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PERRY TAKES ACTION

Gov. Rick Perry announces the creation of the Task Force on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response to ensure Texas appropriately responds to infectious diseases like the Ebola virus.

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Texas gay marriage case could become landmark

If 5th Circuit Court of Appeals upholds state's ban, Supreme Court might step in

By Connor Radnovich and Dan Freedman
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — By refusing to hear same-sex marriage appeals from five states that had banned such unions, the U.S. Supreme Court may have set the stage for using Texas' prohibition as the basis of a future landmark ruling.

Without explanation, the Supreme Court on Monday turned down appeals from Wisconsin, Indiana, Oklahoma, Utah and Virginia, which all had similar state laws banning gay marriage overturned by federal appeals courts.

The decision immediately legalized same-sex marriage in those five states and virtually assures the same result in six additional states covered by those federal appeals courts: North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia, Colorado, Kansas and Wyoming.

In all, same-sex couples will be able to marry in 30 states and the District of Columbia, with challenges pending in the 20 remaining states.

"If the 5th Circuit decides to uphold the ban, there's a very strong possibility that the Texas case could be a landmark (Supreme Court ruling) two years from now," said Cary Franklin, a professor at the University of Texas School of Law in Austin.

An upholding of Texas' ban of same-sex marriage would create disagreement among the federal circuit courts, which have so far been in unison of their support of overturning such bans. In such a circumstance, the Supreme Court might be more likely to step in.

Monday's action "signals, I hope, the direction the court is going," said Rebecca Robertson, legal and policy director of the ACLU of Texas. "It's hard not to look at this optimistically."

Jonathan Saenz, president of conservative non-profit Texas Values, said he was also pleased by the Supreme Court's action, because "redefinition of marriage is not going to be forced on our state at this time."

Saenz said Texans have already voted

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BUSINESS IS BUZZING

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A patron receives a shoulder tattoo at the Yellow Rose Tattoo Expo on Saturday at Midland Center. The tattoo industry is booming alongside the oil industry in the Permian Basin in part because oil companies have few tattoo restrictions for their workers.

Area tattoo artists benefit from oil boom

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The buzz of tattoo machines hummed in Midland Center this weekend as more than 100 tattoo artists and vendors gathered for the Yellow Rose Tattoo Show. The tattoo expo brought in artists from Midland, Odessa and as far away as Nevada. The event also drew hundreds of tattoo enthusiasts

Local interest in body art has boomed over the past few years as the growing oil industry has brought in more people and money than ever before.

"We've started seeing people from New York, L.A.; you'll meet a lot of people from everywhere," said Eric Olivas, a tattoo artist, with Familia Tattoo in Odessa. "They talk to you about what it's like in their hometown, the kind of art that they lean toward, and it's always good to meet new people and learn what they want out of their art."

The oil industry has expanded the workforce in Midland and Odessa by tens of thousands, many who have come to work in and around the oil fields. These new workers, many who don't face restriction with body art, have fueled a growing demand for tattoos.

"In the oil fields, they really don't care about the tattoos," said Duck Lozano, a tattoo artist and the owner of Lucky Duck's Tattoo & Piercing Studio in Midland. "There are people that get face tattoos and neck tattoos, and out there they really don't care what you look like, so you can really express yourself and be what you want."

Some tattoo artists have also joined the workforce influx search of steady work and freedom, like Enigma Tattoo's Edgar Armendariz. The buzz of the tattoo machine hummed in the background as Armendariz, who is originally from Los Angeles, explained what it's like in Odessa compared to his hometown while

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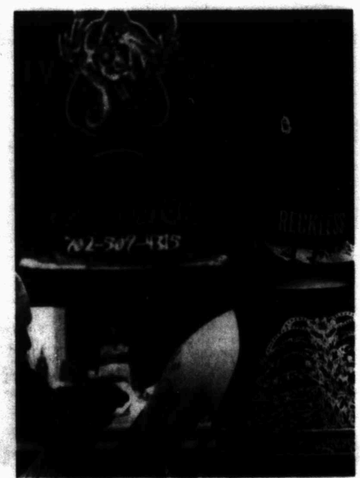
Taste of ink: Highlights from last weekend's tattoo festival http://instagram.com/p/tzaehSoCuY.



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An attendee at Yellow Rose Tattoo Expo receives a tattoo Saturday.

Curbside recyclables pickup held back by mixed services, cost

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Recycling in Midland has several barriers before it can achieve the same level of ease as in other larger Texas cities.

Unlike cities that offer recyclables pickup from homes, Midland currently has several drop-off locations throughout the city, including H-E-B on Wadley Avenue, Midland College on Garfield Street and the Citizens Collection Station on Smith Road.

Though there is one local private company, Green Daisies Curbside Recycling, that offers curbside recyclables pickup for its customers, there is no citywide, public solution.

A pair of trash pickup methods — alley and curbside pickup — and the cost to implement the program hinder the ability for the city to do its own citywide recycling pickup from homes.

Morris Williams, the city's director of solid waste, said in order for the city to begin recyclables pickup from homes, the city has to first switch all trash pickup to curbside only. The city's trash pickup staff currently has to deal with the inconsistency and inefficiency of some neighborhoods having alleys and some having curbside trash pickup.

Former District 4 Councilman Michael Trost, an advocate for greater recycling presence in the area, said he would want to see a program whereas one day is for recycling pickup and one day is for trash pickup, whether the home places its discarded items and recyclables in an alley or curbside. He said alleys can have designated recyclables containers, just as how specially marked recyclables containers would be placed curbside.

"I think recycling (in Midland) is woefully behind," Trost said. "Recycling needs to be expanded somehow. And if the city is going to do it, they need to expand their thinking regarding recycling and how we recycle."

But Williams believes that the only way for recyclables to be picked up from homes is via curbside. The curbside pickup method would help decrease contamination in recycling bins, an occurrence that may happen in an alley with recycling Dumpsters next to overflowing trash Dumpsters.

Cost is another factor that hinders citywide curbside recyclables, and trash, pickup. Williams said the solid waste department is ready to switch to trash, and in the long-term recyclables, curbside pickup if the directive is given, but there is going to be a cost.

"Are the residents willing to pay the cost?" Williams asked.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

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.

Meetings

City Council
10 a.m.
Council Chambers City H all
300 N. Loraine Ave.
Note: Planning and Zoning will meet on Oct. 13, instead of the typical first Monday of the month

MISD early release day

Midland ISD parents/guardians are reminded that Wednesday is a two-hour early release day. Buses will run two hours early at the end of the school day.

Source: Midland ISD

Support groups, club meetings today

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Note: To make corrections to this listing, submit information to news@mrt.com

MCRW luncheon

Midland County Republican Women will host a luncheon Wednesday at the Midland Country Club.

Buffet will begin at 11:15 a.m. General meeting will begin at 11:40 a.m. Guest speakers will be U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway and Kevin Freeman, a leading expert on economic warfare and financial terrorism.

Luncheon tickets are $20 in advance and $25 at the door. For more information, call 520-3500, email mcrwomen@aol.com or go to www.mcrw.us.

City's CDBG Program to expand

The city of Midland's Community Development Block Grant program for housing and community development needs in Midland has expanded this fiscal year.

A $100,000 budget was established for the homebuyer assistance program this year, and the maximum amount of assistance available to low income, first-time home buyers was increased to $15,000.

The minor repair program has a $69,500 budget with additional funds carried over from previous years. Current low-income homeowners with roofing, major plumbing or heating/AC needs could qualify for this program.

The city is also able to assist a low-income homeowner in an uninhabitable housing situation through the reconstruction loan program.

Please contact the city's Community Development office at 432-685-7472 to learn more about these programs.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 3-6-0
Pick 3 day: 9-0-7
Pick 3 evening: 4-4-4
Pick 3 night: 6-2-3
Daily 4 morning: 0-9-6-3
Daily 4 day: 7-5-4-1
Daily 4 evening: 9-0-3-3
Daily 4 night: 5-7-6-5
Cash Five: 3-9-11-13-27
Texas Two Step: 3-9-16-28 BB: 7
All or Nothing morning: 2-8-9-10-11-14-16-18-19-20-21-23
All or Nothing day: 1-4-6-8-9-10-13-14-18-19-20-21
All or Nothing evening: 1-4-5-7-8-11-12-14-15-17-20-22
All or Nothing night: 4-5-6-11-14-15-16-17-19-22-23-24

Today in history

In 1982, the Andrew Lloyd Webber-Tim Rice musical "Cats" opened on Broadway. (The show closed Sept. 10, 2000, after a record 7,485 performances.)

Tyler White/Reporter-Telegram

One person injured after tire blowout

One person was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital with minor injuries Monday after a one-vehicle rollover accident on Highway 191. Midland police and emergency personnel responded at about 4:45 p.m. at Highway 191 near County Road 1275. A Nissan SUV was traveling east when one of the vehicle's tires blew out, causing the vehicle to roll over, according to an officer at the scene. No other vehicles were involved in the crash.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

LUBBOCK

Police find body near apartments

Lubbock police are investigating the death of a man found killed outside a vacant apartment complex.

Police said 32-year-old Ernest Turman's body was found on a sidewalk at the Eagle Pointe Townhomes on Sunday. They responded to reports of gunshots.

Police haven't released Turman's cause of death. A medical examiner is assisting with the investigation.

Witnesses told police a man fled the scene on foot after the shooting.

AUSTIN

Dems want feds to investigate state incentive fund

Six Democrats in the Texas delegation in the U.S. House are asking for a federal probe of "possible unethical and illegal actions" at a state economic development fund.

U.S. Reps. Joaquin Castro, Sheila Jackson Lee, Gene Green, Al Green, Ruben Hinojosa and Marc Veasey signed a letter to U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder last week about the Texas Enterprise Fund.

The fund's stated aim is to help create jobs, but a recent state audit found it gave about $200 million in grants to companies that hadn't sought them. The lawmakers want a federal investigation into whether that violates state law. They also want Attorney General Greg Abbott, the Republican frontrunner for governor, investigated for denying a Dallas Morning News information request that might have raised these issues sooner.

DALLAS

1 killed in storms Monday near Houston

One person was killed and thousands were left without power as another round of thunderstorms raged across parts of Texas, triggered flash-flood warnings and dumped hail on some parts of the region.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office said a male motorist was killed when a tree limb fell on his sport utility vehicle during a midday thunderstorm in Spring on Monday. Storms also knocked out power to more than 37,000 Houston-area customers. More than 11,000 CenterPoint Energy customers were still without power as of the Monday afternoon commute.

HOUSTON

High court rejects appeal from mentally ill killer

The U.S. Supreme Court has refused to consider an appeal from a Texas death row inmate whose attorneys contend is so delusional he can't understand why he was convicted and condemned.

The high court, without comment Monday, rejected the case of 56-year-old Scott Louis Panetti, convicted of fatally shooting his in-laws at their Fredericksburg home more than 20 years ago in front of his estranged wife and young children.

A year ago, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed with state lawyers and rejected arguments that Panetti is incompetent to be executed. Panetti's attorneys then took their case to the Supreme Court.

HOUSTON

Man on death row loses at Supreme Court

The U.S. Supreme Court has rejected an appeal from an East Texas man condemned for the slaying of a 75-year-old auto mechanic during a robbery in Tyler more than a decade ago.

The high court Monday refused to review the case of 44-year-old Gregory Russeau.

He was convicted and sent to death row for the fatal beating of James Syvertson at his auto repair shop. Syvertson's wallet and car were stolen. Russeau was arrested the next day in Longview in the stolen car.

TATTOO

From 1A

tattooing a client.

"In L.A., you literally have as many tattoo shops as you would Stripes out here," Armendariz said. "That's kind of another reason why I wanted to get away from L.A., because it was just oversaturated."

Armendariz works with his cousin at Enigma and returns to Los Angeles every two months to work. But he says Enigma gives him the freedom to travel and come and go as he pleases. Echoing the other artists, Armendariz said that the lack of body art standards in the oil field has opened up new doors for him.

"Over there in L.A., you're working city jobs, you have to have all of your tattoos covered," Armendariz said as he colored in an outline on his client's arm. "Out here, it's almost like working construction. They don't mind at all. So I think that definitely has a big advantage because people don't have a stopping point. They can get their hand tattooed, their neck tattooed, or they can do their whole arm."

For Armendariz, his goal is to create a unique tattoo each time he puts his machine to skin.

"A rose is going to be a rose. You can change it up and do cool stuff to it, but a rose is a rose. So you might want to throw in the idea of let's do a rose and we'll put a skull in it or something, you know, change it up. And that's what keeps my job interesting: There's no repetition in it."

CURBSIDE

From 1A

If the city does switch to curbside service, Williams said the cost may be "a considerable increase" of the trash pickup rate.

On the private side, Green Daisies Curbside Recycling charges residential customers $20 per month for bi-weekly service with a $2.50 monthly bin fee and a $2.50 glass pickup surcharge.

"The city of Midland wants to be good stewards of the earth," Williams said. "But at the same time, we're giving the most efficient service and not trying to take the rates up so high that service is not affordable."

Williams also noted the success of the recyclables drop-off locations across town, adding that one of the challenges the solid waste department has is clearing out the recyclables containers before they overflow.

While Trost calls for an expanded recycling program, District 3 Councilwoman Sharla Hotchkiss said recycling in Midland is fine right now because there are both the city program and the private program.

"It (Green Daisies) is an opportunity for us to see how large they can grow their business," Hotchkiss said.

And as for the opinion of Amanda Byrom, executive director of Keep Midland Beautiful, she said the adequacy of recycling in Midland depends on who you ask.

"We have a lot of people coming from larger communities — Dallas, Austin, Houston — where they have a citywide curbside recycling program," Byrom said. "So maybe their expectations are a little different than, say, someone who has lived in Midland all their lives and has seen the city go from no recycling program at all to what we currently have."

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Eleazar Cisneros, 41, no place of residence listed, was charged Sunday with impersonating or exerting the function of a public servant.

Alejandro Gordillo, 20, no place of residence listed, was charged Sunday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram in a drug-free zone.

Mario P. Hernandez, 31, of Midland was charged Sunday with violation of probation, failure to appear or bail jumping and driving while intoxicated three or more times.

John C. Koch, 44, of Midland was charged Sunday with possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams.

Nino L. Rodriguez, 20, of Midland was charged Sunday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Schuyler A. Romero, 24, of Midland was charged Sunday with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Jesse Villafranco Jr., 33, of Midland was charged Sunday with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon on a date, family or household member.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Prosecutor: ID theft ring bought designer goods

Associated Press

NEW YORK — An identity theft and fraud ring used shoppers' stolen information to buy more than $400,000 worth of designer shoes, handbags and accessories from Saks Fifth Avenue's flagship store, with some employees aiding the scam, authorities said Monday.

The sophisticated scheme funneled stolen data to corrupt salespeople to create sham transactions, complete with phony shoppers on the other side of the register, Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance Jr. and federal authorities said.

At least eight people, including four Saks employees, were being charged with various offenses.

Vance said the ringleader was Tamara Williams, who he said obtained Social Security numbers, birth dates and other personal data for more than 20 Saks credit card holders. Williams supplied the information to her accomplices on the sales floors, who used it to look up the shoppers' Saks account numbers or otherwise complete needed details to ring up more than 90 fraudulent sales in six months, prosecutors said.

To make the transactions look legitimate, other accomplices would collect the merchandise, posing as the shoppers or functionaries sent on their behalf, prosecutors said.

Some items were sold on the black market; others were returned in exchange for Saks gift cards and then sold or used to pay the phony shoppers.

CRIME BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Two men take joy ride in stolen motorized shopping cart

Two Midlanders were arrested Saturday on theft charges after a Midland County investigator saw them driving down Midland Drive on a motorized shopping cart, according to court documents.

Domenic Richard Overbey, 19, and Nicholas Joseph Overbey, 24, were both held Monday on a $10,000 bond for a state jail felony charge of theft between $1,500 and $20,000.

D. Overbey

N. Overbey

A Midland County investigator was on routine patrol at about 2:18 a.m. Saturday when he saw two subjects riding on a motorized "Mart Cart" shopping cart on Midland Drive.

He stopped the subjects, who said they found the cart down the road. The investigator contacted the store that the cart belonged to, and the manager said he wanted to press theft charges against the two men, according to the arrest affidavit.

The cart is valued at about $1,600.

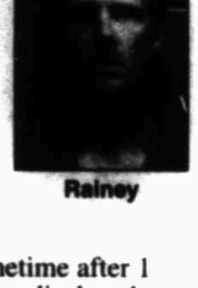
The affidavit does not identify the two suspects' relation to each other.

If convicted, the two suspects face up to two years in prison.

Man accused of pointing a gun at man during argument

A 43-year-old Midland man was arrested Friday for pointing a pistol at a man during an argument, according to court documents.

Shannon Lee Rainey was being held Friday on a $100,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He posted bond and was released on Friday.



Rainey

Midland police officers responded to a disturbance sometime after 1 p.m. Friday at an undisclosed location.

The complainant told officers that Rainey was threatening his daughter and wife. When he arrived home, he saw Rainey in his truck at an intersection. Rainey stopped his vehicle near the man's vehicle and began arguing and cursing at him. He said if he got any closer "he would kill him," according to the arrest affidavit.

As Rainey threatened the man, he pulled out a pistol and pointed it at him. The man said there were school children in a playground behind them, according to the affidavit.

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

Man accused of impersonating officer, after confronting actual detective

A 41-year-old man was arrested Sunday after he impersonated a police officer and confronted an actual police detective, according to court documents.

Eleazar Cisneros was being held Monday on a $25,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of impersonating or exerting the functions of a public servant.

A Midland police detective was in an unmarked vehicle at about 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the parking lot of Basin Burger House on 607 N. Colorado St.

Another vehicle pulled up next to his vehicle and parked in what was not a parking spot. The driver, Cisneros, approached the detective's vehicle and knocked very aggressively on the window in order to contact the detective. Cisneros told him he had cut him off with his vehicle and that he was a police officer, not knowing that the detective was a licensed peace officer.

The detective asked for Cisneros' police identification, but Cisneros said he was an undercover officer. The detective detained him and identified himself as an actual peace officer, according to the arrest affidavit.

Cisneros said he was in a police academy while being interviewed but later said he was only taking criminal justice classes, the affidavit states.

If convicted, Cisneros faces up to 10 years in prison.

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CASE

From 1A

on whether same-sex marriage should be allowed in the state — a resounding "no" — and he said it's "absurd" the court is "invalidating" so many people's voices. He called it an "illegitimate victory" for gay-marriage proponents.

The Texas ban, enshrined in a 2005 voter-approved constitutional amendment, was overturned earlier this year by San Antonio-based federal District Court Judge Orlando Garcia. Gov. Rick Perry and Attorney General Greg Abbott, who is running to succeed Perry, appealed to the New Orleans-based federal 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, which leans conservative.

The court has yet to schedule oral arguments and the state's reply brief is due Friday.

"The Texas law is still in effect," said Abbott spokeswoman Lauren Bean. "The attorney general's office will continue to defend the law in this case just as we do in all cases where state laws are challenged in court."

Saenz thinks this issue is far from settled. "I don't think time is on the side of homosexual advocates," Saenz said.

A 5th Circuit ruling that overturns Judge Garcia's ruling and reinstates the Texas ban could well present the Supreme Court with an opportunity to do what it avoided Monday — accept the case and issue an up-or-down ruling on the constitutionality of gay marriage.

"It just feels like we're continuing the momentum, but it doesn't mean the issue is resolved in states like Texas," the ACLU's Robertson said.

Many constitutional law professors and Supreme Court watchers believe the justices' action Monday signals a majority believes gay marriage is constitutionally permissible and would vote to uphold it nationwide. In their view, the justices effectively crushed the hopes of gay-marriage opponents Monday and ensured that same-sex unions eventually will be legal in all 50 states.

"One can easily imagine the 5th circuit will decide to be bitter-enders, and the losers would appeal," said Sanford Levinson, also a constitutional law expert at the University of Texas School of Law in Austin. "There'd be conflict in circuits, and the court would have no choice but to accept the case."

If it ruled in favor of Texas, the 5th Circuit would be the first federal appeals court to uphold a state ban. But for gay-marriage opponents, such a ruling might be too little, too late.

"Too many courts are saying the train has left the station, this issue is basically done," Levinson said. "That's what the Supreme Court will say."

Republican U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz called the decision "judicial activism at its worst," and said state legislatures should have the power to define marriage, not the courts and unelected judges.

"By refusing to rule if the states can define marriage, the Supreme Court is abdicating its duty to uphold the Constitution," Cruz said in a statement. "The fact that the Supreme Court Justices, without providing any explanation whatsoever, have permitted lower courts to strike down so many state marriage laws is astonishing."

Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-San Antonio, praised the court for not taking the cases.

"This decision by the nation's highest court illustrates that, though it may be slow, the trajectory of history is toward progress," he said. "I am hopeful that the rest of the states, like Texas, where the courts have also ruled in favor of equality, will soon catch up and reaffirm our nation's core values of justice and equality for all."

With the court basically split 4-4 between liberals and conservatives, Justice Anthony Kennedy often is the deciding vote in close high-profile cases. A confirmed libertarian, Kennedy's strong views on personal autonomy are a hallmark of his 26-year tenure on the court.

Among other opinions, experts cite Kennedy's lead role in writing the court's 2003 opinion in Lawrence v. Texas, a Houston case in which the justices struck down the Texas sodomy law that prohibited consensual sex between persons of the same gender.

"Justice Kennedy is a man who thinks a great deal about his legacy, and he wants to be the Earl Warren of gay liberation," said the UT's Levinson, referring to the chief justice between 1953 and 1969 who led the court to the 9-0 landmark ruling in Brown v. Board of Education, which banned school segregation.

How same-sex marriage is unfolding in 11 states

The Supreme Court effectively legalized gay marriage in 11 more states Monday, for a total of 30, when it rejected a set of appeals. As many as 60 percent of Americans now live in states where same-sex marriage is legal.

Here's what's happening Monday in the affected states:

Colorado

Pueblo County is now issuing marriage licenses to gay couples. The decision from county Clerk Bo Ortiz comes after Republican state Attorney General John Suthers said Monday his office will file motions seeking to quickly lift federal and state court rulings that halted gay marriage. Suthers has yet to advise clerks if they can begin issuing licenses, but Ortiz said there was never a court order against Pueblo County to delay.

Indiana

Gov. Mike Pence reaffirmed his commitment to traditional marriage on Monday but said he will follow the law regarding unions of same-sex couples. Pence said people are free to disagree over the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to reject an appeal of a ruling striking down Indiana's gay marriage ban. But he said people are not free to disobey the decision. County clerks have issued a few licenses to same-sex couples but say they've seen no mention of Monday weddings.

Kansas

The Sedgwick County Courthouse is turning away same-sex couples seeking to get a marriage license after the U.S. Supreme Court on Monday cleared the way for such unions. Kerry Wilks and Donna Ditrani went to the courthouse in Wichita with their minister on Monday to get a marriage license. After the clerk refused to give them paperwork to get a license, the couple said they'd be happy to be plaintiffs in a lawsuit expected to be filed by the American Civil Liberties Union challenging the Kansas ban.

North Carolina

The American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina says it will file a request seeking an immediate ruling from a federal judge overturning the state's ban as unconstitutional. North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper has previously said that a federal appeals ruling overturning Virginia's ban is binding in his state and that he does not intend to file any further appeals or seek delays.

Oklahoma

Mary Bishop and Sharon Baldwin were among the same-sex couples in Oklahoma who were issued marriage licenses Monday. The two were plaintiffs in a challenge to Oklahoma's ban on gay marriage, which was overturned by a federal appeals court earlier this year. The Tulsa County Court Clerk's Office issued the couple a license Monday afternoon. Bishop and Baldwin said they planned to have a wedding ceremony later Monday in Tulsa. Same-sex marriage licenses also were issued to couples in several other Oklahoma counties Monday.

South Carolina

South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson said he will continue to fight to uphold the state constitution's ban on gay marriage. He pointed out that a judge has not ruled on a lawsuit by a gay couple legally married in Washington, D.C., seeking to overturn the South Carolina gay marriage ban. A lawyer for the same-sex couple, Carrie Warner, said she will soon file paperwork asking a federal judge to immediately rule in their favor. The attorneys said they hope the state will realize that money spent fighting the ban could be used in other ways.

Utah

Gay couples in Utah began applying for marriage licenses Monday, and a handful of same-sex weddings occurred in Salt Lake County. Gov. Gary Herbert directed state agencies to recognize the marriages. Troy Williams, the executive director of the LGBT advocacy group Equality Utah, said the organization is overjoyed for the families involved.

Virginia

Gay couples have started marrying in Virginia. Thirty-year-old Lindsey Oliver and 42-year-old Nicole Pries received the first same-sex marriage license issued from the Richmond Circuit Court Clerk's office shortly after 1 p.m. Upon leaving the courthouse, they were married by gay-rights advocate The Rev. Robin Gorsline. The couple said Monday also was the anniversary of a commitment ceremony they held on a North Carolina beach three years ago.

West Virginia

Attorney General Patrick Morrisey, a Republican, said he is still figuring out how the state's case will be affected. "In light of the U.S. Supreme Court's surprising decision to not review this matter, we are analyzing the implications for the West Virginia case," spokeswoman Beth Gorczyca Ryan said in an email.

Wisconsin

County clerks were accepting applications for marriage licenses from gay couples on Monday, but relatively few were submitted. In Milwaukee and Dane counties, where most of the roughly 500 same-sex weddings took place in June before a federal judge's decision was put on hold, only three or four applications were turned in. Dane County Clerk Scott McDonnell said he thought most same-sex couples who did not marry last summer would likely take their time planning weddings. And even those who wanted to tie the knot quickly were unlikely to do so Monday. Wisconsin has a five-day waiting period to receive a marriage license after an application is made.

Wyoming

A state district judge has scheduled a Dec. 15 hearing on their request by three same-sex couples and Wyoming Equality to grant the right to marry. The Wyoming case is similar but not identical to those in federal court, and those fighting for gay marriage in Wyoming were hesitant to declare unconditional victory. But same-sex marriage could be legal in Wyoming by year's end.

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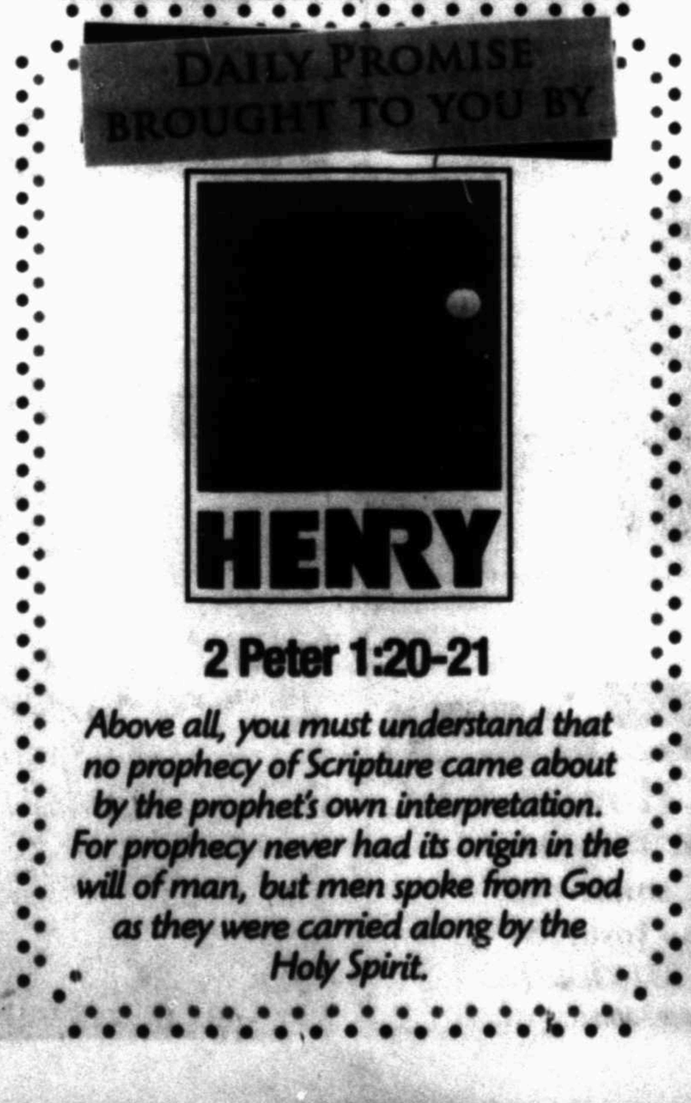

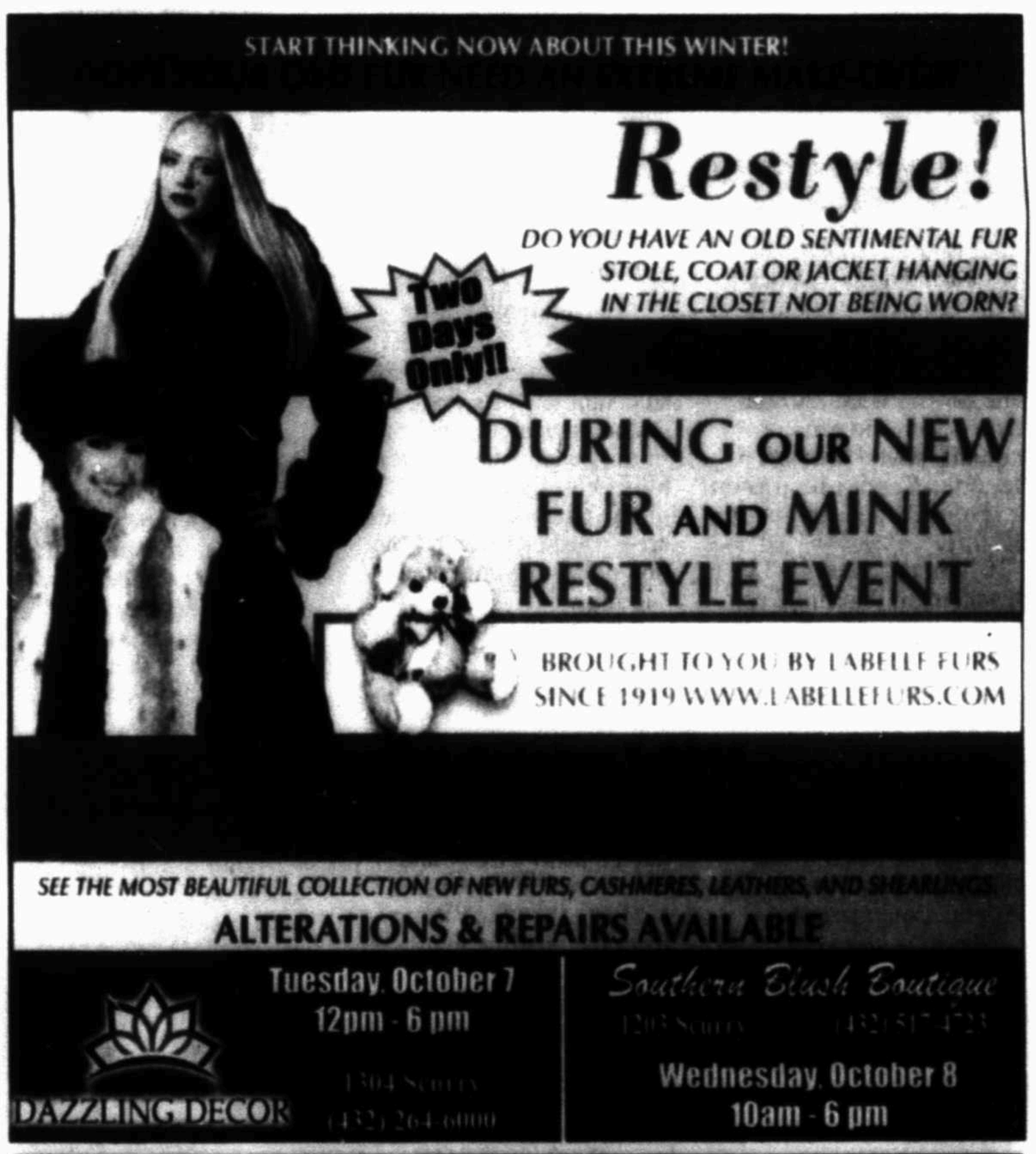

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AUSTIN

Perry creating infectious disease task force

Gov. Rick Perry says he's creating a state task force to ensure Texas appropriately responds to infectious diseases like the Ebola virus.

Perry on Monday announced the creation of the Task Force on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response. It will be overseen by Dr. Brett Giroir, who's the CEO of Texas A&M Health Science Center.

Perry also called on federal officials to implement screening procedures at all U.S. points of entry. Screeners would take the temperature of travelers and conduct other assessments to determine their overall health.

He said the task force will develop rapid-response plans when an outbreak is confirmed in the state.

DALLAS

Texas Ebola patient now receiving experimental drug

A Liberian man being treated for Ebola in a Dallas hospital is still in critical condition but is now receiving an experimental treatment.

Thomas Eric Duncan has been in isolation at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital since Sept. 28, after he came down with symptoms of Ebola days after arriving in Texas from Liberia.

Health officials are still monitoring 50 people thought to have possibly come into contact with Duncan. His girlfriend, her son and two other men living at an apartment where Duncan had stayed have been moved to a private residence while the apartment is cleaned. None of them has developed symptoms of Ebola.

In a statement Monday, officials at the hospital said Duncan was in critical but stable condition. He is receiving a drug called Brincidofovir, manufactured by North Carolina drug company Chimerix Inc., the statement said.

Officials over the weekend downgraded Duncan from serious to critical condition, and officials reported Sunday he was on a respirator and fighting for his life.

Chimerix confirmed in a statement that the drug "has been provided for potential use in patients with Ebola." Doctors treating patients had requested the drug, the company said, and the request was granted by the Food and Drug Administration through the Emergency Investigational New Drug Application process.

The FDA does not comment on specific drug applications.

"Chimerix is committed to working with global health organizations and government agencies in the fight against the Ebola virus outbreak," said Chimerix Chief Executive Dr. M. Michelle Berrey in a statement. "We are hopeful that Brincidofovir may offer a potential treatment for Ebola Virus Disease during this outbreak."

Chimerix said the drug has made it to Phase 3 testing for two other viruses — adenovirus and cytomegalovirus — but has shown some promise against Ebola in test tube experiments. The fact that it has made it this far means that regulators know the drug is safe. According to company officials, the FDA had fast-tracked the drug as a treatment for cytomegalovirus, adenovirus and smallpox

The company is testing the drug's efficacy against Ebola in animal subjects.

DALLAS

Homeless man exposed to Ebola patient quarantined

A Dallas city spokeswoman says health officials concerned with the spread of Ebola are using a state order to keep a homeless man quarantined so that his health can be monitored.

Sana Syed said Monday the 52-year-old man is being held at an undisclosed location in Dallas.

Authorities have said he was transported in an ambulance Sept. 28 after it had been used to transport Ebola patient Thomas Eric Duncan to a Dallas hospital.

After the man was found over the weekend by authorities, he was taken to Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas. Syed said he was transported Sunday from Parkland to the undisclosed location.

She said he's being quarantined under an order issued by Texas Health Commissioner David Lakey.

Syed said he'll be monitored until Oct. 18.

DALLAS

Ebola hazmat crew finishes work at Texas apartment

A decontamination crew has completed its work at a Dallas apartment where an Ebola patient stayed prior to his hospitalization.

The hazardous materials crew finished cleaning the unit at Ivy Apartments on Monday.

About 140 barrels were filled with items taken from the apartment, including bed sheets, towels and three mattresses used by Thomas Eric Duncan before he was hospitalized. Some of the barrels were hauled away Friday and others over the weekend.

Most everything taken from the apartment will be destroyed, but some personal items were saved for the family of four living there. The family was moved by authorities to another location Friday.

Duncan, who traveled to Dallas from Liberia last month, had been staying in the apartment before being diagnosed.

MADRID

Spaniard has Ebola in 1st infection outside Africa

In the first known transmission of the outbreak of Ebola outside West Africa, a Spanish nurse who treated a missionary for the disease at a Madrid hospital has tested positive for the virus, Spain's health minister said Monday.

The female nurse was part of the medical team that cared for a 69-year-old Spanish priest who died Sept. 25 in a Madrid hospital designated for treating Ebola patients after he was flown home from Sierra Leone, where he served as the medical director of a hospital there treating infected Ebola patients, Health Minister Ana Mato said.

The nurse is believed to have contracted the virus from that priest, though she was also a member of the team that treated another Spanish priest who died earlier from Ebola.

More than 370 health workers in West Africa have become infected in the outbreak, and more than half of those have died. Doctors and nurses there have worked under difficult conditions, treating patients in overflowing wards, sometimes without proper protection. But even under ideal conditions, experts warn that caring for Ebola patients always involves a risk.

WHO estimates the latest Ebola outbreak has killed more than 3,400 people.

NEBRASKA

Journalist with Ebola arrives at hospital

OMAHA — An American video journalist who contracted Ebola while working in Liberia arrived Monday at a Nebraska hospital where he will be treated for the deadly disease.

Ashoka Mukpo, 33, will be kept in a specialized containment unit at the Nebraska Medical Center that was built specifically to handle this type of illness.

Mukpo was working in Liberia as a freelance cameraman for NBC News when he became ill last week. He is the fifth American with Ebola to return to the U.S. for treatment during the latest outbreak, which the World Health Organization estimates has killed more than 3,400 people.

MASSACHUSETTS

Ebola survivor leaves hospital

WORCESTER — A Massachusetts doctor successfully treated for Ebola has been discharged from the hospital after being admitted over the weekend for an upper respiratory infection.

Alison Duffy, a spokeswoman for UMass Memorial Medical Center, said Dr. Rick Sacra of Holden left the hospital Monday morning.

The hospital and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirmed Sunday that Sacra's symptoms were not due to an Ebola relapse. Doctors had said they did not suspect his symptoms were Ebola, but he was placed in temporary isolation and tested as a precaution.

