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The Samaritan Counseling Center selects its Family of the Year based upon the ones who "reflect the values" that they teach to their clients. Read about this year's recipient, the Johnson family.

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Rains raise Lake J.B. Thomas water level

CRMWD capable of pumping 18 million gallons daily for at least 2 years

From staff reports

The water level of Lake J.B. Thomas continues to go up.

The Colorado River Municipal Water District reported Monday morning that Lake Thomas is now 42.97 percent full, up 31.6 percent full from its last reading on Sunday.

Lake Thomas had been as low as 0.9 percent full one week ago. Colorado River Municipal Water District General Manager John Grant said Monday morning that the lake hasn't been this full since November 1987. The National Weather Service reported Monday afternoon the lake's water is as high as it's been since 1973. The last time the lake has been full, according to the NWS, was back in 1962.

Thomas, which is located 12 miles southwest of Snyder, O.H. Ivie Reservoir (55 miles east of San Angelo) and E.V. Spence Reservoir (2 miles west of Robert Lee) are the surface water sources for the Colorado River Municipal Water District. Ivie (16.9 percent full) and Spence (1.3 percent) did not report any significant gains. Midland is a customer city of the CRMWD and on some days brings in nearly two-thirds of its water from the district.

The last time the CRMWD pumped water out of Thomas was December 2008. Grant said that the district now has the ability to pump as much as 18 million gallons of water a day for possibly two to three years, if needed. The National Weather Service reported more than 27 billion gallons of water have flowed into the lake since Friday.

"This is a huge deal to the region's water supply," Grant said. "This basically gives the district the ability to put water from another source into our system for Big Spring, Stanton, Midland and Odessa."

As of Monday morning, Lake Thomas had risen 33.83 vertical feet and gained 82,770 acre-feet of new water, according to the CRMWD. Inflow into Thomas is expected to continue for the next week while the remaining water in the watershed makes its way to the lake.

The rain was possible because of a combination of factors, Grant said. A cold front stalled out and the remnants of Hurricane Odile provided plenty of moisture, he said.

Grant also said one good weekend doesn't break a drought; the region needs consistent rainfall. He complimented the residents of the region for becoming more aware of water in West Texas.

Rainfall totals from Sept. 18-Sunday

Gail	9.21 inches
Carlsbad, N.M.	3.67 inches
Big Lake	3.26 inches
Hobbs, N.M.	2.31 inches
Gaines County	2.19 inches
Snyder	1.97 inches
Odessa	1.73 inches
Lamesa	1.57 inches
Andrews (1 mile east)	1.56 inches
Midland International	0.71 inches

More on the storms

Read more about the surge of rain that Texas received over the weekend.

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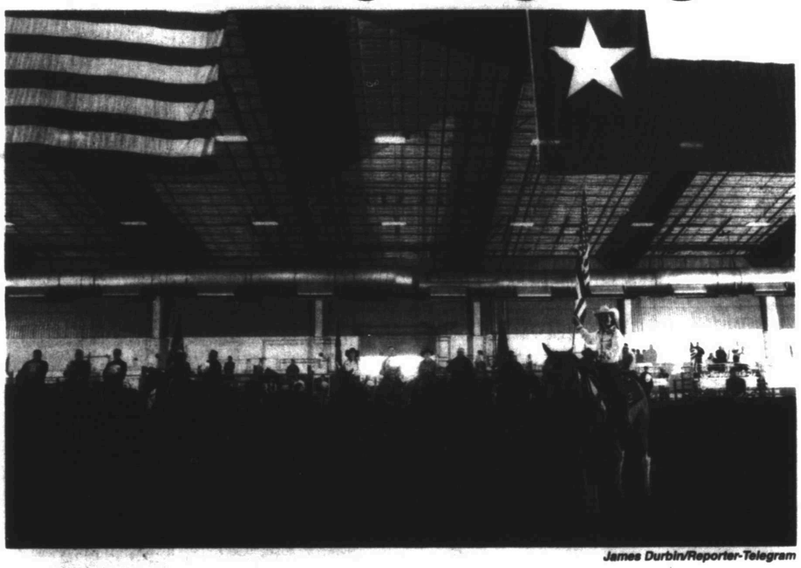
Will Dooley stay or go?



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Courtney Stephens, representing the US Army, holds the American flag during the opening ceremony of the Professional Armed Forces Rodeo Association World Finals on Saturday at Horseshoe Arena.

Renewal of contract for Horseshoe in the works

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Midland County Commissioners voted 3-1 on Monday to start a contract renewal with Horseshoe managers Dooley Management Co. for up to four years, which entails increasing the county's annual payment to the company from $105,000 to $140,000 per year.

The county and Dooley Management Co. are working to renew their contract with each other ahead of the current contract's September 2015 expiration and in anticipation of the Horseshoe Pavilion's grand opening in January. The Pavilion expands the entire Horseshoe campus, adding additional venue space for concerts, conferences and special events so that the older arena portion can be used exclusively for events that require dirt.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Luis Sanchez, the one to vote against the contract drafting, suggested delaying the contract with Dooley Management until after the Pavilion has been opened for three to six months to gauge how much or how little money the company needs, or if the contract should be renewed.

"I just think there are a lot of unknowns that we can't take into consideration until we see what's coming and going out of those facilities," Sanchez said.

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GISD approves $34.3 million middle school proposal

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Greenwood ISD's board of trustees approved a $34.3 million price tag with Lee Lewis Construction as the construction manager at-risk for construction of the new James R. Brooks Middle School building at a special meeting Monday.

Superintendent Ariel Elliott said after the meeting that work on the construction site, located across from the high school on Farm-to-Market Road 1379, will begin immediately, with the groundbreaking ceremony to follow in the next few weeks.

The project is being paid for out of $51.5 million in bond funding approved by voters in May 2013.

Brooks Middle School is currently adjacent to Greenwood High School, and the two schools share common areas like the cafeteria and gym, which often leads to scheduling conflicts, Elliott said. The new middle school will have two gymnasiums and an athletic dressing area of its own, according to a Reporter-Telegram report about board-approved design plans in March.

The new 167,200-square-foot middle school will house fifth through eighth grades and add about 50 more classrooms to GISD, Elliott said. By moving the middle school into its own building, and the fifth-grade classes into the middle school, more space will be available at the elementary and high school campuses, he said.

GISD currently has four portable buildings, each with two classrooms, he said. Six of those classrooms are for sixth grade. Elliott hopes to get rid of the portables when the new middle school opens for the 2016-17 school year.

Accommodating for growth is a key reason for the construction, Elliott said.

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Weather
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Energy prices

WTI Futures	$91.62	▼ $0.69
WTI Posted	$87.75	▼ $1.25
WTS Posted	$78.55	▼ $1.25
Natural Gas	$3.880	▲ $0.013
Gasoline	$2.179	▼ $0.030

The big number
"The Lion King" has made
$6.2 billion
with the ... worldwide gross of its stage ... ical. Page 6A

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Things to do

■ Spanish Storytime and Tesoro Playgroup, 10:30 a.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, www.co.midland.tx.us.

■ Little Chefs Cooking Class, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, midlandtexas.gov.

Meeting today

City Council
10 a.m.
Council Chambers City Hall
300 N. Loraine Ave.

Voter registration

National Voter Registration Day is today. Members of the League of Women Voters will registering Midland County residents 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the county annex building, 2110 N. "A" St.

Fairgrounds meeting

The city of Midland will hold a public meeting to discuss the proposed widening of Fairgrounds Road from Pecan Avenue to Loop 250. The meeting is 6-8 p.m. today in the Lee Freshman High School library, 1400 E. Oak Ave.

Support groups, club meetings today

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

■ 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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LFHS temporarily locked down Monday

The Midland ISD Police Department and the Lee Freshman High School administration placed the campus on lockdown as a precautionary measure on Monday morning.

According to a district press release, the lockdown stemmed from a tip the Midland Police Department received regarding a fight at LFHS on Friday. The tip related to issues that may have arisen this weekend outside of school.

The student in question was located off campus, according to the MISD release.

Youth Advisory Council

The city is now accepting applications for the 2014-15 Youth Advisory Council, which is open to any Midland student in grades nine through12.

Members will assist and advise the mayor and city council on issues concerning the youth of Midland and will serve as ambassadors for the city.

Applications are available at the Parks and Recreation office at MLK Jr. Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane.

The deadline for applications is Oct. 3. For more information, call 685-7355 or 685-7381.

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital has partnered with Medical Center Hospital in Odessa on the telephone nurse triage program "68-NURSE," in order to bring the service to the entire Permian Basin.

The program is designed to help people determine whether or not their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 686-8773.

The program is free and available 24 hours a day-365 days a year. Local nurses are available to help you determine the best place to receive care for your situation. 68-NURSE can help you save time and money by directing you to the most appropriate healthcare option, whether it's a neighborhood clinic, urgent care center, emergency room … or just staying home.

Know a member of the military coming home?

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

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 1-0-7
Pick 3 day: 0-4-6
Pick 3 evening: 7-6-4
Pick 3 night: 8-8-1
Daily 4 morning: 5-7-1-8
Daily 4 day: 3-4-6-0
Daily 4 evening: 1-3-5-7
Daily 4 night: 6-3-3-8
Cash Five: 4-17-26-28-37
Texas Two Step: 8-9-22-34 BB: 19
All or Nothing morning: 1-2-3-5-8-9-14-15-16-17-19-22
All or Nothing day: 1-2-7-8-10-11-12-17-18-21-22-23
All or Nothing evening: 1-2-3-5-7-9-11-12-14-15-21-23
All or Nothing night: 2-3-4-6-7-8-9-11-14-16-17-24

Betenbough to donate profits from home's sale

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The profits from the first house in Betenbough Homes' new Lone Star Trails development will be donated to HOPE International, a Christian microfinance organization that provides microloans to impoverished individuals throughout the third-world, as a part of its Homes for Hope initiative.

The profits from the four-bedroom, three-bathroom house, which sold Monday for $239,000, will be donated to HOPE International to fund microloans, according to Betenbough's marketing coordinator, Claudia Valdez.

"Our mission is to build, serve and impact," Valdez said. "This was another way we could impact the community not only here, but to have a global impact."

The Midland Home for Hope is the first one built in the Tall City and the second one built by Betenbough. The first home, located in Lubbock, turned a $50,000 profit that Valdez estimated funded more than 1,000 microloans.

Microloans are small amounts of money given to impoverished individuals so that they can start a business. The size of the microloans that HOPE International gives out are around $200, said Homes for Hope president Jack Nulty. Traditional banks will not give loans that small.

"We literally go out into 17 of the most underserved countries around the world," Nulty said. "These are the most impoverished places around the world, places in Eastern Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America, and we are working with people who are living on less than a dollar a day."

Homes for Hope was founded in 1998 as the fundraising arm of HOPE International. Since then, 100 homes have been built and their profits donated to HOPE International, raising over $10 million for microloans.

The organization's first initiative was a group of 12 microloans in Zaparozhia, Ukraine. The region borders the eastern Ukrainian province of Donetsk, which has been one of the major front lines in a months-long conflict between Ukrainian and pro-Russian forces and has been a cause for concern, according to Nulty.

But the group has had much success in Ukraine, and in 2012 the organization announced that more than 100,000 microloans had been given out. HOPE International also operates in Russia, Romania, Haiti, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, among others.

In addition to the house to be built in Midland, companies are building Homes for Hope in Kentucky, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and Winnipeg, Canada. The Canadian home is the first Home for Hope to be built outside of the U.S.

Midland libraries receive a $20,000 donation from H-E-B

By Tessa Duvall
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Midland County Public Libraries will be the first libraries outside of California to have special learning stations for the library's youngest patrons, thanks to a donation from H-E-B.

About $12,000 of the $20,000 gift will go toward purchasing two "Play and Learn Islands," which were originally created by the Rancho Cucamonga Public Library in order to introduce play into the community's library.

The islands, which likely will be in place by the end of the year, will provide an extra emphasis on the toddler-to-kindergarten age range, libraries Director John Trischitti III said.

"Everything is so technology-focused and -centric that sometimes we forget about those littlest learners and how important that development is when it comes to hands-on activities," Trischitti said.

The islands are about 2.5-feet-wide and 5-feet-long, self-contained and designed to fit in most library spaces. The stations each have a theme. "Discovery Dig" uses sand play, sorting into categories and digging to encourage hands-on observation. "Big Build" allows children to create a variety of structures ranging from small stacks of blocks to more complex designs. The Centennial and downtown branches will each have one island.

The remaining money from the grant will go toward the library's Youth Services programming, such as Dr. Seuss Day and the summer reading program, Trischitti said.

Kids and teens make up a significant portion of the libraries' annual visitors. Of the nearly 15,000 active patrons, 31 percent are younger than 18, according to data provided by the library. Throughout the last year, those kids and teens checked out 222,175 items — more than half of the total items checked out.

H-E-B held a six-week community contest in May in which voters could pick their favorite local nonprofit to receive the donation, said Midland H-E-B Unit Director Bob Murphy. The Midland and Odessa locations each had their own contest, with Odessa customers selecting "Food 2 Kids" to serve hungry children.

"The folks of Midland made it loud and clear, they love their Midland (County) Public Library," Murphy said. "Hands down, it wasn't even close to any of the other non-profits. Everybody came out in full force for the library."

Trischitti said receiving such a donation is rare, but this one in particular means a lot because it was chosen by Midlanders.

"Since the vote came from the community, it's certainly a special honor for us," he said. "It validates everything we've been trying to do as far as innovative programmings and new offerings for the community."

Library Foundation President Andy Shaffer said the foundation strives to provide a "margin of excellence" to the libraries that they may not be able to have otherwise.

Because the donation is provided to the foundation, the libraries are able to obtain the islands much sooner than if they had to be written into the county budget and approved through the budgeting process, Shaffer said.

Man arrested on possession, DWI charges

From staff reports

A 33 year-old Midland man was arrested Sunday morning for possession of a controlled substance and driving while intoxicated, according to court documents.

Jose Luis Ruiz was arrested after an officer saw his vehicle shooting sparks out from under it.

The officer noticed that a vehicle was missing a tire and was damaging the road as Ruiz was driving on the rim. After jumping a curb on the 1400 block of North Whitaker, the vehicle came to a stop. The driver — Ruiz — got out, stumbling across the front yard of a residence, according to the arrest affidavit.

The officer said Ruiz was very confused and highly intoxicated, his speech was slurred, his eyes were bloodshot and he smelled of alcohol, according to the arrest affidavit. He did not know he had been driving without a tire, according to the affidavit.

Ruiz refused to do a field sobriety test and the officer took him into custody.

A search of Ruiz's vehicle turned up a white powder, which tested positive for cocaine, according to the affidavit. When placed in a baggie, the amount of cocaine was less than one gram, according to the officer.

Ruiz was booked for felony possession of a controlled substance of less than one gram and driving while intoxicated.

If convicted, Ruiz faces up to two years for the felony charge.

UP train hits tractor-trailer; no injuries are reported

From staff reports

No one was injured when a train crashed into a tractor-trailer at the intersection of Business 20 and Eisenhower Drive around 7 p.m. Monday. The crash resulted in the crossings being shut down between Eisenhower Drive and Midkiff Road, according to a Midland police officer at the scene.

Officer Jessie Robledo said that the driver of the truck was going north when he stopped at a red light at the intersection of Business 20 and Eisenhower Drive. The driver thought that he had pulled far enough forward, but the back of the trailer hung out on the tracks and was struck by the Union Pacific Railroad train that was heading northeast, he said.

Robledo did not know how fast the train was going when it struck the trailer. The train stopped after the crash, blocking crossings for more than a mile.

Robledo said the crew will have to be switched out and that the process of changing the crew and cleaning up the wreck was expected to take two to three hours. Road crossings between Midkiff and Eisenhower remained closed until the wreck was cleared.

Wesleyan orders fraternities to become coed

By Pat Eaton-Robb
Associated Press

MIDDLETOWN, Conn. — Wesleyan University in Connecticut on Monday ordered its fraternities with houses on campus to become coeducational within three years, a move it says is not just about bad behavior but also equality.

Wesleyan follows Trinity College in Hartford, which began the transition starting in 2012, citing problems with drinking and drug use in Greek organizations. It also comes less than a month after Wesleyan closed the Beta Theta Pi fraternity house after a woman attending a party there was seriously injured after falling from a third-floor window.

But school spokeswoman Kate Carlisle said the changes are not a response to any one incident.

"This has been the subject of ongoing concern and discussion among the people in the administration, the school community, the alumni community and so forth for a number of years," she said.

The decision was announced in a letter to the university community from President Michael Roth and trustees Chairman Joshua Boger. It requires Greek organizations with houses on campus to have both male and female members and to have each gender "well represented" in their organizational leadership to qualify for housing on campus and the use of university spaces.

"Our residential Greek organizations inspire loyalty, community and independence. That's why all our students should be eligible to join them," Roth and Boger wrote. "Although this change does not affect nonresidential organizations, we are hopeful that groups across the University will continue to work together to create a more inclusive, equitable and safer campus."

Peter Smithhisler, the chief executive of the North-American Interfraternity Conference, said any school that dictates what type of organizations students can join is "inhibiting fundamental principles of freedom of expression and freedom of association upon which our country is premised and upon which it functions."

"It is essential that fraternities be allowed to decide for themselves if they wish to offer co-ed membership," said Smithhisler, whose trade association represents 74 male fraternities.

Smithhisler said Trinity and Wesleyan are the only two schools he knows of that have mandated fraternities be coed.

Wesleyan, a private liberal arts school in Middletown, has about 2,900 undergraduate, and 200 graduate students. It is well known for its progressive student body and faculty, satirized under a pseudonym in the 1994 movie "P.C.U.," which was written by two former Wesleyan students.

The school has no residential sororities and just two active all-male residential fraternities — Delta Kappa Epsilon and Psi Upsilon. Neither immediately responded to requests for comment.

Wesleyan has several non-residential fraternities and one non-residential sorority, Rho Epsilon that are not affected by the policy change. Another fraternity, Alpha Delta Phi, has been coeducational for several decades, Carlisle said. Roth was the president of that organization when he was a student at Wesleyan in the 1970s, Carlisle said.

Trinity's move also followed several high-profile incidents involving fraternities and a report that found increased drug and alcohol use among members of single-sex Greek organizations.

GISD

From 1A

GISD began its 2013 school year with 1,912 students and rose to 2,047 by May 2014. As of Monday, GISD has 2,159 students.

Greenwood currently employs 123 classroom teachers for the 2014-15 school year, which is an increase of 7 from last year, Elliott said. This year marked the first time GISD has needed to add staff at that high of a level, he said.

GISD trustees also approved naming the football field after Bob and Patti Purser. The Pursers will be honored on Nov. 7 at the last home game of the season. Bob Purser retired as Greenwood's athletic director and head football coach in 2005, according to Reporter-Telegram archives. In 2002, Purser coached the Rangers to the Class 3A state title game.

The Greenwood stadium will retain the JM King Memorial Stadium name.

CONTRACT

From 1A

To counterpoint, Precinct 1 Commissioner Jimmy Smith said if the Pavilion does not have all the equipment it needs before its grand opening, then the county is "going to look really bad."

"This is the only way to do this," Smith said. "He (Dooley Management Co. President Mike Dooley) didn't know four years ago he was going to have this facility."

Sanchez pointed out to the commissioners and those at the meeting that the $105,000 to $140,000 jump is a 33 percent increase. He added that, upon examination of the current contract, the county has not been saving any money.

Sanchez made clear he was not opposed to Dooley Management Co. and wants the Pavilion to open and be successful, but the matter he wanted to address was fiscal responsibility.

The other issue Sanchez had, brought up first by Midlander Carla Repman during a public comment inquiry, was why the contract does not go through a bidding process.

To respond to non-bidding concerns by Repman, County Judge Mike Bradford said there have been other companies interested in managing the Horseshoe, but all were from out of state, in contrast to Dooley Management staff being in Midland.

"I have no interest in dealing with people from out-of-state on a facility here," Bradford said. "Second, in my view, Mr. Dooley has done nothing to discredit his management techniques or style that have been very successful for this county."

Dooley Management Co., particularly Dooley himself, has experience that has "served us (the county) well," Bradford said.

The commissioners will vote again on a drafted contract at a future Commissioners Court meeting.

In other county news:

Commissioners unanimously voted to rescind the countywide burn ban on Monday after the torrential rainfaill from the weekend.

The National Weather Service reported about 2.52 inches of rain at Midland Airpark on Sunday, and the Colorado River Municipal Water District announced on Monday that Lake J.B. Thomas, one of its water sources, is nearly 43 percent full, the most it has been since Nov. 1987.

The Midland County ban went into effect May 27.

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UTPB fall enrollment increases 8.6 percent

From staff reports

ODESSA — Fall enrollment for the University of Texas of the Permian Basin is at a record-high 5,565 students — an 8.6 percent increase in number of students and a 4.4 percent increase in student course hours over the 2013 fall enrollment.

Resident freshmen are up 36 percent, and transfers are up 7 percent, according to a press release from the university.

Among the programs with a significant increase in enrollment are petroleum engineering (up 95 percent) and mechanical engineering (up 32 percent). The BAAS (Bachelor of Applied Arts and Science) is up 80 percent. This program offers career advancement opportunities to students who have already earned an associate of applied science.

In the College of Education, the Fast Track to Teaching program — which offers students a convenient transition to teaching — is up 72 percent.

Enrollment for the new Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) is up 236 percent and for the pre-nursing program is up 45 percent.

"Our goal has always been to offer a high quality education to our students at a cost they could afford," said David Watts, president of UTPB. "I want to recognize the hard work of our faculty and staff for their ongoing efforts and innovative approaches to improve student access and success while enhancing excellence in the classroom."

The first school in Texas to offer a $10,000 bachelor's degree in select majors, UTPB now has been recognized as the second least expensive Texas public, four-year institution for all college expenses, including tuition and fees, according to a College for All Texans' report.

Fate of Texas' tough voter ID law in judge's hands

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

CORPUS CHRISTI — The fate of Texas' tough voter ID law moved into the hands of a federal judge Monday, following a trial that the U.S. Justice Department said exposed another chapter in the state's troubling history of discrimination in elections.

State attorneys defending the law signed by Republican Gov. Rick Perry in 2011 urged the judge to follow other courts by upholding photo identification requirements. The most recent such case came this month when a federal appeals panel reinstated Wisconsin's law in time for Election Day.

Whether Texas will also get a ruling before then is unclear. U.S. District Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos ended the two-week trial in Corpus Christi without signaling when she'll make a decision, meaning that as of now, an estimated 13.6 million registered Texas voters will need a photo ID to cast a ballot in November.

The U.S. Justice Department, which is fighting the law, began closing arguments by flashing onto a projection screen how many eligible voters it says lack an acceptable form of ID: 608,470, a revised lower number than what the DOJ and other law opponents said when the trial began. It also argued that black residents in Texas are four times as likely not to have an ID as white residents, with Hispanics being three times as likely not to have an ID. Both minority groups are traditionally Democratic voters.

"It imposes punishing costs. The burden is far beyond what is usual to vote, and under the circumstances, unsupportable," said Richard Dellheim, a Justice Department attorney.

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder took the unusual step of bringing the weight of his federal office into Texas after the U.S. Supreme Court last year struck down the heart of the U.S. Voting Rights Act, which blocked Texas and eight other states with histories of discrimination from changing their election laws without approval from the DOJ or a federal court. Prior to that landmark ruling, Texas had been barred from enforcing voter ID.

REGIONALWEATHER

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LUBBOCK

Torrential rains have battered West Texas

Torrential rains from the remnants of Hurricane Odile have battered West Texas, and police said Monday they were investigating whether the death of a woman in El Paso was related to the flooding.

Rainfall amounts across Texas in the past week have ranged from 2 inches to as much as 14 inches. The greatest amount was recorded over a four-day period in a community about 70 miles southeast of Lubbock. Parts of El Paso got about 5 inches of rain from Sunday night into Monday morning.

El Paso police spokesman Darrel Petry said investigators are looking into an early morning traffic accident in which the woman's car hit a curb and went into a flooded ditch. It hasn't been determined if she died from the incident or drowned while in the ditch, he said.

Some high-water rescues were also reported in El Paso, a fire official there said. Other towns and cities experienced local street flooding.

More rain is expected across West Texas in the coming days, but nothing like what has fallen in the past four days, weather officials said.

Meteorologist John Lipe with the National Weather Service in Lubbock said in an email that Lake JB Thomas about 110 miles southeast of Lubbock went from just 0.9 percent full before the rains to 41.6 percent full afterward and is believed to be now holding more water than it has since 1973. Lake Alan Henry, about 55 miles southeast of Lubbock, was 56.6 percent full before the rains and on Monday was 76 percent full afterward.

"It was a very good rain for everybody," said Justin Weaver, another meteorologist with the weather service's Lubbock office.

On Sept. 17, the combined storage of the Highland Lakes around Austin, Lake Travis and Lake Buchanan, which serve about 1 million people, as well as businesses and industry and agriculture when water is available, was at the lowest level of the year. Rainfall later on Sept. 17 and into Sept. 18 added a combined 20,000 acre-feet to the lakes, or about 6.5 billion gallons.

The rains were the result of upper-level moisture from the hurricane's remnants, combined with a very moist air mass from the Gulf of Mexico in lower levels of the atmosphere. The result was an oversaturated air mass that made for heavy rains in a swath from southeast New Mexico and West Texas through the Austin area and into Houston.

NEW MEXICO

24 spend night in Carlsbad shelter due to flooding

CARLSBAD — Some Carlsbad residents spent part of the night in a shelter after authorities went door to door early Monday warning them to leave because of Pecos River flooding, while dozens of area roads were closed.

The floodwaters began receding later in the morning, and authorities said dams along the river were working properly.

Bureau of Reclamation officials said Brantley Reservoir, some 10 miles north of Carlsbad, was holding about 59,000 acre-feet of water. The reservoir's flood capacity is about 1 million acre-feet, so officials said there was plenty of room to continue capturing any inflow. An acre foot is nearly 326,000 gallons, or enough to cover a football field with a foot of water.

The bureau shut down releases from Brantley late last week in anticipation of the storms.

Eddy County emergency center spokesman Kenny Rayroux said the Pecos River, which runs through Carlsbad, was receding after cresting at about 3:30 a.m. Monday. He was not immediately available to provide details on flooding or the river depth.

STATEBRIEFS

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BROWNSVILLE

SpaceX breaks ground on Texas rocket launch site

The commercial rocket launches that could begin as early as 2016 in the southernmost tip of Texas will be a critical step toward one day establishing a human presence on Mars, SpaceX founder and CEO Elon Musk said Monday.

With waves from the Gulf of Mexico crashing just over the dunes and crabs skittering around a tent erected for the groundbreaking, Musk said he expects SpaceX to invest $100 million in the world's first commercial orbital spaceport during the next three to four years.

The commercial satellite launch revenue Musk anticipates generating at the Boca Chica Beach site east of Brownsville will fuel California-based SpaceX's real objective. "The long-term goal is to create technology necessary to take humanity beyond Earth," Musk said. "To take humanity to Mars and establish a base on Mars. So it could very well be that the first person that departs for another planet will depart from this location."

Beginning as early as the third quarter of 2016, Musk said he expects the spaceport to handle at least 12 rocket launches per year. SpaceX will continue using government launch sites in Florida and California, but Musk said its manifest would outpace the available launch windows at those existing sites.

EL PASO

TB tests for babies when hospital worker diagnosed

Health officials in West Texas have begun testing some babies for tuberculosis after the revelation that more than 700 infants at an El Paso hospital were exposed to a worker found to have the disease.

The children may have been exposed at a nursery in the Providence Memorial Hospital of El Paso between September 2013 and last month, when a health care worker tested positive for TB. Local health authorities declined to say Monday how many children have come in for testing.

Armando Saldivar, spokesman for the El Paso Department of Public Health, said officials used guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to determine how far back to test people who could have been exposed to the disease. "We took the date of first signs and symptoms (of the health care worker) and went back three months to determine who is considered 'exposed,'" he said.

Saldivar said local health officials do not know why the worker was not tested by the hospital until Aug. 21 if the person had symptoms as early as December. Also, officials are still investigating how and when the worker became infected, Saldivar said.

AUSTIN

Perry asks to miss court date, cites overseas trip

Attorneys for indicted Texas Gov. Rick Perry asked Monday that the Republican be allowed to skip his next court appearance because he'll be out the country — and that he not be forced to attend subsequent pretrial hearings where no evidence is presented.

In a five-page motion, Perry's defense team asked a judge to excuse the governor from a hearing scheduled for Oct. 13 due to "long-standing plans to be in Europe" for an Oct. 12-19 tour to encourage foreign investment in Texas.

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DELAWARE

NTSB investigating fatal Delaware bus crash

NEW CASTLE — An independent federal agency is casting a wide net as it investigates the cause of a bus crash that killed two passengers and injured dozens more when it toppled over on a Delaware highway.

The National Transportation Safety Board announced Monday that it was opening an investigation into the Sunday wreck, which involved no other vehicles. State police said drugs and alcohol did not play a role.

Forty-nine passengers were on the bus as it drove onto a curved exit ramp and overturned in New Castle in northern Delaware, according to state police. The bus slid on its roof down a grass embankment and came to rest on its left side, police said.

Hua'y Chen, a 54-year-old woman from New York City, was found under the bus and pronounced dead at the scene, state police spokesman Sgt. Paul Shavack said. Idil Bahsi, a 30-year-old woman from Istanbul, Turkey, was taken to a hospital and died Sunday night.

Other passengers were taken to hospitals for injuries varying in severity. As of Monday afternoon, 20 patients were still receiving care at Christiana Hospital in Newark, with one in critical condition, according to hospital spokesman Hiran Ratnayake.

Shavack said investigators are still trying to determine the primary factor that contributed to the crash, which could include speed, driver distraction, driver fatigue and mechanical issues. According to federal regulations, bus drivers are authorized to be on duty for up to 70 hours in an eight-day period.

State police investigators have interviewed the bus driver, 56-year-old Jinli Zhao, who was not critically injured, authorities said, because he was wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash. The vehicle, a 1996 Setra Touring Coach Bus, does not have seatbelts on passenger seats, according to a representative for the manufacturer.

VIRGINIA

Focus on UVa employee in student's disappearance

CHARLOTTESVILLE — Officials investigating the disappearance of a University of Virginia student focused Monday on the man they believe was the last person seen with her, searching his apartment for a second time and trying to locate the campus employee to arrest him on reckless driving charges.

Jesse Leroy Matthew Jr., 32 and a patient technician in the operating room at the university's medical center, hasn't been charged in the disappearance, but authorities say they want to talk to him about Hannah Graham, 18. She has been missing since Sept. 13. Police have not offered any details about how the two may be connected.

"I believe Jesse Matthew was the last person she was seen with before she vanished off the face of the Earth because it's been a week and we can't find her," Charlottesville police Chief Timothy Longo said. "I've made no mistake about it. We want to talk to Jesse Matthew. We want to talk to him. We want to talk to him about his interaction with this sweet, young girl we can't find."

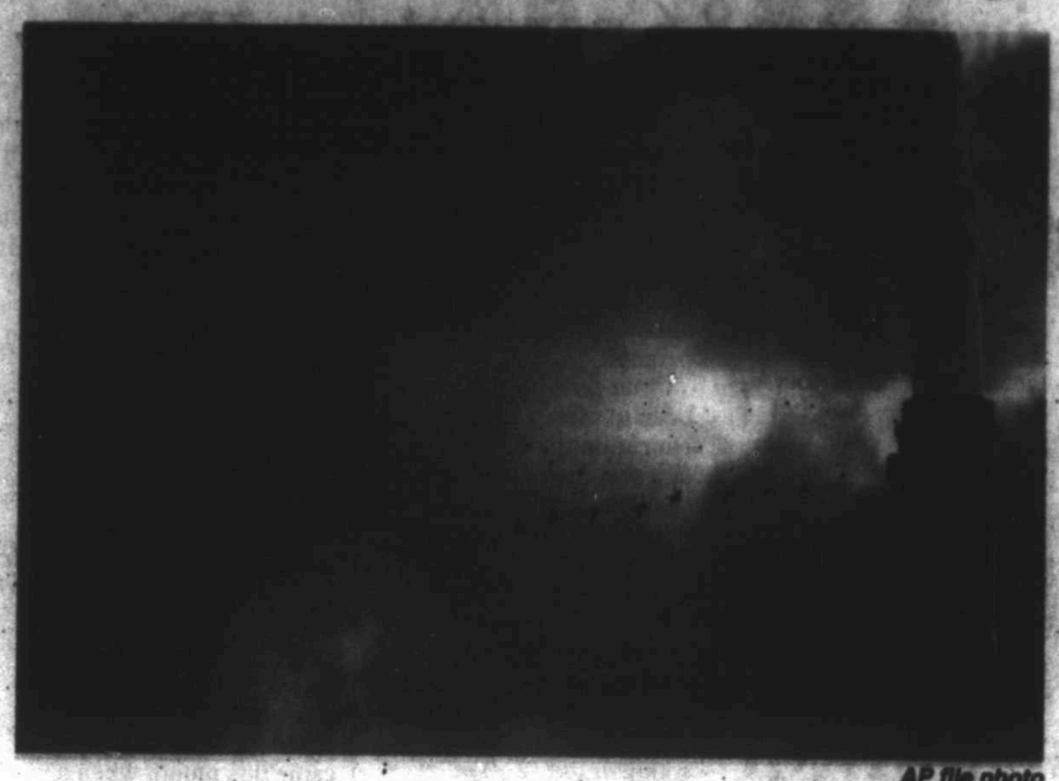
But, Longo also noted that "I don't want to get tunnel vision just because we have a name, just because we saw her with a particular person."

After initial searches of Matthew's car and apartment Friday morning, police returned with a new search warrant to his Charlottesville apartment Monday, city spokeswoman Miriam Dickler said.

The Charlottesville Daily Progress reported that officers left the apartment carrying several items.

Businesses and investors pressing for green policy

By Jonathan Fahey
Associated Press



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A flock of geese fly past a smokestack at the Jeffery Energy Center coal power plant near Emmitt, Kan., in 2009. Hundreds of corporations, insurance companies and pension funds are calling on world leaders gathering for a U.N. summit on climate change this week to attack the problem by making it more costly for businesses to pollute.

NEW YORK — Hundreds of corporations, insurance companies and pension funds are calling on world leaders gathering for a U.N. summit on climate change this week to attack the problem by making it more costly for businesses and ordinary people to pollute.

The idea, long advocated by policymakers, economists and environmental activists, is that the world can't hope to slow the heating of the planet until its cost is incorporated into the everyday activities that contribute to it, such as using gas- or coal-generated electricity, driving a car, shipping a package or flying around the globe.

Business leaders representing trillions of dollars in revenue and retirement savings say they worry that global warming threatens the long-term value of their investments, and they want world leaders to adopt policies that would provide a financial incentive to people to clean up their act.

That could include a tax on carbon emissions, a cap or some other mechanism.

"There's a market failure that needs to be fixed," said Anne Simpson, senior portfolio manager and director of global governance at the $300 billion California Public Employees' Retirement System, the largest public pension fund in the U.S.

Despite a broad consensus that something needs to be done, it has been impossible so far for global leaders to agree on how to implement what amounts to a price on pollution, because energy is so important for economic growth.

"It may be easier to get large businesses to agree that something should be done than to get them to coalesce around specific policy measures," said Michael Levi, senior fellow for energy and the environment at the Council on Foreign Relations.

At Tuesday's U.N. summit, 120 world leaders will try to summon some of the considerable political will required if a new climate treaty is to be reached at international negotiations next year in Paris. The one-day summit is part of U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's push to help world leaders to reach a goal they set in 2009: prevent Earth's temperature from rising more than 2 degrees Fahrenheit from where it is now.

On Sunday, scientists announced that the world set another record last year for the amount of carbon pollution spewed into the atmosphere.

Ahead of the summit, business leaders such as Apple's Tim Cook renewed or expanded pledges to help the planet by running their businesses more efficiently, investing in renewable energy or pulling their investments from fossil fuel companies.

Last week, CalPERS and other big asset-holders such as the insurance and financial firms Allianz, BlackRock and AXA Group called for a "meaningful" price on carbon emissions. The World Bank said Monday that 73 countries and more than 1,000 companies have expressed their support for a price on carbon.

Also on Monday, a parade of business and political leaders tried to rally support in a series of speeches in New York.

"It doesn't cost more to deal with climate change; it costs more to ignore it," said Secretary of State John Kerry.

Cook said customers care about the planet and will "vote with their dollars" for sustainably produced products. He outlined the steps Apple is taking to reduce the carbon emissions of its products and its supply chain, and called for broader action.

"The long-term consequences of not addressing climate change are huge," he said. "I don't think anyone can overstate that."

While many insist a transition to a cleaner economy can boost economic growth or at least not harm it, many worry it would slow the global economy and make it more difficult for people in developing nations to get access to even basic electricity and transportation. Even those who agree that the transition must take place can't agree on how to do it.

The International Energy Agency estimates that $1 trillion per year must be invested through 2050 in clean energy in order to keep global temperatures from rising past a level that scientists consider especially dangerous.

Charging a price for carbon emissions could prod polluters to change their ways by making it in their financial self-interest to do so. It would make fossil fuel investments less profitable and therefore less attractive. And it would make clean energy more lucrative.

A host of new investment vehicles are already making it easier for investors and others to sink their money into renewable projects. The market for so-called green bonds — tax-free bonds that fund clean energy, energy efficiency or other sustainable projects — is expected to at least double to $20 billion this year, for example.

Last week the $188 billion California Teachers' Retirement System announced its intention to boost its investment in clean energy and technology to $3.7 billion from $1.4 billion over the next five years and said that could rise to $9.5 billion with changes in policy. Warren Buffet has said he is looking to double his $15 billion in investments in wind and solar projects.

On another front, a group of activists is calling on foundations and endowments to reduce or eliminate investments in fossil fuel-related companies and direct that money toward clean energy. The group, the Divest-Invest Coalition, said Monday that foundations representing $50 billion in assets have signed on, though the fossil-fuel investments in those portfolios are a very small percentage of the total.

