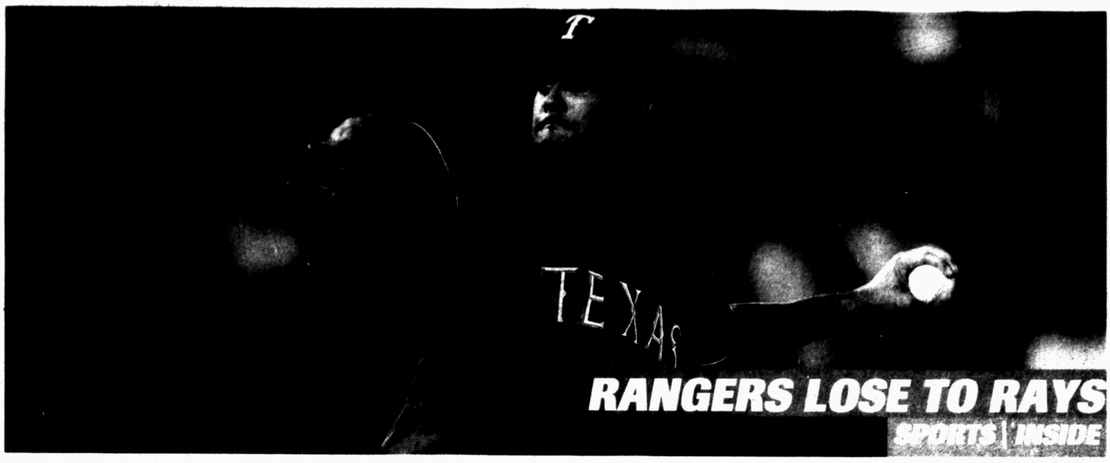

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Wife of former-GISD superintendent arrested

Maudine D'Laine Young held on felony charge for illegal conduct with student

By Tyler White, Meredith Moriak and James Cannon
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Greenwood ISD officials claim they didn't have any evidence of illegal conduct between former Curriculum Director Maudine D'Laine Young and a student before accepting her resignation and entering into a $79,000 settlement and release of claims on June 19.

Young

Young, wife of former Superintendent Robert Doug Young, was arrested around noon Monday in Wise County on charges of improper relationship between an educator and student.

She is being held on a $50,000 bond for the second-degree felony charge.

"We had no evidence of illegal conduct at the time of their departure," said Ariel Elliott, who was appointed GISD's interim superintendent following Doug Young's departure.

In a statement released to the media, Elliott said, "GISD will fully cooperate with law enforcement. At this time, we decline to make further comments and direct you to law enforcement with your questions."

Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Judge David Cobos issued an arrest warrant for D'Laine Young on Sept. 19. The warrant was then turned over to the Lone Star Fugitive Task Force. The task force, with the help of the U.S. Marshals office in Wise County, executed the warrant and arrested Young in Wise County. She remains in custody of the Wise County Sheriff's Office.

A former GISD student made the complaint to the Midland County Sheriff's Office on June 15. The former student said the relationship took place between 2009 and 2011, according to a sheriff's office news release obtained by the Reporter-Telegram.

Young officially has been charged with "engaging in sexual contact, sexual intercourse and deviate sexual intercourse with a male student whom was enrolled at Greenwood High School," the documents stated.

The Reporter-Telegram does not release the identity of an alleged victim of sexual abuse.

Midland County deputies responded to the 1000 block of East County Road 109 on June 15 to speak with the

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SEARCHING FOR WORK

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Eli Morales of The Home Depot shakes hands with a prospective applicant at a job fair sponsored by the Midland Reporter-Telegram on Monday at Midland Center.

Career fair summary

Businesses representing a variety of businesses filled 37 booths in Midland Center for the Reporter-Telegram's fall Career Fair.

Who was there?

National retailers such as Home Depot, Lowes, Old Navy and Starbucks were represented, along with local retailers such as Alon USA, which was seeking sales associates as well as store managers for its local 7-Eleven stores.

Instant opportunities

Chris Robin with Mazda of Midland and Sky Mazda of Odessa reported he was in urgent need of detailers and lot attendants at both dealerships. He has two openings in Midland and one in Odessa, each paying $14 an hour.

Robert Half representatives said they had already signed up eight candidates in the first 90 minutes of the job fair.

Coming from California

Preferred Personnel noted that a number of attendees they spoke with had just moved to the area or relocated with their spouse, including many relocating from California.

MOTOR unveils plan for revised SH 191 corridor

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The State Highway 191 Corridor and Sub-Area Plan has been revised to accommodate the diverse new development in the area.

The long-term plan, which has been on the Midland Odessa Transportation Organization's agenda since at least 2011, has always called for a mixture of backage roads along SH 191, arterial roads, collector streets, bike and pedestrian trails from the eastern end of Odessa to the western border of Midland. But what has changed from its July 2012 variant is change in "land use strategies," as named by Edmond Haas, with consulting firm Freese and Nichols.

Haas explained the initial study called for a "corridor plan" along SH 191, but then a need for a "sub-area plan" emerged as the stakeholders of the area between the two cities — namely groups such as the cities of Midland and Odessa and the counties of Midland and Ector — gave input to all the new development coming along the corridor. Many residential subdivisions, industrial and office facilities are among the new developments that have formed or will be formed in the area between both cities.

But the most drastic new development that MOTOR did not anticipate in July 2012 was a spaceport at Midland International Airport for California-based private aerospace company XCOR.

"XCOR is a new land use that wasn't envisioned that wasn't part of that initial land strategy around the airport," Haas said. "Previously we had industrial or airport type uses, now we have aerospace activity there and maybe some changing dynamics with some of the land uses that they need to support their operation."

New roads suggested by the plan since 2012 include backage roads that run parallel to SH 191 like the frontage roads but are two-way. Cameron Walker, MOTOR executive director, said the two-way roads will save drivers time by eliminat-

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Pioneer presents UTPB with $300,000 for engineering

By Meredith Moriak
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ODESSA — UT Permian Basin President David Watts expects enrollment in UTPB's petroleum engineering program to continue booming thanks to a three-year $300,000 donation received from Pioneer Natural Resources on Monday.

"We are so grateful for your support, which will help the program in a variety of ways," said Watts to Mack Duckworth, Pioneer's engineering training and development senior manager who presented the check to UTPB administrators.

UTPB is one of six universities Pioneer invests in financially, and Watts said the donation will give the three-year-old petroleum engineering program an "enormous boost."

Pioneer has historically supported and recruited from Texas A&M University, UT Austin, the University of Oklahoma, Texas Tech University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Colorado School of Mines, but has opted to drop Colorado School of Mines to instead support UTPB, Duckworth said.

"We need young engineers in Midland, Texas. Currently, we have about 10 out here and we would like to see that increase," Duckworth said. "For some of the young people who have never

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Energy prices

WTI Futures	$102.33	▼	$0.54
WTI Posted	$98.50	▼	$1.00
WTS Posted	$97.45	▼	$1.00
Natural Gas	$3.960	▼	$0.029
Gasoline	$3.178	▼	$0.024

The big number
Over the next five years,
1,500 pilots
will be hired by American Airlines. More on 4A.

Today in West Texas Living
Bob Fu of ChinaAid releases a new book.

Coming Wednesday
See the selections of the Lee Wall of Honor.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Briarwood Roadway Improvement project public meeting

The city of Midland will be hosting a public meeting to present conceptual designs of the Briarwood Avenue Roadway Improvement Project from Holiday Hill Road to Avalon. The meeting is 7 p.m. Thursday at the Bush Tennis Center, 5700 Briarwood Ave.

The project will result in widening and extending Briarwood Avenue, with curbing along both sides. Residents will have a chance to provide input and to speak directly with the engineers.

Community calendar

■ A fundraising garage sale for Peeps and Creeps is planned for 8 a.m.-noon Saturday at A to Z Veterinary Clinic, 8535 W. Highway 158. The event includes a pet costume contest.

Garage sale donations and $10 contest entry fee may be dropped of at the clinic. For more information, call 520-8387 or 640-7578.

■ Permian Basin Mensa, the local chapter of the international High IQ Society, is to offer membership testing 5:30 p.m. Oct. 21 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

Preregistration is required. For more information or to make a reservation, call 889-6858. Test takeres must bring photo identification.

Candidates must receive a testing voucher from the American Mensa website — (https://www.us.mensa.org/join/testing/testingvoucher/) — or contact the proctor to make other arrangements in advance of testing.

■ Pink the Park, a tribute to those affected by breast cancer, is 3-5 p.m. Sunday at Windlands Park. Pink flags are available for $25 each. Proceeds will benefit organizations that support breast cancer patients.

For more information, call 940-PINK or email ifos02@aol.com.

■ The George W. Bush Childhood Home monthly reading event is planned for 4:30-5:30 p.m. Oct. 17. This month's featured book is "Pumpkin Cat."

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

Club meetings, support groups today

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Happy birthday

Albert Zubia, of Midland, owner of Majestic Petroleum Services LLC, turns 34 today.

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

Lottery

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Pick 3 day: 6-9-1
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All or Nothing (night): 1-2-3-4-5-10-11-12-14-15-18-20

Today in history

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 1, the 274th day of 2013. There are 91 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Oct. 1, 1908, Henry Ford introduced his Model T automobile to the market.

On this date:

In 1932, Babe Ruth of the New York Yankees made his supposed called shot, hitting a home run against Chicago's Charlie Root in the fifth inning of Game 3 of the World Series, won by the New York Yankees 7-5 at Wrigley Field.

In 1961, Roger Maris, of the New York Yankees, hit his 61st home run during a 162-game season, compared to Babe Ruth's 60 home runs during a 154-game season. (Tracy Stallard of the Boston Red Sox gave up the round-tripper; the Yankees won 1-0.)

The Associated Press

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SAVING A LIFE

Midland emergency personnel work to free a man trapped in his vehicle after a crash at the intersection of Highway 191 and FM1788 on Monday.

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lived in Midland, they get surprised when they come out here and so we have decided that with the wonderful program you have here, that we'll attempt to hire young people from UTPB to stay with their communities."

Pioneer owns more than 900,000 acres in the Spraberry Wolfcamp and with the intent to develop it, Duckworth said the company is in need of petroleum engineers who want to live in and make the Permian Basin home.

A majority of UTPB students have a real-life understanding of how the industry works and many hold part-time jobs at oil or service companies, Duckworth said.

"That experience and exposure puts them ahead of other students," he said.

UTPB's petroleum engineering program began in fall 2011 and currently enrolls about 250 students, more than any other engineering discipline at UTPB, Watts said.

Duckworth said it is Pioneer's intent to hire young UTPB graduates who would like to build their careers in the Permian Basin.

"We recently talked with many UTPB students and I was amazed with the quality of young people in the program," Duckworth said.

Meredith Moriak/Reporter-Telegram

UT Permian Basin President David Watts thanks Mack Duckworth, Pioneer Natural Resources' engineering training and development senior manager, for a $300,000 gift to UTPB's petroleum engineering program Monday morning on the Odessa campus.

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former Greenwood student, according to the arrest warrant affidavit.

The former student, now 23, said that when he was a senior in high school, D'Laine Young called him to her office, closed the door and began kissing him. He said that on another date, Young texted him and asked him to meet her in the parking lot of the former Luby's Cafeteria. They met and drove to an unknown oil field lease road off North Highway 349 and engaged in sexual activity, according to the affidavit.

On another unknown date, the man said Young called and texted him all that day and evening. He said D'Laine Young picked him up in the early morning hours from his parents' residence and drove to an unknown lease that led to a pump jack on Farm-to-Market Road 307 where they engaged in sexual intercourse.

Phone records between the alleged victim and D'Laine Young were subpoenaed and indicated several phone calls and text messages supported the man's accusations, according to the report.

If convicted, Young could face up to 20 years in prison. As of press time Monday, Young, 46, remained in Wise County custody on a $50,000 bond.

The Young family's departure from Greenwood ISD

GISD trustees unanimously voted to release Doug and D'Laine Young from their contracts on June 19, citing the need for a new direction.

"We just came to an amicable decision to go separate ways," said GISD Board President Cody Mebane in June. "After discussions with both (Doug and D'Laine) we felt this was the best option for both parties. We wish them the best."

At the time, Mebane said he was unaware of any open investigations concerning the Youngs.

With one year left on D'Laine Young's $79,000 annual contract and three years on Doug Young's $116,745 contract, GISD would have been contractually obligated to pay the Youngs a combined $429,235, had the couple not decided to voluntarily resign from their positions.

However, by reaching a separation agreement with the Youngs, trustees paid out only 45 percent of the contract obligations, Assistant Superintendent of Finance David McCulloch told the board in July.

The Youngs' administrative contracts were last renewed in 2012, when Doug Young's was extended through June 30, 2016 and D'Laine Young's through June 30, 2014, according to meeting minutes. It is customary for superintendents and administrators to be on multi-year contracts.

On March 4, trustees opted not to take action in extending Doug Young's superintendent contract and on April 8 chose not to renew D'Laine Young's contract, though they did renew the other 11 administrative contracts considered that evening, according to meeting minutes.

Later that month, D'Laine Young was moved from curriculum director to the position of Brooks Middle School assistant principal.

Doug Young emailed the following statement to the Reporter-Telegram on June 20:

"After careful consideration by the GISD Board of Trustees and myself, we all came to the conclusion that a new direction was needed for GISD. D'Laine and I are greatly appreciative to the community of Greenwood for the six years we were here. I wish the students, staff, and all of the Greenwood community nothing but the best in the future. I have no hard feelings toward anyone in Greenwood. This was an amicable agreement and I support and respect the decision of the Board."

GISD trustees hired Doug Young in July 2007 to replace Glenn Barber, who left Greenwood ISD for Pilot Point ISD after serving nine years as superintendent, according to Reporter-Telegram archives.

D'Laine Young has a bachelor's degree in psychology from Angelo State University and a master's in educational administration from Lubbock Christian University, according to her LinkedIn profile.

Before becoming a member of Greenwood's curriculum department — she was appointed director in 2008 — she worked one year as a reading coach in Brownfield ISD.

Timeline of events

March 4: Trustees opt not to extend Superintendent Doug Young's contract.

April 6: Doug Young named lone finalist for superintendent job in Pilot Point ISD, according to board minutes.

April 7: Doug Young notifies PPISD trustees he will not accept the job, according to the Pilot Point Post-Signal.

April 8: Trustees opt not to renew D'Laine Young's contract, though they did renew the other 11 administrative contracts considered that evening.

June 10: Trustees reassign D'Laine Young to assistant principal post at Brooks Middle School following closed session.

June 14: Trustees meet with Board Attorney Dennis Eichelbaum in closed session.

June 15: Former GISD student contacts the Midland County Sheriff's Office and alleges an improper relationship between him and D'Laine Young.

June 18: Investigators interview former student to obtain details of the alleged relationship.

June 19: Trustees unanimously approved a settlement and release of claims for Doug and D'Laine Young. They also appointed GHS Principal Ariel Elliott as interim superintendent.

June 20: Doug Young emails the Reporter-Telegram calling their departure an "amicable agreement."

June 29: Terms of the separation agreements are made public. The couple was paid a combined $195,000 for leaving the district; Doug Young was paid $116,000 and D'Laine Young was paid her full contract amount of $79,000.

Sept. 18: GISD trustees voted to begin the search for a new superintendent and hired education consultant and former Grady ISD Superintendent Johnny Tubb to coordinate the search.

Sept. 19: Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Judge David Cobos issued an arrest warrant for D'Laine Young.

Monday: D'Laine Young was arrested around noon on charges of improper relationship between an educator and student. Young, 46, is being held on a $50,000 bond for the second-degree felony charge.

Sheriff's Office identifies body found in Midland County

By Tyler White
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The Midland County Sheriff's Office released the name of a man who was found dead Sunday night in a semi-trailer in southwest Midland. County.

Carlos Polanco Cazares, 59, of Odessa, was pronounced dead at 10 p.m. by Billy Johnson, Precinct 3 justice of the peace.

Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter said Cazares' coworkers saw him sitting in a semi-trailer and thought he was fine. When they checked on him 30 minutes later — at about 8:50 p.m. — they noticed he was unconscious, Painter said.

The men were working at a hydraulic fracturing site near Farm-to-Market Road 1788 and Farm-to-Market Road 1787, according to Ken Whiting, Midland Fire Department battalion chief.

An autopsy has been requested; foul play is not suspected in Cazares' death, Painter said.

LOCALBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Colo. woman jailed on charge of DWI with child in vehicle

A Colorado woman was arrested Friday for drunken driving with a child in the vehicle, according to court documents.

Shelby Nicole Roop, 22, of Woodland Park, Colo., is being held on a $40,000 bond for state jail felony charges of driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years of age and abandoning or endangering a child with criminal negligence.

Roop

A Department of Public Safety trooper responded to a crash sometime before 8 p.m. Friday in Midland County.

The driver, Roop, was standing with a small child next to her. The trooper said the woman displayed signs of intoxication. He conducted a field sobriety test, which he said Roop failed.

Roop initially denied having consumed any alcohol, but later told the trooper she drank four mixed alcoholic beverages before getting behind the wheel, according to the arrest affidavit.

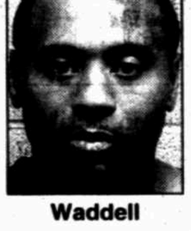
A witness said Roop poured out a beer by the driver's-side door after crashing her vehicle.

The affidavit states that the child was under 15 years of age.

If convicted, Roop faces up to two years in prison for each charge.

MPD: North Dakota man convicted in aggravated assault

A North Dakota man was arrested Saturday for assaulting a coworker after a visit to a Midland bar, according to his arrest affidavit.



Waddell

James Phinn Waddell, 40, of South Fargo, N.D., is being held on a $100,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

A Midland police officer responded to the assault at about 12:50 a.m. Saturday at the Luxury Inn, 3101 Bankhead Highway.

The alleged victim said he and some coworkers were drinking at Riley's Bar and Grill when Waddell became "embroiled in a physical altercation." The work crew was asked to leave the bar.

Waddell and the alleged victim were walking to the Luxury Inn and became involved in a verbal altercation. Waddell then struck the man in the mouth with a closed fist. He then grabbed a steel-handled rake, removed the rake head and swung at the man's head. The rake struck a stucco wall and then grazed the man's head, according to the report.

The man said he believed Waddell was trying to kill him.

If convicted, Waddell faces up to 20 years in prison.

Police search for man in stabbing

Police are searching for a suspect in the stabbing of two people outside the bar at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel over the weekend.

Midland Police and Fire departments responded at about 1:40 a.m. Sunday to reports of multiple stabbing victims at the downtown hotel, located in the 100 block of West Wall Street.

One man and one woman were found with knife wounds and were transported to Midland Memorial Hospital with minor injuries, according to a press release from the city's public information officer.

Witnesses told police that the suspect had been approached by the two individuals after the suspect had "grabbed" the female in the hotel's bar. The male initiated a physical confrontation with the suspect in the hallway outside the bar. The suspect was struck several times and knocked to the ground. He then pulled a knife and cut the male approximately five times, according to the release.

The female attempted to engage the suspect and was cut on her arm.

Patrons and friends attempted to chase the suspect, who fled the scene heading south.

The suspect was described as a bald, heavy-set Hispanic male about 6 feet tall, according to the release. He was wearing a white T-shirt, black pants and a gold chain.

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ing the need to U-turn at the next exit miles away if one intends to travel back in the opposite direction.

But the many proposed roads, Haas said, are merely a long-term vision that may become a reality 20 years from now.

As for funding a particular project, Walker said MOTOR will discuss with the respective partners — the cities, counties or the Texas Department of Transportation — that will be affected by the construction.

Haas denied that this was part of a plan to merge the cities of Midland and Odessa, saying that while both are growing toward each other, the "growth strategies" of each respective entity are being treated on an individual basis, but yet collectively in the Midessa sub-area.

"It's a key area for both communities," Haas said.

Once infertile, woman gives birth after surgery

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A 30-year-old infertile woman gave birth after surgeons removed her ovaries and re-implanted tissue they treated in a lab, researchers report.

The experimental technique was only tried in a small group of Japanese women with a specific kind of infertility problem, but scientists hope it can also help women in their early 40s who have trouble getting pregnant because of their age.

The new mother gave birth to a son in Tokyo last December, and she and the child continue to be healthy, said Dr. Kazuhiro Kawamura of the St. Marianna University School of Medicine in Kawasaki, Japan. He and others describe the technique in a report published online Monday by the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

The mother, who was not identified, had been diagnosed with primary ovarian insufficiency, an uncommon form of infertility sometimes called premature menopause. It appears in about 1 percent of women of childbearing age. The cause of most cases is unknown, but the outcome is that the ovary has trouble producing eggs.

That leaves women with only a 5 percent to 10 percent chance of having a baby unless they get treated. The standard treatment is using donor eggs.

After the experimental procedure, Kawamura and colleagues were able to recover eggs from five of their 27 patients. One woman went on to have a miscarriage, one did not get pregnant, and two more have not yet attempted pregnancy, Kawamura said in an email.

The approach differs from what has been done to preserve fertility in some cancer patients, who had normal ovarian tissue removed and stored while they underwent cancer treatments, and then put back. The new work involved ovaries that were failing to function normally.

In the ovary, eggs mature in structures called follicles. For women with the condition the new study targeted, the follicles are either missing or failing to produce eggs. The experimental treatment was designed to stimulate dormant follicles.

First, the women's ovaries were removed and cut into strips, which were frozen. Later the strips were thawed and cut into tiny cubes, a step intended to stimulate maturation of the follicles. Then the cubes were treated with drugs to stimulate further development of the follicles. Cubes were then transplanted just under the surface of the women's fallopian tubes.

Within six months, eight women showed signs of follicle maturation, and five of them produced eggs for fertilization in the lab with their husbands' sperm. The fertilized eggs were grown into early embryos, which were frozen for preservation. In the three attempts at pregnancy, one or two embryos were implanted in the women.

The researchers found that half the 27 patients had no follicles at all, which meant the treatment could not help them, said Aaron Hsueh of Stanford University, senior author of the study. He also said researchers hope to find a way to stimulate follicles without removing the ovaries. .

Dr. Sherman Silber of the Infertility Center of St. Louis criticized the approach, saying he has had success by using drugs rather than surgery to treat the condition. He also disagreed with the researchers' explanation for why their treatment worked.

Some other experts said treatment with drugs often does not work.

The new results, experts cautioned, must be viewed as preliminary.

"It shows a lot of promise (but) I don't think it's even close to being ready" for routine use, said Dr. Mark Sauer of the Columbia University Medical Center in New York. Dr. Amber Cooper of Washington University in St. Louis called the technique "very much an experimental method."

The reported efficiency is very low, and the possible health risk to babies born from the method is unknown, said David Albertini of the University of Kansas Medical Center.

"One success does not mean we have a treatment. ... Stay tuned," he said.

He and others were also skeptical of the researcher's suggestion that the procedure would help women between ages 40 and 45. Eggs from women of that age often show genetic abnormalities, many of which would prevent a live birth, said Dr. Marcelle Cedars of the University of California, San Francisco Medical Center. Stimulating egg production wouldn't overcome that problem, she said.

Kawamura released a photo of himself holding the newborn shortly after he delivered him. He said the mother hopes to have another child with one of the frozen embryos in storage from her treatment.

Health insurance application is work-heavy

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Getting covered under President Barack Obama's health care law might take you more than one sitting. In a media preview Monday, it felt like a cross between doing your taxes and making an important purchase that requires research.

"Nothing like this has ever existed before," said Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius.

You'll need accurate income information for your household, plus some understanding of how health insurance works, so you can get the financial assistance you qualify for and pick a health plan that's right for your needs.

The process involves federal agencies electronically verifying your identity, citizenship and income, and you have to sign that you are providing truthful information, subject to perjury laws.

You heard it was going to be like buying airline tickets online? Not quite. But even if it triggers some anxiety, it's not the government poking into your medical records, as "Obamacare" foes have suggested.

After state health insurance markets open today, people who don't have health care on the job can apply online, via a call center, in person or by mail. Trained helpers are supposed to be available, but there may not be enough of them in every state. Foreign language interpreters are available through the call centers.

The main steps are:

■ Identify yourself and your family members.

■ Provide current information on income, jobs and any available health insurance options.

■ Learn how much financial assistance you're entitled to.

■ Shop for a health plan and enroll.

Many people will qualify for tax credits to help buy a private insurance plan. The government will send money directly to your insurer, and you'll make arrangements to pay any remaining premium.

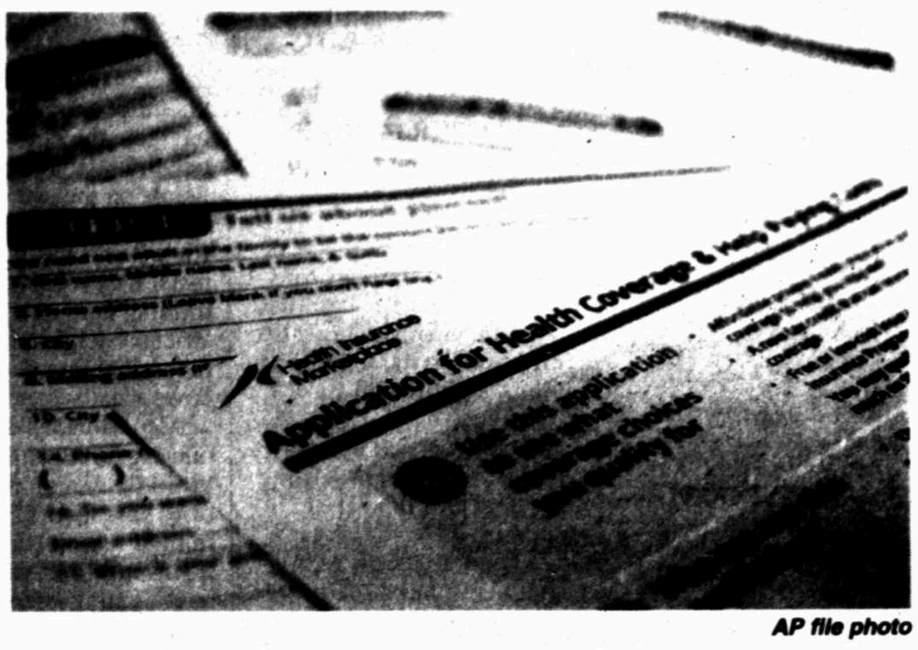
The poor and near-poor will be steered to Medicaid in states that agree to expand that program.

Here's an overview of what to expect applying online, with tips:

Go to healthcare.gov and click on "Get Insurance." The site has links to every state market. You'll set up an account and password. You'll provide your contact information and the best way to reach you.

Tip — Treat your password like a bank account or credit card password.

Now you can tackle the actual application. You'll need birth dates and Social Security numbers for yourself and other family members listed on your federal tax return.



AP file photo

This Sept. 11 photo shows the federal government form for applying for health coverage, in Washington. Getting covered through President Barack Obama's health care law might feel like a combination of doing your taxes and making a big purchase that requires research.

You'll also be asked if you're a citizen. Legal immigrants will need their immigration documents.

Tip — You don't have to plow through the entire application at once. You can save your work and come back later.

Next, you'll be asked about income.

You may need your most recent tax return, pay stubs and details on other kinds of income, such as alimony, pensions and rents. You can still apply if you haven't filed a tax return. You'll also be asked about access to health insurance through your job. You may be required to take that insurance if available.

Your personal and income details will be routed through a new government entity called the data services hub, which will ping agencies like Social Security, Homeland Security and the Internal Revenue Service for verification. The feds will also rely on a major private credit reporting company to verify income and employment.

How smoothly all this works is one of the big unknowns. It could get tedious if discrepancies take time to resolve.

Tip — Provide the most accurate estimate of your expected income for 2014. Lowball the number, and you might see a smaller tax refund in 2015. Overestimate and you won't get as big a tax credit now.

Most people applying will qualify for a tax credit to help pay premiums. The credits are based on your income and keyed to the premium for a benchmark plan known as the "second-lowest cost silver plan" in your area.

With your tax credit, you can finally shop for insurance. Be aware that you'll probably have to live with your decision until the next annual enrollment period.

You'll have up to four levels of coverage to consider: bronze, silver, gold and platinum. Plans at every "metal level" cover the same benefits and have a cap of $6,350 a year in out-of-pocket expenses for an individual, $12,700 for families.

Bronze plans generally have the lowest premiums, but cover only 60 percent of medical costs on average. Policyholders will pay the difference, up to the annual out of pocket cap. Platinum plans have the highest premiums, but cover 90 percent of costs. Young adults up to age 30 can pick a skinny "catastrophic" plan — but you can't use your tax credit on a catastrophic plan.

Tip — Make sure your doctors and hospitals are in the plan you pick. You'll have to check the plan's own website, or better still, call your doctor.

Tip — Your share of the premium could be lower — even zero — if you apply your tax credit to a bronze plan. It's because the credit is keyed to the cost of a silver plan, which is generally more expensive.

Tip — Check if you are eligible for "cost-sharing subsidies," in addition to your tax credit. Extra help with out-of-pocket costs is available to people with modest incomes. But only with a silver plan.

Head spinning?

"Obamacare" is finally here.

FDA approves pre-surgical cancer drug

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A biotech drug from Roche has become the first medicine approved to treat breast cancer before surgery, offering an earlier approach against one of the deadliest forms of the disease.

The Food and Drug Administration approved Perjeta for women with a form of early-stage breast cancer who face a high risk of having their cancer spread to other parts of the body.

Surgery to remove tumors is usually the first step in treating most forms of cancer. Perjeta is the first drug to be approved as a pre-surgical step.

Doctors hope that using cancer drugs earlier could help shrink tumors, making them easier to remove. In some cases, that could allow women to keep their breasts, rather than having a full mastectomy. Doctors also said that treating the disease at its earliest stages could prevent tumors from returning later, though studies have not yet established that benefit.

"By making effective therapies available to high-risk patients in the earliest disease setting, we may delay or prevent cancer recurrences," said FDA's Dr. Richard Pazdur, who directs the agency's office of cancer products.

Cancer specialists already use several chemotherapy drugs as initial treatments for cancer, but they are not formally approved for the use. The FDA originally approved Perjeta to treat breast cancer that has spread to other parts of the body after surgery.

The FDA granted the drug accelerated approval for its new use based on a study showing women who received the drug as an initial treatment were more likely to be cancer-free 12 weeks later than women who received older drug combinations. Accelerated approval is reserved for drugs that show groundbreaking results for treating life-threatening diseases in early studies.

As a condition of approval, Roche's Genentech unit must conduct a larger follow-up study showing the drug's long-term benefits for patients. Generally that means showing that patients lived longer or had a higher quality of life due to taking the drug. Genentech, based in South San Francisco, Calif., has already enrolled about 4,800 patients in the follow-up study, with results expected in 2016.

Dr. Paula Klein, a breast cancer specialist, said she will start prescribing the drug for early-stage patients immediately, but stressed the importance of follow-up data on patient survival.

"This does not yet prove to us that using the antibody in this setting will result in more cures. That is still a hypothesis," said Klein, who directs the breast cancer program at Continuum Cancer Centers of New York.

The FDA said Monday's approval was based on a 417-woman study comparing Perjeta in different combinations against older breast cancer treatments. When Perjeta was combined with Herceptin, another Genentech drug, and standard chemotherapy, 39 percent of women saw their cancer reach undetectable levels. Only 21 percent of women experienced the same results from taking Herceptin and chemotherapy alone. After drug treatment all the women received standard breast surgery to remove any cancerous tumors.

HEALTHBRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CHICAGO

More babies share parents' beds despite SIDS risks

The government's latest infant bed-sharing numbers show a troubling trend: the percentage of U.S. babies sleeping with parents or another child more than doubled since the early 1990s, despite public health messages linking the practice with sudden infant death syndrome.

Nearly 14 percent of adults, mostly mothers, surveyed in 2010 said their infants usually shared a bed, either with parents or another child, instead of sleeping alone in a crib. That was up from about 7 percent in 1993, and the increase was mainly among blacks and Hispanics.

Bed-sharing was most common among blacks; nearly one-third of those surveyed said their infants usually shared a bed.

"That's a concern because we know that blacks are at increased risk for SIDS," said study co-author Marian Willinger of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

FORT WORTH

American Airlines plans to hire 1,500 pilots

American Airlines said it will hire 1,500 new pilots over the next five years and offer jobs to the remaining pilots who are still furloughed.

American said Monday that it would begin posting the new jobs this week and hire 45 to 50 pilots per month through next summer. It has already started hiring 1,500 flight attendants.

Parent AMR Corp. is trying to merge with US Airways Group Inc. and exit from bankruptcy protection. The merger is being held up by an antitrust lawsuit filed by the U.S. Department of Justice. A trial is set to begin Nov. 25.

AMR CEO Tom Horton said in a letter to employees that the company was preparing for the trial but would "remain open to discussions with the Justice Department regarding a settlement on appropriate terms."

Airlines have resumed hiring pilots in part because a large number are hitting a new mandatory retirement age of 65; it was raised from age 60 a little over five years ago. Also, new federal rules on crew rest could create the need for more pilots. American is hiring flight attendants partly to replace employees who took severance payments to leave last year.

Also Monday, AMR said in a filing with the bankruptcy court that it earned $71 million in August, a reversal from a loss of $82 million a year earlier. Revenue rose 7 percent to $2.34 billion.

FORT WORTH

Bond proposal would replace underground school

Fort Worth school officials are hoping to replace an elementary built underground in 1970 to avoid noise from a nearby airport.

Students at Washington Heights Elementary will be moving above ground if voters approve Proposition 1 of a three-part bond proposal Nov. 5. Replacing the underground school is part of the estimated $490 million Fort Worth school bond program.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Juan M. Carrasco, 22, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Ronnie R. Flores, 36, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on charges of tampering or fabricating physical evidence and possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Mark R. Forrest, 55, of Carlsbad, N.M., was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams.

Manuel J. Mancha, 21, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

Ricardo Molina Jr., 23, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on charges of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram and possession of a prohibited substance in a corrections facility.

Jordan W. Niedecken, 20, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of assault on a public servant.

Jorge L. Pando, 22, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Brian J. Romero, 35, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on charges of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams and tampering or fabricating physical evidence.

Ivan Sanchez, 23, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on charges of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram and tampering or fabricating physical evidence.

Jaime Valadez, 45, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on charges of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram and tampering or fabricating physical evidence.

Arnulfo H. Villa, 22, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on charges of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Health care navigators decry extra rules

Associated Press

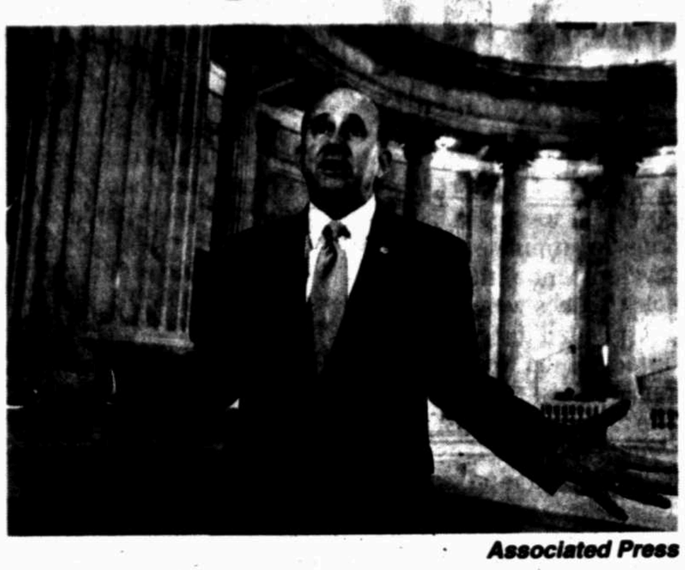
AUSTIN — Stakeholders trained to help Texans navigate the new federal health law told state officials on the eve of the rollout Monday that Gov. Rick Perry was wrong to insist they receive more training and undergo stricter background checks before helping people find coverage.

Also Monday, at least one organization in Texas given federal money to offer so-called navigators in their region confirmed it was now backing out of participating because of uncertainty over rules and regulations.

The Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council, which had received about $288,000 to hire and train four people to help consumers navigate the health exchange marketplace that opens today, became hesitant because of state policies that had yet to be finalized, said Ken Jones, the council's executive director.

"If it changes midstream, what is the financial liability for that?" Jones said.

The council voted to withdraw about a week after Perry sent a letter to the Texas Department of Insurance, directing the agency to implement rules that would require navigators to complete an additional 40 hours of state training and pass more exams. They would also have to submit to regular background checks while on the job, as Perry has called for an increased need in consumer protection.



Associated Press

Rep. Louie Gohmert, R-Texas, talks during a TV interview about the impasse over federal funding and the Affordable Care Act, Monday on Capitol Hill. Hours before a threatened government shutdown, the Senate has the next move on must-do budget legislation that has fueled a bitter congressional dispute over President Barack Obama's signature health care law.

At stakeholder hearing in Austin on Monday, Democrats and navigators told Texas Department of Insurance members that the new requirements appeared political and needless.

"Let us not twist, and contort and politicize the meaning of protecting consumers here," Democratic state Sen. Kirk Watson said. "Let's not embark on a hasty and politically driven rule-making process."

Kursten Berry, a trained navigator for the organization Change Happens! In Houston, said the existing training mandated by the federal government was sufficient.

