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Oil industry battles tax change in Senate plan

Proposed legislation would bar companies from immediately writing off intangible drilling costs

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy
Houston Chronicle

More than a dozen oil and gas trade groups on Friday blasted a leading Senate tax plan that takes aim at incentives long cherished by the industry.

At issue is a proposal by Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., that would bar oil and gas companies from immediately writing off intangible drilling costs, such as repairs, site preparation and hauling supplies. The draft plan also would bar taxpayers from claiming a percentage depletion for oil and natural gas wells. And it would force U.S. companies to abandon the "last in first out" (LIFO) accounting technique that allows oil stockpiles and other inventories to be valued at the most recent price paid when calculating net profit and taxable revenue.

And in a broad change that would cut across all industries, Baucus' plan would bar firms from using accelerated depreciation to write off capital expenditures immediately.

But the changes could discourage investment, said the groups, including the American Petroleum Institute, Independent Petroleum Association of America, America's Natural Gas Alliance and the American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers.

Extending the time for writing off drilling and other expenses "will take cash away from capital-intensive businesses like ours and significantly reduce future domestic investment," the groups said. "In addition, proposals to extend depreciable lives and eliminate valid, long-standing accounting methods like LIFO, will also significantly hurt energy businesses seeking to grow and invest in new capital projects."

The groups stressed that the oil and natural gas industry "has provided one of the few bright spots as the economy struggles toward recovery" and "is poised to make even greater capital investments in domestic energy projects all

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The Christmas spirit

Above: Tex Ellis, with Salvation Army, Curt Sievert, Peggy Floyd and Jeff Jacobson, with Jake's Clays, and Joe Contreras with Salvation Army, stand with bikes donated Friday at the Shoot from the Heart fundraiser at Jake's Clays.

Right: Midland firefighter Miguel Puente helps Maranda Ashcraft try on a new coat Friday at Crockett Elementary as he and other members of the Professional Firefighters Association give a new winter coat to every Crockett Elementary student in kindergarten through fourth grade as part of Coats for Kids.

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MIDLAND 101

By Jimmy Patterson

Greenwood Baptist Church got its start in a saloon

There's an old joke about how Jewish people don't recognize Jesus Christ as the Messiah. Protestants don't recognize the pope as the leader of the Catholic Church and Baptists don't recognize each other in a bar.

The earliest members of Greenwood Baptist Church, though, certainly recognized each other in a bar when they formed their first church in an actual saloon in Slaughter, a wide spot in the road a few miles north of Greenwood, along Highway 80 and County Road 1110.

The year was 1907 and the rest of the story is that Slaughter no longer exists and the saloon where the church was formed had long since sold its last bottle of whiskey by the time members began to use it as their temporary home.

Once Greenwood Baptist Church was organized, it moved from the saloon in Slaughter to Stokes School. After acquiring a charter in 1926, members built their own church at what is now the corner of County Road 307 and Farm to Market Road 1379. A historical marker sits in front of the structure at that original location. That building now is a church-run day care center.

Although you may get an argument from some long-timers, Greenwood was not named because it is an oasis in a desert. Both the community and the church were named after W.D. Green and

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'Lawrence of Arabia' star Peter O'Toole dead at 81

By Gregory Katz
Associated Press

AP file photo

Actor Peter O'Toole is shown in this undated photo . O'Toole, the charismatic actor who achieved instant stardom as Lawrence of Arabia and was nominated eight times for an Academy Award, has died. He was 81. O'Toole's agent Steve Kenis says the actor died Saturday at a hospital following a long illness.

LONDON — Known on the one hand for his starring role in "Lawrence of Arabia," leading tribesmen in daring attacks across the desert wastes, and on the other for his headlong charges into drunken debauchery, Peter O'Toole was one of the most magnetic, charismatic and fun figures in British acting.

O'Toole, who died Saturday at age 81 at the private Wellington Hospital in London after a long bout of illness, was nominated a record eight times for an Academy Award without taking home a single statue.

He was fearsomely handsome, with burning blue eyes and a penchant for hard living that long outlived his decision to give up alcohol. Broadcaster Michael Parkinson told Sky News television it was hard to be too sad about his passing.

"Peter didn't leave much of life unlived, did he?" he said.

A reformed — but unrepentant — hell-raiser, O'Toole long suffered from ill health. Always thin, he had grown wraith-like in later years, his famously handsome face eroded by years of drinking.

But nothing diminished his flamboyant manner and candor.

"If you can't do something willingly and joyfully, then don't do it," he once said. "If you give up drinking, don't go moaning about it; go back on the bottle. Do. As. Thou. Wilt."

O'Toole began his acting career as one of the most exciting young talents on the British stage. His 1955 "Hamlet," at the Bristol Old Vic, was critically acclaimed.

International stardom came in David Lean's "Lawrence of Arabia." With only a few minor movie roles behind him, O'Toole was unknown to most moviegoers when they first saw him as T.E. Lawrence, the mythic British World War I soldier and scholar who led an Arab rebellion against the Turks.

His sensitive portrayal of Lawrence's complex character garnered O'Toole his first Oscar nomination, and the spectacularly photographed desert epic remains his best known role. O'Toole was tall, fair and strikingly handsome, and the image of his bright blue eyes peering out of an Arab headdress in Lean's film was unforgettable.

Playwright Noel Coward once said that if O'Toole had been any prettier, they would have had to call the movie "Florence of Arabia."

Prime Minister David Cameron said Sunday the movie was his favorite film, calling O'Toole's performance "stunning."

In 1964's "Becket," O'Toole played King Henry II to Richard Burton's Thomas Becket, and won another Oscar nomination. Burton shared O'Toole's fondness for drinking, and their off-set carousing made headlines.

O'Toole played Henry again in 1968 in "The Lion in Winter," opposite Katharine Hepburn, for his third Oscar nomination.

Four more nominations followed: in 1968 for "Goodbye, Mr. Chips," in 1971 for "The Ruling Class," in 1980 for "The Stunt Man," and in 1982 for "My Favorite Year." It was almost a quarter-century before he received his eighth and last, for "Venus."

Seamus Peter O'Toole was born Aug. 2, 1932, the son of Irish bookie Patrick "Spats" O'Toole and his wife Constance. There is some question about whether Peter was born in Connemara, Ireland, or in Leeds, northern England, where he grew up, but he maintained close links to Ireland, even befriending the country's now-president, Michael D. Higgins.

Ireland and the world have "lost one of the giants of film and theater," Higgins said in a statement.

After a teenage foray into journalism at the Yorkshire Evening Post and national military service with the navy, a young O'Toole auditioned for the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art and won a scholarship.

He went from there to the Bristol Old Vic and soon was on his way to stardom, helped along by an early success in 1959 at London's Royal Court Theatre in "The Long and The Short and The Tall."

The image of the renegade hell-raiser stayed with O'Toole for decades, although he gave up drinking in 1975 following serious health problems and major surgery.

He did not, however, give up smoking unfiltered Gauloises cigarettes in an ebony holder. That and his penchant for green socks, voluminous overcoats and trailing scarves lent him a rakish air and suited his fondness for drama in the old-fashioned "bravura" manner.

A month before his 80th birthday in 2012, O'Toole announced his retirement from a career that he said had fulfilled him emotionally and financially, bringing "me together with fine people, good companions with whom I've shared the inevitable lot of all actors: flops and hits."

"However, it's my belief that one should decide for oneself when it is time to end one's stay," he said. "So I bid the profession a dry-eyed and profoundly grateful farewell."

In retirement, O'Toole said he would focus on the third volume of his memoirs.

Good parts were sometimes few and far between, but "I take whatever good part comes along," O'Toole told The Independent on Sunday newspaper in 1990.

"And if there isn't a good part, then I do anything, just to pay the rent. Money is always a pressure. And waiting for the right part — you could wait forever. So I turn up and do the best I can."

The 1980 "Macbeth" in which he starred was a critical disaster of heroic proportions. But it played to sellout audiences, largely because the savaging by the critics brought out the curiosity seekers.

"The thought of it makes my nose bleed," he said years later.

In 1989, however, O'Toole had a big stage success with "Jeffrey Bernard is Unwell," a comedy about his old drinking buddy, the legendary layabout and ladies' man who wrote The Spectator magazine's weekly "Low Life" column when he was sober enough to do so.

The honorary Oscar came 20 years after his seventh nomination for "My Favorite Year." By then it seemed a safe bet that O'Toole's prospects for another nomination were slim. He was still working regularly, but in smaller roles unlikely to earn awards attention.

O'Toole graciously accepted the honorary award, quipping, "Always a bridesmaid, never a bride, my foot," as he clutched his Oscar statuette.

He had nearly turned down the award, sending a letter asking that the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences hold off on the honorary Oscar until he turned 80.

Hoping another Oscar-worthy role would come his way, O'Toole wrote: "I am still in the game and might win the bugger outright."

The last chance came in, for "Venus," in which he played a lecherous old actor consigned to roles as feeble-minded royals or aged men on their death beds. By failing again to win, he broke the tie for futility which had been shared with Richard Burton, his old drinking buddy.

O'Toole divorced Welsh actress Sian Phillips in 1979, after 19 years of marriage. The couple had two daughters, Kate and Pat.

A brief relationship with American model Karen Somerville led to the birth of his son Lorcan in 1983, and a change of lifestyle for O'Toole.

After a long custody battle, a U.S. judge ruled Somerville should have her son during school vacations, and O'Toole would have custody during the school year.

"The pirate ship has berthed," he declared, happily taking on the responsibilities of fatherhood. He learned to coach schoolboy cricket and, when he was in a play, the curtain time was moved back to allow him part of the evenings at home with his son.

O'Toole's death was announced by agent Steve Kenis, who said the actor had been ill for some time.

His daughter Kate said the family had already been overwhelmed by the expressions of sympathy.

"In due course there will be a memorial filled with song and good cheer, as he would have wished," she said in the statement.

'Billy Jack' creator Tom Laughlin dead at age 82

By Hillel Italie
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Actor-writer-director Tom Laughlin, whose production and marketing of "Billy Jack" set a standard for breaking the rules on and off screen, has died.

Laughlin's daughter told The Associated Press that he died Thursday at Los Robles Hospital and Medical Center in Thousand Oaks, Calif. Laughlin was 82 and Teresa Laughlin, who acted in the Billy Jack movies, said the cause of death was complications from pneumonia.

"Billy Jack" was released in 1971 after a long struggle by Laughlin to gain control of the low-budget, self-financed movie, a model for guerrilla filmmaking.

He wrote, directed and produced "Billy Jack" and starred as the ex-Green Beret who defends a progressive school against the racists of a conservative Western community. The film became a counterculture favorite and the theme song, "One Tin Soldier," was a hit single for the rock group Coven.

Laughlin was in his mid-30s when he created Billy Jack with his wife and collaborator, Delores Taylor. Billy Jack was half-white, half Native American, a Vietnam veteran and practitioner of martial arts who had come to hate war. Billy Jack was first seen in the 1968 biker movie "Born Losers," but became widely known after "Billy Jack," the second of four films Laughlin made about him (only three made it to theaters).

"Billy Jack" was completed in 1969, but its release was delayed for two years as Laughlin struggled to find studio backing. He eventually successfully sued Warner Bros. to retain rights and — with no support from Hollywood or from theater chains — Laughlin made a radical decision: Distribute the movie himself and rent theaters to show it in. He also was among the first to advertise on television and to immediately open a movie nationwide, rather than release it gradually.

"Billy Jack" initially flopped at the box office, but generated an underground following and became a substantial commercial success and inspiration to independent filmmakers. The title character has been cited as a forerunner for such screen avengers as Rambo.

Laughlin was born in 1931 and grew up in Milwaukee. He played football for the University of South Dakota (where he met his future wife) and Marquette University, but decided he wanted to become an actor after seeing a stage production of "A Streetcar Named Desire."

"He was profoundly affected by the poverty he saw on the Indian reservations near the University of South Dakota," Teresa Laughlin said. "I think the seeds of the Billy Jack character started there."

His early film credits included "South Pacific," "Gidget" and Robert Altman's "The Delinquents." Laughlin also was interested in directing and writing and by 1960 had directed, written and starred in "The Young Sinner."

Laughlin wasn't only a filmmaker. He ran for president as both a Republican and Democrat and founded a Montessori school in California. He was an opponent of nuclear energy and a longtime advocate for Native Americans and bonded with another actor-activist, Marlon Brando.

In recent years, he wrote books and attempted to make another Billy Jack movie.

"There had been lots of interest and deals would sort of come together and not happen," said Teresa Laughlin, who noted that her father had also battled cancer. "One of the prime reasons that he couldn't get a deal was his failing health and, I think, his inability to come to terms with that. In his mind's eye, he remained Billy Jack."

He is survived by his wife, a sister, three children and five grandchildren.