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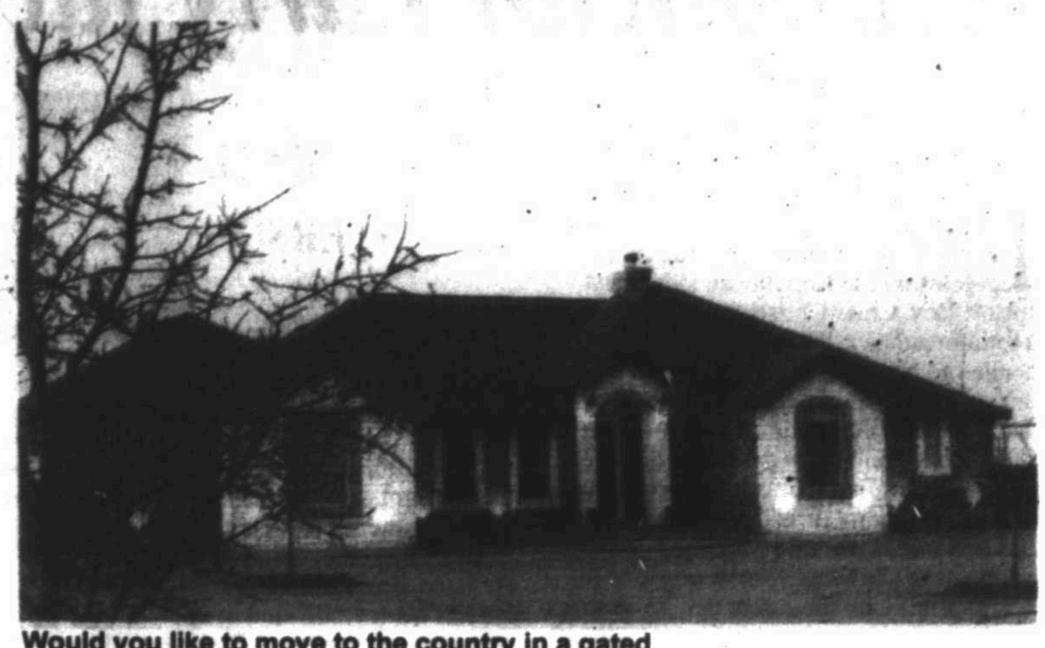

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Republican Party faces tall order in 2016

■ Can the GOP nominee transform the appeal of the party, and should Chris Christie be the nominee?

Michael Gerson
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It is the most important development so far in the 2016 presidential race, at least on the Republican side: New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie is evidently not a total meathead. Which he would have needed to be to have anything to do with the politically motivated lane closures of the George Washington Bridge — a dirty trick oddly and aimlessly directed at the public. According to recent reports, nine months of federal investigation into emails and text messages have produced nothing implicating Christie.

The proof Christie offers that he is not a bully is an admission that he surrounded himself with bullies. But the problem of picking the wrong people can be solved by picking better ones. And the attacks of Democrats and MSNBC commentators can now be worn as a badge of honor in the Republican primaries. While relatively moderate, Christie could appeal to conservatives who want to see a fight, which his opponents have helpfully provided.

Christie's apparent victory in the juridical primary clarifies the Republican contest without doing anything to resolve it. According to GOP money types I've surveyed, many large donors are currently frozen in the choice between Christie and Jeb Bush, who are considered the most serious competitors to Hillary Clinton. Contributors are unlikely to jump to one until the intentions of both are clear.

Talk of another Mitt Romney run is idle. He is an almost unnaturally decent man. He has been vindicated in many of his campaign criticisms of President Obama. Since his loss, he has been fluent, funny and at peace with himself. But Romney's choice as the Republican nominee in 2012 will be remembered as an act of political self-harm. How could Republicans, as the effects of massive financial panic still lingered, have chosen a specialist in leveraged buyouts as their nominee? Romney managed to depress the enthusiasm of white working- and middle-class voters in key states while also actively alienating Hispanic and Asian voters (with talk of "self-deportation"). And still, alarmingly, he was the best Republican candidate of the 2012 field.

The next GOP presidential nominee cannot be the richest and whitest person in the room, prone to Reagan-era rhetoric about tax rates and regulatory burdens. While I oppose literacy tests for voting, I would support a requirement that Republican primary voters read the RNC's 100-page "Growth and Opportunity Project" report issued in 2013, also known as the Republican autopsy. The short version: Republicans have a class problem — a disconnect with "middle-class workers [who] have not had a meaningful raise in years." They also have a demographic problem, which requires Republicans to make a major shift in policy and attitude toward new Americans. "If we do not," declares the autopsy, "our party's appeal will continue to shrink to its core constituencies only."

The typical argument between the Republican establishment and the conservative movement is pretty much irrelevant here. An establishment candidate who reinforces the perception of an elitist, out-of-touch, ethnically homogeneous party is not the answer. Neither is a candidate of conservative purification who has little appeal beyond core constituencies. The RNC autopsy is an establishment document calling for a revolution against the image and message of an establishment party — a plea to reach beyond the base before the GOP is overwhelmed by economic, cultural and demographic change.

Christie, with serious blue-collar appeal, might address the Republican class problem — unless he is out of his class. So far, his presidential indecision has allowed him to avoid comment on topics from immigration to the Islamic State. And it is an open question how his regional vividness will play in other regions of the country. (Recall Rudy Giuliani.) Jeb Bush, who has been called an "honorary Hispanic," might address the Republican demographic problem — unless his support for comprehensive immigration reform and the Common Core educational standards provoke too much unfavorable conservative enthusiasm. And Republicans might, at some point, realize that Sen. Marco Rubio (who is doing serious policy speeches while others play Hamlet) manages to address both the class and demographic problems at once — unless it is a political problem to be confused for a very bright and earnest college student.

Predicting anything about the eventual shape of this race is premature. But this much is clear: The task of the next Republican nominee is not only to motivate his or her party but to transform its appeal.

GUEST VIEW

Nearly a third of retired NFL players can expect to develop cognitive issues

Houston Chronicle

While the attention of the sports world has been focused — some would say obsessed — on Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice's domestic abuse scandal and Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson's alleged abuse against his 4-year-old son, the results of a study released a few days before the two incidents came to light deserve more attention than they've received.

According to data prepared by actuaries hired by the National Football League and provided to a U.S. district judge, nearly a third of retired players can expect to develop long-term cognitive problems. The data also concluded that the debilitating conditions are likely to emerge at "notably younger ages" than in the general population. Football players, in other words, are at high risk within a few years of retirement of early-onset dementia and such degenerative brain diseases as traumatic encephalopathy, a condition that can be identified only in an autopsy.

The dry percentages and the unfamiliar medical terminology are alarming in and of themselves, but imagine if the findings are personalized. For example, when the Houston Texans' offensive 11 [took to the field Sunday] against the New York Giants, at least three of those strong, vital young men executing intricate plays can expect to forget their children's names in middle age, won't be able to hold a job and may be subject to debilitating bouts of depression, uncontrollable rages and early death — all because they played football.

Who will be among the 30 percent? Andre Johnson? Arian Foster? Ryan Fitzpatrick? Who wants to watch a sport that subjects its participants to such alarming odds, no matter how much money and fame come their way?

The answer, of course, is that, on any given Sunday (or Monday or Thursday), millions of us do. Football's sanctioned violence is such a vital part of the American culture that it's hard to imagine the allure ever fading. And it probably won't any time soon.

Still, those haunting actuarial findings, after years of denial from the NFL, represent a long-term threat to the $10-billion-a-year business that is professional football. They're certainly more of a threat than the two off-the-field incidents that have commanded our attention the past few days.

In fact, they may begin to undermine the game itself, unless a way can be found to diminish concussions and other debilitating injuries. If parents in growing numbers conclude that the game as it's played is just too dangerous for their children's participation, then the cheering eventually stops, the stadiums empty and TV viewers change the channel. Football, however wildly popular it is today, becomes a gladiatorial niche sport like boxing.

An NFL entourage visited with the Chronicle editorial board a couple of months ago and trumpeted new helmet technology to reduce concussions, as well as ambitious outreach efforts to youth football coaches and parents that are aimed at making the game safer for youngsters. The group visited before the season, before the number of concussions in the first three preseason games increased by more than 50 percent compared with the same games last year.

Steve Almond, the author of a controversial new book called "Against Football: One Fan's Reluctant Manifesto," argues that the NFL doesn't have a concussion crisis; it has a violence problem. "Players are bigger, stronger and faster than ever," he wrote recently in The Washington Post. "When they collide, their brains — soft organs — smash against the inside of their skulls. No miracle technology or rule tweaking is going to undo the basic physics and physiology of the sport."

It's at least arguable that no helmet at all, as in rugby, is safer than any new helmet can ever be, but, of course, that's not going to happen. Bigger, faster, stronger players will continue smashing into each other, long-term risk to their health be damned.

Meanwhile, we can only encourage parents to think very seriously about whether football is worth the risk. According to the NFL Players Association, only 215 of the 100,000 high school seniors who play football in a given year will make it to the NFL. That's one-fifth of 1 percent of all those starry-eyed youngsters enduring two-a-days, wind sprints and the occasional concussion in pursuit of a distant, perhaps dangerous dream.

Climate march leads to nowhere

■ Why not protest China and get serious about warming concerns?

Rich Lowry
King Features Syndicate

Anti-climate-change marchers took to the streets of Manhattan, New York, in the hundreds of thousands over the weekend to demand international action to fight global warming.

The throng would have been better advised to parade in downtown Beijing, assuming the Politburo wouldn't have called out the infantry.

China is the locus of the alleged crime against the planet that is carbon emissions, yet the marchers staged their event in the United States, where before last year emissions had been declining (thanks, in part, to the natural-gas revolution, which oddly didn't get much love from the climate marchers).

China is responsible for 27 percent of carbon emissions, more than any other country, and uses as much coal as the rest of the world. Since 1990, it has matched the U.S. in cumulative carbon emissions. China is representative of a developing world that is taking the global lead on emissions, at nearly 60 percent of the total.

There are many things we should be attempting to persuade China to stop doing: Arbitrarily ruling over its own people. Imprisoning and torturing dissidents. Occupying Tibet. Making aggressive territorial claims in its region.

Compared with all of these, availing itself of the wonders of the industrial economy is welcome. And if we can't stop China from doing these other things — self-evidently violations of human rights or international norms — how are we going to keep it from continuing to ramp up its economic growth, as any rational society would?

The answer is that we almost certainly aren't. Anti-global-warming activism consists of symbolic protests against a highly complex planetary phenomenon we understand poorly and don't control. The unpredicted pause in the rise in global temperature since the late 1990s is so embarrassing to climate activists, who are filled with a fiery certitude about the "science," that it goes unmentioned (the climate marchers could have chanted, "Hey, hey! Ho, ho! Where'd climate change go?"). In their fevered urgency, they give off the sense that they are desperate to save the planet before it might become evident that it doesn't need saving.

Our direct influence on global warming is highly limited, even if you assume the science is completely settled. As a country, we could end our emissions entirely, and it would barely cause a blip in the cumulative carbon buildup in the atmosphere.

There are causes to which the climate marchers could devote themselves that would have an immediate positive effect on human welfare: from promoting clean water in the Third World to agitating for cures to all manner of diseases. None of this, though, is as alluring as anti-industrial apocalypticism.

As writer Oren Cass has noted, today's climate activists resemble the unilateral nuclear-disarmament movement of the 1980s, which also cloaked "plainly ineffectual policies in the language of moral necessity." We could have eliminated all of our nuclear weapons — as we were urged to do by protesters who insisted it was necessary to saving the planet — and it wouldn't have moved the Soviets to do the same; in fact, it would have delighted them.

The same dynamic is at work today. The U.N. is holding a warm-up confab for the push for a new international treaty in New York this week. It is blighted only by the fact that the world's top emitters aren't participating. They surely understand that the anti-global-warming movement threatens what the developing world is doing to enrich itself.

The climate march in Manhattan drew representatives from around the world. But it is doubtful that many or any of them live on $1 a day. These are the desperately poor people from developing countries whose welfare stands to gain immensely from industrial development. They know what it means to fight for survival — in a real sense, not in an airy metaphor about the planet — and if the marchers were to have their way, they would never know anything else.

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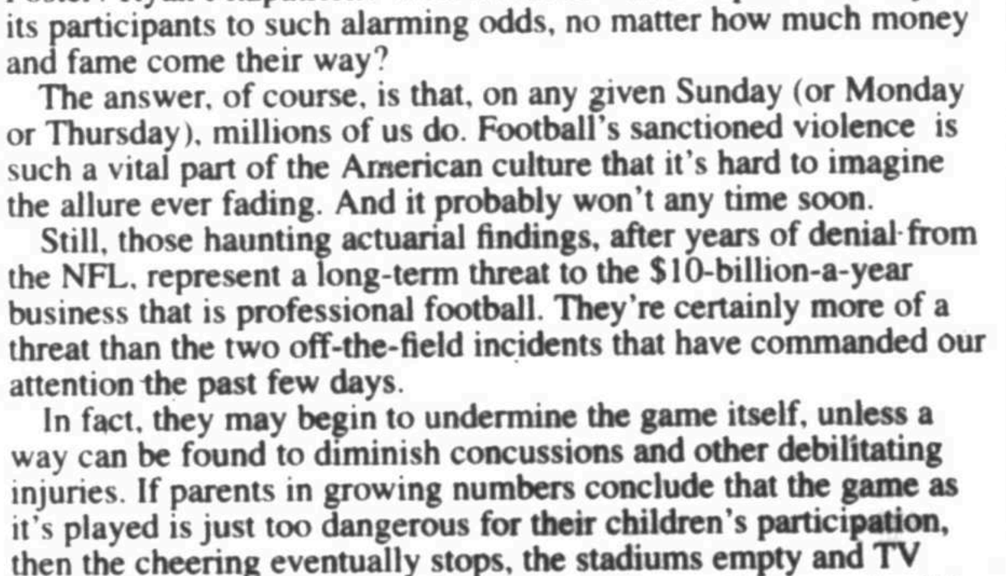

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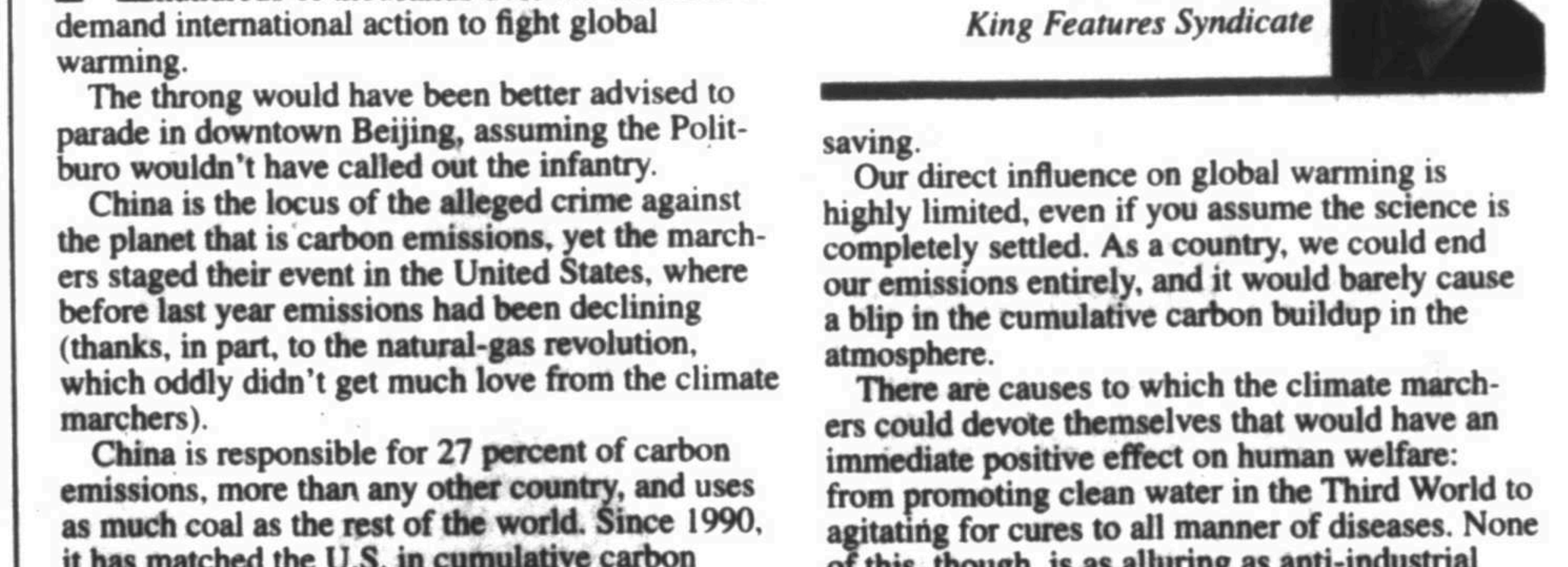

Poll: Public support for gay marriage may be leveling off

By Rachel Zoll
Associated Press

A survey released Monday from the Pew Research Center indicates American support for same-sex marriage could be leveling off after several years of dramatic growth in acceptance of equal rights for gays and lesbians.

The study's authors caution it's too soon to draw any definitive conclusions. But the new poll released Monday found a 5 percentage point drop since February, from 54 percent to 49 percent, in Americans who want legal recognition for same-sex relationships. The percentage of those opposed increased during that same period, from 39 percent in February to 41 percent last month.

The poll of 2,002 adults, conducted Sept. 2-9, has a margin of error of plus or minus 2.5 percentage points.

"Since we've seen this upward trend for so long, we're cautious because it's too early to say what this means for long-term trends," said Jessica Martinez, a researcher in Pew's Religion and Public Life Project. "As we continue to ask this question in other surveys, we'll keep an eye on where this moves."

The findings were part of a survey in which nearly three-quarters of Americans said religious influence in public life was waning and most saw that as a negative trend. About half of respondents said churches and houses of worship should speak out more on public issues.

Nearly half of all the respondents said businesses that provide services for weddings, such as florists, should be allowed to deny service to same-sex couples if the owners have religious objections. The Pew survey also found the percentage of people who consider gay relationships sinful had increased from 45 percent a year ago to 50 percent last month, although other surveys have found that people with religious objections don't always oppose legal recognition for gay relationships.

The campaign for recognition of gay marriage has grown to become a broad mass movement supported in recent years by a majority of Americans. A decade ago, only about 30 percent of Americans accepted same-sex marriage. Now, 19 states and the District of Columbia recognize gay marriage, while petitions for recognition in several other states are moving through the courts.

The Gallup organization said support for gay marriage first rose above the 50 percent mark in its surveys in 2011, and has remained above half since. Gallup's latest survey, this past May, found acceptance of gay marriage at a new high of 55 percent. But the group's researchers found support was increasing by smaller margins than it had during the era of fastest growth so far, between 2009 and 2011.

Martinez said the drop in support in the Pew poll was not driven by any particular religious or political group in the sample, but was a change across the board. Pew used similar groups of respondents in terms of political and religious views for both surveys, she said. The number of Americans who told Pew they were undecided on gay marriage increased from 7 percent in February to 10 percent last month.

Spin meter: Those tricky changing health law numbers

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Call it health care law numerology.

The Obama administration has had to revise and refine some initial enrollment numbers for health insurance sign-ups after they turned out to be too optimistic. At other times, metrics less favorable to the president's overhaul leaked out after officials claimed not to have such data.

Parsing the numbers is a new pursuit for administration officials from President Barack Obama on down, to lawmakers of both parties and a gaggle of outside analysts.

The latest data tweak — an administration announcement that 7.3 million paying customers signed up for subsidized private insurance as of mid-August — set off more speculation. Some said it may prove overly rosy.

"They have been playing fast and loose with these numbers," said insurance industry consultant Robert Laszewski, a critic of Obama's law who has also skewered proposals from the president's Republican foes. "Until we get an outside audit we are not going to know what the heck is going on."

Others say an administration trying to get a complex program running smoothly deserves the benefit of the doubt.

"They have two challenges," said Dan Mendelson, CEO of the market analysis firm Avalere Health. "One is technical implementation, and the second one is the political environment. Being fully open on the implementation side is impossible in the context of a hostile political environment." Earlier this year, Avalere showed that the administration's initial numbers significantly overstated Medicaid enrollment under the law.

Candidates for Congress are noisily debating another set of numbers. They have to do with costs, an even murkier element. Republicans claim the law has saddled taxpayers and privately insured people with huge cost increases, while Democrats say it has helped to rein medical inflation, saving hundreds of billions of dollars. Economists shrug off such claims, saying the impacts have generally been modest — and mixed.

The Affordable Care Act created new insurance markets — or exchanges — where middle-class people who don't have health coverage on the job can buy a subsidized private plan. It also expanded Medicaid to serve more low-income adults.

After Medicare Administrator Marilyn Tavenner announced the updated 7.3 million private sign-ups at a congressional hearing last week, other administration officials fanned out to insist that reporters must not compare those numbers to the more than 8 million enrollments trumpeted in May.

At the hearing, Tavenner seemed to have no such qualms. She explained to Oversight Committee Chairman Darrell Issa, R-Calif., how to make such a comparison.

The 8-million figure, she said, probably included some people who may since have found another kind of health insurance, either through a job that includes coverage or by qualifying for Medicaid. Others likely did not finalize their enrollment by paying their first month's premium

Laszewski said even Tavenner's new, lower number could be high. He's skeptical because the administration hasn't shown how it's doing the math.

And there are other variables. Enrollment could decline later in the year because about 115,000 people who couldn't prove they were citizens or legal residents will lose coverage at the end of this month.

Another winnowing seems likely after Nov. 1, when people whose incomes differ with what the government has on file will see their premiums change. Some may drop out if their subsidies are slashed.

Here are more illustrations from the health law numbers game:

■ Medicaid Muddle. Under the law, states can expand Medicaid to cover more low-income uninsured people. Earlier in the year, administration reports on the Medicaid expansion included many people who were renewing their existing coverage under the program — not joining anew because of the expansion. Officials say they are now providing a more accurate count.

■ Targets? What targets? Even before last fall's chaotic debut of HealthCare.gov, administration officials steadfastly insisted they had no enrollment targets for the exchanges. But The Associated Press obtained an internal memo to former Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius that listed monthly numerical targets for each state. Even so, some officials insisted those were not targets. The memo said "Enrollment Targets" in the subject line and repeated the word a dozen times in the text.

■ Disclosing Discrepancies. Around the middle of May, administration officials maintained that they could not confirm or provide any estimates about the number of people with citizenship, immigration or income discrepancies that could affect their new coverage.

Syria vote isn't last word from Congress on war

By Bradley Klapper and Donna Cassata
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's Mideast war strategy isn't in the clear yet in Congress.

The president got what he wanted this past week when the House and Senate overwhelmingly approved arming and training moderate Syrian rebels to fight Islamic State militants. But the go-ahead is good for less than three months. And many lawmakers want a say over the rest of a plan featuring some 1,600 U.S. military advisers in Iraq and airstrikes expanding into Syria.

Congressional authorization for military action is "long overdue," said Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois, the No. 2 Senate Democrat and the most senior member of Congress to question Obama's legal basis for intervening in the Middle East. "We are living on borrowed time, and we are traveling on vapors."

A showdown looms when lawmakers return to the Capitol after midterm elections — and no one knows yet how it's going to play out.

Permission to prepare vetted Syrian opposition units as a ground force to complement U.S. airstrikes expires Dec. 11, at which point the training effort won't even have begun. American military leaders say the operation needs up to five months to get off the ground. Authorization for the training program is also included in a version of this year's defense policy bill, but its passage is not guaranteed.

Although some recent polls suggest a swing in U.S. attitudes toward backing foreign intervention, the scars of 13 years of war in Iraq and Afghanistan haven't fully healed. Public and congressional support may only be temporary, heated after the beheadings of two American journalists by Islamic State group militants. Twenty-two senators and 156 House members, Republican and Democrats included, opposed the provision last week. Several in both chambers said they voted "yes" half-heartedly.

November's elections will have a significant impact. If Republicans win the Senate majority, they may delay reauthorization until January when newly elected senators are in place and they are able to leverage concessions from Obama on foreign and domestic policy matters, including possibly a new round of sanctions on Iran.

If they fail to net six seats and remain in the minority, Republicans may emerge less determined to cooperate with the president.

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'The Lion King' stage musical earns record box office

By Mark Kennedy
Associated Press

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Theater goers pour out of a matinee showing of "The Lion King" at the Minskoff Theatre in New York in 2010. With a worldwide gross of over $6.2 billion, "The Lion King" stage musical has now achieved the most successful box office total of any work in any media in entertainment history.

NEW YORK — Here's something the folks at Disney can take real pride in: "The Lion King" is the top ticket of all time.

With a worldwide gross of over $6.2 billion, "The Lion King" stage musical has now achieved the most successful box office total of any work in any media in entertainment history, The Associated Press has learned.

The show quietly took over top spot from the $6 billion-earning "The Phantom of the Opera" late this summer, according to representatives from both shows. "Phantom" producers Cameron Mackintosh and The Really Useful Group congratulated "The Lion King" in a statement, calling their rival show "The Pride of Broadway."

The total makes "The Lion King" more valuable than any single Harry Potter film, the blockbuster "Titanic," or any of the "Star Wars" movies. By way of comparison, the highest-grossing film in history is "Avatar," with nearly $2.8 billion worldwide.

"It's difficult not to become emotional at this realization of the show's impact," said Thomas Schumacher, president and producer at Disney Theatrical Productions. He recalled the long road the musical has taken from its beginning in four downtown rehearsal rooms in May 1997.

"Our goal then was to tell the story purely and theatrically so that audiences could feel it in their heart," he added. "And, to this day, that is the audience experience whether they see the show in Madrid; Appleton, Wisconsin; South Africa; Tokyo or Broadway. Of that, we are deeply proud."

The figure only calculates box office receipts from the various worldwide stage productions, not sales of posters or CDs and other merchandise, revenue from the film, which grossed $423 million domestically, including its rereleased in 3D, or syndication and licensing fees. Currently, there are 10 productions of "The Lion King," including those in New York, London, in Hamburg, Germany, and on tour across North America.

There's no need to cry for "The Phantom of the Opera." It's still the longest-running show in Broadway history and 140 million worldwide have seen it. There are currently eight productions with new ones planned for Moscow, Hong Kong and Istanbul.

"The Lion King," which features music by Elton John and lyrics by Tim Rice and the vision of director Julie Taymor, was an adaption of an animated film when it hit the stage but has in many ways overshadowed the film. It tells the story of a young lion cub's coming of age and uses puppetry and dance in ways that haven't been replicated.

It was the highest grossing Broadway show last year and is the highest-grossing production so far this year, despite rival shows in five bigger theaters and musicals like "The Book of Mormon" often charging hundreds of dollars more per ticket.

Part of its longevity is due to its movie tie-in, simple-to-understand story, family friendly themes and the fact that it's a spectacle not dependent on big-name stars. Twenty-two global productions have been seen by more than 75 million people.

"The Lion King" chased down the overall box office crown despite "Phantom" having a big head start: Disney's show began on Broadway in 1997, while "Phantom" debuted onstage in 1986 in London.

What makes the achievement all the more remarkable is that Disney executives haven't gouged every last cent from the public. In fact, they've purposely left money on the table.

Last week, for example, the average ticket price at "The Lion King" was $128, while "The Book of Mormon" was $50 more. And while top premium tickets for "The Book of Mormon" was $477 and $300 for "Wicked," the highest price at "The Lion King" was $197.50, illustrating a conscious attempt to keep even the best seats in the house under $200.

"We're never going to be the top price. We're never going to have the highest VIP price. We're never going to have the highest orchestra price," said Schrader "We're not in this for tomorrow afternoon. We're in it for however many years we've got. We're trying to be moderate."

The other half of the equation — attendance — is also strong. It has increased four of the last five years on Broadway, the London production has seen a 6 percent increase in attendance over the last five years, and the latest North American tour has seen an 11 percent increase over the same period.

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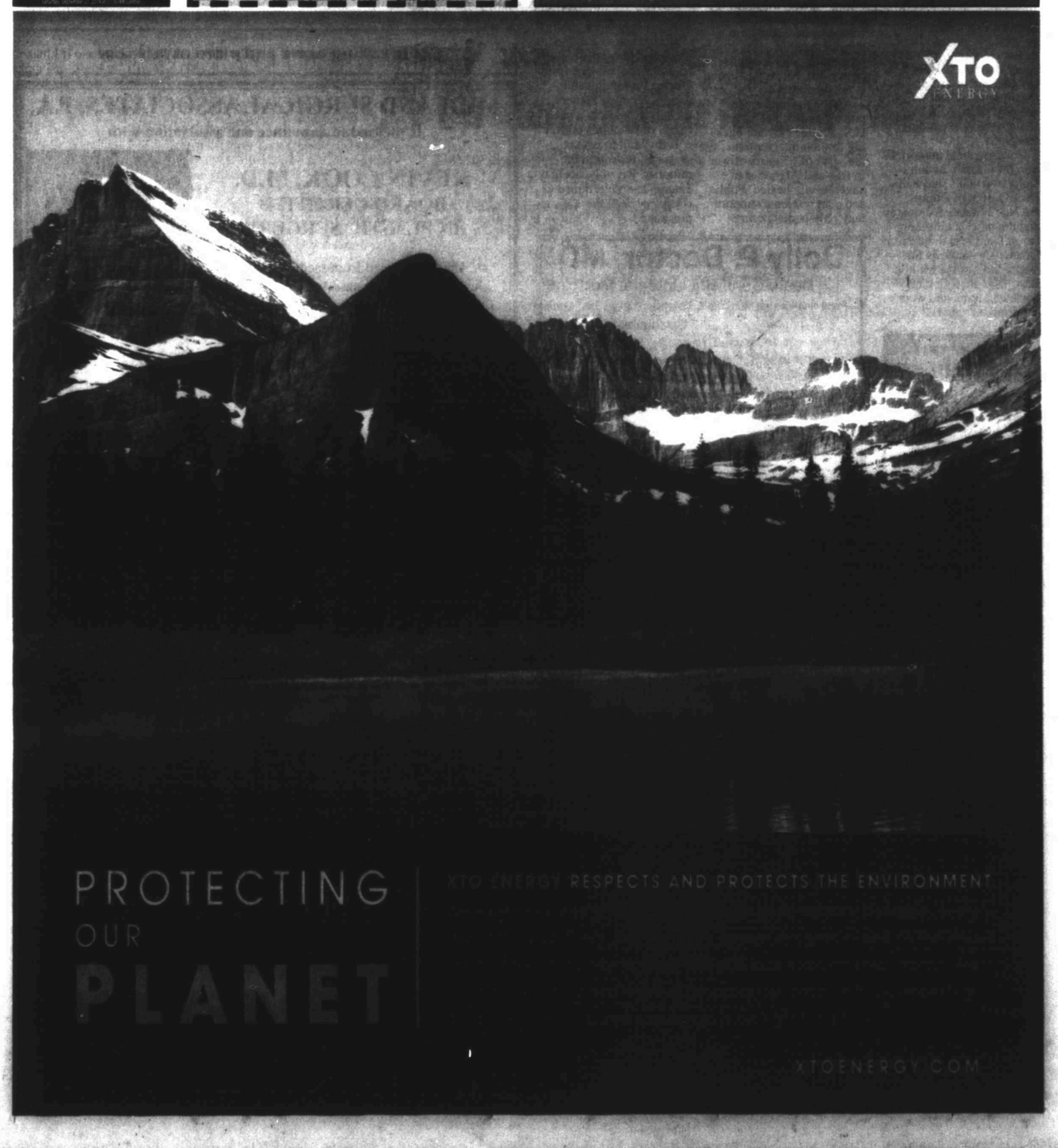

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Midland native returns home for Books in the Basin

Editor's note: This is Part 2 of a three-part series on local authors participating in next month's Books in the Basin.

By Steve Kuhlmann
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Midland native Stephen Graham Jones has used West Texas as the setting and inspiration for many of his books, and he is looking forward to returning next month for Books in the Basin.

"I'm sure I'll be sneaking out when I can to check out some of my old haunts there in Midland," the current Boulder, Colorado, resident said.

Jones, whose family moved frequently throughout his childhood, spent the majority of his early years in Midland and Greenwood and graduated from what is now Coleman High School.

It was while he was attending Texas Tech University that Jones started down the path to becoming a writer.

"I was in World Lit II, I think, a big auditorium class," Jones said. "I was sitting in the back just doodling in my notebook when some police officers came in and escorted me out. I thought, 'Man, what did I do?'"

It turned out his uncle had been badly burned in Midland and had been airlifted to the burn unit at a Lubbock hospital for treatment, Jones said.

"I was the only family around, so they came and got me," Jones said. "I went and sat in the burn unit ICU for three days, and all I had with me was what I had when the police officers came and picked me up from class."

During that time, Jones wrote a short story that he would later turn in for a class assignment.

"The English teacher figured out that I could write a little, and they encouraged me, so I just kept writing," Jones said.

He went on to receive bachelor's degrees in English and philosophy from Texas Tech, a master's degree in English from the University of North Texas and a Ph.D. in creative writing and English from Florida State University.

Jones, who considers himself a book festival veteran, said that he is most looking forward to taking part in the panels and interacting with the crowd.

"The green room can be fun, too — hanging out with all the other writers — but I really like the Q&A portion of the panels," Jones said. "I just like getting to interface with the readers."

The author of 21 novels, six short-story collections and more than 200 short stories said that it is more compulsion than inspiration that drives his writing.

"People always ask me what my inspiration is, and it really isn't so

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Midland native Stephen Graham Jones is photographed in this undated photo. Jones will take part in Books in the Basin, set for next month.

HUMBLE AND HONORED

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The Johnson family — from left, Steve, Mai, Kate and Ben — is the Samaritan Counseling Center's Family of the Year.

Family of the Year winners help spread hope

By Steve Kuhlmann
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When they were first informed that they had been selected as the Samaritan Counseling Center's Family of the Year, Steve and Mai Johnson said no. While they felt honored, the couple thought there were many more deserving families.

The center's executive director, Mark Alexander said that was the response he would expect from a family of the year.

"That's the response of everybody that gets nominated," Alexander said. "They're selected in ways that they don't see or understand, and nearly everybody that we talk to about being family of the year, there is a bit of resistance."

The Family of the Year Gala honors families from Midland, Odessa, Andrews and Big Spring. Alexander said the center looks for "families that reflect the values that we try to teach to our clients each and every day — to be overcomers in their own lives so that the trajectory of their lives projects the value systems that Samaritan (teaches) as a faith-based counseling center.

"(The Johnsons) are a family that's overcome some adversity in their lives recently, and we wanted to acknowledge and honor them."

About the center

The Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas provides faith-based, counseling services, promotes healing and wholeness and complements the ministry of the area's religious community, according to its mission statement. The center serves 30 counties across West Texas and eastern New Mexico.

Counseling services the center provides include for marriage and family issues, coping with loss or grief, sexual addiction and PTSD. The center has a standard fee, but offers assistance for low-income families without insurance.

For more information on the Family of the Year Gala or the Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, visit samaritancwtx.org.

Mai Johnson suffered a traumatic brain injury 3 1/2 years ago and doctors were unsure if she would ever recover. Over the years and despite the odds, Johnson has made incredible strides, most recently transitioning from a wheelchair to a cane after a six-month stint in a rehabilitation center.

"A lot of people say that where you're at a year after the injury is kind of where you're at, and that's an old way of thinking," Steve Johnson said. "Some people say that we need to quit thinking that way and that we need to embrace where we're at now, but I feel like if we get complacent and I just try to be OK with it, then we'll quit pushing. (That's why) Mai chose to go back to rehab."

For that reason, the couple reconsidered the opportunity that the event would afford them.

"(Mai) and I discussed it again and decided that it's an opportunity to bring brain injury to light," he said. "A lot of people don't think of the slip and fall in the kitchen. You think necks, you think whiplash; you don't think of that bump on the head that changes you for the rest of your life. That's what made us decide that we would go ahead and do this and it's an honor. It really is."

Most importantly, the couple hopes to share their experience as a way to bring the all-too-real possibilities of their situation to those who are fortunate enough to have not experienced anything similar.

"Life as you know it can change in the blink of an eye," Mai Johnson said.

"(But) just because it does doesn't mean that you have to give up hope," Steve Johnson said. "To me, the hope is

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KNIFE & FORK

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Breakfast is great at any time of day

I read a survey last week that indicates a vast majority of Americans (91 percent) have eaten breakfast foods for supper, and 57 percent of the respondents said they do so at least once a month.

One of the reasons given for eating breakfast for supper is the ease of preparation. It doesn't take much effort to pour milk over a bowl of cereal, place slices of bread in the toaster or heat up frozen sausage and biscuits, pancakes or waffles.

I love breakfast foods, but I don't take the time to make breakfast. So if I make eggs or pancakes, it's for lunch or supper.

One of my favorite breakfast foods is burritos: a flour tortilla filled with scrambled eggs, sausage or bacon and cheese. Accompanied by a glass of milk and some grapes, it's a quick but filling meal.

Breakfast burritos

2 large eggs
1 tablespoon milk
Salt and pepper
2 slices of bacon (I use turkey bacon)
1-2 slices American cheese, torn into pieces
2 flour tortillas

Coat frying pan with vegetable spray and preheat on medium.

Place bacon on paper towel-lined plate and microwave on high for 1 1/2-2 minutes. Remove from oven, crumble and set aside.

Crack eggs into a small bowl and add milk and salt and pepper. Beat eggs until frothy and pour into preheated pan.

Stir eggs as they cook, about 2 minutes. Add cheese and bacon and cook until cheese is melted.

Spoon eggs onto center of warmed tortillas and roll up tightly.

Whoever made the first breakfast casserole had a bright idea. For some recipes you can assemble the ingredients ahead of time and bake it at meal time. Or you can bake the casserole in advance and reheat individual servings.

Brunch Egg Bake
allrecipes.com

Makes 12 servings

2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
2 tablespoons butter
1 (4.5 ounce) jar sliced mushrooms, drained
1/3 cup sliced green onions
1/2 cup chopped red bell pepper

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St. Ann's Family Fair chairs take on excitement, anxiety

By Rich Lopez
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After six years at St. Ann's Catholic Church, members Jeff and Lisa Durgin decided to say "yes" to a major commitment.

They are this year's chairs for the 66th annual St. Ann's Family Fair, and taking it on was a combination of excitement and anxiety.

"Well, it is a little nerve-wracking. You don't want to be the one that screws it up," said Lisa Durgin, laughing.

By all accounts, the Durgins are ahead of schedule — even with the onslaught of rain the week before the festival, which is Saturday on the church and school grounds.

August was the point when she said that planning started to snowball.

Want to go?

St. Ann's Family Fair, 1906 Texas Ave., 10 a.m.-midnight Saturday. Carnival is Thursday through Sunday. Free admission to fair. $25 for carnival armbands. More online at stannsfair.org.

"Once August hit, that's when we just got busy because then that's when we start setting up and making sure we have enough volunteers and really just getting everything finalized," she said.

For the fair's 66th year, the Durgins chose the Route 66 theme, which has proven popular based on the sales of T-shirts with the logo. But with that much tradition, Durgin wanted to be sure they try to also keep the fair fresh with ideas.

Although most of the attractions remain the same, Durgin said two ATMs are set up on the fair grounds because the events and tickets are cash-only and food fare has expanded with new vendors.

The day's activities kick off with fun runs: the Kid's Miracle Miler, the 5k to the Fair and the 10K Old Midland Route.

The fair features a children's area, bingo, carnival, the Odds and Ends garage sale, food and raffles. "You name it, you can probably find it there, except clothes and mattresses," Durgin said of the garage sale.

