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DeMarco Murray breaks an Emmitt Smith rushing record.

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YEAR IN REVIEW

2014 is fast coming to a close, so we're taking a look back at the top 10 news and sports stories that affected Midland this year. Don't miss these stories and more this week in the Reporter-Telegram.

Wednesday

ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR

HAMMERING THE GOOD DEEDS HOME

MRT file photo

Ivette Cruz and Gan Liao nail together pieces of wood in March as they and other students from New Jersey City University traveled to Midland for their spring break to participate in the Habitat Collegiate Challenge.

Habitat goes the distance to make home ownership a reality

By Steve Kuhlmann
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After 23 years and 127 houses, the profound impact that Habitat for Humanity has had on Midland is undeniable. The local affiliate of the international nonprofit has placed more than 500 Midlanders in homes — and it shows no signs of slowing any time soon.

For its dedicated service to the community, the Reporter-Telegram recognizes Midland Habitat for Humanity as our Organization of the Year for 2014.

Earlier this year, the nonprofit broke ground on an aggressive project to build a neighborhood of 54 new Habitat homes over the next five years.

"The groundbreaking of this new development will allow Midland Habitat for Humanity to do something it has never done before: build an entire community inhabited solely by Habitat for Humanity partner families," John Stretcher, a member of the nonprofit's board of directors, wrote in a letter to the editor. "This is a win-win situation for all involved, as those placed in these homes will not only realize their dream of home ownership, but will also be surrounded by neighbors who share a common experience and a common desire to build a better life for themselves and their families."

Stretcher noted Habitat's mission has "never been more important" in light of Midland's booming economy that — while a blessing for some — has been a burden on others.

"One of the unforeseen consequences of this boom is the drastic increase in rental rates and housing costs," Stretcher said. "There are many hard-working, low-income families in our community who simply cannot afford these prices and are consequently forced to live in conditions that could at best be described as substandard."

Agatha Lopez, a beneficiary of Habitat's work in the community, is a shining example of those who the nonprofit has impacted. A single mother of three, Lopez has worked her way through college and is now on a path to becoming a teacher.

"When I got my house, my kids were

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Support for Habitat paying off in our community

Editor's note: The following editorial ran in our newspaper in July. We have updated it and are offering it again as part of the 2014 Organization of the Year presentation.

There is no greater thrill for this newspaper than to recognize an example of the spirit of this community's philanthropy.

Midlanders, in our view, are as generous with their time and money as residents of any Texas city. Per capita, we suspect, there is no equal.

Today, we name Habitat for Humanity as our 2014 Organization of the Year. Previous persons/organizations of the year were the firefighter (2011), Bob Fu of ChinaAid (2012) and the foundations (2013).

■ Our View

This year, Habitat not only increased its total of houses built to 127, but the organization, as Steve Kuhlmann writes in today's Reporter-Telegram, broke ground on an aggressive project to build a neighborhood of 54 new Habitat homes over the next five years.

That's right: 54 homes. It's not a misprint, but a testament to the greatness of our community's Habitat organization and the support Midlanders provide for its future.

"I realized how lucky we are in Midland, Texas, because we have this spirit of giving, of philanthropy, volunteerism, and it just makes a huge difference," Habitat Executive Director Alynda Best told the Reporter-Telegram. "Everybody from all different walks and scopes of life gives what they can, does what they can and it just makes it a better place."

During these times of sky-high prices, we cannot imagine a greater need in this town than affordable housing, and 54 houses over a five-year period will make a difference. While the organization has been in existence since 1991, it seems to recently have hit its stride, averaging 10 or more homes a year. We will put that total up against any community our size in America.

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Energy companies brace for job cuts as oil prices fall

■ Midlevel officials could feel bite first as skilled workers prove their value

By Ryan Holeywell
Houston Chronicle

The plunging price of oil has created a dilemma for major energy companies as they cut costs and prepare for what experts say will be inevitable job reductions, with midlevel administrators considered far more vulnerable than engineers and other highly skilled workers.

A handful of companies have announced personnel cuts for next year, but many still haven't provided details on 2015 budgets or workforce plans.

At a time when crude oil is trading at barely half its 2014 peak, some workers inevitably face job losses, said Bill Herbert, an analyst at Simmons & Co.

"The industry is going through Darwinian adjustment," Herbert said. "The pressures of the marketplace will dictate that these companies adjust their businesses accordingly. The easiest way to do that, frankly, is to reduce your head count."

Models from the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas indicate that if crude oil remains around $55 per barrel, Texas could lose 128,000 direct and indirect energy jobs by mid-2015, said Michael Plante, a senior research economist at the Dallas Fed.

BP, the London-based international integrated oil company, already has said it will cut an unspecified number of midlevel supervisors in its oil production and refining businesses, as well as some back-office jobs.

Halliburton CEO Dave Lesar hinted at

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Youngsters test their mettle in calf-roping competition

By Ed Todd
MRT correspondent

Youngsters who dare to test their horseback mettle and skill while chasing a running calf and whirling a rope will perform this week in the Tall City New Year's Calf Roping Blowout at the Horseshoe.

"It's for the kids and old worn-out men like me," said E.P. Birkhead, 78.

For more than 60 years, he has been an avid enthusiast of horseback roping for youngsters and old-timers.

Birkhead is among sponsors of the fourth-annual calf roping event — set for Tuesday through Thursday — that celebrates a tradition of the Old West that is extant today on ranches in doctoring calves for screwworms in the pasture, branding them at round-ups and roping them at rodeos.

Roping is teamwork between the horse and the rider.

"You've got to have a good horse, because he's about 75 percent of it (calf roping)," Birkhead said.

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METTLE

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The horse is going to stop and "work the rope to help the roper win" once the sprinting calf is roped and halted. "It takes a lot of practice" with rider and mount in concert, he said.

Roping as a sport was inspired in the late 1800s and early 1900s in "pasture roping," working cattle on horseback.

"The ranchers are the ones who got the rodeo going" with calf roping, steer wrestling and saddle-bronco riding, Birkhead said.

Roper-saddler Harry Jones said ropers should be humble and respect the horse.

"You have got to understand them (horses) before you can get them to do what you want them to do," he said.

Horses "do the best they can with the leadership they've got" sitting in the saddle.

Roping is a sport that builds character, said Birkhead, who took up roping in the late 1940s.

"I won a couple of (championship) saddles when I was young," said Birkhead, who competed in senior-roping events when he was in his 70s.

This week's blowout begins Tuesday with tie-down calf roping and breakaway calf roping for youth and teens. Breakaway roping, which does not involve the tie-down aspect, is for girls and younger boys who opt not to tie-down. The tying-down feature involves flanking the calf after the calf is roped and using the "piggin' string" to hold the calf still by tying a front leg to the hind legs.

Roping events Wednesday and Thursday will be dedicated to Ultimate Calf Roping for seasoned ropers from youth through competitors of Birkhead's age.

Tuesday's all-day roping competition begins at 9 a.m. A barbecue lunch and prayer service conducted by Texas-New Mexico rancher-roper Phil Stroud is planned for 1 p.m.

Competition will be for age groups from 9-and-under to 19-and-under. Breakaway calf-roping is for girls of all ages and optional for boys age 13 or younger.

Competitors in the Calf Roping Blowout are from across Texas, as well as Louisiana, Colorado, Mississippi and New Mexico, Birkhead said.

Featured high-profile teen ropers Marcus Theriot, Westyn Hughes, Cooper Mathews and Ty Harris will compete in the 7 p.m. Match Ropers Tournament on Tuesday.

The free Calf Roping Blowout — which was founded by roping enthusiasts Shorty Shaw, Dane Driver, Shay Good and Birkhead — is a memorial to West Texas ropers Shawn McMullan and Skipper Driver.

McMullan, raised in Iraan and educated at pro-rodeo Odessa College and Tarleton State University, was a championship calf-roper, team roper and steer wrestler who died just shy of his 27th birthday in 1996 while traveling on the rodeo circuit in Oregon.

"He could rope with any of them. He was top," Birkhead said of McMullan, who was posthumously inducted into the Texas Rodeo Hall of Fame. McMullan competed in the National Finals Rodeo, the "Super Bowl of Rodeo," organized by The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA).

Driver, West Texas rancher and an accomplished calf roper, team roper and steer wrestler out of Big Spring and Garden City, died in 2011 at age 67 following an illness. He had coached basketball at Grady and was rodeo coach at Howard County Junior College in Big Spring.

Birkhead touted the character-building aspects of youth in roping and other horse-related events.

"What's good" about horse-related sporting events is "the parents are involved, practicing with them (their sons and daughters) everyday, going to rodeos with their kids. It's a good deal."

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MCALLEN

City's holiday parade costs far exceed budget

A holiday parade staged earlier this month by the city of McAllen and budgeted at $146,000 cost more than seven times that amount, according to receipts and invoices reviewed by a newspaper.

The Dec. 6 parade cost more than $1.1 million, a figure that officials in the Rio Grande Valley said sponsors would cover almost half of through cash and in-kind contributions but could provide no information in support, The Monitor reported Sunday.

Joe Vera III, the assistant city manager who organized the event, said some things are one-time expenses, like moving utilities along the parade route to accommodate the parade floats and balloons. Some $240,000 was spent to move traffic signal lights and another $200,000 to bury utility lines.

"This is an expense that had to occur for this parade to go through this route for years to come," he said.

Records show celebrities who appeared at the parade were paid $71,500 — half the original overall budget. They included TV celebrities Cristela Alonzo and Mario Lopez, who each pocketed at least $15,000 for the three-hour parade.

Another $204,000 went to the Hidalgo County Water Improvement District 3 when construction crews accidentally drilled in the district's property without permission.

"As far as producing the parade, I wasn't looking at a lot of those one-time expenses, such as utilities," Vera said.

But the newspaper said the records showed that even if none of the site work or utilities was included in the expenses, the materials, artwork, props, balloons, celebrities, promotional banners and meals for city employees working on floats accounted for around $381,000, more than double the budget.

City Commissioner John Ingram, a parade critic, acknowledged it was a public relations success but said he's concerned about the expenses. Another city commissioner, Hilda Salinas, contended the money was well spent.

"We will make our best concerted effort in keeping the costs down and we are aware of our responsibility for the minimal cost as can be had for a parade of that magnitude," she said.

Vera said the true economic impact of the event is still to come.

"The goal from day one was that we produce a destination type of event that's going to draw people to McAllen from South Texas and Mexico," he said.

HOUSTON

Spokesman: George H.W. Bush to remain in hospital

A spokesman for George H.W. Bush says that the former president will remain in a Houston hospital for now but that news of a "possible discharge" could come soon.

Family spokesman Jim McGrath said Sunday the 90-year-old will remain for now at Methodist Hospital for observation after experiencing shortness of breath earlier this week.

Bush, the oldest living former U.S. president, was taken by ambulance to the hospital Tuesday for what was reported as a precaution.

Two years ago he spent nearly two months, including Christmas, at the same hospital for treatment of a bronchitis-related cough and other issues.

He suffers from a form of Parkinson's disease that has forced him to rely on a motorized scooter or wheelchair, although in June he celebrated his 90th birthday with a skydive.

Obituaries

Billy Joe Goodson

Billy Joe Goodson, 83, of Midland, Texas passed away December 27, 2014 and was born in Petersburg, Texas on November 2, 1931.

Billy Joe served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War from 1950 to 1953. He married Carolyn Kay Seely Goodson on November 14, 1953, and they were happily married for fifty-three years.

Billy was employed by Southern Made Donuts and by Knorr Furniture, before he worked for Merchants Freight Line for twenty-seven years. He was an avid sports fan and a coach for both Southern Little League and Northern Little League, and YMCA Football. He was also an exceptional Bridge player.

Billy Joe is preceded in death by his parents Leslie F. Goodson and Maggie Stansell Goodson; his wife Carolyn Kay Goodson; sisters, Ruby Kemp, Bobbie Blanton, Hilda Rey, Benny Jack Gee; brothers, Les Goodson, David Goodson, Tommy Goodson and Ted Goodson; as well as special friend, Nancy McGrael.

Billy Joe is survived by his daughters, Paula Maddox and husband Jimmy, Karen Butts and husband Bob; sons, Leslie Goodson, Wesley Goodson and wife Elsa; brother, Dan Goodson; nine grandchildren, and thirteen great grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be James Maddox, Jeremy Maddox, Kevin Cole, Bryan Murray, Colin Wilson and Nathan Smith.

A visitation will be held from 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. on Monday, December 29, 2014 at Ellis Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 1:00p.m. on Tuesday, December 30, 2014 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel, with Tony McCrohan officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven North.

The family wishes to thank Desert Gardens Caregivers.

Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

Glendon Farrington

Glendon Farrington, 87, of Midland passed away on Friday, December 26, 2014. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, December 31, 2014 at 1:00 PM at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Glendon was born on September 20, 1927 in Stanton, TX to Annie (Wilson) and Dave Farrington. He married Mary Lucille Gresham on August 28, 1948 in Martin County. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Glendon enjoyed searching for antiques and old treasures anywhere he went. He would then turn those into metal artwork pieces that he liked to give to his friends and family. Glendon was always happy and had a joke or story to tell anyone he met. He was a Farmer for a number of his early years, then worked for V & M Field Services in the 1970s and was then self-employed as a paint contractor.

Survivors include; son and daughter in law; Joe and Marie Farrington of Midland; daughter and son in law, Lois Foster and Tommy Thompson of Midland; daughter in law, Gail Farrington of Midland; and sister Alyene Kennedy of Saint Paul, Kansas.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Mary Lucille Farrington; a son, Lewis Farrington; grandson, Eric Farrington; three sisters, Davina Flournoy, Louise Stansell, and Eula Mae Cox; brother, Lewis Farrington; and parents, Dave and Annie Farrington.

Pall Bearers are Chad Farrington, Chad Farrington Jr., Kenneth Farrington, Corey Farrington, Nolan Farrington, and Charlie Hammond.

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

Kimberly (Kim) Hazelwood Glass

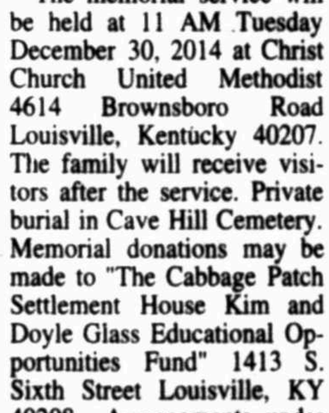
Kimberly (Kim) Hazelwood Glass, 46, died on December 27, 2014 surrounded by friends and family at her home in Louisville, Kentucky. Kim is the daughter of Janet Lee Tyson Hazelwood and the late David Arnold Hazelwood. After graduating from the J. Graham Brown School, she attended the University of Cincinnati, College of Architecture, where she received her degree in 1992. Kim then embarked on a remarkable twenty-two year career in architecture, working most recently as the lead architect for Hazelwood Glass, PLLC and previously at the architectural firm of K. Norman Berry & Associates. Kim's many professional accomplishments include the renovations of the 21c Museum Hotel, Frazier History Museum, Brown-Forman Corporation, Founders Hall, Owensboro Museum of Fine Art, Highland Presbyterian Church, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Anchorage Public School, Oldham County Schools Performing Arts Center and Portland Presbyterian Church. As a local pioneer in the design of self-sustainable buildings in terms of energy production, Kim was one of the first LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified architects in Louisville and was instrumental in obtaining LEED Platinum Certification for Louisville's first commercial building, The Green Building. (Platinum Certification is the US Green Building Council's highest designation for a sustainable building.)

Kim was a loving member of the Christ Church United Methodist family, serving as president of the Christian Homebuilders Sunday School class in 2012. She served on the Board of Trustees at The Chance School and was the Director of the Board of Trustees at Glassworks. As a child, Kim was a member of the Cabbage Patch Settlement House community. She was the first student to be awarded a scholarship, based on merit, from the Cabbage Patch Scholars Program. As an adult, Kim constantly gave back to the Cabbage Patch community. She served on the Board and was the primary architect for the Cabbage Patch recent building expansion. In order to help insure the Patch's future, she established with her husband "The Cabbage Patch Kim and Doyle Glass Educational Opportunities Fund."

In addition to giving back at the Cabbage Patch, Kim was determined to lead the fight to find a cure for cancer through groundbreaking research. To that end, she and her husband established "The Kim and Doyle Glass Developmental Therapeutics Endowment" at U of L's James Graham Brown Cancer Center and "The Kim and Doyle Glass Endowment for Children's Medical Research Institute" in Dallas, Texas.

Kim is survived by her husband, Doyle Glass, (a native of Midland, TX.), daughter, Myra Lee Glass, step-son Jacob Doyle Glass, her mother, Janet Hazelwood, brother and sister-in-law Michael and Sandra Hazelwood, sister and brother-in-law Kelly and John Jenkins, nieces Jennifer and Stephanie Hazelwood, and great-nephew Tre Hazelwood.

The memorial service will be held at 11 AM Tuesday December 30, 2014 at Christ Church United Methodist 4614 Brownsboro Road Louisville, Kentucky 40207. The family will receive visitors after the service. Private burial in Cave Hill Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to "The Cabbage Patch Settlement House Kim and Doyle Glass Educational Opportunities Fund" 1413 S. Sixth Street Louisville, KY 40208. Arrangements under the direction of Pearson Funeral Home (www.pearsonfuneralhome.com).



Margarita Velazquez Ramirez

Margarita Velazquez Ramirez better known to her friends and family as "Ita," 84 of Midland, Texas, passed away on December 22, 2014. Margarita was born in Ojinaga Chihuahua, Mexico on January 15, 1930. She married Eduardo L. Ramirez, the love of her life on October 13, 1951. They shared a beautiful and loving relationship for over 40 years.

Margarita started a thriving restaurant named "El Taquito" back in the 1980's along with three of her daughter's Martha Madrid, Bertha Ramirez and Blanca Ramos. A couple of years later she started a new restaurant called Casa Blanca. She had a successful business for over 20 years. It was evident that her true passion was cooking, serving and helping those in need. She was known throughout the community for her generous acts of kindness and love. Margarita always helped those who were less fortunate. She also would cook meals to raise money for those in the community who were struggling financially.

Margarita was a devout Catholic. Her faith was evident in the way she lived her life. She enjoyed playing bingo, going to the casinos and sewing clothes for her children. Her favorite television show was "The Price is Right." So much in fact, she made it a point not to be interrupted during that time slot. One of the greatest joys in her life was to cook for her entire family on Sunday afternoons. These times together created memories which will be cherished forever and will be missed by each family member.

Margarita is preceded in death by her husband Eduardo L. Ramirez, and parents Francisco and Guadalupe Velazquez. She is survived by five daughters and one son. Irma Arsiaga, and husband Luis; Martha Ramirez owner of "Casa Madrid", Bertha Ramirez and late husband Javier owners of "La Mision and Javi's Restaurant"; Eduardo "Lalo" Ramirez, Jr. and wife Rebecca; Blanca Ramos and husband Jesse; and Maria-Elena Galindo and husband Oved. She also leaves behind 26 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and her loyal and faithful companion "Luna."

Visitation will be held at her residence 1516 WCR 116 beginning Tuesday, December 23rd, 2014 thru Thursday, December 25th, 2014. A second viewing will be held at Ellis Funeral Home on Friday, December 26, 2014 through Sunday, December 28, 2014. A rosary will be held on Sunday, December 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. The funeral services will be held on Monday, December 29 at 11:00 a.m. at San Miguel Catholic Church with Father Chavez and Father Bernard officiating. Interment to follow at Fairview Cemetery.

Pallbearers are Luis Arsiaga, Jr.; Javier Madrid; Richard Padilla; Eduardo Salgado; Jesse Ramos, Jr.; and Obed Galindo

The family wishes to express their gratitude to Hospice of Midland, Homecare Plus, and caregivers, McConnell Olivier, Brenda Orona, and Jesse Rico for their loving support and care

Death Notices

Anastacio Enrique

Anastacio Enrique of Lenorah, Texas passed away on Thursday December 25, 2014.

Funeral services will be held Monday December 29, 2014 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stanton, Texas at 2:00 p.m. Burial will be held at St. Josephs Catholic Cemetery, immediately following the services.

He is survived by his wife, Maria Teresa Chávez de Cázares, two daughters: Sylvia Lopez and, Dora Flores, son Jaime Cázares of Lenorah, and one brother, Jesus Cázares.

Serapio Ramos

Serapio Ramos, 88 of Midland, passed away on Friday, December 26, 2014.

A prayer service will take place today at 7:00 pm at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Funeral Services will be held in Mexico.

He is survived by his daughters: Lidia R. Lopez, Maria Guadalupe R. Faudoa, Maria Elena R. Morales, Orania R. Dominguez, Hideliza R. Vega, and Elaine R. Perez; two sisters and one brother.

Per-Ingvar Branemark, dental innovator, dies at 85

N.Y. Times News Service

Dr. Per-Ingvar Branemark, a Swedish orthopedic surgeon and research professor whose accidental discovery made him the father of the modern dental implant, died Dec. 20 in Gothenburg, Sweden, his hometown. He was 85.

The cause was a heart attack, his wife, Barbro Branemark, said.

Implants have been a major advance in dentistry, liberating millions of people from painful, ill-fitting dentures, a diet of soft foods and the ignominy of a sneeze that sends false teeth flying out of the mouth.

But addressing those problems was not Branemark's initial intent.

At the start of his career, he was studying how blood flow affects bone healing.

In 1952, he and his team put optical devices encased in titanium into the lower legs of rabbits in order to study the healing process. When the research period ended and they went to remove the devices, they discovered to their surprise that the titanium had fused into the bone and could not be removed.

Branemark called the process "osseointegration," and his research took a whole new direction as he realized that if the body could tolerate the long-term presence of titanium, the metal could be used to create an anchor for artificial teeth.

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Pro wrestling runs deep in East Texas family

By Derek Kuhn
Tyler Morning Telegraph

"The first question everyone asks me is, 'Is it fake?' I got a broke right foot, a broke right leg, five ribs on my right side, four on my left side, a herniated, ruptured and deteriorated disc in my back, my right shoulder has been broken three times, my left shoulder has been broken two times and numerous concussions — it's all fake."

Galen Carpenter, professional wrestler

OVERTON — Professional wrestling and Texas have a storied history with two families — the Funks from Amarillo and the Von Erichs from Dallas — being at the forefront of the squared-circle. The Funks are still training wrestlers and promoting shows in the Panhandle, while tragedy notoriously befell the Von Erichs in the late 1980s and early '90s, making it difficult for the family to continue on the wrestling tradition.

Although those dynasties led the scene, there were many more families and individuals who contributed to this cultural phenomenon, including one East Texas family that is still grappling with "the business."

The Overton-based Andrews posse is a family of multi-generational professional wrestlers who are doing what they can to preserve their way of life in the World Wrestling Entertainment era.

The Andrews' relationship with pro wrestling began in 1980 when Galen Carpenter, whose ring name is Gen. Von Kessler, broke into "the business."

Galen, a Korean War veteran who served with the U.S. Army's First Infantry Division, said he was initially offered free gear and training with the Funks, but his wife at the time convinced him not to pursue a career in pro wrestling.

Years later, when he was 40, Galen decided to become a pro wrestler — defying people who said he was too old.

Though he was by far the oldest in his class, Galen and one other out of a group of 30 survived the training at John "Ivan the Terrible" Shaw's pro wrestling school. Shaw, who was renowned for wrestling circus bears in the 1950s and '60s, ran the school while his trainers handled the day-to-day instruction. Galen said Black Bart was his primary trainer.

After finishing the school, Galen went on to wrestle for 15 years until he retired from pro wrestling due to the rigors of "the business."

"The first question everyone asks me is, 'Is it fake?'" Galen told the Tyler Morning Telegraph. "I got a broke right foot, a broke right leg, five ribs on my right side, four on my left side, a herniated, ruptured and deteriorated disc in my back, my right shoulder has been broken three times, my left shoulder has been broken two times and numerous concussions — it's all fake," he said, laughing.

"Cowboy" Mike Andrews (real name Raymond Smith) is one of Galen's sons who is sticking it out on the independent circuit and is helping preserve this aspect of Americana.

"My dad was a wrestler," Mike said. "And all I wanted to do was follow in his footsteps."

So, like his father, Galen, before him, Mike became a professional wrestler. However, unlike his father, Mike started much earlier at age 16.

But now at 40 years old, Mike said he isn't taking as many shows as he did when he was younger.

"It takes a toll on your body," he said. "I've been doing this since I was 16 years old, and I am 40 now, so my body has taken some punishment. The bumps and bruises you get over the years from doing it every day — it's not just the shows; it's the training, too."

Now, Mike is much more selective about which shows he performs in.

"I don't need to do shows," Mike said. "I do it because I love it, and I love helping people. That's why I do mostly charity shows."

Mike, who is a full-time welder and a father of three, said he does about eight charity shows a year.

Mike and his brother, Elijah Andrews, recently drove about 200 miles from Overton to Leonard to work a show that raised money for James Isaac and Ashley Smith of Paris, whose 5-month-old daughter, Annabelle, died. Both parents are blind. The Andrews brothers teamed with Fruitvale's own Van Johnson in a triple-threat, tag-team match in front of a crowd of about 50 people.

"The Posse," as the three wrestlers bill themselves, lost the match but helped win the night by helping alleviate some of the couple's medical and funeral bills.

Mike said he knows that he can't wrestle forever — even though he'd like to — so he's doing his part to ensure the future of "the business" by helping develop the next generation of sports entertainers.

Currently, Mike has only one student, 20-year-old Beaumont native Wes Watkins. Mike said he had more students, but the reality of the training forced most to reconsider their future in pro wrestling.

"The training is fun, but it hurts," Watkins said. "You just got to get through the training to get where you want to be, whether it's with the big boys (WWE) or just going out there and showcasing your passion through performance."

But it's not all bumps and bruises. Mike said there are a lot of little things that go into making a pro wrestler.

Watkins agrees and said there's more to pro wrestling than people think.

"It's all difficult," he said. "It involves a lot of hand-eye coordination and listening."

Despite the lumps, Watkins said the pain was worth chasing his dreams of being a pro wrestler.

"Growing up, wrestling was all that I had," he said. "I didn't live with my mom or my dad; I lived with my grandmother as an only child. I watched wrestling all the time — I always wanted to do it. I used to make little plastic, fake cardboard (title) belts, and I would wrestle this dummy that people use in karate. We're talking intro music and staging matches. It was a good fun way to relieve stress — and now I get to do it."

Speaking about Mike as a trainer, Watkins said he's a great mentor but doesn't tolerate horseplay in the squared circle.

"I think I've got everything down that he's taught me — he's a great trainer," Watkins said. "He's (Mike) gonna mentor you, but if you want to be in the business, he's not going to play any games. It's like: You're going to be here to train or you can go. He doesn't waste his time on people who, when they get in the ring, find out they don't want to be a wrestler. Mike has other people to train, he has a job and a family to take care of, so he is not going to sit around and babysit people."

In a way, the pro wrestling community is Mike's family, and that is why he wants to give back.

"Being a veteran (wrestler) and having done it so long, I like helping out the younger guys who want to break into the business — teach them what I know," Mike said.

"It's my life, and it's my family's life," he added. "Our love for wrestling has helped us stay close. Being able to do what you love. What's better than that?"

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STATEBRIEFS

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CASTLE HILLS

5 dead in apartment building fire near San Antonio

Five people died Sunday after a fire broke out at a senior-living apartment building in the San Antonio suburb of Castle Hills, authorities said.

Ten other residents of the Wedgwood Apartments remained hospitalized and others were unaccounted for Sunday evening, according to Bexar County Fire Marshal spokeswoman Laura Jesse.

A total of 150 firefighters from San Antonio and six other fire departments responded to the blaze, which was reported shortly after 6 a.m., San Antonio Fire Department spokesman Christian Bove said.

The cause of the three-alarm fire at the 11-story high-rise is under investigation, but it appears to have originated on the third floor, Jesse said. The fire, now extinguished, left some "significant damage," she said.

Not all of the 216 residents listed on the building's rent rolls have been accounted for yet, Jesse said. The building also has commercial tenants.

About 150 residents were taken by city buses to a local high school, and some family members waited at a makeshift shelter in the cafeteria for word of their loved ones. Others residents were taken to a hotel.

Property manager Entrada Management Services was arranging for the residents' stays "if they don't have anywhere else to go," Jesse said.

The names of those killed in the fire have not been released.

"After looking at the floors, it's amazing we did not have more loss of life," San Antonio Fire Chief Charles Hood said at a news conference, adding that the smoke and fire were "communicated" throughout the building. He also said the building's third floor was gutted and the doors were charred.

Some residents walked down many flights of stairs, others were carried out, and others were evacuated down ladder truckers from the balconies of their apartments, Bove said.

"It was overwhelming. We tried to come out, but the exit doors were jammed," resident Vivian Casanova told the San Antonio Express-News.

It was not immediately clear when the facility was last inspected. Castle Hills City Manager Diane Pfeil told the newspaper that she was not sure when its most recent safety inspection was but said she would have that information in the next day or two.

Red Cross staff and volunteers at the shelter helped Sunday afternoon to match residents with the medications that were recovered after the building was evacuated.

According to Bove, the last time the San Antonio area saw a fire of this magnitude was in 2008 at Our Lady of the Lake University, but no one was injured.

KAUFMAN

Woman to plead guilty in Texas DA murder case

The estranged wife of a former justice of the peace in North Texas is expected to plead guilty to murder in connection with the 2013 slayings of a district attorney, his wife and a top prosecutor.

Kim Williams is charged with three counts of capital murder, but it's unclear if she will plead guilty to all three indictments Tuesday.

Prosecutor Toby Shook said a tentative plea deal has been reached but specifics won't be disclosed until the agreement is signed. Defense attorney Paul Johnson declined to comment on the agreement.

Williams' husband, Eric Williams, was sentenced to death earlier this month for killing Cynthia McLelland, wife of Kaufman County District Attorney Mike McLelland. Eric Williams has been charged, but not tried, in the deaths of Mike McLelland and prosecutor Mark Hasse.

Prosecutors said the deaths were retribution after Hasse and McLelland prosecuted Williams for the theft of county equipment. He lost his job and law license as a result.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

On this date in Texas history

In 1845, Texas was admitted as the 28th state.

Source: Associated Press

Club meetings today

(subject to change due to the holiday period)

- Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1303 E. Taylor, bingo games 7 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.
- Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

Know a member of the military coming home?

Military families can call 352-0785 or email Vickie Gomez (zemogv@cableone.net) when they know their memner of the military is flying into Midland International Airport so the Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee can be there to greet them.

