commissioner for the Dewitt Colony between 1830-32.

As part of a longstanding friendship with Austin, Navarro was an early supporter of independence for Texas.

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average person here wouldn't recognize. But then I think there are some who know William Florian or The Diamonds, but they are likely older crowds," he said.

Dzubinski added next season will attempt to find a younger audience, thanks to new board members and with acts that include country upstarts Savannah Jack. The announcement for the new season is expected in coming weeks.

If Live On Stage decides to continue, changes would likely be considered — such as the possibility of changing venues.

"Well, we're committed to the Wagner Noel through June 2016 and it's such a great selling point to the artists. But our membership is down from 800 to 350 and filling the venue is a challenge. We might think about going back to Midland High, but we're unanimously behind the Wagner Noel and if it can be helped, we'd rather not move."

As they debate their future, rumors have swirled that Live On Stage is in danger of closing shop. If there is anything Dzubinski is certain about, it's that LOS still has a firm grip on its present and future.

"We have a pretty good war chest right now," he said. "While we are designed for lower costs, we can afford to pay for a variety of artists. We can't determine the effect of any economic doldrums, but as for us folding up because of it, we're not even close to that."

Live On Stage continues on with its current season this week. Salesman-turned-singer Brian Roman will headline the Wagner Noel on Friday. Tickets are $33 and are available at wagnernoel.com.

Obituaries

Alice King

Alice King born December 15, 1956 in San Antonio, TX.

I have lost the best Mom a Son could ever have. She will be dearly missed. She went to Heaven on February 1, 2015. in Midland.

Alice leaves to cherish her memory her parents, Melvin R. and Mary E McGraw McHenry of Midland, a son, Howard M King, and (wife Jennifer,) two grandchildren, Kala and Melony, and thirteen great grandchildren, her sisters Doris of Midland, and Brenda, (husband, Dole) of Simms, Texas, brothers, Melvin of Midland, and Brian, (wife Randi,) of Stanton, eleven nieces and nephews.

Graveside Services will be Wed. Feb. 4, 2015 at 11:00am at Fairview Cemetery, with Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Services under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

Chester Crow, Jr.

Chester Crow, Jr., 90, of Midland passed away on Saturday, January 31, 2015 surrounded by his family. Chester was a Christian, a veteran of World War II who served his country in the U.S. Air Force and a retired electrical engineer.

Chester Crow, Jr. was born on July 11, 1924, in El Dorado, Arkansas, to Chester and Willie (Vines) Crow. He served with the 8th Air Force in England during World War II. After the war, Chester attended the University of Arkansas where he graduated with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He married the love of his life, Patsy Rowland, on February 28, 1953, in Danville, Arkansas. Chester worked for American Oil Refinery in El Dorado, Arkansas, for 23 years. He later moved to Fort Worth, Texas, where Chester worked for Amoco Pipeline for 12 years. He retired in 1983.

Chester was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend. He is survived by his wife of almost 62 years, Patsy Crow of Midland; his children, Jim Crow and wife, Lauri, of McCrory, AR; Carla Crow of Fort Worth; Sandy Crow Kneer and husband, Pat, of Midland; Cindy Crow McNeely and husband, Mike, of Sugar Land; his grandchildren, Lauren Crow Thacker and husband, Jesse, of Little Rock, AR; James Crow and wife, Kelli, of Jonesboro, AR; Carly Crow Newcomb and husband, Paul, of Fort Worth; Daniel Crow of Fort Worth; Alex Kneer and wife, Sarah, of Midland; Sarah Kneer Laminack and husband, Michael, of Waco; Shane McNeely and wife, Terri, of Midland; Luke McNeely and wife, Kylie, of Midland; Chad McNeely of Midland; his great grandchildren, Tate, Carlin, Lathan and Vera Newcomb of Fort Worth; Olivia, Gage, MacKenna, Brock and Crosby McNeely of Midland; and numerous friends all of whom loved and will miss him dearly.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Chester and Willie Blanche Crow and his granddaughter, Allison Kneer.

Graveside services will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at 11:00 AM at the Greenwood Memorial Park in Fort Worth, Texas, with Pastor Luke McNeely as the celebrant with the assistance of Greenwood Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorial donations be made to Manor Park Employee Christmas Fund, 2208 N Loop 250 West, Midland, TX 79707 or Breaking Bread Soup Kitchen, 410 E Florida, Midland, TX 79701.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com and please view and sign Chester's guestbook at www.star-telegram.com/obituaries.

Jesus (Jesse) Nieto Natividad

Jesus (Jesse) Nieto Natividad, 83, of Midland, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on January 29, 2015 at Midland Memorial Hospital. He was born on December 22, 1931 in a small ranching community outside of Delicias, Chihuahua Mexico. He was married to Susie Natividad for 23 years. He was a very thoughtful and loving husband.

Jesse retired from the City of Midland Sanitation Department in 1992 after 45 years of service. He was a jack-of-all trades and enjoyed working on the side as an electrician, carpenter and as a plumber. You could always find Jesse smiling as he worked in his garden or as he strolled through his favorite antique shops. He also took special pride in keeping his alley one of the cleanest in Midland.

Jesse was preceded in death by his parents Segtndo Natividad and Juanita Nieto Natividad.

He is survived by his wife; Susie Natividad, two sons, Manuel (Manny) Natividad of Midland and Felix Riggs Jr. of Nashville, TN, two daughters, Cecilia(Cissy) Natividad Sesma of Webster, TX and Susie Riggs of Dallas, TX.

His Grand Children: Felix Riggs III, Hayden Riggs, Marc Anthony Morgan, Crystal Gonzales, Priscilla Delagarza and Sarah Gonzales.

His Great Grand Children: Madison, London, Bella, Guiliana, Sean, Marcos and Alicia.

Funeral services will be held at 10 am on Thursday, February 5 at San Miguel Archangel Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the Lone Star Sanctuary for Animals, 4200 N. Fairgrounds, Midland, TX 79705, Please add Jesus Natividad to the memo field of your check. His dog, Brownie, who was his best friend, would be most appreciative.

Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery and Funeral Home.

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Rosa Elva Ortega

Rosa Elva Ortega, 62, of Midland passed away on February 1, 2015 at her home in Midland TX.

Rosary service will be on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at Pecos Funeral Home from 7:30 to 9:00 PM. Mass will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at 10:00 AM at Santa Rosa De Lima Catholic Church in Pecos, with Father Fabian Marquez officiating. Arrangements are by Pecos Funeral Home.

Rosa was born in San Antonio del Bravo, Chihuahua, Mexico, to Jose and Maria Alvarado on July 20, 1952. Her family moved to Pecos where Rosa graduated from Pecos High School. In August of 1974 Rosa married Joseph Flores Ortega in Pecos. Mrs. Ortega worked as a phone operator for Walmart for 29 years, she was the voice of Walmart in Midland, TX. Rosa was a strong loving and hardworking Mother, Grandmother and Sister. Rosa was not one to worry about her self, she always placed the needs of others above her own. In her granddaughters words She was an awesome, amazing grandmother and mother.

Rosa is preceded in death by her husband Jose Flores Ortega, and her brother Ismael V. Alvarado.

Rosa is survived by her three children Priscilla Ortega, and Husband Jesse, Eric - Ortega, and wife Christal, and Jesse Ortega and wife Alanna. Her Brothers Raul Alvarado, Joe Alvarado, and Roy Alvarado; sisters Antonia Munzz, Gloria Fuentes, Olivia Roame, Ana Maria Garcia. Rosa is also survived by 10 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be; Joe Alvarado, Roy Alvarado, Isreal Matta, Jay Ortega, Raul Alvarado, Mannel Muniz, Jesse Ortega and Eric Ortega.

Memorials may be given to American Cancer Society and The Allison Cancer Center in Midland TX.

The Family of Rosa Ortega wishes to extend our sincere thanks to Dr. Rastogi of Midland,TX and Dr. Beaty in Round Rock, TX., and Hospice of Midland.

Please log online to pecosfuneralhome.com to sign the guest book or leave a message for the Family.

Death Notices

Felisitas Valles

Felisitas Valles, 83, of Midland, died January 30, 2015. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm, Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Resthaven North Cemetery.

Survivors include husband, Merced "ME" Valles, her children Ray Hernandez, Frank Valles, Ester Parades, Eva Luna, Tony Valles, Mary Perez, Joe Valles, Rudy Valles and Roxane Resendiz of Bryan, Texas; and one sister.

Mae Sue Curl

Funeral Service for May Sue Curl of Midland, 80, are pending at Jackie Warren Funeral Home. Mae Sue Curl died January 28, 2015, at her residence.

Patricia Lynn Rose

Patricia Lynn Rose, 62, of Midland, died at her residence on Sunday, Feburary 1, 2015. There will be a visitation on Thursday, Feb.5, from 6pm to 8pm at Ellis Funeral Home. A Funeral Service will be held on Friday, Feb. 6, at 11am at Ellis Funeral Home, with burial to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

Rose Marie McCoy, a songwriter for rock, pop and jazz legends, dies at 92

By Sam Roberts
N.Y. Times News Service

For a woman who composed or collaborated on some 850 songs over seven decades, Rose Marie McCoy, who died on Jan. 20 at 92, was largely unheralded, recognized only belatedly in a nationwide radio documentary.

McCoy

But her songs, spanning rhythm and blues, rock 'n' roll, jazz and gospel, were widely heard, recorded by scores of singers including Big Maybelle, James Brown, Ruth Brown, Nat King Cole, Aretha Franklin, Johnny Mathis, Bette Midler, Elvis Presley, Ike and Tina Turner, and Sarah Vaughan.

"When the rock 'n' roll come in, if you say you wrote rock 'n' roll, everybody wanted to see," McCoy recalled in the documentary, heard on NPR in 2009. "They wanted to hear what you had. And if they liked it, they didn't care whether you're black or white. We thought it was the blues, and they used to call it rock 'n' roll. I still don't know the difference."

Rose Marie Hinton was born on April 19, 1922, to Levi and Celetia Brazil Hinton in a tin-roof shack in Oneida, Arkansas — "the kind of place you pass through without even knowing you're passing through it," McCoy said. Her father was a farmer. In 1942, when she was 19, she ventured to New York with $6 in her pocket to begin a singing career.

Living in Harlem and supporting herself by ironing shirts at Chinese laundries there and in the Bronx, she got gigs at nightclubs and eventually at Harlem's Baby Grand, Detroit's Flame Show Bar, Cincinnati's Sportsmen's Club and Toronto's Basin Street. She opened for seasoned performers like Ruth Brown, Moms Mabley, Dinah Washington and Pigmeat Markham.

In her spare time, she wrote songs.

"After All" was recorded in 1946 by the Dixieaires with Muriel Gaines. In the early 1950s, she was signed to Wheeler Records and co-wrote "Gabbin' Blues," which reached No. 3 on the Billboard R&B chart. She began collaborating with Charlie Singleton, meeting at 6 a.m. in a booth at Beefsteak Charlie's, near the Brill Building, the music industry temple in Midtown Manhattan. They wrote the 1954 ballad "Tryin' to Get to You" for the Eagles, a black vocal group, but then RCA Records signed a young singer who agreed to include the song in his repertoire.

"We thought he was terrible because we thought he couldn't sing," McCoy recalled.

The singer was Elvis Presley. The song was included on his first studio album for the label, which spent 10 weeks atop the Billboard pop album chart in 1956.

"Thank God for Elvis," she told Joe Richman of Radio Diaries in the NPR documentary, titled "Lady Writes the Blues."

By 1961, when she collaborated on Ike and Tina Turner's "I Think It's Gonna Work Out Fine," which earned them a Grammy nomination, she had her own office in the Brill Building.

In the 1970s, several songs she co-wrote were included on the jazz singer Sarah Vaughan's album "Send In the Clowns," and she composed jingles, including one sung by Aretha Franklin and Ray Charles for Coca-Cola. Just a few years ago, she and the country singer Billy Joe Conor co-wrote the songs on his debut album.

McCoy married James McCoy, a supervisor at the Ford Motor Co., in 1943. He died in 2000. She lived in Teaneck, New Jersey, until several years ago, when she joined a niece, Helen Brown, in Illinois. She died in Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, Brown said.

In the radio interview, McCoy said she would still wake up in the middle of the night with whole new songs in her head.

"I should've got up and wrote it down," she said. "But you say, 'What's the use? Like, I'm retired now.'"

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HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	(5:00) ★ The Lost V...		★★★ The Nanny Express				★ Away and Back ('15, Rom) Jason Lee.					★ Just Desserts	
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TLC		51	33	32	38	52	Big Fat Fabulous	Big Fat Fabulous	Kate Plus Eight "The Room Project" (N)		Kate Plus Eight "Cleaning House" (N)		Big Fat Fab. (N)	Big Fat Fab. (N)	Kate Plus Eight "Cleaning House"			Big Fat Fabulous	Big Fat Fabulous
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TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	Walker, Texas Ranger		Fam.Feud	Fam.Feud	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens		Friends	Friends
USA		26	30	42	27	49	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family "My Hero"	Modern Family	Modern Family	Sirens (N)	Sirens (N)	Modern Family	Modern Family		Sirens	Sirens
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Sulphur Springs woman fills cookbook with family recipes

TUMBLEWEED SMITH
Big Spring storyteller

I have a good friend who makes wonderful chocolate chip cookies. She says she got the recipe from her grandmother. She keeps that recipe in a secret place in her kitchen. One day, she was reading the recipe for chocolate cookies on a package of chocolate chips. It was exactly the same as her grandmother's recipe. I have since learned that happens a lot on everything from cakes to ice cream. A treasured recipe turns out to be one that anyone can have.

Mary Bonham of Sulphur Springs makes fabulous peanut brittle. I get a bunch of it every year. This year, it was better than ever and I found it difficult to share. It was delicious.

"I've been making peanut brittle for about 55 years," said Mary. "The recipe never changes. What works, you stay with it." Mary is not sure where she got the recipe, but it probably came from her mother. The recipe is in a cookbook titled "Ms Mary's Down-Home Cookin'" she wrote last year

Mary, age 86, is a busy lady who said, "Sittin' at home is for the birds." She helped her husband in their company, J-B Weld, and has been involved in numerous civic endeavors. She raised horses for a while and now she's into another type of livestock.

"We buy and sell tiger-stripe cattle. They're a cross between a Hereford and a Brahman bull and have stripes that look kind of like a tiger. Some of them have more stripes than others and they're very hard to find."

A few years ago she started growing pecans and shelling them. "I've had the orchard for a number of years and it has about 400 trees now," she said. A couple of years ago she was wondering how she was going to get her pecans cracked. "I looked around and decided to buy some crackers, and now I crack my own and crack for the public, also."

Mary is a good cook. "Mother taught me to cook on a wood stove when I was a little bitty girl. I would stand on an old apple box and she'd say, 'now Mary, you watch me and remember what I'm putting in this recipe' as she put the ingredients together. Later on, I was amazed that I remembered so much of what she told me."

After Mary started a family, she enjoyed cooking some of her mother's recipes. When she carried a food item to a church social or other function, people always asked her for recipes.

So she decided to write a cookbook. "I started asking my brother and sister for some of their recipes and I used some that my mother had. I think there's 335 recipes in the book," she said.

It is divided into sections: appetizers and beverages, soups and salads, vegetables and side dishes, main dishes, breads and rolls, desserts, cookies and candy. It's available at 2777 I-30 N.E.S.R. in Sulphur Springs 75482. A portion of the proceeds of the book goes to Bright Star, a nonprofit organization that supports and benefits children ages 5 to 18 with physical limitations.

That peanut brittle recipe is designed for the microwave.

Snake handler suffers minor bite at Capitol

Associated Press

AUSTIN — A rattlesnake has bitten a handler — but didn't inject any venom — during a promotion for the 57th annual Rattlesnake Roundup at the Texas Capitol.

Volunteers stood watch for hours over a dozen snakes Monday, as they slithered around the outdoor rotunda. Carefully, they held the venomous snakes' heads and tails for pictures.

But in the midafternoon, handler Blake Stephens picked up a serpent whose fang penetrated his thumb, drawing blood and causing him to drop the snake.

The 38-year-old said, "It fazed me, but I did my best not to let it show."

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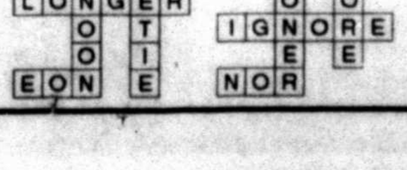

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Jujube fruit hangs from a tree.

NEIL SPERRY

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Jujube tree fruit looks like dates

Dear Neil: I ran into this tree with this unusual fruit late last fall. The tree is now bare, but I've had no luck getting it identified so I could buy one myself. The seeds are like olive pits, and the branches looked like they had hooks on them. No one has been able to identify it for me. Help!

Answer: Beautiful photo of interesting fruit. This is jujube, Ziziphus jujube. It makes a beautiful shrub/small tree/clump/thicket over time. That's because it sends up root sprouts around the mother plant. It has several interesting features: palmate venation on its leaves, zig-zag twig growth, and fruit that looks like a date, hence the name "Chinese date." However, the fruit tastes nothing like a date, and so the comparisons stop there. It's a pretty plant that I would welcome into a landscape if I had room. Here is a link to TAMU information on jujubes. aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/fruit-nut/fact-sheets/jujube.

Dear Neil: Something is eating the lower branches of 12 newly planted Nellie R. Stevens hollies. Deer are rampant in our area. Would they be doing it?

Answer: They could (and they definitely will eat them), but I would have expected deer to have begun their feeding nearer the tops of the plants. Perhaps, however, you bought plants that were in larger containers and taller in stature. Whatever the varmints, I think your wire enclosure should deter them. Be sure the mesh is tight enough near the ground to stop rabbits and other smaller animals.

Dear Neil: When is the best time to trim roses, and how do I do it?

Answer: All types of bush roses should be pruned back by 50 percent. Timing varies with when new growth normally begins. You want to finish pruning before buds start to swell. That means the first half of February in south and south central Texas, the middle two weeks of February in central, east and north central Texas and the last two weeks of February in far north Texas. Each cut should be made just above a bud that faces out from the center of the plant, to encourage outward growth.

Climbing roses, by comparison, are trimmed after their spring bloom cycle. They are trimmed mainly to maintain their two-dimensional growth by removing shoots that extend out away from the wall or trellis, also by removing weak or dead canes. You'll be removing less growth — generally only 30 to 40 percent of the cane growth.

Dear Neil: Do live oaks go totally dormant during the winter, or do they continue to drink water?

Answer: That's a great and fundamental question. Warm-season plants may go dormant during the winter, which will usually mean that their new shoot and leaf growth will be slowed or stopped. However, root growth continues on. It's important that we keep our trees, shrubs, turf and other landscape plants moist by watering occasionally (as permitted) during the winter. I have watered our landscape, for example, a couple of times over the past 10 weeks.

Dear Neil: I planted St. Augustine grass in a very protected location last summer. It is starting to have brown patches in the grass. I Googled some of the possible causes, and I can't tell if it's lack of iron or sod webworm damage.

Answer: Oh, my. Those two problems couldn't be farther from reality. This is brown patch, a cool-season fungus that usually hits in October or November. The first thing you'll see happening will be blades starting to turn yellow. When you pull on them individually, they will come loose from the runners without resistance, and you'll be able to see the decayed tissues where the leaf sheaths attaches to the runners. The disease weakens the turf, but it won't kill it. You will find fungicides that are labeled for brown patch control, and you'll want to apply one of them now. Then, next fall, watch for the early symptoms and treat right away. You can avoid almost all of the damage that way.

Dear Neil: I have two fig bushes. I'm considering turning them more into trees by removing some of the extra trunks coming up out of the soil. Can I do that, or should I leave them the way they are?

Answer: Most people don't try to train figs (or persimmons) into actual trees. My vote has always been to leave three or four strong trunks per plant, and to train figs as large, spreading shrubs that will grow to be 15 or 20 feet wide and almost that tall. The only pruning you'll really want to do to them will be to remove erratic branches or dead or dying limbs.

RE-LEAF BY DEBBIE FROST

Courtesy photo

Take advantage of the free municipal mulch that available for the taking. It is very effective for conserving landscape water, enriching soils, reducing weeds and making your landscape more attractive.

With tons of tree limbs on the ground, there's plenty of mulch to be had. The only organic mulch better than local shredded tree limbs, is shredded tree limbs with leaves.

There's often a little confusion between mulch and soil amendments, so here's a simple definition: Mulch is like a blanket that lies on the soil surface.

When we use mulch, we are imitating nature. Nature creates and recycles a continual mulch layer and there are many benefits. Mulch conserves soil moisture by slowing the evaporation of water from the soil. It acts as a barrier that suppresses weed growth and weed seed germination. An organic mulch, like shredded tree limbs, decomposes over time enriching the soil and improving soil texture. Mulch also protects the soil from wind and rain erosion and exposure to dry air and sun, which can cause a hard soil surface. Mulch insulates the soil so it is actually cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter. This all adds up to water conservation, better soil, good root function and plant performance.

So, no doubt, mulch is a good practice in the landscape. When tree limbs have leaves on them they break down into humus more readily than if the mulch is bare tree limbs. This is because the carbon to nitrogen ratio is more favorable for rapid decomposition to take place. You get the soil enriching aspects of the mulch quicker. Soils that are regularly cropped (vegetable garden, seasonal color beds, turfgrass) need to be maintained or they become depleted of humus, nutrients, beneficial microbes and the many other good things that come with decomposed organic matter and microbial activity.

The city of Midland's Citizens Collection Station has shredded tree limb mulch available to residents. Go by 4100 Smith Road to load bags, bins, pick-up or trailer with mulch. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 687-7278. There's no fee and the station is open to all city of Midland residents.

Look around and see where you could use mulch. The alley, dirt driveways, utility sites and other areas where weeds grow may be a perfect area for spreading a 4-inch layer of mulch to control weeds, reduce mud, protect the soil and offer many other benefits.

Get re-leaf by taking advantage of free mulch.

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Well-adapted shrubs can enrich Permian Basin landscapes

JEFF FLOYD

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The use of simple landscape design techniques is the trick to stunning Permian Basin landscapes. The steps involved in designing or redesigning your landscape are actually very easy to accomplish and less expensive than you may think.

A small investment in time learning about soil, water, a few plants and some basic design principles will offer a big payoff in the future. Unfortunately, pinpointing the kind of information do-it-yourselfers need to improve their particular landscapes — addressing their specific issues — is not an easy task.

Below is a list of a few shrubs that perform well and look fantastic in Permian Basin landscapes. First, you'll want to know that shrubs are used as foundation plantings. They enrich the appearance of your home and help tie all of the landscape elements together.

The light and water requirements of shrubs are important concerns. The height, width and color should all be considered when adding shrubs to a landscape design. The ability of a shrub to thrive in our climate and within specific microclimates of the landscape should be well-thought-out before making a single purchase.

Shrubs should not be crudely planted along a walkway or the front wall of a home. They should be used to subtly draw the eye to a focal point, screen objects or accent an area of the landscape with seasonal interest.

A SHRUB FOR EVERY SITE

Autumn sage is a deciduous shrub under 3 feet tall that loves sun and is very drought tolerant. Nandina bamboo comes in a dwarf variety that is semi-evergreen with red foliage and grows to about 4 feet in height. Japanese aucuba is a 4-foot tall shade-loving but delicate shrub grown for its evergreen gold spattered foliage. Grasses can be used as shrubs and blonde ambition has provided striking blue-green foliage and yellowish flagging seed heads in xeric gardens since it first came onto the scene.

Texas sage is a semi-evergreen shrub reaching up to 6 feet in height and about the same width. It is grown for its lavender flowers that seem to appear just before rainfall against a backdrop of gray-green drought-hardy foliage. Blue point juniper makes a wonderful screen at 15 feet in width and up to 6 feet tall. This evergreen shrub will take the strongest heat and sun West Texas can throw at it.

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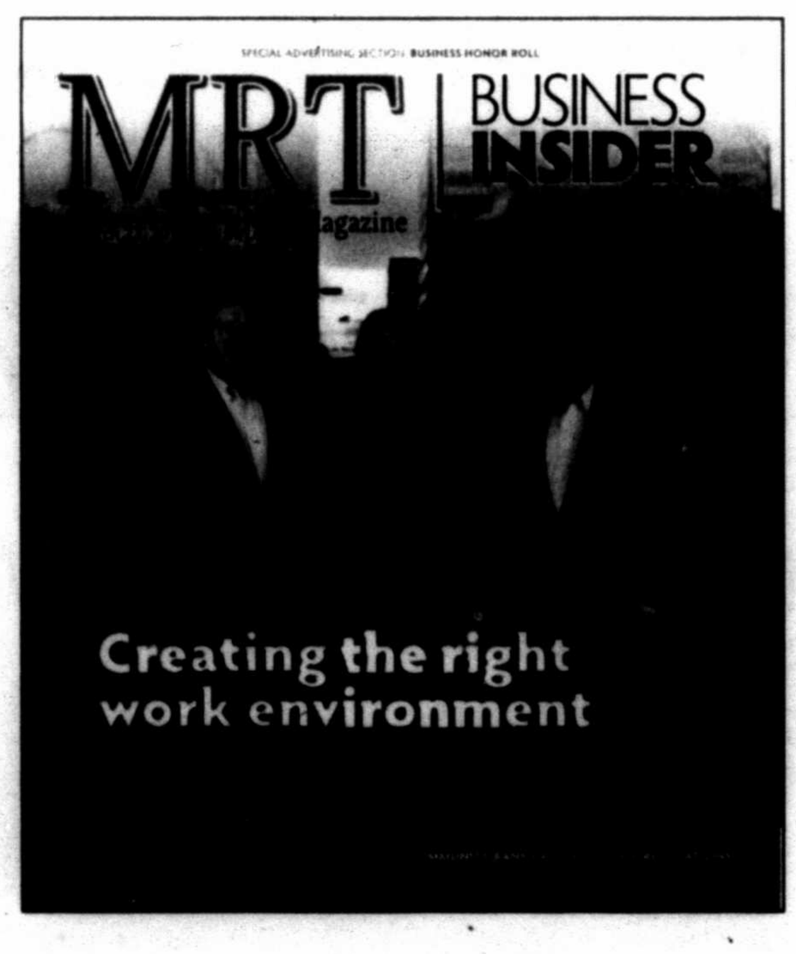

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TODAY: Mostly sunny High: 63 Low: 39

WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny High: 72 Low: 31

THURSDAY: Mostly sunny High: 51 Low: 36

FRIDAY: Sunny High: 71 Low: 48

SATURDAY: Sunny High: 80 Low: 46

SUNDAY: Sunny High: 72 Low: 34

Local forecast

Expect mostly sunny skies today and Wednesday. Today's high should be about 63 and the low 39. Wednesday's high is expected to be 72 and the low 31.

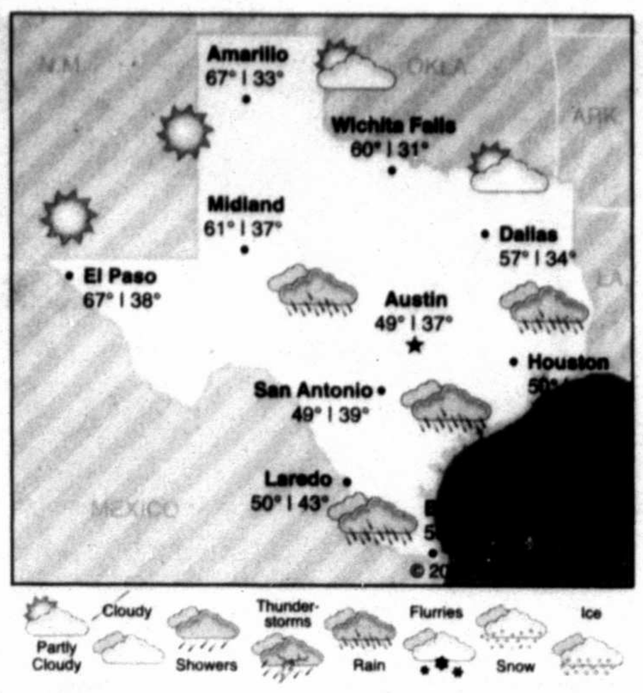
Today and tonight, winds are from the south at 5-10 mph. On Wednesday, expect southwest winds 5-10 mph during the day and north winds 15-20 mph at night.

The high on Monday reached 52, while the low dropped to 30. The record high for Feb. 2 is 82 set in 2003. The record low is minus 11 set in 1985.

Weather why

Q: Sometimes you hear the term "comma cloud." What does it mean?

A: A comma cloud is a fairly common occurrence, said Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Comma clouds can only be seen at high altitudes by weather satellites," McRoberts explained. "They are named comma clouds because they look like a big comma on a map. They are usually associated with a low pressure system and they can be signals to some severe weather ahead."