For 66 years, the fair has been a community staple while raising funds for the school. As Midland grows, so has the fair. Last year, Durgin said St. Ann's Family Fair had its biggest event to date.

"I want to say it raised close to $200,000," she said. "I think that's with all the new people here, and it's such a huge event and fun thing to do — and we also had great weather last year."

With the persistent rain over the past week, Durgin had focused intently on forecasts that wavered from zero chance of rain to possible downpours. The weather has had an effect on preparations, but the Durgins have planned efficiently.

"We're hoping and praying we'll have a beautiful weekend," she wished. "It has been difficult with construction and slowed us down, but we've also had a head start with construction and already had a bit done. Now we have a team that is coming in every day until Thursday."

So what prompted the Durgins to take

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Calif. OKs olive-oil labeling standards

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The state Department of Food and Agriculture has approved standards for grading and labeling California-produced olive oil that will require makers to prove their product really is extra-virgin olive oil if the label on the bottle says so.

The standards, scheduled to take effect next Friday, were recommended by the California Olive Oil Commission, an organization recently formed by the state's olive oil producers.

Under the new rules, most olive oil produced in California must be tested to determine if it has been mixed with any chemicals, other grades of oil or degraded.

The standards will eliminate the popular marketing term "light" to describe oil that has been refined with chemicals or additives. Also eliminated is the term "pure" to describe a mixture of virgin and refined olive oil.

Importers and distributors of olive oil produced outside California are exempt from the regulations. So are California millers who produce fewer than 5,000 gallons.

"California agriculture has an enviable reputation for high-quality products sought by consumers here and around the world," state Department of Agriculture Secretary Karen Ross said in a statement. "We believe the time has come to designate a California-grown olive oil, and these standards are an excellent way to do it."

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what has kept me afloat. We still have bad days, and I still struggle, but what gets me through those low times is still the hope that we'll continue to get better."

Since his wife's accident, Johnson has reached out to other husbands across the state who have found themselves in similar situation, offering them advice that he wished he had earlier on and delivering his and Mai's story of hope — that there is always a chance for things to get better.

"Fortunately for us, ours is a good story," Johnson said. "It's nice to be able to tell our story and to tell these guys that are struggling with their wives that at three years, (Mai) went away to rehab again and came back with huge gains so that they can think to themselves that, 'This isn't it; it could keep getting better.'"

Johnson said his wife's progress hasn't been the only thing that his family had to be thankful for. He said that their young children — 7-year-old Kate and 5-year-old Ben — have also continued to do well in the face of the adversity.

"Our children continue to thrive, they're doing really well in school and socially," Johnson said. "I attribute that to this community and to our church and to other churches and to the kids' schools and to Mai's friends and my family here in town. We've just got such a community looking after us."

The 20th anniversary Family of the Year Gala, this Saturday, will also honor Chris and Julie Garrett from Odessa, Murray and Diane Murphy from Big Spring and Dr. Benjy and Jennifer Hada of Andrews.

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on the popular event?

Normally, chairs are asked by the previous year's organizers based on who might be up to the challenge. Andy and Tonya Iverson, the 2013 chairs, decided on the Durgins. But it wasn't an immediate "yes."

"We thought about it off and on about whether to take something on this big," she said. "Our children are older now, and we thought we could check it off our list."

But her commitment to St. Ann's runs deeper, and this is likely where her and her husband's response stemmed from. St. Ann's is so much more to the Durgins than "church on Sunday," she said.

"I love my St. Ann's family. The friends I have made ... words can't describe it. Everyone steps in when someone else may have a problem, whether it's something big or just running an errand. I love raising my kids in that atmosphere. It's become a really big family for us," Durgin said.

And she said St. Ann's Family Fair is an extension of that.

"I think the community is always looking for family-friendly things to do here and everybody can come out to it," she said.

JONES

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much inspiration for me; it's more like compulsion," Jones said. "If I'm not always writing and telling stories, I don't know what I would do. I sit there at the dinner table, and my fingers just move because they're not moving on a keyboard. I feel like I have to write."

Speaking with Jones, it is clear that to him writing is more than just a compulsion — it's a passion. This is further confirmed by his interest and exploration of several genres, including horror, science fiction, crime and fantasy.

"I can go anywhere in time or space," Jones said. "You can use a book like an escape portal, and I use writing like that myself. But I think that what I love most is being able to communicate a thought and a feeling to a reader that I've never known and that I never will know. That's probably the essential magic of fiction and of writing. You can have that kind of communion with someone half a world or 400 years away."

No stranger to awards, he is the recipient of an Independent Publishers Award for Multicultural Fiction, the Texas Institute of Letters Jesse Jones Award for Fiction and This is Horror's Novel of the Year.

While he enjoys mountains of Colorado, Jones, a professor of English at the University of Colorado at Boulder, said he does miss West Texas.

"You know, in March and April is when I miss West Texas the most because I love seeing those storms roll in and all the sunsets," Jones said. "You don't get that up here."

Wamt to go?

Books in the Basin, Oct. 10-11 at Midland and Odessa colleges, Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, Yucca Theatre and Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. Admission is free.

For a complete schedule and list of participating authors, visit booksinthebasin.com.

Stephen Graham Jones' events

Oct. 10

- 2:30 p.m. at Midland Public Library Centennial branch: Stephen Graham Jones with Jon Land moderating
- 3:30 p.m. at Midland College, LRC first floor: book signing

Oct. 11

- Noon at Odessa College, CC Zant: Bang! Pow! Zoom!
- 1 p.m. at Odessa College, CC 127 (cafeteria): book signing

Obituaries

Barbara J. O'Shaughnessy

Barbara J. O'Shaughnessy passed away peacefully on September 20, 2014, at the age of 92 surrounded by her children.

Born on July 5th, 1922 in Austin, Minnesota, to Clara and Clifford Streeter, she spent most of her youth in St. Paul, Minnesota.

She attended Mills College in Oakland, California, and graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1944. After graduation, Barbara volunteered for the U.S. Army in California, scheduling transportation home for soldiers on leave.

Barbara married Donald E. O'Shaughnessy in 1946, and moved to Midland, Texas, in 1950. She was very active in various aspects of the community in Midland from St. Ann's Church and School to the Midland Community Theatre where she performed in numerous plays. She also served on the boards of the I.A. O'Shaughnessy Foundation, Midland College Foundation and was a Governor Emeritus of the Midland Memorial Foundation at Midland Memorial Hospital.

A natural athlete, Barbara was an excellent golfer and tennis player. She and Don enjoyed traveling, and she remained curious and up to date on local and world events until her death.

Barbara (Mom OSh) was a surrogate mom to many and a genuine friend to all. She leaves a lifetime of treasured memories and a legacy of love, laughter, wit, and grace. Barbara will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her six children, Karen, Steve, Mike, Dan, Peggy, and Kaki O'Shaughnessy; 18 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband of 49 years, Don; and her granddaughter, Nicole DeBerge; and grandson, Chance DeBerge.

The family would like to thank all her thoughtful and loving friends and those caretakers who have compassionately helped care for Barbara, most recently including: Simona and Nohe Gonzalez, Raquel Gonzalez, Lucy Gutierrez, Kim Claiborne, Teresa Zermeno, Griselda Gaytan, Bill Britt, and in particular, Hospice of Midland.

A funeral mass will be held on Wednesday, September 24, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church followed by interment at Resthaven Memorial Gardens at 12:30 p.m. and a reception at the Midland Petroleum Club from 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family gratefully suggests a contribution to one of the following: Midland Memorial Foundation Endowment Fund, Midland College Endowment Fund, Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas, or any entity involving the betterment and care of animals.

Odell Adkins

Odell Adkins passed away peacefully on September 19, 2014, in Midland, Texas.

She was born in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, on February 28, 1921, to Claude and Ruth Davidson.

Odell attended high school in McCamey, Texas, where she was a cheerleader and accomplished basketball player, winning several awards. She graduated in 1939, and then married the love of her life, Wayne Adkins on June 26, 1939, in Roswell, New Mexico.

While Wayne was off to war in 1942, Odell was busy being a mother and working as a secretary at the Carlsbad Air Force Base. When the war ended in 1945, Wayne and Odell settled in Artesia, New Mexico, where Odell worked in the school administration office and pursued a degree in English and Arts.

She graduated from the College of Artesia with a BA in 1971, and later completed her education at ENMU at Portales, New Mexico, with a Master of Education.

Wayne and Odell moved to Roswell, New Mexico, in 1974, where Odell taught English at both Mountain View and Sierra Middle Schools. Odell was an avid artist and active member of the Roswell Art League. She was also a member of the Country Club Road Church of Christ. She retired from the Roswell school system in 1986.

Odell is survived by her daughter, Judy Cameron of Denver, Colorado; her son, and daughter-in-law, David and Sherri Adkins of Midland, Texas; one brother, Richard Davidson of Caldwell, Idaho; Cory Cameron and wife Kelley; Jason Cameron and wife Aimee; Cambra Kozckur and husband Barrett; Sydney Adkins; Chris Spencer and wife Brandy; Brent Harris and wife Nycole. She has six grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Odell is preceded in death by her mother and father; her husband, Wayne; her brothers, Claude, Donald and Jim; her sister, Sarabell; and her son in law, James Cameron.

There will be visitation between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 23, 2014, at the LaGrone Funeral Chapel, 900 S. Main Street, Roswell, New Mexico.

Graveside services will be Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at 2:00 p.m., at the South Park Cemetery, 3101 S. Main in Roswell, New Mexico. Lynn Money will be officiating.

Death Notices

Francis X. "Frank" Downs

Francis X. "Frank" Downs, 84, passed away on September 21, 2014, in Midland, Texas.

A visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., with a Rosary at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 24, 2014, at Ellis Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 25, 2014, at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

LaVera Alexander

LaVera Alexander, 94, of San Angelo, died Saturday, September 20, 2014, at The Springs Alzheimer's Special Care Center, in San Angelo.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, September 25, 2014, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

LaVera is survived by her three children; Mack Wayne Alexander, Jim Alexander, and Wanda Gail Pridgen; and one sister.

Marion Kenneth Cawthron

Marion Kenneth Cawthron, 86, passed away on Sunday, September 21, 2014.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel.

He is survived by his son, Jacky Cawthron; and daughter, Deborah Bedingfield.

Randy K. Boland

Randy K. Boland, 39, of Odessa, passed way on September 19, 2014, in New Mexico.

Survivors are his father, Johnny Boland; son, Jonah Boland; step daughter, Elexis Wood; his fiancé, Reyna; three brothers; and one sister.

Funeral Services are scheduled for Thursday, September 25, 2014, at Acres West Funeral Chapel at 1:00 p.m. followed by interment at Los Angeles section Ector County Cemetery, Odessa, Texas.

West Texas poets unite for worldwide event

By Rich Lopez
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Want to go?

100,000 Poets for Change, at Noel Heritage Plaza Park, 320 W. Fifth St., Odessa, 2-6 p.m. Saturday. Social Justice Poetry Slam at Dee's Bistro, 622 N. Lee Ave. at 8 p.m. Free. facebook.com/permianbasinpoetrysociety.

The world's poets will come together Saturday for change, and part of that global community will happen in West Texas.

At the 100,000 Poets for Change event, the Permian Basin Chapter of the Poetry Society of Texas will host its segment of the worldwide event at Noel Heritage Plaza Park in Odessa.

The event will feature local poets and musicians putting their talents toward affecting a positive outlook in the area and beyond. Chapter president Tony Henninger said West Texas has a viable voice in that endeavor.

"We're all excited about it," he said. "This is happening in more than 700 cities worldwide, and we're focusing on bringing attention to the homeless community here."

Skeptics might not see how poetry alone can affect change in issues such as homelessness, but Henninger said that has been happening for a long time.

"It's like music. When both music and poetry say something, it sticks with people," he said. "People listen more, and it makes them think about where they are."

But poetry doesn't get quite the same attention that a live band would, and he's aware of that. As president, his vision is to bring about a more cohesive nature among area poets and to give them a broader exposure such as 100,000 Poets.

"There is so much poetic talent here in the Basin, but it's scattered. I want to showcase their talents, but also get poetry on people's minds as much as music or theater. And events like this can help with that," he said.

The day's events will feature live music by Dre & Marilyn, Rockin Piano Man and Steve McCaleb of Lamesa.

Poets set to perform include Henninger, 2008 Texas Poet Laureate Larry D. Thomas of Alpine, Jennifer McNeely and Midlanders Jessica Stewart and Kelly Hogue.

The chapter will team up with socio-political group Una Voz Unida for the Social Justice Poetry Slam, planned for Dee's Bistro following the 100,000 Poets event.

Henninger is quick to point out that the emphasis for Saturday is the community at large and not just about the poets.

Where today's world is more connected online, Henninger hopes 100,000 Poets can remind people of the qualities of interpersonal relations.

"With the event, we want to bring to light the issues of not just the homelessness, but of everyone. Our community needs to be more of one rather than a community of strangers," he said. "Whether someone is homeless or a rich oilman shouldn't matter. We're all people, and we want to remind people that we should care about each other."

'Do Fathers Matter?' says something new

By Kevin Begos
Associated Press

■ REVIEW

From the tiniest microbe or fragment of DNA to the origins of the universe, it sometimes feels as if every subject generates a vast tide of scientific studies and that virtually nothing escapes detailed scrutiny.

But veteran science writer Paul Raeburn noticed an oversight: the role of fathers in parenting.

In "Do Fathers Matter?" Raeburn tells how until fairly recently, scholars, parenting experts and pop culture have overlooked the importance of fathers. In the 1970s, some experts even suggested that fathers were "an almost irrelevant entity" in an infant's world — but did so without really studying father/child interactions. A 2013 Clorox ad proclaimed that "Like dogs or other house pets, new dads are filled with good intentions but lacking in judgment and fine motor skills." (The ad was later withdrawn.)

Raeburn, a father himself, discovered that good scientific studies told a different story: "When we bother to look for the father's impact, we find it — always," noted one researcher.

Passages like that make "Do Fathers Matter?" a valuable, compelling book for fathers, mothers, grandparents and parents-to-be — and perhaps even for their children.

"Do Fathers Matter?" uncovers a trove of good research about fathers and parenting. In the Aka tribe of Africa, fathers spend 47 percent of their days holding their infant children or keeping them within arm's reach. The Aka fathers sing to their children, play with them and do the equivalent of diaper duty.

And while psychologists had known that a mother's depression during pregnancy can increase depression in children, it turns out that a depressed father can have the same negative impact, from genetic input or from his moods affecting the mother.

Studies had also shown that the experience of motherhood actually changes mothers' brains in the first few months after giving birth, and Raeburn found that when researchers looked at fathers, they also found significant brain changes — but not exactly the same as those in mothers.

Raeburn doesn't knock single parents or same-sex couples, noting that they can raise healthy, successful children, too (such as the current U.S. president). But he firmly points out that there is still far too much anti-father bias in society. For example, a 2012 family law newsletter from the National Organization for Women linked to a website that lists "myths" about family. "Myth" number one was that "a father's involvement is crucial for the well-being of a child."

British researcher Michael Lamb notes that negative stereotypes about fathers can have consequences. "Fathers can hardly be expected to maintain a belief in their importance when they are continually being told of their irrelevance, other than as economic supporters."

Raeburn, a former Associated Press science editor, concludes by noting that other companies are producing ads that portray fathers in a positive light. Raeburn also notes that reading all the research on fatherhood helped open his eyes to better ways to be a parent, and that's a priceless lesson that makes "Do Fathers Matter?" an important addition to parenting literature.

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FNC		45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD		64	59	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped	
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	Instant Replay	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Houston Astros at Texas Rangers Site: Globe Life Park - Arlington, Texas (L)						Rangers Live (L)	Spotlight	WPT Poker Seminole Hard Rock Showdown	
FX		31	31	59	64	69	★★ Battleship ('12, Sci-Fi) Alexander Skarsgard, Taylor Kitsch.						Sons of Anarchy (N)		(:15) Sons of Anarchy			Anarchy
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	The Waltons		The Waltons		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	JenGar	JenGarth	H.Hunt	House (N)	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	JenGarth	JenGarth
HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	Pwn Star	Pawn Star	Counting	Counting	Counting	Counting	Counting	Counting	Counting	Counting	Counting	Counting
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	Dance Moms "Another One Bites the Dust"		Studio Rescue "Legacy of Lunacy" (N)		Dance Moms "45 Second Solos" (N)		Kim of Queens "Kiss My Grits!" (N)		Kim of Queens "The Angry Queen"		Studio Rescue "Legacy of Lunacy"	
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				Adventur Spartan Race		NPGL Fitness Playoffs Quarter-final (L)				Adventure Racing		Adventure Racing		EPL Soccer	
NICK		55	34	39	34	37	Sam Cat	Thunder	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master		Tattoo	Tattoo	Ink Master	
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	Face Off		Face Off		Face Off (N)		Wizard Wars (N)		Face Off		Wizard Wars	
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinf. "The Frogger"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)		Office "Gossip"	Conan
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TLC		51	33	32	38	52	19 Kids & Count	19 Kids & Count	19 Kids & Count	19 Kids & Count	19 Kids "Jill Says Yes to the Dress" (N)		Little People, Big World (N)		19 Kids & Count "Jill Says Yes to the Dress"		(:05) Little People, Big World	
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	Castle "Kick the Ballistics"		Rizzoli & Isles "Cold as Ice"		Rizzoli "No One Mourns the Wicked"		Rizzoli & Isles "Built for Speed"				(:05) CSI: NY "Unusual Suspects"	
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	Hillbillies	Hillbillies	Candid Camera (N)		Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	Candid Camera		Loves Ray	Loves Ray
USA		26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Justice Denied"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Valentine's Day"		Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Pique"	
WGN		19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother		★ A League of Their Own Two sisters join a female professional baseball league during the Second World War.				Manhattan "Spooky Action at a Distance"		Manhattan "Spooky Action at a Distance"	

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Big Spring native created news segment 'Wednesday's Child'

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Big Spring storyteller

Jack Bowen's start in journalism began when he was an eighth-grader in Big Spring and the teacher asked him to be the photographer for the school annual. He took to photography in a big way and soon had his own dark room. While still in high school, he got a job as a cameraman for the local TV station, KWAB, and eventually started doing news and weather. He was 18 at the time.

"Back then, it was sort of primitive. I'd be behind the camera, then while a commercial was on the screen, I'd step in front of it and do the weather or news. When another commercial was on the screen, I'd get back behind the camera," he said.

Jack, who now lives near Fort Worth, sometimes covered stories with a Polaroid camera and a cassette recorder.

"While doing the news live, a still picture would be on the screen and I'd bend down so my lapel mic would pick up the sound bite from the speaker on the portable cassette recorder. Real big time."

After graduating from Texas Tech, he did television news on KELP TV in El Paso for three years, then went to the ABC affiliate in Oklahoma City as assignment editor. After a year, he started doing weekend news and finally became the prime time anchor for the two major evening newscasts. He always did reporting chores and covered some major national stories outside of Oklahoma City.

He was with the Oklahoma City station 36 years. He said the best thing he did there was to start a program called "Wednesday's Child," where he did profiles of children who were having a hard time getting adopted.

"Everybody wants a baby, but with an older kid who might be handicapped, it's a different story," Jack said. "The name came from a line in a nursery rhyme that states, 'Wednesday's child is full of woe.'

"I went to private adoption and child protective agencies and told them my idea. They were hesitant at first, but finally a private agency agreed to let me do a program with a little girl. She got adopted immediately. The program had a profound response from viewers. The state people were watching and called me to say they were impressed. After the program was on the air for a while, ABC television asked me to appear on 'Good Morning America.' After I did that, television stations all over the country called and said they wanted to start a program like that. I created for each one a press kit with samples of our stories and write-ups about the success of the series.

"I wasn't getting anything out of it financially, but I thought it was great that so many kids were being adopted. I've run into adults 30 years old or more who would see me out in public, and they would tell me, 'I was on "Wednesday's Child" and got adopted.'"

Jack loves dogs and admits the program developed from his finding homes for dogs. At the end of his 6 p.m. newscast on Fridays, he had a segment called "Pet Saver."

"I would have someone from the animal shelter come in with a dog, put it on the screen and tell the viewers that this animal needs to be adopted. Well, a whole lot of dogs started getting adopted. Somehow I found out there were a lot of kids waiting to be adopted, so I started 'Wednesday's Child.'"

KNIFE & FORK

From 1B

2 cups diced fully cooked ham
8 eggs
1 3/4 cups milk
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley
1/2 teaspoon dried basil
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Combine cheddar and mozzarella cheeses in a small bowl; place 3 cups cheese mixture into a 9x13-inch baking dish.

Melt butter in a large skillet over medium heat; cook and stir mushrooms, onions, and red pepper until vegetables are tender, about 5 minutes; drain. Spread vegetables over cheese mixture. Top mushroom mixture with ham; sprinkle with remaining 1 cup cheese mixture.

Beat eggs in a bowl; mix in milk, flour, parsley, basil, salt, and pepper. Slowly pour egg mixture into baking dish.

Bake in preheated oven until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean, 35 to 40 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before cutting.

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There is one letter, not counting S, that, when added to all of the five-letter words below, can be used to form new six-letter words. Find the letter that works, add it to each word, and then rearrange each set of letters to form a new word.

CHEAT

WHEAT

COMMON LETTER

NAIVE

RATIO

Yesterday's Answer: BEACH, ALBUM, EMBED, BEGAT 9.23

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Master gardeners share expertise with community

JEFF FLOYD
Texas AgriLife Extension

Reward yourself with a Christmas gift this year. If you have ever wanted to become a Texas Certified Master Gardener and just could not find the time, 2015 may be the year. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Master Gardener volunteers are well-known for their contribution to better living across Texas. Every year AgriLife Extension trains volunteers with an interest in serving their community as they learn about Texas gardening.

You don't need experience in gardening before joining Master Gardeners. Many people with little or no knowledge in horticulture have learned to completely transform their landscapes after the Master Gardener program training.

Volunteers will discover that the Texas Master Gardener program is about much more than gardening. The volunteers provide advocacy and assistance to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and its educational programs.

To become certified, trainees attend a minimum of 60 hours of science-based classroom instruction. The classes are taught by professors, local horticulture experts and Master Gardener specialists.

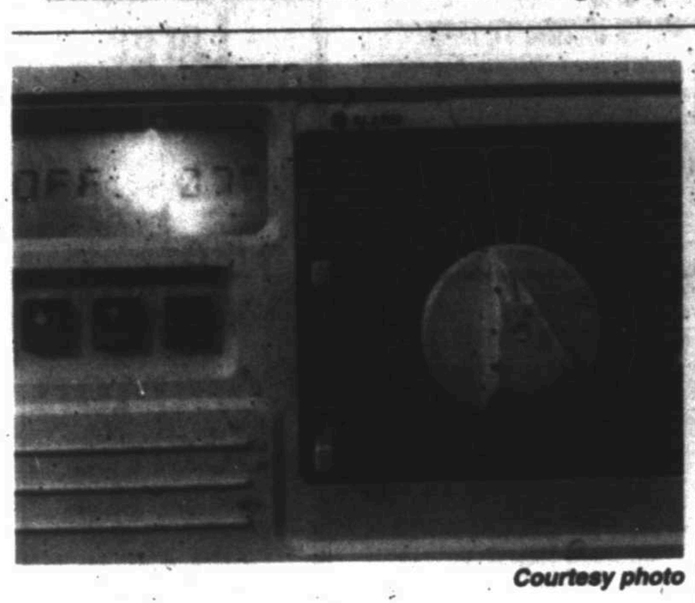
In return for the fabulous classroom lessons, trainees will volunteer 60 hours in support of county extension horticultural programs. Volunteer time can be earned in a variety of ways such as working in community gardens, serving on committees or supporting staff in either Midland or Ector county extension offices.

Volunteers are trained in general plant science, insect identification, plant selection, landscape design, soil fertility and many other horticultural topics. Once certified, volunteers have opportunities to share their treasured horticulture knowledge with members of the community at events such as county fairs, home and garden shows and landscape seminars.

Once volunteers become certified Texas Master Gardeners, they maintain their title with an annual minimum of 12 hours of continuing classroom instruction and 30 hours of volunteer service. Many trainees discover that the camaraderie and information is more fun than they could have imagined, and volunteer much more than the required minimums.

An informational session is planned for 9 a.m.-noon Jan. 10 at the Ector County Annex, 1010 E. Eighth St. in Odessa. Classes will accommodate both retired and working volunteers. The cost to enroll in the program is $250, which covers the training manual, speaker fees and printing of class material.

For more information about joining the Permian Basin Master Gardeners as an AgriLife Extension volunteer for 2015, call 686-4700 or email jeff.floyd@ag.tamu.edu.



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"Off" is the best setting for irrigation systems during periods of rain unless they are designed with rain sensors and other sophisticated moisture monitoring features.

Adjust irrigation to account for rain

RE-LEAF
By Debbie Frost

The earth surely rejoices in this wonderful rain. While there are some dangers and disadvantages, the benefits of rain are more than can be counted. Because we are getting some good moisture in this region, be sure to turn off automatic irrigation systems if they don't have rain sensors.

To get the most out of our available water, soil moisture should be monitored. There's no point in irrigating if the soil is sufficiently moist. Moisture in the top 2 to 3 feet of soil is enough for landscapes and deeper rooted trees.

The water quality of the rain is far superior to surface or ground water. It has a cleansing effect on the top soil, washing accumulated salts out of the root zone of most plants. So, while there's adequate soil moisture, avoid irrigating, which adds the salts back into the root zone. The milder temperatures of fall also promote root growth, so stressed and new trees will benefit from this period of good rainfall.

Even if we weren't getting rain, this is definitely the time of year to modify irrigation schedules. Days are significantly shorter and cooler, so the frequency of irrigation can be reduced. For some landscapes, once a week or even once every 10 days might be sufficient. This is true with well-established landscapes composed of well-adapted plants growing in mulched beds of sandy loam to heavier soil textures. Landscapes composed of high-water-use plants that are newly planted in beds that are not mulched and/or in very sandy soil might need to be watered more often.

Very sandy soils do not hold soil moisture or nutrients very well, so they need to be watered more often for shorter duration. Watering a sandy soil for too long is a waste of water because the water moves down past the root zone. Adding organic matter to a sandy soil will improve its water- and nutrient-holding capacity. Heavier soils can hold much more water and nutrients for a longer time. Heavier and/or compost-amended soils can be watered less frequently and for longer periods as long as the water infiltration rate is good.

If you have an irrigation system, tweak the schedule with the seasons. Adjust watering schedules based on environmental conditions, soil types, exposure to wind, sun and reflected heat and plant water needs.

Get re-leaf by getting acquainted with your irrigation system and adjust as needed.

Debbie Frost is a local horticulturist specializing in regionally appropriate horticulture. Email her at garden.frost@gmail.com.

Extended warranties a big sell, but are they worth it?

By Carole Feldman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Offers of extended warranties or service contracts are becoming the norm, whether you buy a big-ticket item like a car or kitchen appliance or a less expensive one like a television or phone.

The plans basically are insurance policies in case something goes wrong, but they come at a price.

Federal Trade Commission staff attorney Svetlana Gans said consumers should research a service plan before deciding whether to buy an extended warranty. But she acknowledged that could be difficult, since many of them are offered at the same time the product is purchased.

The FTC says on its website that a service contract "might not be worth the price."

And Anthony Giorgianni, associate finance editor of Consumer Reports' Money Adviser newsletter, says, "You can go broke basically insuring everything you buy."

So how do you decide whether to purchase one?

"I would definitely look at the duration and when the coverage actually starts," Gans said. If it begins immediately, does it overlap with the manufacturer's warranty?

Also, consider whether the service plan costs more than repairs would, she said.

Find out what's covered and what's excluded, Gans advises.

And if something goes wrong, where do you file a claim or bring the product for repair? This is important since many service-contract providers are third parties, not the stores where the item was purchased, she said.

Old pecan tree at new home sheds bark

NEIL SPERRY
Gardening expert

Dear Neil: I bought a home last year. It came with a very old pecan tree. The tree basically seems healthy, but this year it shed big chunks of bark (bags of it). I thought I'd taken good care of it. Do I need to worry?

Answer: I sent your photo to a highly regarded Texas arborist, and he confirmed what I thought: This is just normal pecan bark shedding. Bark is a dead tissue, and as such, it cannot expand. As the trunk grows, the bark can only slough off. You see it on crape myrtles, birches and sycamores, but when it happens to pecans, people get worried. He said that this has been very common this year — much more than usual. Short answer: nothing to worry about. New bark will replace the old bark.

Dear Neil: I have a 3-year-old pineapple plant that has bloomed and is now forming fruit. Will that small fruit be edible? When should I harvest it? I remember you once posted information on how to bring them into bloom and fruit. Could you possibly repeat it?

Answer: Congratulations. Those small pineapples are really cool conversation pieces. I'm sure it will be edible, if only for the few bites that it will yield. Harvest it when it has taken on a golden yellow color, but before it becomes soft. As for the tips in bringing them into flower, here is a link to the information. It's one of the 1000 Frequently Asked Questions on my website at neilsperry.com/faq/10971.

Dear Neil: I recently planted new shrubs and trees in our landscape. I saw where you suggested they be watered two or three times per week, but how much?

Answer: I wish it were that easy. It really depends on the type and size of plant, soil types, temperature and exposure. The main thing is to soak the plant thoroughly, then to wait until the top of the soil begins to dry before watering again. It's quite similar to humans — sometimes we drink much more water than other times.

Dear Neil: I would like to make my poinsettia plant from last year bloom again this Christmas. I heard that I have to put it in the dark starting sometime in October. How does that work?

Answer: Poinsettias measure the length of the dark period to determine when it's time to bloom. They need 14 hours of total and uninterrupted darkness each night, but they must have full sunlight during the 10 hours each day. Begin that regime the first week of October in order to have a plant in bloom in December. Hopefully your plant is healthy and vigorous.

Dear Neil: We are having troubles with our Texas mountain laurel in spite of the care we're giving it. It had webworms earlier this summer. We got rid of them with an organic insecticide, but now this is happening. What is wrong? We have other plants we want to protect.

Answer: This is not leftover damage from the genista caterpillars. I believe it may be a fungal problem within the wood of the trunk. I encountered the same thing on one of my own plants. I could see that it was decaying and corky, but I didn't get a sample sent to the Plant Disease Diagnostic Laboratory at Texas A&M. I would suggest trying them to see if there is anything you need to do to protect your other plants.

Dear Neil: I planted a pack of mixed flower seeds this spring. All came up and did well, except the yellow four o'clock flowers never opened. They were covered with blooms, but none ever opened. Any suggestions?

Answer: I've had this question one other time, and that person discovered that they had closed by the time she looked at them each day. If your plants were healthy and vigorous and producing buds in abundance, I don't know of any other explanation. If any of our readers sends a suggestion that sounds plausible, I'll post it here.

Dear Neil: I planted several crape myrtles 18 months ago. They look pretty good, but I'm wondering if this is the time of year to fertilize them? Do they need a root stimulator? If so, what rate should I use?

Answer: I always recommend that people fertilize their plants in anticipation of new growth. Following that plan, you would want to feed crape myrtles in April and again in June. Since they bloom on new growth, you would want to apply a high-quality, lawn-type fertilizer (high-nitrogen). Since the plants have been growing almost two full seasons, a root stimulator wouldn't be of much value now. As to rates for fertilizer applications, always read and follow the directions on the product container.

Neil Sperry's "Plant Talk Texas" and "Texas Lawn and Garden Hour" can be heard on radio stations across the state. Email him at mailbag@sperrygardens.com.

Starbucks tests latte with stout flavor

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Starbucks is testing a latte that it says has the "savory toasty malt" flavor of a foamy mug of stout.

The "Dark Barrel Latte" is being tested in a handful of stores in Ohio and Florida, said Linda Mills, a Starbucks spokeswoman. She said the drink is topped with whipped cream, dark caramel drizzle and incorporates a "chocolatey stout flavored sauce."

Despite the stout flavor, the latte does not contain alcohol.

She declined to provide further details, noting Starbucks regularly tests new drinks.

Starbucks Corp., based in Seattle, has enjoyed strong sales growth in part by continually introducing new food and drinks.

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TODAY: Partly sunny High: 84 Low: 67

WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny High: 84 Low: 62

THURSDAY: Mostly sunny High: 82 Low: 60

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 81 Low: 63

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny High: 83 Low: 61

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny High: 83 Low: 62

Local almanac

Expect partly sunny skies today with a high around 84 and southeast winds between 5 and 10 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly cloudy conditions with a low around 67 and southeast winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 84 and southeast winds between 5 and 10 mph. Expect partly cloudy conditions at night, with a low around 62 and southeast winds between 5 and 10 mph.

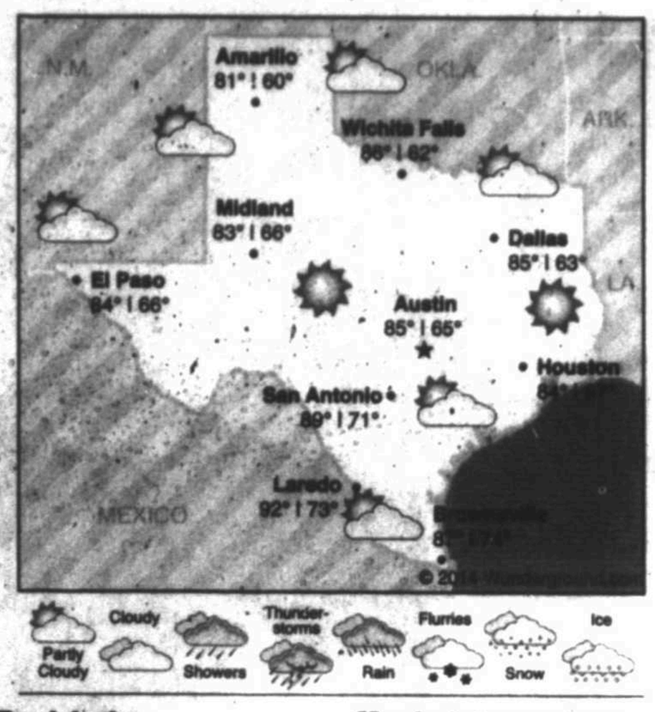
Thursday, the forecast calls for mostly sunny skies during the day, partly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 82 and a low around 60.

The high on Monday reached 82, while the low dropped to 69. The record high for Sept. 22 is 100 set in 1977. The record low is 42 set in 1995.

National forecast

Much of the area from Texas to coastal Maine will be dry and sunny today. A large area of high pressure is forecast to control the weather in this region and will be centered over West Virginia.

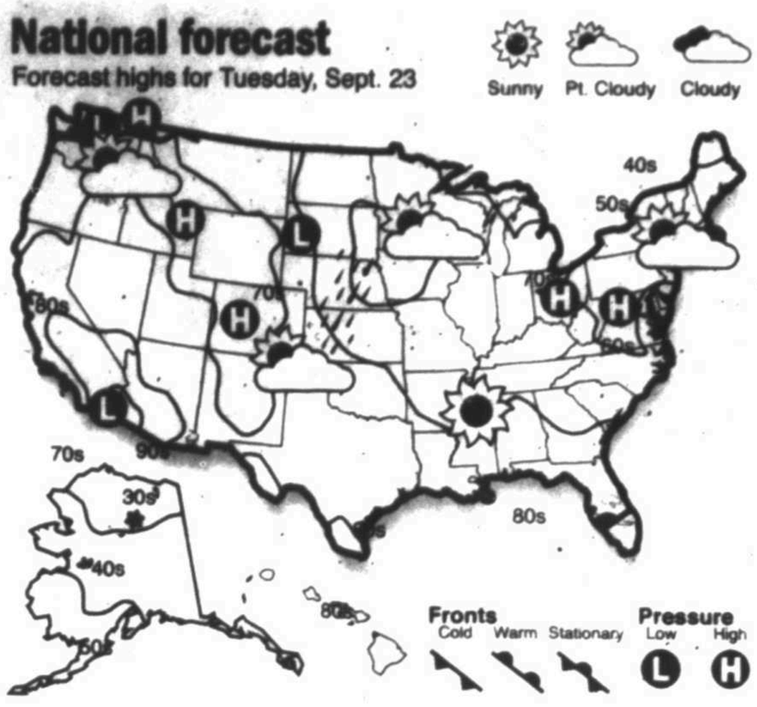
Farther south, an area of rain will gather over the southern Atlantic Seaboard.



Precipitation		Monday's temperatures	
Sunday	0.04 in.	High	82
Monday	0.00 in.	Low	69
Month total	1.63 in.	Normal high	85
Year total	6.37 in.	Normal low	60
Normal total (year to date)	11.12 in.	Sunrise	7:38 a.m.
		Sunset	7:44 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Sept. 23



Mother battles her own fears while raising happy daughter

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 had an awful childhood. After I was finally taken into state custody, I cycled through six different foster homes. Because of it I have struggled with mental health issues for as long as I can remember.

I'm 28 now and have a 4-year-old daughter who is everything to me. The problem is, I'm terrified of strangers. As a child I saw firsthand how evil people can be, and I am almost paralyzed with fear because of my hyper-vigilance. I fight the battle every day.

I am in counseling and I'm trying, but I am afraid I am going to make my daughter fear the world. She's in Head Start and loves it. Anyone who meets her comments on how happy and outgoing she is, but I don't know how to walk the tightrope between keeping her safe and making her afraid. Any advice would be appreciated. — TERRIFIED OF STRANGERS

DEAR TERRIFIED: Considering your past, I think you're being a wonderful mother. You are getting professional help and for that I applaud you. You are realistic about your issues, and your daughter appears to be thriving.

You may need counseling for some time to avoid becoming overprotective and to allow your daughter to develop into a healthy adult. While your fears are the result of your history, they do not have to become a part of hers.

DEAR ABBY: As I was going through my gallery of pictures in my cellphone, I stumbled upon some naked pictures of my ex-boyfriend. What should I do with them? — SAY "CHEESE"

DEAR "CHEESE": Do the same thing with them that you would hope he did with the naked pictures he has of you.

DEAR ABBY: I grew up in the lap of luxury at a private country club in the East. My father was the golf pro. In my teens I noticed that these wealthy people always introduced one acquaintance to another whenever they met for a chat. I also noticed that my lower-income friends and family never did.

After moving across the country to the West Coast as an adult, I have noticed that nobody — rich or poor — seems to go out of their way to introduce a new face to others in the room. What would you say accounts for this? — DONNA IN LAS VEGAS

DEAR DONNA: A person can't do what he or she hasn't been taught. During the 1960s, many parents stopped teaching their children social refinements like the one you describe. The result has been a lack of sensitivity in social interactions, and it is evident in more ways than this one.

DEAR ABBY: A few weeks ago I began using a name other than my given name. It's one I made up and used during pretend games when I was a child, so it's personally significant.