"The training is already very, very, very intensive," Berry said. "It's comprehensive. You learn a lot in the 20 hours you've already taken. It would be a duplication of what we already know."

The health insurance marketplace is open for sign-ups Tuesday. Despite Perry's letter and Monday's hearing, stakeholders were planning for the rollout as scheduled.

Gary Bramlett, executive director of the East Texas Behavioral Health Network, said one of his 12 centers is not participating in the navigator program but said he was unaware of any political pressure behind that decision. He said that each center must evaluate what it can and cannot do in a given time frame.

"We will just keep an eye on any new requirements that the state tries to put in place," Bramlett said. "I believe we would be able to meet any new requirements without a problem."

Perry spokesman Josh Havens said the governor wants to ensure that navigators are properly trained and accountable.

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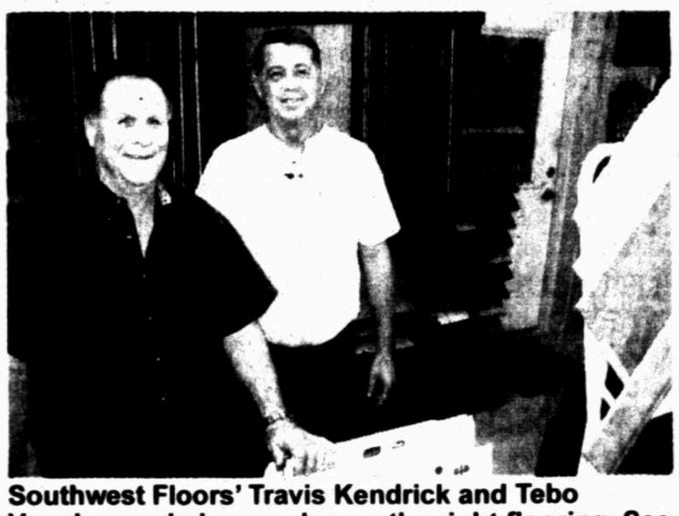

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OPINION

Reality check needed for GOP's purity faction?

■ A fight is what tea partiers want, even when there is little chance of winning

MICHAEL GERSON
Washington Post Writers Group

If you can judge people by the quality of their enemies, one quality shared by many opponents of the tea party is their conservatism. Like many ideological factions, tea party activists display a special intensity in fighting the "near enemy" — other elements on the right that don't share their tactics. President Obama may be their ultimate foe, but conservative pragmatists are their rivals. And rivals are the more immediate problem.

So the Senate Conservatives Fund runs ads against Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., Richard Burr, R-N.C., and other solid Senate conservatives for opposing a counterproductive strategy to defund Obamacare. The circle of tea party purity is drawn so tightly that it excludes Sens. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., and John Cornyn, R-Texas — some of the most reliably conservative members of Congress.

Ideological conflict between Republican factions is, of course, nothing new. The modern conservative movement arose in opposition to Eisenhower Republicanism, which it regarded as ideologically compromised. Ronald Reagan challenged and defeated Rockefeller Republicanism — and seldom has a political defeat been more complete. But Reagan still viewed the Republican Party as a coalition, not as a faction. He campaigned vigorously for Republican moderates such as Sens. Chuck Percy, Robert Packwood and Mark Hatfield (who was the congressional chair for his first inauguration).

During the Obama era, Republican ideological conflicts have intensified. The latest round began with a typical, largely healthy revolt against leaders such as House Speaker John Boehner and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, who were viewed as tired and uncreative (though easier to criticize than replace). The young guns — including Reps. Paul Ryan and Eric Cantor — would finally take on Medicare reform and push big questions about the role of government in American life. This involved political risk but had the virtue of intellectual seriousness.

Tea party populism, however, moved quickly beyond this point. We are no longer seeing a revolt against the Republican leadership, or even against the Republican "establishment"; it is a revolt against anyone who accepts the constraints of political reality. Conservatives are excommunicated, not for holding the wrong convictions but for rational calculations in service of those convictions.

What explains this development? Some of this is a reaction to the unique provocation of Obamacare. Tea party activists assert that the launch of health insurance subsidies and exchanges will cause immediate and pervasive entitlement addiction — creating a permanent new class of Democratic-voting clients of the state. It seems more likely that Americans will see the flaws of a hastily and poorly designed system and express their displeasure in midterm elections. But the notion that the character of the country is about to suddenly change helps explain the state of emergency in tea party circles.

This is reinforced by the development of an alternative establishment — including talk radio personalities, a few vocal congressional leaders and organizations such as FreedomWorks and Heritage Action — that creates a self-reinforcing impression of its power to reshape politics (while lacking much real connection to the views of the broader electorate).

And these ideas do have some resonance among conservative activists who are convinced that Republicans lost recent presidential elections because their candidates lacked combativeness. At least, the argument goes, Ted Cruz has some backbone. It is the political expression of pent-up anger. "If we're going to fight," says Michele Bachmann, "we need to fight now." Few believe any longer that Republicans will be able to defund Obamacare in this session of Congress; it is the fight that counts. This is a word that crops up frequently in tea party discourse. Not winning. Not strategy. Not consequences. The fight.

Under normal circumstances, this faction — comprising less than 20 percent of the House Republican Caucus — might exercise a marginal influence. But we have the peculiar situation of a divided Congress and a weak president. The tea party faction holds the margin of victory in a slim Republican House majority. Boehner has kept some semblance of order by appeasing it — an approach of diminishing utility. And now, in a series of budget showdowns, the interests of tea party activists have suddenly aligned with those of President Obama (who needs a dramatic reshuffling of the political deck). Both sides prefer a powerless, discredited Republican leadership.

The problem for Republicans (as Democrats found in the 1970s and '80s) is that factions are seldom deterred by defeat. Every loss is taken as proof of insufficient purity. Conservatives now face the ideological temptation: inviting an unpleasant political reality by refusing to inhabit political reality.

OUR VIEW

Fear of known, unknown seen in Obamacare rollout

Today is "D-day" when it comes to health care in America. And when we say "D-day" we mean "dislike" and "don't know what to expect."

Today, we learn the new health care marketplaces under the Affordable Care Act. The marketplaces are a big part of the implementation of the act, known to some as "Obamacare."

And the best thing we can say about the Affordable Care Act at this point is we have no idea what to expect.

The administration has done a horrible job of getting out the information on what is its signature piece of legislation. We have a hard time believing that America can be informed when what we read about the Affordable Care Act -- such as in Monday's Associated Press fact check -- is not consistent with what the president told us about his legislation.

■ Are people guaranteed to keep their own coverage? No.

■ Will it be cheaper than their monthly cell phone bill? Not necessarily.

■ Will premiums go down for everyone? Not likely.

■ Will 95 percent of the uninsured see premiums cost less than expected? Generally, no.

We find it regrettable that the administration would continue to mislead Americans on what this bill offers. However, we are not surprised. This administration promised to not raise taxes on the middle class, but the Affordable Care Act had to be declared a tax to pass muster with the Supreme Court.

A majority of Americans polled don't know enough or dislike what they know about the ACA.

Just more than one month ago, Gallup reported that more Americans disapprove (49 percent) than approve (41 percent) of the Affordable Care Act.

Additionally, more Americans are pessimistic than optimistic about the future impact of the law. Less than a quarter believe it will make their family's health care situation better, while 38 percent say it will make it worse, according to Gallup. When asked about the law's impact on the health care situation in the U.S., 35 percent say it will make the situation better, while 44 percent say it will make it worse.

Lastly, Gallup reported that 3 in 10 Americans are not familiar with the ACA.

We believe that part of why the legislation is disliked is because the administration clumsily unrolled a bad bill and then didn't have the backbone to stand behind it when flaws were revealed.

This is a big deal. In the Reporter-Telegram Sunday's edition, we offered thorough coverage of the Affordable Care Act's impact locally and provided a question-and answer on its most pressing questions. This is a must-read. We hope you will take a look at it.

Today, the sun will come up, and most Midlanders will go about their lives much like they did Monday or any day before. Still, we expect a vast majority of those calling in radio shows, talking around the water cooler and having conversations with medical officials will not see eye-to-eye with the administration about the Affordable Care Act.

The president will never be able to convince some people because of political differences or because they ultimately disagree that the ACA was the right answer.

There will be others who disagree because the administration didn't do its job in rolling out this massive program. In our view, there is too much not known about what the Affordable Care Act means to America, and for that reason, the president and his administration deserve a failing grade.

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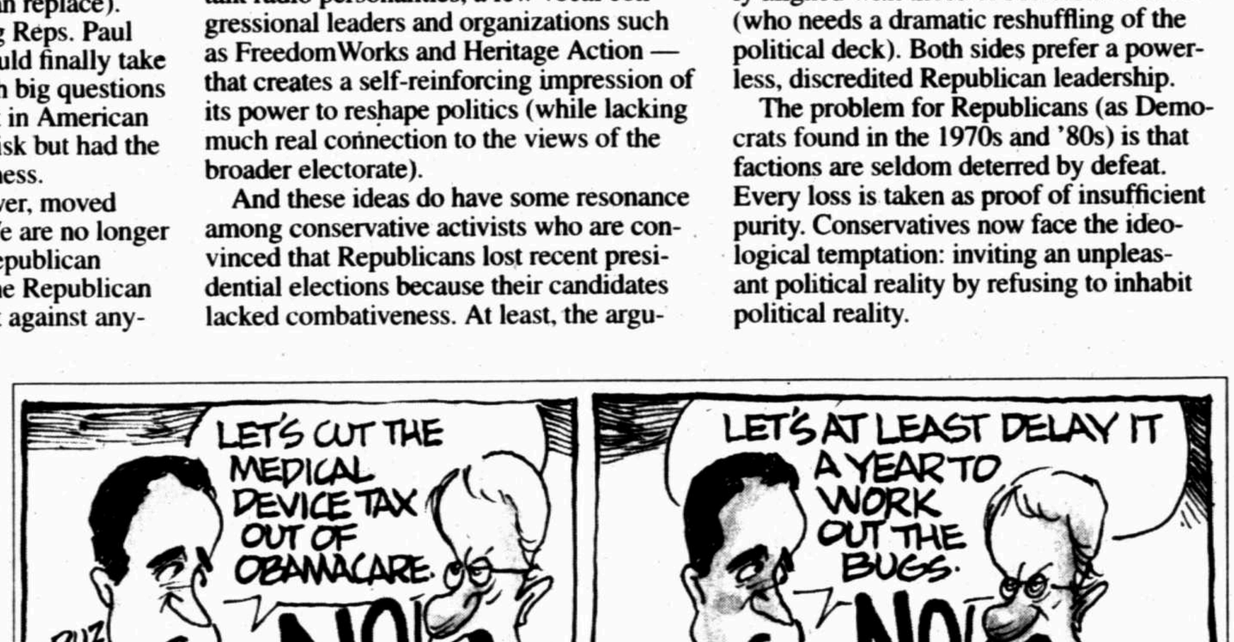

McCain, Cruz offer a character study

■ Compared tto he self-promotion of the "Texas hothead," McCain talks of a process greater than one's self

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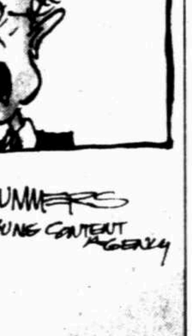

John McCain said more in 10 minutes on the Senate floor than Ted Cruz did in 21 hours. The Texas hothead had just completed his impressive bladderbuster, in which he discussed Ashton Kutcher and Toby Keith, did a Darth Vader impression, recited passages from Ayn Rand, read "Green Eggs and Ham" to his daughters at home, and spoke directly to his "sweetheart" via C-SPAN. At the end, he thanked dozens of people for their contributions to his marathon, as if rolling the credits on the heroic film of his life.

To the extent that Cruz's phony filibuster had a point (it didn't delay any vote), it was to shame his fellow Republicans into joining his crusade to shut down the government if Obamacare isn't defunded; those who disagreed, he said, were like "Neville Chamberlain, who told the British people, 'Accept the Nazis.'"

Half an hour after Cruz yielded the floor — "by force," he claimed, even though he had declined an offer from Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., to speak for an additional hour — McCain delivered a few words that could have taught his young colleague something about honor.

"I resoundingly reject that allegation," the Arizona Republican said after reading Cruz's words aloud. "To allege that there are people today who are like those who, prior to World War II, didn't stand up and oppose the atrocities that were taking place in Europe, because I have an open and honest disagreement with the process ... is an inappropriate place for debate on the floor of the United States Senate."

McCain said Cruz's words belittled those who served in the war, including his father and grandfather. He then used the rest of his brief speech to defend his record in opposition to Obamacare, which shouldn't have been necessary: Nobody fought harder against the health care reforms.

The difference between the two men has nothing to do with who hates Obamacare more. Rather, their difference is one of character. McCain exhorts his colleagues to serve a cause greater than self, as he did as a prisoner of war in Vietnam. Cruz acts as though the greatest cause is himself.

A casual observer of Cruz's antics could see what his colleagues had been grumbling about privately: that his time on the Senate floor was an exercise in self-promotion. Cruz must have been sensitive about this, for he felt the need to protest sometime around hour 17, "I would be perfectly happy if not a single story coming out of this ever mentioned my name."

This is the same man who spoke at great length about his father's cooking, an auto accident his wife had had and what views he might have in common with Kutcher. He demonstrated his regard for the institution by working in the phrase "give a flying flip" and kissed up to Rush Limbaugh by reading something written by the radio host's father.

In the end, Cruz joined the 99 other senators in voting to proceed with the debate on the legislation Cruz seeks to block. He said he would take his stand on the next vote, but that probably won't go much better for him — in no small part because of colleagues' disdain for him, which McCain gave voice to after the freshman senator finished his bladderbuster.

McCain ridiculed the "extended oratory" and then recounted his own opposition to the legislation. "We fought as hard as we could in a fair and honest manner and we lost," he said. In 2012, he went on, "I campaigned all over America for two months, everywhere I could, and in every single campaign rally I said, 'And we have to repeal and replace Obamacare.' Well, the people spoke. .. That doesn't mean that we give up our efforts to try to replace and repair Obamacare. But it does mean that elections have consequences."

While McCain spoke of honoring the will of the electorate, Cruz was moving on to give Limbaugh an interview in which he said he was honoring the will of the broadcaster's listeners. "We're listening to the same bosses and trying to respond to the same people who are frustrated," Cruz said.

Maybe it was the fatigue, but Cruz made a surprisingly frank admission to Limbaugh. "In many ways," he said, "the central issue that we were trying to focus on in the filibuster was not the continuing resolution. It wasn't even Obamacare."

Right. It was narcissism.

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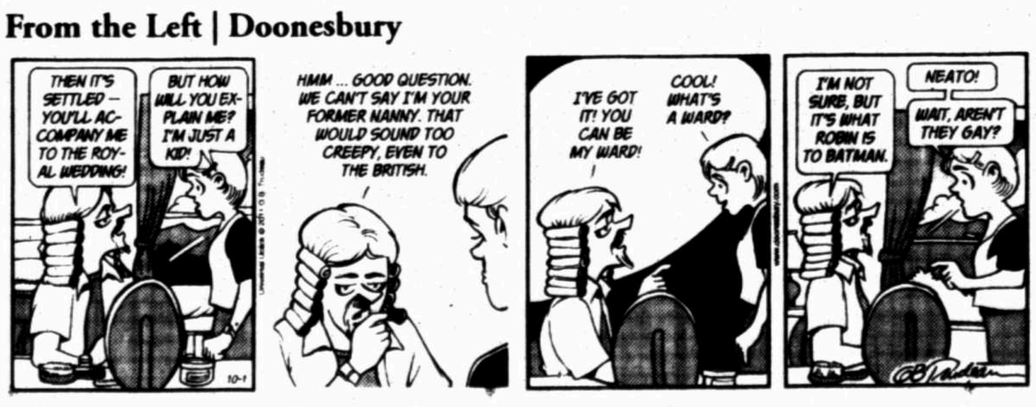

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Who is to blame for budget gridlock?

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — OK, gridlocked politicians we're used to. But why padlock the Statue of Liberty?

You don't see other democracies shuttering landmarks and sending civil servants home just because their political parties can't get along. Belgian civil servants, for example, carried on nicely for a year and a half while their politicians bickered over forming a new government.

The potential for a partial shutdown today is a quirk of American history. So if you're bored with blaming House Republicans or President Barack Obama, you can lay some responsibility on the Founding Fathers.

Or blame President Jimmy Carter for his rectitude. Or ex-House Speaker Newt Gingrich for his hissy fit over how he exited Air Force One.

A history of government shutdowns, American-style:

1789: Balance of powers.

The framers of the Constitution gave Congress control over spending as a way to limit the power of the presidency. The government can only spend money "in consequence of appropriations made by law," or in other words, after Congress says so and with the president's signature.

1800s: Power struggles.

Turns out it's not easy to shoo federal bureaucrats away from the piggy bank.

When they wanted to spend more than Congress gave, the War Department and other agencies ordered stuff on credit. Then they would go to Congress seeking an appropriation to pay the bills. Lawmakers felt obliged to cover the government's debts, but they weren't happy about it. The executive branch was undermining Congress's power of the purse.

Congress responded with a series of laws that eventually got one of those dreadful Washington monikers: the Anti-Deficiency Act.

Because of the act, officials who mistakenly spend money Congress hasn't OK'd face disciplinary action, ranging from firing to hours stuck in mind-numbing budget training.

1995-96: The real thing.

Cue President Bill Clinton and Gingrich.

Two big men with big ideas and big-time egos, the Democratic president and the Republican House speaker charged into a cage match and ended up wrestling the U.S. government to the ground. Twice.

These two shutdowns, for six days and 21 days, were the longest ever. Until now they were assumed to have taught politicians the folly of ever again powering down the world's most powerful government.

Serious issues were at stake in 1995 — the future of Medicare, tax cuts, aid for the poor, the budget deficit. But they got lost in the absurdities:

The president was judged to have "won" the tussle. Republicans took a drubbing in the polls and ended up accepting most of Clinton's conditions in a compromise that seemed more like crying uncle.

Associated Press

A man walks past Independence Hall at Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia on Monday as the government teetered on the brink of a partial shutdown at midnight unless Congress can reach an agreement on funding. A conservative challenge to President Barack Obama's cherished health care law pushed the federal government to partial shutdown Monday.

Shutdown commences as Congress misses deadline

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For the first time in nearly two decades, the federal government staggered into a partial shutdown Monday at midnight after congressional Republicans stubbornly demanded changes in the nation's health care law as the price for essential federal funding and President Barack Obama and Democrats adamantly refused.

As Congress gridlocked, Obama said a "shutdown will have a very real economic impact on real people, right away," with hundreds of thousands of federal workers furloughed and veterans' centers, national parks, most of the space agency and other government operations shuttered.

He laid the blame at the feet of House Republicans, whom he accused of seeking to tie government funding to ideological demands, "all to save face after making some impossible promises to the extreme right wing of their party."

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, responded a short while later on the House floor. "The American people don't want a shutdown and neither do I," he said. Yet, he added, the new health care law "is having a devastating impact. ... Something has to be done."

The stock market dropped on fears that political deadlock between the White House and a tea party-heavy Republican Party would prevail, though analysts suggested significant damage to the national economy was unlikely unless a shutdown lasted more than a few days.

A few minutes before midnight, Budget Director Sylvia Burwell issued a directive to federal agencies to "execute plans for an orderly shutdown." While an estimated 800,000 federal workers faced furloughs, some critical parts of the government — from the military to air traffic controllers — would remain open.

Any interruption in federal funding would send divided government into territory unexplored in nearly two decades. Then, Republicans suffered grievous political damage and President Bill Clinton benefitted from twin shutdowns. Now, some Republicans said they feared a similar outcome.

If nothing else, some Republicans also conceded it was impossible to use funding legislation to squeeze concessions from the White House on health care. "We can't win," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.

"We're on the brink," Sen. Barbara Mikulski, Md., said shortly after midday as the two houses maneuvered for political advantage and the Obama administration's budget office prepared for a partial shutdown, the first since the winter of 1995-1996.

On a long day and night in the Capitol, the Senate torpedoed one GOP attempt to tie government financing to changes in "Obamacare." House Republicans countered with a second despite unmistakable signs their unity was fraying — and Senate Democrats promptly rejected it, as well.

Defiant still, House Republicans decided to repass their earlier measure and simultaneously request negotiations with the Senate on a compromise. Some aides conceded the move was largely designed to make sure that the formal paperwork was on the Senate's doorstep as the day ended.

Whatever its intent, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., rejected it. "That closes government. They want to close government," he said of House Republicans.

As lawmakers squabbled, Obama spoke bluntly about House Republicans. "You don't get to extract a ransom for doing your job, for doing what you're supposed to be doing anyway, or just because there's a law there that you don't like," he said. Speaking of the health care law that undergoes a major expansion on Tuesday, he said emphatically, "That funding is already in place. You can't shut it down."

Some Republicans balked, moderates and conservatives alike.

Rep. Phil Gingrey of Georgia said it felt as if Republicans were retreating, given their diminishing demands, and Rep. Scott Rigell of Virginia said there was not unanimity when the rank and file met to discuss a next move.

Yet for the first time since the showdown began more than a week ago, there was also public dissent from the Republican strategy that has been carried out at the insistence of lawmakers working in tandem with GOP Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas.

Rep. Charles Dent, R-Pa., said he was willing to vote for stand-alone legislation that would keep the government running and contained no health care-related provisions. "I would be supportive of it, and I believe the votes are there in the House to pass it at that point," the fifth-term congressman said.

Other Republicans sought to blame Democrats for any shutdown, but Dent conceded that Republicans would bear the blame, whether or not they deserved it.

Hours before the possible shutdown, the Senate voted 54-46 to reject the House-passed measure that would have kept the government open but would have delayed implementation of the health care law for a year and permanently repealed a medical device tax that helps finance it.

In response, House Republicans sought different concessions in exchange for allowing the government to remain open. They called for a one-year delay in a requirement in the health care law for individuals to purchase coverage. The same measure also would require members of Congress and their aides as well as the president, vice president and the administration's political appointees to bear the full cost of their own coverage by barring the government from making the customary employer contribution.

"This is a matter of funding the government and providing fairness to the American people," said Boehner. "Why wouldn't members of Congress vote for it?"

The vote was 228-201, with a dozen Republicans opposed and nine Democrats in favor.

Unimpressed, Senate Democrats swatted it on a 54-46 party line vote about an hour later.

Obama followed up his public remarks with phone calls to Boehner and the three other top leaders of Congress, telling Republicans he would continue to oppose attempts to delay or cut federal financing of the health care law.

The impact of a shutdown would be felt unevenly.

Many low-to-moderate-income borrowers and first-time homebuyers seeking government-backed mortgages could face delays, and Obama said veterans' centers would be closed.

About 800,000 federal workers, many already reeling from the effect of automatic budget cuts, would be ordered to report to work Tuesday for about four hours — but only to carry out shutdown-related chores such as changing office voicemail messages and completing time cards.

Some critical services such as patrolling the borders and inspecting meat would continue. Social Security benefits would be sent, and the Medicare and Medicaid health care programs for the elderly and poor would continue to pay doctors and hospitals.

U.S. troops were shielded from any damage to their wallets when Obama signed legislation assuring the military would be paid in the in the event of a shutdown.

That had no impact on those who labor at other agencies.

"I know some other employees, if you don't have money saved, it's going to be difficult," said Thelma Manley, who has spent seven years as a staff assistant with the Internal Revenue Service during a 30-year career in government.

As for herself, she said, "I'm a Christian. I trust in God wholeheartedly and my needs will be met." She added, "I do have savings, so I can go to the reserve, so to speak."

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ChinaAid's founder releases autobiography

■ Bob Fu to sign books Oct. 17 at Mardel

By Megan Lea Buck
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The world knows Bob Fu for his work fighting for the freedom of Chinese human rights activists, such as blind dissident Chen Guangcheng.

Midlanders recognize him as a friend, neighbor and community member, changing lives across the globe from ChinaAid's humble office near downtown.

With the release of "God's Double Agent," Fu can add author to his resume. He will be signing copies of the book 6 p.m. Oct. 17 at Mardel Christian and Education Supply.

Fu testified in April 2012 on Chen Guangcheng's behalf at a congressional hearing to ensure the activist and his family would be released to the U.S., and in July marked the 10-year anniversary of ChinaAid with an event in Washington, D.C., attended by congressional dignitaries and friends.

A few months later, he started work on his autobiography with best-selling author Nancy French.

"Some friends felt my life story is worth being exposed to the public," Fu said of the idea to write a book. "People love to hear a story rather than you preaching a doctrine."

Tennessee-based French traveled to Midland several times to record Fu's story, and a draft was completed last year on Christmas Day.

Fu and French spent one season reviewing 45 years of his life, sorting through memories of China from childhood and his years at university to his job as a teacher and the risks he took as pastor of a house church, to the obstacles he and his wife, Heidi, faced trying to escape their homeland.

"I shared many of my stories that were previously not disclosed but I think are significant," Fu said. "Some hard memories, some tears, some joys, some laughter."

The book begins with the couple's late-night escape from their China home,

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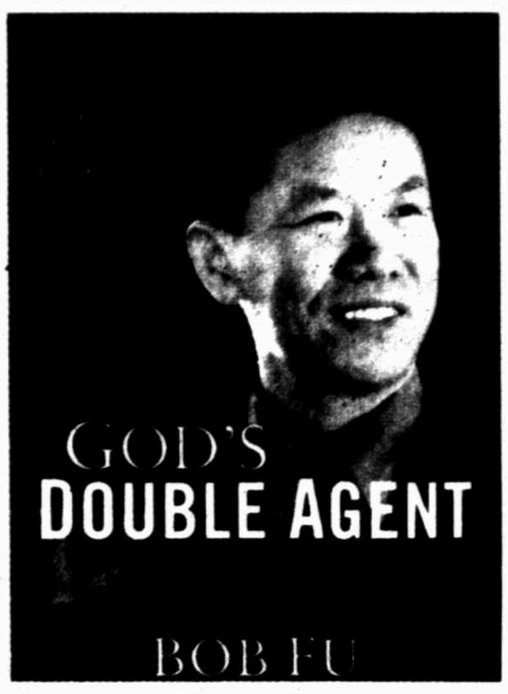

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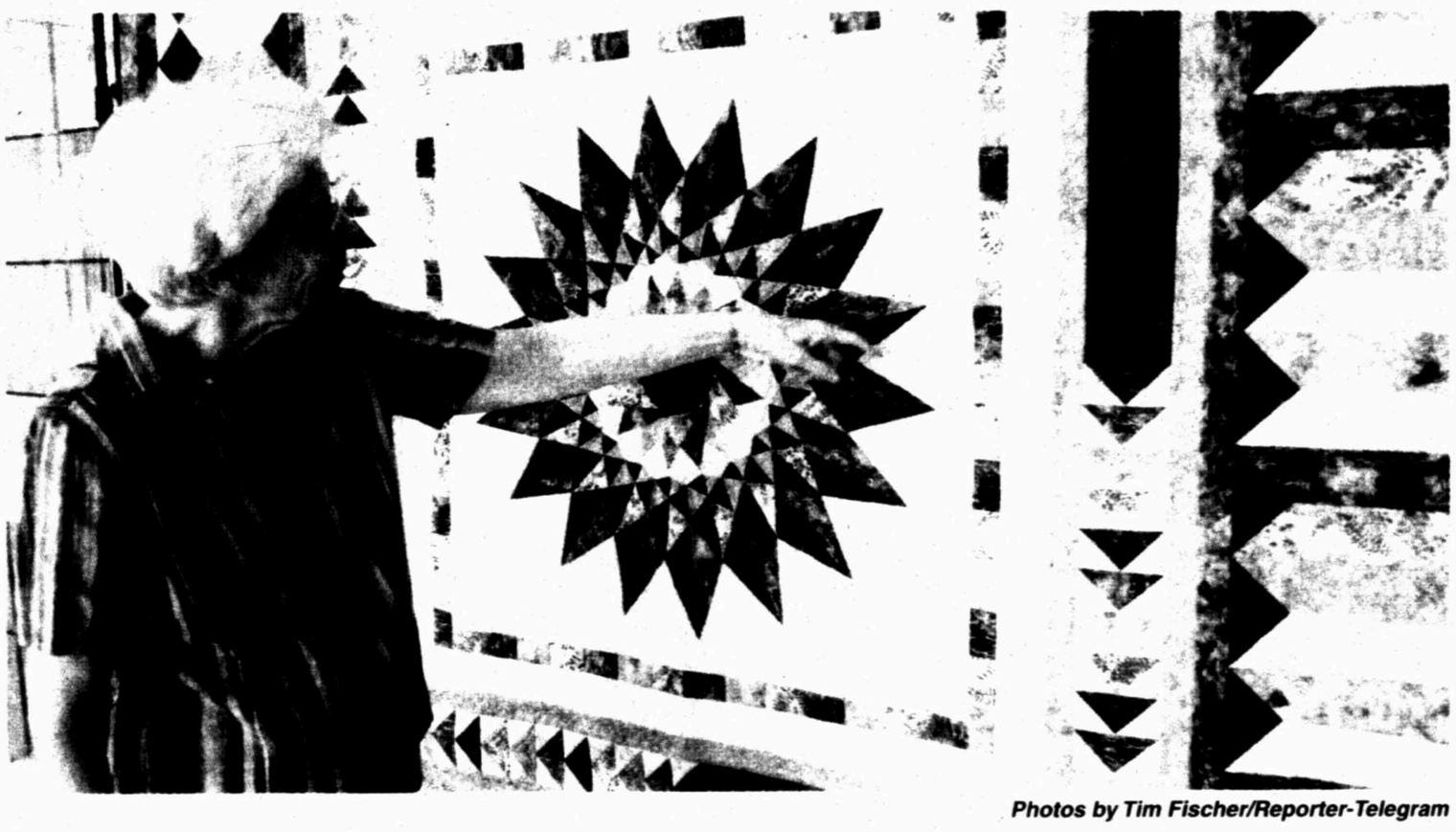

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Joan Bechtel talks about some of the needlework she and others with the Midland Quilters Guild did on the quilt they will raffle off. **BELOW:** One of the quilts Bechtel made. **BOTTOM:** Bechtel talks about some of the classes she has attended to learn new techniques to make different quilts such as these in her home.

Midlanders to showcase handmade creations at biennial Quilt Show

By Ragini Venkatasubban
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In 1968, Joan Bechtel was a young Midland mom, attempting to make a quilt for the first time with her two young daughters. Hoping to find some help, she joined a small group of local quilters called the Midland Quilters Guild.

Fast forward to today, and Bechtel is now an award-winning quilter, her home decorated with numerous handmade wall hangings and quilts. The guild has grown to more than 130 members and holds a Quilt Show every two years.

Bechtel will be the featured quilter at this year's Quilt Show, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at The Grand Texan Hotel and Convention Center.

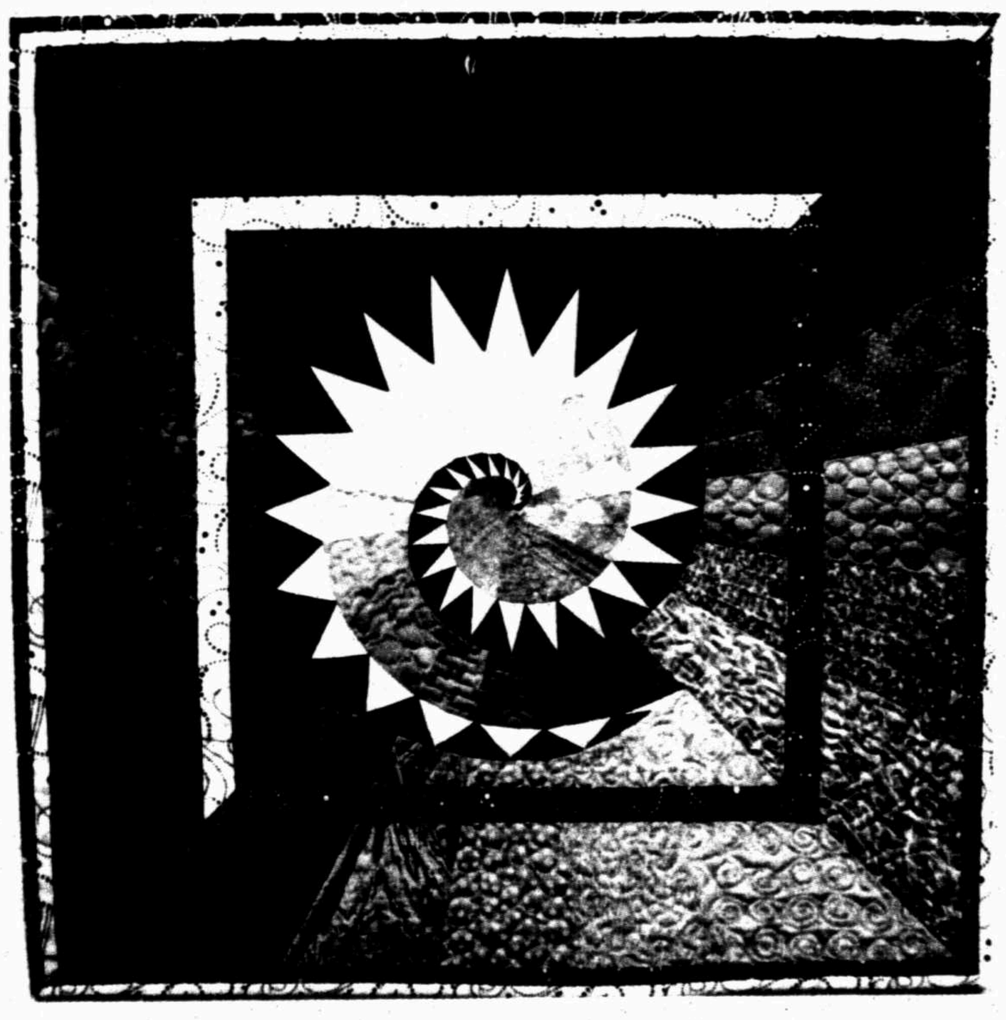
The show's theme is "The Roads We Have Traveled" and will include a Quilters Market and silent auction with quilts, wall hangings and table runners for sale made by guild members. Prices range from $50 to $200.

Visitors to the show can also bring in quilts to have their value determined by a professional quilt appraiser.

Bechtel will showcase many of her handmade creations, all of which have names and a story behind them. Ever since her first attempt at quilting in 1968, she's made quilts, wall hangings and vests for friends, family, veterans returning from war and for submission in various quilting magazines. It takes her about one year to make a quilt or wall hanging.

A special favorite of hers is a quilt she made for her husband that features a Corgi dog on the back, in honor of their pet Corgi, she said.

The guild, which was started in 1979, meets every week for "Quilting Bees," where members make quilts to donate to area nonprofit organizations. Quilts have been donated to the Ronald McDonald House, Safe Place of the Permian Basin, Allison Cancer Center, Hospice of Midland, Midland Rape Crisis Center and Habitat for Humanity, among others.



Quilt show info

Midland Quilters Guild's 2013 Quilt Show
"The Roads We Have Traveled"
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5
The Grand Texan Hotel and Convention Center, 4300 W. Wall St.
Tickets: $7 for adults, $5 for seniors 65 and older, free for children 12 and under

Along with the Quilting Bees, members hold quilting demonstrations around Midland — an activity they will continue at the show this weekend, demonstrating quilting techniques such as appliqué and hand quilting.

Peggy Byrom, publicity chairman of the Quilt Show, said the Guild is always looking for new members, especially young people. Meeting days and times can be found at www.midlandquilters-guild.com.

Bechtel's first quilt — the one that was started in 1968 — was finished nearly 30 years later in 1998. Bechtel said she just loves to quilt, especially when she's inspired by her friends and family.

FOOD ETC.

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Get creative with foods that have Halloween theme

Halloween is the one day of the year we can eat candy and not feel guilty. This day has always been a fun time for our family. When the kids were younger, our neighborhood had a parade of costumes and then would disband to trick or treat at each neighbor's home.

It was also a time for our close friends with kids our children's ages to join us to go door to door, while either the dads or moms stayed at the house to hand out treats. I think who had the outdoor job depended on the weather.

Back at the house, we would have a table of Halloween themed foods to make a meal — all of them scary and fun. After all, this is the time of year that the creative side of you takes over. Here are some really easy examples that can be done quickly.

Pretzel rods dipped halfway in melted white chocolate become ghosts once you have attached eyes and a mouth out of chocolate chips or sprinkles.

Nutter Butter cookies dipped in white chocolate become ghosts (these reappear at Christmas as snowmen)

Cut string cheese in half and put a stick pretzel in it. Snip the ends of the cheese to look like a witch's broom.

Dip small round pretzels in orange-tinted chocolate and then add a little green stem at the top to look like pumpkins.

As you can see, every food in the grocery suddenly takes on a possibility of turning into something fun and unique. Swiss cakes can become bat bodies and Ding Dongs can be spider bodies. The possibilities are endless.

Readers of Food Etc. were asked to share a favorite Halloween treat with our readers and they came up with some tasty and creepy foods.

Recipes wanted

What is your favorite soup recipe? Please share it with our readers! Send your recipe to: foodetc-mrt@aol.com or mail to the Midland Reporter Telegram, 201 East Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701, attention: Food Etc./Joan Huff or fax to 570-7650. Please include your name, phone number and source of the recipe. Deadline is Oct. 30.

