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ELL teachers at MISD handle student influx

Number of English Language Learner students in district approaching 1,300

By Cassie Burton
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When Joanna Carillo-Rowley came to Midland ISD 21 years ago, 400 English Language Learner (ELL) students were walking the halls of schools across the district.

Carillo-Rowley, now executive director of the ELL department, said the number today is nearing 1,300, due in no small part to the influx of students coming to Midland from around the world. Based on information dated Sept. 29 from MISD, ESL students make up about 5 percent of MISD's 24,560 students.

"We're seeing languages we've never seen before," Carillo-Rowley said. She named Afghanistan, Iraq, Vietnam, Burma and Cuba as places where students have come from just in the last month.

Like most MISD departments, the ELL department is searching to fill positions: one English-as-Second-Language newcomer position, one ESL teacher at the elementary level and five bilingual teachers.

The newcomer position is for a teacher who will work with students who have been in a U.S. school for less than two years, the ESL teacher is for students from any language for grades kindergarten through 12th, and the bilingual teachers are for K-fifth grade for Spanish-speaking students, according to Carillo-Rowley. State law cuts off bilingual education past the fifth grade.

ELL has its own unique challenges. Children in the same class can have different levels of English proficiency. A small class size is necessary or lessons can take substantially longer, which means Carillo-Rowley often places substitutes with ELL teachers in times of shortages. And older students who came to the U.S. can sometimes have little or no English skills. Also, some parents are "100 percent" supportive, and others are not, she said.

"Despite the different languages, just on the nature that you teach ESL, it doesn't matter the language," Carillo-Rowley said. "We can still make our way through."

ESL

During a teacher shortage, Carillo-Rowley said she sometimes seeks out applicants who applied for a different position

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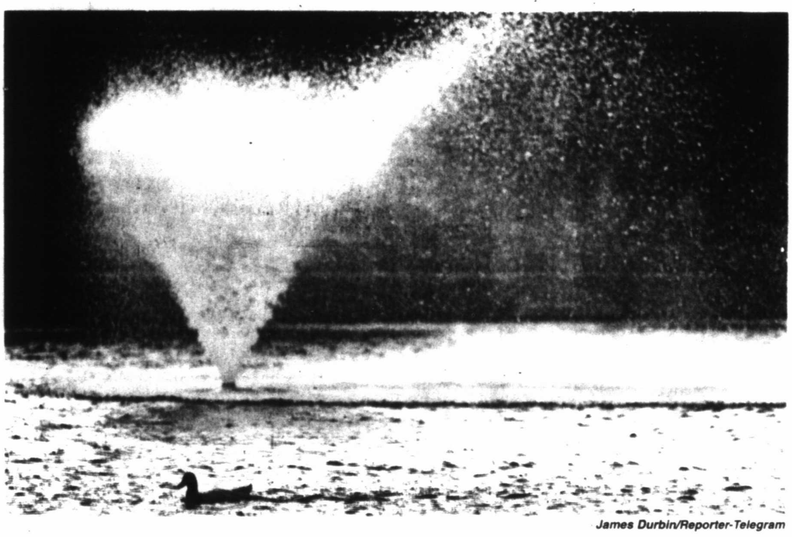
BLUSTERY DAY IN TOWN



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A duck paddles against the current as high winds drive the fountain sideways and chop the surface of the water at Wadley Barron Park on Monday. The highest wind gust Monday was 43 miles per hour, and the average wind speed was 20 miles per hour, according to the National Weather Service.

Abbott says Texas won't accept Syrian refugees

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott says Texas will not accept more Syrian refugees following the Paris terrorist attacks, though an immigration official counters that the governor lacks legal authority to do so.

Governors react

Gov. Abbott wasn't the only governor who isn't planning to accept Syrian refugees. Read more inside.

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In a letter Monday to President Barack Obama, Abbott said he directed state health officials not to participate in the resettlement of Syrians. Abbott also urged scrapping federal plans to accept more Syrian refugees anywhere in the country, saying the federal government can't perform proper security checks.

Texas officials estimate about 200 Syrian refugees have been resettled in Texas last fiscal year.

Assistant DA Nodolf to run for district attorney

From staff reports

Nodolf

Midlander Laura A. Nodolf has filed to run in the Republican primary for the position of Midland County district attorney.

Nodolf filed Saturday, a day after current District Attorney Teresa Clingman announced she would not seek another term. Primary elections are set for March 1. The general election will take place in November 2016.

Nodolf has been with the Midland County District Attorney's Office since 2003. The last four years, she has been one of the first assistant district attorneys for the 441st District Court, and since 2009 she has been the court's trial team chief, according to a press release.

She is a graduate of the Texas Tech School of Law and interned with the Lubbock County District Attorney's office before coming to Midland. Nodolf said she has worked around 100 jury trials during her time in Midland.

"As district attorney, it is my duty that the rule of law, the truth and most importantly justice remain at the forefront of criminal prosecution," Nodolf said. "I have worked diligently to see that those principles have been key in the cases I have prosecuted. Further, I know what is necessary to run a District Attorney's Office. I have extensive experience with the office's business practices and policies. I have managed a complex and challenging docket as well as maintaining office management responsibilities."

Nodolf is married and has two children. She has worked with the Texas District and County Attorney's

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Report: Average price of gas dips below $1.90

From staff reports

Average retail gas prices in Midland-Odessa fell nearly 6 cents a gallon Monday continuing a downward trend, according to GasBuddy.com and Texas-GasPrices.com.

Going into Monday, GasBuddy's daily survey showed an average price of $1.94

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Natural Gas	$2.385	▲ $0.024
Gasoline	$1.891	▼ $0.079

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Obituaries

Angel Gomez Levario

Angel Gomez Levario, age 66, of Ft. Worth, Texas, passed away November 13, 2015. Angel was born December 10, 1948, in Odessa, Texas, to Ramon C. and Ignacia (Gomez) Levario. He married Tomasa Bustillos on September 6, 1994, in Ft. Worth. Angel proudly served in the United States Army in the intelligence division during the Vietnam War. After twenty years at Lockheed Martin, he retired and enjoyed traveling. He also was a business owner of "Down Madison Avenue". Angel enjoyed woodworking, jazz music, and most importantly loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Tomasa B. Levario of Ft. Worth, Texas; daughters, Monica Levario and Jazika Levario, both of Richardson, Texas, and Regan Sanchez and husband, Abel of McKinney, Texas; grandchildren, Sierra Chavera, Isaiah Chavera, Amelia Rose Levario, all of Richardson, Texas, Brian Sanchez and Madison Yanez, both of McKinney, Texas; brothers, Alfredo Gomez Levario and wife, Maria, Abel Gomez Levario, Arturo Gomez Levario, and Adam Gomez Levario and wife, Martha, all of Odessa, Texas; and sisters, Audelia Levario Orona, Alicia Gomez Levario, and Aurora Alvarez, all of Odessa.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Armando Gomez Levario.

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George Gordon Staley

George Gordon Staley, 81, of Midland, TX passed away surrounded by his family and loved ones on November 10, 2015 in Lubbock, TX.

George G. Staley was born on September 10, 1934 in Lorado, West Virginia. He was the son of George and Reba Peck Staley of West Virginia. He attended Huntington, WV schools. George served as a Marine in the Korean War where he was part of the first company to march into Monrovia, Liberia and were greeted with a formal reception at the Presidential palace. After the war, he attended Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia, where he received his bachelor's degree in geology. He then obtained a master's degree from the University of Arkansas followed by pursuit of a PhD in geology at the University of Utah. George loved the opportunity for cave exploring and fossil hunting. Educating groups about geology was something he received great pleasure from. His first job was with Texaco in Roswell, New Mexico. In 1966, he moved to Midland where he worked with W.F. (Bill) Roden at HNG. During his time at HNG, he worked on the Discovery well in the Crittenden Field and was present during the Atoka field fire that was the largest well fire of its time. In order to extinguish the fire, the famous Red Adair Co. was called. The painting at the Midland Petroleum Museum portraying the "blowout" showed George's red car near the well.

It was in Midland that he met the love of his life, Sandra Hendrick Staley. The two married on June 29th, 1968. Together they raised four beautiful children.

In 1975 George set out on his own to form Staley Gas Co., Inc. as well as Staley Operating Co. which is still operating today. During this time, George also helped form additional companies such as Titan Resources (1996) and Pure Resources (2001).

George was always a huge advocate of quality education and served two terms on the Midland Independent school board. He also served as President of the Midland Country Club board and as a board of director at the Petroleum Club. His interest in world events and politics, led him to join the Midland Sister City Committee for China. Sandra and George were one of the first members to travel to China with the Midland Symphony to establish relations with the Sister City, Dongying, China. He entertained many Chinese Delegations coming to Midland. George was a member of the West Texas Geology Society and AAPG as well.

George Staley led an active and fulfilling life. He was known for his quick wit and tendency to tell memorable jokes. He was a loyal and honorable man who will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Thomas Staley of Scottsdale, Arizona.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Sandra Hendrick Staley; children, Catherine Staley Hyde and her husband Matt Hyde, Paul Gordon Staley, Mark Ellis Staley and his wife Sarah Faulkner Staley of Midland, Texas; and Jennifer Staley Kostohryz and her husband Dr. David Kostohryz, Jr of Fort Worth, Texas; grandchildren, Sophia and Max Hillgraf, Elizabeth Staley all of Midland, Texas and Avery and Thomas Kostohryz of Fort Worth, Texas; sisters, Ann Pearson of Huntington, West Virginia and Betty Gilkerson of Wilmington, Delaware; cousin, Bill Peck of Ohio; sisters-in-law, Molly Staley of Scottsdale, Arizona and Fritz Reynolds of Newport Beach, California; and many nieces and nephews.

Honorary pallbearers are Paul Staley, Mark Staley, Dr. David Kostohryz, Matt Hyde, Max Hillgraf, F.W. Mills, Ted Fergeson, Tommy Tomerlin, Larry Wagner, Robert McCleskey, Hyle Doss, Vithal Pai and Edwin "Ed" Magruder, Jr.

A memorial service will be held at First Presbyterian Church on November 18, 2015 at 10:00 AM. Memorials can be sent to First Presbyterian Church of Midland and The Salvation Army.

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

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory
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Naomi Myrtle Ingram

Naomi Myrtle Ingram passed from this earthy life on November 14, 2015. She was 95 years old. She was born January 9, 1920 in Vivian, Louisiana to Mary Myrtle Moore Anderson and Newton Rufus Anderson. She was the youngest of five children. She was born at home and was so tiny she was placed in a shoe box near the fire for warmth. She attended Borger High School and was the first in her family to graduate.

In 1946, she married Edward Ingram. Although he was the love her life, the marriage failed and she never remarried. She was a long-time employee of Southwestern Public Service Company, retiring after 32 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings: her brother, Newton Rufus Anderson, Jr., Dub Anderson, and J.D. Anderson, as well as her only sister, Ella May Moore.

She was a woman ahead of her time. She was both a wonderful mother and full time working woman when few women worked outside the home. She was devoted to her family and a Christian in her heart. She was known as Nana to her grandchildren and was famous for her chocolate chip cookie recipe dearly loved by her son-in-law. Her recipe is still being used by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved to travel and visited many places in the continental United States, including but not limited, to San Francisco, Yellowstone National Park, and Washington, D.C.

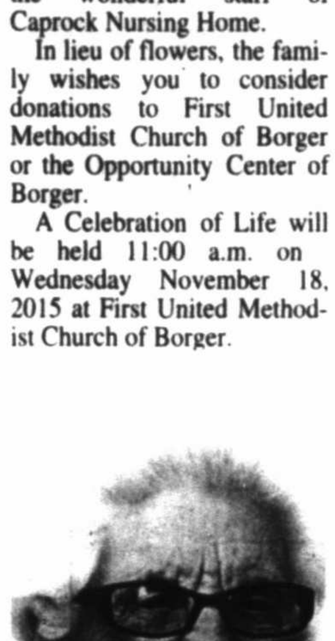
She loved her garden and found great joy in planting and watching seeds grow and bloom. One frequent prayer she was often heard to say was, "Lord, please just give me one more spring." She was a member of First United Methodist Church and devout Christian lady who faithfully read her devotional each morning before breakfast.

She leaves to treasure her memory her devoted son, Wayne Ingram, who was her patient caretaker in her final months; her daughter, Lettie Dutton and her husband Bob of Midland; two granddaughters, Robin Dutton-Cookston and her husband Jeff of San Francisco, California, and Lara Weber and husband Steven of Austin, Texas. She is also survived by five great-grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank Debra Ferrell, Lupe Ramirez, and Rosa Parks of Interim Home Hospice for the support and care they provided for the family in her final days. We also wish to thank the wonderful staff of Caprock Nursing Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes you to consider donations to First United Methodist Church of Borger or the Opportunity Center of Borger.

A Celebration of Life will be held 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday November 18, 2015 at First United Methodist Church of Borger.



Pauline Love

Pauline Baker Love went to be with the Lord Jesus on November 13, 2015 after 102 years of faith, love and family. She was born in Elida, New Mexico on May 26, 1913 to Alonzo Baker and Willie (McDonald) Baker. Pauline was the youngest of their four children. She married Cecil H. Love on August 16, 1936 and resided in Lovington, NM for several years. She worked as a secretary at the Lovington schools many years before moving to Brownwood, Texas. While residing in Brownwood, she was a member and Sunday school teacher at Rocky Creek Baptist Church; a member of the Extension club; sold Tupperware and raised her grandson Shannon Love. She moved to Midland in 1999 and became a member of Alamo Baptist church. She was sustained through her life by her faith in God, her positive attitude and staying active.

She was preceded in death by her husband of sixty five years, Cecil; her son, Lonnie Edward Love and her daughter, Margaret Lea Thompson.

She is survived by two daughters: Frances Schruefer of Tacoma, WA., and Ruth Shields Robinson and husband Dean of Gardendale, TX; her grandchildren: Todd Thompson and wife Cat of Early, TX; Diana Crettol and husband Chris of Federal Way, WA; Letha Garrett and Darren Moore of Brady, TX; Shannon Love and wife Miki of Austin, TX; Theresa Winther and husband Mitch of Woodenville, WA; Lex Lewis and Debbie Dunbar of Ft. Worth, TX; Lea Ann Ervin and husband Joe of Midland, TX; One nephew: Kenneth Baker and wife Louise of Canyon, TX; thirteen great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service to celebrate Pauline's life will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2015 at 12 noon at the West Texas Cowboy Church, located at 12144 East Hwy 158, Gardendale, TX.

Arrangements are under the direction of Kirby-Smith-Rogers Funeral Home of Lovington, NM and condolences may be sent to *www.kirbysmithrogers.com*.

Death Notices

Dora Elizabeth Shaw Garner

Dora Elizabeth Shaw Garner (Honey), 90, of Midland, passed away peacefully on November 14, 2015.

She is survived by eight children: David Garner, Roger Garner, Kathy Guzman, James Garner, Betty Bradley, Joe Paul Garner, Jane Ann Smith, and Charles Garner.

Visitation will be Thursday, November 19, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, November 20, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Margaret Jurhee Fletcher

Margaret Jurhee Fletcher, 87, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, November 14, 2015.

She will be available for viewing at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2015, with the family present from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. that evening.

Graveside services will be held at Fairview Cemetery on Friday, November 20, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

Texas board may end up voting to let academics check school textbooks

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas education officials might vote this week to have outside experts check for factual errors in textbooks used in its public schools, a small but key concession that could soften longstanding ideological fights over how history, science and religion are taught across America's second-largest state.

The proposed tweak to Board of Education rules follows a Houston mother complaining last month that a geography book used by her 15-year-old son referred to slaves as "workers." The publisher, McGraw-Hill Education, subsequently apologized and moved to make immediate modifications.

Texas has more than 5 million students, a market so large that publishers making edits to meet the state's curriculum can affect what's prepared for other states.

But controversies have erupted in recent years when conservative board members backed deemphasizing climate change and the theory of evolution in science textbooks, while seeking to approve history and social studies materials that critics said overstated Moses' importance on America's Founding Fathers.

The board — currently 10 Republicans and five Democrats — begins meeting Wednesday, the same day Republican member Thomas Ratliff said he plans to propose that university academics check board-sanctioned books to avoid future mistakes.

Approved books currently are scrutinized by citizen review panels whose members are nominated by board members.

"The problem is you get some political ideologues, like some of my colleagues like to appoint, instead of people who can think for themselves and not be told what to think," said Ratliff, from Mount Pleasant in East Texas.

If the measure passes Wednesday, final approve would come in a potentially less contentious vote Friday.

Ratliff said his proposal wouldn't alter the content of the books, only seek to prevent factual errors. But that still could be a major change because some board members have long been reticent of having university professors check books whose approval is up to the board.

"I typically always suspect (Ratliff's) motives given his difficult relationship with the conservative membership on the board," said David Bradley, a Republican member from the Gulf Coast city of Beaumont.

Whale treated for stomach issue dies at SeaWorld San Antonio

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — A 2-year-old female beluga whale with apparent stomach trouble has died at SeaWorld San Antonio.

A park statement says the whale named Stella died Friday while being treated for gastrointestinal problems.

No immediate cause of death was released. Necropsy results are pending. Staffers are monitoring the other seven belugas at the park, as a precaution.

A SeaWorld statement says Stella inspired fans to care about her species, plus helped contribute to a greater understanding of beluga behavior in the scientific community.

SeaWorld Entertainment Inc. last week announced it will end orca shows at its San Diego park after visitors made it clear they prefer seeing killer whales act naturally rather than doing tricks.

Orca shows continue at SeaWorld parks in San Antonio and Orlando, Florida, where the company is based.

REGIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW MEXICO

Weather notices blanket virtually all of New Mexico

ALBUQUERQUE — Nearly all of New Mexico is blanketed by warnings and advisories about wintry weather conditions of one sort or another as a storm system moves into the state.

The National Weather Service said New Mexico will see warmer, drier and calmer weather by the end of the week but that there will be snow, high wind and other blustery conditions in the meantime.

Forecasters said the various warnings and advisories are a result of what forecasters call a "stout low-pressure system" moving into northwestern New Mexico.

The weather service's notices include a winter storm warning for much of northern New Mexico. A high-wind advisory covers much of western New Mexico.

NEW MEXICO

ACLU New Mexico unveils mobile app to record authorities

ALBUQUERQUE — The American Civil Liberties Union of New Mexico is launching a mobile app for people to report improper encounters with law enforcement agencies.

The Las Cruces Sun-News reported that the ACLU of New Mexico late last week unveiled the Mobile Justice New Mexico app, which will allow anyone to file reports of misconduct by local police or U.S. Border Patrol agents.

The app has four functions, including recording incidents, alerting nearby users when an incident is being recorded near them and guidance on their rights when documenting law enforcement with their cellphones.

ACLU officials said the app is available for free in both English and Spanish for iPhones and Android phones.

ACLU branches in nine other states and Washington, D.C., also released versions of the app.

STATEBRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

Lower Colorado River Authority to expand monitoring, gauges

The Lower Colorado River Authority plans to expand monitoring of flood-prone rivers by adding $300,000 worth of high-tech gauges.

The LCRA on Monday announced plans for five more gauges downstream from Austin.

It's part of the LCRA's Hydromet system of more than 270 automatic weather and river gauges. The equipment provides forecasters with updates on river stages, rainfall totals, temperature and humidity.

Three new gauges will be installed between Austin and Bastrop. The other two are set for placement between Bastrop and Smithville.

Late-October flooding in Texas claimed seven lives, with victims in the Austin, San Antonio and Houston areas.

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Associated Press

Syrian refugee Nedal Al-Hayk works as a fabricator Monday in Warren, Mich. Several U.S. governors are threatening to halt efforts to allow Syrian refugees into their states in the aftermath of the coordinated attacks in Paris, though an immigration expert says they have no legal authority to do so.

Experts say states lack legal authority to block refugees

By Jeff Karoub and Alicia A. Caldwell
Associated Press

DETROIT — Governors across the U.S. have threatened to stop accepting Syrian refugees following last week's attacks in Paris, even as experts counter they lack legal authority to block the relocations.

Meanwhile, President Barack Obama, whose administration recently pledged to accept about 10,000 Syrian refugees, argued Monday that the United States needs to allow them because many are fleeing terrorism.

Some state leaders disagree with Obama's assertion the country can simultaneously welcome refugees seeking safety and ensure citizens' security. Several have called for a complete halt to resettlement, others for temporary delays and a few seek more information from federal officials on the vetting process.

The Homeland Security Department says refugees face the highest level of security screening of anybody entering the U.S., but officials will work to allay states' concerns.

Here's a look at why some states are balking, what federal officials and refugee experts are saying and how the refugee resettlement process works.

What are the states' primary concerns and what are they calling for?

Governors in many states, mainly Republicans, are responding to heightened concerns terrorists might use the refugees as cover to sneak across borders. Authorities said a Syrian passport was found near one of the attackers in Friday's deadly attacks, and the Paris prosecutors' office says fingerprints from the attacker match those of someone who passed through Greece in October.

The governors of several states are calling for the temporary suspension of accepting new refugees. Gov. Greg Abbott ordered Texas' refugee resettlement program not to accept any more Syrians and in a letter to Obama, the Republican also urged scrapping federal plans to accept more Syrian refugees into the country as a whole. He said the federal government can't perform "proper security checks" on Syrians.

Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey called for an immediate halt and wrote he was "invoking our state's right ... to receive immediate consultation by federal authorities" to address the state's concerns. Iowa GOP Gov. Terry Branstad acknowledged governors might lack authority but added he wants more information about refugee placement and the vetting process.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations, a Muslim civil rights group, called the governors' comments and recommendations "un-American," adding that rejecting refugees projects "our fears to the world."

What do the refugee experts say?

Lavinia Limon, president and CEO of the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigration, said under the Refugee Act of 1980 governors cannot legally block refugees. Each state has a refugee coordinator, a post created as part of that law, she said. Funded by the federal government, the post coordinates resettlement efforts with agencies such as hers and directs federal funds for refugees.

Westy Egmont, director of Boston College's Immigrant Integration Lab, said the law previously withstood state challenges partly because the federal government has worked to equally distribute refugees being resettled. Some states have worked with resettlement agencies to limit new refugee arrivals to those with family ties to the community while families or individuals with no ties to a specific state have been sent to other locations with better prospects for jobs, housing and integration programs.

What exactly has Obama proposed and how does the refugee resettlement program work?

The Obama administration has pledged to accept about 10,000 Syrian refugees in the next 12 months. The State Department said the refugees would be spread nationwide, though many go on to places where they have family or cultural connections, such as Detroit, New York, Chicago or Los Angeles.

According to government statistics, the U.S. has taken about 2,150 Syrians since Oct. 1, 2011 — most in the last year.

Obama said Monday the U.S. needs to continue to accept refugees from Syria because many are fleeing terrorism: "Our nations can welcome refugees who are desperately seeking safety and ensure our own security. We can and must do both."

Refugees are generally invited to move to the United States after being referred to a State Department Resettlement Support Center by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. In some cases they can be referred by a U.S. embassy or nongovernmental agency.

In other cases, potential refugees who are close relatives of people granted asylum in the U.S. or other refugees already in the country can apply directly with the U.S. government. The average wait time for a refugee to be cleared to enter the U.S. is about two years, but often longer for people from Syria and elsewhere.

The Homeland Security Department said refugees being accepted into the United States are subject to the highest level of security screening of anyone coming to the U.S.

How are lawmakers and presidential candidates reacting?

Republican members of Congress called for suspending the Syrian refugee program and threatened to try to stop it. New House Speaker Paul Ryan neither endorsed nor rejected that course.

Many GOP candidates, already skeptical if not hostile to welcoming refugees, came out even stronger. Donald Trump said the U.S. should increase surveillance of mosques, consider closing any tied to radicals and be prepared to suspend some civil liberties.

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Midland ranks third in small business markets

By Brandon Mulder
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In a recent ranking, Midland took the third berth in top economies for small- and medium-size business markets in the nation. Midland shows strong post-recession growth in online commerce, according to a PayPal ranking system, which measures payment volume through the website from 2014 to 2015.

"Small businesses no longer require a physical location to grow," said Katie Ochieano, a merchant of marketing with PayPal, via email. "The increasing popularity of e- and m-commerce (mobile commerce), combined with improved technologies, prove that any business can get online, start selling, and grow, regardless of location."

Bested only by Fargo-Valley City, North Dakota, and Lafayette, Indiana, Midland's high ranking shows how the latest economic downturn has been cushioned by a diversification of non-industrial business sectors, according to the report. Many of these small- and medium-sized businesses have embraced new technologies and e-commerce sales to spark growth outside of the oil and gas industry.

"A robust small and medium business sector can be diversified across industries and supports all business owners, not just those involved in the oil industry," Ochieano said. "This, in turn, helps to cushion the entire economy when certain sectors falter."

By taking advantage of a stable economy nationwide while languishing oil prices continue to impact the local economy, these companies can leverage customers from across the nation and around the globe, Ochieano said.

Other cities that made PayPal's top 10 list include: Traverse City-Cadillac, Michigan; Jackson, Mississippi; Watertown, New York; Beaumont-Port Arthur, Casper-Riverton, Wyoming; Charlottesville, Virginia; and North Platte, Nebraska.

Gas

From 1A

from Midland-Odessa's 156 gas outlets. That represented a 5-cent drop during the last week and an 11-cent drop in the last month.

Monday, a GasBuddy website — TexasGasPrices.com — showed the average dropped to $1.89 a gallon. That's 86 cents lower than a year ago. TexasGasPrices.com reported a low price of $1.66 in Midland on Monday. Only Lubbock showed a lower price ($1.58) among larger West Texas cities.

Nationally, the average price Sunday was $2.16, which is 5 cents lower than last week and 72.1 cents lower than the same time last year.

"Terrorism and other geopolitical events always have the potential to bring havoc to Wall Street but early signs suggest that financial market reactions are subdued," said Gregg Laskoski, GasBuddy's senior petroleum analyst for the Northeast.

"That means Friday's events are not likely to be what drives the direction of crude oil and market fundamentals can be expected to push retail gasoline prices lower in the U.S."

For a complete listing of current averages and other fuel price data, visit http://media.gasbuddy.com

Nodolf

From 1A

Association and as well as the Permian Basin Law enforcement Academy. Local boards and nonprofit experience include the Junior League, March of Dimes and First United Methodist Church.

Devin Phiffer is Nodolf's campaign treasurer.

Will Lundy, a felony prosecutor for the Midland County District Attorney's Office, also has filed for the Republican nomination for the district attorney's position.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Thing to do

Live Trivia, 7 pm., Basin Burger House.

Meetings schedule

City Council
10 a.m.
Council Chambers City H all
300 N. Loraine Ave.

Midland College
4 p.m.
Gibson boardroom, Administration Building
Midland College campus

Club meetings, support groups today

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

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

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

■ National Active & Retired Federal Employees, 6 p.m., Jack E. Brown Dining Hall at Midland College. For information, call 634-7826.

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

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

■ Sons of Confederate Veterans, Dunn-Holt-Mid-kiff Camp No. 1441, 7 p.m., Fairmont Park Church of Christ Activities Annex; Tom Owens, tmowens44@juno.com or 697-6955.

Military support groups, club meetings

■ A confidential peer-to-peer support gathering for combat veterans at Midland College Cogdell Center, 201 Florida Ave.; Steve Cree, 770-7489.

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

■ American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 19, 6:30 p.m., 501 Veterans Airpark Lane; 682-5511.

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

VFW Post 4149 Motorcycle Group 4, 7 p.m., 409 Veterans Airpark Lane, 684-9226.

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)

Community Calendar

■ The George W. Bush Childhood Home monthly reading event is planned for 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday. This month's featured book is "Captain Awesome to the Rescue."

Each child will receive a copy of the book. Refreshments will be served. To make a reservation, call 685-1112.

■ Oilfield Christian Fellowship of the Permian Basin is hosting "Rock the Oilfield Job and Resource Event" 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday at Rock the Desert, 2000 Farm-to-Market Road 1788.

The free event will bring together job seekers and employers. Attendees will receive free Bibles and a free lunch, and prizes will be given away.

Companies seeking to participate in the event can sign up at www.ocf-pb.org.

Lottery

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Pick 3 evening: 2-2-3
Pick 3 night: 4-1-2
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Daily 4 day: 3-2-2-5
Daily 4 evening: 1-2-0-9
Daily 4 night: 0-1-4-3
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Texas Two Step: 3-17-19-20 BB: 4
All or Nothing morning: 01-02-03-04-05-09-10-13-14-19-21-23
All or Nothing day: 02-03-07-10-11-14-15-16-18-20-21-22
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All or Nothing night: 05-06-07-08-14-15-16-17-20-22-23-24
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Today in history

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 17, the 321st day of 2015. There are 44 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1934, Lyndon Baines Johnson married Claudia Alta Taylor, better known as Lady Bird, in San Antonio.

LOCALCRIME

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Man arrested after allegedly threatening woman with knife

A Midland man was arrested Thursday after allegedly threatening a woman with a knife, according to court documents.

Robinson Pinilla-Bolivar, 24, was being held on a $25,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Pinilla-Bolivar

A warrant was issued for Pinilla-Bolivar on Nov. 5 after police interviewed a woman who alleged that Pinilla-Bolivar had threatened her with a knife.

The woman was in a West Wadley Avenue apartment with Pinilla-Bolivar when they began arguing because she refused to "smell his arm pit," and he allegedly hit her in the back of the head. When the woman told Pinilla-Bolivar she was leaving, he grabbed a knife and held it up to her stomach, according to the affidavit.

When Pinilla-Bolivar went to the restroom, the woman ran to the apartment complex office to report the incident. The apartment manager told police that Pinilla-Bolivar came to the office and attempted to drag the woman from the building. He left when he was advised that the police had been called, according to the affidavit.

The woman said that she had known Pinilla-Bolivar for four years and he had hit in her the past, but she had not reported it, according to the affidavit.

If found guilty of a second-degree felony, Pinilla-Bolivar could face up to 20 years in prison.

MPD: Man assaults family member with gardening hoe

A 19-year-old Midland man was arrested on Friday afternoon after engaging in an altercation with a family member using a gardening hoe.

Cordova

Rodger Cordova was being held Monday afternoon on a $20,000 bond for the first-degree felony of aggravated assault of a family member with a weapon.

Midland police were dispatched in reference to a disturbance. Witnesses said that a verbal argument between Cordova and family members had escalated into a physical altercation when one family stepped in to break up the fight, according to his arrest affidavit.

Cordova then went outside and picked up a gardening hoe and allegedly attempted to hit that family member, swinging the hoe side to side. Cordova denied these allegations after several witnesses corroborated his actions, according to the affidavit.

During a search of Cordova, police found a plastic bag containing a small amount of marijuana, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the first-degree felony, Cordova could face up to 99 years in prison.

MPD: Man sexually assaults teen

A Midland man was arrested Friday for allegedly sexually assaulting a 16-year-old girl.

Aranda

Jose Agustin Aranda Jr., 21, was charged with a second-degree felony of sexual assault of a child. He was being held Monday on a $50,000 bond.

The girl had been invited to an after-work party by her manager, who is the roommate of Aranda, according to the arrest affidavit.

The girl consumed a significant amount of alcohol and said that her last memory of that night was "playing beer pong with other party-goers before she 'blacked out,'" according to the affidavit.

The sexual assault was determined to have occurred that night after Aranda admitted to it, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the second-degree felony, Aranda could face up to 20 years in prison.

ELL

From 1A

and explains what an ESL teacher does. If interested, the applicant takes a course and becomes ESL-certified.

Carol Massie, ESL and newcomer instructor at Rusk Elementary, became ESL certified after the district discontinued its Read 180 program, which is designed to help students who are below grade level in reading. She uses four proficiency literacy domains, or English Language Proficiency Standards, to plan lessons for ELL students: listening, speaking, reading and writing.

Massie said she is similar to a general education teacher in that she enjoys seeing the "light" turn on when students connect with the material, but "I also get to see the students gain control of a second language — something I wish I had."

She often has small class sizes, some as few as seven, but spends additional time with her most challenging students: students who just arrived to the U.S.

"Sometimes, I wish I could speak their language just to get them started, but we work through those first weeks and months," Massie said. "As these students move from beginning English proficiency to advanced high, the challenges become rewards."

Carillo-Rowley said she has a small turnover rate for her department because of the nature of the work. ELL teachers are attracted to the challenging nature of different academic needs of their students.

Alamo Junior High ESL teacher Erika Ramirez already had taken several ESL courses in college when she substituted for a junior-high ESL class.

"After my first day with the students, I knew for sure it was where I needed and wanted to be," Ramirez said. "ESL brings such a unique, yet diverse, group of students together. It makes teaching them a new adventure every week. ... I can't imagine teaching anything else."

Students learning English are frequently taught side-by-side with students who have spoken English their entire lives, which research has proven is beneficial for all students, Carillo-Rowley said. An example would be if a teacher pointed to a chalkboard and asked an ELL student to identify it both in Spanish and English.

"I try to teach new concepts with the, 'I do, we do, you do,' approach," Ramirez said. "This allows students to see examples, work through challenging concepts together then take the time to try it on their own with a little more confidence, (as) opposed to if I gave a quick explanation on how to do something then expected them to do it all on their own."

Midland High School ESL instructor Victor Hermosillo experienced ESL education firsthand while growing up in Odessa. After dropping out of school to work in construction, his brother's reminder that he came to the U.S. in his late teens "to do something with (his) life" spurred him to action.

"This is my dream, being able to help these kids," said Hermosillo, now in his 12th year of teaching. "Everything is possible when you have a desire to pursue your career. You just have to stay, and you will accomplish."

Now, he uses his experience to remind ESL students, whether they've been in the U.S. for two years or 10 years, to stay despite the challenges.