A friend recently told me that because it is a common Japanese name, it is culturally inappropriate for me to use it because I am not Asian. It is also a name in Hebrew, German and Ancient Egyptian, as I recently learned. Is it wrong for me to use the name? — THE NEW "ME" IN COLORADO

DEAR NEW "ME": No, it's not. You can call yourself any name you wish. Many parents have given their child a name from another culture because they liked the sound of it, and you don't have to make any apologies for changing yours.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Good bid, better play

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ J 7 5
♥ 9 4
♦ 8 7 6 5 4 3
♣ 6 3

WEST
♠ 4 3
♥ K J 6
♦ K Q J 9
♣ Q 10 7 2

EAST
♠ 8 6 2
♥ Q 10 8 7 5 3
♦ 10 2
♣ 9 8

SOUTH
♠ A K Q 10 9
♥ A 2
♦ A
♣ A K J 5 4

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣**	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

*Artificial negative, 0-6
**Artificial double negative, 0-3

Opening lead: King of ♦

It is rare to open two clubs with a two-suited hand as it becomes difficult to show both suits. A two-club opening is usually based on either a very strong balanced hand or a powerful one-suited hand. South felt that his hand was too strong to just open one spade. He had so many points that, not only might partner not be able to respond, neither opponent might have enough to compete. South showed what he thought of his hand by driving to slam when his partner gave a simple preference to spades.

The dummy was a slight disappointment, but the contract had chances. Declarer won the opening diamond lead and cashed the ace-king of clubs. This was followed by a low club, ruffed with dummy's jack. South was hoping for a 3-3 split of the missing clubs, so East showing out was not a welcome sight. He could still try to ruff another club with dummy's seven of trumps, hoping the eight was with West. Can you spot another chance?

It was much better than a "chance." South crossed back to his hand with the ace of hearts and led a fourth club. Instead of ruffing, he discarded dummy's remaining heart. His long club was now established and there was nothing the defense could do to prevent South from ruffing his remaining heart in dummy. Contract made!

"Sorry, partner," said West. "I could have defeated the slam with a trump lead, but my diamonds looked so good."

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, Sept. 23, 2014:

This year will be pivotal to your life history. One of your long-term desires could become a reality, and you will be delighted. Much goes on behind the scenes, and you might not be sure about the best way to proceed. Your professional status also could be enhanced this year. If you are single, know what or whom you desire, and you are likely to meet your match. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy life even more together than you have in the past. The mutual receptivity between you also will increase. Watch out for another LIBRA! This person could be jealous of you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Avoid appearing overly serious and demanding. What people don't realize is that you demand even more from yourself. No one is harder on you than you. There could be some remorse later if you push a loved one too hard. Tonight: Let someone else dominate.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You could be sorry that you pushed a child or new friend so hard, especially as this person appears to have closed down. You wanted a reaction, and you got a reaction. Think before you tromp on this person again. Encourage a discussion. Tonight: In the moment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You could find yourself in a funk if you are not careful. Loosen up, and recognize that when you are positive, everything seems to fall into place. You might need to let go of a personal problem or handle it quickly, if possible. Tonight: Head on home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You are much more emotional than you realize. Assuming a cool demeanor just might throw others off. You have some serious matters on your mind, and you need to resolve them. What has worked before might not be effective now. Tonight: Join a friend at a favorite spot.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by everything that is happening around you. Don't lose your grounding, especially where finances are concerned. You know what works for you. Work with a friend or loved one directly. Tonight: Be a duo.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ You might feel unstoppable. You are not. Don't push your luck, especially if you get a strange feeling about a situation. Back off. If you tap into your instincts, you could have a spectacular day. Be aware of the costs of a decision. Tonight: Your treat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★ Be aware of the costs of saying the wrong words, even if you think you are sure of yourself. The less said the better, though you might have to deal with some direct and uncomfortable questions. Honor your feelings, not your thoughts. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Focus on your long-term goals and what can happen. Refuse to get into a discussion of petty details, as it will prove to be irrelevant. Nevertheless, you and another person could use these discussions to beat each other up. Stop. Tonight: Go for peace and fun.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Pressure is likely to build to a level where you need to let off some steam. Try to keep your opinions to yourself right now. Express your caring, but hold back any negative thoughts. You will be relieved when the person in question opens up. Tonight: A must appearance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Your ability to gain an overview will be marked by your actions. Take your time making a decision, and be sure to weigh the pros and cons. You will know when you are ready to act. Trust yourself and your ability to look at the big picture. Tonight: A must appearance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ A partner has a lot to share. Stop and listen. You will be amazed by the possibilities that that might emerge as a result. Your caring side will grow, and you'll have a newfound respect for this person. Tonight: Only with a favorite person.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Defer to others. One person could be unusually silent and withdrawn. Your caring will help melt barriers, but perhaps not as quickly as you might like. Your sensitivity could be more instrumental than you even are aware. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

BORN TODAY

Singer/songwriter Bruce Springsteen (1949), professional wrestler Matt Hardy (1974), singer/songwriter Ray Charles (1930)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Reduce to mist
8 Insubstantial stuff
11 Intro deliverers
14 Short outing for a jogger
15 From A to Z
16 The smile on a smiley face, say
17 Green gem
18 Where to leggo your Eggo?
20 Period of meaningful interaction
22 Having the wherewithal
26 Take to court
27 From square one
28 "That's using your head!"
33 Detach from the dock
34 Sharply delineated, as a contrast
35 Egyptian snake
36 Actress Charlotte
38 __ Lanka
39 Scooby-__
42 Living thing
44 Make responsible for, as chores
46 Planck's Nobel prize-winning formulation
48 Insulting remark
50 Equal: Pref.
51 Carnivorous dinosaur, briefly
52 Small musical interval sung in choral warmups
57 Let go
58 Movie equipment
63 "O, __ fortune's fool!": Romeo
64 Start to practice?
65 Surreptitiously ... and a hint to 20-, 28-, 46- and 52-Across
66 8-Down treaters: Abbr.
67 Get at a store
68 Traditional Yuletide quaff

DOWN

1 Soul, to Zola
2 "A Christmas Carol" boy
3 Bullfight "Bravo!"
4 Debussy's "La __"
5 Syria neighbor
6 Last letter of a pilot's alphabet
7 Mark similar to a hyphen
8 Waiting room waiters
9 Very much
10 Be in the game
11 Checking conclusively, in chess
12 __ de cacao
13 Carpentry fastener
19 Performed really poorly
21 San __ Obispo, California
22 Color of water
23 Cookout supply
24 Walk on a bad knee, say
25 Novelist Umberto
29 Divided nation
30 Teach a skill to
31 Jeweler's purity unit
32 Dublin-born
37 In every aspect
39 Couturier Christian
40 Shrek, for one
41 Black stone
42 Grand Canyon pack animal
43 Sudden wind
45 Chess pieces and board, e.g.
46 Reservations
47 Barnyard animal in lotspeak
48 Ink squirter
49 Like some ancient calendars
53 Mummy's home
54 Genesis twin
55 Grandma
56 CPR providers
59 Canadian interjections
60 Stephen of "The Crying Game"
61 EPA concern
62 Arch city: Abbr.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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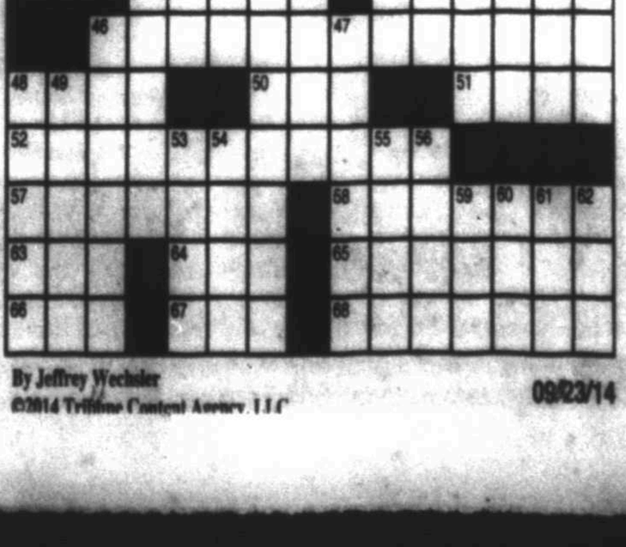

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SOUNDBITES

Reviews of recent releases

ANN HAMPTON CALLAWAY
"From Sassy to Divine: The Sarah Vaughan Project"

Ann Hampton Callaway has undeservedly flown under the radar as a jazz singer. Perhaps that's because of her successful career as a cabaret chanteuse and songwriter whose more than 250 songs include the theme for the TV sitcom "The Nanny" and tunes for Barbra Streisand's recent albums.

But her jazz artistry shines forth on "From Sassy to Divine: The Sarah Vaughan Project," a tribute to Vaughan with more than an hour of music recorded live at Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola with a top-flight jazz quintet. The album offers a fresh take on songs closely associated with the legendary jazz vocalist such as Stephen Sondheim's "Send in the Clowns" and the Gershwins' "Someone to Watch Over Me."

Callaway captures the playful side of the singer known as "Sassy" on such tunes as Duke Ellington's uptempo "In A Mellow Tone," on which she hits the high notes in some swinging scat singing. On "Mean To Me," Callaway gets bluesy and even imitates Randy Sandke's muted trumpet in one scat interlude, with Ted Rosenthal playing some old-style stride piano.

Callaway manages to avoid the pitfalls of many tribute albums, which either offer a pale imitation or stray too far from the original material. She has the vocal range, improvisatory flair and passion to channel Vaughan's spirit without imitating her.

Charlie J. Gans/AP

TIM MCGRAW
"Sundown Heaven Town"

Twenty years after his breakthrough hit, "Indian Outlaw," Tim McGraw still pushes at country music's boundaries. His new album, "Sundown Heaven Town," incorporates contemporary Nashville flourishes while holding onto McGraw's signature sound — a moody, atmospheric tone developed over the years.

The album hits several creative peaks, but bogs down with too many forgettable, mid-tempo tunes.

At age 47, McGraw hits home with reflective songs about love and modern life — especially those of a mature Southern man seeking balance between the past and present. His recent hit, "Meanwhile Back At Mama's," a duet with wife Faith Hill, epitomizes his strengths. McGraw's tempered voice, all restrained emotion, conveys how the anchor of a family helps him deal with the pressures of daily life.

His current single, "Shotgun Rider," and complicated relationship songs like "Sick of Me," show how good McGraw is at real-life situations. But too many hazy sentiments — in the songs "City Lights," "Looking For That Girl," "Keep on Truckin'" — keep the collection from achieving the glowing consistency of McGraw's best work.

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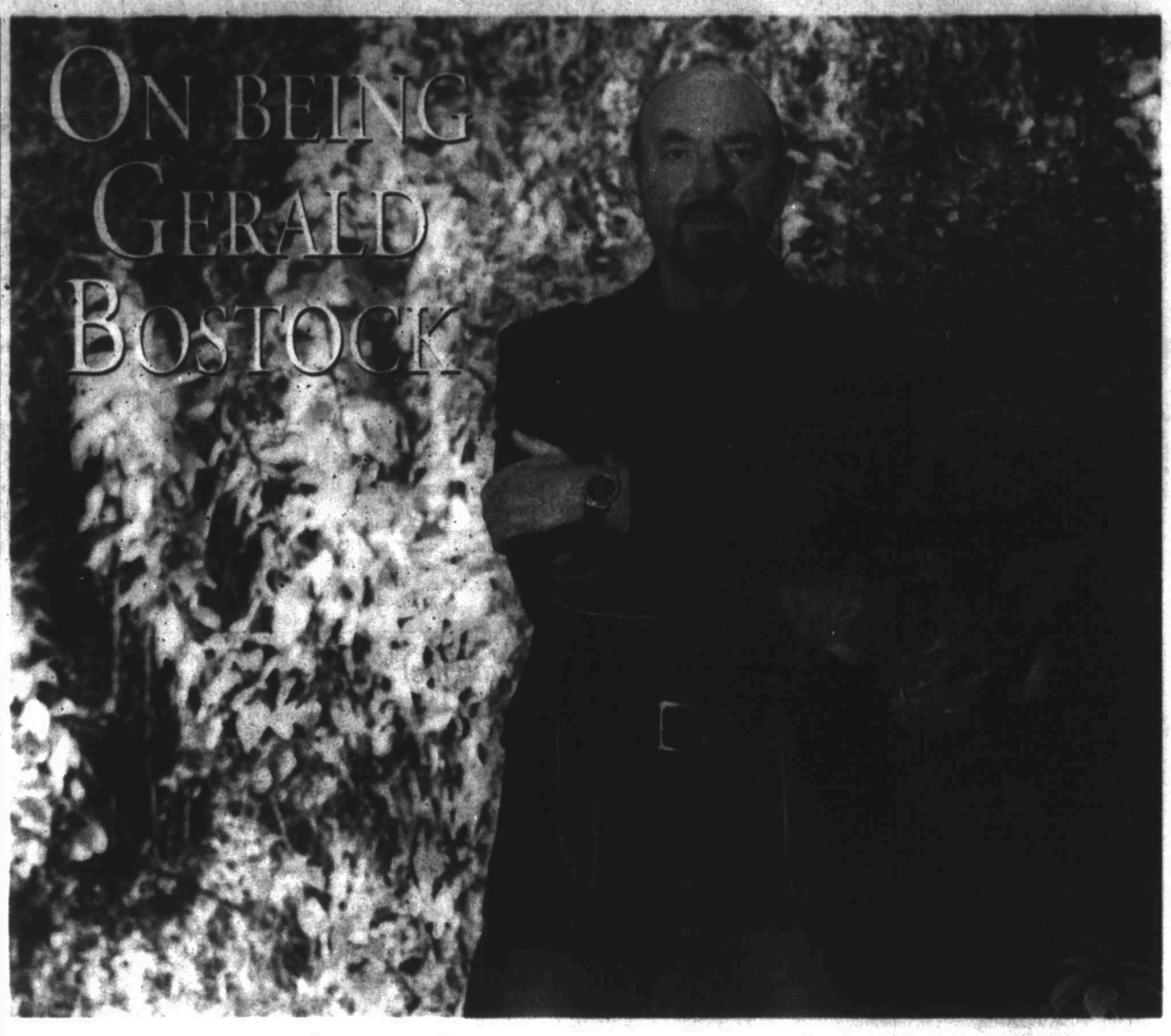

Ian Anderson isn't always on same page as his alter ego

By Rich Lopez
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For more than 30 years, Ian Anderson has impacted heavy metal in the most out-of-the box fashion. Fronting the band Jethro Tull, Anderson strayed out of the box to deliver a catalog of dramatic progressive rock that stands on its own but still apart from contemporaries like Rush or Pink Floyd.

As vocalist, guitarist and flutist, he led Tull into a musical territory all their own and garnered a controversial Grammy in 1988 for Best Hard Rock/Metal Performance Vocal or Instrumental, beating out favorite (and decidedly category-fitting) Metallica.

But Anderson has also cultivated a solo career since the 1980s in which he's explored complex avenues of instrumental music with a fictionalized world he's created with his wind instruments. That led to his 2014 release "Homo Erraticus," which peaked at No. 14 on the charts of Great Britain, his homeland. It's also his highest ranking album.

He brings both Tull's legacy and his own work to Midland on Wednesday at the Wagner Noel.

Before his show, he talked about how creating worlds and his character Gerald Bostock for his music is by choice and how anger and rage are merely shapers of arts and culture.

Want to go?

The Best of Jethro Tull performed by Ian Anderson at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm to Market Road 1788. Wednesday at 8 p.m. $40-$70. Wagnernoel.com.

MRT: You resurrect your character Gerald Bostock from your "Thick as a Brick" albums to appear in "Homo Erraticus." All three albums have such a weight to them, yet "Brick 2" and this one were written in short time. How did you concentrate your focus?

Anderson: I try to work fairly quickly and intensely. I just gave myself a cold start at 9 a.m. on Jan. 1 last year in got on with it. By that first afternoon, I had a title and some lyrics. Then I start determining where am I going with these ideas of the movement. I think of early ancestors and their various ways in which our species has gone in search of better things metaphorically.

MRT: Where are we going now?

Anderson: We go where things are better, whether it's politely or with an honest spirit or in terms of conquest and domination. It's a story of all of us, but not just people moving; the aesthetic of ideas and art and culture and science. We will see that happen in many parts of the world. Gerald then reacts to that through his beliefs that I can't always say myself. Sometimes I don't always believe in what he believes.

MRT: You mentioned in an interview that you create characters as voices of your music, but would we ever hear a autobiographical album by you?

Anderson: Why?

MRT: Well, it's somewhat of a conundrum to hear you say Gerald says the things you can't say, or believes in things you don't believe, but inherently he is you.

Anderson: We make these simplistic assumptions that the song represents my own emotions. Why should that be the case? It's not like that in opera or movies or literature. We accept when writers are nom de plumes with their own views expressed largely through those characters. I'm a writer who uses music.

MRT: I could quote Gerald Bostock by saying "We are the angry species." Likely we're the only angry species, right?

Anderson: Anger is one of those emotions that makes us uncomfortable, along with jealous and extreme rage, but that's where all the best of arts and culture stem from. If it wasn't for those, there wouldn't be Shakespeare or Quentin Tarantino. These things are part of what shapes our understanding as entertainment. In this sense of fiction, we learn about ourselves that way.

MRT: Are you angry?

Anderson: I'm most comfortable talking about people and giving them a context. I'm thinking like a stage or thespian performance and I inhabit that stage myself. I give it the authority but not me. So, no I'm not.

MRT: Could you ever live without Gerald Bostock at this point?

Anderson: I think he's done his job. I'll consign him to the scrap heap but he's unlikely to return. He's been a useful bit of continuity in last three years, but I don't foresee his return. Perhaps he'll make some comment or deliver a little vitriol to spite me. I can always give him a punch in the nose. (laughs)

MRT: When would we know that?

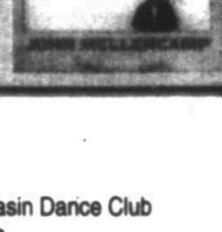
Anderson: I guess we wait to see on Jan. 1 at 9 a.m. in 2015.

Today's releases

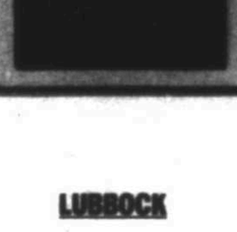
Tony Bennett and Lady Gaga 'Cheek to Cheek'

Joe Bonamassa 'Different Shades Of Blue'

Kenny Chesney 'The Big Revival'



John Mellencamp 'Plain Spoken'



Gary Clark Jr. 'Live'

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MIDLAND/ODESSA/ BIG SPRING/ANDREWS

SEPTEMBER

23 **Showdown** @ Permian Basin Dance Club, St. Stephens
24 **Ian Anderson: The Best of Jethro Tull** @ Wagner Noel
24 **Justin Langston** @ Saltgrass
25 **Martina McBride** @ Wagner Noel
25 **Kyle Wilson, Chris "MoonDawg" Hall** @ Blue Max
25 **Kim Dunn** @ Rockin Rodeo
25 **Showdown** @ West Texas Dance Club, VFW, Odessa
25 **Jake Kelton** @ Rockin Rodeo
26 **Live On Stage Presents: Fernando Varela** @ Wagner Noel
26 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Midland Senior Center
26 **Andean Style** @ Music Park Mall
26 **Justin Langston** @ Saltgrass
26 **John Conlee, Earl Thomas Conley** @ La Hacienda
26 **Dan Patterson & The Dying Lights** @ 10 Sports Bar
26 **Kolton Moore & The Clever Few, Dalton Domino** @ Lone Star Bar
26 **TJ Broscoff** @ Redneck's
26-27 **The Darren Welch Group** @ The Bar
26-27 **Texas Buck'n Heat Band** @ Hot Shots
25-27 **Crashing Pink Flamingos** @ Your Place
27 **All Stars, Mike Leonard, Andean Style, Tucker Binkley, Martha Elliot, Tyler Kirk, Walton Lyte** @ Music City Mall
27 **Gary Gorence** @ Polo Park Estates
27 **Crooks, Mayeux & Broussard** @ Lone Star Bar
28 **Gary Gorence** @ Cigar Frog's
27 **Chad McBride and the Drifters** @ Redneck's
28 **Santana** @ Wagner Noel
28 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co., Andean Style** @ Music City Mall
30 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Permian Basin Dance Club, St. Stephens
30 **S.S. WEB, Ando Ehlers** @ Blue Max

OCTOBER

1 **Justin Langston** @ Saltgrass
2 **Caroline Rose** @ ArtiZen Outlet
2 **Kyle Park** @ Rockin Rodeo
2 **Johnny & Susie Band** @ West Texas Dance Club, Odessa VFW
3 **Charlie Robison** @ Graham Central Station
3-4 **MoneyShot Band** @ The Bar
3-4 **The Unsweet T's** @ Your Place
4 **Bret Michaels, Lita Ford** @ La Hacienda
7 **Goodtimers** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
9 **Jeff Allen** @ Rockin Rodeo
9 **Goodtimers** @ West Texas Dance Club, Odessa VFW
10 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Midland Senior Center
10-11 **Funky Munky** @ The Bar
10-11 **The Santa Fe Band** @ Your Place
14 **Johnny & Susie Band** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
12 **Art Garfunkel** @ Wagner Noel
14 **AJR** @ McKinley Park
16 **Sam Riggs & Night People** @ Rockin Rodeo
16 **Johnny & Susie Band** @ West Texas Dance Club, Odessa VFW
17-18 **Electric Gypsies** @ The Bar
17-18 **Texas Buck'n Heat Band** @ Your Place
18 **For Michael, The Music of Michael Jackson** @ Wagner Noel
18 **Coffee Anderson** @ Horseshoe
19 **Susan Boyle** @ Wagner Noel
19 **Wayne "The Train" Hancock** @ Blue Max
19 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Music City Mall
21 **Heart** @ Wagner Noel
21 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
23 **Guttermouth, Against the Grain, In the Whale** @ Blue Max
23 **Showdown** @ West Texas Dance Club, Odessa

LUBBOCK

SEPTEMBER

23 **.38 Special** @ South Plains Fair
25 **Blood Sweat & Tears** @ South Plains Fair

OCTOBER

2 **Paul McCartney** @ United Spirit Arena
21 **Five Finger Death Punch, Volbeat, Hellyeah, Nothing More** @ Lone Star Event Center

NEW MEXICO

OCTOBER

11 **Marty Stuart, Connie Smith** @ Ruidoso Downs

DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA

SEPTEMBER

24 **Phillip Phillips, Magic!, A Great Big World, ZZ Ward** @ South Side Ballroom
24 **Hercules And Love Affair** @ Dada Dallas
26 **Better Than Ezra, Scars On 45** @ House Of Blues
26 **Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers, Steve Winwood** @ American Airlines Center

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MRT AREA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Andrews' Kelly returning to form to lead Mustangs

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Tajh Kelly may not be at 100 percent yet but he sure seems to be getting there.

In his second game back from a calf injury he sustained in the season opener, the junior running back from Andrews showed what his teammates and coaches believed he was capable of doing coming into the season.

Kelly displayed the combination of power and speed to rush for 197 yards and a touchdown on just 12 carries to help the Mustangs to a 35-25 victory at Monahans.

For his efforts, Kelly is the Reporter-Telegram's Area Player of the Week.

"I didn't know I had that many yards until they told me on Saturday," Kelly said. "I didn't even know that I ran that much on my calf.

"I knew coming in that (Monahans) had a really good defense," he added. "I was just hitting my holes and I was concentrating on holding on to the ball tight. I'm doing good but I think I can still get healthier. I'm not at my full peak but it's getting better as the weeks go by."

Kelly

Kelly lasted five plays into the Mustangs' 29-28 season-opening overtime win against San Angelo Lake View when he suffered the calf injury. Kelly had injured his knee the year before and had offseason surgery because of it. The last thing he wanted this year was another injury and not be there to help to help his teammates.

"It sucked because I really wanted to play and I feel I've improved a lot since last year," he said. "I was happy we won both games that I was out, but I wanted to be out there with my team."

The good news for the Mustangs is that Kelly's younger brother, Torey — a sophomore, was there to get the majority of the carries in his absence. Kelly said having an opportunity to play with his younger brother this season is special and it's the

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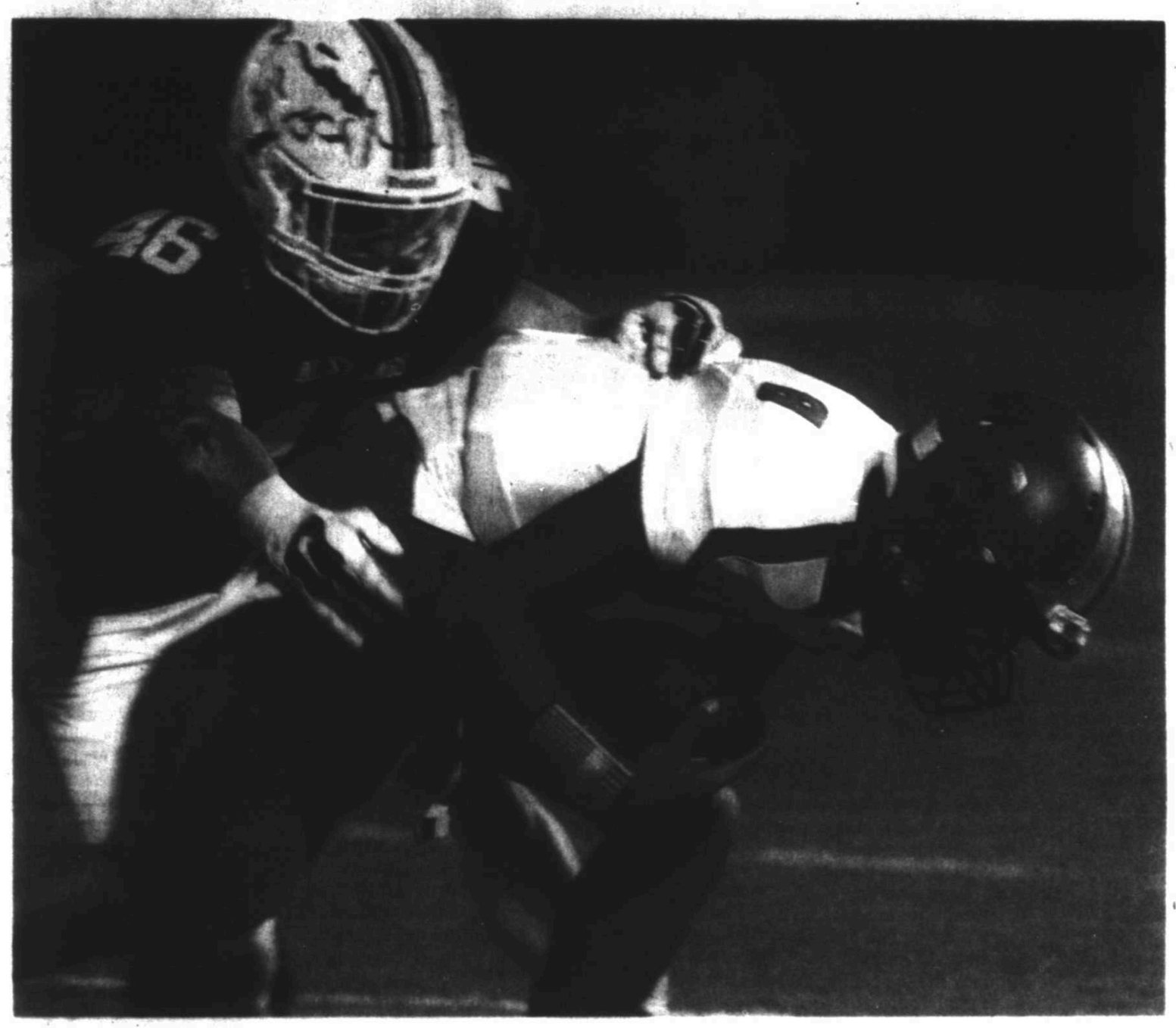
'We attacked the field'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Midland Christian's Reid Talley, left, chases and brings down El Paso Americas quarterback Q. Drennan on Friday night at Mustang Field.

Mustangs get back on track with landmark win

By Len Hayward
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PRIVATE SCHOOL REPORT

To the outsider, Midland Christian's victory against El Paso Americas was a landmark win for the private school program. The 35-10 victory was the first for the Mustangs against a school from Texas' largest public school classification.

But for those inside the program it was a victory that was needed to help refocus the team after its first defeat in nearly two years, and the opponent didn't matter.

"I thought it was big because we needed a win to get back on track," Midland Christian coach Greg McClendon said. "It wasn't desperation. We weren't a fragile team but we needed to get back on track and get our stuff going. The kids came back (last) Saturday morning and showed no signs of complacency."

Last Friday's game against the Trailblazers completed what was quite possibly the toughest non-district slate for the Mustangs in several years, both in terms of travel and competition.

The Mustangs played two games out of

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Cowboys still have questions on defense

Associated Press

IRVING — A day after the biggest regulation comeback in Dallas Cowboys history, coach Jason Garrett still had to answer questions about the defense.

Particularly third-year cornerback Morris Claiborne, who was beaten for two touchdowns before his late interception in a 34-31 victory at St. Louis, where the Cowboys overcame a 21-0 deficit.

Garrett would not say Monday whether Claiborne's starting job was in jeopardy, and whether the interception that ended the Rams' last threat made up for the earlier mistakes.

Garrett

"We'll determine how we're going to play guys as the week goes on," the coach said, repeating those words when he was asked again.

"Let's look at the stuff he did well and the stuff he didn't do quite as well," he said. "One of the best things Mo did, he fought through those adversities and was able to make a play at the end. You have to look at the whole thing and clean it up and get better."

Rams rookie quarterback Austin Davis threw for 327 yards Sunday in his second NFL start.

This week, the Cowboys (2-1) are home to face the New Orleans Saints and Drew Brees, who last season threw for 392 yards and four touchdowns in a 49-17 win over Dallas.

"We have our moments where we don't do things like we should," said linebacker Bruce Carter, who returned an interception for a touchdown against the Rams. "But I think the talent is there, the coaching is there and once we put it all together I think it's going to be a great thing."

The Cowboys trailed St. Louis 21-0 in the second quarter. They had twice before rallied from 21-point deficits to win, both overtime games — against New Orleans in 1984 and Washington in the 1999 season opener.

Dallas is 2-1 for the fourth year in a row. The last three seasons, the Cowboys went on to finish 8-8 and miss

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Big 12 almost fully into Phase 2 — conference play

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

Kliff Kingsbury makes sure his Texas Tech players know that their entire season is still ahead of them.

Texas coach Charlie Strong talks to his Longhorns about "Phase 2," which is Big 12 play.

The preliminaries are almost done in the Big 12, with the Red Raiders and Longhorns among seven teams that have already completed their non-conference schedules only three Saturdays into September. There will be only one more regular-season game after this week that will not count in the league's standings.

"Whether 3-0 or 0-3, you've now got everything in front of you that you want to accomplish," Kingsbury said Monday on the weekly Big 12 coaches teleconference.

The Red Raiders (2-1) play their conference opener Thursday night at 24th-ranked Oklahoma State (2-1), a young team that some are reconsidering as a possible Big 12 contender this season after a pair of convincing victories that followed a close season-opening loss against defending national champion and top-ranked Florida State.

"Well, it's hard for us to even look past practice and the next game. We're certainly not mature enough, experienced enough to think about anything other than our next game," Gundy said. "There's been years when we were very experienced and very, very talented and that gave us the opportunity to think different. But not this season. ... We'll know a lot more in a month, once we get through four or five games in Big 12 play."

A week after six teams didn't play and there were only three games combined in the Big 12, there are three conference matchups. Plus, No. 25 Kansas State (vs. UTEP) and TCU (at SMU) play their final non-conference games, with the Horned Frogs the only team without a conference game before October.

Iowa State (1-2) becomes to the first Big 12 team this season to play

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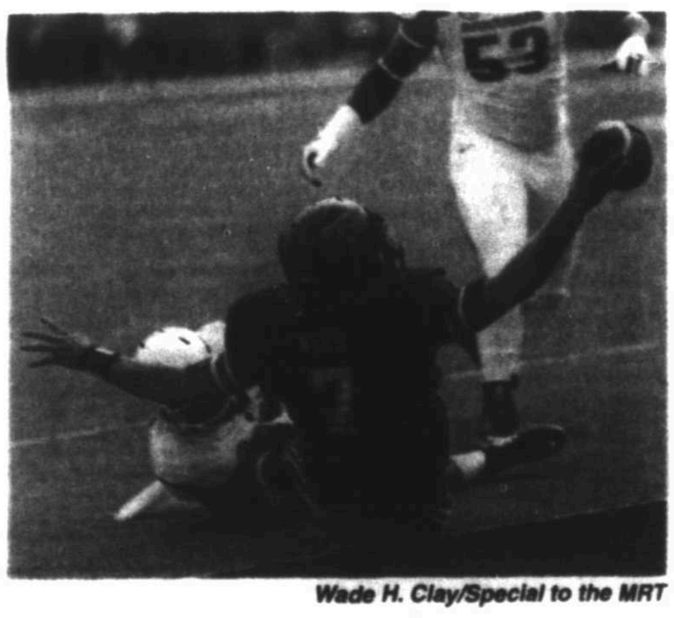
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Texas Tech quarterback Davis Webb backs into the end zone for a touchdown on Sept. 13 at Jones AT&T Stadium in Lubbock.

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FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TODAY
WHAT'S ON TV
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Orioles at Yankees, 6 p.m., ESPN

Astros at Rangers, 7 p.m., FSSW

Giants at Dodgers, 9 p.m., ESPN

MEN'S SOCCER

La Liga, Elche CF at Real Madrid CF, 12:55 p.m., beIN/beIN2

Bundesliga, Paderborn 07 at Bayern Munich, 1 p.m., GolTV

La Liga, Deportivo La Coruna at Celta Vigo, 2:55 p.m., beIN2

English League Cup, Middlesbrough at Liverpool, 3 p.m., beIN

Copa Sudamericana, Club Universitario at CD Universidad Cesar Vallego, 5 p.m., FOXDEP

Copa MX, Alebrijes de Oaxaca at Lobos BUAP, 6:55 p.m., ESPNDEP

CONCACAF Champions, Real Esteli at Sporting Kansas City, 7 p.m., FS1/UniDep

Copa Sudamericana, Independiente del Valle at Club Cerro Porteno, 7 p.m., FOXDEP

Copa MX, Deportivo Toluca at Pumas U.N.A.M., 8:55 p.m., GALA

Copa MX, Queretaro at Tigres UANL, 8:55 p.m., UniDep

CONCACAF Champions: Alpha United at Portland Timbers, 9 p.m., FS1

National Pro Grid League

Quarterfinal, Los Angeles Reign vs. D.C. Brawlers, 7 p.m., NBCSN

TENNIS

WTA, Wuhan Tennis Open, Midnight, TENNIS

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

California at Stanford, 8 p.m., P12/P12 BAY/P12 LA

UCLA at USC, 10 p.m., P12/P12 BAY/P12 LA

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY
HS VOLLEYBALL

Greenwood at Trinity, 4:30 p.m.
Abilene Cooper at Lee, 6 p.m.
Lubbock Titans at Trinity, 6:30 p.m.
Midland Christian at Lubbock Trinity, 7 p.m.
Andrews/Kermit at Midland Classical, TBA

HS TENNIS

Midland High at Odessa Permian, 4 p.m.

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

UTPB at University of the Southwest, 6 p.m.

UTPB ROUNDUP

MEN'S SOCCER FALLS

ODESSA — The UTPB men's soccer team fell 3-0 to Texas A&M International on Monday.

Camilo Botero, Robert Dominguez and Michael Iskander each had goals for Texas A&M International (4-2).

The Falcons (1-3-1) had six shots on goal but goalie Solomon Moctezume kept them out of the net.

WOMEN'S SOCCER ENDS IN SCORELESS TIE

ODESSA — The UTPB women's soccer team battled Texas A&M International to a scoreless tie after two overtimes on Monday.

Ebony Campbell recorded 12 saves for UTPB (1-4-1), while the Falcons' only had five shots on goal.

LOCAL SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF
Scoggin-Dickey Red Raider Classic
Friday-Saturday
Shadow Hills Golf Course and The Rawls Course
BOYS
Red Division

Team standings: 1. Coppell 289-311—585; 2. Odessa Permian 289-311—600; 3. Wolfforth Frenship 282-308—600; 4. Lubbock Coronado 296-312—608; 5. Grapevine 301-316—617; 6. Highland Park 307-320—627; 7. Andrews 310-319—629; 8. Plainview 304-328—632; 9. Lubbock Monterey 304-335—639

Top 5 individuals: 1. Max Rochel, Andrews 72-70—142; 2. Brian Choe, Coppell 72-71—143; 3. (tie) Will Adams, Permian 71-73—144; Dathan Terry, Frenship 71-73—144; 5. Parker Beaty, Permian 70-75—145

Black Division

Team standings: 1. Lee 319-314—633; 2. Lubbock Cooper 314-328—642; 3. Abilene Cooper 323-326—649; 4. Midland High 324-336—660; 5. Amarillo High 321-341—662; 6. Odessa High 319-354—673; 7. Abilene High 357-364—721; 8. Lubbock High 379-377—756; 9. Littlefield 389-457—855

Top 5 individuals: 1. Riley Casey, Abilene Cooper 72-72—144; 2. Stefan Wood, Lubbock High 77-73—150; 3. Guy Ekstrom, MHS 72-80—152; 4. Cole Fewin, Lubbock Cooper 75-77—152; 5. Justin Valdez, Lee 75-78—153

Area Team Scores

Andrews (310-319—629): Bracston Parker 77-80—157; Logan Upton 84-88—172; Austin Lovato 80-81—161; Mac Rochell 72-70—142; Tanner Stokes 81-89—170

Midland High (324-336—660): Zach Hertzer 81-83—164; Blake Rasmussen 80-83—163; Guy Ekstrom 72-80—152; Caleb Douglas 91-95—186; Grant Wood 98-90—188

Lee (319-314—633): Justin Valdez 75-78—153; Chase White 84-80—164; Jared Valdez 72-75—157; Jared Arras 78-81—159; Ethan Hobbs 88-92—180

Odessa High (319-354—673): Byron Ramirez 77-90—167; Brandon Grant 76-92—168; Logan Lee 82-83—165; Matthew Munoz 94-93—177; Blake Barmer 94-89—183; Eric Wythe 88-96—184

Odessa Permian (289-311—600): Parker Beaty 70-75—145; Ryan Tessaro 75-88—163; Dalton Anderson 73-84—157; Will Adams 71-73—144; Matthew Trotter 81-79—160

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball

MLB — Suspended Pittsburgh 3B Johan De Jesus (DSL Pirates) 72 games following a positive test for a metabolite of Nandrolone, a performance-enhancing substance, in violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

American League

NEW YORK YANKEES — Designated LHP Josh Outman for assignment. Claimed OF Eury Perez off waivers from Washington.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES — Fired general manager Frank Wren. Named John Hart interim general manager.