Sacra contracted the virus while working with a missionary group in Liberia. He returned to Massachusetts Sept. 25 after weeks of treatment at the Omaha, Nebraska, hospital now treating a video journalist from Rhode Island who contracted Ebola working in Liberia.

FLORIDA

Jaguars apologize for mascot's Ebola sign

JACKSONVILLE — The Jacksonville Jaguars have apologized for their mascot using the Ebola epidemic to mock the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Jaxson de Ville held one of Pittsburgh's famed yellow "Terrible Towels" next to a homemade sign that read "TOWELS CARRY EBOLA" during Sunday's game.

Team president Mark Lamping said the Jaguars had no prior knowledge of the sign and will handle the matter internally.

"Improvisation and humor have both been key elements to the character of Jaxson de Ville, especially when he performs at home games. On Sunday, the person who has played Jaxson de Ville over the past 20 seasons made an extremely poor decision in that regard," Lamping said.

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OPINION

Ebola vaccine development creates hard choices

■ When between a rock and a hard place, there are no good options, just desperation

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Here is what officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Institutes of Health have been telling us: America has some Ebola infections (and is likely to see more) but America does not have an Ebola outbreak, which is extremely unlikely in a health system capable of basic public health measures (such as isolation and contact tracing).

So: Infections but no outbreak.

Some in the media — splicing their own agendas into the Ebola virus — have used this response (variously) to criticize governmental doublespeak, diagnose institutional rot, or slam immigration laxity. This is political and ideological scavenging. It also pits people with limited credibility on this issue against national experts who actually know their business (as opposed to locals who sometimes don't).

There is a time to question authority. And then there is a time to shut up and listen carefully to medical experts, who sometimes say complex and difficult things.

Such attentiveness is about to become even more important. The Ebola outbreak in Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone (countries lacking effective health systems) is not contained; it is catastrophic. Photographers send back pictures like tourists in hell.

Desperate attention will soon turn to an Ebola vaccine, for a specific reason. The first participant in a Phase 1 trial was injected at the NIH clinical center on Sept. 2. Twenty people are now in the study.

This possible vaccine, as usual, is the result of money, brilliance and luck. Following the 9/11 attacks, the U.S. government began funding research on an Ebola vaccine in earnest (to counter the possibility of bioterrorism). The effort went slowly until about two years ago, when scientists chanced upon a new vector, or method of vaccine delivery: a chimpanzee virus.

Injecting even a dead Ebola virus into a human being (one of the ways to produce an immune response) is too dangerous. So scientists have spliced just one gene of the Ebola virus — the one that codes for its outer coating, called a glycoprotein — into the DNA of a chimp adenovirus. After injection, this harmless virus infects a human cell, which, in turn, pumps out a lot of Ebola glycoprotein. The immune system responds as though the whole Ebola virus — not just the protein for Ebola's coating — were in the body, producing resistance to future infection. At least theoretically.

By the end of November, we will know two limited things about this proposed vaccine: Is it immediately harmful? (So far, it is not.) And does it produce an immune response?

If the vaccine looks promising after Phase 1, an ethical debate will commence. Some will suggest, as some at the World Health Organization have already suggested, that further testing be bypassed and the vaccine be given immediately to health workers in West Africa. Others may demand that the partially tested vaccine be produced and given out broadly.

This reaction is emotionally understandable. I would probably share it if I lived in a hot zone. But the main response is: the STEP trial.

This was the study of a promising HIV vaccine, which went successfully through Phase 1. But two years into the Phase 2 trial — in which participants were given either the vaccine or a placebo, with no one (researcher or subject) knowing who got what — it became evident that the vaccine resulted in a 41 percent *increase* in the risk of HIV infection. This "paradoxical effect" (scientists love understatement) has also been seen in other vaccine development efforts.

There is another, apparently pitiless reason that health workers should be involved in a controlled, double-blind Phase 2 study of the Ebola vaccine — because their higher risk of infection would increase the likelihood of the study giving meaningful results (since those results depend on comparing rates of infection within high-risk groups, after some receive the vaccine and others do not).

Why, in times of medical emergency, do we need to trust reliable scientific authorities? Because they are required to do unspeakably difficult things that would not survive the majority vote of a frightened public. In a Phase 2 trial, researchers give some people a vaccine that may hurt them, and some people a placebo that may result in their infection and death. This turns out to be the only ethical way we currently have to determine if a vaccine actually works.

On an Ebola vaccine, this process should be expedited in any way possible. But it can't be avoided without the potential for great harm.

OUR VIEW

Land from former courthouse should benefit the community

One of the questions that dominated the Energy Tower(s) debate was what should be constructed on the site of the old Midland County Courthouse if that building was demolished.

It can make for quite a discussion. How about a new hotel, a new business tower, a parking garage or a new city hall? (The latter would not be our choice.)

We thought Pat McDaniel, director of the Haley Memorial Library and History Center, nailed it in Monday's edition of the Reporter-Telegram. "(That) part of town, the city center, should always be used to benefit the community, which is what the courthouse did, historically," he told reporter Joseph Basco.

So let us throw another idea into the mix: Leave it as greenspace. Those who have followed downtown projects in other communities have seen that strategic placement of greenspace adds a different dimension to the tall buildings and heavy traffic flow.

We envision it for Midland. The Wall Street Lofts soon will make downtown living a reality. We believe additional downtown residential properties will follow. What better use of the courthouse land for downtown residents than the expansion of greenspace? Designing a park that would be friendly to the single Midlander or Midland family is a possibility. It would offer more space for Fourth of July celebrations, concerts and family festivals. And it could give people attending Midland Center functions or working downtown a better place to enjoy a nice afternoon or evening.

Let's return to McDaniel's comment. The city center should always benefit the community, which is what the courthouse did, historically. What would be a greater benefit? Selling the land to the highest bidder, or creating a park that all Midlanders can enjoy. A park would set a pretty high bar. And when you think about the historical significance, we got that covered. If greenspace is expanded and the park becomes a part of a new downtown, name it after the late District Judge John Hyde.

There was no greater historian or promoter of Midland. Hyde's presentations on Midland's past were second to none, and they were not complete without a thorough retelling of downtown past and present. Down to the city block, if you had a question, he had the answer.

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Carter got help along the way

■ It is right to celebrate the former president's 90th by remembering who got him to the White House

CARL LEUBSDORF
Dallas Morning News

For the second time in four months, a former president is celebrating his 90th birthday at a time Americans regard him more fondly than when they voted him out of office.

In June, it was George H.W. Bush. And on Wednesday, Jimmy Carter became the fourth former chief executive to reach his 90s, joining Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan and, from earlier years, John Adams and Herbert Hoover.

The onetime Georgia peanut farmer and nuclear engineer still shows the tenacity that enabled him to win the presidency against all odds, from his zeal in undertaking global peacemaking to writing 23 books. Though he won't jump from a plane like Bush, he is expected to join this week's annual Habitat for Humanity homebuilding project in Dallas-Fort Worth.

As someone who covered Carter's improbable rise from Georgia, this happy anniversary has a somber aspect. While many longtime colleagues and friends are lining up to honor him at events in his home state, absentees will include the two youthful Georgians most integral to his political success.

Both Hamilton Jordan, the architect of his 1976 presidential campaign, and Jody Powell, his longtime press spokesman, died more than a quarter century short of his 90 years, Jordan at 63 of cancer in 2008 and Powell at 65 from a heart attack in 2009.

Their inexperience — they were 32 and 33 when Carter became president — and some juvenile behavior, especially by Jordan, clouded Carter's initial months in office. But both matured to play crucial roles throughout his tenure before taking far different post-presidential courses.

Jordan wrote the farsighted memo that outlined how Carter could get elected. When Democratic National Chairman Bob Strauss tapped the Georgia governor to chair the Party's 1974 mid-term effort, the two used that job to master the political landscape and make contacts that helped him win the Democratic nomination against several better-known rivals.

Jordan struggled in the more structured life of a presidential administration. But after an uncertain tenure as chief of staff, he found his footing away from public scrutiny, helping Carter handle such vexing problems as asylum for the ousted Shah of Iran and the complex crisis after Iranian radicals seized the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and held 52 diplomats hostage. His candid 1982 book, "Crisis," conveyed the emotions of the challenging election year climaxed by Carter's loss to Reagan.

In his post-presidential years, Jordan eschewed Washington. He dabbled sporadically in politics, losing a Georgia Senate bid and advising Texas computer magnate H. Ross Perot's 1992 independent presidential bid, and ran the Association of Tennis Professionals. But he found his calling during recurring bouts with cancer by starting Camp Sunshine, for young cancer victims, and another for those with diabetes, recounting his experiences in the moving, "No Such Thing as a Bad Day."

While Jordan readily resisted Washington's lures, Powell followed the course of many presidential aides by turning his tenure into a highly successful post-presidential career as a Washington insider.

He started as Carter's driver and lone traveling aide during his 1970 campaign for governor, evolving into his role as the future President's press spokesman. Smart and irreverent, he weathered early flaps to establish himself as one of the era's best press spokesmen, along with Marlin Fitzwater (Reagan and Bush) and Mike McCurry (Bill Clinton).

After running a Washington public relations firm, Ogilvy and Mather, he formed his own successful firm with Sheila Tate, the press secretary responsible for refurbishing First Lady Nancy Reagan's image.

Without Jordan and Powell, Jimmy Carter might be just a 90-year-old retired Georgia governor. So while celebrating his longevity and contributions, it seems appropriate to remember those who helped make him more than that.

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WASHINGTON

Pentagon: Up to $1.1 billion cost for Iraq, Syria

The Pentagon has spent as much as $1.1 billion on U.S. military operations against Islamic State militants in Iraq and Syria since the mission began in mid-June, including more than $62 million alone in Navy airstrikes and Tomahawk cruise missiles.

U.S. Central Command says the Navy has dropped roughly 185 munitions, including 47 cruise missiles launched from ships in the region. Central Command, in data released Monday, said Air Force fighter jets have far exceeded those numbers, launching close to 1,000 munitions. The $62 million is only for Navy munitions. No costs were provided for Air Force munitions.

The Pentagon has struggled to come up with specific cost figures for the Iraq and Syria operations. Officials say it has cost an average of $7 million to $10 million daily since June.

WASHINGTON

Judge rejects request to hold Holder in contempt

A federal judge has rejected a request to hold Attorney General Eric Holder in contempt in a document dispute tied to a failed law enforcement program called Operation Fast and Furious.

U.S. District Judge Amy Berman Jackson said in an order Monday that the effort from the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee was "entirely unnecessary."

The committee sought a contempt sanction against Holder, saying the Justice Department had failed to comply with an August order directing it to provide Congress certain documents that are at the center of the dispute.

Jackson denied the request but did order the Justice Department to produce to the committee "non-privileged" documents by Nov. 3.

Justice Department spokesman Brian Fallon said the department was "pleased that the court had rejected the committee's latest stunt."

Governor rivals spar in Spanish-language debate

By Russell Contrerras
Associated Press

AP file photos

New Mexico gubernatorial candidates Democrat Gary King, left photo, and Gov. Susana Martinez, right photo, are shown in these undated file photos. King and Martinez participated in a Spanish-language debate Monday.

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Political rivals for New Mexico governor faced off in a Spanish debate Monday, a rare event that marked an emerging trend as Republicans and Democrats around the U.S. court Hispanic voters.

In the state with the nation's highest percentage of Hispanic residents, the moderator and Republican Gov. Susana Martinez spoke Spanish, while Democrat Gary King participated through a translator.

They sparred live at a KLUZ-TV Univision Nuevo Mexico-sponsored forum, discussing topics including the economy, education and a state law that allows immigrants in the country illegally to have a driver's license.

"It's not a problem of immigration. It's a problem of security," Martinez said in Spanish, explaining why she wants to repeal the law.

King, however, said some police agencies supported the licenses. "I'm concerned about making two classes of citizens" if the law is repealed, he said in English.

The debate and others like it acknowledge the ability of the growing and increasingly independent voting bloc to swing an election. Candidates for Florida governor will meet in a Spanish debate Friday, though both GOP Gov. Rick Scott and Democratic former-Gov. Charlie Crist will use a translator. Other notable Spanish debates include a 2010 event in California and a 2007 Democratic presidential forum.

Of candidates involved in those events, Martinez is unique in her ability to communicate in Spanish.

The overwhelming majority of Hispanics in New Mexico speak English, but the culture of bilingualism runs deep. Some local government bodies in the state start meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance in English and Spanish.

"The debate is more for symbolism," said Matt Barreto, co-founder of a nonpartisan Latino political research firm and University of Washington political science professor.

Martinez is the nation's first Hispanic woman to be elected governor, but her positions on the immigrant driver's license law and border security fall in line with Republicans nationally and often put her at odds with some members of a group that comprises 47 percent of the state's residents.

She had "an opportunity to connect and appear comfortable" by speaking Spanish in the debate, said Barreto, who helped launch Latino Decisions.

Meanwhile, King, who is white and the son of a popular former governor, faces a challenge seeking to knock off a strong incumbent. His supporters say his positions will appeal to many Hispanic voters in the state and should allow him to capitalize on momentum that has helped Democrats nationally.

In 2004, more than 40 percent of Hispanic voters supported George W. Bush for president. By 2012, about 75 percent of Hispanics went for President Barack Obama.

An inability to speak Spanish won't "hurt him more than it will help her," Barreto said.

The live debate was scheduled to also air on tape delay to accommodate voiceover translations. For the most part, both candidates stuck to talking points used in a previous forum.

King criticized Martinez over child poverty. "We're last in child welfare," he said. "That's the most egregious."

Martinez countered that some of the state's lowest performing schools had improved, and she promised that things would continue to get better.

During her first bid for governor in 2010, Martinez took around 38 percent of the Hispanic vote in New Mexico at a time when most GOP candidates garnered 20 percent nationwide. She's seeking to duplicate such success this election.

Ralph Arellanes, a Martinez critic who chairs the Hispano Roundtable, a civil rights group, said some Hispanic voters support Martinez because she's charming and looks like a relative, "but when you look at where she stands on the issues, you'll see that some of her policies hurt Hispanos."

Las Vegas, New Mexico, voter Charles Ray Sanchez is among the governor's Hispanic supporters, saying she has "cleaned up" state government and comes across as a needed reformer.

"I like Gary King. I've met him, and I think he's a nice man," Sanchez said. "But I don't think he's the right person to be governor."

Absentee voting in New Mexico begins today by mail and at county clerks offices. Early in-person voting expands to more locations on Oct. 18.

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New Mexico immigration lockup draws criticism

By Juan Carlos Llorca
Associated Press

ARTESIA, N.M. — Trailers have been set up for a school at a federal immigration detention center in an isolated New Mexico desert town. A basketball court and a soccer field have been installed. And detainees are pleading their cases over a video link with judges in Denver.

Officials say that the facility, billed as a temporary place to house women and children from Central America who were among a wave of immigrants who crossed the U.S.-Mexico border illegally this year, could remain open until next summer.

"All of us would love us to see the doors close in Artesia but the reality is the need will probably be there and probably until the end of the high season, probably August next year," a government official told immigration advocates in a recent confidential meeting.

The AP had access to a recording of the meeting with the official, whose name or position was not identified.

The detainees at the Artesia Family Residential Center, meanwhile, are growing increasingly frustrated that they are being held with no end in sight while earlier border-crossers were released with orders to contact immigration officials later.

"I'm being punished for coming here, they tell us," said Geraldyn Perez. She said she fled death threats by gangs in Guatemala.

The center opened as federal officials were realizing over the summer that the thousands of border-crossers they released had disappeared into the nation's interior and never showed up for any meetings with Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials.

The government official in the recorded confidential meeting acknowledged that about 70 percent of the released families vanished.

The official explained to human rights activists that prolonged detention of children and mothers is "not punitive," adding that detention is not a tool for deterring would-be immigrants, many of them who have made claims of asylum.

Instead, he said, "the deterrence is that you're not going to come to the United States and you're automatically here and you'll never be removed."

Immigration advocates say that a federal report by the Citizenship and Immigration Service's asylum unit to activists says only 37.8 percent of the Artesia detainees pass their initial interviews for asylum, compared to the 62.7 percent national average.

And for those who are eligible for release, bonds have been set as high as $25,000 or $30,000 or about five times the national average, according to immigration lawyer Stephen Manning, who has volunteered in Artesia.

Housing more than 500 women and children at any given time, ICE said, the Artesia location remains an "effective and humane" piece in the government's response to the unprecedented influx of adults with children arriving at the southern border.

Since the center opened in June, more than 300 women and children, mostly from Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala, have been deported. About 500 others remain. And since its opening, conditions have improved for detainees to meet with their lawyers.

Over the first few weeks, the only access to legal counsel detainees had were a video presentation about the rights of detainees. ICE is now allowing lawyers to meet with the detainees and allows them to bring in their cellphones and computers, which was forbidden.

Civil rights advocates are suing the government, complaining that a lack of access to legal representation has turned the center into a "deportation mill," where bail is set impossibly high and asylum claims are denied at a much higher rate than the rest of the immigrant population.

"The government is taking things to an extreme that seems designed to deny people the right to present their case," said immigration lawyer Laura Lichter, one of dozens of attorneys who provide pro-bono services to the detained families.

Lichter said bonds should be considered based on factors such as if the person poses a danger to the community and if there is risk of flight. She cited several studies by organizations that deal with asylum cases that show how asylum seekers have a near-perfect court attendance rates.

AP file photo

On Sept. 10, a woman and child are escorted to a van by detention facility guards inside the Artesia Family Residential Center, a federal detention facility for undocumented immigrant mothers and children in Artesia, N.M. A surge of cases involving immigrants from Central America has backed up federal courts and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The cases have been moved to Denver by judges in Arlington, Va. Officials say it makes more sense to hold the proceedings in the same time zone as the detention center.

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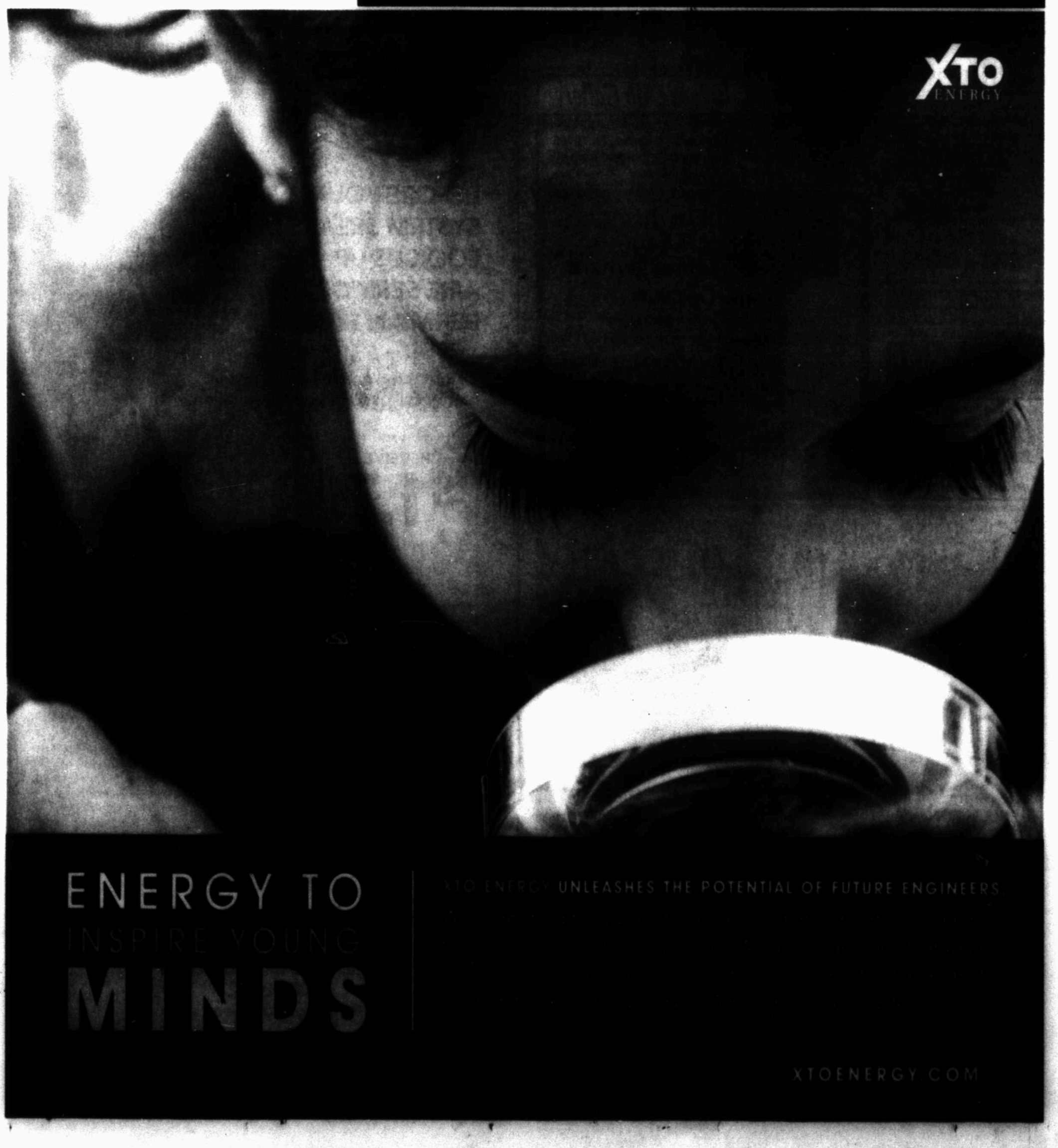

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Books in the Basin

Author uses his journey to inspire

By Steve Kuhlmann
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Best known as the inspiration for Disney's 2002 film "The Rookie" starring Dennis Quaid, author and former Major League Baseball player Jim Morris still continues his quest to inspire.

"It's funny, when I first started speaking, my family said that as soon as the movie gets unpopular or goes away that I would quit speaking (but) actually, I've started speaking more and more every year," Morris said in a phone interview. "It's kind of growing by itself. It's something I never thought I would do. I was kind of a quiet kid, but God has a sense of humor."

Morris has used the notoriety afforded to him by the film as a launching pad to spread his message of perseverance through participating in baseball camps, working as a spokesperson for the nonprofit Arms of Hope and speaking internationally.

"I talk about second chances, overcoming obstacles and never giving up," Morris said. "I want to let people know

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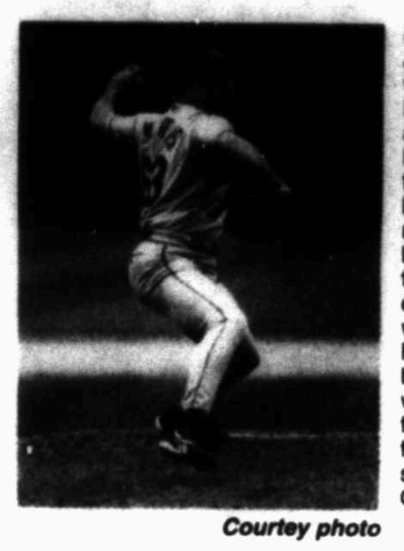

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in 1999, 35-year-old Jim Morris — who was living in Big Lake and working at Reagan County High School as a teacher and head baseball coach — made a deal with his baseball team that if they won the district championship, he would try out for a Major League Baseball team. His story was the inspiration for Disney's 2002 film "The Rookie," starring Dennis Quaid.

PINK THE PLAYGROUND

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Travis Elementary School hosted its annual Pink the Playground breast cancer cure fundraiser Friday.

Midland Memorial Hospital hosts annual health fair

From staff reports

Midland Memorial Hospital is hosting its annual Healthy U health fair Saturday at the Midland Center. The fair was created to educate attendees about how to lead a healthy lifestyle.

The free event will include more than 50 booths featuring speakers, education on healthy foods, entertainment, health demonstrations and more.

Topics covered during the event will include pediatrics, colorectal cancer education, cardiac risk assessment, heart disease education and mammography and bone density instruction.

Those in attendance will also have the opportunity to win several prizes, including a weekend package at Lajitas Resort and a one-year membership to the YMCA.

The fair will open at 9 a.m. and .un through 2 p.m.

For more information, visit midland-memorial.com.

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Adam Portillo has his blood checked by Melisa Hughes at the St. Joseph's Home Health booth during Midland Memorial Hospital's Healthy U event Oct. 13, 2013, at the Midland Center.

Dallas airfares are dropping for fall

By Tom Parsons
The Dallas Morning News

We've been talking a lot about a party starting at Dallas Love Field on Monday (Oct. 13), but the celebrations could come sooner than that.

We expect Southwest to offer a blowout sale as early as this week. Not only will fares be discounted on Southwest, but competing carriers are likely to match the fares both at Dallas Love Field and Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport.

During Southwest's last blowout sale in June, the carrier offered sale fares only on nonstop routes, and the airline may do that again with this sale. The good news for those in the Dallas-Fort Worth area is we will have at least 17 new nonstop destinations out of Dallas during this sale period.

Based on past sales, we think this airfare sale should cover travel from Dec. 2-3 through Dec. 17 and from Jan. 6 through mid- to late-February. You should be able to fly any day of the week except Fridays and Sundays.

One thing to keep in mind is it will be hard to beat the introductory fares we've already been seeing from Southwest and other carriers out of both Dallas airports. Recently we saw Atlanta, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver and Philadelphia for $119 round trip. We've seen Los Angeles and Washington, D.C., drop to as low as $168 and New York for $219. By comparison, New York and Los Angeles fares were more than $400 this summer.

Where you will see the best bang for your buck will be on short-haul flights up to 500 miles. We could see fares from Dallas to Houston, Austin and Midland for as low as $98 to $118 round trip. Fares from Dallas, Houston and Austin have been averaging $150 round trip, and Midland has been averaging $215 round trip.

If Southwest offers sale fares on connecting flights, we could see dramatic price drops. Fares to cities that aren't included in the new Dallas Love nonstop routes could be much cheaper than usual.

This sale could be a good time to cash in Southwest points or other programs that use points such as Capital One and American Express. When you see an

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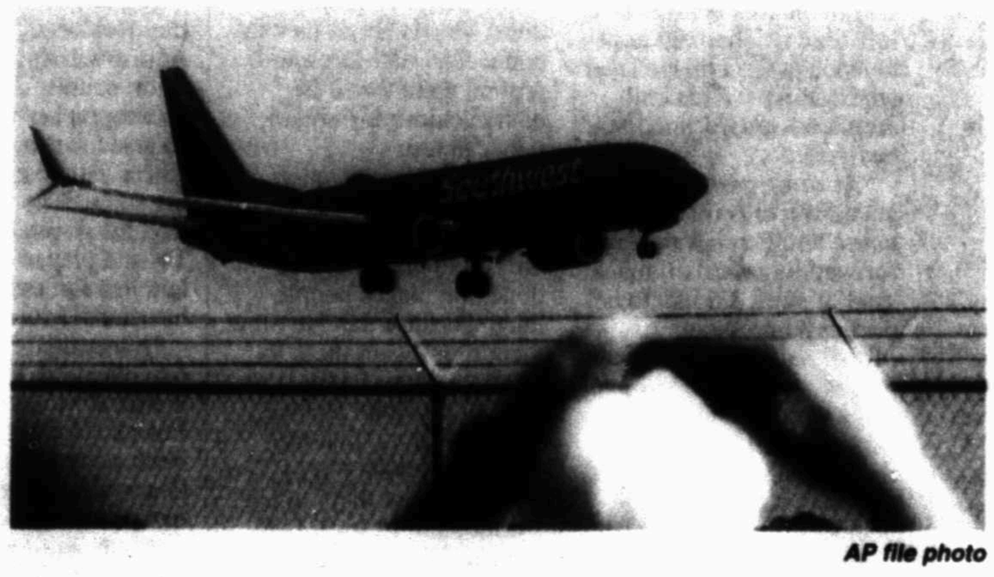

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A Southwest Airlines plane with a new paint job flies over Love Field on Sept. 8 in Dallas. Southwest is expected to offer a blowout sale as early as this week. Not only will fares be discounted on Southwest, but competing carriers are likely to match the fares both at Dallas Love Field and Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport.

KNIFE & FORK

This week's columnist is Rich Lopez.
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Taking the shortcut to pumpkin spice cookies

Hershey's was very kind to send a sampler of seasonal candies welcoming fall. Their caramel apple Twizzlers were a nice treat and the candy corn/white chocolate bars weren't as rich as one might imagine but were nonetheless addictive. I must admit I wasn't quite on board with the unopened bag of Pumpkin Spice Hershey's Kisses.

But Hershey's recipe for Hidden Pumpkin Spice Cookies looked intriguing. I'm all for a surprise treat within a treat and the dissected cookie with a pumpkin spice Kiss looked delicious. So I committed to the seasonal sweet treat and took command of that recipe card. And then I read it.

Ingredients
36 Hershey's Kisses Brand Pumpkin Spice Flavored Candies
1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup finely chopped pecans
Powdered sugar
Additional granulated sugar

This is a simple ingredient list for cookies, but I quickly realized I wasn't really down for buying all these products (because, yes, I had none of them) for one batch of cookies. Then my brilliant-at-the-time idea kicked in. Why not skip the homemade dough for premade sugar cookie dough? Did someone call for a genius, because I think he's right here.

This bypassed steps 1 and 2 in the recipe, but for the purists, here you go.

1. Remove wrappers from candies.
2. Beat butter, sugar and vanilla in large bowl until well blended. Add flour and pecans; beat on low speed of mixer until well blended. Cover; refrigerate 1 to 2 hours or until dough is firm enough to handle.

My shortcut saved me at least an hour and half of prep time. I was able to jump ahead to the remaining steps while patting myself on the back the whole time.

3. Heat the oven to 350 F. Using about 1 tablespoon dough for each cookie; shape dough around one candy piece; roll in hand to make ball. (Be sure to cover each candy piece completely.)
4. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until cookies are set. Cool slightly; remove from cookie sheet to wire rack.
5. While still slightly warm, roll in powdered sugar. Cool completely. Roll again in powdered sugar just before serving.

One tube of sugar cookie dough yielded about 16 cookies where this recipe will yield 36. After taking the batch out of the oven, they didn't quite look like the picture. In fact, they looked nothing like the pillowy cookie with a Kiss in the middle, but instead, they were flat with a questionable softened Kiss smack dab in the center. I have no fear of baking, but I can't explain why certain ingredients perform in certain ways.

Clearly, pre-made sugar cookie dough doesn't have the same results as the ingredient list, but at the very least, I was still ahead on time.

Although crisp and flat, the cookies were subtlety aromatic with pumpkin spice. The Kiss kept its shape but was nicely softened and surrounded by a crisp, thin sugar cookie. The appearance, however, was unfortunate and I just didn't foresee myself serving these very perky (ahem) cookies to a crowd.

The shortcut wasn't quite the stroke of brilliance I would have liked it to be. But it was worth a shot. The genius may have left the building, but at least I still had the other cookie dough tube and a couple of spoons.

For simpler Hershey's Kisses Pumpkin Spice Cookies, the ingredients and steps 1 and 2 remain the same, but there

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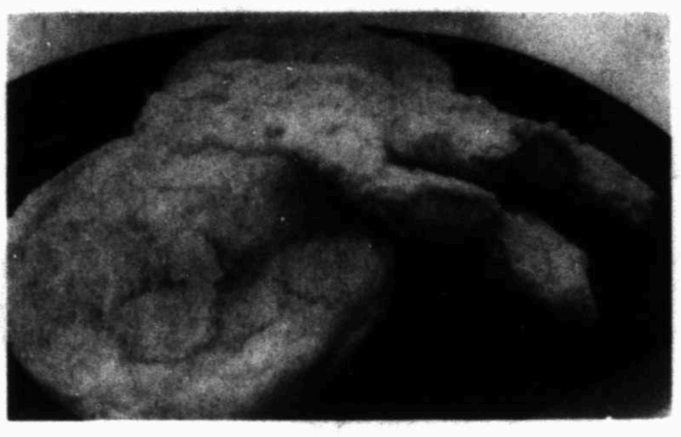
Photos by Rich Lopez/Reporter-Telegram

Holiday-themed Pumpkin Spice Hershey's Kisses include cookie recipes. **ABOVE:** A shorcut to making the recipe was taken using pre-made sugar cooke dough. **BELOW LEFT:** The box of samples. **BELOW RIGHT:** The freshly-baked cookies.



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is a slight variation to steps 3 and 4.

3. Heat oven to 350°F. Roll dough into 36 balls (about 1 tablespoon dough for each ball). Place on ungreased cookie sheet.

4. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until cookies are set but not browned. Cool 4 minutes; press frozen candy into center of each cookie; cookie will crack around edges. Remove from cookie sheet to wire rack; cool completely. Makes 36 cookies.

Hershey's did offer another recipe card for Acorn Treats. Although more involved, the results are cute candies ready for seasonal tablescapes and holidays.

Royal Icing

Stir together 1 cup plus 2 tablespoons powdered sugar, 1 tablespoon warm water and 1-1/2 teaspoons pasteurized dried egg whites (meringue powder).

Beat at medium speed of electric mixer until spreadable. Add additional water, 1 teaspoon at a time, to get desired consistency.

Transfer icing to pastry bag with desired tip. Cover icing and tip of pastry bag with damp paper towel to keep icing from drying out. About 1/2 cup icing.

Ingredients:

Hershey's Kisses Milk Chocolates or Hershey's Kisses Brand Pumpkin Spice Flavored Candies

Mini vanilla wafer cookies

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3. Place small dab of icing on bottom of peanut butter chip or butterscotch chip; immediately attach to top of cookie to finish acorn.

Now that I think about it, you can buy pre-made icing. Much thanks to Hershey's for providing the sampler of candies and recipe ideas. These recipes and more can be found at Hersheys.com/recipes and celebratewithhersheys.com.

Author

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that there are problems, people have them (and) that's just how life is. You learn how to overcome them and you adapt and you do what you've got to do."

Morris

Morris said much of his message was exemplified by the film and his book, "The Oldest Rookie," from which it was based.

"It was never about me. I never would have gone back and tried to play baseball if it hadn't been for that group of high school kids," Morris said. "They saw something in me that I didn't think was there. (My story) was about the high school kids and it was about my kids watching their dad do something that nobody thought he could do."

For those unfamiliar with the story, in 1999, the 35-year-old Morris — who was living in Big Lake and working at Reagan County High School as a teacher and head baseball coach — made a deal with his baseball team that if they won the district championship, he would try out for a Major League Baseball team.

Succeeding on their end of the deal, Morris honored the agreement and attended a Tampa Bay Devil Rays tryout. To his surprise, he signed a professional contract with the team after throwing 12 consecutive fastballs at 98 miles per hour.

After spending some time on Minor League teams, Morris made his MLB debut against the Texas Rangers. Throughout his brief career, he made 16 appearances before retiring in 2000.

For Morris, the important part of the story was still the inspiration his journey provided for both his children and his students.

"Those kids are successful now and that's what I wanted out of them was to dream a little bigger," Morris said. "The fact that I had some small part in getting to dream a little bigger and go further than they thought is what I think every teacher or person who works with kids should strive to do."

While he said he gets a little bit of teaching in when he coaches at baseball camps, Morris said he misses his role as a full-time teacher and hopes to teach at the college level when all five of his children have settled into their own lives.

"At some point when I get all the kids out of the house and I'm not paying for weddings and all that kind of stuff, I'd like to get back in the classroom," Morris said. "I would want to teach at the college level and I would want to teach (future) teachers and tell them what to really expect that they won't find in books."

For now, Morris has found another challenge to overcome: About a year and a half ago he was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. Morris said he was actually relieved to know the source of his ailments over the past few years.

"I started sharing (my diagnosis) with audiences about six month ago because there are times when I stammer or slur something and end up putting two words together because my brain is working at a different speed than I am," he said.

Around that same time, Morris said he was persuaded by curious audiences to write a new book, bringing readers up to date on his life since writing "The Oldest Rookie." Morris said the book will focus on the themes of faith, family and living with Parkinson's.

No matter what he does, Morris hopes he can connect to audiences and remind them that if he could achieve his dream, they can too.

"I make people laugh, I'm good at that," he said. "A lot of times my stories are stupid crap that I've done that makes people laugh because they've done them too. I want them to think, 'well he screwed up and got a second chance, maybe I can do that too.' That's all I want out of people, I want them to try. I want them to walk away knowing that nothing is impossible."

Morris in Midland

Jim Morris will be speaking this week at Books in the Basin. A luncheon with the author is planned for noon Friday in the Carrasco Room at Midland College. A book signing will follow at 1:30 p.m.

Midland and Ector County Public Libraries are teaming up to host the Books in the Basin book festival featuring more than 40 authors, 10 of whom are New York Times bestsellers. Authors headlining the festival include Morris, Charlaine Harris and Kami Garcia.

The festival will take place across Midland and Odessa on Friday and Saturday at Midland College, Midland's Centennial Library, the Yucca Theater, Odessa College and the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center.

All of the festival's events — including book signings, panels, on-stage interviews and more — are free and open to the public.

For a full list of attending authors and a schedule of events, visit booksinthebasin.com.

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Talk about a party at Love Field: The party has already started because many fares are already incredibly low. These are good deals, and the airlines won't make money from these new promotional fares, but they will make it up somewhere else.

The battle of the Dallas airports will be good for leisure travelers, Dallas tourism and convention business, which will help the local economy.

Obituaries

Brookie Lee Green

Brookie Lee Green, 76, of Midland, Texas, passed away on October 3, 2014.

Brookie was born in Midland, Texas on December 12, 1937. She graduated from Lovington High School and received a degree from Texas Tech University. Brookie was married to Donald Wayne Green on June 20, 1959; they were married 48 years.

Brookie Lee enjoyed being a part of her PEO Sisterhood, Alpha Chi Omega Sorority, USTA officiating and being on the tennis court. She loved all of her family and friends wholeheartedly, and was a loyal friend to many.