"I love teaching them because they are very well-behaved and they work really hard to learn the language," Hermosillo said. "I can see myself in them."

Bilingual

State law prohibits bilingual education past the fifth grade and no State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR) tests are administered in Spanish beyond that level. MISD has about 130 personnel districtwide who are certified to teach bilingual; 90 currently do teach.

Carillo-Rowley said that bilingual teachers are plentiful in Texas, especially in border towns where she often recruits; the key is attracting them to Midland. About 15 percent of Texas public-school students were enrolled in some kind of ELL program in 2012-13, according to the National Center of Education Statistics.

"One of the things I noticed with the bilingual students is they want to please the teacher," said Elizabeth Lozano, who has been a first-grade bilingual teacher at Lamar Elementary School for almost six years. "A lot of them, their parents are supporting 100 percent. There is a lot of communication and good relationships with the parents."

Lozano said that some of the other strategies she uses to teach her first-grade students is hand motions, slow speech, repetition and singing. One resource for bilingual teachers is REACH, which has a lot of songs with content-language (meaning terms from different subjects such as science or social studies).

Long Elementary fifth-grade bilingual teacher Julian Carcamo Jimenez, also approaching his sixth-year mark at MISD, listed summer school and the community helping young readers in the library as extra resources. But being able to switch between Spanish and English at the drop of a hat — a requirement for bilingual teachers — is essential.

"To see the spark of knowledge ignite is the greatest thing I have ever seen as a teacher," Jimenez said.

Ramirez, Hermosillo, Jimenez and Lozano said that the more challenging workload meant one thing: a more meaningful reward, with responses ranging from students who graduate and name their ESL teacher as the reason they become a teacher themselves or the progress that one year can make in a student's reading ability.

"I have letters that say, 'I love you teacher,'" Lozano said. "Even when a kid struggles, after a few minutes, there's something we got to do that is going to make that kid move up. And it could have taken me the whole first semester, but we made it work, so it's different — it's a little more rewarding when it's a lot more struggle and then you get to where you want."

Follow Cassie on Twitter at @Cassie_Burton51

NATIONBRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW JERSEY

Mall frees up Santa's lap: No more $35 to $50 fee

CHERRY HILL — Santa Claus is free again.

A New Jersey mall on Monday eliminated a requirement that parents pay $35 to $50 for a photo or video package for their kids to get into a Santa exhibit.

The decision to charge for an attraction that had been free last year sparked anger from many parents, some who said the fee inherently pushed away low-income families and ran counter to the spirit of the holiday.

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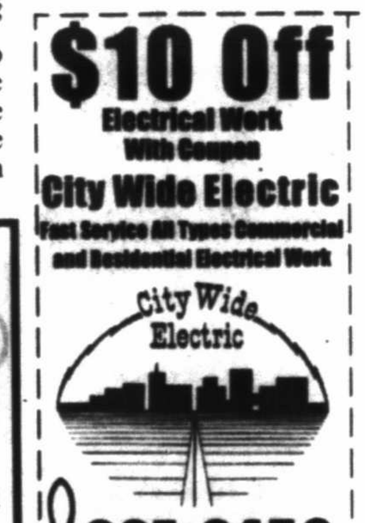

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Re-Bath safety features can help seniors age in place

While surveys show that the bath is the most dangerous room in the house for seniors, Re-Bath of West Texas can help you make it *much safer.*

The National Institute on Aging reports that, every year, one-third of seniors suffer a fall, and 80 percent of those falls happen in the bath. This makes sense, really. The bath has slick surfaces that are often wet, it requires stepping over a tall ledge to get into and out of a wet, slick bathtub, and it's a room everyone visits several times a day.

Falls send many seniors to nursing homes or other senior care facilities each year—removing them from the place they called home, possibly for decades. Losing those memories can be as devastating as the physical pain.

A Re-Bath remodel can greatly improve bath safety. The most basic improvement is to remove the old bathtub with either a shower, with grab bars, or a walk-in bathtub. Which one you choose may depend on your loved one's comfort level and steadiness on their feet. Before deciding on how to proceed, you'll want to have a frank discussion with your loved one, sharing ideas about safety and comfort, in order to maximize both.

A shower is easy to step into and out of, and can be fitted with a number of other safety features. Grab bars allow for steadying as your senior steps in and out; a nonslick floor or a mat, can lessen the danger of slipping; a seat and handheld shower nozzle allows for a full shower without standing the whole time.

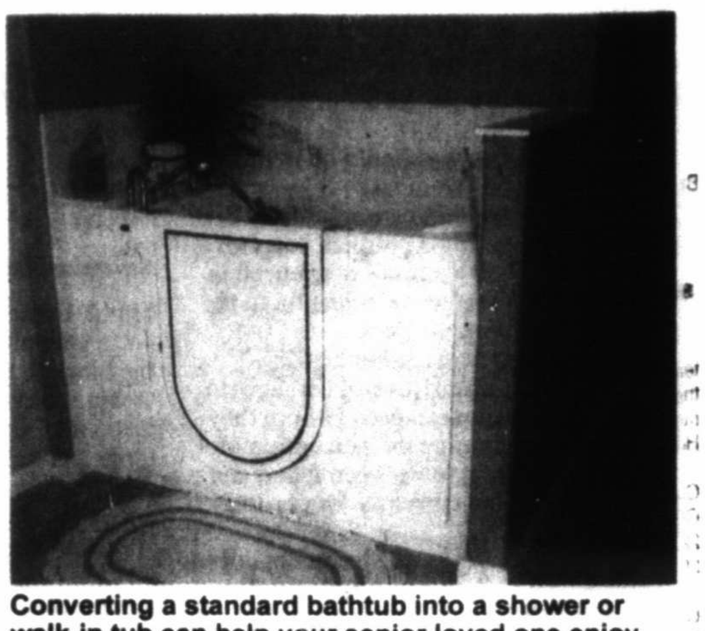
This is great for a senior who's still basically mobile but who loses their balance from time to time. Actually, many of these features are great for anyone of any age—bath falls are not confined to seniors!

For those who need more help, or who require whirlpool therapy, there's the walk-in bathtub. Designed to fit right into the space made for an average tub, a walk-in tub features a door with a watertight seal that allows the bather to sit safely and comfortably the entire time. A hand-held nozzle allows for complete bathing and hair-washing. There are also grab bars and other safety features. With the available jetted system, water massage helps soothe away pain and stiffness, a feature that further helps seniors age in place.

The Re-Bath experts can help you with all the bath updates you'd like—new fixtures, sinks, tile floors and everything. Re-Bath's trained and experienced employees do all the work themselves—nothing is farmed out to contractors. All work is fully warranted. All surfaces are easily cleaned with standard household cleaners.

Help your loved one age in place comfortably—call Re-Bath of West Texas today for a free estimate.

Re-Bath of West Texas is owned and operated by George and Mary Wiebe. Call them at 432-848-4300 or go by their showroom at 6121 SH 191on the Midland side of Odessa. Their website is www.rebathofwesttexas.com



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Luxury vinyl tile pairs classic wood and stone looks with soft comfort

What makes a home the place you most look forward to coming to? Comfortable as a favorite pair of jeans yet ready for anything including a dinner gathering with friends, a lively birthday party or a quiet evening with a book and a cup of coffee. Southwest Floors says there are three main things that your flooring should have in order to do its part.

First, it should look warm, comfortable and inviting. If you're like many of today's homeowners, you're drawn to the classic looks of hardwoods and natural stone, with their earth tones and interesting color and pattern variations.

Second, it should be resistant to both wear and stains. Here's where both wood and stone need some help. Because they are both naturally porous, they tend to absorb stains and to show wear after a while. Most of us would rather walk and play on the floor than clean it.

Third, it should be easy on the feet, another challenge for natural products, especially stone.

So what's the alternative? Southwest Floors' Travis Kendrick says two of the top flooring makers, Armstrong and Shaw, have joined warm, natural looks with comfort in a floor known as luxury vinyl tile—which is getting a warm welcome in this area.

For Shaw it's Floorte and for Armstrong it's Luxe Plank, but they both share some amazingly home-friendly characteristics.

There is a warm, natural look for every room, from classic stone for formal dining or kitchen to the comfortable wood tones for bedrooms or informal living areas. You can easily coordinate these tones with your furniture and paint to create the most inviting living space imaginable.

One reason you can relax here is that spills are only temporary guests, not permanent reminders of the wine with dinner or the Kool-Aid birthday. The thick vinyl coating repels stains, moisture and dirt of almost any sort. Tests have shown that luxury vinyl tile is resistant to moisture for long periods of time, so if you don't find that melting ice until morning, just wipe it up and smile.

Perhaps the most comfortable feature of this flooring is its foot comfort. Its thickness softens footsteps as it also forgives slight unevenness in the subfloor. You can stand on luxury vinyl tile for a long time while cooking, cleaning or dancing, and your feet will thank you all along the way.

As advanced as this all sounds, it's not the flooring of the future—it's here *now at Southwest Floors. Go by* today and let Travis help you get comfortable with the idea of putting this in your home.

Southwest Floors was opened by Robert Burton in 1990. They carry a wide selection of carpet, tile, wood and vinyl tile flooring. The address is 1113 Andrews Highway, next to McDonald's. The phone number is 689-9312. Store hours are 9-5:30 Monday through Friday and 10-1 Saturday. They accept Visa, Master Card, American Express and Discover.

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Feeding the Islamic State narrative isn't helping

■ America needs to lead an alliance of Sunni powers and NATO countries to crush the Islamic State

MICHAEL GERSON
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As careful as we should be in drawing lessons from tragedy — and there is something particularly disgraceful in mounting a political soapbox at a funeral — the horrors experienced in Paris demand a renewed dedication to the prevention of future horrors.

Islamic State terrorists have goals beyond a blood-drunk love of carnage: to discredit the Syrian refugees (whom they hate) and to encourage the perception of a civilizational struggle between Islam and the West. They are currently succeeding in both.

Among other things, the terrorists hope to reverse the narrative of Muslim defeat in Europe that began in 732 or 1571 or 1683. Americans and Europeans should be offering a different narrative — a contest of shared values (including the values of most Muslims in the world) against a political death cult.

What are the elements of the Islamic State's strategy? Sunni terrorists have fought in local civil wars across the Middle East — exploiting the tribal politics of the Afghanistan-Pakistan border, and Sunni resentments against a petty Shiite despot in Iraq, and a civil war against a brutal, Iranian-sponsored despot in Syria — to gain a territorial foothold and raise the black flag of global jihad. They are stoking religious conflict between Muslims and Christians in order to attract recruits, including from Western countries. And one way to encourage the appearance of civilizational conflict is through spectacular acts of murder that somehow (horribly) appeal to a Sunni Arab sense of historical disempowerment.

This raises a serious, medium-term prospect for the terrorists: to gain in morale, territory and recruits until they have the nonconventional capabilities to sabotage the great Western advantage and vulnerability — the global economy. Consider the effect that a radiological or biological weapon might have on London or New York — and on our world order of trade, investment, banking and travel. All of it is built on a fragile foundation of confidence.

With the rise of the Islamic State in the ruins of Syria and western Iraq — wealthier and more capable than any terrorist group in history — the U.S. has a fateful decision to make in the Middle East. Destroying the Islamic State is necessary. But does America fight in effective cooperation with Shiite radicalism (Iran) and Russia? Or does America build and lead a more effective coalition of Sunni powers and European countries that are up for the fight, while countering Iranian influence?

A rapprochement with Shiite radicalism to defeat Sunni radicalism (which was America's approach during last year during the Iraq emergency) would be a terrible mistake. It would effectively ratify American irrelevance in the Middle East -- giving legitimacy to the Iranian bid for regional dominance.

Adopting a "let them fight it out" approach is to encourage a regional Sunni/Shiite civil war in the Middle East, with Iran funding militias and supporting proxies (while we tacitly approve) and Sunni powers (secretly or not so secretly) funding Sunni militias and proxies of their own. This battleground is good for Shiite radicalism *and* for Sunni radicalism. It strengthens both through perpetual, sectarian jihad. And it could eventually produce people and movements that strike America and Europe in ever more ambitious ways.

This is the hard fact. Americans don't want this role, but it needs to lead an alliance of Sunni powers (the Gulf States, Turkey, Jordan, Egypt) and NATO countries to crush the Islamic State. The current strategy of train, equip and bomb is not containing the threat. And we can't rely on Iran and Russia to do the job without inviting new problems.

And all our efforts are undermined by declaring Islam itself to be the enemy, and by treating Muslims in America, or Muslims in Europe, or Muslims fleeing Islamic State oppression, as a class of suspicious potential jihadists. Instead of blaming refugees, we need to make sure our counterterrorism and intelligence policies give us a chance to screen and stop any threat (which means keeping the post-9/11 structures of surveillance in place). But if American politicians define Islam as the problem and cast aspersions on Muslim populations in the West, they are feeding the Islamic State narrative. They are materially undermining the war against terrorism and complicating America's (already complicated) task in the Middle East. Rejecting a blanket condemnation of Islam is not a matter of political correctness. It is the requirement of an effective war against terrorism, which currently means an effective war against the terrorist kingdom in Syria and western Iraq.

As of now, that war is not being won.

OUR VIEW

Agreements involving incentives are part of the process

On Thursday, we learned American Airlines will add a direct flight to and from Phoenix.

On Monday, the Reporter-Telegram reported the cost of adding that flight.

Like much "progress" having to do with government, it doesn't just happen. There is a cost.

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A new boutique hotel in the heart of downtown. More assistance (a bargain compared to the apartments to the east, but still there is a cost).

We can go on. Diversify the economy and place our community right in the thick of the space industry? Incentives and investment were required: $22 million and counting.

Sometimes there is no diversification involved. Earlier this month, a $2 million forgivable loan and tax abatements were provided to an out-of-town company to establish a service center for the storage, inspection and preparation of the running of steel tubular goods for the energy sector.

There is a cost to progress. We have seen airlines taking advantage of our community's generosity before. A $100,000 investment was paid out in 2009 to United Express for a direct flight to Denver. On Monday, the Reporter-Telegram provided a report showing that flight to Phoenix would follow what is apparently a trend in the airline business. The city of Midland — once the council approves the deal today (and according to a city report that approval is basically in the bag) — will waive landing fees to American Airlines and offer $100,000 in a marketing incentive. Such a deal has become standard, we have learned. Progress requires such.

We address this not because we endorse or oppose this investment in progress. It's a fact of life. In our view, it would require a leadership — that frankly doesn't exist — not to "level the playing field" or "improve a quality of place." A conservative politician these days doesn't attempt to stop pay-outs, incentives, forgivable loans, tax abatements or waived fees but limit the amount of community investment.

We don't expect people to be happy with the amount of money being offered to make things happen in our community. The reality is, it will continue. Playing the game, unfortunately, requires it.

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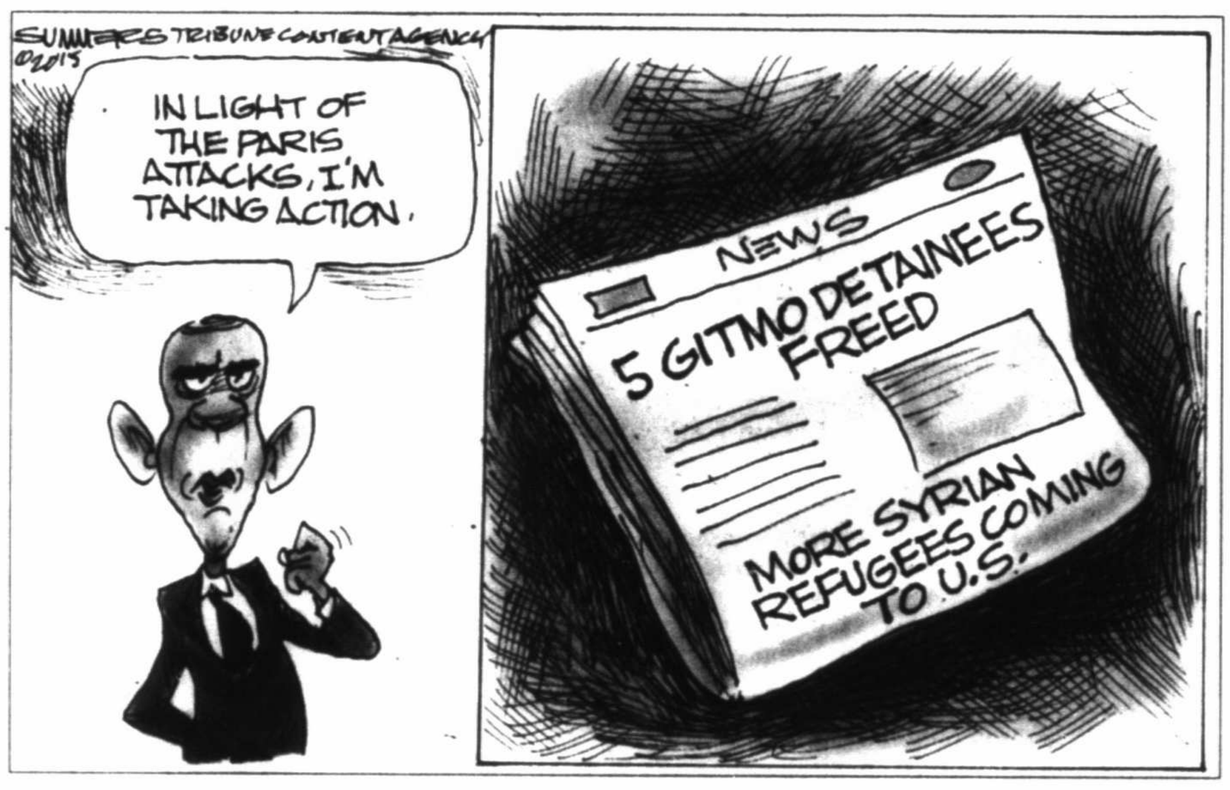

Empty symbolism follows attacks

■ We need plans to stop the terrorism, not hashtags

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

The instant online symbol of global support for Paris after last week's attacks was a roughly rendered peace symbol with an Eiffel Tower in the middle of it. The French designer Jean Jullien sketched it as soon as he heard the news of the atrocity. He called it "Peace for Paris," and it immediately became a sensation on social media.

Its success is a sign of the times. We have become experts at treacly online mourning. We take grotesque atrocities and launder them into trite symbols and slogans that are usually self-congratulatory and, of course, wholly ineffectual. The 19th-century author William Dean Howells once said, "Yes, what the American public wants is a tragedy with a happy ending." On social media, the happy ending is the widely shared and tweeted image or hashtag.

After the slaughter at the offices of the satirical French magazine Charlie Hebdo earlier this year, it was "Je suis Charlie," or "I am Charlie." It was a well-intentioned expression of solidarity, so long as you overlooked the absurd presumption of it.

You are Charlie? Oh, OK. Then draw a sketch of Muhammad and post it online. Better yet, do it over and over again, until you get constant threats and your office is firebombed, just as a warmup. No, you aren't Charlie (for that matter, Charlie isn't even Charlie anymore — it's given up on mocking Islam for understandable safety reasons).

Last year, when the Nigerian terrorist group Boko Haram kidnapped 200 schoolgirls, Twitter exploded with the hashtag #BringBackOurGirls. First lady Michelle Obama held up a sign with the phrase on it. If Boko Haram was shamed by its Twitter feed, it showed no signs of it. The only girls who were brought back escaped on their own (the Nigerian military has rescued other girls, armed with weapons considerably more powerful than a hashtag).

The "Peace for Paris" image is simple and emotive, if inapt. The peace symbol sprang out of the nuclear-disarmament movement in the 1950s and gained wider currency in the protests against the Vietnam War. It still carries a strong whiff of its original purpose of hectoring the West for its alleged militarism and, as such, is off-key as a reaction to a barbarous assault on helpless civilians in a peaceful city.

Paris doesn't need to give peace a chance. It doesn't need to make love, not war. It doesn't need to be more understanding or more hopeful. It needs to be better protected by all those unsentimental means that have been neglected in recent years, or overwhelmed by the growing threat of ISIS.

Paris — and more broadly France and the West — needs more surveillance of suspected terrorists and police raids; a more restrictive immigration policy that doesn't create large, unassimilated Muslim populations, or welcome terrorists as refugees; and a serious, multilayered campaign to destroy ISIS and deny it the safe havens from which it recruits and trains, and plots against the West.

If someone can come up with a catchy symbol for that, I'll embrace it (although "La Marseillaise" isn't so bad: "To arms citizens/Form your battalions/March, march"). Meanwhile, spare me the #PrayforParis hashtag. Forgive me if I'm unmoved by lighting up world landmarks in red, white and blue, or your putting a tricolor filter on your Facebook profile picture. And please don't tell me, in the words of the designer Jean Jullien, that "in all this horror there's something positive that people are coming together in a sense of unity and peace."

Nothing positive comes from innocents getting shot down in cold blood for the offense of going to a concert on a Friday night. If there aren't going to be more — and worse — attacks in our cities, the path ahead won't be one of unity and peace. It will be the hard, thankless work of protecting civilization from its enemies.

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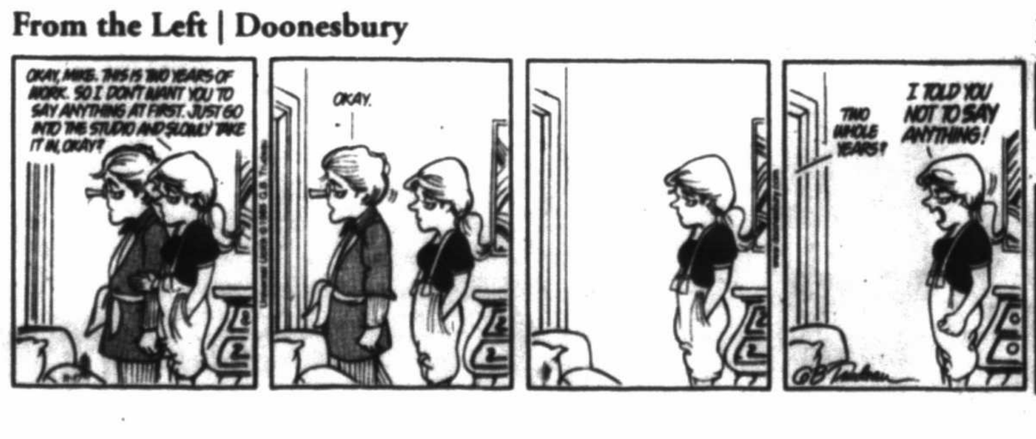

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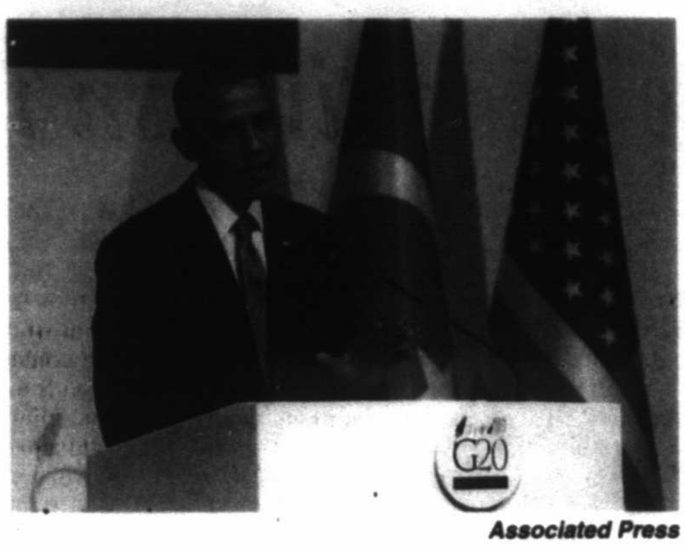
Despite Paris, Obama rejects calls for a shift in ISIS fight

By Julie Pace
Associated Press



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President Barack Obama talks during a news conference at the end of the G-20 summit in Antalya, Turkey, on Monday.

ANTALYA, Turkey — President Barack Obama on Monday firmly rejected calls for a shift in U.S. strategy against the Islamic State following the Paris attacks, saying Republicans who want to send ground troops into the volatile region are "talking as if they're tough" but fail to understand the potentially grave consequences.

"Folks want to pop off and have opinions about what they think they would do," Obama said in a news conference wrapping up a two-day summit of world leaders in Turkey. "If they think that somehow their advisers are better than the chairman of my Joint Chiefs of Staff and the folks who are actually on the ground, I want to meet them. And we can have that debate."

In a stinging rebuke, the president condemned Republicans who have suggested U.S. assistance to refugees fleeing the Middle East should focus on Christians, not Muslims. GOP presidential candidates Jeb Bush and Ted Cruz have made such suggestions, while some Republican governors want to ban all Syrian refugees from their states.

Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus called Obama's statements "excuse-laden and defensive."

Even before the Paris attacks, Obama was under pressure from allies and his own administration to show progress in the campaign against the Islamic State. The assault in the heart of Western Europe was part of a troubling pattern showing the group focusing new attention on targets outside its base in Iraq and Syria.

Obama conceded that the attacks in France marked a "terrible and sickening setback" in the anti-Islamic State campaign. But he insisted his strategy of building an international coalition to launch airstrikes, while training and equipping more moderate forces on the ground, is the best approach.

"The strategy that we are putting forward is the strategy that ultimately is going to work," Obama said. "It's going to take time."

The president has deployed more than 3,000 U.S. troops to Iraq to assist local security forces, and he recently announced plans to send 50 special operations forces to Syria. But he's vowed to avoid the kind of large-scale ground combat that U.S. troops engaged in for years in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Obama appeared emotional as he spoke of the consequences of war, referencing the injured troops he visits at Walter Reed, a military hospital near the White House.

"Some of those are people I've ordered into battle," he said.

He said the U.S. would have to be prepared for a permanent occupation in Syria or Iraq if he sent in ground forces.

"What happens when there's a terrorist attack generated from Yemen?" Obama asked. "Do we then send more troops into there? Or Libya, perhaps? Or if there's a terrorist network that's operating anywhere else — in North Africa, or in Southeast Asia?"

The potency of the Islamic State, along with the civil war in Syria that gave the group space to rise, dominated Obama's two days of talks in Turkey, where leaders from the Group of 20 rich and developing nations gathered at a seaside resort. From Turkey, Obama headed to Asia for regional summits in the Philippines and Malaysia.

The president said he was eager to see other nations step up the fight against the Islamic State. While the White House frequently heralds the more than 60 countries that are part of the coalition fighting the extremists, the U.S. has carried out the bulk of the airstrikes.

France has ramped up its involvement following the attacks on Friday that killed at least 129 people and injured hundreds. In its heaviest strikes yet, the French military bombarded Raqqa, the Islamic State's stronghold in Syria, in hopes of killing Islamic State organizers and trainees.

Obama announced a new effort to share intelligence with France following the attacks, including helping the French military identify targets for the airstrikes.

The Islamic State's increasing focus on wider targets has raised questions about whether Obama underestimated the group. He once referred to the extremists as a "JV team" and said shortly before the Paris attack that their capacity in Iraq and Syria had been contained.

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WASHINGTON

US to increase intel sharing with France

The Obama administration announced Monday a new intelligence-sharing arrangement with France designed to more readily and quickly allow joint military planning in the campaign against the Islamic State.

After President Barack Obama announced the arrangement to reporters in Turkey, the Pentagon issued a statement saying that Defense Secretary Ash Carter and Director of National Intelligence James Clapper have authorized military personnel to share information quickly with their French counterparts.

Pentagon spokesman Peter Cook said the action was taken in light of the terror attacks in Paris. French warplanes bombed Islamic State targets in Syria Sunday in close cooperation with the U.S. military.

Cook did not provide details about the kinds of intelligence that would be shared but said the new instructions build on efforts made over the past year to work more closely with French military, intelligence and security services to target the Islamic State.

Current and former American intelligence officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter publicly, said Washington already maintains extremely close counter terrorism cooperation with Paris. The new sharing mainly involves military intelligence in Syria and Iraq, they said. Bureaucratic hurdles slow the exchange of such information, even among allies.

The new arrangement would allow the U.S. to share intelligence with France that previously has been limited to what's known as the "Five Eyes" of English-speaking countries — the U.S., Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

France is not a member of the Five Eyes and will not become one, officials say. Those countries maintain near-universal sharing of electronic eavesdropping and other intelligence, and tend not to spy on one another.

NEW YORK

Here we go again: Paris attacks may renew encryption debate

The deadly attacks in Paris may soon reopen the debate over whether — and how — tech companies should let governments bypass the data scrambling that shields everyday commerce and daily digital life.

So far, there's no hard evidence that the Paris extremists relied on encrypted communications — essentially, encoded digital messages that can't be read without the proper digital "keys" — to plan the shooting and bombing attacks that left 129 dead on Friday. But it wouldn't be much of a surprise if they did.

So-called end-to-end encryption technology is now widely used in many standard message systems, including Apple's iMessage and Facebook's WhatsApp. Similar technology also shields the contents of smartphones running the latest versions of Apple and Google operating software. Strong encryption is used to protect everything from corporate secrets to the credit-card numbers of online shoppers to intimate photos and secrets shared by lovers.

That widespread use of encryption, which was previously restricted to more powerful desktop or server computers, is exactly what worries members of the intelligence and law enforcement communities. Some are now using the occasion of the Paris attacks to once again argue for restrictions on the technology, saying it hampers their ability to track and disrupt plots like the Paris attacks.

"I now think we're going to have another public debate about encryption, and whether government should have the keys, and I think the result may be different this time as a result of what's happened in Paris," former CIA deputy director Michael Morell said Monday on CBS This Morning.

The last such debate followed 2013 disclosures of government surveillance by former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden. Since then, tech companies seeking to reassure their users and protect their profits have adopted more sophisticated encryption techniques despite government opposition. Documents leaked by Snowden also shed light on NSA efforts to break encryption technologies.

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To enter the contest, drop off your entries at Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, Texas.

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IS could ultimately force West to consider invasion

By Dan Perry
Associated Press

CAIRO — This is the fundamental contradiction after Paris: Few in the West want to send ground troops to Syria and Iraq to battle the Islamic State group, but it may be even harder to find anyone who thinks airstrikes alone will defeat the radical extremists.

So far, policy makers and experts tend to focus on incremental steps, and indeed the initial French response was more airstrikes. President Barack Obama on Monday insisted that the current strategy "is ultimately going to work," and rejected any suggestion that American soldiers should be deployed.

But if IS carries through with its threats of further attacks on the West, such an approach may soon be unsustainable, as public pressure would demand action more effective than the combination of airstrikes and ground advances by a mix of local allies.

An international ground operation could become conceivable, and would not necessarily rely on Americans — a constellation of nations, including Egypt, Iran, the Gulf, Europe and Russia, has become increasingly enraged at the jihadis.

That prospect doesn't faze the extremists. In official statements and online chatter, they even taunt the West to launch another doomed crusade in the Middle East.

The narrative of a "holy war" against the infidels is strong in radical Islamic circles. While losing their territorial "caliphate" in Syria and Iraq would be a setback in the short term, a costly and bloody outside intervention also fuels the group's apocalyptic appeal and could serve to convert yet more Muslims to their cause.

And though the speedy liberation of the town of Sinjar in recent days suggests IS forces are far from invincible, a ground war against them would not be easy.

An invasion of Syria's Raqqa and Iraq's Mosul — IS's main urban strongholds in Syria and Iraq, respectively — risks incurring huge losses both among ground troops and civilians in block-by-block, door-to-door, close-quarters combat like that seen in grueling earlier U.S. battles for Ramadi and Fallujah. The militants are known to set up booby traps and IEDs for their enemies and are likely to use civilians as human shields. Fighting would likely involve combat along vast desert highways — areas even the Iraqi and Syrian governments struggle to control — as well as farmland and towns that give the insurgents plenty of opportunity to hide and ambush the invading troops.

It is not unthinkable that truly crushing IS would take longer than the nearly nine-year effort to pacify Iraq after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion.

So would an invasion amount to repeating history? There are some differences.

When the United States pulled together a coalition against Iraq in 2003, world support was wobbly. Now, there is genuine global revulsion at the actions of Islamic State, a greater likelihood than before for a genuinely international coalition with full regional support.

Even before the recent global terrorism, there were mass killings of opposing Sunni tribal fighters, the enslaving and massacring of minorities like the Yazidis in Iraq, summary killings of gay men and captured enemies and random hostages, videotaped beheadings of Western aid workers and journalists, and the cruel subjugation of all who fall into their grasp. That revulsion is unreservedly shared by Russia, which does not often find itself in agreement with the West of late, and essentially all of the governments in the region — including, in a rarity, that of non-Arab Iran.

Some Arab states may themselves still be reluctant to commit ground troops while they focus on priorities like the war in Yemen and placating Sinai.

Arab participation in an actual invasion might minimize the jihadis' ability to present it as an outsiders' crusade. Yet problems would remain. Many Arab governments can be portrayed by the jihadis as "infidels." And any presence of Iranians — non-Arab and non-Sunni — might hinder as much as help.

Another possibility is an invoking of NATO's Article 5 — invoked only once, in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks — stating that an attack on one member is an attack on all. There is a challenge in directing this against a non-state actor, but NATO's members have made clear the commitment extends to cases of international terrorism.

It is widely thought that NATO would continue to take a hands-off role in the campaign against IS but that the U.S. and other allies would be ready to share intel, killer drones and other assets. "A number of allies are already working with France on their ongoing operations and investigations in the wake of the attacks," NATO said Monday.

Other measures might be taken against the Islamic State:

- Russia or another country — perhaps France itself, if pushed hard enough — may be more willing to step up the bombing campaign in urban areas like Raqqa, despite the risk to civilians.
- Turkey may come under more pressure to seal its border with Syria. The Turks insist it is too hard to stop the supply lines and trade routes that enrich and sustain IS across the porous frontier. But most observers believe Turkey is looking the other way because IS is also fighting the Kurds, whom Ankara views with suspicion.