American Association

FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Released INF Michael L. Thompson and RHP Matt Schuld.

Can-Am League

TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Exercised the 2015 contract options on RHP Matthew Rusch, RHP Edilson Alvarez, RHP Mike Bradstreet, RHP Francois LaFreniere, RHP David Leblanc, RHP Nick Purdy, RHP Jadd Schmeltzer, LHP Alex Szymanski, C Kyle Lafrenz, C Elvin Millan, INF Eric Grabe, INF Josh Hampton, INF Danny Mateo, INF Brandon Newton, OF Steve Brown, OF Michael Hernandez, OF Alexandre LaGarde, OF Drew Miller and OF Will Walsh.

Frontier League

SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS — Traded INF Gerard Hall to Lancaster (Atlantic) for future considerations.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

CHICAGO BULLS — Re-signed C Nazr Mohammed.

DALLAS MAVERICKS — Signed G Doron Lamb.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

NFL — Named Dawn Hudson chief marketing officer.

DALLAS COWBOYS — Waived LB Keith Smith.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Signed G Eric Herman to the practice squad. Terminated the practice squad contract of OL Mark Asper.

Arena Football League

AFL — Named Scott Butera commissioner.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

DETROIT RED WINGS — Sent F Tyler Bertuzzi to Guelph (OHL), F Zach Nastasiuk to Owen Sound (OHL), F Dominic Turgeon to Portland (WHL), D Marc McNulty to Prince Albert (WHL) and D Mitchell Wheaton to Kelowna (WHL). Released F Blake Clarke, Hayden Hodgson, Darby Llewellyn, Brandon Robinson and Jerome Verrier, D Ty Stanton and G Lucas Peressini.

MONTREAL CANADIENS — Named Vincent Riendeau assistant general manager for Hamilton (AHL).

SOCCER
Major League Soccer

D.C. UNITED — Signed coach Ben Olsen to a multiyear contract extension.

COLLEGE

BARUCH — Named Joanna Quirindongo and Nicole Flint assistant softball coaches.

MOUNT ST. MARY'S — Named Ryan Browning men's assistant lacrosse coach.

RHODE ISLAND — Named Justin Lang men's assistant basketball coach.

ST. JOSEPH'S (LI) — Named Kevin Spann men's basketball coach.

TENNESSEE — Dismissed RB Treyvon Paulk from the team for a personal conduct issue.

UC DAVIS — Named Brittany Gaston women's assistant softball coach.

VANDERBILT — Suspended RB Brian Kimbrow indefinitely for conduct detrimental to the team.

WENTWORTH TECH — Announced the resignation of men's rowing coach Katie Lane.

PRO RODEO LEADERS

Through Sept. 22
All-around

1. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $247,511
2. Tuf Cooper, Decatur, $153,525
3. Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah $86,683
4. Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah $86,668
5. Clayton Hass, Terrell, $79,495
6. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo. $79,051
7. Curtis Cassidy, Donalda, Alberta $72,079
8. Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb. $62,231
9. Russell Cardoza, Terrebonne, Ore. $56,980
10. Ryan Jarrett, Comanche, Okla. $54,187
11. Ryle Smith, Oakdale, Calif. $53,710
12. Landon McClaugherty, Tilden, $49,074

Bareback Riding

1. Kaycee Feild, Spanish Fork, Utah $159,033
2. Steven Peebles, Redmond, Ore. $122,325
3. Austin Foss, Terrebonne, Ore. $115,162
4. Will Lowe, Canyon, $99,013
5. Tim O'Connell, Zwingle, Iowa $96,090
6. Bobby Mote, Culver, Ore. $95,309
7. Richmond Champion, The Woodlands, $88,059
8. Caleb Bennett, Tremonton, Utah $83,053
9. Winn Ratliff, Leesville, La. $71,502
10. Jake Vold, Ponoka, Alberta $67,786

Steer Wrestling

1. Trevor Knowles, Mount Vernon, Ore $91,804
2. Casey Martin, Sulphur, La. $80,278
3. K.C. Jones, Decatur, $79,469
4. Clayton Hass, Terrell, $69,239
5. Nick Guy, Sparta, Wis. $67,089
6. Dru Melvin, Hebron, Neb. $66,232
7. Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif. $65,992
8. Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev. $62,693
9. Bray Armes, Ponder, $59,779
10. Kyle Irwin, Robertsdale, Ala. $59,736

Team Roping (header)

1. Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont. $105,643
2. Erich Rogers, Round Rock, Ariz. $97,234
3. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $91,519
4. Dustin Bird, Cut Bank, Mont. $80,643
5. Riley Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. $82,889
6. Brandon Beers, Powell Butte, Ore. $76,592
7. Kaleb Driggers, Albany, Ga. $73,990
8. Luke Brown, Stephenville, $73,062
9. Coleman Proctor, Pryor, Okla. $72,843
10. Charly Crawford, Prineville, Ore. $70,592

Team Roping (heeler)

1. Jade Corkill, Fallon, Nev. $105,643
2. Cory Petska, Marana, Ariz. $97,581
3. Paul Eaves, Lonedell, Mo. $93,735
4. Travis Graves, Jay, Okla. $91,519
5. Brady Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. $82,889
6. Jim Ross Cooper, Monument, N.M. $76,592
7. Patrick Smith, Lipan, $73,990
8. Jake Long, Coffeyville, Kan. $73,843
9. Shay Carroll, La Junta, Colo. $71,652
10. Kollin VonAhn, Blanchard, Okla. $70,062

Saddle Bronc Riding

1. Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M. $112,380
2. Cody Wright, Milford, Utah $111,093
3. Cort Scheer, Elsmere, Neb. $102,429
4. Jacobs Crawley, Stephenville, $87,013
5. Heith DeMoss, Heflin, La. $86,114
6. Wade Sundell, Boxholm, Iowa $81,114
7. Tyler Corrington, Hastings, Minn. $76,879
8. Bradley Harter, Loranger, La. $72,846
9. Cole Elshere, Faith, S.D. $71,134
10. Chad Ferley, Oelrichs, S.D. $68,841

Tie-down Roping

1. Tuf Cooper, Decatur, $147,073
2. Matt Shiozawa, Chubbuck, Idaho $110,144
3. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $92,512
4. Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah $84,921
5. Hunter Herrin, Apache, Okla. $81,533
6. Cade Swor, Winnie, $76,319
7. Marty Yates, Stephenville, $75,907
8. Shane Hanchey, Sulphur, La. $75,187
9. Timber Moore, Aubrey, $73,313
10. Ryan Watkins, Bluff Dale, $68,197

Steer Roping

1. Chet Herren, Pawhuska, Okla. $66,290
2. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $64,420
3. Jess Tierney, Hermosa, S.D. $53,561
4. Cody Lee, Gatesville, $45,416
5. **Vin Fisher Jr., Andrews, $43,499**
6. Chance Kelton, Mayer, Ariz. $37,464
7. Jason Evans, Huntsville, $34,023
8. Mike Chase, McAlester, Okla. $33,281
9. Tony Reina, Wharton, $32,886
10. Brady Garten, Claremore, Okla. $32,543

Bull Riding

1. Sage Kimzey, Strong City, Okla. $143,165
2. J.W. Harris, Mullin, $125,032
3. Trey Benton III, Rock Island, $112,717
4. Cody Teel, Kountze, $96,603
5. Tim Bingham, Honeyville, Utah $77,769
6. Reid Barker, Comfort, $76,227
7. Brennon Eldred, Sulphur, Okla. $75,470
8. Josh Koschel, Nunn, Colo. $70,748
9. Jordan Spears, Redding, Calif. $70,563
10. Tyler Smith, Fruita, Colo. $70,064

Barrel Racing

1. Kaley Bass, Kissimmee, Fla. $151,107
2. Fallon Taylor, Whitesboro, $130,906
3. Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D. $118,313
4. Nancy Hunter, Neola, Utah $103,487
5. Britany Diaz, Solen, N.D. $97,812
6. Kassidy Dennison, Roosevelt, Utah $92,051
7. Michele McLeod, Whitesboro, $95,987
8. Carlee Pierce, Stephenville, $90,431
9. Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz. $93,048
10. Christine Laughlin, Pueblo, Colo. $89,335

Silver: NBA will review domestic violence policies

By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press

AP file photo

In this April 29 photo, NBA Commissioner Adam Silver addresses a news conference in New York. Silver said his league will "take a fresh look" at its domestic violence procedures following the rash of cases in the NFL.

NEW YORK — NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said Monday his league will "take a fresh look" at its domestic violence procedures in the wake of the NFL's rash of incidents.

Silver said during a community service event in Staten Island that the league has been discussing with the NBA Players Association ways to further educate players and provide programs to them and their families.

"We learn from other leagues' experiences," Silver said. "We're studying everything that's been happening in the NFL. We're working with our players' association. We've been talking for several weeks and we're going to take a fresh look at everything we do."

The NFL and Commissioner Roger Goodell have been criticized for punishments that were too slow or lenient for Ray Rice, Adrian Peterson and other players involved in recent domestic violence cases. Goodell said last week the NFL wants to implement new personal conduct policies by the Super Bowl.

The NBA's collective bargaining agreement calls for a minimum 10-game suspension for a first offense of a player convicted of a violent felony.

"We have in place the appropriate mechanisms for discipline, although we'll take a fresh look at those as well," Silver said. "But most importantly, it's education, and it's not just the players, but it's the players' families. That's what we're learning, too.

"We have to take these programs directly to the players' spouses, directly to their partners so that they're aware of places they can go to express concerns, whether they're anonymous hotlines, team executives, league executives. And we're consulting experts. There's a lot to be learned here. It's a societal problem; it's not one that's unique to sports."

Silver spoke at the opening of a refurbished Staten Island playground and basketball court in an area damaged by Hurricane Sandy. He was joined by Mayor Bill de Blasio and Knicks and Nets officials in announcing community efforts throughout New York, which will host the 2015 All-Star weekend. Silver said the goal of the programs is to directly reach 500,000 children.

New union executive director Michele Roberts also took part in what was her first official day in her new position. However, Silver said discussions with her started before Monday.

"We do have in place, unlike the NFL, a penalty scale, and to the extent it needs any tweaking, then we'll talk about tweaking it," Roberts said. "What I hope we're going to do as well is figure out ways to prevent any occurrence like that on our side. It's one thing to know how to react in the event it happens; it's a lot smarter to try to make sure it doesn't happen in the first instance."

Silver noted that the NBA has had its own difficulties with issues off the court, saying the aftermath of former Clippers owner Donald Sterling's racist remarks means "everyone understands the high standard that we are living under now in the NBA." The NFL's issues just accelerated the need to look for improvements.

"It's been going on, but the whole world is focused right now on what's happening around the NFL," Silver said, "so it'd be foolish for us not to try to learn from everything that's happening with that league as well."

Concern over McIlroy, McDowell more about results

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

GLENEAGLES, Scotland — European captain Paul McGinley is having second thoughts about a Rory McIlroy-Graeme McDowell partnership in the Ryder Cup.

Attribute that to an ordinary record, not an acrimonious lawsuit.

The Northern Irish duo has made it clear in recent weeks that McIlroy's lawsuit against Dublin-based Horizon Sports Management — which involves allegations against McDowell — has not affected their friendship and would not be a problem at Gleneagles this week.

"Both of them have assured me all along that there's no issue, and that's the way I've always seen it," McGinley said Monday in the opening news conference of Ryder Cup week. "Whether they come together or not is another story."

McDowell and McIlroy are longtime friends and major champions. They have been Ryder Cup partners for all but one session dating to 2010 at Wales, though their record is hardly impressive. They have won only two of those matches and halved another.

"Three or four months ago, I had a very strong view that they would have been (partners)," McGinley said. "But the more I look at their statistics, and the more I look at the different value I have with them, I'm thinking there may be a value in not doing it. But if I don't do it, it certainly won't be because of any issues.

"As both of them have said, there are no issues between them and both will be happy to play together," he said. "But it will be my decision ultimately."

Both teams arrived at Gleneagles on a relatively quiet day in which a haircut attracted most of the attention.

Rickie Fowler, a teen idol in golf circles, stepped off the U.S. charter at Edinburgh with "USA" cut into the side of his hair. Even old-school Tom Watson, the 65-year-old American captain, liked it.

"I thought it was terrific," Watson said. "It brings a light spirit to the team."

The Americans flew overnight as a team, and planned little more than chipping and putting Monday before getting started on their practice rounds. Watson has reminded them from his vast experience — only three American players were even born when Watson played his first Ryder Cup in 1977 — not to worry if it takes a few days for their golf games to come around.

Half of the European team lives in Florida and players began arriving in the U.K. over the last week.

McIlroy left Horizon more than a year ago and their lawsuit is scheduled to go to trial as early as January. An Irish judge has recommended that both sides go through mediation because of sensitive material that would be public. Among other things, McIlroy has alleged that McDowell received more favorable contract terms from Horizon, and McIlroy's lawyers have requested confidential documents.

McDowell announced last week that he also was leaving Horizon, under amicable terms, to put his own team around him.

They said they remain close and even had dinner together in Denver earlier this month.

McIlroy has had only one other partner in his two Ryder Cups. He was with Ian Poulter in fourballs in the final session at Medinah two years ago, and it was memorable. Poulter birdied his last five holes to give Europe an improbable point, and plenty of momentum that carried the side to a stunning comeback to retain the cup.

That has become a focal point for the American side.

"I made it very clear to them that this trip is a redemption trip," Watson said. "Those players that played on that team, it's time to make amends and try to redeem yourselves from what happened in 2012. I think it's a motivation rather than a negative."

US Soccer stands by its decision on Hope Solo

By Anne M. Peterson
Associated Press

U.S. Soccer is standing by its decision to allow goalkeeper Hope Solo to continue to play while she faces domestic violence charges.

Solo is charged with two misdemeanor counts of fourth-degree domestic violence assault in Washington state stemming from a June 21 altercation with her sister-in-law and 17-year-old nephew at a family gathering.

She has pleaded not guilty and the case is scheduled for trial on Nov. 4. She faces up to six months in jail if convicted.

Solo, who has been with the national team since 2000 and recently set the team record for most career shutouts, continued to play for the United States in exhibition matches and with her National Women's Soccer League team, the Seattle Reign, following her arrest.

U.S. Soccer President Sunil Gulati said Monday the organization will let her play until the legal matter is settled.

"U.S. Soccer takes the issue of domestic violence very seriously. From the beginning, we considered the information available and have taken a deliberate and thoughtful approach regarding Hope Solo's status with the national team," Gulati said in a statement. "Based on that information, U.S. Soccer stands by our decision to allow her to participate with the team as the legal process unfolds. If new information becomes available we will carefully consider it."

Gulati's statement comes after U.S. Olympic Committee Chief Executive Officer Scott Blackmun said he was disturbed by the charges against Solo. But in a statement to USA Today he did not say whether he believes she should face disciplinary action, such as suspension, before the matter plays out in court.

"The allegations involving Ms. Solo are disturbing and are inconsistent with our expectations of Olympians," Blackmun said. "We have had discussions with U.S. Soccer and fully expect them to take action if it is determined that the allegations are true."

Solo is expected to start in goal for the U.S. women when the team plays next month in the CONCACAF championship, which will be played in four U.S. cities with the final scheduled for Oct. 26 at PPL Park in Pennsylvania. The event serves as a qualifying event for next summer's Women's World Cup in Canada.

According to the court documents in the abuse case, Solo's 17-year-old nephew told police Solo was upset and appeared to have been drinking when she arrived at a family gathering. Following an argument, she and her nephew got into a fistfight, according to court documents.

When the boy's mother tried to break up the confrontation, Solo punched her in the face, the documents said. The report also said that the nephew broke a broom over Solo's head and pointed a broken BB gun at her to try to get her to leave.

Solo was released without bail. She was ordered not to have contact with the alleged victims and to not drink alcohol.

"Hope is not guilty of any crime," her attorney Todd Maybrown said in an email to The AP following her arrest. "In fact, our investigation reveals that Hope was assaulted and injured during this unfortunate incident. We look forward to the opportunity to present the true facts in court and to having this matter behind Hope very soon."

DAILY PROMISE BROUGHT TO YOU BY
HENRY
Psalm 112:1
Praise the LORD. Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who finds great delight in his commands.

AREA HS FOOTBALL STANDINGS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

District 2-4A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Andrews	4	0	150	78	1.000
Fabens	3	1	75	49	.750
Clint	2	2	108	99	.500
Mountain View	1	3	71	122	.000
San Elizario	1	3	64	96	.000

Last week's scores
Andrews 35, Monahans 25; Hatch Valley, N.M. 14, Clint 7; Mountain View 46, Chaparral, N.M. 22; Fabens 12, Pecos 0; San Elizario 24, El Paso Cathedral 6

This week's games
Sweetwater at Andrews; Tornillo at Clint; Fabens at El Paso Cathedral; Mountain View and San Elizario are open

District 3-4A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Big Spring	3	0	132	102	1.000
Stephenville	3	1	187	77	1.000
Ab. Wylie	2	2	103	80	.500
Brownwood	1	2	80	96	.333
Snyder	1	3	117	166	.250

Last week's scores
Big Spring 41, Hereford 14; Abilene Wylie 28, Birdville 12; Brownwood 29, Alvarado 15; Sweetwater 58, Snyder 40; Lubbock Cooper 50, Stephenville 39

This week's games
Big Spring at Graham; Liberty Hill at Abilene Wylie; Brownwood at Burkburnett; Snyder at Greenwood; Alvarado at Stephenville

District 2-4A Division II
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Sweetwater	4	0	192	125	1.000
Monahans	2	2	170	102	.500
Fort Stockton	1	2	90	93	.333
Greenwood	1	3	88	129	.250
Pecos	1	3	80	93	.250
Lamesa	0	4	70	161	.000

Last week's scores
San Angelo Lake View 40, Greenwood 7; Andrews 35, Monahans 25; Sweetwater 58, Snyder 40; Seminole 28, Fort Stockton 20; Seagraves 50, Lamesa 7; Fabens 12, Pecos 0

This week's games
Snyder at Greenwood; Sweetwater at Andrews; Monahans at Lubbock Cooper; Alpine at Fort Stockton; Lamesa at Dimmitt; Pecos at Brownfield

District 3-3A Division II
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Coahoma	4	0	117	32	1.000
Coleman	4	0	161	48	1.000
Colorado City	3	1	133	80	.750
Stanton	2	2	78	108	.500
Post	2	2	125	68	.500
Ballinger	1	3	61	124	.250

Last week's scores
Coahoma 46, Miles 16; Abernathy 33, Stanton 7; Ballinger 13, Merkel 12; Coleman 41, Bangs 14; Colorado City 38, Clyde 14; Post 47, Floydada 6

This week's games
Seagraves at Stanton; Coahoma at Iraan; Coleman at Anson; Colorado City at Hawley; Crane at Ballinger; Post at Slaton

District 3-2A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Forsan	3	1	109	12	.750
Ozona	2	2	95	121	.500
Anthony	0	4	21	161	.000
Christoval	0	4	80	129	.000
McCamey	0	4	42	151	.000

Last week's scores
Forsan 17, Reagan County 6; Iraan 55, McCamey 14; Van Horn 40, Anthony 8; Junction 34, Christoval 27; Ozona 44, San Angelo Grape Creek 29

This week's games
Forsan at Miles; Lordburg (N.M.) at Anthony; Van Horn at Christoval; Wink at McCamey; Ozona at Reagan County

District 4-A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Klondike	4	0	221	103	1.000
Borden Co.	3	0	204	73	1.000
O'Donnell	3	1	279	165	.750
Grady	2	1	209	82	.667

Last week's scores
Grady 66, Rankin 36; O'Donnell 66, Lubbock Home School 20; Klondike 52, Trent 6; Borden County was open

This week's game
Grady at Water Valley; New Home at O'Donnell; Borden County at New Home; Klondike at Ropes

District 6-A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Garden City	3	1	226	100	.750
Fort Davis	3	1	170	94	.750
Rankin	2	2	187	229	.500
Marfa	2	2	157	147	.500

Last week's scores
Grady 66, Rankin 36; Garden City 70, Highland 42; Grandfalls-Royalty 56, Marfa 22; Fort Davis 50, Sanderson 6

This week's games
Balmorhea at Garden City; Grandfalls-Royalty at Rankin; Fort Hancock at Marfa; Fort Davis at Buena Vista

TAPPS Division I, District 1
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Bishop Dunne	3	0	164	07	1.000
Bishop Lynch	3	1	186	97	.750
Argyle Liberty	2	1	109	74	.667
Prestonwood	2	1	116	99	.667
Mid. Christ.	2	1	108	60	.667
Add. Trinity	2	1	152	104	.667
FW Nolan	1	2	45	60	.333
John Paul II	0	3	72	139	.000

Last week's scores
Midland Christian 35, El Paso Americas 10; Addison Trinity 49, Ferris 17; Dallas Bishop Dunne 64, Dallas Roosevelt 0; Dallas Bishop Lynch 40, Celina 21; Fort Worth Nolan Catholic, Argyle Liberty Christian, Plano John Paul II and Plano Prestonwood were open

This week's games
Dallas Bishop Lynch at Midland Christian; Fort Worth Nolan Catholic at Argyle Liberty Christian; Addison Trinity at Plano Prestonwood; Dallas Bishop Dunne at Plano John Paul II

TAPPS Six-man Division I, District 1
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Harvest Christ.	3	0	178	56	1.000
Rock. Heritage	3	0	176	15	1.000
Trinity	3	1	168	94	.750
Ovilla Christ.	1	2	125	148	.333
The Covenant	1	3	149	200	.250
Ab. Christ.	0	4	73	282	.000

Last week's scores
Trinity 50, Lubbock Christ the King 0; Ira 48, Abilene Christian 0; Watauga Harvest 75, Trinity Willow Park 28; Red Oak Ovilla 36, Round Rock Christian 24; Dallas The Covenant 44, Lucas Christian 26; Greenville Christian at Rockwall Heritage, ccd

This week's games
Trinity at Sanderson; Abilene Christian at Round Rock Christian; Dallas the Covenant at Strawn; Westlake at Watauga Harvest; Red Oak Ovilla at Waco Vanguard; Rockwall Heritage is open

TEXAS HS FOOTBALL POLLS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Class 6A

School	Record	Points	Prv
1. Allen (21)	(4-0)	246	1
2. DeSoto (4)	(4-0)	228	2
3. Euless Trinity	(4-0)	183	3
4. Southlake Carroll	(3-0)	147	5
5. Pearland	(4-0)	129	6
6. Manvel	(3-0)	102	7
7. Cibolo Steele	(3-1)	99	4
8. Dallas Skyline	(3-0)	85	8
9. Denton Guyer	(2-1)	50	9
10. Katy	(3-1)	44	10

Others receiving votes: 11, SA Northside Brennan 42. 12, Cedar Hill 14. 13, Abilene 8. 13, Hewitt Midway 8. 15, Cypress Fairbanks 3. 15, The Woodlands 3. 17, Austin Westlake 2. 18, Amarillo 1. 18, Lake Travis 1.

Class 5A

School	Record	Points	Prv
1. Aledo (15)	(2-1)	234	1
2. Lufkin (2)	(2-1)	188	3
3. Georgetown (4)	(4-0)	176	4
4. Fort Bend Elkins (2)	(3-0)	160	5
5. Temple	(2-1)	134	6
6. Mansfield Timberview (1)	(3-1)	100	8
7. Tyler	(2-1)	86	7
8. Lancaster	(3-1)	61	9
9. West Mesquite	(3-0)	50	10
10. Richmond Foster	(4-0)	38	NRR

Others receiving votes: 11, Rockwall-Heath 25. 12, CC Flour Bluff 18. 13, Whitehouse 17. 14, Cedar Park 14. 14, Ennis (1) 14. 16, Fort Bend Ridge Point 13. 16, Georgetown East View 13. 18, Richmond George Ranch 9. 19, Houston King 7. 20, Longview 4. 20, Canyon Randall 4. 22, Crosby 3. 23, Lubbock Cooper 2. 23, Austin Vandegrift 2. 25, Port Neches-Groves 1. 25, EP Del Valle 1. 25, Canyon 1.

Class 4A

School	Record	Points	Prv
1. Navasota (18)	(4-0)	240	2
2. Argyle (4)	(4-0)	222	3
3. Gilmer (2)	(4-0)	200	5
4. West Orange-Stark	(4-0)	165	6
5. Kennedale	(4-0)	117	7
6. Stephenville (1)	(3-1)	108	1
7. La Grange	(4-0)	98	8
8. Graham	(3-1)	90	4
9. La Marque	(3-1)	44	10
10. Big Spring	(4-0)	14	NR

Others receiving votes: 11, Van 11. 12, Gladewater 9. 12, Atlanta 9. 12, La Vernia 9. 15, Port Isabel 7. 15, Robinson 7. 17, Celina 6. 17, Fairfield 6. 17, Tatum 6. 20, Giddings 5. 21, Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson 1. 21, Liberty Hill 1.

Class 3A

School	Record	Points	Prv
1. Cisco (22)	(3-0)	237	1
2. Franklin	(4-0)	205	2
3. Rockdale	(3-0)	175	3
4. Wall	(3-1)	150	4
5. Corrigan-Camden (2)	(4-0)	145	5
6. Kirbyville	(3-0)	111	6
7. Teague	(4-0)	96	7
8. Malakoff	(4-0)	69	9
9. Waskom	(2-1)	63	8
10. Grandview	(4-0)	26	NR

Others receiving votes: 11, Blanco 9. 12, East Bernard 7. 13, Arp 6. 14, Eastland 4. 15, Denver City 3. 15, Jarrell 3. 15, Shallowater 3. 15, White Oak 3. 19, Sonora 2. 20, Spearman 1. 20, Cameron Yoe 1. 20, East Chambers 1.

Class 2A

School	Record	Points	Prv
1. Refugio (16)	(3-0)	227	1
2. Mart (6)	(4-0)	217	2
3. Tenaha (2)	(4-0)	189	3
4. Canadian	(4-0)	153	4
5. Bremond	(4-0)	131	5
6. Albany	(4-0)	102	6
7. Shiner	(4-0)	97	7
8. Mason	(4-0)	95	8
9. Crawford	(4-0)	48	9
10. Stratford	(3-0)	16	NR

Others receiving votes: 11, Iraan 11. 12, Seagraves 9. 12, Abernathy 9. 14, Falls City 6. 15, Alto 5. 16, Hamlin 2. 16, Muenster 2. 18, Centerville 1.

Other notable performances from the week

■ In Midland Christian's convincing 35-10 victory over El Paso Americas, the Mustangs had a pair of standout performers. QB **Garry Powell** was 12-of-18 passing for 208 yards with a touchdown, to go with 61 yards rushing on eight carries. RB/LB **Justin Fender** added 111 yards rushing and three TDs on 22 carries, plus nine tackles while playing defense.

■ Big Spring QB **Tobyn Tannehill** had another big game in a 41-14 victory over Hereford. The senior was 11-of-19 passing for 183 yards and no interceptions. He also rushed for 164 yards and three touchdowns on 12 carries.

■ Garden City had a trio of 100-yard rushers in a 70-42 victory over Highland. **Isaac Enriquez** had 124 yards and two touchdowns on 10 carries, **Isaiah Enriquez** had 117 yards and two touchdowns on six carries, and **Ismael Ramirez** added 107 yards and three TDs on three TDs.

■ Grady defeated Rankin 66-36 and the Wildcats had a pair of standout performances. QB **E.J. Rodriquez** threw for 213 yards and accounted for eight touchdowns (six rushing, two passing), while **Joseph Briseno** added 146 yards rushing and a touchdown on 16 carries, and added a receiving TD.

Powell

Fender

Tannehill

Issac Enriquez

Isaiah Enriquez

Ramirez

Rodriquez

Briseno

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STATISTICS

Midland Christian
(3-1, 0-0)

Midland Christian	21	46	14	28—109
Opponent	7	15	38	0—60

Team Statistics

	MCS	Opponent
First Downs	60	36
Rushes-Yards	106-780	108-298
Passing Yards	406	406
Comp-Att-Int	29-48-4	25-61-1
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	1-0
Penalties-Yards	17-146	6-54

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
J. Fender	52	346	6.7	7
Mayberry	19	173	9.1	1
Powell	19	168	8.8	3
Mannix	7	50	7.1	1
D. Fender	3	20	6.7	0
Burdit	3	13	4.3	0
T. Davis	3	10	3.3	0
Totals	106	780	7.4	13

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Powell	27	45	4	359	1
Mannix	2	3	0	47	1
Totals	29	48	4	406	2

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Brown	8	129	16.1	0
Lawrence	6	99	16.5	0
Burdit	6	76	12.7	1
Warren	3	49	16.3	1
Nguyen	2	29	14.5	0
Mannix	2	10	5.0	0
D. Fender	1	8	8.0	0
J. Fender	1	6	6.0	0
Totals	29	406	14.0	2

KICKOFF RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Burdit	4	81	20.3	0
Mannix	2	41	20.5	0
Gilbert	1	12	12.0	0
Totals	7	134	19.1	0

PUNT RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Mannix	1	22	22.0	0
Totals	1	22	22.0	0

PUNTING

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Mannix	4	138	34.5
Brown	2	40	20.0
Totals	6	178	29.7

INTERCEPTIONS

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Warren	1	0	0.0	0
Totals	1	0	0.0	0

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	FG	2PT	TP
J. Fender	7	0	0	0	42
Powell	3	0	0	0	18
Causdy	0	15	1	0	18
Mayberry	1	0	0	0	6
Mannix	1	0	0	0	6
Warren	1	0	0	0	6
D. Fender	1	0	0	0	6
Burdit	1	0	0	0	6
Totals	15	14	1	0	108

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	T	S	TFL	FC	FR	PBU
Talley	26	2	4	0	0	1
Warren	21	0	0	0	0	1
Sanford	21	1	5	0	0	0
J. Fender	20	0	0	0	0	0
Calhoun	14	0	1	0	0	0
Hooper	14	1	0	0	0	0
Hall	12	3	1	0	0	0
Brown	9	0	0	0	0	0
D. Fender	8	0	0	0	0	0
Eddison	7	0	0	0	0	0
Gilbert	7	0	1	0	0	3
Garnett	7	0	0	0	0	0
Thomason	6	0	1	0	0	0
Burdit	6	0	0	0	0	0
Wolfe	4	0	1	0	0	0
Davila	4	0	0	0	0	0
Lawrence	4	0	0	0	0	0
Mayberry	3	1	0	0	0	0
Fisher	2	0	0	0	0	0
Mannix	2	0	0	0	0	1
Hart	2	0	0	0	0	0
6Mowles	2	0	1	0	0	0
Nguyen	2	0	1	0	0	1
Breeding	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mizzles	1	0	0	0	0	0
Threadgill	1	0	0	0	0	0
Wilson	1	0	0	0	0	0

Note: Tackle total includes solo and assisted tackles

MUSTANGS

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state — one in Arkansas and one in Louisiana — along with facing Americas at home. They finished 2-1 and now begin play in the ultra-competitive TAPPS Division I, District 1 on Friday against Dallas Bishop Lynch. But for a team that needed to find itself and right the ship, Friday's game provided that.

The Mustangs were looking to rebound from a 43-17 loss to Shreveport Calvary Baptist (La.) on Sept. 11.

McClendon received the fast start he wanted, and the team cut down on the turnovers. That was the goal for the Mustangs regardless of who they were playing.

"It all started in practice, and I thought we attacked the field and attacked the game the way I expected us to," McClendon said. "The offensive line did a good job, and Justin Fender and the backs, I thought, did a good job of running. I thought our defense went out and did a really good job."

WARREN OUT, MANNIX MIGHT BE BACK: The Mustangs were without senior middle linebacker Kaleb Warren for much of the game on Friday and McClendon said he likely will not play on Friday against Dallas Bishop Lynch.

Warren has an injury on the top of one of his feet and McClendon said they would know more on the injury later on Monday. McClendon said that Justin Fender and Davis Fender will see time at middle linebacker this week.

McLane Mannix will likely be back this week after sitting out last week's game with a knee injury. McClendon said he is doing better and should be ready to play.

LONE TALL CITY WIN VS. EL PASO: Midland Christian was the only team from the Tall City on Friday to win a game against an El Paso Class 6A team last week. Both Lee and Midland High lost on Friday to El Paso schools. The Rebels lost to El Paso El Dorado (51-44) on the road and the Bulldogs lost to El Paso Franklin (42-28) at home.

McClendon, who has been at Midland Christian for 15 years after serving as an assistant at Lee, said even though his team hasn't played an El Paso school in a number of years, he said the gap between the Permian Basin and El Paso in football is definitely closing.

"I think El Paso football has improved significantly," McClendon said. "I don't think it's the old El Paso vs. Midland-Odessa. Our kids came out and played what I think it is a pretty good football team and played well."

TAPPS D-I, DISTRICT 1 SLATE STARTS FRIDAY: District play will begin Friday in TAPPS Division I, District 1, and six of the eight teams will head into district play with winning records. Dallas Bishop Dunne is undefeated at 3-0, Dallas Bishop Lynch, MCS' opponent this week, is 3-1, and Argyle Liberty Christian, Midland Christian, Plano Prestonwood and Trinity Christian-Addison are all 2-1.

While Midland Christian's debut in the district on Friday against Bishop Lynch is one game to watch, the marquee game will likely be between Trinity Christian-Addison and Plano Prestonwood. Prestonwood lost in the state title game a year ago, while TC-Addison has played in three state title games since 2005.

TRINITY READY FOR LONG ROAD TRIP: Trinity won its second straight game last week, beating Lubbock Christ the King 59-0 by the mercy rule. This week, though, Trinity will make its first extended road trip of the season to Sanderson.

The Chargers (3-1) did play Rankin on the road, but coach Antwan Alexander said this week will be preparation for the long road trips the team will face in TAPPS Six-Man Division I, District 1 play this season.

"Not only do we have to execute on the field but we also have to take care of preparation getting down to the game," Alexander said. "It's doing all the small thing and that can add up. It's how you carry yourself on the bus, how you carry yourself on the field and hold each other accountable. It's doing what you are supposed to do on the field and keeping the bus clean, that all goes hand in hand."

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first time they've gotten to be on the same team since before they moved to Andrews two years ago from Fort Worth.

Coach Ralph Mason said Kelly's performance against Monahans showed that the 5-foot-10, 215-pound back is getting back to full speed.

"The week before he came in against Levelland and he's just run with such explosion the last game and a half," said Mason about Kelly, who scored three touchdowns in a 26-17 victory over Levelland. "He's a back who not only has good instinct but has got power and a burst of speed on the field. But Tajh would be the first to tell you that the offensive line had a lot to do with what he did on Friday. The offensive line did some amazing things and all Tajh had to do was run hard and they would give him a crease."

Kelly was quick to credit the big boys up front as well.

"The offensive line did a really good job for me and my brother. We could not have done it without them," Kelly said. "They keyed on their assignments, played smart, played hard and got the job done."

Having Kelly back close to 100 percent gives the Mustangs another playmaker for that explosive offense, which along with an improved defense, has Andrews off to a 4-0 start this season.

Kelly said he's not surprised with his team's strong start as he saw the potential in the Mustangs going into the season.

"I think we're a good team," he said. "All of us are playing together, which I think is the main reason. And now we're trusting the defense and not worrying about the other guy's assignments, where last year we were learning a new defense and not trusting the assignments."

Kelly and the Mustangs look to stay undefeated when they host 4-0 Sweetwater on Friday night.

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Team Penske in command of the Chase after 2 races

JENNA FRYER
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — As Brad Keselowski flaunted his fast car by leading session after session at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Joey Logano took a good-natured swipe at his teammate by asking him via Twitter to slow down.

The first message apparently fell on deaf ears, so Logano tried again the next day, tweeting to Keselowski: "You must have not heard me yesterday. Please?"

Logano ultimately didn't need an assist from Keselowski on Sunday. He led the final 30 laps to grab a pivotal victory, and the win pushed Logano into the second round of the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship, where he and Keselowski are the only two drivers guaranteed of advancing.

Team Penske is hot — the hottest organization in NASCAR with four wins in the last five races — and Logano and Keselowski are ruthless right now about results. They aren't content simply securing spots in the second round of the Chase. They want to win everything in sight and not let anyone else in the game.

"Knowing that we're in the next round is nice," said Logano after his victory, "but we want to go out there and win. Our goal is to win the championship. Just because we're in the next (round) doesn't mean we're going to take a week off next week."

This 16-driver Chase under a new elimination format was supposed to pit Penske against mighty Hendrick Motorsports, but it's been all Penske through the first two races. Kevin Harvick has held his own, but his Stewart-Haas Racing entry has yet to stack up to the two Penske cars when a win is on the line.

And the four-car Hendrick effort? Well, Kasey Kahne could be eliminated Sunday at Dover, six-time and defending champion Jimmie Johnson has been mediocre at best, and Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt Jr. aren't yet on the same level as the two Penske teams.

Granted, the 10-race Chase has ebbs and flows — Matt Kenseth won the first two races last year but still lost the championship to Johnson. But what the first two races this year has shown is that Penske is playing for keeps.

Keselowski pushed hard for the organization to sign Logano, whom he believed would be a great complement to an organization on an upswing. Logano was signed during Keselowski's 2012 championship run — the first Cup title for Roger Penske in 40 years of NASCAR participation — and indeed strengthened the two-car team.

Although Keselowski failed to make the Chase last year and was ineligible to defend his title, Logano earned his first career berth as both cars were competitive for the first time in many, many years. Being shut out of the Chase made Keselowski more determined, and he's pushed and pushed behind the scenes for Penske to take an aggressive approach and rise to the level of Rick Hendrick's industry standard team.

So all season long has been a competition between the two organizations, with Harvick trying desperately to crash the party. Logano at Bristol picked up his third win of the year — at the time it tied him with Keselowski, Gordon, Earnhardt and Johnson for most in the series, and then Keselowski surged to his fourth victory two weeks later.

Keselowski's win at Richmond was good for the top seed in the Chase, and he made it two-straight with a victory in the Chase opener at Chicagoland to give him five on the year. Logano answered with Sunday's win at New Hampshire, and both drivers have made it clear they won't coast into each round. If they could somehow win all 10 Chase races, they'd have no pity for the other teams.

"I'd like to say the 35-inch, 35-ounce bat, they're swinging it hard," Walt Czarnecki, vice chairman at Penske, said Sunday. "Someone asked me a minute ago, 'This must make you feel pretty good, both cars are advancing to the next round?' I said 'Let me tell you something about this group — we're worried about Dover right now.'

"That's our intent, one race at a time, and that's how we'll proceed."

It's already been a successful year for the Penske organization, which celebrated its first IndyCar championship since 2006 last month when Will Power claimed his first career title. Now Penske is in command of the Chase, and also leading the owner standings in the Nationwide Series.