Chocolate and Candy Corn Bark
Submitted by Beverly McClatchy

8 ounces bittersweet chocolate, chopped
1 Tablespoon vegetable shortening
1 ounce pretzel sticks (about 26)
1/2 cup candy corn
1/2 cup white chocolate morsels
In a medium size microwave safe bowl,

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Upside Down Witches

Obituaries

Mary Frances Melton

Mary Frances Melton was born October 17, 1930 and died September 26, 2013 at the age of 82.

She was preceded in death by her parents Jay Willie and Vonnah (Ezell) Williams, husband Morris Melton, step father Gerald Tipping and grandson Michael Wayne Coffman.

She is survived by her son Mike Coffman and wife Elaine, sister Melva Don Mahaney and husband Curtis, granddaughter Cathy Chambers and husband Dave, niece Donna Paul and nephew Lee Mahanay.

She was a retired bookkeeper. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW and had served as a past president in Lamar County, Texas. She loved playing bingo, making jam cakes and using her green thumb to grow most anything.

Special thanks to Cedar Lake Nursing Center and to Genesis Hospice Care.

Arrangements are entrusted with Huckabee/Tomlinson Funeral Home in Malakoff, Texas

On line condolences can be made at www.tomlinsonfuneral.com

Ronald Dale (Ronnie) Maddox

On September 28, 2013, Ronald Dale (Ronnie) Maddox, surrounded by family and friends, was called to his Heavenly home. He was born in Montague County, Texas on January 14, 1941.

Ronnie is survived by his loving wife, Phyllis of Midland, Texas; one brother, Lynn (Shorty) Maddox of Lubbock, Texas; children, Lee Ann Bullock and husband, David; John Raymond Maddox and wife, Elizabeth, of Mt. Ulla, North Carolina; Troy Reaves and wife, Sandra of Flower Mound, Texas; grandchildren: Michael Zane Maddox, Morgan Bullock, Ashley Reaves and Heather Reaves; two nephews and numerous cousins. Ronnie was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Wanda Maddox and sister, Sherry.

He served in active duty of the U.S. Navy from 1958 through 1962. At Ronnie's request, there will be no services. The family suggests that memorials be donated to the Allison Cancer Center or a charity of your choice.

Zinita G. Sawyer

Zinita G. Sawyer, 81, of Los Angeles, California passed away peacefully on September 25, 2013 at her home surrounded by family.

Born February 27, 1932, she lived most of her life in the Los Angeles area, but enjoyed spending time in Midland to visit her "son the doctor" and his family. One of Dr. Sawyer's close friends summed it up perfectly, "She was very special and you were lucky to have her as your mom. Thanks for sharing her with all of us!"

Zinita, better known as Grandma or Auntie Neenee, was a proud wife, mother, aunt, grandmother, and great grandmother. She will be greatly missed by all of her children, grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be Sunday, September 29, 2013 at Mount Sinai Memorial Park in Los Angeles at 9:00 o'clock in the morning.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the California State University Northridge (CSUN) Center of Achievement. Please visit their web site at www.csun.edu/hhd/centersachieve.html and select the "Giving" tab.

Death Notices

Caleb S. Hector

Caleb S. Hector, 19, of Big Spring, passed away on Friday, September 27, 2013.

The family will receive friends from 7:00p.m. until 8:00p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2:00p.m. Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at Spring Creek Fellowship. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Caleb is survived by his parents: Jimmy and Sandra (Wells) Hector; one son: David Hector; two sisters: Erica Rios and Nikki Rodriguez; and his grandparents: Carl and Pearl Wells and Barbara Hix.

Edith Cagle Buckalew Allen

Edith Cagle Buckalew Allen, age 96 of Odessa, passed away Sunday, September 29, 2013.

Survivors include her siblings, Glenn Hudson, Arlen Hudson, Tom Hudson, Jim Hudson, Donald Ray Hudson, Dovie Hudson and Lilly Belle Cooper; her children, Neil Buckalew and daughter-in-law, Janie Buckalew, and Carol Reeves and son-in-law Ronnie Reeves, eleven grandchildren and many great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

Visitation with the family will be 6-8p.m. Tuesday, October 1, 2013 in Sunset Funeral Home. Funeral services are scheduled for 2:00p.m. Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at Sunset Heights Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Luz Dove

Our loving "Mom", Luz Dove, 86, passed away on Saturday, September 28th, 2013.

A celebration service will be held at Chapel Hill Baptist Church 1820 E. 52nd Street Odessa, Texas 79762 at 11:00, October 3rd, 2013. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home.

She is survived by her daughters, Gloria Bailey, Carol Gandy, Diana Smith and husband Sonny; sister Estella Beckman; grandchildren Monica Elliott and husband John, Christopher Gandy and wife Jackie, Sarah Ward and husband Shelby, Ashley Llanas and husband Justin, and Joshua Smith; and twelve great grand-children.

Roy Kendall Valla

Roy Kendall Valla, 78 of Odessa passed away September 27, 2013 at his residence.

A private service will be scheduled at a later date. Services are entrusted to Frank W Wilson Funeral Directors.

Survivors: Wife, Suzanne Valla of Odessa; sons, Kris Valla and Mike McCoy of Odessa; daughters, Kendra Cowden of Birmingham, Alabama and Melinda Russ of Dallas, Texas; and fourteen Grandchildren.

Selma Winkler

Selma Winkler passed away Sunday September 29, 2013 in Fort Stockton, Texas.

Services will be held at Sunset Memorial Gardens, 6801 East Business 20, Odessa Texas, on Thursday, October 3, 2013 at 1:30p.m. Friends are welcome at the family home Friday, October 4 from 1-3p.m. as they begin the traditional seven day morning period. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home.

She is survived by a sister, Carole Jean Shlipak and Brother-in-Law Louis; a son, Martin Winkler and daughter-in-law Maureen; Son-in-law Bob Rhoades and two grandsons, Nathan Winkler-Rhoades and Dr. Ruben Rhoades.

Veteran Hollywood producer A.C. Lyles dies

By John Rogers
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A.C. Lyles, who rose from mail boy to producer at Paramount Pictures and became the studio's longest-serving employee during a tenure that lasted more than three-quarters of a century, has died at age 95.

Lyles, whose most recent title with Paramount was ambassador of goodwill, died Friday at his Los Angeles home, longtime family friend Ben Wheeler told The Associated Press on Monday.

Lyles was just 18 when the lifelong movie fan arrived in Hollywood from his native Florida, going to work in Paramount's mailroom in 1937. There, as the person who delivered fan letters, the outgoing Lyles became friendly with most of the major stars of the era, including Bob Hope, Bing Crosby, Dorothy Lamour and William Holden.

"He was extremely close with Jimmy Cagney and Ronald Reagan," Wheeler recalled.

His celebrity contacts would become invaluable when Lyles started producing such Westerns as "The Young and the Brave," "Stage to Thunder Rock," "Apache Uprising" and "Johnny Reno" in the 1960s.

He persuaded friends such as Joel McCrea, Randolph Scott, Jane Russell, Pat O'Brien and Dana Andrews to appear in his films, even talking Cagney into directing one of them, the gangster movie, "Short Cut to Hell."

It marked Cagney's only directing effort, and Lyles remarked years later, "I don't think he liked telling actors what to do."

Studio executives had recognized Lyles' breezy manner years earlier and promoted him to the publicity department.

Soon he was named publicity chief for Pine-Thomas, Paramount's B-picture arm. The studio was named for Bill Pine and Bill Thomas, dubbed the "Dollar Bills" for their skill at making movies on the skimpiest of budgets.

After Pine-Thomas folded in the 1950s, Lyles convinced Paramount's bosses he could produce salable films with well-known if slightly faded stars on budgets the Dollar Bills had taught him how to squeeze.

Other production credits included "Law of the Lawless," "Young Fury," "Red Tomahawk," "Arizona Bushwhackers," "Fort Utah" and "Hostile Guns."

He was also credited as associate producer on nine episodes of the hit TV series "Rawhide."

His last producer credit was for the 2005-06 HBO Western series "Deadwood."

As Paramount's ambassador of goodwill, Lyles appeared regularly in his later years at film festivals, colleges and nostalgia conventions to talk about the studio's legacy and its current products. He also welcomed visiting notables to the studio and conducted tours of the Paramount lot, which he knew intimately.

Reagan's widow, former first lady Nancy Reagan, said in a statement that she was deeply saddened to learn of Lyles' death, calling him "a studio legend in every sense of the word." He had kept in touch with her and her family over the years, Reagan said, serving on the White House Advisory Council on Private Sector Initiatives when her husband was president.

"I will miss him and his colorful — and truly memorable — stories of Hollywood in her heyday," she said.

Lyles worked well into his 90s, operating out of a suite once occupied by Fred Astaire and bedecked with scores of photographs of the many stars Lyles had been friends with. It was only in the past year, Wheeler said, that he stopped going to the office regularly.

Until then he would leave home for the office every weekday morning, dressed in a custom-made suit with handkerchief in the breast pocket. He would arrive at the studio in his mint-condition 1955 Ford Thunderbird.

"I love my job," he said in a 1998 interview. "If the studio was open on Saturday and Sunday, I'd be there on those days, too."

Lyles figured he actually went to work for Paramount at age 9 when he was hired to distribute handbills and bumper stickers for the company's theater in his hometown of Jacksonville, Fla. He left for Hollywood as soon he graduated from high school.

"I left on the day coach with two loaves of bread, some peanut butter, a bag of apples and $48 in my pocket," he recalled in the 1998 interview.

Throughout his life, Lyles went just by the initials A.C., explaining that was the name his father had used as well. It was an old Southern tradition, he said, to just use initials rather than a full name.

The full name, Wheeler said, was Andrew Craddock Lyles.

Lyles is survived by his wife, the former Martha French. They were married in 1955, in a ceremony attended by Reagan and Cagney, among others.

Texas man unearths 2-carat diamond at Ark. park

Associated Press

MURFREESBORO, Ark. — A Texas man has unearthed a 2.13-carat diamond at Arkansas' Crater of Diamonds State Park.

Clay Jarvis, of San Antonio, was in nearby Texarkana on business when he decided to visit the park in Murfreesboro, which is the only diamond-producing site in the United States that is open to the public.

Jarvis found the champagne brown diamond Saturday after searching for about 90 minutes.

"It happens! And, keep looking, because it's fun," Jarvis said.

Park interpreter Margi Jenks said the diamond is somewhat square in shape and about the size of a pencil eraser. She said it's the 368th diamond found at the park this year — and the fifth diamond this year weighing more than 2 carats.

The potential worth of the diamond was not immediately known because the park does not estimate value.

Jarvis said he named the stone the Nona "J" Diamond for his wife.

"Our first grandchild was born last year. My wife, April, is studying Italian, and 'Nona' is the word for grandmother in Italian," Jarvis said.

Jenks said 14 diamonds weighing more than one carat have been found at the park this year.

"Due to good rains this year, many of the large diamonds were found right on the surface. Diamonds are a bit heavy for their size, so a good downpour will wash the dirt away, leaving the diamond exposed," according to Jenks.

More than 75,000 diamonds have been unearthed at the site since the first diamonds were found in 1906 by John Huddleston, a farmer who owned the land at the time.

The site became an Arkansas state park in 1972.

Food, etc.

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combine bittersweet chocolate and shortening. Microwave at medium for 60 to 90 seconds; stir if not melted, repeat, stirring every 30 seconds to prevent scorching. When only small lumps remain, remove from microwave and stir until completely melted.

Line a small baking sheet with foil. Spread chocolate mixture into a 12x8-inch rectangle. Top with pretzels and candy corn, pressing gently to adhere. Melt white chocolate morsels according to package directions. Drizzle over candy corn mixture. Place baking sheet on a wire rack. Let stand in a cool place until completely firm (about 4 hours). Break into pieces; store in an airtight container in a cool, dry place.

Halloween Puppy Chow
Submitted by Sara Welch

8 cups rice cereal squares
1 1/2 cups chocolate chips or melts
1/2 cup peanut butter (for allergies, see note)
3/4 cup powdered sugar
3/4 cup brownie mix
2 large plastic bags
2 1/2 cups Reese's Pieces, optional
2 1/2 cups candy corn, optional

Place cereal in a large bowl and put powdered sugar in one large plastic bag and your brownie mix in another. Put chocolate chips/melts and peanut butter in a microwave proof bowl and heat for 30-50 seconds and stir until smooth. Pour over cereal and gently fold until coated in chocolate.

Put half of chocolate cereal in one plastic bag with powdered sugar and the other half in the bag with the brownie mix. Seal each bag and shake until covered. Dump onto a cookie sheet to cool. Add Reese's Pieces and candy corn for color. (Note-for peanut allergies, omit peanut butter and use Melts for your chocolate and increase the amount to 2 cups.)

Candy Corn Marshmallow Crispy Treats
Submitted by Beverly McClatchy

1/4 cup butter
6 cups miniature marshmallows
12 drops yellow food coloring
4 drops red food coloring
6 cups crisp rice cereal
2 cups candy corn

Microwave butter in a large microwave safe bowl on high for 45 seconds or until melted. Add marshmallows; toss to coat. Microwave 1 1/2 minutes or until marshmallows are completely melted and mixture is well blended, stirring in food coloring after 45 seconds. Add cereal and candy corn; mix well. Press into bottom of a 13x9-inch pan sprayed with cooking spray. Cool completely before cutting into bars. Cut each bar diagonally in half.

Cheesy Jack-O-Lantern
Submitted by Beverly McClatchy

3 green onions, divided
2 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
1 (8-ounce) package shredded cheddar cheese, divided
1/4 cup finely chopped red peppers
2 slices pepperoni

Cut 4-inch length from green end of 1 onion; slice remaining onions. Beat cream cheese and 1 1/4 cups cheddar cheese with mixer until well blended. Stir in sliced onions and peppers. Refrigerate 1 hour. Shape into ball; roll in remaining cheddar. Cut pepperoni into shapes to make jack-o-lantern's eyes, nose and mouth; press into cheese ball to make face. Insert green onion piece into top for stem. Serve with crackers.

Harvest Moon Lollipops
Submitted by Frances Buzard

12 (10-12-inch) lollipop sticks
1 (24-ounce) package chocolate flavored MoonPies
1 (14-ounce) package orange candy melts
1 zip top plastic bag
Scissors
Halloween candies
Halloween sugar cake decorations
Decorator icing
Ribbon (optional)

Insert 1 lollipop stick 2 to 3 inches into marshmallow center of MoonPie. Microwave candy melts in a glass bowl at medium 1 minute or until melted, stirring once; spoon into plastic bag, and seal. Snip a small hole in 1 corner of the bag; pipe melted candy around where stick meets MoonPie to secure. Lay flat on wax paper, and let stand until firm. Pipe fun border of melted candy around edges. Attach candies and/or cake decorations with decorator icing. Tie ribbons around tops of sticks, if desired.

Halloween Octopus
Submitted by Joan Huff

Hot dogs
Sharp knife

Cut wieners to within an inch horizontally to make octopus tentacles. There should be eight, so use a sharp knife. Microwave each one or boil until the tentacles become curly. Serve over spaghetti, baked beans or place in a bun.

Upside Down Witches
Submitted by Joan Huff

Chocolate cake mix prepared as directed on box for jelly roll size
Bright green frosting- butter-cream works well
Chocolate candy melts
Orange candy melts
Parchment paper
Clear small cups

On parchment paper, draw outlines of witch's boots. Turn paper over. You should be able to see your drawing through the paper. Melt chocolate candy melts and place in zip lock bag. Snip a small corner of the bag and fill in shapes you have drawn with chocolate. Let dry. Add laces to the boots with melted orange candies.

Meanwhile, in a clear cup, make several layers of cake and green icing. You might use a round cookie cutter to cut even slices of cake and you may find it easier to put the green frosting in a zip bag and pipe it in over the cake layers. When you get to the top layer of frosting, take two witch's boots and put them on upside down in the frosting to make it appear a witch has crashed into your cup.

Spider Treats
Submitted by Vicky McWilliams

Cupcakes
1 (8-ounce) tub whipped topping, thawed
Chocolate sprinkles
Black or chocolate licorice
Candies

Turn cupcakes upside down and frost the entire thing except the part touching the cookie sheet with whipped topping. Sprinkle with chocolate sprinkles. Insert licorice pieces into tops of cupcakes to create spider legs. Top with candies for the creepy eyes.

Farmers market hosts vegetarian cookoff

From staff reports

Midland Downtown Farmers' Market will hold its first Vegetarian Cook-Off on Saturday at 501 W. Texas Ave. Contestant check-in begins at 10 a.m. Judging begins at 11 a.m.

To enter, contestants should bring a vegetarian dish to the market and pay $10 per dish entered. Items must follow this rule: If you have to kill the animal to get the product, it cannot be used (i.e., milk is allowed, but gelatin is not). Contestants must bring a recipe stating every ingredient used in the dish. First prize is $50; second prize is $25 and third prize is $10.

For more information, visit www.midlanddowntownfarmersmarket.com.

Longtime Wichita Falls journalist Joe Brown dies

Associated Press

WICHITA FALLS — Joe Brown, a longtime Wichita Falls journalist with an expertise in farming who worked for both the local newspaper and a television station, has died. He was 78.

Lee Anderson is business editor at the Wichita Falls Times Record News and a longtime close friend and colleague of Brown. He says Brown died about 1:30 a.m. Monday in Wichita Falls after an illness.

Brown wrote regularly for the Times Record News through 2011. His "How Now Joe Brown?" column appeared on the newspaper's front page for nearly three decades. He also wrote a farm column, "Doin' It Up Brown."

The Wichita Falls native became farm editor for the Times Record News and farm director at KFDX-TV in Wichita Falls in 1964.

A memorial service is scheduled for Friday.

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Big Spring storyteller

Small West Texas town maintains its own orchestra

Overalls, boots and baseball caps are common sights at classical music performances in Big Spring's Municipal Auditorium. But that's not unusual in West Texas, where you can't tell who's got the money. Some of the richest people really don't give a hoot about how they're dressed.

They don't have to impress anybody. Audiences have been coming to the auditorium on a regular basis since it was built in 1932. Elvis Presley, Wayne Newton and Hank Williams Jr. have been on stage there. It is now the home of the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra. While the building has the elegance and grandeur of the past, recent remodeling has brought it up to date with modern amenities. Air conditioning was added during major remodeling in 1988. Last year it was updated again to meet Americans with Disabilities Act standards. It now has a handicap entrance on the east side.

A miniature replica of the Statue of Liberty graces the lawn of the auditorium. It was placed there in the early 1950s by Boy Scouts, who were responsible for getting the little ladies of liberty installed all over the country. Texas reportedly has six cities with them. A storm heavily damaged the Big Spring statue a few years ago. It was completely refurbished and was returned to its proper place with appropriate ceremony.

It is quite an accomplishment for Big Spring to have had a symphony orchestra for 32 years.

"We have great supporters and donors who enjoy good music and realize the cultural benefits of having an orchestra," said Keith Graumann, only the third conductor in the orchestra's history. He grew up in Big Spring, earned a doctorate in music and was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to Italy to study the 18th century composer Vivaldi. Big Spring is one of the smallest cities in the state to have its own orchestra.

"We have about 65 or 70 members," said Graumann. "Of course we don't have that many professional musicians in town, so we import them from Dallas, El Paso, Midland, Odessa, San Angelo, Abilene, Lubbock and Amarillo. We send them the music a couple of weeks before the concert, they practice on their own, then come to Big Spring on Friday for rehearsals Friday night and Saturday, then we perform the concerts Saturday night."

A dedicated board of directors and a symphony guild work year-round to make sure every thing runs smoothly.

"We have a million things to do," said Delores Currie, president of the Big Spring Symphony Association. "Just about every child growing up here had private music lessons and were taught to love music. We are working to preserve that musical heritage."

The orchestra brings in some heavyweights. This year's season opened with a performance by opera star Susan Graham. The Midland Festival Ballet performs "The Nutcracker" on Dec. 14. On Feb. 22, a 2013 Van Cliburn Piano Competition finalist, Fei Fei Dong, will solo with orchestra accompaniment. A Pops concert on March 29 will feature the music of Queen.

Tumbleweed Smith of Big Spring is a folklorist, humorist, public speaker and producer of "The Sound of Texas" radio series. Contact him at tumbleweedsmith.com.

Bob Fu appearances

"God's Double Agent" by Bob Fu with Nancy French
- Book signing 6 p.m. Oct. 17 at Mardel Christian and Education Supply
- Bob Fu will be talking to the Rev. Patrick Payton, of Stonegate Fellowship, during Oct. 13 worship services.

Fu

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dodging security guards and hoping Heidi's disguise wouldn't attract attention while Bob jumped from a second-story window.

Leaving the reader wondering what led the couple to flee their country, "God's Double Agent" takes the reader back to a time before Fu was born, when his mother was left wandering the countryside, hungry, with two children to feed. After the Chinese government's 1958 Great Leap Forward that transformed the country into a communist society, Fu's mother saw her first marriage end when her husband could no longer support the family. Begging for food, she eventually met her second husband and Fu was born in 1968.

Throughout his childhood and school years, Fu's story is rife with examples of him helping others. He snuck food to the poorer families in his village. He fought for a classmate whose family wasn't supporting her at school, even arranging a group of students to dress up like school officials and visit her parents.

Fu's need to stand up for others and fight for principles he believes in was fueled by political unrest during his college years. As a university student Fu attended the 1989 pro-democracy protests in Beijing's Tiananmen Square that resulted in the deaths of student protesters.

After school Fu took on a career as a teacher and landed a job at the Communist Party School. Having converted to Christianity in college, Fu began leading an underground house church.

When Heidi Fu became pregnant, the couple feared the repercussions of having a child without the required permit. They began their journey to find a new home in the U.S.

Determined to continue helping others in China, Fu founded ChinaAid in Philadelphia in 2001. After meeting Midlanders who were in Washington, D.C., lobbying Congress to take action in war-torn Sudan, Fu's path was changed. His family moved to Midland in 2004.

"Midland is a small city with big dreams; everyone here wants to change the world," he said. "It seems a rarity that you have a town of 100,000 people right in the middle of the desert fighting to change the world."

Looking back on his life, Fu said he is reminded of the poem "Footprints in the Sand," that illustrates God walking with the author through difficult times.

"When you look back you see even in the most desperate moment God was there," he said. "To name all the people who helped makes me have a more holistic perspective. It's teamwork, it's not a one-man story."

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SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	(5:15) ★ Mean Girls		Masters/ Sex "Pilot"		Homeland		Masters/ Sex "Pilot"		Homeland	★★ The Double	
TMC		336	67	22	155	26	(5:00) ★ The Big Le...		★ It's a Disaster Rachel Boston.		★ 2 Days in New York				(:05) ★★★ Mean Creek		Movie
A&E		27	32	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	Barter Kings "Trading or Bust" (N)		Barter Kings "Driving Home the Deal"	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
AMC		40	21	23	42	51	(4:30) ★ Four Brothers		★★★ I Am Legend Will Smith.				★★★ Angels and Demons ('09, Myst) Tom Hanks.				
BET		58	26		40		106&Park	★★ B.A.P.S ('97, Com) Halle Berry, Natalie Desselle.					★★ National Security Steve Zahn.			Wendy Williams	
BRAVO		65	63		41		Nene "Remix of Love"		Nene Social (N)		I Dream of Nene (N)		The New Atlanta (N)		Watch (N)	I Dream of Nene	Nene
CNBC		46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		American Greed		Treasure	Treasure	Buried Treasure		Mad Money	Treasure	Treasure
CNN		43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		AC360 Later		OutFront	Piers Morgan Live	
DISC		50	20	31	24	42	Tickle	Tickle	Tickle	Tickle	Tickle (N)	Tickle	Buying	Buying	Tickle	Tickle	Buying / Buying
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	Dog Blog	Jessie	Wolfbld	★ Girl vs. Monster Olivia Holt.			(:10) Jessie	(:35) Austin	GoodLuck	Jessie	GoodLuck / GoodLuck
ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	E:60 (N)		30 for 30 (N)			Poker World Series Main Event			SportsCenter		SportsCenter
ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	WNBA Basketball Playoffs (L)				WNBA Basketball Playoffs (L)				Olbermann (L)		Olbermann
FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	(5:30) ★★★ Pretty Woman Richard Gere.				★★ Pretty in Pink Molly Ringwald.				The 700 Club	Fresh P.	Fresh P.
FNC		45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor	Hannity	
FOOD		64	59	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Cuthroat "Steak Out"	Chopped	
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	Stars Insider	Icons "Kim Mulkey"	NCAA Big 12 No-Huddle SMU/TCU		Lone Star Conf	SportsDay OnAir	Icons of Coaching	Icons of Coaching	Icons of Coaching	Icons of Coaching	WPT Poker World Championship
FX		31	31	59	64	69	2½Men	Two 1/2...	★★ Machete ('10, Act) Danny Trejo.				Anarchy "Wolfsangel" (N)			Sons of Anarchy "Wolfsangel"	
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	Little House Prairie		★ A Crush on You Brigid Brannagh.				Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls / G. Girls
HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	Property	Property	Income Property (N)		HouseH	House (N)	Income Property	Income Property	
HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	Pwn Star	Pawn Star	SwampMn	SwampMn	SwampMn	SwampMn	SwampMn	SwampMn	Modern Marvels	SwampMn	SwampMn
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	Abby's Competition "Gods and Mortals"		Abby's Comp. "Vegas Show Stoppers"		Abby's "Anything Can Happen" (N)		Abby's "Anything Can Happen"		Abby's Comp. "Vegas Show Stoppers"		Abby's Comp. "Vegas Show Stoppers"
MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes	Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	39				NHL Live!		NHL Hockey Washington Capitals vs. Chicago Blackhawks				NHL Live!		EPL Soccer		
NICK		55	34	39	34	37	Hathaway	Drake	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	Inst.Mom / G. Lopez
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master (N)		Tattoo (N)	Tattoo	Ink Master
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	(4:30) ★ Ghost Rider		Face Off "Living Art"		Face Off (N)		Fangasm (N)		Face Off		Fangasm
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	MLB Postseason Pre-Game		MLB Baseball National League Wild Card (L)							Postseason Show	Conan
TCM		41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ Walk on the...		★★★★ Singin' in the Rain Gene Kelly.				★★★★ Double Indemnity				★ The Bicycle Thief
TELE		20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Dama y Obrero		Marido en Alquiler		Santa Diabla		Al rojo	Decision	Marido en Alquiler
TLC		51	33	32	38	52	The Little Couple	Little "Back to Work!"	19 Kids & Count	19 Kids & Count	19 Kids & Count (N)	19 Kids & Count (N)	Little C. (N)	The Little Couple	19 Kids & Count	19 Kids & Count	The Little Couple / The Little Couple
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	Castle "Hunt"		Rizzoli & Isles "Killer in High Heels"		Rizzoli "Dance With the Devil"		Cold Justice "Hiding in Plain Sight"		The Mentalist "Rose-Colored Glasses"		Cold Justice "Hiding in Plain Sight"
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	Griffith	A. Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Friends	Friends	Queens	Queens	Queens / Queens
USA		26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Above Suspicion"		Modern Family	Modern "Hawaii"	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern "The Kiss"	Modern Family	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Class"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Design"	
WGN		19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		★★ Black Knight (2000, Comedy) Marsha Thomason, Tom Wilkinson, Martin Lawrence.				WGN News at Nine		Mother "Miracles"	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage. / Parks and Rec

Couple raising grandchildren aim to change state law

By Angela Ward
Longview News-Journal

AVINGER — An East Texas couple hopes to get state law changed so people who take custody of their grandchildren can receive financial assistance.

Terry and Beth Fuller are raising three children — grandsons Zachery and Jacob Bradley, ages 9 and 8, and granddaughter Audra Fuller, 7.

The Fullers took custody of their grandchildren when they lived in Louisiana to prevent them from being taken into state protective services, saying they wanted to provide a stable home environment.

"We want to provide all the regular things for them, like extracurricular activities and family trips, but that's very difficult to do at our age and income level," Beth Fuller said.

In Louisiana, it was made easier by a state stipend for non-parent relatives who take custody of children. No such stipend exists in Texas.

Terry Fuller works in sales and is paid on commission. Beth Fuller doesn't work outside the home. Her time and energy are spent raising her grandchildren and helping her elderly mother.

"We've really been the ones responsible for most of the kids' care since they were infants," she said. "When it became apparent that neither our daughter nor the children's fathers were going to provide proper care for them, we went ahead and sought legal custody."

The Fullers moved to East Texas in 2010, shortly after they were granted custody, because they wanted the children to be in better schools and have a different environment. But they didn't realize the stipend — known in Louisiana as kinship care — wouldn't be available in Texas.

"We love the kids, but this isn't how we envisioned spending our golden years," Beth Fuller said. "We thought at this point in our lives we'd be traveling and dining out frequently, not trying to scrape together the money for groceries and gymnastics lessons."

The Fullers already raised four children of their own. In addition to their daughter, they have two living sons; a third son died a few years ago.

In the past several years, the Fullers have spoken with several other grandparents and, in one case, great-grandparents, who are raising young children. Unlike foster parents, these family members are rarely eligible for any kind of government assistance to help with the added financial burden that raising children places on their limited assets, Terry Fuller said.

"The kids don't get the benefit of the help," he said. "We can't afford to give them all that we'd like to, the things many of their friends have."

The children get Medicaid and are eligible for free lunches at school, but otherwise the Fullers provide for all their needs.

"We love them and definitely don't want them in the foster care system," Beth Fuller said. "My brother and I were in foster care as young children, before we were adopted, and it's not something we want them to go through. We're just looking for a little help in dealing with their expenses."

The Fullers have turned to elected officials for help, contacting state Rep. Chris Paddie's office in hopes that when the Legislature reconvenes in 2015, it will consider financial assistance to non-parents who are raising related children. The Fullers are planning to design a petition for people to sign in support of the measure.

The children spent a recent sunny afternoon playing in the yard, talking about their favorite activities. Zachery, who has learning disabilities, said he enjoys video games, basketball and football. Jacob and Audra said they enjoy gymnastics and cheerleading. They are in second, third and fourth grades in Avinger ISD.

"In addition to the financial pressures, one of the most difficult things about this situation is that we don't get to do the fun grandparent things with them," Beth Fuller said. "Instead, we're responsible for daily routines like baths and homework."

Shari Pulliam, spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, said a few state programs can help grandparents raising grandchildren but not to the extent that several other states provide.

Louisiana, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Connecticut and Arizona all provide kinship stipends, which are roughly equal to the amounts non-related foster parents receive to help offset costs.

Texas has a Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program that provides cash assistance depending on family size and income.

There is also a one-time cash payment of $1,000 for grandparents raising grandchildren, which the Fullers said they have received.

Paddie's district administrator, Ray Wilson, said he has worked with the Fullers, and the District 7 representative hopes to introduce a bill in 2015 that would provide better financial assistance for non-parental relatives raising children who might otherwise end up in foster care.

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There is one letter that when added to all of the four-letter words below can be used to form new five-letter words. Find the letter that works for all four words, add it to each word, and then rearrange each set of letters to form a new word.

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COMMON LETTER _

Yesterday's Answer: HUMBLER (O, G, I, T, S, W) — BOOR (T, U, G, E, WHIMS)

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FUN AT THE LIBRARY

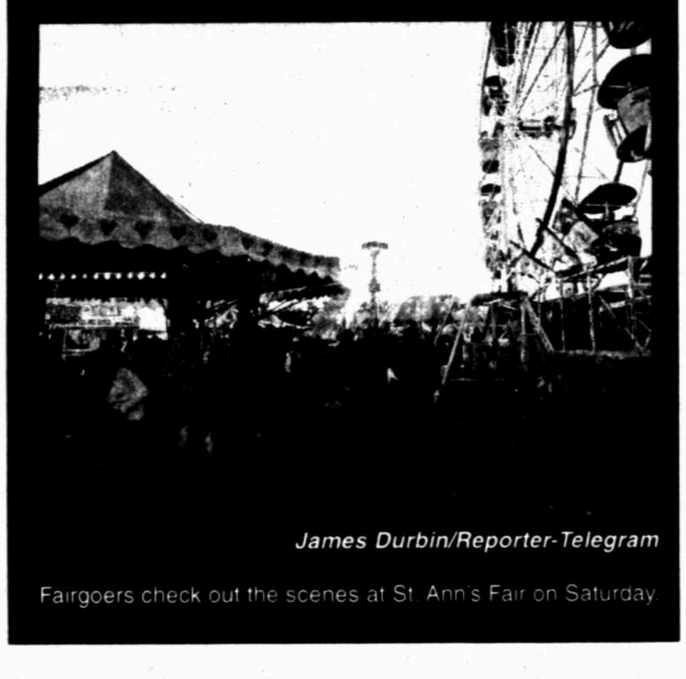
Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Kelly Brashear, with Midland County Library, leads children in songs Wednesday as they gather at the library's Centennial branch Public library.

AND THE ST. ANN'S FAIR

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Fairgoers ride one of the carnival attractions at St. Ann's Family Fair on Saturday.



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Fairgoers check out the scenes at St. Ann's Fair on Saturday.

Invasive zebra mussels continue to spread through Texas lakes

By Matt Williams
Lufkin Daily News

Texas Parks and Wildlife's fight against the spread of zebra mussels to more Texas lakes and river systems took another step backward in mid-September when the creepy little shell fish were discovered in Lake Belton, a 12,300-acre reservoir built on the Leon River (part of the Brazos River drainage system) in Central Texas.

The discovery was made by a Texas Mussel Watch volunteer who found a Giant Floater mussel with a smaller mussel clinging to its shell. After confirming the hitchhiker as a zebra mussel, further investigation showed evidence the invasive species were likely established in the lake sometime last year.

The bad news comes roughly four years after the striped mussels were first discovered in Lake Texoma on the Texas/Oklahoma border. Established populations have since been found in a host of other Texas lakes and rivers in northern Texas.

The zebra mussel is an exotic species that originated in eastern Europe. Scientists believe it hitchhiked to the United States on one or more transoceanic freightliners that steamed in from the Caspian Sea in the mid-1980s.

It was first discovered in U.S. waters at Lake St. Clair in Michigan. The mussels have since spread throughout the Great Lakes, the Ohio River Basin, the Mississippi River Basin and as far west as Oklahoma and now, into Texas.

Zebra mussels are bad news because they are highly destructive and pose serious ecological and economic threats. Some marine biologists have labeled them as "aquatic cockroaches" because of their hardy nature, ability to reproduce at an alarming rate and the fact they have few natural predators. They typically reach adulthood and are sexually mature by one year of age. Some experts say zebra mussels are a $500 million per year headache in the United States.

One of the main ecological threats is they disrupt the the aquatic food chain by competing with forage fish species such as shad and bluegill food. This can ultimately lead to negative impacts on sport fish populations.

Felicia Fonseca/AP

Andrew Munoz, of the Lake Mead National Recreation Area, holds up a rock covered with the invasive quagga mussels at Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Nev. Steps to eradicate or contain the creatures, which also include the zebra mussel invading Texas lakes and rivers, have not been successful.

Zebra mussels also can threaten native mussel populations through a behavior known as bio-fouling. This occurs when the aggressive zebras attach themselves to other mussel species, which makes them more vulnerable to environmental stressors.

Zebra mussels also have been known to clog water intake structures and create recreational hazards. They accomplish this by clinging to or forming dense clusters on hard objects such as intake pipes, boat house and bridge supports, boats, rocks, buoys and other types of substrates. The clusters form jagged edges that are razor sharp, thus posing a risk for swimmers and scuba divers.

They also can be devastating economically. In Michigan, a power plant on the western side of Lake Erie spent over $500,000 ridding its cooling system of zebra mussels. The same facility projected spending another $50 million on repairs to its piping system.

TPWD officials will never know for certain how zebra mussels found their way into Lake Belton, but there is a good chance they were transported by boat from another infested lake, courtesy of careless fisherman or pleasure boater.

Experts say zebra mussels in the larval stage (call veligers) are so small they can be sucked into a boat's aeration system by livewell pumps or into a boat engine through the water intake. They can also enter the bilge by backwash.

Depending on the circumstances, the larvae may remain alive for a week or longer while the boat sits idle in a garage or driveway. Dump a contaminated boat into a lake that doesn't have zebra mussels and suddenly it does. The ongoing threat spurred TPWD to start a Clean, Drain and Dry boat campaign several years ago that currently applies to boaters on lakes Texoma, Lavon, Ray Roberts, Lewisville, Bridgeport, Eagle Mountain, Worth and parts of the Red River, the Elm Fork of the Trinity River and all waters along the West Fork of the Trinity above the Lake Worth dam.

As part of campaign, boaters leaving those lakes are required by law to drain all water from their vessels (livewells, bilges, etc.) unless on a direct route to another access point on the same water body.