Brookie is preceded in death by her husband, Donald Wayne Green; son, Donald Anderson Green ("Andy"); mother, Brookie Lee Anderson; father, William Alexander Anderson; and two brothers, W.A. and Malcolm Anderson.

Brookie is survived by daughter, Brookie Lee Hughes and husband, Roddy D. Hughes; granddaughter, Brandy Nicole Hughes; grandson, Justin Wade Hughes; great granddaughter, Brooklee Sheir Hughes; and brother, John Rich Anderson. Visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7, 2014 at Ellis Funeral Home.

The funeral service will be held at 12:00 p.m. on October 8, 2014 at First Baptist Church, with Reverend David Johnson Officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donation may be given to West Texas Boys Ranch, Lone Star Sanctuary for Animals of Midland, and Home Hospice of Midland. Online condolences offered at *www.ellisfunerals.com.*

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Juanita Ruth Craddock

Juanita Ruth Craddock, 74, went with her Savior Tuesday, September 30, 2014.

Juanita was born August 11, 1940, in Sapulpa, Oklahoma, to George and Viora Doty. She was baptized at the First Baptist Church Pickett Prairie and graduated from Kellyville High of Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

She was a homemaker and restaurant owner. She loved her children with all of her heart and will be missed dearly by many friends and family.

She is survived by her son, Michael Craddock of Midland, Texas; her daughter, Laura Brooks and husband Mike Brooks of Avery, Texas; one grandson, Michael R Craddock of Fort Campbell, Kentucky; and her brother, Tom Doty of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

She was preceded in death by her son, Brett M. Craddock; her brother, Clinton Doty; husband, Richard Craddock; and by a very special friend, Bobby Smith.

Any donations may be made to Lone Star Sanctuary for animals in Midland, Texas.

Death Notices

Cheba King Bianchi

Cheba King Bianchi, 65, of Midland, died on Sunday, October 5, 2014.

She is survived by her husband, Andrew T. Bianchi; children, Andrew Bianchi, Jr. and daughter, Melissa Bianchi.

A Memorial Service is planned for October 8, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at First Christian Church with visitation to follow.

Frances Lillian Mills Shuffield

Frances Lillian Mills Shuffield, of Midland, passed away on Friday, October 3, 2014. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, October 7, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Midland.

She is survived by her husband, Joe Shuffield; daughter, Diana Huntington; and sons, Marcus Pelham and Joseph Shuffield.

Sandy Betus

Sandy Betus, 78, of Big Spring, passed away Saturday, October 4, 2014. Funeral services will be held at 4:00 p.m. Thursday, October 9, 2014 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife, Beth Betus; one son, James Betus; one step-daughter, Lora Holley; and two stepsons, Jimmy Conner and Joe Conner.

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Geoffrey Holder, director and actor, dies at 84

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Geoffrey Holder, a Tony Award-winning director, actor, painter, dancer and choreographer who during an eclectic show business career led the groundbreaking show "The Wiz" to Broadway, pitched 7-Up on TV and played a scary villain in a James Bond film, has died. He was 84.

Holder died Sunday of complications of pneumonia at Mount Sinai St. Luke's Hospital in New York, according to Anna Glass, a producer and family friend.

The 6-foot-6, Trinidad-born Holder won Tonys in 1975 for directing and designing the costumes for his all-black retelling of "The Wizard of Oz." In 1978, he directed and choreographed the lavish Broadway musical "Timbuktu!" starring Eartha Kitt and earned another Tony nomination for best costumes.

On TV, Holder played roles on TV's "Tarzan," voiced the leader on the PBS Kids animated show "Cyberchase" and pitched 7-Up as "the un-cola" in a commercial in which he wore a white suit and hat, purring "maaarvelous" as he drank the soda.

During 1955 and 1956, Holder was a principal dancer with the Metropolitan Opera Ballet in New York. He also appeared with his troupe, Geoffrey Holder and Company and worked with the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Pennsylvania Ballet and Dance Theatre of Harlem.

His film roles include playing Punjab in the 1982 film version of "Annie," a role in 1967's "Doctor Dolittle" with Rex Harrison, opposite Eddie Murphy in "Boomerang," narrating Tim Burton's "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," and playing the top-hatted voodoo villain Baron Samedi in "Live and Let Die" — the first of the 007 movies to star Roger Moore.

Holder co-authored and illustrated a collection of Caribbean folklore, "Black Gods, Green Islands" in 1959, and had a book of recipes, "Geoffrey Holder's Caribbean Cookbook" in 1973. He painted throughout his life and received a Guggenheim fellowship in fine arts in 1956.

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KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Selfie (N)	Love Story (N)	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. (N)		Forever "The Art of Murder" (N)		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) News Nightline
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "So It Goes" (N)		NCIS: New Orleans "Breaking Brig" (N)		Person of Interest "Wingman" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman Robert Downey Jr.	(:35) Craig Ferguson
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H "Check-Up"	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Hogan's Heroes	Gilligan's Island	Taxi	Taxi	Cheers	Perry Mason	Adam 12
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Utopia (N)		New Girl (N)	Mindy Project (N)	Modern Family	Modern Family	Hot In "Beards"	Hot In Cleveland	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
KMLM	IND	11	11	12	11	11	Joe McGee	HaYesod	Update News	BAS Presents	Light of the Southwest				Exploring Scholars	With the	Ministerios	Nueva Vida
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		The Voice (N)	"The Best of the Blind Auditions"		Chicago Fire "Just Drive the Truck" (N)			NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) Jimmy Fallon	(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Roots "Our American Storytellers" (N)		MAKERS "Women in Hollywood" (N)		Frontline "Death by Fire"		Charlie Rose (N)		Tavis Smiley (N)	Tavis Smiley
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FLIX		340	65		165		(5:10) ★ Mad Hot Ba...		★★ Three Men and a Baby			(:45) ★★ Three Men and a Little Lady			★★ The Producers			
HBO		300	68	14	14		StatePlay	Fight	★★★ The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug				1stLook		Boardwalk Empire		Beyonce Jay Z	
HBO2		302	69	15	101	23	(5:35) ★★ Identity Thief			J.Carmichael (N)	LastWeek	Bill Maher			Real Sports		★ Ender's Game	
HBO5		304	70	16	102		(5:00) ★ The Edge		Wire "Bad Dreams"		Boardwalk E. (N)		★★★ The 40-Year-Old Virgin				★ We're the Millers	
MAX		380	71	17	120	24	(5:05) ★ Girl, Interru...		(:15) ★ The Legend of Hercules Kellan Lutz.			The Knick			(:55) ★ The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey			
MAX2		382	72	18	122		★★ The Internship Vince Vaughn.				★ Austin Powers: Internatio...			Skin Max	★★★ The Wolverine Hugh Jackman.			
PLEX				96			(4:50) ★ Those Darin...		★ The Adventures of Buckaro...			(:45) ★★ Trojan War			(:10) ★ Silver Wolf Michael Biehn.		Movie	
SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	Homeland				Inside the NFL		60 Minutes Sports		Inside the NFL		Homeland	
TMC		336	67	22	155	26	(4:55) ★ Silver Lining...		★★ Sinister ('12, Hor) Ethan Hawke.				★★★ City of God Alexandre Rodrigues.			(:10) ★ Exorcismus		
A&E		27	32	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
AMC		40	21	23	42	51	Dead "Bloodletting"		The Walking Dead		The Walking Dead		4th and Loud (N)		4th and Loud		Dead "Chupacabra"	
BET		58	26		40		Husbands	★★ White Chicks ('04, Com) Shawn Wayans.				RealHusband (N)			HollywoodHusband		Wendy Williams	
BRAVO		65	63		41		Below Deck		Below Deck		Below Deck (N)		People Couch (SP) (N)		Watch (N)	Below Deck		Wives NJ
CNBC		46	45		39	72	Profit "Athans Motors"		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Profit "Sweet Pete's"		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN		43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		CNN Report (N)		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		CNN Special Report	
DISC		50	20	31	24	42	Yukon "Rising Sons"		Yukon Men (N)			Yukon Men (N)			Ice Lake Rebels (N)		Ice Lake Rebels	
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	Jessie	Austin	★ My Babysitter's a Vampire			Star Wars Rebels		Wolfbld	Babysit.	Babysit.	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	(5:00) SportsCenter		E:60			30/30 "Playing for the Mob" (N)			30Shorts /(:45) SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	NFL Live		Mike	Poker World Series		Poker World Series		30 for 30 "Playing for the Mob"			Baseball Tonight (L)	
FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	(5:30) ★ Ella Enchanted			★ Miss Congeniality ('00, Com) Sandra Bullock.					The 700 Club		★ LOL	
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		Chopped		Chopped	
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	(5:30) Football	Stars Insider (N)	NCAA Big 12 No-Huddle Bay./Tex.		NCAA Football						WPT Poker World Championship	
FX		31	31	59	64	69	★ Snow White and the Huntsman ('12, Act) Kristen Stewart.						Sons of Anarchy (N)		(:20) Sons of Anarchy			Anarchy
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	Waltons "The Conflict"		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	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Top Gear (N)		(:05) Count.	(:35) Count.	(:05) Top Gear		Pwn Star	Pwn Star
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	Dance Moms		Studio Rescue "Battle of the Blondes" (N)		Dance Moms (N)		KimQueen "Tooting Her Own Horn"		Kim of Queens "Angie Returns!"		Studio Rescue "Battle of the Blondes"	
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				NHLTop10	NHLTop10	NHL Preview (N)		NHLTop10	NHLTop10	NHLTop10	NHLTop10	NHL Season Preview		EPL Soccer	
NICK		55	34	39	34	37	Sam Cat	Drake	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master				Tattoo	Tattoo	Ink Master	
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	Face Off "Scared Silly"		Face Off		Face Off (N)		LiveDead	LiveDead	Face Off		LiveDead	LiveDead
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	Sein. "The Boyfriend"	Seinf. "The Fix-Up"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan		Cougar Town	Conan
TCM		41	61	24	63	66	(5:15) ★ A Kiss Befo...		★★★ In the Cool of the Day (:45) ★★★★ Network ('76, Dra) Ned Beatty.								★ Far From the M...	
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TLC		51	33	32	38	52	19 Kids & Count "Jill Says Yes to the Dress"		19 Kids & Count	19 Kids & Count	19 Kids & Count (N)	19 Kids & Count	Preach AL "Meet the Speegles" (N)		19 Kids & Count	19 Kids & Count	Preaching Alabama "Meet the Speegles"	
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	Supernatural		Rizzoli & Isles "Just Push Play"		Rizzoli & Isles "Food for Thought"		Rizzoli & Isles		(:05) CSI: NY "Identity Crisis"		(:05) CSI: NY "Food for Thought"	
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	Hillbillies	Hillbillies	Fam.Feud	Fam.Feud	Fam.Feud	Soul Man	The Exes	Hot In	Friends	Friends	Queens	Queens
USA		26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Game"		Modern Family	Modern "Chirp"	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern "Flip Flop"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Birthright"	
WGN		19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		★★ Hulk ('03, Act) Nick Nolte, Eric Bana. An accidental experiment transforms a geneticist into a powerful giant green brute.						Manhattan		Manhattan	

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Brady's goat cook-off attracts people from around the world

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Big Spring storyteller

Your first sensation when you enter Richards Park in Brady on Labor Day weekend is the scent of burning mesquite wood. Then you hear music and laughter and loud conversation. It's the sound of people having fun.

You look around and see people, some in costume, gathered around campsites with tents, trailers and custom-made barbecue cookers. It's a goat-cooking contest that has been going on for more than 40 years. It is also a time for reunions. Some families plan their annual get-togethers around the goat cook-off.

The event attracts people from all over the world. I've been privileged to be a judge several times. I like to judge showmanship when the other judges and I travel by golf cart to campsites that have acts. Some are extremely elaborate, with sets that look like an Old West saloon and actors dressed as gunslingers or saloon girls. There's usually a shoot-out, and the gunshots are loud. Some sites have a sample of vodka for the judges, along with a generous supply of fried goat testicles. Others have goat cheese or milkshakes made with goat milk. One team served the judges jowl meat from a barbecued goat head.

The two-day event starts the Friday before Labor Day weekend. People start arriving at noon and get busy setting up their campsites. Some of the more than 200 teams have been in the same spot for years. The campsites are sacred places to them. They must request permission to have their site for the next cook-off. Later that first day there is a washer-pitching contest. The night closes with a dance in a big pavilion and an unofficial parade through the campsites.

Saturday morning some sites serve breakfast. Ever have pancakes and bourbon? The day gets underway with a run called a goat gallop, an arts and crafts fair and booths that sell everything from goat soap to barn wood furniture.

The cookers must turn in their goat by 2 p.m. Saturday and the judging begins. Goat judges are treated like royalty. There are 45 of them and they're given free meals, lodging in one of Brady's motels, an upscale shirt, cap or hat and a bag full of small gifts. The judging takes place on a large flatbed truck that has nine tables on it. Judges go to each table and sample all the entries. It is impossible to know whose goat the judges are tasting. They rank the entries from 1 to 10, 10 being the best. Skye Smith of the Brady Chamber of Commerce, who helps run the event, says the numbers on the bottom of the containers are useless to anyone but the staff, who enters them into a spreadsheet for each cooking team during registration.

"The numbers are then referenced in that spreadsheet in selecting the top 10 cooking team," Sky said.

This year's winner of the goat-cooking contest was the Lonesome Dove Saloon from Brady. The showmanship award went to Rockin' A Cookers of Brady. The best rig award went to Just Smoke It from Odessa. The best hospitality trophy went to the Waco Boys Cooking Team from Waco

Texas Renaissance Festival celebrates 40th anniversary

The Bryan-College Station Eagle

In anticipation of the 40th anniversary of the Texas Renaissance Festival, organizers have been working for more than two years to put together the inaugural King Midas Masquerade Ball, which will debut when the festival opens this weekend.

The masked ball will become a permanent part of the festival and will take place each Saturday of the eight themed weekends through Nov. 30.

"The King Midas Masquerade is a celebration we have long anticipated," said Terre Albert, general manager of Ren Fest. "It is truly fantasy come to life. The entertainment we have planned is nothing our guests have seen or expected."

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Using any letters EXCEPT the ones that appear in the bunch below, fill in the blanks to form three new words.

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Yesterday's Answer: MOUND, ADOPT, LAUGH

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NEIL SPERRY

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.

Storing bougainvilleas in the garage during winter may cause harm to the tropical plants

Dear Neil: How much cold will bougainvilleas tolerate over the winter? Can I keep two large ones in my garage?

Bougainvilleas suffer "chill" injury at temperatures in the 30s, and the plants will be killed by sub-freezing weather. They need bright sunlight over the winter. Garages are usually too dark, and tropical plants that are kept there are really sluggish to recover come spring.

Dear Neil: I have a mature crape myrtle in my front yard that I have never had problems with. It gets full sun and has been blooming regularly all season. I noticed recently that the upper middle branches look like they're being eaten by something. All the foliage of those branches is gone or has turned brown. I don't know if this is worms or disease. Is there some way I can treat it?

This is usually due to the effects of sucking insects such as aphids or scale. They exude a sticky honeydew residue that allows sooty mold to grow on the leaf surfaces. The impacted leaves often fall prematurely, and we've seen a good bit of that across Texas this year. It's not anything of a critical nature. The plant should be fine come spring. If that sounds like what might have attacked it this year, consider applying the systemic insecticide Imidacloprid in late May next year.

Dear Neil: We had our 25-year-old backyard re-landscaped this spring. The landscaper planted about 20 small (4-inch) lavender plants in a narrow bed that is approximately 24 inches wide by 30 feet long. This area gets sun from mid-day on. They sulked and then died without any signs of growth. The area is sprinkled. I was ready to write these plants off and start with something else next spring. We just returned from Washington and Oregon and saw the most spectacular commercial lavender farms with beautiful plants about 30 inches in diameter. I want some like those. Is there any hope here in Texas and, if so, what are the critical steps to take?

You may want to plant a combination of other perennials and herbs in that bed.

Lavender may not be the best option because of our heat. Think about how very different environmental conditions are in the Northwest compared to Texas. There are several herb growers who grow and market lavender in Texas, but it's not the easiest of plants to grow in our state, especially where it's hit by the hottest sun of the day for hours on end. Try different places in your gardens next time around, and plant just a few plants until you're sure. You might find a micro-climate that is more to their suiting.

Unfortunately, many of the rest of us have had the same experiences that you had.

Dear Neil: People kept telling us how great lacebark elms are in Texas, and I finally planted one at our daughter's house in the Hill Country. Unfortunately, now it has died suddenly in the past month. Why would that happen, and is there anything we can do at this point?

Lacebark elms are highly susceptible to the soil-borne fungus called cotton root rot. It exists in alkaline soils such as those found in the Hill County and basically anyplace west of I-35. Even after laying dormant in the soil for 10 or more years, it kills susceptible trees and shrubs suddenly and completely. Some of the trees that are resistant to cotton root rot that could be used as replacements: Shumard red oak, live oak, chinquapin oak and bur oak, cedar elm, pecan, crape myrtles, redbuds and Little

Gem southern magnolias. Cotton root rot is a very common malady. We can use plants that are not completely immune to it, but we need to do so carefully.

Dear Neil: I planted two wisterias three years ago. Neither has bloomed. Local Master Gardeners have told me that they won't bloom for seven years, or that they must be male plants. What is your opinion?

Those are not reasonable explanations. Wisterias that are less than one year old are sold in bloom in Texas nurseries in spring. As for the "male" thing, my question back always is: "If the male plants — if there were male and female wisterias — were incapable of blooming, where would pollen come from?" The most common causes I see of wisterias not flowering are too much shade — they need full sun to bloom best; pruning in the winter — they set their flower buds in the fall, and winter pruning removes them; too much nitrogen, especially in fall — nitrogen keeps them vegetative, at the expense of production of flower buds; and keeping them too moist in fall — same result as with too much nitrogen, keeps them growing too vigorously. Try root-pruning them with a sharpshooter spade now. Cut the lateral roots to a depth of 8 inches. Cut the slit (not a trench) 15 to 18 inches out from the trunk. The shock of that pruning may stimulate flower bud production.

RE-LEAF BY DEBBIE FROST

Courtesy photo

Fall is a great time to plant the seeds of cool-season annuals like old fashion poppies, blue bonnets, larkspur, toad flax, California poppy, Shirley poppy, love in a mist and others. The seed will germinate this fall and the flowers will appear in late winter and spring.

Now is a great time for planning next year's landscape. Conditions are great for planting winter-hardy annuals, perennials, vines, trees and shrubs.

Before you plant, take time to evaluate which plants worked this year. Plants that struggled in the heat and dry conditions or just don't fit into the landscape should be addressed. There are many good plants and design ideas to improve your landscape.

For help with design, take a few black and white pictures. These images will help reveal shapes, textures and spatial elements that may need changing. Or ask for help from a friend with a with a sense of balance, color, texture and design.

Decisions should include changes that will lead to a garden that is more useful, beautiful and adapted to our conditions. Outdoor rooms, additional hardscape, large beds of ground cover and other features that will reduce turf, water and maintenance could be part of the plan.

Consider these points when planting.

- Plant when the soil is moist, not too wet or too dry.
- Thoroughly incorporate three to four inches of compost and mix like the ingredients of a cake. Avoid layers of compost, which can lead to wet layers that may cause root rot.
- Loosen the outer roots of container plants somewhat to encourage rapid rooting out. If the roots are too tight, a few vertical cuts through the outer roots will promote lateral rooting.
- Plant the crown of the plant at soil grade, not above or below. Find the crown of the plant, it is sometimes below grade in the pot.
- Firm soil around the root ball to eliminate air pockets. Roots need contact with the soil to take up water, nutrients and to grow.
- Water new plants immediately if the soil is on the dry side or the day is hot and windy. Just a little bit of water on and around the root ball will help hold plant quality until all planting, irrigation and mulch is completed. When finished, go back and hand water well. Don't rely on drip irrigation to wet the root ball and new site. Hand-watering gives new plants a good start and is a good practice for the first week or two.
- Add a 3- to 4-inch layer of mulch over a planting site for water conservation, new root growth, suppressing weeds and many other benefits.

Garden re-leaf is found in fall. Plant a new garden or make improvements in an existing garden.

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Choosing the right tree can't be based on looks alone

JEFF FLOYD

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On a recent Saturday morning, my lovely bride asked what costume would be most appropriate for her to wear this Halloween. Determined not to let this question cause as much misfortune as it had last year, I explained that I didn't have time to visit. I told her that I was focused on getting to the root of a problem with the spooky tree in our backyard.

Now that tree planting season is upon us, many people may find themselves standing before a selection of trees at their favorite nursery, attempting to pick the one that may look best in their yard. There is a lot more to choosing the right tree than figuring out which one looks good.

In addition to choosing a tree that will tolerate our West Texas conditions and not outgrow its location, one has to consider its initial health. The canopy of a tree may appear fit while in its container at the nursery and yet harbor a scary problem in its root ball.

Some of the symptoms of root-bound trees include a lack of vigorous growth and early fall color or leaf drop. Another sign that the roots of a tree are overcrowded in the container is having extreme difficulty penetrating the soil with your finger and discovering densely packed fine roots throughout the container.

Unwittingly planting a root-bound tree may set it up for a lifetime of health problems. One way to check the establishment of a tree that has been planted for several months is to grasp the stem and attempt to rock it back and forth. If the tree's root ball is easily moved, this may be a warning that the roots are unable to grow out into the surrounding soil.

The creepy condition with the pistache in our back lawn was caused by having been in a container too long before being planted. While inspecting the soil immediately surrounding our tree, I discovered that none of the fine roots had managed to find their way out of the original root ball. The roots were so densely packed that they were literally trapped in the shape of the original container.

You may inspect trees at the nursery to determine if they are root bound before buying them but what can be done for a root-bound tree that is already planted? Soak the soil around the tree and allow it to dry out overnight. On the following day, dig around the original root ball and spread the fine roots out into the surrounding soil. Large encircling roots can be spread out, as well. It doesn't hurt to cut some of the offending roots away. New roots will be stimulated to grow outward from the cuts.

By the way, I eventually suggested to my wife that she should try something different this Halloween and dress as the good witch. Thank goodness for leftovers!

An informational session for joining the Master Gardener training for 2015 will be held on January 10th at the Ector County Annex located at 1010 East 8th Street in Odessa between 9 am and noon. Classes will be taught on Saturdays in 2015 to accommodate both retired and working volunteers. The cost to enroll in the program is $250 and 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 in 2015, contact the Ector County Extension office at 432.498.4071 or drop me an email at jeff.floyd@ag.tamu.edu.

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TODAY: Sunny High: 93 Low: 59

WEDNESDAY: Partly sunny High: 88 Low: 65

THURSDAY: Mostly sunny High: 89 Low: 63

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 84 Low: 58

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny High: 80 Low: 58

SUNDAY: Sunny High: 86 Low: 59

Local forecast

Expect above-average temperatures through Friday of this week. Today's forecasted high of 93 is more than 10 degrees above normal for this time of year.

On Wednesday, gusts could reach 40 mph and there is a chance of showers Thursday and Friday.

The high on Monday reached 90, while the low dropped to 54. The record high for Oct. 6 is 96 set in 1937 and 1931. The record low is 41 set in 1932.

Weather why

Q: Nov. 30 is the end of hurricane season. Why do some years have many hurricanes and other years seem to have very few?

That's a question that a lot of people are asking, said John Nielsen-Gammon, professor of atmospheric sciences at Texas A&M University who also serves as state climatologist. "There were more hurricanes and tropical storms in 2005 than any year in at least 70 years," he explained. "Some fingers are being pointed at global warming for the rise in severe storms. There are a lot of studies being done in this area, and global warming appears to be at least a strong contributing factor."

Partly Cloudy · Cloudy · Showers · Thunder-storms · Rain · Flurries · Snow · Ice

Precipitation

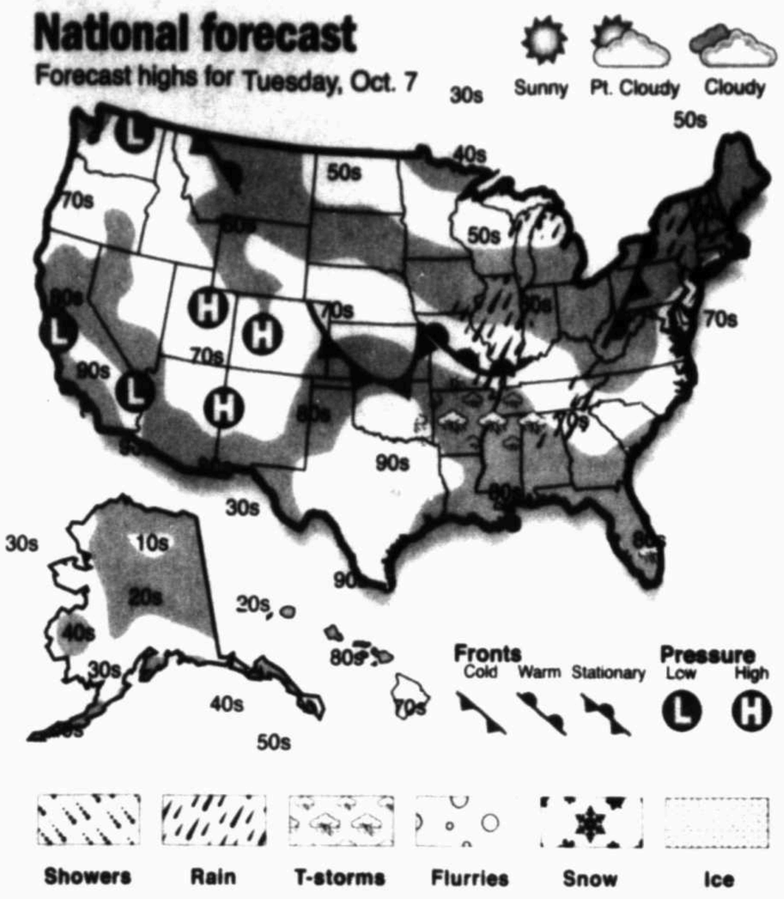
Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	6.43 in.
Normal total (year to date)	11.97 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	90
Low	54
Normal high	81
Normal low	55
Sunrise	7:47 a.m.
Sunset	7:26 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Oct. 7



Mom gets great pleasure from a well-made bed

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: My husband and I have four great kids. They are well-behaved, respectful and full of fun. Hubby and I are having a disagreement concerning them, however.

I am an admitted "bed snob." I make every bed in the house every day, just the way I want them done. It makes me crazy when my husband insists that the kids do it themselves.

Our kids have homework, daily chores they alternate (cleaning the kitchen after dinner, doing laundry, etc.), as well as what we call "Chore Day Sunday," which is a family affair when everyone has a list of larger chores to complete. The kids know how to make their beds because I have taught them, and I feel that insisting they make their beds daily, too, is silly.

I ENJOY doing this small thing. Am I crazy or is he overreacting? — HOMEMAKER IN GEORGIA

DEAR HOMEMAKER: You're not crazy. I'd be curious to know why your husband feels so strongly about this, particularly because the kids know how to make their beds and you have made clear that you do it because you enjoy it. Having their beds made for them won't scar your offspring for life, so ask "Hubby" to indulge you by letting it go and not creating a problem where one doesn't exist.

DEAR ABBY: Two of my granddaughters have posted pictures on Instagram that show them facing away from the camera with their bottoms covered and their tops nude. They said this is part of the "Topless Tour." They said it's no big deal because it only shows their back and "everyone does it." I feel it is inappropriate to post something like this on social media. Will you please share your opinion? — GRANDMA IN UTAH

DEAR GRANDMA: I think it's unwise, but the times they are a-changin' and along with them, the current fads. The Topless Tour — photos of topless women shot from the rear in a scenic location and posted on social media — is just another one of them. Calm down and thank your higher power that this fad is tame. At one point, people were lowering their pants and "mooning" passing trains and cars.

DEAR ABBY: What kind of advice do you have for a guy who is falling in love with a co-worker? We are nurses in a fast-paced intensive care unit. We greatly depend on each other to provide patient care and emotional support. There are so many reasons I want to tell her how I feel, but the fear of messing things up with her scares me. — R.N. WITH A SECRET

DEAR R.N.: Not knowing what the policy at your hospital is regarding workplace romances, you'd be wise to start slowly. I assume you see her outside the ICU. A way to start would be to ask her to join you for lunch, coffee, or a drink and "quick dinner" after work. If she says yes, it means she could be interested in you, too. If not — perhaps because she's already involved with someone — you won't be embarrassed.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Lovely play

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ A 8 4 3
♥ Q 10 9 7 6 2
♦ A J 4
♣ Void

WEST
♠ Q J 10 5
♥ 3
♦ 8 5 2
♣ A 9 6 4 3

EAST
♠ 9
♥ 4
♦ K Q 10 9 6 3
♣ K J 10 7 5

SOUTH
♠ K 7 6 2
♥ A K J 8 5
♦ 7
♣ Q 8 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♥	Pass	4♣*	4
Pass**	Pass	6♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

*Splinter bid, heart raise with at most one club
**Stronger than bidding four hearts

Opening lead: Ace of ♣

This deal was played in a team competition some years ago. South was Larry Cohen, of Florida, a leading American player.

Cohen judged that his hand offered some potential opposite club shortness, so he made the aggressive decision to pass over East's four-diamond bid. This was all the encouragement North needed to bid the slam.

Declarer ruffed the opening club lead and took stock. The slam was cold if spades broke 3-2, but, on the auction, there was a live chance that East had a singleton spade. Showing great imagination, Cohen took a line of play that would succeed should East hold the singleton queen, jack, 10 or nine of spades. He drew trumps and cross-ruffed the minors, eliminating the clubs and diamonds from both his hand and the dummy.

Cohen now played a low spade from both hands, assuring the loss of this trick. Should the spades split 3-2, all would be well, but if East won this trick with the singleton queen, jack, 10 or nine, he would be forced to yield a ruff-sluff and the contract. Should West split his honors to try and prevent this, he would also be end-played, forced to lead from his remaining spades or yield a ruff-sluff. A lovely play!

There are other lines of play that would have been successful, but this was the most elegant.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2014:

This year you appear to be heading down the path to victory. Please note that there could be a twist or two along the way. Your endurance and fortitude count. You speak your mind easily. Emphasize details, and you will land well. If you are single, you will meet someone very special through another person; it will be a natural connection. If you are attached, the two of you often agree to disagree. Respect each other's opinions and discuss new ways of approaching certain topics. ARIES often pushes you too far.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Your creativity can turn on and off, much like a faucet. At times you'll surprise yourself with sudden flashes of inspiration, but there are moments when nothing will come to mind. Ride with the ups and downs. Tonight: Live it up. Others depend on your vivaciousness.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Mull over an issue until you feel that you have found the right answer. You might go through this process several times as insights occur, and it could force you to re-examine your original premise. You could be overly eager without realizing it. Tonight: Indulge a little.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Zero in on what you feel is absolutely necessary. A meeting or get-together might define your plans and your day much more than you realize. Your instincts could play out in an odd way. Trust your judgment. Tonight: Make the most of the moment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Pressure builds, and you might be tempted to give someone a very clear "no" response. Know that you will have to see what is happening with an older individual first. Your sensitivity to this person is an asset yet a detriment at the same time. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Your imagination tends to wander. While you might be amused with your meanderings, someone who wants to have a serious talk won't be amused. You could gain a lot of insight if you slow down and be present with this person. Tonight: Follow the music.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Conversations will work better on a one-on-one level than in a meeting with others. A partner could surprise you with his or her perspective. Extreme variations in your feelings could hit you from out of the blue. Don't push to have your way. Tonight: With a favorite person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You can see how dominant others might be. Be smart, and let events, discussions and plans unravel without any interference. You'll want to detach from all power plays for now. What you witness as a result could amaze you. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Remain disciplined, as you have a lot to accomplish. Fatigue could be a problem if you choose not to delegate some of your responsibilities. A lot is coming down the path that you will have to handle. You might need to spend more than you want right now. Tonight: Slow down.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You seem feistier than you have been in a while. You will try to verbalize what you feel, yet somehow the wrong words could come out. The unexpected will play a role in your decisions. You might not be ready to have a discussion just yet. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You'll have a strong desire to stay close to home. You might not want to have a serious conversation until you make a decision. A partner or close loved one is far more optimistic than you are. You also could be angrier than you realize. Tonight: Invite a friend to drop by.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by what is happening around you. A friend could be pushing you way too hard. Your communication will be direct, but this person just might not hear you. He or she will hear the words but not get the message. Tonight: Favorite person, favorite spot.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★ Tighten the reins on your spending. Ultimately, you'll want to have the funds when you really need them. Choose to be discreet with someone you must answer to. The unexpected could occur, for better or worse. Tonight: Treat a pal to some munchies.

BORN TODAY

TV producer Simon Cowell (1959), singer/songwriter John Mellencamp (1951), singer/songwriter Toni Braxton (1967)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 18th Greek letter
6 Instagram account creator
10 Gunpowder container
13 Contest submission
14 Campus sports gp.
15 Call, retro-style
16 Symbol of a good try
18 To be, to Cato
19 Just okay
20 Place to apply gloss
21 Use unwisely, as time
22 Movie for all
26 Organ near the stomach
29 Playground threat
32 Rips
33 Clash of clans
34 Ornamental pond fish
35 JFK postings
36 Straight-A student's bane
38 Show sleepiness
39 Christmas tree
40 Follow one's new job, in Realtor-speak
41 Private student
42 Go up alone
44 Persian Gulf ships
45 "Lady Chatterley's Lover" author
48 Gaze intently
50 Before, to Frost
51 Like skyscrapers
55 Bee flat?
56 Noted O.J. Simpson attorney
59 Bone-dry
60 Bartlett cousin
61 Like the man of one's dreams
62 Marry
63 "Yeah, sure!"
64 Tractor maker

DOWN

1 Goes out with
2 Data
3 Classic Pontiacs
4 "Won't you be my neighbor?" TV host
5 Nautical consent
6 Not up to the job
7 Check (out)
8 Musical skill
9 Singer in an interrogation room?
10 Musical inspired by "The Taming of the Shrew"
11 Fort Worth-to-Dallas direction
12 Merriment
15 Passed out cards
17 Caramel-topped custard dessert
21 Like some very bad pitches
23 Legal matter
24 God, in Grenoble
25 Reasons for school absences
26 Sheet music quintet, and with 31-Down, what the first letters of 16-, 22-, 36-, 45- and 56-Across represent
27 Danger
28 "Seinfeld" co-creator
30 Farther down
31 See 26-Down
33 Progressive Insurance spokeswoman
36 "Dracula" star Lugosi
37 Furrow the fields
38 Christmas season
40 Part on stage
41 Muscle spasm
43 Destroy, as files
44 Premium plane seat, usually
46 Pee Wee in Brooklyn
47 Upright
48 "Pygmalion" playwright
49 Radial __
52 Out of the wind
53 Goneril's father
54 Country singer Lovett
56 Source of DVD warnings
57 Easy throw
58 Help out

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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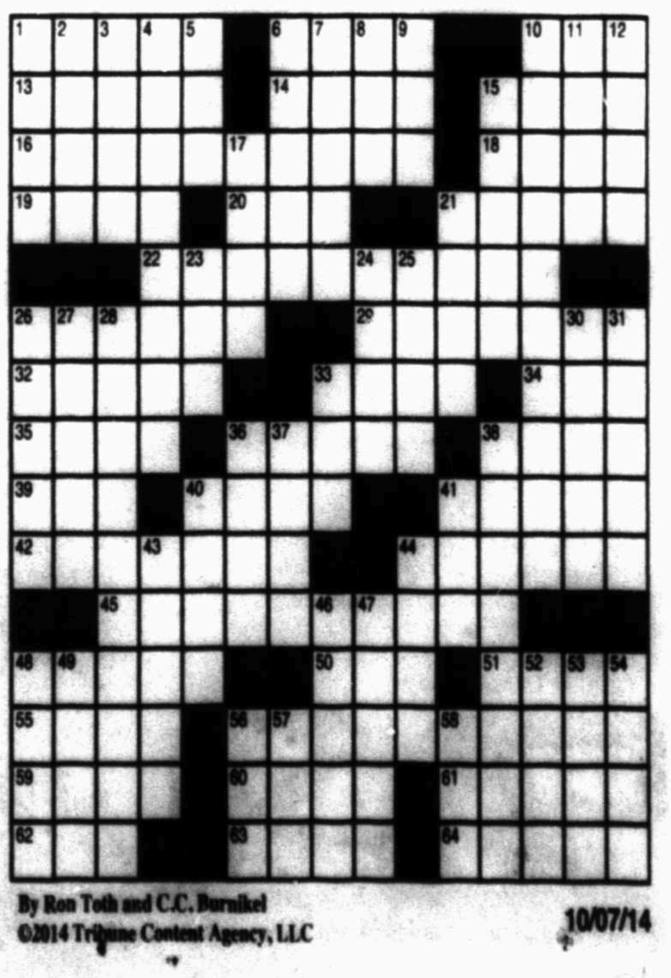

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SOUNDBITES

Reviews of recent releases

JASON ALDEAN
"Old Boots, New Dirt"

Jason Aldean, who helped elevate hard rock dynamics and hip-hop conventions in contemporary country music, focuses on his rock side on his sixth studio album, "Old Boots, New Dirt."

Aldean has always pushed musical innovation with hits such as "Hicktown," "Dirt Road Anthem" and "1994." But the new album doesn't offer the surprises of his past efforts. Downplaying his rap influences, Aldean's new tracks would have fit on a latter-day Aerosmith recording, with dirt roads replacing bright lights. He repeatedly echoes '80s hard-rock swagger on songs about partying hard ("Just Gettin' Started," "Gonna Know We Were Here"), being on the lookout for a new "girl" ("Sweet Little Somethin'") and emphasizing sex rather than romance ("Burnin' It Down," "Laid Back").