Associated Press

Italian Police and Carabinieri officers patrol in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on Sunday. Italy's top security official said Italy has heightened security inside the country and along its borders, especially with France, following the attacks in Paris. While few in the war-weary West want to send ground troops to the areas controlled by Islamic State, it may actually be even harder to find anyone arguing that the aerial bombardment strategy will soon succeed in defeating the radical jihadi group.

France IDs top Paris attacks figure, seeks unity to bomb IS

By Greg Keller and Raf Casert
Associated Press

PARIS — France identified a 27-year-old Belgian who once boasted about killing "infidels" and fought for the Islamic State group in Syria as the mastermind of the Paris attacks, and President François Hollande vowed Monday to forge a united coalition capable of defeating the jihadists at home and abroad.

Addressing lawmakers after France observed a minute of silence honoring the 129 people killed and 350 wounded, Hollande said the victims came from at least 19 nations, and the international community, led by the United States and Russia, must overcome their deep-seated divisions over Syria to destroy Islamic State on its home turf.

"Friday's acts of war were decided and planned in Syria. They were organized in Belgium and perpetrated on our soil with French complicity with one specific goal: to sow fear and to divide us," Hollande told Parliament in a rare joint session convened at the Palace of Versailles.

"Syria has become the biggest factory of terrorism the world has ever known and the international community is still too divided and too incoherent."

As he spoke, thousands gathered around candlelit memorials at the Place de la Republique square and beneath the Eiffel Tower, which like many top attractions in one of the world's most-visited cities reopened for business Monday in a defiant spirit. The tower was bathed in red, white and blue floodlights of the French tricolor, with the city's centuries-old slogan — "Tossed but not sunk," suggesting an unsinkable city braving stormy seas — projected in white lights near its base.

French and other Western intelligence agencies face an urgent challenge to track down the surviving members of the three Islamic State units who inflicted the unprecedented bloodshed in France and, perhaps more importantly, to target their distant commanders in IS-controlled parts of Syria.

A French security official said anti-terror intelligence officials had identified Abdelhamid Abaaoud, a Belgian of Moroccan descent, as chief architect of the Friday the 13th attacks on a rock concert, a soccer game and popular nightspots in one of Paris' trendiest districts.

The official cited chatter from IS figures that Abaaoud had recommended a concert as an ideal target for inflicting maximum casualties, as well as electronic communications between Abaaoud and one of the Paris attackers who blew himself up.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the sensitive investigation.

Abaaoud came to public attention last year by boasting in an IS propaganda video about his pride in piling the dead bodies of "infidel" enemies into a trailer. Anti-terror agencies previously linked him to a series of abortive shooting plots this year in Belgium and France, including a planned attack on a passenger train that was thwarted by American passengers who overpowered the lone gunman.

French police have used emergency powers to conduct 168 searches since Sunday night that netted 127 arrests and 31 weapons.

French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said police seized a Kalashnikov assault rifle, three automatic pistols and a bulletproof vest from a suspected arms dealer with jihadist sympathies, and a rocket launcher and other military-grade gear from his parents' home.

But police have yet to announce the capture of anyone suspected of direct involvement in Friday's slaughter. Seven attackers died — six after detonating suicide belts and a seventh from police gunfire — but Iraqi intelligence officials told The Associated Press that its sources indicated 19 participated in the attack and five others provided hands-on logistical support.

French police accidentally permitted the suspected driver of one group of gunmen, 26-year-old Salah Abdeslam, to avoid arrest at the border Saturday and cross to his native Belgium. On Monday, Belgian police in balaclavas, gas masks and body armor raided Abdeslam's suspected hideout in the Molenbeek district of Brussels but came out empty-handed.

Abdeslam's brother, Brahim, was among the suicide bombers and killed one civilian after blowing himself up outside a restaurant. Police in Molenbeek arrested another brother, Mohamed, but freed him Monday without charge.

After he left police custody, Mohamed Abdeslam told reporters that his family couldn't believe that both of his brothers were jihadists. He said all three siblings grew up in Belgium and seemingly were content with life in the West.

"I have not been involved in any way with what happened on Friday the 13th in Paris. We are an open-minded family. We never had any problem with justice," he said.

He said he didn't know where his brother Salah was or whether he would surrender to police, and expressed familial loyalty to him despite his shock over the mass killings. "You have to understand that we have a family, we have a mom, and he remains her child," he said.

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Classroom Pioneers

CELEBRATING INNOVATIVE EDUCATIONAL LEADERS

PHOTO BY TIM FISCHER

Kelcee Baker

FIFTH-GRADE READING TEACHER AT GREATHOUSE ELEMENTARY

Reading and language arts teacher Kelcee Baker wants each of her fifth-grade students to become obSEUSSed about reading!

Baker has transformed her Greathouse Elementary classroom into a Dr. Seuss-inspired wonderland and has challenged each of her students to read 40 books this school year.

Willing to do whatever it takes to keep lessons engaging for her students, Baker is known to stand on her desk, frequently move throughout the classroom and to create lessons based on each student's skills and talents.

After attending professional development training at the Ron Clark Academy, an Atlanta-based middle school known for transformative teaching methods and techniques to ensure student achievement, Baker launched a DonorsChoose.org fundraiser to bring an Academy educator to Midland.

Both students and faculty members were able to learn from RCA's Adam Dovico during his March 2014 visit to Midland.

Baker holds a bachelor's degree in kinesiology and sports science and a master's in reading from Sul Ross State University.

Baker and her husband, Blanton, have lived in Midland for four years and are the parents of Maddix Kate Baker.

Q&A with the Pioneer

How, and why, do you make a difference in Midland's educational landscape?

I bring passion and energy to my classroom every day. I teach in a non-traditional way by either standing on my desk or wearing roller blades.

Why did you choose a career in education?

Education was not my first choice. I wanted to be a physical therapist when I started college. In my last year of undergrad, a professor asked me if I ever thought about being a teacher. After I started taking educational classes, I knew that teaching was what I wanted to do. I have true passion for my career. Teaching is a part of who I am.

How have you moved beyond the basic curriculum and found innovative ways to reach your students?

I use the resources that are out there for teachers. I follow hundreds of educational blogs and am the author of my own teaching blog, "Learning to Shine."

What is the one lesson you want to impart on every student who enters your classroom?

I want my students to go into the world with no fear and to never give up on anything they want to achieve.

How do you inspire your peers, colleagues and others aiming to make a difference in Midland ISD?

I have given professional development sessions to my colleagues. I have also raised funds to have Adam Dovico, a teacher from the Ron Clark Academy, come to Greathouse Elementary.

Has the role of being an educator changed since your first year as a teacher? If so, how?

Yes, the role has changed. I have been teaching for a short time, but I have learned that this generation of students needs movement and excitement in the classroom. As an educator, I am constantly keeping up with the new trends in education to keep my students motivated and engaged.

What are your professional goals for the future?

I would like to obtain a principal certification.

What is the greatest challenge to being an educator in Midland today?

Overcoming the amount of culture and diversity in Midland. We have been blessed as a community to have a diverse population of people that we can learn from. As an educator, I focus on culture every day with my students.

Known to totally transform her classroom for lessons

Kelcee Baker is a passionate and dedicated teacher who sets high academic and behavioral standards for her students while making learning fun and innovative in her classroom. She continually looks for ways to meet the specific needs of her students and helps them develop a strong work ethic in the classroom. Mrs. Baker cares deeply for her students, urging them to reach higher, work harder and achieve more. She has been trained in the teaching methods of the Ron Clark Academy and, in keeping with this training, has been known to totally transform her classroom for lessons so that students are fully immersed in learning while experiencing new and special environments. She recently transformed her classroom into an operating room for the day so that her students could be the doctors and perform "operations" using their reading strategies. You might walk in her classroom and observe her students singing their lessons or find her standing on a desk while teaching. She willingly shares her knowledge of these teaching methods with others and was responsible for bringing an expert to the campus to help the staff better understand the methods of the Ron Clark Academy. Mrs. Baker is a member of the campus leadership team and has helped plan and present professional development learning opportunities on campus. It is my pleasure to recommend Kelcee Baker as a Classroom Pioneer.

– TANYA BELL
GREATHOUSE ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL

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Speakers motivate Coleman High students

'Decisions' program shows teens they have options

By Cassie Burton
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The average teenager makes hundreds of choices before they walk across the graduation stage, and some of them can divert a student down a path where he or she thinks a high school diploma is unattainable.

English teacher Elizabeth Williams learned that firsthand during an "icebreaker" activity with her students at Coleman High School. She was inspired to her start the "Decisions" program, in which people from different professions and backgrounds come speak to students.

"We've had a lot of kids say, 'I want to be a singer' or 'I want to work in the oil field' or 'I want to be a doctor,' but — and there was always a 'but' — we don't know how to get there,'" Williams said. "They don't know their options. People rarely, with students like these, take the time to show them their options and that's what this will hopefully facilitate."

Many Coleman High students had their education interrupted by children or jobs that make a more traditionally structured school difficult to attend or, who — in Williams' words — don't lead "cookie-cutter" lives. The three speakers so far each took a different route to reach success.

"We asked the speakers to focus on three life decisions that shaped their life," Williams said. "We're hoping to reach out and show the kids that you can do what you want to do, and it's not always going to be a cookie-cutter life."

The three "Decisions" speakers have been author Melanie Nicholas; Mike "Rooster" McConaughey, Wayne "Butch" Gilliam and Gil Prather of the West Texas Investors Club; and George Kwame Baah of Dallas, owner of the Kwame Baah shoe line.

"They're pretty good honestly," said Caleb Wright of the series following Baah's presentation. Fellow Coleman High senior Kristian Rodriguez added, "They really are. They basically have to do with our lives too."

When speakers come, students gather in the cafeteria and, while the talks aren't mandatory, Principal David Moore said they "haven't had any students say they didn't want to."

Baah's lecture included the story of his origins in a small village in Ghana, where he was raised by a single mother and eventually found a way through a relative to move to Mobile, Alabama, for higher education. He told the students that he put off studies as a child to play soccer until his mother threw away his soccer shoes and told him, "You have to go study."

"I'm glad she did that because when I didn't qualify for the international team, guess what? Education was there for me," Baah said. "So, if (playing a sport professionally) is your goal, then good, but always hold on to

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Fifth-graders at Lamar Elementary look through some of the new supplies they received Oct. 17, 2014, as part of a Fuel Your School grant program through Kent Kwik and Chevron.

Community support can provide classroom supplies, books

STACEY CALLAWAY
Scharbauer Elementary

There's an e-card that keeps popping up on my Facebook feed that says, "What if we fully funded schools and made prisons make up their budget deficits with Box Tops?"

Every time it comes across my screen, I think about the truth of that statement. Running a classroom is expensive. Students' supplies in their pencil bags are dwindling. School doesn't stop because a student doesn't have pencils or markers. Usually, it's the classroom teacher who restocks the shelves. The $250 deduction we take in April is usually met by March. We spend our own money so our students can be successful.

I truly believe education funding needs to be rethought, but that's an issue that will take time. Local businesses help out by adopting schools for the Communities in Schools programs, and I have benefited from the program this year. After requesting a pricey list of supplies, there was no way I was going to ask my students' parents to buy anything else. Members of the Midland Chamber of Commerce purchased 75 one-inch binders to give my students. I was able to pass out these supplies to excited groups of sixth-graders.

We are starting the season of giving, and this is a fantastic time to help fund classrooms throughout the Permian Basin. One organization, Donor's Choose, does that year round. Teachers put up a wish-list of sorts that reflects current needs. Last year, I requested and received several copies of the current nominees for the Bluebonnet award, which third- through sixth-graders across the state vote on annually. This year, we've gotten things to encourage reading around the classroom. It was like Christmas morning the day we opened our boxes containing bean bags, cuddle pillows and wobble stools (seats that rock and that encourage moving and help with concentration for my active students). All of these have already become extremely popular, but the wobble stools are in such high demand that we've had to put them on a rotation system. Chevron has helped fund projects posted in September and October, but there are always Permian Basin teachers who have projects posted on the site. It would be awesome if someone completely funded all Midland teachers' projects this Christmas. Even if you don't have a child in school, look into donating to those worthwhile needs.

The most frequently used item in today's classroom would have to be the electric pencil sharpener. My sharpener gets used

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TCU opts out of campus carry law

By Matthew Watkins
Texas Tribune

Students at Texas Christian University still won't be able to carry their guns on campus next year, the university announced Friday.

The Fort Worth private school's board of trustees voted to opt out of the state's new campus carry law, which allows students with concealed handgun licenses to carry their guns on campus. The law applies to all public universities but allows private colleges to decide whether they want to follow it.

Universities across the state have been hosting forums and gathering public input on the issue. TCU's faculty senate passed a resolution in October opposing allowing guns at their school. But some students asked administrators to opt in. Gun rights advocates held a rally on campus expressing support for the law.

"It was quite clear that no matter which side of the issue each person felt was best, all cared deeply about the safety of the community," Kathy Cavins-Tull, TCU's vice chancellor for student affairs, said in a statement announcing the decision.

So far, most private schools have expressed a preference for opting out. Southern Methodist University said in a statement this week that it was still gathering feedback on the law. In June, the university said that it would "remain a weapons-free campus." The presidents of Trinity University in San Antonio and Paul Quinn College in Dallas have also publicly said they were leaning toward opting out, too.

Many public universities, meanwhile, are locked in their own debate. They have to allow guns on at least some parts of campus, but administrators have been given the power to declare some gun-free zones. Many professors, especially at the University of Texas at Austin, have lobbied administrators to include classrooms in those zones.

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Debt-free college becomes new mantra for Democrats

By Katy Murphy
San Jose Mercury News

SAN FRANCISCO — The aspiring app developers and entrepreneurs attending the new Make School in San Francisco don't take out loans to cover tuition.

There is no tuition — at least up front.

Students pay 25 percent of their salaries back to the school in their first two years in the workforce, as well as internship earnings. If they don't find a job in the tech field — or if their startup fizzles — the school gets nothing.

The two-year Make School, a highly selective startup preparing students to enter the lucrative tech sector, is hardly a typical American college. But its model, billed as "debt-free education," reflects the collective national angst over student loans and college affordability.

It's been decades since California abandoned its famed tuition-free promise, but as tuition nationwide spirals

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Democratic presidential candidates Hillary Rodham Clinton, Bernie Sanders and Martin O'Malley take the stage during a Democratic presidential primary debate Saturday in Des Moines, Iowa. The college tuition issue has crystallized as a central one in the Democratic presidential race, with Clinton, Sanders and O'Malley all calling for the federal government to spend hundreds of billions of dollars over the next decade to make college affordable.

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your education."

Senior Arnold Vargas was able to relate to Baah's fatherless upbringing.

"Growing up, I didn't have a father just like (Baah) and I always struggled in school because of that," Vargas said. "It was really motivating. My plan is to come here to finish school and go to the Marine Corps, and this just motivates me more to get there."

Senior Gypsy Homer used the word "motivational" when describing how each speaker told of the struggles they pushed past. A member of the Investors Club said he had declared bankruptcy in the past and, most identifiable to Homer, Ghana-native Baah said that many people told him he would not succeed.

"I deal with that daily," Homer said. "It's hard to have people pushing you back when you're trying to move forward. I enjoy the fact that our school is actually taking the steps to get us decent motivational speakers that actually have pretty good back stories that we, as students, are able to relate to often."

Homer said that while some students are likely there to get out of class, "from the participation level, it's obvious to see that some people actually enjoy it."

Williams partnered with Midlander Dan O'Grady, who wished to get involved with Coleman students and who Williams credits for finding the different speakers. They proposed the idea of a lecture series to expand students' view of "the occupational world firsthand," and Moore consented to a test year as an adjunct to the Coleman curriculum, according to O'Grady.

O'Grady said that his own childhood, during which he had "little vocational guidance," made him want to help Coleman High students.

"If Decisions can implant in Coleman students a broad unlimited vision of vocational and service possibilities and inspire them to look beyond their current circumstances, then perhaps they could conceive of and will achieve more than they ever imagined," O'Grady said. "The idea is to open the world to them as they attend Coleman High School."

O'Grady said he has several speakers in mind for the rest of the school year. Future plans include expanding the series to other schools if it's deemed a success and creating a blueprint from counselors and students to help find scholarships and apprenticeships, according to O'Grady.

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more than 100 times a day. The schools buy sharpeners for us, but they usually are not quality ones. Instead of buying individual teacher gifts for Christmas, parents could pool their money and buy a Cadillac sharpener. Every teacher I know would be truly grateful. The same concept could be done for items such as a special teacher chair, beanbags or shelves.

I also believe that every classroom should have a library, no matter what the subject. Clean out your kids' books and donate them to a school or teacher you know. I have plenty of books, so I try to pass on any I get to the math or science teachers on my team. Magazine subscriptions are also great ideas. I love getting periodicals for my classroom that are different than what my students normally read. Cricket and Zoobooks are both companies that offer some great titles for just about every grade level.

Consider donating to a foundation that helps teachers — such as the MISD Education Foundation. MISD is privileged to have one of the best support groups around. I personally have received more than $5,000 in classroom supplies. The thing is, teachers have to ask to get the items. That's the way most of these things are done. I have gone on fabulous trips and gotten much needed (and wanted) supplies for my classroom, but I had to follow the procedures each group sets forth. It does take some work, but the end result is completely worth it.

So, parents and community members, start looking for ways to help the schools you know. And teachers, look for ways you can support yourself. Running a classroom is still costly, but with a little help, even this book addict can get her spending under control.

Stacey Callaway teaches sixth-grade reading at Scharbauer Elementary School.

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Each set of letters below is arranged alphabetically, and the ? is in the correct alphabetical position. Figure out what letter the ? represents, and then rearrange the letters to spell a six-letter word. For example, in DL?PRUY the ? could be an L, M, N, O or P. Here it represents an O, which can be combined with the other letters to spell PROUDLY. We've given you the first letter as a hint.

A C C ? T U
C _ _ _ _ _

C E E F I ?
F _ _ _ _ _

C E F R U ?
C _ _ _ _ _

Yesterday's Answer: RAIN, PAIN, PAIL, OPAL, PLOP; WITH, TWIN, INTO, TONG, GONE

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WORLD WAR II FLYING ACE

Courtesy photo

World War II veteran Bill Pennebaker, center, spoke about his wartime experiences Monday at Trinity School. He flew 44 bombing missions over Germany with the U.S. Army's 390th Bombardment Group. Pennebaker, who attained the rank of lieutenant colonel, received the Bronze Star. With Pennebaker, 98, are sophomore Matthew Aycock, right, and Bill Coombes, social studies teacher and basketball coach.

DEBT

From 2B

upward, stressing middle-income and poor families alike, "debt-free college" has suddenly gone from nostalgic fantasy to political sound bite.

"It's moving as quickly as any recent issue that I can think of," said Reid Setzer, policy and legislative affairs analyst for Young Invincibles, a research and advocacy group for millennials based in Washington, D.C.

The issue has crystallized as a central one in the Democratic presidential race, with Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders and Martin O'Malley all calling for the federal government to spend hundreds of billions of dollars over the next decade to make college affordable.

In January, President Barack Obama used his State of the Union address to unveil a plan for free community college, prompting lawmakers in nearly a dozen states to introduce legislation to that effect. In April, a group of congressional Democrats, including influential Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, went further. They introduced twin resolutions to make all public universities — not just two-year colleges — debt-free.

By August, Clinton had released her own higher-education affordability plan, complete with a $350 billion price tag.

Democrats embraced "debt-free college" after getting trounced in 2014 midterm elections and seeing how well the issue resonated with voters, political analysts said. A poll by the Progressive Change Institute in Washington, D.C., found that nearly half of Democratic voters who skipped that election "definitely" would have gone to the polls if college affordability was at stake. Out of dozens of progressive causes that might have motivated those voters, "debt-free college at all public universities" rose to the top of the list, the poll found.

Debt-free college

Highlights of proposals from the three Democratic presidential candidates:

Hillary Clinton's plan: Families would make "a realistic contribution" to tuition, but would not have to take out a loan to cover tuition and fees at public universities. The plan would also lower student loan interest rates, allow students to refinance, expand GI benefits for veterans and give federal grants to states that promise students a "no-loan guarantee."
Cost: $350 billion over 10 years

Bernie Sanders' plan: Would "eliminate undergraduate tuition" at public universities, with the federal government picking up two-thirds of the tab. Would expand work-study programs, set interest rates for undergraduates at 2.3 percent and allow borrowers to refinance.
Cost: $750 billion over 10 years

Martin O'Malley's plan: Would set a "national goal" for students to graduate from any public university, debt free, encouraging states to freeze tuition. Would expand federal Pell Grants to help students with non-tuition expenses and allow borrowers to refinance.
Cost: $400 billion over 10 years

The unique deal at the Make School appeals to students like Leslie Kim, 27, of San Francisco, who said she would not have gone back to school if she had to borrow to do it. Taking out loans felt like too much of a risk.

"I didn't want to incur any debt," she said.

And it's no wonder: The debt burden for the average bachelor's degree recipient rose at more than twice the pace of inflation from 2004 to 2014 — to nearly $29,000, according to a new report from the Oakland-based Institute for College Access & Success.

Under Clinton's proposal, families would pay what they could afford for tuition, but wouldn't have to take out a loan to cover tuition and fees. Sanders' plan would "eliminate undergraduate tuition" at public universities, with the federal government picking up two-thirds of the tab. O'Malley's proposal would expand Pell Grants and call on states to freeze tuition. All the Democratic candidates have also proposed allowing borrowers to refinance their loans at lower interest rates.

The GOP candidates have been noticeably silent on the subject.

"I think Republicans will get to this issue, but they're not there yet," said Terry Hartle, senior vice president of the American Council on Education, which represents college presidents at some 1,700 institutions nationwide.

Ashu Desai, the 23-year-old co-founder of Make School, said widespread concerns about student debt and abuses in the for-profit college sector influenced his decision not to charge tuition up front. Instead, the school charges a percentage of graduates' wages — or, alternatively, an investment in their startup — instead of a flat fee.

"If you have $100,000, $200,000 in loans," he said, "you're not going to be an entrepreneur."

But one expert took issue with Make School's claim that it offers a "debt-free education," given that the average graduate is expected to eventually pay a total of $80,000.

"That's exactly what a loan is," said Sandy Baum, who has co-authored the College Board's annual report on college-pricing trends and who has advised Hillary Clinton's campaign. "I think that anything that disguises debt as something else is worrisome."

Debt-free college means different things to different people, Hartle said, but politically it has become a metaphor for college affordability. As time goes by, he added, policymakers will need to be more specific: Which students will benefit from the plans? Will private institutions be included? What strings will be attached to the federal money? And where will all the money come from?

"Talking about paying for something that could be this expensive is a real buzz kill," Hartle said. "The cost of these programs could be frightfully expensive."

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US adds foreign students, but few Americans study abroad

By Collin Binkley
Associated Press

BOSTON — The number of international students studying at U.S. colleges increased by 10 percent last year, marking the largest single-year gain in 35 years, according to new federal data. Meanwhile, the number of Americans studying abroad grew by only 5 percent, falling short of expectations.

The findings were released Monday from an annual study by the nonprofit Institute of International Education and the U.S. Department of State.

Of almost 1 million students that came to the U.S. in the 2014-15 school year, about a third came from China, the most from any country. But much of last year's growth is credited to a surge in the number of students who came from India, drawn by strong research programs, experts said.

In all, the number of Indian students in the U.S. grew by 30 percent to more than 130,000, the biggest jump since the nonprofit started collecting data in 1954.

"That increase has been primarily at the graduate level, and we know that Indian students have always been very attracted to the availability of excellent science and research facilities on U.S. campuses," said Rajika Bhandari, the nonprofit's deputy vice president for research and evaluation.

Numbers coming from Brazil spiked, too, from 13,000 to 23,000, but Brazilians still made up only 2 percent of international students in the U.S.

For the second consecutive year, New York University hosted the largest number of international students, at more than 13,000. It's followed by the University of Southern California, Columbia University and Arizona State University, which each hosted more than 11,000 international students last year.

At the University of Southern California, the number of Indian students has gone from 1,300 to more than 2,000 since 2012. At other schools like Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, populations of Indian students have increased over time but held steady in recent years.

The Institute of International Education reported that international students contributed $30 billion to the U.S. economy last year.

The U.S. remains the top destination for international students, but relatively few Americans study abroad. About 300,000 U.S. students left the country to study in the 2013-14 school year, the most recent year for which figures for Americans are available, a number that has risen steadily but still accounts for less than 2 percent of all U.S. undergraduate students.

"This rate of growth is not good enough," Bhandari said. "We really do need to double or even triple this rate of growth."

To boost those numbers, the U.S. Department of State said it's opening a new study abroad office offering information on programs and scholarships.

"We are going to be working very actively on outreach to explain the benefits of study abroad and encourage more Americans to participate," said Marianne Craven, the acting deputy assistant secretary of state for academic programs. The office plans to launch its website this week, Craven said.

In particular, the office hopes to help more low-income and minority students. About 75 percent of U.S. students who studied abroad last year were white, a number that has decreased only slightly over the past decade. Black students made up 6 percent of students who studied abroad last year.

Top destinations for U.S. students are the United Kingdom, Italy and Spain. European countries drew half of all U.S. students who studied abroad.

Colleges, too, have been pushing students to study abroad for years, citing the benefits of cultural exchange. Dozens have signed on to a national campaign encouraging all students to get passports. Universities have also ramped up efforts to recruit international students, especially in growing regions.

MAKINGTHEGRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Lee High School senior **Claire Alanna Smith** has been honored by the Midland West Rotary Club. She is the daughter of Lance and Shari Smith.

Smith

She is a lieutenant in the band and secretary of National Honor Society. She is a member of Youth and Government and a National Merit Commended Scholar.

She is involved with Crestview Baptist Church youth group and volunteers at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch and with Midland Teen Court.

Smith plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in English.

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Lee High School senior **Mark Figueroa** has been honored by the Midland West Rotary Club. He is the son of Sandra Figueroa and Genaro Figueroa.

He is a member of National Honor Society.

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

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Four Lamar Elementary School students took the top places in the local VFW Patriot's Pen Youth Essay Contest. The winners are **Araceli Hernandez,** first place; **D'Shante Hall,** second place; **Autumn Maxim,** third place; and **Stephanie Carnero,** fourth place.

The students will be recognized at an awards dinner in February.

Jim Silvers, commander of VFW Post No. 7208, said local winners will advance to the VFW district level competition.

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Midland Christian School senior **Kyndall Blagrave** has been honored by the Midland Rotary Club. She is the daughter of Bryan and Susan Blagrave.

Blagrave

She is a member of the tennis team, National Honor Society and Apologetics Club.

She attends Stonegate Fellowship and volunteers with Mission Agape and vacation Bible school.

Blagrave plans to attend Hardin-Simmons University.

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A number of Greenwood High School students have been named to the "A" Honor Roll for the second six weeks.

NOTE: The list does not include students whose parents have requested that information about their children not be released.

■ Ninth: **Brenna Bell, Nathan Flores, Lita Horton, Logan Jarvis, Kaitlan Keel, Lexi Knapp, Bethany Mackey, Victoria Medrano, Ashton Morris, Noah Palacio, Taylor Parker, Taylor Payton, Peyton Richardson, Haley Russell** and **Jaylene Valenzuela-Moiza.**

■ 10th: **Kadyn Ellis, Gracie Huber, Natalee Karcher, Kayleigh Kitto, Kaitlin Murpley, Dalton Richardson, Jarod Rose** and **Reagan Wood.**

■ 11th: **Johana Barrientos, Ashleigh Blevins, Ben Brockman, William Chappell, Kelley Cooper, Blake Elliott, Alexander Evans, Shelby Farmer, Jiles Finch, Nathen Gonzales, Hillarry Hannah, Rigoberto Hernandez, Colby Karcher, Seth Keeton, Vance Martinez, Cylie Mebane, Gustavo Melendez, Jose Monroy-Zamora, Makayla Niblett, Braden Rader, Braden Ray** and **Joaquin Sotelo.**

■ 12th: **Madeline Campbell, Kaleigh Cloyd, Natasha Coker, Garrett Grafe, Erin Hickman, Chancey Kendall, Ariadna Lujan, Matthew Mackey, Destiny McLane, Sarah Perkins, Jacob Rogers, Jordan Shults** and **Kristin Somers.**

Student publications at MC win awards

From staff reports

Two Midland College student publications were recognized for overall excellence at the Texas Community College Journalism Association convention in Austin last month.

The Chaparral magazine won third place in the open division magazine category and the Midland College Press newspaper won third place in the Division II newspaper category.

The excellence awards are judged based on the submission of complete issues and other categories are based on singular stories, photos or story-package submissions. Competition is among the 18 college members of the association. MC students won 12 individual or staff awards at the convention.

The Chaparral awards included a first-place non-journalism story for Alana Edgin's "Spring Break" piece about students visiting Louisiana; a second-place layout/design package for Matthew Esquivel's "Making a Scene" pages about a horror movie; and a third-place non-photo illustration for Rachel Long's painting titled "Visions of Color," which appeared in the Tableau literary magazine.

The newspaper awards included a first-place news-writing award for Dustin Gordon's article about identity thefts; second place for the staff's editorial about the blue lights crime-reporting system; third place for Wyatt Anderson's sport photo of Coach Jordan Dreiling; honorable mention for Anderson's sports action photo of basketball blocking action; honorable mention for Jamie Swim's picture page about Jay Leno's visit to a car show; honorable mention for Erica McNally's column about moving beyond race; and honorable mention for Esquivel's column about men uniting to walk a mile.

Tuition-free online university draws immigrant students

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Colombian-born Nathaly Ordonez had practically given up on the idea of attending college after learning her family's visas had expired, leaving her saddled with immigration woes as soon as she graduated from her New Jersey high school.

She eventually got a waitress job, but still didn't earn enough to cover the cost of school or get enough time off work to attend class. When she heard about a tuition-free online university, Ordonez was skeptical but decided to give it a try.

Now, she's studying for her bachelor's degree in business and hopes to someday work for an advertising company.

"When I got in, I was so excited, because I was able to go to college," said Ordonez, who is now 23. "I am going to do what other people do."

Since receiving accreditation last year, the University of the People has seen enrollment grow nearly five-fold to 2,500. While the majority of the students hail from overseas, the number of U.S.-based ones has surged from 72 in 2013 to 950 this year, according to the school, which said a recent survey indicated about a quarter of them are immigrants in the U.S.

TODAY: Sunny High: 63 Low: 40

WEDNESDAY: Sunny High: 70 Low: 42

THURSDAY: Mostly sunny High: 63 Low: 37

FRIDAY: Sunny High: 65 Low: 43

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny High: 61 Low: 40

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny High: 59 Low: 45

Local forecast

Expect wind gusts today as high as 30 mph, according to the National Weather Service. Highs this week wil be in the mid-60s; lows in the mid-40s.

The high on Monday reached 74, while the low was 58. The record high for Nov. 16 is 86 set in 1963. The record low is 16 set in 1932. On Nov. 16 of last year, the high was 50 and the low was 24.

Weather brief

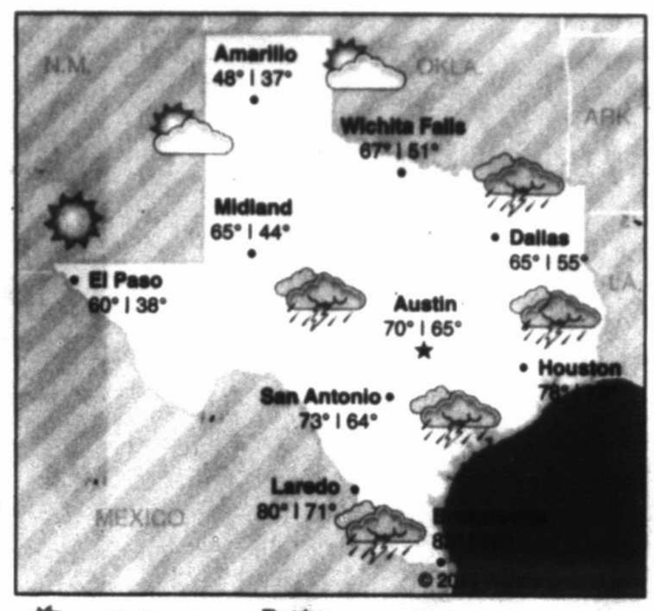
KANSAS

Winter storm forecast

GOODLAND — The National Weather Service says a tornado outbreak that caused minor damage in northwest Kansas was the latest on record in that part of the state.

At least 10 tornadoes were reported in western Kansas early Monday evening, snapping power poles and damaging sheds over largely rural areas.

Meteorologist Jerry Killingsworth in Goodland said a tornado damaged roofs and broke windows in the tiny Gove County town of Grainfield, which could get 3 to 6 inches of snow today.