Obituaries

Alicia M. Quiroz

Alicia Madrid Quiroz of Midland passed away after a brave battle on December 12, 2013 surrounded by her loving family. She was born on July 24, 1938 in Marfa, TX to Gorgonio & Gomecinda Madrid. She married her best friend, soul mate & the love of her life Felix G. Quiroz on January 12, 1955 in Stanton, TX. Together they raised their precious 9 children. They had such a realistic deep love for each other. Her love for her family & faith in God made her an amazing mother, wife & wela. She would always brighten the lives of others, very committed to her family, encouraged her kids & grandkids to strive to do their best & not give up. She was the strongest, most caring, sweet lady that would not harm a fly, also very sensitive when it came to her children. She enjoyed traveling with her husband & children, being outdoors, camping with them, cooking; especially during the holidays, having her house full of her pride & joy grandchildren while playing Joteria, & just enjoying their company. She was an inspiration to all who were blessed to know her. She had strong faith in our Lord & lived her life serving Him. Alicia is survived by her devoted husband Felix G. Quiroz; six sons Mike and wife Sonia, Felix Jr., and wife Maria, David and wife Armida, Rudy and wife Rachel, all of Midland, Noel of Odessa & Daniel of Lovington, NM; two daughters Linda Hennington and husband Gary of Odessa & Olga Rodriguez and husband Benjamin of Midland; four brothers Sidronio, Robert, Ray & Luis Madrid; 18 grandchildren & 27 great grandchildren. She is now reunited with her son Robert Quiroz, parents Gorgonio & Gomecinda Madrid, brothers Fernando & Enrique, Sisters Juanita Orona, Maria Aguilar & Andrea Vargas. Alicia will be deeply missed, but never forgotten! We have memories with her that we will carry & cherish forever! The family would like to thank all of you whom have continuously prayed for her, shown her & us any love & support.

Pall bearers will be Mark Runions, Javier, Nick, Mike, Mathew & Robert Jr Quiroz, Anthony Rodriguez & Keith Barrera.

A Funeral Mass will take place today at 10:00a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment will follow to Serenity Memorial Gardens. Funeral services are under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@nts-online.net.

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Death Notices

Sammy Hanna

Sammy Hanna, age 64, of Midland, passed away on December 14, 2013 at a local hospital. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 from 6:00-8:00PM at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral services will be on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at 1:00PM at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland.

Sammy is survived by his children, Samson Massingill; Shayla Love; and Lorene Anderson.

News services erroneously report death of Ray Price

From staff reports

Several national news services, including USA Today, CMT News and Huffington Post, reported that country music legend Ray Price died Sunday. According the New York Times, the reports were premature.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

DALLAS

Official: CPS workers need training to spot deception

The head of the agency charged with protecting Texas children says better worker training is needed to ferret out deception from caregivers.

In at least four recent deaths of young children, Child Protective Services caseworkers didn't push hard enough to find out the truth about the kids' circumstances.

Department of Family and Protective Services chief John Specia told the Dallas Morning News that workers need to be trained to be able to see through lies about relationships inside foster homes, the home's actual occupants and whether there is ongoing abuse.

"We've got to be able to connect dots," said Specia, a veteran San Antonio family court judge. "It's really a matter of being able to have that little red light go off that somebody isn't telling you the whole story."

Specia, who Gov. Rick Perry selected last year to run CPS' parent agency, said women who are abused are sometimes "really good liars."

CPS workers need more training on domestic-violence victims' tendency to protect abusers, he said.

Experts told the paper that caseworkers trying to get to the truth are hampered by a heavy workload and the young age of most CPS workers.

Expecting young workers to suspect deceptions as well as someone around 40 could be foolish, said former McKinney police Sgt. Ida Wei Cover. She spent seven years as a CPS worker and then switched to law enforcement.

"They just don't have the life experiences," she said.

Mike Foster, of Austin, who has decades of experience running a residential treatment center and a family services agency for abused children, said that if adults are uncooperative in child safety investigations, CPS or private companies should escalate their aggressiveness."

HOUSTON

City targets illegal dumping of trash

Houston wants its residents to stop treating the city like a dump.

Officials and police have spent years fighting back against people who leave mattresses, furniture and massive amounts of debris on streets or in empty lots, rather than disposing of them properly, the Houston Chronicle reported.

Schoolchildren sometimes have to walk by mounds of garbage and old tires in a city that has global aspirations. City officials said they worry the problem scares off investors and reinforces negative perceptions of some neighborhoods.

"You have people who come into our neighborhood and disrespect our area," said City Councilman Jerry Davis. "The cost in the quality of life is immeasurable."

Stephen Dicker, the senior officer of the Houston police's environmental investigations unit, said he's had cases where contractors who are supposed to tear down a building have dumped it whole on another street.

"It's just amazing what people will do to save a buck," Dicker said.

Police have made hundreds of arrests, leading to the issuance of fines, sometimes after pulling receipts out of trash heaps to track down offenders.

According to Texas Southern University researcher Robert Bullard, the problem is bigger in historically black and Latino neighborhoods. Bullard told the newspaper that Davis' district — which is 94 percent black and Latino — reported the most calls about illegal dumping of any district in the city.

Part of the problem is that the city historically builds all of its landfills and most of its incinerators in minority neighborhoods, leading to the perception that those areas were good places to leave big trash, Bullard said.

PASADENA

Cops: 'Hello Kitty' purse thief causes fatal wreck

Suburban Houston police say a shoplifter killed a mother and injured a teenage girl in a car accident as she fled a Wal-Mart from where she had stolen a Hello Kitty purse.

Pasadena police spokesman Vance Mitchell told the Houston Chronicle that the shoplifter pushed a security guard to the ground around 1 a.m. Sunday and fled the parking lot in a pickup. She ran a red light and smashed into a car that was driving through the intersection.

Mitchell said the mother driving the car was killed instantly. The teenage girl was airlifted to an area hospital.

The shoplifter was arrested pending criminal charges.

Mitchell would not identify either the shoplifter or the woman killed.

Insects don't bug homicide investigations

By Anita Hassan
Houston Chronicle

Johnny Hanson/Houston Chronicle

In this photo taken on Dec. 6, Michelle Sanford, the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences new staff entomologist, holding larva and a fly as she poses for a portait in Houston.

HOUSTON — The pungent smell aside, it was the buzzing sound — just a bit softer than a beehive — that assured Michelle Sanford there would be a lot of evidence to collect.

After a short trek through the brush in the east Harris County woods, her notion was confirmed. Lying in the thicket, decomposing human remains were swarmed by flies. And the body was covered from head to toe in maggots.

As a forensic entomologist at the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Sanford specializes in what these insects can reveal about a crime scene.

For her, the fly larvae crawling on the body that spring day were more than just the result of decaying human remains. They were crime scene evidence.

Every year, the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences examines about 300 cases involving bodies with moderate to severe decomposition. In incidents such as these — where little forensic evidence may be present — insects around the body can often be the only way to determine how much time has passed since the victim's death, as well as other information pertinent to a criminal investigation.

This is in part what prompted the agency to hire Sanford in January, making them the only medical examiner's office in the United States to employ a full-time, in-house entomologist, officials tell the Houston Chronicle.

"You really have to have the experts there making their initial assessments as the investigation is going on," said Jennifer Love, forensic anthropology director at the agency. "To send the specimens out afterward, you just lose so much information."

Generally, forensic investigators collect insect specimens during an autopsy and send them out to contracted entomologists at universities. Sanford's position is unique in that she collects her own evidence, often during the initial investigation.

"It's really awesome. I really like this job," said Sanford, 35, who received her doctorate in entomology from Texas A&M University in 2010.

Since arriving at the agency, Sanford has analyzed evidence in 65 cases, more than half of which she collected at the scene. Her work typically involves determining the time that has elapsed since death, which she does by determining the flies' stages of development, the species and the temperature.

Sibyl Bucheli, an assistant professor of biology at Sam Houston State University, who specializes in forensic entomology, said insects are some of the most complex biological beings and the field is one that requires incredible expertise — telling the difference between two species of flies can come down to a detail as small as whether one has eyelashes.

"If you're not trained to look for those, that can be a really frustrating endeavor," said Bucheli, who has consulted on the entomological findings in criminal investigations. "So to have somebody on board who understands the insects and understands the process of evidence collection, can really just make the whole process much more efficient."

She also noted that having the evidence collected by a forensic entomologist at the scene makes it more reliable in criminal cases because there is less room for error during collection.

"If you're not collecting the evidence correctly, you're not going to be collecting specimens that can be used in court," Bucheli said.

In a case in February, Sanford recalled spotting maggots on four different parts of the body. She collected specimens from all the locations, something that might not have been obvious to untrained eyes.

Later, after analyzing the evidence in her lab, she was able to determine that the maggots were not only all different species, but at separate stages of development, with the oldest larva on the victim's head.

"The oldest ones would have been the first to arrive," said Sanford. "So that would have been the minimum postmortem interval."

Entomological findings can go beyond helping to determine a time of death. Sanford is also collaborating on a research project with the institute's forensic genetics department in which insects could potentially be used to determine a victim's identity.

Because maggots feed on their hosts, they collect the victim's blood, Sanford said. That blood can be extracted and sent to the genetics department for traditional DNA sequencing to try to identify the victim. The medical examiner's office is trying to develop the process to include it in standard operating procedures.

"Nobody's ever done that before for maggot contents," she said. "So that's really cool."

Entomological findings can also contribute to public health.

Sanford recalled a case of a victim who died from an insect sting, but hospital personnel were unclear as to what kind. Under a microscope she saw barbs on the stinger, indicating it was a honey bee.

"I don't know if they were killer bees or regular bees, but if they were looking for the hive that attacked this person, then they could at least take the proper precautions when they moved it," she said.

Sanford's love of bugs began during her early college days at the University of California, Riverside, where she received a bachelor's degree in biology and master's in entomology.

Afterward she got a job trudging through wetlands, studying the mechanics of mosquito populations.

She envisioned entering academia and never imagined her passion for insects would lead to a job dissecting crime scenes.

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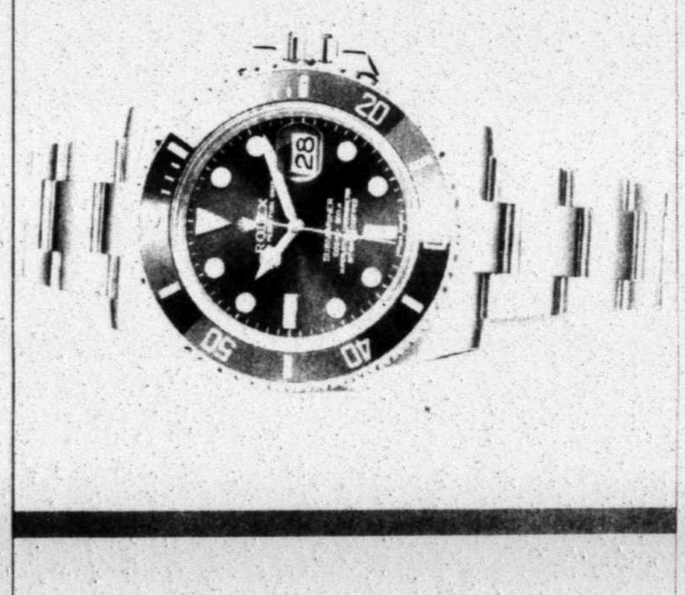

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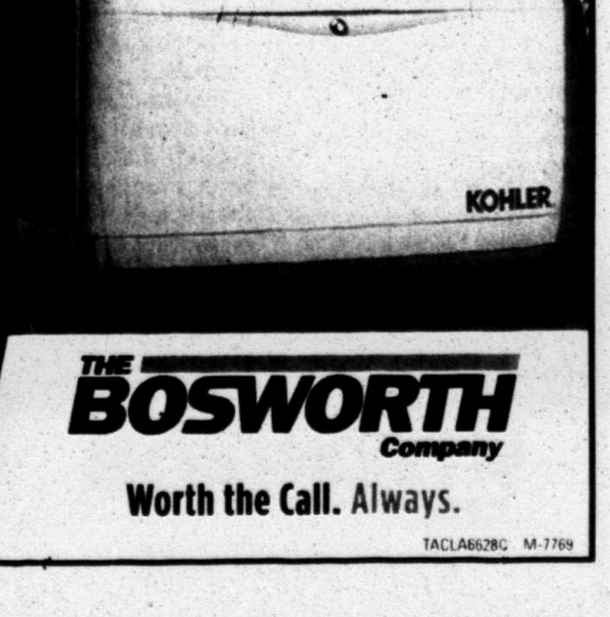

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Today in history

Today is Monday, Dec. 16, the 350th day of 2013. There are 15 days left in the year.