Honor those who served

There are many organizations in operation right here in the Permian Basin that are at the task of serving all kinds of needs for present and former members of our military. Some of them are:

- Show of Support (687-2167)
- Honor Our Troops (889-0177), Reel Thanx (528-6633)
- Centers for Children and Families (570-1084)
- Midland College Veterans Affairs Office (685-4511)
- Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee (366-3458)
- Soldiers of Today and Yesterday (631-3429)

Tree recycling

Cut Christmas trees may be dropped off at two recycling locations: Hogan Park behind the Texas National Guard Armory on Lamesa Road and the Citizens Collection Station, 4100 Smith Road.

Citizens Collection Station hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call Keep Midland Beautiful at 688-7745.

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5-6 p.m. Local news reports
6-9 p.m. Roger Hedgecock
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Web: http://www.newstalkkcrs.com

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10 a.m.-noon. Herman Cain
Noon-2 p.m. Glenn Beck
2-5 p.m. Sean Hannity
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Today in history

In 1170, Thomas Becket, the Archbishop of Canterbury, was slain in Canterbury Cathedral by knights loyal to King Henry II.

In 1808, the 17th president of the United States, Andrew Johnson, was born in Raleigh, North Carolina.

In 1812, during the War of 1812, the American frigate USS Constitution engaged and severely damaged the British frigate HMS Java off Brazil.

In 1890, the Wounded Knee massacre took place in South Dakota as an estimated 300 Sioux Indians were killed by U.S. troops sent to disarm them.

In 1916, Grigory Rasputin, the so-called "Mad Monk" who'd wielded great influence with Czar Nicholas II, was killed by a group of Russian noblemen in St. Petersburg.

In 1934, Japan formally renounced the Washington Naval Treaty of 1922.

In 1939, "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," starring Charles Laughton and Maureen O'Hara, was released by RKO Radio Pictures.

In 1940, during World War II, Germany dropped incendiary bombs on London, setting off what came to be known as "The Second Great Fire of London."

In 1957, singers Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme were married in Las Vegas.

In 1972, Eastern Air Lines Flight 401, a Lockheed L-1011 Tristar, crashed into the Florida Everglades near Miami International Airport, killing 101 of the 176 people aboard.

MRT file photos

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Midland College volleyball players work on a Habitat for Humanity home in August. Habitat home owner Agatha Lopez in August, with her children, Tony Zarate, Javen Polk and Aliyannah Cisneros. Tamela Tryon and her family accept a Habitat home during a ceremony in July.

HABITAT

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doing better in school (and) I was doing better in school," said the Habitat homeowner. "It changes your attitude, your focus; it gives you hope to believe that anything is possible. And I think that it did that for all of us."

While the nonprofit has worked hard to be a service for those in need, Best said its accomplishments would not have been possible without the support of the community.

"You've got this huge philanthropic spirit that runs through the entire community," Best said. "Our community is just a special, different place. If I had not been involved in nonprofits, I'm not sure that I would have ever appreciated just how different this community is."

Best said that while the land for the Habitat neighborhood was donated, there was still quite a bit of infrastructure work that needed to be done before it could sustain the homes that are to be built — work that would not be cheap.

"The community had to step up for a little over $1 million to put in those streets, to put in that sewer and those water lines — that's huge," Best said. "That is just a hats off to the community that they believe in affordable housing. They stepped up where no one else would go and helped us get there."

Among the donors who helped Habitat reach its goal was philanthropist Javaid Anwar, who Best said donated a "sizable chunk of money" to help end the capital campaign. Anwar will be honored for his contribution in the nonprofit's 13th annual Tool Box Bash fundraiser next month.

The nonprofit's family-friendly event is Jan. 24 at the Commemorative Air Force Hangar. For more information, visit habitat-midland.com or call 686-8877.

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The location of the Habitat neighborhood is across the street from the yet-to-be-rebuilt Bunche Elementary School. Best told the Reporter-Telegram that with a new school and new housing development, a gateway into the city will receive a needed shot in the arm. A "neighborhood revitalized" is how Best described it. A community rebuilt sounds pretty good to us.

We don't have to focus on the sweat-equity buy-in that those living in Habitat houses must make, but it's true. We also won't focus on the fact that families living under the roof of a home generally outperform peers living in apartments or other arrangements. That impact is probably not lost on our readers.

Instead, we want to focus on who makes this possible: a host of generous residents providing the resources and a legion of volunteers dedicating their time to making Midland a better community.

Philanthropy is alive and well in Midland, Texas. You need to look no further than Habitat.

CUTS

From 1A

job cuts in an email telling employees that "2015 is going to be a tough year." A week earlier, the company — which counts on oil producers as customers for its oilfield services — announced 1,000 layoffs in the Eastern Hemisphere.

Meanwhile, big independent producers including Marathon, ConocoPhillips and Apache say they'll cut their 2015 capital budgets. While those budgets don't include salaries, the figures are a sign of a more conservative approach. "The downturn happened so fast, companies are just now starting to react to it and put plans in place to deal with it," said Bruce Peterson, managing director of the Houston office of Korn Ferry, which specialize in recruiting senior-level employees.

Adam Berk, a Houston-based human capital partner at the consulting firm EY, said the oilfield jobs outlook for next year is unclear.

"There will be some tightening of the belt," he said. "I don't think anyone can feel completely safe. I don't think there's necessarily a need to panic, either."

When companies cut spending, they try to minimize effects on their operations.

Looking after people

In the energy business, that could be bad news for back-office and support-staff employees whose work isn't directly involved in the technical fields of exploration, drilling and production.

"What companies will do is perform an evaluation, look at low-performing individuals within support-staff roles, and those people will be the ones who'll be targeted to first exit the organization," said Peterson.

Employees who work for oilfield services companies could be at risk of layoffs first, followed by those in the exploration and production sector.

Keith Wolf, managing director of Houston-based staffing firm Murray Resources, said oil companies may rely more on contract workers rather than permanent hires to give themselves flexibility if oil prices continue to fluctuate.

Employees with technical skills and deep experience, however, probably can feel fairly secure in their jobs.

When budgets are tight, oil companies try to hold on to those employees, said Dane Groeneveld, Americas regional director for NES Global Talent. "Most of the good people are going to be looked after in this market, regardless of discipline," Groeneveld said. "The demographics suggest we have a significant talent shortage in every area right now."

A prolonged oil slump that began in the 1980s discouraged people entering the job market then from seeking energy careers. Thirty years later, in what the industry calls the "great crew change," baby boomers are retiring and companies face a shortage of experienced, next-generation workers to replace them. Across the energy industry, firms have lamented an inadequate pipeline of students in technical fields, especially petroleum engineering, graduating from college.

"I think because of the weight the crew change has played on everybody's minds in the last couple of years, companies will be hugely reluctant to let go of the talent in the late-career demographic," Groeneveld said.

Still a 'hot market'

While businesses often shed higher-paid workers during downturns, the energy sector probably will proceed with more caution, confronting the retirements as well as talent lost in a slowdown in the early 2000s, said Wolf, of Murray Resources.

"There is already a knowledge and experience gap in the field due to deep layoffs and hiring freezes during the last downturn," Wolf said. "Just a few months ago, the price of oil was still in the $90s and companies were complaining that it was difficult to find talent."

Federal government projections earlier this year, before the recent price slide, forecast 26 percent job growth among petroleum engineers from 2012 to 2022.

That won't necessarily change, even with prices falling, said Regina Mayor, a principal at the consulting firm KPMG.

"If folks have a lot of industry depth, a lot of technical skills, there's still a sense that it's a hot market," Mayor said.

But new college graduates probably will be competing harder for oil sector jobs if prices stay low. Historically, Berk said, it's been easy for petroleum engineering graduates to get high-paying jobs.

"If you had an engineering degree with a C average, even from some second-tier universities, chances are you could still find a job," Berk said. "There are not many vocations that can say that. Now that oil prices have come down, it's going to be more competitive."

Groeneveld noted that energy sector workers may need to become more flexible in 2015 as companies evaluate the changing economics of their projects.

"If you've got people who are not overly mobile, sitting in more marginal project teams that might be delayed a year or two — they might not be able to maintain their current role," Groeneveld said. "As long as they can be flexible and mobile, there will be other work."

Production engineers and others who keep production going efficiently should be relatively safe from layoffs, he said.

While exploration divisions may face budget cuts, the geoscientists working in those areas should be safe. Companies will want to keep them around to evaluate acreage when acquisition opportunities arise.

STATE BRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HOUSTON

At least 353 unsolved homicides since 2009

At least 353 killings in Houston since 2009 remain unsolved, with only about 7 percent of those cases involving white victims, the Houston Chronicle reports.

An analysis of Houston police records by the newspaper published Sunday shows about 90 percent of Houston homicide victims are minorities.

"All I can tell you is that when it comes to homicide victims, the Houston homicide division is color blind," Capt. Dwayne Ready, who heads the division, said.

Chief Charles McClelland, who is black, says because of the preponderance of minority victims, it's no coincidence that most of the unsolved cases also involve minorities.

Houston averages about 200 homicides a year, and officials said the number of closed cases in the city is about equal to the national average of 65 percent.

History shows most of the open cases likely won't ever be solved.

Of all the Houston cases cleared in any given year, an average of 15 date back more than 12 months, the newspaper found. Like most big-city police departments, the majority are solved within 30 days, illustrating the importance of the first few days of an investigation.

Police boss: Less rhetoric, more dialogue needed

By Jonathan Lemire
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A day after the funeral of one of two police officers gunned down in their patrol car, the city's police commissioner called Sunday for a "lot less rhetoric and a lot more dialogue" to defuse the tension between police officers and the population they protect.

Speaking on NBC's "Meet The Press," Commissioner William Bratton said the "pent-up frustrations" that have caused people to take to the streets in recent weeks go far beyond policing policies across the nation.

"This is about the continuing poverty rates, the continuing growing disparity between the wealthy and the poor. It's still about unemployment issues. There are so many national issues that have to be addressed that it isn't just policing, as I think we all well know," he said.

Bratton said rank-and-file officers and much of America's police leadership feels under attack, including "from the federal government at the highest levels."

He urged: "See us. See the police. See why they have the anxieties and the perceptions they have."

Bratton also appeared on CBS' "Face the Nation," where he defended Mayor Bill de Blasio, saying it was wrong for hundreds of police officers to turn their backs to a video monitor outside a Queens church as de Blasio spoke at the funeral of Officer Rafael Ramos.

"I certainly don't support that action," he said. "That funeral was held to honor Officer Ramos. And to bring politics, to bring issues into that event, I think, was very inappropriate."

He acknowledged, though, that the morale of officers is low and said their actions "unfortunately" reflected the feelings of some toward the mayor. Some police officers blame de Blasio for creating an atmosphere of negativity toward the New York Police Department in the city after a grand jury declined to charge an officer in the police chokehold death of Eric Garner on Staten Island.

The gesture at Ramos' funeral came amid contentious contract negotiations with the city. The rank-and-file police union did not claim credit for the symbolic protest, and its head, Patrick Lynch, repeatedly dodged reporters' attempts to ask about it after Ramos' funeral.

Associated Press

Police officers salute as the hearse of New York city police officer Rafael Ramos drives along his funeral procession route in the Glendale section of Queens on Saturday in New York. Ramos and his partner, officer Wenjian Liu, were killed Dec. 20 as they sat in their patrol car on a Brooklyn street. The shooter, Ismaaiyl Brinsley, later killed himself.

Box Office: 'Hobbit' wins; 'Interview' has strong VOD sales

By Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Audiences had their pick of genres during the Christmas weekend, but despite a host of fresh arrivals, splashy holiday fare like "Unbroken" and "Into the Woods" proved no match for "The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies."

"The Interview," meanwhile, wowed with $15 million from its over 2 million online rentals and purchases.

The final installment in Peter Jackson's trilogy marched to the top spot once again with an estimated $41.4 million take across the weekend ($54.5 including Christmas day earnings), according to studio estimates Sunday.

Universal's World War II epic "Unbroken" took second place with $31.7 million from the weekend, bringing its domestic total to $47.3 million from its first four days in theaters.

"We're all thrilled," Nikki Rocco, Universal's president of domestic distribution said of the Angelina Jolie-directed drama. "It's a testament to how great this movie is. I'm so happy that America found out about it."

Added Rentrak's senior media analyst Paul Dergarabedian: "The story of Louis Zamperini really offered a nice alternative for moviegoers who weren't looking for a fantasy world, a musical or a family film."

Disney's musical "Into the Woods," boasting a star-packed cast and a PG rating, came in a close third with $31 million, and $46.1 million across the four-day period. It replaced "Mamma Mia" as the biggest opening for a screen adaptation of a Broadway musical ever.

"To be able to take (Stephen) Sondheim and (James) Lapine's work and make it available to a mass audience? It's a great holiday gift in and of itself," Disney's distribution Executive Vice President Dave Hollis said.

The rest of the top five was populated by holdovers "Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb" and "Annie" and which earned $20.6 million and $16.6 million, respectively, in their second weekend in theaters.

"Their opening numbers didn't really set the world on fire, but, as we thought, they would play well over the Christmas holiday," Dergarabedian said.

Sony's "The Interview" earned $15 million from online rentals and purchases through Saturday. The movie took in $2.8 million from 331 theaters since its opening on Thursday, and $1.8 million of that came from the weekend.

"I'm so grateful that the movie found its way into theaters, and I'm thrilled that people actually went out and saw it," said writer, director and star Seth Rogen in a statement.

"We are very pleased with how it is doing both theatrically where we are seeing numerous sell-outs across the country, and online where it remains at the top of many charts" added Rory Bruer, Sony's president of worldwide distribution. In just four days, "The Interview" became Sony's most successful online film of all time.

Other weekend debuts include Paramount's $25 million crime drama "The Gambler," which took seventh place with a middling $9.3 million from 2,478 theaters. The Weinstein Company's "Big Eyes" earned only $2.97 million over the weekend from 1,307 screens and $4.4 million from the four-day. The haul is a career low for director Tim Burton compared with his other wide-release openings.

In limited release, Clint Eastwood's fact-based Iraq war drama "American Sniper" opened in four locations, taking in a phenomenal $610,000. The staggering $152,510 per-theater average is second this year only to "The Grand Budapest Hotel."

Ava DuVernay's Martin Luther King Jr. drama "Selma," meanwhile, opened in 19 locations to $590,000 over the three-day weekend for a solid $31,053 per-theater average. The film expands nationwide on Jan. 9.

Dergarabedian thinks that less impressive debuts, such as awards hopeful "Big Eyes," could find an audience in the coming weeks.

"It's just very, very crowded out there," Dergarabedian said. "The audience wins, though. There is so much choice out there. If you can't find a movie to your liking in this lineup, then you just don't like movies."

Ticket sales

U.S. and Canada

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Rentrak. Where available, the latest international numbers are also included. Final domestic figures will be released today:

1. "The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies," $41.4 million ($89.2 million international).
2. "Unbroken," $31.7 million ($2.7 million international).
3. "Into the Woods," $31 million ($1.6 million international).
4. "Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb," $20.6 million ($30.3 million international).
5. "Annie," $16.6 million ($5.9 million international).
6. "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1," $10 million ($7.9 million international).
7. "The Gambler," $9.3 million.
8. "The Imitation Game," $7.9 million ($400,000 international).
9. "Exodus: Gods and Kings," $6.8 million ($31 million international).
10. "Wild," $5.4 million.

International

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at international theaters (excluding the U.S. and Canada), according to Rentrak:

1. "The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies," $89.2 million.
2. "Exodus: Gods and Kings," $31 million.
3. "Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb," $30.3 million.
4. "The Taking of Tiger Mountain," $25 million.
5. "Big Hero 6," $24.7 million.
6. "Penguins of Madagascar," $16.1 million.
7. "P.K.," $14.3 million.
8. "International Market," $14 million.
9. "Paddington," $12 million.
10. "Love on the Cloud," $10 million.

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OPINION

Obama hands Rubio 'gift' on road to 2016

■ Senator really stands to gain politically from the president's recent decision on Cuba

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President Obama will probably give his wife and daughters some nice presents for Christmas. But he saved the best gift for Marco Rubio.

It's called resurrection. Last week, the 43-year-old freshman senator from Florida — who has acknowledged that he is thinking about running for president in 2016 — appeared to have been pushed out of the race by fellow Floridian Jeb Bush. There didn't seem to be much room for Rubio in the GOP field or the Republican fundraising circuit once Bush — a popular two-term Florida governor and GOP establishment darling — announced that he was considering a bid for the White House.

But just 24 hours later, thanks to Obama's decision to begin normalizing relations with Cuba, the whole world changed. This historic development complicates the road ahead for Bush while propelling Rubio into a great spot from which to run for the nomination.

It's not just because Rubio is the center of attention in the political world right now, having done more than a dozen interviews and appeared on several Sunday morning political shows in the last few days.

It's because — like Obama on race relations — Rubio seems uniquely qualified to address the topic of relations with Cuba. As the son of Cuban refugees who came to the United States before Fidel Castro took power in 1959, he is personally invested in the subject matter. Voters like candidates with passion, purpose and principle. And, on this issue, Rubio has all three.

When Obama made his announcement, Rubio came out swinging. Besides saying the new policy was part of the Obama administration's "long record of coddling dictators and tyrants," the senator said it was also "at a minimum naive, and perhaps even truly counterproductive to the future of democracy in the region."

This kind of strong rhetoric is exactly what the Cuban-American lobby — which is fervently anti-Castro — wanted to hear, and it sets the bar high for other GOP hopefuls who had been hoping to woo that constituency.

For Obama, this is about making political mischief. Just because he can't run for president again doesn't mean that he can't have a little fun by using executive power to meddle in the 2016 race.

Obama has already divided the opposition on immigration, where the faction of the GOP that favors immigration reform because big business wants it is battling with tea party and other nativist elements that fear any change in our immigration laws will only speed up the Latinization of the United States.

Likewise, on Cuba, the GOP has long been divided between those business interests that would like to invest in the island, and the Cuban-American lobby that wants to preserve the embargo and will punish any elected official who tries to soften relations with the Castro regime. Obama's new policy — which includes expanding trade, making it easier to travel to Cuba, setting up a U.S. embassy in Havana, etc. — widens this divide.

With the exception of Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky, who favors Obama's approach and who has already found himself in a sharp-elbowed Twitter skirmish with Rubio, most of the Republican field is likely to line up with those Cuban-Americans who think the president's course is foolish, dangerous and harmful to Cuban dissidents on the island who are battling the same regime with which Obama wants to normalize relations.

Bush called the policy change an "ill-advised move." But this moderate and muted response is a far cry from the fire-breathing coming from Rubio, and Cuban-Americans likely took note. If this keeps up, contributions from South Florida that might have gone to Bush will find their way to Rubio instead.

Here is Bush's dilemma on Cuba: As the GOP establishment's leading contender, he would draw much of his strength in the presidential field from his ability to raise tens of millions of dollars on Wall Street and from corporate interests around the country. These are the folks who run companies that one day want to set up hotels, restaurants, construction firms and other businesses in Cuba. At the very least, they look forward to doing a significant amount of trade on the island.

No wonder Bush's response to Obama's policy change on Cuba was so tame. He can't go as far as his Cuban-American supporters would like without alienating corporate donors. What a pickle.

On the other hand, Rubio can go all the way. And, thanks to the new direction set by Obama, he just might.

GUEST VIEW

Let public see CPS exit interviews

San Antonio Express-News

It's no secret that the Department of Family Protective Services struggles with retaining Child Protective Services workers.

What is secret, though, are the exit interviews CPS workers give when they leave the beleaguered agency.

As we head into next legislative session, lawmakers should consider making the substance of those exit interviews public.

The concern, of course, is that workers won't be candid about their reasons for leaving, for fear of retribution. At present, the exit interviews are done online through the Texas State Auditor's Office, and they remain inaccessible to even the Department of Family Protective Services.

But given the incredibly high turnover rate among CPS workers — it has at times exceeded 40 percent in some parts of the state and is often through the roof here in Bexar County — understanding why workers are fleeing the agency is a crucial step toward improving child welfare.

One way to understand this issue would be to make the exit interviews public record, but with appropriate privacy protections for the departing worker and existing employees.

The public benefit is obvious. Why, just this year a consulting group, The Stephen Group, reviewed CPS exit interviews from an entire year as part of an overall agency review. That report was remarkably insightful, including the revelation that CPS workers only spend about a quarter of their time with families. The workers spend the majority of their time on administrative tasks like data entry, the report said.

The Austin American-Statesman requested the same exit interviews but was denied. It turns out that The Stephen Group was a special exception, as outlined in its contract with the state. That strikes us as odd, to say the least. But the larger point here is that the exit interviews might provide the public with insight into these departures.

We already know through disciplinary records and Sunset reviews of the agency that CPS' work culture is marked with toxicity, which only fuels turnover. The results are frightening for child welfare. Caseworkers and supervisors often are not on the same page, there can be little communication between the two sides and thousands of cases go stale or slip through the cracks.

Why not then, with proper privacy assurances, open up these exit interviews for the public record? It could help to identify trends and challenges at the agency that otherwise are being shrouded in secrecy, and that just might help kids and troubled families.

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Game on! Video-gamers sound off

■ There are examples of those who can balance life and fiction

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Parents across the land, take heart — I hear it on good account that young-adult video-game obsession is not the end of the world.

A few weeks ago I lamented that young people who are immersed in fantastical video games are often despondent when faced with the boring details of day-to-day living.

I wrote: "There's a big difference between the video-game world our kids have grown up in and adults who played many hours of Atari or Nintendo but still spent most of their time learning how to read, learn and study without any interactive, multimedia tech.

"Teens today are playing in better-than-real worlds where you're invincible and can make money with little effort — and being taught by teachers who have exhausted themselves desperately trying to entertain them into learning.

"What hath we wrought?"

And though I got more than one proclamation that school is, in fact, boring — not to mention a few notes implying that I'm too old to "get it" — many more inspired me.

There was a wide assortment of proud parents eager to tell me about their children excelling in high school and going on to elite colleges and jobs despite their gaming habit, and others who were just as nervous as I am as a mom of two teen boys. But the best messages came from the gamers themselves.

"Recently read your commentary about video games," emailed a reader identifying himself as J. Travakh. "I am probably one of those kids you're talking about ... I've been playing video games constantly since I was about 11 (25 now), and have played many different genres at many levels, from story-driven role-playing games to competitive gaming contests with large prize pots. I would estimate I've played video games at least 15 hours a week every week ... with various marathon sessions and stretches where I'd play upwards of 80 hours a week, despite the efforts of my parents to prevent it.

"I am also a successful and (I believe) well-adjusted electrical engineer ... which I attribute to an early interest in computers and engineering, kindled by video games.

"Video games are a hobby like any other. In excess they are a vice, yet less harmful than most. I've driven a car through a mountain pass going 120 in both a virtual and the real world, and the former is far less dangerous. The type of child who neglects their responsibilities to play video games wouldn't suddenly become the perfect studious prodigy their parents want were the video games to suddenly vanish into the ether."

I can't argue with this. And since my older son is dying to buy a motorcycle, I suppose I should count my blessings that, for now, he's only riding one virtually.

A gentleman who identified himself as a grandfather with three sons, "two of which grew up playing video games and ... turned out to be excellent adults," parted with this wisdom: "The key is balance. I started playing seriously when the PlayStation 2 came out. I introduced all my grandsons to gaming when they reached the ripe old age of 2-3, and they are all in the advanced education programs with their respective schools. They have great genes, but my daughter-in-law is the key because she only allows them to play at certain times. They're involved in sports throughout the year and are very happy children. It's the parents!"

I was truly surprised to get so many uplifting success stories from self-professed gaming fanatics. I couldn't include them all here, but they are all very active longtime gamers who achieved excellent educations, healthy careers and happy families.

One of my favorites came from "Gamer in Moderation," a college graduate and new dad who is now trying to balance ubiquitous video games with their potential effect on his growing infant's brain.

He shared: "I am not completely sure how I was able to recognize the benefits of college as well as being gainfully employed instead of being a sad sequel to 'Failure to Launch.' [But] for you and other parents who have introduced some gaming system into their kids' lives — don't forget to also teach and model responsibility and healthful habits. More might sink in than you (or them for that matter) might think."

This will definitely help me sleep better tonight.

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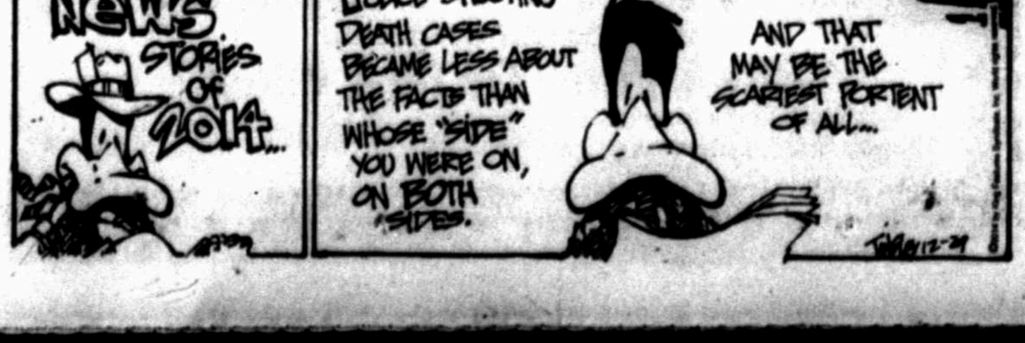

Gov. Brewer leaves legacy of battling Washington

By Bob Christie
Associated Press

PHOENIX — Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer fought President Barack Obama on immigration and border security for most of her tenure, earning national prominence by enacting tough laws that were mainly struck down by the courts and famously wagging her finger in the president's face during a meeting on an airport tarmac.

But the Republican governor leaves a more nuanced legacy after nearly six years in office, one that saw her inherit a massive deficit at the height of the Great Recession, patch it up and push for economic recovery only to see Arizona sink back into a deficit as she prepares to step down Jan. 5.

Brewer bucked her party's right wing by pushing for a temporary sales-tax increase to shore up the state's finances and embracing a key part of Obama's health care overhaul law, Medicaid expansion. Both angered conservatives.

Still the 70-year-old governor is unapologetic, saying she's immensely proud of her accomplishments, even if Arizona's fiscal ship isn't still righted. Coming into office in 2009 when Democratic Gov. Janet Napolitano joined the Obama administration, Brewer faced a $3 billion revenue deficit on about $9 billion in spending. She cut $1 billion in spending, borrowed $1 billion and successfully asked voters to pass the $1 billion a year sales-tax hike.

That and federal stimulus money got Arizona through the recession, and she used the extra cash to cut corporate taxes by hundreds of millions of dollars, hoping to spur economic development. But the rebound she calls the "Arizona comeback" has stalled, and she's leaving incoming Republican Gov. Doug Ducey with a projected $1.5 billion gap in the next 18 months, although she says those numbers are inflated.

"Today I can say that we're in the midst of the Arizona comeback and I'm proud of that, along with all the other things we were able to implement during the worst times in our history," Brewer said in an interview with The Associated Press. "You can have a comeback, it's just a little slower that what you had hoped and what you had projected. But it's going in the right direction."

AP file photo

On Jan. 25, 2012, Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer points at President Barack Obama after he arrived at Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport in Mesa, Ariz. Brewer fought Obama on immigration and border security for most of her tenure, earning national prominence by enacting tough laws that were mainly struck down by the courts and famously wagging her finger in the president's face during a meeting on the airport tarmac. But the Republican governor leaves a more nuanced legacy after nearly six years in office, one that saw her inherit a massive deficit at the height of the Great Recession, patch it up and push for economic recovery only to see Arizona sink back into a deficit as she prepares to step down Jan. 5.

She leaves office after more than 30 years of public service. Brewer became active in politics after attending a school board meeting and being urged by her husband to run for the state Legislature if she wanted to make real changes. She was elected to the state House of Representatives, the Maricopa Board of Supervisors and secretary of state before becoming governor.

Brewer pushed back against suggestions that some of her policy decisions — especially the 2010 immigration crackdown bill known as SB1070 — have hurt Arizona's national reputation and kept businesses from moving here. She also said this year's veto of a religious rights bill denounced by gay rights supporters was the right decision.

Some economists have pointed to the two bills as reasons for the lag in Arizona's rebound.

"I will categorically argue with them on that. I believe that I had a plan, I delivered on every project, every policy issue that I fought for. And it was for the state of Arizona, because I love it and we got the job done. And I'm proud of that, and I don't feel as though I've got to defend myself to anybody in regards to that," she said. "And by the way 1070, nationally, polled really, really, really high, and so did (the veto of) Senate Bill 1062, very, very high. So the public is behind me."

The budget deficit that Ducey will inherit is a bone of contention for Democrats, who argue Brewer set the stage for the situation with corporate giveaways at the expense of schools and public safety.

"She's leaving the state in the exact same shape she took it over, so her whole rhetoric about the great Arizona comeback ... is that much rhetoric," said Rep. Chad Campbell, a Phoenix Democrat. "There are multiple indicators that show that Arizona is in a very, very bad position and it's only probably going to get worse in the next couple of years, and it's all because of Jan Brewer's policies."

Senate President Andy Biggs, R-Gilbert, praised Brewer for her fiscal leadership, while chafing at strong-arm tactics she sometimes used to get her way with the Legislature's conservatives.

"I think she stepped into a really challenging situation, and I think in many instances she was unafraid to make very difficult decisions," Biggs said. "I may not have always agreed, but I understood she was trying to do what she believed was in the best interest of the state."

During the 2013 battle over Medicaid expansion, Biggs was nearly overthrown by a coalition of Democrats and a handful of Republican Brewer supporters. That still upsets him.

"She had the votes, I knew she had the votes and she knew she had the votes, and you know the idea that she would come in and try to mess with the leadership of the legislative bodies was the part that was fundamentally in my opinion, that was simply wrong to do," Biggs said.

Brewer said she'll consider serving on national boards, and has been asked to write a book to follow up her 2011 effort, "Scorpions for Breakfast."

"I'm not going to sit idly by," Brewer said. "I'll work in my garden, I'll be paying attention, and I'll be participating certainly in Arizona as a voter and a citizen."

Clinton's economic approach under scrutiny as 2016 talk ramps up

By Ken Thomas
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — If Hillary Rodham Clinton seeks the White House again, her message on the economy could be an important barometer as she courts fellow Democrats.

Members of her party are watching closely how the former secretary of state outlines steps to address income inequality and economic anxieties for middle-class families. Some members of the party's liberal wing remain wary of Clinton's ties to Wall Street, six-figure speaking fees and protective bubble.

Clinton is widely expected to announce a presidential campaign next year and remains the prohibitive favorite to succeed President Barack Obama as the party's nominee in 2016. But how she navigates a party animated by economic populism, an approach personified by Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, could represent one of her biggest hurdles. Democrats bruised from GOP gains in the 2014 elections are pushing for big policy changes — raising the minimum wage and pay equity, for example — that favor the declining middle class.

"We don't win when we play small-ball and calibrate. Why not try to be bold?" said Anna Galland of MoveOn.org, which launched a draft campaign to lure Warren into the race.