The album has several highlights: "Too Fast" shows off his vocal power and range, "Miss That Girl" reeks of regret for choices that pushed away a long-time love and "Two Night Town," with its steel guitar accents and old-school rhythms, is the best traditional country song Aldean has recorded.

But too much of "Old Boots, New Dirt" seems overly predictable, with song after song about drinking, trucks and tan young women in tight jeans dancing and flirting.

Michael McCall/AP

VARIOUS ARTISTS
"The Best of Me" soundtrack

True love songs are rare these days on country music radio. But romance rules on the soundtrack of "The Best of Me," based on a novel by Nicholas Sparks, the king of sentimental relationship tales. Mirroring past Sparks page-to-screen love stories — "The Notebook," "A Walk to Remember," "Safe Haven" — "The Best of Me" gives a long list of young contemporary country and pop singers a chance to celebrate passion and everlasting love.

For the most part, the performers all make the best of these heart-searching songs. Colbie Caillat turns in a goose bumps-raising performance on "In Love Again," as does newcomer Phoebe Hoffman on "Crossroads." The blended voices of Lady Antebellum ("I Did With You," "Falling for You") and Thompson Square ("Borrowed Time") sound well-suited for songs about the power of togetherness. The Eli Young Band proves adept once again at exploring the sensitive side of bonding on "Unchanged."

The album suddenly shifts in tone by slipping in an old Cowboy Junkies cover of the Velvet Underground's "Sweet Jane." The late-night, low-fi mood of the 26-year-old recording remains effective, but it comes across like a goth kid crashing an Up With People party. A little darkness around the edges doesn't damper the prevailing idea that love can make any of us sing its praises.

Michael McCall/AP

Lee Ann Womack chases happiness over hits

By Chris Talbott
Associated Press

After 15 years of channeling commercial country music, Lee Ann Womack is channeling something new: The music she's always wanted to make.

With the recent release of country covers record "The Way I'm Livin'" the singer with the soul-moving voice is aiming for something very different from what's typically played on country radio, tapping a diverse group of artists who are not part of the Music Row songwriting machine.

"Being in the commercial game, you have people coming to you going, 'We gotta have that hit, you've got to be commercial.' All of those things," Womack said. "It can be very frustrating because you have music inside you that you want to make."

"The Way I'm Livin'" features the work of singer-songwriters like Buddy Miller, Hayes Carll, Chris Knight, Bruce Robison, Mindy Smith and Neil Young, making for a mix that's far from mainstream country. Times have changed greatly since Womack's last release, 2008's "Call Me Crazy." Womack won a Grammy Award and trophies from the Country Music Association and the Academy of Country Music in the mid-2000s, but in this time of party boys and pickups, she now fits more snugly in the traditional country-adjacent Americana category.

THE NEW ALBUM
What: "The Way I'm Livin'"
Who: Lee Ann Womack
Release date: Sept. 23
Label: Sugar Hill

Womack chose and recorded the 13 songs on "Livin'" with the help of her husband, producer Frank Liddell. It's something they've worked on off and on for the length of their relationship, but it wasn't until the final album of her contract with MCA Nashville was shelved that she was free to pursue her own musical ambition.

"Boy, when I fulfilled my contract with the major label, I was like ...," Womack says as she lets out a sigh. "I had all this music for so long I had been wanting to make. I would look around me and ... be surrounded by all my peers, but then look over there and see Buddy Miller and go, 'Some day.' Now this is that day."

Raised in Jacksonville on a steady drip of George Jones and his traditional country peers, the 48-year-old singer said she decided she was done chasing pop hits and instead went looking for the same kind of authenticity and emotion she heard on the radio growing up.

Womack attempts to make each song her own. She tinkers with the point of view on "Send It On Down" by switching the narrator's gender, adding more weight to the song's inspirational message. She slows down Young's "Out on the Weekend" — one of Liddell's favorites — giving it a wistful, weary feel.

She knows the songs won't get country radio airplay, but she still feels she's right at the heart of what she thinks of as country music.

"I don't think country music has changed," she said. "I think what's called country music, what's marketed as country music, has definitely changed. Nothing wrong with that. There's a lot of people that want to hear that. I am a lover of real country music, what I think is hardcore country music. And I miss that. And I see people all the time that also miss it. So I put a lot of that on this record."

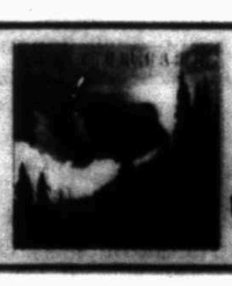
Today's releases

Jason Aldean 'Old Boots, New Dirt'

Stevie Nicks '24 Karat Gold: Songs From the Vault'

Jackson Browne 'Standing in the Breach'

The Piano Guys 'Wonders'


Weezer 'Everything Will Be Alright In The End'

LIVEWIRE

MIDLAND/ODESSA/ BIG SPRING/ANDREWS

OCTOBER

7 **Goodtimers** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
8 **Justin Langston** @ Saltgrass
9 **Jeff Allen, Granger Smith** @ Rockin Rodeo
9 **Exmortus** @ Blue Max
9 **Waco & Julie** @ Cafe at Alldredge Gardens
9 **Goodtimers** @ West Texas Dance Club, Odessa VFW
9 **Justin Langston** @ The Wine Rack
9 **World Classic Rockers** @ Chap Center
9 **Mayeux & Broussard** @ Lone Star Bar
10 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Midland Senior Center
10 **WB Quartet, Mildred Rubio** @ Music City Mall
10 **Jeremiah Houston Band** @ Beer Garden
10 **Bart Crow, Chris Brazeal Band** @ Graham Central Station
10 **Eddie Austin and 20 After 4** @ The Detour
10 **Aaron Elnhouse** @ Lone Star Bar
10 **Hogg Maulies** @ The #10 Sports Bar
10-11 **Funky Munky** @ The Bar
10-11 **The Santa Fe Band** @ Your Place
11 **Bobby Meader Music** @ Pine Box
11 **Eliseo Robles** @ Club La Playa
11 **Callahan Divide** @ Redneck's
11 **Richard Acuna, Mike Leonard, Ty Miller, Tyler Kirk** @ Music City Mall
12 **Raven, Night Death** @ Keggler's Lounge
12 **Art Garfunkel** @ Wagner Noel
12 **Padlock, Emily King** @ Music City Mall
14 **Johnny & Susie Band** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
14 **AJR** @ McKinley Park
14 **Destroyer, Romantic Rebel, Ghetto Justice, Kanye East** @ Blue Max
15 **Justin Langston** @ Saltgrass
15 **The Peculiar Pretzelmen** @ Blue Max
15 **Shaping Sound** @ Wagner Noel
16 **Sam Riggs & Night People** @ Rockin Rodeo
16 **Johnny & Susie Band** @ West Texas Dance Club, Odessa VFW
16 **Suzanne Vega** @ Wagner Noel
16 **Cody Bryan Band** @ Lone Star Bar
16 **Justin Langston** @ The Wine Rack
16 **Nelly's Echo** @ UTPB
16 **Alberto Madrid** @ Cafe at Alldredge Gardens
17 **Cory Morrow** @ Graham Central Station
17 **No Dry County** @ Lone Star Bar
17 **WB Quartet, Dene Redmon** @ Music City Mall
17 **No Show Jones** @ The Detour
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 **Samuel Zachary, Richard Acuna, Tyler Kirk, Martha Elliot** @ Music City Mall
18 **Coffee Anderson** @ Horseshoe
18 **Chris Brazeal Band** @ Graham Central Station
18 **Forgotten Road** @ Lone Star Bar
18 **Hogg Mollies** @ Redneck's
19 **Susan Boyle** @ Wagner Noel
19 **Wayne "The Train" Hancock** @ Blue Max
19 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co., Padlock, Tucker Binkley** @ Music City Mall
21 **Heart** @ Wagner Noel
21 **Upon A Burning Body, Whitechapel, Glass Cloud** @ Club Patron
21 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
21 **Bass Line Burns, The Vibrators** @ Blue Max
22 **Aaron Woods Band** @ Permian Basin Oil Show
22 **Justin Langston** @ Saltgrass
23 **Guttermouth, Against the Grain, In the Whale** @ Blue Max
23 **Showdown** @ West Texas Dance Club, Odessa VFW
24 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Midland Senior Center
23 **Justin Langston** @ The Wine Rack
23 **Gary Kyle and the No Standards Band** @ Lone Star Bar
23 **Millenium Jazz** @ Cafe at Alldredge Gardens
24 **Loco Motive** @ The Detour

LUBBOCK

OCTOBER

7 **Turquoise Jeep** @ Jake's
9 **Social Distortion, The Stone Foxes** @ Lone Star Event Center
21 **Five Finger Death Punch, Volbeat, Hellyeah, Nothing More** @ Lone Star Event Center

NEW MEXICO

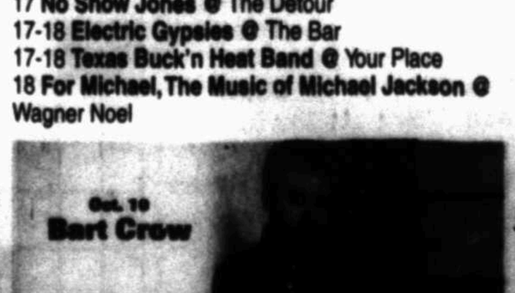
OCTOBER

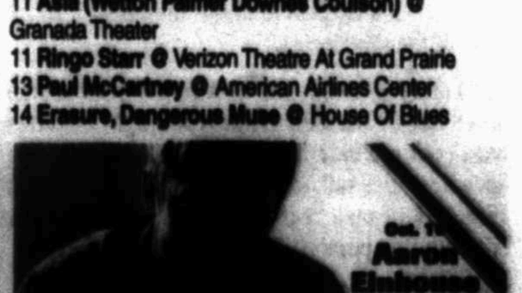
11 **Marty Stuart, Connie Smith** @ Ruidoso Downs
31 **Blue Oyster Cult** @ Inn of the Mountain Gods

DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA

OCTOBER

7 **Broken Bells, Phantogram** @ South Side Ballroom
9 **Sam Smith, Broods** @ House Of Blues
10 **Living Colour** @ The Kessler Theater
11 **Asia (Wetton Palmer Downes Couison)** @ Granada Theater
11 **Ringo Starr** @ Verizon Theatre At Grand Prairie
13 **Paul McCartney** @ American Airlines Center
14 **Erasure, Dangerous Muse** @ House Of Blues





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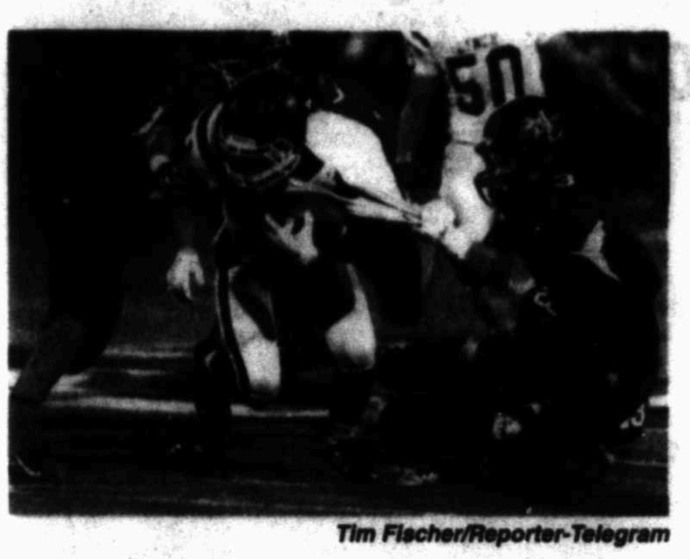
PRIVATE SCHOOL REPORT

MCS wants to stay aggressive in second half of games



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Christian's Justin Fender, left, and Reagan Brown, right, combine to bring down Dallas Bishop's Nick Martinez during a Sept. 26 game at Mustang Field.

By Len Hayward
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Midland Christian produced the fast start on Friday that coach Greg McClendon wants each week against Addison Trinity Christian.

But it's the lull in the second half that concerned McClendon when he had a chance to look back at the game.

The Mustangs won 38-20 against the Trojans on the road to improve to 2-0 in TAPPS Division I, District 1, but Midland Christian jumped out to a 31-7 lead before Addison Trinity Christian climbed back into the game in the second half, cutting that lead to 11.

It's just one part of the growth of this year's team, though. The Mustangs are 4-1, but for McClendon that's a little thing that can be the difference between a team being good and great.

"We are going to focus on the second half this week, and coming out and starting the second half the right way," McClendon said. "It's focus as much as anything because I don't think we are coming out complacent and lazy. But I don't think we are coming out with the mentality of the score being 0-0 instead of 31-7."

In each of the last two weeks, the Mustangs have jumped out early on district opponents only to see them make a comeback in the second half to make things a little uncomfortable. Dallas Bishop Lynch climbed to within two points in the district opener, and last week, the Trojans used a third quarter surge and were down by 11 at the start of the fourth quarter.

In previous years, Midland Christian could go into halftime with a big lead and close out a team early in the third quarter. But the last two weeks are a realization that playing in the new district is showing that the Mustangs will have to keep their focus and stay at a high level to win games.

"I think last year when we were up that much, the will of the majority of those teams was broke, and we came out and crushed them," McClendon said. "This year, it's very evident that every team that we play, one, they

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MRT AREA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

'We're for real'

Hammack's monster game leads Andrews to big win

By Oscar LeRoy
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Jase Hammack couldn't bear to watch as Big Spring lined up for the potential game-winning field goal in the final seconds of Friday's game at Big Spring Memorial Stadium.

Hammack and Andrews were clinging to a 43-42 lead against their rival, but the Steers were in position to win it at the end. Hammack, the senior quarterback had another monster game by completing 27 of 32 passes for 418 yards, five touchdowns and no interceptions, but it wasn't left up to him anymore.

While the 23-yard kick had the distance, it sailed wide right to give Andrews the thrilling victory as the Mustangs charged back from a 14-point deficit early in the fourth quarter behind Hammack and the offense.

For his efforts in the instant classic, Hammack is the Reporter-Telegram's Area Player of the Week.

"It was a huge win for us," Hammack said. "It put us up there and lets everyone know that we're for real. It also let us know that we can beat a team like Big Spring, which beat Graham, and it lets us know we can compete at a high level."

Hammack knew going into the game that he would have to have a good game in order to help the Mustangs (5-1) pull off the victory.

In a game that featured two explosive offenses and two of the best quarterbacks in the area in Hammack and Big Spring's Tobyn Tannehill, the way the teams went back and forth, responding to each score the other team put up, it wasn't that much of a surprise that this game came down to

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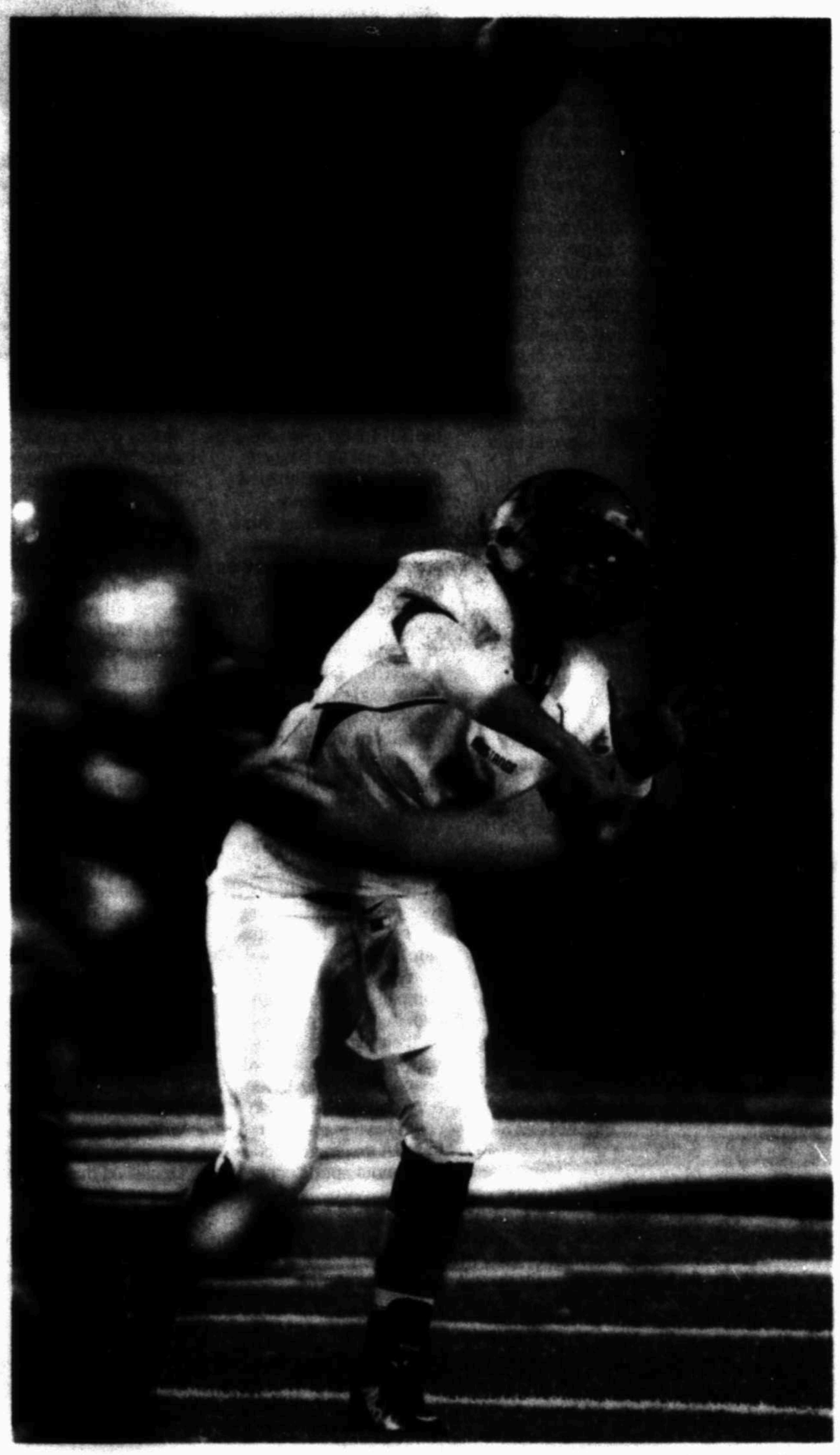

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Andrews quarterback Jase Hammack (7) throws a pass in Friday's game against Big Spring at Memorial Stadium in Big Spring. Hammack has been named this week's MRT Player of the Week.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Alex Byrd serves the ball during a Sept. 27 match against San Angelo Central at MHS.

MHS tennis team faces Lee for chance at area tourney

From staff reports

The Midland High and Lee tennis teams will play their final regular season match of the fall against each other at 4 p.m. today at the Bush Tennis Center.

The Bulldogs enter today's match with a 12-5 overall record and 2-2 mark in District 3-6A play. Lee is 1-3 in district play.

If Midland High can win, it will clinch a spot in the District 3-6A/4-6A area tournament, which is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 22-23 at a site to be announced.

Midland High beat Odessa High, 16-3, in its last match on Sept. 30, and Lee lost against Odessa Permian, 14-5, on Sept. 30.

TCU, Baylor turn Big 12 upside down

By Luke Meredith
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — The Texas-Oklahoma game is usually a bellwether matchup every year for the Big 12 title race.

This weekend, the Red River rivalry showdown is not even the biggest game in Texas. That distinction belongs to a matchup between No. 9 TCU (4-0, 1-0 Big 12) and No. 5 Baylor (5-0, 2-0), the league's last undefeated teams.

That's just the way things are in the Big 12 these days. Programs that used to be pushovers are instead pushing for a title. Programs that used to be powerhouses might not even make a bowl game.

"We understand the significance of this ball game. We're both undefeated," TCU coach Gary Patterson said. "Whoever wins the ball game would have the driver's seat along with the other unbeatens going forward."

TCU, which knocked off Oklahoma 37-33 over the weekend, could contend for the Big 12 title for the first time. The Horned Frogs were just 6-12 in their first two years of Big 12 play.

Quarterback Trevone Boykin gained a career-high 395 yards of offense on Saturday and guided TCU to its biggest Big 12 win so far.

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Brandon Wade/AP

TCU quarterback Trevone Boykin (2) throws a pass during Saturday's game against Oklahoma at Amon G. Carter Stadium, in Fort Worth.

Fister keeps Nationals alive in Game 3 win

Nationals	**4**
Giants	1

San Francisco leads series, 2-1

By Janie McCauley
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Eye black and uniform still on, Bryce Harper emerged from a different kind of fog than typically seen in San Francisco. This was the celebratory stuff from a Nationals victory party, and he had earned it, all right.

Harper screamed out in delight as he crossed the plate with Washington ahead at last. After all those extra innings and a subdued cross-country flight, the Nationals had broken through — with some help from Madison Bumgarner's big blunder.

Doug Fister pitched seven shutout innings and the Nationals capitalized on Bumgarner's one off-target throw, staving off elimination in the NL Division Series with a 4-1 win over the San Francisco Giants on Monday.

"Being able to get that momentum swing to us a little bit is definitely huge," said Harper, who also made a difficult running catch in the gap.

Fister dazzled again in San Francisco,

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DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TODAY
WHAT'S ON TV
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
NLDS Game 4, Dodgers at Cardinals, 4 p.m., FS1/FOXDEP
NLDS Game 4, Nationals at Giants, 8 p.m., FS1/FOXDEP
NBA
Exhibition, Bulls at Pistons, 6:30 p.m., NBATV
Exhibition, Warriors at Clippers, 9:30 p.m., NBATV
TENNIS
ATP, Shanghai Rolex Masters, Men's Second Round, Midnight, TENNIS
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Baylor at Texas, 7 p.m., LHN

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY
HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL
Odessa Permian at Midland High, 6 p.m.
Lee at Abilene High, 6 p.m.
Midland Classical at Abilene Christian, 6 p.m.
Pecos at Greenwood, 7 p.m.
HIGH SCHOOL GOLF
Lee Boys & Girls at Abilene Classic, Maxwell GC, Abilene
HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS
Midland High at Lee, 4 p.m., Bush Tennis Center
Greenwood at Pecos, 4:30 p.m.
COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
UTPB at Wayland Baptist, 7 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
TEXAS RANGERS — Reinstated OF Engel Beltre. LHP Pedro Figueroa and INF Kevin Kouzmanoff from 60-day DL and assigned them outright to Round Rock (PCL). Assigned RHP RHP Wilmer Font. 1B J.P.Arencibia and INF Guilder Rodriguez outright to Round Rock
National League
CHICAGO CUBS — Claimed LHP Joseph Ortiz off waivers from Texas
FOOTBALL
National Football League
DALLAS COWBOYS — Released LB Keith Smith. Activated S Jakar Hamilton from the exempt/commissioner permission list
DETROIT LIONS — Released PK Alex Henery.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed WR Kevin Dorsey from the practice squad. Signed CB Tay Glover-Wright to the practice squad. Released TE Ryan Taylor.
MIAMI DOLPHINS — Suspended DL Derrick Shelby indefinitely following his arrest on misdemeanor charges of resisting arrest and trespassing at a nightclub.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Announced the roster exemptions for DB Brandon Browner and WR Brian Tyms were lifted. Released DL Joe Vellano. Placed DL Michael Buchanan on injured reserve.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Released LB Khaon Ford.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Signed RB Michael Cox from the practice squad. Reinstated CB Jayron Hosley from the exemption list. Waived WR Julian Talley and CB Chandler Fenner.
OAKLAND RAIDERS — Claimed WR Kenbrell Thompkins off waivers from New England
Arena Football League
ORLANDO PREDATORS — Agreed to terms with WR Julian Williams.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
BUFFALO SABRES — Assigned C Mikhail Grigorenko and F Zac Dalpe to Rochester (AHL).
CAROLINA HURRICANES — Recalled F Patrick Brown from Charlotte (AHL). Released F Chad LaRose from a professional tryout.
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Assigned D TJ Brennan and Ville Pokka to Rockford (AHL).
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Signed F Ryan Johansen to a three-year contract. Assigned F Kerby Rychel and D Frederic St. Denis to Springfield (AHL). Placed F Brian Gibbons on injured reserve and F Jerry D'Amigo on waivers.
DETROIT RED WINGS — Assigned D Nick Jensen and Alexey Marchenko and Fs Mitch Callahan, Landon Ferraro, Tomas Nosek, Kevin Porter and Teemu Pulkkinen to Grand Rapids (AHL). Released F Jeff Hoggan and D Aaron Rome.
FLORIDA PANTHERS — Signed D Shane O'Brien to a one-year contract. Released D Andrew Blazek and Fs Francis Beauvillier, Joe Basaraba and Stephan Vigier from San Antonio (AHL). Reassigned G Sam Brittain and F Wade Megan from San Antonio to Cincinnati (ECHL) and F Erik Highy from San Antonio to Missouri (CHL).
MINNESOTA WILD — Signed F Ryan Carter to a one-year contract. Placed C Cody Almond and LW Stephane Veilleux on waivers and RW Justin Fontaine on injured reserve. Released G Ilya Bryzgalov from his tryout agreement.
MONTREAL CANADIENS — Released D Francis Bouillon.
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Waived D Peter Harrold. RW Steve Bernier. RW Cam Janssen.
NEW YORK RANGERS — Traded D Steven Kampfer and F Andrew Yogan to Florida for F Joey Crabb. Reassigned G Cedrick Desjardins, RW Ryan Haggerty, LW Marek Hrivik, D Steven Kampfer and Michael Kostka and Cs Oscar Lindberg, Matthew Lombardi and Dylan McIlrath to Hartford (AHL).
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS — Reassigned D Maxim Lamarche and Fs Andrew Jackson, Derek Mathers and Marcel Noebels from Lehigh Valley (AHL) to Reading (ECHL).
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Assigned Fs Jonathan Marchessault and Cedric Paquette and D Luke Witkowski to Syracuse (AHL).
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Released RW Colton Orr and LW Frazer McLaren. Assigned D Korbinian Holzer to Toronto (AHL) and F William Nylander.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Signed F Liam O'Brien to a three-year, entry-level contract.
American Hockey League
ADIRONDACK FLAMES — Returned D Zach Tolkinen to Elmira (ECHL).
HAMILTON BULLDOGS — Assigned D David Makowski to Wheeling (ECHL). Released F Derek Army, F Shane Bakker, F Riley Brace, D Joel Chouinard and D Zach Yuen from their professional tryouts.
HARTFORD WOLF PACK — Reassigned F Michael St. Croxby to Greenville (ECHL). Loaned F Vinny Saponara and G Jeff Malcolm to Greenville. Released Fs Tyler Brown, Kyle Jean and Pat Mullane and D Sean Escobedo. Andrew Hmelison and Dallas Jackson from their training camp tryouts and sent them to Greenville. Reassigned D Troy Donnay to Erie (OHL). Released D Mikael Tam from training camp tryout and sent him Fort Wayne (ECHL). Released D Brandon Martell from training camp tryout and sent him to Rapid City (CHL).
LEHIGH VALLEY PHANTOMS — Loaned F Matt Hatch and Gs Connor Knapp and Martin Ouellette to Reading (ECHL).
OKLAHOMA CITY BARONS — Returned LW Chase Schaber, F Nick Mazhar and D Gabriel Verpaelst to Bakersfield (ECHL).
PORTLAND PIRATES — Assigned Fs Dyson Stevenson and Nathan Burns, D Jordan Hanley and Bretton Stamler and G Adam Brown to Gwinnett (ECHL).
ROCHESTER AMERICANS — Returned D Steven Shamanski and Fs Lucas Bloodoff and Brodie Reid to Elmira (ECHL).
SPRINGFIELD FALCONS — Reassigned D Isaac Macleod and G Scott Munroe to Kalamazoo (ECHL). Released D Mike Caruso and Fs Sean Wiles, David Marshall and Christian Hanson.
ECHL
GWINNETT GLADIATORS — Signed F Garry Nunn.
READING ROYALS — Signed D Adam Comrie. Added F Sean Wiles to the training camp roster. Released F Ryan Patsch and D Jarrett Rush.
LACROSSE
National Lacrosse League
EDMONTON OILERS — Signed M Ben McIntosh to a two-year contract.
MOTORSPORTS
INDYCAR — Named Marvin Riley director of engine development. OLYMPIC SPORTS
USA SWIMMING — Suspended Michael Phelps from USA Swimming-sanctioned competition for six months, withdrew him from the 2015 World Championships Team and forfeited his funding for six months for violating the organization's Code of Conduct.
COLLEGE
BIG 12 CONFERENCE — Publicly reprimanded and fined Iowa State athletic director Jamie Pollard $25,000 for his rant against league officiating following an Oct. 4 loss to Oklahoma State.
BIG SOUTH CONFERENCE — Named Jeff Jackson deputy commissioner.
FLORIDA — Suspended QB Treon Harris.
JAMES MADISON — Suspended basketball junior G Andre Nation and sophomore F Tom Vodanovich indefinitely for violating team rules.
MISSISSIPPI — Suspended S Trae Elston for the first half of Saturday's game against Texas A&M after kicking Alabama RB Kenyan Drake during last week's game.
OLD WESTBURY — Named Craig Maerki men's golf coach.
WASHINGTON STATE — Fired special teams coordinator Eric Russell.

PRO RODEO LEADERS

Through Oct. 6
All-around
1 Trevor Brazile, Decatur $253,262
2 Tuf Cooper, Decatur $158,537
3 Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah $88,683
4 Clayton Hass, Terrell, $86,832
5 Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah $86,668
6 Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo. $80,309
7 Curtis Cassidy, Donalda, Alberta $74,496
8 Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb. $61,394
9 Russell Cardoza, Terrebonne, Ore. $56,980
10 Ryle Smith, Oakdale, Calif. $56,317
11 Ryan Jarrett, Comanche, Okla. $55,187
12 Landon McClaugherty, Tilden, $52,422
13 Trell Elbauer, Goodwell, Okla. $46,935
14 Peyden Emmett, Poteau, Ark. $41,062
15 Paul David Tierney, Oral, S.D. $39,567
16 Kyle Whitaker, Chambers, Neb. $37,521
Bareback Riding
1 Kaycee Field, Spanish Fork, Utah $172,384
2 Steven Peebles, Redmond, Ore. $126,929
3 Austin Foss, Terrebonne, Ore. $122,717
4 Tim O'Connell, Zwingle, Iowa $102,890
5 Will Lowe, Canyon, $99,013
6 Bobby Mote, Culver, Ore. $95,309
7 Richmond Champion, The Woodlands $89,935
8 Caleb Bennett, Tremonton, Utah $84,225
9 Winn Ratliff, Leesville, La. $73,039
10 J.R. Vezain, Cowley, Wyo. $70,208
11 Jake Vold, Ponoka, Alberta $67,786
12 Jesse Davis, Power, Mont. $67,686
13 Tilden Hooper, Carthage, $65,779
14 Justin McDaniel, Porum, Okla. $65,178
15 Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb. $64,567
16 R.C. Landingham, Pendleton, Ore. $61,035
Steer Wrestling
1 Trevor Knowles, Mount Vernon, Ore. $91,804
2 K.C. Jones, Decatur, $82,055
3 Casey Martin, Sulphur, La. $80,278
4 Nick Guy, Sparta, Wis. $77,754
5 Clayton Hass, Terrell, $76,576
6 Bray Armes, Ponder, $69,216
7 Dru Melvin, Hebron, Neb. $67,832
8 Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif. $65,992
9 Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev. $63,015
10 Kyle Irwin, Robertsdale, Ala. $59,736
11 Curtis Cassidy, Donalda, Alberta $57,449
12 Cole Edge, Durant, Okla. $57,406
13 Wyatt Smith, Rexburg, Idaho $57,188
14 Seth Brockman, Wheatland, Wyo. $52,933
15 Ty Erickson, Helena, Mont. $52,470
16 Tom Lewis, Lehi, Utah $52,406
Team Roping (header)
1 Clay Tyrer, Billings, Mont. $110,181
2 Erich Roggers, Round Rock, Ariz. $101,421
3 Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $101,399
4 Dustin Bird, Cut Bank, Mont. $90,843
5 Riley Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. $82,889
6 Kaleb Driggers, Albany, Ga. $81,470
7 Brandon Beers, Powell Butte, Ore. $79,491
8 Nick Sartain, Dover, Okla. $76,983
9 Coleman Proctor, Pryor, Okla. $75,710
10 Luke Brown, Stephenville, $73,062
11 Jake Barnes, Scottsdale, Ariz. $72,341
12 Charly Crawford, Prineville, Ore. $71,559
13 Turtle Powell, Stephenville, $69,310
14 Aaron Tsinigine, Tuba City, Ariz. $68,074
15 Tom Richards, Humboldt, Ariz. $66,744
16 Chad Masters, Cedar Hill, Tenn. $64,942
Team Roping (heeler)
1 Jade Corkill, Fallon, Nev. $110,181
2 Cory Petska, Marana, Ariz. $101,769
3 Travis Graves, Fort Gibson, Okla. $101,399
4 Paul Eaves, Lonedell, Mo. $93,735
5 Brady Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. $82,889
6 Patrick Smith, Lipan, $81,470
7 Jim Ross Cooper, Monument, N.M. $79,491
8 Rich Skelton, Llano, $76,983
9 Jake Long, Colleyville, Kan. $76,710
10 Shay Cornutt, La Junta, Colo. $72,618
11 Kollin VonAhn, Blanchard, Okla. $70,062
12 Dakota Kirchenschlager, Morgan Mill, $65,990
13 Junior Nogueira, Scottsdale, Ariz. $62,333
14 Clay O'Brien Cooper, Gardnerville, Nev. $60,255
15 Cesar de la Cruz, Tucson, Ariz. $58,515
16 Kinney Harrell, Marshall, $55,741
Saddle Bronc Riding
1 Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M. $126,879
2 Cody Wright, Milford, Utah $111,093
3 Cort Scheer, Elsmere, Neb. $102,429
4 Heath DeMoss, Heflin, La. $92,574
5 Jacobs Crawley, Stephenville, $88,729
6 Wade Sundell, Boxholm, Iowa $83,875
7 Tyler Corrington, Hastings, Minn. $77,694
8 Jesse Wright, Milford, Utah $77,495
9 Bradley Harter, Loranger, La. $74,836
10 Chad Ferley, Deinche, S.D. $73,705
11 Cole Elshere, Faith, S.D. $71,134
12 Cody DeMoss, Heflin, La. $66,683
13 Spencer Wright, Milford, Utah $60,265
14 Jake Wright, Milford, Utah $59,795
15 Dustin Flundra, Pincher Creek, Alberta $59,365
16 Troy Crowser, Whitewood, S.D. $59,204
Tie-down Roping
1 Tuf Cooper, Decatur $153,822
2 Matt Shiozawa, Chubbuck, Idaho $116,983
3 Trevor Brazile, Decatur $93,849
4 Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah $85,893
5 Marty Yates, Stephenville $83,188
6 Hunter Herrin, Apache, Okla. $81,533
7 Shane Hanchey, Sulphur, La. $79,687
8 Cade Swor, Winnie, $76,319
9 Timber Moore, Aubrey, $74,285
10 Clint Cooper, Decatur $69,596
11 Adam Gray, Seymour $69,401
12 Ryan Watkins, Bluff Dale, $68,197
13 Reese Riemer, Stinnett, $66,317
14 Cody Ohl, Hico, Texas $65,282
15 Tyson Durfey, Colbert, Wash. $64,240
16 Cory Solomon, Prairie View, $57,828
Steer Roping
1 Trevor Brazile, Decatur $68,835
2 Chet Herren, Pawhuska, Okla. $67,910
3 Jess Tierney, Hermosa, S.D. $53,561
4 Cody Lee, Gatesville, $45,415
5 Vin Fisher Jr., Andrews, $43,499
6 Chance Kelton, Mayer, Ariz. $37,464
7 Jason Evans, Huntsville, $35,224
8 Mike Chase, McAlester, Okla. $33,281
9 Tony Reina, Wharton, $33,165
10 J.P Wickett, Sallisaw, Okla. $33,040
11 Brady Garten, Claremore, Okla. $32,543
12 Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan. $32,329
13 Scott Snedecor, Fredericksburg, $31,225
14 Brodie Poppino, Big Cabin, Okla. $30,193
15 Troy Tillard, Douglas, Wyo. $28,268
16 Jarrett Blessing, Paradise, $27,707
Bull Riding
1 Sage Kimzey, Strong City, Okla. $143,165
2 Trey Benton III, Rock Island, $125,547
3 Cody Teel, Kountze, $102,589
4 Tim Bingham, Honeyville, Utah $85,634
5 Brennon Eldred, Sulphur, Okla. $77,830
6 J.W Harris, Mullin, $77,307
7 Reid Barker, Comfort, $76,227
8 Josh Koschel, Nunn, Colo. $73,107
9 Jordan Spears, Redding, Calif. $72,139
10 Tyler Smith, Fruita, Colo. $70,040
11 Joe Frost, Randlett, Utah $69,558
12 Ty Wallace, Coldbrook, Ariz. $67,577
13 Beau Hill, West Glacier, Mont. $67,158
14 Aaron Pena, Dallas, Texas $66,546
15 Elliot Jacoby, Fredericksburg, Texas $65,039
16 Brett Stall, Detroit Lakes, Minn. $63,553
Barrel Racing
1 Kaley Bass, Kissimmee, Fla. $155,280
2 Fallon Taylor, Whitesboro, $131,471
3 Lisa Lockhart, Deinche, S.D. $121,817
4 Nancy Hunter, Neola, Utah $104,289
5 Brittany Diaz, Solen, N.D. $102,947
6 Michele McLeod, Whitesboro, $100,645
7 Mary Walker, Ennis, $99,713
8 Christine Laughlin, Pueblo, Colo. $93,135
9 Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz. $93,048
10 Kassidy Dennison, Roosevelt, Utah $92,051
11 Christy Loflin, Franktown, Colo. $91,736
12 Carlee Pierce, Stephenville, $90,431
13 Thula Churchill, Valentine, Neb. $74,385
14 Samantha Lyne, Cotulla, $70,577
15 Jana Bean, Ft. Hancock, $70,416
16 Brenda Mays, Temtorium, Ore. $70,017

HSVOLLEYBALLBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MHS TO HOST PERMIAN

After snapping a five-match losing streak with its win against Lee on Saturday, Midland High will return to action today at the Midland High gym to face Odessa Permian.