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Associated Press

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George P. takes baby steps away from Bush name

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The latest scion of one of America's most powerful political dynasties is trying to convince voters he's something other than what his famous surname suggests.

George P. Bush, Jeb Bush's 37-year-old son who is a grandson of one former president and nephew of another, is launching his political career by running for Texas' little-known but powerful land commissioner post.

But rather than campaigning on the mainstream Republicanism embodied by the family name, Bush says he's "a movement conservative" more in line with the tea party.

As if to underscore the point, he says he draws the most inspiration not from the administrations of his grandfather, George H. W. Bush, or his uncle, George W. Bush, but from former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who engineered the 1994 Republican takeover of that chamber.

"On social questions, national defense, economic issues, I'm a strong conservative," Bush told The Associated Press.

That kind of statement helps make him the latest — and perhaps one of the more unlikely — faces in the parade of Republicans marching even farther to the right in already fiercely conservative Texas.

As he takes baby steps away from the Bush legacy, George P. could struggle to convince the party's far right that he's really more conservative than either of his elders who have occupied the Oval Office.

"A Bush can't be a true conservative," said Morgan McComb, a North Texas tea party activist and organizer.

Bush insists that he's up to the challenge, noting that he was an early supporter of tea party hero Sen. Ted Cruz, who after less than a year in the Senate has rocketed from relative political unknown to ruler of the Texas GOP.

"That's something that we bring to the table that's different," Bush said. "We're a mainstream conservative that appeals to all Republicans."

James Bernsen, Cruz's former campaign spokesman, said the Bushes "walk in certain circles, and some of those people might put their nose up at Ted sometimes, but George P. tries to cross that divide.".

"George recognizes that it's a blessing and a curse to have that last name," Bernsen said. "There's a reason he's not really being challenged on the ballot. But he also realizes there's a lot of people who will be very skeptical of him."

The Texas land commissioner administers state-owned lands and mineral resources that help pay for public education statewide. The position can be a springboard to higher office. The incumbent commissioner, Jerry Patterson, is running for lieutenant governor. And the incumbent lieutenant governor he's challenging, David Dewhurst, served as land commissioner before winning his current job.

Squaring off against Bush are former El Paso Democratic Mayor John Cook and Republican East Texas businessman David Watts. But Bush has raked in more than $3.3 million and is expected to cruise to victory both in the Republican primary in March and the November general election.

Republicans have not lost a statewide race in Texas since 1994.

But Bush's rightward drift comes with risks. It might hurt his image as a next-generation Republican who could reach out to Texas' booming Hispanic population. Bush is a fluent Spanish speaker whose mother, Columba, was born in Mexico.

Hispanics vote overwhelmingly Democratic, but Bush said many also agree with the GOP on social issues, opposing abortion and large government.

"I'm willing to stand behind this concept, that as conservatives we can win the Hispanic vote without selling out the values," Bush said. "I don't think we need to compromise."

Bush says he wants to embody conservative activism while still leaving room to govern. He refused to endorse the Cruz-led effort to defund the White House's health care overhaul, which sparked a partial government shutdown. Bush called the measure "a monstrosity" but also said the only option left was to look for market-based solutions to reform it.

"We need to get back to being the party of solutions," Bush said. Gingrich's leadership in 1994 "was the last great case study where you saw a conservative party that came forward with solutions on the big issues of the day."

Associated Press

George P. Bush, the grandson of one former president and nephew of another, visits the Republican Party of Texas headquarters where he formally filed to run for Texas land commissioner, in Austin on Nov. 19. Bush will face former El Paso Democratic Mayor John Cook in next November's election. Rather than campaigning on the mainstream Republicanism embodied by the family name, Bush says he's "a movement conservative" more in line with the tea party.

Born in Houston, Bush grew up in Florida, where his father, Jeb, was governor from 1998 until 2007. After college, he taught school in inner-city Miami, worked on his uncle's presidential campaign and earned a law degree from the University of Texas. He also clerked for a federal judge and founded a capital company in Fort Worth, where he now lives. In 2010, he served an eight-month tour in Afghanistan with naval intelligence under an assumed name for security reasons.

Those close to the Bushes shrugged off any suggestion that some family members might be irked to see George P. distancing himself from the clan.

"The only thing the Bush family cares about is that George P. follow his convictions, whatever they are," said Mark McKinnon, a GOP strategist and former advisor to George W. Bush's presidential campaigns.

Karen Hughes, a former spokeswoman and diplomat for the George W. Bush White House, said any candidate runs "based on his or her fundamental values and priorities, and that is true regardless of your last name."

Others who know the family said Gingrich's "Contract With America," which was on the cutting edge of activist conservatism in 1994, is now far more mainstream for the GOP as a whole — including the Bushes.

Still, Cathie Adams, president of the Texas Eagle Forum, a socially conservative activist group, said Bush's claiming of the movement conservative mantle isn't credible given the shadow his family has cast over state and national politics for so long.

However, while many tea party backers remain enraged that Bush's unele ran up enormous federal deficits and oversaw the bank bailout, they are unwilling to turn their back on the family, Adams acknowledged:

"I think Texans are very respectful of the gentlemen in politics, the kindness and compassion that the family has earned over a long period of time," she said.

Those sentiments will probably extend to George P. too, she added, "even though it should not be that way."

Navy expands sonar testing despite troubling signs

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The U.S. Navy plans to increase sonar testing over the next five years, even as research it funded reveals worrying signs that the loud underwater noise could disturb whales and dolphins.

Reported mass strandings of certain whale species have increased worldwide since the military started using sonar half a century ago. Scientists think the sounds scare animals into shallow waters where they can become disoriented and wash ashore, but technology capable of close monitoring has emerged only in about the last decade.

Aside from strandings, biologists are concerned marine mammals could suffer prolonged stress from changes in diving, feeding and communication.

Two recent studies off the Southern California coast found certain endangered blue whales and beaked whales stopped feeding and fled from recordings of sounds similar to military sonar.

Beaked whales are highly sensitive to sound and account for the majority of beachings near military exercises. Scientists, however, were surprised by the reaction of blue whales — the world's largest animal — long thought to be immune to the high-pitched sounds. It's unclear how the change in behavior would affect the overall population, estimated at between 5,000 and 12,000 animals.

The studies involved only a small group of tagged whales and noise levels were less intense than what's used by the Navy. Shy species, such as the Cuvier's beaked whale that can dive 3,000 feet below the surface, have taken years to find and monitor.

"This is a warning flag and deserves more research," said Stanford University biologist Jeremy Goldbogen, who led the blue whale study published this summer in the journal Proceedings of the Royal Society B.

Both studies were done by a team of independent scientists as part of a Navy-funded, five-year project launched in 2010 to understand how sonar affects marine mammals.

Navy officials say it's vital to national security that sailors receive sonar training in real-life conditions.

Environmentalists have long claimed that sonar harms marine mammals, which use acoustics to mate and forage. They want more protections and accuse the Navy of rushing to obtain five-year permits under the Marine Mammal Protection Act from the National Marine Fisheries Service to increase its sonar testing in U.S. waters without considering the latest science.

"If you deafen a marine mammal for even a short period time, you are affecting its ability to survive," said Michael Jasny of the Natural Resources Defense Council, whose group has sued to force the Navy to add more protections.

A federal judge in September ruled marine fisheries officials did not consider the best available data when it approved permits last year for operations stretching from Northern California to the Canadian border. The agency has until August to reassess how it will protect ocean life.

The California Coastal Commission also rejected the Navy's five-year plan for exercises that would start in January off Southern California. However, the state agency does not have the power to block the drills and the Navy has ignored the agency's requested protections in the past.

The Navy estimates that its activities could inadvertently kill 186 whales and dolphins off the East Coast and 155 off Hawaii and Southern California, mostly from explosives.

It calculates more than 11,000 serious injuries off the East Coast and 2,000 off Hawaii and Southern California, along with nearly 2 million minor injuries, such as temporary hearing loss, off each coast. It also predicts marine mammals might change their behavior — such as swimming in a different direction — in 27 million instances.

Navy officials said they considered the latest research available, including the two recent studies, but none proves the activities cause significant harm to the marine populations.

Navy spokesman Kenneth Hess emphasized that the studies published this summer involved a small group of animals and some did not react, indicating the sound's distance and other context may play a role. The Navy uses simulators where possible.

"Overall, the activities we propose are very similar to the training and testing we have done in these areas for the past 60 years, and we have not seen major impacts on marine mammals from these activities," Hess said.

Until now, studies have measured animals' response based on recordings similar to military sonar or depended on the tagging of marine mammals during Navy at-sea training in which scientists could not control the distance or intensity. For the first time, researchers coordinating with the Navy are conducting experiments using mid-frequency active sonar transmissions from ships. This past summer, they tagged six whales and dolphins off the Southern California coast. Those results are still being analyzed.

Marine fisheries officials last month granted the Navy its permit for activities in the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico, on the condition that the military review the latest science yearly. The Navy must cease exercises if mammals are spotted nearby, and establish a response plan to a mass stranding. A decision on the Pacific permit is expected to be announced this month.

NATIONBRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

LOS ANGELES

'Hobbit' box office elite with $73.7M

Undaunted hobbits trumped princess power at the multiplex.

Per studio estimates Sunday, Warner Bros. "Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug" was No. 1 at the weekend box office with $73.7 million, besting last weekend's No. 1 film, Disney's animated fable "Frozen."

Melting down to the No. 2 position, "Frozen" earned $22.2 in its third weekend, bringing its impressive overall domestic ticket total to nearly $164.4 million. Internationally, the Disney hit gained $31.5 million.

Despite its first place position, "The Desolation of Smaug" fell short of topping its prequel's debut. "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey," which opened this same weekend last year, gained $84.6 million. It earned $131.2 million in international sales.

"'Hobbit' rules this date and Warner Bros. has linked this brand to this time of year very effectively," said box-office analyst Paul Dergarabedian of Rentrak.

"We had an excellent weekend," said Dan Fellman, president of domestic distribution at Warner Bros. "Of course, it could have been a little better, but the weather back East was really tough last night and probably took a couple million dollars out of my pocket. But our box office will survive. We are right on target to do very similar numbers to the last 'Hobbit,' which grossed a $1 billion worldwide (overall)."

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From 1A

W.F. Wood, two charter members of the church when it was a mission. The first church was built on land donated by J.M. King, also a charter member and deacon. That first structure was a square building heated by a wood stove and lighted by coal oil lamps until the early 1940s. Sunday school rooms were created by curtains that were drawn to create separate spaces for the instruction of the word.

Since the 1990s, Greenwood Baptist Church's main building has been on the north side of FM 307, directly across from the original location.

Jimmy Patterson's book, "A History of Character: The Story of Midland, Texas," is scheduled to be published in 2014.

Oil

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But to do that, API and the other groups said, "we must have a tax code that not only encourages growth in such investments, but allows us to continue our track record of creating jobs, growing the economy and strengthening our energy security."

Baucus' draft is part of a broader plan to lower the corporate tax rate. For years, as Congress veered closer to a fundamental tax reform, some oil and gas industry representatives have suggested that it would be difficult for lawmakers to drop the tax rate low enough to compensate for the loss of a broad swath of deductions.

LIFO is a particular concern with refiners and big oil companies because using the last in first out account method, instead of the more internationally accepted first in first out technique, allows companies to slash their taxable revenue if the prices for their reserves have gone up. Oil companies have benefited from using the LIFO technique to value reserves of crude that have generally climbed in price over the past decade.

NATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW MEXICO

Manhattan Project national park proposal rejected

LOS ALAMOS — A proposal to establish a national historical park to commemorate the World War II Manhattan Project that developed the atomic bomb has been rejected.

The Los Alamos Monitor reported that hopes the proposal would pass this year were dashed when U.S. Senate rejected an amendment attaching the bill to the National Defense Authorization Act.

The top-secret Manhattan Project operated from December 1942 until September 1945 and resulted in scientific and technological advancements that ushered in the atomic age and helped the United States win the war.

Heather McClenahan, executive director of Los Alamos Historical Museum and the county's point person on the national park project, said supporters have been accustomed to disappointment in the 10 years since the legislation was first introduced.

McClenahan said supporters of the proposal still had reason for optimism, considering the proposal had garnered bipartisan support and advanced far into the legislative process. "We still have three congressional delegations working toward it. So we still have reason for optimism, to think that 2014 will be our year," McClenahan said.

OHIO

Neighbor of girl found dead in trash arrested

A 9-year-old Ohio girl last seen playing in the mobile home park where she lived was found dead in a nearby trash bin after a frantic search, and police on Sunday arrested a neighbor they described as a family friend in the killing.

Jerrod Metsker, 24, was arrested at his home on a murder charge about 12 hours after deputies found the body of Reann Murphy near her home in Smithville, about 30 miles southwest of Akron, Wayne County Sheriff Travis Hutchinson said at a news conference.