Warren says she's not running for president, but her confrontational approach on Wall Street and reducing the gap between the rich and poor has generated a loyal following. She showcased this posture during December's "lame duck" session of Congress, when she led the charge against a $1.1 trillion omnibus spending bill — ultimately signed by Obama — that repealed part of the Dodd-Frank financial law and loosened contribution caps for some political donors. Clinton has yet to comment on the spending plan.

During the fall elections, Clinton often pointed to the broad prosperity during her husband's administration and advocated for policies to raise the minimum wage, address pay equity for women and provide paid leave for new mothers.

In a nod to liberals, Clinton has voiced concerns about the concentration of wealth, pointing to the rise in income and wealth to the top 0.01 percent of the population. "Some are calling it a throwback to the 'Gilded Age' of the robber barons," Clinton said in May.

Clinton also has stumbled on the economy. At a fall event, she drew criticism from Republicans when she said "don't let anybody tell you that it's corporations and businesses that create jobs." She quickly cleaned up those comments, arguing that trickle-down economics had failed.

Her supporters point to her 2008 primary campaign, when she scored wins in Ohio and Pennsylvania, as an indicator of how she could connect with working-class families. They also downplay the differences between her and Warren on the economy.

"I think the debate is not going to be about big major fundamental directions for the economy. The disagreement will be how to get there," said former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, who has backed Clinton.

Clinton could have more opportunities to connect with — or alienate — liberals in 2015.

One moment could come on the nomination of Lazard investment banker Antonio Weiss to lead a Treasury Department office overseeing domestic finance. Weiss, Warren contends, would represent a long line of Wall Street executives who are part of the revolving door between Washington and the financial markets.

Clinton has not yet spoken publicly about Weiss' nomination.

She remains a favorite of Wall Street from her time representing New York in the Senate. At a recent conference sponsored by the New York Times' DealBook, Goldman Sachs chairman and CEO Lloyd Blankfein said he had "always been a fan of Hillary Clinton" and argued it was important for political leaders to have relationships with key institutions. "I certainly don't think it's a virtue to declare a big segment of the economy off limits," he said.

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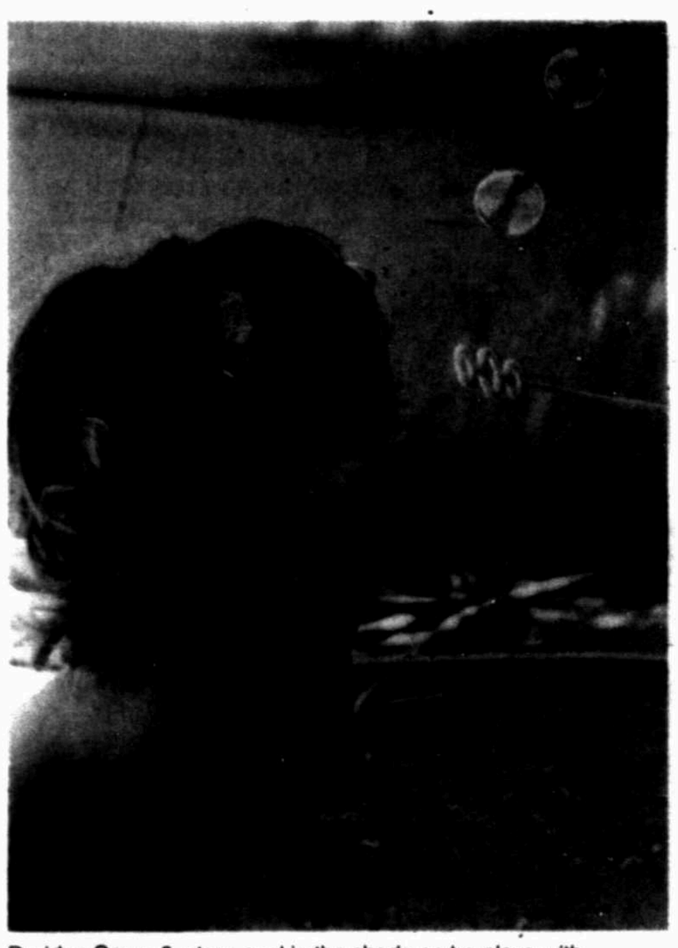


Draidyn Gage, 2, stays cool in the shade as he plays with bubbles June 1.

Katie Carlson works on painting her birdhouse during crafts day June 9 at Girl Scout Day Camp.

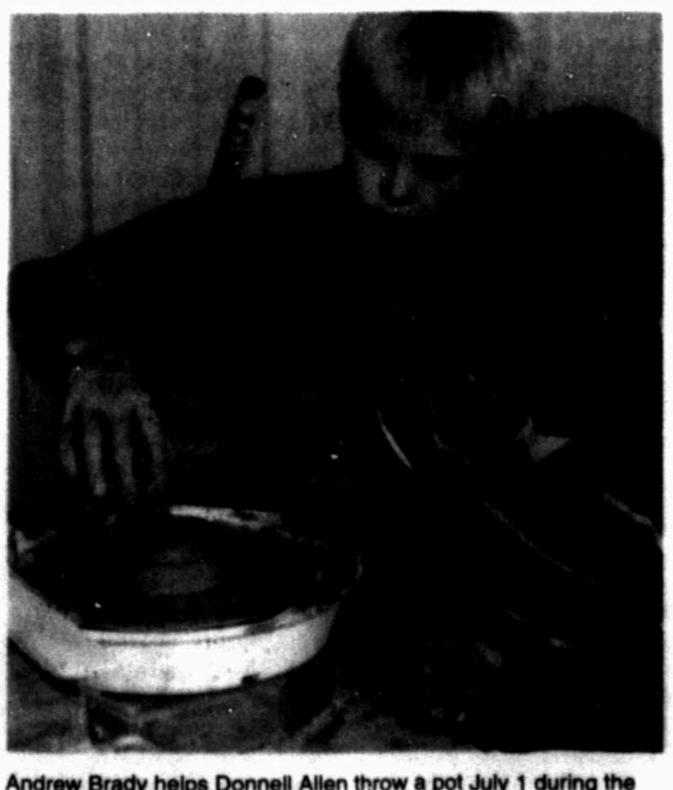
Aaron Watson singe to Aley and Owen Carter on Oct. 14 during a free show as he helps George P. Bush campaign for Texas land commissioner.

TIM'S PICS PICKS

REPORTER-TELEGRAM PHOTO EDITOR TIM FISCHER PICKS HIS FAVORITE PHOTOS OF THE YEAR

Students from New Jersey City University traveled to Midland for their spring break to participate in thge Habitat Collegiate Challenge on March 20.

Railey Vickery, 6, competes in a sack race April 12 at See MC/Si MC orientation and campus tours event.



Andrew Brady helps Donnell Allen throw a pot July 1 during the UTPB Pots and Prints mobile workshop at the Boys and Girls Club on South Goode Street.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND CONTAGIONS

Experts: It was a busy, black-eye year for disease control

By Mike Stobbe
Associated Press

AP file photo

In this Nov. 15 photo, health workers in protective suits transport Dr. Martin Salia, a surgeon working in Sierra Leone who had been diagnosed with Ebola, from a jet that brought him from Sierra Leone to a waiting ambulance in Omaha, Neb. Previous Ebola outbreaks numbered in the hundreds. As of early December, health officials were reporting this year's epidemic had sickened more than 18,100 people, the vast majority in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

NEW YORK — Health officials are celebrating some important victories in 2014, and Time magazine even named Ebola fighters the persons of the year. Nevertheless, this was a black-eye year for public health.

Some vital vaccines did not work well. Federal laboratories were careless with dangerous pathogens. And international health officials failed to stop a West Africa outbreak from exploding into the worst Ebola epidemic ever.

Such failings occurred during one of the busiest 12 months of contagions in at least a decade. In the United States, infectious disease menaces seemingly whizzed at us from every direction, from Ebola and enterovirus to measles and MERS. Mumps plagued Ohio. California saw its worst whooping cough outbreak in 70 years. And a mosquito-borne disease called chikungunya burned through the Caribbean and took root in the United States.

The last time U.S. health officials were this frantic was 2009, when a flu pandemic swept the globe. "But that was one disease," while 2014 had more of a variety of fires to put out, said Dr. Marci Layton of New York City's health department.

Experts said this year's tumult was caused by a combination of things. Many cite the impact of international travel, which can bring an exotic disease from the jungles of Africa or the desserts of the Middle East to a U.S. airport in a matter of hours.

"If anyone still needed convincing, 2014 really showed that a disease threat anywhere is a disease threat everywhere," said Dr. Tom Frieden, director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

But experts said others factors this year were shortcomings and errors at the CDC and in other public health organizations.

The leading example was the Ebola epidemic. Previous outbreaks numbered in the hundreds. As of mid-December, health officials were reporting this year's epidemic had sickened more than 18,600 people, the vast majority in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. Of those, more than 6,900 died.

Those three nations were not prepared when Ebola visited them for the first time. Health systems were very weak after more than a decade of war in the region. Doctors were scarce in many areas. Ebola was sometimes mistaken for malaria, especially in the early stages, and care and infection control were poor.

An aid effort was led by the World Health Organization — the United Nations' health agency. But the WHO staff let bureaucratic bungles delay important work, and was hampered by budget cuts and responsibilities elsewhere, a WHO internal report later concluded.

For months, the WHO got only limited help from various nations, and it wasn't until the late summer — after the epidemic was out of control — that the United States, and other countries pledged more substantial assistance.

The CDC was in charge of the U.S. Ebola response, and initially everything seemed well under control. CDC sent teams to help in West Africa. Frieden repeatedly assured Americans they were safe from an Ebola outbreak here, and that U.S. hospitals were able to isolate and handle any cases that should arrive from West Africa.

But public confidence was shaken after a Liberian visitor named Thomas Eric Duncan came down with the infectious disease in late September, days after he arrived in Dallas. He died October 8, and two nurses who treated him at a Dallas hospital were infected.

How the nurses caught Ebola was unclear, but Frieden later said he should have sent a much larger team to Dallas initially to help hospital workers prevent any spread of the virus.

No one besides Duncan died of Ebola in the United States, and no other transmission of the disease was ever reported, and yet Frieden came under heavy criticism for the CDC's handling of Ebola. Some politicians called for his dismissal. President Barack Obama stuck with Frieden, but appointed an 'Ebola czar' to help coordinate the government's response.

Some other lowlights from 2014:

■ In January, a CDC lab scientist in Atlanta accidently mixed a deadly strain of bird flu with a tamer strain, and the mix was later sent to unaware workers at two other labs. In June, another CDC lab failed to kill anthrax samples before sending them to two labs with fewer safeguards for containing dangerous germs. No one got sick from either incident, fortunately. The anthrax lab director resigned and administrative action was taken against "a few" other employees, a CDC spokesman said.

■ Another startling lab failing was discovered at the National Institutes of Health campus in Bethesda, Maryland. A scientist cleaning out an old storage room discovered forgotten, 60-year-old vials of smallpox virus, one of the most lethal infectious agents in human history. No one got sick from that incident, either. But government lab practices became both a point of concern and something of a joke.

■ In May, health officials identified a doctor who traveled from Saudi Arabia to Indiana as the first U.S. case of Middle East respiratory syndrome, or MERS. They also said the doctor apparently had spread MERS to an Illinois man he'd met in a business meeting. But what initially seemed to be the first transmission of MERS in this country wasn't. CDC officials backtracked when additional testing showed the virus had not, in fact, spread to the second man.

■ Researchers have come to believe the vaccine that's been used since the 1990s against whooping cough does a poor job of preventing spread of the disease. Health officials believe that failing was an important contributor to an epidemic this year in California, where nearly 10,000 cases were reported through the end of November. Only 10 percent of children sickened in the epidemic had not been vaccinated against pertussis, according to a review of available records.

■ This was the worst year for measles since 1994. About 600 cases were reported in Americans through the first week of December — more than the combined total from the previous five years. The measles vaccine seemed to work fine. The vast majority were unvaccinated people who fell sick in outbreaks sparked by a traveler who picked up the disease in another country and then spread it in the United States.

■ Enterovirus 68, a respiratory virus that traditionally kept a low profile, became a national health concern in the late summer as some pediatric hospitals were flooded with wheezing children. Worries hit a new level when doctors noted some children with the virus also developed weakness or paralysis in their arms or legs. By early December, more than 1,100 infected people in 48 states had respiratory illness, including 12 who died. CDC also had reports of paralysis in 94 children in 33 states, though investigators are still trying to establish whether enterovirus 68 was the cause.

Infectious diseases are a continuing threat, and no one should think of 2014 as an aberration, said Michael Osterholm, a University of Minnesota infectious disease expert.

"I think what we really hit is a new normal," he said.

Indeed, it could get worse. Osterholm noted that Ebola and MERS barely touched the U.S. this year, and worrisome forms of influenza in Asia and elsewhere may be on the horizon. Arrivals of people from overseas — and whatever germs they're carrying — are forecast to keep growing. And adding to the threat of new bugs is the revived menace from old ones, as once-treatable germs are increasingly becoming resistant to antibiotics, experts said.

To be sure, there were public health success stories in 2014. There were not large U.S. outbreaks of MERS or Ebola. In Africa, though Ebola appeared in Nigeria, Senegal and Mali, it petered out during intense public health responses. The disease is still raging elsewhere, particularly in Sierra Leone, but the U.S. Congress acted to bolster the fight with approval this month of a $5.4 billion emergency appropriation. And some experts say Frieden deserves points for his forthright disclosures about — and attempts to correct — failings as they were discovered.

'Also, the health care and public health workers who went to West Africa did show uncommon heroism, as Time magazine noted. "The response to Ebola has been extraordinary" in both its scope and valor, Frieden said.

Some experts say the mistakes of 2014 were constructive. They led, for example, to an intensive review of safety practices at CDC labs and better preparations at U.S. hospitals for handling Ebola and other new infectious diseases that may appear, they said.

"I think finding problems is sometimes a good thing," said Dr. Jeff Duchin, a Seattle public health official and national vaccines experts. "I think all of this helped us" get ready for what may come next.

SMALL SCREEN

2014 gave viewers great shows on-air and online

By Frazier Moore
Associated Press

NEW YORK — From the extraordinary Maggie Gyllenhaal-starring mini-series "The Honorable Woman" on SundanceTV to Syfy's goofy "Sharknado 2: The Second One," TV delivered in 2014 — streaming, on cable and over the air.

Showtime's "Homeland" roared back from last year's muddle with a season of white-knuckle suspense. CBS' "The Good Wife" killed off a main character to give the show its latest burst of life. FX's "Sons of Anarchy" ended its seven-season run with explosive closure. HBO's "Boardwalk Empire" wrapped its saga with a fascinating season that juggled three phases in the life of Atlantic City potentate Nucky Thompson.

AMC's "Mad Men" teed up satisfyingly for its final round in 2015. Showtime's "The Affair" gave fair warning against cheating on your spouse, while making such a misdeed seem irresistible.

And ABC's "Scandal" was wackier than ever.

Consider them winning programs, one and all. But here are 10 that get a special nod:

■ "black-ish" (ABC). The diversity of life is celebrated within the seeming confines of an upscale African-American family whose patriarch is determined to uphold a sense of cultural identity for his four kids. Starring Anthony Anderson and Tracee Ellis Ross as his far-less-fretful wife, it's a smart comedy that addresses race, culture and class with a colorblind brand of relatability — plus plenty of laughs.

■ "Fargo" (FX). This deliciously deranged series channeled the 1996 crime classic while setting off in fresh new tracks across the Minnesota tundra. Its brand-new crop of oddball characters was led by Billy Bob Thornton as Lorne Malvo, a sotto-voce psycho on a byzantine trail of deadly mischief. Black comedy never shone so bright.

■ "Girlfriends' Guide to Divorce" (Bravo). Truth may be stranger than fiction, but sometimes fiction is more true-to-life than truth. Exhibit A: This fine new comedy-drama, the first scripted series on a network identified with reality fare such as the "Real Housewives" franchise and "Millionaire Matchmaker." Lisa Edelstein is a how-to author dispensing radiant advice for a successful family life while her own marriage is coming apart. You might call it an adult variation of "Sex and the City," full of mature emotions and challenges (divorce isn't for sissies), but also spiced with grown-up fun.

■ "Gotham" (Fox). The comic book crowd can embrace it as an "origin" series about the lad who would grow up to become Batman. Fans of noir thrillers can savor the sleek storytelling and brooding stylishness. "Gotham" has everything: larger-than-life characters completely at home in the free-floating world of this crime-ridden city. A terrific cast (led by Ben McKenzie and Donal Logue) that plays the twisted narrative completely straight. And gorgeous production values. Were it on premium cable, this broadcast-network series would be worth the price.

■ "Jane the Virgin (CW). Jane Villanueva, a young Miami woman whose eyes are trained on professional success and whose knees have stayed virtuously clamped together, finds her plans upended after she's mistakenly impregnated with a specimen meant for someone else. After that, the show is as unpredictable as Jane's life, and as big-hearted as she is. Based on a Venezuelan telenovela, it stars the effervescent Gina Rodriguez in a multicultural world that feels genuine yet buoyed with wonder.

■ "Last Week Tonight with John Oliver" (HBO). A balm for the imminent pain of losing Comedy Central's "The Colbert Report," this weekly half-hour swiftly proved itself with its in-depth looks-plus-laughs at serious subjects that "serious" TV news routinely overlooks. Employing a style that's been called "investigative comedy," Oliver has applied his British brand of wry bemusement to gender-pay inequality, anti-gay laws in Uganda, exaggerated claims for Miss America scholarships and net neutrality. In these seminars-cum-sermonettes, he's hilarious and illuminating.

■ "Nixon's the One" (Online: http://haryshearer.com). At first glance, it might seem like a cheap shot tossed off as a bunch of comic sketches. But, no: Harry Shearer has dramatized the real-life President Richard Nixon with an eye toward authenticity, not parody. Shearer mimics the man known to detractors as Tricky Dick in bizarre but actual interludes lifted word-for-word from the White House recordings Nixon secretly made — the very tapes whose revelations wrecked his presidency. In the series' six half-hours, Shearer has reanimated scenes from Nixon's Oval Office archive with tender, loving care while exposing them with full comic effect.

■ "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (NBC). What mattered when Jimmy Fallon took over from Jay Leno (and "The Tonight Show" returned to Manhattan after four decades) was this: Fallon just kept doing what he'd done so successfully as host of NBC's "Late Night" — just bigger and better on this grander stage. He remained funny, gracious, bubbly and much-assured. Instantly "The Tonight Show" became, in effect, "The Jimmy Fallon Show."

■ "Transparent" (Amazon Instant Video). Any family, no matter how seemingly stable, is just one revelation away from upheaval. The Pfeffermans are no different, especially when its patriarch, Mort, shocks his ex-wife and grown children by coming out as a would-be matriarch re-christened as Maura. With Jeffrey Tambor starring as a man on the search for womanhood, this transgender comedy is funny, poignant, perceptive and relatable as it explores the complexity of family dynamics as well as the far reaches of sexual identity.

■ "True Detective" (HBO). A ghoulish 1995 murder is investigated and solved by a pair of Louisiana State Police detectives. Or was it? Pressed by investigators in 2012, the by-then-former partners are forced to relive the case, as well as their stormy relationship, amid growing doubt that the right man was charged years before. Matthew McConaughey and Woody Harrelson both were masterful in their bifurcated portrayals, while the tale was as consuming and dark as pitch.

Over and out: TV flops, exits and endings in 2014

NEW YORK — Along with its triumphs, the world of TV had its share of setbacks in 2014. Here's a sample:

■ "How I Met Your Mother" Concludes: This long-running CBS sitcom met few viewers' expectations for a slam-bang finish. Its big reveal — naming the titular "your mother" after nine years of teasing — yielded a finale only slightly less tangled than the ending of "Lost." And even "Lost" resisted the temptation to include a blue French horn in its wrap-up.

■ David Gregory Exits "Meet the Press": After months of speculation that Gregory was being ousted from the program he had hosted since 2008, NBC News announced in August he was toast. That was 18 months after the network signed him to a new contract it described as "a long-term commitment." And four months after NBC News' president defended him in a memo to "Meet the Press" staff expressing support "for David, now and into the future." His future was short-lived. He was out in a jiffy, with Chuck Todd his replacement.

■ Ray Rice's Elevator Assault: Over and over, viewers were force-fed the chilling video of Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice striking his then-fiancee and knocking her out. After it was released on a Monday in September, the video of Janay Palmer crumpling to the elevator floor was aired repeatedly by multiple networks. In one particular hour, the clip aired 37 times on ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, Fox News Channel and MSNBC. But by Thursday, many of those networks vowed to give it a rest. But Rice isn't necessarily off the air. Having lately appealed his indefinite suspension by the NFL, and won, he's eligible to play again in the NFL — and log more TV face time.

■ "Utopia" Unrealized: Arriving with much fanfare, this Fox reality show stranded a group of strangers at a remote site where, during the year to follow, they were meant to build a more perfect society. But it turned out they couldn't even build a show that viewers would watch. Puny ratings forced its cancellation after just two months. For Fox (and the human race) "Utopia" swiftly proved to be a dream unfulfilled.

■ "Peter Pan Live!" It proposed a bold counter-theory for the space-time continuum. It argued for eternal youth in a realm only accessible by fairy dust-assisted human flight. Unfortunately, NBC's live production of this time-honored musical never managed to take off. Viewers had the feeling they had grown up and grown old by the end of its three hours struggling to get off the ground.

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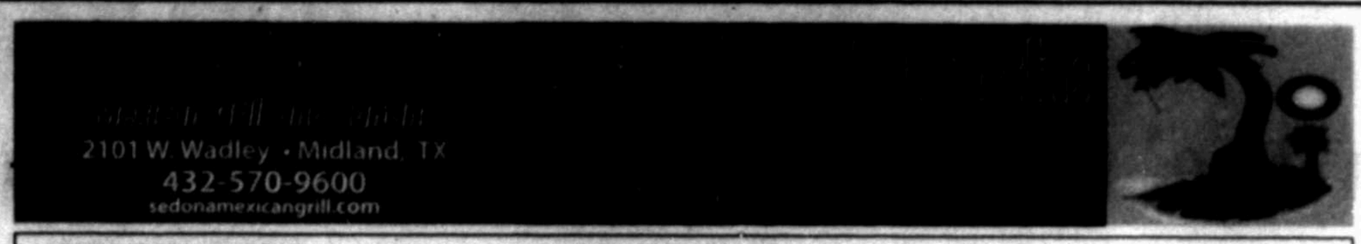

MONDAY PRIME TIME — DECEMBER 29, 2014

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KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Gotham "Arkham"		Sleepy Hollow "Root of All Evil"		Modern Family	Modern Family	Hot in Cleveland	Hot in Cleveland		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
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SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	(5:15) ▶ Dark Skies		▶ ★★★ Dolly-wy Man Vince Vaughn.				▶ ★★★★ Silver Linings Playbook			(:05) ▶ The To Do ...			
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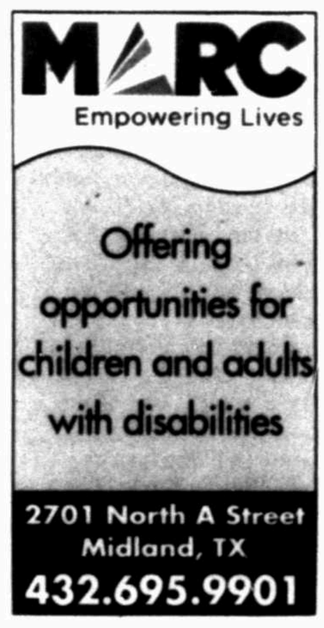

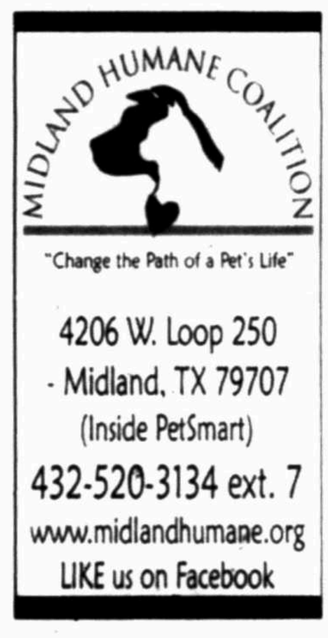

BOOKS

Amazon-Hachette feud headlines year's top news

By Hillel Italie
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Like a serial for the digital age, the book world's most dramatic story of 2014 unfolded in installments, often in real time.

A dispute about e-book revenues between Amazon.com and Hachette Book Group led to Amazon's removing buy buttons, cutting discounts and reducing orders for works ranging from J.K. Rowling's latest detective thriller to J.D. Salinger's "Nine Stories." The battle lasted for months. Hachette author Stephen Colbert flipped the bird to Amazon, right on camera. Amazon suggested that frustrated customers might try buying books elsewhere.

You could call the resolution happy, and open-ended. The two sides agreed to a multiyear deal in mid-November and Hachette books were back in full for the holiday season. Amazon and Hachette each declared itself satisfied.

But it's hard to say what has changed. Douglas Preston, a Hachette author who became a leading Amazon critic, expressed a common view among writers when he told The Associated Press recently that the standoff demonstrated that the online retailer is "ruthless and willing to sanction books and hurt authors." Amazon's image may have suffered but it still controls some 40 percent of the market, by the estimate of major New York publishers, and still has a hold on those who said they fear it.

James Patterson, a Hachette author who has donated more than $1 million to independent sellers and worried that Amazon might put them out of business, said in a recent interview that he liked to shop at the Classic Bookshop near his home in Palm Beach, Florida.

"And I do a little bit (of shopping) online," he added.

Amazon?

"I do a little bit online," he repeated, then said of Amazon.

"I do understand where they're coming from."

Here are other highlights from 2014:

YESTERDAY'S NEWS: Many of the big fiction books of 2014 were not published in 2014: An Oprah Winfrey pick, Sue Monk Kidd's "The Invention of Wings"; Donna Tartt's Pulitzer Prize-winning "The Goldfinch," a Hachette release so in demand that even Amazon left it alone; and a handful of novels helped by movie adaptations — Gillian Flynn's "Gone Girl," John Green's "The Fault In Our Stars" and Laura Hillenbrand's "Unbroken." Phil Klay's book of contemporary war stories, "Redeployment," won the National Book Award, but a people's prize for top literary hardcover of 2014 would likely go to a novel about World War II, Anthony Doerr's "All the Light We Cannot See," which has sold more than 180,000 copies, according to Nielsen BookScan, which tracks around 80 percent of sales.

ROCK STARS: Readers have been treating young adult writers like rock stars, which is better than how they've been treating rock stars — at least those of a certain age. At 48,000 copies, "One Direction: Who We Are: Our Official Autobiography" was more popular than the combined Nielsen sales for books by Carlos Santana, Joe Perry and Jerry Lee Lewis.

DIVERSITY: BookCon, a self-styled "pop culture" version of BookExpo America, launched in 2014 and immediately failed by only inviting white authors to speak. In response, a social media campaign was born, and a grassroots movement, We Need Diverse Books, soon followed.

One of We Need Diverse Books' advisers is Jacqueline Woodson, who won the National Book Award for her young adult book "Brown Girl Dreaming." She also, quite unintentionally, helped raised a substantial amount of money for the organization. After she won her prize, awards emcee Daniel Handler of "Lemony Snicket" fame made an awkward joke about watermelon that even Handler later acknowledged was racist. He apologized and eventually donated $110,000 to WNDB.

Woodson, a published author for nearly 25 years, saw the industry alternating between cycles of recognition and neglect. Now, she said, recognition is underway, citing Jason Reynolds and Aisha Saeed.

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GAMES

'Dragon Age' tops AP critics' list of the year's best

By Lou Kesten and Derrik J. Lang
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The top 10 video games of 2014, according to Lou Kesten:

1. "Dragon Age: Inquisition" (BioWare, for PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One, PC): BioWare's overstuffed role-playing epic has everything you could want in a fantasy saga: war, magic, exploration, romance and, yes, dragons. I've spent 200 hours in its lush, frightening world and there are still huge areas I've barely visited. I can't wait to get back.

2. "Hearthstone: Heroes of Warcraft" (Blizzard Entertainment, for PC, iOS and Android): Blizzard Entertainment, masters of massively multiplayer online worlds, scaled down with this delightful collectible card game. It's simple enough for any newcomer to enjoy, but you'll want to spend hours tinkering with your deck. Each card is so beautifully detailed that you can almost see the monsters within coming to life.

3. "Valiant Hearts: The Great War" (Ubisoft Montpellier, for the PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One, PC, iOS and Android): This stirring war drama tells the story of a European family torn apart by World War I and the brave dog that helps them. There are no rah-rah heroics, just the humble efforts of some ordinary people trying to survive a horrific calamity. The ending is one of the most heartrending moments in game history.

4. "South Park: The Stick of Truth" (Obsidian Entertainment, for PlayStation 3, Xbox 360 and PC): From the sublime to the ridiculous, as Cartman and friends defend their town from aliens, Nazi zombies and Al Gore, "Stick of Truth" goes way beyond your typical licensed-game fan service, delivering a terrific role-playing game that doubles as a savvy parody of the genre's cliches.

5. "Middle-earth: Shadow of Mordor" (Monolith Productions, for PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One, PC): In Monolith Productions' brilliant take on J.R.R. Tolkien, you must challenge a series of orc warlords before going toe-to-toe with their evil boss. The result rewards a smart strategic approach as much as skillful swordplay, and it's utterly unique.

6. "Monument Valley" (Ustwo, for iOS and Android): Each of the three-dimensional landscapes here looks like an M.C. Escher drawing, with paths and staircases that seem impossible to traverse. To find the exit, you need to change perspective and rotate parts of the structure. A haunting soundtrack hints at mysteries that may never be solved.

7. "Wolfenstein: The New Order" (MachineGames, for PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One, PC): We got a bunch of new first-person shooters in 2014, but the freshest was this revival from Sweden's MachineGames. Set in an alternate Europe where the Nazis won, it's an expertly paced thriller with a cast of resistance fighters that I found myself caring about.

8. "Captain Toad: Treasure Tracker" (Nintendo, for Wii U): Nintendo's Wii U console finally found its mojo with several big multiplayer games, but I preferred this low-profile puzzler starring one of the company's most endearing bench players. Its 3-D mazes are first-rate, and you'll want to spend hours exploring every nook and cranny.

9. "Far Cry 4" (Ubisoft Montreal, for the PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One, PC): Ubisoft has become the king of sprawling, open-world action games. "Far Cry 4" is the best of this year's batch. The new Himalayan setting offers not just breathtaking scenery but also the opportunity for all kinds of high-altitude high jinks. The chance to mow down your enemies while riding a rampaging elephant is worth the price of admission.