To heighten the battle against the invasives, TPWD is urging boaters to take the following precautions:

- Inspect your boat, trailer and gear and remove all plants, animals and foreign objects from hulls, propellers, intakes, trailers, and gear before leaving a launch area.
- Drain all water from your boat, including the motor, bilge, livewells and bait buckets before leaving a lake.
- Wash your boat, trailer and other equipment before traveling to a new waterway.
- If you are leaving a water body that is known to have zebra mussels, leave your boat and trailer out of the water for at least a week or wash it at a commercial car wash using high-pressure, hot (140 degrees F) soapy water to kill microscopic zebra mussel larvae that may be hitching a ride.
- Never transport water, animals or plants from one waterbody to another — either intentionally or accidentally! Do not release live fish, including bait, into a new body of water.
- Anglers should be sure to remove material from and wash all fishing tackle, downriggers and lines to prevent spreading small, larval forms of aquatic invaders.
- Before leaving any body of water, examine all your equipment, boats, trailers, clothing, boots, buckets etc and remove any visible plants, fish or animals. Remove mud and dirt and even the smallest plant fragments.
- Whether you have obtained bait at a store or from another body of water, do not release unused bait into the waters you are fishing. If you do not plan to use the bait in the future, dump the bait in a trashcan or on the land, far enough away from the water that it cannot impact this resource. Also, be aware of any bait regulations, because in some waters, it is illegal to use live bait.

Will all of this effort prevent the spread of zebra mussels to other Texas lakes? Probably not. With so many lakes already infested and plenty of irresponsible boaters out there toting them elsewhere, my guess is it will only be matter of time until the creepy little shell fish find their way into every public water body in the state. The consequences remain to be seen.

Anthony Bourdain admits mistake on Frito pie

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Insults dished out by food critic Anthony Bourdain on an episode of CNN's "Parts Unknown" have stirred up outrage in New Mexico — and now he acknowledges that he was wrong.

The sharp-tongued chef and writer lashed into the "World Famous" Frito pies sold at Santa Fe's Five & Dime General Store's snack bar. The store is a tourist attraction and a mainstay in the city's historic plaza.

The dish, according to Bourdain, was made with canned Hormel Chili and a "day-glow orange cheese-like substance."

But Bourdain spokeswoman Karen Reynolds told The Associated Press on Monday that the writer was incorrect in his description of the chili used by Santa Fe's Five & Dime General Store's snack bar to make the Frito pies.

"He admits that 'we got it wrong' about the chili," Reynolds said in an email. "And we'll try to correct it for future airings."

In his critique, Bourdain also said that the local favorite isn't even a New Mexico meal, but rather a Texas creation. He said New Mexicans should leave the recipe to the Texans.

"New Mexico, you have many wonderful things," Bourdain said. "I think, let Texas have this one."

Mike Collins, store manager of the Five & Dime, said Bourdain was "completely wrong" on the store's Frito pie. He said their version is homemade from chile grown in New Mexico and remains popular.

"I don't have any idea where he got that from," Collins said. "I mean, if we're using canned Hormel Chili then I'd like to buy stock in that because what we have is good."

Still, Collins said he and the staff don't have any ill feelings toward Bourdain. He said during the taping of the visit, Bourdain was nice and a pleasure to be around.

Reynolds also said Bourdain enjoyed the pie, something that wasn't clear from the show.

"Contrary to the impression left by some reports of the show, I, in fact, very much enjoyed my Frito pie in spite of its disturbing weight in the hand. It may have felt like (expletive) but was shockingly tasty," Bourdain said in a statement.

The food critic wasn't all negative toward New Mexico on the episode. Bourdain is seen driving on Route 66 through New Mexico and speaks of the famous highway's different cultures and cornucopia of food.

Seed is of the essence at historic San Jacinto site

By Allan Turner
Houston Chronicle

After almost a decade of planning, preparation and delay, giant mechanical seeders lumbered across the San Jacinto Battleground on Thursday as the effort to rebuild the historic site's devastated native coastal prairie moved toward fruition.

If the project is successful, the battleground should sprout a luxuriant growth of sunflowers, coneflowers, bluestem and other flowers and grasses within three years. More than three tons of seeds representing approximately 100 species are to be planted — weather permitting — by week's end.

The 110 acres included in the project are part of the 1,200-acre state historic site, and are believed to represent the terrain that separated the troops of Sam Houston and Santa Anna in the April 1836 battle. At the time of the military confrontation, the field, south of the present San Jacinto Monument, was covered in head-high grass that provided cover for Houston's troops as they advanced on their numerically superior foe.

"This will really make interpretation of the battlefield a lot easier," said Andy Sipocz, southeast region natural resources coordinator for the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife. "Visitors will be able to see what the Texian and Mexican armies really experienced."

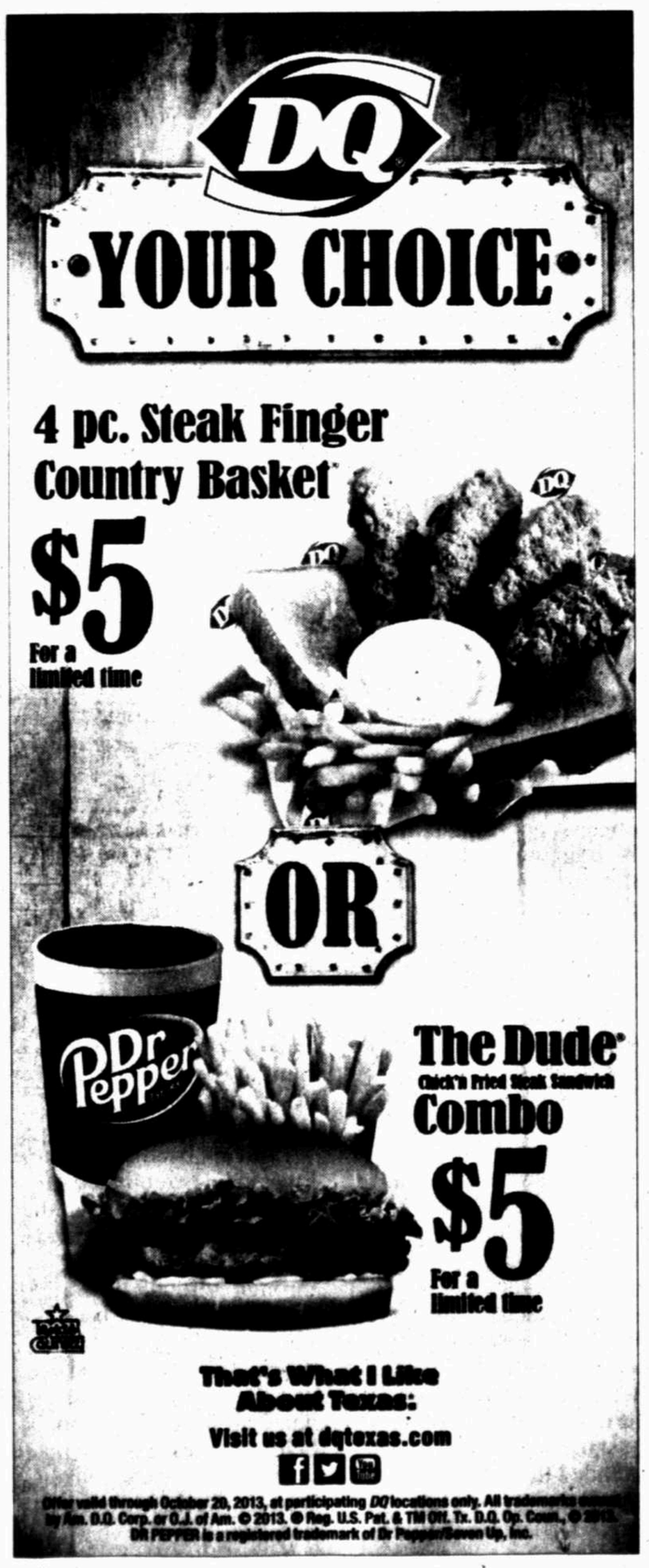
Restoration of the battlefield prairie marks the second victory for environmental conservationists this month. Earlier, $4 million was raised through a Bayou Land Conservancy campaign to save a pristine, 50-acre prairie in nearby Deer Park.

As recently as the 19th century, undisturbed prairie covered some 9 million acres of the Texas and Louisiana coasts. Today, according to the U.S. Geological Survey's National Wetlands Research Center, as much as 99 percent of that habitat has been lost to agriculture and commercial development.

The battleground site was used to graze cattle by the early 20th century, and by the 1960s, the land was heavily infested with Chinese tallow trees, an invasive species.

"No one now living has seen the land the way it looked at the time of the battle," Sipocz said.

Efforts to restore the battleground's prairie began in 2004, when state agencies and citizens groups began discussing ways such habitats could be restored or preserved. In that year, the state parks department cleared the land of tallow trees.



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TODAY: Sunny High: 92 Low: 66

WEDNESDAY: Sunny High: 93 Low: 66

THURSDAY: Sunny High: 95 Low: 67

Local forecast

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 92, a low around 66 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph. Wednesday, look for sunny skies with a high around 93 and a low around 66.

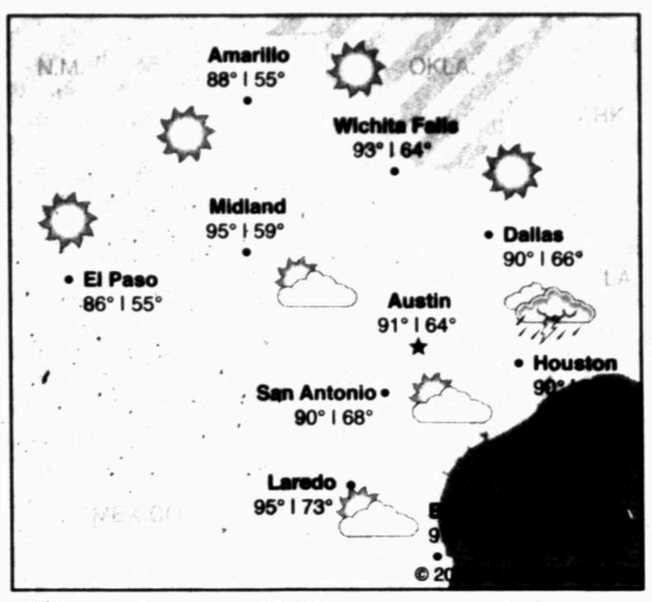
Highs this weekend could drop into the 70s. The low Saturday night could fall into the upper 40s.

The high on Monday reached 93, while the low dropped to 59. The record high for Sept. 30 is 104 set in 1977. The record low is 41 set in 1984.

Weather why

Q: You hear the term "harvest moon" and "hunter's moon." What exactly do they mean?

A: Naming full moons goes back to when the Indians tried to describe the full moons of their day, said Brent McRoberts, of Texas A&M University. "Many of these names were either weather related or tied in with seasonal conditions of the time," he explained. "A 'harvest moon' is the full moon that usually occurs in September, when the moon is so bright that that farmers could work late into the night. A 'hunter's moon' was usually in October, when the deer were at their fattest.



Precipitation

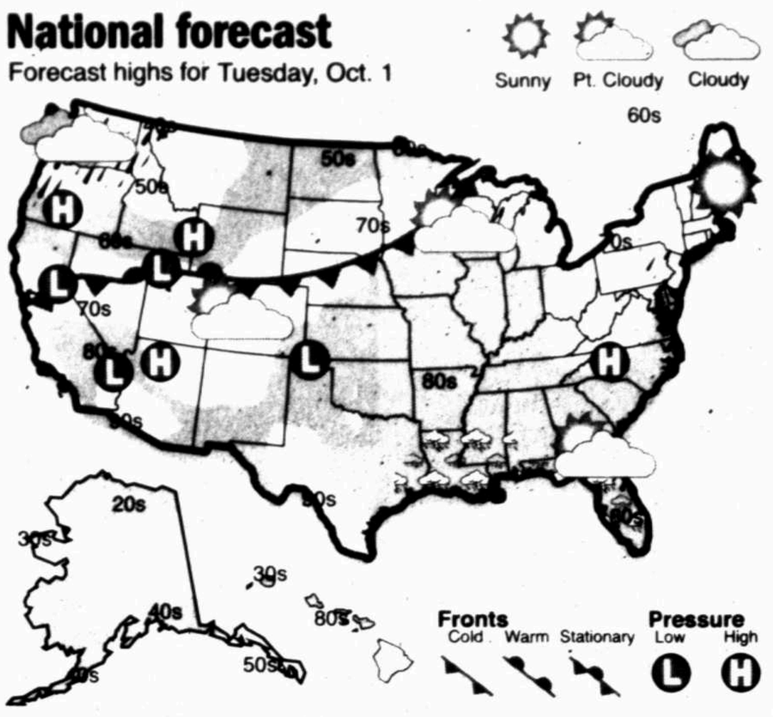
Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.27 in.
Year total	4.84 in.
Normal total (year to date)	11.58 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	93
Low	59
Normal high	83
Normal low	57
Sunrise	7:43 a.m.
Sunset	7:33 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Oct. 1



Mastectomy fails to chase man from new wife's side

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to "Anonymous in Wisconsin" (Aug. 11), the cancer survivor whose husband has lost interest in her after her double mastectomy. I am OUTRAGED by his insensitivity and lack of love. She says she doesn't want to leave him. My question to her is, why not? She deserves better.

I am a cancer survivor who was diagnosed with breast cancer seven months after I was married. Before my decision to have a radical mastectomy, I offered my husband the chance to leave. (After all, one doesn't expect "worse" to come so soon after the wedding.) The prospect of children, which we had discussed and was important to us, was uncertain because of my subsequent chemotherapy. My husband didn't hesitate. He said, "You would not leave me. We will adopt."

On our first wedding anniversary I was bald, and he treated me to a beautiful, romantic getaway. Although I did have reconstruction, it was a long process. He was supportive from day one.

Fifteen years later, I was diagnosed with breast cancer again. I had another radical mastectomy followed by chemo and reconstruction. Abby, my husband again made me feel beautiful even when I didn't. There are men out there who define a woman not by the size of her breasts, but by the beauty of her heart. — SURVIVOR IN NATICK, MASS.

DEAR SURVIVOR: I want to thank you and the many breast cancer survivors who wrote me — and their supportive spouses — for telling me your personal stories. Readers, I am printing this to remind you that October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I had to write to "Anonymous." I kept hoping my husband of 20 years would change his mind and accept my new body. However, because he could not, I chose to divorce him and it liberated me.

At first, I felt that if the one person who was supposed to care couldn't look at me, then no other man would either. I was wrong. After five years of dating, I never once encountered a man who was as insensitive as my husband had been. I have now found the man of my dreams.

In some respects, my "medical adventures," as I refer to them, were the best thing that ever happened. They enabled me to see my ex for who he really was, and find a man who truly IS a man. — GOT A NEW SET AND A NEW LIFE

DEAR ABBY: Breast cancer doesn't ruin your life unless you let it.

I am 66 years old. When I was in high school, my mom had a breast removed. My parents and I just took it in stride. It didn't define us. Dad adored her.

Mom would come in dressed up for whatever reason and ask, "Am I even?" because the "falsies" then were made of foam and were lightweight. She kept the vacation money pinned to it. She made a few new friends faint when she used it as a pin cushion. Dad died at 90, and Mom died the following year.

Mom could have helped "Anonymous." She would have cut her a slice of homemade pie, poured a cup of coffee, sat down at the table and just talked to her. Women need other women. "Anonymous" should find a friend who has gone through the same thing and talk and pray. She needs both. — EARLENE IN TEXAS

DEAR ABBY: My wife went through a lumpectomy, chemotherapy, then radiation. During that time she went to work every day, except when she had a treatment.

Of course, I have a visual reminder of what she went through when we share an intimate moment, but she has had to deal with it every day of her life since then. When I see her scar, I think about how strong she was going through that difficult period of time. Rather than drive us apart, it has brought us closer together than I ever thought possible. — HUSBAND OF A BREAST CANCER SURVIVOR

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♥ K 6 3
♦ J 8 5 2
♣ A K Q 10 7

WEST
♠ Q J 10 4
♥ Q 8 5 2
♦ A Q 3
♣ 8 3

EAST
♠ K 9 7 2
♥ 4
♦ K 10 9 7 4
♣ 6 4 2

SOUTH
♠ 8 6 5 3
♥ A J 10 9 7
♦ 6
♣ J 9 5

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	Pass	1	Pass
2	Pass	2	Pass
3	Pass	4	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Queen of ♠

Despite the weakness of the diamond suit, the heart fit made it correct for North to make a reverse bid in that suit on the second round — in the modern style that is forcing to two no-trump or three of opener's first-bid suit. North rebid hearts to confirm a five-card or longer suit, then proceeded to game after North raised.

West led the queen of spades, won in dummy perforce. To guard against spade forces, declarer led a low heart and finessed the nine. West countered neatly by allowing the nine to win. Declarer continued with a trump to the king, but East's club discard was a fatal blow.

South tried to recover by coming to hand with the nine of clubs to ruff a spade on the table, then re-entered the closed hand with the knave of clubs to cash the ace of hearts and then surrender a trick to the queen.

The defenders made no mistake. They cashed two spade tricks and a diamond for down one.

The deal was a classic lesson for declarer — never trust your opponents! Even with a four-one trump split the contract could not be defeated as long as South maintained trump control. After the nine of trumps wins the second trick, South should continue with the jack and, when West follows, run it! If it loses to the queen, there is still a trump in dummy to control spades. A club is the entry back to hand to draw the outstanding trump, and declarer collects one spade, four hearts and five clubs at a minimum.

As the cards lie, the second finesse wins, so declarer can pick up trumps and clubs, making 11 tricks.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2013:

This year you will alternate between being the extreme extrovert and the recluse whom no one can find. You will network and expand your horizons, yet you also will take frequent timeouts. During the more introverted periods, you will reflect and verify whether you have made the right choices for yourself. If you are single, meeting people comes easily; however, learning to choose the right person is a different issue entirely. If you are attached, enjoy the closeness that the two of you create as a couple. LEO can be hard on you, but he or she won't ever criticize you in public.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Others desire your precision and your ability to handle details. Your compassion comes across through your semi-businesslike attitude. When you express your feelings, the other party gets the message. Tonight: The challenge is not to get involved in a power play.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ The morning might be the most important part of your day. Your follow-through counts with a boss or with someone you would like to impress. Your creativity will inspire others, especially a close friend. Tonight: Live today as if there were no tomorrow.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You will flow with ease in the morning. Make important calls at that time, and/or handle any dealings involving others. By afternoon, you will be best served by cocooning at home. Know that you will get a lot done once you emerge, and quickly at that. Tonight: Head home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Try to be more in sync with others, and know full well what you need to do. Honor a change that is going on, even if you do not necessarily feel comfortable with it. Let someone know how much you care. Tonight: Hang out with a friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Move forward with a project that has been on the back burner. You might not be as sure of yourself as you would like to be in the afternoon. Realize that there is a good reason for this lack of confidence, as someone could be trying to sabotage your plans. Tonight: Head home early.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You might sense a change of energy midday. Use the high energy of the afternoon to forge ahead with an important cause; otherwise, a loved one could become very difficult. Understand that this person is set on having things go his or her way. Tonight: Enjoy the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Use the morning to the fullest, when networking is favored and getting along with others is highlighted. You will have your way, as long as you use the time well. By the afternoon, you could feel overwhelmed and be in need of some personal time. Tonight: Be less available.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Be aware of the fact that you are about to accept yet another responsibility. If you don't want to take on this task, make yourself more aware of the nuances in your conversations. A meeting in the afternoon could be your major concern. Tonight: Only where your friends are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ You'll have a limited amount of time to proceed in a certain direction or to blaze a new trail. Allow your innate leadership qualities to emerge. Know that the possibility exists that you no longer will have the same freedom to explore alternatives. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ A partner might demand more of your attention than you willingly want to give him or her this morning. Do not be surprised if this behavior resurges later today. Detach, and perhaps distance yourself, in order to see how to integrate what you must do. Tonight: Surf the Web.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You might feel as if you are a social director on a cruise, as so many people want to see you and speak with you. You give a sense of direction to many people's dreams. Someone might want to isolate you in order to monopolize your time. Tonight: Visit with friends over dinner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Get an early start, if possible, and handle the most important matters first. You could find that you won't be able to concentrate to the same degree, come afternoon. A meeting with a boss or parent might steal the scene. Listen to what this person says. Tonight: Opt to not be alone.

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DAILY CROSSWORD

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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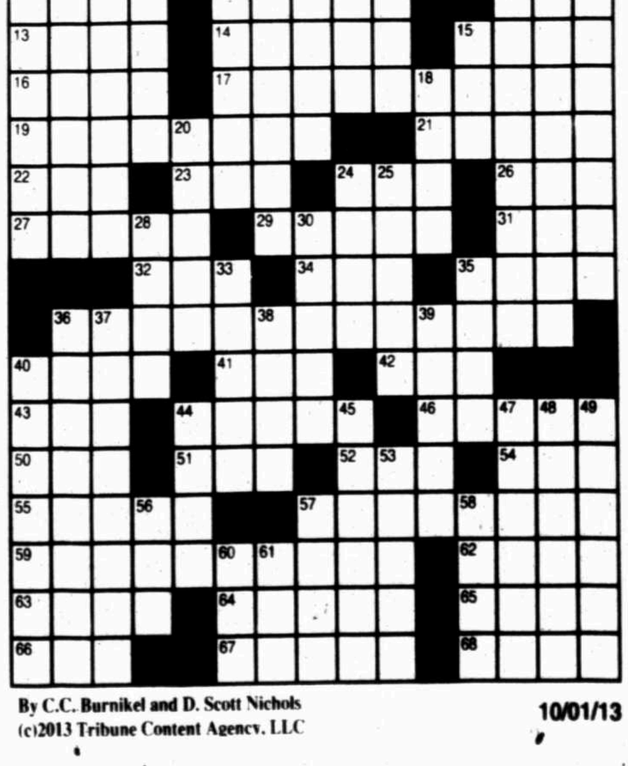

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Children's garden in Dallas aims to teach science

By Jamie Stengle
Associated Press

DALLAS — From a shaded area where toddlers can climb on a wooden ant or partake in a plant petting zoo, to a place where older kids can shoot water pistols at turbines and watch the energy they created set off water fountains, a new children's garden in Dallas aims to teach kids about science while they have fun in the lush landscape.

"We can teach better about nature in nature," says Mary Brinegar, president and chief executive officer of the Dallas Arboretum.

The sprawling arboretum on the edge of Dallas' White Rock Lake unveiled the $62 million Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden over the weekend. The 8-acre space is designed to help teach science to state and national standards, from preschool to middle school.

It's one of more than 100 children's gardens that have sprouted across the country since the idea became popular in the early 1990s, said Casey Sclar, executive director of the American Public Gardens Association. He said they range from a garden inspired by fairy tales (at Delaware's Winterthur museum and gardens) to one focusing on wellness and healing (at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens).

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Brooklynn Wirth, 4, looks at a giant turtle shell display at the Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden at the Dallas Arboretum in Dallas.

"They all have a different spin or a different way that they engage children," Sclar said.

The Dallas children's garden sets itself apart with its focus on teaching toward educational standards, he said.

Maria Conroy, the arboretum's vice president of education and research, said that when the idea for the children's garden came up almost 17 years ago, organizers wanted it to meet a need in the community, and they settled on helping to boost science test scores.

"What we did was look at what the big science concepts were for each age group in life and earth science. It was things like they have to know that plants have parts and each part has a different job," she said. "Then we said, 'OK, that's the important thing, so that's going to be our goal for this area and this age group.'"

For instance, to teach kids ages 5 to 7 how plants live and grow, designers created oversize plant replicas, including a 16-foot-tall one that uses lights to show how water moves from the roots up to the flower. To teach different flower parts, they created a puzzle with oversize parts forming a three-dimensional flower.

Teachers are stationed throughout the garden, and scholars at nearby Southern Methodist University will study the garden's effect on science education.

It's also hoped that the garden will help kids who have only known a city environment realize a connection to nature, Conroy said.

"We felt like our children are growing up without an understanding of how the Earth works," she said. "And you don't take care of things you don't care about."

A walkway takes visitors through areas aimed at different age groups, starting with one for the youngest visitors, which includes a maze, a sandbox and a shallow stream that can be crossed on artificial lily pads. "Our goal here was just to get these children outside ... playing with nature. Because that's how they learn, by playing," Conroy said.

There's also a 240-foot-long skywalk through the tree canopy, recreations of a wetlands habitat and a cave.

An area called "Earth Cycles" includes an activity to teach kids about erosion by letting them create a landscape of trees and houses in a sandbox and then watch what happens when they activate a rainstorm or river. "It'll go through your landscape and change everything," she said.

In that same area, students can examine a box of rocks and try to categorize them, or use their own shadow to tell time with an analemmatic sundial.

On a visit Monday, 8-year-old David Rodriguez declared the sundial "cool," and added that another favorite was "the energy stuff."

A 9,100-square-foot building features a plant lab and a 5-foot-tall globe that can show things like population density, deforestation or weather events. In the building, kids can also learn about soil types by reaching with gloves into boxes to feel the differences. Or they can speed up or slow down videos from nature — for instance, watching a hummingbird in slow motion, or watching vines grow faster.

Sara Furlich, who has visited the garden with her three daughters — ages 13, 11 and 5 — and with children from the private school she heads, liked the hands-on approach and said, "It's hard to leave each exhibit without learning something."

Her 13-year-old, Sally, enjoyed identifying different types of rocks, and a section on weather: "You could make a little tornado in the bottle." Favorite exhibits for 11-year-old Rachel included sitting in a giant, fake bird's nest, studying the inside of a plant and posing for pictures in turtle shells.

Online:
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Chinch bugs often to blame for dead lawn

Dear Neil: I was told in mid-summer that my lawn had Take All Patch and that it should not be treated until it was cooler. It has continued to spread, and now it looks like I may have lost big parts of my grass. Do you have any suggestions?

Answer: There is so much misinformation about Take All Root Rot (TARR) that it's heartbreaking when a story like yours is told. TARR is a cool-season disease, predominantly of the spring. St. Augustine (and to a lesser degree, bermuda) is lethargic in its growth. It is yellowed, with dead runners intermingled with the new green growth of springtime. Its patches are generally poorly defined, more like washes of damage across the lawn. The strands of the fungus can be seen on the runners with only a hand lens or magnifying glass. That is all contrasted with damage done in the summer by chinch bugs. These insects were very bad this year, and the affected grass started by looking dry in patches, always in the hottest, sunniest parts of the yard. Left untreated for even a week, the b-b-sized insects quickly killed the afflicted patches completely. I don't know whether you'd still be able to see the chinch bugs if you were to inspect the lawn more closely, but I'd still bet that they were the culprits. It's sad that the person helping you didn't at least point out that possibility. Imidaclo-prid systemic insecticide controls chinch bugs quickly and efficiently. It's imperative that you treat at first evidence and after confirming that you do see them. Take All Root Rot, by comparison, is treated with a 1-inch layer of sphagnum peat applied over the lawn and watered onto the soil surface. The fungus does not thrive in the acidic layer created by the peat. I do not think you need to apply peat now. I doubt if the insecticide would offer much help this late, either.

Dear Neil: Is a rainwater harvest system practical for a small home garden and landscape?

Answer: Maybe not in many cases. Unless it's a very small garden, you probably soon will run out of the water you have collected. If you were to collect, say several hundreds of gallons of water, they might be gone very rapidly in hot, windy summer weather in Texas. Remember that it's not uncommon for a shade tree to use and lose 50 or 100 gallons of water per day in mid-summer. Of course, every drop of water we conserve is better for Texas in the long run, but you need to weigh the costs of the system versus the benefits you will realize. I won't try to discourage you. You just need to be sure that you've properly quantified the project.

Dear Neil: What types of shade trees should I consider for the west side of my house? Our house is elevated about 10 feet above the level of the lawn because of a change in terrain. What type of tree would be durable and still provide good shade?

Answer: The best shade trees for most of Texas include Shumard red oak, chinquapin oak, bur oak, cedar elm, pecan and Chinese pistachio. All of those would meet your objectives handsomely. Had you not mentioned the grade change, and if you told me that the tree would be some distance away from the house, I would also have included live oak, but they are too spreading for your specific needs. Honestly, those would be probably the only trees I would consider for my own landscape given the parameters you listed.

Dear Neil: The people who owned our house before us planted a row of pampasgrass clumps as a screen. It has, over the past several years, become rather sparse in areas. We would like to take it out. Is there any easy way?

Answer: Really, no. You could kill the grass by spraying it with a glyphosate-only herbicide, but you would still have all the leaf blades. You're going to have to remove all of them as well as the roots at some point. If you have very much pampasgrass, you might want to hire a landscape contractor with a small front-end loader to dig it all out. If you're going to do the work yourself, you'll want to start by cutting the blades off as short as you can comfortably cut them. Use a gasoline-powered trimmer or machete to cut them. Wear goggles, gloves and long sleeves and long pants. The leaves are like knives. Once you have them cut back to the clumps you'll be ready to dig out the root systems. Soak the ground thoroughly, then start digging. Their roots are large and heavy, so each clump will take you some time to extricate. Good luck with the task.

RE-LEAF BY DEBBIE FROST

Prepare for spring color now. Plant hardy annual, perennial and biennial flower seeds during October and early November for breath taking color this spring.

Beds bursting with color will come in late February, March, April and May if you plan and plant this fall. Cool season annuals, cool season perennials and some biennials are perfect for sowing this fall. These plants thrive in cooler weather and can withstand light freezes and even some pretty cold weather. Seeds germinate in the fall with moisture from rain or irrigation and will go through the winter as tiny seedlings. Come February the seedlings will begin to grow rapidly and soon begin to bloom at their appointed time.

Many wildflowers, cool season annuals and some biennials are perfect for fall planting. Texas' famous bluebonnets, gaillardia, plains coreopsis, African daisy, spurred snapdragon and lemon mint are a few wildflowers to consider. Larkspur, cornflower, sweet peas and sweet William are a few of the traditional — but definitely not boring — spring bloomers. And there are the delicate-in-appearance-only poppies, such as California, corn or Flanders, bread and Shirley poppies. Be sure to try love-in-a-mist, which is called devil-in-a-bush when it goes to seed, and you will know why when you see it. There are others, but this is an excellent start.

For best results select sunny areas with well drained, grass free soil. Work the soil lightly by spading, forking or tilling the top several inches of soil. Rake the soil smooth and level. Sow tiny seeds on the soil surface. For larger seed, plant the depth of the seed's diameter. After planting, press soil surface with the back of the shovel or walk on the soil surface. Add a very fine, thin layer of mulch, such as grass clippings or pine needles. Water thoroughly and then pray for rain, which is a no-fail kick start for seed germination.

After germination, start thinning seedlings. Thin early and frequently to gradually get plants at the proper spacing. Crowded seedlings never perform to their potential.

If sub-freezing weather is predicted, cover seedlings with a sheet or loose mulch, such as pine needles. Once weather has normalized, remove protection.

Color provides delightful re-leaf. Plant seeds this fall for spring color.

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Now is the time to plant delicate-in-appearance-only poppies, such as California, corn or Flanders, bread (shown above) and Shirley poppies.

Slime flux affecting West Texas trees

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This year has been especially stressful on plants not well-adapted to our climatic conditions. Secondary problems related to drought stress have become common for globe willows, weeping willows, red oaks, poplars and other trees. Many of these trees have been showing symptoms of what is commonly called slime flux.

Symptoms of this bacterial infection include an overall reduction in vigor within the canopy. It is not uncommon to see twig dieback and leaves that are yellow or smaller than usual. The most visible indicator is a whitish frothy sap leaking from the stem or branches of diseased trees. This dripping fluid is often mistaken as a sign of invasion by wood-boring insects.

Slime flux is caused by bacteria that enter through small wounds on the bark. The foul smelling fermented liquid oozes from tiny fractures created by the bacteria as they multiply. A healthy tree may tolerate the bacteria for years without decline.

Drought stress has triggered severe outbreaks of slime flux infections in West Texas. Many of these trees will decline rapidly once symptoms appear. Willows and poplars are seriously stunted and often killed by the infection. Red oaks may linger for months or years and recover if the infection does not damage too much of the vascular tissue in the tree. Elm trees may bleed for their entire lifespan.

How is slime flux controlled? There is no cure cited in the scientific literature. I have received reports of some success when small trees are treated with antibiotics early in the disease cycle. The disease may be slowed by pruning off infected branches. Once the stem is attacked, control measures are less effective.

Prevention includes the use of best management practices such as proper irrigation and mulching. Avoid fertilizing infected trees during drought. Make clean pruning cuts when necessary. Do not apply broadleaf weed killers to the lawn. Weed killers may weaken trees further and hasten the spread of infection.

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Texas A&M AfriLife Extension Service and the Permian Basin Master Gardeners will be hosting a class on growing roses 6:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 10, at the Ector County Extension office, 1010 E. 8th St. in Odessa. Learn about varieties of hybrid tea and EarthKind roses, site selection, soil preparation, fertilization and pest control. Register by calling 432-498-4071 or 686-4700.

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service provides private applicator training weekdays only by appointment in the Ector County Extension office. For more information call 686.4700 or email at jeff.floyd@ag.tamu.edu.

Dodds says he'll step down as Texas AD next summer

By Mike Finger
San Antonio Express-News

AUSTIN — DeLoss Dodds, who helped build the richest athletic department in the country during more than 32 years at Texas, will announce today he will step down as the Longhorns' athletic director next summer, two University of Texas sources said Monday.

Dodds, 74, will remain in his current position until Aug. 31, 2014, and then stay at UT as a consultant, the sources said. Earlier this month, Dodds denied an Internet report he would leave his post before the end of the calendar year. UT hopes to have a replacement for Dodds before he steps down.

Dodds could not be reached for comment.

Dodds' pending announcement comes at a time when football coach Mack Brown, whose team is 2-2 this year following three other subpar seasons, is facing intense speculation about his job security. Men's basketball coach Rick Barnes and baseball coach Augie Garrido also have seen their programs dip in recent years.

Since arriving from Kansas State in 1981, Dodds has overseen a men's program that won 14 national championships and 107 conference titles. He led the charge to erect gleaming new stadiums, to renovate the old ones with state-of-the-art amenities and luxury boxes, and to turn his department into a money-printing machine that generated a national-best $163.3 million last year.

Under his watch, the school also struck an unprecedented 20-year, $300-million deal with ESPN on the Longhorn Network, the 24-hour cable channel devoted to UT coverage. But that deal, like other moves Dodds has made in recent years, drew its share of criticism.

The Longhorn Network was viewed as one of the dividing forces in the breakup of the Big 12 conference, which has lost Texas A&M and three other members since 2010. And after all three of his marquee sports were national powerhouses throughout the first decade of the 21st century, all three have fallen on hard times.

Dodds hired Garrido, Brown and Barnes during one two-year span

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From left, former Texas football player and Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams, Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds and former Texas softball pitcher Cat Osterman give the "Hook 'em Horns" hand sign at a reception before the induction for the 2013 class of the Texas Sports Hall of Fame on Feb. 18, 2013, in Waco. Dodds has said he will step down as AD next summer.

MRT AREA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Putting on a show

Salas does it all for Rangers

By Oscar LeRoy
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Anthony Salas knew he would be ready to step in at quarterback whenever that would be for the Greenwood football team.

That time was last Friday night when Salas got his first varsity start at quarterback and helped to revive the slumping Rangers with a 48-27 victory over Lamesa.

The senior had the kind of game the Rangers (2-3) needed as he completed 10 of 12 passes for 160 yards with one touchdown and no interceptions, he rushed for 225 yards and two touchdowns on 26 carries, he added five tackles while playing safety, and he returned kicks and punts on special teams.

Because of that standout and exhaustive performance, Salas is the Reporter-Telegram's Area Player of the Week.

"I felt good about it," said Salas about his first varsity start at quarterback. "I just did what Coach (Shad) Hanna asked me to do and tried my best. My mentality going in was to help this team get back on track.