PITTSBURGH

Coast Guard wants barges to ship fracturiing water

The U.S. Coast Guard wants to allow barges filled with hydraulic ffracturing wastewater to ply the nation's rivers on their way toward disposal. Many environmentalists are horrified, but industry groups say barge transport has its advantages.

Now, the wastewater is usually disposed of by truck or rail, which poses more risk for accidents than shipping by barge, according to a government report. And one barge can carry about the same amount of waste as 100 exhaust-spewing trucks.

The disagreements go to the core of the fight over shale gas drilling. Environmentalists said the chemicals in fracturing waste are a tragedy in the making, but the industry said far greater amounts of toxic chemicals are already being moved by barge, including waste from oil drilling.

In 2010, U.S. barges carried 2,000 tons of radioactive waste, almost 1.6 million tons of sulfuric acid and 315 million tons of petroleum products, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Oklahoma gay marriage lawsuit ongoing for 9 years

By Kristi Eaton
Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. — Two same-sex couples who sued for the right to marry in conservative Oklahoma knew it would be a struggle, but they couldn't have expected that nine years later, they would still be awaiting their day in court.

Their federal lawsuit is the longest-running active lawsuit against the Defense of Marriage Act, according to national gay marriage advocacy group Freedom to Marry.

Mary Bishop and Sharon Baldwin, a Tulsa couple together for 17 years, and another couple filed the lawsuit in November 2004, shortly after Oklahoma voters overwhelmingly passed a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage. Although the suit was revised in 2009 to name the Tulsa County clerk as a defendant, it maintains its original claim that the women should be allowed to marry in Oklahoma.

"While some people are getting their day in court and finding justice, we are sitting here, for nine years, with our hands tied," Bishop said.

The duration of the case strikingly contrasts the spate of lawsuits filed since the U.S. Supreme Court ordered the federal government in June to recognize legal same-sex marriages. The case that sparked that ruling — involving 83-year-old New York widow Edith Windsor — reached the high court only three years after it was filed. The case challenged an estate tax levied after Windsor's wife died.

Yet even with that case decided, Bishop and Baldwin, who met while working at the Tulsa World newspaper, haven't been able to get a hearing in a Tulsa court. Their fellow plaintiffs are Gay Phillips and Susan Barton, who legally married in Canada and have a civil union in Vermont.

Their lawsuit also challenges the Defense of Marriage Act, including parts addressed in Windsor's case but also phrasing that says individual states don't have to recognize same-sex marriages performed in other jurisdictions.

The couples' lawyer recently filed paperwork with U.S. District Court Judge Terence Kern, the judge overseeing their case, noting the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in case he was waiting for the high court to weigh in on the issue, Baldwin said.

"We've had absolutely no guidance from the judge in terms of what he's thinking, what his idea of is how this is going to proceed," she said. "Just let us have our day in court. I mean, we're being held hostage and the right of gays and lesbians all over the state of Oklahoma are being held hostage."

A message left with Kern by The Associated Press was not returned.

The lawsuit made it to the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in 2006 after the district court denied the governor and the state attorney general's motion to dismiss the case.

The appeals court ruled in 2009 that they lacked standing, so the two couples filed an amended complaint removing the governor and attorney general as defendants, and adding the Tulsa County Court clerk, who issues marriage licenses.

A trial was scheduled for May 2012, but it was held up as other gay marriage-related cases made their way through other federal courts.

After the couples' lawyer pointed out the Windsor decision to Kern, lawyers for the Tulsa County clerk said the couples had overstated the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling.

"Windsor does not forbid States like Oklahoma from preserving marriage as the union of one man and one woman. On the contrary, Windor's (sic) repeated references to state sovereignty over the definition of marriage bolster the defense of Oklahoma's Marriage Amendment," attorney Byron Babione wrote.

It's unclear what will happen in the case. But Evan Wolfson, president o, Freedom to Marry, lauded Baldwin and Bishop for their persistence.

"Whatever the wisdom of a particular litigation in a particular state in the midst of a national movement for the freedom to marry, couples like Mary and Sharon who have gone the full mile to walk down the aisle attest to the undeniable fact that marriage matters, for gay couples as for non-gay," Wolfson said.

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OPINION

Challenge to Cornyn highlights GOP's shift

■ Even the senator with the second most conservative record can face a challenge in the GOP primary — from the right

CARL P. LEUBSDORF
The Dallas Morning News

When Texas Republican John Cornyn won his Senate seat in 2002, he got some political advice: Keep to the right, because you'll be vulnerable only if deemed insufficiently conservative.

He followed that advice so well that the nonpartisan National Journal rated his 2012 voting record as the Senate's second most conservative, behind only Idaho's James Risch.

But if anyone doubted the extent to which the Republican Party has moved right, one need only look to Texas. Cornyn last week discovered that, despite his efforts, he is the eighth GOP senator who will face a primary challenge next spring — from his right.

As underfunded and quixotic as that challenge by Rep. Steve Stockman seems, the result may show how far right the Texas GOP has moved.

The party's rightward trend was graphically evident in these primary battles:

■ The 2010 Republican gubernatorial primary. Gov. Rick Perry decisively defeated the more centrist Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, who was often regarded as the state's most popular officeholder — though not within the GOP.

■ The 2012 Senate primary. Little-known former state Solicitor General Ted Cruz, backed by a bevy of conservative groups, upset his more mainstream rival, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, and then won the general election to replace Hutchison.

■ The 2014 Senate primary. Cornyn, now the Senate's No. 2 Republican, has been targeted as too liberal by Stockman, who has spent his second House term proposing such steps as impeaching President Barack Obama. His actions have placed him on the far right of the very conservative House GOP majority.

Despite Cornyn's voting record, a conservative primary challenge always seemed possible. His ascension to party leadership placed him in the potentially vulnerable position of backing top-level bipartisan compromises necessary in a time of divided government.

Unsurprisingly, he promptly moved to separate himself from the newly crafted budget deal, saying it was "heading in the wrong direction."

Indeed, even before his election, candidate Cruz refused to join GOP primary rivals in pledging to support their fellow Texas Republican's leadership bid, which he won without opposition.

While Cornyn has voted several times to repeal or defund Obama's health law, Stockman cited Cornyn's opposition to Cruz's filibuster against a funding bill that did not do so.

"John Cornyn wakes up every morning and works to make the Senate a more liberal place," Stockman said in a "Dear Patriot" fundraising letter. "Liberal John Cornyn betrayed Ted Cruz by abandoning Republicans during the Obamacare filibuster."

That seems a stretch, and Stockman, who won a newly created Houston-area seat in 2012 after serving a single term in the mid-1990s, won't have the same united support as Cruz in Texas, where Cornyn already had several little known rivals, and among outside conservative groups.

The Club for Growth, which spent millions helping Cruz, said it would stay neutral. Texas Right to Life, a major anti-abortion group, has endorsed Cornyn. But the executive director of the Senate Conservatives Fund said, "we're glad he (Stockman) is running.

"John Cornyn has voted to increase the debt, raise taxes, bail out Wall Street banks and fund Obamacare," director Matt Hoskins said. "He's part of the problem in Washington, and voters deserve an alternative."

Cruz is in an awkward position because of his ties to the Fund, which is helping some of the eight "tea party"-backed 2014 challengers to GOP incumbents. At an October luncheon, Cruz told colleagues he would not aid the group's efforts to defeat fellow Republicans.

As for Stockman's challenge, Cornyn starts heavily favored, given the conservative split and the incumbent's enormous financial advantage. The senator has $7 million on hand, while Stockman has $32,000 plus $163,000 in debts.

But outsiders sometimes forget how conservative the Texas GOP is. In the mid-1990s, more members of the Republican Executive Committee favored conservative outsider Alan Keyes for president over home state conservative Sen. Phil Gramm.

In that kind of party, anything is possible.

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OUR VIEW

Society shouldn't treat drunken driving killings differently than others?

We were shocked a North Texas teenager who killed four pedestrians while driving drunk escaped prison time.

We don't understand the judge's decision to offer that 16-year-old probation instead of time behind bars. According to reports, the boy, Ethan Couch, could have received a maximum of 20 years.

Reports have indicated a psychologist testifying in the trial said the boy shouldn't receive the prison sentence because of an affliction called "affluenza." The Associated Press, citing a psychologist who does family wealth advising, reported affluenza as being a "condition in which children — generally from richer families — have a sense of entitlement, are irresponsible, make excuses for poor behavior, and sometimes dabble in drugs and alcohol." We would call it spoiled brat syndrome.

We have no objection that defense attorneys would go to this length to defend their client. That is their job, even if, according to the same doctor, affluenza wasn't meant to be used as a defense in a criminal trial or to justify such behavior.

Our problem is with the judge. His sentence has people focused on the wrong symptom. Many believe the sentence is proof of an alleged double standard in our society — that there are different penalties for the rich and poor. Is there a double standard? Maybe. However, instead of making this an indictment on the top 1 percent or about race as some are willing to do, maybe what our society should be calling for is a change in how we look at deaths caused by drunken drivers.

We think back to March 2012 when a Midland County jury handed Joel Galindo Tavarez 10 years probation and a six-month jail sentence after he killed Jenna Vela and Perry Jeffrey in a wreck that also injured and made orphans of their two daughters.

While society seeks to cast blame, maybe it should look in the mirror and come to grips with the notion that we don't view all killings in the same way. Use a gun or a weapon to kill people and prison seems like a certainty. Drink excessively and use your car as the weapon to kill and prison seems to be optional.

It just doesn't seem right. Maybe no matter where Couch or Tavarez spend the rest of their lives, they will know they have blood on their hands. People are dead because of their irresponsibility, and they will have to answer to a higher power for their actions.

However, there is a take-a-way for the rest of us. We must demand a greater penalty for those convicted of intoxication manslaughter. All this talk about affluenza and the rich getting preferential treatment covers up the fact we have different punishments for how one takes another person's life.

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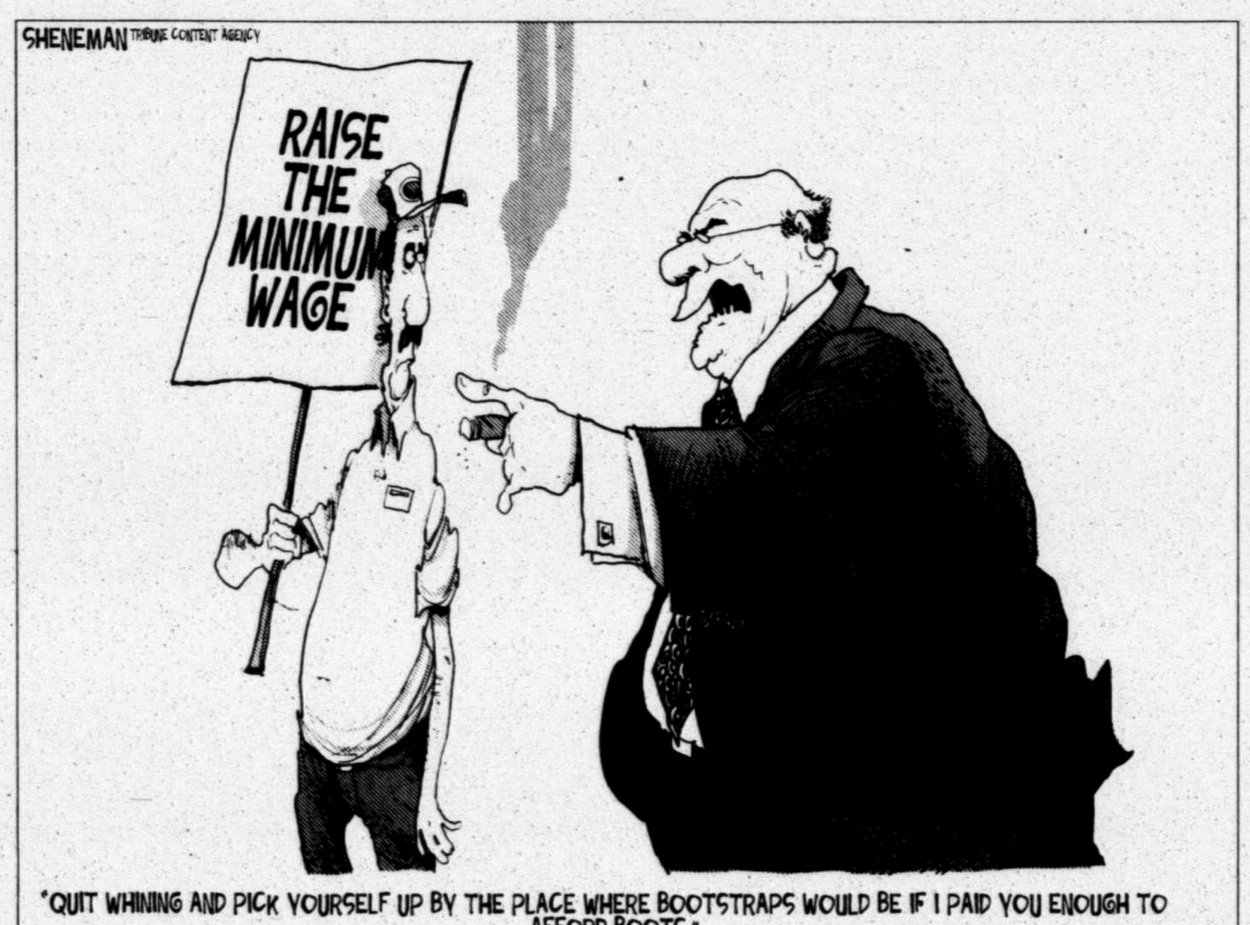
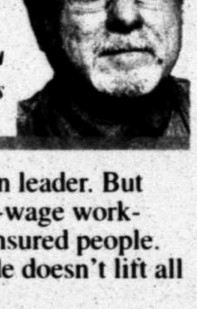


Address income inequality in Texas

■ Forget talking about the pope, ask Abbott and Davis about it



O. RICARDO PIMENTEL
San Antonio Express-News

Oh, that pesky pope; that nettlesome president. There they go talking about income inequality.