10. "Threes!" (Sirvo, for iOS, Android and Xbox One): A small studio named Sirvo launched this elegant $3 math game early this year — and then promptly got ripped off by a wave of free copycats. Fork over the cash for the original, whose smart design turns a simple premise into an enthralling, infuriating instant classic.

The top 10 video games of 2014, according to Derrik J. Lang:

1. "Dragon Age: Inquisition" (BioWare, for PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One, PC): Despite its grander-than-grand scale, "Inquisition" is a breathtakingly detailed role-playing saga unique to each player portraying the leader of a revolution in the fantasy realm of Thedas. BioWare deserves to be heralded for its commitment to storytelling and creating the most engrossing journey in gaming this year.

2. "Alien: Isolation" (Creative Assembly, for PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One, PC): Creative Assembly didn't just painstakingly pay digital homage to Ridley Scott's original "Alien" film, the developers also crafted a thrilling first-person experience. In a medium where problems are usually solved with the business end of a rifle, "Isolation" instead forces players to outwit, not outgun their extraterrestrial enemy.

3. "Far Cry 4" (Ubisoft Montreal, for the PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One, PC): One of the best virtual experiences I had this year was enjoying a peaceful flight across the shadows of the Himalayas in a rickety gyrocopter only to suddenly be shot out of the sky by soldiers. Then I returned fire while parachuting down into their base. Such wild moments made the open-world shooter "Far Cry 4" a rainbow of chaos.

4. "Mario Kart 8" (Nintendo, for Wii U): Mario, Luigi, Princess Peach and company returned to the driver's seat for more high-octane banana tossing and shell throwing in the latest installment of the long-running kart-racing series. "Mario Kart 8" swerved past obstacles to become the year's most addictive game for the Wii U, thanks to an eye-popping aesthetic, user-friendly online experience and gravity-defying race tracks.

5. "Middle-earth: Shadow of Mordor" (Monolith Productions, for PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One, PC): Set between "The Hobbit" and "The Lord of the Rings," the liberating "Shadow of Mordor" is a revenge tale with a twist: it pays to learn about your orc adversaries, not just blindly take them down. That's just one innovative touch in a game that makes Middle-earth feel more alive than any entry that's come before it.

6. "Titanfall" (Respawn Entertainment, for Xbox 360, Xbox One and PC): How can you go wrong with giant robots? Respawn Entertainment dropped an army of mechanized beasts into the multiplayer shooter genre and created a rollicking new dynamic with players battling for power from both inside and outside those titillating tanks. It's the only online shooter I kept making return trips to in 2014. Sorry, "Destiny" and "Call of Duty."

7. "This War of Mine" (11 Bit Studios, for PC): If the virtual dollhouse series "The Sims" was set in a country where food and shelter were scare, it would be the gripping "This War of Mine." With haunting black-and-white imagery and emotionally unrelenting gameplay, 11 Bit Studios' account of a group of ordinary citizens struggling to survive is a reminder that games don't have to be fun to be engaging.

8. "Sunset Overdrive" (Insomniac Games, for Xbox One): The end of the world has never been as ridiculously entertaining as it is in "Sunset Overdrive." Insomniac Games, the tricksters best known for the "Ratchet & Clank" franchise, daringly delivered a cartoony rendition of the apocalypse where energy drinks turn folks into monstrous creatures and electrical lines serve as modes of free-running transportation.

9. "Wolfenstein: The New Order" (MachineGames, for PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One, PC): While most resurrections of old-school game franchises fail to re-ignite the fire sparked by their ancestors, "New Order" auspiciously reimagined Nazi-killing protagonist William J. Blazkowicz as a three-dimensional man out of time. "New Order" turned out to be a solid first-person shooter that's anything but dim.

10. "Super Time Force" (Capybara Games, for Xbox 360, Xbox One, PC): Both ingenious and hilarious, the time-bending platformer "Super Time Force" flipped the genre on its head by pushing players to rewind pixelated, nostalgia-filled mayhem over and over again. Messing around with the space-time continuum hasn't been this amusing since "Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure" — the movie, not the game.

Books

From 3B

as among the promising young adult writers. Meanwhile, Woodson wants to get around to an adult book she's been meaning to write. "My plan for January is to get quiet again, and write."

GETTING PERSONAL (AND POLITICAL): Lena Dunham only begins the story. It was a good year for personal essays, including those that are more than personal, with acclaimed collections from Roxane Gay, Charles D'Ambrosio and Meghan Daum among others. Leslie Jamison, author of the best-selling "The Empathy Exams: Essays," wrote in a recent email that "readers are becoming increasingly drawn to forms of personal writing that also look outward at the world: that blend the revelations of memoir with the inquiries of journalism and criticism."

THE FACTS: With nonfiction still essentially a print market, and with bookstore space far smaller than a decade ago, it's hard these days to be a historian — unless you're Bill O'Reilly. The Fox News host's latest recounting of a famous death, "Killing Patton: The Strange Death of World War II's Most Audacious General," has sold more than 700,000 copies, according to Nielsen. That's far more than the combined Nielsen sales for the most recent books (both published before 2014) by two of the world's most famous historians: Robert Caro's "The Passage of Power: The Years of Lyndon Johnson" and Doris Kearns Goodwin's "The Bully Pulpit: Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, and the Golden Age of Journalism." O'Reilly's book, co-written by Martin Dugard, also easily surpassed the combined sales of two of the biggest political books of 2014: Hillary Rodham Clinton's "Hard Choices" and George W. Bush's biography of his father, and fellow ex-president, "41."

THE CLOUD: Trip Adler is the CEO of Scribd, a leading e-book subscription service, an emerging part of the digital market. He believes e-books are the future, but is admittedly surprised that print is holding up so well.

Asked why he thinks print has endured, he paused. "I don't know," he said. "I can brainstorm a bunch of reasons. Book technology has kind of lagged behind video and music. Even subscription services came to books last. Why weren't the book services first? I can't say why."

For himself, Adler likes e-books and relies on Scribd for suggestions. "I open the Scribd app and whatever books are recommended to me I read," he said. "I have not read a print book in a long time. I'm kind of the Silicon Valley type."

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Byron Johnston tourney pulls in teams from all over

■ This year's tournament features teams from New Orleans and Australia

By Will Korn
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Since its inception in 1993, the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic has provided an exciting showcase of high school hoops that has heated up Midland gyms on cold winter nights. A staple in Midland, the three-day tournament has always been able to attract some of West Texas' top area teams that have battled their way to a championship game that has rarely disappointed over the years.

This year's tournament figures to be no different in that respect. The games in the boys' and girls' brackets are expected to be competitive — it should be an array of entertaining matchups to help those in attendance count down the final days until the new year. But this year's edition of the Byron Johnston also features a few extra treats for spectators.

For staters, the boys' bracket is headlined by two El Paso powers in Bel Air High School and Americas High School. Coming into their respective today games, those two teams are a combined 25-2. Bel Air is ranked No. 5 in TABC's 5A boys' rankings. Both playing in Pool B, fans will get a chance to see Bel Air and Americas square off at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday at Chapparal Center in what should be one of the marquee games of the tournament.

On the girls' side, historic power St. Mary's Academy from New Orleans will open against 11-time champion Plainview High School at noon Monday at Chapparal Center.

St. Mary's Academy isn't having a strong season so far, but the school is known for graduating former WNBA guard Shondra Johnson, who was selected 42nd overall by the Houston Comets in the 2002 draft.

For the first time in several years, the girls' tournament will also feature a foreign team. This year it's the Southern Stars, a team comprised of high school players from all over Australia. The Stars will open against Midland High at 6 p.m. today at Chapparal Center.

Blake Johnston, a tournament committee member and the son of the late Byron Johnston, said he is excited for the matchups in both the boys' and girls' fields this year.

"It's so cool (having out of area and out of country teams play in the tournament)," Johnston said. "That was the goal when this tournament started, to pull in teams from all over. That has been a unique part of the tournament, but it doesn't happen every year. It's neat for people to see

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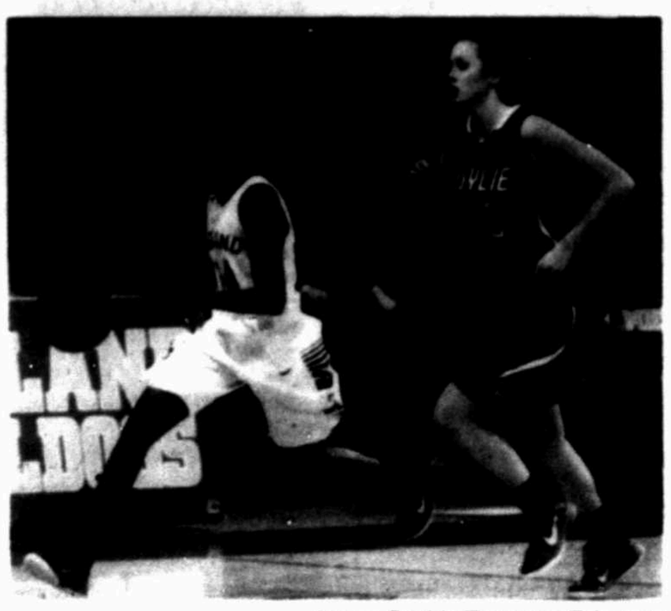

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Midland High's Alexis Washington (14) takes the ball down the court against Abilene Wylie on Dec. 2 at MHS. Both the MHS and Lee girls and boys basketball teams will play in this week's Byron Johnston Holiday Classic.

Cowboys rout Redskins

Richard Lipski/AP

Dallas tight end Jason Witten (82) fends off Washington inside linebacker Perry Riley (56) Sunday's game in Landover, Md.

With pressure off, Dallas runs over Washington

By Joseph White
Associated Press

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Inside

The Texans beat the Jaguars, was it good enough to make the playoffs?

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LANDOVER, Md. — DeMarco Murray passed Emmitt Smith with a change-of-direction that left a safety flat-footed.

Dez Bryant moved ahead of Terrell Owens by getting the left tiptoe down in the end zone, a touchdown that didn't count until the replay showed what a superb catch it was.

And Tony Romo? How about a 4-0 month that might help dispel the notion that the Dallas Cowboys can't be a December team.

The Cowboys prepped for the playoffs Sunday with a 44-17 win over the Washington Redskins, with Murray and Bryant breaking a pair of prestigious franchise records along the way and the team as a whole maintaining momentum heading into its first postseason appearance since 2009.

"Right before people's eyes," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said, "we have basically torn it up in December."

That's a change of pace from recent history, when Dallas capped three consecutive season win-or-fail losses to NFC East rivals in the final weekend, yielding back-to-back-to-back 8-8 records that fueled more doubts about Romo as a big-game quarterback.

Sunday's game didn't have the same magnitude. The result mattered only if at least one of the later games ended in a tie. Otherwise, Dallas would get a first-round bye with losses by both Arizona and Seattle — win or lose against Washington.

With the pressure off, the Cowboys (12-4) did just fine — and didn't pack it in. The Cowboys went 8-0 on the road for the first time in team history

"I've been speaking on it the whole year, we've got to grow and mature," Dallas defensive end Jeremy Mincey said. "It's clear as day these seeds are turning into flowers, and I'm happy, man. Coach is going to continue to give us sunshine and rain, and we'll be all right."

Coach Jason Garrett deployed his full complement of available resources, opting not to give Romo's ailing back some extra rest nor to play it safe with Murray, who broke his hand two weeks ago. The Cowboys scored on their first five possessions to take a 27-7 lead, throwing in a successful onside kick along the way.

Romo played nearly the entire game, completing 22 of 34 passes for 299 yards and two touchdowns and one interception. For the month, he completed 75 percent with 12 touchdowns and one interception, and his 114.4 season passer rating is sixth best in NFL history.

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Aggies seek 4th consecutive bowl win

By Brent Zwerneman
Houston Chronicle

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Texas A&M has trumpeted the notion this past week a bowl game offers the start of a new season – especially if a program is trying to distance itself from the old season.

"It's starting the new year off in a right way," A&M coach Kevin Sumlin said Sunday of a potential postseason victory. "And we've been successful in doing that."

Indeed, A&M of the Southeastern Conference is angling to win a fourth consecutive bowl for the first time in program history, starting 1 p.m. Monday against West Virginia of the Big 12 in the Liberty Bowl. Sumlin has been around for two of those bowl triumphs, including a 41-13 trouncing of Bob Stoops and Oklahoma two years ago in the Cotton Bowl.

The game

LIBERTY BOWL
TEXAS A&M VS. WEST VIRGINIA

When: 1 p.m. today
Location: Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium, Memphis, Tennessee
TV: ESPN

Stoops is Sumlin's former boss, and now Sumlin finds himself in a similar position: Staring across the field at one of his former offensive coordinators, Dana Holgorsen, the Mountaineers' fourth-year coach. Holgorsen served under Sumlin in 2008-09 at Houston.

"It's like looking in the mirror," Sumlin said of the many similarities between their current teams, based especially on the up-tempo offensive approaches of both coaches.

Four years ago, incoming freshmen at A&M and WVU had no idea they'd represent their squads in this bowl in their final college games, based on the seismic events of three years ago. As Sumlin pointed out Sunday, West Virginia's seniors signed on to play in the Big East. A&M's seniors inked to compete in the Big 12.

"Things have changed," he said, smiling.

In September 2011, A&M announced it was bolting the Big 12 for the SEC. About a month later, WVU announced it would be one two replacements (along with TCU) in the Big 12 for A&M and Missouri, which also entered the SEC.

Beating one of its replacements in the Big 12 is a bit down the list, however, on why A&M needs a victory in its bowl game in a big way. The Aggies ranked sixth nationally in early October, before a three-game skid against SEC West foes capped by

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Texas and Arkansas renew rivalry in Texas Bowl

By Kristie Rieken
Associated PRess

HOUSTON — Growing up as a child in Arkansas, Charlie Strong loved watching the Razorbacks and Texas play.

In his first season as the Longhorns' coach, he can't wait to renew the old rivalry tonight in the Texas Bowl.

"No one ever lets you forget about the rivalry," Strong said.

These teams have met 77 times, with the first game coming in 1894. The old Southwest Conference foes met 60 years in a row before Arkansas left for the SEC after the 1991 season.

The game

TEXAS BOWL
TEXAS VS. ARKANSAS

When: 8 p.m. today
Location: NRG Stadium, Houston
TV: ESPN

They haven't played much since then, with the last game coming in a 52-10 win by Texas in 2008.

Arkansas coach Bret Bielema has worked to teach his players about the history of the rivalry, telling them about the schools' coaching greats: the Razorbacks' Frank Broyles and Texas' Darrell Royal.

"I think they've bought into it," Bielema said. "I say all the time we only stand on the shoulders of those who came before us. To be a part of something where Frank Broyles and Darrell Royal were such a big part of the game that we know today, it's just truly amazing."

Getting a chance to play each other again had both coaches talking about the possibility of these teams meeting more often.

"You love to see those old rivalries continue," Strong said.

Bielema agreed and hopes that he's part of it if it happens.

"It would be fun," he said. "It would be an easy one to sell. ...

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AP file photo

Texas quarterback Tyrone Swoopes looks to pass during a Sept. 6 game against BYU in Austin. Texas plays Arkansas today in the Texas Bowl.

DAILY RUNDOWN

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TODAY

WHAT'S ON TV

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Liberty Bowl: West Virginia vs. Texas A&M, 1 p.m., ESPN

Belk Bowl: Louisville vs. Georgia, 4:30 p.m., ESPN

Texas Bowl: Texas vs. Arkansas, 8 p.m., ESPN/LHN

HOCKEY

IIHF World Junior Championship: Czech Republic vs. Denmark, Noon, NHL

IIHF World Junior Championship: USA vs. Slovakia, 3 p.m., NHL

IIHF World Junior Championship: Sweden vs. Russia, 6 p.m., NHL

IIHF World Junior Championship: Finland vs. Canada, 7 p.m., NHL

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Rice at Mercer, Noon, LHN

Toledo at Duke, 6 p.m., ESPN2

Southern Miss at LSU, 6 p.m., SEC

North Texas at Texas Tech, 7 p.m., FSSWP/FCSC

Alice Lloyd at Western Kentucky, 7 p.m., FCSP

San Francisco at St. Mary's, 8 p.m., ESPNU

Middle Tennessee at Auburn, 8 p.m., SEC

Portland at BYU, 8 p.m., BYUtv

St. Joseph's at Denver, 8 p.m., ROOT

UC Irvine at Oregon, 10 p.m., P12/P12 LA

UAPB at Stanford, 10 p.m., P12 BAY

MEN'S COLLEGE HOCKEY

Great Lakes Invitational: Consolation Game, 2:30 p.m., FCSA

Great Lakes Invitational: Championship Game, 6 p.m., FCSA

MEN'S SOCCER

English Premier: Swansea City at Liverpool, 2 p.m., NBCSN

National Basketball Association

Milwaukee at Charlotte, 6 p.m., NBAtv

NHL

Detroit at Boston, 6 p.m., NBCSN

NY Rangers at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Ohio State at Maryland, 6 p.m., BTN

Duke at Connecticut, 8 p.m., ESPN2

Nebraska at Minnesota, 8 p.m., BTN

Texas A&M at Washington, 8 p.m., P12

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Byron Johnston Holiday Classic

Greenwood, Grady at Caprock Tournament, Lubbock

Midland Classical, Big Spring, Midland Christian at Monahans Tournament

Garden City, Stanton at Sands Tournament

Coahoma at Mary Tatum Classic, Big Lake

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

Byron Johnston Holiday Classic (WILL)

Greenwood, Big Spring, Midland Christian, Grady at Caprock Tournament, Lubbock

Andrews at Littlefield Tournament

Garden City, Stanton at Sands Tournament

Coahoma at Mary Tatum Classic, Big Lake

JUNIOR COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Midland College at Fiesta Bowl Junior College Shootout, Mesa, Ariz.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

Frontier League

FLORENCE FREEDOM — Signed RHP Matt Robertson.

WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Traded RHP Jesse Snodgrass to Gary (AA) for RHP Coleman Stephens. Traded RHP Coleman Stephens to Florence for 3B Jacob Tanis and a 2015 second-round draft pick.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ARIZONA COYOTES — Recalled F Tyler Gaudet from Portland (AHL).

CAROLINA HURRICANES — Reassigned F Brendan Woods to Charlotte (AHL).

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Assigned G Anton Forsberg to Springfield (AHL).

DALLAS STARS — Reassigned D Cameron Gaunce to Texas (AHL).

NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Waived F Derek Roy. Assigned F Viktor Stalberg to Milwaukee (AHL).

WINNIPEG JETS — Recalled F Patrice Cormier from St. John's (AHL).

American Hockey League

AHL — Suspended San Antonio D Steven Kampfer for one game for receiving a match penalty in a Dec. 27 game against Oklahoma City.

ECHL

ECHL — Suspended Florida s Mitch Wahl pending a review and fined him an undisclosed amount for his actions in a Dec. 27 game at Orlando.

COLLEGE

MINNESOTA — Dismissed WR Donovahn Jones from the football program for a violation of team policy.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	37	22	11	4	48	119	97
Detroit	36	19	8	9	47	103	89
Montreal	35	22	11	2	46	95	84
Toronto	36	20	13	3	43	122	108
Florida	33	16	9	8	40	79	86
Boston	36	18	15	3	39	93	97
Ottawa	35	14	14	7	35	92	97
Buffalo	36	14	19	3	31	73	118

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	35	22	8	5	49	108	83
N.Y. Islanders	35	23	11	1	47	106	98
N.Y. Rangers	33	19	10	4	42	100	84
Washington	35	18	11	6	42	102	90
Philadelphia	35	14	15	6	34	98	105
Columbus	34	15	16	3	33	86	109
New Jersey	37	12	18	7	31	79	107
Carolina	35	10	21	4	24	71	95

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	36	24	10	2	50	112	74
Nashville	34	23	9	2	48	99	71
St. Louis	35	21	11	3	45	103	90
Winnipeg	36	19	10	7	45	92	84
Minnesota	33	16	13	4	36	96	93
Dallas	34	15	14	5	35	99	116
Colorado	35	13	14	8	34	92	106

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	37	23	8	6	52	105	100
Los Angeles	36	18	11	7	43	100	89
San Jose	36	19	12	5	43	100	93
Vancouver	33	20	11	2	42	99	91
Calgary	37	19	15	3	41	108	99
Arizona	35	13	18	4	30	82	113
Edmonton	36	7	22	7	21	76	125

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

Sunday's Scores

Florida 6, Toronto 4

Anaheim 2, Vancouver 1, OT

Today's Games

Detroit at Boston, 6 p.m.

Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 6 p.m.

Washington at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.

Montreal at Carolina, 6 p.m.

Buffalo at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.

Toronto at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.

Colorado at St. Louis, 7 p.m.

Minnesota at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.

Nashville at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.

N.Y. Rangers at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

Los Angeles at Calgary, 8 p.m.

Philadelphia at Arizona, 8 p.m.

GLANTZ-CULVER LINE

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
		COLLEGE		
		Today		
		Liberty Bowl		
		At Memphis, Tenn.		
West Virginia	3 1/2	1 1/2	(65)	Texas A&M
		Russell Athletic Bowl		
		At Orlando, Fla.		
Oklahoma	4	4 1/2	(51 1/2)	Clemson
		Texas Bowl		
		At Houston		
Arkansas	5	6 1/2	(44 1/2)	Texas
		Tuesday		
		Music City Bowl		
		At Nashville, Tenn.		
LSU	7 1/2	7 1/2	(52 1/2)	Notre Dame
		Belk Bowl		
		At Charlotte, N.C.		
Georgia	7	7	(56 1/2)	Louisville
		Foster Farms Bowl		
		At Santa Clara, Calif.		
Stanford	13	14	(48)	Maryland
		Wednesday		
		Peach Bowl		
		At Atlanta		
TCU	3	3 1/2	(56 1/2)	Mississippi
		Fiesta Bowl		
		At Glendale, Ariz.		
Arizona	4 1/2	3	(68)	Boise St
		Orange Bowl		
		At Miami Gardens, Fla.		
Mississippi St	7 1/2	6 1/2	(61 1/2)	Georgia Tech
		Thursday		
		Outback Bowl		
		At Tampa, Fla.		
Auburn	5 1/2	6 1/2	(63 1/2)	Wisconsin
		Cotton Bowl Classic		
		At Arlington		
Baylor	1	2 1/2	(70 1/2)	Michigan St
		Citrus Bowl		
		At Orlando, Fla.		
Missouri	6	5	(47 1/2)	Minnesota
		Rose Bowl		
		Playoff Semifinal		
		At Pasadena, Calif.		
Oregon	8	9	(72)	Florida St.
		Sugar Bowl		
		Playoff Semifinal		
		At New Orleans		
Alabama	9 1/2	9	(58 1/2)	Ohio St
		Friday		
		Armed Forces Bowl		
		At Fort Worth		
Pittsburgh	2	3	(53 1/2)	Houston
		TaxSlayer Bowl		
		At Jacksonville, Fla.		
Tennessee	3	3 1/2	(51 1/2)	Iowa
		Alamo Bowl		
		At San Antonio		
UCLA	+ 2 1/2	1 1/2	(59 1/2)	Kansas St.
		Cactus Bowl		
		At Tempe, Ariz.		
Washington	5	5	(56 1/2)	Oklahoma St.
		Saturday		
		Birmingham (Ala.) Bowl		
Florida	7	6 1/2	(56 1/2)	East Carolina
		Sunday		
		GoDaddy Bowl		
		At Mobile, Ala.		
Toledo	1	3 1/2	(67)	Arkansas St.
		NFL		
		Saturday		
FAVORITE	**OPEN**	**TODAY**	**O/U**	**UNDERDOG**
at Carolina	4 1/2	5 1/2	(38 1/2)	Arizona
		Sunday		
at Dallas	6 1/2	7	(48 1/2)	Detroit

Chaps rebound to top Salt Lake CC

From staff reports

MESA, Ariz. — Jamal Evans came off the bench to score 23 points and pull down nine rebounds as Midland College took a 100-89 victory against Salt Lake Community College on Sunday during the second day of the Fiesta Bowl Junior College Shootout.

The Chaps were up, 52-36, at halftime, and then withstood a second-half surge from Salt Lake to take the 11-point victory. Salt Lake outscored MC, 53-48, in the second half.

Led by Evans, the Chaps' bench outscored Salt Lake's bench, 40-22, during the game.

Evans connected on 9-of-13 shots from the field, including knocking down three of his six 3-point attempts. Dontay Caruthers added 10 points for Midland College and Maurice O'Field had 18. Sajae Pryor had 12 on the day for the Chaps (10-4).

Blake Wilkinson led Salt Lake with 29 points.

Midland College, who bounced back from a loss on Saturday, will take on Williston State in the consolation final at 5 p.m. today.

MIDLAND COLLEGE 100, SALT LAKE CC 89

Midland College (10-4) — Torren Jones 3-10 2-3 8, Maurice O'Field 7-11 2-3 18, William Tchiengang 1-2 0-0 3, Dontay Caruthers 7-9 2-2 18, Sajae Pryor 5-7 0-2 12, Tyler Whitehead 1-2 5-8 7, Naquavious King 3-9 0-2 8, Dylan Cham 0-0 0-0 0, Bryce Ervin 0-0 0-0 0, Jordan Miller 1-1 0-0 2, Jamal Evans 9-13 2-2 23, Tyler Herron 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 37-66 13-22 100.

Salt Lake Community College (13-2) — DeSean Person 7-14 1-2 16, Larry Okhomina 4-8 2-4 10, Blake Wilkinson 12 19 5-12 29, C.J. Spiller 1-4 2-2 5, Tad Dutelmeier 3-8 0-0 7, Gibson Johnson 2-4 0-0 4, LaBrian Shiflet 2-5 0-0 5, Marcus White 4-10 1-2 9, Zarrion Peyton 0-2 0-0 0, Brandon Morley 1-5 1-1 3. Totals 35-78 15-28 89.

Halftime score — MC 52, SLCC 36. 3-point goals — MC 13-22 (O'Field 2-3, Tchiengang 1-1, Caruthers 3-4, Pryor 2-3, Charn 2-5, Evans 3-6), SLCC 7-23 (Person 1-4, Wilkinson 2-3, Spiller 1-3, Dutelmeier 1-4, Johnson 0-1, Shiflet 2-5, White 0-1, Peyton 0-1, Morley 0-1). Total fouls – MC 19, SLCC 20. Fouled out — MC, Tchiengang; SLCC, Okhomina. Technical fouls — MC, 2. Rebounds — MC 32 (Evans 9), SLCC 39 (Okhomina 10). Turnovers — MC 17, SLCC 17.

Next: Midland College vs. Williston State, 5 p.m. Today, Mesa Community College, Mesa, Ariz.

Green leads injury-depleted Spurs past Rockets

Raul Dominguez
Associated Press

Spurs	**110**
Rockets	**106**

SAN ANTONIO — The San Antonio Spurs needed a lift after a succession of injuries to key players and a series of deflating losses.

Patty Mills' return gave the Spurs a boost, but withstanding an emotional and physical matchup with the Houston Rockets provided what they truly needed — a win.

Danny Green had 24 points and San Antonio held off a late rally to beat Houston 110-106 on Sunday, snapping a six-game skid against its intrastate rivals.

Mills had eight points, all in the final quarter, but his energy was the spark that helped the Spurs snap a two-game skid. The 6-foot guard from Australia even dived on his surgically repaired right shoulder for a loose ball in the first half and played all but 12 seconds in the fourth quarter.

"His energy, just his activity is was contagious," San Antonio forward Tim Duncan said. "It was great for us; brought a huge spark to the team."

Duncan had 16 points and Manu Ginobili had 15 for the Spurs (19-13).

James Harden had 28 points and Dwight Howard added 24 points and 17 rebounds for Houston (21-8). The Rockets' newest additions had differing levels of success: Corey Brewer scored 25 points and Josh Smith added five points.

Smith sat all but 30 seconds in the final seven minutes due to what Houston coach Kevin McHale deemed a lack of "familiarity" on a couple of missed defensive assignments.

It wasn't just Smith that seemed lost, though. Houston had 25 turnovers, including eight in the final quarter that resulted in 11 points.

"We weren't really sharp all night," McHale said. "They beat us on back cuts. They beat us on cuts and we weren't as sharp as we needed to be and the turnovers just killed us tonight, 25 of them, just too many turnovers."

Houston went 4 minutes without scoring between a pair of dunks by Howard — San Antonio ran off 15 straight points to open a 102-91 lead with 4 1/2 minutes remaining.

Harden blamed himself when asked what changed offensively.

"Me, myself. I was terrible, terrible," Harden said. "Just too much indecision, which is rare for me."

The Rockets responded with a 12-4 spurt, capped by Harden's 3-pointer with Duncan in his chest that pulled Houston to 106-103 with 52.1 seconds remaining. After Green missed a 3-pointer, Harden dribbled the ball out of bounds for his ninth and final turnover.

Green made four straight free throws in the final minute, helping San Antonio avoid going into overtime for the fourth time in its last six home games.

With Tony Parker and Kawhi Leonard still out, the Spurs needed a boost and Mills provided it.

"I was excited, it felt a lot longer than it actually was," Mills said of his absence. "Knowing I was getting the chance to play again was great. I had a great sleep last night and great game-day nap."

Mills received a loud ovation upon entering the game with 3:28 remaining in the first quarter. Normally never shy about shooting, Mills did not attempt his first shot until nearly 2 minutes into his season debut.

NBA ROUNDUP

MAVERICKS 112
THUNDER 107

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki matched his season high with 30 points, Chandler Parsons added 26 and the Dallas Mavericks beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 112-107 Sunday night.

The Mavericks rallied from seven points down to start the fourth quarter. They were without center Tyson Chandler, a late scratch with back spasms that aren't supposed to sideline him long.

The Thunder played their sixth straight game without Kevin Durant because of a sprained right ankle. They fell short in their third chance to reach .500 for the first time after Durant and Russell Westbrook were sidelined by injuries for 14 of the first 16 games.

Nowitzki put the Mavericks ahead for good with a pair of free throws with 3:25 to go.

Serge Ibaka led Oklahoma City with a season-high 26 points.

PISTONS 103
CAVALIERS 80

CLEVELAND — Brandon Jennings scored 25 points, and the Detroit Pistons used an 18-0 run in the second quarter to roll past the Cleveland Cavaliers 103-80 on Sunday.

It was Cleveland's second blowout loss at home in less than two weeks. The Cavaliers lost 127-98 to Atlanta on Dec. 17, and the convincing victory for Detroit drew boos from the home crowd.

Andre Drummond had 16 points and 17 rebounds for the Pistons (7-23), who were coming off a 119-109 victory over Indiana on Friday. Reserve Jodie Meeks scored 14 points, and Kentavious Caldwell-Pope had 13.

Detroit set a season high for made 3-pointers by going 17 for 31 from long range.