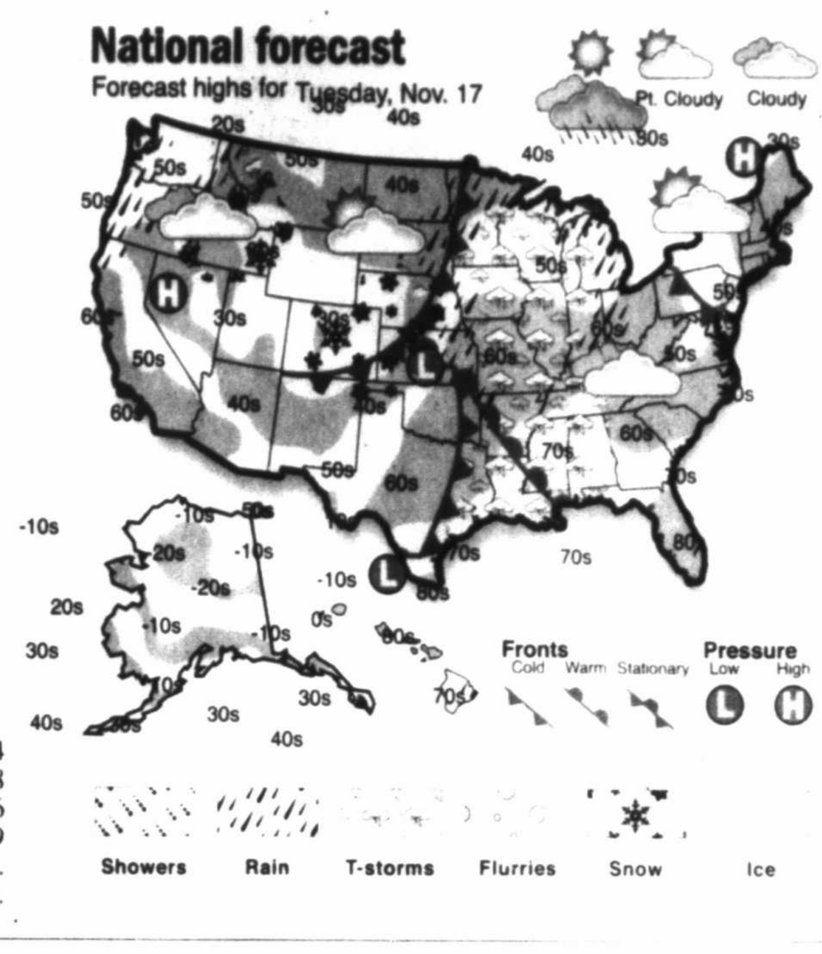


Precipitation

Sunday	0.03 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.05 in.
Year total	19.83 in.
Normal total (year to date)	13.70 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	74
Low	58
Normal high	66
Normal low	39
Sunrise	7:19 a.m.
Sunset	5:48 p.m.



Moving to desert makes woman thirst for former life

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: Last year my boyfriend and I moved across the country to Arizona so he could be closer to his friends and family. My entire family lives on the East Coast.

Recently it seems like our plan to marry and start a family keeps getting pushed further and further into the future. I'm 35; he's 47. Neither of us has been married or has kids.

I'm beginning to regret having uprooted my life for someone who is unilaterally changing the timing of what I thought we both wanted. How long should I wait before cutting my losses and moving closer to the people I care for and who miss me? — ALONE IN THE DESERT

DEAR ALONE: If you haven't already, it's time to have a conversation with your boyfriend about what your expectations were when you made the move to Arizona. If you want to have children, you will be getting a late start as it is.

Ask him why he wants to postpone your wedding plans beyond what you had agreed upon. He may have cold feet, his friends or relatives may have said they don't care for you — anything is possible. But you deserve straight answers, and if they aren't satisfactory, I see no reason to devote more time to a relationship that isn't working out.

DEAR ABBY: Seven years ago my sister's 19-year-old son was killed in a car accident. After the wake she gave me a heart necklace with some of his ashes. We no longer speak and haven't for four years.

Well, did I get a shock today. I received an email from her asking for it back! She even had my stepmom repeat that message to me. I don't believe she has the right to ask for the necklace. Does she? — BLUE IN TENNESSEE

DEAR BLUE: Because you are no longer speaking, I can understand why your sister might want her son's ashes back. Be a lady; return the necklace to her via registered mail or have your stepmother give it to her. It's regrettable that your relationship with your sister has sunk to this level. Because this was no ordinary gift, understand that if you refuse to return it, your relationship with your sister will be permanently fractured.

DEAR ABBY: So many of your letters involve people having difficulty communicating with others. Here's a safe, honest, straightforward technique for targeting the behavior, sharing feelings and explaining the reasons for those feelings. It is called an "I-Statement" and has three parts: (1) "When you ..." (2) "I feel/felt ..." (3) "Because ..."

I-Statements can be used for the sharing of any and all feelings by kids, teens and adults. Feelings are valid because they are our honest emotions. In addition to giving positive strokes to one another, people can learn to better understand each other and have whole, complete and satisfying resolutions to problems. Try it! — SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST (RETIRED) IN OHIO

DEAR PSYCHOLOGIST: I will! When I received your suggestion about improving communication, I felt grateful that you took the time to share it because it was not only generous of you but also may be helpful to many of my readers. Thank you for sending it.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2015:

This year you often feel conflicted between your need to be possessive and your need to be free. Try to avoid knee-jerk responses, and juggle your emotions until you have a better sense of what would work. If you are single, you could meet someone through a family member or a neighbor. Be careful about pulling this person in too close before you get to know him or her well. If you are attached, you will want to spend more time at home with your significant other. Every so often, you will want some space, but in general you will be happiest as a duo. AQUARIUS makes a great friend, but can be intimidated by your high emotional intensity.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ A partner will put his or her energy into planning a get-together. Be happy, as it could be an event in your honor! A conversation with this person will be quite poignant and meaningful. You might see a dimension of him or her that often is hidden. Tonight: Where your friends are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You could put someone off with your attitude. Don't be surprised if you get attitude back. A reaction like this is likely, considering where you are coming from. A discussion might be much better and more helpful in resolving the issue at hand. Tonight: A must appearance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You often see what others don't. You also have the ability to read between the lines in conversations. Though you might be challenged on what you observe, the information you gather will prove to be very helpful. Keep your eye on the big picture. Tonight: Try something new.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You could be in the position of juggling a key relationship too much for your own comfort. If this is the case, stop. Have a discussion with the other party in order to keep the lines of communication open. You'll be happier as a result. Tonight: Let someone else choose.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Others might have a lot of energy invested in having a particular conversation on their terms. You have nothing to lose by letting this talk happen. These people offer you a lot, especially their friendship. Express yourself as clearly as possible. Tonight: Do some exploring.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Plug your efficiency and your imagination into your work. You will benefit enormously from adding a new dimension to your days. Giving 110 percent can only add to the quality of your life. Tonight: Do your own thing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Be aware of the cost of living with such high intensity. You will feel so much better if you relax more and become a bit more aware of your actions and their ramifications. Reach out to others, because they clearly enjoy your company. Tonight: Add more spice to your life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Your strong will can override almost any problems you are likely to encounter. However, when uproar starts on the homefront, you'll need to resolve it quickly, for your sake. You can't handle too much tension in this area of your life. Try to relax. Tonight: Head home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You might be a little more rigid than usual, but a conversation with a friend will help loosen you up. You have a tendency to internalize any tension or stress. Try to break that pattern through exercise or any other stressbuster you might be interested in. Tonight: Hang out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ You often walk a conservative path where your finances are concerned; however, a situation could develop that forces you to loosen the purse strings. You might be uncomfortable with what is happening, so be more careful in the future. Tonight: Someone treats you to dinner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ How you deal with others will be important, especially with someone at a distance who could be argumentative and difficult. Opportunities become available through a dear loved one. Tonight: As you like it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Take your time when making a decision. You might not be ready to discuss any aspects of the matter just yet. A partner could demonstrate his or her devotion in a big way, as he or she enjoys giving more of him- or herself. One-on-one relating will be effective. Tonight: Be direct.

BORN TODAY

Actor Danny DeVito (1944), film director Martin Scorsese (1942), actress Rachel McAdams (1978)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

No Christmas

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 4 3 2
♥ Q 8 4 3 2
♦ Q 9 8
♣ Q 4

WEST
♠ K 5
♥ K 9
♦ 10 7 6 5
♣ 8 6 5 3 2

EAST
♠ J 9 8 7 6
♥ J 10 5
♦ A K 2
♣ 9 7

SOUTH
♠ A Q 10
♥ A 7 6
♦ J 4 3
♣ A K J 10

The bidding

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All pass

Opening lead: Seven of ♠

North might have made an effort to find the eight-card heart fit, but it's just as well for him that he didn't. A four heart contract by North will fail on a spade lead — three no-trump by South has a chance.

East won the opening diamond lead with the king and shifted to a low spade. South rose with his ace of spades and played the ace of hearts and another heart. West won with the king, cashed the king of spades and led a diamond to East's ace. Alas for the defense: East had the jack of spades, not the queen, and declarer had nine tricks. Note that had South made a spade play at trick two, say inserting the 10, West can win and revert to diamonds, setting up five tricks for the defense as soon as declarer attacks hearts.

The contract can always be made with this friendly heart position, but there is a defense that might succeed. Can you spot it? West can drop the king of hearts under the ace, creating a heart entry for East. When East wins his jack of hearts, he will lead another low spade and declarer must guess correctly. Should South guess to play the queen of spades, West will win and lead a diamond to his partner, who will have three good spade tricks.

When we encounter opponents who are this diabolical, we immediately cross them off our Christmas card list.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Adjust for daylight saving time, e.g.
6 Veggies in a sack
11 Sphere in the night skies
14 The first Mrs. Trump
15 Plains dwelling
16 "Watch it!"
17 Badminton court boundary
19 Minn. summer hours
20 Bambi's aunt
21 Heart
22 __ one's nose into: meddle
23 Trilogy with the heroine Katniss Everdeen
28 Ballroom moves
29 Bit of buckshot
30 Captain Picard's counselor
33 Eat
34 Imprecise ordinal
36 GameCube, for one
41 __ Friday's restaurant chain
42 Fuel from a bog
43 Pretty pitcher
44 Youngster
46 Mosque official
49 Vehicles for James Cagney
53 __ Major: Big Dipper
54 Double-reed woodwind
55 Here, in Juárez
57 Bloke's bathroom
58 It may straddle neighboring countries ... and, in a different way, what each of four sets of puzzle circles graphically depicts
62 Target of fall shots
63 Snoring cause, often
64 Disbursed
65 Labor Day mo.
66 Foppish neckwear
67 Lightens up

DOWN

1 Word from the bailiff
2 Happening
3 Comedian Silverman
4 Ltr. holder
5 Meditative Chinese discipline
6 Outboard motor areas
7 "Moby Dick" ship co-owner
8 Longtime newswire org.
9 Bear's home
10 "Catch my drift?"
11 "You've got to be kidding!"
12 Salvation Army symbol
13 Memory units
18 Clever move
22 Friend
24 Prepare for publishing
25 Grand-scale tale
26 Gambling town near Carson City
27 Small valley
30 Explosive initials
31 Complicated procedure
32 Course served in a small crock
33 URL part
35 The Beatles "And I Love __"
37 Omar of "House"
38 Bygone depilatory
39 Set of numbers next to a contract signature
40 Round before "me tina"
45 FedExCup org.
46 "That wore me out!"
47 "Wuthering Heights" setting
48 Not at all eager
49 Large bays
50 Bullfighter's venue
51 Roof edges
52 Public spectacle
56 Partner of spences
58 Cry from a lamb
59 Black-__ spy doings
60 GOP org.
61 Happy brew, for short

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

A	L	O	H	A		C	A	F	E		S	I	G	H
L	O	G	O	N		O	R	A	L		O	N	L	Y
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EXTRA CREDIT

Sept. 1: Melissa Wright, Early College High School

Sept. 8: Patrice Compton, Parker Elementary School

Sept. 15: Stephanie Markgraf, Burnet Elementary

PIONEER SPIRIT

The educators pictured were the first 10 Classroom Pioneers, an award from Pioneer Natural Resources and the Reporter-Telegram. If you missed any of the presentations, they can be found at mrt.com.

Classroom Pioneers honors Midland ISD and Greenwood ISD teachers and support staff who use innovation to make a difference in the classroom. The Reporter-Telegram welcomes nominations from the public. Please go to www.mrt.com/classroom-pioneers and fill out a nomination form.

We ask that nominations do not come from family members or other relatives.

Wright, Compton, Markgraf, Flores, Melchor-McCown, Dominguez and Wihebrink photos by Tim Fischer

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Sept. 22: Corina Flores, Pease Communications and Technology Academy

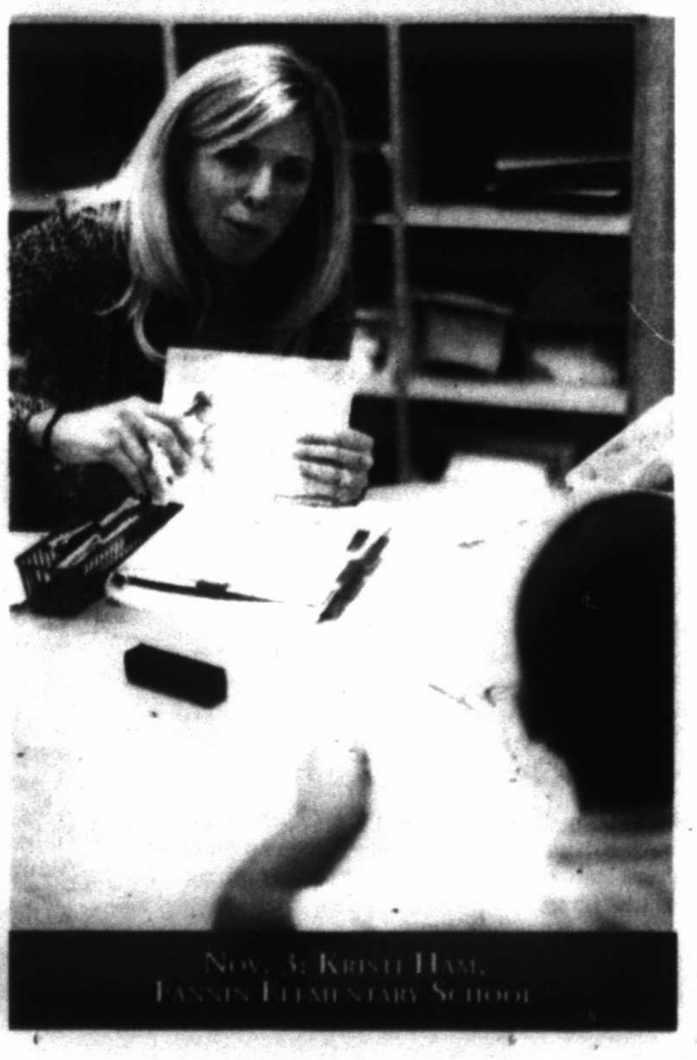
Sept. 30: Lara Payne, Lee Freshman High School

Oct. 6: Laura Doughty, Houston Elementary School

Oct. 13: Amanda Melchor-McCown, Lee High School

Oct. 20: Lisa Dominguez, Pease CTA

Oct. 28: Heaze Wihebrink, Abell Junior High School



Nov. 4: Kristi Ham, Fannin Elementary School

Romo cleared to return, but Cowboys' issues run deep

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

IRVING — Tony Romo is eligible to play again for Dallas.

Not that the star quarterback is the only reason the Cowboys lost all seven games he missed with a broken left collarbone, jeopardizing the playoff hopes for the defending NFC East champions heading into Sunday's visit to Miami (4-5).

"If we feel like just because Tony is back everything is good, that's the wrong approach," coach Jason Garrett said Monday, a day after a 10-6 loss to Tampa Bay extended the team's longest losing streak since the 1-15 debacle of 1989.

"We have to get better in all three areas. We have to coach better, we have to play better."

Dallas (2-7) has found creative ways to lose. All-Pro receiver Dez Bryant has gone on a profanity-filled tirade at reporters in the locker room and polarizing defensive end Greg Hardy just can't seem to stay out of the news.

The latest: A report that Hardy was late for meetings before practice one day last week, prompting a vague non-denial from Garrett.

"Suffice it to say that we have standards here with the Cowboys that if a player were to miss something or be late for something, we address it in house and we address it the right way," the coach said.

Bryant, in his third game back after missing five with a broken right foot, had one of the critical breakdowns against Tampa Bay with a third-down drop that gave the Bucs another chance.

When it appeared Dallas had stopped the drive and won the game by recovering Jameis Winston's fumble at the goal line, safety Jeff Heath's defensive holding penalty wiped out the play. Winston scored the winner on the next snap.

Add that to a pair of touchdowns allowed on the first drive of overtime

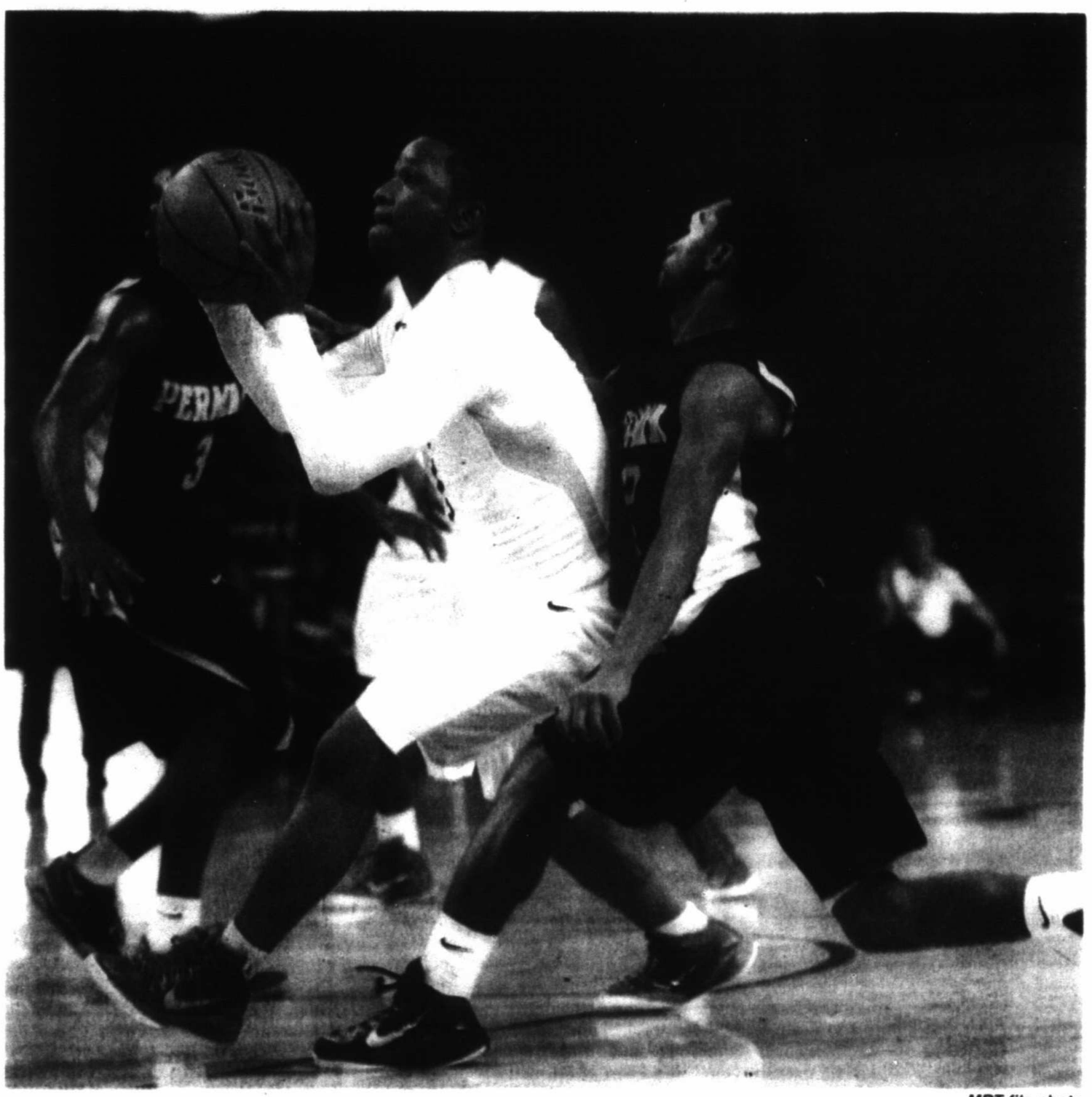
Please see **ROMO**/2C

Associated Press

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo watches from the sidelines during the third quarter against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Sunday in Tampa, Fla.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

READY TO STEP UP



MRT file photo

Midland High's Shawn Rivers (1) drives to the hoop against Permian High's Kobe Robinson (2) on Feb. 13 at Chaparral Center.

Rivers has MHS coach excited about this season

By Will Korn
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Midland High head coach Shannon Hooker said he saw something special when he watched Bulldogs' senior point guard Shawn Rivers play basketball for the first time this fall.

Entering his first year with the MHS program, Hooker knew he had a skilled point guard on his hands.

"First off, his basketball IQ is high," Hooker said. "I picked that up immediately. The first time I saw him play basketball out here in our athletic period, I saw his ball handling skills and the way he was setting people up and the way he was directing traffic with his teammates.

"He is like a coach on the floor. I don't care how tall or big your team is, if you don't have a point guard running the show, then it's useless to have all that size."

Rivers, who is beginning his fourth varsity season, has always had plenty of talent. But now, with a younger Bulldog supporting cast around him, Hooker has tasked Rivers with taking on a leadership role in his senior season.

"For Shawn, I've already visited with him, being a senior and going on (into) his fourth year on the varsity, I've spoken to him about leadership," Hooker said. "Taking that role on and being the person who can be an extension of the coaching staff out on the floor. He's taken that role very well so far, and we're expecting him to maintain that role and help lead this team to where we want to get."

Although the Bulldogs graduated several key contributors from last year's team — players like Gary Ringo, A.D.

Please see **MHS**/4C

MRT file photo

Lee High's James Lydia (24) drives to the hoop against San Antonio Roosevelt's Kevin Edwards (32) during the Tall City Oilman's Invitational tournament Dec. 11, 2014, at Chaparral Center.

Lydia wants to help Rebels improve after tough 2014-15

By Will Korn
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Last season was long and painful for James Lydia and the Lee boys basketball team. The Rebels played hard but couldn't come out on the winning side very often, as they limped to a 3-26 overall record.

Nine of the Rebels' players from last season's struggle either graduated or chose not to come back to the program this year. But Lydia — one of just three returning varsity players from the 2014-15 campaign — is determined to help create a better, more fruitful experience this season for his many new teammates.

Lydia, speaking straight to the point, said things are pretty simple for his Rebels coming into the new season.

"(We need) to forget about what happened last year and do better," Lydia, a 6-foot-4 junior forward said. "Get on the grind."

Lee head coach Chris Packer has always preached playing with maximum effort. Things rarely went his team's way last season, but at the end of the year the Rebels were still in position to possibly earn the fourth playoff spot in District 3-6A with one game to play.

The Rebels' refusal to give up on the season kept them in the playoff race and Packer understands the importance of continuing to work hard and play together regardless of circumstances.

He said that will be especially critical for a team with several new players who are trying to help re-assert the program. Packer also knows that he has players — such as Lydia —

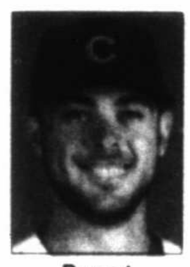
Please see **REBELS**/4C

Cubs' Bryant, Astros' Correa voted top rookies in MLB

By Mike Fitzpatrick
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Chicago Cubs third baseman Kris Bryant was a unanimous pick as NL Rookie of the Year, and Houston Astros shortstop Carlos Correa was voted the AL honor.

Bryant made his debut on April 17 and became an NL All-Star. The 23-year-old hit .275, leading big league rookies with 26 homers, 31 doubles and 99 RBIs as Chicago returned to the playoffs for the first time since 2008.



Bryant

He received all 30 first-place votes for 150 points from the Baseball Writers' Association of America in balloting announced Monday. San Francisco third baseman Matt Duffy was second with 70 points and Pittsburgh infielder Jung Ho Kang third with 28 points.

Correa

Correa, the top pick in the 2012 amateur draft, made his debut June 8 and hit .279 with 22 homers, 68 RBIs and 14 steals, helping the Astros make their first postseason appearance in a decade. The youngest position player in the major leagues, he turned 21 in September.

Correa received 17 firsts and 13 seconds for 124 points. Cleveland shortstop Francisco Lindor was second with 13 firsts, 14 seconds and two thirds for 109 points, and Minnesota designated hitter Miguel Sano was third with 20 points.

Houston's only previous Rookie of the Year was Jeff Bagwell, who won the 1991 NL honor. Bryant is the Cubs' sixth winner and first since catcher Geovany Soto in 2008.

Bryant and Correa each had the $507,500 minimum salary in the majors. Chicago brought up Bryant after ensuring he cannot be a free agent until after the 2021 season, and Houston gave Correa his debut after making sure he won't be arbitration eligible until following the 2018 season.

Nowitski, Mavs send 76ers to 11th loss to start season

By Aaron Bracy
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Dirk Nowitzki scored 21 points, including seven during a pivotal stretch late in the fourth quarter, to lead the Dallas Mavericks to a 92-86 victory over the winless Philadelphia 76ers on Monday night.

Jahlil Okafor had 19 points and 11 rebounds for the 76ers, who have lost all 11 games this season and 21 in a row dating back to last season. Philadelphia's last win was March 25 at Denver, and the 76ers are within five defeats of matching the franchise's all-time record for consecutive losses.

Chandler Parsons added 20 points for the Mavericks, who needed a late push to hold off Philadelphia.

The 76ers trailed by as many as 19 points in the first half but battled back to take an 82-81 lead with 4 minutes, 23 seconds remaining on a free throw by Nerlens Noel before Nowitzki took over.

The 13-time All-Star tallied seven of nine Dallas points during a 9-2 Mavericks

Please see **MAVS**/3C

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TV

College Football

Toledo at Bowling Green, 5 p.m., ESPN2

Ball State at Ohio, 6 p.m., ESPNU

Men's College Basketball

Stephen F. Austin at Northern Iowa, 7 a.m., ESPN2

Valparaiso at Rhode Island, 9 a.m., ESPN2

Alabama at Dayton, Noon, ESPN

Colorado at Auburn, 2 p.m., ESPN

Oklahoma at Memphis, 4 p.m., ESPN

DePaul at Penn State, 4 p.m., ESPNU

Missouri at Xavier, 5:30 p.m., FS1

St. Bonaventure at Syracuse 6 p.m., FSSW+

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

New Hampshire at Connecticut, 6 p.m., SNY

Kentucky vs Duke, 6:30 p.m., ESPN

UTSA at Creighton, 7 p.m., FS2

Nebraska at Villanova, 7:30 p.m., FS1

Georgetown at Maryland, 8 p.m., ESPN2

Jacksonville at Florida State, 8 p.m., FSSW+

Kansas vs Michigan State, 9 p.m., ESPN

Iona at Oregon State, 9 p.m., P12/P12 OR

Men's Soccer

UEFA Euro 2016 U-21: Italy vs Lithuania, 9:55 a.m., ESPNDEP

UEFA Euro 2016 Qualifying: Slovenia vs Ukraine, 1:30 p.m., FS2

UEFA Euro 2016 Qualifying: Denmark vs Sweden, 1:30 p.m., ESPN2/ESPNDEP

Friendly: England vs France, 2 p.m., FS1/FXDEP

World Cup Qualifying: Colombia vs Argentina, 2:20 p.m., beIN2

World Cup Qualifying: Honduras vs Mexico, 2:50 p.m., beIN/TELE/NBCU

World Cup Qualifying: Uruguay vs Chile, 4:50 p.m., beIN2

World Cup Qualifying: Trinidad & Tobago vs USA, 5:25 p.m., beIN

World Cup Qualifying: Brazil vs Peru, 6:55 p.m., beIN2

World Cup Qualifying: El Salvador vs Canada, 7:30 p.m., beIN

National Basketball Association

Milwaukee at Washington, 6 p.m., NBAtv

Toronto at Golden State, 9:30 p.m., NBAtv

National Hockey League

Dallas at Buffalo, 6 p.m., FSSW

Minnesota at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN

Tennis

ATP World Tour Finals: Doubles Round Robin, 6 a.m., TENNIS

ATP World Tour Finals: Singles Round Robin, 8 a.m., TENNIS

ATP World Tour Finals: Doubles Round Robin, Noon, TENNIS

ATP World Tour Finals: Singles Round Robin, 2 p.m., TENNIS

Women's College Basketball

Omaha at North Dakota, 7 p.m., FCSC

New Mexico at New Mexico State, 8 p.m., FCSP

RADIO

NAHL Hockey

Wichita Falls at Odessa, 7 p.m., KFZX 102.1 FM

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

BOYS BASKETBALL

Amarillo Tascosa vs. MHS, 6 p.m., Chaparral Center with art

Midland Christian vs. Presidio, 7 p.m., Alpine

Lee at Abilene Wylier, 7:30 p.m.

Greenwood at Snyder, 8 p.m.

San Angelo Lake View at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m.

MCA at Rankin, 8 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Midland Christian vs. Presidio, 5:30 p.m.

Big Spring at Stanton, 6 p.m.

Wall at Lee, 6:30 p.m.

MCA at Rankin, 6:30 p.m.

Grady at Andrews, 6:30 p.m.

Garden City at Borden County, 6:30 p.m.

Greenwood at Lubbock Estacado, 7:30 pm.

YOUTH SPORTS

Tennis

ABELL TEAMS TAKE 1ST, 2ND

The Abell Junior High eighth grade team won the team championship and the seventh grade team took second place over the weekend in the Midland Christian Tennis Tournament held at Midland College over the weekend.

Individual results

8th grade

Boys singles — Shrey Dharmaja 1st; Nick Dinn, 2nd; Cameron Lopez, 3rd

Boys doubles — Ty Johnson-Abel Navarrete, 1st

Girls Singles — Katie Brewer, consolation

Girls Doubles — Ashlyn Henderson-Hailey Allsup, 2nd; Dusty Ellis-Maykynlee Allsup, 8th

7th grade

Boys singles — Conner Everett, 1st; Pranav Ganta, consolation

Boys doubles — Carsten Holder-Carson Page, 1st

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF BASEBALL — Suspended San Francisco minor league SS Travious Relaford (Augusta SAL) 50 games following a second positive test for a drug of abuse in violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

American League

BOSTON RED SOX — Named Kyoshi Mo-mose strength and conditioning coach and Mike Roose assistant strength and conditioning coach.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Announced a two-year extension of their player development contract with Omaha (PCL) through 2018.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Named Mike Harkey bullpen coach.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Acquired OF Leonys Martin and RHP Anthony Bass from Texas for RHP Tom Wilhelmsen and OF James Jones and a player to be named.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES — Named Chuck Hernandez minor league pitching coordinator.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Agreed to terms with LHP Sean Burnett and OF Reed Johnson on minor league contracts.

Atlantic League

SUGAR LAND SKEETERS — Announced the resignation of general manager Chris Jones.

Can-Am League

SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS — Signed OF Carl Thornore and LHP Stone Speer.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

HOUSTON ROCKETS — Recalled G-F K.J. McDaniels from Rio Grande Valley (NBADL).

NBA Development League

LOS ANGELES D-FENDERS — Signed F Justin Harper. Waived C Kentrell Gransberry.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NFL — Suspended Washington LB Junior Galette two games by the NFL for violating the league's personal conduct policy.

DALLAS COWBOYS — Waived LB Keith Smith.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Activated CB D'Joun Smith from the injured reserve-return list.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Fired Rob Ryan defensive coordinator. Announced defensive assistant Dennis Allen will will assume Ryan's duties.

NEW YORK JETS — Signed WR Titus Davis to the practice squad. Released WR Shane Wynn from the practice squad.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed T Donald Hawkins and TE Brian Leonhardt to their practice squad.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Released DT David King. Carried DT A.J. Francis off waivers from Miami.

Arena Football League

ORLANDO PREDATORS — Agreed to terms with DL Padric Scott.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CALGARY FLAMES — Assigned F Derek Grant to Stockton (AHL).

DALLAS STARS — Reassigned F Curtis McKenzie to Texas (AHL).

DETROIT RED WINGS — Signed D Xavier Ouellet to a one-year contract extension.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Recalled F Stanislav Galiev from Hershey (AHL).

American Hockey League

AHL — Suspended Utica D Andrey Pedan one game for an illegal check to the head of an opponent during a Nov. 13 game at Springfield. Suspended Syracuse D Joey Mormina one for an illegal check to the head of an opponent during a Nov. 13 game against Binghamton. Suspended Lake Erie UW Trent Vogelhuber two games for an illegal check to the head of an opponent and UW Brett Gallant one game for his actions during a Nov. 14 game against Grand Rapids.

HARTFORD WOLF PACK — Recalled F Jack Combs from Greenville (ECHL). Loaned F Richard Nejezchleb to Greenville.

SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Announced F Garrett Meurs was reassigned to the team from Fort Wayne (ECHL).

COLLEGE

BIG TEN CONFERENCE — Suspended Ohio State hockey player Josh Healey one game for an incident that occurred during a Nov. 14 game against Canisius.

FLORIDA A&M — Placed itself on three years probation for self-reported NCAA violations.

TEXAS A&M — Announced sophomore G Alex Robinson is leaving the basketball team and plans to transfer.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	19	14	3	2	30	67	42
Ottawa	18	8	5	5	21	54	57
Detroit	18	9	8	1	19	41	45
Florida	18	8	7	3	19	49	45
Tampa Bay	20	8	9	3	19	46	49
Boston	18	8	8	1	17	52	49
Buffalo	17	8	8	1	17	40	46
Toronto	18	5	9	4	14	41	54

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	18	14	2	2	30	57	32
Washington	16	11	4	1	23	50	37
N.Y. Islanders	19	10	6	3	23	54	44
New Jersey	17	10	6	1	21	44	40
Pittsburgh	17	10	7	0	20	36	37
Philadelphia	17	6	8	3	15	33	50
Carolina	18	6	10	2	14	35	53
Columbus	18	6	12	0	12	45	62

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	18	14	4	0	28	65	47
St. Louis	18	12	5	1	25	50	43
Minnesota	16	10	3	3	23	48	43
Nashville	16	10	3	3	23	50	38
Chicago	18	10	7	1	21	49	44
Winnipeg	19	8	9	2	18	50	62
Colorado	17	7	9	1	15	49	45

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	17	11	6	0	22	43	36
Vancouver	19	7	6	6	20	55	50
Arizona	18	9	8	1	19	50	54
San Jose	17	9	8	0	18	45	43
Anaheim	18	6	8	4	16	33	46
Calgary	19	6	12	1	13	45	72
Edmonton	18	5	12	0	12	47	58

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

Scores & schedule

Monday's Games

N.Y. Islanders 5, Arizona 2

Anaheim 4, Carolina 1

Montreal 4, Vancouver 3, OT

Detroit 4, Ottawa 3, OT

Florida 1, Tampa Bay 0

St. Louis 3, Winnipeg 2

Tuesday's Games

San Jose at Boston, 6 p.m.