"I think it was big. We defi-

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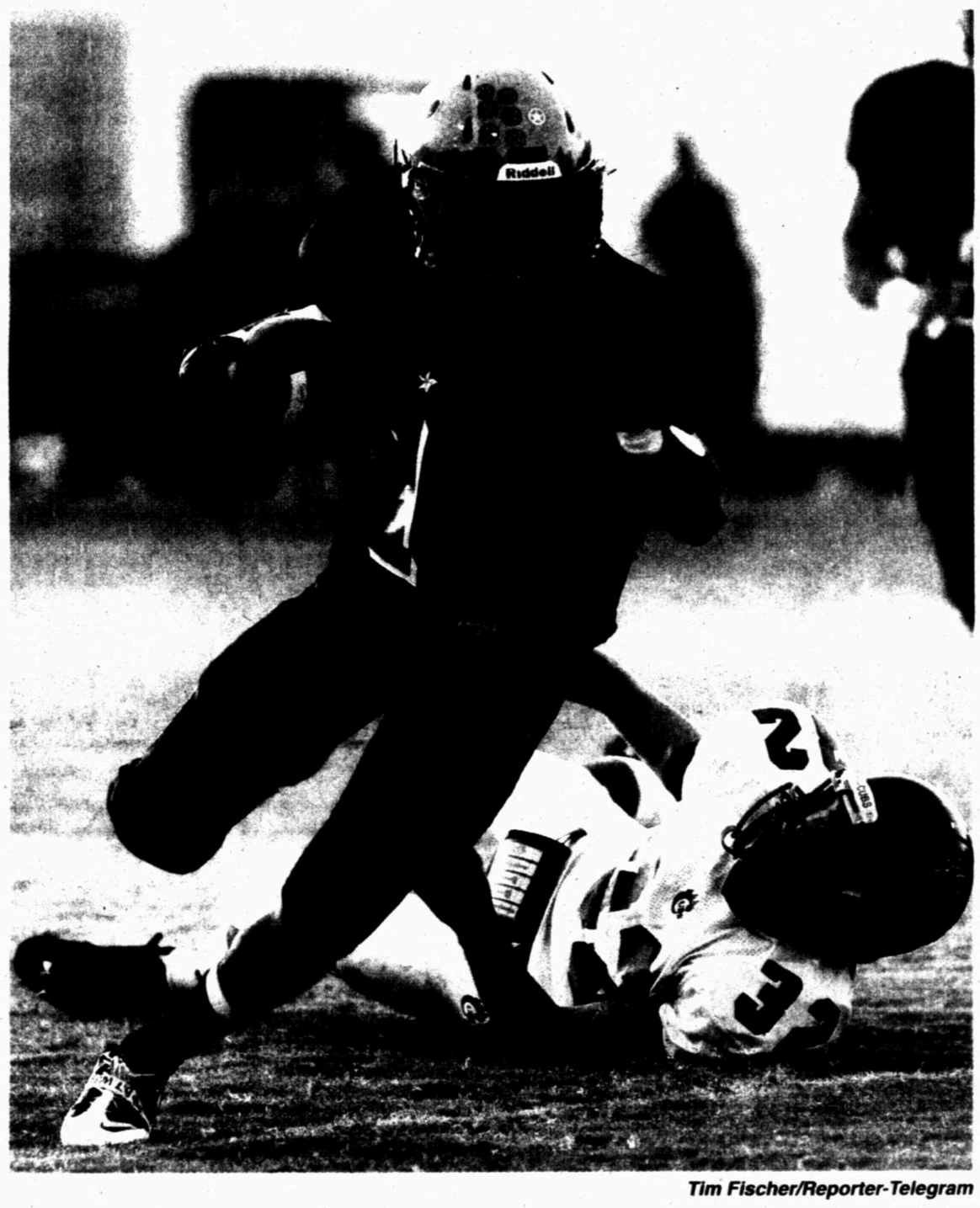

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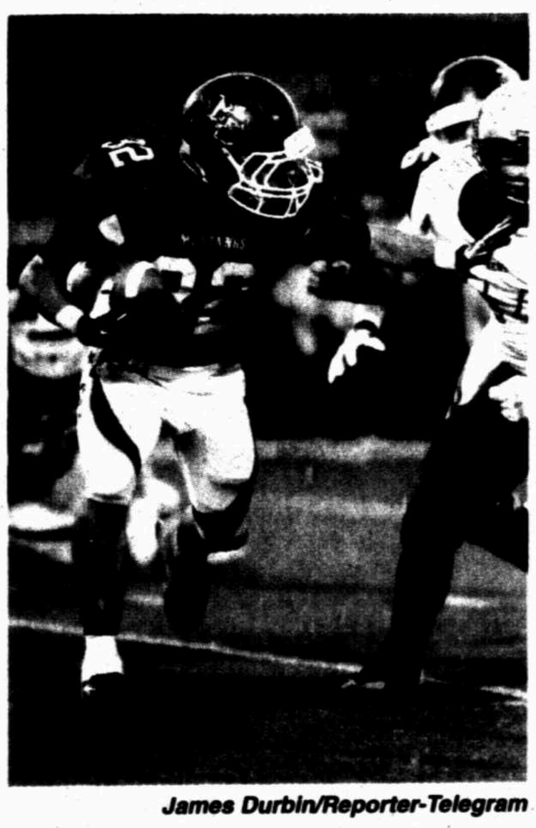
Greenwood's Anthony Salas gets around Brownfield's Omar Alvarez During a Sept. 6 game at J.M. King Memorial Stadium. Salas is the MRT Area Player of the Week.

SMALL/PRIVATE SCHOOL REPORT

MCS keeps on rolling into district play



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Midland Christian's Justin Fender runs the ball against Big Spring on Sept. 6 at Mustang Field.

By Len Hayward
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The Midland Christian football team is rolling along so good right now that it's been hard for coach Greg McClendon and his coaching staff to find things to work on.

Friday's 61-0 pasting of Fort Worth Southwest Christian was the latest example of a team that is not only firing on all cylinders, but seems to have found a way to mix in some nitrous oxide.

Even when McClendon puts a focus on not being complacent, the team has already beat him too the punch.

The Mustangs (5-0, 1-0 in TAPPS Division II, District 1) will likely be heavy favorites in all their district games this season, but McClendon said the pace of practice has remained high and the play on the field has shown that.

"They don't care who the opponent is," McClendon said. "They played with great energy, they played with great focus the entire game. Even when the back-ups went in there wasn't a drop off. We played at a very high level."

There is a small concern in that the team's starters haven't been forced to play a four-quarter game this season, but McClendon said if they were to play a full games, he said he thinks they will be ready.

He said the tempo in practice is as good or better than during his tenure at the school, and that the players know what they are doing and that helps to keep the pace brisk during practice.

"If we had to go to four quarters, I believe we could go four quarters because of the way we practice," McClendon said. "Indecisiveness, unsureness makes

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Rangers lose in wild-card tiebreaker game

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By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — David Price, Evan Longoria and the Tampa Bay Rays are going to playoffs again, getting there with a victory in their final regular-season game for the second time in three years.

They needed an extra game this time.

Price threw his fourth complete game of the season, Longoria had a two-run homer and the Rays beat the Texas Rangers 5-2 in the AL wild-card tiebreaker game Monday night, the 163rd game for both teams.

Luckily for manager Joe Maddon and the Rays, they weren't done in by another blown call in Texas — though this one did cost them at least one run.

The Rays face another must-win situation Wednesday night at Cleveland in the AL wild-card game — the winner faces Boston in the division series. Tampa Bay, in the playoffs for the fourth time in six years, won four of six from the Indians during the regular season.

Price (10-8), the reigning AL Cy Young winner, had a 10.26 ERA in four previous starts at Rangers Ballpark. He was superb in this one, striking out four and walking one. He picked off two runners while allowing seven hits and throwing 81 of 118 pitches for strikes.

"When you can get outs without throwing pitches that's always huge," Price said. "If I don't get those two outs on the pickoff moves, I have to get the next guys out. It forces me to throw at least 10 more pitches."

The 28-year-old lefty reached 10 wins for the fifth straight season. He

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HSVOLLEYBALL

BY LEN HAYWARD

DISTRICT 2-5A SAN ANGELO CENTRAL AT LEE

When/where: 6 p.m. today, Lee HS gymnasium

Records: Lee 14-15, 2-6 in District 2-5A; San Angelo Central 22-9, 6-2

Last district match: Lubbock Coronado def. Lee, 25-14, 25-19, 25-14; San Angelo Central def. Abilene High, 27-25, 25-20, 24-26, 25-16

Last meeting: San Angelo Central def. Lee, 25-15, 25-18, 25-23 on Sept. 6

The scoop: The Lady Rebels are now officially in playoff mode and begin a key stretch of matches against one of the top teams in the district. ... Lee has lost three straight matches and is in seventh place in the district standings. ... The Lady Bobcats have won four straight matches and have not lost since losing to Odessa Permian on Sept. 10. ... The Rebels will be without Kaylee Power for tonight's match. Power is out with a sprained thumb and could be out for at least another week. Tori Jordan has worked as a setter for much of this season, along with Power and Bree Jeter.

Next: Odessa High at Lee, 5 p.m. Friday; Midland High at San Angelo Central, 5 p.m. Friday

District 2-5A volleyball

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Amarillo Tascosa	8	0	16	13
Odessa Permian	6	2	21	9
San Angelo Central	6	2	22	9
Midland High	5	3	23	11
Lubbock Coronado	5	4	20	13
Abilene High	3	4	20	9
Lee	2	6	14	15
Abilene Cooper	1	7	11	21
Odessa High	0	8	2	19

Friday's Scores

Midland High def. Odessa Permian 26-24, 25-23, 21-25, 17-25, 15-9; Lubbock Coronado def. Lee 25-14, 25-19, 25-14; San Angelo Central def. Abilene High 27-25, 25-20, 24-26, 25-16; Abilene Cooper def. Odessa High 25-23, 25-9, 25-18.

Today's Matches

Midland High at Abilene High; San Angelo Central at Lee; Odessa Permian at Lubbock Coronado, all games at 6 p.m.

District 4-3A volleyball

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Abilene Wylie	1	0	20	9
Big Spring	1	0	22	9
Monahans	1	0	23	6
Greenwood	0	1	10	19
Sweetwater	0	1	9	15
Snyder	0	1	0	1

Friday's Scores

Abilene Wylie def. Snyder, 25-9, 25-13, 25-9

Saturday's Matches

Big Spring def. Greenwood, 25-6, 25-15, 25-20; Monahans def. Sweetwater, 25-14, 25-14, 25-18

Today's Matches

Snyder at Greenwood; Abilene Wylie at Sweetwater; Monahans at Big Spring. All games at 6 p.m.

The scoop: The Lady Bulldogs helped their playoff cause with a thrilling five-set victory against Odessa Permian on Friday. Midland High is now in fourth place, one match between Permian and San Angelo Central, who are both tied for second. ... These two teams played a five-set match on Sept. 6 as the Lady Eagles rallied for a victory after falling behind by two sets.

Next: Midland High at San Angelo Central, 5 p.m. Friday; Abilene High vs. Abilene Cooper, 2 p.m. Saturday

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Emily Wickman serves during a Sept. 6 match against Abilene High at MHS gym.

DISTRICT 4-3A SNYDER AT GREENWOOD

When/where: 6 p.m. today, Greenwood HS gymnasium

Records: Greenwood 10-19, 0-1 in District 4-3A; Snyder 0-1 in District 4-3A

Last district match: Big Spring def. Greenwood, 25-6, 25-15, 25-20

The scoop: Both of these teams will be looking for their first district win.

Next: Greenwood at Sweetwater, 6 p.m. Friday; Big Spring at Snyder, 6:30 p.m. Friday

SATURDAY'S LATE VOLLEYBALL
MIDLAND CLASSICAL DEF. KERMIT
22-25, 25-21, 25-19, 25-18
MCA statistics

Kills — Danell Jackson 10, Kayla Beattie 10, Lexi Watts 8, Brianna Rico 4, Mckenzie Griffin 4, Kristen Johnson 3, Alissa Beattie 2

Digs — Beth Ann Holmes 21, Watts 15, K. Beattie 12

Assists — A. Beattie 40

Blocks — Jackson 4, K. Beattie 3, Griffin 2.

Aces — Watts 8, A. Beattie 2, K. Beattie 1, Jackson 1

Next: Midland Classical at Lubbock Christian, noon Saturday

Chaps win High Country Shootout

From staff reports

RUIDOSO, N.M. — The Midland College Gold golf team won the High Country Shootout on Monday as the Chaparrals finished nine strokes ahead of New Mexico Junior College.

The Chaparrals shot 272-275-283—830 at The Links at Sierra Blanca as they were led by David Wicks and Russell Lara, who each shot a three-round 206 and finished in fifth place in the individual standings.

New Mexico JC finished with an 839 total, while fellow Western Junior College Athletic Conference rival Odessa College was third at 847.

Midland Christian's Green team finished in 10th place after shooting 301-288-291—880. The Green team was led by Trace Morrow, who finished in a tie for 10th individually with a 70-69-69—208 total.

"The 34-under par was sensational," MC coach Delnor Poss said. "David Wicks, Russ Lara, Ozzie Schlenkrich, Trace Morrow and Jake Boggus were all under par and played exceptionally well. We need to use this as a stepping stone for future success. Our overall attitude has been special."

Midland College will next play in the Andrews College/AM this weekend in Andrews.

High Country Shootout
at The Links at Sierra Blanca, Ruidoso, N.M.
Final results

Team standings — 1. Midland College Gold 272-275-283—830; 2. New Mexico Junior College 278-280-281—839; 3. Odessa College 282-278-287—847; 4. Ranger College 283-281-281—845; 5. Dodge City (Kan.) CC 288-282-278—848; 6. South Mountain CC 284-278-290—852; 7. Western Texas College 288-283-290—861; 8. Garden City (Kan.) CC 290-286-289—865; 9. Eastern Arizona CC 286-290-301—877; 10. Midland College Green 301-288-291—880; 11. Clarendon College 308-304-302—914; 12. New Mexico Military Institute 308-309-305—922; 13. Eastern Arizona CC 315-317-323—955

Midland College Gold (272-275283—830) — Chris Schriedel 66-76-78—220; Russell Lara 71-66-69-206; David Wicks 67-67-72—206; Ryder Skillern 69-72-75—216; Ozzie Schlenkrich 70-70-67—207

Midland College Green (301-288-291—880) — Jake Boggus 73-69-71—213; Trace Morrow 70-69-69—208; Derek Mearns 77-74-74—225; Zarek Crowder 81-76-77—234

Jay Janner/Austin American Statesman

In this Dec. 23, 2005 photo, former Texas quarterback James Street is photographed in his Austin office. Behind him is a painting of him being congratulated by President Lyndon B. Johnson after the Notre Dame game in 1970. Street, who took over the Longhorns' wishbone offense and led them to the 1969 national championship, died Monday.

Former Texas QB James Street dies at 65

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Small, tough and determined, James Street for nearly 40 years was the standard of excellence that all Texas quarterbacks were measured by.

A backup who took over the Texas wishbone offense in 1968 and led the Longhorns to the 1969 national title, Street won 20 straight games, including the 15-14 victory over Arkansas in 1969 dubbed the "Game of the Century" followed by a season-capping Cotton Bowl win against Notre Dame. Texas wouldn't win another national title until Vince Young led the Longhorns to the 2005 season championship.

Street died early Monday at the age of 65, according to Serena Fitchard, a spokeswoman at the James Street Group financial and legal services company that bears his name. A cause of death was not immediately available.

"To be a quarterback who never lost a game, that never happens," Texas coach Mack Brown said.

Street remained close to the Texas program and often spoke to Brown's team with a recurring message of "regardless of how big you are, how fast you are, you can still compete and you can still win," Brown said.

Street was also a baseball standout, posting a 29-8 record pitching for Texas that included a perfect game (1970 vs. Texas Tech) and no-hitter (1969 vs. SMU). He was on three Texas teams that advanced to the College World Series, and his son, San Diego Padres relief pitcher Huston Street, helped Texas win the CWS in 2002.

Bill Hall, a longtime friend and business partner, said Street died at home in Austin after traveling to California over the weekend to watch his son pitch.

"We are sad to lose a Longhorn legend," Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds said. "He started what became a Street family legacy at Texas."

It was football where James Street made his biggest mark in Texas lore while leading an offense that changed the college football landscape.

In 1968, Texas coach Darrell Royal and assistant Emory Ballard switched to the wishbone, which features a fullback lined up behind the quarterback and a step in front of two other backs. The innovation, new to major college football, nearly flopped. After a tie and a loss in the first two games that season, a frustrated Royal inserted the 5-foot-11, 170-pound Street to take over.

"Coach Royal grabbed me and he looked for a minute as if he were having second thoughts about putting me in. Then he looked me straight in the eye and said, 'Hell, you can't do any worse. Get in there.'" Street said in 2012 when Royal died.

The 1969 Texas-Arkansas games ranks among the greatest ever played.

Arkansas led 7-0 at halftime, then stretched it to 14-0 in the third quarter. Street made it 14-8 with a 42-yard touchdown run and a 2-point conversion. On a fourth-and-3, Royal stunned even Street by calling for "53 veer pass," a play that had rarely worked all season.

Street told tight end Randy Peschel to get enough yards for a first down. "But if you can get behind him, run like hell," Street said, and the pass connected for 44 yards to set up Jim Bertelsen's winning touchdown.

Although President Richard Nixon declared Texas the national champion after the victory, Texas still had to play and win the Cotton Bowl, a game that whipped up a frenzy of its own. Notre Dame ended its self-imposed 44-year ban on bowl games to play the Longhorns.

Street, who said he was raised Catholic, called his mother to tell her who Texas was going to play.

"When I said Notre Dame, there was complete silence," Street said told The Associated Press in 2005. "I said, 'Mom, this is your son. You're pulling for us.'"

Hearing on Alex Rodriguez grievance starts

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The grievance to overturn Alex Rodriguez's 211-game suspension began Monday before arbitrator Fredric Horowitz.

The New York Yankees third baseman was wearing a business suit and accompanied by lawyers when he arrived for the session at Major League Baseball's headquarters in midtown Manhattan.

A three-time AL MVP, Rodriguez was suspended Aug. 5 for alleged violations of baseball's drug agreement and labor contract. Because he's a first offender under the drug program and the players' association filed a grievance to force an appeal, a suspension can't start until it is upheld by an arbitrator.

The union argues the discipline is without just cause and is excessive. If the case doesn't settle, a decision by Horowitz is expected this winter.

Rodriguez was among 14 players penalized by MLB this year following the sport's investigation of Biogenesis of America, a closed anti-aging clinic in Coral Gables, Fla., accused of distributing banned performance-enhancing drugs. The others accepted their penalties, including former NL MVP Ryan Braun, who missed the season's final 65 games.

Biogenesis head Anthony Bosch was at the hearing to testify — a publicist released a photo of him in a hallway outside MLB's conference rooms.

In Florida, state authorities said they had started a criminal investigation of the clinic.

"A subpoena was issued for documents, and we are looking into several areas of state interest," said Ed Griffith, spokesman for Miami-Dade County State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle.

Existence of the state prosecutors' criminal subpoena was disclosed at a recent hearing in MLB's lawsuit in Miami against Biogenesis, also pending in Miami-Dade County court. It's not known whom the subpoena targeted or what specific documents are being sought.

A federal probe involves the sources of drugs the clinic is accused of selling to players.

RANGERS

From 1C

missed more than six weeks because of a triceps strain but is 9-4 in his 13 starts since returning July 2 from his first career stint on the disabled list.

Longoria had three hits, continuing his stellar play in the last game of regular seasons. He is hitting .579 (11 for 19) in those finales with seven homers and 10 RBI, according to STATS.

Texas had won seven in a row, needing every one of those wins just to force the majors' first wild-card tiebreaker since 2007.

Even with the return of All-Star slugger Nelson Cruz from his 50-game drug suspension, the Rangers missed a chance to get to the playoffs for the fourth year in a row.

"I'm disappointed. We didn't get it done," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "I've got no excuse for that."

Cruz, who had 27 homers and 76 RBI in 108 games before his suspension, was 0 for 4 with a strikeout while hitting sixth as the designated hitter. His groundout to shortstop ended the game.

The Rays had runners at first and second with two outs in the seventh when Delmon Young, who put the Rays ahead to stay with a sacrifice fly in the first, hit a soft flyball.

Center fielder Leonys Martin made a running, diving play to catch the ball.

Tony Gutierrez/AP

Tampa Bay's Evan Longoria rounds third base during Monday's wild-card tiebreaker game against Texas in Arlington.

Replays showed clearly that the ball bounced into Martin's glove. But third base umpire Ron Kulpa, looking at the play from the side, ruled it an inning-ending catch.

Young rounded first base with his arms spread out signaling safe. Maddon went out to talk to Kulpa, though the conversation didn't appear heated.

When the Rays played at Texas on April 8, the fourth game of the season for both teams, their 5-4 loss ended when plate umpire Marty Foster called a third strike against Ben Zobrist on a pitch low and outside. The ump later admitted the 2-2 curveball wasn't a strike and he wouldn't call that pitch a strike if he could do it again. The Texas win and closer Joe Nathan's 300th career save stood.

Maddon said after that game that such calls "can't be made in a Major League Baseball game." The Rays still had a runner on base and Longoria on deck when Zobrist was called out.

MLB intends to use expanded video review next year.

The Rangers had beaten Tampa Bay in the AL division series in 2010 and 2011 on way to their only two World Series. It was the second year in a row their season ended in a do-or-die game at home — they lost to Baltimore in the first AL wild-card game last October.

Tampa Bay and Texas are the only teams in the majors to win at least 90 games in each of the last four seasons.

In 2011, the Rays had to overcome a nine-game deficit the final month of the season and were down seven runs in their 162nd game of the season. They got to the playoffs after Longoria's game-ending homer in the 12th inning to beat the New York Yankees.

The first four hitters in the game against rookie left-hander Martin Perez (10-6) combined for three singles and a walk, and yet the Rays still didn't have a run.

Desmond Jennings, in his first start in more than a week after dealing with left hamstring tightness, hit the game's first pitch down the left-field line. He was thrown out trying to stretch the hit to a double when left fielder Craig Gentry, who even with the return of Cruz stayed in the lineup because of his hot bat, made a strong throw.

RAYS 5, RANGERS 2

Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
DJnngs cf	3	1	1	0	Kinsler 2b	4	0	2	1
Fuld cf-rf	1	1	1	0	Andrus ss	3	1	1	0
WMyrs rf	3	1	0	0	Rios rf	4	0	1	1
Kiermr cf	0	0	0	0	ABeltre 3b	4	0	1	0
Zobrist 2b	5	0	1	0	Przynsc	4	0	0	0
Longori 3b	4	2	3	2	N Cruz dh	4	0	0	0
DYong dh	3	0	0	1	Morlnd 1b	3	0	1	0
SRdrgz lf	2	0	0	0	Gentry lf	3	1	1	0
DeJesus ph-lf	2	0	1	1	LMartn cf	3	0	0	0
Loney 1b	3	0	0	0					
YEscor ss	2	0	0	0					
JMolin c	4	0	0	0					
Totals	**32**	**5**	**7**	**4**	**Totals**	**32**	**2**	**7**	**2**

Tampa Bay ..... 102 001 001 —5
Texas ..... 001 001 000 —2

E—Scheppers (2). LOB—Tampa Bay 8, Texas 4. 2B—Longoria (39), DeJesus (10), Kinsler (31), Rios (33), A Beltre (32). HR—Longoria (32). SB—Fuld (8), Andrus (42). CS—Kinsler (11). SF—D Young.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tampa Bay						
Price W,10-8	9	7	2	2	1	4
Texas						
M Perez L,10-6	5-1-3	4	3	3	2	5
Ogando	2-3	2	1	1	2	0
Frasor	2-3	0	0	0	2	0
Sonia	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Cotts	1	0	0	0	1	1
Scheppers	1	1	1	0	0	2

T—3:08. A—42,796 (48,114).

MLBNOTES

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CUBS FIRE MANAGER DALE SVEUM: At Chicago, the Chicago Cubs have fired manager Dale Sveum after finishing last in the NL Central for the first time in seven years.

The Cubs closed the campaign dropping 41 of their final 59 games, including six of their final seven. They finished 66-96 this season and Sveum went 127-197 in his two seasons at the helm. He has one year left on a three-year deal signed before the 2012 season.

Sveum's job security was undoubtedly hurt by the slow development of shortstop Starlin Castro and first baseman Anthony Rizzo, who appeared to regress this year.

Sveum's dismissal likely will ramp up speculation surrounding the status of Yankees manager Joe Girardi, a Peoria native who played college ball at nearby Northwestern.

POSTSEASON UMPIRES: At New York, Gerry Davis, who has worked a record 115 postseason games, will be the plate umpire for Wednesday night's AL wild-card matchup. Cleveland will host either the Rays or Rangers.

Davis will work with Ted Barrett, Mike Everitt, Greg Gibson, Phil Cuzzi and Brian Knight.

Joe West, who leads active umpires with 36 years of big league work, will handle the plate for the NL wild-card game in Pittsburgh on Tuesday night featuring Cincinnati and the Pirates. His crew includes Dale Scott, Dan Iassogna, Rob Drake, Tim Timmons and Lance Barksdale.

Jerry Layne will be the crew chief for the division series between St. Louis and the wild card. Wally Bell, Sam Holbrook, Jim Joyce, Paul Nauert and Tony Randazzo are working with Layne.

John Hirschbeck heads the crew doing the series between the Los Angeles Dodgers and Atlanta. Laz Diaz, Marvin Hudson, Bill Miller, Hunter Wendelstedt and Welke join Hirschbeck.

Dana DeMuth leads a crew that includes Eric Cooper, Paul Emmel, Chris Guccione, Larry Vanover and Mike Winters for the series between Boston and the AL wild card.

Gary Darling is the crew chief for the Detroit-Oakland matchup, joined by CB Bucknor, Mike DiMuro, Jim Reynolds, Mark Wegner and Hallion.

SPORTSSCOREBOARD

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	4	0	0	1.000	89	57
Miami	3	1	0	.750	91	91
N.Y. Jets	2	2	0	.500	68	88
Buffalo	2	2	0	.500	88	93
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Indianapolis	3	1	0	.750	105	51
Tennessee	3	1	0	.750	98	69
Houston	2	2	0	.500	90	105
Jacksonville	0	4	0	.000	31	129
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Baltimore	2	2	0	.500	91	87
Cleveland	2	2	0	.500	64	70
Cincinnati	2	2	0	.500	81	81
Pittsburgh	0	4	0	.000	69	110
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Denver	4	0	0	.1.000	179	91
Kansas City	4	0	0	.1.000	102	41
San Diego	2	2	0	.500	108	102
Oakland	1	3	0	.250	71	91

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	2	2	0	.500	104	85
Philadelphia	1	3	0	.250	99	138
Washington	1	3	0	.250	91	112
N.Y. Giants	0	4	0	.000	61	146
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
New Orleans	4	0	0	01.000	108	55
Carolina	1	2	0	.333	68	36
Atlanta	1	3	0	.250	94	104
Tampa Bay	0	4	0	.000	44	70
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Detroit	3	1	0	.750	122	101
Chicago	3	1	0	.750	127	114
Green Bay	1	2	0	.333	96	88
Minnesota	1	3	0	.250	115	123
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Seattle	4	0	0	01.000	109	47
San Francisco	2	2	0	.500	79	95
Arizona	2	2	0	.500	69	89
St. Louis	1	3	0	.250	69	121

Thursday's Score
San Francisco 35, St. Louis 11

Sunday's Score
Kansas City 31, N.Y Giants 7
Seattle 23, Houston 20, OT
Buffalo 23, Baltimore 20
Arizona 13, Tampa Bay 10
Indianapolis 37, Jacksonville 3
Cleveland 17, Cincinnati 6
Detroit 40, Chicago 32
Minnesota 34, Pittsburgh 27
Tennessee 38, N.Y. Jets 13
Washington 24, Oakland 14
San Diego 30, Dallas 21
Denver 52, Philadelphia 20
New England 30, Atlanta 23
Open: Carolina, Green Bay

Monday's Score
New Orleans 38, Miami 17

Thursday's Game
Buffalo at Cleveland, 7:25 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Detroit at Green Bay, Noon
New Orleans at Chicago, Noon
Kansas City at Tennessee, Noon
Jacksonville at St. Louis, Noon
New England at Cincinnati, Noon
Seattle at Indianapolis, Noon
Baltimore at Miami, Noon
Philadelphia at N.Y Giants, Noon
Carolina at Arizona, 3:05 p.m
Denver at Dallas, 3:25 p.m.
Houston at San Francisco, 7:30 p.m
San Diego at Oakland, 10:35 p.m
Open: Minnesota, Pittsburgh, Tampa Bay, Washington

Monday's Game
N.Y Jets at Atlanta, 7:40 p.m.

MONDAY'S BOX
SAINTS 38, DOLPHINS 17

Miami	3	7	0	7—17
New Orleans	7	14	14	3—38

First Quarter
NO—Sproles 5 run (Hartley kick). 11:52
Mia—FG Sturgis 34, 7:16

Second Quarter
NO—Graham 27 pass from Brees (Hartley kick). 8:01
Mia—Miller 5 run (Sturgis kick). 3:35
NO—Sproles 13 pass from Brees (Hartley kick). 55

Third Quarter
NO—Watson 4 pass from Brees (Hartley kick). 9:44
NO—Graham 43 pass from Brees (Hartley kick). 8:12

Fourth Quarter
Mia—Clay 3 pass from Tannehill (Sturgis kick). 13:48
NO—FG Hartley 29, 7:15
A—73,118

	Mia	NO
First downs	19	23
Total Net Yards	331	465
Rushes-yards	19-115	24-68
Passing	216	397
Comp-Att-Int	22-35-3	30-39-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-33	2-16
Punts	4-52.0	3-47.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-25	6-45
Time of Possession	26:11	33:49

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Miami, Miller 11-62, Tannehill 4-48, Dan Thomas 4-5. New Orleans, K. Robinson 12-37, Sproles 4-28, Brees 4-2, Thomas 4-1.
PASSING—Miami, Tannehill 22-35-3-249. New Orleans, Brees 30-39-0-413.
RECEIVING—Miami, Gibson 6-71, Clay 6-42, Hartline 3-34, Wallace 3-24, Thigpen 1-50, Matthews 1-21, Miller 1-6, Dan Thomas 1-1. New Orleans, Sproles 7-114, Colston 7-96, Thomas 5-37, Graham 4-100, Stills 4-38, Toon 1-18, Collins 1-6, Watson 1-4.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—New Orleans, Hartley 43 (WL)

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Buffalo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Detroit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montreal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ottawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Toronto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Metropolitan Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Carolina	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Columbus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N.Y Islanders	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N.Y Rangers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Philadelphia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colorado	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dallas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nashville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Winnipeg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pacific Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Anaheim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calgary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Edmonton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phoenix	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Jose	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vancouver	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

Monday's Games
No games scheduled

Today's Games
Toronto at Montreal, 6 p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

WNBA

FINALS
(Best-of-5)
Sunday, Oct. 6: Atlanta at Minnesota, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 8: Atlanta at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 10: Minnesota at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
x-Sunday, Oct. 13: Minnesota at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
x-Wenesday, Oct. 16: Atlanta at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

Polls

TSN FCS Poll
PHILADELPHIA — The top 25 teams in the Sports Network Football Championship Subdivision poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sept. 29, points and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. North Dakota State (157)	4-0	3949	1
2. Sam Houston State (1)	**4-1**	**3873**	**4**
3. Towson	5-0	3645	3
4. Northern Iowa	4-0	3492	5
5. Eastern Illinois	4-1	3156	8
6. Eastern Washington	2-2	3050	2
7. South Dakota State	3-2	2581	6
8. Montana State	3-2	2561	11
9. Coastal Carolina	5-0	2478	12
10. Montana	3-1	1964	7
11. McNeese State	4-1	1836	9
12. Fordham	5-0	1832	16
13. Lehigh	4-0	1764	27
14. Central Arkansas	2-2	1763	13
15. Northern Arizona	3-1	1711	24
16. Georgia Southern	3-1	1635	15
17. Wofford	2-2	1203	17
18. Cal Poly	2-2	1195	18
19. New Hampshire	1-2	1162	10
20. Villanova	2-2	1002	19
21. Bethune-Cookman	3-1	947	20
22. Tennessee-Martin	3-1	724	23
23. Maine	4-1	702	—
24. Delaware	4-1	671	—
25. Gardner-Webb	4-1	570	25

FCS Coaches Poll
SPARTANBURG, S.C. — The top 25 teams in the Coaches Football Championship Subdivision poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sept. 29 and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1 North Dakota State (26)	4-0	650	1
2 Towson	5-0	623	2
3. Sam Houston State	**4-1**	**599**	**4**
4 Northern Iowa	4-0	567	5
5 Eastern Illinois	4-1	485	12
6 Coastal Carolina	5-0	477	11
7 Montana State	3-2	465	10
8 Eastern Washington	2-2	450	3
9 South Dakota State	3-2	432	6
10 Lehigh	4-0	345	17
11 Central Arkansas	2-2	336	13
12 Montana	3-1	290	7
13 Fordham	5-0	328	16
14 McNeese State	4-1	320	9
15 Wofford	2-2	298	15
16 Bethune-Cookman	3-1	256	18
17 Northern Arizona	3-1	242	22
18 New Hampshire	1-2	222	7
19 Cal Poly	2-2	198	19
20 Villanova	2-2	168	21
21 James Madison	3-1	122	14
22 Youngstown State	4-1	117	25
23 Maine	4-1	103	—
24 Gardner-Webb	4-1	49	—
25 Delaware	3-1	47	—

AFCA Division II Coaches Poll
Through Sept. 29

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1 Valdosta State (Ga.) (30)	3-0	793	1
2 Minnesota State-Mankato (2)	4-0	765	2
3 Northwest Missouri State	4-0	727	3
4 West Texas A&M	**4-0**	**700**	**4**
5 Colorado State-Pueblo	4-0	670	5
6 Missouri Western State	4-0	648	6
7 Indiana (Pa.)	4-0	595	7
8 Henderson State (Ark.)	4-0	573	8
9 Bloomsburg (Pa.)	4-0	529	11
10 Pittsburg State (Kan.)	4-0	514	12
11 Minnesota-Duluth	3-1	438	13
12 Shepherd (W.Va.)	4-0	413	14
13 UNC-Pembroke	4-0	391	16
14 West Alabama	3-1	359	15
15 Washburn (Kan.)	4-0	309	18
16 Winston-Salem State (N.C.)	3-1	299	17
17 West Chester (Pa.)	4-0	292	19
18 St. Cloud State (Minn.)	4-0	240	20
19 Chadron State (Neb.)	3-1	169	21
20 Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	3-1	163	10
21 Indianapolis (Ind.)	3-1	138	22
22. Tarleton State	**3-0**	**129**	**25**
23 Ohio Dominican	4-0	124	—
24 Emporia State (Kan.)	4-0	114	24
25. Grand Valley State (Mich.)	3-1	113	9

AFCA Division III Coaches Poll
Through Sept. 29

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1 Mount Union (Ohio) (38)	3-0	1046	1
2. Mary Hardin-Baylor (4)	**4-0**	**1004**	**2**
3 Linfield (Ore.)	3-0	970	3
4 North Central (Ill.)	3-0	912	4
5 Hobart (N.Y.)	3-0	794	5
6 Wisconsin-Platteville	3-0	793	6
7 Wisconsin-Whitewater	3-0	780	7
8 Bethel (Minn.)	3-0	762	8
9 Wisconsin-Oshkosh	3-0	710	9
10 Heidelberg (Ohio)	3-0	620	10
11 Wheaton (Ill.)	3-0	584	11
12 Wesley (Del.)	3-1	543	14
13 St. Thomas (Minn.)	2-1	541	12
14 Johns Hopkins (Md.)	4-0	516	13
15 Pacific Lutheran (Wash.)	3-0	491	15
16 Delaware Valley (Pa.)	4-0	377	16
17 Wabash (Ind.)	3-0	346	18
18 Coe (Iowa)	3-0	327	17
19 St. John Fisher (N.Y.)	3-0	307	19
20 Franklin (Ind.)	2-2	183	20
21 Wittenberg (Ohio)	2-1	182	22
22 Huntingdon (Ala.)	3-0	164	23
23 Concordia-Moorhead (Minn.)	4-0	163	—
24 Thomas More (Ky.)	3-0	117	25
25 Christopher Newport (Va.)	3-0	112	24

NAIA Football Poll
Through Sept. 29

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Morningside (Iowa) (14)	3-0	314	1
2. Cumberlands (Ky.)	4-0	299	4
3. Saint Xavier (Ill.)	3-1	283	5
4. Grand View (Iowa)	4-0	276	7
5. Georgetown (Ky.)	2-1	275	6
6. Saint Francis (Ind.)	2-1	239	2
7. Benedictine (Kan.)	4-0	236	10
8. Missouri Valley	2-1	234	9
9. Carroll (Mont.)	4-1	214	3
10. Ottawa (Kan.)	3-1	209	12
11. St. Ambrose (Iowa)	2-1	205	11
12. Baker (Kan.)	3-1	183	13
13. Doane (Neb.)	3-1	172	14
14. Lindsey Wilson (Ky.)	5-0	153	16
15. Tabor (Kan.)	3-1	142	8
16. Rocky Mountain (Mont.)	4-1	136	18
17. Concordia (Neb.)	4-0	121	20
18. Valley City State (N.D.)	3-1	103	19
19 Montana State-Northern	4-1	93	—
20. Friends (Kan.)	3-1	75	—
21 Montana Western	3-1	65	15
22. William Penn (Iowa)	2-2	63	25
23 Robert Morris (Ill.)	4-1	40	—
24. Peru State (Neb.)	3-1	33	23
25. Siena Heights (Mich.)	3-1	22	—