Keselowski feels the attention the team is receiving now didn't come until the seventh or eighth race of his title run two years ago. He's used to attention and doesn't mind it, but cautions the Penske organization against believing the hype.

"It's different because it's so early, and I know that we have so much further to go and so much more work to do," Keselowski said. "In that sense, it's a compliment. But it's kind of scary because you don't want to get overinflated as a team and think you've done what you needed to do when there's so much work left to be done."

Sprint Cup leaders

Through Sept. 21

Points

1, Brad Keselowski, 2,097. 2, Joey Logano, 2,096. 3, Kevin Harvick, 2,090. 4, Jimmie Johnson, 2,080. 5, Kyle Busch, 2,077. 6, Dale Earnhardt Jr., 2,077. 7, Jeff Gordon, 2,070. 8, Matt Kenseth, 2,057. 9, Carl Edwards, 2,057. 10, AJ Allmendinger, 2,056.

11, Kasey Kahne, 2,055. 12, Ryan Newman, 2,055. 13, Denny Hamlin, 2,049. 14, Greg Biffle, 2,049. 15, Kurt Busch, 2,047. 16, Aric Almirola, 2,045. 17, Kyle Larson, 821. 18, Jamie McMurray, 782. 19, Clint Bowyer, 781. 20, Austin Dillon, 759.

Money

1, Brad Keselowski, $6,204,698. 2, Jeff Gordon, $5,788,727. 3, Jimmie Johnson, $5,507,667. 4, Joey Logano, $5,430,852. 5, Kevin Harvick, $5,249,408. 6, Matt Kenseth, $5,209,951. 7, Dale Earnhardt Jr., $5,199,004. 8, Jamie McMurray, $5,192,066. 9, Kyle Busch, $4,996,829. 10, Denny Hamlin, $4,666,013.

11, Greg Biffle, $4,416,134. 12, Austin Dillon, $4,339,433. 13, Clint Bowyer, $4,236,764. 14, Kyle Larson, $4,206,105. 15, Brian Vickers, $4,147,148. 16, Aric Almirola, $4,142,536. 17, Paul Menard, $4,119,227. 18, Carl Edwards, $4,071,677. 19, Ricky Stenhouse Jr., $3,985,955. 20, Marcos Ambrose, $3,812,475.

Owner: 'No misinformation' by Ravens on Rice

By David Ginsburg
Associated Press

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Ravens owner Steve Bisciotti criticized a report that suggests he and other team officials tried to persuade the NFL to be lenient on Ray Rice after the running back was arrested for knocking out his then-fiancee in an Atlantic City elevator.

Bisciotti held a news conference Monday to respond to an ESPN report last week that he, president Dick Cass and general manager Ozzie Newsome pushed Commissioner Roger Goodell for leniency for their star running back.

"Their accusations didn't jibe with what we know is fact," said Bisciotti, who said he expected Rice to be suspended 4-6 games.

The owner also said, "What's obvious is the majority of the sources work for Ray. ... They are building a case for reinstatement."

Rice was originally suspended two-games, but after a video surfaced on Sept. 8 showing the violent attack, he was released by the team and suspended indefinitely by the league. He has appealed his suspension.

"As I stated in our letter to you on September 9, we did not do all we should have done, and no amount of explanation can remedy that. But there has been no misdirection or misinformation by the Ravens," Bisciotti said in a statement released before the news conference.

"We have stated what we knew and what we thought throughout - from the original report of the incident, to the release of the first videotape, to the release of the second videotape, which revealed a much harsher reality," Bisciotti added in the released statement. "As we said in our response to ESPN's questions on Friday, it was our understanding based on Ray's account that in the course of a physical altercation between the two of them he slapped Janay with an open hand, and that she hit her head against the elevator rail or wall as she fell to the ground."

Rice punched Janay Palmer in a casino elevator on Feb. 15. He was arrested on assault charges, and a police summons stated that Rice had struck Palmer with his hand, rendering her unconscious. Rice has been accepted into New Jersey's pretrial intervention program, which enabled him to avoid jail time and could result in having the charge expunged from his record after he meets the requirements.

Patrick Semansky/AP

Baltimore Ravens owner Steve Bisciotti addresses the controversy surrounding former running back Ray Rice at a news conference Monday in Owings Mills, Md.

Texas QB Ash talks about walking away

By Mark Rosner
Associated Press

AUSTIN — David Ash had hoped he would be able to play football again. The Texas quarterback knew better than to believe it would happen.

Ash spoke Monday for the first time since coach Charlie Strong announced last week that the junior's career was over.

Ash figured he could be finished when he called a team doctor in the middle of the night after the North Texas game on Aug. 30 and said he was experiencing headaches and dizziness.

"The symptoms got worse the next day and the next day," Ash said. "In the core of my heart of hearts, I knew I shouldn't be playing. I don't think my hopes were ever really high. I've met my quota for crying for the next 10 years."

Ash suffered a concussion during the second week of the 2013 season in a game at BYU. That is the only concussion that Ash and the team have acknowledged. He returned two weeks later, against Kansas State, but left that game with what Texas officials called a head injury. He missed the rest of the season.

His second comeback lasted one game, the season opener against North Texas on Aug. 30. Ash said he figured the end was inevitable after seven or eight days of headaches following that game.

Eric Gay/AP

Texas quarterback David Ash leaves a news conference after talking about his decision to give up football Monday in Austin

Though he was tackled several times in the game, Ash said, "I didn't take a vicious blow."

Strong waited a few weeks for Ash to arrive at a decision that was not really his to make. When Strong announced last Wednesday that Ash would no longer play, the coach said he told his quarterback "there was no way we were going to let you back on the field."

Even so, Ash said he appreciated that Strong, and the university, allowed him the time for contemplation.

"The doctors and coaches, they all pretty much knew I wasn't going to be able to play," Ash said. "But they never told me that because I think they knew if they just took it away like that, it would have jolted me. So we went through due process and helped me understand why."

Ash, deeply religious, said he "prayed a lot" while considering his future. He is concerned that future might include lingering effects from the injuries.

"That obviously played a role" in his decision, Ash said. "I've felt better the last few days. There are still things once in a while that are a little irregular."

Ash was 15-7 as the Longhorns' starting quarterback. He had some big moments, leading the team to a 75-yard game-winning drive at Oklahoma State in 2012, and a comeback victory against Oregon State in the Alamo Bowl that season.

But he failed to beat rival Oklahoma in two tries, both blowout defeats. He was benched at Kansas in 2012 and watched from the sideline as Case McCoy led Texas to a narrow victory. Ash wishes his health would have afforded him the opportunity to leave behind a stronger legacy, to reach some goals.

But, he said, "I'm at peace."

Oklahoma St arrives as power under Gundy

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

STILLWATER, Okla. — Oklahoma State athletic director Mike Holder has been involved with the school in some capacity for most of the past half century.

Even he acknowledges he didn't expect the football team to be so good this soon. Not after losing 17 starters and 33 letter-winners from last year's team that went 10-3 and played in the Cotton Bowl. Yet, three weeks after nearly knocking off No. 1 Florida State, a team that was supposed to be rebuilding is ranked No. 24. The Cowboys (2-1) host Texas Tech on Thursday in their Big 12 opener.

"From my perspective, I had some reservations about this season," Holder told The Associated Press. "A lot of youth, and you wonder where your leadership's going to come from. I knew we had some good athletes, but you really don't know how that translates into big-time football players."

It translated immediately. The Cowboys went toe-to-toe with Florida State before losing 37-31 to the defending national champions and reigning Heisman Trophy winner Jameis Winston. Rarely has a loss done so much good for a program.

"You couldn't have put them on a bigger stage, in a better environment," Holder said. "And it kind of tests their mettle. And I think we passed every test with flying colors except the final score."

Perhaps the person least surprised was Florida State coach Jimbo Fisher. He praised the Cowboys and coach Mike Gundy in the weeks leading up to the game, and did so again afterward.

"I told you Mike has a got a good football team, and he's a heck of a football coach," Fisher said. "He has done a great job for a long time."

The 2008 Cowboys needed four wins, all by at least 19 points, just to get into the rankings. Gundy said the Cowboys were on the wrong side of perception for years, but now, the program has earned the benefit of the doubt through consistency. Oklahoma State entered this season having won 59 games since the start of the 2008 season, the eighth-best total in the nation, all under Gundy. But with so much talent leaving, the Cowboys entered this season unranked for the first time since 2010.

CONFERENCE STANDINGS AND POLLS

STANDINGS
TEXAS
BIG 12 CONFERENCE

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Oklahoma	1	0	45	33	4	0	179	66
Kansas St	1	0	32	28	2	1	101	64
Baylor	0	0	0	0	3	0	178	27
TCU	0	0	0	0	2	0	78	21
Kansas	0	0	0	0	2	1	61	79
Oklahoma St	0	0	0	0	2	1	114	73
Texas Tech	0	0	0	0	2	1	100	110
Texas	0	0	0	0	1	2	62	68
West Virginia	0	1	33	45	2	2	150	115
Iowa St	0	1	28	32	1	2	62	83

Thursday, Sept. 18
Auburn 20, Kansas St. 14
Saturday, Sept. 20
Kansas 24, Cent. Michigan 10
Oklahoma 45, West Virginia 33
Thursday's Game
Texas Tech at Oklahoma St., 6:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
TCU at SMU, 11 a.m.
UTEP at Kansas St., 11 a.m.
Texas at Kansas, 3 p.m.
Baylor at Iowa St., 7 p.m.

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
South Florida	1	0	17	14	2	2	87	118
Tulsa	1	0	38	31	1	2	66	133
Cincinnati	0	0	0	0	2	0	89	58
East Carolina	0	0	0	0	3	1	173	102
Memphis	0	0	0	0	2	1	134	59
Temple	0	0	0	0	2	1	120	38
Houston	0	0	0	0	2	2	126	74
UCF	0	0	0	0	1	2	75	71
SMU	0	0	0	0	0	3	12	146
Tulane	0	1	31	38	1	3	100	143
UConn	0	1	14	17	1	3	64	106

Friday, Sept. 19
South Florida 17, UConn 14
Saturday, Sept. 20
Duke 47, Tulane 13
Temple 59, Delaware St. 0
Texas A&M 58, SMU 6
East Carolina 70, North Carolina 41
UCF 41, Bethune-Cookman 7
Cincinnati 31, Miami (Ohio) 24
Memphis 36, Middle Tennessee 17
Houston 47, UNLV 14
Saturday's Games
Tulane at Rutgers, TBA
TCU at SMU, 11 a.m.
South Florida at Wisconsin, 11 a.m.
Temple at UConn, 3 p.m.
Cincinnati at Ohio St., 5 p.m.
Memphis at Mississippi, 6:30 p.m.
Texas St. at Tulsa, 7 p.m.

CONFERENCE USA
East Division

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Old Dominion	1	0	45	42	3	1	137	119
Middle Tenn.	1	0	50	47	2	2	152	125
Marshall	0	0	0	0	4	0	182	65
UAB	0	0	0	0	2	1	123	71
FAU	0	0	0	0	1	3	76	137
FIU	0	0	0	0	1	3	74	93
W. Kentucky	0	1	47	50	1	2	140	123

West Division

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Louisiana Tech	1	0	42	21	2	2	133	119
UTEP	0	0	0	0	2	1	99	78
Southern Miss.	0	0	0	0	2	2	59	141
UTSA	0	0	0	0	1	2	63	76
North Texas	0	1	21	42	2	2	148	89
Rice	0	1	42	45	0	3	69	131

Saturday, Sept. 20
Old Dominion 45, Rice 42
Marshall 48, Akron 17
Louisville 34, FIU 3
North Texas 77, Nicholls St. 3
Wyoming 20, FAU 19
Memphis 36, Middle Tennessee 17
Northwestern St. 30, Louisiana Tech 27
Southern Miss. 21, Appalachian St. 20
Friday's Game
Middle Tennessee at Old Dominion, 7 p.m.
Saturday's Games
UTEP at Kansas St., 11 a.m.
FIU at UAB, 2:30 p.m.
W. Kentucky at Navy, 2:30 p.m.
Louisiana Tech at Auburn, 3 p.m.
UTSA at FAU, 4 p.m.
Rice at Southern Miss., 6 p.m.

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE
East

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
South Carolina	2	1	114	121	3	1	147	144
Florida	1	1	57	72	2	1	122	72
Missouri	0	0	0	0	3	1	152	83
Tennessee	0	0	0	0	2	1	82	60
Georgia	0	1	35	38	2	1	146	59
Kentucky	0	1	30	36	2	1	109	53
Vanderbilt	0	2	37	89	1	3	78	157

West

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Alabama	1	0	42	21	4	0	168	56
Mississippi St	1	0	34	29	4	0	165	66
Texas A&M	1	0	52	28	4	0	221	47
Auburn	1	0	45	21	3	0	124	48
Mississippi	1	0	41	3	3	0	132	31
Arkansas	0	1	21	45	3	1	195	94
LSU	0	1	29	34	3	1	144	58

Thursday, Sept. 18
Auburn 20, Kansas St. 14
Saturday, Sept. 20
Georgia 66, Troy 0
Texas A&M 58, SMU 6
Alabama 42, Florida 21
Indiana 31, Missouri 27
Mississippi St. 34, LSU 29
Arkansas 52, N. Illinois 14
South Carolina 48, Vanderbilt 34
Saturday's Games
Tennessee at Georgia, 11 a.m.
Vanderbilt at Kentucky, 11 a.m.
Arkansas vs. Texas A&M at AT&T Stadium, 2:30 p.m.
Louisiana Tech at Auburn, 3 p.m.
Missouri at South Carolina, 6 p.m.
New Mexico St. at LSU, 6:30 p.m.
Memphis at Mississippi, 6:30 p.m.

SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
S.F. Austin	1	0	38	3	3	1	127	95
Abilene Chrstn	1	0	21	0	2	2	117	100
Lamar	0	0	0	0	3	1	173	110
NorthwesternSt	0	0	0	0	2	2	114	158
SE Louisiana	0	0	0	0	2	2	128	76
McNeese	0	0	0	0	1	1	72	47
Houston Baptist	0	0	0	0	1	2	109	60
Cent. Arkansas	0	0	0	0	1	3	125	142
Sam Houston	0	0	0	0	1	3	107	179
Nicholls St.	0	0	0	0	0	4	36	221
Incarnate Word	0	2	3	59	0	4	16	168

Saturday, Sept. 20
Houston Baptist 72, Texas College 6
North Texas 77, Nicholls St. 3
Abilene Christian 21, Incarnate Word 0
SE Missouri 24, SE Louisiana 23
Stephen F. Austin 35, Weber St. 20
Northwestern St. 30, Louisiana Tech 27
Missouri St. 33, Cent. Arkansas 31
Lamar 55, Mississippi College 10
Saturday's Games
Nicholls St. at Cent. Arkansas, 3 p.m.
Arkansas Tech at McNeese St., 6 p.m.
SE Louisiana at Incarnate Word, 6 p.m.
Sam Houston St. at Lamar, 7 p.m.
Abilene Christian at Houston Baptist, 7 p.m.

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
East

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Alabama St.	2	0	89	29	3	1	136	101
Alcorn St.	1	0	52	9	3	1	179	52
Jackson St.	0	1	35	40	2	2	123	92
Alabama A&M	0	1	23	45	0	4	67	163
MVSU	0	2	31	99	0	3	31	161

West

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Texas Southern	2	0	82	58	4	0	164	88
Southern U.	1	0	34	24	2	2	123	134
Grambling	1	0	40	35	1	3	90	160
Ark-Pine Bluff	0	1	7	42	1	2	38	107
Prairie View	0	2	69	71	0	3	75	119

Thursday, Sept. 18
Alabama St. 42, Ark.-Pine Bluff 7
Saturday, Sept. 20
Alcorn St. 52, MVSU 9
Grambling St. 40, Jackson St. 35
Southern U. 34, Prairie View 24
Texas Southern 45, Alabama A&M 23
Saturday's Games
Grambling St. vs. Prairie View at Dallas, 4 p.m.
Alabama A&M at MVSU, 4 p.m.
Southern U. at Alcorn St., 4 p.m.
Texas Southern at Alabama St., 5 p.m.
Jackson St. at Ark.-Pine Bluff, 6 p.m.

SUN BELT CONFERENCE
East

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
La.-Monroe	1	0	38	31	2	1	55	72
New Mexico St.	1	0	34	31	2	2	121	121
Arkansas St.	0	0	0	0	2	2	97	99
Texas St.	0	0	0	0	1	2	121	77
Idaho	0	1	31	38	0	3	88	119

West

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Ga. Southrn	1	0	28	6	2	2	172	81
Appalachian St	0	0	0	0	1	2	100	73
Louisiana	0	0	0	0	1	3	89	144
Troy	0	0	0	0	0	4	62	186
South Alabama	0	1	6	28	1	2	32	76
Georgia St.	0	1	31	34	1	3	121	164

Saturday, Sept. 20
Georgia 66, Troy 0
Illinois 42, Texas St. 35
Washington 45, Georgia St. 14
Ohio 36, Idaho 24
Arkansas St. 21, Utah St. 14, OT
Southern Miss. 21, Appalachian St. 20
Georgia Southern 28, South Alabama 6
New Mexico 38, New Mexico St. 35
Boise St. 34, Louisiana 9
Thursday's Game
Appalachian St. at Georgia Southern, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
South Alabama at Idaho, 4 p.m.
Troy at Louisiana-Monroe, 6 p.m.
New Mexico St. at LSU, 6:30 p.m.
Texas St. at Tulsa, 7 p.m.

NATIONAL
ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Florida St.	1	0	23	17	3	0	97	60
Louisville	1	1	52	36	3	1	152	60
NC State	0	0	0	0	4	0	161	74
Syracuse	0	0	0	0	2	1	87	63
Wake Forest	0	0	0	0	2	2	81	81
Boston College	0	1	20	30	3	1	127	78
Clemson	0	1	17	23	1	2	111	75

Coastal Division

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Georgia Tech	1	0	27	24	4	0	145	102
Pittsburgh	1	0	30	20	3	1	154	69
Virginia	1	0	23	21	2	2	121	103
Duke	0	0	0	0	4	0	174	46
North Carolina	0	0	0	0	2	1	128	126
Miami	0	1	13	31	2	2	126	99
Virginia Tech	0	1	24	27	2	2	114	85

Saturday, Sept. 20
Iowa 24, Pittsburgh 20
Georgia Tech 27, Virginia Tech 24
Maryland 34, Syracuse 20
Duke 47, Tulane 13
Boston College 40, Maine 10
BYU 41, Virginia 33
Louisville 34, FIU 3
Wake Forest 24, Army 21
East Carolina 70, North Carolina 41
NC State 42, Presbyterian 0
Nebraska 41, Miami 31
Florida St. 23, Clemson 17, OT
Saturday's Games
Duke at Miami, TBA
North Carolina at Clemson, TBA
Florida St. at NC State, TBA
Colorado St. at Boston College, 11:30 a.m.
W. Michigan at Virginia Tech, 11:30 a.m.
Akron at Pittsburgh, 12:30 p.m.
Kent St. at Virginia, 2:30 p.m.
Wake Forest at Louisville, 2:30 p.m.
Notre Dame vs. Syracuse at MetLife Stadium, 7 p.m.

BIG TEN CONFERENCE
East

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Penn St.	1	0	13	10	4	0	108	44
Maryland	0	0	0	0	3	1	147	84
Indiana	0	0	0	0	2	1	101	82
Michigan St.	0	0	0	0	2	1	145	67
Ohio St.	0	0	0	0	2	1	121	52
Michigan	0	0	0	0	2	2	96	81
Rutgers	0	1	10	13	3	1	120	100

West

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Nebraska	0	0	0	0	4	0	182	81
Illinois	0	0	0	0	3	1	131	130
Iowa	0	0	0	0	3	1	89	76
Minnesota	0	0	0	0	3	1	108	81
Wisconsin	0	0	0	0	2	1	129	48
Purdue	0	0	0	0	2	2	109	115
Northwestern	0	0	0	0	1	2	63	61

Saturday, Sept. 20
Iowa 24, Pittsburgh 20
Purdue 35, S. Illinois 13
Northwestern 24, W. Illinois 7
Wisconsin 68, Bowling Green 17
Michigan St. 73, E. Michigan 14
Maryland 34, Syracuse 20
Utah 26, Michigan 10
Rutgers 31, Navy 24
Penn St. 48, UMass 7
Illinois 42, Texas St. 35
Indiana 31, Missouri 27
Minnesota 24, San Jose St. 7
Nebraska 41, Miami 31
Saturday's Games
Tulane at Rutgers, TBA
Iowa at Purdue, 11 a.m.
Northwestern at Penn St., 11 a.m.
Wyoming at Michigan St., 11 a.m.
South Florida at Wisconsin, 11 a.m.
Maryland at Indiana, 12:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Michigan, 2:30 p.m.
Cincinnati at Ohio St., 5 p.m.
Illinois at Nebraska, 8 p.m.

MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE
West

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Nevada	0	0	0	0	2	1	80	67
San Diego St.	0	0	0	0	1	2	72	66
San Jose St.	0	0	0	0	1	2	62	93
Fresno St.	0	0	0	0	1	3	115	182
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	1	3	85	100
UNLV	0	0	0	0	1	3	74	165

Mountain

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Boise St.	1	0	37	24	3	1	122	89
Wyoming	1	0	17	13	3	1	68	92
Utah St.	0	0	0	0	2	2	97	103
New Mexico	0	0	0	0	1	2	85	124
Air Force	0	1	13	17	2	1	105	71
Colorado St.	0	1	24	37	2	1	104	75

Saturday, Sept. 20
Colorado 21, Hawaii 12
Wyoming 20, FAU 19
Minnesota 24, San Jose St. 7
Arkansas St. 21, Utah St. 14, OT
Houston 47, UNLV 14
New Mexico 38, New Mexico St. 35
Fresno St. 56, S. Utah 16
Boise St. 34, Louisiana 9
Oregon St. 28, San Diego St. 7
Friday's Game
Fresno St. at New Mexico, 7 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Wyoming at Michigan St., 11 a.m.
Colorado St. at Boston College, 11:30 a.m.
Boise St. at Air Force, 6 p.m.
UNLV at San Diego St., 7 p.m.
Nevada at San Jose St., 9:30 p.m.

PACIFIC-12 CONFERENCE
North

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Oregon	1	0	38	31	4	0	194	85
Washington	0	0	0	0	4	0	165	101
Oregon St.	0	0	0	0	3	0	95	51
California	0	1	45	49	2	1	131	87
Stanford	0	1	10	13	2	1	90	13
Washington St.	0	1	31	38	1	3	141	124

South

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Arizona	1	0	49	45	4	0	168	109
Ariz. St.	1	0	38	24	3	0	141	61
Southern Cal	1	0	13	10	2	1	96	60
UCLA	0	0	0	0	3	0	90	72
Utah	0	0	0	0	3	0	141	51
Colorado	0	1	24	38	2	2	103	119

Saturday, Sept. 20
Colorado 21, Hawaii 12
Utah 26, Michigan 10
Washington 45, Georgia St. 14
Arizona 49, California 45
Oregon St. 28, San Diego St. 7
Oregon 38, Washington St. 31
Thursday's Game
UCLA at Arizona St., 9 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Stanford at Washington, 3 p.m.
Colorado at California, 3 p.m.
Washington St. at Utah, 7 p.m.
Oregon St. at Southern Cal, 9:30 p.m.

MAJOR INDEPENDENTS

	All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA
BYU	4	0	150	75
Notre Dame	3	0	109	31
Navy	2	2	107	110
Army	1	2	68	98

Saturday, Sept. 20
BYU 41, Virginia 33
Wake Forest 24, Army 21
Rutgers 31, Navy 24
Saturday's Games
Army at Yale, Noon
W. Kentucky at Navy, 2:30 p.m.
Notre Dame vs. Syracuse at MetLife Stadium, 7 p.m.

POLLS
FCS COACHES POLL

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. North Dakota State (26)	4-0	650	1
2. Eastern Washington	3-1	623	2
3. Coastal Carolina	4-0	578	5
4. McNeese State	1-1	545	6
5. Villanova	2-1	526	7
6. Montana	2-2	505	3
7. New Hampshire	2-1	494	9
8. Jacksonville State	2-1	492	8
9. South Dakota State	3-1	449	10
10. Northern Iowa	1-2	408	11
11. Southeastern Louisiana	2-2	368	4
12. Youngstown State	3-1	303	15
13. William & Mary	3-1	301	17
14. Bethune-Cookman	2-1	273	12
15. Chattanooga	1-2	271	14
16. Southern Illinois	3-1	269	13
17. Montana State	2-2	241	16
18. Eastern Kentucky	4-0	210	22
19. Fordham	3-1	188	19
20. Tennessee State	3-1	154	20
21. Richmond	2-2	141	18
22. Illinois State	2-0	101	24
23. Liberty	3-1	80	—
24. Missouri State	3-1	65	—
25. Charleston Southern	4-0	39	—

Others receiving votes: Sam Houston State 28, Towson 22, Furman 18, Alcorn State 16, Samford 16, Harvard 13, Northern Arizona 13, Sacramento State 12, Stephen F. Austin 9, Indiana State 7, North Carolina A&T 7, Albany 5, Alabama State 3, South Dakota 3, Bryant 2, Cal Poly 2, Northwestern State 1, Southeast Missouri State 1

TSN FCS POLL

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. North Dakota State (150)	4-0	3966	1
2. Eastern Washington (9)	3-1	3819	2
3. Coastal Carolina	4-0	3405	5
4. New Hampshire	2-1	3292	7
5. McNeese State	1-1	3207	6
6. Villanova	2-1	3180	8
7. Montana	2-2	3008	4
8. Jacksonville State	2-1	2825	9
9. South Dakota State	3-1	2710	10
10. Northern Iowa	1-2	2350	11
11. Southeastern Louisiana	2-2	2323	3
12. William & Mary	3-1	2008	13
13. Montana State	2-2	1739	14
14. Chattanooga	1-2	1619	15
15. Bethune-Cookman	2-1	1539	17
16. Fordham	3-1	1500	18
17. Southern Illinois	3-1	1500	16
18. Youngstown State	3-1	1363	19
19. Eastern Kentucky	4-0	1186	23
20. Richmond	2-2	1124	17
21. Tennessee State	3-1	906	20
22. Liberty	3-1	739	24
23. Illinois State	2-0	291	—
24. Albany (N.Y.)	3-0	269	—
25. Delaware	2-1	181	—

Others receiving votes: Sam Houston State 161, Northern Arizona 145, Towson 137, Furman 136, Samford 118, Missouri State 116, Southeast Missouri State 73, James Madison 65, Indiana State 61, Charleston Southern 60, Harvard 55, Bryant 55, Alabama State 46, North Carolina A&T 42, Alcorn State 36, Eastern Illinois 35, South Carolina State 33, South Dakota 27, Maine 25, Presbyterian 23, Wofford 19, Northwestern State 18, Bucknell 18, Sacramento State 17, Gardner-Webb 17, San Diego 14, **Abilene Christian 13**, **Texas Southern 10**, Tennessee Tech 8, Princeton 6, Western Illinois 4, **Stephen F. Austin 3**, Cal Poly 2, Sacred Heart 2, Central Arkansas 2, Western Carolina 1, **Lamar 1.**

AFCA DIVISION II COACHES POLL

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Northwest Missouri State (29)	3-0	773	1
2. Colorado State-Pueblo (2)	3-0	736	2
3. Minnesota State-Mankato	3-0	706	3
4. Minnesota-Duluth	3-0	675	4
5. North Alabama	2-0	622	5
6. Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.)	3-0	603	6
7. Henderson State (Ark.)	3-0	582	7
8. Pittsburg State (Kan.)	3-0	567	8
9. Ohio Dominican	3-0	507	9
10. West Chester (Pa.)	3-0	479	10
11. Shepherd (W.Va.)	3-0	470	11
12. Delta State (Miss.)	2-0	433	14
13. Bloomsburg (Pa.)	3-0	392	15
14. Ferris State (Mich.)	3-0	384	16
15. Winston-Salem State (N.C.)	2-1	251	18
16. Harding (Ark.)	2-0	227	20
17. Colorado School of Mines	3-0	222	22
18. Midwestern State (Texas)	2-0	209	23
19. Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	2-1	193	21
20. Winona State (Minn.)	3-0	151	24
21. Valdosta State (Ga.)	2-1	130	13
22. Slippery Rock (Pa.)	3-0	129	25
23. West Alabama	2-1	109	17
24. Sioux Falls (S.D.)	3-0	96	—
25. Findlay (Ohio)	3-0	60	—

AFCA DIVISION III COACHES POLL

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Wisconsin-Whitewater (36)	3-0	1041	
2. Mary Hardin-Baylor (2)	3-0	988	
3. Mount Union (Ohio) (4)	2-0	986	
4. Wesley (Del.)	3-0	889	
5. North Central (Ill.)	2-0	883	
6. Linfield (Ore.)	2-0	808	
7. St. John Fisher (N.Y.)	3-0	685	
8. John Carroll (Ohio)	2-0	656	
9. Wartburg (Iowa)	3-0	637	
10. St. Thomas (Minn.)	2-0	636	
11. Hobart (N.Y.)	3-0	596	
12. Johns Hopkins (Md.)	3-0	591	
13. Wabash (Ind.)	2-0	550	
14. Wheaton (Ill.)	3-0	453	
15. Ithaca (N.Y.)	2-0	355	
16. Wisconsin-Platteville	2-1	296	
17. Pacific Lutheran (Wash.)	1-0	278	
18. Widener (Pa.)	3-0	277	
19. Concordia-Moorhead (Minn.)	3-0	266	
20. Bethel (Minn.)	1-1	221	
21. Texas Lutheran	3-0	206	
22. Wittenberg (Ohio)	1-1	197	
23. Muhlenberg (Pa.)	3-0	181	
24. Washington & Jefferson (Pa.)	3-0	174	
25. Thomas More (Ky.)	2-1	165	

NAIA FOOTBALL POLL

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Morningside (Iowa) (14)	3-0	340	2
2. Baker (Kan.) (1)	3-0	327	3
3. Tabor (Kan.)	3-0	312	4
4. Faulkner (Ala.)	4-0	296	6
5. Carroll (Mont.)	2-1	281	7
6. Georgetown (Ky.)	2-0	274	8
7. Southern Oregon	4-0	264	9
8. Grand View (Iowa)	2-1	261	1
9. Saint Francis (Ind.)	2-1	227	12
10. Rocky Mountain (Mont.)	3-1	215	5
11. Missouri Valley	1-1	209	13
12. St. Francis (Ill.)	3-0	205	14
13. Saint Xavier (Ill.)	2-1	167	10
14. Benedictine (Kan.)	2-1	163	17
15. William Penn (Iowa)	3-1	149	20
16. Northwestern (Iowa)	2-1	144	18
17. Lindsey Wilson (Ky.)	3-1	142	19
18. Cumberland (Tenn.)	2-1	115	21
19. Robert Morris (Ill.)	3-0	105	—
20. Marian (Ind.)	2-1	94	—
21. Eastern Oregon	2-1	78	25
22. Dakota Wesleyan (S.D.)	2-1	63	15
23. Cumberlands (Ky.)	1-2	38	11
24. Kentucky Christian	3-1	34	—
25. Ottawa (Kan.)	1-2	32	16

MLB ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

RANGERS 4
ASTROS 3

ARLINGTON — Guilder Rodriguez had his first two major league hits, including a tiebreaking RBI single, as the Rangers opened their final homestand with a victory over the Astros.

Rougned Odor had a three-run triple for Texas, which won for the ninth time in its last 10 games. The Rangers got win No. 63 overall, ensuring that they will avoid their first 100-loss season since 1973.

ROYALS 2, INDIANS 0
INDIANS 4, ROYALS 3, 10 INNINGS, COMP. OF SUSP. GAME

CLEVELAND — Danny Duffy pitched six shutout innings for his first win in more than a month as the Kansas City Royals moved closer to the top of the AL Central and kept some distance over Cleveland in the wild-card race, beating the Indians 2-0 on Monday night.

Carlos Carrasco (8-6) couldn't keep the momentum going for the Indians, who earlier completed a 4-3 win in 10 innings in a game suspended on Aug. 31 in Kansas City.

YANKEES
ORIOLES 0

NEW YORK — Derek Jeter began his final series at Yankee Stadium by breaking open the game with a two-run double, and he had three RBI to lead the Yankees over the Orioles.

Michael Pineda retired his first 13 batters before J.J. Hardy singled sharply to left field, pitching 7 1-3 innings and combining with three relievers on a one-hitter. Jose Pirela, the Yankees' team-record 57th player this season, became New York's first player in 34 years to triple in his first big league at-bat. He went 2 for 3 with the go-ahead RBI.

BLUE JAYS 1
MARINERS 4

TORONTO — Jose Bautista homered and reached base four times, J.A. Happ won for the first time in four starts and the Blue Jays dealt a blow to Seattle's wild card hopes, routing the Mariners.

Bautista went 3 for 3 with a walk and drove in two runs before getting the rest of the night off. His solo homer in the fifth against Mariners reliever Tom Wilhelmsen was his 35th.

WHITE SOX 2
TIGERS 0

DETROIT — Chris Bassitt pitched into the eighth inning for his first major league win, and the White Sox slowed Detroit's chase of the AL Central title with a victory over the Tigers.

Tyler Flowers hit a two-run homer for the White Sox, and the Tigers were unable to take advantage of Chicago's inexperienced starter.

National League

CARDINALS 8
CUBS 0

CHICAGO — Adam Wainwright joined Clayton Kershaw as the majors' only 20-game winners, pitching three-hit ball over seven innings, and the Cardinals beat the Cubs.

Wainwright hit the 20-win mark for the second time while matching his career-high for victories, and the Cardinals moved a step closer toward their second straight division title.

PIRATES 1
BRAVES 0

ATLANTA — Andrew McCutchen homered, Francisco Liriano won his fourth straight start and the Pirates moved closer to a postseason berth, beating the Braves.

The Pirates, winners in 10 of their last 12, have a five-game lead over Milwaukee with six games remaining for both teams. Any combination of two Pittsburgh wins or Brewers losses will guarantee the Pirates at least a spot in the NL wild-card game for the second straight year.

Interleague

DIAMONDBACKS 6
TWINS 2

MINNEAPOLIS — Josh Collmenter pitched six strong innings for his career-best 11th win, Mark Trumbo homered and the Diamondbacks beat the Twins to snap a six-game losing streak.

MLB STANDINGS, BOXES & LINESCORES

STANDINGS
AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Baltimore	93	63	.596	—
New York	81	75	.519	12
Toronto	79	77	.506	14
Tampa Bay	75	81	.481	18
Boston	68	88	.436	25
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	86	70	.551	—
Kansas City	85	71	.545	1
Cleveland	82	75	.522	4 1/2
Chicago	72	84	.462	14
Minnesota	66	90	.423	20
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Los Angeles	96	60	.615	—
Oakland	85	70	.548	10 1/2
Seattle	83	73	.532	13
Houston	69	88	.439	27 1/2
Texas	63	93	.404	33

x-clinched division

Monday's Scores

Cleveland 4, Kansas City 3, 10 innings, comp. of susp. game
N.Y. Yankees 5, Baltimore 0
Kansas City 2, Cleveland 0
Toronto 14, Seattle 4
Chicago White Sox 2, Detroit 0
Texas 4, Houston 3
Arizona 6, Minnesota 2
L.A. Angels at Oakland, late

Today's Games

Baltimore (U.Jimenez 5-9) at N.Y. Yankees (McCarthy 7-4), 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Ventura 13-10) at Cleveland (Salazar 6-7), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (F.Hernandez 14-5) at Toronto (Dickey 13-12), 6:07 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Carroll 5-10) at Detroit (D.Price 14-12), 6:08 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Cobb 9-8) at Boston (Buchholz 8-9), 6:10 p.m.
Houston (Oberholtzer 5-12) at Texas (N.Martinez 4-11), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Chafin 0-0) at Minnesota (Gibson 12-11), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (LeBlanc 0-1) at Oakland (Gray 13-9), 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Washington	91	64	.587	—
Atlanta	76	80	.487	15 1/2
New York	76	80	.487	15 1/2
Miami	74	81	.477	17
Philadelphia	71	85	.455	20 1/2
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
z-St. Louis	88	69	.561	—
Pittsburgh	85	71	.545	2 1/2
Milwaukee	80	76	.513	7 1/2
Cincinnati	72	84	.462	15 1/2
Chicago	69	88	.439	19
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Los Angeles	89	67	.571	—
San Francisco	84	71	.542	4 1/2
San Diego	74	81	.477	14 1/2
Colorado	65	91	.417	24
Arizona	63	94	.401	26 1/2

z-clinched playoff berth
x-clinched division

Monday's Scores

Pittsburgh 1, Atlanta 0
St. Louis 8, Chicago Cubs 0
Arizona 6, Minnesota 2
Colorado at San Diego, late
San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers, late

Today's Games

N.Y. Mets (B.Colon 14-12) at Washington (Roark 14-10), 6:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Fiers 6-3) at Cincinnati (Cueto 18-9), 6:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Hamels 9-7) at Miami (H.Alvarez 11-6), 6:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Cole 10-5) at Atlanta (A.Wood 11-10), 6:10 p.m.
St. Louis (S.Miller 10-9) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 7-2), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Chafin 0-0) at Minnesota (Gibson 12-11), 7:10 p.m.
Colorado (J.De La Rosa 14-11) at San Diego (Erlin 4-4), 9:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Bumgarner 18-9) at L.A. Dodgers (Greinke 15-8), 9:10 p.m.

WILD CARD GLANCE
AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	WCGB
Oakland	85	70	.548	—
Kansas City	85	71	.545	—
Seattle	83	73	.532	2
Cleveland	82	75	.522	3 1/2
New York	81	75	.519	4
NATIONAL LEAGUE	W	L	Pct	WCGB
Pittsburgh	85	71	.545	—
San Francisco	84	71	.542	—
Milwaukee	80	76	.513	4 1/2

MONDAY'S AL WEST BOXES
RANGERS 4, ASTROS 3

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Grssmn lf	3	1	2	0	LMartin cf	3	1	0	0
Altuve 2b	4	0	1	0	Rosales 1b	4	0	1	0
Carter 1b	1	0	0	1	Odor 2b	4	0	1	3
Fowler cf	4	0	1	0	ABeltre dh	4	0	0	0
Mrsnck rf	4	1	1	0	Smlnsk rf	3	1	1	0
Presley dh	4	0	0	0	Rua lf	3	0	0	0
MDmn 3b	4	0	1	1	Sardinas ss	3	0	0	0
G.Petit pr	0	0	0	0	Chirins c	2	1	1	0
Stassi c	4	0	1	0	GRdrgz 3b	3	1	2	1
Villar ss	4	1	1	0					
Totals	32	3	8	3	Totals	29	4	6	4

Houston 000 012 000—3
Texas 003 000 10x—4

E—G.Rodriguez (1). DP—Houston 1, Texas 1. LOB—Houston 6, Texas 4. 2B—Altuve (46), Stassi (1), Villar (13). 3B—Odor (7). CS—Marisnick (3). S—Grossman. SF—Carter.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Tropeano L,1-2	6 2-3	5	4	4	2	3
K.Chapman	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
De Leon	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Texas						
D.Holland W,2-0	7	7	3	2	1	2
Mendez	1	0	0	0	1	1
Feliz S,12-13	1	1	0	0	0	0

D.Holland pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.
HBP—by Tropeano (Smolinski). WP—Tropeano, D.Holland, Feliz.
T—2:48. A—28,717 (48,114).