Precipitation

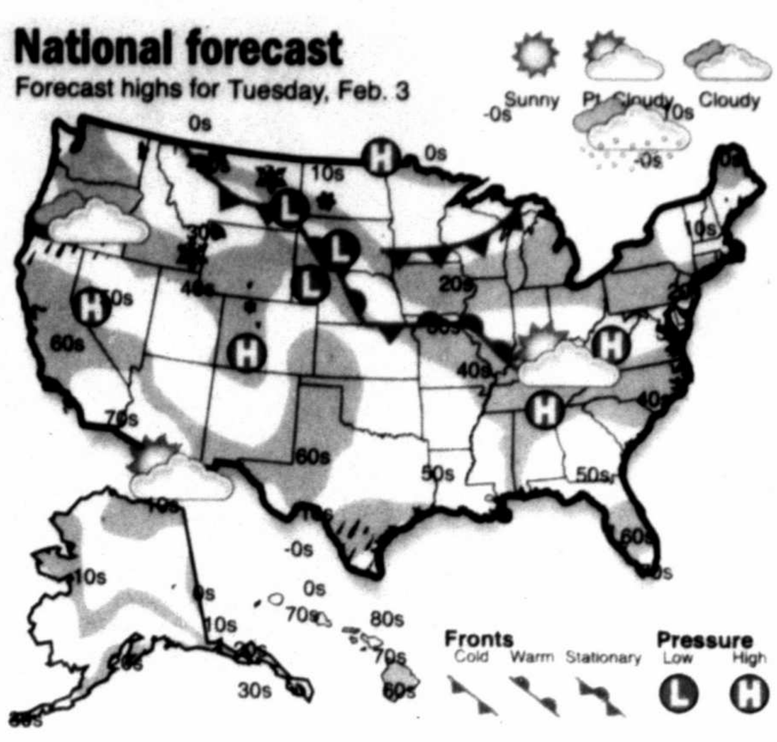
Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	2.43 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.61 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	52
Low	30
Normal high	60
Normal low	32
Sunrise	7:41 a.m.
Sunset	6:24 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Feb. 3



Stepmother wishes others wouldn't devalue her role

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 42-year-old divorced woman with no children. My ex-husband has a son whose life I was a part of for 18 years. When people ask if I have kids, my reply is, "Yes, I have a stepson."

Why do people think it's OK to say things like, "That's not the same as having your own," or, "That doesn't count"? Then they usually go on to ask why I don't have children of my own.

My response is a big fat lie. I say, "It just never happened." The truth is my ex didn't want any more children. What can I say to these people to let them know that they need to stop and think about what they say and ask, because their word choice in this circumstance is hurtful to the point of tears? — STEPMOM IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR STEPMOM: A person who would downplay your role as a parent is rude, thoughtless and not worth your time. As to asking why someone is childless, I have addressed this subject in my column before. While many folks start conversations by asking whether someone has children, it can be a dangerous question.

I learned my lesson and stopped asking after having received an answer from one man that his son was doing life in prison as an accomplice to murder. Another man told me he had two children, a daughter and an estranged son who was also serving a long sentence — for selling narcotics. Neither person was happy to have been asked. After that, I stopped asking.

I see no reason why you shouldn't simply tell the truth about why you are child-free. Not having (or wanting) children is nothing to be ashamed of — it's a personal choice that an increasing number of couples have opted for without regret.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been together for 18 months. Last night, we were talking about doing more in the bedroom, and he told me that he is bisexual.

I have nothing against the LGBT community, but finding this out after so long shocked me. I'm worried now, and I can't seem to wrap my head around the fact that he has sex with guys. I just can't quite look at or think of him the same way.

I really do love him and can still see a future with him. I just don't know how to handle this BIG news. Please, Abby, you're my only hope. — LIZ IN TEXAS

DEAR LIZ: I would be curious about why your boyfriend waited so long to tell you. Because someone is bisexual does not mean the person is unfaithful and sleeping with both sexes at the same time. It simply means the person is attracted to members of both sexes. You need to have further discussion with your boyfriend regarding his attitude about his COMMITMENT TO YOU before deciding what to do about his "big" news.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2015:

This year you open up to many changes that are often triggered by surprising events. You might fight the inevitable, which will make the transformation process more difficult, but you will be delighted with the results. If you are single, you will have many different potential suitors that come your way. Consider the different types of relationships you could form with each person. If you are attached, the two of you will have some exciting moments occur that you might need to adjust to. Fight less, and be more understanding. Learn to accept your differences and make them strengths. LEO challenges you often.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Though you might not be directly hit by the Full Moon, an element of excitement will run through your day. Don't worry if a conversation goes off the deep end; everything will end well. You'll discover how much you like an extra-charged atmosphere. Tonight: In the thick of things.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You could feel pressured, as the Full Moon adds an element of stress to your day. You are a sign that likes life to proceed at a smooth, easy pace, so when uproar occurs, your tension levels automatically soar. Know that this, too, will pass. Tonight: Search for a happy ending.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by a sudden onslaught of activity. People seem to pop up from out of nowhere with demands that could shock you. Know when you have had enough, and be willing to say so. Others will respect your boundaries. Tonight: Talk and visit with pals.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Be aware of the costs of heading in a certain direction and of making choices that are not flexible. As tempting as an offer might be, you would be well-advised to hold off for a few days and see if you feel the same way later. Tonight: Do research, pay bills, then put up your feet.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Allow greater flexibility with others today, especially a child or new friend. This person might appear to be quite rebellious, but you'll be able to identify with him or her, as long as you just relax. Trust yourself. Tonight: Play as if there were no tomorrow.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Deal directly with a loved one whom you care a lot about. One-on-one relating could have a slight edge to it, but it's nothing you can't deal with. Good news is sure to follow this long-overdue meeting. Use your instincts, and you'll be on cruise control. Tonight: Just be yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Reach out to someone, and refuse to stand on ceremony. Let this person know that you care about him or her. Sometimes you overthink situations. Don't. A meeting might be more important than you originally had thought. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Others often look to you when there is a major change. You could be overwhelmed by everything you need to accomplish. Avoid becoming stern or demanding with others. Be gracious with a family member or roommate. Tonight: Make the most of the moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ The unexpected runs rampant, yet it will delight you. Acknowledge a problem by relating to one individual or a certain group of people. You could be in the mood to be apathetic, but ultimately you'll want this issue to work itself out. Tonight: Favorite music, favorite place.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You might be in a situation that could be rather explosive and changeable. You are likely to have some difficulty keeping a lid on a budding problem. Trust a partner or associate to handle this issue with you. Tonight: Opt for togetherness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Today's Full Moon emphasizes your long-term desires. How you deal with a partner and the choices you make could color a situation differently. Try to avoid an either-or situation, and put your focus on what you have in common. Tonight: Prepare to have some fun!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Know that you have more opportunities ahead than you see at the moment. Be willing to dissect an idea in order to see all of the possible options. Encourage a brainstorming session with a friend. You could be surprised by what comes up. Tonight: Choose a fun stressbuster.

BORN TODAY

Author James Michener (1907), newspaper editor Horace Greeley (1811), first female doctor Elizabeth Blackwell (1821)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Hobson runs wild

Neither vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
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K Q 4
A 8 5 3
♣ A Q 8 4 3

WEST
♠ 9 8 6 4
A 10 8 5 3
10 9 7
♣ 9

EAST
♠ K Q 10 3
J 9 6 2
Void
♣ K 7 6 5 2

SOUTH
♠ A J 5 2
7
K Q J 6 4 2
♣ J 10

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	Pass	1	Pass
3	Pass	4NT	Pass
5	Pass	6	All pass

Opening lead: Nine of ♣

Today's deal is most unusual, in our opinion. The defenders are offered a series of choices, none of which allow them to defeat the contract.

Dummy wins the opening club lead, an obvious short-suit lead, with the ace. South leads a diamond to his king, followed by his singleton heart toward the dummy. Should West rise with his ace, dummy will have two good hearts. Declarer will draw trumps ending in dummy, discard one spade and one club on the hearts, then lead the queen of clubs for a ruffing finesse against East's king. Plenty of tricks.

Should he duck his ace instead, South will win dummy's king and lead a low club from the table, giving East a choice. Winning his king of clubs sets up two club tricks in dummy and ends the defense. South merely has to ruff East's club return high and draw trumps. Should he duck, instead, West will have another choice. Ruffing will use up one of his trumps, allowing two spade ruffs in dummy. Along with the marked ruffing finesse in clubs, South will have his 12 tricks. Refusing to ruff is no better. Declarer will draw the trumps, take the ruffing finesse against East, and ruff one spade and discard a spade, eventually conceding a spade to the defense, but bringing home his slam.

The defenders will likely be a bit dizzy, but well done to declarer!

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Pharmacy purchase
5 Figure (out), slangily
9 Early Yucatán settlers
14 German "a"
15 Irish New Age singer
16 Bite-the-bullet type
17 400 athletes?
19 "Star Trek" lieutenant
20 Trophy prized by actors
21 Watermelon eater's discard
23 Austin-to-Baton Rouge direction
24 Flat hat with a pompom
26 40 polos?
28 Football club based in Lombardy
32 Many a casino visitor
33 Bank offering
34 Kelly of morning TV
37 Moral code
39 Texter's "Horrors!"
40 4 tire inserts?
42 Squeeze (out)
43 Local news hr.
45 Mix
46 ESPN analyst Hershiser
47 Wife of Abraham
49 Chatty gathering
51 600 stand-ups?
54 Plea at sea, briefly
55 "Sadly ..."
56 Pouty expression
58 Repetitive musical piece
62 ACC team with a turtle mascot
64 1,500 thermometer units?
66 Gobbled up
67 Letter carrier's sackful
68 Starbucks order
69 Sound from an angry dog
70 Sugar bowl invaders
71 Battle of Normandy town

DOWN

1 Geometric art style
2 Frees (of)
3 Like the word "waitress," briefly
4 Gummy bear ingredient
5 Susan of "L.A. Law"
6 Small bills
7 Oven-safe brand
8 Stand in a painting class
9 East Lansing sch.
10 Nonreligious sort
11 Mall directory words
12 Bombing missions
13 Sings like Ella
18 Shrunken Asian sea
22 Broadband initials
25 Harry and __, "Home Alone" bad guys
27 Ground breakers
28 Plenty
29 Fesses up
30 Document sealed by King John in 1215
31 Petty peeves
35 Salt (away)
36 "Not __ deal"
38 Boston NBAer
40 Islamic prayer leader
41 Notable periods
44 Thrive
46 In some respects
48 That guy
50 Five-time Wimbledon champ Bjorn
51 Goes out with
52 Pause punctuation
53 Khartoum's land
57 Cut a line from, say
59 Well-kept
60 Computer giant
61 Norway's most populous city
63 NBC comedy staple
65 Some Bronx trains

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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SOUNDBITES

Reviews of recent releases

BJORK
"Vulnicura"

She calls it "a complete heartbreak album," chronicling the unraveling of her relationship with artist Matthew Barney and how she moved past it. In the liner notes, she even offers a timeline to the songs — starting with "Stonemilker" coming nine months before and running through "Notget" 11 months after — though the songs themselves certainly offer more than enough clues to reveal where she was in the healing process.

By the time we reach the 10-minute epic "Black Lake," it's fallen apart. There are lengthy stretches marked by single notes, as if Björk is summoning the strength to go on during the pauses.

Few artists would ever document a breakup so openly or be so clear-eyed about making it seem universal. But Björk has always been a singular artist and in "Vulnicura" she has built a singular artistic work to stand against other "breakup albums" for years to come.

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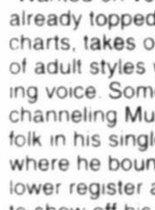
GEORGE EZRA
"Wanted on Voyage"



Don't let George Ezra's baby-faced good looks fool you. The 21-year-old British phenom with the booming bass-baritone voice is definitely an adult artist.

Ezra's debut, "Wanted on Voyage," which already topped the British charts, takes on a wide variety of adult styles with his surprising voice. Sometimes, he's channeling Mumford and Sons folk in his single "Budapest," where he bounces between his lower register and his falsetto to show off his contemporary, playful side. Sometimes, he's grooving along to '80s new wave, with the dancey "Stand By Your Gun," where his deep, distinctive voice plays off the plinky synths nicely.

Ezra's style is hard to define, with a far more complicated lineage than current Grammy darling Sam Smith or chart-topper Ed Sheeran. However, it's easy to recognize. The first half of the wild blues spiritual "Did You Hear the Rain," sung mainly at the bottom of his register in a thunderous style that rattles with its lengthy notes, could have come from the 1960s — or even the 1860s — before it shifts into a more contemporary sound. On the simple "Listen to the Man," it sounds like he's brought back an Elvis Presley classic.

As fascinating as Ezra's shifting musical styles are to roll through, his detailed lyrics are even more rewarding. "You said you needed a haircut, I recommended Mr. Todd," he snipes in "Drawing Board," referring to the murderous fictional barber Sweeney Todd. While lines like "I've been told your new playmate's successful and he's handsome and he's charming, it's a damn good job he isn't here or I may have wound up harming your darling" from "Leaving It Up to You" have a touch of Morrissey-esque drama.

Glenn Gamboa/Newsday

Sam Hunt plays down-home diplomat of edgy country music

By Mikael Wood
Los Angeles Times

Clarity can take a backseat to diplomacy when Sam Hunt, one of country music's edgiest young stars, talks about his relationship with Nashville.

"There's such a strong community element in country — it's like a family," he said recently. "So, I don't want to do anything that can come off, even if I'm not intentionally doing it, as giving the perception that I'm trying to abandon that family." Told his twisted language was making him sound a bit like a politician, Hunt chuckled knowingly.

"But at the same time," he added, "I would never want to stay at the expense of the music."

Hunt maintains that delicate balance more artfully on his debut album, "Montevallo." Released in October, it expands the sound of modern country with twangy guitars over sleek R&B grooves and a unique vocal approach that mixes singing with speaking in a way that flirts with rapping.

In his lyrics, too, Hunt tweaks established formulas, laying out a vision of masculinity more nuanced than the rowdy bro-think embodied in hits such as Luke Bryan's "Country Girl (Shake It for Me)" and "Cruise" by Florida Georgia Line.

Yet "Montevallo" hardly skimps on the kind of rural signifiers that make many popular country songs feel like lifestyle accessories. "Snapbacks and Levi jeans / PBR and burned CDs," Hunt sings in his deep Georgia drawl in "Raised On It."

And for all his creative risk-taking, the 30-year-old singer has connected with Nashville's core audience: Last year, "Montevallo" topped Billboard's country album chart the same week Hunt's song "Leave the Night On" reached No. 1 on the singles chart. On Thursday he'll kick off a U.S. tour with a sold-out show at the Troubadour.

"I love what Sam is doing," said Clay Hunnicutt, who helps oversee national programming for iHeartMedia, the radio giant formerly known as Clear Channel. "We've got over 90 country programmers, and when they're all calling me saying, 'Hey, have you heard this?' that's when you know you've got something special."

That something took a while to develop. Hunt, a highly rated college football player, moved to Nashville to pursue his other passion after a shot at the NFL fizzled. He began collaborating with other songwriters but felt even less satisfied with the results than he was with the "amateurish" material he'd brought with him from home.

"The music had lost that personal touch," Hunt said over coffee in Hollywood, his black T-shirt matching his carefully ripped black pants.

But then the singer met Shane McAnally and Josh Osborne, two songwriters finding success with slightly left-of-center tunes for stars such as Miranda Lambert and Chris Young.

McAnally, Hunt said, persuaded him to focus on his more idiosyncratic ideas — "the bastardized things that didn't really have a home in Nashville."

Together the three wrote "Come Over," a sensual ballad that Kenny Chesney took to No. 1 on the country chart in 2012.

Bolstered by that win, Hunt started stockpiling songs for his own album, one he hadn't actually been signed by a record label to make. No matter: In 2013, taking a cue from Internet-savvy rappers, he released what he called a "mix-tape" of his songs online. Reaction was strong.

"There's a system in place in Nashville, and for a long time I was trapped in this idea that the only way to do it was to come to town, get a record deal and do it the way they say," Hunt recalled. "And that system works. But it caters to a specific kind of artist, and I didn't necessarily fit that mold."

MCA Nashville eventually signed the singer based on the buzz he'd created. But McAnally — who co-produced "Montevallo" and wrote several of its songs with Hunt and Osborne — said the stakes of a major-label deal didn't temper Hunt's determination to carve out his own space.

"He wasn't asking for permission," McAnally said. "He wasn't going to the label or the radio powers-that-be and asking, 'What do you think of this?' It was, 'Here's who I am.'"

You can hear that in tracks such as "Break Up in a Small Town," with its spacey synth tones, and Hunt's current single, "Take Your Time," in which the singer assures the woman he's trying to pick up at a bar, "I don't wanna steal your freedom." Then there's "Single for the Summer," a would-be party song that ends up a sort of meditation on loneliness.

"I just wanted to go down some roads that I didn't hear a lot of people going down," said Hunt, who'd come to Los Angeles last week to perform "Take Your Time" on "Ellen."

Given the electronic textures in his music — not to mention his Abercrombie-model looks — it seems natural to wonder if some of those roads might lead to pop listeners, perhaps those who so happily received that other Nashville disrupter, Taylor Swift, after she declared her departure from country.

Cindy Mabe, president of Universal Music Group Nashville (which includes MCA), struck an almost proprietary note when asked if she had plans to market Hunt's music to pop listeners.

"We are happy to have Sam Hunt fans wherever they come from or however they are exposed to his music," she said in an email. But, she added, "Sam is very clear that country music is where he belongs and what he feels most connected to."

Ever the diplomat, Hunt insisted he doesn't really think about stepping into the pop world, even as he acknowledged that he "had to fight so much over the last two years to help people understand where I was coming from."

But they listened, he added with a grin. His idea of country music is being heard.

"You think about the artists I look at as icons and you assume they were instantly embraced," he said. "That's usually not the case. In reality they had to overcome a lot of no's to get where they wanted to be."

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Today's releases

Diana Krall 'Wallflower'

Punch Brothers 'The Phosphorescent Blues'

Charlie Wilson 'Forever Charlie'

Ne-Yo 'Non-Fiction'

2Cellos 'Celloverse'

LIVEWIRE

MIDLAND/ODESSA/ BIG SPRING/ANDREWS

FEBRUARY

3 **Johnny and Susie Band** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
5 **Era 9, 7 Stone Riot** @ Blue Max
5 **Cory Morrow** @ Rockin Rodeo
6 **Brian Roman** @ Wagner Noel
6 **Los Tigres Del Norte** @ La Hacienda
6 **Bobby Champion** @ The Detour
6 **Stoney LaRue, Chris Brazeal Band** @ Graham Central Station
6 **Forgotten Road** @ Redneck's
6 **Jamie Berryhill and the Hard Times** @ 10 Sports Bar
6 **Dirty Glass** @ Hot Shots
6-7 **The Unsweet T's** @ Your Place
6-7 **MoneyShot Band** @ The Bar
7 **The Rise of the Broken, Reverse Order** @ Pine Box
7 **Big Spring Symphony Orchestra with Elizabeth Aoki** @ First Baptist Church (Big Spring)
7 **Ernesto Calderon** @ The Wine Rack
7 **CM3** @ Texas Swagg Warehouse
7 **Gary Nix & West Texas** @ Barn Door
7 **Sansketch, Speed Limit** @ Cigar Frogs
7 **Hogg Maulies, Keith Owens Band** @ Redneck's
7 **Koe Wetzel and the Konvicts, No Dry County** @ Lone Star Bar
7 **Reverend KM Williams, Jeff Stone** @ DoubleTree by Hilton
7 **Nathan Kalish and the Lastcallers** @ Blue Max
7-8 **Texas Buck'n Heat Band** @ Rhemadeez
8 **West Texas Winds "Symphony of Five"** @ Wagner Noel
8 **Goodtimers** @ Music City Mall
8 **Carrollton Band** @ Crestview Baptist
10 **Goodtimers** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
11 **Kilter, The Blind Pets** @ Blue Max
12 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ West Texas Dance Club
12 **JD Wilkes and the Dirt Daubers** @ Blue Max
12 **Tracy Lawrence** @ Graham Central Station
12 **Micky and the Motorcars** @ Rockin Rodeo
12 **Jackson Taylor & The Sinners** @ Lone Star Bar
13 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Midland Senior Center
13 **Jenny and Tyler** @ Midland Bible Church
13 **Chubby Checker & The Wildcats** @ Wagner Noel
13 **Texas Buck'n Heat Band** @ The Detour
13-14 **Cory Dutton** @ The Bar
14 **Showdown** @ Andrews Senior Center
14 **Vitale Justice** @ Tea2Go
14 **Austin Mead Music** @ Lone Star Bar
14 **Embrace the Machine, Adrian Coomer & The Sicknges** @ Blue Max
15 **Disciple, Decyfer Down, Seventh Day Slumber and Nine Ashes** @ Andrews County Expo Center
16 **John S** @ Blue Max
17 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.,** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
17 **Texas Guitar Quartet** @ Wagner Noel
17 **Crafting The Conspiracy** @ Club Patron
18 **Otis the Destroyer, Jane Rose & The Deadend Boys, Izzy Cox** @ Blue Max
19 **William Clark Green** @ Rockin Rodeo
19 **Teach Me Equals** @ Kamipos
19 **Pepe Romero** @ Wagner Noel
20 **Southbound 35** @ The Detour
20 **Andy McKee** @ UTPB
20 **Remedy, Aaron Woods Band** @ 10 Sports Bar
20 **Randall King Band, Strahan** @ Lone Star Bar
20 **Whiskey Myers** @ Graham Central Station
20-21 **Texas Buck'n Heat Band** @ Your Place
20-21 **Grindstone** @ The Bar
20-21 **Jenni Dale Lord** @ Riley's
21 **KingShifter, Hangmans Joke** @ Blue Max
22 **Goodtimers** @ Music City Mall
22 **Mark Lowery, The Martins, Stan Whitmire** @ Fitst United Methodist
23 **Shadow of the Giant, Mariachi Muerto** @ Blue Max
24 **Loretta Lynn** @ Wagner Noel
24 **Showdown** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
25 **Jenni Dale Lord** @ Riley's
26 **Cultis Grimes** @ Rockin Rodeo
26 **Vienna Boys Choir** @ Wagner Noël

LUBBOCK

FEBRUARY

5 **Adam Crabb** @ City Bank Colisium
6 **Enrique Iglesias, Pitbull, J Balvin** @ United Supermarkets Arena
11 **Excision, Protohype, Minnesota** @ Fair Park Coliseum
12 **10 Years, Otherwise. The Glorious Sons, Luminoth** @ Jake's Sports Cafe & Backroom

NEW MEXICO

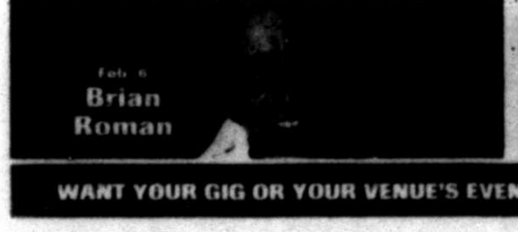
FEBRUARY

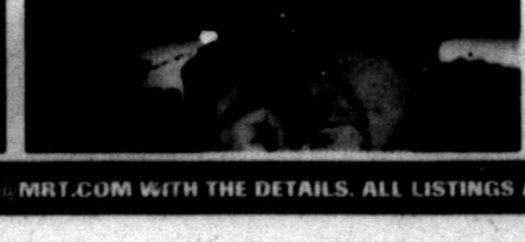
14 **All-4-One** @ Inn of the Mounain Gods
28 **Charley Pride** @ Inn of the Mountain Gods

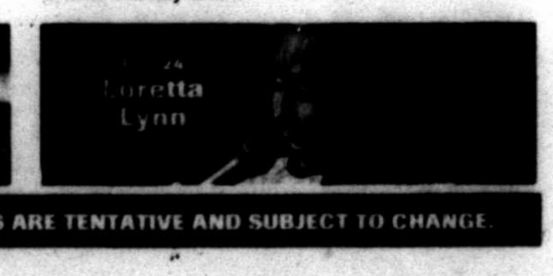
DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA

FEBRUARY

5 **Sam Huntm Native Run** @ House of Blues
6 **Chris Brown, Trey Songz, Tyga** @ American Airlines Center
6 **Pat Travers** @ The Guitar Sanctuary
7 **Less Than Jake, Reel Big Fish, Authority Zero** @ Gas Monkey Live!







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Seahawks' decision to pass latest call to create controversy

By Arnie Stapelton
Associated Press

The Seattle Seahawks had both the Lombardi Trophy and greatness in their grasp with 36 inches and 26 seconds to go.

They watched their coronation as a modern day dynasty slip away with the decision not to put the ball in Marshawn Lynch's hands.

In what some are viewing as one of the great miscalculations in sports history, offensive coordinator Darrell Bevell, backed by head coach Pete Carroll, called for a pass play, leaving Lynch — and ultimately the rest of the Seahawks — stunningly empty-handed.

When Malcolm Butler stepped in front of Ricardo Lockette and picked off Russell Wilson's pass, the undrafted and previously unheralded rookie sealed New England's 28-24 Super Bowl win.

It also added Bevell and Carroll to the long list of sportsmen whose decisions backfired so spectacularly so as to haunt and taunt the also-rans and their crestfallen fans.

Here are some choices that stand out for their deleterious results:

MEADOWLANDS MIRACLE: In the final seconds of a 1978 NFL game, all the New York Giants had to do was take a knee and they had the Philadelphia Eagles beaten. But they inexplicably called a running play and quarterback Joe Pisarcik botched the handoff. Defensive back Herman Edwards scooped up the loose ball and scored the winning touchdown.

POOPED PEDRO: Just five outs from guiding Boston to the World Series, manager Grady Little left an exhausted Pedro Martinez in Game 7 of the 2003 AL Championship Series. Martinez had just given up three consecutive hits and was clearly done. After Little returned to the dugout without his ace, Jorge Posada hit the game-tying double and the Red Sox went on to lose. The curse lived on for another year.

BEST BENCHED: While Al Michaels was shouting, "Do you believe in miracles? Yes!" Soviet hockey fans on Feb. 22, 1980, were asking, "Why isn't Vladislav Tretiak between the pipes? No!" Soviet coach Victor Tikhonov benched the world's

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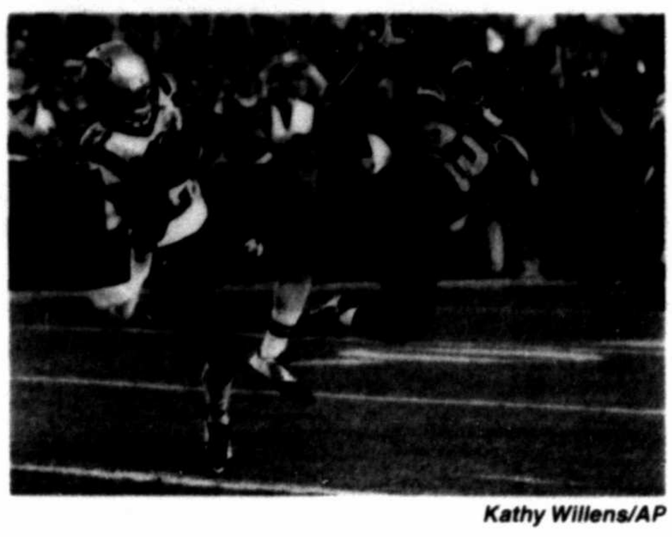

Kathy Willens/AP

New England's Malcolm Butler (21) intercepts a pass intended for Seattle's Ricardo Lockette (83) during Super Bowl XLIX on Sunday in Glendale, Ariz.

HS GIRLS BASKETBALL REPORT

Tall City ruling district

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Miranda Mast (11) goes up for a rebound against Lee High's Kyra Lewis (12) and Yaritza Rivaz (00) on Jan. 20 at Chaparral Center.

Next week's rivalry game could decide 3-6A crown

By Will Korn
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The race for the District 3-6A title is turning out almost exactly as it was expected to. Lee and Midland High are comfortably leading the pack and have both secured playoff spots early, thanks to the lackluster play of half of the district's six teams.

Now, all signs are pointing to the Feb. 10 rematch between Lee (15-9, 7-0) and MHS (24-5, 6-1) that could decide if one of them wins the district title outright, or if they will be co-champs this year.

With the exception of MHS' close call against Odessa Permian last week and the loss to Lee the week before that, neither MHS nor Lee have truly been tested in district play. That trend should continue until they meet again to close out the District 3-6A slate.

Lee has the tougher schedule before the MHS game. The Lady Rebels will see Permian today at 6 p.m. at Chaparral Center and then have to play Abilene High on the road on Friday. Meanwhile, MHS plays Abilene High at 6 p.m. today in Abilene, but then gets San Angelo Central at home on senior night Friday.

MHS will need a bit luck to get even with Lee before the Feb. 10 showdown and to put themselves in position for a shot at the district title outright. MHS head coach Wes Torres said his team has improved since its loss to Lee, but with no room for error, it can't overlook its next two games.

"I've been telling my team since the Lee game that we need to start better," Torres said. "We've been better about that, but we're focused on our next opponent, which is Abilene High. Homecourts are tough."

PERMIAN CLOSE TO SECURING THIRD PLAYOFF SPOT IN 3-6A

Permian has the best chance to knock Lee into the loss column today, as the Panthers pushed MHS to overtime last week. In that game, Permian showed that they have the tenacity on both ends of the court to frustrate more talented teams. Permian is the probably the third best team in the district, and can clinch the third playoff spot with a win against Lee today combined with an Odessa High win against San Angelo Central.

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Johnny Manziel enters treatment

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Johnny Manziel has sought help to change his off-field lifestyle.

Following a rough rookie season in the NFL, Manziel has entered a treatment program for unspecified reasons, an adviser for the Browns quarterback said in a statement released by the team on Monday.

"Johnny knows there are areas he needs to improve on to help him be a better family member, friend and teammate, so he decided to take this step in his life during the offseason," Manziel adviser Brad Beckworth said. Beckworth said the former Heisman Trophy winner entered the unnamed facility last week. He said Manziel's family is asking for privacy until he rejoins the team.

Manziel

Beckworth's statement did not indicate reasons for Manziel needing treatment. However, the 22-year-old QB's penchant for partying followed him from college into the pros and Manziel's nightlife has been well-chronicled by both social and mainstream media.

The location of the facility where Manziel is staying is not immediately known.

Browns general manager Ray Farmer said in a statement that the team fully supports Manziel and respects his initiative in entering treatment. The team will respect Manziel's privacy during treatment, he said.