But here's who else we should want to be just as pesky on this topic: Wendy Davis and Greg Abbott, Texas' leading gubernatorial candidates.

You see, when it comes to income inequality, Texas, as they say in these parts, has sure got a mess of it.

This isn't really just about the haves and have-nots; it's also about the used-to-haves who don't have as much anymore. Meanwhile, those who have way too much are amassing more.

Any day now, some think tank will tell us it's all in our imaginations.

Right. Your last pay raise is a foggy memory. Your job really is in jeopardy. And, yes, your adult kids are really struggling. The problem is global, but the discussion here is really about a genuinely endangered American dream.

Allow me to paraphrase Pope Francis. That isn't bounty trickling down and, if you don't have a boat, drowning tends to come after that proverbial rising tide.

Right. It's not like either Davis or Abbott is going to run the Fed. But in about four years, one will be taking bows for Texas' economy or furiously tap dancing around the topic.

The Texas mantra has been that our "economic miracle" has been all about government staying out of the way.

Abbott has been a practitioner of sorts, given how many times he has sued to halt alleged federal interference. Davis, judging from her record, has a different view of government's role.

This election should be a test of which direction is best. Whoever repeats that Texas mantra needs to explain why what hasn't worked for a whole lot of people suddenly will. A government role? What does that look like?

There is this thing called the Gini coefficient, a measurement of the distribution of population and income. It employs a range of 0.0 to 1.0, the higher the number, the less equitable the distribution. The U.S. Census calculated Texas' at 0.477 in 2011. Only five states had higher; we tied with two others.

Texas (ital) is (ital) a job creation leader. But also a national leader in minimum-wage workers -- and in child poverty and uninsured people. This suggests that Texas' rising tide doesn't lift all boats.

So, it's fair to ask: How do the candidates feel about raising the minimum wage, now at $7.25? People who work shouldn't be in poverty.

Health care access is an equalizer. Abbott has made noise that he supports Texas' refusal to expand Medicaid as part of Obamacare, his target of another lawsuit. Davis is the opposite.

Education is the ultimate equalizer. Davis, before she famously filibustered abortion laws, filibustered massive education cuts. The Legislature later restored much of these, but schools are still behind and Abbott defended the cuts in court. He says that was his duty as attorney general, noncommittal about whether he approved of the cuts, though he recently said school funding "adequate to attain the status of being the No. 1-ranked" system would be a feature of his administration.

So, to both candidates: Since the Legislature has been inadequate to the task and the "Robin Hood" policy hasn't worked, what structural changes to school funding should be made to reach this No. 1 status?

Let's really listen on income inequality. First, to hear if it even comes up. But, if a candidate says, "A minimum-wage job is better than no job," that's right -- and beside the point.

If they deny income inequality matters, they should tell it to Texas' legions of working poor.

And if candidates, up and down the ballot, see in all this some Marxist plot to redistribute wealth, best to remember that this knee-jerk charge of "socialism" is a sign of flabby ideology.

The many Texans in dire straits don't need a handout; they need a hand up. And if a candidate talks, even in code, as if these are the same things, that tells us all we need to know.

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

TENNESSEE

Lipscomb holds special graduation inside prison

NASHVILLE — When Lipscomb University professor Richard Goode first had the idea of offering basic college classes to prisoners, he had no idea how popular the program would become. It's not just the inmates who love it, but also professors and traditional Lipscomb students who vie for opportunities to teach and attend classes inside the Tennessee Prison for Women.

Goode's original goal was to offer six courses over two years for 18 credit hours. He met that goal in 2009, but the women who attended classes faithfully each week — often asking for additional reading and homework — did not want to stop. So the university created a special associates degree just for them.

On Friday, nine women received that degree after seven years of hard work. They were surrounded by robed faculty and fellow students from the outside who came to support them in their achievement.

CONNECTICUT

Obama's health care promise is year's top quote

NEW HAVEN — President Barack Obama's acknowledgement that his promise that Americans could keep their health insurance plan turned out to be inaccurate topped this year's list of best quotes, according to a Yale University librarian.

Other notable quotations on Fred Shapiro's eighth-annual list included Pope Francis' urging that the Catholic Church reduce emphasizing hot-button issues like abortion, a Republican governor insisting on changes in his party and a Pakistani teenager who was shot by the Taliban calling for a campaign against illiteracy, poverty and terrorism.

"I think there is a theme of change," said Shapiro, associate librarian at Yale Law School. "We have the health care law running into problems. We have the pope who is ruffling some feathers. We have an education activist standing up for the rights of women to have an education. You have Republican Party officials advocating change within that party."

As Obama's new health care law was rolled out with a faulty website, millions of Americans received cancellation letters from insurance companies.

Once-condemned doctor turns to helping Haitians

By Jennifer Kay
Associated Press

NORTH MIAMI, Fla. — It may be hard to remember now, but there was a time when a mysterious autoimmune disease baffled doctors and frightened a world unfamiliar with what is now called AIDS. Arthur Fournier recalls the rise of the epidemic far better than most. In some ways it made him. In others, it nearly broke him. Above all, it helped define the rest of his life.

In 1979, Fournier was a young doctor at Miami's public hospital when patients exhibiting the symptoms of AIDS began flooding in — only these patients weren't gay men, who accounted for many early cases of the disease. Rather, they were Haitian.

Confounded, Fournier and some of his colleagues soon published a study about what they were seeing among their Haitian patients, concluding "it is possible that this syndrome ... is the same as that found among homosexual men."

Their work would go a long way toward helping the medical community better understand how AIDS spread, but it also had unintended consequences: Just being Haitian was initially listed by the federal government as a risk factor for AIDS, along with heroin use, hemophilia and homosexuality — a macabre "4-H club," as it became known.

For years, discrimination and recrimination against Haitians ensued. Fournier and the other doctors were blasted for committing bad science, asking biased questions, failing to employ Haitian Creole translators when talking with their patients and targeting an immigrant community derided as "boat people."

Now, some 35 years later, Fournier is one of the Haitian community's biggest champions: A man whose early missteps led to a career dedicated to improving access to medical care for Haitians in Miami and back home.

"I think I believe in reincarnation, and I'm convinced he was Haitian in a different life, because he has given and done so much for Haiti and the Haitian community," says Dr. Marie-Denise Gervais, a professor of medicine at the University of Miami who works with Fournier in a network of school-based health clinics.

Gervais, a native of Haiti, remembers feeling the stigma about Haitians and AIDS as she pursued her medical degree. For a time, even after a ban on Haitians donating blood in the U.S. was lifted, she stopped giving blood just to avoid being questioned about her heritage.

Gervais sees Fournier as a pioneer of the movement to improve health care for Haitians, not as the cause of the stigma.

"Looking back, obviously he wrote some article, but the scientific community had no clue. They're seeing all these cases, and this is how the scientific mind works: You're trying to put all the pieces of the puzzle together. When you're right, it's wonderful, but sometimes you have trial and error before you get it right," she said.

From Fournier, now 65, there was never an "I'm sorry" for what happened in the aftermath of those early AIDS studies. Shortly before the research in Miami was published, officials at the Centers for Disease Control began warning doctors who cared for Haitians that their patients might be prone to terrifying infections.

In the panic that followed, Haitians in the U.S. reported losing jobs, and their children were taunted at school. The U.S. government would briefly ban Haitians from donating blood. Anger in the Haitian-American community manifested in massive rallies that blocked the Brooklyn Bridge and Miami streets.

Fournier, who endured pressure to cut back on his AIDS work, said he never felt like he had to apologize for contributing to the stereotype that shadowed Haitians for years. Rather, he says: "I did it with my words and actions."

Growing up north of Boston, Fournier was the oldest of six children whose assembly-line worker father died at age 40. In medical school, he was keenly aware that he hadn't shared many of the privileges enjoyed by most of his classmates — they were the sons of lawyers and doctors, while he was selling his own blood to help pay for the engagement ring he gave to the woman he courted with dates in the medical school cafeteria.

He wanted to work with the poor — circumstances he found familiar — and after completing his residency at the University of Miami hospital, he spent two years practicing medicine in rural Virginia. Fournier's return to Miami to teach public health in 1978 coincided with the arrivals of thousands of Haitians, mostly by boat.

When these Haitians got sick, they lacked the money to go anywhere else but Miami's public hospital, exposing Fournier for the first time to Haitian culture and AIDS.

"The people in the hospital, they were going nuts," is how Fournier remembers those early days of the AIDS epidemic. He would step into elevators at Jackson Memorial Hospital to see orderlies dressed head to toe in protective suits just to transport AIDS patients, whom some residents refused to examine. When he got home from work his wife, terrified of infection, ordered him to shower before he did anything else.

Amid the criticism from Haitian community leaders that the doctors had failed in the most basic aspects of medical exams — simply asking their patients about their health — Fournier stood by his work and continued to treat Haitians and other patients with AIDS.

"I feel like they were my brothers and sisters," said Fournier, who later published research about the socio-economic forces that helped HIV and AIDS spread worldwide. "It's not really guilt, but I was extremely disappointed when ... our identification of HIV amongst the Haitians so led to their stigmatization. That was so wrong."

Fournier and others in the medical community later would come to understand that poverty played a significant role in AIDS cases among Haitians, the homeless and other impoverished communities.

Prostitution and sexual tourism, drug use and social and political forces affecting women, families and minorities also facilitated the spread of AIDS. The most effective treatments and education about preventative measures such as condoms required large amounts of money and time from a limited number of doctors — resources often out of reach for the poor.

In the years that followed, Fournier focused on community health and finding new ways to provide health care for the homeless, immigrants and schoolchildren in South Florida, projects funded with more than $71 million in grants he secured.

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SWEET BENEFIT

Gingerbread Haven, a fundraiser for Midland Fair Havens, was Dec. 3 at Midland Country Club. More than 660 people attended two luncheons at which they had the opportunity to decorate gingerbread houses. The attendees had a choice of 118 different candies and edible decorations for their creations. Each participant received an apron, cookie cutter, recipe for gingerbread haven cookies and a cloth bag filled with information about Midland Fair Havens. DiAnn Koehl, agency executive director, said gingerbread houses are available for purchase. She said that the houses, which are already assembled, and icing are $20 each. For more information, call 689-3411.

Melissa Ware works on a chimney as Kelli Kirk and others work on their gingerbread houses at the second Gingerbread Haven luncheon. The event is a benefit for Midland Fair Havens.

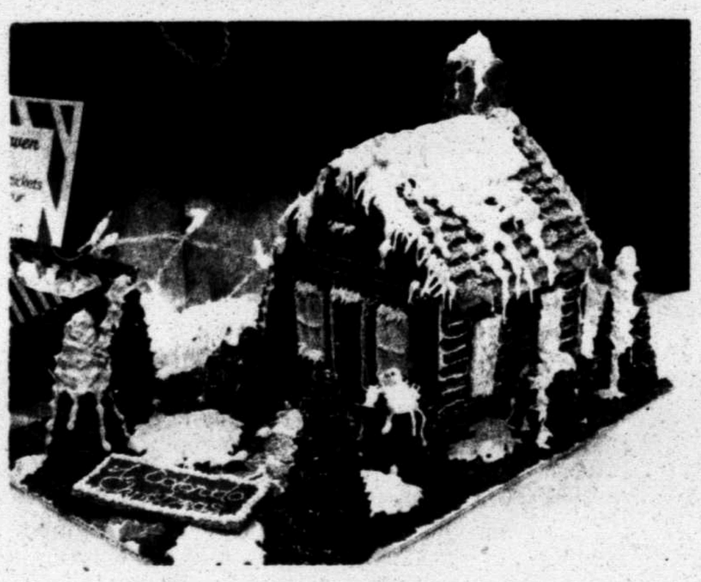
Margie Bickford gathers candy to decorate her gingerbread house.