First serve for the match is scheduled for 6 p.m.

The Lady Bulldogs (24-6, 1-2 in 3-6A) notched their first district win over Lee, and they will look to climb once again in the 3-6A standings by knocking off the third-place Lady Panthers (21-11, 1-2).

LEE LOOKS TO BOUNCE BACK ON ROAD

The Lady Rebels suffered a tough three-set loss to the Midland High on Saturday, and today they'll look to get back in the win column against Abilene High.

First serve for the match is scheduled for 6 p.m.

The Lady Eagles are an unblemished 3-0 in district play, so Lee will have a tough task, especially on the road.

District 3-6A volleyball

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
San Angelo Central	3	0	30	5
Abilene High	3	0	28	6
Midland High	1	2	24	9
Odessa Permian	1	2	21	11
Lee	1	2	16	17
Odessa High	0	3	10	20

Friday's Scores
Abilene High def. Odessa High, 25-9, 25-12, 25-10
San Angelo Central def. Odessa Permian, 25-19, 25-17, 19-25, 25-19
Saturday's Scores
Midland High def. Lee, 25-13, 25-10, 25-21
Today's Matches
Lee at Abilene High, 6 p.m.
Odessa Permian at Midland High, 6 p.m.
San Angelo Central at Odessa High, 6 p.m.

UTPBROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

UTPB MEN'S SOCCER FALLS TO LCU

LUBBOCK — The UTPB men's soccer team dropped a 3-1 decision to Lubbock Christian University in the Heartland Conference opener.

Nathan Cotterell had the only goal for the Falcons (1-6-1, 0-1) on a penalty kick, which tied the game at 1. LCU then scored two unanswered goals to win.

Eric Beltran was in goal for UTPB and came up with two saves against LCU (3-3-1, 1-0).

LCU SHUTS OUT UTPB WOMEN'S SOCCER

LUBBOCK — The Lubbock Christian University women's soccer team shut out UTPB on Monday, 2-0.

Ebony Campbell was in goal for the Lady Falcons (1-7, 0-1 in Heartland Conference) and had 13 saves.

UTPB managed just one shot on goal against LCU (6-3, 1-0), which had a goal in each half.

NBA extends TV deals with ESPN and TNT

By Rachel Cohen
Associated Press

Mark Lennihan/AP

ESPN President John Skipper, right, shakes hands with NBA Commissioner Adam Silver, second right, as David Levy, left, President of Turner Broadcasting System, and Ted Leonsis, second left, owner of the Washington Wizards, applaud after a deal was announced between the league and TV networks, Monday in New York.

NEW YORK — The NBA and its television partners couldn't wait to extend their contracts.

The league renewed its deals with ESPN and TNT even though two seasons remain on the old ones. With potential competition from Fox looming, both networks were willing to pay generously to secure the rights long term.

The NBA's annual revenue from the agreements will increase from $930 million to more than $2.6 billion, according to a person familiar with the terms. The person spoke on condition of anonymity to The Associated Press because the league did not announce financial figures.

"We ultimately made a decision that this was the right time to go," Commissioner Adam Silver said at a news conference Monday. "These are extraordinarily healthy deals financially."

The contracts will run an additional nine years through the 2024-25 season. The previous eight-year agreements end after 2015-16.

"We believe at the end of the deal it will feel inexpensive," ESPN President John Skipper said. "It's hard to imagine."

What was painful to imagine for both companies was life without the NBA.

"Each year the playoffs help TNT win nights of television during all-important May sweeps," said David Levy, president of Turner Broadcasting System.

The basics won't change: The NBA Finals remain on ABC, ESPN's broadcast partner. ESPN/ABC and TNT will continue to split the conference finals.

Broadcasting rights fees have been skyrocketing across all sports as live events become increasingly valuable to advertisers. Few viewers will DVR an NBA game, which means they can't fast-forward through the commercials.

"There's never been a better time to be an owner of an NBA franchise — or, frankly, any professional sports team," said Washington Wizards owner Ted Leonsis, chairman of the league's media committee.

Players may remember that comment when they negotiate the next collective bargaining agreement with owners, which could happen in 2017. Owners insisted they needed a new financial structure during the 2011 talks and emerged with a deal that slashed the players' guarantee of basketball revenues.

"The whole thing that went on with the last negotiation process was the owners were telling us they were losing money. There's no way they can sit in front of us and tell us that right now," Cleveland's LeBron James said. "After we continue to see teams selling for billions of dollars, being purchased for $200 million, signing for $550, $750 and $2 billion and now (Mikhail) Prokhorov is possibly selling his majority stake in the Nets for over $1 billion. That will not fly with us this time."

The league has relationships with both Fox and Comcast, NBC's parent company, which locally televise teams' games on their regional sports networks. If the national contract had gone to the open market, NBC also could have pursued a return to NBA coverage to boost its 24-hour sports cable channel, NBCSN.

Silver said the league took into consideration the potential interest of tech companies such as Google and Apple that could eventually bid on sports rights and change the model for how fans watch games.

But for the next decade and beyond, the NBA is sticking with what works.

"I don't think we left any money on the table," Silver said. "We're confident that we maximized what our opportunity was in the marketplace."

For ESPN, the value of the deal goes beyond games, though there are more of those, too: ESPN and ABC are adding 10 regular-season matchups, bringing their total to 100.

The network also gets expanded rights to air highlights and will significantly expand its NBA studio shows. The goal is to make basketball a year-round topic of conversation as the NFL has become on ESPN.

To that end, the agreement adds the NBA's Summer League and its developmental league. The network also extends its WNBA contract through 2025 and increases its offerings for ESPN International.

And then there are the plans for a new service for mobile devices that ESPN will run, with the NBA receiving equity interest. Details on that have yet to be determined.

ESPN now owns rights to the NBA, NFL, Major League Baseball, college football playoffs and four of the five power conferences through at least 2021. Only the Big Ten contract ends soon among the network's biggest sports properties.

It will be at least another decade before Fox can try to put a substantial dent in ESPN's head start.

TNT, meanwhile, can't offer its own 24-hour sports channel to the NBA. But it has deep business ties to the league through managing its digital properties, which includes NBA TV and NBA.com.

The new deal includes expanded digital rights for Bleacher Report, the sports website acquired by Turner, TNT's parent company. TNT will televise an additional 12 games with playoff implications over the second half of the season on nights other than its traditional Thursday, bringing its total to 64.

TNT will also air a new postseason awards show.

When the NBA negotiated its last CBA, the union secured the ability for either side to opt out in 2017 so players could gauge the effects of the next television deals on revenue. One reason James signed for only two years with the Cavaliers was an expectation that the salary cap would rise significantly with more TV money pouring in, increasing maximum salaries.

Boston 2024 Olympics group honors past Olympians

By Philip Marcelo
Associated Press

BOSTON — A group working bring the 2024 Summer Olympics to Boston honored dozens of other current and former Massachusetts Olympians and Paralympians at an event Monday night at a sports bar near Fenway Park.

Former figure skater Nancy Kerrigan, who won a bronze medal in 1992 and a silver medal in 1994, and Michael Eruzione, the captain of the 1980 U.S. men's national ice hockey team that defeated the Soviet Union in the so-called "Miracle on Ice" game en route to capturing a gold medal, were among those attending.

Gov. Deval Patrick and Boston Mayor Martin Walsh had been expected make their first joint appearance in support of the effort, but Patrick was unable to attend. His office did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

In statements issued in advance of the event, both politicians expressed optimism, but stopped short of a tacit endorsement of the Boston proposal, which is being developed by the Boston 2024 Partnership, a privately funded organization.

"I think there's a great opportunity to develop a successful plan," Patrick said. "The fact that the proponents of this adventure are thinking big about the Commonwealth is something I think is good for Massachusetts."

If anything, Walsh said, the Olympics effort will help promote a better relationship with the state's homegrown Olympians. "Boston is known across the world for its sports prowess, and this impressive group of Massachusetts-bred Olympians is a testament to our sporting spirit," he said.

A group opposed to the Olympics bid criticized Monday's event organizers for "throwing parties" rather than engaging in "real discussion" about the costs of hosting the games.

A Boston Olympics will cost taxpayers $10 billion to 20 billion — "equivalent to another Big Dig," said Chris Dempsey, co-chair of "No Boston Olympics," referring to the costly re-routing of Interstate 93 through downtown Boston. "Let's return our civic conversation back to more important priorities, like closing the achievement gap in education, bringing down the costs of health care, building workforce housing and investing in core transportation infrastructure."

Boston's Olympics application is due sometime in November. But there's no guarantee the U.S. Olympic Committee will pick the city — or any, for that matter — as it weighs whether it wants to compete with other countries for the games. Los Angeles, Washington, D.C. and San Francisco are the other American cities under consideration.

Among the other Massachusetts Olympians in attendance Monday were A.J. Mleczko Griswold, a Harvard University standout who won a gold medal in 1998 and a silver in 2002 as a member of the women's hockey team; Jimmy Pedro, a judo fighter who won the bronze in 1996 and 2004; and Joseph LeMar, a Paralympian who won the gold in track in Barcelona in 1992.

In February, a state-appointed committee issued a 57-page feasibility report concluding that being an Olympics host city could help cement Massachusetts' economic future by accelerating long-term infrastructure investments.

AREAHSFOOTBALLSTANDINGS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

District 3-4A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Andrews	5	1	241	102	.833
Fabens	4	2	114	128	.667
Clint	3	3	171	126	.500
San Elizario	2	3	119	98	.400
Mountain View	1	4	78	150	.200

Last week's scores
Andrews 43, Big Spring 42; Silver City (N.M.) 27, Clint 7; Fort Stockton 28, Mountain View 7; Roswell (N.M.) Goddard 63, Fabens 13; San Elizario 55, Anthony 0

This week's games
Mountain View at Andrews; Clint at Fabens; Lordsburg N.M. at San Elizario

District 3-4A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Big Spring	4	1	201	155	.800
Stephenville	4	1	222	97	.800
Abilene Wylie	4	2	151	112	.667
Brownwood	3	2	161	113	.600
Snyder	2	4	171	191	.333

Last week's scores
Andrews 43, Big Spring 42; Abilene Wylie 21; Vernon 13; Brownwood 30, Springtown 7; Snyder 34, Shallowater 27, 2OT; Stephenville was open

This week's games
Big Spring at Snyder; Stephenville at Brownwood; Abilene Wylie is open

District 2-4A Division II
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Sweetwater	5	0	254	173	1.000
Fort Stockton	3	2	158	127	.600
Monahans	2	3	184	136	.400
Greenwood	2	3	95	149	.400
Lamesa	1	4	110	173	.200
Pecos	1	4	87	121	.200

Last week's scores
Fort Stockton 28, Mountain View 7; Greenwood, Monahans, Pecos, Sweetwater and Lamesa were open

This week's games
Greenwood at Lamesa; Sweetwater at Fort Stockton; Monahans at Pecos

District 3-3A Division II
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Coleman	5	0	231	62	1.000
Coahoma	4	1	117	45	.800
Colorado City	3	2	199	148	.600
Post	3	2	152	87	.600
Stanton	2	3	86	149	.400
Ballinger	1	4	95	159	.200

Last week's scores
Coahoma, Stanton, Colorado City, Coleman, Ballinger and Post were open

This week's games
Colorado City at Stanton; Ballinger at Coahoma; Post at Coleman

District 3-3A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Forsan	4	1	159	34	.800
Ozona	3	2	131	138	.600
Christoval	1	4	129	138	.200
McCamey	1	4	76	183	.200
Anthony	0	5	27	208	.000

Last week's scores
Forsan 28, Wink 20; San Elizario 55, Anthony 0; Ozona 35, Christoval 28; McCamey 21, Van Horn 12; Ozona 28, Eldorado 7

This week's games
Anthony at Forsan; McCamey at Christoval. Ozona is open

District 4-A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Borden Co	5	0	324	139	1.000
Klondike	5	1	306	179	.800
O'Donnell	4	2	384	245	.667
Grady	3	2	348	170	.600

Last week's scores
Grady 76, New Home 30; Borden County 84, Ropes 60; Klondike 66, Sands 20; O'Donnell 92, Loraine 50

This week's games
Grady at Garden City; Borden County at Water Valley; Motley County at Klondike; O'Donnell at Ira

District 5-4 Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Garden City	4	1	305	154	.800
Fort Davis	3	2	192	162	.600
Rankin	3	2	253	277	.600
Marfa	3	2	211	153	.600

Last week's scores
Robert Lee 50, Garden City 40; Sierra Blanca 62, Fort Davis 28; Marfa 76, El Paso Faith Christian 34; Rankin was open

This week's games
Grady at Garden City; Rankin at Sterling City; Dell City at Fort Davis; El Paso Home School at Marfa

TAPPS Division I, District 1
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Bishop Dunne	5	0	231	35	1.000
Argyle Liberty	4	1	183	105	.800
Mid. Christ.	4	1	191	116	.800
Prestonwood	4	1	234	139	.800
Bishop Lynch	3	3	248	179	.500
Add. Trinity	2	3	185	198	.400
FW Nolan	1	4	70	127	.200
John Paul II	0	5	109	248	.000

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Argyle Liberty	2	0	84	31	1.000
Bishop Dunne	2	0	67	28	1.000
Mid. Christ.	2	0	83	56	1.000
Prestonwood	2	0	138	40	1.000
Add. Trinity	0	2	33	94	.000
Bishop Lynch	0	2	60	82	.000
FW Nolan	0	2	25	67	.000
John Paul II	0	2	37	109	.000

Last week's scores
Midland Christian 38, Addison Trinity 20; Dallas Bishop Dunne 20, Fort Worth Nolan Catholic 18; Plano Prestonwood 62, Plano John Paul II 27; Argyle Liberty Christian 37, Dallas Bishop Lynch 24

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

TAPPS Six-man Division I, District 1
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Harvest Christ.	4	0	232	64	1.000
Rock. Heritage	5	0	288	97	1.000
Trinity	4	1	216	84	.800
Ovilla Christ.	2	3	211	258	.400
The Covenant	1	5	231	330	.166
Ab. Christ.	0	5	138	355	.000

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Ovilla Christ.	1	0	62	60	1.000
Ab. Christ.	0	0	00	00	.000
Harvest Christ.	0	0	00	00	.000
Rock. Heritage	0	0	00	00	.000
Trinity	0	0	00	00	.000
The Covenant	0	1	60	62	.000

Last week's scores
Red Oak Ovilla 62, Dallas the Covenant 60 2OT; Rockwall Heritage 48, Savoy 44; Trinity, Abilene Christian and Watauga Harvest were open

This week's games
Watauga Harvest at Trinity; Abilene Christian at Dallas the Covenant; Red Oak Ovilla at Rockwall Heritage

TEXASHSFOOTBALLPOLLS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Class 6A

School	Record	Points	Prv
1. Allen (17)	(6-0)	233	1
2. DeSoto (7)	(5-0)	222	2
3. Southlake Carroll	(5-0)	155	3
4. Euless Trinity	(6-0)	146	4
5. Pearland	(6-0)	128	5
6. Manvel	(5-0)	108	6
7. Dallas Skyline	(5-0)	98	7
8. Cibolo Steele	(5-1)	66	8
9. SA Northside Brennan	(6-0)	53	10
10. Denton Guyer	(4-1)	41	9

Others receiving votes: 11. Katy 20. 12. Cedar Hill 14. 12. Cypress Fairbanks 14. 14. Hewitt Midway 8. 15. McAllen 7. 16. The Woodlands 4 17. Lake Travis 2. 18. Amarillo 1

Class 5A

School	Record	Points	Prv
1. Aledo (15)	(4-1)	228	1
2. Fort Bend Elkins (8)	(5-0)	200	2
3. Temple	(4-1)	165	3
4. Mansfield Timberview (1)	(4-1)	155	4
5. Tyler	(4-1)	146	5
6. Richmond Foster	(5-0)	113	7
7. Fort Bend Ridge Point	(5-0)	69	10
8. Georgetown	(4-1)	59	8
9. CC Flour Bluff	(6-0)	35	NR
10. Lufkin	(3-2)	32	9

Others receiving votes: 11. Ennis 21. 12. West Mesquite 20. 13. Richmond George Ranch 16. 14. Cedar Park 14. 15. Cedar Park Vista Ridge 12. 16. Houston King 8. 17. EP Del Valle 6. 18. Mesquite Poteet 5. 18. Port Neches-Groves 5. 20. Lancaster 4. 21. Crosby 3. 22. Longview 2. 23. Boerne Champion 1. 23. Rockwall-Heath 1.

Class 4A

School	Record	Points	Prv
1. Navasota (20)	(5-0)	235	1
2. Argyle (2)	(5-0)	211	2
3. Gilmer (2)	(5-0)	199	3
4. Kennedale	(5-0)	141	4
5. La Grange	(6-0)	130	6
6. Stephenville	(4-1)	124	5
7. La Marque	(5-1)	76	9
8. Van	(5-0)	64	10
9. Gladewater	(4-1)	35	NR
10. Atlanta	(5-0)	31	NR

Others receiving votes: 11. La Vernia 20. 12. Port Isabel 13. 13. Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson 11. 14. West Orange-Stark 9. **15. Big Spring 6.** 16. Sweetwater 5. 17. Celina 4. 18. **Andrews 3.** 19. Graham 2. 20. El Campo 1

Class 3A

School	Record	Points	Prv
1. Cisco (22)	(5-0)	236	1
2. Franklin (1)	(5-0)	211	2
3. Rockdale	(5-0)	176	3
4. Corrigan-Camden (1)	(5-0)	150	4
5. Wall	(5-1)	145	5
6. Kirbyville	(5-0)	113	6
7. Teague	(5-0)	101	7
8. Malakoff	(5-0)	78	8
9. Waskom	(4-1)	67	9
10. Blanco	(5-0)	22	10

Others receiving votes: 11. Eastland 7. 12. Avp 3. 12. East Bernard 3. 14. Coleman 2. 14. Newton 2. 16. Shallowater 1. 16. Spearman 1. 16. Buna 1. 16. East Chambers 1

Class 2A

School	Record	Points	Prv
1. Refugio (19)	(5-0)	232	1
2. Mart (5)	(5-0)	218	2
3. Canadian	(5-0)	168	3
4. Bremond	(6-0)	155	4
5. Albany	(5-0)	128	5
6. Mason	(6-0)	123	6
7. Shiner	(5-0)	100	7
8. Crawford	(5-0)	70	8
9. Alto	(4-0)	57	9
10. Stratford	(4-0)	26	10

Others receiving votes: 11. Iraan 14. 12. Seagraves 13. 13. Abernathy 7. 14. Tenaha 4. 15. Shelbyville 2. 15. Hamlin 2. 17. Centerville 1

Other notable performances from the week

Fender

Powell

Rodriguez

Ramirez

■ Midland Christian senior running back **Justin Fender** had another big game with 201 yards rushing and two touchdowns on 32 carries in a 38-20 victory over Addison Trinity Christian. Teammate and junior quarterback **Garry Powell** was also 9-of-19 passing for 248 yards and three touchdowns.

■ In Grady's 78-30 victory over New Home, Wildcat senior quarterback **E.J. Rodriguez** rushed for 204 yards, threw for 155 yards and also returned a kickoff 65 yards for a touchdown.

■ Garden City's **Ismael Ramirez** rushed 199 yards and three touchdowns on 29 carries in a 50-40 loss to Robert Lee.

Compiled by Oscar LeRoy

HAMMACK

From 1C

the wire.

"I knew we would have to score," Hammack said. "Our defense is great but they have some really talented offensive players and I knew it could possibly be a high-scoring game. Our offense pretty much won the game for us."

Hammack, who threw three touchdowns of 43 or more yards in the game, was quick to credit his teammates for helping him have a big game.

"I played pretty well but couldn't have done it without my (offensive) line, receivers and God," he said. "The receivers usually find a way to do what they do best in the open field. A player like Le'Vaun Lewis is really stepping up and learning all the routes. He's got D-1 speed and he can do a lot of damage. Everybody is just understanding where to sit on their routes and get open."

Lewis finished with five catches for 115 yards and two touchdowns, while Braden Grimsley had seven catches for 143 yards and two TDs. Hammack also had a touchdown pass to Caleb O'Connor, who also finished with four receptions for 45 yards, and the quarterback completed passes to eight different receivers.

"When we looked at it more closely, Jase distributed the ball very well across the field," Andrews coach Ralph Mason said. "Our line did a good job of protecting Jase, and Jase and the receivers did the rest. Le'Vaun Lewis had a big game and Braden Grimsley and Caleb O'Connor came up big for us."

Hammack's last touchdown came on a 14-yard pass to Lewis with 3:27 left in the game. After Andrews jumped offsides on the point-after attempt, Hammack pleaded with his coach to go for two. Mason decided to go for the win on the road and it paid off when Tajh Kelly jumped over his line to get the two-point conversion and give his team the lead.

"I knew we could do it and Tajh Kelly is a stud," Hammack said.

This game also shows how much Hammack has grown over the years. He admits he's not the same quarterback he was when he first got the start as a sophomore for the injured Shane Dolgener.

"I still remember that first game against Lubbock High," he said. "I was terrible and the game was so fast. But I've come so far personally. I used to be real shy and I was scared to talk to anybody. But now I have to be a leader for this team and it's a lot more fun."

Hammack and the Mustangs, who entered this week's Associated Press Class 4A poll at No. 18, hope to have a lot more fun as they enter a new district in 2-4A Division I as Andrews faces teams they have never faced before. The Mustangs host Clint Mountain View at the Mustang Bowl on Friday.

"Because we've never played these teams before, we kind of have an idea but don't really know for sure what they're going to do," he said. "We have a great opportunity to go get a district title. My class has been waiting to do that since I was a freshman. We just have to go see what those teams are like."

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SCHEDULE & BOX

POSTSEASON GLANCE
x-if necessary
WILD CARD
Tuesday, Sept. 30: Kansas City 9, Oakland 8. 12 innings.
Wednesday, Oct. 1: San Francisco 8, Pittsburgh 0

DIVISION SERIES
(Best-of-5)
American League
Baltimore 3, Detroit 0
Thursday, Oct. 2: Baltimore 12, Detroit 3
Friday, Oct. 3: Baltimore 7, Detroit 6
Sunday, Oct. 5: Baltimore 2, Detroit 1
Kansas 3, Los Angeles 0
Thursday, Oct. 2: Kansas City 3, Los Angeles 2. 11 innings
Friday, Oct. 3: Kansas City 4, Los Angeles 1. 11 innings
Sunday, Oct. 5: Kansas City 8, Los Angeles 3
National League
San Francisco 2, Washington 1
Friday, Oct. 3: San Francisco 3, Washington 2
Saturday, Oct. 4: San Francisco 2, Washington 1. 18 innings
Monday, Oct. 6: Washington 4, San Francisco 1
Today: Washington (Gonzalez 10-10) at San Francisco (Vogelsong 8-13), 8:07 p.m. (FS1)
x-Thursday, Oct. 9: San Francisco at Washington, 4:07 p.m. (FS1)
St. Louis 1, Los Angeles 1
Friday, Oct. 3: St. Louis 10, Los Angeles 9
Saturday, Oct. 4: Los Angeles 3, St. Louis 2
Monday, Oct. 6: Los Angeles (Ryu 14-7) at St. Louis (Lackey 3-3), late
Today: Los Angeles (Kershaw 21-3) at St. Louis (Miller 10-9), 4:07 p.m. (FS1)
x-Thursday Oct. 9: St. Louis at Los Angeles, 8:07 p.m. (FS1)

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(Best-of-7)
American League
All AL games televised by TBS
Friday, Oct. 10: Kansas City (Shields 14-8) at Baltimore (Tillman 13-6), 7:07 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 11: Kansas City at Baltimore, 3:07 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 13: Baltimore at Kansas City, TBA
Tuesday, Oct. 14: Baltimore at Kansas City, TBA
x-Wednesday, Oct. 15: Baltimore at Kansas City, TBA
x-Friday, Oct. 17: Kansas City at Baltimore, TBA
x-Saturday, Oct. 18: Kansas City at Baltimore, TBA
National League
Saturday, Oct. 11: St. Louis-Los Angeles winner at Washington OR San Francisco at St. Louis-Los Angeles winner, 8:07 p.m. (Fox)
Sunday, Oct. 12: St. Louis-Los Angeles winner at Washington OR San Francisco at St. Louis-Los Angeles winner, TBA (FS1)
Tuesday, Oct. 14: Washington at St. Louis-Los Angeles winner OR St. Louis-Los Angeles winner at San Francisco, TBA (FS1)
Wednesday, Oct. 15: Washington at St. Louis-Los Angeles winner OR St. Louis-Los Angeles winner at San Francisco, TBA (FS1)
x-Thursday, Oct. 16: Washington at St. Louis-Los Angeles winner OR St. Louis-Los Angeles winner at San Francisco, TBA (FS1)
x-Saturday, Oct. 18: St. Louis-Los Angeles winner at Washington OR San Francisco at St. Louis-Los Angeles winner, TBA (Fox)
x-Sunday, Oct. 19: St. Louis-Los Angeles winner at Washington OR San Francisco at St. Louis-Los Angeles winner, TBA (FS1)

WORLD SERIES
(Best-of-7)
All games televised by Fox
Tuesday, Oct. 21: at American League
Wednesday, Oct. 22: at AL
Friday, Oct. 24: at National League
Saturday, Oct. 25: at NL
x-Sunday, Oct. 26: at NL
x-Tuesday, Oct. 28: at AL
x-Wednesday, Oct. 29: at AL

MONDAY'S BOX
NATIONALS 4, GIANTS 1

Washington	ab	r	h	bi	San Francisco	ab	r	h	bi
Span cf	4	0	2	0	GBlanc cf	4	0	0	0
Rendon 3b	4	0	2	0	Panik 2b	4	0	0	0
Werth rf	4	0	0	0	Posey c	4	0	1	0
LaRoch 1b	4	0	0	0	Sandovl 3b	4	1	2	0
Desmond ss	4	1	1	0	Pence rf	4	0	1	0
Harper lf	3	2	1	1	Belt 1b	3	0	2	0
WRamos c	3	1	0	0	BCrwfr ss	3	0	0	1
ACarrer 2b	4	0	1	1	Ishikaw lf	3	0	0	0
Fister p	3	0	0	0	Gmgrn p	1	0	0	0
Clippard p	0	0	0	0	MDuffy ph	1	0	0	0
Schmdt ph	0	0	0	0	Machi p	0	0	0	0
Zimrmn ph	1	0	0	0	Affeldt p	0	0	0	0
Storen p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	36	4	7	2	Totals	31	1	6	1

Washington ..... 000 000 301—4
San Francisco ..... 000 000 001—1

E—Bumgarner (1). LOB—Washington 5, San Francisco 7. 2B—Pence (2). HR—Harper (2). CS—Belt (1). S—W.Ramos. SF—B.Crawford.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Washington						
Fister W, 1-0	7	4	0	0	3	3
Clippard	1	0	0	0	0	0
Storen	1	2	1	1	0	1
San Francisco						
Bumgarner L,0-1	7	6	3	2	1	6
Machi	1-3	1	1	1	0	1
Affeldt	1-3	0	0	0	0	0

T—2:47. A—43,627 (41,915).

NATIONALS

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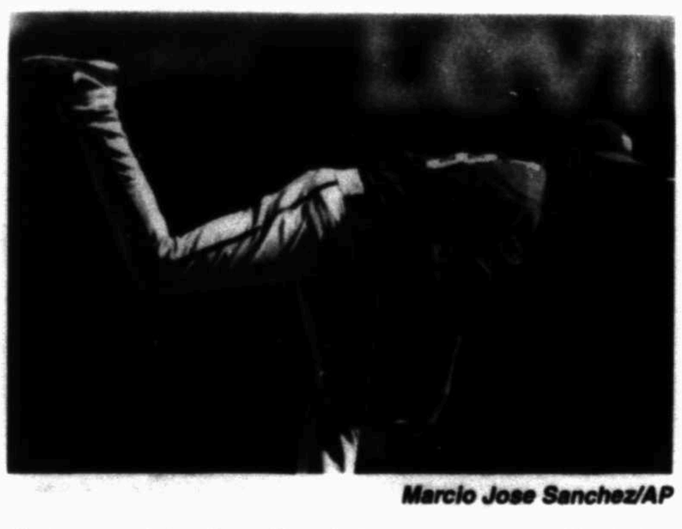
helping the Nationals cut their deficit to 2-1 in the best-of-five series. They ended the Giants' 10-game postseason winning streak that started with Game 5 of the 2012 NL Championship Series against St. Louis.

Washington scored two runs on Bumgarner's throwing error in the seventh inning to end the ace's 22-inning scoreless streak. Harper punctuated the victory with a solo homer in the ninth.

Drew Storen allowed the first two batters to reach in the bottom of the ninth but shook off his postseason struggles, allowing a run in closing it out as Washington forced a Game 4 on Tuesday night.

Now, the 96-win Nationals will send left-hander Gio Gonzalez up against San Francisco right-hander Ryan Vogelsong, hoping to pull out the fog machine they used after wins all season one more time.

"We just needed one break," Storen said. "It's been a tough couple innings here to start and we got our break. It's just a matter of building on it, and we live to see another day."


Marcio Jose Sanchez/AP

Washington pitcher Doug Fister delivers a pitch during Monday's Game 3 of an NL Division Series against the San Francisco Giants in San Francisco.

On a day Bumgarner had been nearly untouchable, his own miscue prevented a three-game sweep.

Bumgarner fielded Wilson Ramos' two-strike sacrifice bunt between the mound and the first-base line and fired to third rather than going for the sure out at first.

"We probably should have taken the out of first. I made a mistake telling him to throw to third," catcher Buster Posey said. "It happens."

Bumgarner's throw sailed wide of Pablo Sandoval's outstretched glove and bounced all the way to the tarp along the left-field wall before rolling over the bullpen mounds where two relievers were warming up.

Sandoval nearly did the splits trying to make the play and stayed down in pain as the two runs scored. Trainers checked on the third baseman and he remained in the game.

"That was an important play right now. In my mind I was like, 'I have to do it, have to do it,' Ramos said. "For me, that changed the whole game. Bumgarner threw a really good game. Those little things happen in games. If we do the little things, we'll have an opportunity to win this series."

Asdrubal Cabrera followed with an RBI single. He spent the final eight innings watching the Giants' 2-1, 18-inning victory Saturday night after his ejection for arguing a called third strike.

Fister outpitched Bumgarner at AT&T Park for the second time in four months after a June gem, leaving behind the frightening memory of his October outing here in Game 2 of the 2012 World Series. Fister took a line drive to the right side of his head that day — while also opposing Bumgarner — but stayed in the game and carried a shutout into the seventh before Detroit lost 2-0 and was swept.

Fister hardly needed that Japanese good luck figurine that appeared in the NL East champions' dugout Monday morning courtesy of backup catcher Jose Lobaton. The right-hander, who grew up about two hours away in the Central Valley city of Merced, gave up four hits, struck out three and walked three.

STATISTICS

Midland Christian
(4-1, 3-0)

Midland Christian	38	59	17	45—161	
Opponent	14	30	51	13—110	

Team Statistics

	MCS	Opponent
First Downs	27	16
Rushes-Yards	199-1,479	177-479
Passing Yards	734	555
Comp-Att-Int	43-70-4	78-134-4
Fumbles-Lost	6-5	4-2
Penalties-Yards	47-324	16-134

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
J. Fender	110	747	6.8	15
Powell	33	239	7.2	3
Mayberry	24	200	8.3	1
Mannix	15	139	9.3	1
Burditt	9	95	10.6	0
D. Fender	4	38	9.5	1
T. Davis	3	10	3.3	0
Hall	1	10	10.0	0
Totals	199	1,479	7.4	21

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Powell	41	75	4	687	4
Mannix	2	3	0	47	1
Totals	33	58	4	467	2

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Brown	13	229	17.6	1
Burditt	10	158	15.8	2
Mannix	5	120	24.0	1
Lawrence	6	99	16.5	0
Warren	3	49	16.3	1
Nguyen	3	46	15.3	0
J. Fender	2	25	12.5	0
D. Fender	1	8	8.0	0
Totals	43	734	17.1	5

KICKOFF RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Burditt	6	123	20.5	0
Mannix	2	41	20.5	0
Gilbert	3	51	17.0	0
Mayberry	1	34	34.0	0
D. Fender	1	0	0.0	0
Totals	13	249	19.2	0

PUNT RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Mannix	2	22	11.0	0
Totals	2	22	11.0	0

PUNTING

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Mannix	5	183	36.6
Brown	4	86	21.5
Totals	9	269	29.9

INTERCEPTIONS

Player	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD
Warren	1	0	0.0	0
Eddison	2	31	15.5	0
J. Fender	1	4	4.0	0
Totals	4	35	8.8	0

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	FG	2PT	TP
J. Fender	15	0	0	0	90
Causey	0	26	3	0	35
Powell	3	0	0	0	18
Mannix	2	0	0	0	12
Burditt	2	0	0	0	12
Mayberry	1	0	0	0	6
Warren	1	0	0	0	6
D. Fender	1	0	0	0	6
R. Brown	1	0	0	0	6
Totals	26	26	3	0	191

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	T	S	TFL	FC	FR	PBU
Talley	43	4	5	0	0	1
Sanford	42	3	7	1	1	0
J. Fender	36	0	0	0	0	3
Calhoun	31	0	2	0	0	0
Eddison	28	0	1	0	0	1
Hall	27	5	2	0	0	2
Hooper	22	1	0	0	0	0
Brown	21	0	0	0	0	5
Warren	21	0	0	0	0	1
Gilbert	18	0	1	0	0	6
D.Fender	17	0	0	0	0	0
Mannix	17	0	1	0	0	3
Garrett	10	0	0	0	1	0
Thomason	10	0	2	0	0	0
Burditt	9	0	0	1	0	1
Mowles	7	0	1	0	0	0
Lawrence	5	0	0	0	0	0
Wolfe	4	0	1	0	0	0
Davila	4	0	0	0	0	0
Nguyen	4	0	1	0	0	1
Mayberry	3	1	0	0	0	0
Fisher	2	0	0	0	0	0
Hart	2	0	0	0	0	0
Breeding	2	0	0	0	0	0
Threadgill	2	0	0	0	0	0
Wilson	2	0	0	0	0	0
Mizzles	1	0	0	0	0	0
Causey	1	0	0	0	0	0

Note: Tackle total includes solo and assisted tackles

REPORT

From 1C

don't give up and two, they've got a mentality of, 'They are going to get tired in the second half and we can come back and get them.'"

McClendon said the plan this week is to do some mental work to help re-establish focus during games, along with correcting some mistakes that he said are keeping them from becoming a great team.

But the mistakes are correctable, and he said the best part is that the Mustangs have been able to close out the last games with late touchdowns.

"If you look at our football team we've got some good seniors, but we've also got a lot of young kids playing," McClendon said. "It's very comforting to know that the things we've got to fix, we can fix those to go from being a really good team to a great team. We are on the edge of having a great team."

RIVALRY RENEWED: This week's game with Argyle Liberty Christian will be the rénewal of a rivalry between the two programs that runs pretty deep. The teams have not been in the same district since 2009 and the two teams have not played since that year.

While no senior on this year's Midland Christian team has played the Warriors, McClendon said the game will still be intense on Friday. He said this weekend will not only feature Friday's varsity game, but Thursday the two junior varsity teams will play at Mustang Field, and then on Friday, the two schools' junior high squads will battle it out prior to the varsity game.

WARREN BACK: Midland Christian's injury list got a lot shorter this week. Kaleb Warren returned to the practice field after sitting out the last two weeks with a foot injury. McClendon said the team will have no major injuries heading into Friday's game.

MAYES RETURNS TO PERMIAN BASIN: Former Odessa Permian coach Randy Mayes has returned to the sidelines after spending the last several years as the athletic director at Lewisville ISD. This season he is coaching at Argyle Liberty Christian.

Mayes retired as the athletic director at Lewisville ISD this spring and took a job with Argyle Liberty this summer, and is coaching offensive line and linebackers, and is teaching U.S. history.

Mayes was the head coach at Odessa Permian from 1994-99, and compiled a 45-25-1 record, and led the Panthers to their last appearance in a state championship game in 1995.

TAPPS DIVISION, DISTRICT 1 UPDATE: Midland Christian is one of four teams that are undefeated in district play heading into this week's slate of games. Argyle Liberty Christian, Dallas Bishop Dunne and Plano Prestonwood all won on Friday and moved to 2-0 in district play.

Liberty Christian defeated Bishop Lynch 37-24, Bishop Dunne won 20-18 against Fort Worth Nolan Catholic and Plano Prestonwood topped Plano John Paul II 62-27.

TRINITY OPENS DISTRICT PLAY: The Chargers (4-1) will begin play in the revamped TAPPS Six-Man Division I, District 1 Friday against Watauga Harvest Christian at Coombes Field.

Trinity finished second in district in 2013, only losing to Abilene Christian.

The Chargers have won three straight games and took last week's bye to return to fundamentals.

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Wilson leads penalty-prone Seahawks past Redskins

Associated Press

LANDOVER, Md. — Russell Wilson rushed for a career-high 122 yards and a touchdown Monday night, and the Seattle Seahawks overcame more than a dozen penalties — including three that wiped out apparent touchdowns by Percy Harvin — in a 27-17 victory over the Washington Redskins.

Wilson completed 18 of 24 passes for 201 yards and two more scores for the Seahawks, who displayed an uncharacteristic lack of crispness coming off their bye. Coach Pete Carroll's team drew 13 flags for 90 yards, keeping the game closer than it probably should have been.