Dallas at Buffalo, 6 p.m.

Los Angeles at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.

St. Louis at Columbus, 6 p.m.

Minnesota at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.

Colorado at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.

Anaheim at Nashville, 7 p.m.

New Jersey at Calgary, 8 p.m.

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Jackalopes' Sjodahl named second star

From staff reports

ODESSA — Odessa Jackalopes forward Hampus Sjodahl has been named the second star of the week in the NAHL South Division for his three points (two goals, one assist) in two games versus the Corpus Christi IceRays, with a plus-3 rating. Jacks forward Oliver Celec was named an honorable mention for the first time, posting four points (one goal, three assists).

Sjodahl is tied for the team lead in goals (nine) and is tied for the team lead in points (15).

Sjodahl becomes the fourth Jack this season to be named the Second Star of the Week in the South Division (Eric Carreras, Brandon Tucker, Gunner Rivers).

Texans send Bengals to 1st loss behind backup

By Joe Kay
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — It figures that T.J. Yates and the Texans would be the ones to finally knock off the Bengals.

Yates took over after Brian Hoyer sustained a concussion on Monday night and rallied Houston to a 10-6 victory over Cincinnati, sending the Bengals their first loss — on their home field no less.

The Bengals (8-1) were trying to make NFL history and join New England and Carolina at 9-0 — there's never been such a trio. A backup quarterback with a history of beating them got in the way.

Cincinnati contained some of the NFL's top quarterbacks and knocked off some of its best teams while getting off to the best start in club history. The Texans (4-6) were an appropriate team to end the run.

They made Andy Dalton look bad during first-round playoff wins over the Bengals during the 2011 and 2012 seasons. Yates was behind that first one, a 31-10 victory in Houston that was the Texans' first-ever postseason win.

On Monday night, Yates came in when Hoyer suffered a concussion in the third quarter. He ended his first drive with a 22-yard touchdown pass to DeAndre Hopkins, who made a one-handed catch in the end zone for the game's only TD.

Dalton had another tough time against a Texans defense, going 21 of 37 for 187 yards with an interception and three sacks. Cincinnati's final chance slipped away when A.J. Green made a catch for what would have been a first down at the Texans' 23-yard line, then was stripped of the ball by Quintin Demps with 40 seconds left.

Yates finished 5 of 11 for 69 yards and the touchdown pass that decided a lackluster game by both offenses.

The Bengals led 6-3 after a first half that was filled with penalties and missed plays. Telling statistics: The quarterbacks led their teams in rushing. Hoyer had 15 yards on one scramble, and Dalton had 30 yards on five carries.

That was especially bad for the Texans, who have been trying unsuccessfully to get one of the league's worst running games going with Arian Foster sidelined by an Achilles tendon injury. The Texans' running backs managed only 25 yards in the first half.

It got worse when Hoyer walked off the field to get examined for a concussion after the second series of the second half. Yates hadn't thrown a pass in a game since he was signed on Oct. 28 to replace Ryan Mallett.

NFL GLANCE

Monday's box score

TEXANS 10, BENGALS 6

Houston	0	3	0	7	—10
Cincinnati	3	3	0	0	—6

First Quarter

Cin—FG Nugent 42, 1:28.

Second Quarter

Hou—FG Novak 22, 12:16.

Cin—FG Nugent 39, 5:26.

Fourth Quarter

Hou—Hopkins 22 pass from Yates (Novak kick), 14:20.

A—61,381.

	Hou	Cin
First downs	16	16
Total Net Yards	256	256
Rushes-yards	25-82	21-73
Passing	174	183
Punt Returns	1-10	5-43
Kickoff Returns	3-64	3-51
Interceptions Ret.	1-2	1-0
Comp-Att-Int	17-33-1	22-38-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-18	3-14
Punts	8-46.8	7-41.1
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	5-54	9-70
Time of Possession	28:34	31:26

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Houston, Grimes 6-33, Blue 12-22, Hoyer 1-15, Polk 4-14, Yates 2-(minus 2). Cincinnati, Bernard 8-38, Dalton 5-30, Hill 7-15, M.Jones 1-(minus 8).

PASSING—Houston, Yates 5-11-0-69, Hoyer 12-22-1-123. Cincinnati, Dalton 22-38-1-197.

RECEIVING—Houston, Hopkins 5-57, Griffin 3-36, Shorts III 3-16, Washington 2-32, Fiedorowicz 2-30, Grimes 1-12, Blue 1-9. Cincinnati, Green 5-67, Bernard 5-43, M.Jones 4-44, Ellett 3-26, Hill 3-5, Hewitt 1-7, Sanu 1-5.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

Sunday's late box

CARDINALS 39, SEAHAWKS 32

Arizona	0	22	3	14	—39
Seattle	0	7	10	15	—32

Second Quarter

Ari—FG Catanzaro 33, 12:52.

Ari—Rucker safety, 12:14.

Ari—Floyd 27 pass from Palmer (Catanzaro kick), 6:41.

Ari—Floyd 35 pass from Palmer (Catanzaro kick), 4:02.

Sea—Tukuafu 1 run (Hauschka kick), 1:52.

Ari—FG Catanzaro 43, :00.

Third Quarter

Sea—FG Hauschka 31, 11:18.

Ari—FG Catanzaro 43, 6:26.

Sea—Baldwin 32 pass from Wilson (Hauschka kick), 4:52.

Fourth Quarter

Sea—Lynch 3 run (pass failed), 14:44.

Sea—Wagner 22 fumble return (pass failed), 13:00.

Ari—Gresham 14 pass from Palmer (Catanzaro kick), 8:41.

Ari—Ellington 48 run (Catanzaro kick), 1:58.

Sea—FG Hauschka 46, :58.

A—69,005.

	Ari	Sea
First downs	30	18
Total Net Yards	451	343
Rushes-yards	33-117	18-115
Passing	334	228
Punt Returns	3-29	1-0
Kickoff Returns	5-101	5-104
Interceptions Ret.	1-24	1-0
Comp-Att-Int	29-48-1	14-32-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-29	2-12
Punts	3-44.7	5-40.8
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	1-0
Penalties-Yards	9-71	14-131
Time of Possession	38:52	21:08

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Arizona, Ellington 5-61, C.Johnson 25-58, Palmer 3-(minus 2). Seattle, Wilson 6-52, Lynch 6-42, Rawls 2-19, Tukuafu 2-2.

PASSING—Arizona, Palmer 29-48-1-363. Seattle, Wilson 14-30-1-240.

RECEIVING—Arizona, Fitzgerald 10-130, Floyd 7-113, Ja.Brown 3-38, Ellington 3-27, Fells 3-21, Gresham 2-28, D.Johnson 1-8. Seattle, Baldwin 7-134, Graham 3-41, Richardson 1-40, Kearse 1-10, Lynch 1-8, Lockett 1-7.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	9	0	0	1.000	303	169
Buffalo	5	4	0	.556	231	207
N.Y. Jets	5	4	0	.556	217	184
Miami	4	5	0	.444	191	225
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	4	5	0	.444	200	227
Houston	4	5	0	.444	184	211
Jacksonville	3	6	0	.333	192	255
Tennessee	2	7	0	.222	169	214
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	8	1	0	.889	235	152
Pittsburgh	6	4	0	.600	236	191
Baltimore	2	7	0	.222	210	236
Cleveland	2	8	0	.200	186	277
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	7	2	0	.778	205	168
Kansas City	4	5	0	.444	224	195
Oakland	4	5	0	.444	227	241
San Diego	2	7	0	.222	210	249

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	5	5	0	.500	273	253
Washington	4	5	0	.444	205	209
Philadelphia	4	5	0	.444	212	184
Dallas	2	7	0	.222	166	214
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	9	0	0	1.000	255	175
Atlanta	6	3	0	.667	229	190
Tampa Bay	4	5	0	.444	191	237
New Orleans	4	6	0	.400	255	315
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	7	2	0	.778	196	154
Green Bay	6	3	0	.667	219	185
Chicago	4	5	0	.444	199	234
Detroit	2	7	0	.222	167	261
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	7	2	0	.778	302	185
St. Louis	4	5	0	.444	166	183
Seattle	4	5	0	.444	199	179
San Francisco	3	6	0	.333	126	223

Schedule

Thursday's Game

Tennessee at Jacksonville, 7:25 p.m.

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Jets at Houston, noon

Denver at Chicago, noon

Oakland at Detroit, noon

Indianapolis at Atlanta, noon

Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, noon

St. Louis at Baltimore, noon

Dallas at Miami, noon

Washington at Carolina, noon

Kansas City at San Diego, 3:05 p.m.

San Francisco at Seattle, 3:25 p.m.

Green Bay at Minnesota, 3:25 p.m.

Cincinnati at Arizona, 7:30 p.m.

Open: Cleveland, N.Y. Giants, New Orleans, Pittsburgh

Monday, Nov. 23

Buffalo at New England, 7:30 p.m.

ROMO

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and a decisive kickoff return for a score in the fourth quarter, and the Cowboys are developing a bad habit of finding ways to lose.

"I don't know that that's the issue with our team," Garrett said. "But what you have to do is find ways to win games and we've done that in the past. We were a really, really good fourth-quarter team last year."

Dallas was good late with Romo in the opener, getting two fourth-quarter touchdown passes to Jason Witten, including one with 7 seconds remaining in a 27-26 victory over the New York Giants.

The Cowboys were good in the fourth without Romo a week later, when Brandon Weeden threw a clinching 42-yarder to Terrance Williams after Romo's injury in a 20-10 win over Philadelphia.

They've led or been tied in the fourth quarter in six of the seven games since then, and lost them all. And backups Weeden and Matt Cassel haven't been consistent enough to keep the offense moving. Not that Romo will automatically fix that, either.

"I know he's excited and it's been a tough seven weeks, and it's not just him being out," Witten said. "There's a lot of things that we haven't done to allow us to win."

Garrett stopped short of saying Romo would play against the Dolphins, and wouldn't declare that the broken bone has fully healed.

But his answer could be interpreted as a green light for the 35-year-old quarterback who's had broken ribs, two broken collarbones and three back injuries. This is his 10th season as the starter.

"We're going to let him practice," Garrett said, noting that Romo will have light work on Wednesday, just as before the injury. "And if he practices well, he's going to play in the game. And we anticipate him practicing well. So we're excited about that opportunity."

Even optimistic owner Jerry Jones, who gave Romo the franchise's first $100 million contract two years ago, gradually altered his view of Romo's return as the losses mounted without him.

"We had an opportunity (Sunday) and we've had opportunities to win without Romo and didn't take advantage of them," Jones said. "And that's a flaw."

Because the division is flawed — the other three teams have five losses apiece — the Cowboys still have faint hope. The last of it will disappear with a loss to the Dolphins.

"Unlike anything I've been a part of in 13 years and to be able to be in this situation and still be in the hunt," Witten said. "We have to get it corrected and go win one game."

Big 12 bowl eligibility at 5 teams, with West Virginia close

Associated Press

West Virginia coach Dana Holgorsen will finally talk about the Mountaineers' chances to get into a bowl this season.

"We got five (wins)," Holgorsen said Monday during the Big 12 coaches teleconference. "When it's one more, that's when I feel it's appropriate to start talking about it."

Texas Tech on Saturday became the fifth Big 12 team to get the sixth victory that guarantees bowl eligibility. The Red Raiders joined the four Top 25 teams still contending for the league title and a possible playoff spot — No. 4 Oklahoma State, No. 7 Oklahoma, No. 10 Baylor and No. 11 TCU.

West Virginia (5-4), which has won two games in a row since an 0-4 Big 12 start against the playoff contenders, has three more chances to get eligible for its 14th bowl in 15 seasons. Texas (4-6) and Kansas State (3-6) are the only other Big 12 teams that can get to six wins, but neither can lose another game.

"It was tough in October. There's no doubt about it, we played four really good teams and caught them all four, it seems, like when they were playing at their best," Holgorsen said. "We've got about 20 seniors. We met with those guys, and said we've got a lot to play for."

The Mountaineers are at winless Kansas on Saturday.

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TOP25ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

NO. 1 NORTH CAROLINA 92 FAIRFIELD 65

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Nate Britt matched his career high with 17 points and No. 1 North Carolina gradually pulled away in the second half to beat Fairfield 92-65 on Sunday.

Joel Berry II added 15 points for the Tar Heels (2-0), who won their 14th consecutive home opener. But UNC followed its 24-point win over Temple in Friday's opener with an unimpressive showing full of missed free throws and leaky defense.

The Tar Heels struggled to put away a team that went 7-24 last season, leading 40-32 at halftime. They didn't put the game away until the final 10 minutes against the Stags (0-2), who hit 10 3-pointers that kept them hanging around longer than expected.

The Tar Heels are playing without preseason Atlantic Coast Conference co-player of the year Marcus Paige for the first few weeks of the season due to a broken right hand.

Marcus Gilbert scored 25 points for Fairfield.

The game was part of the Naismith Memorial Hall of Fame Classic, though it wasn't part of the event's elimination rounds.

NO. 17 WISCONSIN 92 SIENA 65

MADISON, Wis. — Bronson Koenig scored 23 points and Vitto Brown added a career-high 16 for No. 17 Wisconsin.

Nigel Hayes, limited to 5 minutes in the first half because of foul trouble, added 14 points for the Badgers (1-1).

Nico Clareth led Siena (0-2) with 21 points, while Marquis Wright added 17.

Zak Showalter's putback dunk of a missed 3-pointer just before the first-half buzzer put the Badgers up 43-28.

The Badgers looked like a different team offensively after hitting less than 36 percent of their shots from the field and 64 percent from the free throw line and allowing Western Illinois to shoot 54 percent from the field in Friday night's loss. With Koenig hitting 8 of 14 and Brown 5 of 10, the Badgers shot better than 58 percent from the field on Sunday and held the Saints to 39 percent.

NO. 23 PURDUE 107 VERMONT 79

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Dakota Mathias scored 17 points and Isaac Haas added 16 in Purdue's victory in a game in the Naismith Memorial Hall of Fame Tipoff Classic.

Caleb Swanigan added 14 points and 13 rebounds, Vince Edwards scored 14 points, Rapheal Davis had 12 and Kendall Stephens scored 11 for Purdue (2-0).

Stephens and Haas scored 11 points each in a 60-point first half. Purdue's 18 3-pointers set a school record, besting the 16 the Boilermakers made on Feb. 7, 1998, in a Big Ten victory at Ohio State.

Edwards made the record-breaking 3-pointer from the left wing with 8:27 remaining, giving Purdue a 91-64 lead.

The Boilermakers, who defeated North Carolina A&T 81-40 in their Friday night opener, made 10 of 19 3-point attempts in the first half against Vermont, with six players making at least one.

Women

NO. 5 BAYLOR 97 SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI 42

WACO — Alexis Prince scored 16 points and Niya Johnson added 15 to lead six players in double figures for Baylor in a victory over Southern Mississippi in the preseason WNIT.

Nina Davis and Alexis Jones each had 10 points for Lady Bears (2-0), who missed their first seven shots and were down by five points late in the first quarter before taking over on way to their 154th consecutive home win over a non-ranked opponent.

Jerontay Clemons, the lone senior for Southern Miss (1-1), had 18 points and five rebounds in 29 minutes before fouling out of the game.

The Lady Bears led for good after Johnson's layup for the first basket of the second quarter, starting a 22-7 outburst that put them up by 14 at the half.

Kristy Wallace had 11 points off the bench for the Lady Bears, and 6-foot-7 freshman Kalani Brown had 10 points and seven rebounds.

NO. 1UCONN 100 NO. 7 OHIO STATE

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Breanna Stewart scored 24 points and Moriah Jefferson added 21 to lead top-ranked UConn to a 100-56 win over No. 7 Ohio State on Monday night.

The Huskies (1-0) opened their season in style with a suffocating second quarter in which they outscored the Buckeyes 26-9 to take a 50-24 lead.

Kia Nurse added 16 points, Morgan Tuck 15 and Gabby Williams had 10 points and 11 rebounds for UConn.

Ohio State (0-2), coming off an 88-80 loss at No. 2 South Carolina on Friday, trailed by three with just over two minutes left in the first quarter before the Huskies took over.

At one point of the second period the Huskies hit eight straight field goals and 10 of 11.

FLORIDA 82 NO. 6 FLORIDA STATE 72

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Ronnie Williams scored 21 points, Simone Westbrook added 14 and Florida upset Florida State.

The Gators (1-1) overcame a 15-point deficit to beat the Seminoles (0-1) for just the fourth time in the last 13 tries.

This one ruined FSU's opener, the beginning of a season filled with high expectations. Adding to the Seminoles' woes: dynamic guard Leticia Romero injured her left ankle with a 1:11 remaining and had to be helped to the locker room.

Eleanna Christinaki chipped in 13 points for Florida, which used seven 3-pointers to help offset 27 turnovers and a minus-seven rebounding differential.

NORTH TEXAS 61 NO. 17 OKLAHOMA 57

NORMAN, Okla. — Terra Ellison scored 15 points, and Kelsey Criner had 10 points, seven rebounds and seven assists to help North Texas upset Oklahoma.

Criner broke a 57-all tie on a layup with 30 seconds left, and Teadra Jones and Criner each made 1 of 2 free throws on North Texas' next two possessions. Oklahoma's Peyton Little missed a 3-pointer in the closing seconds.

Acheil Tac added 12 points for North Texas (1-1), and Teadra Jones had 11. The Mean Green were 1-12 on the road last season — with the lone win coming on Dec. 14 — and lost to Oklahoma 68-39 at home last year.

Peyton Little led Oklahoma (1-1) with 17 points. Kaylon Williams had 11 points and 12 rebounds, and Vionise Pierre-Louis 10. The Sooners had won 16 of their last 17 home games, with their lone loss coming in last season's home finale against Kansas.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL AT A GLANCE

Men

MONDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas St. 81, Lyon 37
Houston Baptist 102, Crowley's Ridge 62
Incarnate Word 73, Schreiner 49
North Texas 110, Texas College 61
Oklahoma St. 86, Ark.-Pine Bluff 72
Texas A&M 100, SE Louisiana 58
Texas St. 84, Texas-Tyler 49

FAR WEST

Arizona 90, Bradley 60

MIDWEST

Akron 100, Hiram 30
Ball St. 73, E. Illinois 56
Detroit 88, Central 65
IPFW 85, Manchester 53
Illinois St. 67, Morehead St. 66
Indiana 102, Austin Peay 76
Indiana St. 70, Wyoming 55
Iowa St. 106, Chicago St. 64
Michigan 88, Elon 68
Ohio 75, Tennessee St. 67
S. Dakota St. 85, Weber St. 68

SOUTH

Bethune-Cookman 86, UT Martin 79
Chattanooga 94, Hiwassee 55
East Carolina 88, Charlotte 74
FIU 67, Florida Memorial 51
Florida 104, NC A&T 54
Florida Gulf Coast 85, Texas Wesleyan 62
Georgia Tech 69, Tennessee 67
Jacksonville St. 96, Oakwood 60
LSU-Alexandria 99, Northwestern St. 97
Longwood 89, La Roche 65
Mercer 69, George Mason 60
Miami 93, Louisiana-Lafayette 77
Mississippi 82, Georgia Southern 72
NC Central 78, Allen 54
NJIT 90, South Florida 57
North Florida 108, Texas Rio Grande Valley 84
Old Dominion 77, Buffalo 58
Presbyterian 74, SC-Upstate 73
SC State 113, Voorhees 69
Samford 94, Auburn-Montgomery 79
Savannah St. 59, Campbell 57
South Carolina 84, Coll Roberts 66
Southern U. 78, Mississippi St. 72
Tulane 79, Drake 74, OT
UNC Wilmington 78, E. Kentucky 59
VCU 69, Radford 74
Vanderbilt 98, Gardner-Webb 62

EAST

Boston U. 69, Albany (NY) 64
Brown 71, Holy Cross 55
Canisius 86, Lehigh 80
Coll. of Charleston 72, Navy 58
Cornell 101, Colgate 98, 2OT
Duquesne 85, New Orleans 75
Fairleigh Dickinson 111, FDU-Florham 70
George Washington 73, Virginia 68
Hofstra 95, Molloy 64
LIU Brooklyn 71, Loyola (Md.) 68
St. John's 75, UMBC 53
Towson 69, Morgan St. 61
West Virginia 86, James Madison 73
Yale 86, Sacred Heart 77

TOP 25 SCHEDULE

TODAY'S GAMES

No. 2 Kentucky vs. No. 5 Duke at the United Center, 6:30 p.m.
No. 3 Maryland vs. Georgetown, 8 p.m.
No. 4 Kansas vs. No. 13 Michigan State at the United Center, 9 p.m.
No. 8 Oklahoma at Memphis, 4 p.m.
No. 9 Wichita State at Tulsa, 7 p.m.
No. 11 Villanova vs. Nebraska, 7:30 p.m.
No. 18 Notre Dame vs. Milwaukee, 6 p.m.
No. 19 UConn vs. New Hampshire, 6 p.m.

Women

MONDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

Baylor 97, Southern Miss. 42
North Texas 61, Oklahoma 57
Texas Rio Grande Valley 90, Concordia (Texas) 44

FAR WEST

Boise St. 61, Coll. of Charleston 38
N. Colorado 101, Western St. (Col.) 48
Southern Cal 81, Santa Clara 46
Utah St. 74, Westminster (Utah) 67

MIDWEST

Columbia (Mo.) 65, Central Methodist 52
IPFW 91, Grace 39
IUPUI 60, Marquette 55
Ill.-Chicago 51, Chicago St. 47, OT
Kansas St. 76, Abilene Christian 45
Miami (Ohio) 91, Evansville 85, 2OT
Michigan-Dearborn 62, Marygrove 59
Milwaukee 70, UMKC 48
Missouri St. 85, Ark.-Pine Bluff 34
Nebraska 91, North Florida 46
Purdue 67, Jacksonville St. 48
SE Missouri 78, Harris-Stowe 66
St. Catherine 89, Crown (Minn.) 58
UConn 100, Ohio St. 56

SOUTH

Alabama 93, Appalachian St. 59
Auburn 80, SE Louisiana 68
Austin Peay 97, Trevecca Nazarene 75
Campbell 57, NC Central 48
Charleston Southern 69, Paine 62
Florida 82, Florida St. 72
Furman 59, SC State 46
Kennesaw St. 49, Presbyterian 47
Liberty 72, Elon 63
Mercer 63, Tennessee Tech 47
Virginia 86, Norfolk St. 50
William & Mary 74, Grambling St. 55

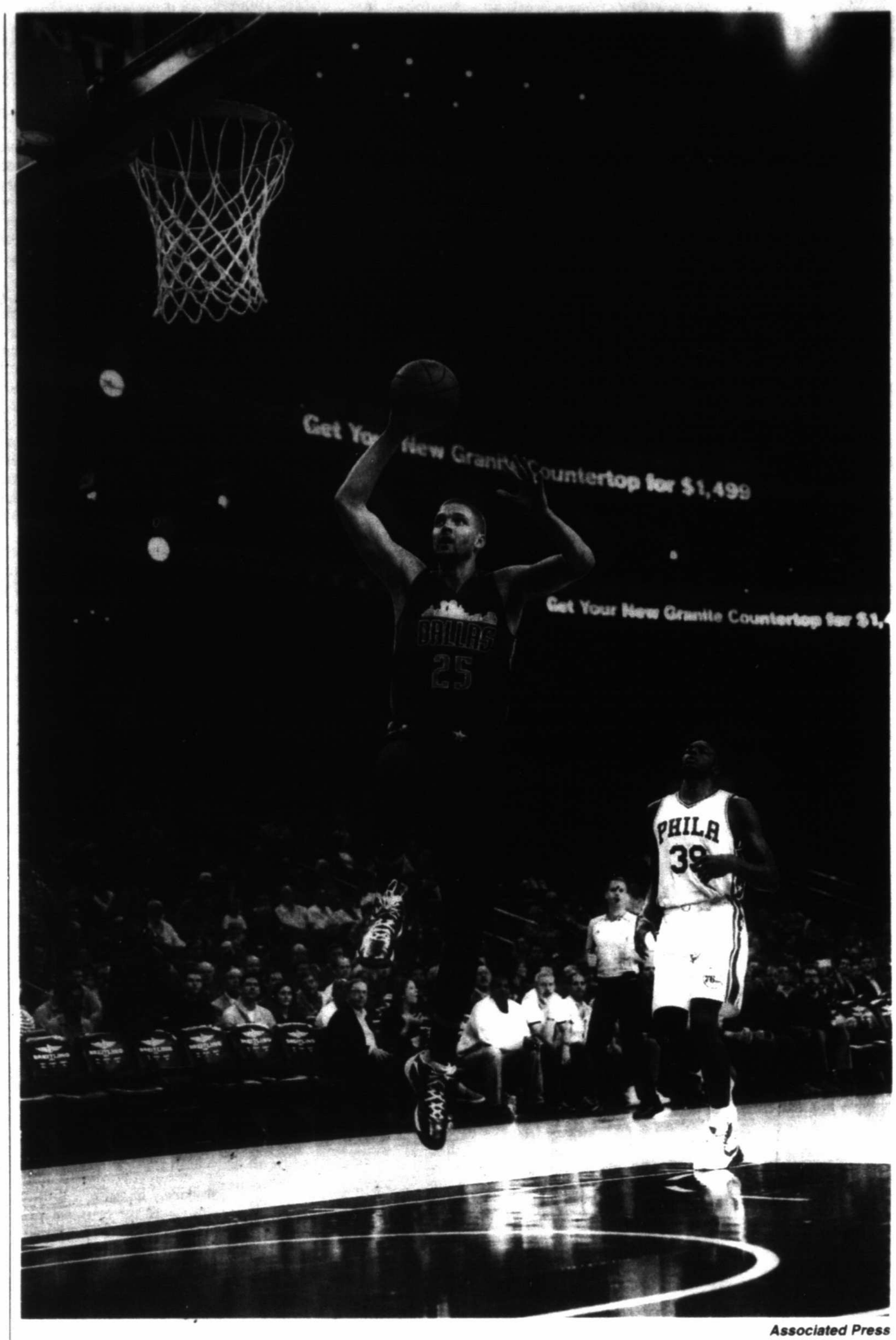
EAST

Binghamton 54, NJIT 50
New Hampshire 81, Dartmouth 57
Pittsburgh 74, St. Francis (Pa.) 59
Seton Hall 77, Rutgers 49
Villanova 67, Loyola (Md.) 55
West Virginia 96, Coppin St. 64

TOP 25 SCHEDULE

TODAY'S GAMES

No. 22 George Washington vs. American, 6 p.m.
No. 24 Chattanooga at Indiana, 6 p.m.



Associated Press

Dallas Mavericks' Chandler Parsons in action against the Philadelphia 76ers on Monday in Philadelphia.

MAVS

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run over the next 2:36, ending with a 3-pointer that made it 90-84 with 1:47 left. The six-point margin was too much for Philadelphia to overcome.

Nowitzki returned to the lineup after sitting out, along with fellow starters Wesley Matthews and Parsons, to rest during the Mavericks' 110-98 victory at Houston on Saturday night. Matthews had seven points.

Noel had 12 points and 12 rebounds for Philadelphia.

Philadelphia's 0-11 start is six losses shy of tying the franchise mark, set last season, for most defeats to start a season.

Philadelphia bumbled its way to 15 points in a forgettable first quarter that ended with the Mavericks up 28-15.

The typically small crowd rained down boos on the home team during one sequence midway through the period following consecutive turnovers by Nik Stauskas and Jerami Grant. The 76ers ended the quarter with eight turnovers, which led to 11 Dallas points.

The 76ers were down by as many as 19 points in the second quarter before reeling off 25 of the final 36 first-half points to enter the locker room down just five, 49-44.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SPURS 93 TRAIL BLAZERS 80

SAN ANTONIO — Kawhi Leonard had 19 points and Manu Ginobili added 17 points and the Spurs overcame a listless start to beat the Trail Blazers for their fifth straight victory.

Danny Green and Boris Diaw each had 12 points and Tony Parker and Tim Duncan both added 10.

Damian Lillard scored 27 points and Al-Farouq Aminu added 17 points for Portland.

CELTICS 111 ROCKETS 95

HOUSTON — Isaiah Thomas scored 23 points and the Celtics used a 32-point third quarter to pull away and cruise to a win over the slumping Rockets.

It is the third straight win for the Celtics and gives Houston a four-game losing streak for the first time since the team dropped seven straight in January 2013.

Boston led by 4 after a 3-pointer by James Harden with 3 1/3 minutes left in the third quarter. The Celtics closed out the quarter by scoring 15 straight points to take a 87-68 lead into the fourth quarter.

GRIZZLIES 122 THUNDER 114

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Newcomer Mario Chalmers scored 16 of his season-high 29 points in the fourth quarter and the Grizzlies held on for a victory over the Thunder.

Chalmers, picked up in a trade with the Miami Heat last week, converted 6 of 13 shots, including 4 of 7 from outside the arc, as five Grizzlies reached double figures. Mike Conley had 22, Jeff Green scored 20, while Marc Gasol added 17. Zach Randolph finished with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

BULLS 96 PACERS 95

CHICAGO — Jimmy Butler scored 17 points for Chicago and played tough defense on Paul George on Indiana's final possession, helping the Bulls hold on for a victory over the Pacers.

Butler stayed right with George in the final seconds and contested his difficult fadeaway shot that was well short as time expired, giving the Bulls their third straight win and fourth in five games.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	7	4	.636	-
Boston	6	4	.600	½
New York	5	6	.455	2
Brooklyn	1	9	.100	5½
Philadelphia	1	11	.000	7

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	8	4	.667	-
Miami	6	3	.667	-
Washington	4	4	.500	2
Charlotte	5	5	.500	2
Orlando	5	6	.455	2½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	8	2	.800	-
Chicago	7	3	.700	1
Indiana	6	5	.545	2½
Milwaukee	5	5	.500	3
Detroit	5	5	.500	3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	8	2	.800	-
Dallas	7	4	.636	1½
Memphis	6	6	.500	3
Houston	4	7	.364	4½
New Orleans	4	9	.308	5½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	6	5	.545	-
Utah	5	5	.500	½
Denver	5	5	.500	½
Minnesota	4	6	.400	1½
Portland	4	8	.333	2½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	11	0	1.000	-
Phoenix	6	4	.600	4½
L.A. Clippers	6	4	.600	4½
Sacramento	4	7	.364	6½
L.A. Lakers	2	9	.182	8½

Scores & schedule

Monday's Games

Dallas 92, Philadelphia 86
Chicago 96, Indiana 95
Memphis 122, Oklahoma City 114
Boston 111, Houston 95
San Antonio 93, Portland 80
Phoenix 120, L.A. Lakers 101

Tuesday's Games

Milwaukee at Washington, 4:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Miami, 4:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Brooklyn, 5:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Detroit, 5:30 p.m.
Charlotte at New York, 5:30 p.m.
Denver at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Indiana at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.
Minnesota at Orlando, 5 p.m.
Brooklyn at Charlotte, 5 p.m.
Dallas at Boston, 5:30 p.m.
Portland at Houston, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Denver at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Utah, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.

Norm Ellenberger, former New Mexico coach, dies at 83

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Norm Ellenberger, the foot-stomping sideline showman who coached New Mexico to two Western Athletic Conference basketball titles in the 1970s, has died. He was 83.

Ellenberger died Saturday night in his sleep at his cabin in Watersmeet, Michigan, said longtime friends Bob and Diana Briggs of Albuquerque. They had just talked to him the day before and he was excited about the start of practice Monday at the high school where he was helping coach the boys' basketball team.

"Absolutely to the last minute," Bob Briggs said of Ellenberger's drive to coach.

He had jotted down pages of notes from a recent preseason practice and could hardly wait for the official start of the season. "He was such a great coach," Briggs said. "He could see things on the basketball court that other coaches couldn't. This was even obvious to his last day."

Stormin' Norman was 134-62 at New Mexico from 1972-1979, leading the Lobos to WAC titles and NCAA Tournament appearances in 1974 and 1978.

His New Mexico career ended in December 1979 when an FBI wiretap uncovered evidence that the academic transcripts of several players were altered to ensure their enrollment.

Ellenberger and his chief recruiter, Manny Geldstein, were fired and nine players were ruled ineligible.

Ellenberger was tried on federal and state charges, including mail fraud and filing false public vouchers. He was acquitted of the federal charges, but convicted on 21 state counts.

The presiding judge at the state trial declined to impose a jail sentence, saying Ellenberger was simply one cog in the highly competitive world of college athletics and had been prosecuted for trying to satisfy the school and fans' demands that he produce a winning basketball program.

REBELS

From 1C

who went through the battles with him last year and have had success in the past at different levels of the game.

"Some of these guys are a year older, and they've been through it, and they've had success at the feeder schools," Packer said. "Now that we've been through it (last season) and we're still here, hopefully guys will know that every possession counts.

"(Every) defensive possession, offensive possession, every shot means something. We've got to take pride in each other and worry about what we do."