"Our players' health and well-being will always be of the utmost importance to the Cleveland Browns," Farmer said. "We continually strive to create a supportive environment and provide the appropriate resources, with our foremost focus being on the individual and not just the football player."

Citing privacy laws, a Browns spokesman declined to provide any further information about Manziel's situation.

Browns wide receiver Andrew Hawkins offered his support to Manziel on Twitter.

"Much love and support to my brother Johnny," Hawkins wrote. "Proud of him, big step. Football is secondary. God Bless!"

Manziel, who won the Heisman as a freshman at Texas A&M where his playmaking skills earned him his "Johnny Football" nickname, has faced questions for several years about his active nightlife. After he was drafted in May by the Browns in

Please see **MANZIEL**/4C

Selden leads Kansas past Iowa State

Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Wayne Selden Jr. scored 19 points in a hot-shooting second half to spark No. 8 Kansas past No. 15 Iowa State, 89-76, on Monday night.

Selden, after missing all three of his shots and scoring only one point in the first half, drilled four of his first five 3-pointers after intermission, often finding himself virtually unguarded on the right wing, as the Jayhawks (19-3, 8-1 Big 12) padded their lead in the Big 12 race to 1 1/2 games.

Georges Niang had 24 points for Iowa State (16-6, 6-3), which dropped out of a second-place tie with West Virginia.

No. 8 Jayhawks	89
No. 15 Cyclones	76

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See the updated men's and women's college basketball polls.

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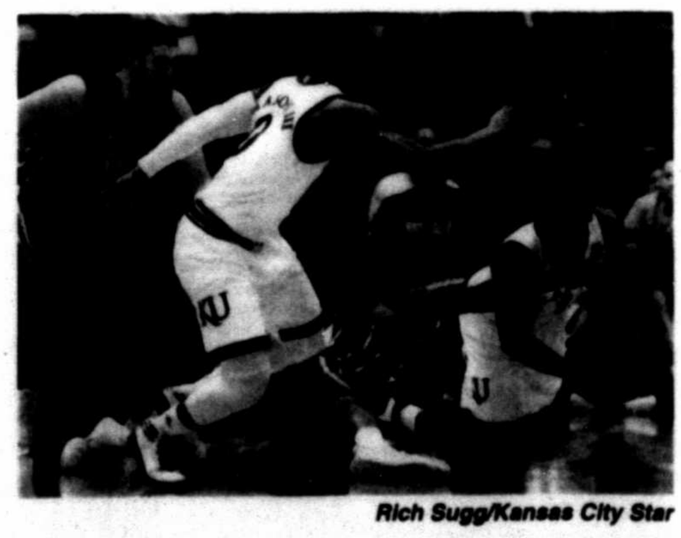
Leading 35-28 after a seesaw first half, the Jayhawks reeled off a 14-6 run the first 4 minutes, 45 seconds after intermission, with Selden scoring eight points, including two uncontested 3-pointers. Iowa State called timeout and tried to regroup after Selden's second 3-pointer put Kansas on top 49-34 but never got the lead under nine points.

Perry Ellis's three-point play gave the Jayhawks breathing room at 77-63 with less than 3 minutes left. Ellis had 17 points and Kelly Oubre Jr. had 16 for the Jayhawks, who have beaten Iowa State at home 10 straight times.

Bryce Dejean-Jones had 14 points for Iowa State and Monte Morris had 12.

Niang's steal and Jameel McKay's dunk sliced the lead briefly to single-digits at 54-45 but Kansas scored the next seven points.



Rich Sugg/Kansas City Star

Kansas' Wayne Selden, right, picks up a loose ball and shovels it to teammate Frank Mason, middle, during the first half Monday at Allen Fieldhouse in Lawrence, Kan.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TODAY
WHAT'S ON TV
HANDBALL
ALPINE SKIING
Women's Super G World Championships, Noon, NBCSN
CARIBBEAN BASEBALL
Dominican Republic vs. Venezuela, 11 a.m., ESPNDEP
Puerto Rico vs. Mexico, 5:30 p.m., ESPNDEP
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Indiana at Wisconsin, 6 p.m., ESPN
Georgia at Kentucky, 6 p.m., ESPNU
St. John's at Butler, 6 p.m., FS1
Mississippi State at Tennessee, 6 p.m., SEC
Saint Louis at St. Joseph's, 6:30 p.m., CBSSN
Northwestern at Nebraska, 6:30 p.m., BTN
West Virginia at Oklahoma, 7 p.m., ESPN2
Florida at Vanderbilt, 8 p.m., ESPN
Virginia Tech at Syracuse, 8 p.m., ESPNU
Seton Hall at DePaul, 8 p.m., FS1
South Carolina at Arkansas, 8 p.m., SEC
Boise State at Utah State, 8:30 p.m., CBSSN
Rutgers at Illinois, 8:30 p.m., BTN
MEN'S SOCCER
BUNDESLIGA: Bayern Munich vs. Schalke 04, 1 p.m., GolTV
FA CUP: Manchester United vs. Cambridge United, 1:30 p.m., FS1/FOXDEP
FRENCH LIGUE 1: Lille OSC vs. Paris Saint Germain, 1:55 p.m., beIN
COPA DE ITALIA: AS Roma vs. ACF Fiorentina, 1:55 p.m., beIN2
COPA LIBERTADORES: Alianza Lima vs. CA Huracan, 6 p.m., FOXDEP
COPA MX:Tiburones de Veracruz vs. Correcaminos UAT, 6:55 p.m., UniDep
COPA LIBERTADORES: Monarcas Morelia vs. The Strongest, 8:30 p.m., FOXDEP
COPA MX: Atletico San Luis vs. Santos Laguna, 8:55 p.m., ESPNDEP
COPA MX: CD Guadalajara vs. Lobos BUAP, 8:55 p.m., UniDep
NBA
Miami at Detroit, 6:30 p.m., NBAtv
Golden State at Sacramento, 9 p.m., NBAtv
NHL
Chicago at Minnesota, 7 p.m., NBCSN
Colorado at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Cincinnati at Connecticut, 6 p.m., SNY

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY
HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL
Odessa Permian at Lee, 7:30 p.m.
Midland High at Abilene High, 7:30 p.m.
Seminole at Greenwood, 7:30 p.m.
Abilene Christian at Trinity, 7:30 p.m.
Lubbock Trinity at Midland Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Robert Lee at Garden City, 7:45 p.m.
Lubbock Christian at Midland Classical, 8 p.m.
Levelland at Big Spring, 8 p.m.
Reagan County at Stanton, 8 p.m.
Coahoma at Sonora, 8 p.m.
Klondike at Grady, 8 p.m.
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL
Midland High at Abilene High, 6 p.m.
Odessa Permian at Lee, 6 p.m.
Seminole at Greenwood, 6 p.m.
Abilene Christian at Trinity, 6 p.m.
Andrews at Monahans, 6 p.m.
Lubbock Trinity at Midland Christian, 6 p.m.
Robert Lee at Garden City, 6:15 p.m.
Lubbock Christian at Midland Classical, 6:30 p.m.
Levelland at Big Spring, 6:30 p.m.
Klondike at Grady, 6:30 p.m.
Reagan County at Stanton, 6:30 p.m.
Coahoma at Sonora, 6:30 p.m.
HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER
Abilene Cooper at Midland High, 7:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF BASEBALL — Named Frank Robinson senior adviser and the honorary president of the American League. Suspended Boston minor league SS Ricardo Cubillan (Lowell-NYP) 76 games after testing positive for a metabolite of Nandrolone, free agent minor league INF Wilson Betemit 50 games and San Francisco minor league RHP Ethan Miller (Salem-NWL) after testing positive for Amphetamine, and free agent minor league 1B Tanner Norton 50 games following a second positive test for a drug of abuse, all violations of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.
American League
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Agreed to terms with RHP Garrett Richards on a one-year contract.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Signed RHP Ronald Belisario, INF Alexi Casilla and LHP Robert Zarate to minor league contracts.
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Agreed to terms with C Gerald Laird on a minor league contract.
CINCINNATI REDS — Agreed to terms with LHP Paul Maholm on a minor league contract.
NEW YORK METS — Agreed to terms with 1B Lucas Duda on a one-year contract. Named Ryan Ellis short-season hitting coordinator, Benny DiStefano outfield coordinator, Lamar Johnson hitting coordinator.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Agreed to terms with 1B Brandon Belt on a one-year contract and with RHP Cory Gearrin, LHP Braulio Lara, RHP Curtis Partch, LHP Nikolas Turley, INF Carlos Triunfel and OF Justin Maxwell on minor league contracts.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Agreed to terms with RHP Casey Janssen on a one-year contract. Designated RHP Eric Fornataro for assignment.
California League
RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES — Announced the resignation of manager P.J. Forbes. Named Bill Haselman manager.
American Association
KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Sold the contract of C Chris Bianchi to Los Angeles (NL).
SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Released INF Stephen Branca.
Atlantic League
LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Signed OF and hitting coach Lew Ford.
Frontier League
FRONTIER GREYS — Signed INF Zach Tanner.
GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Signed RHP Richard Barrett, OF Richard Seigel and RHP Tyler Thompson to contract extensions.
JOLIET SLAMMERS — Signed OF R.J. Fuhr.
RIVER CITY RASCALS — Signed 3B Taylor Ard.
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS — Signed RHP Miguel Ramirez and OF Marquis Riley to contract extensions.
WASHINGTON WILD THINGS — Named Brent Metheny hitting coach.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
DETROIT PISTONS — Signed G John Lucas III to a 10-day contract.
Women's National Basketball Association
NEW YORK LIBERTY — Signed G Tanisha Wright, C Carolyn Swords and F Rebecca Allen.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS — Named Dan Quinn coach.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed OT Matthew O'Donnell.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Named Robb Akey defensive line coach.
Arena Football League
ORLANDO PREDATORS — Signed DB Derricus Purdy. Traded C Zack Williams to Las Vegas Outlaws for the No. 1 overall pick in the waiver claim order.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
DALLAS STARS — Recalled D Jyrki Jokipakka from Texas (AHL).
MONTREAL CANADIENS — Recalled F Jacob de la Rose from Hamilton (AHL). ECHL
SOUTH CAROLINA STINGRAYS — Traded F Anthony Collins from Quad City for future considerations.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
NEW YORK RED BULLS — Announced MF Tim Cahill has left the team by mutual agreement.
NEW YORK CITY FC — Signed F Adam Nemec.
TORONTO FC — Announced F Sebastian Giovinco was transferred from Juventus (Serie A-Italy).
COLLEGE
CHATTANOOGA — Named Danny McBride women's assistant soccer coach.
UTAH — Announced running backs coach Dennis Erickson was named assistant head football coach; quarterbacks coach Aaron Roderick and offensive line coach Jim Harding were named co-offensive coordinators, and recruiting coordinator Morgan Scalley will coach special teams. Named John Pease defensive coordinator and defensive line coach and Justin Ena linebackers coach.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	51	32	15	4	68	166	133
Montreal	49	32	14	3	67	130	111
Detroit	50	29	12	9	67	149	129
Boston	50	27	16	7	61	134	124
Florida	48	21	17	10	52	118	138
Ottawa	48	20	19	9	49	136	136
Toronto	51	22	25	4	48	144	156
Buffalo	50	14	33	3	31	94	179

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Islanders	49	32	16	1	65	158	139
Pittsburgh	50	28	14	8	64	145	129
N.Y. Rangers	48	29	15	4	62	145	115
Washington	50	25	15	10	60	147	129
Philadelphia	51	22	22	7	51	140	151
New Jersey	50	19	22	9	47	113	138
Columbus	48	21	24	3	45	120	151
Carolina	49	17	26	6	40	105	129

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	49	32	11	6	70	149	115
St. Louis	49	32	13	4	68	160	120
Chicago	50	31	17	2	64	155	115
Winnipeg	52	26	18	8	60	144	137
Dallas	49	23	19	7	53	157	159
Colorado	50	21	18	11	53	131	141
Minnesota	49	23	20	6	52	135	140

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	50	32	12	6	70	147	134
San Jose	50	27	17	6	60	139	135
Calgary	51	28	20	3	59	149	131
Vancouver	48	27	18	3	57	131	124
Los Angeles	49	21	16	12	54	134	132
Arizona	50	18	26	6	42	116	170
Edmonton	50	13	28	9	35	115	166

Monday's Scores
N.Y. Rangers 6, Florida 3
Calgary 5, Winnipeg 2
Edmonton at San Jose, late
Today's Games
Ottawa at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
Florida at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Los Angeles at Washington, 6 p.m.
Arizona at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Carolina at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

SKI REPORT

ROCKIES
New Mexico
Angel Fire — Mon 6:50 am packed powder machine groomed 36 - 36 base 73 of 78 trails 94% open, 525 acres, 6 of 7 lifts, Mon-Thu: 9a-4p; Fri: 9a-8p; Sat: 9a-8p Sun: 9a-4p
Pajarito — Reopen TBA
Red River — Mon 8:27 am packed powder machine groomed 25 - 34 base 56 of 57 trails 99% open, 250 acres, 7 of 7 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p
Sandia Peak — Sun Reopen 02/06 variable 12 - 20 base 39 of 39 trails 100% open, 4 of 5 lifts, Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Open Fri-Sun
Sipapu — Mon 4:18 am MG machine groomed 28 - 36 base 41 of 41 trails, 100% open 5 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p
Ski Apache — Mon 1:50 am MG machine groomed 20 - 52 base 52 of 55 trails 95% open, 22 miles, 550 acres, 8 of 10 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p
Ski Santa Fe — Sat 4:13 pm 8 new variable machine groomed 46 - 46 base 74 of 77 trails 97% open, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p
Taos — Mon 6:16 am MG machine groomed 43 - 44 base 83 of 113 trails, 74% open 13 of 15 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p
Enchanted Forest XC — Sat 7:00 pm powder machine groomed 12 - 24 base 40 of 40 trails, 22 miles Mon-Fri: 9a-4:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4:30p
Colorado
Arapahoe Basin — Mon 7:51 am 1 new powder machine groomed 38 - 38 base 99 of 109 trails, 91% open, 952 acres, 7 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p
Aspen Highlands — Mon 4:27 am packed powder machine groomed 36 - 49 base 122 of 122 trails 100% open, 1040 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p
Aspen Mountain — Mon 4:24 am packed powder machine groomed 28 - 32 base 76 of 76 trails 100% open, 675 acres, 6 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p
Beaver Creek — Mon 5:53 am packed powder machine groomed 40 - 40 base 139 of 150 trails 93% open, 1736 acres, 24 of 25 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p
Breckenridge — Mon 5:54 am packed powder machine groomed 50 - 50 base 175 of 187 trails 94% open, 2758 acres, 34 of 35 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p
Buttermilk — Mon 4:26 am packed powder machine groomed 28 - 30 base 39 of 44 trails 89% open, 434 acres, 7 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p
Copper Mountain — Mon 5:18 am packed powder machine groomed 46 - 51 base 139 of 143 trails 98% open, 2452 acres, 23 of 23 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

MC softball team stays perfect

From staff reports

Lady Chaparrals 11-9
Lady Wranglers 0-1

The Midland College softball team stayed perfect on the season with a doubleheader sweep of Cisco Junior College on Monday at the Midland College softball field.

The Lady Chaparrals defeated Cisco 11-0 in five innings in the first game, then won 9-1 in the second game to improve to 4-0 on the young season.

In the first game, MC had 11 hits as Desiree Hagberg, Danielle Bottley, Jessica Bati and Mercedes Humphrey each had two hits. Hagberg also had a home run. Tammy Viliamu added a three-run double for MC.

Dominique Lozano Alcocer pitched five strong innings as she struck out six and allowed only three hits.

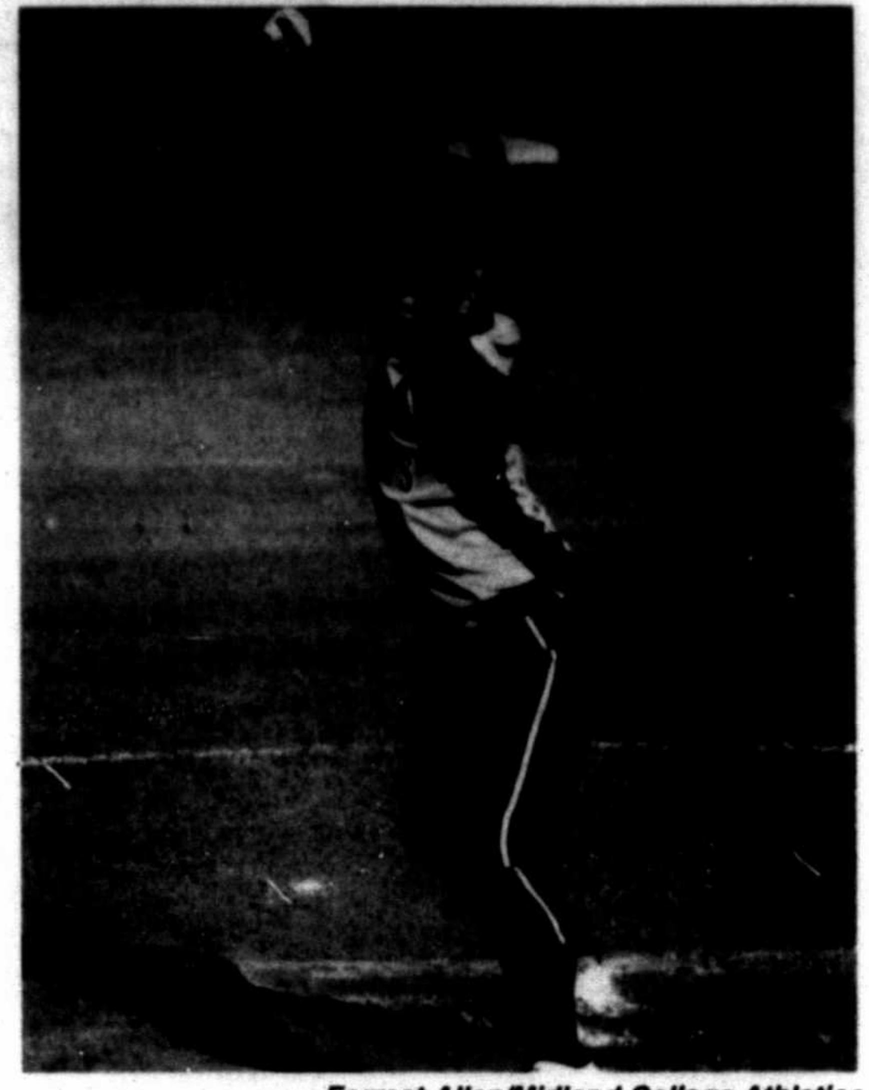
The Lady Chaps had nine hits in the second game as Terri Nava led the way by going 2-for-4 with a home run and three RBI. Humphrey and Cassie Sataga each had two hits with Sataga also driving in two runs.

Kaitlyn Durrett got the win for MC as she scattered three hits and struck out four in six innings.

MC next plays in the Cowtown Tournament this weekend in Fort Worth.

GAME 1
MIDLAND COLLEGE 11, CISCO JC 0, 5 INNINGS
Cisco .... 000 00—0 3 0
Midland .... 047 0x—11 11 0
Jordan Anderson, Sirena Martinez (3), Abigayl Morales (4) and Olinda Molinar; Dominique Lozano Alcocer and Madison Graham and Vanessa Munoz (5). W — Lozano Alcocer. L — Anderson. 2B — MC: Danielle Bottley, Desiree Hagberg, Jessica Bati, Tammy Viliamu. HR — MC: Hagberg.

GAME 2
MIDLAND COLLEGE 9, CISCO JC 1
Cisco .... 100 000 0—1 3 2
Midland .... 991 233 x—9 9 0
Abigayl Morales, Kyla Clanton (5) and Maci Brewer. Kaitlyn Durrett and Munoz. W — Durrett. L — Morales. 2B — MC: Sabrina Ochoa. HR — CJC: Alexia Row. MC: Terri Nava, Cassie Sataga.
Next: Midland College at Cowtown Tournament, Friday, Fort Worth



Forrest Allen/Midland College Athletics

MC freshman pitcher Kaitlyn Durrett throws in Monday's Game 2 Cisco Junior College at Chaparral Field.

Lady Chaps use smothering defense in win

From staff reports

CLARENDON — The Midland College women's basketball team held Clarendon College to a chilly 23 percent shooting as the Lady Chaparrals rolled to a 75-49 victory on Monday.

With the victory, the Lady Chaparrals (16-8, 7-2 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference) stayed in a tie with Odessa College for second place in the standings and moved to within 1 1/2 game of idle New Mexico Junior College.

Mary Savoy and Tajanay Veiga each

Savoy Veiga

recorded double-doubles for the Lady Chaps. Savoy had a game-high 20 points to go with 10 rebounds, while Veiga had 17 points and 11 boards. Sierra Dixon added nine points.

Clarendon (13-12, 3-6), which trailed 41-22 at the half, was led by Jaylee Mays with points.

The Lady Chaps return to Chaparral Center at 5:45 p.m. Thursday when they host Frank Phillips College.

MIDLAND COLLEGE 75, CLARENDON COLLEGE 49
Midland College (16-8, 7-2) — Mary Savoy 8-14 4-4 20, Walnatia Wright 3-5 0-1 6, Tajanay Veiga 4-7 9-10 17, Sierra Dixon 3-11 0-0 9, Valentine Zambelli 2-4 0-0 6, Morgan Ashton 1-5 2-2 4, Tatiana Randle 1-2 0-0 3, Jula Zarth 2-3 0-0 4, Quinique Johnson 2-3 0-2 4, Marielka Garate 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 27-56 15-19 75.
Clarendon College (13-12, 3-6) — Tierra Roberson 1-1 0-0 2, Jaylee Mays 5-13 0-0 11, Ja'lee Carver 2-13 2-2 6, Amy Alfeld 2-4 1-2 6, Teraye Gillum-Morrissette 0-3 0-0 0, Sydnee Ichiri-Bright 0-2 0-0 0, Jessica Baker 0-2 0-1 0, Esther VanDijk 0-1 0-0 0, Alesha Higgins 1-6 5-8 7, Key-Alia Wafer 0-2 4-4 4, Denika Brown 1-3 3-4 6, Amber Dubois 2-11 2-2 7. Totals 14-61 17-23 49.
Halftime — MC 41, Clarendon 22. 3-point goals — MC 6-16 (Dixon 3-9, Zambelli 2-3, Randle 1-2, Veiga 0-1, Ashton 0-1), Clarendon 4-21 (Mays 1-5, Alfeld 1-3, Dubois 1-6, Brown 1-1, Carver 0-5, Higgins 0-1). Total fouls — MC 16, Clarendon 20. Fouled out — none. Rebounds — MC 53 (Veiga 11, Savoy 10), Clarendon 29 (three with 4). Assists — MC 17 (Veiga 4), Clarendon (Baker 3). Turnovers — MC 22, Clarendon 16.
Next: Frank Phillips College at Midland College, 5:45 p.m. Thursday

Lady Chaparrals 75
Lady Bulldogs 49

WJCAC Women's basketball

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
New Mexico JC	8	0	21	1
Odessa College	7	2	21	4
Midland College	7	2	16	8
Frank Phillips	4	5	16	6
South Plains	3	5	7	15
Clarendon College	3	6	13	12
Western Texas	1	7	9	12
Howard College	0	8	6	17

Monday's Scores
Midland College 75, Clarendon College 49; Odessa College 61, Frank Phillips College 60; Western Texas College 60, South Plains College 52; Howard College and New Mexico JC were open
Thursday's Games
Frank Phillips College at Midland College; Howard College at South Plains College; New Mexico JC at Western Texas; Odessa College and Clarendon College are open

Chaparrals pick up much-needed win vs. Clarendon

From staff reports

CLARENDON — The Midland College men's basketball team got a much-needed 85-74 win over Clarendon College at Bulldog Arena on Monday to keep its postseason hopes alive.

Jones

While the Chaparrals improved to 14-10 overall and 4-6 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference, the win did not come easy. The Chaps only led, 43-40, at the half and had to overcome 26 turnovers.

But MC got another big game from sophomore forward Torren Jones, who poured in a game-high 28 points to go with nine rebounds. Maurice O'Field added 14 points and Jamal Evans had 10 points and nine rebounds.

MC also shot 54.7 percent from the floor, while holding the Bulldogs (4-17, 1-9) to 35.7 percent shooting.

Clarendon had four players in double figures, led by Dashun Dixon with 19 points. Khalil Newton had 18, while Quadre Lollis and Johnnie Brown each had 10.

MC returns to Chaparral Center for a 7:45 p.m. Thursday game against Frank Phillips College.

MIDLAND COLLEGE 85, CLARENDON COLLEGE 74
Midland College (14-10, 4-6) — Torren Jones 11-14 5-7 28, Quay King 2-6 3-5 9, Maurice O'Field 5-9 4-4 14, Jamal Evans 5-9 4-4 14, Dontay Caruthers 3-10 3-7 9, Tyler Whitehead 3-10 3-7 9, Dylan Cham 0-1 1-2 1, Bryce Ervin 0-0 0-0 0, Jordan Miller 0-0 0-0 0, Tyler Herron 3-6 1-2 7, William Tchiengang 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-53 23-35 85.
Clarendon College (4-17, 1-9) — Dominic Obunaka 0-1 0-0 0, Faimata Tula 3-10 2-3 8, D'Tavian Walker 3-12 3-6 9, Quadre Lollis 2-8 6-6 10, Dashun Dixon 7-18 2-4 19, Khalil Newton 7-10 0-0 18, Nick Hammink 0-1 0-0 0, Doreon Hill 0-1 0-0 0, Johnnie Brown 3-9 1-2 10. Totals 25-70 14-21 74.
Halftime — MC 43, Clarendon 40. 3-point goals — MC 4-11 (King 2-5, Jones 1-1, Evans 1-2, O'Field 0-1, Whitehead 0-2), CC 10-33 (Newton 4-7, Brown 3-8, Dixon 3-13, Tula 0-2, Walker 0-1, Lollis 0-2). Total fouls — MC 17, Clarendon 24. Fouled out — Obunaka. Rebounds — MC 43 (Jones 9), Clarendon 33 (Walker 7). Assists — MC 15 (Caruthers 5), Clarendon 12 (Lollis 4). Turnovers — MC 26, Clarendon 10.
Next: Frank Phillips College at Midland College, 7:45 p.m. Thursday

Chaparrals 85
Bulldogs 74

WJCAC Men's basketball

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Howard College	8	1	17	5
South Plains	8	1	18	4
New Mexico JC	7	3	18	6
Odessa College	5	5	17	6
New Mexico Military	5	5	11	9
Frank Phillips	4	6	15	9
Midland College	4	6	14	10
Western Texas	2	8	11	11
Clarendon College	1	9	4	17

Monday's Scores
Midland College 85, Clarendon College 74; Frank Phillips College 72, Odessa College 69; South Plains College 70, Western Texas College 61; New Mexico JC 79, New Mexico Military Institute 64; Howard College was open
Thursday's Games
Frank Phillips College at Midland College; Howard College at South Plains College; New Mexico JC at Western Texas; Odessa College at New Mexico Military Institute; Clarendon College was open