Seattle (3-1) is an NFL-best 21-8 on Monday nights, including nine consecutive wins. The team is 11-1 in prime time under Carroll.

Seahawks 27
Redskins 17

Washington (1-4) has dropped seven straight prime-time games.

STANDINGS
AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	3	2	0	.600	95	89
New England	3	2	0	.600	123	107
Miami	2	2	0	.500	96	97
N.Y. Jets	1	4	0	.200	79	127
South						
Indianapolis	3	2	0	.600	156	108
Houston	3	2	0	.600	104	87
Tennessee	1	4	0	.200	88	139
Jacksonville	0	5	0	.000	67	169
North						
Cincinnati	3	1	0	.750	97	79
Baltimore	3	2	0	.600	116	80
Pittsburgh	3	2	0	.600	114	108
Cleveland	2	2	0	.500	103	105
West						
San Diego	4	1	0	.800	133	63
Denver	3	1	0	.750	116	87
Kansas City	2	3	0	.400	119	101
Oakland	0	4	0	.000	51	103

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	4	1	0	.800	156	132
Dallas	4	1	0	.800	135	103
N.Y. Giants	3	2	0	.600	133	111
Washington	1	4	0	.200	112	136
South						
Carolina	3	2	0	.600	104	120
Atlanta	2	3	0	.400	151	143
New Orleans	2	3	0	.400	132	141
Tampa Bay	1	4	0	.200	103	156
North						
Detroit	3	2	0	.600	99	79
Green Bay	3	2	0	.600	124	108
Minnesota	2	3	0	.400	101	126
Chicago	2	3	0	.400	116	131
West						
Arizona	3	1	0	.750	86	66
Seattle	3	1	0	.750	110	83
San Francisco	3	2	0	.600	110	105
St. Louis	1	3	0	.250	84	119

Thursday, Oct. 2
Green Bay 42, Minnesota 10

Sunday's Scores
Cleveland 29, Tennessee 28
New Orleans 37, Tampa Bay 31, OT
Dallas 20, Houston 17, OT
Carolina 31, Chicago 24
Philadelphia 34, St. Louis 28
N.Y. Giants 30, Atlanta 20
Buffalo 17, Detroit 14
Indianapolis 20, Baltimore 13
Pittsburgh 17, Jacksonville 9
Denver 41, Arizona 20
San Francisco 22, Kansas City 17
San Diego 31, N.Y. Jets 0
New England 43, Cincinnati 17
Open: Miami, Oakland

Monday's Score
Seattle 27, Washington 17

Thursday's Game
Indianapolis at Houston, 7:25 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 12
Jacksonville at Tennessee, Noon
Detroit at Minnesota, Noon
Baltimore at Tampa Bay, Noon
Denver at N.Y. Jets, Noon
New England at Buffalo, Noon
Carolina at Cincinnati, Noon
Pittsburgh at Cleveland, Noon
Green Bay at Miami, Noon
San Diego at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.
Dallas at Seattle, 3:25 p.m.
Washington at Arizona, 3:25 p.m.
Chicago at Atlanta, 3:25 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Open: Kansas City, New Orleans

Monday, Oct. 13
San Francisco at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY'S BOX
SEAHAWKS 27, REDSKINS 17

Seattle	7	10	0	10—27
Washington	0	7	3	7—17

First Quarter
Sea—Kearse 15 pass from Wilson (Hauschka kick), 12:44.

Second Quarter
Sea—FG Hauschka 40, 9:04.
Sea—Wilson 9 run (Hauschka kick), 4:37.
Was—Jackson 60 pass from Cousins (Forbath kick), 2:32.

Third Quarter
Was—FG Forbath 27, 10:41.

Fourth Quarter
Sea—Lynch 9 pass from Wilson (Hauschka kick), 6:31.
Was—Roberts 6 pass from Cousins (Forbath kick), 3:35.
Sea—FG Hauschka 43, 2:1
A—79,522.

	Sea	Was
First downs	20	14
Total Net Yards	403	307
Rushes-yards	36-225	17-32
Passing	178	275
Comp-Att-Int	18-24-0	21-36-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-23	1-8
Punts	6-43.3	8-49.9
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	13-90	3-30
Time of Possession	34:56	25:04

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Seattle, Wilson 11-122, Lynch 17-72, Turbin 5-19, Harvin 2-7, Ryan 1-5. Washington, Morris 13-29, Cousins 2-4, Helu Jr. 2-(minus 1).
PASSING—Seattle, Wilson 18-24-0-201. Washington, Cousins 21-36-0-283.
RECEIVING—Seattle, Lynch 5-45, Baldwin 4-50, Harvin 4-27, Wilson 3-28, Helfet 1-36, Kearse 1-15. Washington, Jackson 5-157, Helu Jr. 5-59, Roberts 5-28, Garcon 2-23, Paulsen 2-11, Paul 1-6, Morris 1-(minus 2).
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

NFL BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CARDINALS' DWYER PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO HITTING WIFE

PHOENIX — Arizona Cardinals running back Jonathan Dwyer pleaded not guilty on Monday to aggravated assault after being accused of assaulting his wife during two arguments at their Phoenix apartment.

Dwyer entered his plea to the felony and eight misdemeanors, including assault, at a brief arraignment in Maricopa County Superior Court.

Investigators have said Dwyer broke his wife's nose with a head-butt during a July 21 argument, and the next day punched her and threw a shoe at his 17-month-old son, who wasn't injured.

Dwyer was initially booked on suspicion of aggravated assault against his son but was not indicted on that allegation.

His wife told authorities the first assault occurred after she learned about Dwyer's recent phone contact with another woman.

DOLPHINS' SHELBY SUSPENDED IN WAKE OF ARREST

DAVIE, Fla. — Miami Dolphins reserve defensive lineman Derrick Shelby was suspended indefinitely in the wake of his arrest on misdemeanor charges of resisting arrest and trespassing at a nightclub.

Shelby was suspended hours before Monday's practice for conduct detrimental to the team. Coach Joe Philbin said he talked with Shelby, and said the Dolphins will gather more information before making a final determination on disciplinary action.

POLICE USED STUN GUN ON VIKINGS DT JOHNSON

MINNEAPOLIS — A police report shows Minneapolis officers used a chemical spray and a stun gun on Vikings defensive tackle Tom Johnson after he refused to leave a downtown club.

Johnson, who is listed at 6-foot-3 and 288 pounds, was arrested early Sunday after security officials and police repeatedly told him to leave Seven steakhouse. He was charged with misdemeanor counts of trespassing and disorderly conduct.

Big 12

From 1C

"If you want to win championships, you've got to play the best," Patterson said. "The Oklahoma game was a big win. But that's why you saw me in my press conference, even in the locker room. I just kind of really (said), 'Hey look. I understand what we just got done and accomplished, and we'll look back on this. But you have maybe, you have a better football team that you have to play next week.'"

Just 10 months ago, Texas and Baylor faced each other with the Big 12 title on the line. The Bears rolled past the Longhorns 30-10 to win their first league championship and the game suggested a changing of the guard that remains in place as the Charlie Strong era begins at Texas.

This time, Baylor leaned on its defense to overcome an uncharacteristically poor day from quarterback Bryce Petty. No one was really surprised to see Baylor beat Texas in Austin, a relatively easy 28-7 win.

"We're getting to the stage to where we are really a complete football team, and that's how you have opportunities to win every time you step on the field," Baylor coach Art Briles said.

Baylor showed that the Longhorns — who won the old Big 12 South seven times from 1996 to 2009 — still has a long way to go on offense.

Texas (2-3, 1-1) has been outscored 69-14 in two games at home. Now it heads to the Cotton Bowl to face the Sooners, who know they'll likely have to run the table to earn a spot in the College Football Playoff.

"We just have to develop some consistency on offense," Strong said.

Texas is one of four Big 12 teams below .500. But while Iowa State (1-4, 0-3) and Kansas (2-3, 0-2) were expected to struggle, Texas Tech was expected to be more competitive by now.

The Red Raiders (2-3, 0-2) have dropped three straight by double digits, including last week's 45-13 blowout by Kansas State (4-1, 2-0). Texas Tech, which has followed up nine straight years of at least a .500 mark in the Big 12 with four straight losing seasons in the league, hosts against West Virginia (3-2, 1-1) on Saturday.

The Mountaineers, like fellow newcomer TCU, could be poised for their first winning season in the Big 12. West Virginia's only losses came against No. 7 Alabama and No. 11 Oklahoma.

"What's happening in the Big 12 is happening in college football. There's just a lot of parity out there," West Virginia coach Dana Holgorsen said.

Briles: Everything OK as long as No. 5 Baylor wins

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

WACO — Baylor coach Art Briles smiled when someone started to ask about quarterback Bryce Petty's subpar game.

As for the No. 5 Bears having to depend on their running game, needing some big special teams plays and scoring only half their previous season average in a grind-it-out 28-7 win at Texas, that doesn't bother Briles, either.

"I know that all that's good talk about the points and everything, but we've been slowed down before," Briles said Monday. "It's not a deal to where we're like something's wrong. Everything's OK as long as you're winning."

Unlike so many other ranked teams, Baylor (5-0, 2-0 Big 12) survived the weekend of upsets and is now the Big 12's highest-ranked team going into Saturday's home game against No. 9 TCU (4-0, 1-0).

The Horned Frogs pulled off one of those upsets last weekend, 37-33 at home against then-No. 4 Oklahoma. They moved up 16 spots in the poll, setting up only the second top-10 matchup ever in Waco. The other was Baylor losing to Texas A&M 19-13 in 1956.

Only Michigan State has had a bigger jump in the history of The Associated Press rankings, improving 17 spots from No. 19 to No. 2 on Oct. 2, 1950.

On the second Saturday in October, when Texas and No. 11 Oklahoma play their traditional game at the State Fair of Texas, the Red River Rivalry won't even be the biggest game in Texas. The third game ever at Baylor's new on-campus stadium along the Brazos River, about 100 miles south of the State Fair of Texas, will leave the Big 12 with only one undefeated team halfway through the first season with the first four-team College Football Playoff.

Briles still isn't putting too much into the Bears' standing, even though they are in a prime position if they keep winning. The three teams directly ahead of them in the poll — No. 2 Auburn and Nos. 3 Ole Miss and Mississippi State — all still have head-to-head matchups left.

"It just means we've done OK up to this point," the coach said. "We've got to play well against a really good TCU football team."

After loss, Sooners now preparing for rival Texas

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops is selling the "Texas is just another opponent" line.

His players aren't buying it.

The Sooners' hated rival pops up on the schedule just in time to help them refocus after their first loss. Oklahoma fell at TCU last Saturday and dropped from No. 4 to No. 11 in the Top 25. A win Saturday against the Longhorns would put the Sooners (4-1) back on track to reach their goal of making the four-team playoff. It would also give them those all-important bragging rights.

"It's the reason why most people come to Oklahoma — for the OU-Texas game," Oklahoma defensive end Chuka Ndulue said. "My mom will be there, my sister, my dad, my best friends are going to be watching."

The vision of a 50-50 crowd in Dallas and the bus ride through the Texas State Fair to get to the Cotton Bowl help make the game special.

"Just when you walk out there and just see how split the stadium is — it's just one side crimson and one side is whatever their color is," Ndulue said. "Whenever you see that, it's great. It's always loud. I can't even hear the calls back there, you have to look for signals. It's a great atmosphere."

Even as players tried to regurgitate Stoops' message, they couldn't help but say playing Texas is a big deal.

"It means a lot," right tackle Daryl Williams said. "I think it's one of the best feelings to win in the Cotton Bowl. We treat them as a regular team, though, and we have to stay focused this week."

The Longhorns have stumbled to a 2-3 record this season, but they have Oklahoma's attention. Texas defeated a favored Oklahoma team last year, and that, plus last week's loss, make the Sooners extra hungry heading into Dallas.

"It's a big-time game," cornerback Julian Wilson said. "It's a smash-mouth football game. OU-Texas — everyone wants to know who is going to win. We still have a bad taste in our mouth from last year. We're going to go out there and execute our game plan on Saturday."

CONFERENCE STANDINGS AND POLLS

STANDINGS
TEXAS
BIG 12 CONFERENCE

	Conference W	Conference L	Conference PF	Conference PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Baylor	**2**	**0**	**77**	**35**	**5**	**0**	**255**	**62**
Kansas St.	2	0	77	41	4	1	204	105
Oklahoma St	2	0	82	55	4	1	196	128
TCU	**1**	**0**	**37**	**33**	**4**	**0**	**171**	**54**
Oklahoma	1	1	78	70	4	1	212	103
West Virginia	1	1	66	59	3	2	183	129
Texas	**1**	**1**	**30**	**28**	**2**	**3**	**92**	**96**
Kansas	0	2	14	56	2	3	75	135
Texas Tech	**0**	**2**	**48**	**90**	**2**	**3**	**148**	**200**
Iowa St	0	3	76	118	1	4	110	189

Thursday, Sept. 25
Oklahoma St. 37, Iowa St. 20
TCU 37, Oklahoma 33
Baylor 28, Texas 7
West Virginia 33, Kansas 14
Kansas St. 45, Texas Tech 13

Saturday, Oct. 11
Texas vs. Oklahoma at Cotton Bowl, 11 a.m.
West Virginia at Texas Tech, 11 a.m.
TCU at Baylor, 2:30 p.m.
Toledo at Iowa St., 2:30 p.m.
Oklahoma St. at Kansas, 3 p.m.

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	Conference W	Conference L	Conference PF	Conference PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
East Carolina	0	0	45	24	4	1	218	126
Temple	1	0	36	10	3	1	156	48
Memphis	1	0	41	14	3	2	178	97
UCF	1	0	17	12	2	2	92	83
South Florida	1	0	17	14	2	3	97	145
Tulsa	1	0	38	31	1	4	117	212
Cincinnati	0	1	14	41	2	2	131	149
Houston	0	1	12	17	2	3	138	91
Tulane	0	1	31	38	1	4	106	174
SMU	**0**	**1**	**34**	**45**	**0**	**5**	**36**	**247**
UConn	0	2	24	53	1	4	74	142

Thursday, Oct. 2
UCF 17, Houston 12

Saturday, Oct. 4
East Carolina 45, SMU 24
Colorado St. 42, Tulsa 17
Memphis 41, Cincinnati 14

Thursday's Game
BYU at UCF, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Tulsa at Temple, 11 a.m.
Cincinnati at Miami, 11 a.m.
Houston at Memphis, 6 p.m.
East Carolina at South Florida, 6 p.m.
UConn at Tulane, 7 p.m.

CONFERENCE USA
East Division

	Conference W	Conference L	Conference PF	Conference PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Middle Tenn.	3	0	128	108	4	2	230	184
FIU	2	0	72	30	3	3	146	123
Marshall	1	0	56	14	5	0	238	79
UAB	1	1	62	73	3	2	185	144
FAU	1	1	51	75	2	4	127	212
Old Dominion	1	2	87	139	3	3	179	216
W. Kentucky	0	2	85	92	2	3	215	192

West Division

	Conference W	Conference L	Conference PF	Conference PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Louisiana Tech	2	0	97	24	3	3	205	167
Rice	**1**	**1**	**83**	**69**	**2**	**3**	**138**	**169**
North Texas	**0**	**1**	**21**	**42**	**2**	**3**	**172**	**138**
UTEP	**0**	**1**	**3**	**56**	**2**	**3**	**130**	**191**
UTSA	**0**	**1**	**37**	**41**	**1**	**4**	**109**	**130**
Southern Miss.	0	2	54	78	2	4	113	219

Thursday, Oct. 2
FIU 38, FAU 10

Saturday, Oct. 4
Marshall 56, Old Dominion 14
Middle Tennessee 37, Southern Miss. 31
Indiana 49, North Texas 24
New Mexico 21, UTSA 9
Rice 28, Hawaii 14
Louisiana Tech 55, UTEP 3
UAB 42, W. Kentucky 39

Saturday's Games
Rice at Army, 11 a.m.
Middle Tennessee at Marshall, 11 a.m.
North Texas at UAB, 2:30 p.m.
FIU at UTSA, 6 p.m.
Old Dominion at UTEP, 7 p.m.

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE
East

	Conference W	Conference L	Conference PF	Conference PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Missouri	2	1	114	87	4	1	173	103
Georgia	2	1	114	87	4	1	225	108
Kentucky	2	1	92	81	4	1	171	98
Florida	2	1	67	81	3	1	132	81
South Carolina	2	3	172	187	3	3	205	210
Tennessee	0	2	41	45	2	3	123	105
Vanderbilt	0	4	81	150	1	5	102	218
West								
Auburn	2	0	86	29	5	0	210	72
Mississippi St	2	0	82	60	5	0	213	97
Mississippi	2	0	64	20	5	0	179	51
Texas A&M	**2**	**1**	**118**	**104**	**5**	**1**	**187**	**123**
Alabama	1	1	59	44	4	1	185	79
LSU	0	2	36	75	4	2	214	106
Arkansas	0	2	49	80	3	2	223	129

Saturday, Oct. 4
Florida 10, Tennessee 9
Mississippi St. 48, Texas A&M 31
Mississippi 23, Alabama 17
Georgia 44, Vanderbilt 17
Auburn 41, LSU 7
Kentucky 45, South Carolina 38

Saturday's Games
Georgia at Missouri, 11 a.m.
Louisiana-Monroe at Kentucky, 11 a.m.
Auburn at Mississippi St., 2:30 p.m.
Chattanooga at Tennessee, 3 p.m.
Alabama at Arkansas, 5 p.m.
LSU at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Charleston Southern at Vanderbilt, 6:30 p.m.
Mississippi at Texas A&M, 8 p.m.

SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE

	Conference W	Conference L	Conference PF	Conference PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
SE Louisiana	2	0	93	29	4	2	221	105
Cent. Arka	vas 2	0	101	57	3	3	226	199
McNeese	1	0	45	3	3	1	178	57
Sam Houston	1	0	42	10	2	3	109	150
Abilene Christn	2	1	101	38	3	3	197	138
Lamar	1	1	34	63	4	2	207	173
S.F. Austin	1	1	77	62	3	2	166	144
Incarnate Word	1	3	41	138	1	5	54	237
Northwestern St	0	1	22	30	2	3	136	189
Houston Baptist	0	2	32	90	1	4	131	190
Nicholls St.	0	2	21	97	0	6	57	318

Saturday, Oct. 4
SE Louisiana 30, Northwestern St. 22
McNeese St. 45, Nicholls St. 3
Lamar 24, Abilene Christian 21
Incarnate Word 31, Houston Baptist 6
Cent. Arkansas 48, Sam Houston St. 7
Austin 39

Saturday's Games
Ave Maria at Abilene Christian, 2 p.m.
McNeese St. at Sam Houston St., 3 p.m.
SE Louisiana at Nicholls St., 6 p.m.
Incarnate Word at Northwestern St., 6 p.m.
Stephen F. Austin at Nicholls St., 6 p.m.
Houston Baptist at Cent. Arkansas, 6 p.m.

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	Conference W	Conference L	Conference PF	Conference PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Alcorn St.	3	0	141	32	5	1	268	75
Alabama St.	3	1	134	65	4	2	161	137
Jackson St.	1	2	98	118	3	3	188	170
Alabama A&M	1	2	93	103	1	5	137	221
MVSU	0	4	67	161	0	5	67	223
West								
Grambling	3	0	104	83	3	3	154	208
Texas Southern	3	1	105	112	5	1	187	142
Southern U.	2	1	101	116	3	3	160	226
Prairie View	1	3	127	127	1	4	163	175
Ark-Pine Bluff	0	3	73	126	1	4	104	191

Thursday, Oct. 2
Alcorn St. 33, Alabama St. 7

Saturday, Oct. 4
Grambling St. 38, Alabama A&M 28
Southern U. 51, Ark.-Pine Bluff 36
Prairie View 48, Jackson St. 30
Texas Southern 20, MVSU 16

Saturday's Games
Southern U. at Alabama A&M, 1 p.m.
Alcorn St. at Grambling St., 2 p.m.
MVSU at Jackson St., 2 p.m.
Alabama St. at Prairie View, 2 p.m.

SUN BELT CONFERENCE

	Conference W	Conference L	Conference PF	Conference PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Ga. Southn	3	0	98	48	4	2	242	123
Arkansas St	1	0	28	14	3	2	125	113
Texas St.	**1**	**0**	**35**	**30**	**3**	**2**	**193**	**141**
La.-Lafayette	1	0	34	31	2	3	123	175
La.-Monroe	2	1	74	79	3	2	87	120
South Alabama	2	1	87	59	3	2	113	107
New Mexico St	1	1	62	67	2	4	156	220
Troy	0	1	20	22	0	5	82	208
Appalachian St	0	2	35	81	1	4	135	154
Georgia St.	0	2	62	68	1	4	152	198
Idaho	0	3	71	107	0	5	128	188

Saturday, Oct. 4
South Alabama 47, Appalachian St. 21
Texas St. 35, Idaho 30
Arkansas St. 28, Louisiana-Monroe 14
Louisiana-Lafayette 34, Georgia St. 31
Georgia Southern 36, New Mexico St. 28

Saturday's Games
Louisiana-Monroe at Kentucky, 11 a.m.
Arkansas St. at Georgia St., 1 p.m.
New Mexico St. at Troy, 2 p.m.
Liberty at Appalachian St., 2:30 p.m.
Idaho at Georgia Southern, 5 p.m.

NATIONAL
ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	Conference W	Conference L	Conference PF	Conference PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Florida St.	3	0	122	61	5	0	196	104
Louisville	3	1	100	52	5	1	200	76
Clemson	2	1	108	58	3	2	202	110
Boston College	0	1	20	30	3	2	148	102
Syracuse	0	1	6	28	2	3	109	122
NC State	0	2	41	97	4	2	202	171
Wake Forest	0	2	13	63	2	4	94	144
Coastal Division								
Georgia Tech	2	0	55	41	5	0	173	119
Virginia	2	0	47	40	4	2	190	135
Virginia Tech	1	1	58	44	4	2	183	119
Pittsburgh	1	1	49	44	3	3	183	114
Miami	1	2	52	69	3	3	165	137
Duke	0	1	10	22	4	1	184	68
North Carolina	0	2	52	84	2	3	180	210

Friday, Oct. 3
Louisville 26, Syracuse 6

Saturday, Oct. 4
Virginia Tech 34, North Carolina 17
Clemson 41, NC State 0
Florida St. 43, Wake Forest 3
Georgia Tech 28, Miami 17
Virginia 24, Pittsburgh 19

Saturday's Games
Cincinnati at Miami, 11 a.m.
Florida St. at Syracuse, 11 a.m.
Duke at Georgia Tech, 11:30 a.m.
Louisville at Clemson, 2:30 p.m.
North Carolina at Notre Dame, 2:30 p.m.
Boston College at NC State, 2:30 p.m.

BIG TEN CONFERENCE
East

	Conference W	Conference L	Conference PF	Conference PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Michigan St.	1	0	27	22	4	1	209	103
Ohio St.	1	0	52	34	4	1	223	104
Rutgers	1	1	36	37	5	1	177	130
Penn St.	1	1	19	39	4	1	114	73
Maryland	1	1	61	67	4	2	208	151
Indiana	0	1	15	37	3	2	165	143
Michigan	0	2	38	56	2	4	134	137
West								
Northwestern	2	0	49	20	3	2	118	81
Iowa	1	0	24	10	4	1	113	86
Minnesota	1	0	30	14	4	1	138	95
Nebraska	1	1	67	41	5	1	249	122
Purdue	1	1	48	51	3	3	157	166
Wisconsin	0	1	14	20	3	2	170	78
Illinois	0	2	41	83	3	3	172	213

Saturday, Oct. 4
Purdue 38, Illinois 27
Ohio St. 52, Maryland 24
Indiana 49, North Texas 24
Northwestern 20, Wisconsin 14
Rutgers 26, Michigan 24
Michigan St. 27, Nebraska 22

Saturday's Games
Indiana at Iowa, 11 a.m.
Illinois at Wisconsin, 11 a.m.
Northwestern at Minnesota, 11 a.m.
Michigan St. at Purdue, 2:30 p.m.
Penn St. at Michigan, 6 p.m.

MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE
West

	Conference W	Conference L	Conference PF	Conference PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Fresno St	0	0	59	37	3	3	174	219
Nevada	1	1	67	61	3	2	147	128
San Diego St	1	1	47	41	2	3	119	107
San Jose St	1	1	43	31	2	3	105	124
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	1	4	98	128
UNLV	0	2	27	67	1	5	101	232
Mountain								
Wyoming	1	0	17	13	3	2	82	148
Boise St.	2	1	102	98	4	2	187	163
Air Force	1	1	41	31	4	1	163	106
Utah St.	0	0	0	0	3	2	132	123
Colorado St	0	1	24	37	4	1	170	113
New Mexico	0	1	24	35	2	3	130	168

Friday, Oct. 3
Fresno St. 24, San Diego St. 13
Utah St. 35, BYU 20

Saturday, Oct. 4
Colorado St. 42, Tulsa 17
Air Force 30, Navy 21
New Mexico 21, UTSA 9
Rice 28, Hawaii 14
San Jose St. 33, UNLV 10
Boise St. 51, Nevada 46

Friday's Games
San Diego St. at New Mexico, 8:30 p.m.
Fresno St. at UNLV, 9 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Air Force at Utah St., 9:15 p.m.
Colorado St. at Nevada, 9:30 p.m.
Wyoming at Hawaii, 10:59 p.m.

PACIFIC-12 CONFERENCE
North

	Conference W	Conference L	Conference PF	Conference PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
California	2	1	164	164	4	1	250	202
Oregon St.	1	1	46	68	4	1	141	117
Oregon	1	1	62	62	4	1	218	116
Stanford	1	1	30	28	3	2	124	43
Washington St.	1	1	218	125	2	4	228	211
Washington	0	1	13	20	4	1	178	121
South								
Arizona	2	0	60	69	5	0	199	133
Ariz. St.	2	1	103	120	4	1	208	157
Southern Cal	2	1	82	58	3	2	165	108
UCLA	1	1	90	57	4	1	180	129
Utah	1	1	57	58	4	1	198	107
Colorado	0	3	111	133	2	4	180	214

Thursday, Oct. 2
Arizona 31, Oregon 24

Saturday, Oct. 4
Notre Dame 17, Stanford 14
Oregon St. 36, Colorado 31
Arizona St. 38, Southern Cal 34
Utah 30, UCLA 28
California 60, Washington St. 59

Friday's Game
Washington at Stanford, 8 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Oregon at UCLA, 2:30 p.m.
Washington at California, 5 p.m.
Southern Cal at Arizona, 9:30 p.m.

MAJOR INDEPENDENTS

	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Notre Dame	5	0	157	60
BYU	4	1	170	110
Army	2	3	144	171
Navy	2	4	155	176

Friday, Oct. 3
Utah St. 35, BYU 20

Saturday, Oct. 4
Army 33, Ball St. 24
Air Force 30, Navy 21
Notre Dame 17, Stanford 14

Thursday, Oct. 9
BYU at UCF, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Rice at Army, 11 a.m.
VMI at Navy, 2:30 p.m.
North Carolina at Notre Dame, 2:30 p.m.

POLLS
FCS COACHES POLL

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1 North Dakota State (25)	5-0	649	1
2 Eastern Washington (1)	5-1	621	2
3 Coastal Carolina	6-0	587	3
4 McNeese State	3-1	566	4
5 Villanova	4-1	546	5
6 New Hampshire	4-1	522	6
7 Montana	4-2	491	7
8 Jacksonville State	4-1	479	8
9 Southeastern Louisiana	4-2	421	11
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Is Goodyear to blame for Kansas tire problems?

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Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — It's impossible to be perfect, to always get everything right and never fail at all.

To listen to Goodyear officials, the company never, ever comes up short at the race track.

It sure sounded like Goodyear thought it was off the hook on Sunday after a tire problem caused Dale Earnhardt Jr. to hit the wall while leading at Kansas Speedway. Then Brad Keselowski suffered a similar fate, and Kasey Kahne also thought an issue with his tires sent him into the wall.

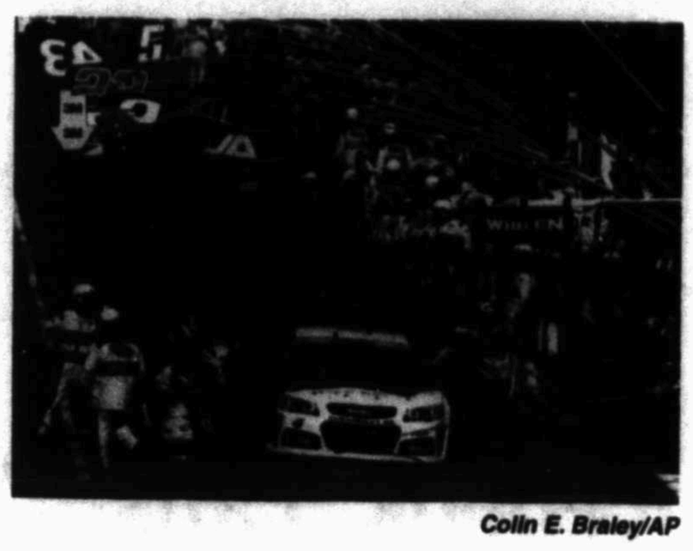
It dropped all three drivers into the bottom of the Chase for the Sprint Cup standings, in serious jeopardy of elimination from the championship race in two weeks.

So what happened? Goodyear director of racing Greg Stucker didn't have a definitive answer during Sunday's race but sure seemed to be pointing the finger at the race teams.

"We're trying to figure out exactly what the issue is with the teams. Obviously, a race like this in the Chase, everybody is kind of up on the wheel and really pushing the envelope," said Stucker, who hinted that "adjustments" made as the race progressed led to issues that didn't exist during the first green-flag run.

Once again, we are led to believe this was not a Goodyear issue, but a problem with teams pushing the limits of their tires in an effort to capitalize in an important Chase race. Really? In a race where the risk was far greater than any expected reward?

Shame on Hendrick Motorsports and Team Penske if they were so aggressive that their drivers are now in danger of not advancing to the third round of the Chase. And poor Kevin Harvick, who took note of his rivals' problems and feared he was next when his car suddenly struggled to turn as he was running third with a shot at the win. Harvick made an unscheduled pit stop — forfeiting any chance at victory — to get the tires off his car before they completely derailed his season.



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Driver Kevin Harvick has a tire changed on pit row during a race at Kansas Speedway in Kansas City, Kan. on Sunday.

Only he was wrong, the problem wasn't with his tires, and his paranoia led to an unsatisfying 12th-place finish. But, hey, Harvick got off easy. Kahne finished 22nd, Earnhardt was 39th and Keselowski 36th in a race won by teammate Joey Logano.

Drivers are very careful not to disparage Goodyear, NASCAR's exclusive tire provider. Much ado was made earlier this season when Jimmie Johnson crew chief Chad Knaus sarcastically quipped on the team radio that tire problems at Bristol were surely "something we did. I'm sure it's our fault."

It forced Johnson into a meeting with Goodyear officials where the tire manufacturer and the driver privately agreed to disagree on the cause of his failure.

It put Johnson in no mood to be politically correct come New Hampshire in July, when two tire problems in the first 11 laps of the race ended his day.

"I'm expecting people to quickly point back at the team and say it's our fault," the six-time and defending NASCAR champion said that day.

Enough is finally enough. Yes, Goodyear must deal with repaved race tracks and changing rules, but it's implausible to believe Goodyear is never to blame (the company did accept fault for the 2008 debacle at Indianapolis). What's closer to the truth is that Goodyear's tire development, at times, is simply not acceptable for the top motorsports series in the United States.

You'd be hard pressed to remember the last time a Firestone tire failed in an IndyCar race, and the drivers and teams consistently applaud the tiremaker for building strong compounds that everyone firmly believes to be safe.

But in NASCAR, a car slamming into a wall at 190 mph after a tire problem is a weekly occurrence that nobody seems to think is a problem. Why? Because Goodyear is the only player in the game and nobody wants to upset the apple cart.

The time to tip it over is overdue. Everyone understands that Goodyear can't be 100 percent infallible but it's the manufacturer's responsibility to get it right, for the sake of the show, the safety of the competitors and for the championship race currently underway.

Goodyear has zero competition in NASCAR and no rival tiremaker pushing them to be better. That's on NASCAR, which is quite content with one official partner and has no problem protecting the tiremaker by generally agreeing that teams went too far when a tire fails.

It turned Sunday into what Keselowski described as a game of Russian roulette with the tires. The most dominant driver of the first round of the Chase said his Penske team did not have an aggressive setup, did not make in-race adjustments and simply blew a right front tire because "it was our turn at the gun." Earnhardt was a little more transparent when he said the tread on his Goodyear simply "unwound like a string" until the tire popped.

The new Chase format that eliminates four drivers every three races exposes Goodyear to scrutiny like never before. One bad tire can wipe out an entire season, and Goodyear better hope it doesn't happen in the season finale.

Phelps suspended for 6 months after DUI arrest

By Beth Harris
Associated Press

Michael Phelps' comeback took a major hit on Monday, with USA Swimming suspending the 18-time Olympic champion for six months and forcing him to withdraw from next year's world championships.

Phelps

Phelps also lost six months of funding from the sport's national governing body as a result of his second DUI arrest. The 29-year-old swimmer is banned from participating in USA Swimming-sanctioned meets through April 6, 2015.

USA Swimming said Phelps violated its Code of Conduct, and cited a section of its 2014 Rule Book in punishing him. Its executive committee approved the sanctions, which take effect immediately.

"Michael's conduct was serious and required significant consequences," said Chuck Wielgus, USA Swimming executive director. "We endorse and are here to fully support his personal development actions."

Phelps can still train with his North Baltimore club, but he had already qualified for the world championships in Russia next August, which is the biggest international meet leading up to the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics.

Phelps came out of retirement earlier this year with his sights set on competing at a fifth Olympics in Rio. Being barred from the world meet could put a serious dent in those ambitions.

His latest arrest came about a month after Phelps won three golds and two silvers at the Pan Pacific Championships in Australia. He had retired after the 2012 London Olympics, having won a record 18 gold medals and 22 medals in four games.

Phelps' monthly funding stipend of $1,750 will be halted for six months, costing him a total of $10,500. That is small change compared to the millions he earns through several major endorsements, including Aqua Sphere, Subway, Under Armour, Omega and Master Spas.

"Michael accepts USA Swimming's sanctions," according to a statement from his representatives at Octagon. "He has apologized for his actions and, as he shared yesterday, is taking steps to address them."

Over the weekend, Phelps announced he was entering a six-week, in-patient program, a week after he was arrested and charged with drunken driving in his hometown of Baltimore.

"Swimming is a major part of my life, but right now I need to focus my attention on me as an individual, and do the necessary work to learn from this experience and make better decisions in the future," he said in a series of posts on his Twitter account.

U.S. Olympic Committee CEO Scott Blackmun said, "We think the sanctions are appropriate and we are glad that Michael is seeking help. We are grateful that nobody was hurt and appreciate the speed at which USA Swimming and Michael took action."

While Phelps was still working out his schedule for the upcoming year, he will miss the first three U.S. Grand Prix meets in Minneapolis in November, Austin, Texas, in January and Orlando, Florida, in February.

The earliest he could return to Grand Prix competition would be at a meet in Mesa, Arizona, that begins April 15.

USA Swimming's punishment was its harshest ever imposed on its superstar. The governing body suspended Phelps for three months in 2009 after a photo emerged of him using a marijuana pipe, even though he was not charged.

Jules Bianchi in 'serious but stable condition'

By Jim Armstrong
Associated Press

TOKYO — Formula One driver Jules Bianchi is in "serious but stable condition" following emergency surgery for a severe head injury after a crash during the Japanese Grand Prix, FIA said Monday.

Bianchi's parents, Philippe and Christine, arrived in Japan to see their son, who is at Mie General Medical Center following Sunday's crash into a track-side recovery crane.

Hospital officials declined to comment on Bianchi's condition Monday.

"Bianchi is in a serious but stable condition," FIA spokesman Matteo Bonciani told The Associated Press in a phone interview. "That's all I can say, and I'm doing this update on Jules' parents' behalf."

Bonciani added that Gerard Saillant, the president of FIA's medical commission who oversaw Michael Schumacher's treatment when the German was in a coma, also flew to Japan with Bianchi's agent, Nicolas Todt.

Bianchi crashed on the 44th lap in Sunday's rain-shortened race at the Suzuka circuit. His car went off at Turn 7, where Sauber driver Adrian Sutil had crashed two laps earlier.

According to a report issued by FIA, Bianchi lost control of his car, travelled across the run-off area and hit the back of the tractor that was being used to remove Sutil's car.

Bianchi was unconscious when he was taken from Suzuka to the hospital.

Sunday's race started at 3 p.m. local time. An approaching typhoon led to suggestions that the race would be pushed up to an earlier start, but it wasn't.

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Please make your submission as detailed as possible, including dates of events, deadlines, fees, age groups, etc.

To bring your item to the MRT, come to 201 E. Illinois Ave. in Midland. To mail your information, send it to Reporter-Telegram, c/o Sports Department, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701.

To fax your information, send to 570-7650.