TRAIL BLAZERS 101
KNICKS 79

PORTLAND, Ore. — Wesley Matthews had 28 points, including six 3-pointers, and the Portland Trail Blazers beat the short-handed New York Knicks 101-79 on Sunday night.

Matthews, who leads the NBA with 106 3-pointers this season, made five 3s in the first half against the Knicks. Teammate Nicolas Batum had five 3-pointers and 17 points.

It was the eighth straight loss for the Knicks, who had just nine available players to start the game, and then lost Carmelo Anthony for the second half because of a sore left knee.

Portland, which led by as many as 27 points, has won eight of its last nine games.

RAPTORS 116
NUGGETS 102

DENVER — Kyle Lowry had 30 points and 11 assists, and the Toronto Raptors ended a decade of frustration in Denver with a 116-102 win over the Nuggets on Sunday night.

Lou Williams had 31 points for the Raptors, who won at Pepsi Center for the first time since the 2003-04 season.

Toronto, the top team in the Eastern Conference, had lost 11 of its last 14 against the Nuggets but got the season sweep with Sunday's win.

The Raptors have won seven of eight.

NBA STANDINGS AND BOXES

STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	24	7	.774	—
Brooklyn	13	16	.448	10
Boston	10	18	.357	12 1/2
New York	5	26	.152	20
Philadelphia	4	25	.138	19

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	22	8	.733	—
Washington	21	9	.724	1/2
Miami	14	17	.452	8 1/2
Orlando	12	21	.364	11 1/2
Charlotte	10	21	.323	12 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	21	9	.700	—
Cleveland	18	12	.600	3
Milwaukee	15	16	.484	6 1/2
Indiana	11	20	.355	10 1/2
Detroit	7	23	.233	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	22	8	.733	—
Houston	21	8	.724	1/2
Dallas	22	10	.688	1
San Antonio	19	13	.594	4
New Orleans	15	15	.500	7

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	25	7	.781	—
Oklahoma City	15	17	.469	10
Denver	13	18	.419	11 1/2
Utah	10	20	.333	14
Minnesota	5	24	.172	18 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	24	5	.828	—
L.A. Clippers	20	11	.645	5
Phoenix	17	14	.548	8
Sacramento	13	17	.433	11 1/2
L.A. Lakers	9	22	.290	16

Sunday's Scores

Detroit 103, Cleveland 80

San Antonio 110, Houston 106

Dallas 112, Oklahoma City 107

Portland 101, New York 79

Toronto 116, Denver 102

Phoenix 116, L.A. Lakers 107

Today's Games

Chicago at Indiana, 6 p.m.

Milwaukee at Charlotte, 6 p.m.

Orlando at Miami, 6:30 p.m.

Sacramento at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.

Washington at Houston, 7 p.m.

Utah at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY'S BOXES

SPURS 110, ROCKETS 106

HOUSTON (106): Ariza 2-9 2-2 7, Smith 2-7 1-2 5, Howard 11-13 2-7 24, Beverley 2-10 0-0 5, Harden 10-18 5-6 28, Motiejunas 3-5 4-6 11, Brewer 8-11 3-4 25, Terry 0-4 0-0 0, Dorsey 0-0 1-4 1. Totals 38-77 18-31 106.

SAN ANTONIO (110): Belinelli 2-11 2-2 8, Duncan 6-12 4-5 16, Splitter 2-8 0-0 4, Joseph 6-9 1-1 14, Green 6-13 9-10 24, Diaw 3-5 0-0 8, Ginobili 5-7 3-4 15, Mills 3-8 2-2 8, Baynes 4-5 0-0 8. Bonner 2-5 0-0 5. Totals 39-83 21-24 110

Houston	**33**	**22**	**29**	**22—106**
San Antonio	**20**	**28**	**29**	**25—110**

3-Point Goals—Houston 12-33 (Brewer 6-8, Harden 3-6, Motiejunas 1-1, Ariza 1-6, Beverley 1-7, Smith 0-1, Terry 0-4), San Antonio 11-30 (Green 3-9, Diaw 2-3, Ginobili 2-4, Belinelli 2-6, Joseph 1-1, Bonner 1-3, Mills 0-4). Fouled Out—Baynes. Rebounds—Houston 54 (Howard 17), San Antonio 45 (Duncan 8). Assists—Houston 20 (Harden 5), San Antonio 22 (Ginobili, Joseph 4). Total Fouls—Houston 24, San Antonio 28. Technicals—Beverley A—18,581 (18,797).

MAVERICKS 112, THUNDER 107

OKLAHOMA CITY (107): Jones 5-11 0-0 10, Ibaka 11-14 1-2 26, Adams 4-8 3-5 11, Westbrook 6-23 6-9 18, Roberson 0-0 1-2 1, Jackson 10-17 0-0 21, Morrow 4-6 0-0 9, Thomas 0-0 0-0 0, Smith 3-5 0-0 6, Perkins 1-4 1-1 3, Collison 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 45-90 12-21 107

DALLAS (112): Ellis 6-20 5-5 18, Parsons 10-16 1-1 26, Nowitzki 8-13 12-12 30, Rondo 7-17 1-4 15, Barea 3-5 2-2 9, G.Smith 1-1 2-2 4, Harris 0-4 1-2 1, Villanueva 3-11 0-0 7, Jefferson 1-1 0-0 2, Felton 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-88 24-28 112

Oklahoma City	**26**	**32**	**30**	**19—107**
Dallas	**33**	**31**	**17**	**31—112**

3-Point Goals—Oklahoma City 5-14 (Ibaka 3-4, Morrow 1-2, Jackson 1-3, Westbrook 0-1, Collison 0-1, Smith 0-1, Jones 0-2), Dallas 10-31 (Parsons 5-9, Nowitzki 2-3, Barea 1-2, Ellis 1-6, Villanueva 1-7, Rondo 0-1, Harris 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Oklahoma City 59 (Ibaka 10), Dallas 48 (G.Smith 8). Assists—Oklahoma City 21 (Westbrook 9), Dallas 26 (Rondo 7). Total Fouls—Oklahoma City 25, Dallas 16. Technicals—Dallas defensive three second. A—20,417 (19,200)

PISTONS 103, CAVALIERS 80

DETROIT (103): Singler 2-7 1-2 7, Monroe 4-18 2-4 10, Drummond 8-12 0-2 16, Jennings 10-18 0-0 25, Caldwell-Pope 5-9 0-0 13, Jerebko 4-8 0-0 10, Meeks 5-8 1-1 14, Augustin 0-4 0-0 0, Butler 3-7 0-0 8, Anthony 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 41-91 4-9 103.

CLEVELAND (80): James 5-19 5-5 17, Love 9-19 1-2 20, Thompson 7-8 4-4 18, Dellavedova 1-5 0-0 3, Miller 1-5 0-0 3, Marion 2-6 0-0 4, Walters 3-8 0-0 6, Price 0-6 2-4 2, Haywood 3-3 1-2 7, Jones 0-2 0-0 0, Harris 0-1 0-0 0, Amundson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 31-82 13-17 80

Detroit	**17**	**33**	**27**	**26—103**
Cleveland	**28**	**19**	**14**	**19—80**

3-Point Goals—Detroit 17-31 (Jennings 5-9, Meeks 3-4, Caldwell-Pope 3-7, Singler 2-3, Jerebko 2-3, Butler 2-4, Augustin 0-1), Cleveland 5-29 (James 2-6, Dellavedova 1-3, Miller 1-5, Love 1-7, Harris 0-1, Marion 0-1, Jones 0-2, Price 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 53 (Drummond 17), Cleveland 57 (Thompson 11). Assists—Detroit 21 (Jennings 6), Cleveland 25 (James 7). Total Fouls—Detroit 21, Cleveland 15. Technicals—Monroe A—20,562 (20,562).

TRAIL BLAZERS 101, KNICKS 79

NEW YORK (79): Anthony 5-14 3-3 13, Aldrich 6-16 0-2 12, Ja.Smith 3-7 2-2 8, Calderon 2-11 1-1 6, Hardaway Jr. 5-17 4-7 17, Acy 5-9 0-0 12, Larkin 3-10 0-0 6, Prigioni 1-5 0-0 3, Wear 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 31-93 10-15 79

PORTLAND (101): Batum 6-8 0-0 17, Robinson 2-5 1-2 5, Freeland 5-7 0-0 10, Lillard 4-11 1-2 11, Matthews 10-21 2-2 26, Blake 1-3 0-0 3, Kaman 5-9 3-4 13, Wright 0-2 0-0 0, Crabbe 0-3 0-0 0, Claver 1-6 0-0 3, Barton 1-2 2-2 4, McCollum 2-2 0-0 5, Leonard 1-2 0-0 2. Total 38-81 9-12 101

New York	**22**	**19**	**17**	**21—79**
Portland	**31**	**24**	**21**	**25—101**

3-Point Goals—New York 7-27 (Hardaway Jr. 3-10, Acy 2-2, Calderon 1-4, Prigioni 1-5, Larkin 0-3, Anthony 0-3), Portland 16-36 (Matthews 6-15, Batum 5-7, Lillard 2-6, McCollum 1-1, Claver 1-2, Blake 1-3, Crabbe 0-1, Wright 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New York 58 (Aldrich 19), Portland 55 (Freeland 10). Assists—New York 19 (Hardaway Jr., Larkin 5), Portland 25 (Lillard 6). Total Fouls—New York 13, Portland 15. Technicals—Portland defensive three second. A—19,800 (19,980).

RAPTORS 116, NUGGETS 102

TORONTO (116): J.Johnson 2-4 1-2 5, A.Johnson 5-8 3-3 13, Valanciunas 2-5 3-4 7, Lowry 12-20 3-4 30, Ross 3-10 1-2 8, Vasquez 1-10 0-0 2, Patterson 2-5 2-4 8, Williams 11-18 5-9 31, Hansbrough 5-8 0-0 10, Hayes 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 43-86 20-30 116.

DENVER (102): Chandler 8-20 3-5 20, Faried 8-19 1-2 17, Mozgov 1-4 6-8 8, Lawson 9-17 9-11 28, Affalo 4-11 0-0 9, Arthur 1-6 0-0 2, Hickson 1-2 1-2 3, Nurkic 1-2 4-6 6. Dee 0-0 0-0 0, Robinson 4-6 0-0 9. Totals 37-87 24-34 102.

Toronto	**27,**	**33**	**28**	**28—116**
Denver	**24**	**30**	**33**	**15—102**

3-Point Goals—Toronto 10-23 (Williams 4-7, Lowry 3-5, Patterson 2-4, Ross 1-3, A.Johnson 0-1, Vasquez 0-1, J.Johnson 0-2), Denver 4-17 (Robinson 1-3, Chandler 1-3, Lawson 1-4, Affalo 1-4, Faried 0-1, Arthur 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 54 (Ross 8), Denver 63 (Faried 19). Assists—Toronto 23 (Lowry 11), Denver 18 (Lawson 7). Total Fouls—Toronto 23, Denver 24. Flagrant Fouls—Valanciunas. A—14,216 (19,155).

Harbaugh, San Francisco agree to part ways

By Janie McCauley
Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Jim Harbaugh gathered his players and told them he is leaving, and they joined their voices for one final, familiar chant: "Who's got it better than us? Nobody!"

"The last, 'Who's got it better than us?' I said it as loud as I could," said wide receiver Michael Crabtree, who could soon follow the San Francisco coach's departure.

Harbaugh will not fulfill the final season of his $25 million, five-year contract coaching the 49ers that he signed in January 2011, reaching a mutual agreement with the team to part ways. The announcement came after Sunday's 20-17 win over the Arizona Cardinals and following a 8-8 season in which San Francisco had hoped to establish some momentum in new $1.3 billion Levi's Stadium.

"It's been the time of my life," Harbaugh said. "Been a lot of great memories, great moments. ... It's been a tremendous four years, it's been a pleasure to work and serve for this organization. I feel great about what we accomplished."

Harbaugh wouldn't say whether he is indeed about to accept the job at alma mater, Michigan, except to offer vague hints and say he wouldn't be around come today.

When asked specifically about taking over the Wolverines program, he said, "There will be announcements made concerning those things."

Might he miss the NFL if he moves to Ann Arbor?

"Is the NFL going somewhere?" Harbaugh quipped.

The unraveling of 2014 began months ago, almost a year back, really. San Francisco lost in the NFC championship game last January at Seattle, then watched the rival Seahawks go on to win it all. Shortly after, CEO Jed York acknowledged the Cleveland Browns inquired about trading for Harbaugh.

The 49ers saw thousands of empty seats at most games this season. San Francisco was eliminated from playoff contention with a 17-7 loss at Seattle on Dec. 14, its second defeat to the rival Seahawks in an 18-day stretch.

Harbaugh guided the 49ers to three straight NFC championship games and had a Super Bowl-or-bust mentality for this season that quickly turned sour.

ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

RAVENS 20
BROWNS 10

BALTIMORE — Baltimore earned a spot in the post-season Sunday, rallying to defeat the Cleveland Browns 20-10 while getting an assist halfway across the country.

Down 10-3 in the fourth quarter, the Ravens kicked a field goal and then took the lead on a 16-yard touchdown pass from Joe Flacco to Torrey Smith with 7:33 left.

Flacco's 2-yard TD throw to Kamar Aiken clinched it.

CHIEFS 19
CHARGERS 7

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kansas City rolled to a win that eliminated San Diego from contention, but the Chiefs failed to get the help they needed to qualify for the playoffs.

Baltimore and Houston both needed to lose in games happening at the same time, and both rallied in the second half for wins.

Justin Houston had four sacks for the Chiefs (9-7) to break Derrick Thomas' franchise record with 22 in the season. Cairo Santos kicked four field goals, and Chase Daniel played serviceably in place of injured quarterback Alex Smith, throwing for 157 yards without an interception.

SEAHAWKS 20
RAMS 6

SEATTLE — Marshawn Lynch scored on a 9-yard run, Bruce Irvin returned an interception 49 yards for a touchdown and the Seahawks wrapped up home-field advantage through the NFC playoffs.

The two fourth-quarter touchdowns by Seattle (12-4) capped a six-game win streak to end the regular season. That earned the Seahawks a second straight NFC West title and the ninth division title in franchise history.

PACKERS 30
LIONS 20

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Limping Aaron Rodgers threw two touchdown passes to Randall Cobb, Eddie Lacy gashed Detroit's defense for 100 yards and the Packers claimed a fourth straight NFC North title.

Bothered by a left calf injury, Rodgers will appreciate a week off after the win, as the Packers (12-4) earned a bye. Detroit (11-5) will start the postseason at Dallas next week.

PANTHERS 34
FALCONS 3

ATLANTA — Roman Harper and Tre Boston returned interceptions for touchdowns as Carolina's defense led the Panthers to the NFC South crown.

Carolina (7-8-1) will host a wild-card playoff game next week against Arizona. The Panthers have won four straight, but still are the first team to enter the playoffs with a losing record since 2010, when Seattle was 7-9.

STEELERS 27
BENGALS 17

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Steelers are back on top of the AFC North.

Antonio Brown returned a punt 71 yards for a touchdown and added a clinching 63-yard scoring grab with 2:50 to go in the Steelers' 27-17 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals on Sunday night.

49ERS 20
CARDINALS 17

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Jim Harbaugh is done as coach of the 49ers (8-8).

Colin Kaepernick threw a go-ahead 3-yard touchdown pass to Bruce Miller late in the third quarter. Anquan Boldin caught a 76-yard TD pass and went over 1,000 yards receiving. Frank Gore ran for 144 yards on 25 carries to go over 1,000 yards rushing for the eighth time in 10 NFL seasons with San Francisco.

BRONCOS 47
RAIDERS 14

DENVER — C.J. Anderson ran for three touchdowns, and the Broncos earned a first-round bye and the AFC's No. 2 seed.

Peyton Manning guided the Broncos (12-4) to at least a tie for the best record in the NFL for the third consecutive season since his arrival in Denver. That's something he accomplished just twice in his 13 years in Indianapolis before missing all of 2011 because of spinal fusion surgery.

SAINTS 23
BUCCANEERS 20

TAMPA, Fla. — Drew Brees threw a 36-yard touchdown pass to Marques Colston with 1:57 remaining to give the Buccaneers the top pick in the NFL draft.

COLTS 27
TITANS 10

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Andrew Luck threw for 160 yards and two touchdowns before sitting out the second half.

BILLS 17
PATRIOTS 9

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Kyle Orton threw for one touchdown, Anthony Dixon ran for another and the Bills finished their first winning season in 10 years with a win over the going-through-the motions Patriots.

JETS 37
DOLPHINS 24

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — Geno Smith had his best game in a rocky season, throwing for a career-high 358 yards and three touchdowns in what might be Rex Ryan's final game as Jets coach.

EAGLES 34
GIANTS 26

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Mark Sanchez threw two touchdowns and the Philadelphia Eagles' special teams scored their seventh TD of this otherwise frustrating season in what could have been Tom Coughlin's final game as New York's coach.

VIKINGS 13
BEARS 9

MINNEAPOLIS — Teddy Bridgewater threw the go-ahead 44-yard touchdown pass to Adam Thielen in the third quarter, putting one more blemish on a forgettable year for the Bears.

SUNDAY'SBOXES

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CHIEFS 19, CHARGERS 7

San Diego	0	7	0	—7
Kansas City	7	3	0	—19

First Quarter
KC—FG Santos 43, 6:33

Second Quarter
KC—Kelce fumble recovery in end zone (Santos kick), 12:50
SD—Oliver 1 run (Novak kick), 10:50
KC—FG Santos 21, 3:58
KC—FG Santos 27, :33

Third Quarter
KC—FG Santos 31, 8:24
A—73,952

	SD	KC
First downs	21	15
Total Net Yards	361	251
Rushes-yards	25-112	26-111
Passing	249	140
Comp-Att-Int	20-34-2	16-27-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	7-42	4-17
Punts	5-42.0	5-51.2
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	10-67	7-46
Time of Possession	31:21	28:39

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—San Diego, Oliver 14-71, D.Brown 10-39, Rivers 1-2. Kansas City, Charles 13-54, Davis 9-23, Thomas 1-18, Daniel 3-16.

PASSING—San Diego, Rivers 20-34-2-291. Kansas City, Daniel 16-27-0-157.

RECEIVING—San Diego, Inman 5-79, Royal 4-95, Gates 4-67, Floyd 3-29, Oliver 2-4, Ajirotutu 1-9, D.Brown 1-8. Kansas City, Kelce 7-84, Bowe 3-30, Thomas 3-28, Charles 2-8, Avant 1-7.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—San Diego, Novak 52 (WL). Kansas City, Santos 50 (WL).

EAGLES 34, GIANTS 26

Philadelphia	14	3	7	10 —34
N.Y. Giants	10	6	3	7 —26

First Quarter
NYG—A.Williams 1 run (J.Brown kick), 12:11
Phi—J.Matthews 44 pass from Sanchez (Parkey kick), 11:00
Phi—Celek 1 pass from Sanchez (Parkey kick), 6:12
NYG—FG J.Brown 38, 2:11

Second Quarter
NYG—FG J.Brown 20, 7:26
NYG—FG J.Brown 36, 2:02
Phi—FG Parkey 32, :00

Third Quarter
Phi—Burton 27 blocked punt return (Parkey kick), 12:21
NYG—FG J.Brown 53, 4:24

Fourth Quarter
Phi—Polk 1 run (Parkey kick), 13:08
NYG—Beckham Jr 83 pass from E.Manning (J.Brown kick), 11:47
Phi—FG Parkey 39, 7:56
A—79,150

	Phi	NYG
First downs	23	22
Total Net Yards	426	505
Rushes-yards	32-164	25-78
Passing	262	429
Comp-Att-Int	23-36-1	28-53-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-30	0-0
Punts	7-41.1	7-35.9
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	5-35	8-106
Time of Possession	25:23	34:37

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Philadelphia, McCoy 17-99, Polk 7-38, Sanchez 7-22, Sproles 1-5. N.Y. Giants, A.Williams 11-42, Jennings 10-33.

PASSING—Philadelphia, Sanchez 23-36-1-292. N.Y. Giants, E.Manning 28-53-1-429.

RECEIVING—Philadelphia, J.Matthews 8-105, Ertz 4-56, Maclin 3-49, Sproles 3-23, Cooper 2-37, McCoy 1-15, Huff 1-6, Celek 1-1. N.Y. Giants, Beckham Jr 12-185, Randle 6-158, Jennings 3-21, A.Williams 3-19, Donnell 2-26, Parker 2-20.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

JETS 37, DOLPHINS 24

N.Y. Jets	7	7	10	13 —37
Miami	3	14	7	0 —24

First Quarter
Mia—FG Sturgis 37, 6:13
NYJ—Owusu 23 run (Folk kick), 3:11

Second Quarter
Mia—Dan Thomas 1 run (Sturgis kick), 10:44
NYJ—Ivory 8 pass from Smith (Folk kick), 6:44
Mia—Clay 23 pass from Tannehill (Sturgis kick), :43

Third Quarter
Mia—Miller 97 run (Sturgis kick), 12:51
NYJ—Decker 74 pass from Smith (Folk kick), 11:35
NYJ—FG Folk 26, 6:35

Fourth Quarter
NYJ—FG Folk 23, 14:12
NYJ—Cumberland 23 pass from Smith (Folk kick), 3:22
NYJ—FG Folk 39, 31
A—70,220

	NYJ	Mia
First downs	18	23
Total Net Yards	494	387
Rushes-yards	34-104	30-179
Passing	390	208
Comp-Att-Int	21-27-0	25-39-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-8	7-51
Punts	2-44.0	5-50.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-40	5-40
Time of Possession	31:16	28:44

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—N.Y.Jets, Ivory 13-29, Owusu 1-23, C.Johnson 10-20, Smith 5-18, Kerley 2-11, Conner 3-3, R.Powell 1-0. Miami, Miller 18-178, Dan Thomas 1-1.

PASSING—N.Y.Jets, Smith 20-25-0-356, Quigley 1-1-0-36, Kerley 0-1-0-0. Miami, Tannehill 23-38-0-255.

RECEIVING—N.Y.Jets, Decker 10-221, Amero 3-34, Burbridge 2-44, Cumberland 2-23, Owusu 1-36, Kerley 1-33, Ivory 1-6, C.Johnson 1-(minus 3). Miami, Hartline 5-94, Landry 5-55, Clay 5-45, Gibson 3-27, Williams 2-22, Sims 2-15, Dan Thomas 1-1.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—N.Y.Jets, Folk 45 (WL). Miami, Sturgis 53 (WR).

RAVENS 20, BROWNS 10

Cleveland	0	3	7	0 —10
Baltimore	0	0	7	13 —20

Second Quarter
Bal—FG Tucker 25, 8:05
Cle—FG Hartley 38, 2:32.

Third Quarter
Cle—West 2 run (Hartley kick), 3:29.

Fourth Quarter
Bal—FG Tucker 28, 10:37.
Bal—T.Smith 16 pass from Flacco (Tucker kick), 7:33.
Bal—Aiken 2 pass from Flacco (Tucker kick), 3:44.
A—71,070.

	Cle	Bal
First downs	15	22
Total Net Yards	259	419
Rushes-yards	29-109	28-129
Passing	150	290
Comp-Att-Int	14-28-1	22-36-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-27	1-22
Punts	7-43.9	6-46.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-0
Penalties-Yards	7-58	8-55
Time of Possession	30:43	29:17

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Cleveland, West 18-94, Shaw 7-9, Crowell 4-6. Baltimore, Forsett 17-119, Pierce 6-8, Flacco 3-1, Toussaint 2-1.

PASSING—Cleveland, Shaw 14-28-1-177. Baltimore, Flacco 22-36-0-312.

RECEIVING—Cleveland, Hawkins 4-33, Gabriel 3-66, Cameron 3-41, West 2-12, Crowell 1-16. Benjamin 1-9. Baltimore, Smith Sr. 8-90, T.Smith 3-83, Daniels 2-46, Forsett 2-17, Aiken 2-13, Gillmore 1-22, M.Brown 1-17, Campanaro 1-17, Toussaint 1-7.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None

COLTS 27, TITANS 10

Indianapolis	7	10	0	10 —27
Tennessee	0	7	3	0 —10

First Quarter
Ind—Fleener 7 pass from Luck (Vinatieri kick), 2:54

Second Quarter
Ind—Doyle 1 pass from Luck (Vinatieri kick), 8:54
Ten—Wright 6 pass from Whitehurst (Succop kick), 5:07
Ind—FG Vinatieri 23, 2:55

Third Quarter
Ten—FG Succop 31, 4:01

Fourth Quarter
Ind—FG Vinatieri 26, 14:56.
Ind—Fleener 8 pass from Hassebeck (Vinatieri kick), 3:16
A—69,143

	Ind	Ten
First downs	16	9
Total Net Yards	378	192
Rushes-yards	30-64	24-142
Passing	314	50
Comp-Att-Int	23-35-0	13-31-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-1	4-29
Punts	5-40.6	7-54.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	4-1
Penalties-Yards	4-20	4-20
Time of Possession	33:26	26:34

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Indianapolis, Herron 10-35, Tipton 9-21, Richardson 6-11, Luck 1-5, Hasselbeck 4-(minus 8). Tennessee, Greene 11-94, Whitehurst 4-19, Sankey 4-18, Wright 1-10, Washington 2-2, Battle 1-0, Palmer 1-(minus 1).

PASSING—Indianapolis, Luck 10-16-0-160, Hasselbeck 13-19-0-155. Tennessee, Whitehurst 12-28-0-72, Palmer 1-3-0-7.

RECEIVING—Indianapolis, Fleener 5-56, Doyle 4-21, Nicks 3-46, Herron 3-31, Moncrief 3-16, Wayne 2-91, Tipton 2-45, Richardson 1-9. Tennessee, Walker 7-43, Hagan 2-16, Andrews 2-11, Wright 2-9.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Indianapolis, Vinatieri 46 (WL)

SAINTS 23, BUCCANEERS 20

New Orleans	0	7	0	16 —23
Tampa Bay	3	17	0	0 —20

First Quarter
TB—FG Murray 39, 6:03

Second Quarter
TB—Evans 6 pass from McCown (Murray kick), 11:25
NO—K.Robinson 1 run (S.Graham kick), 5:45
TB—Sims 8 run (Murray kick), 1:48
TB—FG Murray 27, :06

Fourth Quarter
NO—Ingram 1 run (S.Graham kick), 14:02
NO—Colston 36 pass from Brees (S.Graham kick), 1:57
NO—Galette safety, 1:05
A—59,952

	NO	TB
First downs	20	18
Total Net Yards	338	280
Rushes-yards	23-70	39-183
Passing	268	97
Comp-Att-Int	24-36-3	14-23-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-13	3-18
Punts	3-52.0	4-40.8
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	2-15	4-23
Time of Possession	27:13	32:47

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—New Orleans, Ingram 14-57, K.Robinson 7-13, Brees 2-(minus 2), Tampa Bay, Martin 19-108, Sims 18-69, McCown 2-6.

PASSING—New Orleans, Brees 24-36-3-281. Tampa Bay, McCown 14-23-1-115.

RECEIVING—New Orleans, J.Graham 6-54, Stills 5-82, Colston 3-51, K.Robinson 2-22, Watson 2-18, Cader 2-9, Ingram 2-4, Toon 1-24, Meachem 1-16, Brees 1-1. Tampa Bay, Evans 5-54, Myers 4-21, King 2-13, Jackson 1-1, Shepard 1-10, Sims 1-6.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None

VIKINGS 13, BEARS 9

Chicago	0	3	3	—6
Minnesota	3	0	7	3 —13

First Quarter
Min—FG Walsh 37, 4:58

Second Quarter
Chi—FG Feely 48, :55.

Third Quarter
Chi—FG Feely 24, 13:05.
Min—Thielen 44 pass from Bridgewater (Walsh kick), 10:53.

Fourth Quarter
Min—FG Walsh 44, 11:29.
Chi—FG Feely 35, 8:53.
A—52,364.

	Chi	Min
First downs	12	15
Total Net Yards	264	311
Rushes-yards	21-89	33-121
Passing	165	190
Comp-Att-Int	23-38-0	17-25-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-7	3-19
Punts	4-45.5	3-35.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-40	4-25
Time of Possession	31:33	28:27

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Chicago, Forte 17-61, Cutler 3-39, Morgan 1-9. Minnesota, Asiata 19-91, Bernard 6-20, Bridgewater 6-18, Felton 1-3, Charle.Johnson 1-(minus 11).

PASSING—Chicago, Cutler 23-38-0-172. Minnesota, Bridgewater 17-25-1-209.

RECEIVING—Chicago, Bennett 8-59, Forte 8-23, Jeffery 2-34, Rosario 2-25, Wilson 2-18, Morgan 1-13, Minnesota, Thielen 3-66, Jennings 3-45, Ellison 3-23, Wright 3-23, Diggs 2-18, Charle.Johnson 2-22, Asiata 2-17, Bernard 1-11.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Chicago, Feely 43 (WR).

BILLS 17, PATRIOTS 9

Buffalo	7	10	0	0 —17
New England	3	3	3	0 —9

First Quarter
Buf—Woods 6 pass from Orton (Carpenter kick), 11:59
NE—FG Gostkowski 24, 3:02

Second Quarter
Buf—Dixon 1 run (Carpenter kick), 10:38
NE—FG Gostkowski 44, 5:07
Buf—FG Carpenter 48, 2:14

Third Quarter
NE—FG Gostkowski 35, :37
A—68,756

	Buf	NE
First downs	16	14
Total Net Yards	268	260
Rushes-yards	33-104	25-116
Passing	164	144
Comp-Att-Int	16-23-0	18-33-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-12	4-26
Punts	5-36.6	4-43.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-44	5-55
Time of Possession	29:03	30:57

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Buffalo, Jackson 18-58, Dixon 7-27, Spiller 5-17, Watkins 1-5, Orton 2-(minus 3). New England, Blount 10-62, Garoppolo 4-16, Bolden 5-15, LaFell 2-13, Brady 2-9, Vereen 2-1.

PASSING—Buffalo, Orton 16-23-0-176. New England, Brady 8-16-0-80, Garoppolo 10-17-0-90.