PRORODEOLEADERS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

All-around
1. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $14,464
2. Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb. 11,741
Bareback Riding
1. Ryan Gray, Cheney, Wash. $11,482
2. Tim O'Connell, Zwingle, Iowa $10,328
3. Bobby Mote, Stephenville, $8,063
4. Luke Creasy, Lubbock, $7,361
5. David Peebles, Redmond, Ore. $6,240
6. Bill Tutor, Huntsville, $5,978
7. Clint Cannon, Waller, $5,838
8. Seth Hardwick, Laramie, Wyo. $5,620
9. Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb. $5,597
10. Kash Wilson, Gooding, Idaho $5,131
11. R.C. Landingham, Pendleton, Ore. $3,894
12. Tilden Hooper, Carthage, $3,811
13. Cody DeMers, Kimberly, Idaho $3,659
Steer Wrestling
1. Adam Strahan, McKinney, $14,708
2. Kyle Irwin, Robertsdale, Ala. $12,116
3. Beau Clark, Belgrade, Mont. $11,139
4. Darrell Petry, Cheek, $7,348
5. Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev. $5,780
6. Blake Knowles, Heppner, Ore. $5,773
7. Hunter Cure, Holliday, $4,850
8. Tanner Brunner, Ramona, Kan. $4,672
9. Trell Etbauer, Goodwell, Okla. $4,343
10. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo. $4,072
11. Jason Lahr, Stephenville, $3,969
12. Rhett Kennedy, Chowchilla, Calif. $3,761
13. Seth Brockman, Wheatland, Wyo. $3,688
Team Roping (header)
1. Riley Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. $7,979
2. Coleman Proctor, Pryor, Okla. $7,614
3. Jake Cooper, Monument, N.M. $7,572
4. Erich Rogers, Round Rock, Ariz. $7,561
5. Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont. $6,727
6. Jesse Stipes, Salina, Okla. $5,173
7. Chad Masters, Cedar Hill, Tenn. $4,915
8. Charly Crawford, Prineville, Ore. $4,653
9. Doyle Hoskins, Chualar, Calif. $4,636
10. Tyler Wade, Terrell, $4,512
11. Dustin Bird, Cut Bank, Mont. $4,420
12. Cole Dorenkamp, Lamar, Colo. $4,354
13. Ty Blasingame, Sugar City, Colo. $4,060
14. Caleb Smidt, Bellville, $3,924
Team Roping (heeler)
1. Brady Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. $7,979
2. Jake Long, Coffeyville, Kan. $7,614
3. Tyler McKnight, Wells, $7,572
4. Cory Petska, Marana, Ariz. $7,561
5. Jade Corkill, Fallon, Nev. $6,727
6. Matt Kasner, Cody, Neb. $4,928
7. Travis Graves, Jay, Okla. $4,915
8. Buddy Hawkins II, Columbus, Kan. $4,695
9. Shay Carroll, La Junta, Colo. $4,653
10. Kinney Harrell, Marshall, $4,512
11. Paul Eaves, Lonedell, Mo. $4,420
12. Levi O'Keeffe, Mohall, N.D. $4,354
13. Billie Jack Saebens, Nowata, Okla. $4,073
Saddle Bronc Riding
1. Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M. $13,393
2. Cody DeMoss, Heflin, La. $11,959
3. Clay Elliott, Nanton, Alberta $8,964
4. Chad Ferley, Oelrichs, S.D. $8,083
5. Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb. $6,143
6. Jake Wright, Milford, Utah $6,013
7. Brady Nicholes, Hoytsville, Utah $5,549
8. Spencer Wright, Milford, Utah $5,465
9. Layton Green, Meeting Creek, Alberta $5,361
10. Cort Scheer, Elsmere, Neb. $4,744
11. Jacobs Crawley, Stephenville, $4,575
12. Curtis Garton, Kaitaia, New Zealand $4,306
13. Joe Lufkin, Sallisaw, Okla. $4,172
Tie-down Roping
1. Matt Shiozawa, Chubbuck, Idaho $8,468
2. Adam Gray, Seymour, $8,178
3. Dane Kissack, Spearfish, S.D. $7,915
4. Clint Nyegaard, Victoria, $6,843
5. Hunter Herrin, Apache, Okla. $6,395
6. Blake Deckard, Wagoner, Okla. $5,857
7. Jerome Schneeberger, Ponca City, Okla. $5,537
8. Monty Lewis, Hereford, $5,503
9. Blake Hirdes, Turlock, Calif. $4,826
10. Chase Williams, Stephenville, $4,569
11. Bart Brunson, Terry, Miss. $4,553
12. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $4,420
13. Michael Otero, Lowndesboro, Ala. $4,230
Steer Roping
1. Scott Snedecor, Fredericksburg, $10,989
2. Vin Fisher Jr., Andrews, $9,194
3. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $7,952
4. Jason Evans, Huntsville, $7,301
5. Landon McClaugherty, Tilden, $6,805
6. Mike Chase, McAlester, Okla. $4,764
7. Walter Priestly, Robstown, $3,920
8. Roger Branch, Perkins, Okla. $3,888
9. Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan. $3,846
10. Chance Kelton, Mayer, Ariz. $3,356
11. Randy Wells, Cisco, $3,257
12. JoJo LeMond, Andrews, $2,912
13. Marty Jones, Hobbs, N.M. $2,363
Bull Riding
1. Parker Breding, Edgar, Mont. $18,393
2. Zeb Lanham, Sweet, Idaho $12,802
3. Brennon Eldred, Sulphur, Okla. $10,755
4. Nile Lebaron, Weatherford, $9,933
5. Cain Smith, Pendleton, Ore. $9,456
6. Wesley Silcox, Santaquin, Utah $8,609
7. Tim Bingham, Honeyville, Utah $8,008
8. Dustin Bowen, Waller, $7,890
9. Guthrie Murray, Miami, Okla. $7,480
10. Ricky Aguiar, Stephenville, $7,361
11. Bart Miller, Pleasanton, Neb. $6,896
12. Dalton Votaw, Liberty, $6,773
13. Dylan Vick Hice, Escalon, Calif. $6,746
Barrel Racing
1. Layna Kight, Ocala, Fla. $14,748
2. Kelly Tovar, Rockdale, $13,767
3. Fallon Taylor, Collinsville, $12,764
4. Megan Johnson, Deming, N.M. $12,664
5. Shelby Herrmann, Stephenville, $12,111
6. Alexa Lake, Richmond, $11,788
7. Victoria Williams, Kiln, Miss. $10,242
9. Chloe Hoovestal, Helena, Mont. $9,512
8. Megan Swint, Lithia, Fla. $8,725
10. Callie Duperier, Boerne, $7,946
11. Andrea Cline, Stringtown, $7,373
12. Taylor Langdon, Collinsville, $6,413
13. Brittany Pozzi, Victoria, $5,472

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Girls HS basketball honorables

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PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Amanda Bell (Sr.), Greenwood — Bell scored a game-high 49 points in the Rangerettes' 84-43 win over Fort Stockton last Tuesday. On Friday, she nailed five 3-pointers and scored a game-high 24 points in Greenwood's 74-46 win over Andrews. Greenwood is now 6-1 in District 4-4A and 19-11 overall on the season.

HONOR ROLL

Kristen Johnson (Jr.) MCA — Johnson scored 12 points in MCA's 68-33 win over Abilene Christian last Tuesday. Then on Friday, she dominated Amarillo San Jacinto, scoring a game-high 26 points while grabbing 15 rebounds in a 70-50 road win over the Lady Patriots.

Caroline Hammond (Sr.) MCS — Hammond tallied 18 points in MCS' 65-2 thrashing of Fort Worth Southwest Christian on Friday. On Saturday, she again scored 18 points to lead the Lady Mustangs to a 59-8 drubbing of Flower Mound Coram Deo.

Bri'An Washington (Sr.) Lee — Washington led all scorers with 27 points in Lee's 87-28 win over San Angelo Central on Friday.

Delanie Griffin (So.) MCA — Griffin scored a game-high 20 points in the Lady Knight's win against Abilene Christian. She scored 13 points in MCA's win against ASJ on Friday.

Regan Long (Fr.) Trinity — The freshman scored a game-high 25 points in Trinity's 52-18 win over Midessa last Tuesday. Long then added nine points in the Lady Chargers' 33-29 road win against Abilene Christian on Friday.

Compiled by Will Korn

REPORT

From 1C

MCS SMOTHERS WEEKEND TAPPS 1-4A OPPONENTS

No. 23 Midland Christian's defense was absolutely stifling this weekend. The Lady Mustangs crushed Fort Worth Southwest Christian, 65-2, on Friday in Fort Worth. On Saturday, MCS put on an impressive encore, beating Flower Mound Coram Deo, 59-8, in Flower Mound.

The Lady Mustangs (25-8, 8-1 in TAPPS 1-4A) completed their season series with SWC and outscored the Lady Eagles 126-4 in the two games against them. MCS head coach Chris Ryburn expects his team to keep its foot on the pedal going forward, even after those blowouts.

"We know what gives us the best chance is playing fearless and staying focused on the possession at hand," Ryburn said.

District 3-6A basketball

GIRLS

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
x-Lee	7	0	15	9
x-Midland High	6	1	24	5
Odessa Permian	4	3	10	12
Abilene High	3	4	10	15
San Angelo Central	1	6	6	21
Odessa High	0	7	3	19

x-clinched playoff spot

Friday's Scores
Midland High 66, Odessa High 22
Lee 87, San Angelo Central 28
Odessa Permian 80, Abilene High 64

Today's Games
Midland High at Abilene High
Odessa Permian at Lee
San Angelo Central at Odessa High
All games at 6 p.m.

BOYS

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Odessa Permian	5	0	13	9
Midland High	4	1	13	9
Abilene High	3	2	11	10
San Angelo Central	2	3	10	15
Lee	1	4	2	21
Odessa High	0	5	6	18

Friday's Scores
Midland High 54, Odessa High 42
San Angelo Central 57, Lee 52
Odessa Permian 83, Abilene High 60

Today's Games
Midland High at Abilene High
San Angelo Central at Odessa High
Odessa Permian at Lee
All games at 7:30 p.m.

MCS will face Lubbock Trinity at 6 p.m. today at McGraw Events Center.

MCA IMPROVES TO NO. 9 IN TABC poll

Midland Classical Academy is really starting to assert itself in TAPPS 1-3A. The Lady Knights defeated Abilene Christian handily last Tuesday, 68-33, at home. On Friday, the Lady Knights beat up Amarillo San Jacinto, 70-50, in Amarillo. Kristen Johnson had 26 points and 15 rebounds in that win for MCA.

The Lady Knights will host Lubbock Christian today at 6:30 p.m. at home. With a win, MCA can move into first place in the TAPPS 1-3A standings.

TRINITY CAPTURES FIRST DISTRICT WIN, MOMENTUM

Trinity might be starting to pick up some steam. After rolling over Midessa, 52-18, last Tuesday at home, Trinity edged Abilene Christian, 33-29, in Abilene to pick up its first TAPPS 1-3A win. The Lady Chargers return home to face Abilene Christian at 6 p.m. today at Beal Gymnasium.

If Trinity can sweep the season series with the Lady Panthers, it will put itself in solid position to earn a playoff spot in TAPPS 1-3A.

CLASS A POWER GARDEN CITY CONTINUES TO ROLL

No. 7 Garden City is looking particularly strong of late. The Lady Bearkats (22-4, 11-0 in District 14-A) have a legitimate chance of going undefeated in district and also have the inside track to locking up the district's top seed in the State Tournament.

The Lady Bearkats will look to continue their perfect district season when they host Robert Lee at 6:15 p.m. today.

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NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MAVERICKS 100
TIMBERWOLVES 94

DALLAS — Monta Ellis scored 23 points and the Dallas Mavericks won their first game without injured point guard Rajon Rondo, beating Minnesota 100-94 Monday night in the first game in nearly three months for Timberwolves point guard Ricky Rubio.

J.J. Barea had 10 points while starting in Rondo's place. Barea was only 4-of-14 shooting, but had the first and last field goals by Dallas along with two free throws with 17 seconds left to help hold off a comeback try by Minnesota.

Rubio, sidelined since severely spraining his left ankle Nov. 7, had 10 points on 4-of-9 shooting with four assists in 21 minutes.

BUCKS 82
RAPTORS 75

TORONTO — Khris Middleton scored 25 points, Giannis Antetokounmpo had 12 points and 12 rebounds, and the short-handed Milwaukee Bucks snapped a six-game losing streak against the Toronto Raptors with an 82-75 victory Monday night.

Jared Dudley scored 14 points and John Henson had 12 for the Bucks, who never trailed despite playing the final 28 minutes with only eight players. They held on while scoring just nine points in the fourth quarter.

CAVALIERS 97
76ERS 84

CLEVELAND — Kyrie Irving scored 24 points, LeBron James added 18 points and 11 assists, and the Cleveland Cavaliers staggered to their 11th straight win, 97-84 over the Philadelphia 76ers on Monday night.

The winning streak is Cleveland's longest since reeling off 13 in a row — a franchise record — in 2010, the last season of James' first stint with the club. The Cavs had trouble putting away the young Sixers, who did all they could to stay close but don't have the firepower to keep up with Irving, James and one of the NBA's hottest teams.

HORNETS 92
WIZARDS 88

WASHINGTON — Al Jefferson had 18 points and 12 rebounds Monday night, and the Charlotte Hornets' hot January carried over into Groundhog Day with a 92-88 win over the Washington Wizards.

Michael Kidd-Gilchrist added 13 points and 13 rebounds, Brian Roberts scored 18 points, and Gerald Henderson put in 17 for the Hornets, who have won six of eight. They went 10-4 in January despite losing Kemba Walker to a knee injury that will keep him sidelined at least six more weeks.

NETS 102
CLIPPERS 100

NEW YORK — Jarrett Jack made a tiebreaking jumper with 1.3 seconds left, and the Brooklyn Nets used a late rally to beat the Los Angeles Clippers 102-100 on Monday night.

The Nets ended a seven-game home losing streak by erasing a nine-point deficit in the final 1:35, getting two 3-pointers from Alan Anderson — one a four-point play — one from Joe Johnson and another from Deron Williams in his return from an 11-game absence.

PELICANS 115
HAWKS 100

NEW ORLEANS — The Atlanta Hawks' franchise-record 19-game winning streak was snapped Monday night in a 115-100 loss to the New Orleans Pelicans.

THUNDER 104
MAGIC 97

OKLAHOMA CITY — Russell Westbrook's second triple-double of the season and 10th of his career helped the Oklahoma City Thunder defeat the Orlando Magic 104-97 on Monday night without the injured Kevin Durant.

GRIZZLIES 102
SUNS 101

PHOENIX — Jeff Green converted a three-point play with 4.5 seconds to play and the Memphis Grizzlies rallied from seven down in the final 1:35 to beat the Phoenix Suns for the seventh straight time 102-101 on Monday night.

TEXAS HS BASKETBALL POLLS

BOYS

Class 6A

1. Plano West, 22-2; 2. Humble Atascocita, 26-1; 3. League City Clear Creek, 25-2; 4. Cedar Hill, 21-2; 5. DeSoto, 23-4; 6. Houston Clear Lake, 24-2; 7. Galena Park North Shore, 21-6; 8. Converse Judson, 25-5; 9. Schertz Clemens, 23-4; 10. Amarillo, 23-3; 11. SA Northside Brennan, 24-2; 12. Cypress Woods, 19-0 6; 13. Killeen Harker Heights, 20-5; 14. Richardson, 23-4; 15. Killeen Ellison, 20-6; 16. Cypress Lakes, 18-8; 17. Duncanville, 23-7; 18. North Crowley, 22-5; 19. Houston Sam Houston, 24-3; 20. Katy Cinco Ranch, 21-4; 21. SA Reagan, 18-6; 22. Klein, 19-5; 23. Buda Hays, 17-6; 24. Brownsville Hanna, 19-4; 25. Laredo United South, 16-6

Class 5A

1. Beaumont Central, 24-2; 2. Lancaster, 20-4; 3. Beaumont Ozen, 22-3; 4. EP Bel Air, 25-0; 5. EP Andress, 24-1; 6. Dallas Kimball, 20-6; 7. Dallas South Oak Cliff, 24-5; 8. Fort Bend Elkins, 23-2; 9. Rockwall Heath, 23-0; 10. Austin LBJ, 20-7; 11. Fort Bend Bush, 21-7; 12. Frisco Liberty, 23-2; 13. Dallas Wilson, 20-4; 14. Mansfield Summit, 20-6; 15. FW Arlington Heights, 17-6; 16. Houston Yates, 17-7; 17. Frisco Lone Star, 20-4; 18. FW Dunbar, 13-10; 19. Edinburg Vela, 24-5; 20. Mission Sharyland, 23-5; 21. Humble, 26-3; 22. WF Rider, 20-5; 23. Marshall, 26-1; 24. Cedar Park, 18-6; 25. CC Flour Bluff, 19-6

Class 4A

1. Dallas Triple A Academy, 17-4; 2. Houston Sterling, 18-6; 3. Dallas Madison, 15-7; 4. Liberty Hill, 26-0; 5. Bridgeport, 22-4; 6. Silsbee, 23-4; 7. Wilmer-Hutchins, 14-7; 8. Lubbock Estacado, 20-7; 9. Argyle, 19-8; 10. Wharton, 22-5; 11. Navasota, 8-3; 12. West Columbia, 20-4; 13. Dallas Lincoln, 6-13; 14. Kennedale, 22-6; 15. Decatur, 15-8; 16. Abilene Wylie, 16-7; 17. Fairfield, 22-2; 18. CC West Oso, 19-7; 19. Hidalgo, 23-5; 20. Paris, 26-0; 21. Mexia, 18-7; 22. Waco La Vega, 13-12; 23. Cleveland, 15-3; 24. Paris North Lamar, 22-5; 25. Taylor, 19-4

Class 3A

1. Brock, 25-2; 2. Brownfield, 19-4; 3. Rockdale, 20-5; 4. Buna, 22-7; 5. Kountze, 22-6; 6. Whitesboro, 21-4; 7. Ponder, 19-9; 8. Aransas Pass, 25-5; 9. Dallas Faith Family, 21-5; 10. Kermit, 22-4; 11. Peaster, 18-6; 12. Van Alstyne, 19-7; 13. Whitewright, 20-3; 14. Jarrell, 21-5; 15. Crockett, 18-7; 16. Glen Rose, 19-4; 17. Denver City, 17-4; 18. Hallettsville, 18-4; 19. Hooks, 23-1; 20. Childress, 20-4; 21. Waskom, 8-4; 22. Universal City Randolph, 20-3; 23. Shallowater, 8-5; 24. Goliad, 23-4; 25. Vanderbilt Industrial, 24-6

Class 2A

1. Dallardsville Big Sandy, 27-3; 2. Muenster, 24-2; 3. Martins Mill, 22-4; 4. Mumford, 25-3; 5. Port Aransas, 25-2; 6. Smyer, 20-2; 7. La Rue La Poynor, 22-3; 8. Olney, 20-5; 9. Canadian, 9-3; 10. Kerens, 16-9; 11. Stratford, 15-2; 12. Clarksville, 17-8; 13. Schulenburg, 20-7; 14. Thorndale, 20-5; 15. Poolville, 17-10; 16. Wellington, 15-5; 17. Clarendon, 18-5; 18. Merit Bland, 21-4; 19. Blue Ridge, 21-2; 20. Gruver, 11-13; 21. Shamrock, 17-4; 22. New Summerfield, 20-4; 23. SA Stacey, 20-5; 24. Wolfe City, 16-5; 25. Waco Rapoport, 17-7

Class A

1. Texline, 24-2; 2. Laneville, 19-3; 3. Crowell, 10-0; **4. Grady, 22-2;** 5. Throckmorton, 14-1; 6. Graford, 22-2; 7. Calvert, 11-1; 8. Eula, 20-4; 9. Coolidge, 22-6; 10. Nazareth, 20-7; 11. Waelder, 20-6; 12. Jayton, 21-4; 13. Happy, 16-5; 14. La Marque Premier, 23-3; 15. Lingleville, 20-4; 16. Huckabay, 14-11; 17. Moulton, 15-9; 18. Bellevue, 15-5; 19. Paducah, 13-5; 20. Avinger, 19-3; 21. Campbell, 17-6; 22. Water Valley, 18-3; 23. Blum, 13-3; 24. McMullen County, 21-3; 25. Menard, 21-3

Large Private Schools

1. Plano Prestonwood Christian, 24-4; 2. Houston Westbury Christian, 24-6; 3. Austin St. Stephen's, 22-5; 4. Addison Trinity Christian, 24-4; 5. Tyler All Saints Episcopal, 29-2; 6. Tomball Concordia Lutheran, 23-7; 7. FW Southwest Christian, 24-4; 8. SA Christian, 29-7; 9. Houston Episcopal, 20-7; 10. SA St. Mary's Hall, 19-6; 11. Dallas St. Mark's, 17-9; 12. Lubbock Trinity Christian, 21-10; 13. Houston Christian, 14-13; 14. Dallas Bishop Dunne, 12-12; 15. SA Antonian, 24-9; 16. Dallas Greenhill, 14-10; 17. Austin St. Dominic Savio, 19-9; 18. Houston St. Pius, 14-10; 19. Dallas Bishop Lynch, 18-10; 20. SA TMI-Episcopal, 24-14; 21. Houston St. Thomas, 19-11; 22. Dallas Parish Episcopal, 11-9; 23. EP Cathedral, 15-11; 24. SA Central Catholic, 17-15; 25. Irving Cistercian, 14-13

Small Private Schools

1. Cedar Hill Trinity Christian, 28-1; 2. Lubbock Christian, 22-6; 3. Arlington Grace Prep, 24-7; 4. Houston St. Thomas Episcopal, 20-13; 5. FW Bethesda Christian, 25-5; 6. FW Lake Country Christian, 20-10; 7. Waco Vanguard Prep, 21-4; 8. Austin Waldorf, 21-6; 9. Christian Academy of San Antonio, 22-1; 10. Cambridge School of Dallas, 18-2; 11. Bryan Brazos Christian, 16-4; 12. The Woodlands Christian, 23-10; 13. Dallas Yavneh, 17-9; 14. Universal City First Baptist, 19-8; 15. League City Bay Area Christian, 12-4; **16. Midland Classical, 19-6;** 17. Baytown Christian, 19-5; 18. Beaumont Legacy Christian, 20-13; 19. Geneva School of Boerne, 22-9; 20. Victoria Faith, 25-6; 21. Abilene Christian, 16-8; 22. Marble Falls Faith, 14-4; 23. De Soto The Canterbury Episcopal, 14-4; 24. Katy Faith West, 14-3; 25. Lubbock All-Saints Episcopal, 23-6

GIRLS

Class 6A

1. Cypress Woods, 24-1; 2. Galena Park North Shore, 26-2; 3. Round Rock Cedar Ridge, 25-2; 4. Plano West, 21-5; 5. Austin Bowie, 25-2; 6. Duncanville, 27-5; 7. Dallas Skyline, 23-5; 8. Amarillo, 28-2; 9. Spring DeKaney, 27-2; 10. Richardson, 26-4; 11. Arlington Bowie, 25-5; 12. Southlake Carroll, 21-6; 13. Houston Westside, 27-3; 14. Euless Trinity, 24-4; 15. Cypress Fairbanks, 19-7; 16. CC Carroll, 25-4; 17. Manvel, 22-7; 18. Fort Bend Hightower, 23-6; 19. SA Northside O'Connor, 25-4; 20. SA Johnson, 23-7; 21. League City Clear Springs, 25-3; 22. SA Wagner, 15-9; 23. Humble Atascocita, 21-7; 24. Weslaco, 26-5; 25. SA Northside Brennan, 17-9

Class 5A

1. Cedar Park Vista Ridge, 28-2; 2. Frisco Liberty, 26-3; 3. Barbers Hill, 22-3; 4. Georgetown, 23-4; 5. Canyon, 24-3; 6. WF Rider, 25-3; 7. Dallas Adams, 22-4; 8. McKinney North, 23-6; 9. EP Burges, 24-2; 10. FW Trimble Tech, 28-4; 11. Grapevine, 27-2; 12. Bryan Rudder, 28-3; 13. FW Arlington Seguin, 24-5; 14. Plainview, 21-7; 15. A&M Consolidated, 27-4; 16. Azle, 22-3; 17. Tyler, 26-4; 18. Hereford, 18-7; 19. Longview, 26-1; 20. Kerrville Tivy, 21-5; 21. San Marcos, 26-6; 22. San Angelo Lake View, 23-4; 23. Lumberton, 23-3; 24. Cedar Park, 23-10; 25. Brenham, 21-7

Class 4A

1. Waco La Vega, 26-2; 2. Abilene Wylie, 23-5; 3. Argyle, 22-5; 4. Liberty Hill, 29-2; 5. Melissa, 24-2; 6. Levelland, 26-2; 7. Tatum, 23-2; 8. Celina, 25-4; 9. Bullard, 27-5; 10. Dallas Lincoln, 21-8; 11. Godley, 24-2; 12. Kennedale, 22-8; 13. Seminole, 20-6; 14. Madisonville, 21-5; 15. Robinson, 19-8; 16. Diboll, 23-5; 17. Navasota, 28-4; 18. CC West Oso, 20-7; 19. Boerne, 20-8; 20. Geronimo Navarro, 23-8; 21. Paris North Lamar, 22-6; 22. Brownsboro, 20-4; 23. Brownwood, 16-9; 24. Decatur, 18-6; 25. Mexia, 18-9

Class 3A

1. Sunnyvale, 27-2; 2. Shallowater, 23-1; 3. Wall, 21-6; 4. Brock, 23-6; 5. Tuscola Jim Ned, 22-6; 6. Life Oak Cliff, 22-5; 7. Hallettsville, 21-2; 8. Jarrell, 27-3; 9. SA Cole, 27-2; 10. Alba-Golden, 28-3; 11. Cisco, 17-8; 12. Grandview, 23-6; 13. Bowie, 23-5; 14. Nacogdoches Central Heights, 24-5; 15. Brady, 21-6; 16. Winnsboro, 24-8; 17. Mathis, 29-0; 18. Leonard, 24-2; 19. Rockdale, 23-2; 20. Franklin, 27-3; 21. Sonora, 21-4; 22. Lyford, 24-6; 23. Idalou, 18-7; 24. Teague, 16-7; 25. Malakoff, 18-9

Class 2A

1. Plains, 28-1; 2. Wellington, 23-0; 3. Christoval, 28-0; 4. La Rue La Poynor, 28-2; 5. Weimar, 26-3; 6. Gruver, 22-4; 7. Canadian, 20-4; 8. Falls City, 20-8; 9. Martins Mill, 21-7; 10. Port Aransas, 23-4; 11. Windthorst, 22-5; 12. San Saba, 23-3; 13. Muenster, 22-6; 14. Gladewater Union Grove, 21-4; 15. Schulenburg, 22-5; 16. Lovelady, 22-5; 17. Mason, 21-7; 18. Haskell, 22-1; 19. Smyer, 19-7; 20. Italy, 22-8; 21. Frost, 20-3; 22. Evadale, 24-4; 23. Abernathy, 18-6; 24. Bells, 20-5; 25. Hubbard, 19-8

Class A

1. Nazareth, 24-2; 2. Lipan, 25-3; 3. Strawn, 28-3; 4. Roscoe Highland, 20-5; 5. Follett, 20-5; 6. Turkey Valley, 23-3; **7. Garden City, 22-4;** 8. Petersburg, 23-1; 9. Saltillo, 21-6; 10. Coolidge, 24-2; 11. Chireno, 20-5; 12. Dodd City, 24-3; 13. Ira, 20-8; 14. Leggett, 17-7; 15. Menard, 20-8; 16. Rochelle, 25-3; 17. Huckabay, 18-7; 18. Cross Plains, 18-5; 19. Slidell, 22-4; 20. Eula, 19-7; 21. Richland Springs, 21-3; 22. Calvert, 13-5; 23. McMullin County, 25-2; 24. Anton, 16-7; 25. D'Hanis, 21-5

Large Private Schools

1. Argyle Liberty, 30-2; 2. Plano Prestonwood, 24-4; 3. Tomball Concordia Lutheran, 22-7; 4. Dallas Greenhill, 19-3; 5. San Antonio IWA, 19-8; 6. Dallas Christian, 27-3; 7. Victoria St. Josephs, 29-5; 8. Austin St. Stephens, 22-8; 9. Houston Westbury Christian, 20-10; 10. Houston Kinkaid, 21-9; 11. Dallas Bishop Lynch, 14-12; 12. SA Antonian, 22-7; 13. Bellaire Episcopal, 17-13; 14. Dallas Parish Episcopal, 18-7; 15. Houston Second Baptist, 13-9; 16. Houston Lutheran South, 19-6; 17. Houston Cypress Christian, 18-7; 18. Austin Regents, 22-11; 19. Corpus Christi IWA, 20-9; 20. San Antonio Christian, 22-7; 21. Houston Christian, 17-14; 22. Austin St. Michaels, 18-8; **23. Midland Christian, 24-9;** 24. Sugar Land Fort Bend Christian, 17-9; 25. Houston Duchesne, 17-6

Small Private Schools

1. Houston Lutheran North, 31-1; 2. Marble Falls Faith, 26-3; 3. Beaumont Legacy Christian, 24-6; 4. Lubbock Christian, 22-7; 5. FW Lake Country Christian, 27-7; 6. McKinney Christian, 23-3; 7. Sherman Texoma Christian, 21-6; 8. Boerne Geneva, 25-3; **9. Midland Classical, 16-6;** 10. Cedar Hill Trinity Christian, 25-6; 11. Austin Brentwood Christian, 20-8; 12. League City Bay Area Christian, 18-6; 13. Granbury North Central Texas Academy, 14-3; 14. Lubbock Christ The King Cathedral, 18-4; 15. Schertz John Paul, 17-5; 16. Muenster Sacred Heart, 13-9; 17. WF Notre Dame, 20-8; 18. Waco Vanguard, 18-7; 19. Austin Waldorf, 18-8; 20. Denton Calvary, 12-7; 21. Kennedale Fellowship, 17-10; 22. Mission Juan Diego Academy, 17-4; 23. Bryan Brazos Christian, 14-7; 24. Tomball Rosehill Christian, 15-4; 25. Temple Central Texas Christian, 19-8

STANDINGS & BOXES

STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	33	16	.673	—
Brooklyn	19	28	.404	13
Boston	16	30	.348	15 1/2
New York	10	38	.208	22 1/2
Philadelphia	10	39	.204	23
Southeast Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Atlanta	40	9	.816	—
Washington	31	18	.633	9
Miami	21	26	.447	18
Charlotte	21	27	.438	18 1/2
Orlando	15	36	.294	26
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Chicago	30	19	.612	—
Cleveland	30	20	.600	1/2
Milwaukee	26	22	.542	3 1/2
Detroit	18	30	.375	11 1/2
Indiana	17	32	.347	13

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	36	12	.750	—
Houston	33	15	.688	3
Dallas	33	17	.660	4
San Antonio	30	18	.625	6
New Orleans	26	22	.542	10
Northwest Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Portland	32	16	.667	—
Oklahoma City	24	24	.500	8
Denver	19	29	.396	13
Utah	17	30	.362	14 1/2
Minnesota	8	40	.167	24
Pacific Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Golden State	37	8	.822	—
L.A. Clippers	33	16	.673	6
Phoenix	28	22	.560	11 1/2
Sacramento	17	29	.370	20 1/2
L.A. Lakers	13	35	.271	25 1/2

Monday's Scores
Charlotte 92, Washington 88
Cleveland 97, Philadelphia 84
Milwaukee 82, Toronto 75
Brooklyn 102, L.A. Clippers 100
New Orleans 115, Atlanta 100
Oklahoma City 104, Orlando 97
Dallas 100, Minnesota 94
Memphis 102, Phoenix 101

Today's Games
Denver at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Miami at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 9 p.m.
Golden State at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

MONDAY'S BOXES

MAVERICKS 100, TIMBERWOLVES 94

MINNESOTA (94): Wiggins 4-14 6-7 14, Young 5-10 5-6 15, Pekovic 4-11 0-0 8, Rubio 4-9 2-2 10, Martin 8-17 2-2 19, Dieng 4-8 1-2 9, Williams 3-7 7-7 15, Budinger 0-2 0-0 0, Bennett 2-3 0-0 4, Brown 0-0 0-0 0, Daniels 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 34-82 23-26 94.