Baseball

GCM Baseball Academy
What: Professional private baseball lessons & clinics covering pitching, fielding, catching and hitting provided by three former professional players
For: Ages 5 & up.
Cost: Individual lessons $65 an hour or $40 for 30 minutes. Bulk purchases & group lesson rates available at discount.
For more info: Call (432) 425-6108

Private batting and pitching instruction
For more info: Call Danny Jordan at 230-0086 for instruction on mechanics and pitch selection in a one-on-one setting

Private hitting and catching instruction
For more info: Call Scott Chapman at 967-2364 for instruction in a one-on-one environment

Pitching, hitting, and fielding lessons
For more info: Call Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell at 296-2438

Private Baseball/Softball lessons
For more info: Contact Extra Innings Midland/Odessa at (432) 617-4487 or visit www.extrainnings-midlandodessa.com

Midland Little League Umpires Needed
For more info: Contact 889-6080

WTX Baseball
What: Instruction for players 5 and up
For more info: wtxbaseball.com; facebook.com/wtxbaseballmidland; 413-0329

Basketball

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox, 685-4143 or 553-3714

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551

Midland Hoops 3 Basketball Skills Training
Cost: $25 per session, one to two people; $15 for groups of three or more
For more info: Contact Eddie Venzant at 254-5894 or go to midlandhoops3.com; venzanteddie@yahoo.com

Bowling

Tuesday MCM Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Peel 684-5176 or Cactus Lanes 694-0177

Edith McElmore Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

Camps/Clinics

The CIF All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 375-0873 for a brochure

CCM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755

Beginner tennis clinics
Where: Midland High School tennis courts
When: Monday-Thursday from 8:30 to 10 a.m. or 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For: Kindergarten-12th grade, community-based organizations, parents and adults
Deadline: Two weeks before week wanting to attend
For more info: Call Luis Valdez at 570-6245, Brandi at 687-7059 or Elizabeth at 699-6058

YMCA Basketball Skills Clinic
When: Every Saturday
Times: 1 p.m.-3:45 p.m. for grades 3 thru 12
Cost: YMCA Family member, free. YMCA Youth member, $5 and program participant, $10 per visit
For more info: Call Midland YMCA at 682-2551

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: Beak Park Ranch House, 5200 W. Wall Street, Midland
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbatx.com

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W. Wall
For more info: Call 520-6633

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
For more info: Call 682-2551

Football

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Don Orren at 631-2395

Golf

Golf Tournament benefitting Marcelino (Nino) Rodriguez
When: Oct. 19
Where: Nueva Vista Golf Club
Cost: $75 per person; $300 per team
For more info: Contact Paul Armendariz 488-6124, Jesse Moreno 210-2302; Pee Wee Reyes 889-3853

UTPB Society of Petroleum Engineers Golf Tournament
When: Oct. 10
Where: Nueva Vista Golf Course
Cost: $400 per team
For more info: Contact Sydnee Crosser at 406-925-1780; Charles Eleri at 832-441-3559; Gerardo Ruiz at 832-290-8234; or utpb.spe@gmail.com

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3165

Private Martial Art/Self-Defense Lessons
Ages: Men-Women-Children
What: Learn Basic Skills to Advanced Techniques
Note: Private, Semi-Private and Group Lessons are available
For more info: Call Master Oscar Jimenez 432-559-5009, Ojimenez3@att.net

Women's Self Defense Class
When: Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Friday, 6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8554

Private Tae Kwon-Do lessons
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8554

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
When: 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m. Saturdays
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 350 N. Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 634-9621 or (469) 248-8472

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships.
For more info: Call Jacob Sanfiliano at (915) 240-1030

Poker

Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments.
For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up.
When/where: 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woofers & Tweeters; 6:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at Redneckis Drafthouse. Players must be signed in by 6:15 p.m. each night.
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net

Professional Wrestling

Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages.
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 2-6 p.m. Sunday
Cost: $50 down; $35 a month.
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 349-3055

Rugby

Mad Dog Rugby Football Club
Practices: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at Reyes-Washburn Park (north field)
For more info call: 432-687-6418

Running

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: $30 per year for individual membership; $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Haley, president at halleyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0988

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month. first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter). Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 state and sporting clays
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 235-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com.
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
What: Men's fastpitch softball
For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/groups/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyotiarpitch@gmail.com

West Texas Fall Classic
When: Oct. 11 (12 if necessary)
Where: San Angelo
Entry fee: $25
Format: 3 pool play and single elimination bracket play
Deadline: Oct. 8
For more info or to enter: Call Chris Cardenas at 325-374-2910 or email cardenas_chris@yahoo.com

Swimming

CCM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Midwa Aquatic Center
Cost: $40 per month
Prerequisites: Must be able to swim 25 yards on freestyle or backstroke
For more info: 684-7755

CCM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

CCM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
For more info: 684-7755

CCM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cost: $40 per month (includes cardio training)
For more info: Call 684-7755

CCM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
For more info: 684-7755

CCM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic skills for beginners then advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets
Ages: 4 and up
For more info: 684-7755

CCM Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of CCM Dive Team
What: Emphasizes is on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

CCM Elite Dive Team
Who: Highest level of CCM diving. Concentrates on perfecting Olympic level skills, national and international travel
For more info: 684-7755

CCM Competitive Swim Team
Who: Try out for CCM Swim Team. tryouts available by appointment
What: Emphasizes stroke correction and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

CCM Adult Conditioning
What: Allows adult participation use of top quality lap pools and fitness room during specified hours
For more info: 684-7755

CCM Water Walking Class
What: Unstructured, self-paced class
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

CCM Senior Fitness Class
Who: Senior citizens that need help with physical conditions resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc.
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 6 and up
For more information: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area
For more info: Call 432-563-1333 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information

Bush Tennis Center Clinics
What: Balloon Tennis 34 (ages 3-4); Redball 58 (ages 5-8); Orange and Green Ball 910 (ages 9-10); Junior Development (6th-8th grade freshman JV); Junior Select (varsity); RSR Adults (adult beginners); Intermediate Adults 4.0-5.0 Adults (advanced adults). Also: Junior Team Tennis registration now open
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bushtenniscenter.com and/or call 620-8180

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 620-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

Midland College tennis classes
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30 to 1:50 p.m.
Where: Midland College
For more info: Midland College 685-4500 or Lance Armstrong 687-4046

Youth Clinics
When: For children 4-8 years of age (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30 to 4 p.m.) and 9-15 years of age (Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: 687-4046

Midland Women's Tennis Association fall league
For more info: 689-4340

Midland Tennis Club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual dues: Adults $65; youth $30; families $140
For more info: Call 563-1333 or 687-4046 or email midlandtennisclub@yahoo.com

MTC Tennis Tournaments
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
When: Oct. 11; Nov. 8-9
For more info: Call 687-4046 or email midlandtennisclub@yahoo.com

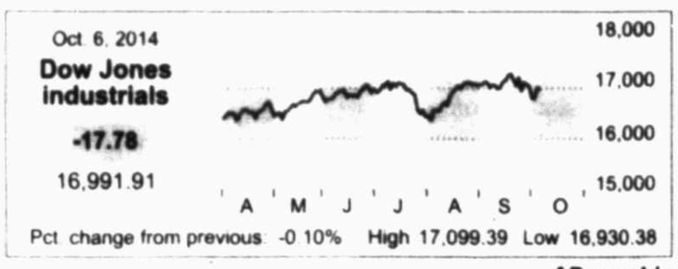
Volleyball

Little Spikers Volleyball League
For: 1st through 6th grade
Where: Midland Boys and Girls Club
To register: Go to www.basinkids.org or go by the Midland Boys and Girls Club
For more info: Contact Kim Rivera at 553-0398

Walking

Midland Walkabout AVA Club Meetings
When: Fun Walks, 10K, 3rd Saturday morning of the month; Monthly meeting 3rd Sunday at 5 p.m.
Where: Fun Walks, vary; meetings in Room 227, First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave.
Who: All ages
For more info: Call Alex Rose 687-2588 or go to www.midlandwalkabout.org

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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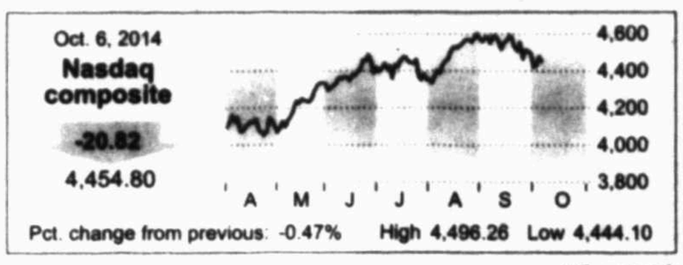

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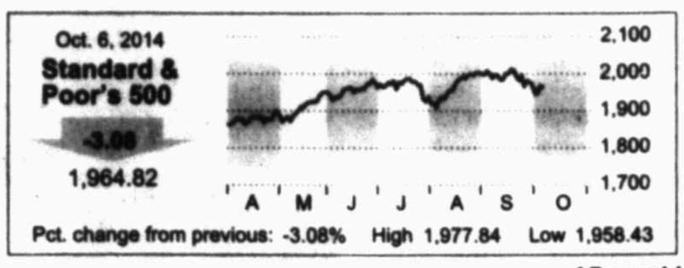

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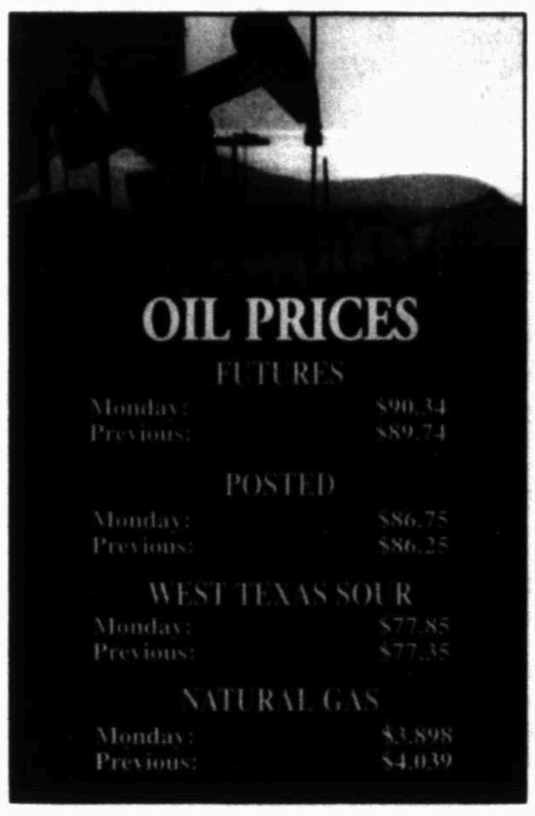

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	969604	196.29	-.23
Petrobras	898319	15.80	+1.83
iShEMkts	755964	41.82	-.54
BkofAm	629180	17.29	...
iShBrazil	527697	46.03	+2.65

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CareFusion	56.75	+10.58	+22.9
PetrbrsA	16.80	+2.11	+14.4
Petrobras	15.80	+1.83	+13.1
BcoBrades	15.58	+1.59	+11.4
CenElBras	2.88	+.29	+11.2

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BS IBM96	40.00	-10.00	-20.0
DrGMBear	18.20	-2.71	-13.0
PrUShBraz	61.15	-8.43	-12.1
Unsys	20.84	-2.76	-11.7
CSVLgNGs	13.69	-1.38	-9.2

Diary

Advanced	1,542
Declined	1,585
Unchanged	111
Total issues	3,238
New Highs	43
New Lows	72
Volume	3,261,316,283

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Globalstar	338917	2.26	.75
AltaNevG	34105	2.94	.08
CherwinEn	33028	76.55	.78
NwGold g	31527	4.91	+.09
VantageDr	23627	1.23	+.02

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Medgenics	6.15	+1.01	+19.6
IntuSystem	3.45	+.30	+9.5
Medgen wt	2.00	+.15	+8.1
MAG Silv g	7.69	+.48	+6.7
AskainoG g	2.02	+.12	+6.3

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Globalstar	2.26	.75	-24.9
SwedLC22	23.78	-3.12	-11.6
CT Phrs	15.43	-1.42	-8.4
TmsEntx rs	4.07	.35	-7.9
GastarExp	5.24	.44	-7.7

Diary

Advanced	205
Declined	192
Unchanged	23
Total issues	420
New Highs	5
New Lows	27
Volume	113,983,096

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
MicronT	426696	32.57	+1.37
Apple Inc s	362847	99.62	...
PwShs QQQ	3316419	97.96	-.21
Facebook	253418	77.56	-1.12
Intel	241697	34.11	-.38

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DurataTh	24.24	+10.36	+74.6
Unilife	2.69	+.52	+24.0
Biocept n	4.08	+.78	+23.8
HK Ty	7.02	+1.02	+17.0
NymoxPh	5.23	+.62	+13.4

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Alcobra	6.12	-7.99	-56.6
Telmira g	24.00	-5.53	-18.7
XTL Bioph	2.37	-.53	-18.3
PangaeaL n	7.78	-1.37	-15.0
SemperSc n	2.20	-.37	-14.4

Diary

Advanced	857
Declined	1,807
Unchanged	129
Total issues	2,793
New Highs	30
New Lows	117
Volume	1,773,177,444

GM uses Facebook, calls to get recalled cars fixed

Associated Press

DETROIT — Eight months after General Motors began recalling more than 2 million cars because of a deadly ignition-switch defect, less than half the owners have gotten their vehicles fixed.

At first, the problem was a shortage of parts. But now the problem is people.

Despite the heavy publicity surrounding the scandal, many drivers evidently haven't heard of the recall or haven't grasped how serious the defect is because it hasn't given them any trouble.

As a result, GM has been forced to go beyond the usual ominous-sounding recall letters.

It has sent out Facebook messages and made phone calls to owners of the cars, mainly Chevrolet Cobalts and Saturn Ions. CEO Mary Barra has even sent a personal letter urging people to get the switches replaced.

"In some cases we've gone to the owners' home and gotten the vehicle, gave them a loaner, and are working to fix it," Barra said last week.

GM announced in February and March that it was recalling the cars after taking more than a decade to disclose the defect, now linked to at least two dozen deaths.

The switches can slip out of the run position, causing the engine to shut off. That can knock out power-assisted steering and disable the air bags.

Despite recall letters that bluntly warn that the defect can lead to injury and even death — and despite five congressional hearings and thousands of news stories about the furor — only about 1.16 million of the 2.36 million affected vehicles still on the road have been bought in for repairs.

One of the unrepaired cars belongs to Kim Atkins, a media relations specialist in Austin, Texas, who received recall notices in April and June for her 2007 Cobalt. Busy with moving back to her hometown from college and starting a new job, she ignored them both.

"I didn't think it was very serious just from the wording on the recall notice," said Atkins, 24. "I'm sure that it was important. I didn't get a sense of what the actual issue was, just neglected to do it."

Atkins said her fiance is mad at her for dallying. Now, she has made an appointment to bring her car into the shop this week. She has also removed everything from her keychain as instructed by GM.

Because the recalled cars are no longer produced, parts supplier Delphi Automotive had to bring machinery out of mothballs to start cranking out replacement switches.

Repairs finally began in April when the replacement switches started to arrive at dealers. Last Wednesday, GM announced that Delphi had made enough to fix all the cars.

Barra said the challenge now is to find those people who "have still not called the dealership and said, 'Hey, let's get my car scheduled.'"

GM's extraordinary efforts to reach people were part of an agreement that ended a federal investigation into why the automaker failed to promptly disclose the switch problem.

It's not unusual for some car owners to ignore recall notices. The average completion rate 1 1/2 years after a recall begins is 75 percent, according to federal safety regulators. But few recalls are as serious as this one.

Kenneth Feinberg, the lawyer handling compensation claims for GM, on Monday raised the number of deaths attributed to the defect to 24. That toll is likely to rise as he handles more cases.

Feds probe power steering in Ford midsize cars

Associated Press

DETROIT — The U.S. government's auto safety regulator has opened an investigation into complaints that the power-assisted steering can suddenly fail on three Ford Motor Co. midsize car models.

The probe covers 938,000 Ford Fusion and Lincoln MKZ cars from the 2010 through 2012 model years, as well as the 2010 and 2011 Mercury Milan. It includes gas-electric hybrid versions of the cars.

According to a class-action lawsuit filed in June about the matter, the problem could affect more Ford models, including the compact Focus.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says it has received 508 complaints alleging that the midsize cars lost power-assisted steering, causing increased steering effort. Four complaints say the problem caused crashes, but no injuries were reported.

Ford says it's cooperating with the investigation and that anyone experiencing power steering problems with their vehicles should contact their dealer.

The agency says in documents posted Monday on its website that in many cases, a warning message appeared as the failure happened. Restarting the car corrected the problem in some cases, but the problem returned in others.

NHTSA says it will check the scope and frequency of a problem. It could seek a recall.

US stocks edge lower

Some encouraging corporate news failed to give the broader stock market a boost on Monday, and stocks edged lower as investors waited for news on the outlook for the Federal Reserve's interest rate policy.

Hewlett-Packard jumped after announcing that it is splitting itself in two. One company will focus on personal computers and printing and the other on technology services. Medical-equipment maker Carefusion surged on word that it was being acquired by its rival Becton Dickinson and Co.

But after opening higher, stocks gave up their early gains and alternated between small gains and small losses.

The market's bull run has faltered in recent weeks and the Standard & Poor's 500 index logged its biggest monthly drop since January last month. Stocks rebounded from that slump on Friday after a report showed a pickup in hiring last month, but many investors remain uncertain about the outlook for stocks as the Fed nears the end of its bond-buying stimulus program and considers raising rates.

"The tug of war between the bulls and the bears is ongoing now," said Quincy Krosby, a market strategist at Prudential Financial.

The S&P 500 fell 3.08 points, or 0.2 percent, to 1,964.82. The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 17.78 points, or 0.1 percent, to 16,991.91. The Nasdaq composite fell 20.82 points, or 0.5 percent, to 4,454.80.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $91.85 Up 0.54

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $116.60 Down 0.32

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $18.08 Down 0.41

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $73.97 Up 0.97

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $27.34 Down 0.06

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.83 Down 0.22

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $23.22 Up 0.05

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $25.20 Up 0.36

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $14.81 Down 0.15

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $23.93 Down 0.24

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel			7.30	-.35	-11.0
AT&T Inc	1.84	11	35.49	+.13	+.9
Abraxas	...	60	4.78	-.09	+46.6
AdamsEx	.84e	...	13.88	-.03	+6.2
AMD		34	3.36	-.04	-13.2
Alcoa	.12	38	15.99	+.39	+50.4
AlonUSA	.40f		14.02	-.28	-15.2
AlphaNRs			2.30	+.19	-67.8
Ambev n	.29e		6.82	+.26	-7.2
AmAirl n	.40		34.93	+1.30	+38.3
ARltCapPr	1.00		11.94	-.01	-7.1
Amgen	**2.44**	**21**	**137.61**	**-1.54**	**+20.6**
Anadarko	**1.08**	**...**	**97.19**	**-1.51**	**+22.5**
Apache	**1.00**	**28**	**86.19**	**-.76**	**+.3**
Apple Inc s	1.88	16	99.62		+24.3
ApldMatl	**.40**	**25**	**20.60**	**-.14**	**+16.5**
ArchCoal	.01m		1.72	-.15	-61.3
ATMOS	**1.48**	**17**	**47.78**	**+.09**	**+5.2**
AutoData	1.92b	24	74.52	.33	+5.1
BP PLC	**2.34f**	**6**	**43.05**	**+.35**	**-11.4**
BabcCCInv	1.20		15.49		+3.7
BakrHu	.68f	21	61.80	+.11	+11.8
BcoBrad pf	.44e		15.60	+1.43	+24.5
BkofAm	.20f	20	17.29		+11.0
B iPVix rs			30.08	+.46	-29.3
BarrickG	.20	18	14.24	+.08	-19.2
BasicEnSv			18.78	-.14	+19.0
BerkHa A	**...**	**1**	**162065.85**	**-165.00**	**+17.2**
BlkHillsCp	**1.56**	**20**	**48.48**	**+.23**	**-7.7**
BrillySq	**1.44**	**32**	**51.11**	**+.26**	**-3.8**
BrownFA	**1.16**	**28**	**88.00**	**-.95**	**+19.3**
BrownFB	**1.16**	**29**	**88.70**	**-.58**	**+17.4**
CVS Health	1.10	20	81.34	+.01	+13.7
Camerbn		19	62.30	-.14	+4.7
CareFusion		29	56.75	+10.58	+42.5
Caterpillar	2.80f	17	98.00	+.61	+7.9
Celestic g		13	10.16	+.12	-2.3
CntryLink	2.16		40.68	-.32	+27.7
ChesEng	.35	24	21.33	-.42	-16.9
Chevron	**4.28**	**11**	**118.09**	**+.38**	**-5.5**
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Cisco	.76	17	25.01	-.30	+12.4
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ColgPalm	**1.44**	**27**	**65.27**	**-.19**	**+.1**
ConAgra	**1.00**	**43**	**33.69**	**+.36**	**...**
ConchoRes	**...**	**52**	**116.60**	**-.32**	**+8.0**
ConocoPhil	**2.92**	**12**	**74.96**	**+.19**	**+6.1**
Corning	.40	20	19.17	+.24	+7.6
CrackerB	4.00	19	103.79	-.70	-5.7
CSVelVST			39.27	-.71	+14.2
CSVxSht			3.01	+.07	-59.9
CrosTim	**2.74e**	**11**	**30.81**	**-.10**	**+4.8**
DCP Mid	3.03f		53.70	-.10	+6.7
DTE	2.76f	18	76.85	-.02	+15.8
Dataram h			2.40	-.08	-7.7
Dawson	**.32**	**...**	**18.08**	**-.41**	**-46.5**
DevonE	**.96**	**16**	**64.82**	**-.62**	**+4.8**
DrxSCBear			17.14	+.40	+1.0
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17,350.64	14,719.43	Dow Jones Industrials	16,991.91	-17.78	-.10	+2.51	+13.76
8,714.94	6,401.51	Dow Jones Transportation	8,394.63	-97.36	-1.15	+13.32	+28.25
576.98	476.05	Dow Jones Utilities	555.34	-.15	-.03	+13.20	+16.19
11,334.65	9,441.66	NYSE Composite	10,647.51	+12.02	+.11	+2.38	+10.94
4,610.57	3,650.03	Nasdaq Composite	4,454.80	-20.82	-.47	+6.66	+16.15
2,019.26	1,646.47	S&P 500	1,964.82	-3.08	-.16	+6.30	+17.22
1,452.01	1,216.78	S&P Midcap	1,380.55	-3.85	-.28	+1.34	+9.53
21,329.33	17,563.18	Wilshire 5000	20,655.04	-50.49	-.24	+6.87	+15.29
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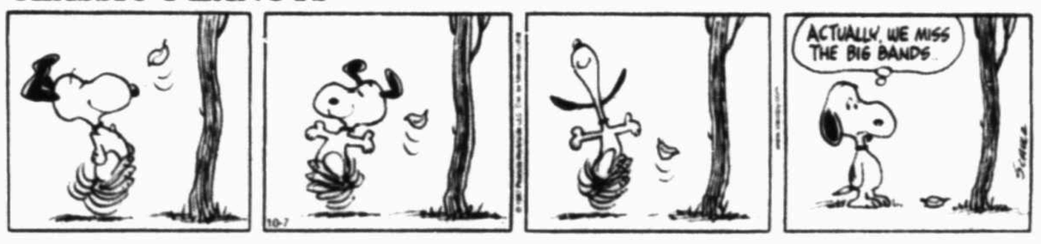

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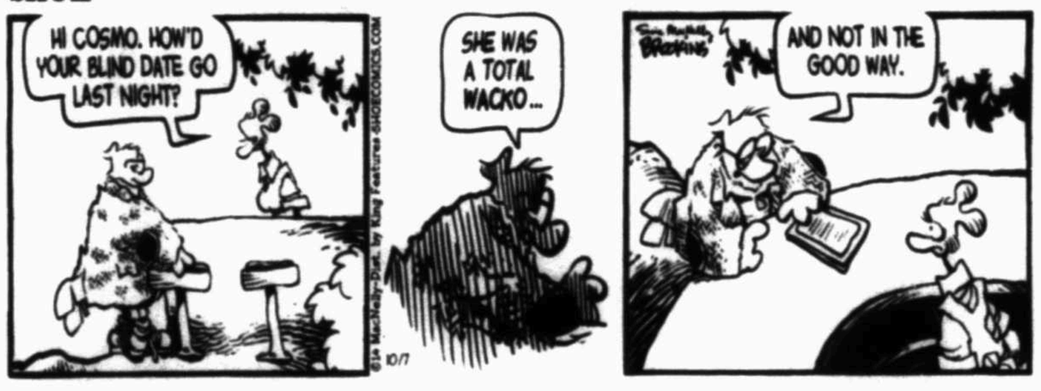

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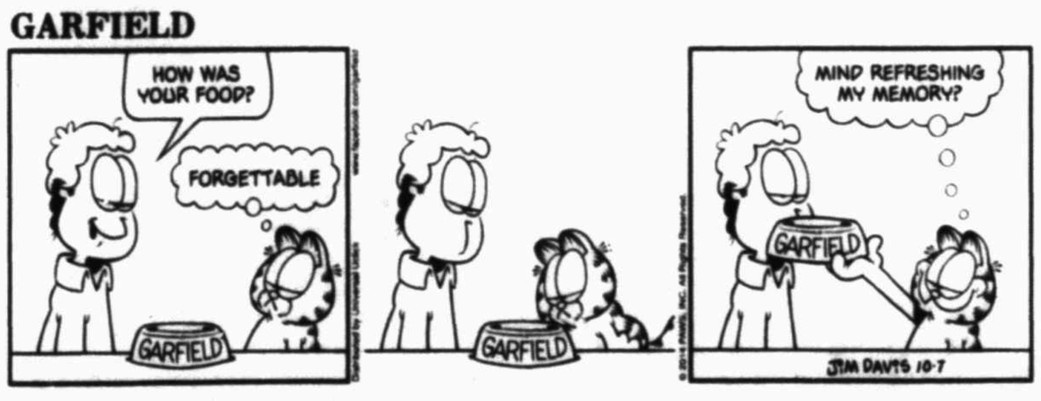

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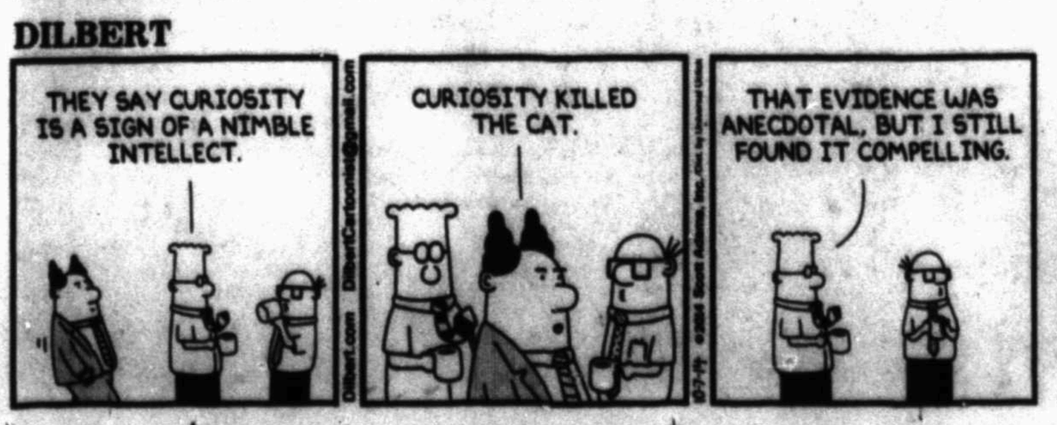

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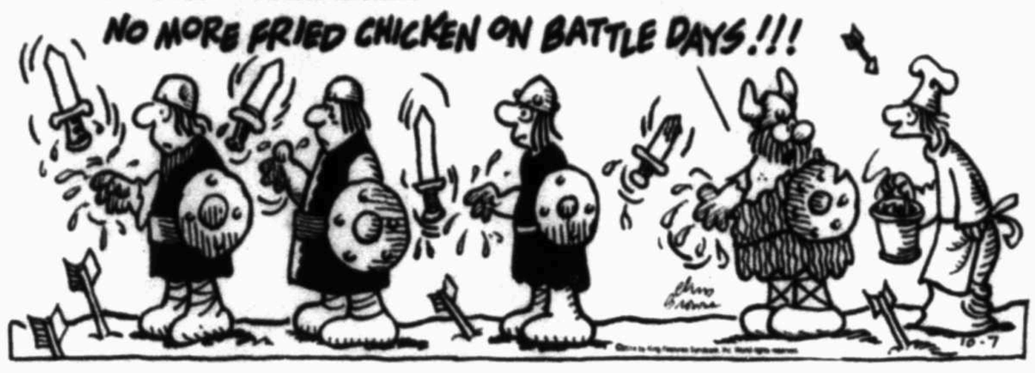

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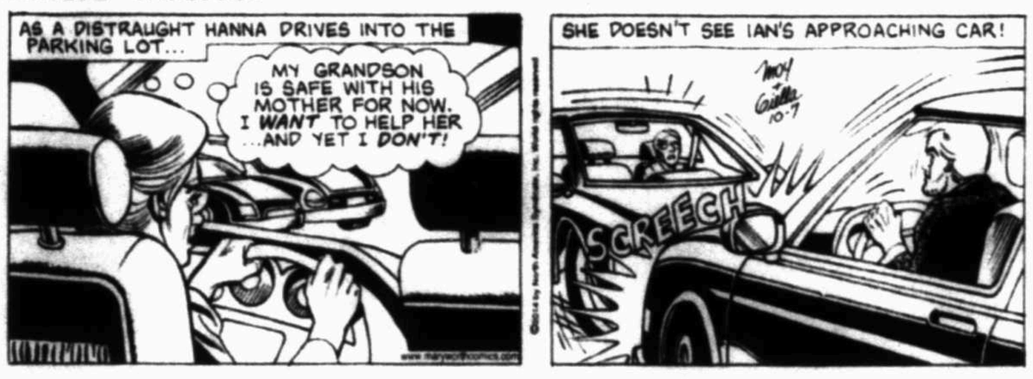

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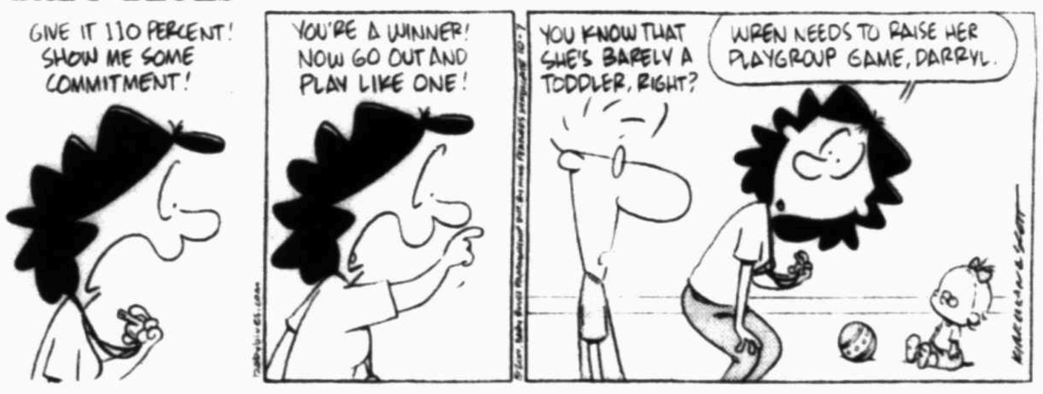

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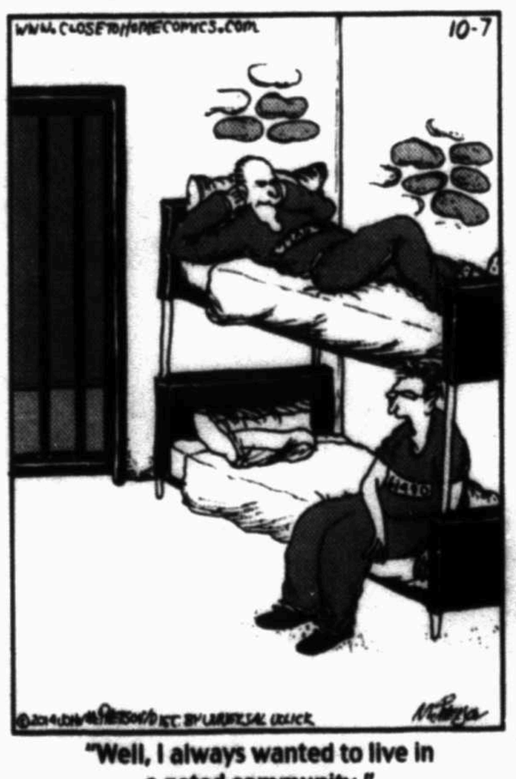

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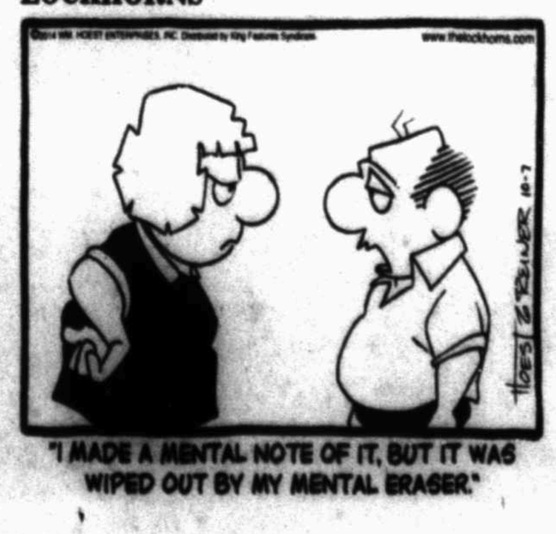

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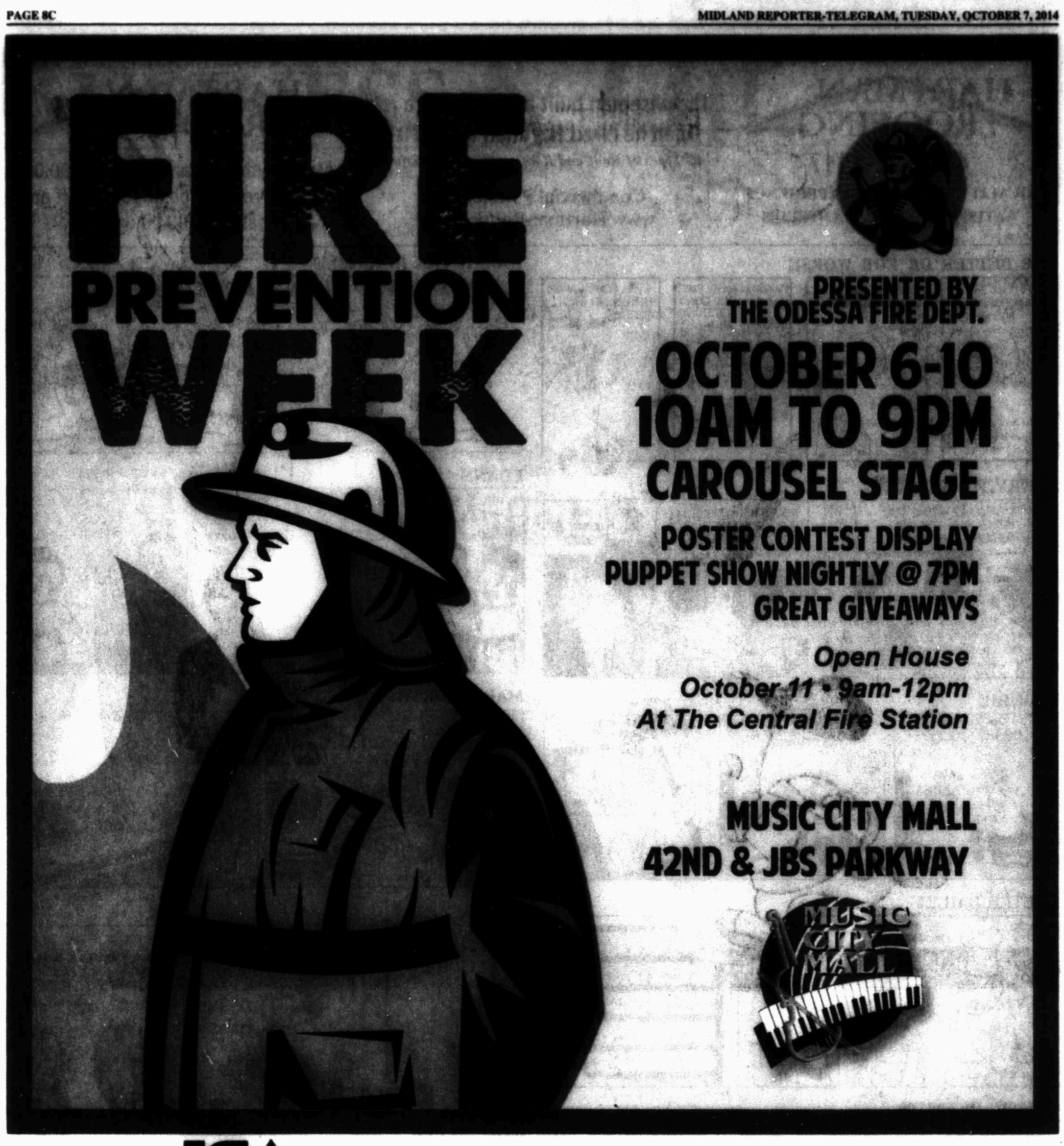

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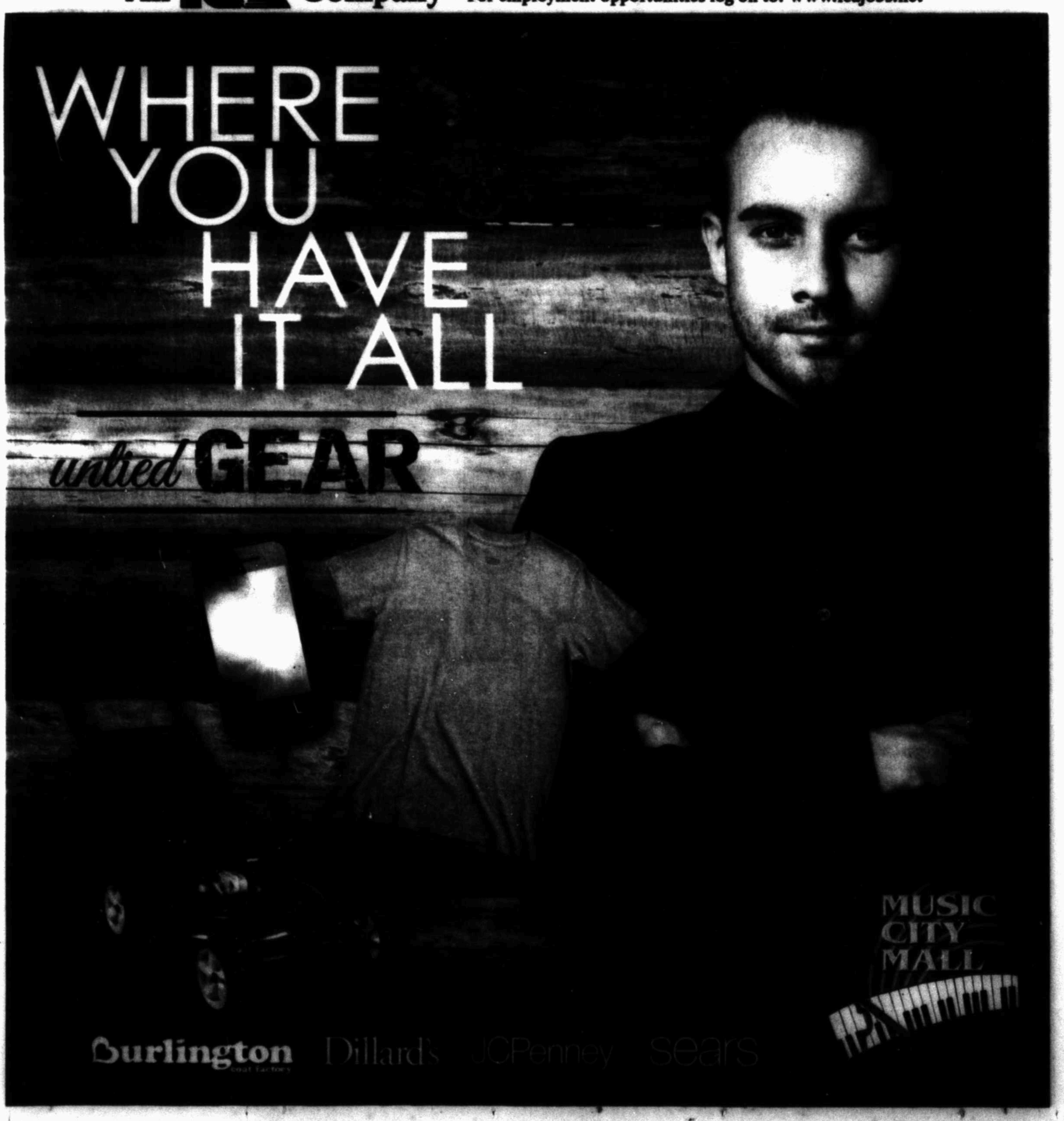

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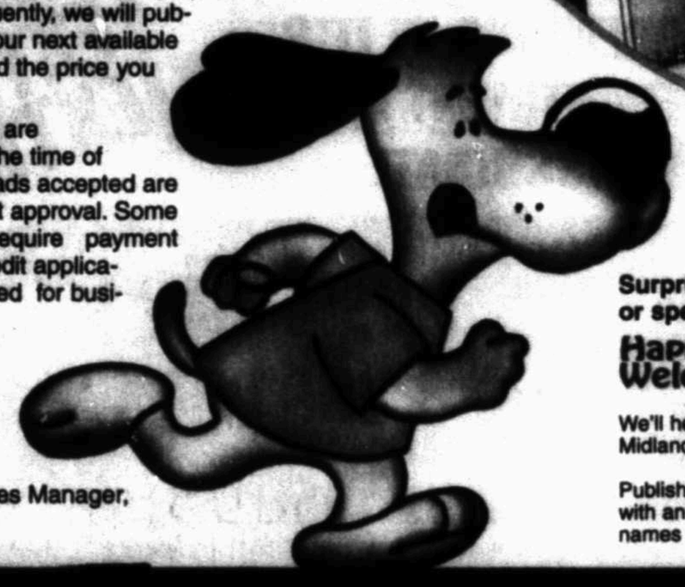

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CHEVROLET 2007 C6 Corvette Coup. Auto, 3LT package, dual roofs, new Michelin run flat tires, excellent condition. Less than 20,000 miles. 432-661-1293.