Leigh Ann North works on her gingerbread house.

Nancy Doss works on her gingerbread house.

This gingerbread house was made by Shannon Laning.

Photos by Tim Fischer



Docents of the George W. Bush Childhood Home and their guests recently visited the George W. Bush Presidential Center where they were surprised by the former president. Bottom row from left: Barbara Culver Clack, Jaclyn Woolf, Kay Boedeker; second row from left: Barbara Hancock, Ann Bailey, Della Neal, Donna Fergeson, President George W. Bush, Sue Brannon, Margaret Roan, Patti Alexander, Anne Sparkes and Gayle Dodson; third row from left: Shelby Wills, Leann Brenner, Michelle DeFrance Matney; fourth row from left, Martha Kallus, Sue Adams, Elizabeth Kallus, Lois Hagins, Debbie Byrd, Sharon Heidelberg and Wilson Heidelberg; and top row from left: Fisher Adams, Patti DeFrance, Ellen Ramsey, Rachel Ramsey and Shavon Hankins.

Courtesy photo

Bush surprises Midlanders who visit presidential library

By Marilyn Harrison

Docents from the George W. Bush Childhood Home and their guests received a surprise when they traveled to Dallas for a visit to the George W. Bush Presidential Center.

Upon their arrival at the Presidential Library and Museum, they were escorted to a conference room for what they were told would be an overview of the day's events by a private tour guide. Imagine their surprise when the former president himself walked into the room. In his amicable way, Bush greeted the assemblage and spoke for a short time and took questions from the group.

Someone asked whether he would have had the Midland house restored if there had been the option

Please see BUSH/4B

HAVE YOU HEARD

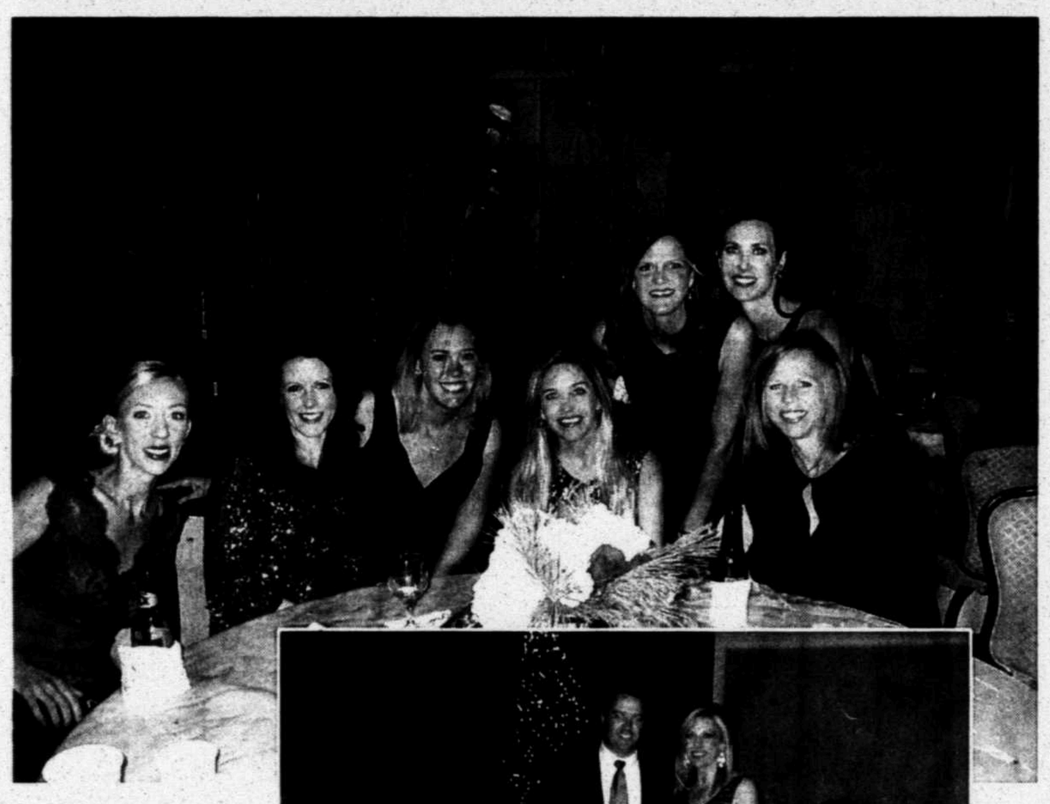
BY MARILYN MCKNIGHT HARRISON

'Dancing with the Stars'

Gail Engvall, from left, Bill Engvall and Dorise Watson.

Museum of the Southwest

Joe Cobb, from left, Michele Harmon and Tom Hyde.



Coterie Club

Above
Anya Rasnick, seated from left, Katie Marcum, Julie Donnelly, Jenny Nobles and Monica Tucker, and Erin Black, standing left, and Holly Stroman.

Right
Ben and Liz Carter, seated from left, Marcus and Hillary Majors and Jody and Jessica Louder, standing.

Right below
Becky Wetendorf, left, and Allison Lillis.

Ladies of the Petroleum Club

Top
Liz Robinson, from left, Phyllis Grimland and Sandra Romine.

Above
Julie Donnelly, from left, Breanne Reeves and Brooke Robnett.

Left
Renee Earls, from left, Karen Michael and Lori Dawson.

Astronomers Club

Andrew Kerr, from left, Dennis Edwards, Love Swimming-Bear and Don Eckerty.

'Dancing with the Stars'

Midland fans of the hit TV show, "Dancing with the Stars," watched with interest as comedian Bill Engvall competed for the championship title this season. He is well-known here for his appearances at Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center benefits — Steers and Stars Ball alternates with a comedy concert and golf tournament.

Engvall became interested in the rehab facility through his mother-in-law Dorise Watson, who volunteers at the center.

Watson traveled to Los Angeles recently to watch as Engvall danced with partner Emma Slater in the finals.

Engvall's wife, Gail, who is a graduate of Lee High School, also was in the audience. The couple, who have been married for 31 years, live in Manhattan Beach, Calif. They met at Southwestern University in Georgetown.

The comedian has reason to be proud of his participation in the show. He was the oldest contestant to make it to the finals and had the distinction of losing the most weight of any star during this season.

Christmas at the Mansion

Despite the bad weather and poor driving conditions, the Christmas at the Mansion's Preview Party took place as scheduled the evening of Dec. 5. The Museum of the Southwest was all decked out in its holiday finery for the 16th annual prelude to its monthlong holiday celebration. A sizable crowd turned out for the festivities in spite of the cold winter night.

This year's theme, "A Very Downton Christmas," is based on the British sensation, "Downton Abbey," which airs on PBS. In conjunction with the theme, vintage clothing from The Cat's Meow was on display. Some of the store's collection has been featured on the show, according to owner Steve Porterfield.

Adding to the festive ambiance was holiday music, a cocktail buffet and Christmas trees decorated by local nonprofits.

Guests also could view a special exhibition of retablos by Charlie Carrillo and the photography exhibit by National Geographic photographer Greg Davis.

A silent auction featured six unique items. Most were in keeping with the British theme, a week in a London penthouse for four with a magnificent view of Buckingham Palace.

Enjoying the evening's camaraderie were Joanie Holt, Virginia and Bob Jones, Barbara Hartwell, Carole and Harry Hinkle, Jan Brockett, Jan and Roger Artley, Edna Beuhler, Dave Kloesel, Denise Kepple, Mark Kimball, Carolyn and Steve Marzett and their daughter, Carrington; and Shalyee Holmes.

Coterie Club dance

Marking its 67th anniversary, the Coterie Club of Midland held its traditional Christmas dance Dec. 6 at Midland Country Club.

The Sipriano Swing Band of Odessa provided the music, with hits ranging from the 1960s to the present.

New members were introduced at the dance. They are Jaime and Roger Alexander, Amy and Benaise Blake, Elizabeth and Chad Cooksey, Amber and Jacob Davidson, Jo and Allen Douglas, Karen and Ray Farmer, Ashley and Kevin Freeman, Rachel and Jordan Frosch, Sheri and Michael Gilbert, Melanie and Richard Howard, Cressinda and Blue Hyatt, Abbie and Cade Kauffman, Emily and Bob Klemme.

Also, Jennifer and Marcus Majors, Katie and Colby Marcum, Leslie and Clayton Ortloff, Lou and Mike Paulson, Amy and Ryan Riddle, Linda and Del Sloan, Casey and Will Smith, Sharon and Joel Talley, Ellen and Corey Wheeler, Wendy and Wayne Wheelis, Leslie and Clay Whitehead, Kate and Clint Williamson and Pebble and Glenn Winters.

Members of the executive committee, who were in charge of arrangements, are Becky and Trey Wetendorf, president; Susannah and Briggs Donaldson, president-elect; Audrey and Mike Curry, Julie and Garrett Donnelly, Tiffany and Todd Meade and Elizabeth and Todd Moore.

Ladies of the Petroleum Club

To begin the holiday season, the Ladies of the Petroleum Club held their luncheon meeting on Dec. 3. It traditionally features the latest in holiday fashions and party looks from Julian Gold.

The style show followed a delicious luncheon featuring filet with merlot demi-glace and chocolate truffle mousse cake.

Cathy Burgess, president, welcomed the assemblage. Sara St. Clair introduced Bob Gurwitz of San Antonio, the CEO of Julian Gold, and Ginger Yowell, director of the Midland store.

Among those spotted in the packed ballroom were Dee Morris with her daughters Tammy Beachum and Paige Worley; Anelle Mack, Patti Groce, Cheryl Albin, Barbara Leeton, Robin Thomas, Pam Feist and Susan Hall.

Astronomy Club

The Astronomy Club held its annual Christmas party and potluck dinner Dec. 9 at the Marian Blakemore Planetarium.

The new officers elected for 2014 are Love SwimmingBear, president; Charles Hemann, vice president; Jim Camp, secretary; and Don Eckerty, treasurer. Plaques of appreciation were presented to retiring officers Dennis Edwards, president, and Greg Johnson, treasurer.

Members participated in the Toys for Tots drive.

David Hennig was introduced as a new member. Among others seen in the crowd were Sara and Bruce Moore with their son, Beau Moore; Farrah and Khavar Dar, Julie Campbell and Tom Reneau, Frances Gonzales and Earl Grayson, Dane Jones, Julia and Don Eckerty and planetarium director Andrew Kerr.

BRIDGE

PERMIAN BASIN BRIDGE CLUB

Nov. 25

Aggie Anguish-Ricki Perry, Marlene Blumentritt-Sandy Thomas, Charlie Grimes-Ann Servatius, Roberta Bacon-Bob Bacon, Helen South-Dorothy Brenneman, Flo Curry-Richard Stein, Patti Heard-Don Troy, Belle Harris-Edward McPherson

Nov. 26

Marilyn Higgins-Brenda Brauner, Jean Pistole-Carol Hastings, Anguish-Servatius, Martha Poss-South, Grimes-Stein

Dec. 1

Anguish-Perry, Shyla McGill-Ann Parish, Blumentritt-Pistole, Gregory Bartha-Frances Levin, Grimes-Servatius, KC Evans-Bob Baker, R. Bacon-B. Bacon-Belle Harris-Fleta Pruett

Dec. 2

Blumentritt-Curry, Kay Arrell- Thomas, Anguish-Servatius-R. Bacon-B. Bacon, Grimes-Stein, Parish-Brenneman

Dec. 3

Anguish-Thomas, Grimes-Servatius, Bitsy Loewenstein-Betty Marlow, Pistole-Blumentritt, Higgins-Brauner

Dec. 4

Anguish-Pistole, Grimes-Servatius, Harris-Parish, Blumentritt-Brenneman, R. Bacon-B. Bacon, Heard-Brauner

Dec. 8

Perry-Anguish, Evans-Baker, Grimes-B. Bacon, Harris-Parish, Marilyn Matthews-Thomas, Bartha-Levin, Pistole-Servatius, South-Brenneman-Pruett-Paula Baggett, Poss-R. Bacon

ARMEDFORCESNEWS

Army Pvt. Baltazar Martinez has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C.

Martinez is the son of Melva Ballin, of Midland, and a 2010 graduate of Midland High School.

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Air Force Airman Andrew B. Smith graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland in San Antonio.

Smith is the son of Midlander Anita Camargo and grandson of Margarita Camargo of Shallowater. He is a 2011 graduate of Shallowater High School.

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Navy Master Chief Petty Officer Priscilla Kirsh recently re-enlisted for four years of active naval service while serving aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman.