A strong camaraderie will also be of particular importance to the Rebels this year. With almost an entirely new roster, how the team develops chemistry will go a long way in determining the Rebels' playoff prospects in February.

As one of the leaders and most experienced players on the team, Lydia said that chemistry has already begun to develop at practice as the new players become familiar with one another's abilities.

Even with a whole new cast of characters, one might not be able to tell that the bond between the players is strengthening.

"We play like brothers, and that's all we need is brothers," Lydia said. "We don't listen to what's happening on the outside. We focus on each other, and we want to win together."

Lydia, who started several games last season, has been doing his part to ensure things go more smoothly this year. Packer said he's expecting Lydia to use his height and athleticism in order to be a more physical and assertive player this season.

"There were growing pains with a lot of them (last year's Lee players)," Packer said. "Hopefully, (Lydia) figures out that he's got to be tougher and he's got to finish plays around the rim. Hopefully, he'll continue to grow like the rest of these guys."

And even though the program has experienced extremely limited success of late, nobody at Lee practice is holding anything back. The Rebels have taken Packer's message to heart in advance of the new season.

"We all hustle, we put everything into it every day," Lydia said. "We just want to win, be better than (what) we did last year."

> *"We don't listen to what's happening on the outside. We focus on each other, and we want to win together."*
>
> **James Lydia,** Lee basketball player

always play smart, but we're going to play hard and play together."

Notes: Back for his third season with the Rebels, Packer has a roster that features several new faces this season. ... Only three of the 13 players on the Lee roster this year played last season, but eight of the 10 new players are upperclassmen. Three of the newcomers — Dedrick Strambler, Dustin Hunt and Rhequan Strambler — are joining the program from the football team ... One of last year's key players, senior forward Kaleb Nunez, did not return to the team this season after he decided he wanted to stay healthy and focused on playing college football next season. "We wish him the best of luck," Packer said. "If he does decide (to play basketball) we'd love to have him. But if he doesn't, we wish him the best of luck and I know he's got big things coming his way." ... Packer said this year's Rebels will be a guard-heavy, floor-spacing offense with more capable shooters than in year's past. ...The Rebels don't have an abundance of height — senior forward Rhequan Strambler is the team's tallest player at 6-foot-6 — but Packer expects this will be a quick and aggressive group, both defensively and offensively. ... One of Lee's top guards, junior Sema'J Davis — who was also the quarterback of the football team this season — is currently sidelined with a foot injury. Packer said he'll be inactive for the first few games of the year, as the coaching staff wants to makes sure he fully recovers first.

Season notes

LEE REBELS

Head coach: Chris Packer, third year at Lee
2014-15 record: 3-26, 2-8 in District 3-6A
2014-15 postseason: Missed postseason
Key players returning: G Sema'J Davis, Jr; G Taye Britt, Jr.; G James Lydia, Jr.
Key players lost: F Daniel Nelson; F Kaleb Nunez, Sr.; G Jase Love
Top newcomers: G Cory Sutton, Sr.; G Avery Chambers, Fr.
Coach's quote: "This year, we're going to get up and down and little bit. When the game is like this, a lot of the mistakes can be made up for by effort. That's our mantra this year. We're going to fly around, we're going to fight. We may not

LEE REBELS ROSTER

No.	Name	Class	Position
0	Jacob Marquez	Sr.	Guard
1	Sema'J Davis	Jr.	Guard
2	Taye Britt	Jr.	Guard
3	Avery Chambers	Fr.	Guard
4	Dustin Hunt	Jr.	Guard
5	Tra Collins	Jr.	Guard
11	Cory Sutton	Sr.	Guard
21	Brady Cain	Sr.	Guard/Forward
23	Dedrick Strambler	Sr.	Forward
24	James Lydia	Jr.	Forward
25	Brently LaFoy	So.	Guard
32	David Anderson	Jr.	Forward
33	Rhequan Strambler	Sr.	Forward

2015 LEE REBELS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov 17	at Abilene Wylie	7:30 p.m.
Nov 20	at Lubbock Estacado	7:30 p.m.
Nov 23	at Amarillo High	7:30 p.m.
Nov 24	at Amarillo Palo Duro	6 p.m.
Dec 1	Lubbock Coronado	7:30 p.m.
Dec 4	at Canyon Tournament	TBA
Dec 5	at Canyon Tournament	TBA
Dec 8	Abilene Cooper	7:30 p.m.
Dec 10	Tall City Oilman's Tournament	TBA
Dec 11	Tall City Oilman's Tournament	TBA
Dec 12	Tall City Oilman's Tournament	TBA
Dec 18	at Amarillo Tascosa	7:30 p.m.
Dec 28	Byron Johnston Holiday Classic	TBA
Dec 29	Byron Johnston Holiday Classic	TBA
Dec 30	Byron Johnston Holiday Classic	TBA
Jan 8	at Andrews	7:30 p.m.
Jan 12	San Angelo Lake View	6 p.m.
Jan 15	a - Odessa Permian*	6 p.m.
Jan 19	a - Midland High*	6 p.m.
Jan 22	at Abilene High*	6 p.m.
Jan 26	at Odessa High*	6 p.m.
Jan 29	a - San Angelo Central*	6 p.m.
Feb 2	at Odessa Permian*	6 p.m.
Feb 5	a - Abilene High*	6 p.m.
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NO. 21 MIDLAND CHRISTIAN

Head coach: Chris Ryburn, fourth year at MCS, first seasn as boys head coach

2014-15 record: 21-14, 8-6 in TAPPS 1-4A
2014-15 postseason: Lost 93-79 to Tyler All-Saints Episcopal in area round of TAPPS 4A state playoffs
Key players returning: G Daniel Venzant, Jr.; G Bryce Waters, Jr.; F Brett Thomason, Sr.
Key players lost: G Grant Little, Sr.
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Daniel Venzant	Jr.	Guard
Bryce Waters	Jr.	Guard
Colton Snively	Jr.	Forward
Luke Watson	Jr.	Guard
Evan McKinney	Jr.	Guard
Silas Crews	So.	Guard

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN SCHEDULE

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Dec 3	at Brock Tournament	TBA
Dec 4	at Brock Tournament	TBA
Dec 5	at Brock Tournament	TBA
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Dec 15	Seminole	7:30 p.m.
Dec 29	at Monahans Tournament	TBA
Dec 30	at Monahans Tournament	TBA
Dec 31	at Monahans Tournament	TBA
Jan 8	at Flower Mound Coram Deo*	7:30 p.m.
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Jan 12	at Alpine	7:30 p.m.
Jan 15	Arlington Pantego*	7 p.m.
Jan 16	Fort Worth Christian*	2:30 p.m.
Jan 19	Lubbock Trinity*	7:30 p.m.
Jan 22	at Colleyville Covenant*	7:30 p.m.
Jan 23	at Grapevine Faith*	2:30 p.m.
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Jan. 30	Flower Mound Coram Deo*	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	at Lubbock Trinity*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 5	at Fort Worth Christian*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 6	at Arlington Pantego* 2:30 p.m.	
Feb. 12	Grapevine Faith*	7 p.m.
Feb. 13	Colleyville Covenant*	2:30 p.m.

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NO. 8 MIDLAND CLASSICAL ACADEMY

Head coach: Ron Miller, 13th year at MCA
2014-15 record: 21-9, 5-3 in TAPPS 1-3A
2014-15 postseason: Lost 75-37 to Cedar Hill Trinity Christian in area round of TAPPS 3A state playoffs
Key players returning: G.Garrett Sparks, Sr.; G Heath Gladson, Sr.; G Blake Gladson; Sr; F Marshall McCray, Sr.
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MIDLAND CLASSICAL ACADEMY KNIGHTS ROSTER

No.	Name	Class	Position
2	Conrey Echols	Fr.	Guard
4	Garrett Sparks	Sr.	Guard
5	Heath Gladson	Sr.	Guard
10	Blake Gladson	Sr.	Guard
13	Sam Reddell	Jr.	Forward
14	Jared Adkins	Jr.	Guard
15	Marshall McCray	Sr.	Forward
20	Cole Miller	Fr.	Guard
21	Cannon Echols	Sr.	Forward
31	Cade Miller	Jr.	Forward
33	Kevin Giffin	Jr.	Forward
40	Josh Rabe	Sr.	Forward
50	Jacob Baley	Sr.	Forward

MIDLAND CLASSICAL ACADEMY SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov 10	at Lubbock All-Saints	6:30 p.m.
Nov 13	Sherwood Christian	7:30 p.m.
Nov 17	Denver City	7:30 p.m.
Nov 20	Kermit	6 p.m.
Nov 23	Lubbock All-Saints	TBA
Dec 1	at Forsan	6 p.m.
Dec 3	at Rankin Tournament	TBA
Dec 4	at Rankin Tournament	TBA
Dec 5	at Rankin Tournament	TBA
Dec 8	Embassy Christian	6 p.m.
Dec 10	at Crane Tournament	TBA
Dec 11	at Crane Tournament	TBA
Dec 12	at Crane Tournament	TBA
Dec 14	Garden City	6 p.m.
Dec 29	at Monahans Tournament	TBA
Dec. 30	at Monahans Tournament	TBA
Dec. 31	at Monahans Tournament	TBA
Jan. 5	Crane	6 p.m.
Jan. 9	at Greenwood	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 12	at Trinity *	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 15	at Amarillo San Jacinto*	6 p.m.
Jan. 22	Lubbock Christian*	8 p.m.
Jan. 26	Abilene Christian*	8 p.m.
Jan. 30	Amarillo San Jacinto* 6 p.m.	
Feb. 6	at Abilene Christian*	5 p.m.
Feb. 9	Trinity*	8 p.m.
Feb. 12	at Lubbock Christian*	8 p.m.

* Denotes TAPPS 1-3A game

TRINITY

Head coach: Brad Miller, first year at Trinity
2014-15 record: 10-17, 1-7 in TAPPS 1-3A
2014-15 postseason: Missed postseason
Key players returning: Peter Rodenko, Sr.; Vincent Baiano, Sr.; Anthony Dragun, Sr.; Daniel Webb, So.; G Benjamin Witt, Jr.
Key players lost: F Jonah Starck; G Jacob Webb; G Boomer Selvera
Top newcomers: Evan Witt, Fr.; Greg Shipkey, Fr.; Philip Norwood, Fr.
Coach's quote: "The kids I'm working with now, they're working hard. They're focused in. They're giving 110 percent at everything. I'm really proud. I think we're going to have a lot better year than what people probably think. By the time district starts, I think we're going to be a pretty good team."

Notes: Miller joins the Trinity program as the boys' head coach after previously spending three years coaching district rival Midland Classical from 2007-10. ... Miller is particularly excited about a talented group of freshmen and sophomores, some of whom figure to get plenty of minutes on the varsity squad this season. ... Miller said he would like to implement a transitional, up-and-down offense and aggressive man-to-man defense, but also said he is still getting to know his players' capabilities and what kinds of systems might best fit their skills. ... Still, Miller said he's pleased with the team's progress so far. "We've come a long way already," Miller said. "I'm new to the kids, and they're new to me. In these first three weeks, I've been really, really happy with what's gone on. It seems like we're making headway so much faster than I would have thought." ... Although the Chargers play in one of the most competitive and talented districts — public or private — in the area, Miller believes making the playoffs is a realistic goal for his group if it continues to work hard and improve together.

TRINITY CHARGERS ROSTER

Name	Class
Ryan Armendariz	Sr.
Vincent Baiano	Sr.
Nicholas Demoskoff	Jr.
Jacob Dorr	Jr.
Anthony Dragun	Sr.
Luke Hartzer	Jr.
Philip Norwood	Fr.
Lewis Ohlman	Jr.
Peter Rodenko	Sr.
Devin Scott	Jr.
Greg Shipkey	Fr.
John Stevens	Jr.
Daniel Webb	So.
Jacyree Webbs	Sr.
Benjamin Witt	Jr.
Evan Witt	Fr.

TRINITY SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov 10	at Midessa Warriors	7:30 p.m.
Nov 17	at Klondike	7:30 p.m.
Nov 20	at Westbrook Tournament	TBA
Nov 21	at Westbrook Tournament	TBA
Dec 3	at Rankin Tournament	TBA
Dec 4	at Rankin Tournament	TBA
Dec 5	at Rankin Tournament	TBA
Dec 8	at Grandfalls-Royalty	7:30 p.m.
Dec 18	Lubbock All-Saints	7:30 p.m.
Jan 5	Rankin	7:30 p.m.
Jan 8	at Buena Vista	7:30 p.m.
Jan 12	Midland Classical Academy*	7:30 p.m.
Jan 16	at Amarillo San Jacinto*	7:30 p.m.
Jan 19	at Lubbock Christian*	7:30 p.m.
Jan 23	Abilene Christian*	3:30 p.m.
Jan 26	at Lubbock All-Saints	7:30 p.m.
Jan 29	Amarillo San Jacinto*	7:30 p.m.
Feb 2	Lubbock Christian*	7:30 p.m.
Feb 5	at Abilene Christian*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	at Midland Classical Academy*	7:30 p.m.

* Denotes TAPPS 1-3A game

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Johnson and Nate Rogers — part of Rivers' duty as a leader is to trust in whoever his teammates are, whether they are saddled with varsity experienced or not.

"I have confidence in all of my teammates," Rivers said. "No matter who I pass it to, they can score, they can look for people and create plays. It really doesn't matter who I pass it to. At the end, it'll be the same."

Rivers said that more than anything else, he spent time this summer working on his ability to create an easy scoring opportunity for a teammate. Being unselfish and being constantly aware of surroundings are valuable traits shared by many quality point guards.

Rivers said he believes he's made progress in this area from past seasons.

"(I've been working on) setting somebody up to get a bucket," Rivers said. "Rather than me getting a bucket, I'd rather set someone else up to get a bucket before I look to score first."

Considering Hooker's coaching philosophy as well as the personnel on the Bulldogs' roster, that type of team-first approach figures to have a particularly positive effect on MHS.

The Bulldogs will have athletes galore in players such as junior Courtney McMaryion, senior Jumel Jones and junior Ty Kendrick — all of whom were standouts on the MHS track and field teams during the spring.

Rivers said that having that type of personnel available to him should make playmaking even easier for him on the court. He also believes that his teammates are as determined to be successful this season as he is.

"We've got a lot of depth on our team on the bench," Rivers said. "So if one of our starters gets tired, we know we have someone to back us up — someone who isn't just going to go out and play for the fun of it. They're going to go out there and play to win."

After falling to a powerful Amarillo High squad in the area round of last year's Class 6A playoffs, Rivers said he and his teammates are ready to get back into action. Getting back into the playoffs — where anything can happen — in a competitive district is the goal.

Rivers said he knows exactly how to help get his team there.

"(We need to) hustle, maintain composure and just work hard and we can get the job done," he said. "I think we can do big things with the team we've got now."

Season notes

MIDLAND HIGH BULLDOGS

Head coach: Shannon Hooker, first season at MHS
2014-15 record: 18-11, 8-2 in District 3-6A
2014-15 postseason: Lost, 75-60 to Amarillo High in area round of Class 6A playoffs
Key players returning: G Shawn Rivers, Sr.; F Courtney McMaryion, Jr.; F Andrew Norwood, Sr.; F Jumel Jones, Sr.; G Ty Kendrick, Jr.

Key players lost: F Gary Ringo; F Trevor Abney; F Nate Rogers; G A.D. Johnson
Top newcomers: F Dillon Springer, F Javorian Grimes
Coach's quote: "My goals are to come in here and get this program, this team to think defense first and to think team-oriented basketball first. We want to build upon the tradition of Midland High School basketball over the years and I think we've got a good mixture of players here right now that's going to help us get to where we want to be."

Notes: Hooker joins the MHS program as head coach after compiling nearly 30 years of coaching experience at programs of various classifications around Texas. Most recently, Hooker was the head boys basketball coach at Corpus Christi Carroll, a position he held since 2010. ... Hooker carries a career coaching record of 397-146, as well as career district record of 120-39. ... Hooker said he wants to implement an up-tempo offensive system that is predicated on aggressive defense. ... Between 6-foot-3 Gary Ringo, 6-4 Trevor Abney and 6-10 Nate Rogers, the Bulldogs lost quite a bit of size from last year's team. But with the sheer number of speedy athletes on the Bulldogs' roster, MHS expects to be able to fit Hooker's fast-paced style of play very well this season. ... Junior forward Courtney McMaryion is one of the district's most athletic players and is also a long and high jump star for the MHS track and field team. Junior guard Ty Kendrick ran one of the legs on the Bulldogs' relay teams during track season. ... Hooker said that he feels his team's defensive ability has showed early and is slightly ahead of the Bulldogs' offensive capabilities. But likes the potential his group has to score this year with baskets in transition and the presence of several playmakers.

MIDLAND HIGH BULLDOGS ROSTER (Subject to change)

No.	Name	Pos.	Class	Ht.
2	Daveone Bass	G	Sr.	6-2
23	Davorian Defeil	F	Sr.	6-4
00	Javorian Grimes	F	Sr.	6-0
4	Jamel Jones	F	Sr.	6-3
15	Andrew Norwood	F	Sr.	6-4
1	Shawn Rivers	G	Sr.	5-9
34	DeAndre Springer	G	Sr.	5-11
3	Tyree Young	G	Sr.	5-10
11	Jalen Childress	G	Jr.	5-6
5	Ty Kendrick	G	Jr.	5-8
12	Courtney McMaryion	F	Jr.	6-3
10	Camran Rock	G	Jr.	5-9
32	Dillon Springer	F	Jr.	6-1
33	Raymond Tate	F	Jr.	6-2

2015 MIDLAND HIGH BULLDOGS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 17	Amarillo Tascosa	6 p.m.
Nov. 20	at Lubbock Coronado	7:30 p.m.
Nov 24	at Jemt	8 p.m.
Dec 1	at Abilene Wylie	8 p.m.
Dec. 3	San Antonio South San Tourhament	TBA
Dec. 4	San Antonio South San Tourhament	TBA
Dec. 5	San Antonio South San Tourhament	TBA
Dec. 8	at Lubbock Estacado	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 10	Tall City Oilman's Tournament	TBA
Dec. 11	Tall City Oilman's Tournament	TBA
Dec. 12	Tall City Oilman's Tournament	TBA
Dec. 18	at Brownfield	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 28	Byron Johnston Holiday Classic	TBA
Dec. 29	Byron Johnston Holiday Classic	TBA
Dec. 30	Byron Johnston Holiday Classic	TBA
Jan. 5	at Hobbs, NM	8 p.m.
Jan. 8	Grady	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 15	at Abilene High*	6 p.m.
Jan. 19	a - at Lee	6 p.m.
Jan. 22	a - San Angelo Central*	6 p.m.
Jan. 26	a - Odessa Permian*	6 p.m.
Jan. 29	at Odessa High*	6 p.m.
Feb. 2	a - Abilene High*	6 p.m.
Feb. 5	at San Angelo Central*	6 p.m.
Feb. 9	a - Lee*	6 p.m.
Feb. 12	at Odessa Permian*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 16	a - Odessa High*	7:30 p.m.

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MIDLAND COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL CAPSULES

GREENWOOD

Head coach: Paul Hartman, second year at Greenwood
2014-15 record: 3-27, 2-8 in District 4-4A
2014-15 postseason: Missed postseason
Key players returning: G/F Jake Rogers, Sr.; G Blake Elliott, Jr.; G Sam Magallan, Jr.; G Tyler James, Jr.
Key players lost: G Alex Montes; F Javier Vizcaino; F Austin Ulcak
Top newcomers: G/F Seth Keeton; G Fabian Madrid; G Tyler Ellison
Coach's quote: "We were in a lot of games last year. The guys are confident. They were young but motivated, and they got tired of losing. We want to get better every day and be playing our best ball at the end. We're going to have to compete."

Notes: After a dismal 3-27 campaign last season, Hartman and the Rangers are determined for better fortunes this season. The Rangers won two of their final three games last year and hope to build upon that momentum to kick things off. ... Although Greenwood lost All-District 4-4A guard and last year's leading scorer Alex Montes to graduation, the Rangers are returning several players who started quite a few games last season. ... Hartman said the team's strength this season should be its experience, but he also said the Rangers figure to be a better-shooting, fast-paced team that will have an easier time scoring than it did last year. Hartman said keys for success this season for Greenwood will be limiting turnovers and making sure the team takes advantage of easy scoring opportunities. ... Hartman said the main goal for this season's team is to focus on getting better every day.

GREENWOOD RANGERS ROSTER (Subject to change)

No.	Name	Class	Position
1	Jesus Rodriguez	Sr.	Post
3	Tyler Ellison	Jr.	Guard
4	Chase Strumpfer	Sr.	Guard
5	Sammy Magallan	Jr.	Guard
12	Brandon Flores	Sr.	Guard
14	Tino Madrid	Sr.	Forward
21	Jakes Rogers	Sr.	Forward
23	Tyler James	Jr.	Guard
24	Fabian Madrid	Jr.	Guard
32	Kelley Cooper	Jr.	Forward
33	Seth Keeton	Jr.	Forward
42	Blake Cain	Sr.	Post
50	Felix Rodriguez	Sr.	Forward
55	Blake Elliott	Jr.	Guard

GREENWOOD SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov 17	at Snyder	6 p.m.
Nov 20	at Lubbock Monterey	7:30 p.m.
Nov 24	Abilene High	8 p.m.
Dec 1	Lubbock Cooper	7:30 p.m.
Dec 3	at Denver City Tournament	TBA
Dec 4	at Denver City Tournament	TBA
Dec 5	at Denver City Tournament	TBA
Dec 8	at Brownfield	6 p.m.
Dec 10	at Burkburnett Tournament	TBA
Dec 11	at Burkburnett Tournament	TBA
Dec 15	at Big Spring	7:30 p.m.
Dec 18	Levelland	6:30 p.m.
Dec 29	at Caprock Tournament (Lubbock)	TBA
Dec 30	at Caprock Tournament	TBA
Dec 31	at Caprock Tournament	TBA
Jan 5	at Lamesa	8 p.m.
Jan 8	Midland Classical Academy	6:30 p.m.
Jan 15	Seminole*	7:30 p.m.
Jan 19	at Pecos*	7:30 p.m.
Jan 22	Monahans*	7:30 p.m.
Jan 26	Fort Stockton*	7:30 p.m.
Jan 29	Andrews*	7:30 p.m.
Feb 2	at Seminole*	7:30 p.m.
Feb 5	Pecos*	7:30 p.m.
Feb 9	at Monahans*	7:30 p.m.
Feb 12	at Fort Stockton*	7:30 p.m.
Feb 16	at Andrews*	7:30 p.m.

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NO. 21 MIDLAND CHRISTIAN

Head coach: Chris Ryburn, fourth year at MCS, first seasn as boys head coach

2014-15 record: 21-14, 8-6 in TAPPS 1-4A
2014-15 postseason: Lost 93-79 to Tyler All-Saints Episcopal in area round of TAPPS 4A state playoffs
Key players returning: G Daniel Venzant, Jr.; G Bryce Waters, Jr.; F Brett Thomason, Sr.
Key players lost: G Grant Little, Sr.
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Silas Crews	So.	Guard

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Nov 17	Presidio (at Sul Ross State Univ.)	7 p.m.
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Dec 31	at Monahans Tournament	TBA
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Feb. 13	Colleyville Covenant*	2:30 p.m.

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MIDLAND CLASSICAL ACADEMY KNIGHTS ROSTER

No.	Name	Class	Position
2	Conrey Echols	Fr.	Guard
4	Garrett Sparks	Sr.	Guard
5	Heath Gladson	Sr.	Guard
10	Blake Gladson	Sr.	Guard
13	Sam Reddell	Jr.	Forward
14	Jared Adkins	Jr.	Guard
15	Marshall McCray	Sr.	Forward
20	Cole Miller	Fr.	Guard
21	Cannon Echols	Sr.	Forward
31	Cade Miller	Jr.	Forward
33	Kevin Giffin	Jr.	Forward
40	Josh Rabe	Sr.	Forward
50	Jacob Baley	Sr.	Forward

MIDLAND CLASSICAL ACADEMY SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov 10	at Lubbock All-Saints	6:30 p.m.
Nov 13	Sherwood Christian	7:30 p.m.
Nov 17	Denver City	7:30 p.m.
Nov 20	Kermit	6 p.m.
Nov 23	Lubbock All-Saints	TBA
Dec 1	at Forsan	6 p.m.
Dec 3	at Rankin Tournament	TBA
Dec 4	at Rankin Tournament	TBA
Dec 5	at Rankin Tournament	TBA
Dec 8	Embassy Christian	6 p.m.
Dec 10	at Crane Tournament	TBA
Dec 11	at Crane Tournament	TBA
Dec 12	at Crane Tournament	TBA
Dec 14	Garden City	6 p.m.
Dec 29	at Monahans Tournament

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PAIRINGS

CLASS 6A DIVISION I

Region I
Regional

Amarillo Tascosa (9-2) vs. Odessa Permian (10-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field
Denton Ryan (11-0) vs. South Grand Prairie (7-4), 5:30 p.m. Friday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium
Amarillo High (9-2) vs. Arlington Martin (9-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Wichita Falls' Memorial Stadium
Allen (11-0) vs. DeSoto (8-5), 9 p.m. Friday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

Region II
Regional

Dallas Skyline (9-2) vs. Garland Rowlett (9-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Mesquite's Memorial Stadium
Round Rock Cedar Ridge (10-1) vs. Humble Atascocita (10-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Round Rock's Reeves Complex
North Mesquite (9-2) vs. Killeen Shoemaker (9-2), 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium
Austin Westlake (10-1) vs. The Woodlands (10-1), 3 p.m. Saturday, Bryan HS

Region III
Regional

Cypress Falls (10-1) vs. Houston Bellaire (6-5), 1 p.m. Saturday, Houston's TDECU Stadium
Galena Park North Shore (8-3) vs. League City Clear Springs (8-5), 7 p.m. Friday, League City
Aldine Eisenhower (8-3) vs. Houston Lamar (10-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Houston's Delmar Stadium
Pearland (11-0) vs. Dickinson (10-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Houston's NRG Stadium

Region IV
Regional

Converse Judson (10-1) vs. SA Northside O'Connor (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Converse
Laredo United (8-2) vs. Weslaco (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Corpus Christi's Cabaniss Stadium
Smithson Valley (9-3) vs. SA Northside Stevens (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Antonio's Comalander Stadium
McAllen Memorial (11-0) vs. Harlingen (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Harlingen's Boggus Stadium

CLASS 5A DIVISION II

Region I
Regional

EP Americas (7-4) vs. San Angelo Central (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Midland's Grande Stadium
Denton Guyer (8-3) vs. Southlake Carroll (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Allen
EP Eastwood (9-2) vs. Arlington Lamar (10-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Odessa's Ratliff Stadium
Lewisville Marcus (10-1) vs. Mansfield (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, NRH's Birdville Fine Arts Complex

Region II
Regional

Dallas Jesuit (10-1) vs. Rockwall (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Murphy's Kimbrough Stadium
Pflugerville Hendrickson (9-2) vs. Spring (10-1), 7 p.m. Friday, College Station HS
Dallas Highland Park (10-1) vs. Waco Midway (8-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium
Lake Travis (11-0) vs. Spring Westfield (9-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Brenham

Region III
Regional

Cypress Ranch (10-1) vs. Katy (11-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Houston's Tully Stadium
Pearland Dawson (8-3) vs. Friendswood (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Houston's NRG Stadium
Cypress Creek (7-4) vs. Houston Strake Jesuit (7-4), 7 p.m. Friday, Strake Jesuit
Manvel (9-2) vs. League City Clear Creek (11-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Pasadena's Memorial Stadium

Region IV
Regional

Cibolo Steele (11-0) vs. SA Northside Brennan (9-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, San Antonio's Heroes Stadium
Del Rio (8-3) vs. Weslaco East (8-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, San Antonio's Alamo Stadium
Schertz Clemens (9-2) vs. SA Northside Brandeis (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Antonio's Alamodome
Laredo Alexander (5-6) vs. San Benito (9-2)
Corpus Christi's Wildcat Stadium

CLASS 5A DIVISION I

Region I
Regional

EF Chapin (10-1) vs. Canyon Randall (10-1), 4 p.m. Saturday, Midland's Grande Stadium
FW Boswell (10-1) vs. Burleson Centennial (8-3) 7:30 p.m. Friday, Southside
EP Del Valle (9-2) vs. Abilene Cooper (6-5), 4 p.m. Friday, Midland's Grande Stadium
Denton (9-2) vs. Aledo (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Justin Northwest HS

Region II
Regional

Wylie (7-4) vs. Rockwall-Heath (8-3), 9 p.m. Saturday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium
Mansfield Summit (10-1) vs. Longview (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, DeSoto
Wylie East (10-1) vs. Mesquite Poteet (8-3), 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium
Mansfield Lake Ridge (11-0) vs. Tyler (8-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Forney

Region III
Regional

Temple (10-11 vs. Houston Stratford (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bryan HS
Houston King (9-2) vs. Richmond Foster (9-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Houston's TDECU Stadium
Bryan (8-3) vs. Magnolia West (8-3), 7 p.m. Friday, Waller
Nederland (8-3) vs. Richmond George Ranch (11-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Cypress Berry Center

Region IV
Regional

Austin Vandegrift (9-2) vs. Lockhart (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Marcos Rattler Stadium
Victoria East (7-4) vs. Edinburg Vela (11-0), 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Corpus Christi's Buccaneer Stadium
Cedar Park Vista Ridge (9-2) vs. San Marcos (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Marcos' Bobcat Stadium
Victoria West (10-1) vs. Mission Veterans (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Corpus Christi's Buccaneer Stadium

CLASS 5A DIVISION II

Region I
Regional

EP Burges (7-4) vs. Canyon (9-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Seminole
WF Rider (7-4) vs. Everman (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Fort Worth's Chisholm Trail Stadium
EP Eastlake (10-1) vs. Lubbock Cooper (9-1), 8 p.m. Friday, El Paso's Socorro ISD Complex
Lake Dallas (9-2) vs. Burleson (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bedford's Pennington Field

Region II
Regional

Frisco Lone Star (10-1) vs. Forney (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Plano's Clark Stadium
Dallas South Oak Cliff (8-3) vs. Marshall (10-1), 3 p.m. Saturday, DeSoto
Lucas Lovejoy (8-3) vs. Terrell (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Allen
Lancaster (8-3) vs. Hallsville (7-4), 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Tyler's Rose Stadium

Region III
Regional

College Station A&M Consolidated (8-3) vs. Magnolia (10-1), 7 p.m. Thursday, Waller
Crosby (11-0) vs. Fort Bend Ridge Point (8-3), 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Houston's NRG Stadium
College Station (9-2) vs. Houston North Forest (10-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Spring
Port Neches-Groves (9-2) vs. Angleton (6-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Barbers Hill HS

Region IV
Regional

Cedar Park (11-0) vs. Kerrville Tivy (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Georgetown ISD Complex
Somerset (10-1) vs. Edcouch-Elsa (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Laredo's Shirley Field
Georgetown (8-3) vs. Boerne Champion (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Antonio's Alamo Stadium
CC Calallen (9-2) vs. Mission Sharyland (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Kingsville's Javelina Stadium

CLASS 4A DIVISION I

Region I
Regional

Pampa (8-3) vs. Mineral Wells (9-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Lubbock's Jones Stadium
Andrews (10-1) vs. Brownwood (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Angelo Stadium
Abilene Wylie (9-2) vs. Borger (5-6), 8 p.m. Friday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field
Stephenville (4-6) vs. Levelland (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sweetwater

Region II
Regional

Kennedale (11-0) vs. Athens (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Ennis
Argyle (10-1) vs. Pittsburg (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Royse City
Texarkana Liberty-Eylau (10-1) vs. Sanger (10-1), 7 p.m. Thursday, Royse City
Kaufman (10-1) vs. Alvarado (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Grand Prairie's Gopher-Warrior Bowl

Region III
Regional

Kilgore (8-3) vs. El Campo (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Porter
Silsbee (9-2) vs. Sealy (6-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Shenandoah's Woodforest Stadium
Navasota (11-0) vs. Jasper (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Conroe's Moorhead Stadium
Stafford (11-0) vs. Carthage (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Humble

Region IV
Regional

Waco La Vega (11-0) vs. Rockport-Fulton (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Katy's Rhodes Stadium
Liberty Hill (9-2) vs. Gonzales (5-6), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Fischer
La Vernia (7-4) vs. Gatesville (5-6), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Buda
La Perla (9-2) vs. China Spring (10-1), 3 p.m. Saturday, Converse

CLASS 4A DIVISION II

Region I
Regional

Iowa Park (7-4) vs. Krum (8-5), 7 p.m. Friday, Jacksboro
Sweetwater (11-0) vs. Aubrey (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Granbury
Celina (11-0) vs. Monahans (7-4), 7 p.m. Friday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium
Anna (9-5) vs. Perryton (6-5), 7 p.m. Friday, Cache, Okla.