BLUE JAYS 14, MARINERS 4

Seattle	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
AJcksn cf	4	1	1	0	Reyes ss	5	1	1	1
J.Jones cf	1	0	0	0	Goins ss	0	0	0	0
Ackley lf	4	0	0	0	Bautist rf	3	3	3	2
Romer lf	0	0	0	0	Gose cf	1	1	1	1
Cano 2b	2	0	1	1	Encrnc dh	2	1	1	2
BMiller 2b	1	1	1	0	JFrncs ph-dh	1	0	0	0
KMorls dh	3	0	1	0	DNavrr c	3	1	1	0
Hart ph-dh	1	0	0	0	Thole ph-c	1	0	0	0
Seager 3b	4	1	1	2	Valenci 3b	5	2	2	3
Morrsn 1b	3	0	2	0	Mayrry 1b	4	1	1	0
Smoak 1b	1	0	0	0	StTlsn 2b	4	1	3	1
Denorfi rf	4	1	1	1	Pompy cf-lf	5	1	2	0
CTaylr ss	4	0	1	0	Pillar lf-rf	4	2	1	2
Sucre c	4	0	0	0					
Totals	36	4	9	4	Totals	38	14	16	12

Seattle 100 001 011 —4
Toronto 405 112 10x—14

E—C.Taylor (6), Happ (1). DP—Seattle 1. LOB—Seattle 6, Toronto 7. 2B—Cano (36), Morrison (18), Valencia (16), Mayberry (3). 3B—Valencia (1). HR—Seager (25), Denorfia (2), Bautista (35), Gose (2), Pillar (1). S—St.Tolleson.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Seattle						
Paxton L,6-4	2 2-3	7	9	8	6	1
Maurer	1 1-3	3	1	0	0	2
Wilhelmsen	1	1	1	1	0	2
Luetge	1	2	2	2	0	0
Farquhar	1	1	1	1	0	2
Beimel	1	2	0	0	0	0
Toronto						
Happ W,10-11	7	7	2	2	1	5
Graveman	1	1	1	1	0	0
Nolin	1	1	1	1	0	0

WP—Paxton, Graveman. PB—Sucre.
T—2:48. A—15,548 (49,282).

AMERICAN LEAGUE
INDIANS 4, ROYALS 3, 10 INNINGS

Cleveland 001 100 000 2 —4 9 1
Kansas City 100 000 001 1 —3 9 2

House, Shaw (8), Allen (9), Crockett (10), Atchison (10) and R.Perez, Y.Gomes; D.Duffy, K.Herrera (7), W.Davis (9), G.Holland (10) and Kratz. W—Allen 6-3. L—G.Holland 1-3. Sv—Atchison (2). HRs—Kansas City, A.Gordon (18).

YANKEES 5, ORIOLES 0

Baltimore 000 000 000 —0 1 1
New York 002 020 01x —5 8 0

W.Chen, Meek (7), Matusz (7), R.Webb (8), J.Saunders (8) and C.Joseph, Clevenger; Pineda, Kelley (8), R.Hill (9), D.Phelps (9) and B.McCann. W—Pineda 4-5. L—W.Chen 16-5. HRs—New York, Headley (5).

ROYALS 2, INDIANS 0

Kansas City 100 010 000 —2 8 0
Cleveland 000 000 000 —0 7 0

D.Duffy, Finnegan (7), W.Davis (8), G.Holland (9) and S.Perez; Carrasco, Rzepczynski (8), C.Lee (8), McAllister (9) and Y.Gomes. W—D.Duffy 9-11. L—Carrasco 8-6. Sv—G.Holland (44).

WHITE SOX 2, TIGERS 0

Chicago 020 000 000 —2 5 2
Detroit 000 000 000 —0 6 1

Bassitt, Petricka (8) and Flowers; Lobstein, Chamberlain (8), Soria (9) and Avila. W—Bassitt 1-1. L—Lobstein 1-1. Sv—Petricka (14). HRs—Chicago, Flowers (15).

INTERLEAGUE
DIAMONDBACKS 6, TWINS 2

Arizona 000 050 010 —6 14 0
Minnesota 001 000 100 —2 7 0

Collmenter, O.Perez (7), E.Marshall (7), Harris (9) and M.Montero; Nolasco, Achter (5), Oliveros (7), Tonkin (8), Pressly (9) and K.Suzuki. W—Collmenter 11-8. L—Nolasco 5-12. HRs—Arizona, Trumbo (12).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
PIRATES 1, BRAVES 0

Pittsburgh 000 001 000 —1 4 1
Atlanta 000 000 000 —0 4 0

F.Liriano, J.Hughes (7), Holdzkom (8), Melancon (9) and R.Martin; Harang, J.Walden (8), Kimbrel (9) and Bethancourt. W—F.Liriano 7-10. L—Harang 11-12. Sv—Melancon (32). HRs—Pittsburgh, A.McCutchen (24).

CARDINALS 8, CUBS 0

St. Louis 000 430 010 —8 12 0
Chicago 000 000 000 —0 4 1

Wainwright, S.Freeman (8), Choate (9) and Y.Molina, T.Cruz; T.Wood, B.Parker (6), Villanueva (7), Vizcaino (9) and W.Castillo. W—Wainwright 20-9. L—T.Wood 8-13.

Philbin noncommittal on Tannehill's status

By Steven Wine
Associated Press

DAVIE, Fla. — If embattled quarterback Ryan Tannehill needed a public vote of confidence from his coach, he didn't get it.

Joe Philbin was asked four times by reporters whether Tannehill, a Big Spring grad, will remain the Miami Dolphins' starter this week, and each time the coach was noncommittal.

"We're going to start our game plan for Oakland when I leave here," Philbin said at his weekly Monday news conference, "and we're going to decide what 46 players are going, and how best to utilize them."

Tannehill has started all 35 games since being drafted in 2012, but has played poorly this year for the Dolphins (1-2), who face the Raiders in London on Sunday. His backup is Matt Moore, who has made 25 starts in seven NFL seasons.

When Philbin was asked if his noncommittal stance would create the perception Tannehill is in limbo, the coach said, "I'm going to stick with the answer that I've given."

Offensive coordinator Bill Lazor didn't hesitate when asked if he had doubts whether Tannehill would start against Oakland.

"No. Is there any doubt that I'll be the coordinator next weekend?" Lazor said. He added, "We all rent these seats, right? It's a production business, and that's what we're here to do — produce."

Tannehill ranks 32nd and last in the NFL at 5.0 yards per pass attempt, compared with the league average of 7.1. He has averaged less than 6 yards per attempt in each of his past five games dating to last season.

With a bye next week, it's likely Tannehill will get at least one more start before Philbin seriously considers a switch. Tannehill was hardly the lone culprit the past two weeks against Buffalo and Kansas City when Miami lost each game by 19 points.

"We have to become a more consistent team in all three phases of the game," Philbin said. "I have to do a better job, there's no question about that. ... We have to play better, and we have to get better quick."

Many of the issues carry over from last season. Tackling has been a problem on defense, while Tannehill has been hampered by shaky protection and dropped passes.

Wilfredo Lee/AP

Kansas City Chiefs nose tackle Dontari Poe, right, sacks Miami Dolphins quarterback Ryan Tannehill during the first half Sunday in Miami Gardens, Fla.

Bears hold on to beat Jets

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

Bears	27
Jets	19

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Jay Cutler threw two touchdown passes to Martellus Bennett, and the Chicago Bears took advantage of some early mistakes by the New York Jets before holding on for a 27-19 victory Monday night.

Ryan Mundy returned an interception 45 yards for a touchdown on the Jets' second play from scrimmage. After the Bears (2-1) recovered a fumbled punt a few minutes later, Bennett scored from 7 yards to take a 14-0 lead 5:06 into the game.

Cutler finished 23 of 38 for 225 yards and Alshon Jeffery caught eight passes for 105 yards for the Bears, who got a 45-yard field goal from Robbie Gould to make it an eight-point game with 3:10 remaining.

The Jets (1-2) had one last opportunity to tie, getting into Bears territory on Geno Smith's 51-yard pass to Greg Salas. But Jeremy Kerley was out of bounds when he caught Smith's desperation fourth-down heave.

NFL STANDINGS AND BOX

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	2	1	0	.667	62	52
New England	2	1	0	.667	66	49
Miami	1	2	0	.333	58	83
N.Y. Jets	1	2	0	.333	62	72
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	2	1	0	.667	64	50
Indianapolis	1	2	0	.333	95	78
Tennessee	1	2	0	.333	43	69
Jacksonville	0	3	0	.000	44	119
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	3	0	0	1.000	80	33
Baltimore	2	1	0	.667	65	50
Pittsburgh	2	1	0	.667	73	72
Cleveland	1	2	0	.333	74	77
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	2	1	0	.667	75	67
San Diego	2	1	0	.667	69	49
Kansas City	1	2	0	.333	61	65
Oakland	0	3	0	.000	37	65

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	3	0	0	1.000	101	78
Dallas	2	1	0	.667	77	69
N.Y. Giants	1	2	0	.333	58	77
Washington	1	2	0	.333	81	64
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	2	1	0	.667	103	72
Carolina	2	1	0	.667	63	58
New Orleans	1	2	0	.333	78	72
Tampa Bay	0	3	0	.000	45	95
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Detroit	2	1	0	.667	61	45
Chicago	2	1	0	.667	75	62
Minnesota	1	2	0	.333	50	56
Green Bay	1	2	0	.333	54	79
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	3	0	0	1.000	66	45
Seattle	2	1	0	.667	83	66
St. Louis	1	2	0	.333	56	85
San Francisco	1	2	0	.333	62	68

Thursday, Sept. 18

Atlanta 56, Tampa Bay 14

Sunday's Scores

Dallas 34, St. Louis 31
New Orleans 20, Minnesota 9
San Diego 22, Buffalo 10
Philadelphia 37, Washington 34
N.Y. Giants 30, Houston 17
Cincinnati 33, Tennessee 7
Baltimore 23, Cleveland 21
Detroit 19, Green Bay 7
Indianapolis 44, Jacksonville 17
New England 16, Oakland 9
Arizona 23, San Francisco 14
Seattle 26, Denver 20, OT
Kansas City 34, Miami 15
Pittsburgh 37, Carolina 19

Monday's Score

Chicago 27, N.Y. Jets 19

Thursday, Sep. 25

N.Y. Giants at Washington, 7:25 p.m.

Sunday, Sep. 28

Green Bay at Chicago, Noon
Buffalo at Houston, Noon
Tennessee at Indianapolis, Noon
Carolina at Baltimore, Noon
Detroit at N.Y. Jets, Noon
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, Noon
Miami vs. Oakland at London, Noon
Jacksonville at San Diego, 3:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Francisco, 3:25 p.m.
Atlanta at Minnesota, 3:25 p.m.
New Orleans at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Open: Arizona, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Seattle, St. Louis

Monday, Sep. 29

New England at Kansas City, 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY'S BOX
BEARS 27, JETS 19

Chicago	14	3	7	3	—27
N.Y. Jets	3	10	3	3	—19

First Quarter

Chi—Mundy 45 interception return (Gould kick), 14:28.
Chi—Bennett 7 pass from Cutler (Gould kick), 9:54.
NYJ—FG Folk 43, 3:42.

Second Quarter

Chi—FG Gould 24, 13:54.
NYJ—FG Folk 28, 9:57.
NYJ—Kerley 19 pass from Smith (Folk kick), 3:45.

Third Quarter

Chi—Bennett 13 pass from Cutler (Gould kick), 11:28.
NYJ—FG Folk 22, :27.

Fourth Quarter

NYJ—FG Folk 42, 9:52.
Chi—FG Gould 45, 3:10.
A—78,160.

	Chi	NYJ
First downs	17	21
Total Net Yards	257	414
Rushes-yards	21-60	26-114
Passing	197	300
Comp-Att-Int	23-38-0	26-43-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-28	3-16
Punts	5-42.6	3-48.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	4-1
Penalties-Yards	9-95	6-78
Time of Possession	28:08	31:52

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Chicago, Forte 13-33, Cutler 5-14, Jeffery 2-13, Carey 1-0. N.Y. Jets, Ivory 10-44, Johnson 10-34, Smith 3-20, B.Powell 2-13, Vick 1-3.

PASSING—Chicago, Cutler 23-38-0-225. N.Y. Jets, Smith 26-43-2-316.

RECEIVING—Chicago, Jeffery 8-105, Forte 6-43, Bennett 5-54, Holmes 2-9, Rosario 1-8, Marshall 1-6. N.Y. Jets, Kerley 7-81, Ivory 4-52, Amaro 3-54, Cumberland 3-18, Nelson 3-15, Salas 2-56, B.Powell 2-6, Decker 1-19, Sudfeld 1-15.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

COWBOYS

From 1C

the playoffs under Garrett.

While Claiborne struggled for the most part Sunday, no St. Louis receivers had catches on the other side of the field against corner Brandon Carr, and nickel back Orlando Scandrick returned from a two-game suspension. Sterling Moore played well while Scandrick was out.

Claiborne, a first-round pick in 2012, said after the game that he hasn't lost confidence.

"Playing this position, you can't hang your head. Guys are going to catch balls," Claiborne said. "You can't be down on yourself, because they're going to throw it again and you're going to be down about that one too."

Garrett said Claiborne got in situations where he was isolated by himself, and that the Rams made good throws and catches against him.

"His technique on each of those plays wasn't perfect," Garrett said. "And they had success for different reasons on each of those plays where he got beat."

COLLEGE BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NO. 7 BAYLOR EXPECTS TO GET GOODLEY BACK THIS WEEK: At Waco, Seventh-ranked Baylor expects to get top receiver Antwan Goodley, a Midland High grad, and some other injured players back for its Big 12 Conference opener.

Coach Art Briles said Monday that he expects that Goodley, receiver Corey Coleman and running back Devin Chafin "will be in the mix" when the Bears (3-0) play at Iowa State on Saturday night. All worked out during last week's open date.

Goodley had 67 catches for 1,319 yards and 13 touchdowns last season. He only played the first quarter of the season opener Aug. 31 before re-aggravating a tight right quad.

EX-UTEP COACH RABEDEAUX DIES IN VIETNAM: At El Paso, the man who succeeded legendary coach Don Haskins at UTEP has died.

UTEP spokesman Jeff Darby said that Jason Rabedeaux died Monday in Vietnam. He was 49.

Rabedeaux became the Miners' coach in 1999 and led the team for three seasons before resigning for personal reasons. He left UTEP with a 46-46 record.

CAPTAIN OF SMU'S ONLY NCAA FINAL FOUR TEAM DIES: At Dallas, Joel Krog, the captain of SMU's only NCAA Final Four team, has died at the age of 79.

SMU said Monday that Krog died Saturday in Houston. Details were not released.

Captain of the 1955-56 team, Krog averaged 12 points and 9.2 rebounds a game as a senior, when the Mustangs were 26-4 and reached the 1956 Final Four.

CONFERENCE

From 1C

two conference games when it hosts seventh-ranked Baylor (3-0) on Saturday.

The Cyclones also have the Big 12's only non-conference game after September, their Oct. 11 homecoming game against Toledo.

Texas (1-2) is coming off a bye week after a 20-17 loss to then-No. 12 UCLA, when the Longhorns led with 5 minutes left. The Longhorns are the only team that will play eight consecutive Big 12 games over as many weeks without a break, starting Saturday with their conference opener at Kansas (2-1). That means two months before an open date leading into their regular-season finale Thanksgiving night.

"It's always still about us, which is assignment and fundamentals and technique and going out and competing and playing with a sense of urgency. We still have a lot of games in front of us and we've just got to continue to get better and better," Strong said. "We're into Phase 2 and now everything counts, and that's the way you look at it. Every game counts from here on out."

After fourth-ranked Oklahoma (4-0) won 45-33 at West Virginia (2-2) on Saturday night in the league opener for both teams, the Sooners and Mountaineers are the only Big 12 teams not playing this week.

"The tone, it's a little different in that you know they're all conference games," Sooners coach Bob Stoops said Monday. "On the other hand, it's pretty similar in that we go about the week and our preparation doesn't change. The only thing is maybe you're more familiar with the personnel you're playing against, and the style, the team."

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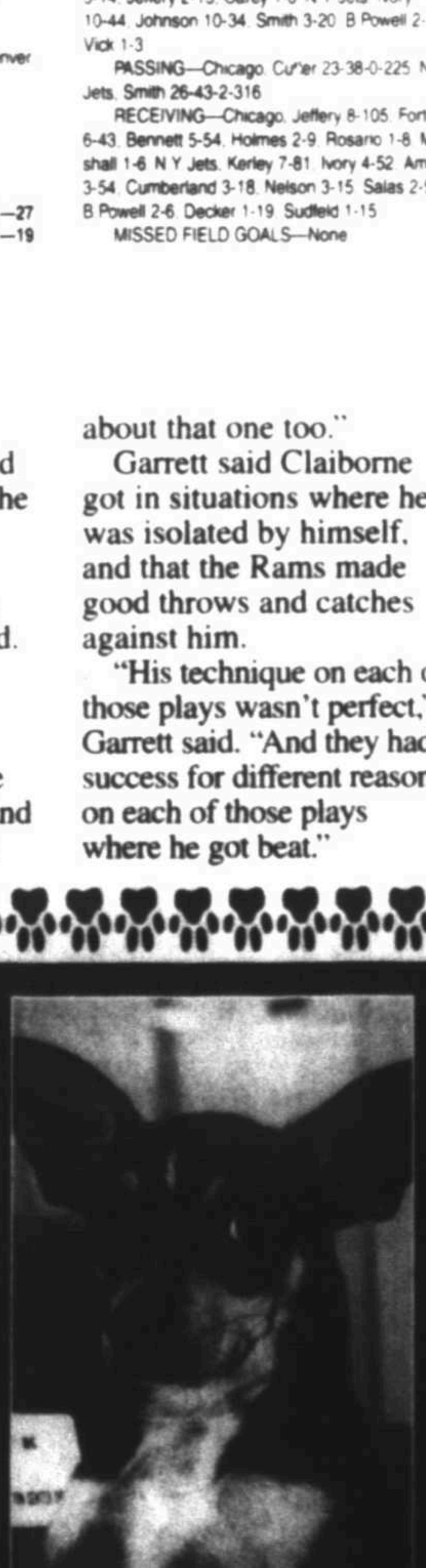

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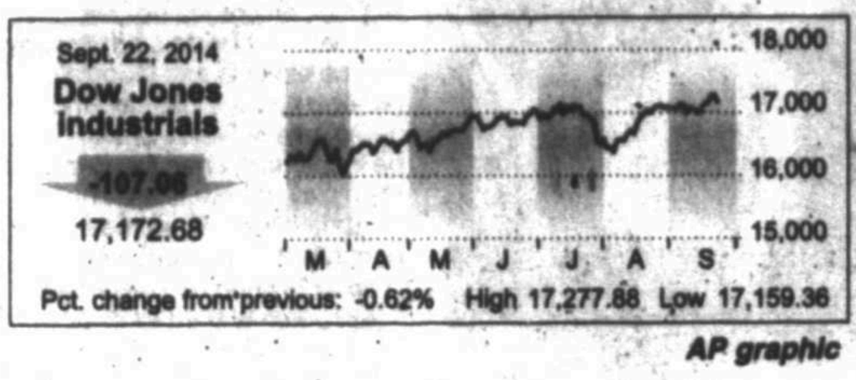

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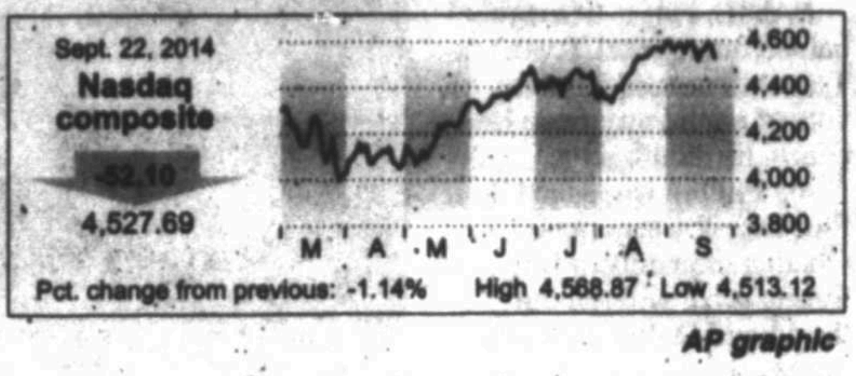

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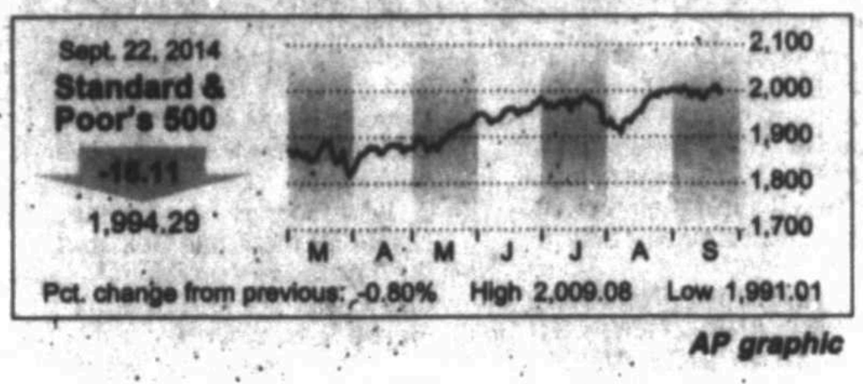

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES
Monday: $91.52
Previous: $92.41

POSTED
Monday: $87.75
Previous: $89.00

WEST TEXAS SOUR
Monday: $78.65
Previous: $79.90

NATURAL GAS
Monday: $3.850
Previous: $3.837

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1066939	17.03	+.08
S&P500ETF	1002240	199.15	-1.55
iShEMkts	787682	42.80	-.66
Alibaba n	618459	89.89	-4.00
RiteAid	541162	5.11	-.24

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BS IBM96	38.39	+10.09	+35.6
Kemet	4.47	+.53	+13.5
FiveStar	3.83	+.42	+12.3
Clorox	97.23	+6.66	+7.4
Ferro	14.25	+.81	+6.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CarboCer	70.91	-13.61	-16.1
DirGMnBull	13.00	-2.14	-14.1
GoodrPet	14.85	-2.12	-12.5
DrxDNGBull	26.83	-3.33	-11.0
BalticTrdg	4.65	-.56	-10.7

DIARY

Advanced	538
Declined	2,612
Unchanged	93
Total issues	3,243
New Highs	31
New Lows	158
Volume	3,256,286,886

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NwGold g	44411	5.63	-.23
GastarExp	34440	6.00	-.25
CheniereEn	31087	80.36	-3.80
CornstProg	30747	4.08	-.23
Globalstar	30653	3.87	-.16

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SwedLC22	28.49	+5.14	+22.0
Innsuites	2.14	+.36	+20.2
Frischs	29.40	+2.74	+10.3
Flanign	18.91	+1.16	+6.5
AvalonHld	3.97	+.22	+5.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
YumaEngy	4.22	-.64	-13.2
AmEagE rs	3.88	-.57	-12.8
NovaGld g	3.12	-.33	-9.6
ERBA Diag	3.46	-.33	-8.7
TrnsEntx rs	3.97	-.36	-8.3

DIARY

Advanced	102
Declined	302
Unchanged	21
Total issues	425
New Highs	4
New Lows	29
Volume	103,628,846

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Yahoo	1013516	38.65	-2.28
Apple Inc s	501269	101.06	+.10
SiriusXM	499953	3.52	-.05
PwShs QQQ	448139	99.05	-.93
Microsoft	376500	47.06	-.46

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ChinaNet h	3.19	+1.23	+62.8
Nxt-ID	2.12	+.74	+53.6
Viasyst	15.80	+4.10	+35.0
SigmaAld	136.40	+34.03	+33.2
Tekmira g	23.61	+3.45	+17.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ZaZaEn rs	4.10	-.78	-16.0
SinoGlob	2.01	-.33	-14.1
Genocea n	10.15	-1.42	-12.3
QuantFuel	3.95	-.51	-11.4
ThrshdPhm	3.97	-.50	-11.2

DIARY

Advanced	552
Declined	2,181
Unchanged	94
Total issues	2,827
New Highs	31
New Lows	146
Volume	1,839,349,815

Siemens makes $7.6B bet on fracturing in US

New York Times News Service

FRANKFURT, Germany — The German engineering conglomerate Siemens already makes a range of products for the U.S. energy sector, including gas turbines and equipment for generating electricity from wind.

But in acquiring the Dresser-Rand Group, a Houston-based oil services company, in a $7.6 billion deal announced Sunday night, Siemens signaled an even bigger push into the booming U.S. sector. The deal also demonstrated how much big corporate suitors are willing to pay for companies with a strong market niche.

The price tag was seen as high, especially considering that orders for Dresser-Rand's oil and gas products and services slumped last year.

But Siemens is betting that, in the long term, Dresser-Rand will strengthen its ability to cash in on unconventional drilling techniques such as hydraulic fracturing that have made the United States what Joe Kaeser, the Siemens chief executive, has called "the place to be for oil and gas."

Kaeser acknowledged Monday that "the price is on the high side." But during a conference call with analysts and journalist he said the investment would pay off in the long term.

"It matters more what value is created," he said.

A rare bright spot in the European economy in recent years, many of the biggest German companies have begun capitalizing on their strength, striking big deals for overseas competitors.

Kaeser signaled the shift toward the United States in May when, as part of a larger reorganization, he hired Lisa Davis, an American and former executive at Royal Dutch Shell, to oversee Siemens' energy-related businesses. Siemens is also moving the headquarters of its energy businesses to the United States.

"They are reinforcing their oil and gas business and focusing more on the U.S. market," Julien Laurent, an oil and gas analyst at Natixis in Paris, said Monday.

With Siemens' all-cash bid of $83 a share for Dresser-Rand, Kaeser outbid his former boss, Peter Lvscher, now the chairman of Sulzer, a Swiss maker of pumps and of other equipment for the energy and chemical industries.

Lvscher was forced out as chief executive of Siemens last year after being held responsible for a series of problems that caused the company to miss its profit targets.

Kaeser, previously the chief financial officer of Siemens, was named to replace him, and is under intense pressure to deliver better profit growth.

Sulzer acknowledged last week that it was in talks with Dresser-Rand. Siemens said it expected to close the sale by the summer of next year.

Siemens' offer for Dresser-Rand's shares is more than 20 percent above the stock market price last week. The last time Siemens made an acquisition of comparable size was in 2007 when it bought Dade Behring, a U.S.-based maker of medical diagnostic equipment, for about $6.4 billion.

Kaeser acknowledged Monday that the Dade Behring deal did not work out as well as planned.

"We bought a company where we really did not know what was inside," he said. But he said that was not the case with Dresser-Rand.

"We understand this business," he said. "It's about compressors; it's about turbines. That's what we have been doing for years."

The acquisition of Dresser-Rand also allows Kaeser to claim a victory after a recent defeat to its longtime rival, General Electric. Over the summer, Siemens lost out to GE for the energy assets being sold by the French industrial group Alstom.

General Electric was also reported to be considering a bid for Dresser-Rand, but people briefed on GE's plans said the company was never in serious discussions about making an offer. Still, it is clear that GE is also anxious to defend and expand its position in its home market.

Siemens is trying to position itself as a player in the shale oil boom, which has significantly bolstered oil and gas production in the United States and is likely to lead to a sharp increase in spending on the sort of heavy oil and gas industry compressors, turbines and other equipment that Dresser supplies, analysts say.

Siemens, with a market value of nearly $85 billion and sales last year of $97 billion is a vastly larger company than Dresser-Rand, which had revenue of $3 billion last year. About a third of that came from the American market.

Acquiring Dresser is also a promising way to cash in on the boom in extracting natural gas from shale, because the company is a major supplier of equipment for liquefied natural gas plants, which will be used to export surplus gas from North America.

In addition, Dresser provides equipment for refineries and petrochemical plants, another growth business.

Another attraction for Siemens may have been that Dresser is developing some promising new products for the future. They include a small-scale unit that could be deployed near shale gas operations to supply the car and truck market with liquefied gas.

Dresser is also positioning itself for the oil and gas industry's increasing preference to place equipment on the sea floor rather than on offshore platforms by designing subsea equipment.

Stocks drop

Worries about the outlook for growth in China and a slide in the price of oil pushed the stock market to its biggest loss in almost seven weeks Monday.

Investors are nervous about China following a run of soft economic data that suggests growth in the world's second-largest economy is slowing. The worries about China helped push down the price of oil. That in turn weighed on energy stocks.

The stock market has struggled to gain traction this month as investors have weighed signs of an improving economy in the U.S. against evidence of slowing growth in both Europe and Asia.

"We've got China weighing down on stocks," said Kristina Hooper, U.S. investment strategist at Allianz Global Investors. "The lack of transparency there always creates greater uncertainty."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 16.11 points, or 0.8 percent, to 1,994.29. The loss was the biggest one-day decline for the index since Aug. 5. The index is down 0.5 percent this month.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 107.06 points, or 0.6 percent, to 17,172.68. The Nasdaq composite dropped 52.10 points, or 1.1 percent, to 4,527.69.

The losses were broad, and all 10 industry sectors that make up the S&P 500 declined. Energy stocks were the second-biggest decliners, slumping 1.4 percent as the price of oil fell.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $100.25 Down 2.32

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $126.63 Down 5.08

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $21.79 Down 0.39

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $73.46 Down 2.09

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $29.23 Down 0.35

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $7.07 Down 0.24

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $24.37 Down 1.23

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $24.25 Down 1.02

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $15.05 Down 0.07

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $24.55 Down 1.94

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	...	...	8.82	-.60	+7.6
AT&T Inc	1.84	11	35.50	+.03	+1.0
Abraxas	...	66	5.28	-.25	+61.9
AdamsEx	.84e	...	14.08	-.15	+7.7
AMD	...	38	3.76	-.05	-2.8
Alcoa	.12	38	15.83	-.38	+48.9
Alibaba n	...	...	89.89	-4.00	-4.3
AlonUSA	.40f	...	14.87	-.41	-10.1
AlphaNRs	...	...	2.70	-.28	-62.2
Ambev n	.29e	...	6.86	-.05	-6.7
Amgen	2.44	22	142.18	-1.83	+24.6
Anadarko	1.08	...	103.54	-1.59	+30.5
Apache	1.00	31	94.52	-1.99	+10.0
Apple Inc s	1.88	16	101.06	+.10	+26.1
ApldMatl	.40	27	21.94	-.61	+24.1
ATMOS	1.48	17	48.90	-.34	+7.7
AutoData	1.92b	27	83.09	-.79	+2.8
BP PLC	2.34f	7	46.13	-.33	-5.1
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	15.38	+.16	+3.0
BakrHu	.68f	22	66.15	-1.59	+19.7
BkofAm	.20f	20	17.03	+.08	+9.4
B iPVix rs	...	...	28.16	+.93	-33.8
BarrickG	.20	19	15.41	-.24	-12.6
BasicEnSv	...	...	22.44	-.73	+42.2
BerkHa A	...	16	208900.00	-3100.00	+17.4
BlkHillsCp	1.56	21	50.29	-.52	-4.2
BlackBerry	...	...	10.93	+.04	+46.9
BrMySq	1.44	32	51.67	+.16	-2.8
BrownFA	1.16	31	91.82	-.90	+24.5
BrownFB	1.16	30	92.72	-.36	+22.7
CVS Health	1.10	20	80.60	-.77	+12.6
Cameron	...	21	69.36	-.74	+16.5
Caterpillar	2.80f	17	100.90	-1.61	+11.1
Celestic g	...	13	10.09	-.27	-3.0
CntryLink	2.16	...	40.79	+.04	+28.1
ChesEng	.35	27	24.31	-.98	-5.3
Chevron	4.28	12	123.49	-1.31	-1.1
Chicos	.30	22	14.96	-.19	-20.6
ChinaNet h	...	...	3.19	+1.23	+279.8
Cimarex	.64	23	127.80	-5.77	+21.8
Cisco	.76	17	24.97	-.23	+12.2
Citigroup	.04	12	53.04	-.44	+1.8
ClayEng	...	32	100.25	-2.32	+22.3
CliffsNRs	.60	6	12.82	-1.18	-51.1

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
CocaCola	1.22	23	42.22	+.17	+2.2
ColgPalm	1.44	27	65.69	+.41	+.7
Comcast	.90	20	55.86	-.88	+7.5
ConAgra	1.00	42	33.53	-.08	-.5
ConchoRes	...	56	126.63	-5.08	+17.3
ConocoPhil	2.92f	13	79.68	-.88	+12.8
CrackerB	4.00f	19	102.92	-.01	-6.5
CSVixSht	...	...	2.72	+.16	-63.7
CrosTim	2.74e	12	32.04	-.02	+9.0
DCP Mid	3.03f	...	54.09	-.91	+7.4
DTE	2.76f	17	75.80	-.50	+14.2
Dataram h	...	...	2.20	-.11	-15.4
Dawson	.32	...	21.79	-.39	-35.6
DevonE	.96	18	69.98	-.99	+13.1
DrxSCBear	...	...	15.78	+.63	-7.0
Disney	.86f	21	89.29	-1.20	+16.9
DowChm	1.48	19	52.86	-.63	+19.1
DresserR	...	49	81.97	+2.06	+37.5
EMC Cp	.46	24	29.68	+.15	+18.0
EOG Res s	.67f	23	101.74	-2.83	+21.2
EmpDist	1.02	15	24.65	-.08	+8.6
Energen	.60	43	72.74	-.74	+2.8
EngyTsfr	3.82f	...	60.40	-.53	+5.5
EnPro	...	60	63.79	-1.03	+10.7
EntPrdPt s	1.44f	28	40.31	-.79	+21.6
Ericsson	.46e	...	12.98	-.11	+6.0
ExterranH	.60	27	44.14	-1.64	+29.1
ExxonMbl	2.76	12	96.54	-.58	-4.6
Facebook	...	83	76.80	-1.11	+40.5
FordM	.50	10	16.36	-.29	+6.0
ForestOil	...	...	1.42	-.14	-60.7
GATX	1.32	15	63.08	-.96	+20.9
GT AdvTc	...	...	11.28	+.12	+29.4
GabMultT	.88	...	9.55	-.19	-23.0
GAInv	2.10e	...	37.24	-.54	+5.8
GenElec	.88	19	26.08	-.21	-7.0
GileadSci	...	24	105.47	-.49	+40.4
GtPlainEn	.92	16	24.85	-.15	+2.5
HalconRes	...	...	4.23	-.28	+9.6
Hallibrtn	.60	21	64.68	-1.83	+27.4
IAMGld g	...	...	2.99	-.19	-10.2
iShBrazil	1.55e	...	46.51	-1.24	+4.1
iShJapan	.17e	...	11.80	-.01	-2.8
iShChinaLC	.71e	...	39.12	-.75	+2.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iShEMkts	.71e	...	42.80	-.66	+2.4
iS Eafe	2.23e	...	65.68	-.29	-2.1
iShR2K	1.48e	...	112.37	-1.60	-2.6
iShREst	2.56e	...	70.32	-.63	+11.5
IntegrysE	2.72	19	66.62	-.15	+22.4
Intel	.90	17	34.71	-.11	+33.7
InterDig	.80	...	40.24	-.77	+36.5
JPMorgCh	1.60	16	60.91	-.20	+4.8
JohnJn	2.80	20	107.88	-.11	+17.8
KimbClk	3.36	19	107.67	+.74	+3.1
KindME	5.56f	37	91.19	-.96	+13.1
KindMM	5.56t	74	91.59	-1.02	+21.1
Kinross g	...	...	3.43	-.11	-21.7
LegacyRes	2.44f	...	29.23	-.35	+3.8
Lubys	...	...	5.27	-.03	-31.7
MVJrGold	...	...	34.58	-1.76	+11.4
MktVGold	.19e	...	22.18	-.48	+5.0
McDnlds	3.40f	17	93.93	-.43	-3.2
Merck	1.76	32	60.58	+.09	+21.0
MeritMed	...	28	12.28	-.18	-22.0
MexcoEn	...	47	7.07	-.24	+2.5
MicronT	...	10	30.60	-1.03	+40.7
Microsoft	1.24f	18	47.06	-.46	+25.8
vjNII Hld	...	...	.08	+.01	-97.3
Nabors	.24f	44	22.96	-.93	+35.1
NatGrid	3.48e	...	72.80	+.36	+11.5
NOilVarco	1.84	13	78.70	-1.53	+9.8
NokiaCp	.51e	...	8.61	-.03	+6.2
NvMAd	.80a	...	13.61	-.25	+11.9
NvPMI	.86	...	13.41	-.03	+8.4
NuvPI	.82	...	13.31	-.04	+7.9
NSTFI3	.81	...	13.82	-.02	+7.3
NTXQI	.85	...	14.40	-.02	+12.1
OcciPet	2.88	13	96.91	-.80	+1.9
Oracle	.48	16	39.58	-.22	+3.5
ParTech	...	...	5.07	-.17	-7.0
ParkDrl	...	16	5.15	-.08	-36.7
PattUTI	.40	28	32.14	-.93	+26.9
PeabdyE	.34	84	12.65	-.64	-35.2
PennaRE	.80	...	20.44	-.61	+7.7
Prmian	1.11e	13	14.06	+.05	+9.3
PetrbrsA	.85e	...	17.08	-.60	+16.1
Petrobras	.46e	...	16.11	-.67	+16.9
Pfizer	1.04	17	30.18	-.22	-1.5
PioNtrl	.08	...	195.91	-4.77	+6.4