Kirsh, the daughter of Patricia Richter, of Lamesa, is a 1988 graduate of Lamesa High School.

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Navy Seaman Recruit Jazmin A. Melendez recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill.

Meléndez is the daughter of Arturo Valenzuela and Lourdes A. Melendez of Odessa and a 2013 graduate of Lee High School.

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	KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Antiques Roadshow "Junk in the Trunk"		Antiques Roadshow "Trash to Treasure"		Independent Lens (N)		Charlie Rose (N)		BBC News	Tavis Smiley
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	SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	(5:00) ★★★ Crash		Homeland "The Star"		Masters "Manhigh"		Homeland "The Star"		Masters "Manhigh"		★ Richard Pryor: ...	
	TMC		336	67	22	155	26	(5:00) Lemony Sn...		★★★ Mean Girls			(:40)	★ Dare Emmy Rossum.			(:15)	★★★ Breaking the Waves	
CABLE	A&E		27	32	28	35	47	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dy "O Little Town of West Monroe"		Rodeo Girls "Bring It on"		Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty
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	BET		58	26		40		106&P	Husbands	★★ The Wash ('01, Com) Doctor Dre.				★★ Belly 2: Millionaire Boyz Club				Wendy Williams	
	BRAVO		65	63		41		Bev Hills Social (N)		Beverly Hills (N)		Vanderpump R. (N)		Beverly Hills		Watch (N)	Beverly Hills		VanderR
	CNBC		46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		American Greed		American Greed		Car	Car	Mad Money		American Greed	
	CNN		43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		AC360 Later		11th Hr	ICYMI	Piers Morgan Live	
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	DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	GoodLuck	Jessie	Jessie	GoodLuck	Phineas	(:45) FishH	Jessie	A.N.T.	GoodLuck	Jessie	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
	ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	(5:30) Monday Night Countdown				(:25) NFL Football Baltimore Ravens vs. Detroit Lions Site: Ford Field (L)				SportsCenter			
	ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	SportsCenter		30 for 30 "Youngstown Boys"				30 for 30	30 for 30	SportsC.	Olbermann (N)		NBA
	FAMILY		53	54	34	42	35	★★★ The Santa Clause Tim Allen.				★★★ The Santa Clause 2 Tim Allen.				★ The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause			
	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	Diners, Drive-Ins		Guy's Game		Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners...	Diners...	Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners, Drive-Ins	
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	HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	(5:00) Help for th...		★ Window Wonderland Chyler Leigh.				★ Farewell Mr. Kringle Christine Taylor.				★ Karroll's Chris...	
	HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Love It or List It (N)		H.Hunter	House	Love It/ List It (N)		Love It or List It	
	HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	(5:00) The Bible		Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	The Bible "Passion"				Pwn Star	Pwn Star
	LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	(5:00) ★★ An Accidental Christmas		★ Dear Secret Santa (2013, Drama) Jordin Sparks, Bill Cobbs, Tatyana Ali.				★★ A Diva's Christmas Carol ('00, Com/Dra) John Taylor, Vanessa L. Williams.				★ Dear Secret Santa ('13, Dra) Tatyana Ali.	
	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	USSA Ski & Snowboard			Luge Olympic Trials				Barclay's Show		EPL Soccer	
	NICK		55	34	39	34	37	Sam, Cat	Awesome	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
	SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	Movie	★★★ Man on Fire ('04, Act) Dakota Fanning, Denzel Washington.						GT Academy		★★ The Guardian		
	SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	★ The Bleeding ('09, Hor) Michael Madsen.				★★ Black Christmas Andrea Martin.				★ Cirque Du Freak: The Vampire's Assis...			
	TBS		25	11	44	66	41	Sein. "The Wink"	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan		The Office	Conan
	TCM		41	61	24	63	66	(:15) TCM: Spotlight		★★★ O.Henry's Full House Fred Allen.				★★★ Meet John Doe Gary Cooper.			(:15) ★ Good Sam		
	TELE		20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Marido en Alquiler		La Reina Del Sur		Santa Diabla		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	La Reina Del Sur	
	TLC		51	33	32	38	52	Best Funeral	Best Funeral	Bakery B "Kristi G's Cupcakes and More"		Bakery Boss: Bigger "Otero's Italian Bakery"		Best Funeral	Best Funeral	Bakery Boss: Bigger "Otero's Italian Bakery"		Best Funeral	Best Funeral
	TNT		24	23	40	26	50	Castle "He's Dead, She's Dead"		Major Crimes "All In"		Major Crimes "Curve Ball" (N)		Rizzoli & Isles "My Own Worst Enemy"		Major Crimes "Curve Ball"		Cold Justice "Hatchet"	
	TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	Griffith	(:35) Griffith	(:10) Griffith	(:50) Ray	(:25) Ray "Civil War"		Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens		Queens	Queens
	USA		26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Caged"		WWE Monday Night Raw						(:05) White Collar "Digging Deeper"		(:10) NCIS: Los Angeles "Partners"	
	WGN		19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Met Your Mother	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	Parks and Rec

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BALLROOM DANCE SOCIETY BOARD

Members of the Ballroom Dance Society's board for 2013-14 are Sheree Robb, from left front row, Valerie Truax, Diana Dille, Rebecca Speight and Peggy Davis; and John Griffin, from left back row, Bennett Robb, Bart Wilson, Brian Dille, Carl Speight, David Davis and Max King. Not shown are Holly Warmke and Ryan Warmke.

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Yesterday's Answer: BASELINE, PEDICURE, NEMATODE

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SENIOR HEADING

Remin Whizzer, right, owned by Midlander Steve Townsend and exhibited by Zane Bruce, of Graham, won third place and the first-place intermediate title in senior heading at the 2013 American Quarter Horse Association Open World Championship Show Nov. 22 in Oklahoma City. The third-place prize package included a custom-designed bronze trophy, jacket, pair of boots and a medallion. For the intermediate title, the prize was an 8-inch clear globe. The intermediate awards program recognizes exhibitors who have never placed in the top 10 at an AQHA world show in the particular class in which they are competing, according to a press release from the association. In team roping, heading is roping cattle's head and horns, according to prorodeo.com.

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MEETINGS CALENDAR

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Support groups

- Midland Parkinson Support Group, 6:30 p.m. the first Monday, HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital, 699-6640.
- for miscarriage grief recovery, call 570-5935.
- for post-abortion healing, call 570-5935.
- 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.
- Chronic fatigue fibromyalgia syndromes support group meets noon the second Thursday at Rays of Hope Grief Centre; 520-3500.
- Bariatric Support Group, 11:30 a.m. third Wednesday, ACT Counseling Center, 2445 E. 11th St., Odessa; 272-4333.
- A support group for those with diabetes or at risk for diabetes, 11:30 a.m. the first Saturday, Furr's Cafeteria; 570-9412.
- Midland Chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays, First Presbyterian Church (Koinonoa Room); Judith Craig, 683-3648.
- West Texas Amputee Support Group, 11 a.m. third Saturday, HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital; 550-4371.
- ODESSA — Tourettes syndrome support group, 2 p.m. second Sunday. Neuroscience Institute, 3610 22nd St.; Pam Weaks, 806-438-6601, pzweaks@yahoo.com, or Rene Howell, 806-549-7788.
- Overeaters Anonymous; noon Wednesdays and 4:30 p.m. Sundays; B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-1031.
- 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.
- The Knot Adoption Support Group, 11:30 a.m. second and fourth Wednesdays at First Presbyterian Church; Kathy Hagler, Kathy@WTIE.net
- Midland Memorial Hospital's Better Breathing Club meets 11:30 a.m. second Tuesday at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus; 522-2273 or Joanna at 682-4229.
- PFLAG Odessa (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays), 7 p.m. the second Monday (except on holidays), Alternative Life Solutions Counseling, 2458 E. 11th St., Odessa; 559-5909 or 432-337-3684, pflagodessa@yahoo.com or www.pflagodessa.weebly.com.
- Peer to Peer support group for veterans, active duty, guard, reserves and their families, 6 p.m. Tuesdays, 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. the first Tuesday at First Christian Church. For more information, contact Malissa Roach, SHARE program coordinator, at 349-1069.
- Stroke Support Group meets noon fourth Friday at Midland Memorial Hospital, West Campus private dining room. For more information, call 221-1677 for any questions.
- Midland Odessa Chapter of the United Ostomy Association , 2:30 p.m. third Sunday, Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus.
- Permian Basin Community Service Organization (for individuals, organizations or businesses that provide services to improve quality of life), 11:45 a.m. second Thursday, Mi Piaci Italian Restaurant, 2607 N. Grandview Ave., Odessa; 432-210-4234.

Hobbies and activities

- Permian Basin Needle Arts Chapter of Embroiderer's Guild of America, 7 p.m. first Thursday, Barnes & Noble; Paula Millhollon, 520-3250.
- Midland Amateur Radio Club, 7:30 p.m., second and fourth Mondays, clubhouse, Loop 250 and Lamesa Road; 561-9729.
- Permian Basin Coin and Stamp Club, 7p.m. second Tuesday, Michael's Charcoal Grill; Dave Taylor;559-9890 or www.midlandcoins.com.
- Midland Gem and Mineral Society, 7 p.m.fourth Thursday at Sibley Nature Center; 687-6467.
- Permian Basin Chess Club, 6 p.m.Thursdays at University of Texas of the Permian Basin student union; Steve Dudley, 556-1920; Brian Farrell, 288-7141; pbcc.50gigs.net; odessachess@cableone.net.
- Classic Movie Club, 7 p.m., Tuesdays, Cigar Frog's, 216 N. Main St.; 687-1671.
- Comanche Trails Wood Turners, 10 a.m. the second Saturday; 682-1700.
- High Sky Squares, second Saturday, M-Squarena Square Dance Hall, 2800 W. CR 130, 7:30 - 9:30 pm. 685-3226, 697-1830, www.pbsrda.com.
- Permian Basin Dance Club, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, St. Stephen's Catholic Church; cost is $5 for members, $6 for non-members; 520-4343.
- Midland Walkabout Volksport Club, 5 p.m. third Sunday, First Presbyterian Church; 687-2588.
- Oops Alley Clowns of West Texas; third Thursday; 520-3512.
- American Legion Post No. 19, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane; 682-5511.
- ACT IX, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday, Cole Theater; Carolyn Schoolcraft, 685-7416.

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- Sons of Confederate Veterans, Dunn-Holt-Mid-kiff Camp No. 1441, 7 p.m. third Tuesday, Fairmont Park Church of Christ Activities Annex; Tom Owens, tmowens44@juno.com or 697-6955.
- American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 19, 6:30 p.m. third Tuesday, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane; 682-5511.
- The Midland Blue Star Military Family, 7 p.m. second Thursday, Koinonia Room at First Presbyterian Church; Doc Weathers 631-7646 or docweathers@suddenlink.net.

BUSH

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of restoring another of his former homes.

Bush said yes because the house on West Ohio Avenue is the one that holds the most memories for him. The neighborhood was full of children his age, and many became lifelong friends.

Bush expressed amazement that the home was named after him. "After all it was my dad's house," he said.

Alan Lowe, director of the library and museum, also addressed the group and described some of the exhibits and the work, planning and opening of the Bush Center. During the museum tour, the docents viewed interactive exhibits, brief movies and presidential artifacts. The 9/11 exhibit is considered to be the cornerstone and crowning achievement of the Presidential Center. There is a 12-foot-tall piece of the World Trade Center on display, which guests are encouraged to touch.

The Midlanders enjoyed lunch at the center's Cafe 43, which serves recipes from the Bush family, and a visit to the gift shop. Many docents purchased the limited edition 2013 Christmas ornament, which features an original painting by Bush: a red cardinal amid green leaves.

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PAID CONTENT

To appear here call Paul Wiseman at 697-7468 or your Midland Reporter-Telegram account executive at 682-5311.

Mom: After In Balance, ADHD student's behavior 'drastically improved'

Third grader Lucas Todd was diagnosed with ADHD about two years ago. The condition made it hard for him to focus at school or at home. He was easily distracted, couldn't sit still and, even though he was very smart, his grades were "all over the map" according to his mom, Jami Todd.

As with most learning disorders, this one affected the entire family, keeping Lucas on task for doing homework, needing to read things to him over and over so he could get it, and much more.

He was on medication, which helped only a little.

One day, Jami's mom called and told her she had read about the In Balance program in the Midland Reporter-Telegram and it sounded like it was worth a try.

Skeptical at first about how a program that involved balancing on a beam while catching bean bag could have anything to do with ADHD, Jami was ready to try just about anything.

Today, she is very glad she did.

"Lucas's behavior has drastically improved," she says, adding, "He's not the same person." Having started In Balance at the beginning of the school year, his new teachers had not seen him before in order to note improvement, but Jami said they had none of the complaints that teachers had had in previous years.