DALLAS (100): Parsons 8-12 0-0 18, Nowitzki 7-10 0-1 16, Chandler 2-2 2-2 6, Barea 4-14 2-2 10, Ellis 7-21 6-11 23, Harris 2-6 2-2 7, Aminu 4-5 0-0 9, Smith 1-1 0-0 2, Powell 0-0 0-0 0, Villanueva 2-9 0-0 4, Felton 1-2 0-0 3, Jefferson 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 39-84 12-18 100.

Minnesota	20	27	26	21—94
Dallas	30	24	27	19—100

3-Point Goals—Minnesota 3-13 (Williams 2-6, Martin 1-3, Daniels 0-1, Rubio 0-1, Young 0-2), Dallas 10-31 (Ellis 3-7, Nowitzki 2-3, Parsons 2-4, Felton 1-1, Aminu 1-2, Harris 1-5, Barea 0-3, Villanueva 0-6). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Minnesota 52 (Pekovic 10), Dallas 50 (Chandler 10). Assists—Minnesota 18 (Williams 5), Dallas 27 (Barea 8). Total Fouls—Minnesota 22, Dallas 18. A—19,989 (19,200).

BUCKS 82, RAPTORS 75

MILWAUKEE (82): Antetokounmpo 4-9 4-8 12, Dudley 5-12 1-4 14, Henson 5-8 2-2 12, Gutierrez 0-5 0-0 0, Middleton 10-17 2-2 25, Bayless 4-12 0-1 8, Martin 2-4 0-0 4, Mayo 3-9 0-0 7, O'Bryant 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 33-80 9-17 82.

TORONTO (75): DeRozan 5-16 6-8 16, A.Johnson 1-2 0-0 3, Valanciunas 6-9 0-0 12, Lowry 1-7 0-0 2, Vasquez 3-11 0-0 8, Williams 1-12 9-10 12, Patterson 3-8 2-2 9, Hansbrough 1-1 1-2 3, Ross 4-12 0-0 10. Totals 25-78 18-22 75.

Milwaukee	23	24	26	9—82
Toronto	14	27	19	15—75

3-Point Goals—Milwaukee 7-16 (Middleton 3-4, Dudley 3-7, Mayo 1-2, Antetokounmpo 0-1, Gutierrez 0-2), Toronto 7-27 (Ross 2-5, Vasquez 2-6, A.Johnson 1-1, Patterson 1-4, Williams 1-7, Lowry 0-2, DeRozan 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Milwaukee 56 (Antetokounmpo 12), Toronto 56 (Valanciunas 13). Assists—Milwaukee 24 (Bayless 9), Toronto 14 (Lowry 5). Total Fouls—Milwaukee 18, Toronto 19. Technicals—Mayo 2, Toronto defensive three second. Ejected—Mayo. A—19,800 (19,800).

CAVALIERS 97, 76ERS 84

PHILADELPHIA (84): Mbah a Moute 6-14 0-0 13, Covington 6-13 2-3 18, Noel 2-5 0-0 4, Sampson 4-5 0-0 10, Carter-Williams 1-9 0-0 2, H.Thompson 3-7 2-2 10, Grant 5-7 5-7 18, Sims 1-4 0-0 2, McDaniels 1-7 1-2 3, Drew II 2-7 0-0 4. Totals 31-78 10-14 84.

CLEVELAND (97): James 6-17 5-6 18, Love 7-2 2-5, Mozgov 4-11 2-2 10, Irving 9-16 3-4 24, Smith 5-10 0-0 12, Shumpert 4-4 1-2 11, T.Thompson 1-4 1-2 3, Dellavedova 4-7 1-2 12, Marion 1-1 0-2 2, Miller 0-1 0-0 0, Harris 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-78 15-22 97.

Philadelphia	15	20	30	19—84
Cleveland	24	23	22	28—97

3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 12-33 (Covington 4-8, Grant 3-5, Sampson 2-2, H.Thompson 2-4, Mbah a Moute 1-4, Carter-Williams 0-2, Drew II 0-4, McDaniels 0-4), Cleveland 12-27 (Dellavedova 3-4, Irving 3-8, Shumpert 2-2, Smith 2-6, Love 1-2, James 1-4, Miller 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 46 (Grant 7, Thompson 7), Cleveland 55 (Love 15). Assists—Philadelphia 23 (Carter-Williams, Drew II 5), Cleveland 22 (James 11). Total Fouls—Philadelphia 22, Cleveland 17. A—20,562 (20,562).

HORNETS 92, WIZARDS 88

CHARLOTTE (92): Kidd-Gilchrist 4-6 [illegible] 13, Zeller 1-5 0-0 2, Jefferson 9-19 0-0 18, Roberts 6-10 5-5 18, Henderson 6-13 4-4 17, Stephenson 4-8 0-0 8, Williams 0-4 0-0 0, Neal 5-[illegible] 12, Maxiell 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 37-79 14-19 92.

WASHINGTON (88): Pierce 4-7 [illegible], Nene 4-10 0-0 8, Gortat 2-6 0-0 4, Wall 4-14 [illegible] 16, Beal 7-16 2-2 18, Temple 3-7 0-0 6, Humphries 4-8 5-6 13, Porter 2-4 0-2 4, Seraphin [illegible], Butler 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 33-81 16-19 88.

Charlotte	28	25	17	22—92
Washington	24	27	15	22—88

3-Point Goals—Charlotte 4-15 (Neal 2-4, Henderson 1-2, Roberts 1-3, Stephenson 0-3, Williams 0-3), Washington 6-15 (Pierce 3-5, Beal 2-4, Wall 1-4, Temple 0-1, Porter 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Charlotte 50 (Kidd-Gilchrist 13), Washington 48 (Beal 11). Assists—Charlotte 21 (Henderson 5), Washington 19 (Wall 10). Total Fouls—Charlotte 18, Washington 23. Technicals—Pierce. A—15,816 (20,308).

NETS 102, CLIPPERS 100

L.A. CLIPPERS (100): Barnes 5-[illegible] 12, Griffin 6-10 1-4 13, D.Jordan 10-13 2-12 22, Paul 8-18 2-4 20, Redick 0-1 0-0 0, Crawford 7-22 2-[illegible] 18, Hawes 1-3 0-0 3, Rivers 2-4 0-0 5, Davis 2-4 0-0 4, Jones 0-1 0-0 0, Turkoglu 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 42-89 8-25 100.

BROOKLYN (102): Johnson 8-13 2-4 22, Garnett 3-7 0-1 6, Plumlee 3-5 3-10 9, Jack 3-11 0-0 6, Anderson 3-8 [illegible] 9, Lopez 12-20 0-0 24, Williams 5-8 2-2 15, Jefferson 0-1 0-0 0, Bogdanovic 4-9 0-0 11, Morris 0-1 0-0 0, J.Jordan 0-0 0-0 0, Brown 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 41-83 8-18 102.

L.A. Clippers	22	14	36	28—100
Brooklyn	22	16	32	32—102

3-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers 8-23 (Paul 2-5, Crawford 2-7, Rivers 1-1, Hawes 1-1, Turkoglu 1-3, Barnes 1-5, Redick 0-1), Brooklyn 12-27 (Johnson 4-6, Williams 3-5, Bogdanovic 3-7, Anderson 2-6, Morris 0-1, Jack 0-2). Fouled Out—Griffin. Rebounds—L.A. Clippers 63 (D.Jordan 20), Brooklyn 53 (Garnett 11). Assists—L.A. Clippers 23 (Paul 8), Brooklyn 21 (Jack 7). Total Fouls—L.A. Clippers 22, Brooklyn 27. A—16,037 (17,732).

PELICANS 115, HAWKS 100

ATLANTA (100): Bazemore 4-9 1-3 9, Millsap 5-14 5-6 15, Horford 4-9 0-0 8, Teague 8-17 4-5 21, Korver 5-7 0-0 12, Antic 0-1 0-0 0, Carroll 2-4 0-0 6, Schroder 4-13 2-2 10, Scott 3-8 [illegible] 8, Jenkins 3-5 0-0 7, Muscala 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 40-89 13-17 100.

NEW ORLEANS (115): Cunningham 4-6 2-2 10, Davis 12-23 5-7 29, Asik 2-6 5-6 9, Evans 7-14 0-0 15, Gordon 7-11 2-2 20, Pondexter 3-9 0-0 7, Anderson 5-10 4-4 15, Fredette 3-6 2-2 10, Salmons 0-1 0-0 0, Withey 0-0 0-0 0, Wolters 0-0 0-0 0, Babbitt 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 43-86 20-23 115.

Atlanta	22	20	32	26—100
New Orleans	32	23	33	27—115

3-Point Goals—Atlanta 7-22 (Korver 2-2, Carroll 2-4, Jenkins 1-1, Teague 1-2, Scott 1-5, Horford 0-1, Bazemore 0-2, Schroder 0-2, Millsap 0-3), New Orleans 9-23 (Gordon 4-6, Fredette 2-5, Evans 1-2, Anderson 1-4, Pondexter 1-5, Salmons 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 38 (Horford 9), New Orleans 61 (Asik 17). Assists—Atlanta 19 (Teague 7), New Orleans 30 (Evans 12). Total Fouls—Atlanta 15, New Orleans 15. Technicals—Antic, Millsap. A—15,487 (16,867).

THUNDER 104, MAGIC 97

ORLANDO (97): Harris 8-20 2-3 18, A.Gordon 2-7 2-2 6, Vucevic 9-16 2-2 20, Payton 0-6 0-0 0, Oladipo 7-14 6-6 22, Fournier 1-5 0-0 2, Green 4-7 2-2 13, Frye 1-4 0-0 3, O'Quinn 5-10 1-3 11, Dedmon 0-0 0-0 0, Harkless 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 38-90 15-18 97.

OKLAHOMA CITY (104): Waiters 9-15 4-6 24, Ibaka 6-12 2-2 16, Adams 5-7 2-2 12, Westbrook 8-15 8-8 25, Roberson 1-5 0-0 2, Perkins 3-4 2-4 8, Jackson 0-4 0-0 0, Morrow 4-6 4-4 15, Collison 1-6 0-0 2, McGary 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 37-75 22-26 104.

Orlando	22	28	17	30—97
Oklahoma City	29	32	21	22—104

3-Point Goals—Orlando 6-23 (Green 3-5, Oladipo 2-4, Frye 1-3, A.Gordon 0-1, O'Quinn 0-2, Fournier 0-3, Harris 0-5), Oklahoma City 8-20 (Morrow 3-3, Waiters 2-4, Ibaka 2-5, Westbrook 1-3, Jackson 0-2, Roberson 0-3). Fouled Out—Vucevic. Rebounds—Orlando 52 (A.Gordon, O'Quinn 8), Oklahoma City 45 (Westbrook 11). Assists—Orlando 23 (Harris, Oladipo 4), Oklahoma City 25 (Westbrook 14). Total Fouls—Orlando 21, Oklahoma City 20. A—18,203 (18,203).

GRIZZLIES 102, SUNS 101

MEMPHIS (102): Je.Green 4-12 3-5 12, Randolph 6-15 7-8 19, Gasol 4-11 7-8 15, Conley 9-15 4-5 23, Lee 2-4 2-2 6, Allen 5-12 0-0 10, Udrih 1-3 2-4 4, Leuer 2-6 0-0 4, Koufos 1-2 2-2 4, Calathes 2-3 0-0 5. Totals 36-83 27-34 102.

PHOENIX (101): Tucker 2-7 2-2 7, Mark Morris 7-15 0-0 14, Len 0-2 0-2 0, Bledsoe 9-16 2-4 21, G.Dragic 7-14 0-1 15, Thomas 8-19 6-6 24, Marc.Morris 3-4 0-2 7, G.Green 0-0 0-0 0, Wright 5-6 1-1 11, Plumlee 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 42-84 11-18 101.

Memphis	25	24	28	25—102
Phoenix	23	21	28	29—101

3-Point Goals—Memphis 3-11 (Calathes 1-1, Je.Green 1-3, Conley 1-5, Allen 0-1, Udrih 0-1), Phoenix 6-16 (Thomas 2-7, Marc.Morris 1-1, Tucker 1-1, G.Dragic 1-3, Bledsoe 1-3, Mark.Morris 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Memphis 56 (Koufos 11), Phoenix 47 (Bledsoe, Len 7). Assists—Memphis 19 (Gasol 8), Phoenix 18 (Bledsoe 8). Total Fouls—Memphis 17, Phoenix 25. Technicals—Randolph, Mark.Morris. Flagrant Fouls—G.Green. A—17,199 (18,055).

COLLEGEBASKETBALL

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

MONDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST
Alabama St. 73, Prairie View 71
Houston Baptist 77, Abilene Christian 61
Sam Houston St. 79, Lamar 50
Texas Southern 68, Alabama A&M 65, OT
Texas-Dallas 68, Hardin-Simmons 62

SOUTH
Catawba 82, Chowan 80, 2OT
Coppin St. 80, Morgan St. 67
Fort Valley St. 60, Morehouse 58
Howard 83, Md.-Eastern Shore 74
Jackson St. 69, Ark.-Pine Bluff 45
MVSU 68, Grambling St. 65
McNeese St. 73, SE Louisiana 60
NC Central 85, Florida A&M 43
Nicholls St. 67, New Orleans 55
Spring Hill 51, Miles 45
Union (Ky.) 96, Berea 72
Virginia 75, North Carolina 64
Winthrop 77, Charleston Southern 55
Xavier (NO) 56, Edward Waters 45

MIDWEST
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Findlay 71, Wayne (Mich.) 67, OT
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Kansas 89, Iowa St. 76
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EAST
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TODAY'S GAMES

SOUTHWEST
Northwestern St. at Cent. Arkansas, 7 p.m.
West Virginia at Oklahoma, 7 p.m.
Incarnate Word at Texas A&M-CC, 7 p.m.
South Carolina at Arkansas, 8 p.m.

SOUTH
Presbyterian at Campbell, 6 p.m.
UNC Asheville at Coastal Carolina, 6 p.m.
Radford at High Point, 6 p.m.
Paine at Kennesaw St., 6 p.m.
Georgia at Kentucky, 6 p.m.
Gardner-Webb at Longwood, 6 p.m.
St. Andrews at SC-Upstate, 6 p.m.
Mississippi St. at Tennessee, 6 p.m.
Stetson at Bethune-Cookman, 6:30 p.m.
FAU at FIU, 6:30 p.m.
Louisville at Miami, 7 p.m.
UNC Greensboro at VMI, 7 p.m.
NC State at Wake Forest, 7 p.m.
Florida at Vanderbilt, 8 p.m.

MIDWEST
St. John's at Butler, 6 p.m.
Indiana at Wisconsin, 6 p.m.
N. Iowa at Indiana St., 6:05 p.m.
Northwestern at Nebraska, 6:30 p.m.
Saint Joseph's at Saint Louis, 6:30 p.m.
Baker at E. Illinois, 7 p.m.
Evansville at Illinois St., 7 p.m.
Seton Hall at DePaul, 8 p.m.
Rutgers at Illinois, 8:30 p.m.

FAR WEST
Boise St. at Utah St., 8:35 p.m.

EAST
Hartford at Binghamton, 6 p.m.
Maine at Vermont, 6 p.m.
Delaware St. at NJIT, 6:30 p.m.
Virginia Tech at Syracuse, 8 p.m.

POLLS

AP TOP 25

	Record	Pts	Pv
1. Kentucky (65)	21-0	1,625	1
2. Gonzaga	22-1	1,503	3
3. Virginia	19-1	1,470	2
4. Duke	18-3	1,416	4
5. Wisconsin	19-2	1,381	5
6. Arizona	20-2	1,338	6
7. Villanova	19-2	1,209	7
8. Kansas	18-3	1,177	9
9. Louisville	18-3	1,114	10
10. Notre Dame	20-3	1,072	8
11. Iowa St.	16-4	892	15
12. North Carolina	17-5	861	13
13. Utah	17-4	824	11
14. N. Iowa	20-2	792	18
15. West Virginia	18-3	779	17
16. Wichita St.	19-3	678	12
17. Maryland	18-4	508	16
18. VCU	17-4	479	14
19. Baylor	**16-5**	**420**	**20**
20. Ohio St.	17-5	358	—
21. Oklahoma	14-7	312	24
22. Butler	16-6	250	25
23. SMU	**18-4**	**221**	**—**
24. Georgetown	15-6	162	21
25. Texas	**14-7**	**106**	**19**

Others receiving votes: Texas A&M 40, Seton Hall 22, Arkansas 21, Indiana 18, San Diego St. 18, Colorado St. 11, Dayton 9, Tulsa 8, Xavier 8, **Stephen F. Austin 5,** Providence 3, Stanford 3, Louisiana Tech 2, Murray St. 2, Oklahoma St. 2, Temple 2, Georgia 1, Michigan St. 1, Rhode Island 1, Valparaiso 1.

USA TODAY TOP 25

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Kentucky (31)	21-0	799	1
2. Gonzaga (1)	22-1	749	3
3. Virginia	19-1	709	2
4. Wisconsin	19-2	703	5
5. Duke	18-3	691	4
6. Arizona	20-2	650	6
7. Villanova	19-2	595	7
8. Louisville	18-3	560	9
9. Kansas	18-3	549	11
10. Notre Dame	20-3	530	8
11. Utah	17-4	417	10
12. West Virginia	18-3	408	17
13. North Carolina	17-5	399	14
14. Iowa State	16-4	396	16
15. Northern Iowa	20-2	374	18
16. Maryland	18-4	319	13
17. Wichita State	19-3	316	12
18. VCU	17-4	214	15
19. Baylor	**16-5**	**207**	**19**
20. Ohio State	17-5	173	—
21. Oklahoma	14-7	138	—
22. Butler	16-6	94	—
23. SMU	**18-4**	**68**	**—**
24. Georgetown	15-6	57	22
25. Indiana	16-6	49	21

Others receiving votes: Arkansas 39, Colorado State 37, **Texas 37,** Dayton 27, San Diego State 25, **Texas A&M 16,** Wyoming 10, Providence 9, Tulsa 8, Seton Hall 7, **Stephen F. Austin 7,** Michigan State 5, TCU 5, Stanford 2, LSU 1, Valparaiso

Women

MONDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST
Alabama St. 73, Prairie View 65
Texas Southern 67, Alabama A&M 54

SOUTH
Ark.-Pine Bluff 57, Jackson St. 49
Campbell 62, Winthrop 52
Charleston Southern 70, UNC Asheville 57
Chattanooga 64, ETSU 56
Duke 66, Louisville 58
Florida St. 62, Syracuse 52
Furman 78, UNC-Greensboro 70
Gardner-Webb 50, Presbyterian 47
Grambling St. 62, MVSU 31
High Point 77, Longwood 63
Howard 92, Md.-Eastern Shore 90, OT
LSU 74, Missouri 65
Liberty 75, Radford 39
Mercer 74, Samford 59
Morgan St. 62, Coppin St. 53
NC Central 59, Florida A&M 48
Wofford 59, W. Carolina 49

MIDWEST
Indiana 72, Purdue 55
Ohio St. 76, Michigan St. 62

FAR WEST
California 57, Washington St. 54
Oregon 63, Southern Cal 57
Oregon St. 82, UCLA 64
Stanford 82, Washington 69

EAST
Bryant 73, St. Francis (Pa.) 71
CCSU 68, LIU Brooklyn 54
Robert Morris 71, Fairleigh Dickinson 58
St. Francis (NY) 52, Mount St. Mary's 46

TODAY'S GAMES

SOUTHWEST
Iowa St. at Oklahoma, 10:30 a.m.
Nicholls St. at Incarnate Word, 6 p.m.
Baylor at Oklahoma St., 7 p.m.

SOUTH
Belmont at Morehead St., 5 p.m.
Texas St. at South Alabama, 5:05 p.m.
VCU at Richmond, 6 p.m.
UT Martin at Austin Peay, 7 p.m.
Cent. Arkansas at SE Louisiana, 7 p.m.

MIDWEST
Cleveland St. at Ill.-Chicago, 5 p.m.
W. Michigan at Akron, 6 p.m.
Cent. Michigan at Bowling Green, 6 p.m.
Texas at Kansas St., 6 p.m.
E. Michigan at Kent St., 6 p.m.
Oakland at Green Bay, 7 p.m.
Texas Tech at Kansas, 7 p.m.
Oral Roberts at Neb.-Omaha, 7 p.m.
Miami (Ohio) at N. Illinois, 7 p.m.

FAR WEST
Wyoming at Colorado St., 7 p.m.
Utah St. at Boise St., 8 p.m.
IUPUI at Denver, 8 p.m.
Air Force at New Mexico, 8 p.m.
Nevada at San Diego St., 8 p.m.
Fresno St. at San Jose St., 9 p.m.

EAST
Memphis at Temple, 11 a.m.
Lehigh at Army, 6 p.m.
Hartford at Binghamton, 6 p.m.
Lafayette at Bucknell, 6 p.m.
Toledo at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Holy Cross at Colgate, 6 p.m.
American at Loyola (Md.), 6 p.m.
Boston U. at Navy, 6 p.m.
Albany (N.Y.) at New Hampshire, 6 p.m.
UMass at Rhode Island, 6 p.m.
La Salle at Saint Joseph's, 6 p.m.
UMass-Lowell at UMBC, 6 p.m.
Stony Brook at Vermont, 6 p.m.
TCU at West Virginia, 6 p.m.

POLL

AP TOP 25

	Record	Pts	Pv
1. South Carolina (26)	21-0	842	1
2. UConn (8)	20-1	824	2
3. Baylor	**20-1**	**776**	**3**
4. Notre Dame	21-2	748	4
5. Maryland	19-2	680	5
6. Tennessee	19-3	676	6
7. Oregon St.	19-1	650	7
8. Louisville	19-2	629	8
9. Florida St.	20-2	561	9
10. Arizona St.	20-2	528	11
11. Kentucky	17-5	481	10
12. Stanford	16-5	437	12
13. North Carolina	18-4	408	16
14. Texas A&M	**17-5**	**395**	**12**
15. Duke	15-6	356	17
16. Iowa	17-4	303	20
17. Mississippi St.	22-3	296	18
18. Princeton	19-0	288	19
19. Nebraska	17-4	265	15
20. Texas	**15-5**	**201**	**14**
21. Rutgers	16-5	168	22
22. Georgia	17-5	138	21
23. Chattanooga	18-3	92	25
24. George Washington	19-2	69	—
25. Syracuse	15-6	60	23

Others receiving votes: Seton Hall 57, Green Bay 49, South Florida 20, Oklahoma 10, Florida Gulf Coast 9, California 8, LSU 8, Dayton 4, James Madison 4, Middle Tennessee 3, Minnesota 3, Gonzaga 2, DePaul 1, Fresno St. 1.

Another viewership record for Super Bowl

David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — An estimated 114.4 million people watched New England's thrilling win over Seattle, making it the fifth time in six years that a Super Bowl game has set a record for the most-watched event in U.S. television history.

The viewership eclipses the 112.2 million who watched Seattle beat Denver in the 2014 game, the Nielsen company said. The game also set standards for social media and online.

"Right now the NFL and the Super Bowl are defying media gravity," Mark Lazarus, NBC Sports Group chairman, said on Monday. With the buildup involving the league's two top teams and a controversy over the inflation of footballs in the Patriots' conference championship, the game may have set another record even without the compelling finish, he said.

But that finish — a circus catch to put the Seahawks on the doorstep of a last-minute win and a game-saving interception by the Patriots' Malcolm Butler — kept viewers glued to the tube. An estimated 120.3 million people were watching during the last 10 minutes that the game was being shown, Nielsen said. Lazarus said there were likely even more viewers, because Nielsen doesn't count people watching in sports bars, for example.

The ratings attest to the continued strength of the NFL as a television property despite a year of controversy over the league's response to domestic violence, and also to the ongoing power of live events to bring viewers together before their televisions.

Katy Perry has bragging rights, too. The singer's halftime performance was seen by 118.5 million people, the biggest audience ever for the halftime entertainment dating back to 1991, Nielsen said.

Facebook said an estimated 65 million people conversed about the game on the social media site, more than any other Super Bowl and second only to two World Cup games last year for most talked-about events. There were some 265 million individual posts, comments or "likes," Facebook said.

The moment drawing the most Facebook comments was just after the Patriots sealed the 28-24 victory, with the second being when Katy Perry soared through stadium for her "Firework" finale to the Super Bowl halftime show.

Twitter estimated there were 28.4 million tweets posted between the kickoff and 30 minutes after the game's conclusion, surpassing last year's game to be the most tweeted-about Super Bowl ever. It was second only to the 35.6 million tweets sent about last year's World Cup semifinal between Brazil and Germany.

Butler's interception really set the Twitter engines revving, with an estimated 395,000 tweets per minute, with 379,000 tweets per minute coming when the game actually ended, Twitter said.

The television record came despite other options to view it. NBC Sports offered a live stream of the game to desktop computers and tablets, and an average of 800,000 people per minute were following the game in this manner, according to Adobe Analytics. Last year's game streamed by Fox had an average audience of 528,000 viewers.

An additional 600,000 watched the game with Spanish-language announcers on an NBC Universal cable network, Lazarus said.

For NBC Universal, the true value of broadcasting the game may be learned in the next few weeks. The company advertised upcoming shows on NBC, USA and E! Entertainment, and tried to drive viewers to the struggling "Today" show by featuring an interview with President Obama by that show's Savannah Guthrie during the pregame.

An estimated 26.5 million people kept their sets on to watch an episode of NBC's "The Blacklist" following the game, making it the most-watched scripted program on the network in more than a decade.

A special edition of the "Tonight" show had 9.8 million viewers, Fallon's second-biggest audience after his debut last year.

Meanwhile, the digital video recorder maker TiVo reported that the top commercial played back by its users was Budweiser's "lost dog" spot. The second most played-back was the public service announcement about domestic violence involving a woman's 911 call for help.

Given the game's large audience, that indicates the ad was a real conversation-starter on the issue of domestic violence, said Tara Maitra, TiVo's senior vice president and general manager of content and media sales.

TiVo's ad ranking is also a reflection of the more serious tone taken by advertisers, she said. In the past, humorous and sometimes raunchy ads have generated the most TiVo playbacks.

Tom Brady, at 37, set on more titles

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

David J. Phillip/AP

New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady holds up his Pete Rozelle Trophy during a news conference Monday in Phoenix after winning the MVP of Sunday's Super Bowl XLIX.

PHOENIX — Tom Brady knows what's next: more Super Bowl wins.

At least he hopes so.

The most successful quarterback of his era was still riding the high of his fourth NFL championship on the morning after New England's 28-24 victory over Seattle. Brady had every right to look back at his four touchdown passes against the NFL's top-ranked defense and beam. Instead, he was looking ahead.

"I am still kind of in the midst of my career," Brady said Monday before being presented with a car and his third Super Bowl MVP trophy, tying him with his boyhood idol, Joe Montana. "I just love the game. I love playing. I love representing our team."

That team — or previous versions of the Patriots he has quarterbacked — won three Super Bowls in four years, then lost in its next two trips to the big game. Brady knows how close the Patriots came to a third straight flop against the NFC champion, needing an interception with 20 seconds to go to clinch the crown.

"We've been on the other end of this two times in the last seven years, being ahead late in the game with the chance to win it, and not closing it out," Brady said of losses in 2008 and 2012 to the New York Giants. "I'm glad we had the opportunity to do it. Coach talked all week about how it was going to take all 60 minutes and it certainly did.

"It never broke our will. We were down 10 in the fourth quarter and (Seattle) being on the 1-yard line with 20 seconds left, but the guys never gave up. And you fight until the end and great things happen."

Brady knows all about great things, obviously. A two-time league MVP, he threw for four touchdowns against the NFL's stingiest defense, and led a comeback from a 10-point deficit through three quarters. He connected on all eight of his throws on the decisive drive that ended with a 3-yard TD pass to Julian Edelman.

Brady is 37 and has said he hopes to play well into his 40s, and he works hard to stay in top physical shape. So he doesn't see his winning toss to Edelman as his final Super Bowl moment.

But he certainly recognizes how difficult the journey is.

"Yeah, absolutely," he said. "I was a young kid when we won those first three. I know in '04 after we beat the Eagles, I was like, 'I'm just ready for this to be over, get the offseason started,' just because we had experienced it. Obviously, with some perspective of that game, it's a hard thing to get here and then it's a hard thing to win the game.

"Playing against the other best team, obviously, one play here, one play there, all things change, and we've been on the other end of that, too. So I'm just proud that we really got a chance to finish it out."

His coach, Bill Belichick, recognizes the value of a likely first-ballot Hall of Fame quarterback running his offense. When the Patriots were being dominated by the Seahawks in the third quarter Sunday, Belichick understood that if they could keep it close, they had the closer.

"He's a great player," Belichick said. "It's been a great privilege to coach Tom for the last 15 years, 14 years as starting quarterback. We have a great relationship. We meet on a regular basis weekly several times.

"I can't think of a more deserving player than Tom to be the recipient of the accolades that he has this week, and particularly last night and today here. He's our leader. He competes as well as any player I've ever coached. He's well-prepared. He has great poise and great presence. He may not always be perfect, as it is for any of us. We all have our moments, but Tom, like many other players on our team, is the guy that fights to the end and competes until the end.

"There's no player I respect more for that than Tom. That's been a great pillar of strength for our football team for the past decade and a half."

And, according to Brady, for a while into the future.