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PlainsAAP	2.58f	25	58.01	-1.53	+12.1
PlugPowr h	...	...	4.18	-.25	+169.7
PwShs QQQ	1.34e	...	99.05	-.93	+12.6
Praxair	2.60	22	133.17	-.35	+2.4
PrmEgy	...	20	62.85	+1.85	+24.5
PUVixST rs	...	...	24.56	+1.60	-63.4
ProctGam	2.57	21	84.81	+.34	+4.2
RangeRs	.16	46	70.25	-1.30	-16.7
RegionsFn	.20	13	10.34	-.10	+4.6
RiteAid	...	19	5.11	-.24	+1.0
Rowan	.40	17	25.61	-.79	-27.6
RoyDShllA	3.76	15	78.56	-.19	+10.2
SpdrDJIA	3.47e	...	171.41	-1.04	+3.6
S&P500ETF	3.58e	...	199.15	-1.55	+7.8
SabnR	4.06e	14	55.86	+1.41	+10.5
SanderFm	.88f	10	89.57	-1.06	+23.8
SandRdge	...	...	4.54	-.23	-25.2
Sapient	...	21	14.09	-.24	-18.8
Schlmbrg	1.60	20	101.72	-1.49	+12.9
SigmaAld	.92	32	136.40	+34.03	+45.1
SiriusXM	...	59	3.52	-.05	+.9
Smucker	2.56f	18	99.51	-.68	-4.0
Sprint	...	...	6.80	-.08	-36.7
SPDR Fncl	.35e	...	23.49	-.16	+7.5
SP Util	1.47e	...	42.22	-.32	+11.2
SunEdison	...	...	19.50	-.90	+49.4

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
SunocoL s	1.46f	34	47.75	-.65	+26.5
Tekmira g	...	...	23.61	+3.45	+196.2
TelefEsp	1.03e	...	15.72	-.04	-3.8
Tesoro	1.20f	19	60.01	-1.91	+2.6
3M Co	3.42	21	145.71	-.98	+3.9
Torchmrk s	.51	14	53.25	-.31	+2.2
TriContl	.71e	...	21.03	-.16	+5.3
21stCFoxA	.25	21	34.52	-.63	-1.8
Twitter n	...	...	51.94	-1.06	-18.4
TylerTech	...	65	89.17	-.75	-12.7
UBWV	1.28	18	32.41	-.45	+3.1
Vale SA	.84e	...	11.44	-.56	-25.0
Vale SA pf	.72e	...	9.95	-.52	-29.0
ValeroE	1.10f	8	47.26	-1.11	-6.2
VerizonCm	2.20f	11	50.18	-.17	+2.1
VulcanM	.24f	53	61.72	-.53	+3.9
Walgrn	1.35f	21	60.42	-2.46	+5.2
WellsFargo	1.40	13	52.90	-.46	+16.5
WstnRefin	1.04	17	42.23	-1.56	-.4
WhitingPet	...	16	77.70	-2.53	+25.6
WmsCos	2.24f	72	55.64	-.78	+44.3
XcelEngy	1.20	16	30.90	-.29	+10.6
Xerox	.25	14	13.65	-.33	+12.2
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17,350.64	14,719.43	Dow Jones Industrials	17,172.68	-107.06	-.62	+3.60	+11.50
8,714.94	6,401.51	Dow Jones Transportation	8,514.43	-119.40	-1.38	+15.05	+28.01
576.98	476.05	Dow Jones Utilities	552.59	-4.32	-.78	+12.64	+12.84
11,334.65	9,441.66	NYSE Composite	10,892.64	-96.93	-.88	+4.73	+11.91
4,610.57	3,650.03	Nasdaq Composite	4,527.69	-52.10	-1.14	+8.41	+20.25
2,019.26	1,646.47	S&P 500	1,994.29	-16.11	-.80	+7.90	+17.18
1,452.01	1,216.78	S&P Midcap	1,399.96	-19.23	-1.35	+4.28	+12.91
21,329.33	17,563.18	Wilshire 5000	21,008.37	-211.51	-1.00	+6.61	+15.86
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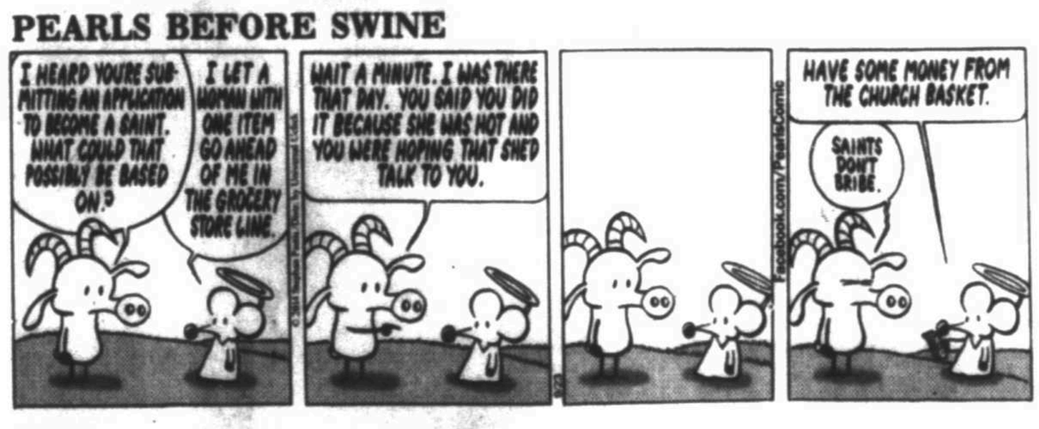

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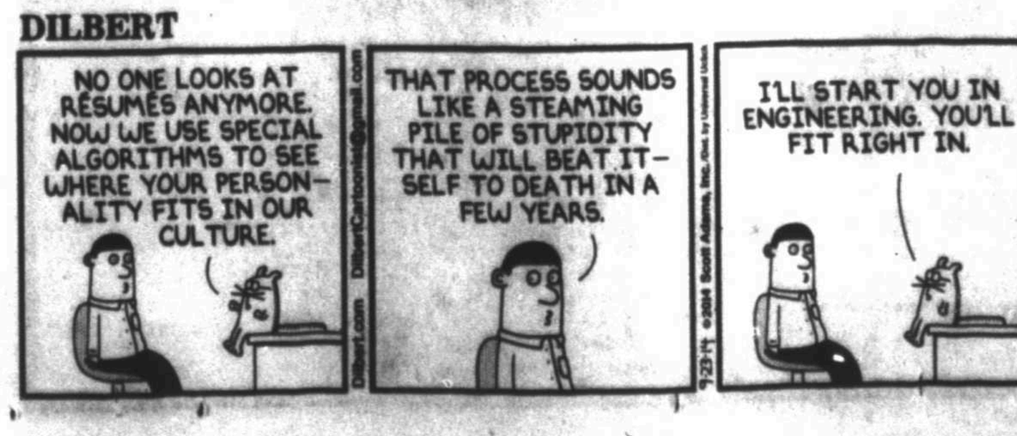

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Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
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Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

Rule 38 Case No.08-0291382
Status/Permit No. 733048

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	SALE RANCH 'A'
Lease/Unit Well No.	16
Lease/Unit Acres	1315.6
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	660.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	1995.0
Lease Lines	660.0 F North L, 4781.0 F East L
Survey Lines	660.0 F North L, 500.0 F West L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 467/0, 80.0 acres.

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If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, CORRINE WEEKS, at (972) 969-4557.

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	SALE RANCH
Lease/Unit Well No.	10
Lease/Unit Acres	671.2
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	660.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	934.0
Lease Lines	660.0 F North L, 660.0 F West L
Survey Lines	660.0 F North L, 660.0 F West L

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Lease/Unit Well No.	:	18
Lease/Unit Acres	:	1315.6
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	:	660.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	:	1020.0
Lease Lines	:	660.0 F South L, 2173.0 F East L
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DISTRICT 08
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ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

Rule 38 Case No.08-0291941
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Sep 30, 2014

IMPORTANT: THE MAILBOX RULE DOES NOT APPLY. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO FILE A PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY, TO BE EFFECTIVE THE DAY FOLLOWING THE TERMINATION OF SUCH 21 DAY PERIOD.

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	:	SALE RANCH
Lease/Unit Well No.	:	13
Lease/Unit Acres	:	671.2
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	:	660.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	:	1896.0
Lease Lines	:	660.0 F South L, 660.0 F East L
Survey Lines	:	660.0 F South L, 660.0 F East L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 467/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11000 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, CORRINE WEEKS, at (972) 969-4557.

Motorcycles

HARLEY DAVIDSON 2013 Dyna Street Bob, 7,500 miles, windshield, saddlebags, custom paint. Excellent condition. Includes HD cover & 2 helmets $9,000 Call 432-352-7470

RVs

1995 BOUNDER 38 ft. Ford 460 engine. 43,000 mi. Good condition. Road ready. $14,900 Contact Dave @ 575-894-7155 or dave@whiteheadchevrolet.net

2010 30' North Trail Riss many extras good condition. $35,000 OBO. 817-523-7981, leave message

2011 WILDWOOD DELUX, 39'. Perfect for the couple who wants spacious luxury. Like new condition, biggest living room you've ever seen in an RV. Go to craigslist.org/odessa and search "nicest" Asking $28,500 cash or trade for local land. Call 432-661-2808

2012 FLEETWOOD Discovery 40x diesel Pusher, loaded. 432-553-5153.

CHALLENGER 2007 5th wheel 29RLS, 2 slides, 2 ACs and Ford 2007 F350 diesel, 105k miles, $35,000 for both, located in Fort Worth area. Call 817-637-3421.

FORD 2003 Gulfstream Independence, class C motor home. 34', 1 slide out, separate detached shower, master has 2 split closets, 42K miles. Asking $26,995. 432-697-6447.

FOR SALE: 31' 2013 Bumper pull Puma trailer $26,000 -Two bedrooms, sleeps 10. Two entrance doors & inside & outside kitchens, outside shower, two slides,outside electricity & electric outlets, 16-electric controlled awning, & C.D. player with inside & outside speakers. Owner will send videos & pictures to your IPhone. Contact Lydia Kirby @ 325.203.0040.

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2001 Sinclair
Wed, Thurs, Fri 9-3 Sat. 9-1 Sun. 2-4
No children please- too many fragile items.

FINE ART: H. W. Caylor paintings, very fine needlepoint tapestry, 6 panel screen painted By Crowder, early 1900s paintings by Ruth Cowden Scharbauer, wildlife bronzes, alabaster and bronze Art Deco sculpture, crewel tapestry, painting by Elise P. Wagner and more.

FURNITURE: Steinway grand piano, carved console table with marble top, beautiful armoire, (7 1/2 feet tall), dining table with 12 chairs, buffet, sofas, coffee tables, end tables, pairs of chairs, sofa tables, china cabnet, beautiful Chippendale style 4 drawer chest, McGuire sofa, 4 chairs, end tables and sofa table; Mid-century sofa, chairs, end tables and coffee table; Baker dresser, Widdicomb men's dressing table, vitrine, desks and chairs, Kiss a Beth suede sofa, Drexel wall unit; wing chairs by Hickory Chair, two sets of twin beds, chests of drawers, 3/4 beds, night stands, Aeolian Duoart Player piano with music rolls, patio furniture, and more.

DECORATIVE ACCENTS: very fine brass urn lamps, beautiful oriental lamps, Persian rugs, Marbro lamps, framed prints, carved wooden figures, Satsuma urn, carved bookends, very fine linens, quilts, cloisonné lamps, Domonceaux urns, cut glass, Waterford, Lalique, antique writing box, figurines, Murano glass and more.

SILVER, CRYSTAL AND CHINA: Francis First serving pieces and bowl, sterling goblets, spoons, salad set by Navajo silver smiths, silver plated candelabra, samovar and other serving pieces, Hawkes dessert plates, Waterford bowls and vases, Limoges, Wedgwood, Sevres and more.

MEN & WOMEN'S CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES: Oxford suits, Ralph Lauren shirts, NM shirts, Hermes ties, alligator shoes and more; Bill Blass, Escada, Mary McFadden, Oscar de la Renta, Armani, David Hayes, Calvin Klein, Helga, St. John, Stanley Platos, and more; Judith Leiber, Bottega Veneta, Coach, Schaak purses and more; designer shoes.

SCHARBAUER HOTEL PENTHOUSE ITEMS: china cabinets, red Oriental cabinet, down sofa, fern stands, dining chairs, bedroom suites, mirrors, decorative painted table and chair, lamps, painted china, rugs and more.

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1978 TAYLOR jet boat w/ cover and trailer. Completelty refurbished. 460 Ford-Berkley pump. $12,900. Call 432-425-0921.

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1983 AlumaWeld Boat, 48" x 16' long w/ aluminum covered bow, 1987 Evinrude 40HP motor, tiller steering, 1984 Skipper B trailer, Minn Kota 585 trolling motor. Excellent condition! Call 432-634-4067.

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KEYSTONE, 2002 Montana 2880 Fifth Wheel. Great condition! One owner, never been smoked or cooked in! Neutral colors, mountain view rear window, single roof ducted air conditioner, gas - 3 burner range, oven, microwave, gas/electric refrigerator, gas water heater, queen size bed, jack knife sofa, large basement, new tires, and stored in covered storage. $19,000. 432-694-2758.

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Residential Rentals

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Homes for Sale

104 N. 24th St. Lamesa, TX. 3bd, 2ba, 2car garage, fireplace, sun room, $115,000. No rental or owner finance. Call 806-332-8605

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4902 FM 1213 house on 1.25 acres. Needs some remodeling. $159,500. 432-631-8100 or 432-266-1212

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Homes for Sale

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HOUSE FOR sale on North side of town, 1409 Tejas, like new 3 bedroom 2 bath. 2,500 sq. ft. Desert yard installed, sprinkler system, lots of new updates, lighting, plumbing & appliances. $250,000. Call 432-557-9827 to set an appointment to view.

IN GREENWOOD, brick/tin roof, 4 acres, spacious 3 bedrooms, open-concept kitchen, remodeled bathrooms, fresh paint, new carpet, all walk-in closets, cellar, large glassed-in sunroom, unattached 2 car garage. Call 432-935-1911

IN OLD MIDLAND 1715 Princeton Ave. 4bd, 2ba, 2living, big back yard, corner lot, 800sqft shop/garage plus 1 car attached garage, needs update. $199,000. Call 432-664-5638

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2.68 ACRES riverfront on Dove Creek, 15 miles southwest of San Angelo, TX. Includes 28x56 mobile home, 10x39 mobile home, 16x40 barn, 4 car pavilion, well, septic tank, metal dock/stairs to water, budded pecan trees, great fishing and more. Call 432-634-7826 or 325-277-1384

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RUIDOSO LUXURY condo; 1 br, plus sleeper sofa. 1 block from Midtown. Regular rental income. Onsite management. $129K. See pics & info @ chipmccarver.com 432-553-9972

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SOLUTION TO MONDAY'S PUZZLE

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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Accounts Receivable Specialist
Natural Gas Service Group **FT**
NGSG is seeking an **Accounts Receivable Specialist** for our Midland Office. Duties will include invoicing, customer service, sales reports and back-up receptionist. Experience with electronic billing preferred. The qualified candidate will exhibit dependability, professional demeanor, integrity, accuracy, and strong problem-solving skills. 3+ years A/R experience with intermediate to advanced skills in Microsoft Excel required. High school diploma/GED with some college preferred. Competitive salary and benefit package offered. E-mail resumes to employment@ngsgi.com.

BRANCH MANAGER
MIDWEST FINANCE - Develop and direct branch personnel. We seek self-starter that works well without close supervision. Requirements: High school diploma or equivalent, personal and reliable transportation, and valid driver's license. Finance and collection experience preferred. Apply in person at **416 Andrews Hwy in Midland.**

Tax/Oil Accountant
Midland based independent Oil and Gas Company seeking Tax/Oil and Gas Accountant. Requirements include CPA with federal and state income tax experience. Oil and gas accounting experience preferred. Seeking hard working, detail oriented individual. Qualified applicants email resume to lyndaj@forl.com

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

FRONT DESK CLERK
Front Desk Clerk needed asap. Must be a self-starter and have knowledge of computers. QuickBooks knowledge is a plus. Please apply in person at **2401 N CR 1287, Midland. For directions call 432-563-1123.**

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Preschool Teachers
Education based childcare center needing preschool teachers. Part time and full time positions available. Part time positions have flexible hours. Please call for more information, 432-238-2304.

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CNC TECHNICIAN/PROGRAMMER
United Casing, Inc.
Requirements: Must know Fanuc Controls; Mazatrol Controls; Mitsubishi Spindle Drives; Mentor Drives; Computer Numeric Controls; electrical diagrams. Must be able to travel (Houston, Midland, Corpus Christi). Send all inquiries and resumes to gpatterson@unitedcasing.com. Qualified Applicants Only.

Experienced Surface Loggers
ALS Empirica Surface Logging Company is hiring experienced Surface Loggers, sign on bonus, attractive benefits and competitive rates, we are prepared to match or better existing hourly rates. Our recruiter will be on site at 2003 Commerce Dr., Midland, TX 79703, Monday the 22nd - Wednesday the 24th. Stop in for an interview.

Part-time and Full-time Laborers
Brandon Oilfield Services LLC is currently looking for some **part time and full time laborers**. Must have reliable transportation, be willing to work odd & sometimes long hours, rig cleaning or mud mixing experience is preferred. Pay will DOE and willingness to learn. If interested contact **David @ 432-889-5205** (leave message) for an interview.

Petroleum Engineer/Ops Mgr/Equity Partner
Austin based independent seeks Degreed Petroleum Engineer with minimum 5-7 + years various experience in drilling, completion & reservoir for a ground floor equity position in its Midland office. The ideal candidate will possess the latest in completions technology with special emphasis on frac design, optimization & on-site execution, be a multi-tasker and able to handle all aspects of managing a small oil & gas exploration company and may currently be working for a service company. This position will be split between office & field as required and involve the entire process from permitting to first sales. We will consider training the right degreed individual. Excellent compensation package. This is a great opportunity to own a piece of what you work for every day. Send a detailed resume along with current salary requirements. All submittals will be held in strict confidence. Reply to MSOGBK@aol.com.

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3203 Sage Street
Midland, TX 79705
Desert Gardens located in Midland, Texas is currently seeking staff to fill the following Positions:
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$1,000 SIGN ON BONUS
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Seeking friendly, dependable, hard-working person for busy eye clinic and optical shop. Experience preferred but not required. Bring resume in person to **Phillips Eye Clinic 4311 W Wadley, Midland.**

TSBDE Registered Dental Assistant
TSBDE Registered Dental Assistant needed for Family Dental Practice. Fax resume with references/salary requirements to: **432-570-6028. Mail: Dr. Andrew Wilson, 4410 N Midkiff D217, Midland Tx 79705**

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Maintenance Shift Supervisor
O-Tex Pumping is now hiring
Night and Day shift Maintenance Shift Supervisor :

- Competitive pay
- Night differential pay
- Good benefits
- 5 years minimum oilfield/mechanic experience required
- Strong work ethic
- Set schedule
- Work well with others/ability to make crucial decisions
- Good driving record is required
- Must pass drug screen

Apply online at www.otexpumping.com or apply in person at
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OTHER JOBS

All Positions
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Midland, TX 79701
Now hiring Slice, Prep, Cashiers, Catering & Kitchen help for AM/PM positions. Apply in person: 2900 W. Loop 250 North, Ste 162.

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Caretaker for small ranch and animals/dogs, horses. Salary and housing provided. Non-smokers and no drinking. References required. Call 432-413-2861

Delivery Position
Deliver YP phone books in Midland, Odessa and surrounding areas. Payment issued within 72 hours. (866) 403-0666. www.ddasw.com

Inspector Level II
Working under the direction of the Shop Manager, the Inspector is responsible for ensuring cleanliness of equipment and safety. **Major Duties and Responsibilities:** Must be able to follow instructions. Keep company vehicle clean, stocked, and organized. Follow required safety practices and procedures. Report unsafe practices and injuries. Perform other operational requirements as assigned. **Qualifications:** Must be certified in applicable service methods per SNT-TC-1A. Must be knowlegable of API Spec Q1 Standard and API Spec 7, 7-1, Spec 5B, Spec 5CT and DS1 Standards **Physical Requirements:** Must be able to lift up to 50 pounds. Must be able to regularly use hands, fingers and full body to handle weight in motion or feel objects, tools or controls; reach with hands and arms. Must be able to climb, balance, stoop and kneel. Must be able to hold a minimum of 5 pounds in one hand with arm extended for 30 seconds. Email resumes to humanresources@jaoilfield.com or visit 14579 Hollyhock Ave, Gardendale, TX 79758

Warehouse Person/Driver
Basin Engine & Pump is looking for an industrial oilfield warehouse person. Pump and or warehouse experience preferred. Position includes uniforms and a benefits package. Pay DOE. Please submit resume by fax to 432-570-1115 or email todd@basinengine.com. Applications may also be filled out at 1914 S. County Rd. 1083, Greenwood/Midland.

OTHER JOBS

Career Fair
Wednesday, September 24th
11am – 3pm at 2530 S. Midkiff

We are now hiring Broadband Technicians.
Suddenlink Broadband Technician I installs, troubleshoots and disconnects company services including video, data and telephone. Broadband Technicians also edutate and describe the advantages to customers regarding new and existing services.
Broadband Technicians must possess the ability to comprehend and operate appropriate testing equipment, electronics, hand tools and power tools.
Suddenlink offers advancement opportunities, competitive pay & benefit package including 401K, medical, dental, vision, generous discounts on services, & more!

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JOB FAIR
September 30
10am - 3pm
Midland Center, 105 N Main St

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Lead Maintenance & Assistant
Summerhill Apartments **FT**
Must be HVAC certified. Salary depending on experience. Apply in person to: 3001 North Midland Dr. or call 432-697-6039.

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

Barista/Manager
Taste@508 is looking for a Barista Manager for our downtown location. Also looking for part time. Pay commensurate with experience. Please call 432-230-0225 to schedule an interview. 508 W. Wall Street

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CASHIERS
Smoker's Outlet is looking for **Cashiers** in the Midland area. We offer competitive wages and a good work environment. Paid weekly. Go by your nearest **Smoker's Outlet** to apply.

SALES JOBS

Counter Salesperson & Warehouse Person
Parts Sales Counter Salesperson and Warehouse Person wanted. Local company looking for individuals to fill positions for selling compressed air parts and maintaining parts warehouses. Experience is a plus but not necessary. Good driving record and drug screening is required. Competitive pay DOE. F/T and P/T positions available. Please send resumes to M-11, c/o Midland Reporter Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX. 79701

Field Service and Shop Technicians
Field Service and Shop Technicians wanted. Local company looking for someone with experience in performing services and inspections on compressed air equipment. Technicial experience preferred. Potential for advancement and additional technical training provided. Good driving record and drug screening is required. Competitive pay DOE. Please send resumes to M-18, c/o Midland Reporter Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX. 79701

Pipe Fitter/Plumber
Pipe Fitter/Plumber wanted. Local company looking for experienced plumber for work with condensate and air piping installations. HVAC a plus but not required. Potential for advancement and additional technical training provided. Good driving record and drug screening is required. Competitive pay DOE. Please send resumes to M-17, c/o Midland Reporter Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX. 79701

Route Sales
Work 4, Play 3!!! Schwan's is now hiring route sales reps. $45.5K starting salary. $70K+potential. 4 day work week. Full Benefit pkg. No CDL req'd. Apply online at www.schwansjobs.com. Keyword: Odessa. Call: 432.634.8724. EOE

SKILLED LABOR

Experienced Diesel Technician
Horizon Transportation **FT**
Now hiring **Experienced Diesel Technician**. Clean driving record is required. Must pass a criminal background check and drug test. Please call **432-699-4468.**

FLAKE TOMPKINS INC.
CERTIFIED EMI OPERATOR
Is looking for a Certified EMI Operator with 3-5 years' experience in pipe inspection.

50 hours a week, provide life and health insurance, and (5) paid holidays. Uniforms provided after 90 days.

Pre-employment testing includes background check, drug test, physical evaluation.

Pay based on experience.

Contact Gary 432-559-9779 or Rudy Carrasco at 432-770-1104.

Mechanic
Mechanic wanted for temporary position to perform general mechanic duties for a pulling unit company in Odessa, Texas. Must be able to use diagnostic computer. Perform maintenance on fleet as required. Must pass drug test. Competitive wage. Sent resumes to: Great Basin Petroleum Services, 4909 S. Co.Rd. 1303, Odessa, Texas 79765

SKILLED LABOR

FLAKE TOMPKINS INC.
FORKLIFT OPERATOR
Is looking for a forklift operator for pipe yard who is experience in loading and unloading casing and tubing from commercial trucks.

50 hours a week, provide life and health insurance, uniforms after 90 days and 5 paid Holidays.

There will be a driving test.
Background, drug test and physical evaluation.
Pay based on experience.

Contact Rudy Carrasco at 432-770-1104.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATORS NEEDED
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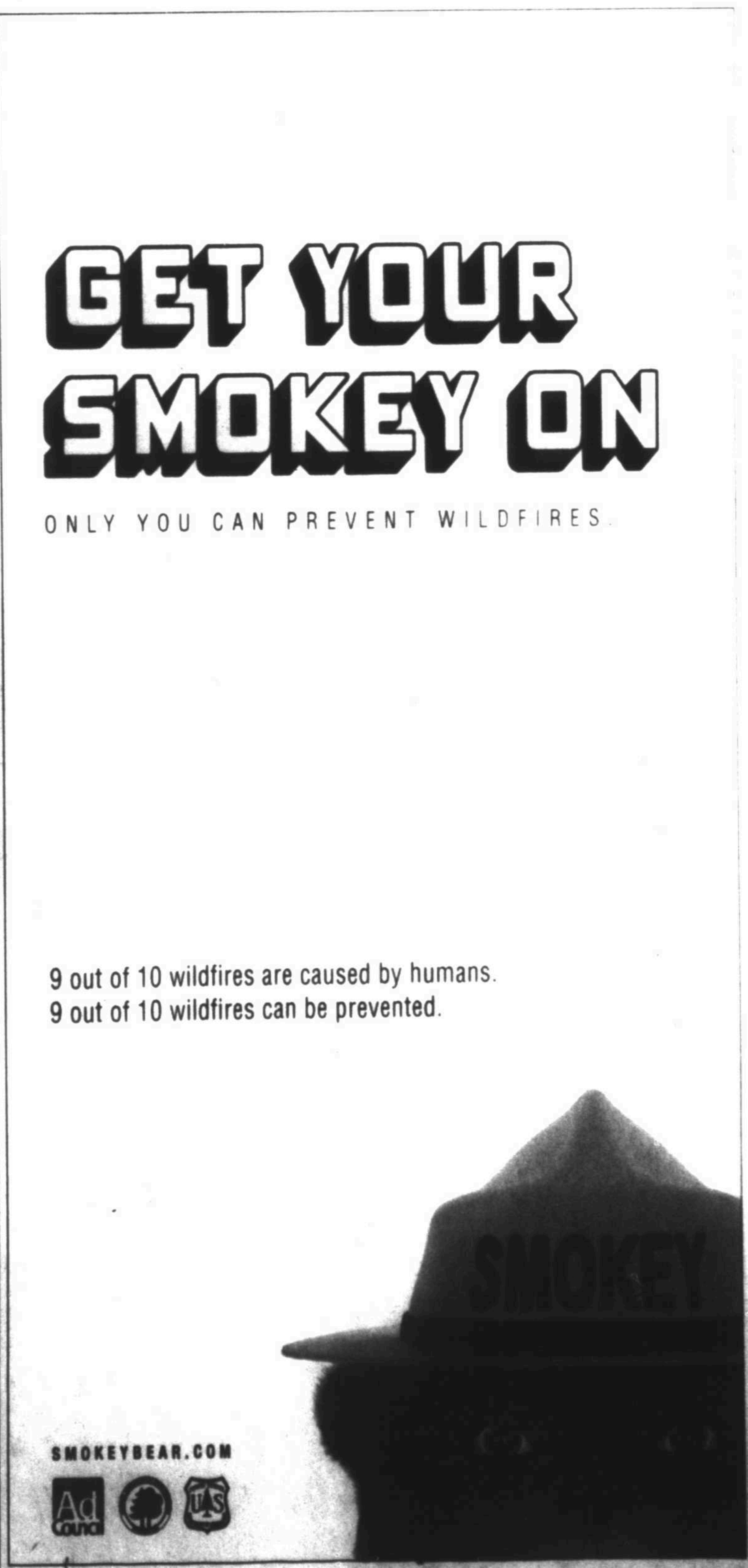

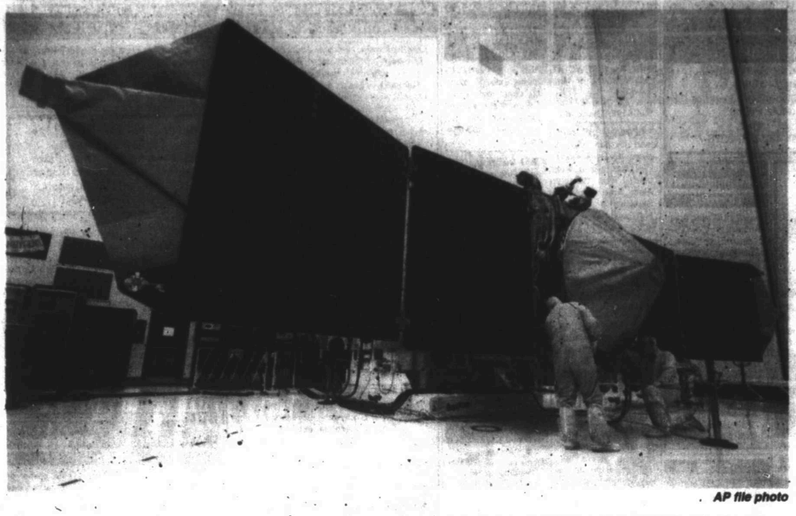

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Technicians work on NASA's Mars-bound spacecraft, the Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution (MAVEN) on Sept. 27, 2013, at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla.

Maven explorer arrives at Mars after a year

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA's Maven spacecraft arrived at Mars late Sunday after a 442 million-mile journey that began nearly a year ago.

The robotic explorer fired its brakes and successfully slipped into orbit around the red planet, officials confirmed.

"I think my heart's about ready to start again," said Maven's chief investigator, Bruce Jakosky of the University of Colorado. "All I can say at this point is, 'We're in orbit at Mars, guys!'"

Now the real work begins for the $671 million mission, the first dedicated to studying Mars' upper atmosphere.

Flight controllers in Colorado will spend the next six weeks adjusting Maven's altitude and checking its science instruments, and observing a comet streaking by. Then in early November, Maven will start probing the upper atmosphere of Mars. The spacecraft will conduct its observations from orbit; it's not meant to land.

Scientists believe the Martian atmosphere holds clues as to how Earth's neighbor went from being warm and wet billions of years ago to cold and dry. That early wet world may have harbored microbial life, a tantalizing question yet to be answered.

NASA launched Maven last November from Cape Canaveral, the 10th U.S. mission sent to orbit the red planet. Three earlier ones failed, and until the official word came of success late Sunday night, the entire team was on edge.

"I don't have any fingernails any more, but we've made it," said Colleen Hartman, deputy director for science at Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland. "It's incredible."

The spacecraft was clocking more than 10,000 mph when it hit the brakes for the so-called orbital insertion, a half-hour process. The world had to wait 12 minutes to learn the outcome, once it occurred, because of the lag in spacecraft signals given the 138 million miles between the two planets on Sunday.

"Based on observed navigation data, congratulations, Maven is now in Mars orbit," came the official announcement.

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In this artist concept provided by NASA, the MAVEN spacecraft approaches Mars on a mission to study its upper atmosphere.

Flight controllers applauded the news and shook hands; laughter filled the previously tension-filled room.

Noted NASA project manager David Mitchell: "Wow, what a night. You get one shot with Mars orbit insertion, and Maven nailed it tonight."

Maven joins three spacecraft already circling Mars, two American and one European. And the traffic jam isn't over: India's first interplanetary probe, Mangalyaan, will reach Mars in two days and also aim for orbit. Jakosky wished the team well.

Jakosky, who's with the University of Colorado's Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics in Boulder, hopes to learn where all the water on Mars went, along with the carbon dioxide that once comprised an atmosphere thick enough to hold moist clouds.

The gases may have been stripped away by the sun early in Mars' existence, escaping into the upper atmosphere and out into space. Maven's observations should be able to extrapolate back in time, Jakosky said.

Maven — short for Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution Mission — will spend at least a year collecting data. That's a full Earth year, half a Martian one. Its orbit will dip as low as 78 miles above the Martian surface as its eight instruments make measurements. The craft is as long as a school bus, from solar wingtip to tip, and as hefty as an SUV.

Maven will have a rare brush with a comet next month.

The nucleus of newly discovered Comet Siding Spring will pass 82,000 miles from Mars on Oct. 19. The risk of comet dust damaging Maven is low, officials said, and the spacecraft should be able to observe Siding Spring as a science bonus.

Lockheed Martin Corp., Maven's maker, is operating the mission from its control center at Littleton, Colorado.

This is NASA's 21st shot at Mars and the first since the Curiosity rover landed on the red planet in 2012. Just this month, Curiosity arrived at its prime science target, a mountain named Sharp, ripe for drilling. The Opportunity rover is also still active a decade after landing.

All these robotic scouts are paving the way for the human explorers that NASA hopes to send in the 2030s.

SCIENCE BRIEFS

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WASHINGTON

China, US, India push world carbon emissions up

Spurred chiefly by China, the United States and India, the world spewed far more carbon pollution into the air last year than ever before, scientists announced Sunday as world leaders gather to discuss how to reduce heat-trapping gases.

The world pumped an estimated 39.8 billion tons of carbon dioxide into the air last year by burning coal, oil and gas. That is 778 million tons or 2.3 percent more than the previous year.

"It's in the wrong direction," said Glen Peters, a Norwegian scientist who was part of the Global Carbon Project international team that tracks and calculates global emissions every year.

Their results were published Sunday in three articles in the peer-reviewed journals Nature Geoscience and Nature Climate Change.

The team projects that emissions of carbon dioxide, the main heat-trapping gas from human activity, are increasing by 2.5 percent this year.

The scientists forecast that emissions will continue to increase, adding that the world in about 30 years will warm by about 2 degrees Fahrenheit (1.1 degrees Celsius) from now. In 2009, world leaders called that level dangerous and pledged not to reach it.

"Time is running short," said Pierre Friedlingstein of the University of Exeter in England, one of the studies' lead authors. "The more we do nothing, the more likely we are to be hitting this wall in 2040-something."

Chris Field, a Carnegie Institution ecologist who heads a U.N. panel on global warming, called the studies "a stark and sobering picture of the steps we need to take to address the challenge of climate change."

More than 100 world leaders will meet Tuesday at the U.N. Climate Summit to discuss how to reverse the emissions trend.

The world's three biggest carbon polluting nations — China, the U.S. and India — all saw their emissions jump. No other country came close in additional emissions.

Indian emissions grew by 5.1 percent, Chinese emissions by 4.2 percent and the U.S. emissions by 2.9 percent, when the extra leap day in 2012 is accounted for.

China, the No. 1 carbon polluter, also had more than half the world's increases over 2012. China's increases are slowing because the Chinese economy isn't growing as fast as it had been, Peters said.

NEW YORK

Ice in Arctic seas shrinks to 6th-lowest recorded

Ice in Arctic seas shrank this summer to the sixth lowest level in 36 years of monitoring.

The National Snow and Ice Data Center reported Monday that the ice reached its seasonal minimum on Sept. 17 of 1.94 million square miles. That's down a bit from 2013, but not near as low as the record-setting 2012. It is still 19 percent below average.

Scientists are concerned about the ice melting from man-made global warming because the melting may change the weather further south. Studies have linked the ice melting to changes in the jet stream, which can produce extreme weather.

If you're interested in setting up a dashcam, here's what to do

Dear PropellerHeads: I want to use my smart phone as a dashcam so I can capture something amazing. You never know. Am I right? Which app do you recommend?

I recommend you drive in Russia because their roads are clearly more adventurous than those found in the US of A. (http://wrd.cm/1uTzaJd). But this does sound like a bit of fun so I did some research for you.

There are dozens of smart phone dashcam apps out there and many of them are free, although you will need to splurge for some accessories to make this endeavor feasible.

First, you will need a mount. These range in price from $15-50. Most are the suction cup variety with an adjustable clamp. These are the cheaper models and the type I used in my test. It works fine though you do tend to clamp the phone at one end instead of the middle otherwise the mount will obstruct the camera.

More expensive mounts utilize a magnetic quick-release system. I guess I'm just old-fashioned, but I tend to keep magnets away from all of my electronic gizmos.

Next, constantly recording video will suck up your battery faster than Wisconsin scored a safety against Western Illinois (bit.ly/1BspojH). So if you don't already have one, invest in a USB car charger. These often cost just a few dollars. The only catch here is to ensure that the cable is long enough to reach from your cigarette lighter to wherever you end up mounting the phone.

Now that you have all the gear, you just need the right app. Like I mentioned, there are a lot of them. So what features are important to look for?

In most cases, the way the dashcam works is that once activated it will record videos and save to your phone every few minutes. Because this will fill up your phone quickly, the better apps allow you to set a quota for how much storage space will be gobbled up by the videos. Once that capacity is reached, older videos start dropping off. You can designate certain videos to be archived so they are not overwritten.

So the main features you are looking for are those apps which allow you to configure as much of that process as possible. Do you want short or long videos? Do you want audio included? Do you want to reserve 5 percent or 50 percent of your storage for these videos? The more settings you have in this area the better.

Another important feature is being able to continue to record even when the app is in the background. What happens when you get a call while driving? You shouldn't answer it, of course, but receiving the call shouldn't stop your recording.

A lot of the apps require you to have your GPS activated in order to function. They do this to monitor vehicle speed and detect crashes. Others utilize the GPS for navigational purpose. For instance, via augmented reality the app will let you know when you just passed the sushi place you are looking for.

Whether you want GPS or not is up to you, just be aware that some apps will function without GPS turned on, while others will not.

I reviewed about ten different dashcam apps; however, my top five in order of popularity are DailyRoads Voyager (bit.ly/1qiGw9e), AutoGuard Blackbox (bit.ly/1uwdDpd), AutoBoy DashCam (bit.ly/1rWD2uw), CamOnRoad (bit.ly/1BsG3nf) and CaroO (bit.ly/1txvdaO).

DailyRoads Voyager is easily the most popular and offers the most settings to configure your experience. While the user-interface (UI) is a bit rudimentary, it does offer the option to permanently save a video as it is being recorded.

AutoGuard is my personal favorite of the group. It has the best mixture of settings and UI. However, background recording is only available with the Pro version at a reasonable cost of $3.

AutoBoy's free version has ads. Really, do I need ads when I drive? The UI has the Windows 8 Metro look (yawn), but otherwise everything else about it is nice.

CamOnRoad (CoR) has probably the most appealing UI and has a substantial number of settings. During recording it had a habit of taking short one or two second videos between the normal three minute videos I configured.

CaroO has a slick, simple UI. It does require the GPS to be activated to record. I dislike how it would indicate if you were speeding during playback. Did my mother write this app or what?

Regardless, any of these apps should meet your needs. So now you are prepared to capture something truly amazing.

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