Region II
Regional

Gilmer (11-0) vs. Mexia (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mesquite's Memorial Stadium
Center (9-2) vs. Fairfield (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Longview's Lobo Stadium
Lorena (8-6) vs. Canton (8-5), 7 p.m. Thursday, Ennis
Coldspring-Oakhurst (7-4) vs. Atlanta (7-4), 2 p.m. Saturday, Athens

Region III
Regional

West Orange-Stark (10-1) vs. Wharton (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Channelview
La Marque (9-2) vs. Caldwell (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Huffman Hargrave
Giddings (11-0) vs. Orangefield (6-5), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Pearland ISD Stadium
Bellville (9-2) vs. Hamshire-Fannett (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Klein's Memorial Stadium

Region IV
Regional

Geronimo Navarro (10-0) vs. Yoakum (6-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bastrop
Devine (10-1) vs. Cuero (6-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Antonio's Heroes Stadium
Sinton (10-0) vs. Llano (4-7), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Antonio's Edgewood Stadium
Orange Grove (10-0) vs. Wimberley (4-7), 5 p.m. Saturday, Victoria

CLASS 3A DIVISION I

Region I
Regional

Muleshoe (10-1) vs. Breckenridge (8-3), 7 p.m. Friday, Big Spring
Shallowater (8-2) vs. Bowie (6-5), 7 p.m. Thursday, Snyder
Wall (11-0) vs. Littlefield (6-5), 7 p.m. Friday, Snyder
Brock (11-0) vs. Denver City (8-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Weatherford

Region II
Regional

Pottsboro (11-0) vs. White Oak (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Terrell
Sunnyvale (10-1) vs. Daingerfield (5-6), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lindale
Big Sandy Harmony (7-4) vs. Callisburg (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Paris
Mineola (11-0) vs. Whitesboro (5-6), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Greenville

Region III
Regional

Grandview (10-0) vs. East Chambers (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, A&M Consolidated HS
Cameron Yoe (10-1) vs. Malakoff (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Waco ISD Stadium
Teague (9-1) vs. Rockdale (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bellon's Crusader Stadium
Kirbyville (10-1) vs. West (10-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Huntsville's Bowers Stadium

Region IV
Regional

Luling (5-6) vs. Goliad (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, SA Harlandale
Edna (8-3) vs. Mathis (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Victoria
Hallettsville (9-2) vs. Hitchcock (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Rosenberg
Aransas Pass (8-3) vs. Altair Rice (5-6), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Karnes City

CLASS 3A DIVISION II

Region I
Regional

Idalou (10-0) vs. Colorado City (5-6), 7 p.m. Thursday, Andrews
Cisco (10-1) vs. Coleman (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Brownwood
Post (11-0) vs. Henrietta (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Clyde
Sonora (8-3) vs. Eastland (9-2), 7 p.m. Thursday, Sweetwater

Region II
Regional

Howe (10-1) vs. New London West Rusk (10-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Forney
Leonard (7-4) vs. Omaha Pewitt (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Pearland
Arp (6-5) vs. Lone Oak (5-6), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Van Wasikom (11-0) vs. Gunter (8-3), 7:30 pm Friday, Mount Pleasant

Region III
Regional

Dublin (5-6) vs. Corrigan-Camden (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Buffalo
Jarrell (11-0) vs. Crockett (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Groesbeck
Newton (7-4) vs. Martin (6-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Palestine
Franklin (11-0) vs. Clifton (6-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Hewitt

Region IV
Regional

East Bernard (9-2) vs. Santa Gertrudis Academy (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Seguin
Blanco (11-0) vs. Taft (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Antonio's Gustafson Stadium
Odem (11-0) vs. El Maton Tidehaven (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Edna
Hebbronville (5-6) vs. Boling (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Beeville

CLASS 2A DIVISION I

Region I
Regional

Canadian (11-0) vs. Stamford (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Vernon
Panhandle (7-4) vs. Anson (6-5), 7 p.m. Friday, Wortforth
Windthorst (6-5) vs. Wellington (6-5), 7 p.m. Friday, Iowa Park
Hawley (10-1) vs. Stratford (10-1), 4 p.m. Friday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field

Region II
Regional

Valley View (7-4) vs. Tolar (7-4), TBD
Clarksville (5-6) vs. Bosqueville (7-4), 7 p.m. Friday, Mabank
Goldthwaite (9-2) vs. Alvord (4-7), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Joshua
Crawford (11-0) vs. Blue Ridge (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Waxahachie

Region III
Regional

Hariston (6-5) vs. Centerville (5-6), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lufkin
Shelbyville (10-0) vs. Price Carlisle (10-1), TBD
Alto (11-0) vs. Beckville (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Tyler's Rose Stadium
Loveladj (11-0) vs. San Augustine (6-5), TBD

Region IV
Regional

Holland (9-2) vs. Weimar (8-3), TBD
Mason (11-0) vs. Refugio (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Antonio's Farris Stadium
Shiner (11-0) vs. Moody (6-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Brenham
Flatonia (6-5) vs. Junction (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Boerne

CLASS 2A DIVISION II

Region I
Regional

Sunray (7-4) vs. Memphis (5-6), 7 p.m. Friday, Canyon's Kimbrough Stadium
Vega (11-0) vs. Crosbyton (10-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Plainview
Quanah (7-4) vs. Farwell (6-4), 7 p.m. Friday, Amarillo's Bivins Stadium
Seagraves (10-1) vs. Wheeler (5-6), 7 p.m. Friday, Amarillo River Road

Region II
Regional

Iraan (11-0) vs. Electra (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Colorado City
Roscoe (7-4) vs. Hamlin (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Tuscola
Seymour (9-2) vs. Menard (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Abilene's Moore Stadium
Albany (10-1) vs. Van Horn (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Midland Greenwood

Region III
Regional

Muenster (10-1) vs. Iola (9-2), TBD
Hubbard (9-2) vs. Maud (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Whitehouse
Tenaha (6-5) vs. Era (5-6), TBD
Normangee (9-2) vs. Lindsay (8-2), TBD

Region IV
Regional

Bremond (11-0) vs. Woodsboro (5-6), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Wimberley
Falls City (11-0) vs. D'Hanis (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Antonio's Southside Stadium
La Pryor (11-0) vs. Yorktown (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Antonio's South San Stadium
Bruni (10-1) vs. Louise (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Taft

CLASS 1A SIX-MAN DIVISION I

Region I
Regional

Happy (11-0) vs. Meadow (7-4), 7 p.m. Friday, Ralls, Borden County (11-0) vs. Turkey Valley (10-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Lockney

Region II
Regional

Garden City (10-1) vs. Harmleigh (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Blackwell
Crowell (7-3) vs. Sterling City (10-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Merkel

Region III
Regional

Newcastle (9-2) vs. Zephyr (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Gorman
Rochelle (10-1) vs. Gordon (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Hamilton

Region IV
Regional

Abbott (9-2) vs. Savoy (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dallas Life School
Ghester (10-0) vs. Milford (9-2), TBD

CLASS 1A SIX-MAN DIVISION II

Region I
Regional

Follett (9-1) vs. Whitharral (7-4), TBD
Southland (10-1) vs. Lefors (6-5), 7 p.m. Thursday, Jayton

Region II
Regional

Balmorhea (10-1) vs. Loraine (9-2), TBD
Rising Star (7-4) vs. Imperial Buena Vista (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mertzon

Region III
Regional

Guthrie (9-2) vs. Chillicothe (5-6), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Crowell
Forestburg (8-3) vs. Matador Motley County (9-2), 7 p.m. Thursday, Chillicothe

Region IV
Regional

Richland Springs (11-0) vs. Mount Calm (10-0), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Hico
Calvert (11-0) vs. Jonesboro (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, McGregor

Phoenix race was quintessential NASCAR

■ **Rain-shortened contest to determine final four drivers was typically disappointing**

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — In this topsy-turvy second season of NASCAR's new championship format, it was only fitting that the race to set the final four ended in an empty, unsatisfying way.

A rain delay of nearly seven hours Sunday at Phoenix International Raceway turned the final elimination race of the playoffs into a water-logged nightmare. There was no frantic jockeying for the final three slots in the title-deciding finale, no opportunity for Joey Logano or Kurt Busch or Carl Edwards to flex any muscle in a push for the checkered flag.

Yet another burst of rain forced NASCAR to call the event 93 laps from the finish and everyone — the drivers, the fans, NASCAR itself — was denied the opportunity to see how it might have played out.

It was, with no disrespect to chairman Brian France, quintessential NASCAR.

It was France who made "quintessential" the buzz word of this Chase when he deemed Logano did exactly what he should have done when he spun Matt Kenseth as the two raced for a critical playoff victory last month. But the way this Chase has gone, Phoenix was the most perfect embodiment of NASCAR these days.

It rained all day. In Arizona. Grandstands that sold out weeks ago went half-full, and the devoted spectators wearing ponchos and garbage bags and trying so hard to stay entertained on a gray day got no reward for their dedication.

NASCAR didn't have a ton of flexibility. It was late, fans had been tested, teams needed to get back to North Carolina to prepare for a quick turnaround this week to Miami. The rain that fell on the speedway was going to last a good while, and drying the track would take several hours.

So NASCAR finally called it a day. Dale Earnhardt Jr. got the win because he happened to be out front during a lengthy caution right before the rain. The three drivers who earned spots alongside Jeff Gordon in the championship race were reigning Sprint Cup champ Kevin Harvick, Kyle Busch and Martin Truex Jr.

One can't help but wonder, though, what might have happened if NASCAR brought everyone back Monday morning to finish the race.

Would Logano, one of the best in the business on restarts, been able to get past Earnhardt and Harvick to win the race? Would Edwards have closed the small gap in points to bump Truex from the final four? Would Kurt Busch have recovered from a race-starting penalty to earn the win?

Any and all of that was possible, but we'll never know.

In this season of changing rules packages, an on-track product that was mostly uninspiring, rain-ruined races from Daytona to Richmond to Charlotte to Phoenix, and a strange Chase that has earned NASCAR heavy criticism for inconsistency, we really shouldn't have expected anything more.

This was the year that Kurt Busch got a waiver to race for the title even though he was suspended for the first three races of the year for allegedly committing an act of domestic violence. And his younger brother, Kyle, got a waiver because NASCAR felt terrible about the crash at Daytona that sidelined him 11 races with a broken leg and broken foot.

The Chase itself opened with Harvick thumping one-time friend Jimmie Johnson — the guy who helped him win the title last year — in the chest over contact on the track. Then Harvick ran out of gas while leading the next week at New Hampshire to create a must-win situation in the first elimination race.

When Harvick did win Dover, and damaged his car during the celebration, his competitors cried foul and said he did it on purpose to prevent NASCAR from conducting a thorough post-race inspection.

Then came a rainout at Charlotte and a bizarre Sunday race in which contender after contender had some sort of issue. That put Matt Kenseth on the ropes, and he tried to race his way off of them the next week at Kansas. But Logano spun him and Kenseth fumed as his championship chances slipped away.

The next race, at Talladega, was highly controversial. First NASCAR changed the rule about how it would finish the race if a late caution came out, and it was of course chaotic when the first attempt at the final restart was waived off because of a crash.

Earnhardt was trying to stave off elimination with a win, but when Harvick refused to cede position as his engine failed, he triggered a race-ending accident that bounced NASCAR's most popular driver from the playoffs. Drivers again claimed Harvick wasn't on the up-and-up, but NASCAR found no proof that Harvick deliberately caused a crash to protect his position.

Harvick has said he did what he had to do.

Then came Martinsville, where everything was turned upside down. Logano should have won that day to earn his spot in the finale. But Kenseth wouldn't have it and deliberately crashed him, an act that led to a two-race suspension.

The penalty was unprecedented but NASCAR said Kenseth was out of bounds for manipulating the championship race. Kenseth maintained that like Harvick, he did what he had to do, and that France himself encouraged the retaliation by rubber-stamping Logano's move at Kansas as "quintessential NASCAR."

As fans cried foul over inconsistency — a refrain that continued Sunday at Phoenix when Kurt Busch was flagged for jumping the start of the race — many drivers wondered how rules and code and respect had become so blurred.

France says nothing is blurred, that everything is simple to understand. But when a pivotal race that decides the championship field isn't run to completion, it's hard to see clearly through the clouds

AUTO RACING GLANCE

Sprint Cup

Quicken Loans Race for Heroes 500 Results
Sunday
At Phoenix International Raceway
Avondale, Ariz.
Lap length: 1 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (3) Dale Earnhardt Jr, Chevrolet, 219 laps, 125.7 rating, 47 points, $213,465.
2. (8) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 219, 144.44, $230,380.
3. (14) Joey Logano, Ford, 219, 120.41, $176,588.
4. (10) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 219, 111.3, 41, $164,166.
5. (1) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 219, 107.8, 40, $168,836.
6. (11) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 219, 103.3, 39, $147,276.
7. (2) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 219, 93.7, 37, $110,715.
8. (13) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 219, 98.4, 36, $105,940.
9. (18) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 219, 91.3, 36, $134,881.
10. (17) Aric Almirola, Ford, 219, 83.7, 34, $134,126.
11. (22) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 219, 81.2, 33, $121,790.
12. (4) Carl Edwards, Toyota, 219, 110.1, 32, $94,065.
13. (15) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 219, 90.4, 31, $94,340.
14. (5) Martin Truex Jr, Chevrolet, 219, 98.9, 30, $111,360.
15. (12) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 218, 83.2, 29, $113,981.
16. (21) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 218, 66.4, 28, $91,440.
17. (25) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 218, 63.7, 27, $108,798.
18. (29) David Ragan, Toyota, 218, 62.8, 27, $109,404.
19. (7) Erik Jones, Toyota, 218, 83.1, 0, $118,826.
20. (16) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 218, 79, 24, $119,076.
21. (6) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 218, 85.8, 23, $109,298.
22. (24) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 218, 66.8, 22, $105,273.
23. (27) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 218, 64, 21, $115,048.
24. (23) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 218, 58.7, 20, $109,598.
25. (26) Greg Biffle, Ford, 218, 67.3, 19, $111,548.
26. (9) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 217, 69.8, 18, $95,190.
27. (31) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 217, 55.5, 17, $107,354.
28. (30) Matt DiBenedetto, Toyota, 217, 52.3, 16, $93,048.
29. (33) J.J. Yeley, Toyota, 216, 44.7, 0, $76,765.
30. (34) David Gilliland, Ford, 216, 45.5, 14, $98,687.
31. (28) Sam Hornish Jr, Ford, 215, 45.6, 13, $105,360.
32. (36) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, 215, 42.2, 12, $76,340.
33. (38) Cole Whitt, Ford, 215, 36, 11, $76,215.
34. (26) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 215, 46.8, 10, $120,665.
35. (32) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 215, 38, 0, $75,965.
36. (40) Brett Moffitt, Ford, 215, 36, 8, $75,810.
37. (41) Ryan Preece, Ford, 214, 29.5, 7, $75,666.
38. (35) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 214, 44.8, 6, $69,202.
39. (37) Jeb Burton, Toyota, 213, 30.8, 5, $65,130.
40. (42) Ryan Ellis, Chevrolet, 211, 27.8, 0, $61,130.
41. (19) Ricky Stenhouse Jr, Ford, accident, 194, 57.3, $65,130.
42. (39) Joey Gase, Ford, accident, 161, 27.1, $53,130.
43. (43) Timmy Hill, Chevrolet, 127, 23.1, 0, $49,630.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 106.512 mph
Time of Race: 2 hours, 3 minutes, 22 seconds
Margin of Victory: Under Caution
Caution Flags: 2 for 29 laps
Lead Changes: 8 among 7 drivers
Lap Leaders: J.Johnson 1-44; K.Harvick 45-118; Ky.Busch 119; B.Keselowski 120-123; D.Ragan 124; K.Harvick 125-193; D.Earnhardt Jr 194; J.Gordon 195-198; D.Earnhardt Jr 199-219
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): K.Harvick, 2 times for 143 laps; J.Johnson, 1 time for 44 laps; D.Earnhardt Jr, 2 times for 22 laps; J.Gordon, 1 time for 4 laps; B.Keselowski, 1 time for 4 laps; Ky.Busch, 1 time for 1 lap; D.Ragan, 1 time for 1 lap
Wins: J.Logano, 6; J.Johnson, 5; M.Kenseth, 5; Ky.Busch, 4; D.Earnhardt Jr, 3; K.Harvick, 3; Ku.Busch, 2; C.Edwards, 2; D.Hamlin, 2; J.Gordon, 1; B.Keselowski, 1; M.Truex Jr, 1.
Top 16 in Points: 1. K.Harvick, 1,000; 2. J.Gordon, 5,000; 3. Ky.Busch, 5,000; 4. M.Truex Jr, 5,000; 5. C.Edwards, 2,334; 6. J.Logano, 2,319; 7. D.Earnhardt Jr, 2,306; 8. B.Keselowski, 2,304; 9. Ku.Busch, 2,297; 10. D.Hamlin, 2,293; 11. R.Newman, 2,286; 12. J.Johnson, 2,280; 13. J.McMurray, 2,264; 14. P.Menard, 2,239; 15. M.Kenseth, 2,197; 16. C.Bowyer, 2,174

NASCAR Driver Rating Formula
A maximum of 150 points can be attained in a race.
The formula combines the following categories: Wins, Finishes, Top-15 Finishes, Average Running Position While on Lead Lap, Average Speed Under Green, Fastest Lap Led, Most Laps Lead, Lead Lap Finish.

Points Leaders
Through Nov. 15

1. Kevin Harvick, 5,000
2. Jeff Gordon, 5,000
3. Kyle Busch, 5,000
4. Martin Truex Jr, 5,000
5. Carl Edwards, 2,334
6. Joey Logano, 2,319
7. Dale Earnhardt Jr, 2,306
8. Brad Keselowski, 2,304
9. Kurt Busch, 2,297
10. Denny Hamlin, 2,293
11. Ryan Newman, 2,286
12. Jimmie Johnson, 2,280
13. Jamie McMurray, 2,264
14. Paul Menard, 2,239
15. Matt Kenseth, 2,197
16. Clint Bowyer, 2,174
17. Aric Almirola, 937
18. Kasey Kahne, 914
19. Greg Biffle, 840
20. Kyle Larson, 832
21. Austin Dillon, 802
22. Casey Mears, 752
23. AJ Allmendinger, 734
24. Danica Patrick, 696
25. Ricky Stenhouse Jr, 690
26. Sam Hornish Jr, 690
27. David Ragan, 684
28. Tony Stewart, 680
29. Trevor Bayne, 629
30. Justin Allgaier, 586
31. Cole Whitt, 537
32. David Gilliland, 521
33. Alex Bowman, 419
34. Brett Moffitt, 409
35. Matt DiBenedetto, 392
36. Michael Annett, 384
37. Josh Wise, 249
38. Jeb Burton, 216
39. Michael McDowell, 202
40. Alex Kennedy, 120
41. Reed Sorenson, 74
42. Bobby Labonte, 60
43. Michael Waltrip, 54
44. Brian Vickers, 51
45. Ryan Preece, 29
46. Will Kimmel, 11
47. Mike Wallace, 8
48. J.J. Yeley, 8
49. Eddie MacDonald, 7
50. Kyle Fowler, 3

Xfinity Series

Points Leaders
Through Nov. 14

1. Chris Buescher, 1,114
2. Chase Elliott, 1,114
3. Ty Dillon, 1,107
4. Regan Smith, 1,104
5. Elliott Sadler, 1,043
6. Daniel Suarez, 1,043
7. Darrell Wallace Jr., 1,043
8. Brian Scott, 1,042
9. Brendan Gaughan, 1,041
10. Ryan Reed, 1,040
11. Justin Allgaier, 1,040
12. Joey Gase, 1,040
13. Jeremy Clements, 1,040
14. Dakoda Armstrong, 1,040
15. Matt DiBenedetto, 1,040
16. Dylan Lupton, 1,040
17. Blake Koch, 1,040
18. Landon Cassill, 1,040
19. Cole Custer, 1,040
20. Eric McClure, 1,040
21. Joey Gase, 1,040
22. Brennan Poole, 1,040
23. Ryan Blaney, 1,040
24. Harrison Rhodes, 1,040
25. Mike Harmon, 1,040
26. Dermar Lopez, 1,040
27. Peyton Sellers, 1,040
28. Ben Rhodes, 1,040
29. Dylan Kwasniewski, 1,040
30. Mario Gosselin, 1,040
31. Mike Basham, 1,040
32. Boris Said, 1,040
33. Josh Reaume, 1,040
34. Morgan Shepherd, 1,040
35. Jeffrey Earnhardt, 1,040
36. Martin Roy, 1,040
37. Dennis Setzer, 1,040
38. Jimmy Weller, 1,040
39. Jeff Green, 1,040
40. Michael Self, 1,040
41. Carl Long, 1,040
42. Dylan Kwasniewski, 1,040
43. Kyle Weatherman, 1,040
44. Todd Bodine, 1,040
45. Justin Marks, 1,040
46. Jamie Dick, 1,040
47. Stanton Barrett, 1,040
48. Brandon Gdovic, 1,040
49. Kenny Habul, 1,040
50. Benny Gordon, 1,040

Camping World Truck Series

Points Leaders
Through Nov. 13

1. Erik Jones, 867
2. Tyler Reddick, 842
3. Matt Crafton, 829
4. Johnny Sauter, 822
5. Timothy Peters, 762
6. Cameron Hayley, 679
7. Daniel Hemric, 647
8. John Wes Townley, 607
9. Ben Kennedy, 604
10. Spencer Gallagher, 543
11. Ray Black Jr., 509
12. **Tyler Young, 504**
13. John Hunter Nemechek, 481
14. Mason Mingus, 503
15. Brandon Jones, 469
16. Travis Kvapil, 451
17. Jennifer Jo Cobb, 455
18. Korbin Forrister, 446
19. Norm Benning, 365

Formula One

NHRA

Points Leaders

Top Fuel

Funny Car

Pro Stock

Pro Stock Motorcycle

GOLF GLANCE

PGA Tour

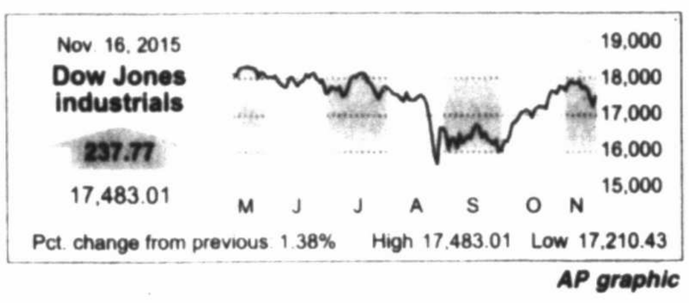
OHL Classic at Mayakoba Scores
Monday
At El Camaleon Golf Club
Playa del Carmen, Mexico
Purse: $6.2 million
Yardage: 6,987; Par: 71
Final
a-amateur

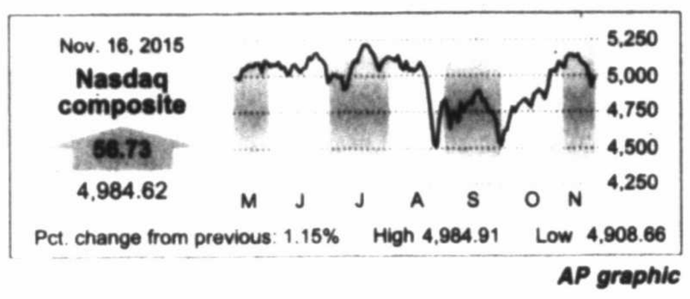
McDowell won one-hole playoff

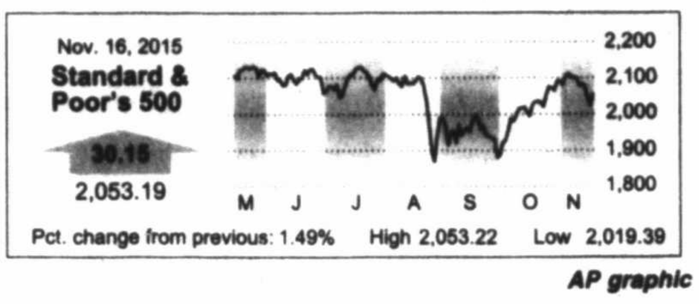
Graeme McDowell (500), $1,116,000	67-63-70-66—266
Jason Bohn (245), $545,600	70-63-65-68—266
Russell Knox (245), $545,600	70-65-65-66—266
Derek Fathauer (135), $297,600	65-66-68-71—268
Scott Brown (105), $235,600	67-67-68-68—270
Harold Varner III (105), $235,600	70-62-68-70—270
Brice Garnett (90), $207,700	67-66-69-69—271
Keegan Bradley (83), $186,000	67-71-68-66—272
Johnson Wagner (83), $186,000	67-67-67-71—272
Peter Malnati (63), $137,433	66-71-67-67—273
Boo Weekley (63), $137,433	67-70-69-67—273
Zac Blair (63), $137,433	68-67-69-70—273
Spencer Levin (63), $137,433	68-66-68-71—273
Patrick Rodgers (63), $137,433	67-66-69-71—273
Hunter Stewart, $137,433	68-69-68-68—273
a-Jon Rahm	69-68-66-70—273
Jim Herman (51), $84,165	69-67-70-68—274
Charles Howell III (51), $84,165	66-71-70-67—274
Freddie Jacobson (51), $84,165	70-69-63-72—274
Si Woo Kim (51), $84,165	68-64-72-70—274
Jason Kokrak (51), $84,165	68-67-68-71—274
Ollie Schniederjans (51), $84,165	66-71-67-70—274
Dawie van der Walt (51), $84,165	66-74-64-70—274

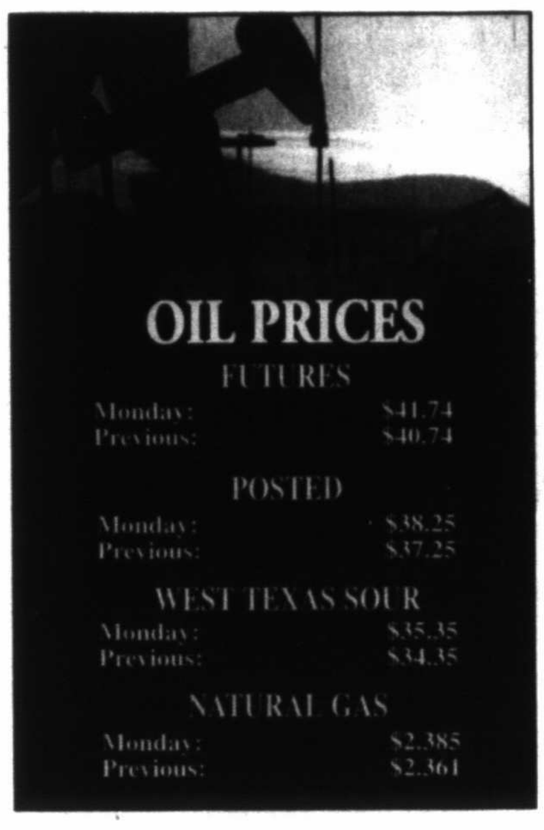
BUSINESS & OIL

A DAY ON WALL STREET









Media General rejects Nexstar bid, but is still willing to talk

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — The television company Media General rejected a $1.9 billion buyout offer from Nexstar Broadcasting on Monday, but said that it's still willing to talk.

The Nexstar bid comes in the wake of a $2.4 billion bid from Media General Inc. for Meredith Corp., which owns television stations and publishes about 20 magazines. Media General said in September that a deal with Meredith would create a company with almost 90 television stations in 54 markets and magazines including Better Homes and Gardens and Martha Stewart Living.

Some see the bid from Nexstar, which owns, operates, programs or provides services to more than 100 television stations in 58 markets, as an attempt to drive a wedge between Meredith and Media General. Its offer for Media General, based in Richmond, Virginia, was valued at $4.1 billion, including debt. Nexstar has said that a tie-up with Media General would reach 39 percent of U.S. TV households and create the second-largest owner of major network affiliates.

KMID-TV and KPEJ-TV in Midland-Odessa, along with two stations in Lubbock, are among Nexstar's Texas stations.

Activist investor Starboard Value LP has been urging Media General to negotiate with Nexstar and drop its pursuit of Meredith. Starboard has said that buying Meredith isn't the right move for Media General because it would put the company back into the print business.

However, Media General said Monday that it believes Nexstar's current offer significantly undervalues the company and its prospects. Still, it plans to engage in private negotiations with Nexstar.

Nexstar Chairman and CEO Perry Sook said in a written statement that the company is "eager to move forward" with talks with Media General.

Media General's board continues to support the proposed Meredith deal. For its part, Meredith said it remains confident that a deal with Media General would generate superior benefits for shareholders compared with any Nexstar deal. Meredith also said that if Medial General reaches a potential deal with a third party such as Nexstar that they have the chance to present an alternative offer.

Shares of Media General fell 8 cents to $15.38, Meredith's stock rose 80 cents to $45.87. Shares of Nexstar Broadcasting Group Inc. added 72 cents to $58.63.

Energy stocks lead rally

U.S. stocks mounted a broad rally on Monday, snapping a three-day losing streak as investors moved past concerns that the terrorist attacks in Paris could spell big trouble for the global economy.

Oil and gas stocks were among the biggest gainers as the price of crude rose. Traders also bid up shares in defense contractors, while travel-related stocks slumped.

The gains followed a mixed day in European markets, which shook off an early loss and ended mixed.

Friday's attacks in Paris, which killed 129 people, are not likely to negatively affect the economies of the U.S. or Europe, said Scott Wren, senior global equity strategist for Wells Fargo Investment Institute.

All told, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 237.77 points, or 1.4 percent, to 17,483.01. The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 30.15 points, or 1.5 percent, to 2,053.19. The Nasdaq composite added 56.73 points, or 1.2 percent, to 4,984.62.

Monday's rally helped lift the market following its biggest weekly loss since August.

Gold falls

Precious and industrial metals prices closed mixed. Gold rose $2.70 to $1,083.60 an ounce, silver fell two cents to $14.22 an ounce and copper gave up five cents to close at $2.12 a pound.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
GenElec	2755060	30.36	+.08
S&P500ETF	1023763	205.62	+3.08
Vipshop	711612	12.50	-1.10
BkofAm	674469	17.43	+.23
B iPVixST	654103	19.75	-2.21

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BaytexE g	4.64	+.68	+17.2
SafeBk pfC	11.03	+1.53	+16.1
Hi-Crush	7.30	+.93	+14.6
SthcrssEn	5.35	+.53	+11.0
StoneEngy	6.85	+.59	+9.4

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PUVixST rs	29.92	-7.49	-20.0
JGWntwth	2.12	-.49	-18.8
MFC Indl	2.24	-.38	-14.5
DxSPOGBear50	06	-6.98	-12.2
DxRsaBr rs	30.41	-4.16	-12.0

DIARY

Advanced	2,246
Declined	877
Unchanged	92
Total issues	3,215
New Highs	15
New Lows	136
Volume	3,655,866,111

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NwGold g	54146	2.21	+.04
ChenereEn	42808	49.95	+3.83
BarcGSOil	40431	7.86	+.22
iShindia bf	23347	27.48	+.58
SynthBiol	16042	2.10	-.15

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AvalonHld	2.27	+.43	+23.4
Servotr	8.55	+1.34	+18.6
Vicon	2.31	+.31	+15.3
EnvroStr	4.37	+.47	+12.1
ChenereEn	49.95	+3.83	+8.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NobleH rs	2.37	-.39	-14.1
AtlasnCast	15.58	-1.92	-11.0
MilestnSci	2.40	-.19	-7.3
RELM	4.04	-.32	-7.3
TelInstEl	5.10	-.39	-7.1

DIARY

Advanced	200
Declined	175
Unchanged	19
Total issues	394
New Highs	3
New Lows	21
Volume	61,350,824

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Facebook	486655	104.04	+.09
Cisco	438886	26.79	+.58
Apple Inc	364989	114.18	+1.84
PwShs QQQ	332262	311.42	+1.58
Microsoft	300575	53.77	+.93

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MYOS	2.70	+.98	+57.0
RennovaH	3.10	+.55	+21.6
Staff360 rs	5.50	+.93	+20.4
e-Future	6.23	+1.03	+19.9
SuperCom	8.75	+1.30	+17.4

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ClovisOnc	30.24	-69.19	-69.6
Repros wtA	2.43	-5.06	-67.6
ChiHouLd rs	3.46	-.94	-21.3
BostPrv wt	4.75	-1.27	-21.1
CSVixSh rs	6.62	-1.61	-19.6

DIARY

Advanced	1,697
Declined	1,081
Unchanged	183
Total issues	2,961
New Highs	20
New Lows	173
Volume	1,767,358,881

Must Starwood elites give up the high life under Marriott?

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Somewhere between their Westin Heavenly Beds and the room's rainfall shower system, Starwood hotel loyalists were struck Monday morning by a new reality: their beloved loyalty program would soon be gobbled up by Marriott's less-generous reward system.

Marriott International announced plans Monday to buy Starwood Hotels and Resorts in $12.2 billion stock-and-cash deal. The transaction is expected to close in the middle of 2016. No details have been released yet on what it means for the loyalty programs but Marriott CEO Arne Sorenson said "we will take the best of both programs and make sure the bests are preserved."

Starwood's frequent guests are used to upgrades to oversized suites. They are guaranteed late checkouts. And forget calling a random 1-800 number. Those who spend 100 nights a year with the chain have personal "ambassadors" who are supposed to make "each trip special."

Even road warriors loyal to other chains still have the Starwood Preferred Guest American Express card in their wallet. The transfer bonuses to airlines have long made it a favorite of miles junkies. For instance, it earns American Airlines or Delta Air Lines miles 25-percent faster than the airlines' own branded credit cards.

Marriott does treat its top-tier platinum guests to nicer rooms but rarely gives them suites. Both programs offer free breakfast to platinum members, except Marriott doesn't do so at its Courtyard hotels or at resorts. Late checkout isn't guaranteed, just offered "subject to availability."

Starwood has 21 million members, Marriott 54 million. Many travelers are members of both programs. Top-tier with Starwood only requires 50 nights a year at its hotels; Marriott guests need to spend 75 nights.