Seattle coach Pete Carroll stands by decision to pass

By Tim Booth
Associated Press

PHOENIX — Less than 16 hours later, Seahawks coach Pete Carroll was still stunned by the outcome while defending the decision to call a pass from the 1-yard line in the Super Bowl's closing seconds, a choice that will long be debated.

So close to another celebration. So close to becoming the next NFL dynasty.

"The shock of disappointment that this game gets away from us and goes another way right at the finish line," a somber Carroll said Monday, before Seattle returned to the Pacific Northwest after the 28-24 loss to New England. "It's something that we have to deal with that in the long run of it will make us stronger, and we'll be able to put it in some kind of perspective. It's pretty hard right now."

Carroll stood by the decision for Russell Wilson to throw from the New England 1 with 26 seconds left, a pass that was intended for Ricardo Lockette and intercepted by Malcolm Butler.

Carroll also defended offensive coordinator Darrell Bevell, who was widely criticized for calling a pass with Marshawn Lynch in the Seattle backfield.

"We're so lucky to have him. He's been absolutely instrumental in everything that we have done," Carroll said. "There is no reservation in that thought, and don't make it out like there is, because he is an awesome guy on our staff, and he is crucially important to our future as well."

Carroll said the clock and the Seahawks' timeout situation dictated they would have to throw once and possibly twice from the 1. He gave credit to Butler for making the interception and fellow cornerback Brandon Browner for jamming up wide receiver Jermaine Kearse on the play, creating open space for Butler to break on the ball.

Seattle decided to throw after seeing New England bring in its goal-line defenders, Carroll said. The Seahawks were also attempting to melt as much time from the clock with Tom Brady standing on the other sideline.

"We easily could have gone otherwise, but when they sent their goal-line guys in, I know that we have the advantage on the matchups in the passing game so let's throw it. It's OK," Carroll said. "One of those downs we were likely to throw the ball — maybe two of those downs we would have thrown the ball depending on how we had to save the clock. We had to get all of our plays."

Falcons hire Seahawks' Dan Quinn as coach

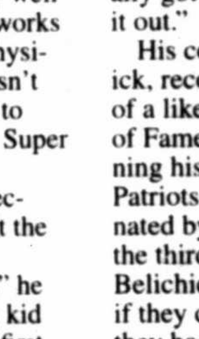
By Charles Odum
Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Falcons' long wait for new leadership on the field finally ended Monday when Seattle defensive coordinator Dan Quinn was named the team's coach.

The Falcons said Quinn will be introduced at a news conference on Tuesday. Quinn replaces Mike Smith, who was fired following a 6-10 finish in 2014.

The team did not release details of the deal, but a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press earlier Monday that Quinn agreed to a five-year contract.

Falcons owner Arthur Blank said he was impressed by Quinn's "definitive plan for our football team and what it will take to win on a consistent basis."



Quinn

"He also has a proven ability to develop players by maximizing their individual strengths," Blank said.

The Falcons exercised patience while waiting for Quinn, who could not be offered a job until after Seattle's 28-24 Super Bowl loss Sunday night to the New England Patriots.

"This felt like the right fit from the beginning, and I want to thank Mr. Blank for his resolve as this was an extended and complicated process," Quinn said in a statement released by the team. "My goal is to build upon the foundation that has been laid here and to play a physical brand of football as we build a championship caliber team."

Quinn, 44, helped Seattle reach back-to-back Super Bowls. Seattle beat Denver in last year's championship.

His strong record in his two years with Seattle won over the Falcons, who have struggled on defense while finishing a combined 10-22 the past two seasons. The Falcons allowed the most total yards and yards passing in the league this season.

The Seahawks led the NFL in scoring defense, total defense and takeaways while winning the Super Bowl last season. Quinn's defense shined in the Super Bowl win over Peyton Manning and the Broncos. He previously was defensive line coach for the Seahawks, 49ers, Dolphins and Jets.

Seattle ranked sixth in total defense this season.

Quinn followed Detroit defensive coordinator Teryl Austin as the second candidate to have a follow-up interview with the Falcons.

Quinn's second interview came in the bye week following the AFC championship game. Blank on Monday thanked Seattle coach Pete Carroll for granting Quinn permission for the follow-up meeting.

NFL investigating fake crowd noise at Falcons home games

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The NFL is trying to determine if the Atlanta Falcons pumped fake crowd noise into the Georgia Dome for home games the last two years.

Team spokesman Reggie Roberts says the team became aware of the league's investigation during the 2014 season.

"We were informed during the season that the league office is looking into crowd noise during our games," Roberts said. "We have cooperated fully with them, and we're awaiting the outcome."

The Falcons could be fined or penalized with the loss of a draft pick if found to have added fake crowd noise during the opposing team's huddles of when trying to call a play.

The investigation was first reported by ESPN.

The Falcons say 100 of 102 games have been sellouts since Arthur Blank bought the team in 2002. Actual turnouts declined during losing seasons the last two years.

Atlanta ranked 10th among the 32 NFL teams with its average home attendance of 72,130 in 2014. Construction is underway for a new $1.4 billion stadium which will replace the Georgia Dome in 2017.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello on Monday said the league had no comment on the investigation.

DECISIONS

From 1C

best goaltender with the score tied at 2 after the first period. The American team made up of mostly college kids capitalized against backup Vladimir Myshkin to beat the mighty Soviets 4-3 in the "Miracle on Ice."

VEXED VAN de VELDE: Needing just a double bogey to win the 1999 British Open, Frenchman Jean Van de Velde decided not to play things conservatively and triple bogeyed the 18th hole, forcing a three-way playoff with Paul Lawrie and Justin Leonard that he lost. The lasting image from golf's biggest implosion was Van de Velde slipping off his socks and shoes and stepping into the knee-deep water to reclaim his third shot

FAB FIVE FAIL: Chris Webber's Michigan Wolverines trailed North Carolina 73-71 in the closing seconds of the 1993 NCAA men's basketball championship when he found himself double-teamed and called a timeout. Because Michigan had no timeouts left, Webber was assessed a technical foul and the Tar Heels cruised to the title.

MANZIEL

From 1C

the first round, Manziel was repeatedly photographed drinking alcohol during weekend trips to Las Vegas. A photograph of Manziel floating on an inflatable swan raft swigging a bottle of champagne went viral.

The Browns became increasingly concerned about Manziel when a photo surfaced of Manziel holding a rolled bill in a bathroom.

Manziel often dismissed criticism about his behavior, insisting he wasn't going to let others dictate to him how to live his life. However, following the season, Manziel seemed embarrassed by some of his choices and vowed to change his ways.

"It's about actions," he somberly told reporters on Dec. 29. "It's about being accountable and doing what I'm going to say. ... I'm either going to learn or I'm going to be finding something else to do."

Manziel spent the majority of last season as starter Brian Hoyer's backup before coach Mike Pettine switched their roles with the team still in the playoff hunt.

Manziel made his first start on Dec. 14 against Cincinnati, but failed miserably. He appeared unprepared and overmatched as the Bengals defense harassed him into two interceptions and the Browns were throttled 30-0. Manziel completed 10 of 18 passes for 80 yards, was sacked twice and looked nothing like a player capable of ending Cleveland's long search to find a franchise quarterback.

The next week at Carolina, Manziel injured his hamstring on a running play before halftime and was replaced by Hoyer.

Super Bowl Magnified Love-Hate Relationship With NFL

JULIET MACUR
N.Y. Times

GLENDALE, Ariz. — The cheers did not echo through the desert here when the New England Patriots beat the Seattle Seahawks on Sunday in one of the most exciting Super Bowls ever. Far from it.

As silver streamers and red, white and blue confetti rained from the roof of University of Phoenix Stadium, the crowd fell relatively quiet. It was as if the fans still couldn't believe what they had just seen.

The game was beautiful at times, with feats of athleticism like Jermaine Kearse's bobbling catch that seemed borne of divine intervention. And then it was all too ugly, with both teams brawling in the end zone before the final play.

The flip-flopping of it all could have made you dizzy. Just like this entire season could have made you dizzy.

If you weren't turned off the NFL for good by the league's mismanagement of domestic violence cases, by its years of mishandling head injuries and by its seemingly insatiable appetite for your money, you might have lasted all the way to this Super Bowl. And maybe it's right that you did, because the game was the perfect example of why fans cannot seem to end their addiction to this violent sport. (Preliminary numbers suggest the game was once again the most watched event in American television history.)

On Sunday, our one final look at the NFL this season offered a little bit of everything that makes the league so enticing. And so frustrating.

In the first quarter, Seahawks cornerback Jeremy Lane made an interception. (Yes!) But as he ran it back he was tackled hard and fell on his left arm, which broke so grotesquely that it looked as if it was made of rubber. (No!)

Later, Seahawks defensive end Cliff Avril left the game with a possible concussion, showing that the NFL might just be getting better at identifying head injuries and keeping injured players off the field. (Progress!) But about the same time, Patriots receiver Julian Edelman was walloped on one run with such force that he seemed dazed. Even though he had missed the final two games of the Patriots' regular season because of a concussion, Edelman played on. (Why?)

By the end of the night, Edelman's eyes appeared glassy, and he wouldn't comment on his injury. When I asked him how his head was feeling as he walked out of the stadium, all he could muster as a response was, "Ugh."

The game brought regular exchanges of brilliance, then ended with one of the dumbest moves of all time.

Did all of it really happen? Was it all really that bizarre? Yes, it was, and the saddest part was every swing of emotion took some of the air out of Tom Brady's latest record-setting performance. (Pun intended.)

Two weeks after the Patriots may or may not have bent the rules in the AFC championship game by using underinflated footballs, Brady set one Super Bowl record after another as he picked up his third Most Valuable Player Award.

Most Super Bowl touchdowns. Most completions. Brady is 37 now, and had lost in his previous two Super Bowl appearances, but he wasn't about to give up this time, to surrender just as Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson looked poised to build a legacy of his own with a second straight championship. Instead, Brady led the Patriots back from a 10-point fourth-quarter deficit by throwing two touchdowns in about six minutes to give the Patriots the lead.

"We've been on the other end of this twice now, and being ahead late and not being able to make the plays to win, and this time we made the plays to win," Brady said. "Just awesome."

His coach, Bill Belichick, ever the bummer, did not seem at all thrilled by it. Minutes after taking his place alongside Chuck Noll as the only coaches with four Super Bowl titles, he said records did not matter to him. He said watching the Patriots rookie cornerback Malcolm Butler intercept a pass from Wilson at the goal line to seal the win was "ecstasy," yet delivered the word with as much verve as someone describing the taste of dry toast.

Belichick, like the NFL itself, is hard to love sometimes. He has been punished for cheating in the past and stands accused of it again now. But even with his history, and his frequent churlishness, at least he wasn't booed at night's end. The same cannot be said for Commissioner Roger Goodell.

It has been a rough year for Goodell, who has kept his job through public-relations disasters that would have felled executives of most other organizations largely because he continues to deliver billions of dollars for the owners who employ him. Even so, his season did not end on a high note.

What could have been going through his mind when he saw players trading punches in the end zone as tens of millions of viewers watched? Was he disappointed at the poor sportsmanship, or salivating over the expected record ratings?

Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski shrugged off the fight. The league will most likely do the same.

"It's football, things happen," Gronkowski said. "It's all good."

Not really, Gronk. Sometimes it's good. Sometimes it's bad.

Fans on Sunday got both — again. Cheer for it or cringe over it, it's just business as usual in the NFL.

Brooks Koepka takes a long, hard road to PGA Tour title

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — For the longest time, Brooks Koepka was known primarily for the stamps in his passport.

His peers knew better.

As he began his first year as a PGA Tour member in the Frys.com Open last October, players would stop when they saw Koepka and watch him walk to the putting green or driving range. The consensus? This guy is going to be good.

Koepka

More than the words of other players, Koepka now has the trophies to back it up.

He won the Turkish Airlines Open last November during the final stretch of the Race to Dubai on the European Tour. Against an even stronger field in the Phoenix Open, the 24-year-old Floridian went 64-66 on the weekend and played his last 47 holes without a bogey.

Koepka (pronounced KEP'-kuh) was among five players tied for the lead in the final hour, but only after rolling in a 50-foot eagle putt from the fringe on the 15th. He seized control when his 3-wood on the 322-yard 17th hole rolled over the green and stopped a foot from the water.

One hole away from his first PGA Tour victory, on a closing hole at the TPC Scottsdale framed by bunkers, he blasted his drive 331 yards down the middle.

It was a strong performance, and it looks even better considering Koepka now has won twice in his last four starts, rose to No. 19 in the world and put his name into the conversation for a U.S. team at the Presidents Cup that is getting younger by the week.

Golf is going through an undeniable generation shift, led by Rory McIlroy, who won in Dubai on Sunday to expand his growing gap in the world ranking. Jordan Spieth, the 21-year-old Texan, is No. 9 in the world. Patrick Reed, 24, won his fourth PGA Tour event at the start of the year.

Koepka was never mentioned in that group when he turned pro because he didn't have their credentials. He was the guy who pursued his career in golf's remote outposts — Kazakhstan and Kenya, Norway and the Czech Republic.

He had a decorated career at Florida State, though he never won a tournament until his senior year (and won three times) and played in the NCAA Championship only twice, never finishing higher than a tie for 18th.

Spieth was a Sunday feature at the Byron Nelson Championship when he was 16, joined Tiger Woods as the only multiple winners of the U.S. Junior Amateur, played on an NCAA title team at Texas and in the Walker Cup.

Reed helped Augusta State to a pair of NCAA titles and reached the semi-finals of the U.S. Amateur.

Koepka won a Challenge Tour event — the equivalent of the Web.com Tour in Europe — in Spain, and then tried his hand at Q-school for a PGA Tour card. He failed to get out of the second stage, missing by two shots in Texas. He wasn't alone. He tied that week with Spieth.

And that's when their paths went in different directions.

Spieth chose sponsor exemptions, and Monday qualifying if needed, on the Web.com Tour. He got a break by tying for second in the Puerto Rico Open on the PGA Tour after getting a sponsor's exemption. Then came a rocket rise — tour status in May, a victory in July and a spot on the Presidents Cup team in October.

Koepka headed for the airport.

He had status on the Challenge Tour from his win at the Catalunya Challenge, and he won in Italy in May. He followed with victories in Spain and Scotland to earn an instant promotion to the European Tour, each step bringing higher status. And he already had more wins than he did in college.

"Whether it be success or failure, I have learned a lot," Koepka said. "I think I won maybe two, three times in college. But it's funny. Looking back, I have won on the Challenge Tour, one in Europe and one here now. It's been special. But my drive, I think, is what it is. I want to be the best player in the world. I'm not there yet, and I know it's going to take time. But I want to get to that point."

And he runs in good circles. His roommate in Florida and frequent travel companion on the global road of the European Tour was former U.S. Amateur champion Peter Uihlein, who tied for 13th in Dubai.

He also plays practice rounds with McIlroy, whom he knows from Europe and living in South Florida, though they rarely see each other at home.

Koepka says he might be a late bloomer, though hard work cannot be dismissed. And he has no qualms with where he went to get to where he is now. He wanted experience. He wanted four rounds on Challenge Tour events instead of being hopeful for exemptions or lucky with Monday qualifiers.

He can't complain about the results.

Ex-NFL star Warren Sapp arrested

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Former NFL lineman and Hall of Famer Warren Sapp was arrested Monday on suspicion of soliciting a prostitute and allegedly assaulting two women, Phoenix police said.

Sapp

Sapp was taken into custody at a downtown Phoenix hotel and booked into jail, police said. It wasn't immediately clear if he has an attorney.

Sapp, 42, was in Arizona for Sunday's Super Bowl in suburban Glendale and is a broadcaster for the NFL Network.

"Warren Sapp has been suspended indefinitely without pay from NFL Network pending the outcome of ongoing police investigation," Alex Riethmiller, a spokesman for the network, said in a statement Monday.

Sapp, a tackle and defensive end, played in the NFL from 1995-2007 for Tampa Bay and Oakland. He was a vital contributor for the Buccaneers as they went from also-ran to Super Bowl champion after the 2002 season and was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2013.

However, Sapp has had a history with legal troubles around the Super Bowl. He was arrested the day before the Super Bowl in 2010 on a domestic battery charge, but prosecutors later dropped the case because of inconsistences between the victim's statements and evidence, including surveillance video.

Despite making millions in his playing career, Sapp filed for bankruptcy in 2012 in Florida after owing more than $6.7 million to creditors and back child support and alimony.

In Monday's incident, Phoenix police officers working security at a downtown hotel were investigating a noise disturbance about 2:30 a.m. when they were contacted by a woman alleging she had been assaulted.

"The incident was alleged to have occurred in a guest room, after meeting in the lobby while she and another female were there as escorts," said Sgt. Trent Crump, a police spokesman. "During a meeting in the room, an argument ensued, allegedly over money and the altercation turned physical, spilling out into the hallway. During the investigation, detectives were able to establish that an act of prostitution occurred in the room by at least one of the females."

Crump said Sapp was taken to police headquarters and questioned "and admitted involvement in the act of prostitution, but denied assaulting the females. Minor injuries consistent with a struggle were observed by investigators on both females."

Police said Sapp was booked into the Maricopa County Jail on suspicion of soliciting prostitution and two counts of assault, both misdemeanor offenses.

They said one woman was cited for prostitution and released. The other woman was later located at a hotel in nearby Peoria and cited for a violation of the city's escort permit requirements and released. Their names weren't immediately released.

Midland College
Lady Chap Softball
Lady Chap Field on the
Midland College Campus
2015 Home Opener
Monday, February 2, 2015
1:00 PM & 3:00 PM
Cisco College Lady Wranglers
vs
Midland College Lady Chaps

Tommy Ramos,
Head Coach
Career Record: 719-251-3 (.739)

MIDLAND JUNIOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION
2015 SPRING SIGNUPS
ROCKHOUNDS DIAMOND CLUB @ CITIBANK BALLPARK
SATURDAY, JAN. 31 — 9AM – 4PM
SATURDAY, FEB. 7 — 9AM – 4PM
T-BALL (AGES 4-6) $75
LITTLE LEAGUE (AGES 7-12) $100
INT / JR / SR LEAGUE (AGES 13-16) $125
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Age of child is based on April 30, 2015 for those born Dec. 31, 2005 or earlier
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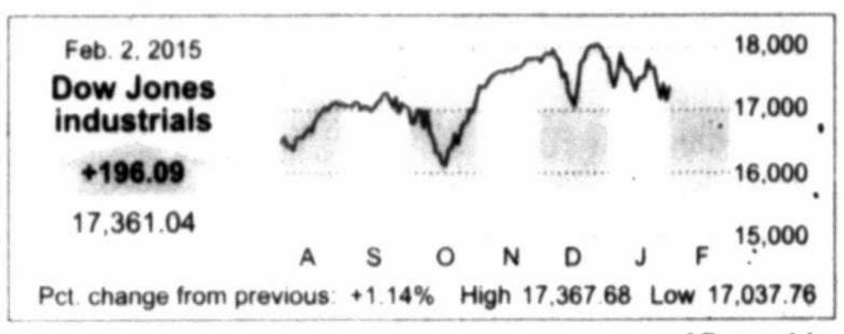

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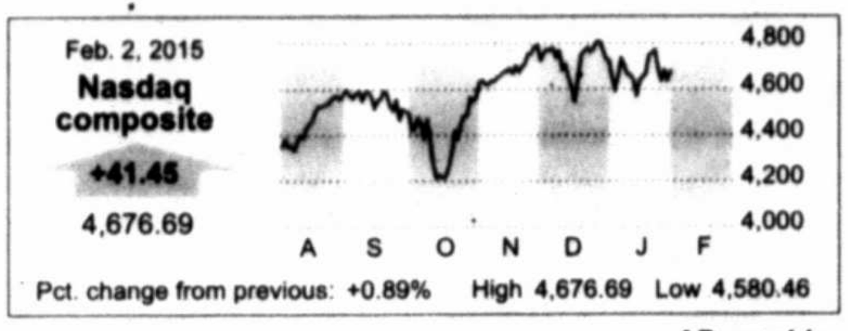

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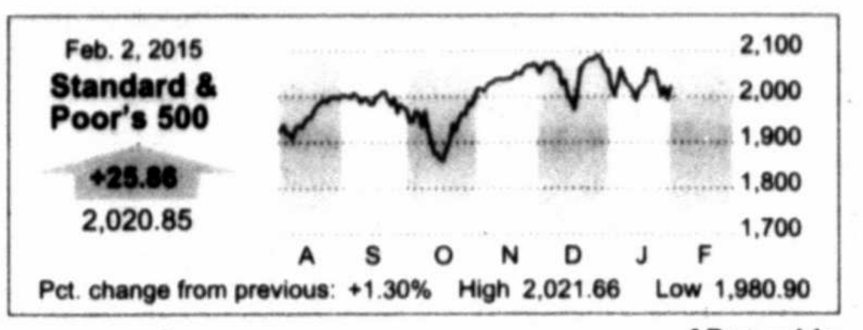

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Exxon, Chevron set to boost production just as prices fall

By Jonathan Fahey
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Exxon Mobil has been working for years on a fleet of enormous new oil and gas projects in places such as Abu Dhabi, Russia, Papua New Guinea, and the Gulf of Mexico designed to turn around what has been a consistent and alarming slide in oil and gas production.

A record eight of these mega-projects came on-line last year, Exxon said Monday — just as oil prices were falling by more than half.

"Investors would be more than happy to see production decline but oil prices higher," said Fadel Gheit, an analyst at Oppenheimer & Co.

No such luck this year. These enormous projects were conceived and started years ago, as prices were rising. Now they are starting to produce oil and gas at a time when the price of global crude has been eviscerated by rising supplies and weak growth in demand.

On Monday Exxon posted a 21 percent decline in both revenue and profit for the fourth quarter because of lower oil prices. The company said it earned $6.57 billion in the quarter, the lowest since the first quarter of 2010, on revenue of $87.28 billion. Last year Exxon earned $8.35 billion on revenue of $110.86 billion.

Exxon also said Monday that oil and gas production slipped 4 percent compared with a year earlier, to 4.05 million barrels per day. It was the 13th decline in the last 14 quarters. Four years ago, Exxon was producing nearly 1 million more barrels of oil and gas per day than it is now.

Chevron, which is in the midst of its own boom of new mega-projects, posted similar results Friday. It managed to eke out a small gain in production, but posted a 30 percent decline in profit.

Exxon and Chevron's bad timing highlights a perennial problem for major oil and gas companies. They produce so much oil that just replacing it all is difficult as oil fields naturally decline.

"It's impossible for an oil company this size to grow and maintain growth over time," says Gheit of Exxon. "It's like a dog with its tail."

The bigger companies must develop enormous projects that deliver huge amounts of oil and gas to keep up. But these projects, especially now that they must reach oil and gas in isolated locations, politically difficult countries, or extreme geological formations, take tens of billions of dollars and years of development.

Exxon and Chevron will both reduce spending on big capital projects this year, but that will only affect projects far in the future. The ones already under way will continue. Exxon has more new projects starting up this year, including an expansion of an already-large operation in the Canadian oil sands called Kearl, which will eventually produce 500,000 barrels of oil per day. By comparison, a typical well in the Bakken oil field in North Dakota, which is at the heart of a boom in U.S. oil production, will produce less than 1,000 barrels per day.

Chevron is in the midst of a push to grow production by 20 percent by 2017, to 3.1 million barrels of oil and gas per day. Last year, it started two big oil projects in the Gulf of Mexico and a natural gas project in Bangladesh. This year, Chevron expects to start up another new big Gulf of Mexico project and the first of of two giant natural gas projects in Australia that, at $54 billion, is one of the most expensive projects ever.

OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Monday:	$49.57
Previous:	$48.24

POSTED

Monday:	$46.00
Previous:	$44.75

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Monday:	$39.15
Previous:	$40.80

NATURAL GAS

Monday:	$2.680
Previous:	$2.691

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	1483822	201.92	+2.47
BkofAm	983279	15.46	+.31
B iPVixST	603862	34.90	-1.97
SPDR Fncl	487177	23.38	+.37
iShEMkts	479426	39.72	+.70

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NuverraE	3.00	+.77	+34.5
GoodrP pfD	7.65	+1.75	+29.7
GoodrP pfC	7.73	+1.68	+27.8
ComstkRs	5.06	+1.02	+25.2
MillerE pfD	13.35	+2.34	+21.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NiskaGsSt	2.99	-.82	-21.5
SwEBioFu23	8.30	-1.54	-15.7
CSVInvCrd	127.43	-20.57	-13.9
PUltVixST	29.03	-3.33	-10.3
FTI Cnslt	36.57	-4.10	-10.1

DIARY

Advanced	2,298
Declined	854
Unchanged	85
Total issues	3,237
New Highs	182
New Lows	70
Volume	3,919,443,050

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
GranTrra g	93543	2.28	+.14
BarcGSOil	57289	11.27	+.59
NwGold g	49083	4.34	-.02
NovaGld g	32977	3.91	+.18
ChenereEn	30589	71.72	+.34

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NthnO&G	7.02	+.74	+11.8
PacBkrM g	4.95	+.48	+10.7
MexcoEn	5.10	+.49	+10.6
MagHR pfD	33.44	+3.19	+10.5
GastarExp	2.55	+.21	+9.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ComndSec	2.01	-.24	-10.7
Bacterin rs	3.03	-.27	-8.2
SupDrill n	3.30	-.22	-6.3
Skyline	3.56	-.19	-5.1
BovieMed	3.40	-.15	-4.2

DIARY

Advanced	225
Declined	171
Unchanged	29
Total issues	425
New Highs	29
New Lows	8
Volume	109,778,412

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Apple Inc s	604321	118.63	+1.47
Microsoft	487937	41.28	+.88
Facebook	413478	74.99	-.92
PwShs QQQ	402485	101.98	+.88
Intel	377635	33.65	+.61

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PostRck rs	2.20	+.66	+42.9
Escalera pf	11.57	+2.57	+28.6
YouOnDm	2.46	+.41	+20.0
UBIC	19.22	+3.12	+19.4
BreitBurn	7.69	+1.13	+17.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Ardelyx n	19.25	-7.76	-28.7
PlunstemT	3.10	-.62	-16.7
Transgno	3.14	-.60	-16.0
HarvAppR	2.81	-.44	-13.5
EvokePhm	5.60	-.87	-13.4

DIARY

Advanced	1,741
Declined	983
Unchanged	138
Total issues	2,862
New Highs	29
New Lows	85
Volume	1,956,482,447

Stocks rise after late rally

A late rally led by energy companies pushed U.S. stock indexes higher Monday after the market flitted between small gains and losses for most of the day.

Stocks opened higher, then moved down, then back up as investors seemed unable to make up their minds. A pair of weak reports on the U.S. economy fed the uncertainty. Oil prices ended up surging for a third straight day, and stocks of big producers jumped. All 10 industry sectors in the Standard and Poor's 500 index rose.

Exxon Mobil rose 2.5 percent after reporting better-than-expected earnings. Chevron jumped 3.4 percent. Both companies are members of the Dow Jones industrial average.

The market got a lift in early trading after European markets climbed following reassuring comments from France on Greece's efforts to ease the terms of its financial rescue program.

At mid-morning Eastern time, a closely watched monthly report revealed that U.S. manufacturing expanded last month at the slowest pace in a year. Also, the Commerce Department reported that consumer spending edged lower in December as vehicle sales slowed and more Americans chose to save rather than spend.

The difference between the highest and lowest levels in the S&P 500 index was 2 percent for the day, more than twice the average move over the past two years.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $61.25 Up 5.35

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $116.02 Up 5.17

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $11.21 Up 0.42

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $69.74 Up 0.75

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $10.54 Up 0.82

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.10 Up 0.49

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $20.62 Up 0.43

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $27.59 Up 0.79

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $9.59 Up 0.47

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $18.40 Up 0.90

Jeep recalls Cherokees for air bag problem

Associated Press

DETROIT — Jeep is recalling more than 228,000 SUVs worldwide to fix a software problem that can cause side air bags to inflate for no reason.

The recall, which covers Jeep Cherokees from the 2014 and 2015 model years, is the latest in a recent string of auto industry troubles with air bags that include deployment without a crash and inflation with so much force that the air bags spew shrapnel at drivers or passengers.

Fiat Chrysler, which makes Jeeps, said there have been a small number of inadvertent air bag deployments in extreme maneuvers when drivers dramatically change the angle of travel. Canadian safety regulators say the problem occurred mainly in off-road situations. Sudden air bag inflation can startle drivers and cause crashes, but Chrysler says it's not aware of any accidents or injuries.

Most of the recalled vehicles are in the U.S. and Canada. Dealers will recalibrate the software to change the threshold for inflating the air bags.

It's the latest trouble reported with air bags that have saved millions of lives in accidents but are causing other problems for motorists.

On Saturday, U.S. safety regulators said that more than 2 million Toyota, Chrysler and Honda vehicles need a second fix for air bags that may inadvertently inflate while the car is running.

The recall includes some Acura MDX, Dodge Viper, Jeep Grand Cherokee, Honda Odyssey, Pontiac Vibe, Toyota Corolla and Toyota Avalon models made from 2002 to 2004.