Schedule

(Subject to change)
Thursday's Games
SOUTH
W Kentucky (3-2) at Louisiana-Monroe (2-3). 6:30 p.m.
MIDWEST
Texas (2-2) at Iowa St. (1-2). 6:30 p.m
FAR WEST
UCLA (3-0) at Utah (3-1). 9 p.m
Friday's Games
FAR WEST
BYU (2-2) at Utah St. (3-2). 7 p.m
Nevada (3-2) at San Diego St. (1-3). 8 p.m
Saturday's Games
SOUTHWEST
Rutgers (3-1) at SMU (1-3). 11 a.m
Kansas St. (2-2) at Oklahoma St (3-1). 2:30 p.m
Rice (2-2) at Tulsa (1-3). 2:30 p.m
McNeese St. (4-1) at Cent. Arkansas (2-2). 3 p.m
Prairie View (3-2) vs. Grambling St. (0-5) at Dallas. 4:30 p.m
TCU (2-2) at Oklahoma (4-0). 6 p.m
Alabama St. (3-2) at Texas Southern (0-4) 6 p.m
Notre Dame (3-2) vs. Arizona St. (3-1) at Arlington. 6:30 p.m.
Louisiana Tech (1-4) at UTEP (1-3). 6:30 p.m
West Virginia (3-2) at Baylor (3-0). 7 p.m
FAR WEST
UC Davis (1-4) at S. Utah (3-1). 2:05 p.m
Portland St. (3-2) at Montana (3-1). 2:30 p.m
Washington St. (3-2) at California (1-3). 3 p.m
Mercer (4-0) at San Diego (2-2). 3 p.m
North Dakota (1-2) at Idaho St. (2-2). 3:05 p.m
N. Arizona (3-1) at Montana St. (2-2). 3:05 p.m
Fresno St. (4-0) at Idaho (1-4). 4 p.m
Yale (2-0) at Cal Poly (2-2). 4:05 p.m.
Oregon (4-0) at Colorado (2-1). 5 p.m
New Mexico St. (0-5) at New Mexico (1-3). 6 p.m.
Weber St. (1-4) at E. Washington (2-1). 6:05 p.m
N. Colorado (1-3) at Sacramento St. (2-3). 8:05 p.m
Washington (4-0) at Stanford (4-0). 9:30 p.m
San Jose St. (1-3) at Hawaii. (0-4). 10:59 p.m.
MIDWEST
Penn St. (3-1) at Indiana (2-2). 11 a.m
Michigan St. (3-1) at Iowa (4-1). 11 a.m
Texas Tech (4-0) at Kansas (2-1). 11 a.m.
Illinois (3-1) at Nebraska (3-1). 11 a.m.
Stetson (1-3) at Butler (3-2). Noon
Davidson (0-4) at Dayton (2-2). Noon
Cent. Michigan (1-4) at Miami (Ohio) (0-4). Noon
Ohio (3-1) at Akron (1-4). 1 p.m.
Jacksonville (2-3) at Drake (1-3). 1 p.m.
W. Illinois (2-2) at Illinois St. (1-3). 2 p.m.
S. Illinois (2-3) at S. Dakota St. (3-1). 2 p.m
Missouri St. (1-4) at South Dakota (1-2). 2 p.m.
W. Michigan (0-5) at Toledo (2-3). 2 p.m
Youngstown St. (1-4) at Indiana St. (1-3). 2:05 p.m.
UMass (0-4) at Bowling Green (4-1). 2:30 p.m.
N. Illinois (4-0) at Kent St. (2-3). 2:30 p.m.
Minnesota (4-1) at Michigan (4-0). 2:30 p.m.
N. Iowa (4-0) at N. Dakota St. (3-0). 2:30 p.m.
Ohio St. (5-0) at Northwestern (4-0). 7 p.m.
SOUTH
North Greenville (4-0) at Charleston Southern (4-0). 10 a.m
Maryland (4-0) at Florida St. (4-0). 11 a.m.
Gardner-Webb (4-1) at Charlotte (2-2). 11 a.m.
Ball St. (4-1) at Virginia (2-2). 11 a.m.
Georgia St. (0-4) at Alabama (4-0). 11:21 a.m
North Carolina (1-3) at Virginia Tech (4-1) 11:30 a.m.
Morehead St. (1-4) at Campbell (1-2). Noon
NC Central (2-2) at Howard (1-3). Noon
Florida A&M (1-3) at Morgan St (0-5). Noon
Savannah St. (1-4) at Norfolk St. (1-3). Noon
South Alabama (2-2) at Troy (2-3). Noon
Elon (1-4) at Furman (2-2). 12:30 p.m.
Albany (NY) (1-4) at James Madison (3-2). 12:30 p.m.
Presbyterian (1-2) at Wofford (2-2). 12:30 p.m
MVSU (0-4) at Alabama A&M (2-3). 1 p.m.
Bethune-Cookman (3-1) at Delaware St (1-3). 1 p.m.
Warner (0-3) at Alcorn St. (3-2). 2 p.m
Georgia Southern (3-1) at Samford (2-2). 2 p.m.
FAU (1-4) at UAB (1-3). 2 p.m
Jacksonville St. (4-0) at UT-Martin (3-1). 2 p.m
Georgia Tech (3-1) at Miami (4-0). 2:30 p.m
East Carolina (3-1) at Middle Tennessee (3-2). 2:30 p.m.
NC A&T (3-0) vs. SC State (2-2) at Atlanta. 2:30 p.m.
Georgia (3-1) at Tennessee (3-2). 2:30 p.m
North Texas (2-2) at Tulane (3-2). 3:30 p.m.
NC State (3-1) at Wake Forest (2-3). 2:30 p.m.
Tennessee Tech (3-2) at Murray St. (2-2). 3 p.m.
FIU (0-4) at Southern Miss. (0-4). 3 p.m.
UCF (3-1) at Memphis (1-2). 3:30 p.m
W. Carolina (1-3) at Chattanooga (2-2). 5 p.m
Austin Peay (0-4) at E. Kentucky (2-3). 5 p.m.
Liberty (3-2) at Old Dominion (3-2). 5 p.m
Mississippi (3-1) at Auburn (3-1). 6 p.m
Arkansas (3-2) at Florida (3-1). 6 p.m.
Ark.-Pine Bluff (0-4) at Jackson St. (3-2). 6 p.m.
Texas St. (3-1) at Louisiana-Lafayette (2-2). 6 p.m.
LSU (4-1) at Mississippi St (2-2). 6 p.m
Cincinnati (3-1) at South Florida (0-4). 6 p.m
SE Missouri (0-4) at Tennessee St. (3-1). 6 p.m
Kentucky (1-3) at South Carolina (3-1). 6:30 p.m
Missouri (4-0) at Vanderbilt (3-2). 6:30 p.m
Incarnate Word (3-2) at SE Louisiana (2-2). 8 p.m
EAST
Air Force (1-4) at Navy (2-1). 10:30 a.m
E. Michigan (1-3) at Buffalo (1-2). 11 a.m
Lehigh (4-0) at Fordham (5-0). 11 a.m
Valparaiso (0-3) at Marist (2-2). 11 a.m
Louisville (4-0) at Temple (0-4). 11 a.m
New Hampshire (1-2) at Towson (5-0). 11 a.m
West Liberty (2-2) at Duquesne (1-2). 11:10 a.m.
Colgate (0-4) at Cornell (1-1). 11:30 a.m
Army (2-3) at Boston College (2-2). Noon
St. Francis (Pa.) (1-3) at CCSU (1-4). Noon
Harvard (2-0) at Holy Cross (2-3). Noon
Robert Morris (2-2) at Monmouth (NJ) (2-3). Noon
Dartmouth (1-1) at Penn (1-1). Noon
Columbia (0-2) at Princeton (0-1). Noon
Wagner (1-4) at Sacred Heart (5-0). Noon
William & Mary (3-1) at Villanova (2-2). Noon
Bucknell (1-2) at Lafayette (0-3). 2:30 p.m
Delaware (4-1) at Maine (3-1). 2:30 p.m.
Clemson (4-0) at Syracuse (2-2). 3:30 p.m
Rhode Island (2-3) at Brown (1-1). 5 p.m
Bryant (3-1) at Stony Brook (1-3). 5 p.m

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ON THE AIR

WHAT'S ON TV
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
Playoffs, NL Wild Card game, Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m., TBS
NHL
Washington at Chicago, 7 p.m., NBCSN
SOCCER
UEFA Champions League, AC Milan at Ajax Amsterdam, 1:30 p.m., FSS
UEFA Champions League, Barcelona at Glasgow Celtic, 1:30 p.m., FS1
UEFA Champions League, Steaua vs. Chelsea (same-day tape), 6 p.m., FS1

WHAT'S ON DECK

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS
-Midland High at Odessa High, 4 p.m.
Odessa Permian at Lee, 4 p.m., Bush Tennis Center
HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL
San Angelo Central at Lee, 6 p.m.
Midland High at Abilene High, 6 p.m.
Snyder at Greenwood, 6 p.m.
Kermit at Midland Christian, 6 p.m.
COLLEGE SOCCER
Men, UTPB at West Texas A&M, 7 p.m.
COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
UTPB at University of the Southwest, 6 p.m., Hobbs, N.M.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL—Promoted executive vice president for economics and league affairs Rob Manfred to chief operating officer.
American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Assigned C Miguel Gonzalez outright to Charlotte (IL).
MINNESOTA TWINS—Agreed to terms with manager Ron Gardenhire on a two-year contract.
TEXAS RANGERS—Reinstated OF Nelson Cruz from the restricted list. Designated OF Joey Butler for assignment.
National League
CHICAGO CUBS—Fired manager Dale Sveum.
NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with manager Terry Collins on a two-year contract.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Announced the contract of pitching coach Rich Dubee will not be renewed.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Reinstated SS Everth Cabrera from the restricted list. Designated C Chris Robinson for assignment.
American Association
EL PASO DIABLOS—Traded RHP Reyes Dorado and OFs Weington Detel and Anthony D'Alfonso to Lincoln for cash.
KANSAS CITY T-BONES—Sold the contract of RHP Dustin Loggins to the Arizona Diamondbacks.
LINCOLN SALTDOGS—Sent INF David Espinosa to Kansas City to complete an earlier trade.
Atlantic League
LONG ISLAND DUCKS—Sent RHP Bobby Blevins to Rockland (Can-Am) and RHPs Derek Blacksher and Josh Strawn to Grand Prairie. Rs to complete earlier trades.
SOMERSET PATRIOTS—Sent C Brian Peterson to Laredo (AA) to complete an earlier trade.
Frontier League
TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS—Signed RHP Gardner Adams, LHP Corey Alexander and C Jake Rhodes.
WASHINGTON WILD THINGS—Traded RHP Amalio Diaz and LHP Matt Phillips to Laredo (AA) for OF Danny Poma.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
MILWAUKEE BUCKS—Promoted Chris Gimartin to director of NBA scouting. Named Luke Steele a director scout.
NEW YORK KNICKS—Exercised the 2014-15 contract option on coach Mike Woodson.
SACRAMENTO KINGS—Signed C DeMarcus Cousins to a four-year contract extension.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Claimed RB Fozzy Whittaker off waivers from San Diego. Waived WR Josh Cooper and RB Montario Hardesty.
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed RB Michael Hill from the practice squad and WR Reggie Dunn to the practice squad.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Signed FB Robert Hughes. Released WR Griff Whalen.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed G Jacques McClendon and QB Ricky Stanzi. Released WRs Jeremy Ebert and Tobais Palmer.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Released S Kanoms Davis.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ANAHEIM DUCKS—Assigned RW Brad Staubitz. Recalled Rakell, LW John Kurtz and D Nolan Yonkman to Norfolk (AHL) and G Igor Bobkov to Utah (ECHL). Placed LW Emerson Etem, RW Jakob Silfverberg and D Luca Sbisa and Sheldon Souray on injured reserve.
DALLAS STARS—Designated Fs Scott Glennie and Rich Peverley and D Aaron Rome injured non-roster players.
DETROIT RED WINGS—Assigned Fs Mitch Callahan, Luke Glendenning, Calle Jarnkrok, Tomas Jurco, Gustav Nyquist, Teemu Pulkkinen and Riley Sheahan; Ds Adam Almquist and Ryan Sproul and G Petr Mrazek to Grand Rapids (AHL). Recalled D Xavier Ouellet and G Jared Coreau from Grand Rapids. Placed C Darren Helm and RW Patrick Eaves on long-term injured reserve and G Jonas Gustavsson and RW Jordin Tootoo on 7-day injured reserve. Released F Jeff Hoggan and D Nathan Paetsch from their professional tryout agreements.
EDMONTON OILERS—Assigned G Tyler Bunz to Bakersfield (ECHL).
FLORIDA PANTHERS—Loaned D Colby Robak to San Antonio (AHL).
LOS ANGELES KINGS—Loaned D Jeff Schultz to Manchester (AHL).
NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Signed F Simon Moser to a one-year, entry-level contract.
NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Assigned RW Cam Janssen to Albany (AHL). Placed LW Patrik Elias on injured reserve. Designated RW Mathias Tedenby an injured non-roster player.
NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Loaned Fs Chris Bruton, Joe Diamond, Brett Gallant, Mike Halmo, Kirill Kabanov, Anders Lee, John Persson, Alan Quine, Ryan Strome and Johan Sundstrom, D Joe Finley, Calvin de Haan, Scott Mayfield and Aaron Ness, and G Anders Nilsson to Bridgeport (AHL). Released F Justin Johnson, D Radek Martinek and G Kan Keller from professional tryout agreements and F Rylee Wetmore from an amateur tryout agreement and assigned them Bridgeport. Returned F Ryan Pulock to Brandon (WHL).
NEW YORK RANGERS—Reassigned D Samuel Noreau and Fs Josh Nicholls, Michael St. Croix and Jason Wilson from Hartford (AHL) to Greenville (ECHL).
OTTAWA SENATORS—Assigned D Ben Blood, Mark Borowiecki, Cody Ceci, Fredrik Claesson, Tyler Eckford, Daniel New, Troy Rutkowski, Michael Sauk and Chris Wideman; Fs Corey Cowick, Jakub Culek, David Dziurzynski, Derek Grant, Wacey Hamilton, Danny Hobbs, Mike Hoffman, Ludwig Karlsson, Darren Kramer, Jim O'Brien, Andre Petersson, Shane Prince, Matt Puempel, Buddy Robinson, Cole Schneider, Mark Stone and Mika Zibanejad; and Gs Scott Greenham, Andrew Hammond and Nathan Lawson to Binghamton (AHL). Returned F Curtis Lazar to Edmonton (WHL).
PHOENIX COYOTES—Named Avik Dey chief financial officer and director executive vice president of ticket sales and strategy and Mike Humes executive vice president of corporate and suite sales.
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Placed D Kris Letang and G Tomas Vokoun on the injured list. Assigned F Andrew Ebbett and D Simon Despres to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL). F Beau Bennett to Wheeling (ECHL) and Derrick Pouliot to Portland (WHL).
WINNIPEG JETS—Re-assigned F Patrice Cormier and D Zach Redmond to St. John's (AHL). Placed D Grant Clitsome on injured reserve, retroactive to Thursday.
American Hockey League
HARTFORD WOLF PACK—Loaned G Jeff Malcolm; D Charlie Dodero and Mike Marcou; and F Andrew Rowe to Greenville (ECHL). Released Fs Sean Ambrose, Brandon Hynes and Matt Kirzinger and sent them to Greenville. Released D Sam Klassen and Jason Lepine and F Scott Arnold from training camp.
HERSHEY BEARS—Released D Mike Banwell, Ryan Kavanagh and Bryant Molle; and Fs David Marshall and Dominic Morando. Loaned Gs Brandon Anderson and Riley Gill; D Brett Flemming; and Fs Dustin Gazely and T.J. Syner to Reading (ECHL).
ECHL
ELMIRA JACKALS—Re-signed F Jean Bourbeau.
TENNIS
WTA—Named Ryan Sandilands regional CEO, Asia Pacific.
COLLEGE
NCAA—Granted Florida men's basketball G Eli Carter immediate eligibility. Named Jon Levin sportsmanship-rules editor for women's basketball.
FLORIDA—Announced DT Dominique Easley will enter the NFL draft.
CONNECTICUT—Fired football coach Paul Pasquaroni and offensive line coach George DeLeone.

GLANTZ-CULVER LINE

NCAA Football
Thursday

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	UNDERDOG
Texas	7 1/2	8 1/2	at Iowa St.
UCLA	3 1/2	4	at Utah
Friday			
at Utah St.	6	6 1/2	BYU
at San Diego St.	5 1/2	4 1/2	Nevada
Saturday			
at Navy	OFF	OFF	Air Force
at Iowa	2	1 1/2	Michigan St
Louisville	30	34	at Temple
at Toledo	17 1/2	20 1/2	W

Other notable performances from the week

■ Midland Christian rolled to a 61-0 victory over Fort Worth Southwest Christian and once again senior quarterback Mason McClendon had a big game by completing 16 of 23 passes for 398 yards, five touchdowns and no interceptions in just over a half of action. Teammate and senior wide receiver Jarrod Koym, had five receptions for 170 yards with two touchdowns and also returned an interception 90 yards for a touchdown.

■ Big Spring rolled to a 45-14 victory over Seminole as junior QB Tobyn Tannehill was 14-of-26 passing for 183 yards with three touchdowns and one interception and added 80 yards rushing and a TD on 12 carries. Teammate and junior RB Hunter Hill added 153 yards and two TDs on 17 carries.

■ Stanton's sophomore RB Estevan Chavez rushed for 187 yards and a touchdown on 22 carries in the Buffaloes' 37-28 victory over Seagraves.

■ Andrews senior QB Shane Dolgener rushed for 188 yards and six touchdowns on 21 carries and was 19-of-34 passing for 174 yards and one interception in a 59-47 loss to Lubbock High.

■ Grady's E.J. Rodriguez rushed for 218 yards and three touchdowns, passed for 87 yards and two touchdowns and returned a kick 47 yards for another score in the Wildcats' 75-27 victory over New Home.

McClendon

Koym

Tannehill

Hill

Chavez

Dolgener

Rodriguez

Compiled by Oscar LeRoy

SALAS

From 1C

nitely needed to win this game," Salas added. "We all clicked in this game. We actually came out and hit some people on defense, got our run game established and everybody caught the ball."

That's exactly what Salas helped to accomplish as the Rangers ended a three-game slide and got the team feeling good about itself heading into this week's bye.

Salas was originally in the mix to replace the graduated Kam Williams at quarterback, but because he's so valuable on defense and special teams, Hanna went with Alex Jacobs-Montes as the starter.

But with the team playing inconsistent on both sides of the ball, Hanna figured that Salas may provide a spark at quarterback, and the senior didn't disappoint as he hardly left the field for the Rangers on Friday night. Hanna estimates Salas played about 90 percent of the plays.

"He played awesome," Hanna said. "He went in there and he's such a gamer. He took over, played with a lot confidence, was relaxed and he executed the offense great. He had one bad play that led to a fumble, but other than that, he threw the ball great."

Hanna said Salas still needs to work on his reads but the coach said that's an improvement that will come with time.

Hanna added that how much Salas will play on defense and special teams going forward is something they haven't even discussed. The Rangers have the bye this week before beginning District 4-3A play at Monahans on Oct. 11.

One thing's for sure, Salas said he will be ready.

"I feel the whole team has my back," Salas said. "We're all pumped going forward. Getting the win gives us a lot of confidence, especially going into district."

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REPORT

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you play slow. Right now our guys ... they are playing fast."

In one half against Southwest Christian on Friday, the Mustangs had 484 total yards and 41 points. They finished with 602 total yards along with the 61 points.

Now, the question will be whether they can continue this level of play for the rest of the season. And McClendon said they can.

"It's a bunch of kids that take pride in doing their job and doing it well," McClendon said. "It's a pretty cool thing to be a part of."

TRINITY BACK ON THE FIELD

The Chargers took last week's bye to not only heal up, but also work on fundamentals and technique.

Trinity coach Antwan Alexander said they looked over the films from the first four games of the season, and found some areas the coaching staff felt they needed to work on.

"We just needed to fine tune," Alexander said. "We really picked up some of the little things like false steps, not going downhill and filling the holes. It was just small details that can add up in the long run."

This week's game against Fort Davis has produced some shootouts over the years, but it's also the final non-district contest for the Chargers before starting TAPPS Six-Man Division I, District 1 play next week.

"We've played a tough schedule as far as the public schools in preparation for our district," Alexander said. "We got bullied in a lot of those games, and hopefully we can take that and flip that when we go through out district."

NO WORD ON TAPPS REALIGNMENT

Realignment for TAPPS for 2014-16 was delayed after the announcement didn't come last Wednesday from the office in Salado.

Both Midland Christian and Trinity were expecting to be on the bubble for where they might be placed, especially in football.

There was no official word on when it would be announced.

QUICK HITS

■ Rankin continued its mastery of opponents with a convincing 46-0 victory against Sanderson. The Red Devils again put up big numbers, but had more passing yards than rushing yards.

But the most impressive stat was the 4 total yards the Red Devils (5-0) allowed to the Eagles during the game.

■ Garden City and Grady also had mercy-rule victories on Friday night. The Bearkats beat Ropes, 46-0, rolling up 328 yards in three quarters. Grady won, 75-27, against New Home.

■ Iraan and McCamey each won games as play began in 5-A Division II on Friday. Iraan beat rival Wink, 31-14, and McCamey beat Van Horn, 41-24. This week's games will be the second week of the first rotation of the double-round robin schedule for the four-team district.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Arlington Grace Prep at Midland Christian, 7:30 p.m. Friday: The Mustangs should roll in this one, and the back-ups could see some more playing time.

Fort Davis at Trinity, 7:30 p.m.: The points could be common in this one, and will be entertaining.

Forsan at Sundown, 7:30 p.m. Friday: The Buffaloes will look to regroup after a big loss to Crane last week.

Grady at Sterling City, 7:30 p.m. Friday: The Wildcats face an interesting road trip, but the momentum from last week's win should help them.

Rankin at Ropes, 7:30 p.m. Friday: The Red Devils are on a roll right now, and it's going to be hard to stop them.

Garden City at Robert Lee, 7:30 p.m.: The Bearkats could notch another win in their extended non-district schedule.

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AREASTANDINGS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

District 2-3A
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Shallowater	5	0	259	102	1.000
Levelland	4	1	134	113	.800
Lub. Cooper	4	1	176	138	.800
Estacado	2	2	100	103	.500
Andrews	2	3	203	218	.400
Seminole	2	3	74	142	.400

Last week's scores
Lubbock Cooper 47, Hereford 28; Abilene Wylie 28, Lubbock Estacado 12; Levelland 28, Fort Stockton 20; Big Spring 45, Seminole 14; Shallowater 38, Idalou 14; Lubbock High 59, Andrews 47

This week's games
Melissa at Lubbock Estacado (Saturday); Andrews, Levelland, Lubbock Cooper, Seminole and Shallowater are open

District 4-3A
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Big Spring	4	1	161	86	.800
Monahans	2	1	55	54	.667
Wylie	3	2	118	107	.600
Sweetwater	2	3	178	187	.400
Greenwood	2	3	149	170	.400
Snyder	1	4	174	176	.200

Last week's scores
Greenwood 48, Lamesa 27; Big Spring 45, Seminole 14; Monahans at Kermit, ccd.; Snyder 42, San Angelo Lake View 35; Brownwood 35, Sweetwater 30; Abilene Wylie 28, Lubbock Estacado 12

This week's games
Monahans vs. Canyon at Woodrow; Greenwood, Big Spring, Sweetwater, Snyder and Abilene Wylie are open

District 3-2A Division II
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Crane	5	0	192	37	1.000
Sonora	4	1	150	96	.800
Stanton	4	1	173	94	.800
Alpine	3	2	177	87	.600
Reagan Co.	2	3	75	109	.400
Coahoma	1	4	56	159	.200

Last week's scores
Stanton 37, Seagraves 28; Sonora 34, Ozona 6; Crane 42, Forsan 2; Coahoma 22, Ballinger 13; Colorado City 21, Reagan County 14; Alpine 67, Muleshoe 34

This week's games
Stanton, Coahoma, Crane, Alpine, Sonora and Reagan County are open

District 4-A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Anson	5	0	243	98	1.000
Stamford	4	1	202	105	.800
Forsan	2	3	67	112	.400
Haskell	2	3	107	147	.400
Winters	1	3	88	135	.250

Last week's scores
Crane 42, Forsan 2; Cisco 54, Stamford 14; Anson 23, Coleman 14; Haskell 20, Olney 14; Winters was open

This week's games
Forsan at Sundown; Seymour at Stamford; Anson at Tahoka; Haskell at Wichita Falls City View; Winters at Goldthwaite

District 5-A Division II
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Iraan	5	0	172	74	1.000
Wink	3	2	105	111	.600
McCamey	2	3	100	141	.400
Van Horn	0	5	42	182	.000

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Iraan	1	0	31	14	1.000
McCamey	1	0	41	24	1.000
Van Horn	0	1	24	41	.000
Wink	0	1	14	31	.000

Last week's scores
Iraan 31, Wink 14; McCamey 41, Van Horn 24

This week's games
Van Horn at Iraan; McCamey at Wink

District 1 Six-man Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Grady	3	2	309	319	.600
Klondike	2	3	107	147	.400
O'Donnell	2	3	222	305	.400
Borden Co.	1	4	152	271	.200

Last week's scores
Grady 75, New Home 27; Ira 48, Klondike 0; Dawson 43, Borden County 38; Sands 62, O'Donnell 35

This week's games
Grady at Sterling City; Water Valley at Borden County; Whitharral at Klondike; O'Donnell is open

District 5 Six-man Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Rankin	5	0	242	68	1.000
Garden City	4	1	247	69	.800
Fort Davis	0	4	61	234	.000
Marfa	0	5	111	283	.000

Last week's scores
Garden City 46, Ropes 0; Rankin 46, Sanderson 0; Balmorhea 70, Fort Davis 24; Imperial Buena Vista 52, Marfa 6

This week's games
Rankin at Ropes; Garden City at Robert Lee; El Paso Faith at Marfa; Fort Davis at Trinity

TAPPS Division II District 1
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Mid. Christ.	5	0	259	17	1.000
Grapevine Faith	2	2	77	89	.500
FW Christian	2	2	93	94	.500
Waco Reicher	2	2	117	149	.500
FWSW Christian	2	3	103	172	.400
Pantego Christ.	1	4	146	185	.200
Grace Prep	0	5	49	196	.000

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Mid. Christ.	1	0	61	0	1.000
FW Christian	1	0	34	6	1.000
Waco Reicher	1	0	55	42	1.000
Grapevine Faith	0	0	00	00	.000
Pantego Christ.	0	1	42	55	.000
Grace Prep	0	1	6	34	.000
FWSW Christian	0	1	0	61	.000

Last week's scores
Midland Christian 61, Fort Worth Southwest Christian 0; Fort Worth Christian 34, Arlington Grace Prep 6; Waco Reicher 55, Arlington Pantego 42; Grapevine Faith was open

This week's games
Arlington Grace Prep at Midland Christian; Grapevine Faith at Fort Worth Christian; Fort Worth Southwest Christian at Arlington Pantego; Teague at Waco Reicher (Saturday)

TAPPS Six-man Division I District 1
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Dal. Lakehill	4	0	268	114	1.000
Canyon Creek	3	1	145	47	.750
Abilene Christ.	3	2	254	166	.600
Cal. Christian	2	3	143	218	.400
Trinity	1	3	90	209	.250

Last week's scores
Abilene Christian 74, Watauga Harvest 6; Dallas Lakehill 70, Lakeland Christian 20; Lucas Christian 56, Carrollton Christian 8; Trinity and Richardson Canyon Creek were open

This week's games
Fort Davis at Trinity; Fairhill at Dallas Lakehill, Paris Romeo Prep at Richardson Canyon Creek; Athens Christian Prep at Carrollton Christian; Abilene Christian is open

TEXASHSPOLLS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Class 5A

School	Total Points	Prv
1 Allen (18)	(5-0) 230	1
2 Katy (2)	(5-0) 210	2
3 DeSoto (4)	(5-0) 205	3
4 Galena Park North Shore	(5-0) 157	4
5 Houston Lamar	(4-0) 135	5
6 Cibolo Steele	(4-1) 95	7
(tie) Smithson Valley	(5-0) 95	8
8 Southlake Carroll	(3-1) 56	9
9 Pflugerville Hendrickson	(5-0) 53	10
10 Pearland	(4-0) 19	NR

Others receiving votes: 11 Coppell 17. 12 Mesquite Horn 12. 13 Spring Westfield 10. 14 San Angelo Central 7. 15 Mansfield Timberview 5. 16 Cedar Hill 3. 16 SA Madison 3. 18 Arlington Martin 2. 18 Euless Trinity 2. 20 Converse Judson 1. 20 Denton Ryan 1. 20 Manvel 1. 20 Longview 1

Class 4A

School	Total Points	Prv
1 Aledo (19)	(4-0) 230	1
2 SA Northside Brennan (3)	(5-0) 198	2
3 Whitehouse (1)	(5-0) 167	3
4 Humble Summer Creek	(4-0) 137	4
5 Texas City	(4-0) 124	6
6 Denton Guyer (1)	(2-2) 120	5
7 Elgin	(5-0) 98	8
8 Cedar Park	(4-1) 77	7
9 Pearland Dawson	(4-0) 57	9
10 Manor	(5-0) 43	10

Others receiving votes: 11 CC Calallen 26. 12 Mesquite Poteet 17. 13 Fort Bend Marshall 8. 14 Wolfforth Frenship 7. 15 Dallas South Oak Cliff 5. 16 WF Rider 2. 16 Richmond George Ranch 2. 18 Schertz Clemens 1. 18 FW Dunbar 1

Class 3A

School	Total Points	Prv
1 Gilmer (16)	(5-0) 225	2
2 Argyle (5)	(5-0) 212	4
3 Kirgore (1)	(4-0) 188	5
4 Graham (1)	(5-0) 143	6
5 Stephenville	(4-1) 124	7
6 Carthage (1)	(4-1) 115	1
7 Celina	(5-0) 84	8
8 Fairfield	(5-0) 70	NR
9 Port Isabel	(5-0) 54	9
10 Navasota	(4-1) 35	3

Others receiving votes: 11. El Campo 32. 12. Shallowater 15. 13. Gainesville 8. 14. West Orange-Stark 7. 15. Robinson 5. 16. Coldspring-Oakhurst 3

Class 2A

School	Total Points	Prv
1 Cameron Yoe (11)	(4-0) 216	1
2 Newton (8)	(4-0) 207	2
3 East Bernard (5)	(4-0) 205	3
4 New Boston	(5-0) 145	4
5 Wall	(5-0) 131	5
6 Tatum	(4-0) 121	6
7 Cisco	(5-0) 97	7
8 Hallettsville	(5-0) 57	9
9 Franklin	(5-0) 54	8
10 Refugio	(3-1) 26	10

Others receiving votes: 11. Hughes Springs 12. 12. Rogers 11. 12. Centerville 11. 12. White Oak 11. 15. Corrigan-Camden 4. 15. Malakoff 4. 17. Cooper 3. 18. Canadian 2. 18. Eastland 2. 20. Garrison 1

Class 1A

School	Total Points	Prv
1 Wellington (16)	(5-0) 220	2
2 Stratford (4)	(4-0) 185	3
3 Chilton (1)	(5-0) 163	4
4 Teruha (2)	(3-1) 147	5
5 Stamford (1)	(4-1) 119	1
6 Mason	(3-1) 107	7
7 Falls City	(5-0) 103	8
8 Anson	(5-0) 100	6
9 Pineland West Sabine	(3-0) 75	9
10 Albany	(4-0) 34	NR

Others receiving votes: 11 Muenster 25. 12 Bremond 13. 13 Bosqueville 10. 14 Anton 9. 15. New Deal 6. 16. Hico 2. 17. Gruver 1. 17. Thorndale 1

STATISTICS

Midland Christian statistics
(9-0, 1-0)

Midland Christian	60	81	86	32	259
Opponent	3	14	0	0	17

Team Statistics

	MCS	Opponent
First Downs	110	44
Rushes-Yards	141-920	171-395
Passing Yards	1,535	409
Comp-Att-Int	87-129-4	29-65-4
Fumbles-Lost	5-2	11-10
Penalties-Yards	19-154	15-136

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
J. Fender	54	376	7.0	6
Gilbert	30	227	7.6	2
Mannix	13	119	9.2	1
Aguirre	8	83	10.4	1
D. Fender	11	53	4.8	1
Eddison	5	21	4.2	0
Glossop	4	7	1.8	0
McClendon	9	11	1.2	0
Angel	4	12	3.0	0
Little	3	11	3.7	0
Totals	**141**	**920**	**6.5**	**11**

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
McClendon	82	121	4	1,488	23
Little	5	8	0	47	0
Totals	**87**	**129**	**4**	**1,535**	**23**

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Aguirre	22	459	20.9	8
Koym	19	395	20.8	9
Mannix	13	240	18.5	1
Little	15	202	13.5	2
Brown	12	196	16.3	2
D Fender	1	18	18.0	0
Lawrence	1	10	10.0	0
Jones	2	5	2.5	1
McClendon	1	2	2.0	0
Powell	1	8	8.0	0
Totals	**87**	**1,535**	**17.6**	**23**

KICKOFF RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
J. Fender	2	64	32.0	0
Aguirre	2	53	26.5	0
Little	1	40	40.0	0
Gilbert	2	7	3.5	0
J. Tucker	1	0	0.0	0
Totals	**8**	**164**	**20.5**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Little	6	13	2.2	0
Totals	**6**	**13**	**2.2**	**0**

INTERCEPTIONS

Player	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD
Koym	2	114	57.0	1
Mannix	1	5	5.0	0
Aguirre	1	1	1.0	0
Totals	**4**	**120**	**30.0**	**1**

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	FG	2PT	TP
Koym	10	0	0	0	60
Aguirre	9	0	1	1	56
Causey	0	27	1	0	43
J. Fender	6	0	0	1	38
Mannix	2	1	0	0	13
Brown	2	0	0	0	12
Gilbert	2	0	0	0	12
Little	2	0	0	0	12
Talley	1	0	0	0	6
Baquirin	1	0	0	0	6
Jones	1	0	0	0	6
D Fender	1	0	0	0	6
Team	0	0	0	1	2
Totals	**37**	**28**	**1**	**3**	**198**

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	T	S	TFL	FC	FR	PBU
Warren	58	0	4	0	1	0
Baquirin	37	3	10	2	1	0
J Fender	36	1	4	2	0	0
Glossop	32	2	3	2	1	0
Talley	30	1	2	0	1	0
Sainford	29	1	1	0	2	1
Jones	23	1	1	0	0	1
Aguirre	19	0	1	1	0	3
Mannix	18	0	1	0	0	0
B. Hooper	17	0	1	0	0	1
Brown	16	0	1	0	0	2
D Nguyen	14	0	1	0	0	1
Koym	13	0	1	0	1	2
Lawrence	11	0	1	1	0	1
D Fender	9	0	1	0	0	1
Eddison	9	0	3	0	0	1
Harris	7	0	3	0	0	1
Gilbert	6	0	0	0	0	0
Munguia	5	0	0	0	1	0
Wolfe	4	0	0	0	0	0
B Thomason	3	0	0	0	0	0
N. Hooper	3	0	0	0	1	0
Galindo	2	3	0	0	0	0
Wilson	2	0	0	0	0	0
McKinney	2	0	0	0	0	0
Tankersley	2	0	0	0	1	0
H Reeger-North	1	0	0	0	0	0
Garnett	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tucker	1	0	0	0	0	0
Garnett	1	0	0	0	0	0
Little	1	0	0	0	0	0
Rodriguez	1	0	0	0	0	0

Note: Tackle total includes solo and assisted tackle

Cowboys can't stop Rivers, Peyton next

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

IRVING — Bruce Carter and the Dallas Cowboys simply couldn't stop Philip Rivers and the San Diego Chargers.

That will be their freshest memory when Peyton Manning and the Denver Broncos visit on Sunday.

"There's no days off," said Carter, a linebacker who was beaten for two touchdowns and another big play as San Diego came back from 11 points down for a 30-21 win. "There's no easy games. We just go back to work."

The revamped Dallas defense under new coordinator Monte Kiffin has been one of the stories of the season for the Cowboys, with turnovers, sacks and other big plays. Linebacker Sean Lee had one against the Chargers, taking an interception back 52 yards for a 21-10 lead in the second quarter.

But those were the last points for Dallas. And Lee was beaten by Antonio Gates for a touchdown and a nine-point lead for San Diego on its third straight scoring drive of the second half.

So now there's this sobering reality: With Manning set for his first visit to the Cowboys' $1.2 billion stadium after throwing for 16 touchdowns in the first four games, Dallas has given up two 400-yard passing games, not to mention the 506 yards in total offense rolled up by the Chargers.

"Yeah, we made mistakes this time, but it's never going to happen again," said defensive end DeMarcus Ware, who was held without a sack while Rivers made quick throws out of a hurry-up offense. "People say never say never, but I feel like it's never going to happen again playing a game like that. That's just the way I feel about it."

Dallas lost with a 2-1 record for the third straight season. The Cowboys are sitting at .500 again not only with Manning coming to town, but with Robert Griffin III visiting the following week. The Cowboys won't soon forget how the first NFL game in Texas went for the Heisman Trophy winner from Baylor. He threw for 304 yards and sparked to the Redskins to a huge lead in a 38-31 win.

While Dallas has been strong against the run so far this year, the Cowboys are near the bottom in pass defense even before Manning shows up.

"You'd like to able to make those stops," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "We had some guys that were out of position on some of those, whether it be through just mental or whether it be through physical. But we were out of position, and that hurt us."

Tony Romo protected the ball well again and has just one interception through four games. The only turnover for Dallas came when rookie receiver Terrance Williams tried to reach the ball over the goal line and had it knocked out by Crezdon Butler with the Cowboys trying to rally late in the fourth quarter.

Brees leads Saints to win over Dolphins

By Brett Martel
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Drew Brees reminded a national audience why he's becoming Mr. Monday Night, and gave the Miami Dolphins another reason to regret not making a harder push to sign him when they had the chance seven years ago.

Brees passed for 413 yards and four touchdowns, and the Saints turned a clash of unbeaten teams into a lopsided affair, beating the Miami Dolphins 38-17 on Monday night.