RECEIVING—Buffalo, Woods 4-39, Watkins 3-57, Gray 3-25, Chandler 1-20, Smith 1-18, Dixon 1-8, Jackson 1-4, Hogan 1-3, Spiller 1-2. New England, LaFell 4-70, Tyms 4-39, Amendola 4-24, Vereen 3-14, J.White 2-8, Wright 1-15.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None

SEAHAWKS 20, RAMS 6

St. Louis	3	0	0	0 —6
Seattle	0	0	6	14 —20

First Quarter
StL—FG Zuerlein 33, 6:25

Second Quarter
StL—FG Zuerlein 52, 4:18

Third Quarter
Sea—FG Hauschka 42, 11:13
Sea—FG Hauschka 45, 4:45

Fourth Quarter
Sea—Lynch 9 run (Hauschka kick), 12:07
Sea—Irvin 49 interception return (Hauschka kick), 9:50
A—68,453

	StL	Sea
First downs	15	16
Total Net Yards	245	354
Rushes-yards	19-42	34-132
Passing	203	222
Comp-Att-Int	26-37-2	17-25-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-40	3-17
Punts	5-49.4	3-40.3
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-1
Penalties-Yards	6-45	2-20
Time of Possession	28:49	31:11

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—St. Louis, Mason 11-28, B.Cunningham 4-10, Stacy 2-3, Austin 2-1, Seattle, Lynch 14-60, Turbin 11-53, Baldwin 1-8, Wilson 6-7, Michael 1-2, Tukuafu 1-2.

PASSING—St. Louis, Hill 26-37-2-243. Seattle, Wilson 17-25-1-239.

RECEIVING—St. Louis, B.Cunningham 7-57, Britt 4-38, Cook 3-37, Mason 3-29, Stacy 3-14, Givens 2-18, Austin 2-13, Bailey 1-17, Kendricks 1-17. Seattle, Richardson 5-60, Baldwin 3-43, Lynch 3-36, Norwood 2-34, Willson 2-32, Moeaki 1-21, Turbin 1-13.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None

49ERS 20, CARDINALS 17

Arizona	7	10	0	0 —17
San Francisco	0	3	7	0 —20

First Quarter
Ari—Floyd 20 pass from Lindley (Catanzaro kick), 10:55
SF—Boldin 76 pass from Kaepernick (Dawson kick), 9:24

Second Quarter
SF—FG Dawson 53, 12:33
SF—FG Dawson 37, 6:04
Ari—FG Catanzaro 36, 1:35
Ari—Floyd 41 pass from Lindley (Catanzaro kick), :36

Third Quarter
SF—Miller 3 pass from Kaepernick (Dawson kick), :25
A—70,699

	Ari	SF
First downs	26	18
Total Net Yards	397	395
Rushes-yards	25-98	33-206
Passing	299	189
Comp-Att-Int	23-40-3	15-26-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-17	1-15
Punts	3-35.7	4-49.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	3-21	10-78
Time of Possession	30:36	29:24

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Arizona, K.Williams 17-67, Taylor 7-26, Hughes 1-5. San Francisco, Gore 25-144, Kaepernick 7-63, Aiff Smith 1-(minus 1).

PASSING—Arizona, Lindley 23-39-3-316. San Francisco, Kaepernick 15-26-0-204.

RECEIVING—Arizona, Floyd 8-153, Jo.Brown 4-51, Grice 3-2, Fells 2-39, Fitzgerald 2-20, Housler 1-20, Hughes 1-10, Carlson 1-6, Ginn Jr. 1-6. San Francisco, Crabtree 4-41, Miller 3-17, Boldin 2-81, Gore 2-5, Patton 1-35, Lloyd 1-14, V.Davis 1-9, Aif Smith 1-2.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None

PANTHERS 34, FALCONS 3

Carolina	10	14	10	0 —34
Atlanta	0	3	0	0 —3

First Quarter
Car—FG Gano 21, 7:50.
Car—Dickson 5 pass from Newton (Gano kick), :04.

Second Quarter
Atl—FG Bryant 21, 10:36.
Car—Harper 31 interception return (Gano kick), 4:18.
Car—Newton 4 run (Gano kick), 1:47.

Third Quarter
Car—FG Gano 48, 8:43.
Car—Boston 84 interception return (Gano kick), :07.
A—71,015.

	Car	Atl
First downs	17	16
Total Net Yards	306	289
Rushes-yards	35-194	16-63
Passing	112	225
Comp-Att-Int	10-18-0	26-47-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-2	6-35
Punts	5-48.3	5-49.2
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-36	6-38
Time of Possession	31:13	28:47

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Carolina, Newton 8-51, Stewart 13-49, Whitaker 7-41, Brown 2-41, Tolbert 7-12. Atlanta, Rodgers 9-44, Freeman 6-13, Ryan 1-6.

PASSING—Carolina, Newton 10-16-0-114. Atlanta, Ryan 29-47-2-260.

RECEIVING—Carolina, Cotchery 3-25, Olsen 2-27, Stewart 2-20, Brown 1-28, Benjamin 1-9, Dickson 1-5. Atlanta, White 8-104, Douglas 5-28, Jones 4-58, Hester 4-32, Rodgers 3-19, Toilolo 2-14, Freeman 2-3, Pascoe 1-2.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None

PACKERS 30, LIONS 20

Detroit	0	7	7	6 —20
Green Bay	7	7	7	9 —30

First Quarter
GB—Hyde 55 punt return (Crosby kick), 4:49

Second Quarter
GB—Cobb 4 pass from A.Rodgers (Crosby kick), 2:24
Det—C.Johnson 20 pass from Stafford (Prater kick), :24

Third Quarter
Det—C.Johnson 4 pass from Stafford (Prater kick), 7:34
GB—Cobb 13 pass from A.Rodgers (Crosby kick), 3:33

Fourth Quarter
GB—A.Rodgers 1 run (Crosby kick), 8:45
GB—Team safety, 2:32
Det—Riddick 6 pass from Stafford (run failed), 1:45
A—78,408

	Det	GB
First downs	23	24
Total Net Yards	313	377
Rushes-yards	23-111	38-152
Passing	202	225
Comp-Att-Int	20-41-0	18-23-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-15	1-7
Punts	4-38.0	3-39.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-2
Penalties-Yards	10-53	5-40
Time of Possession	25:42	34:18

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Detroit, Bell 13-60, Stafford 4-29, Bush 5-19, Collins 1-3, Green Bay, Lacy 26-100, Starks 5-26, A.Rodgers 2-14, Kuhn 3-6, Cobb 2-6.

PASSING—Detroit, Stafford 20-41-0-217. Green Bay, Flynn 1-1-0-8, A.Rodgers 17-22-0-226.

RECEIVING—Detroit, Riddick 5-34, C.Johnson 4-39, Tate 3-45, Bush 3-22, Ebron 2-38, Ross 2-33, Collins 1-6. Green Bay, Nelson 6-86, R.Rodgers 5-40, Cobb 4-80, Lacy 3-26.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Green Bay, Crosby 52 (BK)

BRONCOS 47, RAIDERS 14

Oakland	7	0	7	0 —14
Denver	10	10	17	—47

First Quarter
Den—FG Barth 49, 9:40
Den—Anderson 11 run (Barth kick), 5:37
Oak—McGill 18 fumble return (Janikowski kick), 3:42

Second Quarter
Den—Anderson 1 run (Barth kick), 13:08
Den—FG Barth 36, 2:31

Third Quarter
Den—Anderson 25 run (Barth kick), 14:08
Oak—Olawale 1 pass from Carr (Janikowski kick), 8:55
Den—FG Barth 35, 5:38

Fourth Quarter
Den—FG Barth 21, 10:18
Den—T.Carter 20 fumble return (Barth kick), 4:48
Den—Green 1 pass from Osweiler (Barth kick), 1:56
A—76,929

	Oak	Den
First downs	10	25
Total Net Yards	199	451
Rushes-yards	18-67	34-142
Passing	132	309
Comp-Att-Int	18-36-1	23-39-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-26	1-3
Punts	9-46.4	3-46.3
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	9-86	1-16
Time of Possession	26:59	33:01

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Oakland, Murray 10-37, McFadden 4-13, Reece 1-11, Carr 3-6. Denver, Anderson 13-87, Hillman 15-56, Stewart 4-5, Osweiler 1-(minus 1), Manning 1-(minus 5).

PASSING—Oakland, Carr 18-36-1-158. Denver, Manning 21-37-0-273, Osweiler 2-2-0-39.

RECEIVING—Oakland, Murray 4-60, Reece 3-30, Rivera 2-26, J.Jones 2-12, Holmes 2-10, McFadden 2-6, Butler 1-6, Thompkins 1-2, Olawale 1-1. Denver, D.Thomas 8-115, Sanders 6-73, Green 3-46, Welker 2-42, Anderson 2-20, Latimer 1-14, Hillman 1-2.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None

STEELERS 27, BENGALS 17

Cincinnati	7	3	0	7 —17
Pittsburgh	7	13	0	7 —27

First Quarter
Pit—A.Brown 71 punt return (Suisham kick), 10:50
Cin—Bernard 17 pass from Dalton (Nugent kick), 2:43

Second Quarter
Cin—FG Nugent 39, 12:32
Pit—FG Suisham 29, 7:36
Pit—Bryant 21 pass from Roethlisberger (Suisham kick), 5:52
Pit—FG Suisham 25, :40

Fourth Quarter
Cin—Gresham 5 pass from Dalton (Nugent kick), 11:14
Pit—A.Brown 63 pass from Roethlisberger (Suisham kick), 2:50
A—64,697

	Cin	Pit
First downs	19	18
Total Net Yards	337	346
Rushes-yards	29-116	18-29
Passing	221	317
Comp-Att-Int	27-38-2	24-39-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-23	0-0
Punts	3-49.3	3-39.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	5-45	1-10
Time of Possession	34:58	25:02

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Cincinnati, Hill 23-100, Bernard 3-8. Pittsburgh, Bell 9-20, Harris 5-7, Roethlisberger 4-3, Archer 1-(minus 1).

PASSING—Cincinnati, Dalton 27-38-2-244. Pittsburgh, Roethlisberger 24-38-1-317, Wing 0-1-0.

RECEIVING—Cincinnati, Green 6-82, Bernard 7-66, Hewitt 3-31, Gresham 3-20, Tate 2-22, Hill 2-10, Sanu 1-18, Sanzenbacher 1-7. Pittsburgh, A.Brown 7-128, Bell 6-80, Miller 3-41, Wheaton 3-17, Archer 2-19, Bryant 1-21, Johnson 1-11, Pouncey/Foster 1-(minus 1).

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Cincinnati, Nugent 50 (WR).

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FROM STAFF REPORTS

Tannehill

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

Tannehill completed 23 of 39 passes for 259 yards and one touchdown in the Dolphins 37-24 loss to the New York Jets to end the season on Sunday. Tannehill's lone touchdown pass was a 23-yarder to Charles Clay in the second quarter. Tannehill finished the season completing 392 of 590 passes for 4,045 yards with 27 touchdowns and 12 interceptions.

Cannon

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

Cannon started at right tackle for the Patriots in their 17-9 loss to the Buffalo Bills on Sunday to compete the regular season. New England will have a first-round bye and home-field advantage in the AFC Playoffs.

Winston

ERIC WINSTON
OL, CINCINNATI BENGALS
(LEE HIGH SCHOOL)

Winston played as a substitute in the Bengals' 27-17 loss to the Steelers on Sunday in Pittsburgh. The loss means the Bengals are the No. 4 seed in the playoffs and are at Indianapolis on Jan. 4.

STANDINGS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
y-New England	12	4	0	.750	468	313	7-1-0	5-3-0	9-1-0	4-2-0	
Buffalo	9	7	0	.563	343	289	5-3-0	4-4-0	5-7-0	4-0-0	4-2-0
Miami	8	8	0	.500	388	375	4-4-0	4-4-0	6-6-0	2-2-0	3-3-0
N.Y.Jets	4	12	0	.250	283	401	2-6-0	2-6-0	4-8-0	3-4-0	1-5-0

South

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
y-Indianapolis	11	5	0	.688	458	369	6-2-0	5-3-0	9-3-0	2-2-0	5-1-0
Houston	9	7	0	.563	372	307	5-3-0	4-4-0	8-4-0	1-3-0	4-2-0
Jacksonville	3	13	0	.188	249	417	2-6-0	1-7-0	2-10-0	1-3-0	1-5-0
Tennessee	2	14	0	.125	254	438	1-7-0	1-7-0	2-10-0	0-4-0	0-6-0

North

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
x-Pittsburgh	11	5	0	.688	436	366	6-2-0	5-3-0	9-3-0	2-2-0	4-2-0
x-Cincinnati	10	5	1	.656	365	344	5-2-1	5-3-0	7-5-0	3-0-1

COWBOYS

From 1C

Romo has a 1-3 career record in the playoffs. Asked what's different this time, he said: "I'm different, so I'm excited about that aspect. I'm a different player than I was — now you got to go out and do it."

Murray rushed for 100 yards and one touchdown on 20 carries, passing Smith for the team single-season mark on a 32-yard first-quarter run with a nice move in front of safety Ryan Clark. Murray ends the season with 1,845 yards, bettering Smith's 1,773 yards in 1995.

Also in the first quarter, Bryant caught scoring passes of 65 and 23 yards to give him 16 touchdown receptions on the season, breaking Owens' team record of 15 set in 2007. The 65-yarder was a screen in which Bryant juked cornerback David Amerson at the line of scrimmage and took off for the end zone.

After the game, Bryant was less concerned about his record and more focused on giving props to Romo. Bryant made a "Shhh!" gesture aimed at the quarterback's critics.

"That man showed his (butt) in December," Bryant said. "And I give it to him."

Robert Griffin III capped a tumultuous year for the Redskins (4-12) by completing 27 of 41 passes for a career-high 336 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions, both in the Dallas red zone. He also lost the fumble that Anthony Spencer took 5 yards for a touchdown.

Griffin missed six games this season with a dislocated ankle and later was benched by first-year coach Jay Gruden, and the franchise's hopes for next year will likely hinge on whether the Gruden-Griffin partnership can win in Washington.

"I want to be here to help this team win, to help turn this thing around and change the culture," Griffin said. "If coach Jay and the organization wants me to be around, I'll be ready to go."

The Redskins lost seven of eight to finish last in the division for the sixth time in seven seasons.

This season ended with 100 or so protesters outside the stadium condemning the team's nickname, the inside of the stadium well-populated by Cowboys fans as the game took on a preseason feel in the second half, and owner Dan Snyder hardly the picture of joy as he took it all in seated next to Hall of Fame coach Joe Gibbs.

"We need to change a lot," Gruden said. "I honestly think if you don't change something, you're probably going to get the same results."

Notes: Cowboys LB Anthony Hitchens left with a right ankle injury in the second quarter, and DT Henry Melton suffered a knee injury. ... The Redskins lost three linemen: T Trent Williams (high ankle sprain), T Tom Compton (knee sprain) and G Chris Chester (sprained toe), forcing TE Logan Paulsen to line up at tackle late in the game.

COWBOYS 44, REDSKINS 17

Dallas	17	10	0	17	— 44
Washington	7	3	0	7	— 17

First Quarter

Dal—FG Bailey 36, 10:15
Was—Jackson 69 pass from Griffin III (Forbath kick), 8:42
Dal—Bryant 65 pass from Romo (Bailey kick), 6:25
Dal—Bryant 23 pass from Romo (Bailey kick), 2:07

Second Quarter

Dal—FG Bailey 32, 11:30
Dal—Murray 9 run (Bailey kick), 8:10
Was—FG Forbath 25, 1:20

Fourth Quarter

Was—Griffin III 2 run (Forbath kick), 6:45
Dal—FG Bailey 28, 3:31
Dal—Spencer 5 fumble return (Bailey kick), 3:12
Dal—Randle 65 run (Bailey kick), 1:40
A—80,897

	Dal	Was
First downs	20	20
Total Net Yards	457	413
Rushes-yards	26-174	24-104
Passing	283	309
Punt Returns	2-12	2-15
Kickoff Returns	2-55	6-119
Interceptions Ret	2-39	1-9
Comp-Att-Int	22-34-1	27-41-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-16	3-27
Punts	4-43.0	4-44.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	7-48	9-101
Time of Possession	30:24	29:36

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Dallas, Murray 20-100, Randle 4-69, Dunbar 1-4, Harris 1-1. Washington, Morris 12-43, Helu Jr. 6-42, Griffin III 6-19.

PASSING—Dallas, Romo 22-34-1-299. Washington, Griffin III 27-41-2-336.

RECEIVING—Dallas, Beasley 6-57, Bryant 4-99, Witten 4-49, Williams 3-68, Murray 3-21, Randle 1-3, Hanna 1-2. Washington, Reed 9-70, Helu Jr. 4-41, Moss 3-25, Jackson 2-86, Garcon 2-53, Morris 2-19, Paul 2-19, Young 1-9, Grant 1-7, Roberts 1-7.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None

COLLEGEBASKETBALL

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TEXAS ROUNDUP

Men

TEXAS SOUTHERN 58 KANSAS STATE 56

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Jason Carter hit a jumper as time expired to give Texas Southern a 58-56 win over Kansas State on Sunday.

A 3-point play by Thomas Gipson and a layup by Marcus Foster gave Kansas State (8-4) a 54-48 lead with 1:45 remaining.

Chris Thomas made a layup to pull Texas Southern (3-9) within four. After Gipson made a free throw, a layup by Madarious Gibbs made it 55-52 with 16 seconds left.

A free throw by Nino Williams pushed the Kansas State lead back to four. Tonnie Collier made the first two of three free throws and Thomas putback the third to tie the game at 56 with .9 seconds to play.

After Jevon Thomas threw the inbounds pass away, Texas Southern got the ball out of bounds, setting up Carter's winner.

Kansas State made 2 of 8 free throws in the final 69 seconds.

Thomas and Gibbs scored 15 apiece for Texas Southern.

HOUSTON 80 MVSU 53

HOUSTON — Jherrod Stiggers hit a career-high eight 3-pointers and scored 26 points to lead Houston to an 80-53 win over Mississippi Valley State on Sunday.

Cavon Baker added 13 points for Houston (7-4), Devonta Pollard scored 12 and Danrad Knowles had nine points and 10 rebounds.

Jeffrey Simmons made a layup with 17:49 left, pulling Mississippi Valley State (1-11) within five, 44-39. But Stiggers scored five-straight points to spark a decisive 27-7 run which gave Houston a 25-point lead with 4:51 remaining. Stiggers had 14 points during that stretch, including four 3-pointers.

Houston overcame its 18 turnovers by outrebounding Mississippi Valley State 44-24 and making a season-high tying 13 3-pointers.

Isaac Williams led MVSU, which made just 5 of 20 (25 percent) 3-pointers, with 12 points. Simmons and Jordan Washington scored 11 apiece.

GRAND CANYON 83 ABILENE CHRISTIAN 81

PHOENIX — Joshua Braun scored 18 points and grabbed nine rebounds as Grand Canyon held off Abilene Christian for an 83-81 victory Sunday night.

Grand Canyon reeled off a 25-9 run to go up by 17 with 3:08 left, but sweated out a late surge by Abilene Christian. After the Wildcats pulled within four with 33 seconds left, Braun split a pair of free throws and Sam Daly hit two to hang on. Austin Cooke hit a 3-pointer as time expired for ACU.

Dewayne Russell chipped in 16 points and Daniel Alexander had 15 for the Antelopes (6-7), who shot a scorching 61.7 percent from the field and outscored Abilene Christian 46-28 in the paint. Jerome Garrison added 14 points and Royce Woolridge had eight with six assists.

SCORES AND SCHEDULES

Men

SUNDAY'S BOXES

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 100, Northwestern St. 92
Houston 80, MVSU 53
Oral Roberts 84, Haskell Indian Nations 42

SOUTH

Alabama 56, UCLA 50
Bowling Green 79, South Florida 70
East Carolina 71, UNC Greensboro 50
Elon 69, Marist 64
High Point 85, Thomas (Ga.) 48
Liberty 78, Cincinnati Christian 58
NC A&T 58, NC Wesleyan 54
Radford 119, Cent. Pennsylvania 69
Samford 65, Campbell 56
Wake Forest 65, Richmond 63

MIDWEST

Ball St. 69, Longwood 64
Bradley 68, Ill.-Chicago 60
Butler 67, Belmont 56
E. Michigan 100, Concordia (Mich.) 42
Evansville 85, Coppin St. 80
IPFW 80, Judson 46
Marquette 81, Morgan St. 53
N. Dakota St. 83, Northland 59
N. Iowa 74, S. Dakota St. 63
SE Missouri 94, Harris-Stowe 66
SIU-Edwardsville 104, Robert Morris-Chicago 56
South Dakota 84, Milwaukee 60
Texas Southern 58, Kansas St. 56
UMKC 73, Indiana St. 70, 2OT
Wisconsin 68, Buffalo 56
Xavier 71, Florida Gulf Coast 57

FAR WEST

Arizona St. 56, Harvard 46
Fresno St. 93, Saint Katherine 62
Grand Canyon 83, Abilene Christian 81
N. Arizona 71, San Diego Christian 45
Stony Brook 62, Washington 57
Washington St. 90, UC Davis 83

EAST

Army 93, Coast Guard 48
Brown 79, Sacred Heart 76
Columbia 69, Colgate 64
Fordham 74, Howard 59
Hofstra 88, LIU Brooklyn 62
Iona 81, Drexel 62
Lafayette 76, NJIT 71
Lehigh 58, UMBC 55
Loyola (Md.) 61, Fairfield 59, OT
Md.-Eastern Shore 78, Duquesne 69
Rutgers 59, Monmouth (NJ) 58
Siena 73, Bucknell 71
St. John's 82, Tulane 57
St. Peter's 58, Cornell 52, OT
Syracuse 85, Long Beach St. 67
Temple 66, Delaware St. 56
UConn 81, CCSU 48

TODAY'S GAMES

SOUTHWEST

Rice at Texas, Noon
Howard Payne at Sam Houston St., 6:30 p.m.
Morehead St. at Cent. Arkansas, 7 p.m.
Midwestern St. at SMU, 7 p.m.
Tennessee St. at TCU, 7 p.m.
North Texas at Texas Tech, 7 p.m.

SOUTH

Johnson at Charleston Southern, 5 p.m.
Lipscomb at Chattanooga, 6 p.m.
Toledo at Duke, 6 p.m.
FIU at Florida A&M, 6 p.m.
Valparaiso at James Madison, 6 p.m.
Southern Miss. at LSU, 6 p.m.
IUPUI at NC Central, 6 p.m.
North Florida at Tennessee Tech, 6 p.m.
Cleveland St. at VCU, 6 p.m.
Mount St. Mary's at Old Dominion, 7 p.m.
Alice Lloyd at W. Kentucky, 7 p.m.
Middle Tennessee at Auburn, 8 p.m.

MIDWEST

Quincy at Illinois St., 6 p.m.
Capital at Miami (Ohio), 6 p.m.
Hampton at N. Illinois, 7 p.m.
Nebraska-Omaha at Chicago St., 7:05 p.m.

FAR WEST

Portland at BYU, 8 p.m.
Saint Joseph's at Denver, 8 p.m.
Pepperdine at Loyola Marymount, 8 p.m.
San Francisco at Saint Mary's (Cal.), 8 p.m.
Stephen F. Austin at CS Northridge, 9 p.m.
Santa Clara at Pacific, 9 p.m.
UC Irvine at Oregon, 10 p.m.
Gonzaga at San Diego, 10 p.m.
Ark.-Pine Bluff at Stanford, 10 p.m.
Southern U. at Hawaii, 10:59 p.m.

EAST

Mass.-Lowell at Boston College, 1 p.m.
Wentworth at Boston U., 6 p.m.
Maine at Quinnipiac, 6 p.m.
Fairleigh Dickinson at Towson, 6 p.m.
Rider at Wagner, 6 p.m.

Women

SUNDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

Chattanooga 59, SIU-Edwardsville 49
Rice 97, Lamar 63
South Dakota 76, UTSA 69
UTEP 63, Alcorn St. 53

SOUTH

Alabama 71, MVSU 40
Florida 63, North Florida 51
Kentucky 87, Tennessee St. 75
Middle Tennessee 98, Tennessee Tech 76
Richmond 59, William & Mary 56
SC State 60, Coll. of Charleston 51
South Florida 69, East Carolina 62
Tennessee 74, Oregon St. 63
VCU 63, Coppin St. 52
Wake Forest 77, American U. 64

MIDWEST

Cent. Michigan 74, Oakland 69
Dayton 72, Green Bay 66
DePaul 99, Illinois St. 62
IPFW 78, Milwaukee 72
Iowa 77, Penn St. 52
Northwestern 61, Michigan St. 57
Purdue 82, Illinois 55
Rutgers 66, Indiana 51
Saint Louis 63, E. Illinois 49
Tulane 60, Cincinnati 50
Wichita St. 70, Sam Houston St. 46
Wisconsin 63, Michigan 53

FAR WEST

Arizona St. 69, Yale 51
Long Beach St. 71, LIU Brooklyn 63
Notre Dame 82, UCLA 67
Stanford 90, UC Santa Barbara 34

EAST

Boston College 79, Providence 51
Bucknell 68, Binghamton 57
Dartmouth 76, Niagara 70
Duquesne 82, Lehigh 75
George Washington 72, Loyola (Md.) 49
Holy Cross 63, Norfolk St. 62
La Salle 73, Fairfield 59
New Hampshire 58, Manhattan 54
Northeastern 70, Albany (NY) 67
Pittsburgh 97, St. Francis (Pa.) 59
Seton Hall 70, Georgia 51
Siena 80, Colgate 68
Stony Brook 59, W. Michigan 55
Syracuse 76, Cornell 59
Towson 72, George Mason 70
UMass 78, Boston U. 57

TOURNAMENT

Hawk Classic

First Round

Florida Gulf Coast 73, CS Northridge 64
Quinnipiac 69, Saint Joseph's 67, Miami

Holiday Tournament

First Round

LSU 82, UNC-Greensboro 61
Miami 83, Florida A&M 47

TODAY'S GAMES

SOUTHWEST

Chattanooga vs. South Dakota at the Convocation Center, San Antonio, Noon
St. Gregory's at Oral Roberts, 1 p.m.
SIU-Edwardsville at UTSA, 2:30 p.m.
Grambling St. at Arkansas, 6 p.m.
Prairie View at Baylor, 7 p.m.
Northwestern St. at Oklahoma St., 7 p.m.

SOUTH

NJIT at Clemson, Noon
Davidson vs. Miami (Ohio) at John Paul Jones Arena, Charlottesville, Va., 3:30 p.m.
Kennesaw St. at Alabama A&M, 5 p.m.
Robert Morris at Marshall, 5 p.m.
W. Kentucky at Belmont, 6 p.m.
Iona at ETSU, 6 p.m.
Furman at Elon, 6 p.m.
UNC Wilmington at FAU, 6 p.m.
Jacksonville at Florida St., 6 p.m.
Evansville at Louisville, 6 p.m.
Ohio St. at Maryland, 6 p.m.
SE Louisiana at Mississippi, 6 p.m.
Southern Miss. at Nicholls St., 6 p.m.
Drexel at Virginia, 6 p.m.
Mercer at Jacksonville St., 6:30 p.m.
Texas Southern at McNeese St., 7 p.m.
Ark.-Pine Bluff at Mississippi St., 7 p.m.
James Madison at Vanderbilt, 7 p.m.

MIDWEST

Cleveland St. at Ohio, 6 p.m.
Chicago St. at Wright St., 6 p.m.
Akron at Youngstown St., 6 p.m.
Samford at Kansas, 7 p.m.
S. Dakota St. at N. Iowa, 7 p.m.
Nebraska at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

FAR WEST

New Mexico St. at S. Utah, 2 p.m.
Loyola Marymount at Pepperdine, 3 p.m.
Nebraska-Omaha at Utah Valley, 4 p.m.
Seattle at Oregon, 6 p.m.
UT Martin at Arizona, 8 p.m.
Old Dominion at California, 8 p.m.
San Diego at Gonzaga, 8 p.m.
College of Idaho at Idaho St., 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Utah, 8 p.m.
Texas A&M at Washington, 8 p.m.
BYU at Portland, 9 p.m.
Saint Mary's at San Francisco, 9 p.m.
Pacific at Santa Clara, 9 p.m.

EAST

Holy Cross vs. W. Michigan at Island FCU Arena, Stony Brook, N.Y., 11 a.m.
Norfolk St. at Stony Brook, 1:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Canisius, 6 p.m.
Rider at Delaware, 6 p.m.
UMBC at Penn, 6 p.m.
St. Francis (Pa.) at West Virginia, 6 p.m.
Duke vs. UConn at the XL Center, Hartford, Conn., 8 p.m.

TOURNAMENTS

Cyclone Challenge

At Ames, Iowa

First Round

Brown vs. UC Riverside, 5 p.m.
Howard at Iowa St., 7:30 p.m.

FIU Sun & Fun Classic

At Miami

Auburn at FIU, 5 p.m.
Bowling Green vs. Hampton, 7 p.m.
Fordham Holiday Classic

At New York

First Round

Savannah St. at Fordham, Noon
Princeton vs. Hartford, 2 p.m.

Georgia Tech Holiday Tournament

At Atlanta

First Round

Harvard vs. Louisiana Tech, 1 p.m.
Lipscomb at Georgia Tech, 3 p.m.

Hawk Classic

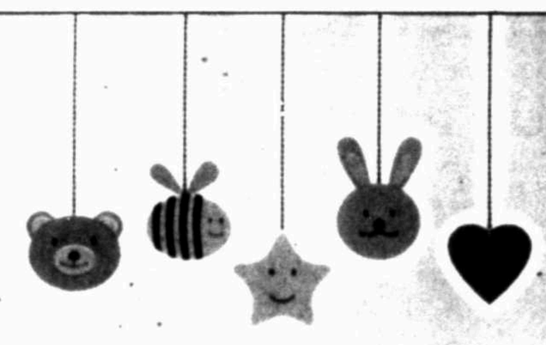
At Philadelphia

Third Place, TBA
Championship, TBA

Miami Holiday Tournament

At Coral Gables, Fla.

Third Place, TBA
Championship, TBA



Babies of 2014

The Midland Reporter-Telegram will publish a special baby section dedicated to all the special people born in 2014. Our "Cover Baby" will be chosen at random. All babies appearing in the Babies of 2014 section will be eligible to be our "Cover baby".

Now is your chance to show everyone how cute your baby is! If a baby was born in your family in 2014, complete this form and return it with a photo and payment to our office by Sunday, January 11, 2015 to get your baby published in a 2.46" x 5" profile in our Babies of 2014 special section! *Please note that this special section will be printed in black & white with the exception of the cover and back page.