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.88f	28	33.56	+.64	-.1
Abraxas	...	11	3.25	+.29	+10.5
AdamsEx	1.18e	...	13.53	+.14	-1.1
AMD	...	...	2.67	+.10	...
Alibaba n	...	...	90.13	+1.05	-13.3
AlonUSA	.40a	52	12.51	+.43	-1.3
AmAirlines	.40	12	48.72	-.36	-9.2
Amgen	3.16f	23	152.50	+.24	-4.3
Anadarko	1.08	...	82.77	+1.02	+.3
Apache	1.00	...	66.23	+3.66	+5.7
Apple Inc s	1.88	16	118.63	+1.47	+7.5
ApldMatl	.40	26	22.86	+.01	-8.3
ATMOS	1.56f	19	57.50	+.59	+3.2
AutoData	1.96	27	83.44	+.91	+.1
BP PLC	2.40f	6	39.86	+1.03	+4.6
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	15.81	-.09	-.5
BakrHu	.68	14	59.73	+1.74	+6.5
BkofAm	.20	44	15.46	+.31	-13.6
B iPVixST	...	...	34.90	-1.97	+10.8
BasicEnSv	...	89	6.22	+.34	-11.3
BerkHa A	...	17	220100.00	+4235.00	-2.6
BlkHillsCp	1.62f	20	50.40	+.24	-5.0
BrMySq	1.48f	50	60.23	-.04	+2.0
BrownFA	1.26f	29	89.74	+1.02	+2.3
BrownFB	1.26f	29	90.00	+1.13	+2.5
CVS Health	1.40f	26	99.11	+.95	+2.9
Cameron	...	12	46.22	+1.44	-7.5
Caterpillar	2.80	14	80.84	+.87	-11.7
Celestic g	...	12	11.17	-.02	-4.9
CntryLink	2.16	27	38.22	+1.05	-3.4
ChesEng	.35	22	20.52	+1.34	+4.9
Chevron	4.28	10	106.06	+3.53	-5.5
Chicos	.30	26	16.60	-.08	+2.4
Cimarex	.64	17	107.41	+4.21	+1.3
Cisco	.76	18	26.83	+.47	-2.9
Citigroup	.04	22	47.72	+.77	-11.8
ClayEng	...	14	61.25	+5.35	-4.0
CocaCola	1.22	22	41.59	+.42	-1.5
ColgPalm	1.44	29	68.99	+1.47	-.3
Comcast	.90	17	53.81	+.67	-7.2
ConAgra	1.00	...	35.75	+.32	-1.5
ConchoRes	...	25	116.02	+5.17	+16.3
ConocoPhil	2.92	12	65.77	+2.79	-4.8
CrackerB	4.00	23	132.00	-2.51	-6.2
CSVLgNGs	...	...	2.73	-.01	-31.4
CSVLgCrde	...	...	3.40	+.41	-30.5
CSVellVST	...	...	26.45	+1.48	-15.1
CSVixSht	...	...	3.19	-.35	+15.6
CrosTim	2.60e	7	19.25	+.84	+11.1
DCP Mid	3.12f	30	39.02	+1.49	-14.1
DTE	2.76	21	90.48	+.82	+4.8
Dataram	...	...	2.38	-.03	+40.0
Dawson	.32	...	11.21	+.42	-8.3
DeltaAir	.36	19	46.51	-.80	-5.4
DenburyR	.25	8	7.75	+.85	-4.7
DevonE	.96	12	62.84	+2.57	+2.7
DxGldBull	...	...	18.99	+.43	+70.2
DrxSCBear	...	...	12.61	-.31	+5.1
Disney	1.15f	21	91.93	+.97	-2.4
DowChm	1.68f	16	45.22	+.06	-.9
EMC Cp	.46	20	26.43	+.50	-11.1
EOG Res s	.67	17	92.52	+3.49	+.5
EldorGld g	.02e	35	5.18	+.40	-14.8
EmpDist	1.04f	19	30.75	+.28	+3.4
Energen	.08m	25	66.07	+2.65	+3.6
EngyTsfr	3.98f	...	62.71	+1.31	-3.5
EnPro	.80	52	60.42	+1.09	-3.7
EntPrdPt s	1.48f	24	34.79	+.35	-3.7
Ericsson	.46e	...	12.23	+.10	+1.1
ExterranH	.60	19	28.58	+1.47	-12.3
ExxonMbl	2.76	12	89.58	+2.16	-3.1
Facebook	...	68	74.99	-.92	-3.9
FordM	.60f	10	15.27	+.56	-1.5
FrotMcM	1.25	...	17.45	+.64	-25.3
FrontierCm	.42f	34	7.15	+.44	+7.2
GATX	1.52f	13	57.10	-.05	-.8
GabMultT	1.05e	...	9.60	+.04	-4.1
GAInv	3.50e	...	33.75	+.36	-3.6
GenElec	.92f	16	24.21	+.32	-4.2
GenMotors	1.20	21	33.11	+.49	-5.2
GtPlainEn	.98f	19	29.36	-.21	+3.3
HalconRes	...	...	1.53	+.13	-14.0
Hallibrtn	.72f	10	41.51	+1.52	+5.5
Hemisphrx	...	...	.30	+.08	+20.0
iShBrazil	1.38e	...	34.71	+.40	-5.1
iShEMU	1.08e	...	37.13	+.45	+2.2
iShJapan	.15e	...	11.61	+.12	+3.3
iShChinaLC	1.04e	...	41.94	+.70	+.8
iShEMkts	.88e	...	39.72	+.70	+1.1
iS Eafe	2.26e	...	61.96	+.74	+1.8
iShR2K	1.51e	...	116.76	+1.06	-2.4
iShREst	2.81e	...	80.97	-.26	+5.4
IntegrysE	2.72	20	81.52	+.42	+4.7
Intel	.96	14	33.65	+.61	-7.3
InterDig	.80	...	50.73	+.75	-4.1
JPMorgCh	1.60	10	55.47	+1.09	-10.8
JohnJn	2.80	18	100.83	+.69	-3.6
KimbClk	3.36	27	110.11	+2.15	-4.7
LegacyRes	2.44	...	10.54	+.82	-7.8
Lubys	...	...	4.96	+.08	+9.0
MktVGold	.12e	...	22.45	+.16	+22.1
McDnlds	3.40	19	92.51	+.07	-1.3
Merck	1.80f	33	60.88	+.60	+7.2
MeritMed	...	34	16.72	+1.39	-3.5
MexcoEn	...	57	5.10	+.49	-6.1
MicronT	...	9	28.44	-.83	-18.8
Microsoft	1.24	17	41.28	+.88	-11.1
Nabors	.24	10	12.01	+.50	-7.5
NatGrid	3.48e	...	70.44	+.10	-.3
NOilVarco	1.84	9	56.39	+1.96	-13.9
NvMAd	.80a	...	14.33	-.01	+4.9
NvPMI	.86a	...	14.45	+.02	+3.4
NuvPI	.82a	...	14.48	+.03	+4.5
NSTFI3	.61a	...	14.88	-.03	+4.5
NTXQI	.65a	...	14.89	+.09	+3.0
OcciPet	2.88	14	80.16	+.16	-.6
Oracle	.48	18	42.68	+.79	-5.1
ParTech	...	...	5.69	-.05	-7.5
ParkDrl	...	8	2.82	+.11	-8.1
PattUTI	.40	21	17.74	+.58	+6.9
PeabdyE	.01m	...	6.61	+.38	-14.6
PennaRE	.80	...	23.74	-.19	+1.2
Prmian	1.02e	9	9.69	+.18	+1.5
PetrbrsA	.85e	...	6.52	+.37	+14.0
Petrobras	.46e	...	6.41	+.40	-12.2
Pfizer	1.12f	22	31.65	+.40	+1.6
PioNtrl	.08	...	157.12	+6.59	+5.6
PlainsAAP	2.70f	21	50.28	+.89	-2.0
PwShs QQQ	1.45e	...	101.98	+.88	-1.2
Praxair	2.86f	22	122.22	+1.83	-5.7
PrmEgy	...	9	54.78	...	-24.7
PUltVixST	...	...	29.03	-3.33	+15.4
PrUltCrude	...	...	8.46	+.69	-18.4
ProctGam	2.57	26	85.12	+.83	-6.6
Qualcom	1.68	14	65.53	+3.07	-11.8
RangeRs	.16	21	47.81	+1.54	-10.6
RegionsFn	.20	11	8.93	+.23	-15.4
RiteAid	...	21	7.05	+.07	-6.3
Rowan	.40	12	21.41	+.29	-8.2
RoyDShllA	3.76	12	62.94	+1.49	-6.0
SpdrDJIA	3.47e	...	173.27	+1.82	-2.6
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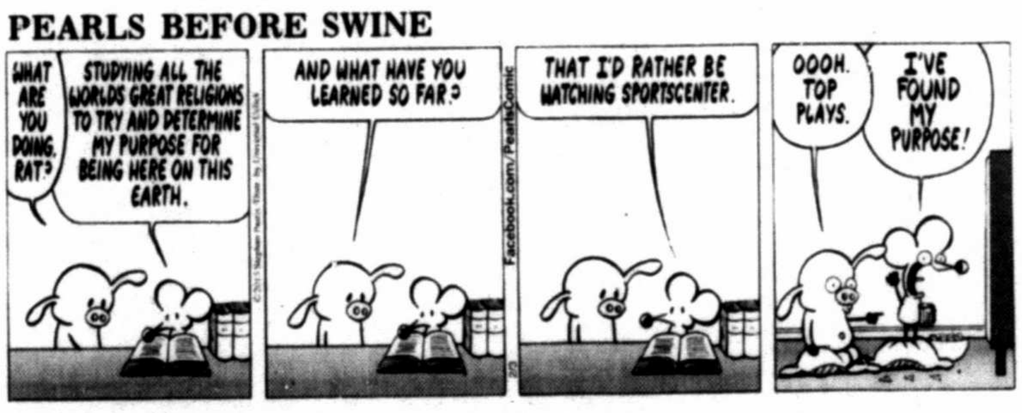

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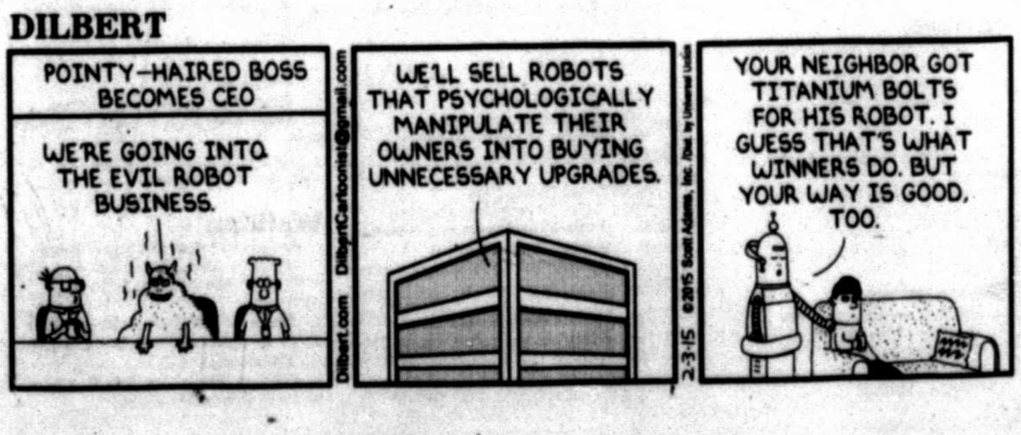

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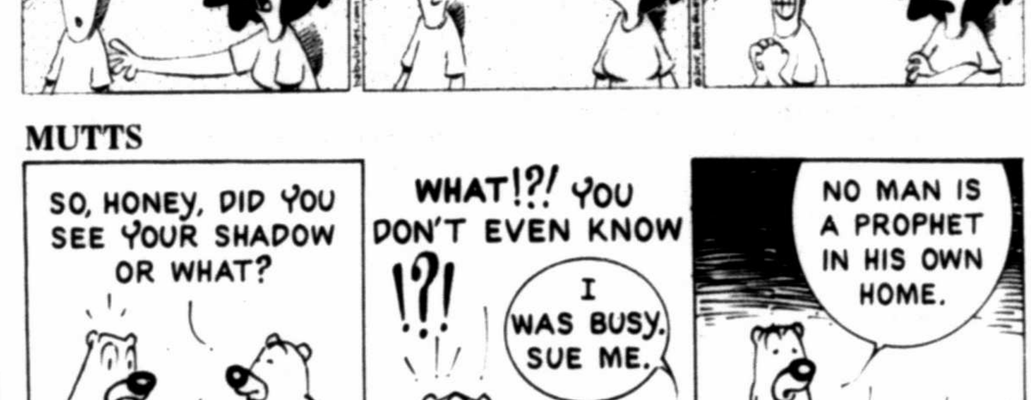

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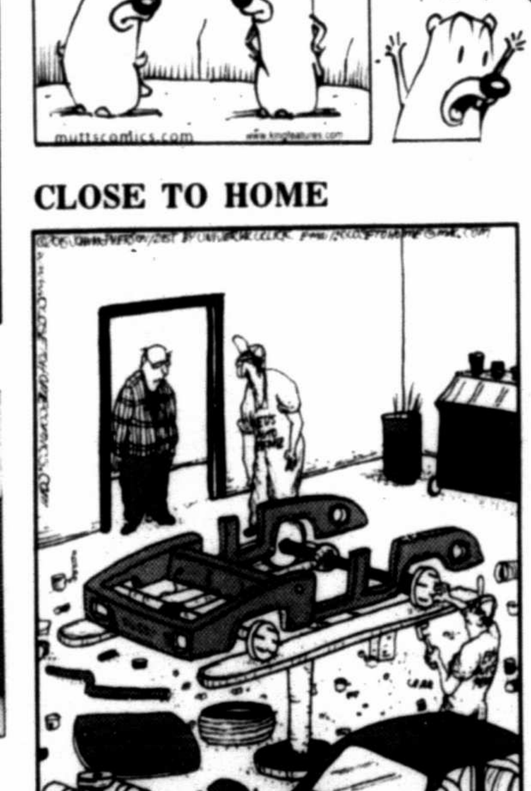

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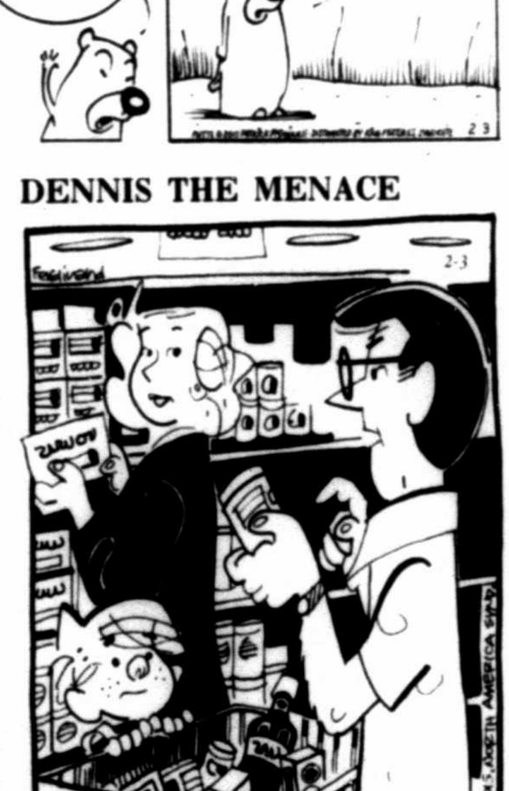

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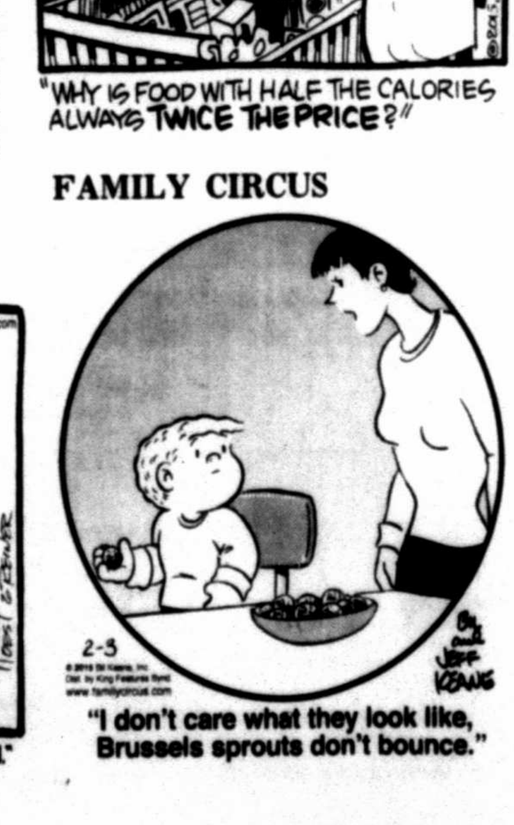

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FIRST TEAM
OFFENSE

Quarterback — Tanner Schafer, Canadian, 6-3, 180, Jr.
Running backs — Andres Soliz, Ben Bolt, 5-10, 215, Sr.; Cobe Caraway, Tenaha, 5-8, 168, Sr.; Cory Kyle, Seagraves, 6-1, 195, Jr.
Fullback — Dylan Haralson, Axtell, 5-7, 165, Sr.
Split ends — Braiden Galla, Canadian, 5-10, 150, Sr.; Jared Reagan, Booker, 5-11, 175, Sr.
Tight end — John Louis Dyer, Stamford, 6-2, 187, Jr.
Tackles — Uli Alvarez, Mason, 5-9, 230 Sr.; Reed Fairbanks, Iola, 6-3, 317, Sr.
Guards — Kyle Zavala, Mason, 5-10, 211, Sr.; Danny Canet, Mart, 5-9, 275, Sr.
Center — (tie) Joe Richard Castellano, Refugio, 5-10, 220, Sr.; Connor Grych, Bremond, 6-0, 197, Sr.
Place-kicker — Angel Garza, Price Carlisle, 5-11, 200, Sr.
All-purpose — RayAndre Browning, Bremond, 6-0, 165, Jr.
Offensive Player of the Year — Tanner Schafer, Canadian, 6-3, 180, Jr.
Coach of the Year — (tie) Chris Koetting, Canadian and Jeff Kasowski, Bremond

DEFENSE

Linemen — Garrett Bowery, Gladewater Union Grove, 6-2, 285, Sr.; Hamilton Hull, Bremond, 6-1, 180, Sr.; Jarvis Jones, Bremond, 5-10, 210, Sr.; Cooper Trolinger, Canadian, 6-0, 175, Jr.
Linebackers — Louis Brown, Burton, 6-6, 225, Sr.; Andrew Ezzell, Canadian, 5-10, 195, Sr.; Mason Pruitt, Bremond, 5-9, 150, Sr.; Dylan Swinney, Santo, 5-11, 190, Sr.; Craig Collins, Alto, 5-10, 185, Jr.
Secondary — Bobby Childers, Crosbyton, 6-2, 180, Sr.; Sawyer Cook, Canadian, 6-1, 190, Jr.; Ricardo Galvan, Ben Bolt, 5-9, 160, Fr.; Hunter Wood, Hico, 5-10, 170, Sr.
Punter — Angel Garza, Price Carlisle, 5-11, 200, Sr.
Kick returner — Luke Huffer, Burton, 5-11, 175, Sr.
Defensive Player of the Year — (tie) Louis Brown, Burton, 6-6, 225, Sr. and Andrew Ezzell, Canadian, 5-10, 195, Sr.

SECOND TEAM
OFFENSE

Quarterback — Hunter Lile, Booker, 5-9, 170, Sr.
Running backs — Braden Murphy, Crawford, 5-10, 185, Sr.; Nathan Childers, Crosbyton, 5-9, 180, Sr.; D'Marcus Cosby, Mart, 6-0, 220, Jr.
Fullback — (tie) Trevor Goolsby, Centerville, 6-0, 190, Jr.; Derrick Pollock, Archer City, 6-2, 205, Jr.
Split ends — Ethan Sanford, Bells, 5-10, 170, Jr.; Alex Faith, Albany, 5-9, 160, Jr.
Tight end — Trevor Melton, Stratford, 6-5, 220, Sr.
Tackles — Dylan Petree, Albany, 6-0, 210, Sr.; Garrison Tullous, Bremond, 6-2, 275, Soph.
Guards — Anthony Ontiveros, Seagraves, 5-10, 190, Sr. and (tie) Ben Hawkins, Albany, 6-0, 295, Jr. and Carson Wakefield, Centerville, 6-1, 230, Sr.
Center — Bryson Nail, Mart, 6-0, 258, Jr.
Place-kicker — Benigno Heredia, Canadian, 6-1, 195, Jr.
All-purpose — Logan Hare, Evadale, 6-0, 178, Sr.

DEFENSE

Linemen — Jace Lester, Bells, 6-0, 215, Jr.; Ryan Renick, Iola, 6-3, 225, Jr.; Ariel Soliz, Ben Bolt, 5-10, 250, Sr.; Demarcus Simpson, Chilton, 6-0, 165, Sr.
Linebackers — Aaron McKennis, Johnson City, 6-1, 195, Sr.; Chad Neubauer, Shiner, 6-0, 170, Jr.; Harlan Plumber, Snook, 6-0, 175, Sr.; and (tie) Hunter Owen, Albany, 5-11, 175, Soph.; JaVie'Ontae Mumphrey, Alto, 6-4, 215, Sr.
Secondary — Alex Faith, Albany, 5-9, 160, Jr.; Garret Emmons, Menard, Jr.; Curt Langford, Farwell, 6-1, 190, Sr.; Seth Hudson, Mason, 6-2, 180, Jr.
Punter — Danny Reyes, Somerville, 5-6, 142, Sr.
Kick returner — Chance Cook, Canadian, 6-0, 180, Jr.

THIRD TEAM
OFFENSE

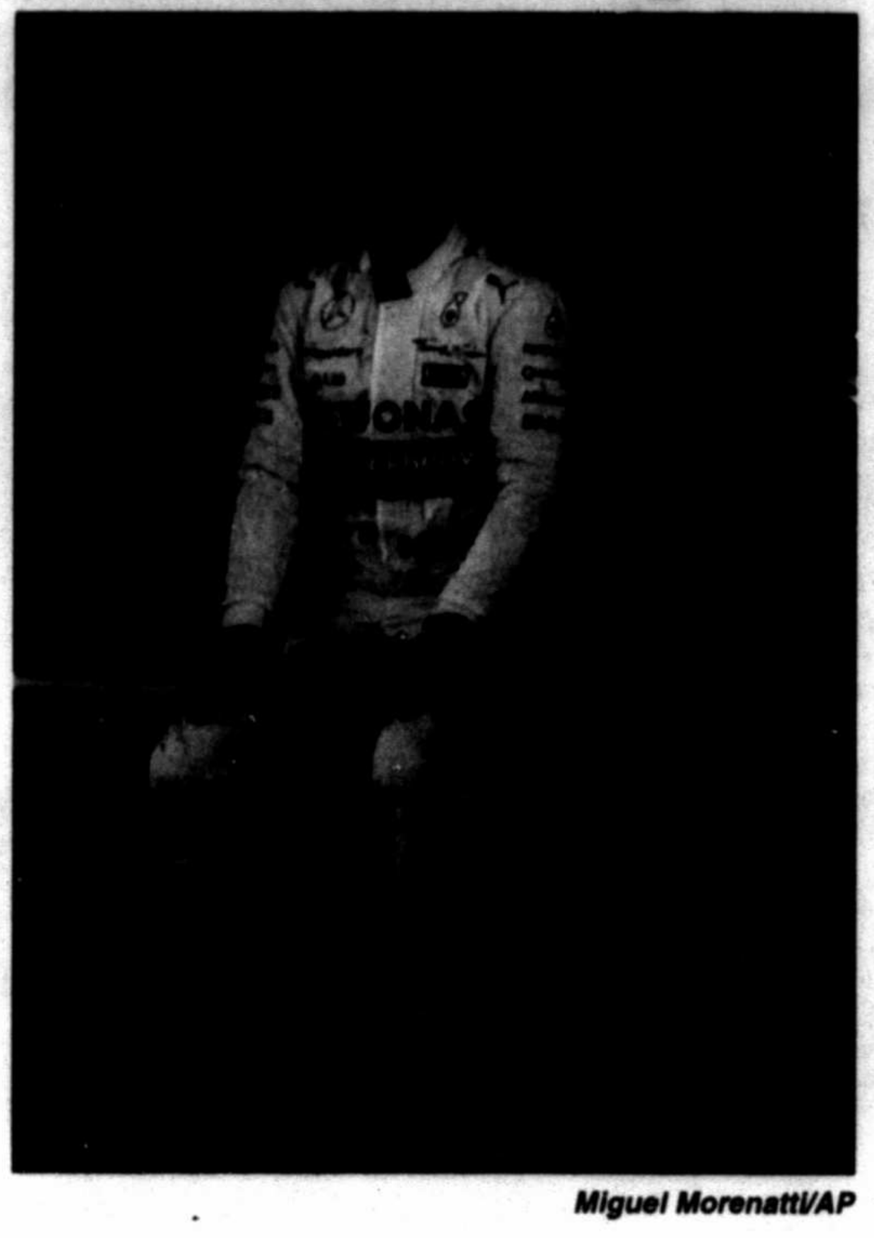
Quarterback — Jaylon Mascorro, Refugio, 6-2, 205, Soph.
Running backs — Blayne Denton, Tolar, 5-11, 170, Sr.; Barry Johnson, Sudan, 5-8, 175, Sr.; Isaiah Perez, Refugio, 5-10, 208, Jr.
Fullback — Vincent Pantoja, Roscoe, 6-0, 200, Jr.
Split ends — Colton Austin, Thorndale, 6-0, 185, Sr.; Cory Bodine, Quanah, 5-10, 155, Sr.
Tight end — (tie) Weston Gorneau, Meridan, 6-3, 210, Sr.; Robby Pinon, Seagraves, 5-10, 192, Jr.
Tackles — Jacob Burney, Mart, 6-3, 265, Sr.; Ethan Bredemeyer, Winters, 6-1, 245, Sr.
Guards — Triston Adkins, Gladewater Union Grove, 6-0, 220, Sr.; Mark Hargrove, Somerville, 5-11, 268, Jr.
Center — (tie) Colten Heine, Thrall, 6-1, 245, Sr.; Mitchell Lowrance, Munday, 5-9, 206, Sr.; Kelton Bales, Iraan, 6-1, 280, Sr.
Place-kicker — Bryson Nail, Mart, 6-0, 258, Jr.
All-purpose — (tie) Duane Hyles, Hico, 5-10, 160, Sr. and Devan Griffin, Iraan, 6-0, 175, Sr.

DEFENSE

Linemen — Christian DeSantiago, Booker, 5-8, 211, Sr.; Noah Flores, Harleton, 6-0, 230, Sr.; Gerardo Martinez, Farwell, 6-0, 260, Jr.; Tristan Patterson, Wellington, 6-0, 160, Sr.
Linebackers — Barclay Brunson, Crawford, 5-9, 175, Sr.; Collin Nail, Mart, 5-10, 215, Sr.; Manny Salas, Canadian, 5-8, 170, Sr.; Brandon Salinas, 5-10, 180, Burton, Sr.
Secondary — Luke Huffer, Burton, 5-11, 175, Sr.; Rans Mullins, Gladewater Union Grove, 5-11, 165, Sr.; Hunter Parrish, Goldthwaite, 5-10, 165, Jr.; (tie) Elijah Ramon, Springlake-Earth, 5-8, 150, Sr.; Cade Harris, Centerville, 6-0, 170, Sr. and Miguel Castillo, Mason, 5-9, 150, Sr.
Punter — Jesus Chacon, Dublin, 5-9, 145, Jr.
Kick returner — (tie) Logan Hare, Evadale, 6-0, 178, Sr. and De'Nerian Thomas, Mart, 5-9, 160, Sr.

Rosberg searching for small margins to make big difference

By Jerome Pugmire
Associated Press



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Mercedes Formula One driver Nico Rosberg sits on a new Mercedes F1 M06 car at the Circuito de Jerez on Sunday in Jerez de la Frontera, Spain.

JEREZ, Spain — Nico Rosberg is studying how he breathes as he looks to overhaul Formula One world champion and Mercedes teammate Lewis Hamilton.

Rosberg missed out on the title in dramatic fashion last year and wants to find improvements.

The German driver has tried perfecting new breathing techniques in order to find the "one or two percent" that could make all the difference this season.

Rosberg did better than Hamilton in qualifying last year, securing 11 pole positions compared to seven, but Hamilton dominated him — 11 wins to five — on race day.

That has been bugging Rosberg, who is determined to find the small margins that will work in his favor.

"I learned some things in the winter. For example, my breathing was something I could work on, my breathing in the race car," Rosberg explained. "Because when we go through fast corners we hold the breath, because we have so much g-force. Of course I want to give you some insights, but not compromise my secrets."

He's also stepped up his training regime.

"To be that little bit more fit at the end of races, a little bit more on it," the 29-year-old Rosberg said. "That one or two percent that makes the difference in the end."

Hamilton beat Rosberg by 67 points — but the margin was exaggerated by the double points on offer in the last race. Rosberg could have clinched the title, for example, if he had won and Hamilton placed third. But Hamilton won and Rosberg, blighted by technical problems, ended up 14th and out of the points.

He insists it did not take him long to get over it.

"Life went back to normal for me very quickly, one or two days," he said. "I'm always motivated, but (this time) I have an extra little bit. To have this memory from last year. I know how awesome it feels to win races and how great it feels when I beat Lewis."

Feelings were heightened last year due to the tension between the drivers. It led to several feuds, with Hamilton accusing his teammate of deliberately crashing into him at the Belgian GP in August.

Tensions were eased after Rosberg warmly congratulated Hamilton — his friend since their teenage years racking karts against each other — but Mercedes Head of Motorsport Toto Wolff does not rule out a repeat scenario.

"I have no illusions that 2015 will be an easier year," Wolff said. "At this stage in their lives, they are teammates and competitors. This is how it is. It makes no sense to hope for harmony when no harmony can be expected."

Mercedes could have defused the situation after the Spa incident by imposing team orders, but, despite the animosity it generated, let them continue racing against each other providing they did not create further controversy.