Two of Brees' touchdowns went to Jimmy Graham for 27 and 43 yards as the tight end had at least 100 yards receiving for the third straight game.

Brees' other scoring strikes went to Benjamin Watson and Darren Sproles, who also rushed for a touchdown.

Sproles' 5-yard scoring run on the game's opening series gave the Saints a lead they would not relinquish en route to their first 4-0 start since their Super Bowl championship season of 2009.

Ryan Tannehill passed for 249 yards and a touchdown to Charles Clay, but his four turnovers on a fumble and three interceptions hurt Miami (3-1).

The Saints have won their last nine Monday night games, all with Brees at quarterback and often putting on some of his most memorable performances in the process.

There was his 307-yard, four-TD performance against Atlanta late in the 2011 season, the same game in which he broke Dan Marino's 27-year-old record for yards passing in a season.

Earlier that same season, Brees threw for 363 yards and four scores in a 49-24 Monday night win over the New York Giants.

The Saints' Super Bowl campaign of 2009 was highlighted by Brees' 371 yards and five touchdowns in New Orleans' stunning 38-17 rout of Tom Brady and the New England Patriots.

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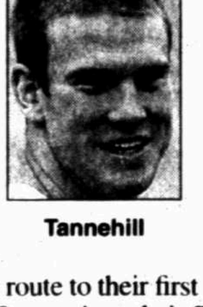
Tannehill

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

Tannehill had a tough night in a 38-17 loss to the New Orleans Saints as he was 22-of-35 passing for 249 yards with one touchdown and three interceptions. He also rushed four times for 48 yards and lost a fumble.

Big 12 up for grabs

By Luke Meredith
Associated Press

The fact that six teams got first-place votes in the preseason Big 12 poll was a sure sign that league would be unpredictable in 2013.

Good luck trying to figure out the conference race now.

Preseason favorite Oklahoma State lost on Saturday at West Virginia. Presumptive contenders TCU and Texas each have two losses, and defending league champion Kansas State lost at home to FCS powerhouse North Dakota State.

Only Oklahoma, Baylor and Texas Tech survived September unbeaten. It'd be easy to peg the Sooners as the favorites after they won at Notre Dame over the weekend, but like the Big 12 race could stretch past Thanksgiving.

The league's first full week starts Thursday when Iowa State (1-2, 0-0 Big 12) hosts the Longhorns (2-2, 1-0).

It's no surprise to see the Sooners in a first place of a league they've won eight times since 2000, including a share of the title last season. But it might come as a surprise to see them as the only Big 12 team in the national title discussion.

Oklahoma (4-0, 1-0 Big 12) moved up to No. 11 in this week's poll after beating the Irish 35-21 in South Bend. The Sooners defense is sixth nationally with just 12 points allowed per game, and Blake Bell has seized the starting quarterback job with a pair of strong efforts.

The Sooners host TCU (2-2, 0-1) on Saturday. Coach Bob Stoops dismissed any worries about a possible letdown because it falls in between Notre Dame and Texas on Oct. 12.

"I always laugh at that, because this happens every year," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said. "It's always the same story, the letdown before and after, and that hasn't happened to us. We've got to win every game, and TCU is a good football team and we're going to do our business like we always do."

Baylor (3-0, 0-0) is first in the nation with 69.7 points a game after routing Wofford, Buffalo and Louisiana-Monroe, and it is second defensively in allowing just 7.7 points per outing.

Texas Tech also has a shot to be 7-0 before their game against the Sooners. The Red Raiders have made significant strides on defense.

Texas Tech (4-0, 1-0) has allowed just 10 points a game over its last three and will head into Saturday's game at Kansas well rested.

Defeat leaves Earnhardt with bitter taste

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Dale Earnhardt Jr. chased Jimmie Johnson around Dover International Speedway, only to see his teammate grab his record-setting eighth victory at the Monster Mile.

Earnhardt settled for second, his winless streak swelling to 48 races. For those keeping track, that's just two wins in the 207 races since Earnhardt joined Johnson at Hendrick Motorsports in 2008.

So as Johnson grabbed that milestone victory, pulling within eight points of leader Matt Kenseth in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship, more than one skeptical fan wondered if Earnhardt had given less than 100 percent in the closing laps to allow his teammate to win.

Not a chance.

Disappointment oozed from Earnhardt immediately after the race. It was in his voice as he crossed the finish line, and he sounded deflated as he radioed the No. 88 team.

"He's just so damn fast around here. I don't know what else I could have done," Earnhardt said. "I hate losing 'em like that."

He should.

He doesn't get many chances like he had Sunday.

Prior to Sunday, he'd led only 165 laps this season and had just five other top-five finishes.

But at Dover, crew chief Steve Letarte gave him a fast Chevrolet from the very start: Earnhardt was the surprising pole-winner and was in control the first half of the race. Earnhardt led 80 laps at Dover and clearly had a car capable of winning.

Then came his own error — one that cost him dearly.

Earnhardt was headed to pit road for a routine stop under green when he missed the commitment cone to pit lane, and was unable to make his scheduled stop. He had to take an extra lap around the track, and the miscalculation dropped him from first to eighth, a whopping 9.3 seconds behind Johnson.

"We had the lead, gave up the lead. Jimmie had the lead and was able to take advantage of that clean air when it counted," Earnhardt lamented. "If I had not given up that track position, had a smart enough race to keep the lead when it counted right at the end, we might have won the race. It would have been hard to get by us, just like it was to get by Jimmie."

That's part of the reason why Earnhardt took Sunday's defeat so hard. You don't have to be perfect to win races, but you have to be pretty darn close. Self-inflicted errors are going to hurt every single time.

Johnson, with his five Cup titles, doesn't make many mistakes. Especially not when the stakes are at their highest. He pounced when Earnhardt erred, and when a debris caution with 29 laps to go sent everybody to pit road one last time, a strategic call by Letarte still didn't make a difference.

Johnson crew chief Chad Knaus called for only two new tires, but Letarte gave Earnhardt four. The No. 88 crew made the change fast enough to get Earnhardt off pit road in fourth, and the excitement in their voices was palpable as they realized they were the first car with four new tires.

Maybe, just maybe, Earnhardt could run down Johnson for his first victory since Michigan in 2012.

"I thought that four tires were going to be enough to get him," Earnhardt said. "But he is just that fast around here."

But had he ever made it to Johnson's bumper?

"I was definitely going to do whatever I could to win if I could get within reach. I just couldn't get to him," Earnhardt shrugged.

The upside is that it was the second consecutive strong run for Earnhardt, who opened the 10-race Chase with a blown engine at Chicago. He rallied last week with a sixth-place finish at New Hampshire, where he led 17 laps, and his runner-up finish at Dover has moved him to 10th in the 13-driver Chase field.

He won't win the championship this year. But there's no shame in that — it's practically a three-driver race already, with Kenseth, Johnson and Kyle Busch in a different league from the rest of the field.

But this is Earnhardt's 14th full season at NASCAR's highest level and he'll celebrate his 39th birthday next week qualifying at Charlotte Motor Speedway, where he couldn't race last season because of a concussion. He's got a lot of pride, and he knows the clock is ticking on a career that has failed to live up to the expectations set by his rabid fan base.

Earnhardt, though, is never going to be a seven-time champion like his father, the 76-race winner.

He's just going to be Dale Earnhardt Jr., a guy who fights hard for what he can get on the race track, and shows us just how much it hurts when he comes up short.

Dodds

From 1C

from 1996-98, and hasn't had to make a major coaching hire since. In the past three years, though, fans have called for changes. Dodds has consistently said all three of those coaches have his unwavering support.

Now, if any of those coaches are replaced, the decision might be made by Dodds' successor, who will be hired by university president Bill Powers.

It remains unclear who Powers will target for the position. But considering UT's budget and high profile, the job should attract plenty of candidates.

Dodds is making $1.1 million per year, and also will receive a one-time $1-million annuity next August.

His legacy won't merely be remembered at UT. A former small-town Kansas track star known as the "Riley Flash," Dodds became an influential figure in college sports' near-constant evolution. Whether it was ballooning TV contracts, rules changes or conference realignment, for more than three decades, Dodds had a hand in it.

"At multiple stages throughout his career he was considered one of the strongest leaders in the profession," Oklahoma athletic director Joe Castiglione said last spring. "He shaped the agenda for what became of college athletics."

During the past few years, though, he's been more concerned about making sure UT's teams rediscover their success of the previous decade.

Countless times he's been asked about when he plans to walk away, and he's always given a similar answer.

"Whatever I do, I want to do the right thing for this place," Dodds said last spring. "I just want to make sure this place is in good shape."

NHL: New rules, new roles, and can 'Hawks repeat?

By John Wawrow
Associated Press

Enjoy the Stanley Cup-banner raising ceremony for as long as possible, Chicago.

Once the puck drops to usher in the new NHL season in Chicago, Montreal and Edmonton today, recent history suggests someone other than the Blackhawks will be hoisting the Cup in June. The 1997-98 Detroit Red Wings stand as the league's last franchise to repeat as champions.

"You've got players moving all the time now. The competition level is good or better than ever before," TV analyst and former coach Pierre McGuire said. "And the ultimate thing is we haven't had NHL expansion in almost 12 or 14 years now.

"And because of that, the talent bucket is full."

Despite that, McGuire thinks Chicago has as good a chance as any to repeat fresh off a lockout-shortened season.

"I believe we can start to use the 'D' word with Chicago's dynasty," he said of a franchise that's won two of the past four titles.

Former player-turned-broadcaster Eddie Olczyk, however, noted several obstacles facing Chicago.

Namely? The Olympics. Chicago could have as many as 14 players competing at the Winter Games in Sochi, Russia.

"When you throw in the Olympic break," Olczyk said. "It's going to be very taxing."

One step at a time, said Blackhawks captain Jonathan Toews, whose team opens against Washington.

"We want to put ourselves, come playoff time, to be that team that can compete for it again," Toews said. "There's a lot of things that play into that. That's our goal for now."

Here's five more things to watch out for as the NHL enters its 96th year:

FAMILIAR FACES, NEW PLACES: Vinny's in Philly, Alfie's in Motown, and Tim Thomas ended his one-year sabbatical to land in Florida.

These were among the more significant moves involving the NHL's old guard this offseason.

Vincent Lecavalier started the ball rolling, when the former Tampa Bay captain signed a five-year, $22.5 million contract with the Flyers.

Daniel Alfredsson, the long-time Senators captain, jumped ship to sign with the Red Wings. His departure prompted the Senators to acquire forward Bobby Ryan in a deal with Anaheim.

And then there's Thomas, who re-emerged last week by signing a one-year deal with the Panthers.

NEW RULES: Untucked jerseys and visors are in fashion. And there's the possibility of the NHL introducing a form of no-touch icing, pending NHL Players' Association approval.

The league used the preseason to test a hybrid icing rule, in which linesmen can whistle the play dead by determining which teams' player reaches the far-end faceoff dot. The rule is being contemplated in a bid to reduce the chance of injuries that can occur when players collide at the end boards.

In other changes, players with fewer than 25 games of NHL experience must wear a visor.

Players will also not be permitted to tuck their jerseys into their pants to expose any protective padding.

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To bring your item to the MRT, come to 201 E. Illinois Ave. in Midland. To mail your information, send it to Reporter-Telegram, c/o Sports Department, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701.

To fax your information, send to 570-7950.

Baseball

GCM Baseball Academy
What: Professional private baseball lessons & clinics covering pitching, fielding, catching and hitting provided by three former professional players
For: Ages 5 & up
Cost: Individual lessons $65 an hour or $40 for 30 minutes. Bulk purchases & group lesson rates available at discount
For more info: Call (432) 425-6108

Private batting and pitching instruction
For more info: Call Danny Jordan at 230-0096 for instruction on mechanics and pitch selection in a one-on-one setting

Private hitting and catching instruction
For more info: Call Scott Chapman at 967-2364 for instruction in a one-on-one environment

Pitching, hitting and fielding lessons
For more info: Call Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell at 296-2438

Private Baseball/Softball lessons
For more info: Contact Extra Innings Midland/Odessa at (432) 617-4487 or visit www.extrainnings-midlandodessa.com

Midland Little League Umpires Needed
For more info: Contact 889-6080

Basketball

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox, 685-4143 or 553-3714

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551

Lunch break Pick-up Basketball
When: Noon-1 p.m., Monday-Friday
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut Lane
For more info: Call 413-0521

Midland Hoops 32 Fall Exposure Showcase
When: Girls, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday; Boys, 1-6 p.m. Sunday
Where: McGray Special Events Center, Midland Christian
Note: Showcase is limited to 40 boys and 40 girls
For more info: Contact Eddie Venzant at 254-6894 or venzanteddie@yahoo.com

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Post 684-5176 or Cactus Lanes 694-0177

Edith McElmore Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

Camps/Clinics

Ten Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure

COM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755

Beginner tennis clinics
Where: Midland High School tennis courts
When: Monday-Thursday from 8:30 to 10 a.m. or 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For: Kindergarten-12th grade, community-based organizations, parents and adults
Deadline: Two weeks before week wanting to attend
For more info: Call Luis Valdez at 570-6245, Brandi at 687-7059 or Elizabeth at 699-6058

YMCA Basketball Skills Clinic
When: Every Saturday
Times: 1 p.m.-3:45 p.m. for grades 3 through 12
Cost: YMCA Family member, free; YMCA Youth member, $5 and program participant, $10 per visit
For more info: Call Midland YMCA at 682-2551

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: Atmos Energy's Fischer Community Room, 2304 Loop 40, Midland International Airport
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbatx.com

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W Wall
For more info: Call 520-6633

Fitness

Beach Body
When: 7-8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
Note: Instructor is Tommy Hindman
For more info: Call 685-7355

P-90X/Beach Body Fitness Club
When: 12-1 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
For more info: Call 685-7355

Yoga
When: 5:30-6:30 p.m., Tuesdays & Thursdays
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
For more info: Call 685-7355

Cardio/Core
When: 11 a.m., Tuesdays & Thursday
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
For more info: Call 685-7355

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
For more info: Call 682-2551

Football

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Don Orren at 631-2395

Ice Hockey

Jackalopes Amatur Hockey Association
Where: Odessa
When: October through March
Who: Youth and Adult Leagues will start Oct. 2
For more info: Contact www.jaxyouthhockey@hotmail.com or call 661-3453

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155

Cardio Kickboxing Class
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do and Fitness Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
Cost: $35 a month
For more info: Call 689-8139

Women's Self Defense Class
When: Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8554

Private Tae Kwon-Do lessons
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8554

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
When: 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m. Saturdays
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 350 N Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 634-9621 or (469) 248-8472

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444

Taekwondo
When: 6-7 p.m. Tuesday nights, Saturdays, 10-11 a.m.
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
For more info: Call 685-7355

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships
For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at (915) 240-1030

Etiquette
When: 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays
Note: Instructors is Natalie Cargile
For more info: Call 685-7355

Poker

Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments
For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up
When/where: 7 p.m., Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woolers & Tweeters; 7 p.m., Monday and Tuesday at The Detour. Players must be signed in by 6:45 p.m. each night
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertournet

Professional Wrestling

Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages.
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 2-6 p.m. Sunday
Cost: $50 down; $35 a month.
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 349-3055

Rugby

Midland Mad Dog Rugby Club
What: Recruiting for 2012-13 season, no experience necessary
For: Participants 16 years and older, need shorts, t-shirt or jersey, cleats or running shoes, watch
When: Practice is 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
For more info: Go to www.maddogrugby.com

Midland Rugby (Bloodhounds) Club
For more info: Call Joshua 661-7147

HHD Dads & Lads Rugby
When: 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays
Where: Cowden Park
For more info: 212-6088

Running

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: $20 per year for individual membership; $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Hailey, president at haileyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0988

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month; first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.; Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter). Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 state and sporting clays
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

North Texas Elite at MSA
For: Boys and girls who are members of Midland Soccer Association, ages U7, U8, U9 and U10
When: 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 10
Cost: $10 per session
Where: Windlands Soccer Complex
Note: Bring water, ball and wear shinguards
For more info: Contact Dave Luckey at Dave@NTXSoccer.org or wcottle@grandecome.net

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com.
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
What: Men's fastpitch softball
For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

USA Softball Jr. Men's National Fastpitch Team looking for players
For: Boys players born between 1995 and 1998
Note: No softball experience is needed
For more info: Tim Lyon, USA Jr Men's National Team coach, 801-244-7477 or Dave Parker West Texas Men's Fastpitch Association, 634-6474 or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Mabee Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards or freestyle or backstroke
For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
For more info: 684-7755

COM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cost: $40 per month (includes cardio training)
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
For more info: 684-7755

COM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic skills for beginners then advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets
Ages: 4 and up
For more info: 684-7755

COM Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of COM Dive Team.
What: Emphasizes is on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

COM Elite Dive Team
What: Highest level of COM diving. Concentrates on perfecting Olympic level skills, national and international travel
For more info: 684-7755

COM Competitive Swim Team
Who: Try out for COM Swim Team, tryouts available by appointment
What: Emphasizes stroke correction and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

COM Adult Conditioning
What: Allows adult participation use of top quality lap pools and fitness room during specified hours
For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Walking Class
What: Unstructured, self-paced class
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Senior Fitness Class
Who: Senior citizens that need help with physical conditions resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc.
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 6 and up
For more information: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area
For more info: Call 432-563-1333 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information

Bush Tennis Center Youth Clinics
What: Tennis clinics for beginners to advanced players ranging from preschoolers to high school seniors. Ages 3-5: balloon tennis, ages 6-8: Quick Start (red ball); ages 9-10: Quick Start (orange and green ball); ages 11-18: junior development, all levels of adult programs
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bushtennischenter.com and click on "Programs & Events" or call 620-8180

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 620-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

WTTA/USPTA Junior Circuit
For: Boys and girls singles players, ages 10-18
When: Oct. 10
Register: By the Thursday before each event
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Contact Lance or Kathy at 694-6321

Midland Tennis Club (MTC)
What: MTC is a non-profit public tennis club for all ages, all levels. Tournaments are free for members. Non-members may play by paying a tournament fee
When: Nov. 16-17
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual dues: $65 Adults, $30 Youths, $140 Families
Call: 687-4046 or 563-1333 to join

Midland College tennis classes
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30 to 1:50 p.m.
Where: Midland College
For more info: Midland College 685-4500 or Lance Armstrong 687-4046

Youth Clinics
When: For children 4-8 years of age (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30 to 4 p.m.) and 9-15 years of age (Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: 687-4046

Midland Women's Tennis Association fall league
For more info: 689-4340

Walking

Midland Walkabout AVA Club Meetings
When: Fun Walks, 10K, 3rd Saturday morning of the month; Monthly meeting 3rd Sunday at 5 p.m.
Where: Fun Walks, vary; meetings in Room 227, First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave.
Who: All ages
For more info: Call Alex Rose 687-2588 or go to www.midlandwalkabout.org

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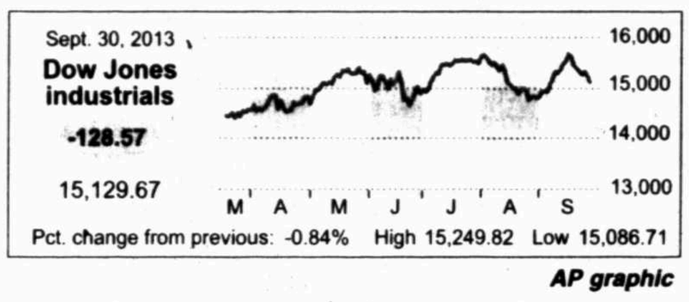

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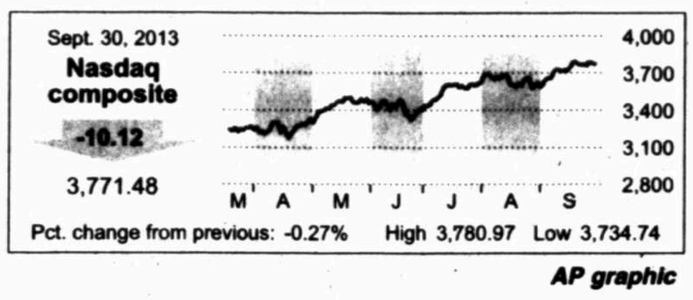

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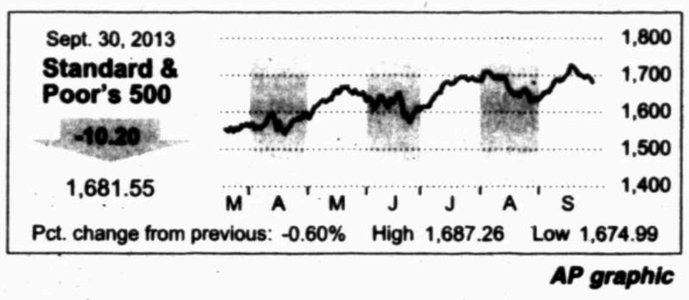

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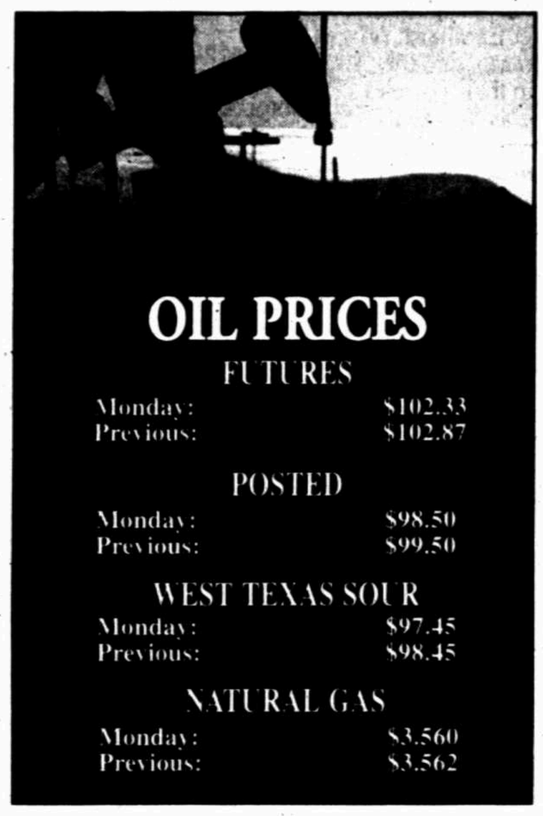

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In this July 12, 2010, image from video made available by BP PLC, oil flows out of the top of the transition spool that was placed into the gushing wellhead at the site of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. The federal trial over the 2010 BP oil spill resumed Monday with a focus on the company's response to the disaster, with millions of dollars at stake as the two sides argue over how much oil spewed into the Gulf of Mexico.

BP accused of lying to govt during Gulf oil spill

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — BP lied to the U.S. government and withheld information about the amount of oil spilling into the Gulf of Mexico after its well blew out in 2010, attorneys told a judge Monday.

But lawyers for the London-based oil giant denied those accusations and said there was no way to prepare for such a unique blowout a mile below the sea floor. Second-guessing the company's efforts to cap the well was "Monday morning quarterbacking at its worst," BP attorney Mike Brock said during opening statements of the second phase of a trial over the spill.

This part focuses on BP's response to the disaster and is designed to help U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier determine how much oil spewed into the Gulf.

The government's estimate is 70 million gallons more than what BP said spilled. Establishing how much oil leaked into the Gulf during BP's struggle to cap the well will help figure out the penalties the oil company must pay. Billions of dollars are at stake.

The first phase of the trial centered on what caused the blowout.

Brian Barr, an attorney for residents and businesses who claim they were hurt by the spill, said BP failed to prepare for a blowout and compounded the problem by misleading federal officials.

BP had a 600-page oil spill response plan that only included one page on "source control." It simply called for assembling a team of experts to devise a way to stop a blowout, Barr said.

"BP's plan was nothing more than a plan to plan," he said.

The April 20, 2010, blowout of BP's Macondo well 50 miles off the Louisiana coast triggered an explosion that killed 11 workers on the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig and spawned the nation's worst offshore oil spill. BP used a capping stack to seal the well on July 15, 2010, after other methods failed.

BP maintains its spill preparations complied with every government requirement and met industry standards. But the blowout presented unforeseen challenges, Brock said.

In May 2010, BP tried in vain to use the "top kill" method to stop the flow of oil by pumping mud and other material into the blowout preventer. Plaintiffs' lawyers claim BP knew the strategy was doomed to fail based on higher flow rate estimates that the company didn't share with federal officials at the time.

"Nevertheless, BP pressed ahead and falsely claimed that it was a slam dunk," said Brad Brian, an attorney for rig owner Transocean.

In videotaped testimony shown in court Monday, former Energy Secretary Steven Chu said BP didn't provide him with certain data that could have been relevant in evaluating the "top kill" procedure.

"If one knew earlier the amount of flow, things would have been different," Chu said.

A week after the spill started, high-ranking BP official Doug Suttles told Coast Guard Rear Adm. Mary Landry that the company estimated oil was flowing at a rate of 1,000 to 5,000 barrels per day. But the company's adversaries at the trial said BP's own internal documents and emails show an effort to conceal much higher estimates.

"BP's policy of not releasing the flow-rate information was enforced at the highest levels of the company," Brian said, pointing to an email that a BP employee sent to BP Exploration and Production CEO Andy Inglis and his assistant on May 15.

Oil falls

The price of oil fell Monday as a partial shutdown of the U.S. government loomed over the markets.

Benchmark oil for November delivery dropped 54 cents to $102.33 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Oil fell as low as $101.05 before recovering. Stocks declined, as did gold and other metals.

After climbing to over $110 in late August, the price of oil has fallen as diplomatic efforts surrounding Syria and Iran eased concerns about Middle East supplies.

Meanwhile, U.S. drivers are catching a break at the gas pump. The average price for a gallon of gasoline fell 19 cents in September, the biggest monthly drop since last October, when it fell 26 cents, according to AAA. At $3.40, the nationwide average is the lowest it has been since Jan. 30.

AAA said Monday that gas prices could drop another 25 cents to 30 cents through December, possibly falling below $3 a gallon in five to 10 states.

Brent crude, the benchmark for international crudes used by many U.S. refineries, slipped 26 cents to $108.37 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange in London.

Gold falls

December gold fell $12.20, or 0.9 percent, to $1,327 an ounce on Monday. The metal still ended September with its first quarterly gain in a year. The metal rebounded 8.4 percent in the three-month period from July to September after slumping in the second quarter, when it was caught up in a commodities sell-off prompted by concerns that China's growth was slowing. Silver and copper also logged strong gains in the third quarter.

MIDLAND STOCKS

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Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $52.47 Down 0.13

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $108.81 Up 0.88

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $32.47 Down 0.41

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $42.64 Down 0.51

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $27.02 Down 0.14

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $6.56 Down 0.13

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $26.82 Down 0.29

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $14.50 Down 0.05

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	1296978	168.01	-.90
BkofAm	973695	13.80	-.10
iShEMkts	873332	40.76	-.48
Penney	578351	8.81	-.25
BanPVix rs	512120	14.70	+.50

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ActiveNet	14.31	+2.91	+25.5
BrkfldOfPr	19.07	+2.30	+13.7
Edenor	4.40	+.52	+13.4
CitiR2K3-14	12.08	+1.19	+10.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AFPProv	82.93	-9.27	-10.1
ChiCBlood	3.80	-.36	-8.7
SunTr wtB	3.50	-.30	-7.9
iP LXR1K	150.35	-10.65	-6.6
RCS Cap n	16.72	-1.16	-6.5

DIARY

Advanced	1,237
Declined	1,834
Unchanged	96
Total issues	3,167
New Highs	69
New Lows	38
Volume	3,162,143,469

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
InovioPhm	51663	2.07	-.09
ChenereEn	48006	34.14	+.56
NwGold g	34927	5.98	-.09
AildNevG	29258	4.18	-.12
Organovo	23857	5.77	-.32

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Ever-Glory	3.80	+.37	+10.6
UnvSecInst	4.90	+.29	+6.3
Pedevco rs	4.24	+.19	+4.7
RadiantLog	2.28	+.08	+3.6
HMG	20.25	+.69	+3.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Neuralstem	2.71	-.17	-5.9
FAB Univ	7.37	-.45	-5.8
Organovo	5.77	-.32	-5.3
InovioPhm	2.07	-.09	-4.2
AskanoG g	2.30	-.10	-4.2

DIARY

Advanced	148
Declined	256
Unchanged	32
Total issues	436
New Highs	6
New Lows	4
Volume	78,286,043

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Facebook	970788	50.23	-1.01
Cisco	371376	23.43	+.10
Microsoft	354777	33.28	+.01
SiriusXM	328193	3.88	-.05
Achillion	320243	3.02	-4.22

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ChinaSun n	6.01	+1.80	+42.8
Andatee h	2.14	+.41	+23.7
AccelrDiag	13.41	+2.35	+21.2
AllHltC rs	27.69	+3.22	+13.2
ChYida rs	5.89	+.64	+12.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Achillion	3.02	-4.22	-58.3
ChinaInfo	5.14	-1.67	-24.5
PingtanM	2.03	-.35	-14.7
CelluDyn n	18.41	-3.08	-14.3
ChartAcq n	9.95	-1.56	-13.6

DIARY

Advanced	1,159
Declined	1,385
Unchanged	91
Total issues	2,635
New Highs	111
New Lows	23
Volume	1,777,377,219

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.80	25	33.82	-.16	+.3
Abraxas	**...**	**...**	**2.57**	**-.05**	**+17.4**
Achillion	...	...	3.02	-4.22	-62.3
ActiveNet	...	...	14.31	+2.91	+191.4
AdamsEx	**.67e**	**...**	**12.39**	**-.02**	**+17.0**
AMD	...	...	3.81	-.05	+58.8
AlcatelLuc	...	...	3.53	-.12	+154.0
Alcoa	.12	30	8.12	-.08	-6.5
AlonUSA	.24a	5	10.21	-.22	-43.6
Amgen	**1.88**	**19**	**111.93**	**-1.27**	**+29.8**
Anadarko	**.72f**	**28**	**92.99**	**-1.54**	**+25.1**
Annaly	1.65e	3	11.58	-.05	-17.5
Apache	**.80**	**13**	**85.14**	**-1.11**	**+8.5**
ApldMatl	**.40**	**...**	**17.53**	**-.07**	**+53.2**
ATMOS	**1.40**	**16**	**42.59**	**+.29**	**+21.3**
AutoData	1.74	25	72.38	-.18	+27.1
BP PLC	**2.16**	**10**	**42.03**	**-.77**	**+.9**
BabsCCInv	1.20a	...	15.32	+.07	+.3
BakrHu	.60	21	49.10	-.43	+20.2
BkofAm	.04	25	13.80	-.10	+18.9
BanPVix rs	...	...	14.70	+.50	-53.8
BasicEnSv	...	...	12.64	-.11	+10.8
BerkHa A	**...**	**16170410.00**	**-1800.00**	**+27.1**
BerryPet	**.32**	**15**	**43.13**	**-.01**	**+28.6**
BlkHillsCp	**1.52**	**17**	**49.86**	**+.12**	**+37.2**
BlackBerry	...	...	7.95	-.09	-33.1
BostonSci	...	...	11.74	+.22	+104.9
BrMySq	**1.40**	**56**	**46.28**	**+.08**	**+43.5**
BrkfldOfPr	.56	8	19.07	+2.30	+12.1
BrownFA	**1.02a**	**24**	**66.18**	**-.97**	**+7.6**
BrownFB	**1.02a**	**25**	**68.13**	**-.64**	**+7.7**
CVS Care	.90	17	56.75	-1.05	+17.4
Cameron	...	19	58.37	-.64	+3.4
Caterpillar	2.40f	13	83.40	-.40	-6.9
Celestic g	...	24	11.03	-.19	+35.3
CntryLink	2.16	18	31.38	-.40	-19.8
ChesEng	.35	...	25.88	-.33	+55.7
Chevron	**4.00**	**9**	**121.50**	**-1.14**	**+12.4**
Chicos	.22	16	16.66	...	-9.8
Cimarex	.56	21	96.40	+.10	+67.0
Cisco	.68	13	23.43	+.10	+19.2
Citigroup	.04	13	48.51	-.38	+22.6
ClayEng	**...**	**...**	**52.47**	**-.13**	**+31.2**
CocaCola	**1.12**	**20**	**37.88**	**-.52**	**+4.5**
ColgPalm s	**1.36**	**25**	**59.30**	**-.63**	**+13.4**
Comcast	.78	18	45.12	+.58	+20.8
ConAgra	**1.00**	**16**	**30.34**	**+.07**	**+2.8**
ConchoRes	**...**	**58**	**108.81**	**+.88**	**+35.1**
ConocoPhil	**2.76f**	**12**	**69.51**	**-.80**	**+19.9**
CrackerB	3.00	21	103.18	+.11	+60.6
CSVelIVST	...	...	26.79	-1.01	+61.5
CrosTim	**2.15e**	**14**	**29.33**	**-.49**	**+9.0**
DCP Mid	2.84f	22	49.66	+.04	+18.9
DTE	2.62	18	65.98	-.08	+9.9
Dataram rs	...	...	2.77	-.20	+39.9
Dawson	**...**	**18**	**32.47**	**-.41**	**+23.1**
Dell Inc	.32	18	13.75	-.03	+35.6
DevonE	**.88**	**...**	**57.76**	**-.95**	**+11.0**
DxSCBr rs	...	...	22.72	-.06	-57.9
Disney	**.75f**	**19**	**64.49**	**-.70**	**+29.5**
DowChm	**1.28**	**42**	**38.40**	**-.62**	**+18.8**
DryShips	...	...	3.54	-.10	+121.3
EMC Cp	.40	20	25.56	-.51	+1.0
EOG Res	**.75**	**46**	**169.28**	**-1.45**	**+40.1**
EmpDist	**1.00**	**15**	**21.66**	**+.12**	**+6.3**
Energen	.58	23	76.39	-.21	+69.4
EngyTsfr	3.58	12	52.07	...	+21.3
EnPro	**...**	**32**	**60.21**	**-.06**	**+47.2**
EntPrPt	2.72f	22	61.04	+.14	+21.9
Ericsson	.43e	...	13.35	-.17	+32.2
ExterranH	**...**	**11**	**27.57**	**+.03**	**+25.8**
ExxonMbl	**2.52**	**9**	**86.04**	**-.86**	**-.6**
Facebook	...	...	50.23	-1.01	+88.7
FordM	.40	12	16.87	-.18	+30.3
ForestOil	...	18	6.10	-.11	-8.8
FrontierCm	.40	42	4.18	-.11	-2.3
GATX	**1.24**	**18**	**47.52**	**-.38**	**+9.7**
GabMutT	**.80**	**...**	**9.75**	**-.05**	**+24.2**
GAInv	**2.00e**	**...**	**34.14**	**-.36**	**+22.7**
GenElec	**.76**	**17**	**23.89**	**-.16**	**+13.8**
GenMotors	...	13	35.97	-.40	+24.8
GtPlainEn	**.87**	**14**	**22.20**	**-.08**	**+9.3**
Groupon	...	...	11.21	-.43	+130.7
HalconRes	...	32	4.43	-.10	-36.0
Halliburtn	**.50**	**17**	**48.15**	**-.24**	**+38.8**
Hertz	...	29	22.16	-.16	+36.2
HewlettP	.58	...	20.99	-.18	+47.3
iShBrazil	1.36e	...	47.91	-.03	-14.4
iShJapan	.15e	...	11.92	-.10	+22.3
iShChinaLC	.93e	...	37.08	-.57	-8.3
iShEMkts	.77e	...	40.76	-.48	-8.1
iS Eafe	1.76e	...	63.80	-.46	+12.2
iShR2K	1.70e	...	106.61	+.03	+26.4
IntegrysE	2.72	14	55.89	+.07	+7.0
Intel	**.90**	**12**	**22.92**	**-.06**	**+11.2**
InterDig	.40a	6	37.34	+.13	-9.1
JPMorgCh	1.52	9	51.69	-.55	+18.4
JohnJn	**2.64**	**19**	**86.69**	**-.04**	**+23.7**
KimbClk	**3.24**	**20**	**94.22**	**-.57**	**+11.6**
KindME	5.28f	29	79.83	...	+.1
KindMM	5.28f	48	74.96	-.30	-.7
LDK Solar	...	...	1.93	+.44	+34.0
LegacyRes	2.32f	...	27.02	-.14	+13.5
Lubys	**...**	**31**	**7.18**	**-.06**	**+7.3**
MktVGold	.46e	...	25.02	-.15	-46.1
McDnlds	3.24f	18	96.21	-.91	+9.1
Merck	1.72	26	47.61	-.18	+16.3
MeritMed	**...**	**42**	**12.13**	**-.19**	**-12.7**
MexcoEn	...	...	6.56	-.13	+1.9
MicronT	...	...	17.47	-.15	+175.5
Microsoft	1.12f	13	33.28	+.01	+24.6
MorgStan	.20	32	26.95	-.13	+41.0
Nabors	.16	37	16.06	-.36	+11.1
NatGrid	**3.16e**	**...**	**59.05**	**-.35**	**+2.8**
NOilVarco	1.04	14	78.11	+.10	+14.3
NwLead hlf	...	...	.14	-.02	-65.8
NokiaCp	...	...	6.51	-.15	+64.8
NvMAd	**.80e**	**...**	**12.51**	**-.07**	**-17.8**
NvPMI	**.88**	**...**	**12.90**	**-.03**	**-13.5**
NuvPt	**.86**	**...**	**12.78**	**-.04**	**-14.6**
NSTFR3	**.63e**	**...**	**12.82**	**-.07**	**-12.3**
NTXQI	**.70**	**...**	**13.48**	**-.07**	**-14.9**
OcciPet	**2.56**	**17**	**93.54**	**-.92**	**+22.1**
OfficeDpt	...	...	4.83	+.10	+47.3
Oracle	.48f	14	33.17	-.61	-.5
ParTech	**...**	**...**	**4.94**	**-.09**	**+.8**
ParkDrl	**...**	**...**	**5.70**	**-.16**	**+23.9**
PattUTi	**.20**	**15**	**21.38**	**-.31**	**+14.8**
Penney	...	...	8.81	-.25	-55.3
PennaRE	**.72**	**...**	**18.70**	**-.14**	**+6.0**
Prmian	.84e	19	14.25	+.20	+16.2
Petrobras	.27e	...	15.49	+.09	-20.4
Pfizer	**.96**	**15**	**28.73**	**-.16**	**+14.5**
PioNtrl	.08	54	188.80	+.02	+77.1
PlainsAA s	**2.35f**	**19**	**52.66**	**-.21**	**+16.4**
PwshDB	...	...	25.76	-.11	-7.3
PwShs QQQ	.98e	...	78.88	-.19	+21.1
Praxair	**2.40**	**21**	**120.21**	**+.35**	**+9.8**
PrmEgy	**...**	**11**	**50.29**	**-1.41**	**+118.7**
ProctGam	**2.41**	**20**	**75.59**	**-1.62**	**+11.3**
PrUShSP rs	...	...	36.58	+.41	-32.4
RangeRs	.16	...	75.89	-1.42	+20.8
RegionsFn	.12	11	9.26	-.04	+29.9
RiteAid	...	79	4.76	+.06	+250.0
Rowan	...	21	36.72	-.09	+17.4
RoyDShllA	3.60	9	65.68	-.20	-4.7
SpdrDJIA	3.54e	...	151.00	-1.21	+15.6
S&P500ETF	3.39e	...	168.01	-.90	+18.0
SabnR	3.69e	14	50.85	-.30	+27.8
SanderFm	**.80f**	**16**	**65.24**	**-.14**	**+37.2**
SandRdge	**...**	**...**	**5.86**	**-.07**	**-7.7**
Sapient	**...**	**31**	**15.60**	**-.27**	**+47.7**
Schimbrg	1.25	18	88.36	-.46	+27.5
SigmaAld	**.86**	**22**	**85.30**	**-.23**	**+15.9**
SiriusXM	.05e	55	3.88	-.05	+34.1
Smucker	2.32f	20	105.04	+.25	+21.8
Sprint n	...	...	6.22	+.06	+12.1
SPDR Fncl	.32e	...	19.91	-.14	+21.4
SunocoLog	2.40f	15	66.45	-.34	+33.6
Suntech	...	...	1.70	+.35	+11.1
TelefEsp	**.47e**	**...**	**15.48**	**-.11**	**+14.8**
Tesoro	1.00f	10	43.98	-.76	-.2
3M Co	2.54	19	119.41	-.81	+28.6
Torchmark	**.68**	**13**	**72.35**	**-.49**	**+40.4**
TriContl	**.70e**	**...**	**18.32**	**-.10**	**+14.1**
TylerTech	**...**	**78**	**87.47**	**+.05**	**+80.6**
UBWV	**1.24**	**18**	**28.98**	**+.30**	**+19.1**
Vale SA	.78e	...	15.61	+.01	-25.5
ValeroE	.90f	8	34.15	-.15	+.1
VangEmg	1.38e	...	40.13	-.38	-9.9
Vodafone	1.57e	...	35.18	+.18	+39.7
VulcanM	**.04**	**...**	**51.81**	**+.51**	**-.5**
Walgrn	**1.26f**	**24**	**53.80**	**-.71**	**+45.4**
WarnerCh	.50	14	22.93	-.18	+90.4
WellsFargo	1.20	11	41.32	-.27	+20.9
WstnRefin	.72f	6	30.04	-.13	+6.6
WhitingPet	...	18	59.85	-.13	+38.0
WmsCos	1.47f	40	36.36	+.12	+11.1
XcelEngy	**1.12**	**14**	**27.61**	**-.08**	**+3.4**
Xerox	**.23**	**11**	**10.29**	**-.08**	**+50.9**
Yahoo	...	9	33.17	-.38	+66.7
YingliGrn	...	...	6.94	+.21	+195.3
Zalicus	...	...	1.20	+.23	+84.6
Zynga	...	...	3.67	-.11	+55.6