Fax it... 682-6999

Passenger Cars

FORD 2005 Mustang GT custom convertible. Excellent condition and fully loaded including navigation. Very low miles. $20,000. Call 432-634-4292.

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VW 2010 Beetle, red exterior, black interior, new tires, 63K miles. $11,500. Please call 432-269-8595.

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Will buy wrecked & unwanted cars, trucks & RVs. FREE pick-up. 432-685-4078

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CHEVY 2013 Silverado 1500, crew cab LT Texas edition, black exterior with ebony leather interior, loaded, excellent condition with 19,200 miles, one owner, $29,500. Call 432-816-6148.

CHEVY 2013 Silverado Half-Ton towing package. 11K miles, second oil change. Fully extended 4 door, short bed. Take over payments. Call for more info 432-978-8473

Pickup Trucks

FORD 2000 F250, Powerstroke Diesel automatic, 4x2, Crew Cab, short bed, great condition. 103K miles. Original owner. Asking $18,000. Call 432-638-2822

FORD 2004 F350 XLT, ext. cab, super duty, diesel dually, auto trans, 1 owner, 114k miles, excellent condition. $13,500. Call 432-770-3043.

FORD 2012 F250 62K brown and gold, 4WD short bed, V8 gasoline, great condition, one owner, $33500 432-664-9048

GMC 2003 Sierra 2500 HD, crewcab, SLT, 4x4, Dura Max diesel $5,500. 915-549-4728

Vans & Minivans

PLYMOUTH 1988 Voyager 4cyl, new paint, new tires, new interior, only 50k original miles, $3500 Call 432-770-7982

4WD & SUV

CHEVROLET 2005 Suburban Z71, 4x4, black, fully loaded, leather, NAV, SAT radio, DVD & E pkg., Bose premium sound, tow pkg, tilt/cruise, S-roof, running boards, luggage rack. Asking $8,500. 432-682-3147

FOR SALE 2004 Ford Expedition. Clean title, 70K miles, new tires, clean interior, rear a/c, rear entertainment control, 6 disc cd player, garaged, and maintanance by Rogers Ford of Midland. 432-553-4190

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4WD & SUV

GMC 2008 Yukon XL, 4x4, fully loaded, leather, sun roof, NAV, SAT radio, new tires. Excellent condition 87,500 miles $21,000 432-638-3393

LINCOLN 2009 Navigator, 4X4. All power including running boards, sunroof, liftgate, rear entertainment 6 CD changer. In excellent condition with 53K miles, new Michelin tires $24,500 684-4407 or 260-0010

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2002 GMC 4500 MATCU TOOL TRUCK, 125k miles, Isuzu turbo diesel automatic, shelving, lighting, lift gate, dual AC, runs great, $15,000 OBO. 432-853-1453

Motorcycles

HARLEY DAVIDSON 2005 Road King. Blue. Kuryakyn speakers. $12,500 OBO. 432-631-8912 if no answer leave message.

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

2008 FREEDOM Express Motorhome. Type C. 23' Very clean. One owner. 76K miles. $5000 below NADA book price. $26,500 Call Delnor Poss 575-937-7567 or David 575-622-1751

RVs

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

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5TH WHEEL for Rent $650 rent + $400 space Midland by Uncle's. 806-448-8634, 806-744-6798.

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FOR SALE! 2008 37' Legends RV. 3 slideouts; 16' steel wheels; deluxe power awning; cable tv hookup; 2 tvs-dvd player; ceiling fan; rear ladder; crown molding ceiling trim; exterior speakers; surround sound; convection microwave; table/chairs; recliner; hide-a-way sofa; washer-dryer hookup. $32,000 (obo) Please call or text for pictures. 432-934-2199

JAYCO 2002 Eagle 24ft 5th wheel, clean, well maintained in great condition. $7500. Call or text 432-413-4455.

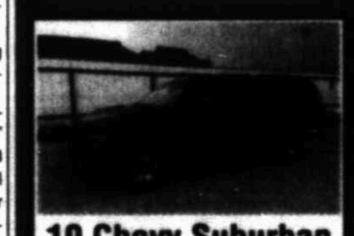
Passenger Cars

USED CAR FACTORY

11 Ford F250 Lariat Diesel
Leather, All Power Options, New Tires, Super Clean, 110k Miles
$31,900

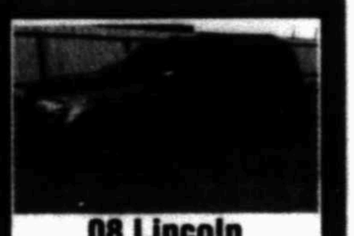
12 Dodge 3500 Dually Laramie Diesel
Leather, Moonroof, TV DVD, Navigation, Like New, 65k Miles
$45,900

10 Dodge Challenger SRT
Hemi, 6 Speed, Leather, Nav, Custom Suspension, 25k Miles
$29,900



10 Chevy Suburban LT 4x4
Leather, TV DVD, Moonroof, New Tires, 81k Miles
$24,900

10 Chevy Tahoe LT 4x4
Leather, New Tires 4 Captain Seats, 92k Miles
$21,900



08 Lincoln Navigator 4x4
Leather, Moonroof, Immaculate, 96k Miles
$18,900

08 Ford F350 Lariat Diesel
Leather, Towing Package, All Power Options 85k Miles
$19,900

11 GMC 2500HD Diesel 4x4
Z71, All Power, Like New, 92k Miles
$32,900

08 Cadillac Escalade ESV
AWD Nav, Moonroof, TV DVD, 102k Miles
$23,900

09 BMW 128i Convertible
Leather, All Power Options, Power Top, 50k Miles
$17,900

1931 Ford All Steel Roadster
302 c Aluminum Heads, 2 Carbs, Leather, 4 Speed, Amazing Structure with only 1000 Miles
$29,900

07 Dodge Mega Cab 4x4 Laramie
Leather, Camper, Custom Wheels
$19,900

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THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

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SOLUTION TO MONDAY'S PUZZLE

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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

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

AUTOMOTIVE

ATTENTION TECHNICIANS!!! Immediate opening for well-trained Technicians. Sign on bonus for GM and ASE certified techs. Great pay, Vacation, 401k, Paid training, Paid holidays, Year-end bonus, Fair dispatch, New lifts, Outstanding parts inventory, and much more. Must have own tools. Diesel Experience a plus. Work where you are treated like family not just an employee. Call Tim @ 432-267-7421 for more info.

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Admin Assistant

Answering telephones, collections, cash transactions, running errands, sending statements and making deposits. Send Resumes to: Box P-113c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E Illinois, Midland, TX 79701

RECEPTIONIST

Receptionist needed for front desk of busy eye doctors office. M.-F. 8a-5p. Dependability a must. Resumes to 2101 N Midland Dr Ste 8 Midland, TX 79707 or by fax 432-689-0191

EDUCATION & TRAINING

CHILD CARE WORKER

MRS. IRENE'S CHILD CARE **FT/PT**

Immediate openings Full and Part-time Child Care Worker. Wages start at $11 & $12/hour. Paid holidays and vacation. Apply in person at 1007 Austin St., Midland. Call 432-520-6888.

ENERGY & UTILITIES

IOS INSPECTION ON FIELD SERVICES

WE ARE HIRING

Inspection Oilfield Services (IOS) has **immediate openings** in our **Midland, TX** location for the following positions:

- Laborers
- Level II Certified Drill Tool Inspectors
- Inspector Helpers
- Inventory Specialists
- EMI Operators
- Operations Managers
- Inspecting Supervisors

Applicants must be able to pass a background check, be proficient in English, have a valid driver's license, and be available 24/7 while on call

START WORKING IMMEDIATELY

Apply in person at 2600 E I-20, Midland, TX 79706 or by submitting a resume to Resume@ioslnspection.com

HEALTHCARE

Available Positions

Desert Gardens Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
3203 Sage Street
Midland, TX 79705

Desert Gardens located in Midland, Texas is currently seeking staff to fill the following Positions:

• DON • ADON (staff development) • 10pm-to 6am Nurse • 2pm-10pm Nurse • Wound Care Nurse

$1,000 SIGN ON BONUS

Apply in person.

Medical Receptionist

Medical Receptionist needed. Experience with EMR and medical insurance preferred. Send resume/CV to Box 164, Midland, TX 79702

PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANTS

Seeking caring and dependable people to work in the homes of elderly and disabled clients. Will assist with preparing meals, shopping, personal care, errands, light housekeeping, and other assigned duties. We offer flexible day, evening, and weekend shifts. Must be at least 18 years of age with a clean criminal background. MUST have reliable transportation. No certifications or prior experience required. Fax Resume referencing **Ad#15297 to 432-332-1640.** For an application, call **432-332-4025**. Apply online at **www.girling.com**. Or apply in-person at **619 N. Grant, Suite 110, Odessa, Texas 79761** E.O.E. - M.F.D.V.

GIRLING HEALTHCARE

Practice Manager

The Animal Emergency Hospital of Permian Basin has an immediate need for a full time, experienced Practice Manager. The desired candidate would have some working knowledge as a receptionist and/or technician for our veterinary clinic located in Odessa, TX. We offer a full benefits package including health insurance, paid time off, pet care discount, and competitive wages for our valued employees. Experience, especially in the emergency veterinary field is preferred. Overnight and weekend availability is required. Please email your resume and cover letter to Julie.record@petpartnersusa.com to be considered for this exciting opportunity.

Registered Dental Assistant

Permian Basin Oral Surgery is looking for a repsonsible & dependable assistant who is a certified RDA for our Midland location. 4 1/2 days a wk. Excellent opportunity to join our practice. Please send resume. **lisa@pboms.com**

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

Maintenance, Front Desk & Night Audit

Holiday Inn Express
5309 N. Loop 250 W.
Midland, TX 79707

Now hiring Full Time Maintenance, Front Desk & Night Audit. Professional appearance required. Will train the right person. Serious inquiries only. Apply in person only. No phone calls. Competitive pay.

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NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATION FOR ALL POSITIONS - SPRINGHILL SUITES, MIDLAND, TX. PLEASE APPLY IN PERSON - 5716 DEAUVILLE BLVD, MIDLAND, TX

MANAGEMENT & EXECUTIVE

Oil Production Foreman

Responsible for overseeing all plant and lease operating employees, performing well inspection, maintenance, repairs and equipment replacements, and reporting all issues to the Director of Operations. Must understand mechanical applications, including compression, dehydration, and cryogenic gas plants. 10 years experience, 4 years supervision preferred. Send resume & cover letter to: info@cinnabarenergy.com

Shop Foreman

Horizon Transportation is now seeking experienced Shop Foreman. Inquiries call 432-699-4468

OTHER JOBS

CARETAKER

Caretaker for small ranch and animals/dogs, horses. Salary and housing provided. Non-smokers and no drinking. References required. Call **432-413-2861**

CARTER'S furniture · mattresses

Delivery Driver **Full-Time**
2101 W. Wadley #6 **Midland, TX 79705**

Delivery driver needed. Must have good driving record, able to pass drug testing, heavy lifting required. Must be 21 or older. Apply in person at Carter's Furniture, 2101 W. Wadley #6, Midland,TX 79705.

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 knowledgable 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

OTHER JOBS

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN IT'S DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person

Starting pay $10.00 per hour/after 60 days pay will be $11.00 per hour

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: jmatthews@mrt.com

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Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN IT'S DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person

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Assistant District Manager

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an immediate opening for an Assistant District Manager – this is an entry-level part-time position, offering competitive compensation/benefits package – flexible work schedule, must be available to work at night and/or weekends during our production/delivery window.

This position will involve the distribution and delivery of Home Delivery and Single Copy newspapers. The successful candidate may also receive work assignments within many areas of the distribution function, which may include route delivery, transportations, customer service, and redelivery operations. The primary role of the Asst. District Manager is to provide exceptional customer service to both our subscribers and our independent contractor carrier force. This position works part of the time in an office or distribution center environment and the majority of the time within the assigned newspaper district or distribution. Flexible work hours are required and may accommodate the applicants other obligations.

The Hearst Corporation is one of the largest diversified communications companies. Its major interests include magazine, newspaper and business publishing, cable networks, television and radio broadcasting, Internet businesses and more. As an associate of the Midland Reporter-Telegram, you join more than 20,000 in the Hearst family. If you are the one we are looking for, contact:

HEARST media services

Vincent Cone, V.P. of Circulation
email to: vcone@hearstnp.com
Please come by the Midland Reporter-Telegram
201 E. Illinois Ave. Midland, TX 79701 to complete an application
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NOW HIRING

Hiring tilers, helpers, and remodelers. Call Randy at 432-260-6699

WANTED: Part time student or other to help with miscellaneous types of jobs. Send resume or short letter to PO Box 196 Midland Tx 79702 No specialized experience needed. Crooks, thieves and lazy people need not apply.

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

TASTE @

Cooks and Dishwashers

The Garlic Press is hiring Cooks and Dishwashers. Flexible hours. Great work environment and benefits. Apply in person at The Garlic Press in Oak Ridge Square at Wadley and Garfield. 11am-2pm only.

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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

Bookkeeper/Sales

Great Opportunity. Seeking Bookkeeper/Sales, Management skills, bilingual and Quickbooks experience helpful. Base salary + commission. Fax resume to 432-694-3757

FULL-PART TIME SALES ASSOCIATES

We are looking for **Insurance Associates** who possess these important qualities. *Cool under pressure, *Enjoy working hard, *Relate well to all kinds of people *Energetic, *Dedicated to meet customers needs. P&C license preferred. Must have customer service experience. Bilingual a plus. Please fax your resume to: **432-570-9501** or Mail to **P O Box 6830**, Midland, TX 79708. Bring by **4410 N Midkiff, Ste D1F, Midland, TX 79705.**

SKILLED LABOR

Diesel Service Mechanic

Digger's Oilfield Services is now hiring a Diesel Service Mechanic for heavy equipment. We offer competitive pay and benefits. Please send resume to sanderson@diggersoilfieldservices.com or call 432.695.6896

Equipment Technicians

Air Drilling Solutions **FT**

Equipment Technicians needed: Responsible for assembly and maintenance of products in support of services. Rebuild used or faulty surface and downhole equipment. Operate crane and forklift. Downhole/hardband experience a plus. Must be mechanically inclined and a team player. Please contact 432-218-4700 or apply within at Air Drilling Solutions at, 1517 E. County Road 120, Midland, TX. 79706

Shop Welder & Fabricator

Basin Engine & Pump, Inc.
Welder/Fabricator needed Industrial Oilfield Shop. Experience is required. Uniforms will be provided. Benefits package includes vacation, health insurance and retirement match savings. Salary depends on experience. Please submit resume by fax to 432-570-1115 or email to Todd@basinengine.com. Applications may be filled out in person at 1914 S. County Rd. 1083, Midland

SKILLED LABOR

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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.

MPI Inspectors

NOV Tuboscope Accepting Applications for: MPI Inspectors. Call 432-638-3997 Competitive Pay offered depending on Experience

NOW HIRING

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Are you needing a change? Want to work close to home? Have at least 6 months experience working as an actual hand on a drilling rig and have never worked for us? Then Mattlock Drilling is the place for you. We offer insurance after 90 days and vacation after a year. The schedule is 12 days on and 4 off. NO CAMP JOBS.

Hiring for:
- Tool Pushers
- Drillers
- Motorhands
- Derrickhands
- Leadtonghands

Top Wages. If interested come in and apply at 12505 WCR 124, Odessa Texas, 79765. Off of business 20 and Coors Rd. Must live in the area. NO PHONE CALLS. Drug and Alcohol Testing. EOE

Pipe Pros, LLC, a leader in oil and gas tubular handling is currently hiring for our Permian Basin district. Trainer or Experienced Positions available for the following:

-Casing Crews
-Tong Operators/floor hands/stabbers
-Torque Turn Technicians
-CDL Drivers
-Tubing tong operators/floor hands
-Laydown Machine Operators

Pipe Pros, LLC. offers competitive pay, 401K w/ company match, company paid health insurance, dental, and life insurance. Please apply online at www.pipe-pros.com/careers

Winch Truck Drivers

Established trucking company looking for dependable, safety minded drivers. Company is looking for Company Winch Truck Drivers with 3 years of verifiable class "A" experience. Frac sand experience is preferred. Drivers must be willing to stay 2-4 weeks at a time. For more Info contact Joe Tex at 903-497-7121 or www.joetexusa.com

Special Occasion! Call Classified 432-682-6222

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SKILLED LABOR

PRESSMAN
The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an immediate opening in its Production Department for the position of: PRESSMAN for our Harris N 1650 Printing presses.
This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position, requires: night shift/weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.
Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701. E-mail:jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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Texas Journey Electrician
Now hiring Texas Journey Electrician, experienced in commercial, industrial & some residential wiring. Office location in Midland, Texas. Work in and around Permian Basin area. Benefits 401K with percentage match . Most holidays & vacations. Call 432-634-4150 or 432-208-2707

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL and non-CDL Drivers
Total Logistics/Lone Star Delivery is hiring drivers. CDL and non-CDL positions available. Weekly pay, home every night, paid health insurance, competitive wages. Please call 432-561-8650 for more info and address to apply.

CDL Drivers and Non CDL Drivers
B & B Wrecker Service is looking to hire CDL Drivers and Non CDL Drivers. Must be 21 years or older. Good driving record. Paid every Friday. Health Insurance provided. Please come by 2823 S. Rankin Hwy.

Class A CDL Drivers
$.47-.56 CENTS PER MILE
Christmas Bonus: October 15 - January 15 = Additional $.04 to the truck. 5000+ miles weekly or more. Call Talana at 214-677-6918

Class A CDL Truck Drivers
Prefer drivers with Pneumatic Tanker experience. Benefits include: medical, life and dental insurance, and paid vacation. Applicants having experience hauling sand and/or dry cement helpful. Good driving record, DOT, drug & alcohol testing required. Apply in person, call 432-563-1894 for interview or online @ www.rockwaterenergy.com

DRIVERS AND SPOOLERS
JW Enterprise is looking for Drivers and Spoolers with Class A CDL. Must have a good driving record and pass drug screen. Competitive Wages and on the job training for spooling. Contact 432-425-9036 or 432-458-3675 for more information. Serious applicants only.

FLEET MECHANIC POSITIONS
Ingram Concrete is seeking full-time employees to fill Fleet Mechanic positions in various locations in West Texas. Diesel experience required and must have own tools. We offer competitive pay with excellent benefits. Please apply at 2608 N. FM 1788 in Midland, Texas 79707 or call 432-561-8922 for additional information. EEO Employer.

INGRAM CONCRETE LLC

Owner / Operators Drivers
Ricky Shuler Trucking is looking for Drivers who are wanting to become Owner/ Operators. Equipment: single cab tractor leased to own purchase, trailer furnished but will remain property of Ricky Shuler Trucking. Must have CDL- A with Tanker/ HazMat endorsements, strong work history, crude oil hauling experience & must pass DOT, drug/ alcohol requirements. Owner/ Operators willing to relocate or currently residing in the following areas, Odessa, TX., Midland, TX., Big Spring, TX., Andrews, TX., Pecos, TX. & Carlsbad, N.M. Contact Phyllis @ 432-923-1064 between 9am & 4pm for additional information & application.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

Supplement your income by delivering newspapers for a few hours in the early morning hours between 12:00am - 6:00am. The Midland Reporter-Telegram is currently seeking individuals who are interested in delivering newspapers in the residential areas in and around the City of Midland. If interested, MUST have a reliable vehicle, proof of automobile insurance in your name, a valid driver's license, must understand that this is a 7 day a week delivery commitment as an Independent Contractor.

THE PROFIT FOR THESE ROUTES IS ABOUT $650-$1,000 a month, depending on the size of the route. This is a perfect way to generate the extra money you need.

If interested in starting a newspaper route:
Please CALL ROGER WALLACE
at 432-687-9001 or stop by
The Midland Reporter-Telegram
201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701

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TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

Vacuum Truck Drivers
Now hiring experienced CDL Vacuum Truck Drivers, must have 1 yr. experience w/tanker endorsement. We offer competitive pay, quarterly raises and bonuses, uniforms and health insurance after 90 days. Please apply at JW Trucking, 1010 S. Meadow, Odessa TX 79761.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

General

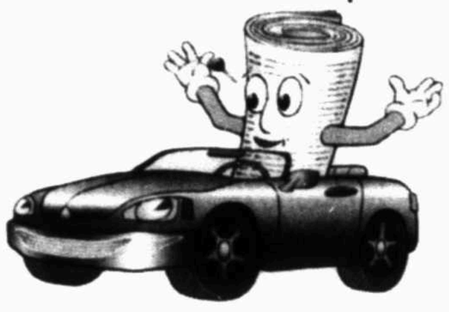
NEWSPAPER STREET CORNER SALES

Selling Newspapers On The Street Corners
(avg. income $50.00 - $100.00/day)
MUST BE AT LEAST 14 YEARS OLD
SUNDAYS ONLY
IF INTERESTED CALL
TOMMY 967-2267

Let Classifieds Work for You! Call
432-682-6222

EARN UP TO $500 PER WEEK!

Do you have a reliable car with insurance and a phone??



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Contact: Linda 687-8807

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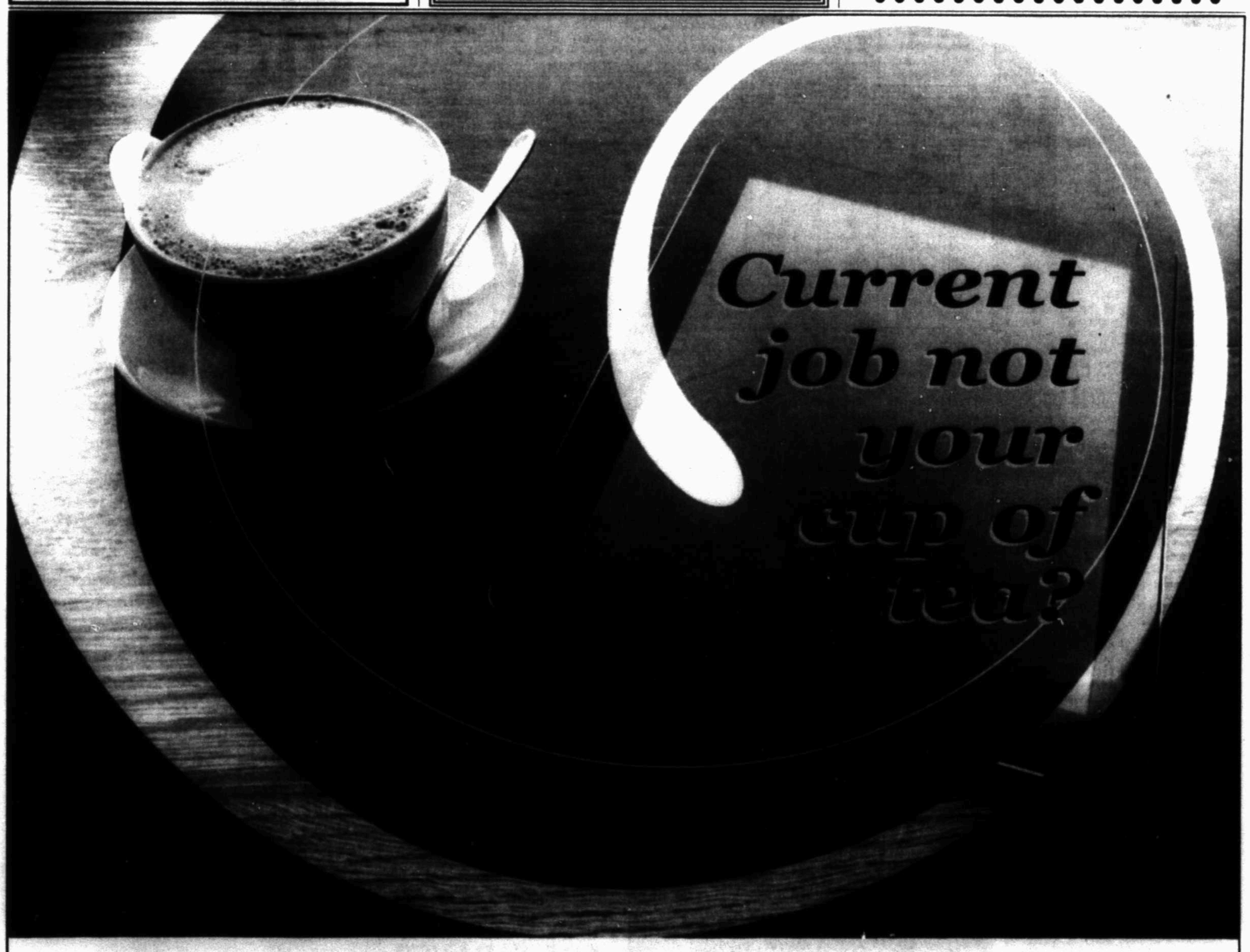

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In this Sept. 23 photo, Robert Morris University Illinois freshman Alex Chapman, left, is critiqued by assistant coach Jose Carrasco as he practices playing the video game "League of Legends" with their collegiate teammates at their on-campus training facility in Chicago. The small private university is offering hefty scholarships for players of "League of Legends," which has become one of the most popular games for organized team competitions nationwide.

School bets video game scholarship can draw talent

By Jason Keyser
Associated Press

CHICAGO — As a teenager, holed up in his bedroom, illuminated by the glow of his laptop, Youngbin Chung became addicted to video games. Ten-hours-a-day addicted.

His grades tanked. His parents fretted.

A few years later, the 20-year-old from the San Francisco area leads a team of headset-wearing players into virtual battle in a darkened room at a small private university in Chicago. He's studying computer networking there on a nearly $15,000 a year athletic scholarship — for playing "League of Legends," the video game that once jeopardized his high school diploma.

"I never thought in my life I'm going to get a scholarship playing a game," said Chung, one of 35 students attending Robert Morris University on the school's first-in-the-nation video game scholarship.

Once regarded as anti-social slackers or nerds in a basement, gamers have become megastars in what are now called esports. In professional leagues, they compete for millions of dollars in prizes and pull in six-figure incomes for vanquishing their enemies in what have become huge spectator events packing tens of thousands into sports stadiums around the world.

Games have evolved from the days of Pac-Man and Donkey Kong into something much more complex. They demand hyper mental acuity and involve multiple players communicating with each other in teams, plotting strategy, predicting opponents' moves and reacting in milliseconds.

Robert Morris, a not-for-profit university with about 3,000 students, believes those are not so different from the skills one uses on a football field or a basketball court and that spending money to recruit these students, too, will enrich campus life and add to its ranks of high-achieving graduates.

"It's coming; it's coming big time," Associate Athletic Director Kurt Melcher said of the esports trend and what he's sure is its looming recognition by a bigger chunk of the collegiate sports world.

Hundreds of other colleges and universities have esports clubs, but Robert Morris is the first to recognize it as a varsity sport under its athletic department. The scholarships, which cover up to half off tuition and half off room and board (worth a total of $19,000 in a typical three-quarter academic year) are for a single game, League of Legends, in which teams of five on five use keyboards and mouses to control mythical fighters battling it out in a science fiction-like setting.

The first practices started last month in a $100,000 classroom outfitted with an expansive video screen, computers and an array of eye-dazzling gaming paraphernalia.

The space is dimly lit and window blinds are drawn to keep glare off monitors. In the darkness, dozens of students wearing microphone headsets flit fingers and thumbs over the controls with blistering intensity and concentration. Death comes in a multitude of forms and is often sudden. Accordingly, the hum of game chatter is punctuated by the occasional whooping cry of victory or anguished sigh of defeat.

The Robert Morris Eagles will play teams in two leagues that include the likes of Harvard and MIT with hopes of making it to the League of Legends North American Collegiate Championship, where the members of the first-place team take home $30,000 each in scholarships.

Melcher dreamed up the scholarship idea while searching online for the video games he used to play.

Some soccer players were bemused, but he said there was no real pushback from the university, which already has scholarships for everything from bowling to dressing as the mascot.

Some 27 million people play League of Legends each day, according to developer Riot Games Inc.

This year's professional championship is Oct. 19 in Seoul at the stadium South Korea built to host the 2002 soccer World Cup. The 45,000 seats are expected to sell out. The top team will take home $1 million.

The traditional sports world is still trying to figure out what to make of the phenomenon.

ESPN has dabbled in esports coverage, but network President John Skipper recently declared it a non-sport.

"It's not a sport," he said at a conference in New York. "It's a competition, right? I mean, chess is a competition, and checkers is a competition. I'm mostly interested in doing real sports."

Still, he added, "You can't really ignore it."

Work on brain's navigation system wins Nobel Prize

By Karl Ritter and Mark Lewis
Associated Press

STOCKHOLM — How do we remember where we parked the car? And how do we figure out a shortcut to work when there's a big traffic jam?

The brain, it turns out, has a GPS-like function that enables people to produce mental maps and navigate the world — a discovery for which three scientists won the Nobel Prize in medicine Monday.

Husband-and-wife scientists Edvard Moser and May-Britt Moser of Norway and New York-born researcher John O'Keefe were honored for breakthroughs in experiments on rats that could help pave the way for a better understanding of human diseases such as Alzheimer's.

"We can actually begin to investigate what goes wrong" in Alzheimer's, said O'Keefe, a dual British-American citizen. He said the findings might also help scientists design tests that can pick up the very earliest signs of the mind-robbing disease, whose victims lose their spatial memory and get easily lost.

It was in London in 1971 where O'Keefe discovered the first component of the brain's positioning system.

He found that a certain type of nerve cell was always activated when a rat was at a certain place in a room. Other nerve cells were activated when the rat moved to another place. He demonstrated that these "place cells" were building up a map, not just registering visual input.

Decades later, in 2005, the Mosers identified another type of nerve cell — the "grid cell" — that generates a coordinate system for precise "positioning and path-finding," the Nobel Assembly said.

"I made the initial discovery over 40 years ago. It was met then with a lot of skepticism," the 74-year-old O'Keefe said. "And then slowly over years, the evidence accumulated. And I think it's a sign of recognition not only for myself and the work I did, but for the way in which the field has bloomed."

John Kubie of the SUNY Downstate Medical Center in New York said this GPS system in the brain is used in such everyday tasks as remembering where a car is parked or taking a new shortcut on the way home. Kubie also said learning about it may teach scientists more about how the brain learns and remembers, even apart from navigating.

Born in Harlem and raised in the South Bronx, O'Keefe received his doctoral degree in physiological psychology at McGill University in Canada before moving to England for postdoctoral work at the University College London.

"If you can survive the South Bronx, you can survive anything," he said.

Monday's award was the fourth time that a married couple has shared a Nobel Prize and the second time in the medicine category.

"This is crazy," an excited May-Britt Moser, 51, said by telephone from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology in Trondheim, where she and her husband work.

"This is such a great honor for all of us and all the people who have worked with us and supported us," she said. "We are going to continue and hopefully do even more groundbreaking work in the future."

Edvard Moser, 52, said: "It is really a joint work. Not only are we two people, but we are complementary, as well."

Facebook mobile app will require some personal info but it is not Satan

Dear PropellerHeads: All of a sudden, Facebook is telling me that I need a separate mobile app to chat with my friends. I was going to install it, but heard it's a cross between the NSA and the Devil. Can you explain?

Ah yes, these days everyone's favorite thing to do on Facebook (facebook.com) is to complain about Facebook (thesameurlijustposted.com). There are always rumors flying around about Facebook potentially charging for access, buying up any mildly popular social networking competitor and collecting every morsel of data on you it can just to sell ads. Well, for all you conspiracy fanatics out there, you're absolutely right (except for charging for access, which does not appear likely anytime soon). The hullabaloo over the messenger app falls in line with the frequent privacy concerns that Facebook has brushed aside and laughed at whilst its millions of users complained but ultimately stayed with them.

The bottom line is that using a free site that supports as many users and features as Facebook does requires some form of income, and with "big data" being all the rage, the easiest way to do that is to be really, really good at targeted advertising. As people are moving away from traditional laptop/PC use of Facebook and more towards mobile app use on phones, tablets and phablets, Facebook has had to adapt. There's less real estate to effectively advertise and still hold all the functionality of the desktop site, and that's where messenger comes in. The goal with messenger is to provide something that will always be running on your mobile device, and replace your typical SMS/MMS needs.

The rights you grant this app have gotten a lot of attention. So much so that you'd think it was somehow much worse than any other apps out there, including the base Facebook app itself. This PropellerHead thinks those claims are wildly exaggerated. For instance, the ability to monitor your phone's call status is needed so the app will defer to an incoming call rather than keep running and send your call to voicemail. It asks for your contacts, like many other apps (including games), so that it can interact with them. You can't play Words with Friends with your actual friends without sharing your contact list, right?

The app does extend Facebook's ability to research you, though. It can tell who you speak with most often, what links are sent back and forth between you (when you click on them in chat in order to open a browser), and where you are when you are chatting with people. All of these things allow them to have you both as a customer (user) and a commodity (marketing target). Facebook has actually become a little self-aware about concerns with the messenger, and have posted their own little FAQ to try and ease people's concerns. Read more at facebook.com/messengerfacts.

Is Facebook invading your privacy and selling some of it to the highest bidder? Absolutely. However, chances are if you are using any social network, mobile phone apps for gaming or email, or any of the big-name search engines, you're providing a lot of that information already. Rather than panic or rant, read up on exactly what information you're surrendering and make an informed decision on your usage.

If you've decided that being a commodity is for the birds, there is a new social network that's positioning itself as the anti-Facebook. Ello (ello.co) is currently in beta and by invite only, but is advertising itself as not selling member information. It's social networking for the actual user, and not for advertisers. We're waiting for our invitation, and hope to have a review coming your way soon.

In the meantime, find your most comfortable tinfoil hat and don't be surprised when your phone asks why you're shutting it down.

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