"That is when a team is getting pushed forward. The downside — the intense competition — we will live with," Wolff said. "We have learned from last season. We have matured as a team, including the drivers."

Cuadrado seals Chelsea move on quiet transfer deadline day

By Rob Harris
Associated Press

LONDON — Europe's top clubs shunned any last-minute scramble for players on the final trading day of the season Monday, with Premier League leader Chelsea making the only major deal by completing formalities to sign Juan Cuadrado.

The 26-year-old winger left Fiorentina for around $40 million on a 4 1/2-deal as Chelsea offloaded Andre Schuerrle to German side Wolfsburg.

Cuadrado, who starred at the World Cup for Colombia, scored five goals in 17 matches for Fiorentina this season. He joins a Chelsea side competing for titles in the Premier League and Champions League, although the first chance for silverware comes in the March 1 League Cup final against Tottenham.

"This is a great club and honestly it is like a dream to join the Chelsea family and to know that the manager believes in me," Cuadrado said.

Manchester United vice-captain Darren Fletcher was allowed to join West Bromwich Albion on a free transfer as the transfer window closed.

The 31-year-old midfielder has spent his entire career at United, making 342 appearances and winning the league five times, but he has been unable to earn him a place in Louis van Gaal's starting lineup this season.

It was a busy transfer deadline day at Tottenham which started by tying its breakthrough player of the season to a new contract. The 21-year-old striker Harry Kane signed a deal through 2020 after scoring 20 goals in all competitions this campaign.

Benoit Assou-Ekotto's Tottenham career is over after being released from his contract. The defender has not played for the club since May 2013 and spent last season on loan at Queens Park Rangers.

Winger Aaron Lennon was sent on loan to Everton until the end of the season after losing his place in the team and starting only three league matches this season.

Bode Miller ready to race at world championships

By Pat Graham
Associated Press

BEAVER CREEK, Colo. — Bode Miller's no longer being held back by a herniated disk. He's cleared himself to race again.

Just in time for the world championships, too, which was his target all along after undergoing surgery in November.

The six-time Olympic medalist hopes to compete in the super-G, downhill and possibly even the super-combined. First, though, U.S. men's coach Sasha Rearick has to pick him for one of the team's spots in each of the events.

Doesn't sound like that's going to be much of an issue.

Asked if Miller would be in the starting gate for the super-G on Wednesday, Rearick responded," Yes." Same answer when asked about the downhill race Saturday.

"He's as close as I could have imagined him to being at this point, based on the surgery he got," Rearick said. "I'm proud of what he's done to get to this point."

It will be Miller's first competitive race since last March, when he didn't finish the second leg of a slalom event in Switzerland. Then again, he doesn't need a lot of races under his belt.

This is Bode Miller, who knows only one way down the hill — by going full throttle.

Plus, the 37-year-old Miller knows the course so well. He's won four times on the Birds of Prey hill, and finished runner-up on three other occasions.

His first world championships were actually at this venue in 1999, when he was just a rambunctious 21-year-old with a unique style. He finished eighth in the slalom back then, along with 18th in the giant slalom and 26th in the super-G.

"This hill allows guys to do their really best," said Miller, a four-time world championship winner, but none since Bormio, Italy, in 2005 when he captured the downhill and super-G titles. "It's one of those hills that feels good and builds confidence in athletes. I've seen guys ski some of their best runs on this venue. I'm looking forward to it."

A month ago, Miller squeezed in some training in Beaver Creek and said that his back felt like he was "balancing two pool balls on top of each other." He was a long way off from competing, but didn't rush things along.

He then took some training runs in Switzerland and Austria, just to get some of his timing back.

"That was the last step before I could feel comfortable coming in and actually putting the gas pedal down and race," Miller said. "Everything went as well as I could've hoped. I'm here and ready to race."

Maybe even in the super-combined as well, an event that melds a run of the slalom with the downhill. However, his slalom is a little rusty.

"It wasn't really pretty, but my back held up fine," he said. "When I ski, there are no sharp shooting pains. It doesn't restrict me.

"Coming in here for the race, the world championships, if Sasha puts me in there, I'm going to try to win the races. If I'm healthy enough to make it down, that's sort of my goal."

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When: 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m. Saturdays
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 350 N. Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 634-9621 or (469) 248-8472

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships.
For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at (915) 240-1030

Poker

Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments.
For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up.
When/where: 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woofers & Tweeters; 6:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at Rednecks Drafthouse. Players must be signed in by 6:15 p.m. each night.
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net

Professional Wrestling

Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages.
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 2-6 p.m. Sunday
Cost: $50 down; $35 a month.
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 349-3055

Rugby

Mad Dog Rugby Football Club
Practices: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at Reyes-Mashburn Park (north field)
For more info call: 432-697-6418

Running

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: $20 per year for individual membership; $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Hailey, president at haileyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0988

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.; Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter); Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422.

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 state and sporting clays.
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday.
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com.
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
What: Men's fastpitch softball
For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Mabee Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards or freestyle or backstroke
For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
For more info: 684-7755

COM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cost: $40 per month (includes cardio training)
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
For more info: 684-7755

COM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic skills for beginners then advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets
Ages: 4 and up
For more info: 684-7755

COM Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of COM Dive Team.
What: Emphasizes is on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
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COM Elite Dive Team
What: Highest level of COM diving. Concentrates on perfecting Olympic level skills, national and international travel
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COM Competitive Swim Team
Who: Try out for COM Swim Team, tryouts available by appointment
What: Emphasizes stroke correction and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
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COM Adult Conditioning
What: Allows adult participation use of top quality lap pools and fitness room during specified hours
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COM Water Walking Class
What: Unstructured, self-paced class
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COM Senior Fitness Class
Who: Senior citizens that need help with physical conditions resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc.
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Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 6 and up
For more information: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area.
For more info: Call 432-563-1333 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information.

Bush Tennis Center Clinics
What: Balloon Tennis 34 (ages 3-4); Redball 58 (ages 5-8); Orange and Green Ball 910 (ages 9-10); Junior Development (6th-8th grade; freshman-JV); Junior Select (varsity); RSR Adults (adult beginners); Intermediate Adults; 4.0-5.0 Adults (advanced adults); Also Junior Team Tennis registration now open
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bushtenniscenter.com and or call, 620-8180.

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 620-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

Midland College tennis classes
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30 to 1:50 p.m.
Where: Midland College
For more info: Call 686-4266

Youth Clinics
When: For children 4-8 years of age (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30 to 4 p.m.) and 9-15 years of age (Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: 686-4266

Midland Women's Tennis Association fall league
For more info: 689-4340

Midland Tennis Club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual dues: Adults $65; youth $30; families $140
For more info: Call 686-4266 or email midlandtennisclub@yahoo.com

Walking

Midland Walkabout AVA Club Meetings
When: Fun Walks, 10K, 3rd Saturday morning of the month; Monthly meeting 3rd Sunday at 5 p.m.
Where: Fun Walks, vary; meetings in Room 227, First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave.
Who: All ages
For more info: Call Alex Rose 687-2588 or go to www.midlandwalkabout.org

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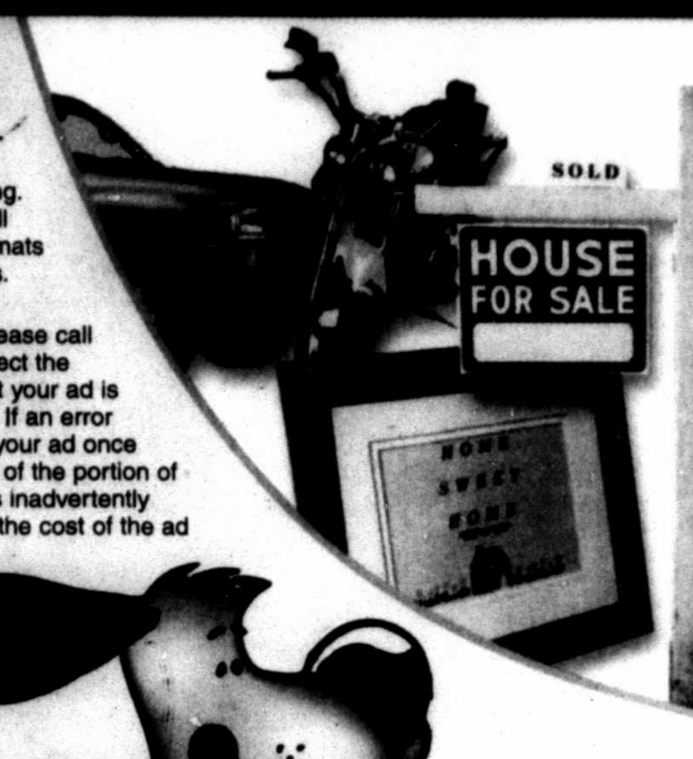

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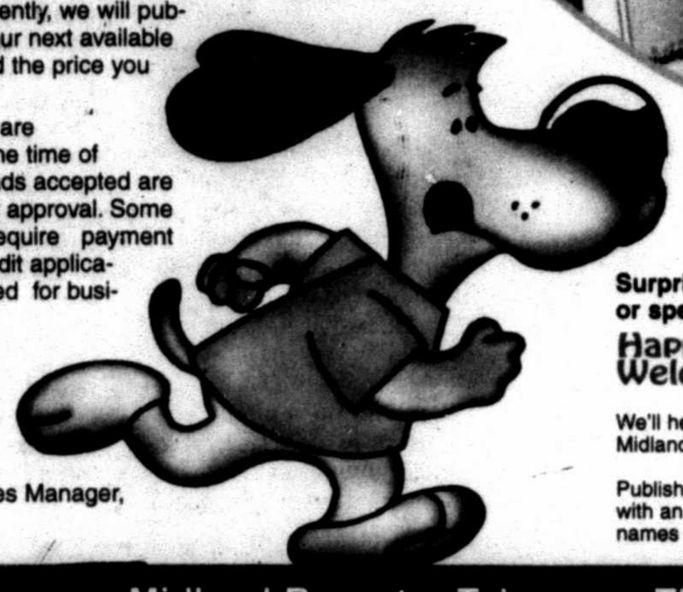

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Midland Habitat for Humanity builds homes for low income families and will be taking applications from 2/2/2015 at 9:00 a.m. through 3/2/2015 at 5:00 p.m. Applications may be picked up at 305 E. Texas.

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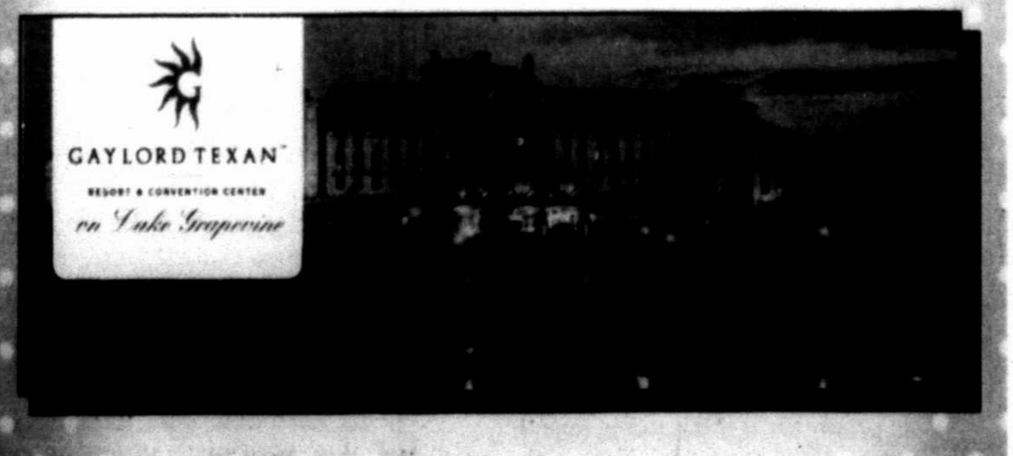

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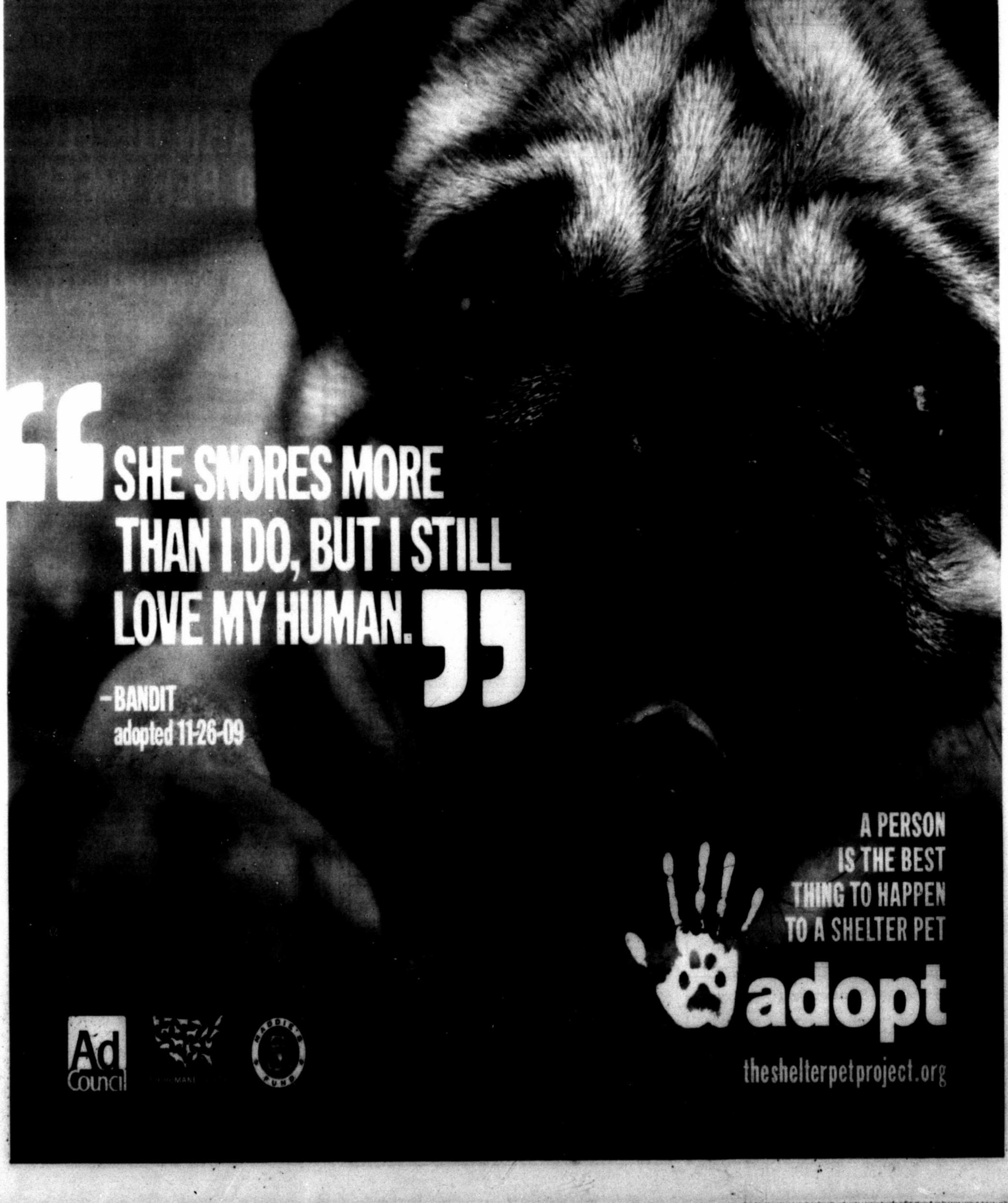

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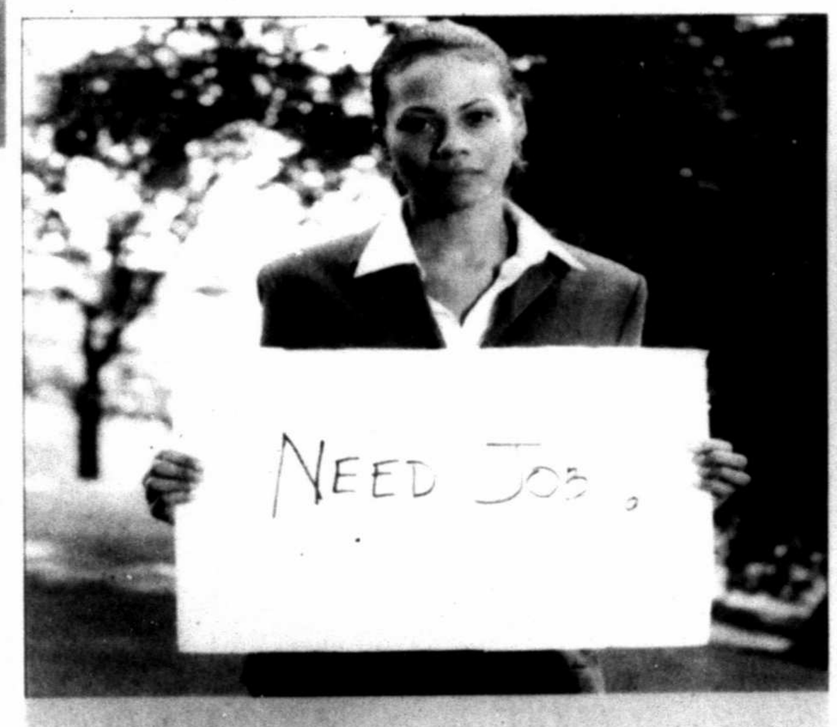

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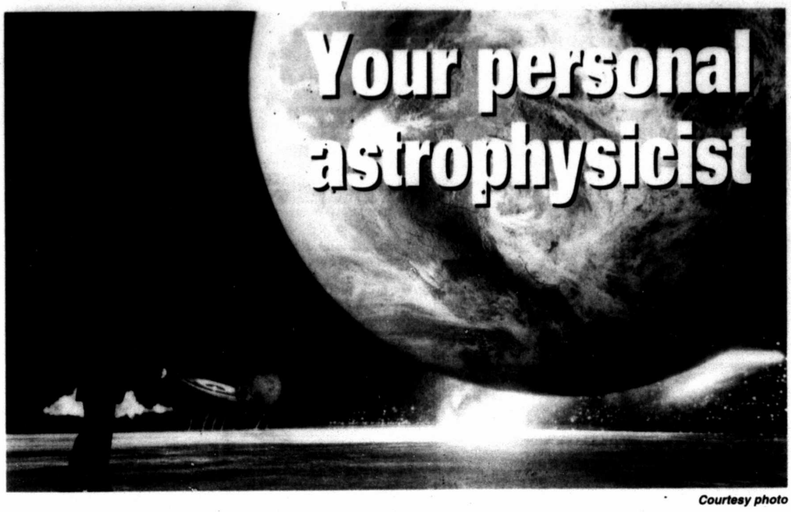

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"Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey," which was hosted by Neil deGrasse Tyson ended last year. Tyson's new television show, "StarTalk," is based on the long-running radio show and podcast of the same name, now in its seventh season, and it is billed as the first science-based TV talk show.

Neil deGrasse Tyson embarks through new portal to scientific discourse

By Dennis Overbye
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — Thick cables snaked across the floor of the Hall of the Universe one recent evening. Not far from a 10-foot-tall pitted tooth of iron known as the Willamette Meteorite, a semicircle of cafe tables was set up.

In the corner, behind tables holding video and computer equipment, was a bar and buffet. Holding court in the center of the crowd, in a blazer and bluejeans and a tie garishly illustrated with astronomical images, was Neil deGrasse Tyson, the ebullient director of the Hayden Planetarium at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City — or, as he likes to describe himself to audiences, "your personal astrophysicist."

The blogosphere was going crazy, he declared, looming over me and grabbing my shoulders. "They're saying Neil is going to take over late-night TV," he laughed. He said he had been approached to go on Conan O'Brien's show, where a year ago he had enthused about dying in a black hole and pointed out that everything about a crescent moon that hangs over the city on the show's set was wrong.

The occasion, in the museum's Rose Center for Earth and Space, was the taping of a couple of episodes of Tyson's new television show, "StarTalk." Based on the long-running radio show and podcast of the same name, now in its seventh season, it is billed as the first science-based TV talk show. Or as Helen Matsos, a NASA astrobiologist and "StarTalk" producer, put it, "The Daily Show" meets "Car Talk" meets "Cosmos."

"There are lots of channels for people who know they like science," Tyson said. "This is a show for people who don't know they like science — or know they don't."

The last time we saw him in prime time, last spring, Tyson was flying around the universe on a letter-opener-shaped spaceship as the host of the born-again "Cosmos," slipping on sunglasses with a sly smile to experience the Big Bang. For those who have relished Tyson in a more spontaneous mode, holding forth as a guest of Bill Maher or Jay Leno or needling his fellow physicists during debates at the museum, this is a chance to see him at his unscripted best.

This was the second in a series of tapings for shows that will start on the National Geographic Channel in April. About 30 people, mostly museum employees, had been invited to eat, drink and applaud enthusiastically as the live audience.

At tapings of prime-time shows like "The Big Bang Theory," there is a person in charge of keeping the audience warmed up and excited during breaks in the action.

On "StarTalk," the warmer-upper is Tyson himself, who began by teasing a reporter in the first row for being the only one not wearing black. He ruminated on the movies. Until recently, he said, most sci-fi films were "people go into space and something goes wrong."

But sitcoms like "The Big Bang Theory" and movies like "The Theory of Everything" and "The Imitation Game," both nominated for multiple Academy Awards, have opened "a new portal," Tyson said. In "Interstellar," he noted, five major stars play scientists who do not endanger civilization, but save it.

Soon Tyson and his guests, Janna Levin, a cosmologist, novelist and professor at Barnard College, and Eugene Mirman, a comedian in the animated series "Bob's Burgers" and a frequent wingman on the "StarTalk" podcast, were perched on stools. We applauded wildly as Tyson wound up his opening pitch. "StarTalk," he intoned in a deep voice, "where science and popular culture collide."

The subject was black holes, the Einsteinian monsters from which not even light can escape and which form the centerpiece of "Interstellar," Christopher Nolan's epic movie about astronauts who travel through a wormhole to another galaxy in search of a new home for humanity.

Why is the entrance to a black hole called a throat? Tyson wondered at one point. "It's creepy."

The conversation was interspersed with clips from an interview with Nolan, shown on a bank of screens usually used to present images like Hubble Space Telescope pictures to museumgoers.

During another break, Tyson recalled that he had written a rhyme about black holes. He started to recite it: "In a feet-first dive to this cosmic abyss ..."

And then he scrunched his face in agony. "I forgot the last stanza."

He tried again, and could not remember it. The show went on.

Along the way, two wine glasses minding their own business at the feet of those stools were smashed.

By the time Tyson had wrapped the first episode, someone had fetched the poem, "Death by Black Hole," from Google. Tyson tried again, then again with rhythm as the audience members snapped their fingers in time:

In a feet-first dive
To this cosmic abyss
You will not survive
Because you surely will not miss
The tidal forces of gravity will create
quite a calamity when you're stretched
head to toe
Are you sure you wanna go?
Your body's atoms — you'll see them —
will enter one by one
The singularity will eat 'em, and of
course, you won't be having fun.

More applause.

Then it was time for selfies, and for sweeping up the broken glass.

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Snake ancestors probably had legs

What makes a snake a snake? The oldest snake fossils on record are forcing researchers to reconsider the question.

When it comes to separating snakes from their lizard ancestors, paleontologists have long considered legs to be the deciding factor: lizards have them, snakes do not.

In a report published in the journal Nature Communications, scientists describe four newly discovered fossils 140 million to 167 million years old. Two fossils were originally thought to be lizards, but they have now been classified as snakes because of the structure of their skulls and jawbones. Those features evolved before limblessness, the researchers said.

"Skull evolution and feeding mechanics is most likely what drove the evolution of snakes," said Michael Caldwell, a paleontologist at the University of Alberta and lead author of the study. "The limbless thing comes later."

The upper jawbones of the fossils did not have "bony constructions" attaching them to the rest of the skull, which are found in lizards, Caldwell said. It is that absence of attachment that allows snakes to open their mouths wider than their heads.

Judging from parts of the vertebrae, however, Caldwell said he is nearly certain that these snake forebears crawled around on four feet.

Leading a mouse to drink, or not

Researchers have discovered a circuit in the brains of mice that controls thirst. Turn it on, and the mouse will drink regardless of how much water it has had. Turn it off, and the mouse avoids water.

The findings, published in the journal Nature, suggest a new role for the subfornical organ, or SFO, an unusual part of the brain already thought to help regulate appetite and fluid retention.

Unlike most parts of the brain, the SFO lies outside the blood-brain barrier, meaning it receives significant blood flow. Biologists at Columbia University wondered if that might mean the SFO can determine when hydration is required.

To find out, they introduced a light-sensitive protein into the SFO in mice, which contains two sets of neurons (excitatory and inhibitory). Using a laser, the researchers could then turn the neurons on or off.

When the excitatory neurons were turned on, the mice drank avidly for prolonged periods, consuming as much as 8 percent of their body weight. (The mice showed no interest in other fluids.) When the inhibitory neurons were turned on, the mice reduced their water intake by 80 percent.

The results suggest that the SFO serves as something of an internal blood taster, said Yuki Oka, the lead author.

"We think this SFO is sort of a tongue in the brain," said Oka, who has since moved to the California Institute of Technology. "Because it is exposed to the bloodstream, this structure is in a position to monitor internal states."

Consumer Electronics Show unveils all the newest gadgets

Dear PropellerHeads: I saw that the annual Consumer Electronics Show (CES) was in the news again recently and wondered what got your propellers spinning. Anything exciting this year?

A: Every January, tech companies descend on Las Vegas to show off the coolest gadgets, upgrades, and ideas their R&D departments have been working on during the last 12 months. Just to illustrate the level of geekery we're talking about here, the CEO of Mercedes-Benz introduced a concept car with the help of a one-eyed robot that roamed the stage projecting a live video feed of the car's interior (http://bit.ly/1Bre3De).

In times past, the CES introduced the VCR (1970), camcorders (1981), DVDs (1996) nd HDTV (1998) (cesweb.org). When time travel becomes a reality, it'll probably debut at the first CES in 1967. Mind-blown!

Part of the fun is watching companies come up with ridiculous upgrades. Just as unnecessary as stuffed-crust pizza and five-blade razors, this year saw demos of bendable TV screens, waterproof phones, and activity-tracking crystal pendants. "Why?" you ask. Why not?!

On the TV front, Samsung, LG and Sony showed off more 4K screens (with higher resolution than today's HD sets), curved screens and HDR technology. High Dynamic Range (HDR) translates into crisper, more vivid images with greater contrast. Sony introduced a 65-inch LCD television that's two-tenths of an inch thick – thinner than an iPhone (http://cnet.co/14VN7gH).

Dish Networks debuted their new Sling service aimed at cable-cutters. Starting at $20/month and with no contracts, it delivers channels from CNN, ESPN, TNT, Disney and others over the Internet to devices like the Xbox One, Roku, PCs, Amazon Fire TV sticks and tablets and phones running iOS or Android (http://bit.ly/1sUft6h).

Appliance-wise, the new LG Twin Wash lets you wash two loads of laundry at once on different cycles (http://bit.ly/15qexfb). Samsung's Activewash system includes a sink built in to the top of a washing machine (http://bit.ly/1sUmOTo), and Panasonic's Genius Prestige Plus microwave uses new technology to heat food more evenly (http://cnet.co/1GhOOWZ). The name's pretentious, but we'd actually use that one.

This year's Internet-connected coffee machine — there was one at CES 2014 also — uses your iPhone to wake you when the coffee's ready and can brew a cup automatically when you arrive home from work (http://yhoo.it/1B7sppH).

On to cars! Audi showcased their self-driving car tech by sending a research car on a 550-mile trip from San Francisco to the convention using "piloted driving" for the entire trip. A person sat in the car, ready to take over in case anything went wrong. It didn't.

The car uses radar, lasers (what doesn't?!) and 3D cameras to feed data to a computer that controls acceleration, braking and steering. It can change lanes and pass other cars, but refuses to drive in cities. The car pulls over and stops if the driver doesn't take over near heavily populated areas or if the driver annoys it by asking "Are we there yet?" one more time (http://bit.ly/1zqSgLf).

Not to be outdone, BMW's i3 electric car uses ActiveAssist technology to override the driver and brake to prevent collisions. It's connected to the Internet (what isn't?!), and you can use a smartwatch — yeah, that's a thing now — to tell the car to go park itself after you get out. Use the same app later to tell the car to come pick you up (http://bit.ly/1B7tkqa). Those Hasselhoff-obsessed Germans finally made Knight Rider a reality. Look for Baywatch-inspired e-floatables at CES 2016.

Mercedes-Benz took a longer view with their tech demo. The F015 research car is their "vision of the car for 2030." Because it drives itself, passengers don't need windows, so those were replaced with touchscreens. And since it's electric (without an engine or transmission), there's plenty of space inside for Jetsons-like spaceship chairs (http://bit.ly/1KULoJA).

Other products on display included an LG phone with a curved display, a $1,200 Sony Walkman powered by Android and drones that are smart enough not to bump into people. Intel's latest microchip promises better performance, longer battery life, and less heat in future laptops. And Withings demoed the Activité, a smartwatch (it tracks steps and syncs with phones) that looks like a dumbwatch (what your stylish dad might wear). Check out CNet's coverage (ces.cnet.com) and The Verge (theverge.com/ces-2015) for more.

Lastly, there's the stuff out of Robert Zemeckis movies: RocketSkates, levitating speakers and electronic skateboards. Oh, and of course, Bluetooth-connected insoles that track your steps and warm your feet. Ridiculous, right? And how many razor blades did you shave with this morning?

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