Smaller hotel chains like Starwood and Hyatt have had to fight harder to win over business travelers and therefore offer more benefits to their most-frequent guests. Marriott, Hilton and Holiday Inn parent InterContinental haven't needed to compete as hard since they have hotels everywhere and are able to attract business based simply on their size.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $59.37 Up 0.66

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $107.76 Up 2.84

Dawson Operating (DWSN)
Closing Price $3.98 Down 0.06

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $79.66 Up 2.94

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $3.86 Up 0.37

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $2.82 Up 0.07

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $22.32 Up 0.15

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $29.27 Up 1.31

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $10.00 Up 0.13

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $14.69 Down 0.66

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.88	36	33.04	+.73	-1.6
Abraxas	...	8	1.49	+.11	-49.3
AdaOrvaEq	1.17e	...	13.48	+.16	-1.8
AEtern g h			.04	-.01	-93.2
Alcoa	.12	13	8.29	+.30	-47.5
Alibaba		49	78.30	+2.45	-24.7
AlonUSA	.60	10	16.49	+.13	+30.1
AlpAlerMLP	1.19e		12.90	+.48	-26.4
Ambev	.45e		4.97	+.04	-19.4
Amedica h			.11	+.01	-86.6
Amgen	3.16	18	154.50	+2.95	-3.0
Anadarko	1.08	...	62.11	+2.06	-24.7
Apache	1.00	...	50.49	+1.52	-19.4
Apple Inc	2.08	12	114.18	+1.84	+3.4
ApldMatl	.40	16	17.74	+.50	-28.8
Archrock	.60	35	11.43	+.24	-42.0
ATMOS	1.68f	19	61.11	+.86	+9.6
AutoData	2.12f	28	86.52	+1.47	+3.8
Avon	.24	...	2.58	+.08	-72.5
BP PLC	2.40	...	34.48	+1.10	-9.5
BabsCCInv	1.20		17.43	+.25	+9.7
BakrHu	.68		49.39	+1.73	-11.9
BkofAm	.20	13	17.43	+.23	-2.6
B iPVixST			19.75	-2.21	-37.3
BasicEnSv			3.80	+.19	-45.8
BerkHa A	...	18199	800.00	+1975.00	-11.6
BlkHillsCp	1.82	29	64.89	+.69	-15.7
BrMyBq	1.48	63	65.02	+.87	+10.1
BrownFA	1.26	36	114.58	+2.20	+30.6
BrownFB	1.26	32	104.42	+2.00	+18.9
CVS Health	1.40	21	93.62	+1.81	-2.8
Cameron	...	18	68.35	+1.65	+36.8
Caterpillar	3.08	14	70.39	+.76	-23.1
Celestic g	...	14	11.16	+.33	-4.9
Cemex	.40t	...	5.61	+.07	-42.7
CntryLink	2.16	21	28.48	+.78	-28.0
ChesEng			6.34	+.24	-67.6
Chevron	4.28	20	91.45	+3.84	-18.5
Chicos	.31	25	12.10	-.08	-25.4
Cimarex	.64	...	117.38	+4.67	+10.7
Cisco	.84	14	26.79	+.58	-3.0
Citigroup	.20	12	53.69	+.52	-.8
ClayEng	...	...	59.37	+.86	-6.9
ClovisOnc	...	...	30.24	-69.19	-46.0
CocaCola	1.32	27	41.96	+.58	-.6
ColgPalm	1.52	24	66.57	+1.01	-5.2
ConAgra	1.00	26	39.77	+.93	+9.6
ConchoRes	...	64	107.76	+2.84	+8.0
ConocoPhil	2.96	60	54.37	+2.54	-21.3
CrackerB	4.40a	20	133.42	+.54	-5.2
CSVLgNG rs			3.80	-.05	-80.9
CSVLgCrd rs				7.59	+.56
-84.5					
CSVelIVST			28.71	+2.66	-7.8
CSVixSh rs			6.62	-1.61	-76.0
CrosTim	1.59e	8	16.60	-.30	-4.2
DCP Mid	3.12	15	27.55	+1.68	-39.4
DTE	2.92f	16	81.06	+1.53	-6.1
Dataram			1.24	+.02	-27.1
DenburyR			3.75	+.21	-53.9
DevonE	.96	...	46.50	+1.45	-24.0
Disney	1.32f	22	115.92	+1.08	+23.1
DowChm	1.84f	14	51.65	+.51	+13.2
EOG Resrc	.67	...	84.79	+2.54	-7.9
EmpDist	1.04	17	22.32	+.33	-24.9
EnCana g	.28	...	8.34	+.22	-39.9
Energen	.08	...	59.26	+1.76	-7.1
EgyTrEq s	1.14f	21	19.84	+1.60	-30.8
EngyTsfr	4.22f		41.37	+1.75	-36.4
EnPro	.80	...	49.21	+.15	-21.6
EntProdPt	1.54f	21	26.80	+.97	-25.8
Ericsson	.39e	...	9.54	+.29	-21.2
ExxonMbl	2.92	17	80.90	+2.80	-12.5
Facebook			104.04	+.09	+33.4
FordM	.60	12	14.04	+.12	-9.4
FrptMcM	.20a	...	8.86	+.18	-62.1
GATX	1.52	9	46.14	+.72	-21.8
GabMulTT	1.05e	...	8.08	+.12	-19.3
GAInv	1.15e	...	31.51	+.26	-10.0
GenElec	.92	...	30.36	+.08	+20.1
GenMotors	1.44	13	35.17	+.86	+.7
GtPlainEn	1.08f	20	27.09	+.66	-4.6
HP Inc	.50	...	13.35	+.24	-26.7
HalconRes	...	...	.65	+.07	-63.3
Hallibrtn	.72	48	38.49	+1.10	-2.1
HP Ent n	.22	...	13.38	-.01	-19.2
Hilton	.28	34	23.84	-.58	-8.6
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	23.96	+.73	-34.5
iShJapan	.13e		12.47	+.12	+10.9
iShChinaLC	.76e		37.69	+.56	-9.4
iShEMkts	.84e		34.19	+.85	-13.0
iS Eafe	1.70e		60.04	+.75	-1.3
iShR2K	1.68e		115.05	+.98	-3.8
Intel	.96	14	32.10	-.01	-11.5
InterDig	.80	19	52.72	+.33	-.3
ItauUnibH	.40e	...	7.43	+.29	-37.1
JD.com			28.81	+2.06	+24.5
JohnJn	3.00	18	101.22	+1.34	-3.2
Keycorp	.30	12	12.88	+.12	-7.3
KimbClk	3.52	54	119.53	+2.21	+3.5
KindMorg	2.04f	45	24.03	+.68	-43.2
LegacyRes	.60m	...	3.86	+.37	-66.2
Lubys	...	...	4.76	-.01	+4.6
MktVGold	.12e	...	13.74	+.12	-25.2
MktVRus	.64e	...	16.73	+.64	+14.4
MarintA	1.00	24	73.72	+.98	-5.5
McDnlds	3.56f	23	111.06	+1.09	+18.5
Merck	1.80	14	53.70	+.67	-5.4
MerltMed	...	30	17.83	-.02	+2.9
MexcoEn			2.82	+.07	-48.1
MicronT		6	14.89	-.11	-57.5
Microsoft	1.44f	36	53.77	+.93	+15.7
Nabors	.24	...	9.66	+.41	-25.6
NBGreece			.51	-.01	-71.7
NatGrid	3.35e	...	70.06	+1.12	-.8
NOilVarco	1.84	10	37.77	+.44	-42.4
Netflix s		...	111.35	+7.70	+128.2
NvMAd	.70e	...	13.35	+.04	-2.3
NvPMII	.78e	...	13.05	+.03	-6.6
NuvPI	.82e	...	13.48	+.02	-2.7
NSTFI3	.55e	...	14.02	-.01	-1.5
NTXQI	.86e	...	13.96	+.05	-3.5
OcciPet	3.00	33	74.97	+1.48	-7.0
Oracle	.80	18	39.12	+.82	-15.2
ParTech	...	...	7.04	-.35	+14.5
ParkDrl	...	...	2.75	+.05	-10.4
PattUTI	.40	...	15.67	+.59	-5.8
Penney	...	...	7.63	+.19	+17.7
PennaRE	.84	...	20.89	-.07	-11.8
Prmian	.42e	10	6.27	-.10	-34.3
PetrbrsA	...	...	4.10	+.34	-45.9
Petrobras	...	...	4.97	+.40	-31.9
Pfizer	1.12	25	30.16	-.11	+6.8
PioNtrl	.08	28	143.79	+2.86	-3.4
PlainsAAP	2.80f	16	26.77	+1.01	-47.8
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	111.42	+1.58	+7.9
Praxair	2.86	22	115.98	+2.47	-10.5
PrmEgy	...	11	66.79	...	-8.2
PUVixST rs		...	29.92	-7.49	-76.2
ProctGam	2.65	27	75.30	+1.34	-17.3
RangeRs	.16	21	34.62	+2.90	-35.2
RiteAid	...	30	7.74	+.14	+2.9
Rowan	.40	...	20.08	+.47	-13.9
RoyDShllA	3.76	12	49.59	+1.25	-25.9
SpdrDJIA	3.77e	...	175.02	+2.41	-1.6
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	205.62	+3.08	...
SabinR	3.24e	9	31.68	+.28	-11.5
SanderFm	.88a	6	68.91	+1.01	-18.0
SandRdge	...	...	.39	...	-78.6
Schlmbrg	2.00	27	78.33	+2.19	-8.3
SeadrillLtd	...	3	6.24	-.17	-47.7
SigmaAld	.92	34	139.81	-.06	+1.9
SiriusXM	...	41	4.10	+.02	+17.1
Smucker	2.68	31	113.33	+1.59	+12.2
SwstnEngy	...	...	11.66	+.64	-57.3
SP HlthC	.97e	...	70.44	+.87	+3.0
SP Engy	1.98e	...	68.18	+2.20	-13.9
SPDR Fncl	.44e	...	24.21	+.29	-2.1
SP Inds	1.12e	...	54.21	+.69	-4.2
StarwdHtl	1.50	21	72.27	-2.72	-10.9
SunEdison	...	...	4.56	-.37	-76.6
SunocoLog	1.83f	...	28.18	+.85	-32.6
Synchrony	...	11	30.29	-.23	+1.8
SynchFn wi	...	...	30.30	-.13	-1.6
TelefEsp	1.03e	...	12.47	-.25	-12.2
Tesoro	2.00f	8	113.43	+1.77	+52.6
3M Co	4.10	20	158.21	+2.56	-3.7
Torchmark	.54	14	59.52	+.97	+9.9
TriContl	.80e	...	20.25	+.22	-5.4
TylerTech	...	81	169.84	+1.34	+55.2
UBWV	1.32f	21	40.78	+.56	+8.9
US OilFd	...	...	13.39	+.33	-34.2
Vale SA	.29e	...	3.86	+.01	-51.3
ValeroE	2.00f	7	69.67	+.71	+40.7
VangEmg	1.10e	...	34.43	+.73	-14.0
Vipshop	...	33	12.50	-1.10	-36.0
VulcanM	.40	77	101.67	+2.49	+54.7
WEC Engy	1.83	19	50.37	+1.35	-4.5
WalMart	1.96	12	57.87	+1.45	-32.6
WsigBoots	1.44	25	81.84	+2.67	+7.4
WstnRefin	1.52f	8	44.20	+.20	+17.0
WhitngPet	...	...	17.62	+1.21	-46.6
WmsCos	2.56f	68	37.31	+2.21	-17.0
XcelEngy	1.28	19	35.59	+.58	-.9
Xerox	.28	35	10.20	+.12	-26.4

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
18,351.36	15,370.33	Dow Jones Industrials	17,483.01	+237.77	+1.38	-1.91	-.93
9,310.22	7,452.70	Dow Jones Transportation	8,052.05	+41.78	+.52	-11.90	-10.66
657.17	539.96	Dow Jones Utilities	568.80	+8.22	+1.47	-7.97	-4.18
11,254.87	9,509.59	NYSE Composite	10,299.41	+144.34	+1.42	-4.98	-5.36
5,231.94	4,292.14	Nasdaq Composite	4,984.62	+56.74	+1.15	+5.25	+6.71
2,134.72	1,867.01	S&P 500	2,053.19	+30.15	+1.49	-.28	+.58
1,551.26	1,344.80	S&P Midcap	1,423.36	+17.30	+1.23	-2.00	-.38
22,537.15	19,619.26	Wilshire 5000	21,334.84	+291.18	+1.38	-1.55	-.59
1,296.00	1,078.83	Russell 2000	1,156.08	+9.53	+.83	-4.04	-.70

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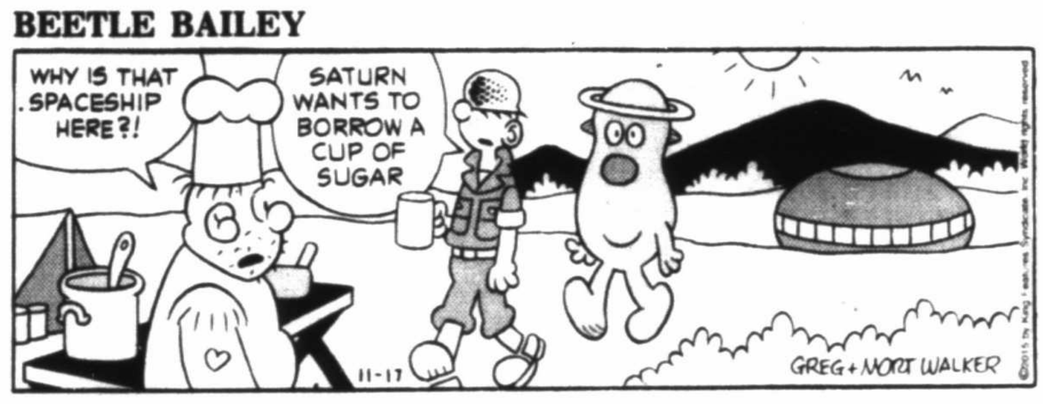

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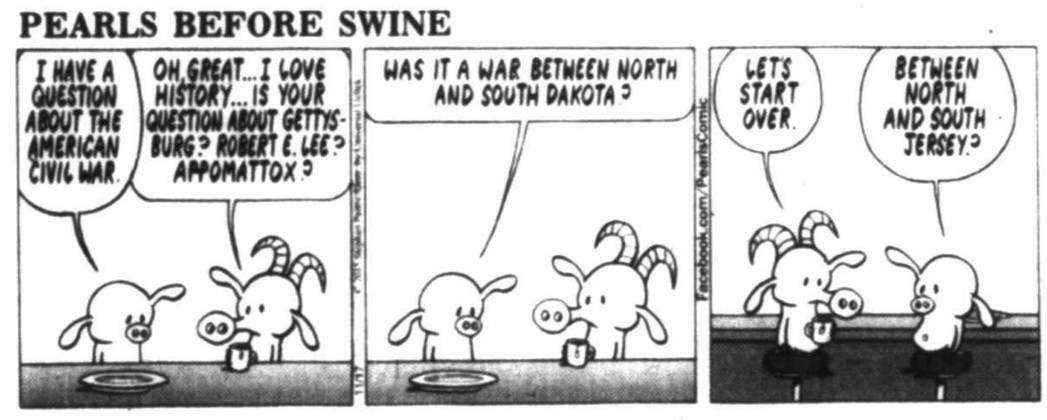

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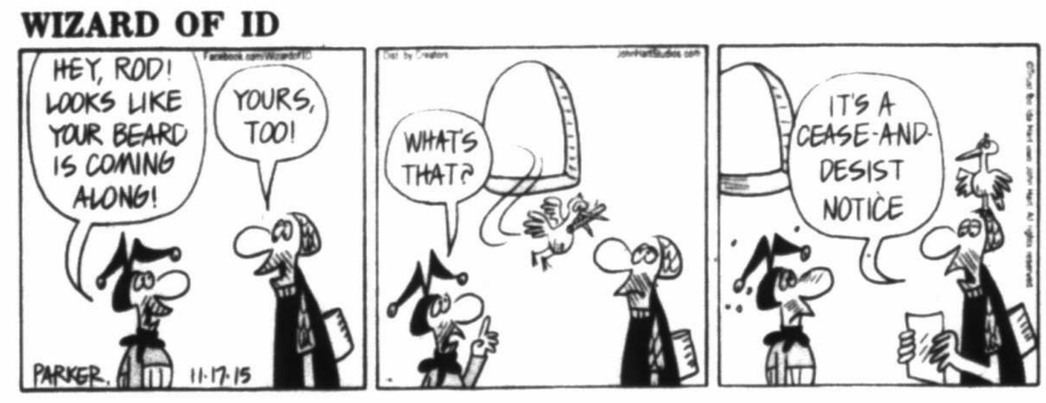

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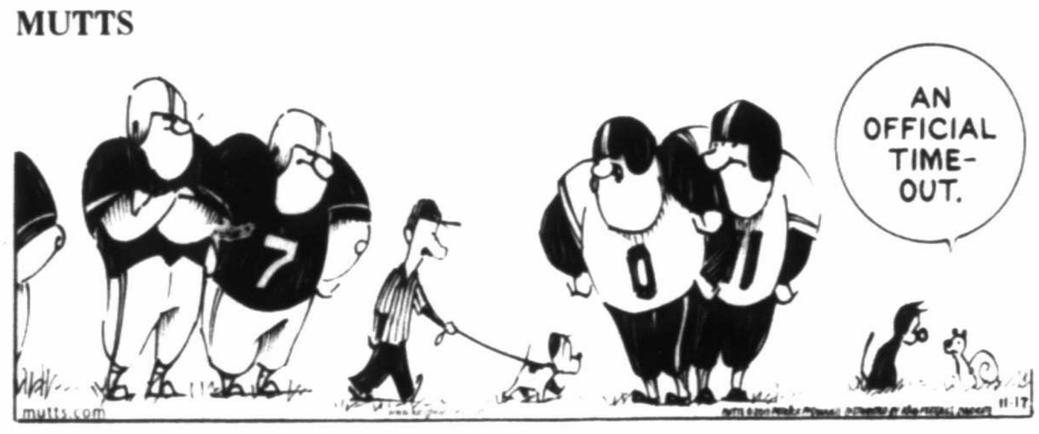

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The right candidate should have a knack for grammar, punctuation and Associated Press style but also can find inconsistencies in stories and isn't afraid to ask questions. He or she also should have an eye for page design.

This is a great opportunity for anyone who wants to make a difference in the newspaper industry and who wants to perfect his or her craft at copy editing and page design.

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ENERGY & UTILITIES

NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR

Midland based oil & gas company is seeking a Network Administrator. The successful applicant will be responsible for a Windows network environment; including software and hardware installation, troubleshooting, fix/repair equipment, backups, user and phone support, technical documentation, asset inventory, and account management.

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Rigging Shop now hiring for an Outside Sales Position. Must have experience in general purpose wire rope or oilfield supplies. Please send resume to P.O. Box 61046, Midland, TX. 79711

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Front Desk

Full Time position available at **Permian Gastroenterology, P.A**. Please fax resume to **432-697-6000. ATTN: S. Patel** or bring to **4214 Andrews Hwy, Ste. 203 Midland, TX 79703**.

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Maintenance Tech needed full time with benefits. Must pass background and drug check. Apply in person at The Azure Apartments, 1201 Albert Ave. (located on South Lamesa) call for directions. 432-262-3991.

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OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person

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These positions require some physical lifiting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

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Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person

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Technicians wanted. Local company looking for someone with experience in performing services and inspections on air compressors and generators. Technical experience preferred. Potential for advancement, and additional technical training provided. Good driving record and drug screening is required. Competitive pay DOE. Send resumes to M-20, c/o Midland Reporter Telegram. 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX. 79701

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

On on Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of D. Kyle Neill, Sr. Deceased, were issued on November 12, 2015, in Cause P-18,497, pending in the County Court of Midland County Texas, to Michael M. Tower. Independent Executor, whose residential address is 2 Hawthorne Hollow Circle, Conroe, Texas 77384.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, in care of the Executor.

Dated the 16th day of November, 2015

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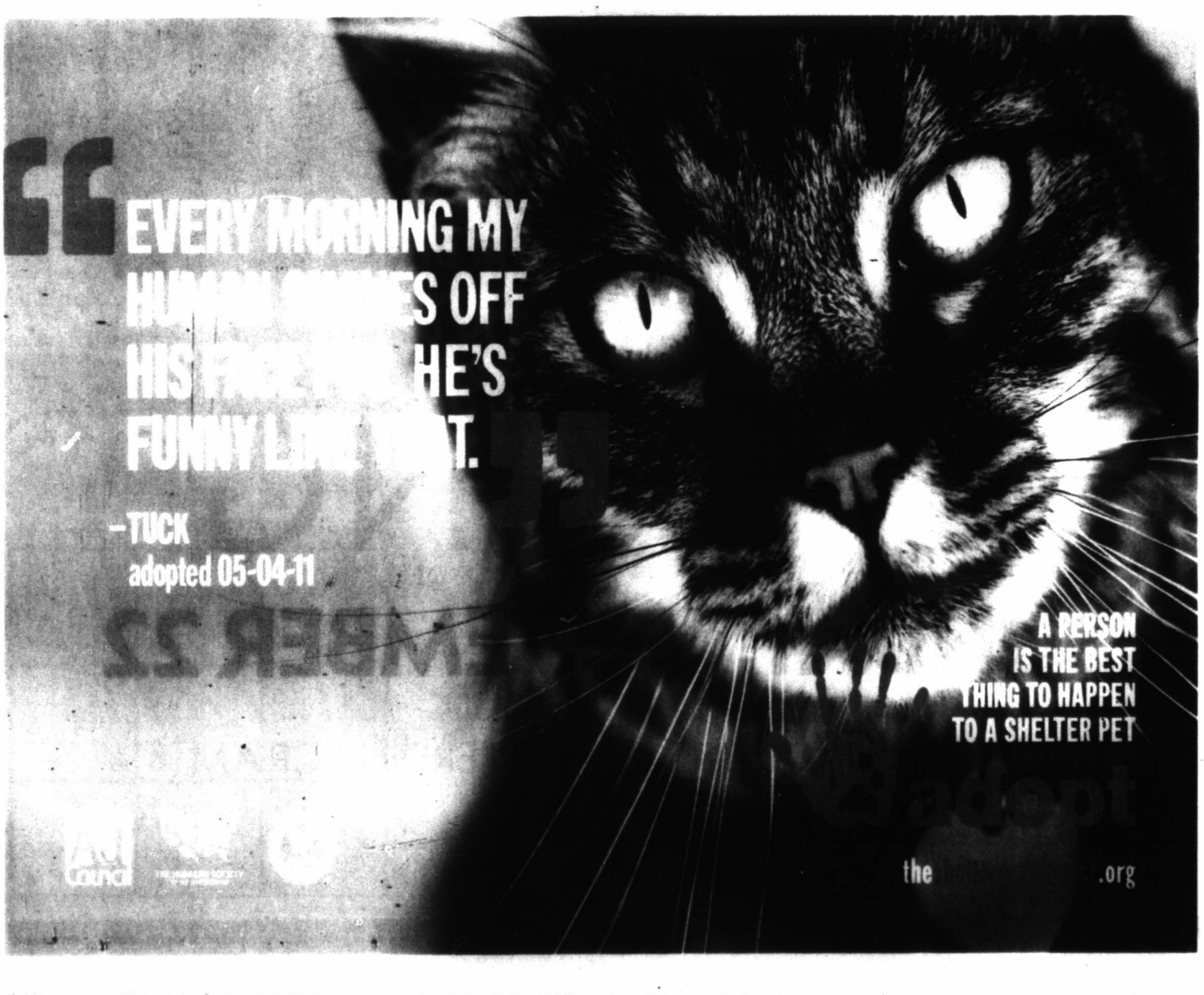

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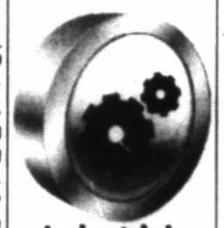

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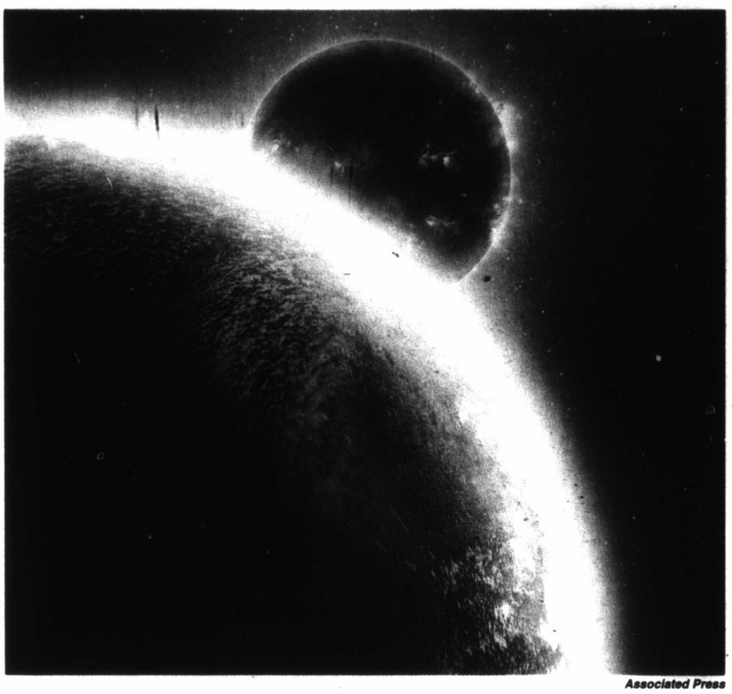

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This artist's conception made by Dana Berry of SkyWorks and provided by NASA on Nov. 6 shows GJ 1132b, foreground, a rocky planet similar to the Earth in size and mass, orbiting a red dwarf star. The planet is 39 light-years away — within the atmospheric study range of the Hubble Space Telescope.

Venus' twin? Earth-size planet is hot, may have atmosphere

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — There's a new rocky Earth-size planet on our galactic block, and it's a sizzler.

Astrophysicists last week revealed the newfound world, GJ 1132b, named after the small nearby star that it orbits.

Even though the mercury can hit 450 degrees at this planet, it's cool enough to have a thick Venus-like atmosphere. Lucky for scientists, it's close enough to find out.

Planet GJ 1132b is just 39 light-years away, within the atmospheric study range of the Hubble Space Telescope. Given that a single light-year represents 5.87 trillion miles — the distance light can travel in a year — this planet is about 230 trillion miles away.

A team led by Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Zachory Berta-Thompson discovered the planet in May, using telescopes in Chile. He and his colleagues reported their findings Wednesday in the journal Nature.

While the scientists say the planet is too hot for life, it's still much cooler than the rocky fireballs known to orbit stars beyond our solar system. The official term for a planet outside our solar system is exoplanet.

"If we find this pretty hot planet has managed to hang onto its atmosphere over the billions of years it's been around, that bodes well for the long-term goal of studying cooler planets that could have life," Berta-Thompson said in a statement.

Berta-Thompson and the others estimate that GJ 1132b has a diameter of about 9,200 miles, slightly bigger than Earth. Its mass, however, is thought to be 60 percent greater than Earth's.

Its home star — GJ 1132 — is a red dwarf one-fifth the size of our sun. The planet circles every 1.6 days from just 1.4 million miles out, thus the heat wave. A slight dip in the starlight every 1.6 days was the giveaway for the observing team.

"Our ultimate goal is to find a twin Earth," said astronomer David Charbonneau of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, one of the authors, "but along the way we've found a twin Venus."

He added in a statement: "We suspect it will have a Venus-like atmosphere, too, and if it does, we can't wait to get a whiff."

The astronomers are seeking follow-up observations from Hubble and the Spitzer Space Telescope. The James Webb Space Telescope, due to launch in 2018, and other future craft could provide even more details.

In a companion article in Nature, the University of Maryland's Drake Deming points out astronomers will be able to study GJ 1132b with "unprecedented fidelity" given its proximity and also the small size of its star, which should minimize light interference with the measurements. That, in large part, makes it in his words "arguably the most important planet ever found outside the solar system." He was not involved with the study.

DNA from Inca boy sacrificed 500 years ago shows how humans spread to South America

By Karen Kaplan
Los Angeles Times

It sounds like something straight out of a "Hunger Games" novel: The rulers of a sprawling empire select beautiful children from throughout their vast territories and kill them in a ritualistic event to reinforce their power.

During the Inca civilization, which thrived in South America before the arrival of Europeans, these ritual sacrifices were known as "capococha." One of the victims was a 7-year-old boy who lived more than 500 years ago. His frozen, mummified remains were discovered at the edge of Argentina's Aconcagua, the tallest mountain outside of Asia.

Hikers found the mummy in 1985. Now, 30 years later, scientists have sequenced some of the boy's DNA and used it to learn more about the rise and extent of the Inca Empire. Their findings were published Thursday in the journal Scientific Reports.

Using a small sample of the boy's lung, researchers were able to piece together his entire mitochondrial genome. This is the DNA that powers the mitochondria, the energy sources inside cells. Unlike nuclear DNA, which comes from both parents, mitochondrial DNA contains only 37 genes that are passed down virtually unchanged from mother to child. The study authors said this was the first time scientists had decoded all of the mitochondrial DNA from a Native American mummy.

Members of the research team – from the University of Santiago de Compostela in Spain and the Argentine Forensic Anthropology Team, a scientific nonprofit organization – went to great lengths to make sure that the boy's DNA wasn't contaminated by any modern genetic material. They extracted the lung sample in a sterile operating room while wearing full-body suits, gloves and face screens. All of their equipment was cleaned in an autoclave and irradiated with UV to kill any contemporary DNA that might be present.

In addition, everyone who worked with the ancient sample had their mitochondrial DNA sequenced and cross-checked. (There was no overlap between their DNA and that of the Inca boy.)

To get the ancient DNA, the researchers extracted a 350-milligram sample from the inside of the boy's lung and placed it in a Petri dish. The DNA was extracted, amplified in a PCR machine and sequenced in two separate laboratories. Both labs got the same results.

Those results placed the boy "perfectly" within a genetic population, or haplogroup, known as C1b that is typical of Native Americans, the study authors reported. Previous research has established that one of the people who first populated the Americas brought this genetic signature from Beringia (the land mass that once connected Siberia and Alaska) or the northern tip of North America.

However, the boy's mitochondrial genome had 10 distinct mutations that had not been seen together before in either ancient or modern DNA. The researchers named this branch of the haplotype "C1bi" (the "i" stands for Inca). The fact that his genetic signature was unique offers further evidence that the DNA sample wasn't contaminated, the researchers wrote.

Some of those 10 mutations are or were shared by others, and the researchers used that information to make some educated guesses about the boy's life and times. Most likely, his ancestors had been in South America for a long time, originating near the Andes about 14,000 years ago, they wrote.

When the researchers looked back to the most recent common ancestors the boy shared with people in other genetic groups, they found that their ages and locations matched up well with what historians knew about how the Inca civilization spread.

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Shared workspaces currently growing in popularity

Dear PropellerHeads: I started working remotely a few years ago, but now I am seeing the popularity of shared workspaces growing. Didn't we start working from home because we hate people? Would I be admitting my weakness if I said I was lonely?

You're getting a little personal here. Would I be admitting my weakness by telling you I am a little uncomfortable? Well, under the veil of anonymity that this forum provides, I guess I am safe to share some thoughts.

Attracting top talent for employers becomes more and more competitive by the second. Salary, medical benefits and retirement are not the only things candidates look for when choosing their next move. Many companies and organizations have figured out that flexible work schedules and arrangements are an inexpensive but meaningful way to incent employees.

With the use of conference calling, videoconferencing and other forms of online collaboration, employers and employees have discovered that physical location has had no negative impacts on work productivity. Overall, evidence overwhelmingly supports the idea that telecommuting

benefits companies financially and organizationally (entm.ag/1oDTxUE).

So, I get it, we've all been working from home in our stretchy pants for a while now, and it's been a successful endeavor. So why are shared workspaces, or coworking businesses, popping up all over the country?

Coworking spaces were first popular with the tech and creative industries almost exclusively, but these businesses are starting to see an upswing in telecommuters using their facilities in a variety of industries for multiple reasons.

At times the membership or a la carte fees associated with these shared workspaces can be extremely cost-efficient for employers with a large population of teleworkers. Employees can have access to state-of-the-art technology in the form of hardware, software, Internet, conferencing services, and meeting space on an as-needed basis, as opposed to their employer investing in permanent solutions to meet those needs.

Before you geek out about how awesome your couch and router and Snuggie are, check out these spaces you're missing out on by programming in your curlers at home: bit.ly/1s5CZfq.

Employers are finding that shared workspaces are helping with retention as well. Once you find top talent, the worst thing that can happen is having to let them go. When a company is not currently set up to support teleworking, but they have a superstar that needs to relocate, utilizing a coworking space could keep that person on the team.

Collaboration seems to find its place in many of these locations. You are surrounded by other seemingly responsible and intelligent employees, and just like in any workplace, conversations develop. Except in this environment, these conversations are missing one thing: competition. Since you are most likely brainstorming with someone from a different company or completely different industry, you can take advantage of collaborative conversations without the pressure of office politics.

Maybe you don't really have the office politics and think, "Ok Bob (your name is Bob, right?), I haven't seen anyone in weeks, I'll go in and work from the office today." You may find that the definition of office is changing from inside your company, as well, in the form of hoteling (bit.ly/1XY7yAh).

As a response to flexible work arrangements, companies have found that office space was going unused and the landscape of their corporate real estate was not lending itself to the needs of its workforce. Companies like Citi and Capital One have mostly done away with assigned offices and desks in favor of the office hoteling model (bit.ly/1yCk4I3).

So your Boba Fett bobble-head might not be in your office if you decide to stop by. Heck, your office might not even be there. But these new office set-ups do try to focus on teamwork, ownership, flexibility and collaboration.

Unfortunately, I don't know that I can help you specifically with the whole hatred of your fellow man and the resulting loneliness. Perhaps we could ask HR if they can add hugs to your total compensation for next year.

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