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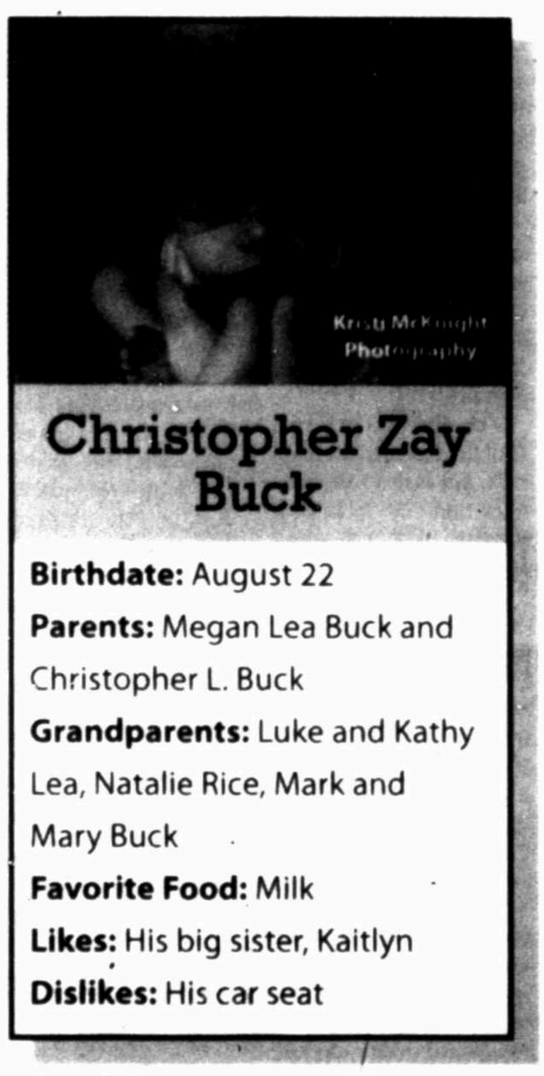

Christopher Zay Buck

Birthdate: August 22
Parents: Megan Lea Buck and Christopher L. Buck
Grandparents: Luke and Kathy Lea, Natalie Rice, Mark and Mary Buck
Favorite Food: Milk
Likes: His big sister, Kaitlyn
Dislikes: His car seat

Actual Size

Babies of 2014

Baby's Information

Name _____
Birthdate _____,2014
Parents _____
Grandparents _____
Favorite Food _____
Likes _____
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Your Information

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BYRONJOHNSTONHOLIDAYCLASSIC

BY WILL KORN

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Daija Stanford (10) tries to pass while being covered during a game last season ag ainst Lubbock Coronado at Chaparral Center. The Lady Rebels open the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic against New Orleans St. Mary's Academy today.

2014 TEAMS AT A GLANCE

BOYS

Team: El Paso Bel Air Highlanders
Coach: Rob Dibler
Record: 14-0
The scoop: The Highlanders come into the tournament as the only ranked boys squad — No. 5 in TABC's Class 5A poll. Bel Air has won 40 of its last 43 games and is a favorite to win the tournament.

Team: El Paso Americas Trailblazers
Coach: Jimmy Calderon
Record: 11-2
The scoop: Another strong El Paso team taking part in the festivities in Midland. The Trailblazers struggled last season, going 12-17, but they're legitimate this year and come into the tournament having won eight of their last nine contests.

Team: Midland High Bulldogs
Coach: Charles Tatum
Record: 7-6
The scoop: Charles Tatum's group could be a darkhorse to win the tournament it has hosted since its inaugural year in 1993. The Bulldogs will carry momentum into their matchup tonight against Crowley, having taken down previously Class 3A No. 5 Brownfield on Dec. 19.

TEAM: LEE REBELS
Coach: Chris Packer
Record: 1-13
The scoop: They're the defending champs, but the tide has turned in a year. The Rebels finally earned their first win of this season on a buzzer-beater against Canutillo in the Tall City Oilman's Tournament on Dec. 11. This is a team that plays hard and will be looking for the upset in any game it plays in pool play.

Team: Bushland Falcons
Coach: Steve Rhodos
Record: 7-3
The scoop: Bushland's 7-3 record coming in looks strong on the surface. But outside of a win against Nazareth, the No. 10 Class A team, to open the season, the Falcons have been largely untested. The Byron Johnston will change that. The Falcons will square off against MHS on day two in a return to the gym where it won a Class 2A regional title in March.

Team: Plainview Bulldogs
Coach: Leon Hagerman
Record: 10-6
The scoop: Plainview has played a tough slate of games. The Bulldogs' opening-round game against El Paso Bel Air will likely be the toughest it has played all season. But with the way Bel Air is playing, the same can be said for many teams right now.

Team: Crowley Eagles
Coach: Alfred Jones
Record: 1-10
The scoop: The Eagles' 1-10 record is the reflection of having to play a demanding, Metroplex-heavy schedule. The Metroplex is a well-documented hoops mecca, and the Eagles aren't a team to take for granted in this tournament. They may be underdogs, but they'll be competitive.

Team: Hereford Whitefaces
Coach: C.J. Villegas
Record: 6-6
The scoop: The Whitefaces have played a respectable schedule featuring opponents whose combined records to this point are 81-62. They have one of the easier draws in the tournament, as they'll avoid both El Paso teams until the championship. In pool play, their toughest game looks to be against MHS in Tuesday's nightcap.

GIRLS

Team: Midland High Lady Bulldogs
Coach: Wes Torres
Record: 15-4
The scoop: The Lady Bulldogs might be the strongest team in this year's girls' bracket. But as good as they've been over the last few years, they only have two Byron Johnston titles, which means they could be especially hungry for that third one this time around.

Team: Midland Classical Lady Knights
Coach: Jim Beattie/Carla Cunneen
Record: 9-3
The scoop: The Lady Knights are coming off of a 64-27 thrashing at the hands of Lee on Dec. 19. MCA wasn't close to their best in that game though and will be looking for a clean slate today. They are the No. 3 team in the TABC's girls small private division.

Team: Lee Lady Rebels
Coach: Monica Ramirez
Record: 6-7
The scoop: A speedy and athletic team that pressures the opposition on both ends, the Lady Rebels have gained some confidence with that convincing home win against MCA. They don't have it easy in the first two days — they'll play Bushland on Monday and Plainview on Tuesday — but their team speed and hustle can give almost anyone a run for their money.

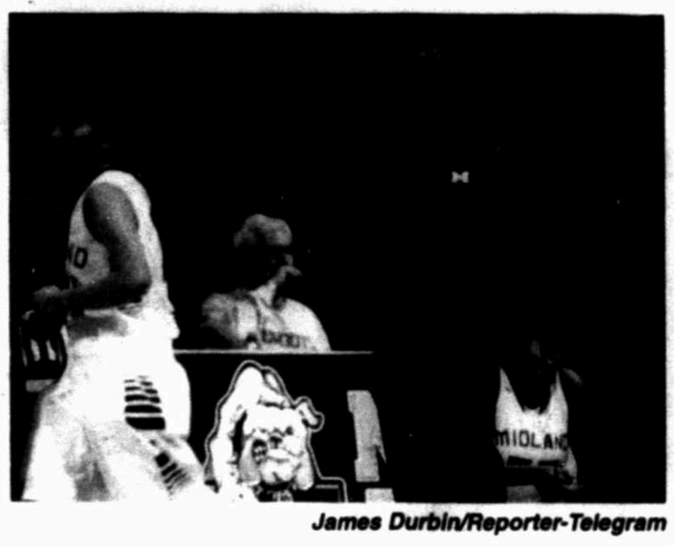
Team: El Paso Eastlake Falcons
Coach: Jessie Vela
Record: 10-7
The scoop: The Falcons have something to play for in this year's Byron Johnston, as they fell to the seemingly incumbent champion Plainview in last year's final. This is another group that has the capability of going all the way or quickly punching a ticket to the seventh-place game.

Team: Plainview Lady Bulldogs
Coach: Danny Wrenn
Record: 11-6
The scoop: They'll be in title defense mode, and the Lady Bulldogs are more than capable of repeating this year. Lee's impressive speed could be a challenge for Plainview, but they have the talent to beat anyone in this tournament.

Team: Bushland Lady Falcons
Coach: Scott Tankersley
Record: 6-8
The scoop: The Lady Falcons have never made an appearance in the girls' championship game, and things look a bit bleak to make this year their first. Anything is possible at the high school level, especially for the Lady Falcons, who are 3-point happy. But Bushland will have to go through Lee and Plainview just get out of its own pool as the top team.

Team: St. Mary's Academy Cougars (New Orleans)
Coach: Keith Haywood
Record: 6-15
The scoop: The Lady Cougars' record might be 6-15, but they'll have the element of surprise against every team they play. There is bound to be some unfamiliarity in the minds of opposing coaches in terms of matchups. The Lady Cougars are one of the two wild cards of this year's Byron Johnston.

Team: Southern Stars — Australia
Coach: Zoe Cant
Record: N/A
The scoop: An even bigger mystery in this year's girls' tournament, the Stars are an intriguing matchup with MHS on Monday night at Chapparal Center. This should provide some must-see first-day action.



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Midland High girls basketball head coach Wes Torres calls to his players during a Dec. 2 game against Abilene Wylie at MHS. The Lady Bulldogs open the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic today against the Australian Southern Stars.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

BOYS

Gary Ringo, Jr. (MHS) — 11.1 ppg, 5.1 rpg
Daniel Nelson (Lee) — 13.4 ppg, 8.2 rpg
Tate Smallington (Bushland) — 11.4 ppg, 7.3 rpg
Ben McGee (Plainview) — 13.7 ppg

GIRLS

Daija Stanford (Lee)
Aubrie Elliot (MHS)
Karli Wheeler (Plainview) — 15.8 ppg, 4.1 rpg

THREE GAMES TO WATCH

BOYS

Plainview (10-6) vs. El Paso Bel Air (14-0), 1:30 p.m. today at the Chapparal Center — Bel Air will be tested in its tournament-opening match against the Bulldogs. This game will be a major catapult for the winning team going into Tuesday's action.

El Paso Americas (11-2) vs. Lee (1-13), 4:30 p.m. today at the Chapparal Center — The Rebels will get the first crack at a talented Trailblazers squad. Can the upset-minded Rebels — who will likely be underdogs in every game they play — pull off an opening-day shocker?

El Paso Bel Air (14-0) vs. El Paso Americas (11-2), 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Chapparal Center — This appears to be Tuesday's main event, as the top two teams in the boys' bracket will square off in pool play. The winner of this game could very well go on to win the tournament.

GIRLS

Australia Travelers vs. MHS (15-4), 6 p.m. today at the Chapparal Center — Wes Torres' bunch will get the first look at the Southern Stars, the first foreign team in the Byron Johnston in several years. Each team's unfamiliarity with each other should make for an exciting game to cap off the tournament's first day on the girls' side.

Lee (6-7) vs. New Orleans St. Mary's Academy — 8 a.m. Tuesday at the Chaparral Center — Monica Ramirez's run-and-gun Lady Rebels take on a historically strong Lady Cougars program from St. Mary's Academy. Unfamiliarity should again be a factor in this game.

Plainview (11-6) vs. Lee (6-7), 6 p.m. Tuesday at Lee High School — The 11-time winning and defending Byron Johnston champion Plainview Lady Bulldogs will test the Lady Rebels.

PLAINVIEW GIRLS HISTORY OF DOMINANCE

The Plainview girls have won this tournament 11 times in 13 championship appearances. The Lady Bulldogs won eight years in a row between 1999-2006. They have also won three of the last four Byron Johnston titles, with the lone exception coming in 2012.

PLAINVIEW-MHS GIRLS AGAIN?

It's been an all Lady Bulldogs matchup in the championship games eight different times since girls began playing in 1993. Plainview went 8-0 in those games, winning by an average of 15.7 points per game. Both squads are strong again this season and they could be on a collision course for another meeting in the girls' championship.

BEL AIR LONE RANKED TEAM

The Highlanders come into the boys' tournament as the only ranked team. They are the No. 5 team in TABC'S 5A division.

TOURNEY

From 1C

that when it does."

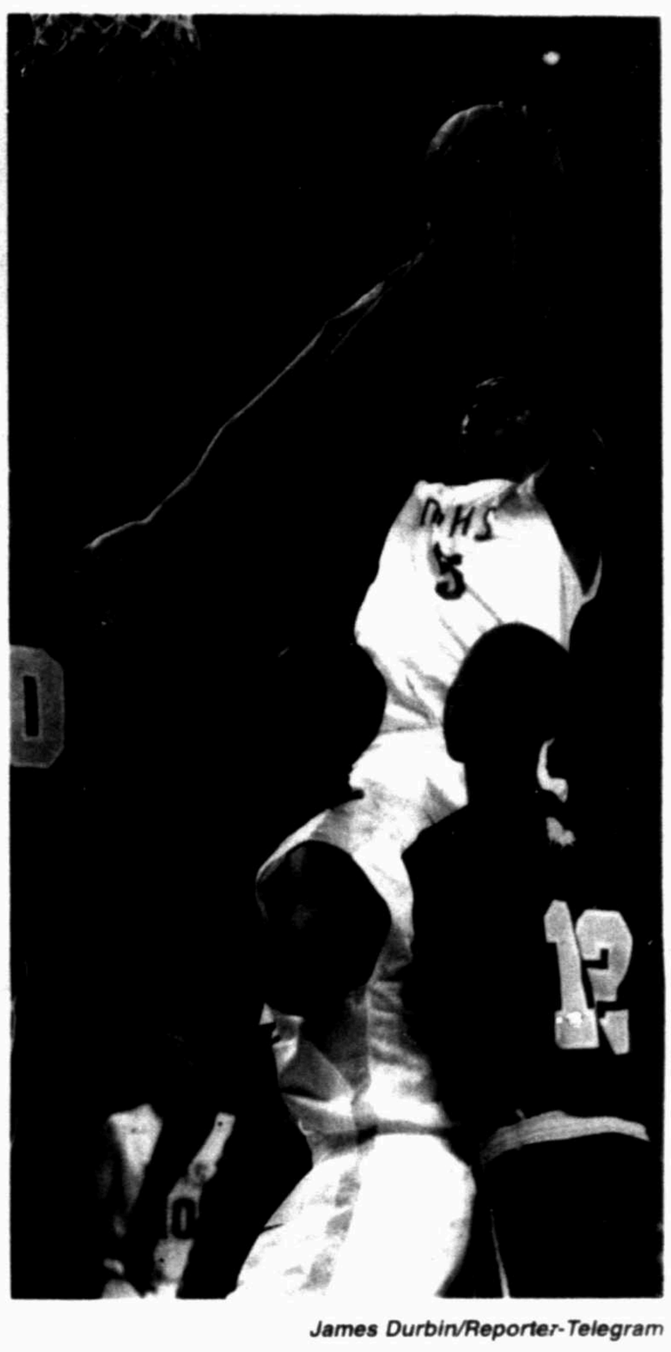
A consistent characteristic of this tournament has been its ability to draw quality teams that compete well against each other. Blowouts happen in basketball, but the committee does its best to keep the fields balanced in order to provide more memorable games that will bring in fans.

The girls bracket includes three Midland teams — MHS, Lee and Midland Classical Academy — as well as El Paso Eastlake, Plainview, Bushland, St. Mary's Academy and the Southern Stars.

"We want to make this (the Byron Johnston) a premier tournament in Texas at Christmas," MHS girls' head coach Wes Torres said. "You've got to create a buzz and get those out of state and country teams. You have to bring those teams in that have tradition. When you bring in a team from the outside, you might get people coming in (to the games) that wouldn't normally come in. You might have a little girl who wasn't a basketball fan become interested by watching those games."

MHS, Lee, Hereford, Bel Air, Crowley, Plainview, Bushland and Americas round out the boys' bracket. Compared to the girls' bracket, that group is much more of a mixed bag with greater disparity in record between undefeated Bel Air (14-0) and teams such as Crowley and Lee (1-13). But come tournament time, throw the records out the window — there's a reason they play the games, after all.

"I'm expecting one of the most competitive boys' tournaments in a long time," MHS head coach Charles Tatum said. "There are no weak teams. It's evenly matched. The biggest thing missing in West Texas is high-level basketball. They (Bel Air and Americas) get the community excited. It's good for the Midland teams to see that level of talent come in."



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Midland High's Gary Ringo goes up for a shot against Triple A Academy during the Tall City Oilman's Invitational on Dec. 12 at Chaparral Center.

BYRON JOHNSTON HOLIDAY CLASSIC SCHEDULE

All games at Chap Center unless otherwise noted

BOYS

Pool A: Midland High, Hereford, Crowley, Bushland
Pool B: Lee, El Paso Bel Air, Plainview, El Paso Americas

Today's Games

10:30 a.m. — Hereford vs. Bushland
1:30 p.m. — Plainview vs. El Paso Bel Air
4:30 p.m. — El Paso Americas vs. Lee
7:30 p.m. — Crowley vs. Midland High

Tuesday's Games

9:30 a.m. — Lee vs. El Paso Bel Air
9:30 a.m. — El Paso Americas vs. Plainview, MHS
12:30 p.m. — Midland High vs. Bushland
12:30 p.m. — Crowley vs. Hereford, MHS
3:30 p.m. — El Paso Bel Air vs. El Paso Americas
7:30 p.m. — Bushland vs. Crowley, MHS
7:30 p.m. — Lee vs. Plainview, Lee HS
7:30 p.m. — Hereford vs. Midland High

Wednesday's Games

10:30 a.m. — Seventh place game, MHS
10:30 a.m. — Fifth place game
1 p.m. — Third place game
4 p.m. — Championship Game

GIRLS

Pool A: Midland High, Midland Classical, El Paso Eastlake, Australian Southern Stars
Pool B: Lee, Plainview, Bushland, New Orleans St. Mary's Academy

Today's Games

9 a.m. — Midland Classical vs. El Paso Eastlake
Noon — St. Mary's Academy vs. Plainview
3 p.m. — Bushland vs. Lee
6 p.m. — Australian Southern Stars vs. Midland High

Tuesday's Games

8 a.m. — Lee vs. St. Mary's Academy
8 a.m. — Bushland vs. Plainview, MHS
11 a.m. — El Paso Eastlake vs. Aussie Travelers, MHS
11 a.m. — Midland High vs. Midland Classical
2 p.m. — St. Mary's Academy vs. Bushland
6 p.m. — Lee vs. Plainview, Lee HS
6 p.m. — Australian Southern Stars vs. Midland Classical, MHS
6 p.m. — El Paso Eastlake vs. Midland High

Wednesday's Games

9 a.m. — Seventh place game, MHS
8:30 a.m. — Fifth place game
11:30 a.m. — Third place game
2:30 p.m. — Championship Game

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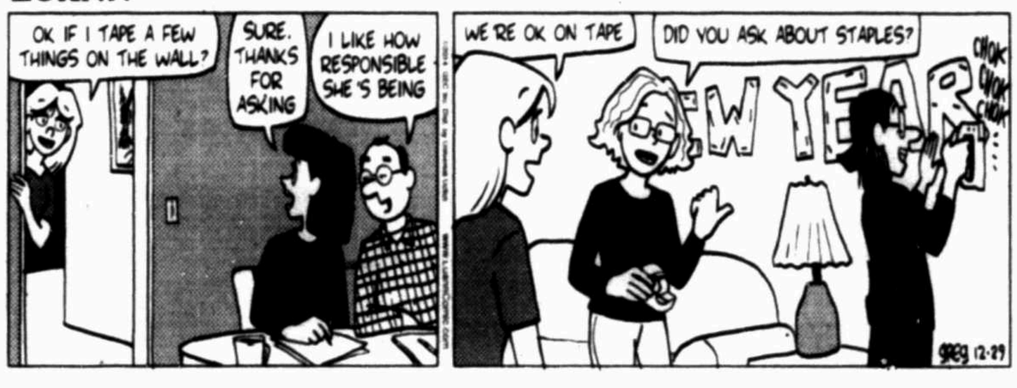

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MUTTS

CLOSE TO HOME

Where croutons come from.

DENNIS THE MENACE

*MY LUCK RAN OUT AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME MY MOM'S PATIENCE RAN OUT."

LOCKHORNS

FAMILY CIRCUS

TODAY: Mostly sunny	TUESDAY: Mostly sunny	WEDNESDAY: Mostly cloudy	THURSDAY: Cloudy	FRIDAY: Mostly sunny	SATURDAY: Sunny
High 57 Low 27	High 31 Low 22	High 29 Low 26	High 40 Low 36	High 51 Low 36	High 53 Low 33

Local forecast

Today's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies, with a high near 57 and west winds 5 to 10 mph. Tonight, look for mostly clear skies, with a low around 27 and west winds 5 to 15 mph becoming northeast after midnight.

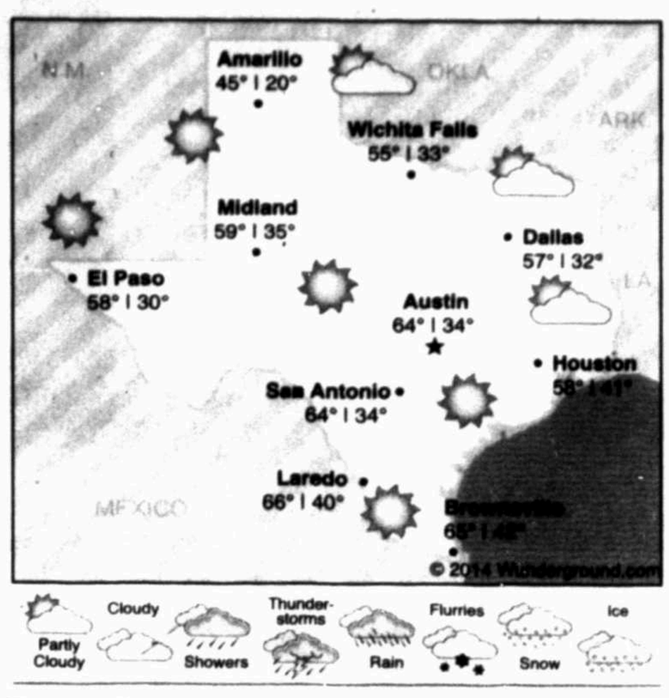
There is a chance of freezing rain Tuesday through New Year's Day, with the high not expected to get much above freezing.

The high on Sunday reached 53, while the low dropped to 27. The record high for Dec. 28 is 77 set in 1945. The record low is 9 set in 1939 and 1983.

National forecast

Intermittent snow showers will continue to circulate around a storm moving slowly over the Northeast on Friday.

Many areas from the southern Atlantic seaboard to the Mississippi Valley, the Plains and the Rockies will be dry and sunny. Temperatures are forecast to rise to above-average levels in areas from the Plains to the Rockies. A lingering patch of low-lying clouds will extend from Texas to the western Great Lakes region. Spotty rain is forecast for portions of Texas.

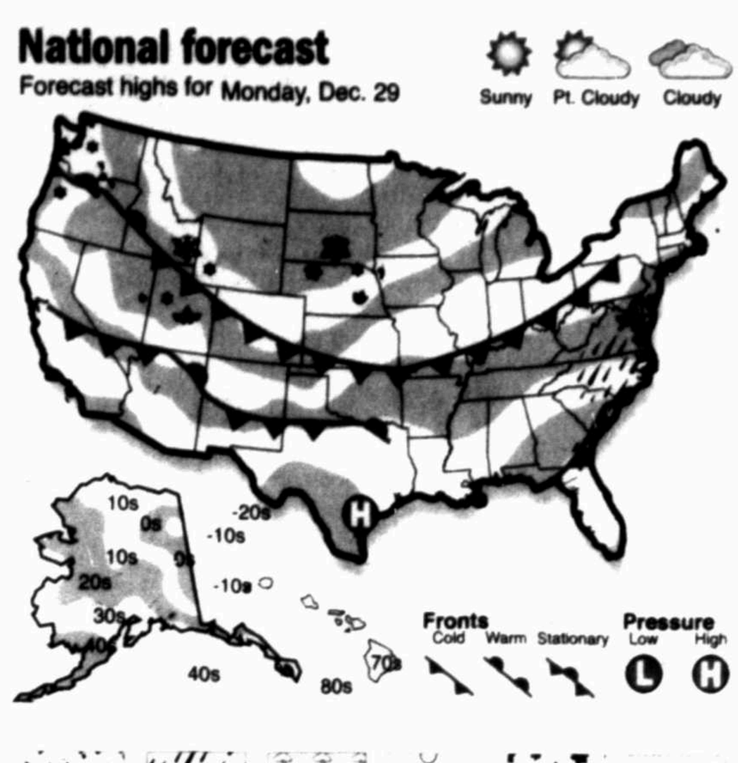


Precipitation

Saturday	trace
Sunday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.20 in.
Year total	7.65 in.
Normal total (year to date)	14.53 in.

Sunday's temperatures

High	53
Low	27
Normal high	57
Normal low	30
Sunrise	7:48 a.m.
Sunset	5:53 p.m.



Single mom wavers about cutting ties to absent dad

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 single mom. My child's father has refused to take any responsibility since before the baby was born. I never cut ties because I'm sure my son will someday long for and want to know his real father.

Even though he renounced his responsibility, he took it back and said he'd try to be there for my child. We are geographically many miles apart, and I no longer expect or hope for any possibility of a reconciliation — which is fine. I just never wanted to seem like someone who has been dumped, so I reason that we're cool.

Abby, he never calls to ask how our child is. What should I do? Should I cut ties with him forever, or must I continue to be the one to message him informing him about the milestones? Should I keep this connection going or let it go? — CONFUSED SINGLE MOM, YOKOHAMA, JAPAN

DEAR CONFUSED: A man who "tries" to be responsible for his children pays at least token child support to ensure that they are fed, clothed and educated. Nowhere in your letter did you indicate that your child's father has done that — or intends to.

If you want to stay in touch so your child will have an address to reach him when he's older, I think that's laudable. But if you're expecting he will suddenly develop an interest — or a conscience — the pattern that has been set seems pretty well established, so don't get your hopes up.

DEAR ABBY: We're in the middle of a dispute with my mother-in-law. She insisted on using place cards at our family's Thanksgiving dinner to indicate where she wanted us to sit. I felt it was controlling because it was only a small group of people. When I asked her why she needed a seating plan, she said it would be "fun."

While it ended up that we all sat where we wanted and everyone conversed nicely, she said her holiday was "ruined" because I ridiculed her for wanting to use place cards. What is your opinion? Would you ask your immediate family to sit in their appointed chairs, or let everyone sit where they would like? — MUSICAL CHAIRS IN NEW ENGLAND

DEAR MUSICAL CHAIRS: One of the perks of hosting a sit-down dinner is having the privilege of controlling the seating, regardless of whether guests are friends or relatives. That it was a "family dinner" is beside the point. For you to have made such a scene that you ruined your hostess's evening was rude, and you owe her an apology.

DEAR READERS: If you plan to be out celebrating New Year's Eve on Wednesday and plan to drink, PLEASE arrange for a designated driver to transport you. It could save your life or someone else's. The American Automobile Association in some — not all — communities offers a safe-ride program for members and nonmembers. To find out whether it's happening in your community, go online or call your local branch of the AAA.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Dec. 29, 2014:

This year you are likely to encounter an obstacle or two, especially when dealing with personal or domestic issues. Finding a meeting point in conflicts could be difficult, as you and others say one thing but mean another. If you are single, you could meet someone quite significant to your life before the end of summer 2015. If you are attached, the two of you act like two peas in a pod. You might make a major change in how you structure your lives together. ARIES knows how to trigger you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ If you wake up with a battle cry in your head, know that you probably were in the midst of a power play for control in your dreams. As a result, you might react quickly when encountering a similar situation today. Tonight: Happily focus on the better parts of your life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ It is always good to listen to your inner voice to see which direction you should head in. You might feel pushed by a powerful person in your life. You could become irritated and confused as a result. Tonight: Postpone what you can for as long as you can.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You'll blissfully walk into a situation that might be more intense than you had expected. If you use logic to sort out the real issue, productive conversations are likely to result. Make a point of understanding where an associate is coming from. Tonight: Communication flourishes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ You could be somewhat withdrawn in the morning. A loved one might decide to pick an argument with you in order to draw you in closer. You tend to not agree with this person a lot, particularly about his or her style of communication. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ If you can manage to bypass some of the mental grenades that surround you, you will be a lot happier. Be careful as you attempt to maintain a steady course, because others might act as if you are off-kilter. Tonight: Try some exotic cuisine.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You might try to form something solid out of nothing more than loosely related facts and/or feelings. You would be well-advised to pursue your original course. A creative venture with a child could prove to be ultimately frustrating. Tonight: Use your sixth sense.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You often seem to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. The nature and strength of your support system will determine what happens in any given situation. Back away from someone who seems a bit off. Tonight: Hang out with a close pal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You tend to wonder what might be the best course of action. Today, everyone will give you an earful as to what he or she thinks is right and will work. Once you center yourself, you will be able to find an appropriate response. Tonight: Avoid a warring faction.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You seem to have incorporated a little more serenity into your life as of late. You might not be so spontaneous. You'll actively continue seeking out relevant and important answers to a dilemma that faces you. Tonight: Do not back off. Reach out to an important friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Pressure seems to build around a matter that you must deal with. You might want to nix any spending for now. You could feel as if a lot is out of your control and that your words are falling on deaf ears. Tonight: A situation on the domestic front demands your attention.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Know that your responses could be slightly off. You might want to clobber someone today for an offhand statement, when you typically just might laugh it off. You will try to explain your thoughts, but the message might not be clearly received. Tonight: Try to clear the air.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You will work best with a friend when trying to plan a budget or decide on a gift. However, you might not be speaking the same language right now, as you could have different objectives. Tonight: Take a hard look at your budget, and be sure to count your change.

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Engineer Charles Goodyear (1800), actor Jude Law (1972), Mary Tyler Moore (1936)

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Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K 10 7 6 4 2 ♡ A Q 4 2 ◇ 9 5 ♣ 10

Right-hand opponent opens three diamonds. What call would you make?

A — Tempting, but this hand just isn't strong enough to act at this level. Pass.

Q 2 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A K 6 ♡ K 2 ◇ J 6 ♣ A Q 6 5 3 2

As dealer, what call would you make?

A — We don't mind opening one no-trump with this shape, but this hand strikes us as too good for that bid. Open one club, planning to jump re-bid three clubs next.

Q 3 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Void ♡ K 10 7 3 ◇ 4 ♣ A Q J 8 7 6 5 3

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
3◇	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

A — Ugh! You can't stop in four clubs and partner can't be expected to fill enough of your holes to make five clubs a good contract. Pass, before it gets worse.

Q 4 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K 8 4 ♡ A 7 6 5 4 2 ◇ A ♣ A 9 4

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♡	Dbl	2♡	Pass

What call would you make?