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15,709.58	12,471.49	Dow Jones Industrials	15,129.67	-128.57	-.84	+15.46	+11.95
6,754.81	4,838.10	Dow Jones Transportation	6,582.43	-15.16	-.23	+24.04	+34.34
537.86	435.57	Dow Jones Utilities	482.29	+.10	+.02	+6.44	+1.73
9,906.32	7,841.76	NYSE Composite	9,621.24	-62.95	-.65	+13.95	+16.14
2,509.57	2,186.97	Amex Index	2,363.29	-18.86	-.79	+.32	-3.65
3,798.76	2,810.80	Nasdaq Composite	3,771.48	-10.11	-.27	+24.90	+21.13
1,729.86	1,343.35	S&P 500	1,681.55	-10.20	-.60	+17.91	+16.41
18,409.85	14,036.94	Wilshire 5000	17,982.43	-90.31	-.50	+19.92	+19.26
1,082.00	763.55	Russell 2000	1,073.79	-.40	-.04	+26.42	+27.78

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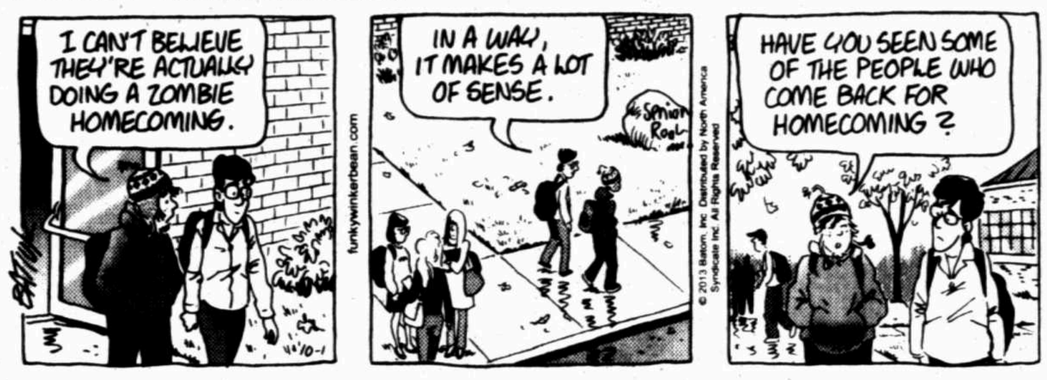

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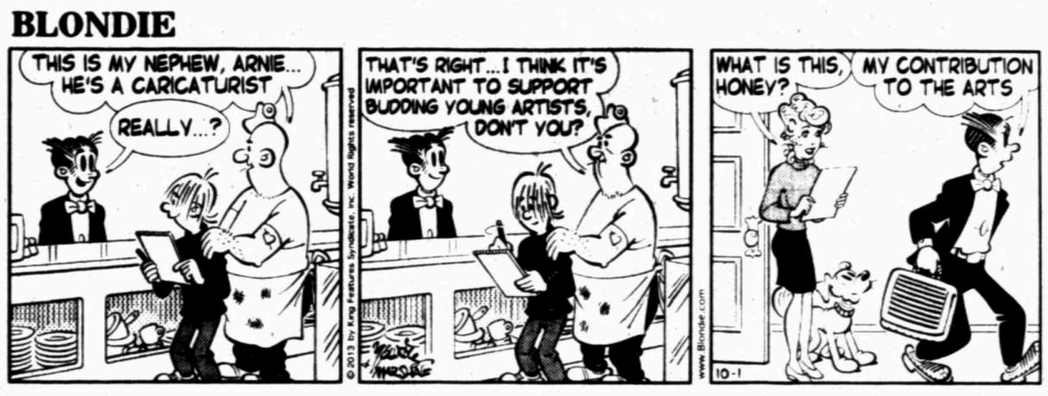

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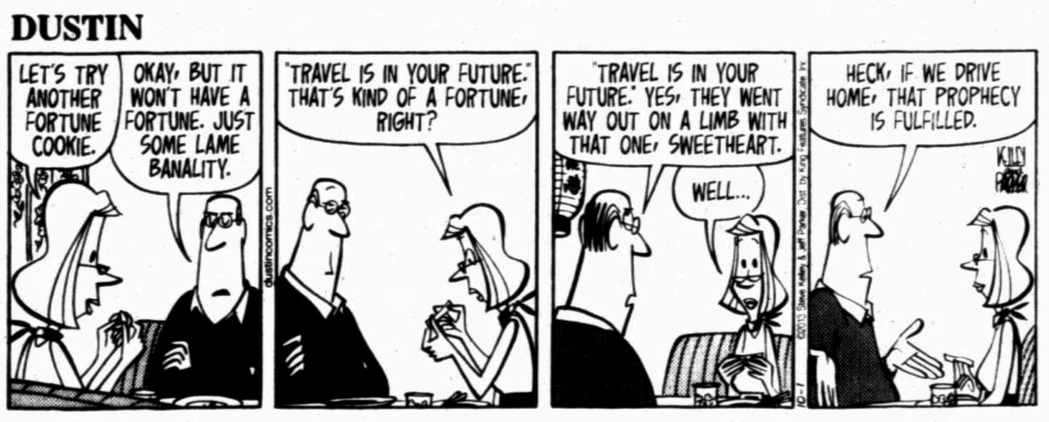

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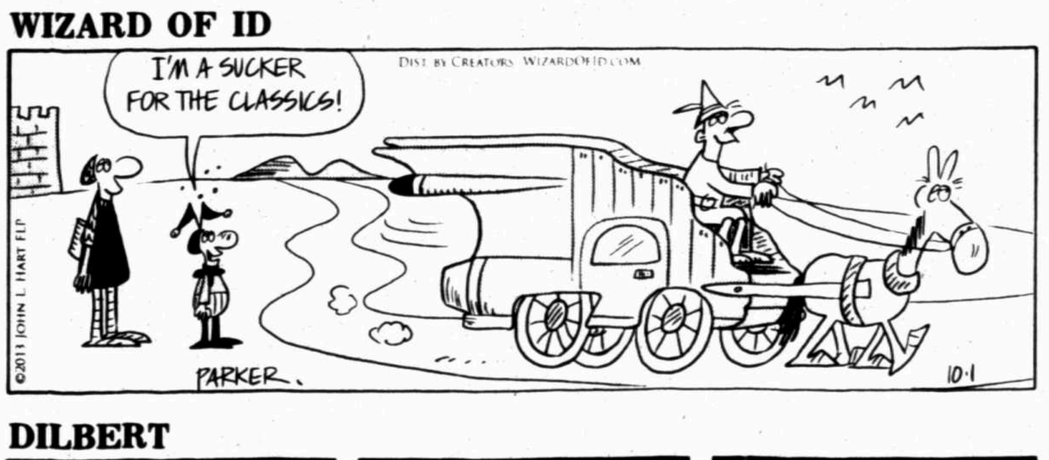

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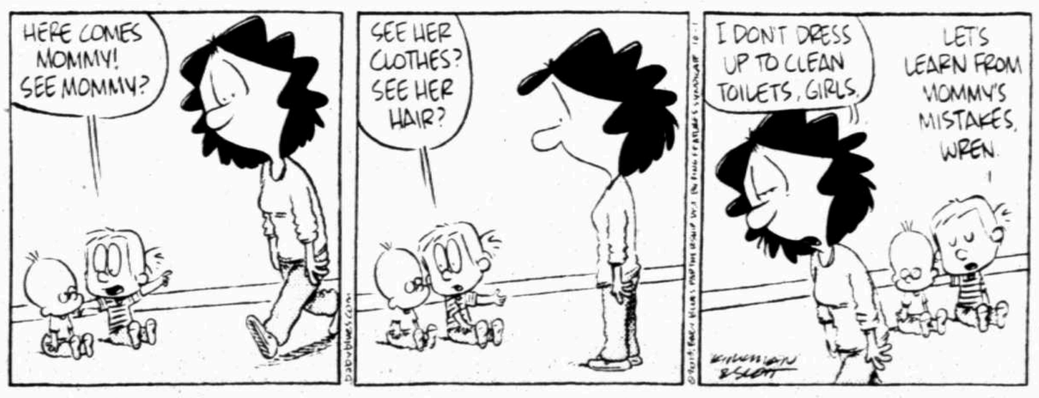

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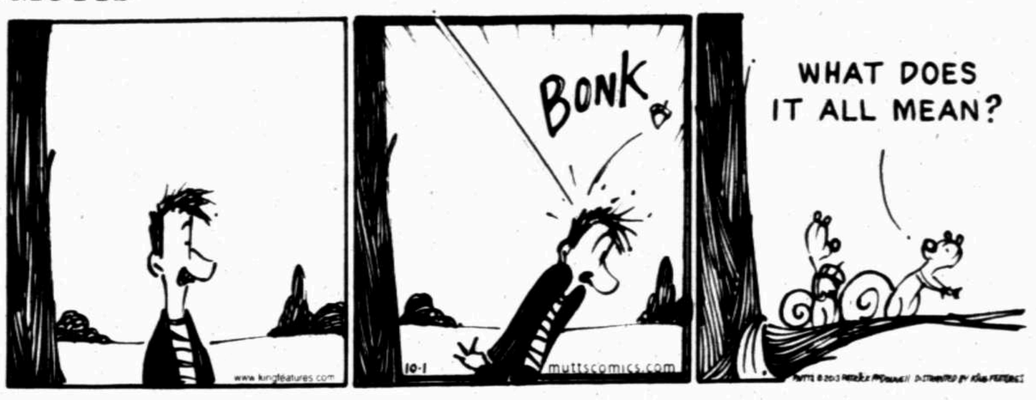

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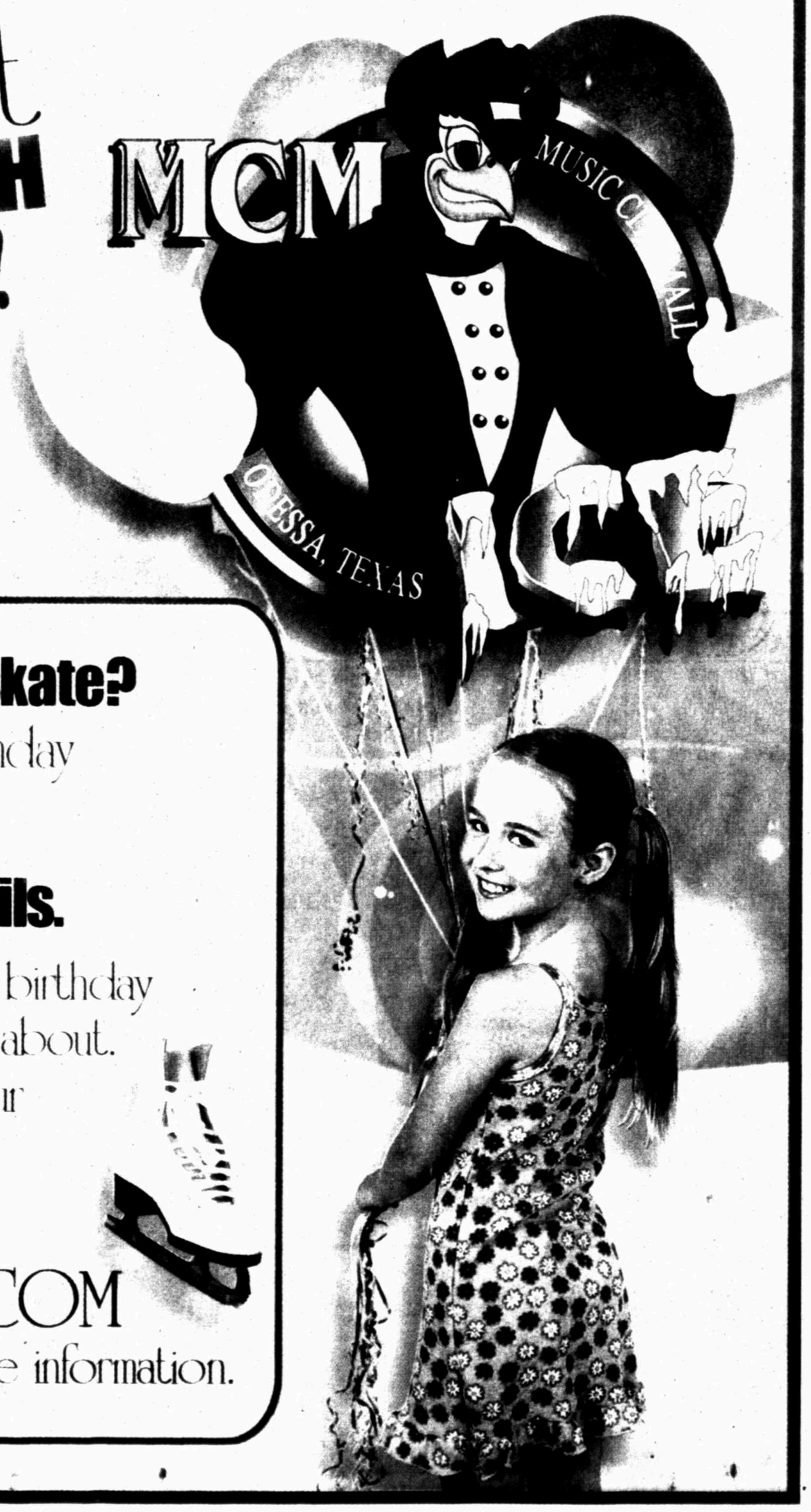

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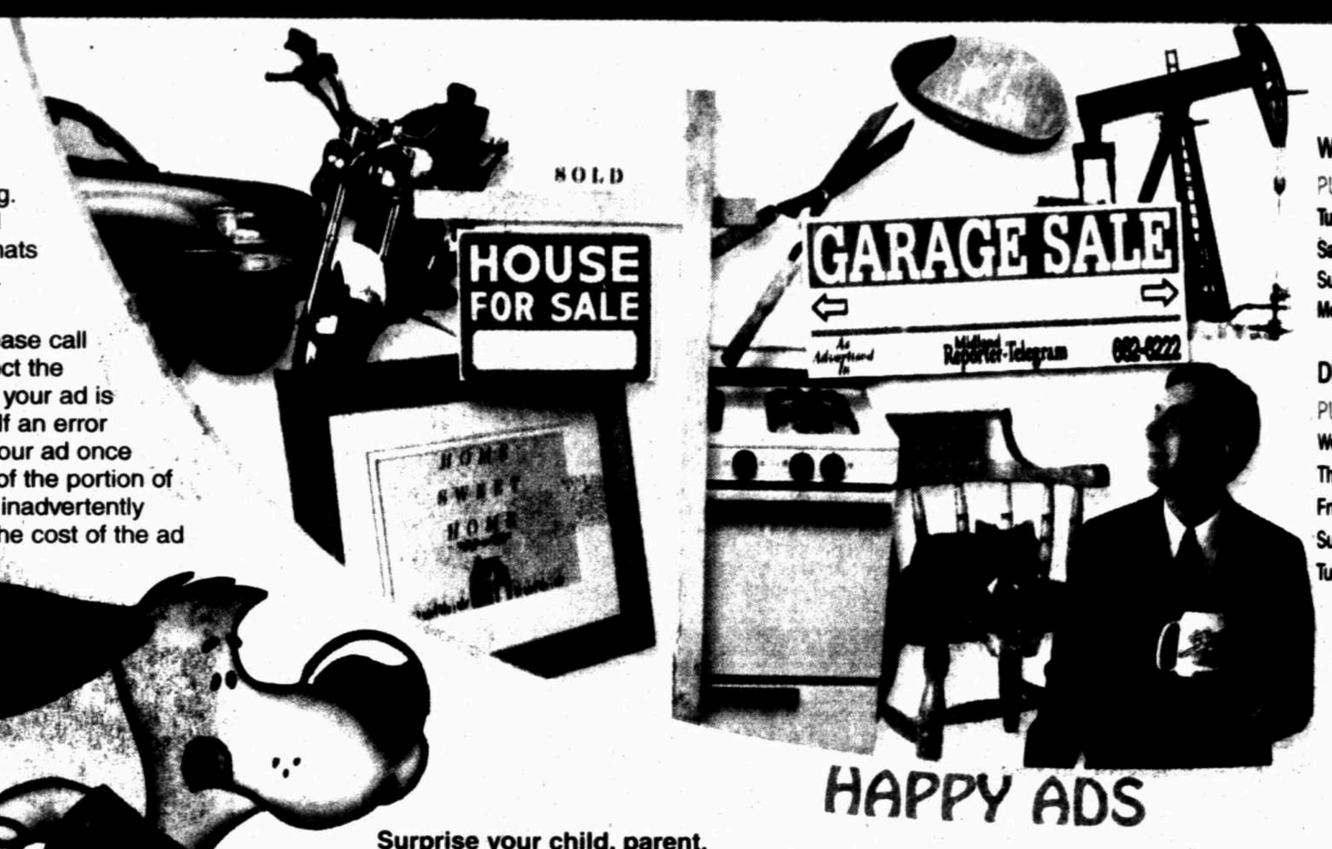

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Notice of Annual Public Hearing on Financial Management Report
Midland Academy will hold the annual hearing on the Financial Management Report on Tuesday, October 29, 2013 at 5:30 p. m. The meeting will be held in room 204.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF Annual Public Hearing on Financial Management Report
Midland Academy will hold the annual hearing on the Financial Management Report on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at 5:30 p. m. The meeting will be held in room 204.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JAN NORWOOD, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of September, Letters of Independent Administration were issued to Martha N. Kelly as Independent Administratrix in proceedings in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, in Probate, styled "In the Matter of the Estate of Jan Norwood, Deceased," being No. P-17587 in that Court, and which proceedings are still pending. All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to present the same to Martha N. Kelly, 1524 Valley Creek, Denton, Texas 76205, within the time prescribed by law.

DATED this 30th day of September, 2013.

Martha N. Kelly,
Independent Administratrix of the Estate of Jan Norwood, Deceased

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

To those indebted to or holding claims against the Estate of **Mignon R. Pearson,** deceased:

Guy P. Hall, having been duly appointed Independent Executor of the Estate of **Mignon R. Pearson,** deceased, late of Midland, Midland County, Texas, by the Judge of the County Court of Midland County, Texas, in Cause No. P17581 on September 10, 2013, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlements, and those having claims against said estate to present them to said Independent Executor within the time prescribed by law, at the following address:

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U12592	12 CADI ESCALADE AWD 4DR LUXURY	$49,881
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U12552	12 CHEV AVALANCHE 2WD CREW CAB LS	$28,981
U12555	10 CHEV CAMARO 2DR CPE 2SS YELLOW	$29,995
U12550	11 CHEV CAMARO 2DR CONV 2SS RED	$29,881
2018TA	12 CHEV CRUZE 4DR SDN LTZ BLACK	$17,881
U12569	11 CHEV SILVERADO 2WD CREW CAB LS	$22,881
U12581	13 CHEV SILVERADO 2WD CREW CAB LT	$26,784
U12584	13 CHEV SILVERADO 2WD CREW CAB LT	$27,881
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U12564	12 CHRY 300 4DR SDN V6 LIMITED	$22,881
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FIAT		
U12547	12 FIAT 500 2DR HB POP WHITE	$14,881
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U12585	11 GMC SIERRA 250 4WD CREW CAB DENALI	$49,886
U12596	11 GMC SIERRA 350 4WD CREW CAB DENALI	$46,981
U12526	07 GMC YUKON 4WD 4DR 1500 SLE	$18,991
U12574	11 GMC YUKON XL AWD 4DR 1500 DENALI	$44,881
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U12528A	05 HUMM H2 4DR WGN SUV	$18,881
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U12560	11 JAGU XF 4DR SDN PREMIUM BLACK	$37,981
JEEP		
U12580	13 JEEP GRAND CHER RWD 4DR LIMITED	$35,982
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U12576A	10 MAZD MZ3H BLACK	$17,884
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M12519	11 MERC GLK-CLASS RWD 4DR GLK350	$26,995
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Midland, TX 79703

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Midland, TX 79701

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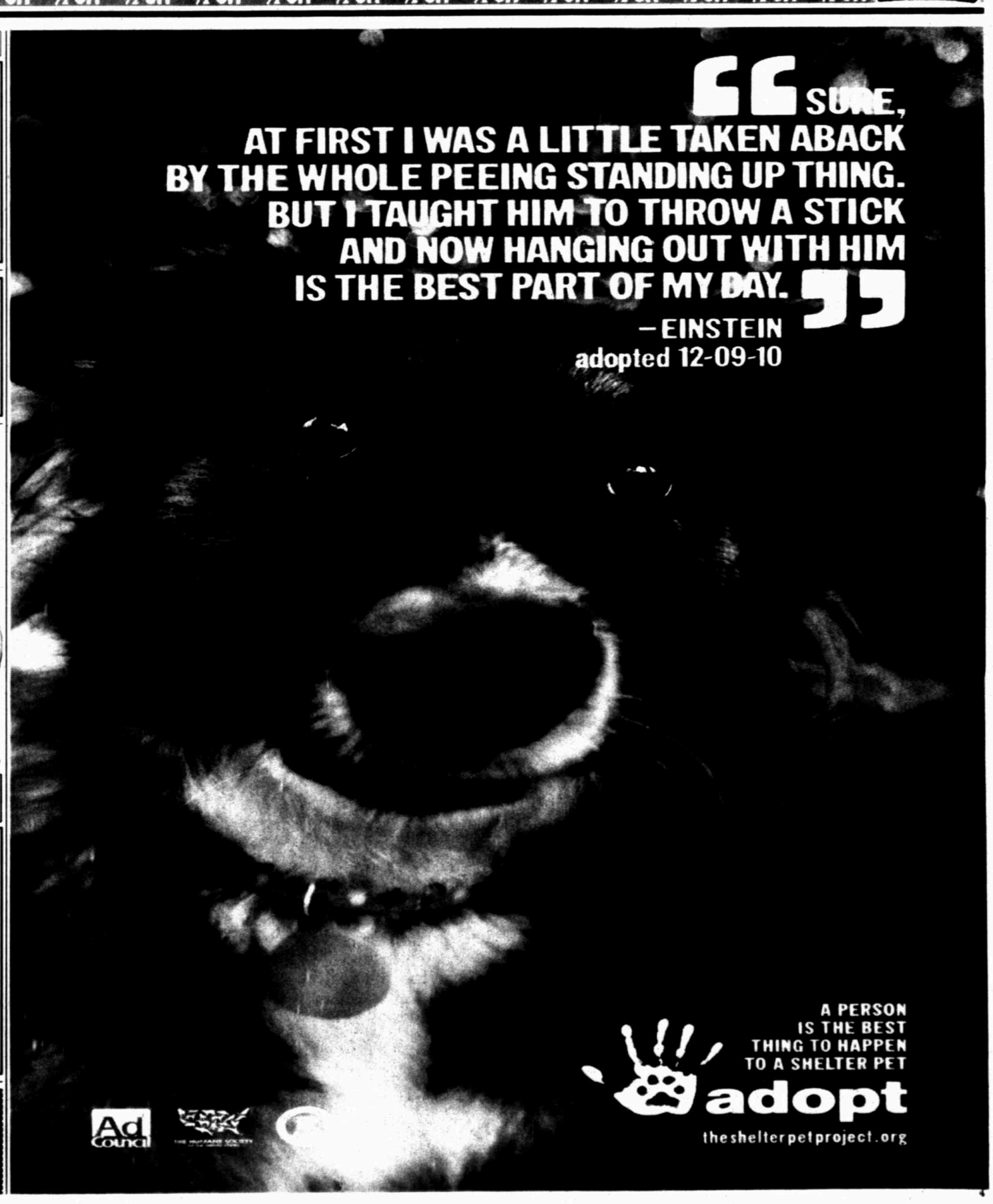

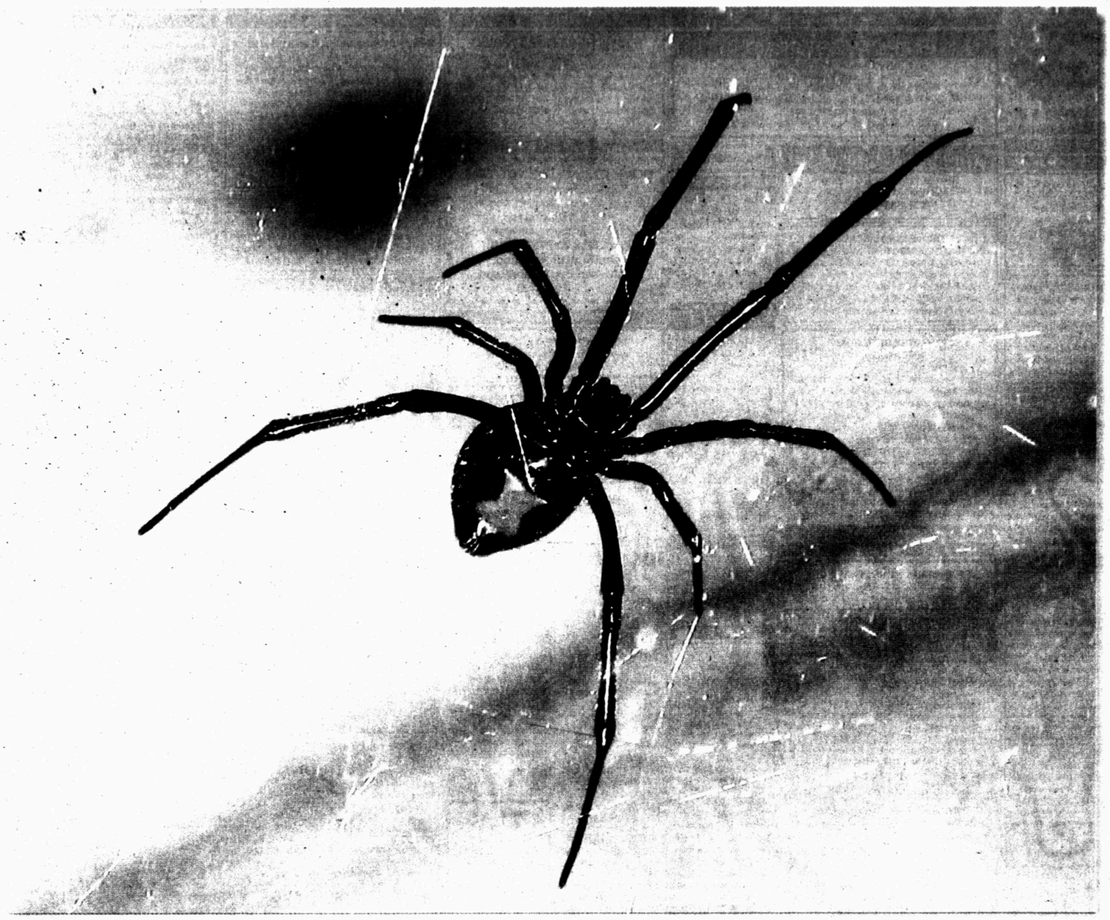

SPIDER BITE

New antivenin does trick for one black widow victim

By Jackson Landers
N.Y. Times News Service

I lay on my back with my teeth clenched and my hands gripping the sides of a hospital bed. A crowd of strangers in white coats filled the tiny room. Waves of pain lapped from my abdomen into my chest as the venom worked its way toward my heart.

An experimental antivenin drug was about to be injected into my bloodstream, and while I waited for the needle to go in, I reflected that if anyone in the world was the right person to be bitten by a black widow spider, I was that guy.

As a professional outdoorsman, I spend a lot of time around things that can bite, claw, stab or otherwise attack me. I have been lucky with snakes and reckless with bears. I have had some close calls with lionfish. It figures that the thing to finally nail me would be living on my own front porch.

The black widow's graceful form and red hourglass marking have made it America's most recognizable spider. The Eastern species, Latrodectus mactans, is common from Florida to New York and as far west as Texas.

But despite their fearsome reputation, black widows are surprisingly shy and retiring. Over the course of your life, you have probably walked past hundreds of black widows without even realizing it. Each one packs enough venom to lay out a heavyweight boxer for days, yet globally only a few people each year are killed by widow bites.

Widow webs are easy to identify, messy and close to the ground. I spotted the first one knitted against the steps of my front porch, in Albemarle County, Va. A little black ballerina was balanced in the back of it. I regretted killing her, but she was too close to an area where my children play. I blasted her with wasp spray, and she dropped out of her web.

I hunted for more to photograph and eliminate. The perimeter of my house turned out to harbor a village of black widow webs. I racked up as many as a dozen little black-and-red trophies a day. Fascinated by our proximity, I sought to learn more about these deadly neighbors.

It could take years of study before the drug is ready, but if Analatro is approved, it could completely change the way black widow bites are treated. Instead of making patients wait through days of pain to avoid an allergic reaction to the equine proteins, doctors could administer antivenin immediately and discharge them within hours.

The black widow is unfairly named. Female spiders rarely kill the male after mating, and possibly only in captivity. The male looks very different from the mature female; he is smaller and brownish. (The hourglass marking is quite variable in both sexes.) Both sexes carry the same venom, but the females have more of it and their fangs can inject it deeper.

One warm spring afternoon, I decided to go fishing for dinner. On the same front porch where I had removed so many black widows, I kept a pair of water shoes and some fishing tackle. I put the shoes and the tackle in my car and drove eight miles to my favored hole.

I donned the shoes before walking to the edge of the water. Within about a dozen steps, I felt a stinging sensation on the second toe of my left foot, as if there had been a thorn inside the shoe. Then the pain increased to about that of a wasp's sting. I sat on a rock and removed the shoe. The squashed remains of a spider were smeared across the insole. I realized instantly what must have happened: a black widow from the porch had made its home in my shoe.

For a long moment, I stared at my throbbing toe and wondered what to do.

Some people are more affected by the venom than others. Most healthy adults experience a lot of pain and recover on their own. But others become incapacitated, and some die. Which group would I fall into? Or had I been bitten by something else entirely? Why make a big deal out of nothing?

I decided to wait and find out before getting behind the wheel. I dipped my foot into the cool water and decided I might as well pass the time by fishing.

Three catfish later, the symptoms were progressing. I felt a warmth in my abdomen. This turned into pressure, which became a painful cramping. There could be no more denial. I carried my fish up the hill to my car and headed for the University of Virginia hospital, in Charlottesville.

I knew the emergency room might not be able to do much. My research had taught me that while an antivenin exists, few patients actually get it.

The medicine has changed very little since 1895, when it was discovered by a French physician, Albert Calmette. By injecting spider or snake venom into a horse, Calmette induced symptoms of a bite, causing the body to produce antivenin. Blood could be drawn from the horse, and the substance could be isolated and stored for later use.

While the antivenin has saved many lives, it carries dangers of its own. Some patients turn out to have a life-threatening allergy to horse proteins. So the medicine is given only if the victim seems to be at death's door; most patients are expected to tough it out, an ordeal that can take days.

That night, I was the hospital's closest thing to a rock star. A parade of residents and medical students stopped in my room to gawk at me; few had ever seen a black widow patient. By now, the pain had crept into my lower chest, sending out waves of muscle spasms.

With all the attention I was getting, I wondered where the good medications were. Where was the morphine? The muscle relaxers? My answer arrived in the person of Dr. Christopher Holstege, a calm toxicologist who had the longest conversation with me that any doctor has ever bothered to have.

Holstege finally explained what was on his mind. The hospital was one of several conducting a study to test a new form of antivenin, and wanted me to be a guinea pig. The drug, Analatro, was made in sheep rather than horses, and was processed differently, so it had fewer impurities to which the body could react.

It sounded promising, but there were risks. First, I could not take pain medications that would mask the drug's effects: no muscle relaxers to fight the spasms that already gripped my rib cage like a vise. Second, the side effects were not well understood.

Finally, there was a 50 percent chance that I would not get the antivenin at all but a placebo. I would be only the fourth patient to participate. Two of my predecessors had received the placebo. It all sounded so interesting that I could not bear not to volunteer. (I was also promised a payment of $60.)

My symptoms progressed as I waited. My biceps cramped. I shivered and twitched uncontrollably. I thought of the stringer of catfish waiting on my front porch and regretted its waste. At midnight, the mysterious substance was ready. It had been six hours since I was bitten. The room was crowded with doctors, nurses and medical students who were silent as the substance was injected.

I felt a warm sensation in my upper arm, followed by the kind of rush that comes from a recreational drug. A wonderful warm flow spread from my left arm into my chest, then my abdomen.

"This definitely wasn't the placebo," I said in a dreamy voice.

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When I got home at 4 a.m., I limped up the stairs and collapsed into bed. The next afternoon, I hopped down to the kitchen to make coffee. There on the kitchen floor, I spied a little brown spider. I dropped a jar over it and captured an excellent specimen of a male black widow, dainty and thinner than its sisters. I took a series of photographs, and then it, too, met its end.

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