A — We like four hearts, but we can live with a "game try" bid of three clubs. Any "Cowardly Lion" who passes needs to go find his courage.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 "Big" fast-food sandwich
4 Ump's call with outstretched arms
8 Halloween sheet wearers
14 Prez on a penny
15 Cuba, por ejemplo
16 Abdul and Zahn
17 Philandering fellow
18 Large-group legal proceeding
20 King toppers
22 Pulitzer winner James
23 Colo. neighbor
24 Lens for a panorama
26 Omelet need
27 Clock-setting std.
28 Bomb trials, briefly
31 Iranian religion
34 Wooing period
37 Waterfront org.
38 Gems that come mostly from Australia
39 Lab eggs
40 Secure method of payment
43 Conductor's wand
45 "Certainly!"
46 Elbow poke
47 Baseball's Cobb and football's Law
48 Craft with an outboard
54 Tip-top
55 Earnest request
56 Wheel shaft
57 The third "Pirates of the Caribbean" movie (and where you might find the first part of 18-, 24-, 34-, 40- and 48-Across)
60 Supermarket franchise initials
61 Attractive
62 Writer Ferber
63 __ Moines
64 "Honor Thy Father" author Gay
65 Nikita's no
66 Palindromic "before"

DOWN

1 Rain forest parrot
2 Ancient calculators
3 Handed over, as land
4 Attack, to Fido
5 Like italics
6 "Fried Green Tomatoes" co-screenwriter Fannie
7 Tripod for a canvas
8 Transcript no.
9 Comic Buddy who played Costello in "Bud and Lou"
10 Power failures
11 Weapon in the David and Goliath story
12 New Mexico art hub
13 Tax form ID
19 Catch sight of
21 Maker of the Genesis game system
25 French pal
28 Day's 24: Abbr.
29 DVR brand
30 Stretch across
31 Netanyahu of Israel, familiarly
32 Actor Alda
33 Part of a hotel bathroom set
34 Tax whiz, briefly
35 Clumsy type
36 Final: Abbr.
38 Old California fort
41 Major speech, as at a convention
42 And expanses
43 Place for a cocktail
44 "Mamma Mia!" group
46 __ d'Arc
48 Opposite of COD
49 Jimmy of the Daily Planet
50 Like a neglected lawn
51 Zinc __ sunblock ingredient
52 Rags-to-riches author Horatio
53 Kid around with
54 Gillette razor
57 Fitting
58 Caustic chemical
59 "Can't Help Lovin' __ Man"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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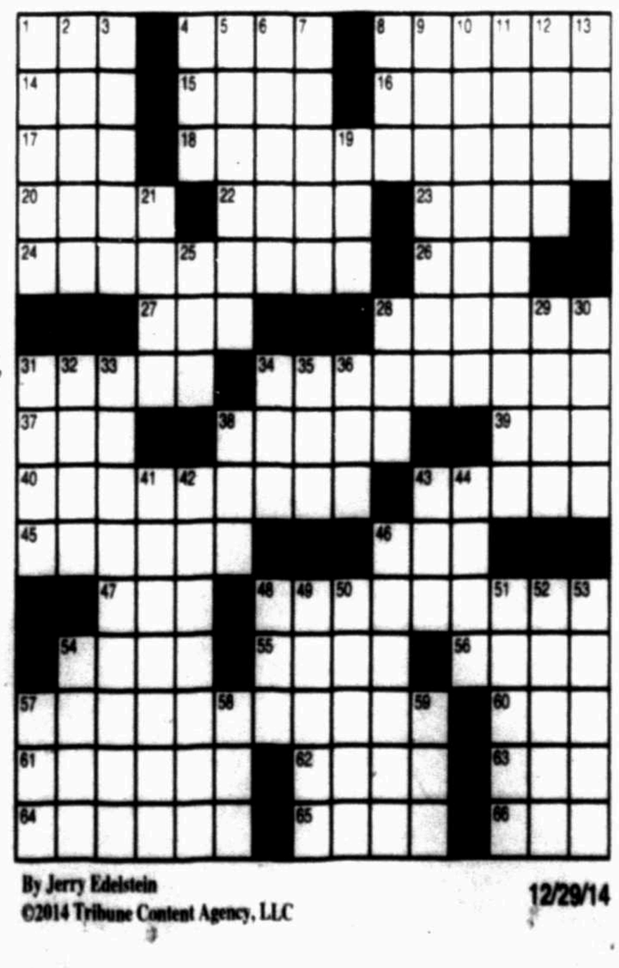

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Tigers, Sooners try for upbeat finish in Orlando

By Kyle Hightower
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Clemson and Oklahoma expected this season to end much differently.

After handing Alabama a double-digit loss in the Sugar Bowl, the Sooners figured to be in the chase for the inaugural College Football Playoff after starting the season with a No. 4 ranking. Those hopes were quickly extinguished thanks to three losses to ranked opponents.

Clemson entered to season looking to challenge national champion Florida State in the ACC. That, too, was dashed after a 1-2 stumble out of the gate that included losses at Georgia and in overtime against the Seminoles.

Today's Russell Athletic Bowl is a chance to at least end on an upbeat note.

The No. 18 Tigers (9-3) will be trying for their fourth straight season with at least 10 victories. Only Alabama, Oregon and Northern Illinois have achieved that the past four seasons.

"That's the kind of consistency that we want to be known for — especially this year," Clemson coach Dabo Swinney said. "With a lot of transition and adversity, and some things that we dealt with this season, it'd be a great way to finish the year."

For the Sooners (8-4), junior linebacker Eric Striker said the mood of the team is strong despite the setbacks this season.

"It is what it is," Striker said. "We're excited about it. We made it to a bowl game. It's not like a chill, bad mood. We're excited to play another game of football."

Some things to watch in the Sooners-Tigers matchup.

STOUDT AT QB: Clemson will start senior quarterback Cole Stoudt this week after freshman standout Deshaun Watson had season-ending surgery on his torn left ACL this month. Stoudt has shown himself to be capable at times, throwing for 1,573 yards and six touchdowns in six appearances in 2014.

TIGERS DEFENSE VS. SOONERS OFFENSE: This game could turn on the Tigers' defense and the Sooners' offense. Clemson comes in with a defensive unit ranked No. 1 in total defense, giving up only 259.6 yards per game. In addition, Clemson is allowing just 97.7 yards per game on the ground, seventh best in the nation. In terms of scoring, Oklahoma averages 38.9 points per game, 10th in the nation, and is averaging 480.5 yards per game in total offense (ranked 19th nationally).

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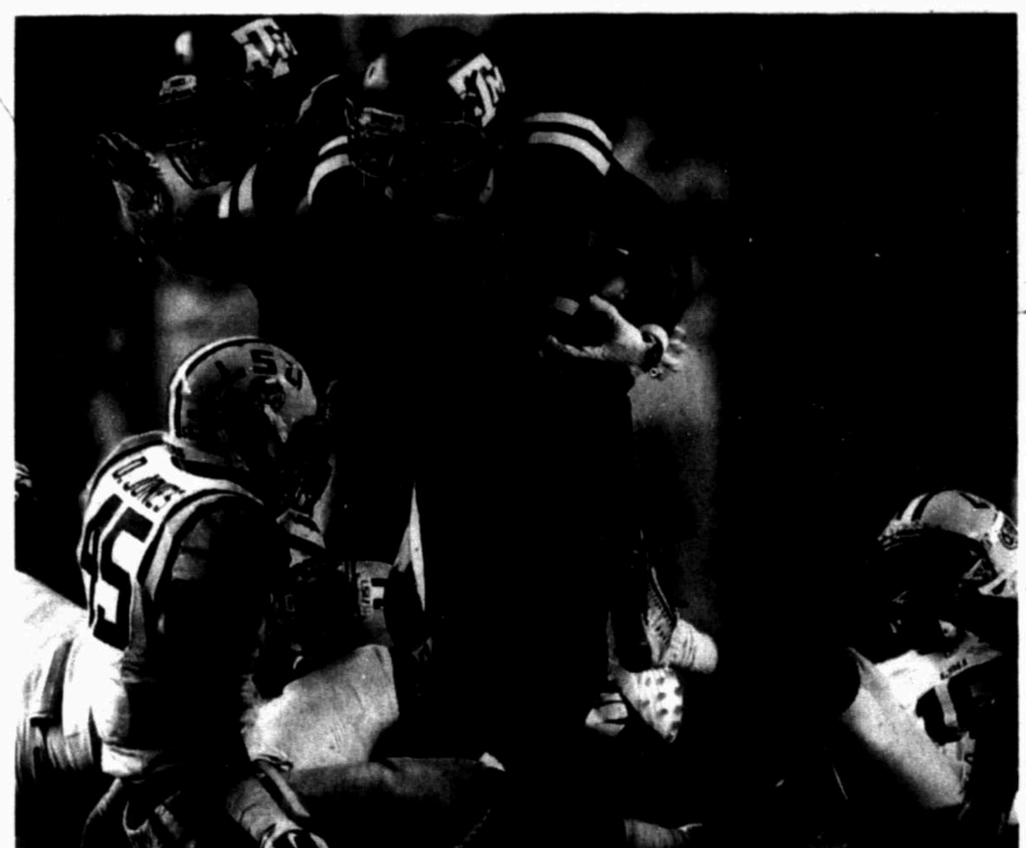
Oklahoma running back Samanje Perine tries to push past the defense as he runs with the ball during the Sooners' game against Baylor on Nov. 8 at Owen Field in Norman, Okla.

BOWL GLANCE

Saturday, Dec. 20
New Orleans Bowl
Louisiana-Lafayette 16, Nevada 3
New Mexico Bowl
At Albuquerque
Utah State 21, UTEP 6
Las Vegas Bowl
Utah 45, Colorado State 10
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
At Boise
Air Force 38, Western Michigan 24
Camellia Bowl
At Montgomery, Ala.
Bowling Green 33, South Alabama 28
Monday, Dec. 22
Miami Beach Bowl
Memphis 55, BYU 48, 2OT
Tuesday, Dec. 23
Boca Raton (Fla.) Bowl
Marshall 52, Northern Illinois 23
Poinsettia Bowl
At San Diego
Navy 17, San Diego State 16
Wednesday, Dec. 24
Bahamas Bowl
At Nassau
Western Kentucky 49, Central Michigan 48
Hawaii Bowl
At Honolulu
Rice 31, Fresno State 6
Friday, Dec. 26
Heart of Dallas Bowl
Louisiana Tech 35, Illinois 18
Quick Lane Bowl
At Detroit
Rutgers 40, North Carolina 21
St Petersburg (Fla.) Bowl
N.C. State 34, UCF 27
Saturday, Dec. 27
Military Bowl
At Annapolis, Md.
Virginia Tech 33, Cincinnati 17
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Arizona State 36, Duke 31
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
South Carolina 24, Miami 21
Pinstripe Bowl
At Bronx, N.Y.
Penn State 31, Boston College 30, OT
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Southern Cal 45, Nebraska 42
Today
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
West Virginia (7-5) vs. Texas A&M (7-5), 1 p.m., ESPN
Russell Athletic Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Clemson (9-3) vs. Oklahoma (8-4), 4:30 p.m., ESPN
Texas Bowl
At Houston
Texas (6-6) vs. Arkansas (6-6), 8 p.m., ESPN
Tuesday
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Notre Dame (7-5) vs. LSU (8-4), 2 p.m., ESPN
Belk Bowl
At Charlotte, N.C.
Louisville (9-3) vs. Georgia (9-3), 5:30 p.m., ESPN
Fosters Farm Bowl
At Santa Clara, Calif.
Stanford (7-5) vs. Maryland (7-5), 9 p.m., ESPN
Wednesday
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Mississippi (9-3) vs. TCU (11-1), 11 a.m., ESPN
Fiesta Bowl
At Glendale, Ariz.
Boise State (11-2) vs. Arizona (10-3), 3 p.m., ESPN
Orange Bowl
At Miami Gardens, Fla.
Mississippi State (10-2) vs. Georgia Tech (11-2), 7 p.m., ESPN
Thursday
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Wisconsin (10-3) vs. Auburn (8-4), 11 a.m., ESPN2
Cotton Bowl Classic
At Arlington
Michigan State (10-2) vs. Baylor (11-1), 1:30 p.m., ESPN
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Minnesota (8-4) vs. Missouri (10-3), Noon, (ABC) **Rose Bowl**
At Pasadena, Calif.
Playoff semifinal Oregon (12-1) vs. Florida State (13-0), 4 p.m., ESPN
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Playoff semifinal Alabama (12-1) vs. Ohio State (12-1), 7:30 p.m., ESPN
Friday
Armed Forces Bowl
At Fort Worth
Pittsburgh (6-6) vs. Houston (7-5), 11 a.m., ESPN
TaxSlayer Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Iowa (7-5) vs. Tennessee (6-6), 2:20 p.m., ESPN
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
UCLA (9-3) vs. Kansas State (9-3), 5:45 p.m. (ESPN)
Cactus Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Oklahoma State (6-6) vs. Washington (8-5), 9:15 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Jan. 3
Birmingham (Ala.) Bowl
Florida (6-5) vs. East Carolina (8-4), Noon, ESPN2
Sunday, Jan. 4
GoDaddy Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
Toledo (8-4) vs. Arkansas State (7-5), 8 p.m., ESPN
Saturday, Jan. 10
Medal of Honor Bowl
At Charleston, S.C.
American vs. National, 1:30 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 12
College Football Championship
At Arlington
Sugar Bowl winner vs. Rose Bowl winner, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Jan. 17
East-West Shrine Classic
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
East vs. West, 3 p.m. (NFLN) NFLPA
Collegiate Bowl
At Carson, Calif.
National vs. American, 3 p.m. (ESPN2)
Saturday, Jan. 24
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 3 p.m. (NFLN)



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Texas A&M's Speedy Noil (2) returns a kick against LSU during the third quarter of a Nov. 27 game at Kyle Field in College Station.

AGGIES

From 1C

a 59-0 setback at Alabama prompted a bevy of questions about the direction of Sumlin's program.

"You have to be able to assess the situation and figure out what you need to do to get better for the good of the whole program," the third-year coach said of his midseason adjustments in guiding the Aggies. "Now, we have another opportunity to take another step."

A&M closed out its regular season with five losses in its last seven games, including home setbacks to Missouri and LSU in the final two contests.

"We came here for one thing – to win a game." A&M junior defensive end Julien Obioha said of the urgency among his teammates and coaches. "We've (had) fun along the way, but coach Sumlin has reiterated the fact that this trip is to win the game. You've got to send the season off on a positive note."

Both teams are 7-5, and the Mountaineers have their own matters to try and clean up in the postseason.

"Both A&M and West Virginia have a lot of kids coming back next year," Holgorsen said. "We'll have nine starters back on defense, and seven on offense. That's a lot of guys who are able to play a 13th game … and getting a win here would definitely springboard us into next year."

For its part A&M returns eight starters on offense and seven on defense.

"We're going to put our team to bed early," Sumlin promised Sunday. "Because the football is going to get snapped a lot. … And based on what I've seen, it's going to be a four-quarter game."

Sumlin also has other matters needing tending, including hiring a defensive coordinator, receivers coach and offensive line coach. He released defensive coordinator Mark Snyder a month ago and offensive line coach B.J. Anderson in mid-December, while he lost receivers coach David Beaty to Kansas as the Jayhawks' new coach.

Former Utah offensive coordinator Dave Christensen is expected to serve as offensive line coach, although there's been no official announcement of his hire. Sumlin said Sunday he anticipates having all three hires wrapped up within a week, and with the bowl game over on Monday, "You'll see things pick up dramatically."

TEXAS

From 1C

We're talking about games in 2021. I'm hoping to be alive and kicking. I just get crazy when we start talking about these event schedules."

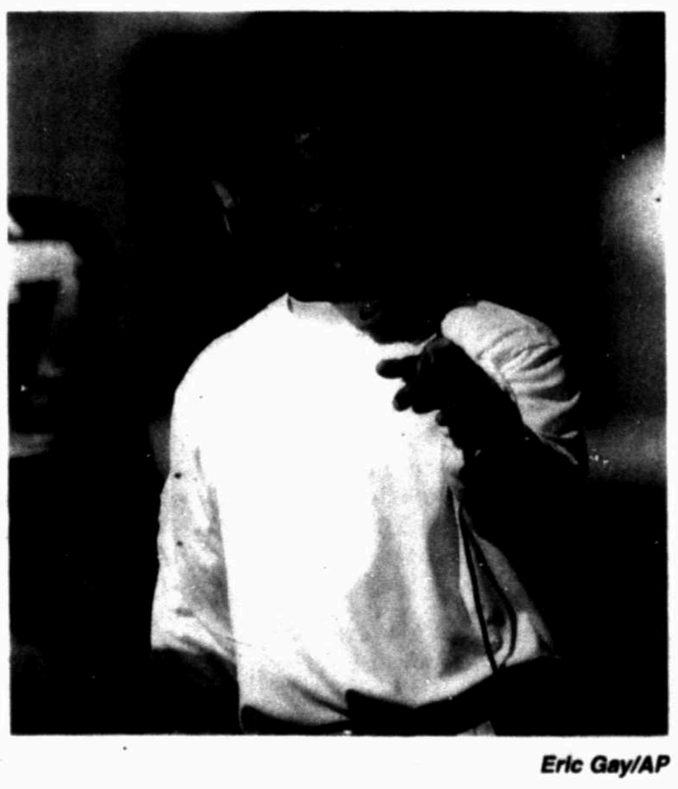
Some things to know about Arkansas and Texas meeting in the Texas Bowl.

SHIPLEY TO PLAY: Texas receiver Jaxon Shipley has been cleared to play after missing the regular-season finale against TCU with a hamstring injury. Shipley is second on the team with 58 receptions for 571 yards. He is the third player in school history with three seasons of at least 50 receptions.

CENTURY MARK: Arkansas running backs Jonathan Williams (1,085 yards) and Alex Collins (1,024) are the only pair of teammates to each rush for more than 1,000 yards in FBS this season. It is the second time two players on a team coached by Bielema have accomplished the feat after James White and John Clay both did it at Wisconsin in 2010. Collins has 12 touchdowns runs and Williams has 11, which are career highs for both.

SACK ATTACK: The Longhorns are tied for seventh in the nation with 39 sacks. Malcolm Brown leads them with 6 1/2 sacks and 14 tackles for loss.

BREAKOUT SEASON: Senior receiver John Harris leads the Longhorns with 64 catches for 1,015 yards and seven touchdowns. His 1,015 yards receiving are the eighth-most in school history. Harris, who had just nine career catches before this season, has averaged 84.6 yards receiving, which is fifth in the Big 12.



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Texas head coach Charlie Strong talks to officials during an Oct. 4 game against Baylor in Austin.

MARTRELL'S MARK: Martrell Spaight leads the SEC with 123 tackles, which are the most by an Arkansas player since Tony Bua had 126 in 2003. He has 8 1/2 tackles for loss, a sack and an interception and has forced two fumbles and recovered one. He piled up a season-high 15 tackles against both Missouri and Mississippi State.

TODAY'S BOWL GAMES

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LIBERTY BOWL
TEXAS A&M (7-5) VS. WEST VIRGINIA (7-5), AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, 1 P.M. (ESPN)

Line: West Virginia by 1 1/2
Series Record: First meeting.
WHAT'S AT STAKE

Texas A&M's seniors are attempting to become the first class in school history to win four bowl games during their careers. The Aggies won the Chick-fil-A Bowl last season, the Cotton Bowl two years ago and the Texas Bowl in 2011. Texas A&M freshman quarterback Kyle Allen and West Virginia sophomore Skyler Howard are attempting to gain momentum they can carry into next season. Allen has only four career starts, while Howard will be making his second Monday.

KEY MATCHUP

West Virginia WR Kevin White vs. Texas A&M CBs Deshazor Everett and De'Vante Harris: White is a Biletnikoff Award finalist and a second-team All-American who has caught 102 passes for 1,318 yards and nine touchdowns. White ended the regular season ranked fifth among all Football Bowl Subdivision players in yards receiving per game. At 6-foot-3, White has a height advantage over the 6-foot Everett and the 5-11 Harris.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Texas A&M: DE Myles Garrett: His 11 sacks this season broke the Southeastern Conference freshman record formerly held by ex-South Carolina star Jadeveon Clowney. Garrett also has 50 overall tackles and 11 tackles for loss.

West Virginia: QB Skyler Howard: This sophomore will be making his second career start in place of senior Clint Trickett, who is giving up football because of multiple concussions. Howard threw for 285 yards and three touchdowns and also rushed for 69 yards while leading West Virginia to a 37-24 victory over Iowa State in his first start.

FACTS & FIGURES

White's 102 receptions put him 12 shy of West Virginia's single-season record shared by Tavon Austin and Stedman Bailey. White has caught at least 10 passes in five games this year, including 16 against Texas. … West Virginia coach Dana Holgorsen and Texas A&M's Kevin Sumlin worked together from 2008-09 at Houston, where Sumlin was head coach and Holgorsen was offensive coordinator. … Texas A&M offensive coordinator Jake Spavital was West Virginia's quarterbacks coach from 2011-12. … West Virginia is making its first Liberty Bowl appearance since 1964, when the game was played indoors at the Atlantic City Convention Center in New Jersey. Texas A&M is in the Liberty Bowl for the first time since 1975. … West Virginia kicker Josh Lambert leads the nation with 27 field goals this season, and he's 4 of 5 from at least 50 yards out.

TEXAS BOWL
TEXAS (6-6) VS. ARKANSAS (6-6), AT HOUSTON, 8 P.M. (ESPN)

Line: Arkansas by 6.
Series Record: Texas leads 56-21.
WHAT'S AT STAKE

The game renews an old Southwest Conference rivalry and will give the victor a winning record. These teams played 60 straight years before the Razorbacks joined the SEC after the 1991 season. The Longhorns have won the last two games, including a 52-10 victory in the last meeting in 2008.

KEY MATCHUP

The Arkansas offensive line vs. the Texas defensive line. The starters on the gigantic Arkansas offensive line weigh 1,642 pounds combined, which is more than any in the NFL. They've allowed just 13 sacks this season, which is second in the SEC and tied for 11th in the nation. Texas tied for seventh in the country with 39 sacks this season, led by Malcolm Brown, who has 6 1/2.

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FACTS & FIGURES

These teams have met 77 times, with the first game coming in 1894. … This is the second time they have met in a bowl after a 27-6 win by Arkansas in the Cotton Bowl in 2000. … Arkansas has 18 players on the roster from Texas. … Monday will be the fifth time the Longhorns have played at NRG Stadium and the first since 2010. … Texas QB Tyrone Swoopes has thrown for 2,352 yards. … Arkansas has won five games in a row over teams from the Big 12. … Razorback Martrell Spaight has 123 tackles, which leads the SEC. … Arkansas DE Trey Flowers is the active SEC leader with 45 1/2 career tackles for loss, which is third in school history.

RUSSELL ATHLETIC
NO. 18 CLEMSON (9-3, 6-2 ACC) VS. OKLAHOMA (8-4, 5-4 BIG 12), 4:30 P.M., (ESPN)

Line: Oklahoma by 3 1/2
Series Record: Oklahoma leads 2-1
WHAT'S AT STAKE

Clemson is looking for its fourth consecutive season with double-digit victories. The Tigers were 10-4 in 2011, 11-2 in 2012 and 11-2 in 2013. A win this year would give the Sooners double-digit wins for the 13th time in 15 seasons. The game is a rematch of the 1989 Florida Citrus Bowl, which the Tigers won 13-6

KEY MATCHUP

This game looks to be a matchup of the Tigers' defense and the Sooners' offense. Clemson comes in with a defensive unit ranked No. 1 in total defense, giving up only 259.6 yards per game. In addition, Clemson is allowing just 97.7 yards a game on the ground, seventh best in the nation. Oklahoma averages 38.9 points a game, 10th in the nation, and is averaging 480.5 yards in total offense (ranked 19th nationally). Clemson allows just 17.6 points a game, the seventh-best scoring defense nationally.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Clemson: After losing freshman standout QB Deshaun Watson for the season with a torn left ACL, the Tigers will need a solid game from Cole Stoudt. The senior is more than capable, throwing for 1,573 yards and six touchdowns in six appearances in 2014.

Oklahoma: Sophomore RB Samaje Perine is ranked fifth in the nation with 21 rushing touchdowns and eight with 1,579 rushing yards. That includes an FBS-record 427 rushing yards against Kansas.

FACTS & FIGURES

The senior classes for Clemson and Oklahoma have a combined 80 victories over the last four years, 41 by Clemson and 39 by Oklahoma. Clemson's 41-11 record is tied for the seventh most wins among FBS teams the last four years, and Oklahoma's 39-12 record is tied for the 12th most wins. … Oklahoma is making its second appearance in the Orlando Citrus Bowl stadium, having fallen to Clemson in coach Barry Switzer's last game in the 1989 edition of the bowl. . This is the 16th straight bowl appearance for the Sooners, who are 28-16-1 in bowls.

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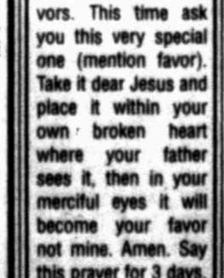

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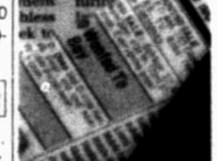

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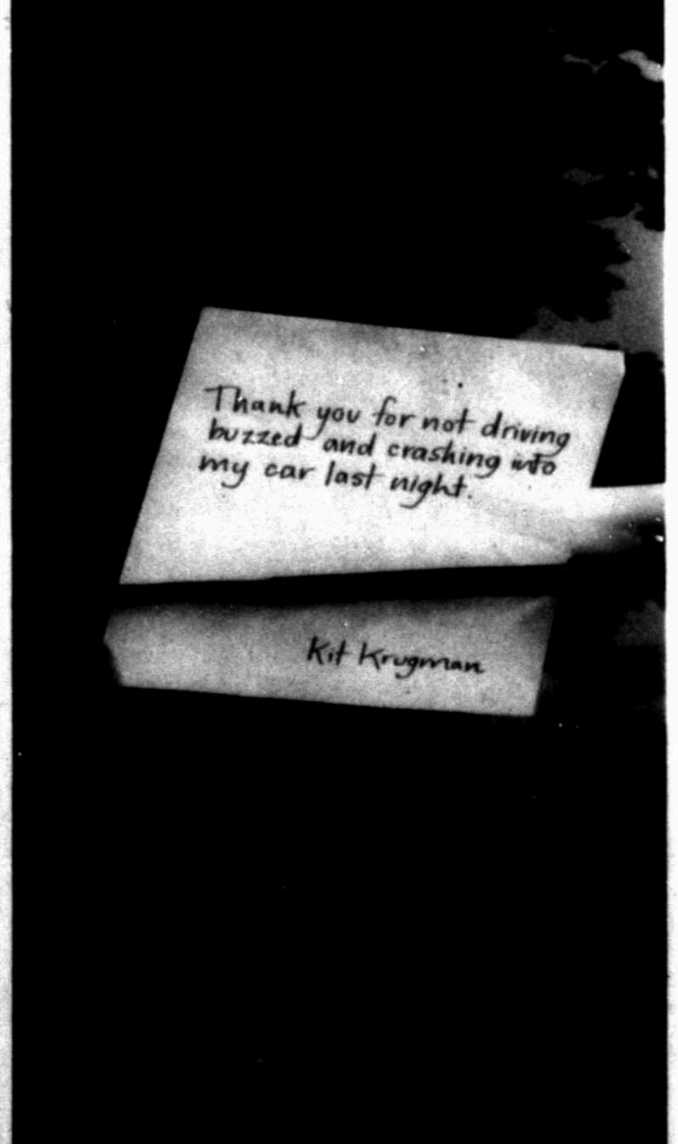

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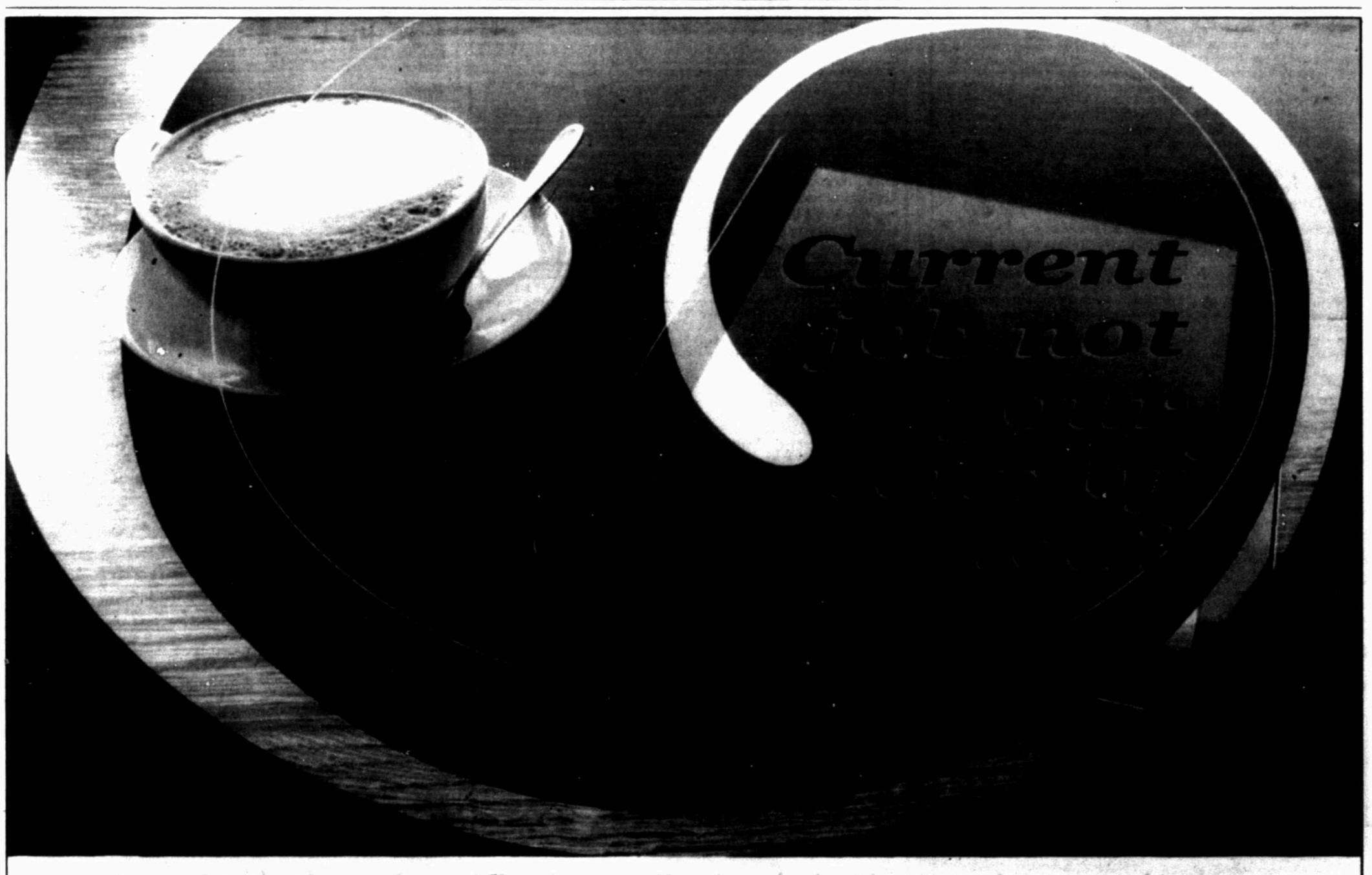

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