Now able to focus his intelligence on schoolwork, Lucas is making straight As and is on the Honor Roll at school.

Jami was most surprised that, in addition to helping his ADHD, the In Balance program improved his handwriting.

Lucas says the sessions with In Balance owner Missy Dwyer are fun and challenging, and he really enjoyed going to In Balance. "We were sad to see it come to an end," Jami lamented.

Using balancing activities to stimulate neurons in the brain, In Balance helps the brain process information better and allows the two hemispheres to work together more efficiently. The program helps people with ADD, ADHD, dyslexia, reading comprehension, brain injuries, Autism and fall risk, among others. It is effective for virtually every age group—not just for children.

The Todds are so pleased with In Balance and the way it helped Lucas, they have told a number of others, including family members.

"It's great," says Jami. "We used to focus on behavior, now we focus on academics."

In Balance Vestibular Therapy is located at 3303 N. Midkiff Ste. 166, in the San Miguel Atrium. The phone number is 685-3556.

Diagnosed with ADHD, third grader Lucas Todd and his family can now focus on things other than behavior after his 12-week In Balance session. Call Missy Dwyer at 685-3556 to learn how In Balance can help you or your child with learning issues.

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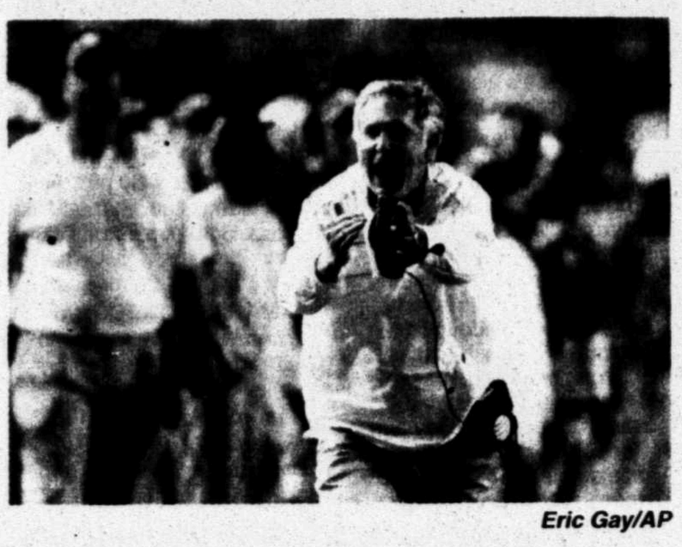
Brown says he wasn't meeting his own standard



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In this Oct. 6, 2012, file photo, Texas coach Mack Brown calls for a timeout during the third quarter against West Virginia in Austin. Brown has stepped down as coach of the Longhorns. He will coach in the Alamo Bowl against Oregon on Dec. 30.

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — For a decade, Mack Brown and the Texas Longhorns won more games than almost any other program in the country.

It was the inability to meet those lofty expectations over the last four years that pushed Brown to resign after 16 years, ending an era that included the national championship following the 2005 season.

"The standard is really high here," Brown said Sunday at a campus news conference to explain his decision. "We set a standard at this place. You'd better win all of them. I understand that. ... The standard is really high here and I'm proud of being part of setting that standard."

From 2000-09, Brown's teams averaged more than 10 wins a season, captured two Big 12 titles, won a national title and played for another. But the program dipped sharply to 5-7 in 2010. Brown's only losing season, and the Longhorns have lost at least four games for four consecutive years.

Brown said he knew that wasn't good enough. It was time to find a new coach to guide the Longhorns back among the national elite and heal a fractured fan base that had grown impatient. His final game will be the Dec. 30 Alamo Bowl against Oregon.

Brown was under contract until 2020 with a salary at more than $5 million per year. He will stay on as a special consultant to President Bill Powers, a role that his current contract stipulates would pay him up to $500,000. Details of any further compensation for Brown were not immediately available.

Texas had expected a return to championship form this season, but a 1-2 start ignited months of speculation that Brown would retire or be forced out. Texas rallied with six straight wins, then dropped two of its last three games. A chance to win the Big 12 title was lost to Baylor in the finale.

Brown met with Powers and athletic director Steve Patterson on Friday to discuss his future. Brown said both told him he could stay, but after sleeping on it Friday night and talking it over with his wife, he decided it was the right time to resign.

"I felt like I could stay," Brown

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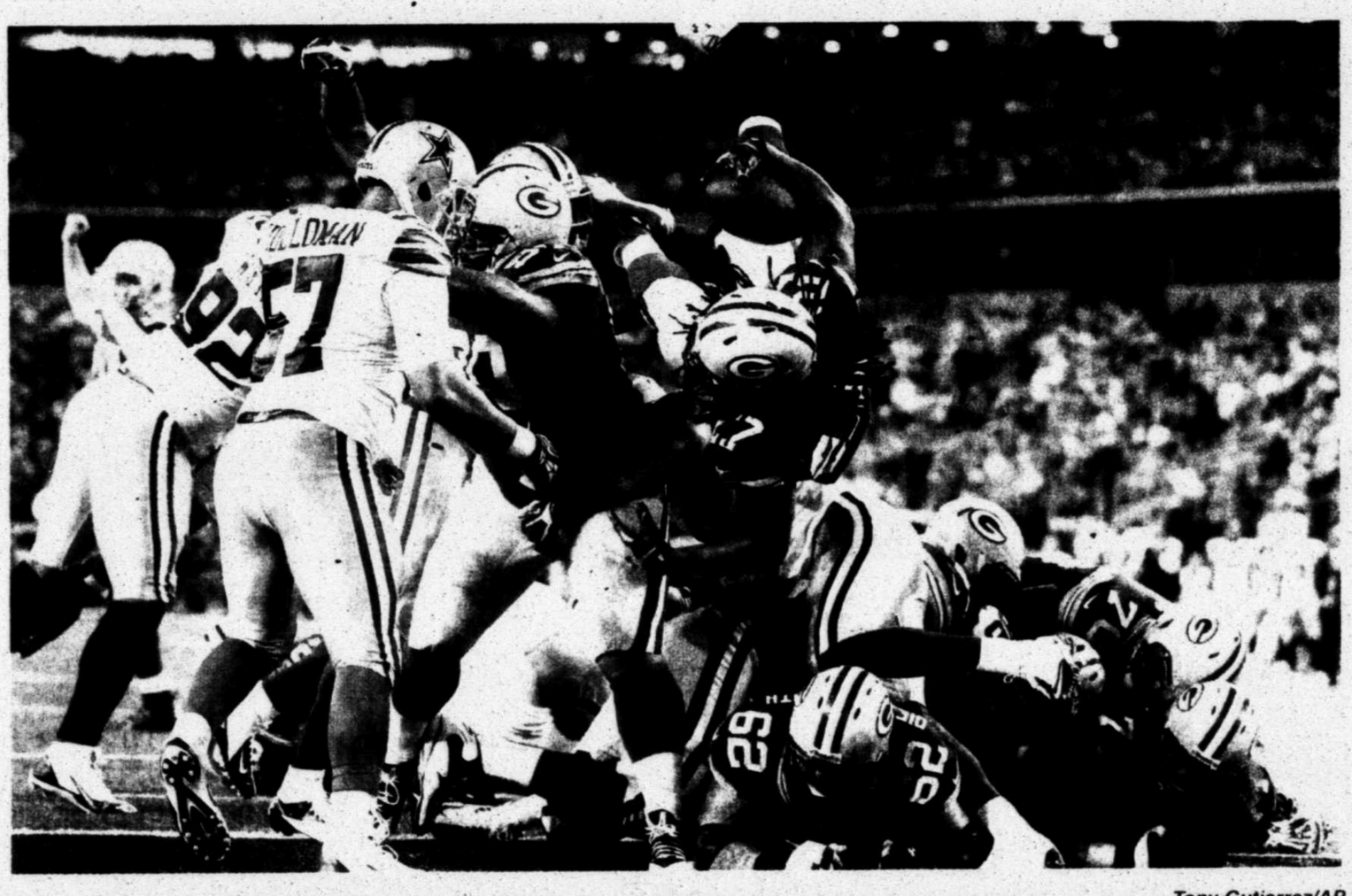
Another December dud



Tony Gutierrez/AP

Green Bay running back Eddie Lacy (27) jumps over the line of scrimmage to score a touchdown during the second half of Sunday's game against the Dallas Cowboys in Arlington.

Packers rally aided by Romo's 2 interceptions

By Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

Packers	**37**
Cowboys	36

ARLINGTON — It was all there for the Dallas Cowboys' taking. They were at home, the NFC East-leading Philadelphia Eagles had lost earlier in the day and the visiting Green Bay Packers were without their Pro Bowl quarterback.

And for awhile, the Cowboys took full advantage. But then they reverted to being what they've been for so long in December and on many other occasions: Chokers with a capital 'C.' Masters of the meltdown. Losers.

With Tony Romo burnishing his reputation as a big-game dud by throwing two killer interceptions in the final 3 minutes, the Cowboys blew a 23-point, third-quarter lead while unraveling 37-36 to the Packers on Sunday in a game that had playoff implications for both teams.

"This is unbelievable," Jerry Jones said after watching his team collapse even after grabbing an 11-point cushion with just under 8 minutes left on a spectacular 5-yard touchdown catch by Dez Bryant.

"I hate to have the taste I've got in my mouth … This is one of the hardest losses I've ever experienced, a bitter, bitter disappointment."

But apparently not disappointing enough for Jones to reverse the vow he made last month that Jason Garrett would return next year as the star-crossed team's coach.

Told he was being given a chance to slam the door on speculation Garrett would be fired if Dallas doesn't make the playoffs, a flustered Jones said, "I don't need a chance. I slammed that door back here four weeks ago. And you all shouldn't ask for (a vote of confidence for Garrett) every time you see me … I was firm for one night (about Garrett returning) and that doesn't call for me having to be firm every morning I get up.

"…Garrett will coach that game against (Washington next Sunday). So book that and write about it."

Despite the gut-wrenching defeat, the Cowboys (7-7) still control their own destiny. If they beat the Redskins (3-11) and then Eagles (8-6) in the regular season finale on Dec. 29, they will advance to the playoffs for the first time since 2009.

But how realistic is that after Dallas has lost two straight, including a 45-28 drubbing in Chicago last week, and appears incapable of stopping any quarterback?

"I feel good we have a chance to beat the Redskins to get a chance to play Philadelphia (for the division title)," Jones said. "(And if we win both games), you all will be asking me if I'm giving (Garrett) a raise, an extension."

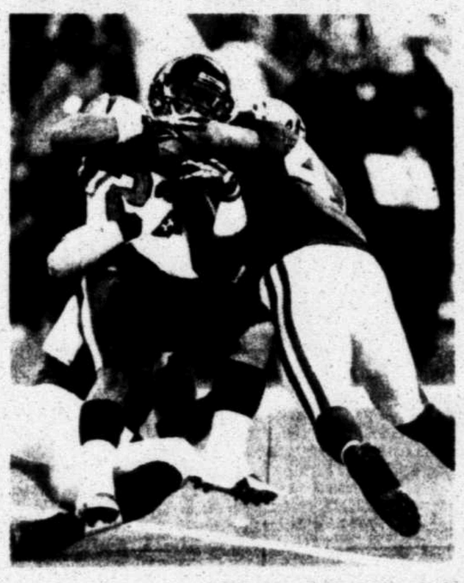
After Minnesota upset Philadelphia earlier in the day, all the Cowboys needed to do to have a shot at clinching the

Please see **COWBOYS**/2C

Sunday's Week 15 NFL Scoreboard

Atlanta	**27**	**Buffalo**	**27**	**Seattle**	**23**	**Kansas City**	**56**
Washington	26	Jacksonville	20	N.Y. Giants	0	Oakland	31
Chicago	**38**	**Miami**	**24**	**San Francisco**	**33**	**Green Bay**	**37**
Cleveland	31	New England	20	Tampa Bay	14	Dallas	36
Indianapolis	**25**	**Minnesota**	**48**	**Carolina**	**30**	**St. Louis**	**27**
Houston	3	Philadelphia	30	N.Y. Jets	20	New Orleans	16

Arizona	**37**
Tennessee	34 (OT)
Pittsburgh	**30**
Cincinnati	20



Darron Cummings/AP

Indianapolis' Weslye Saunders, right, tackles Houston's Dennis Johnson during the second half of Sunday's game in Indianapolis.

Miscues send Texans to loss against Colts

Colts	**25**
Texans	3

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Houston was hoping a coaching change would make a difference on the field.

Turns out, Sunday was just more of the same.

Andrew Luck threw two touchdown passes in the first half, Robert Mathis forced a safety on a record-breaking sack in the second half and AFC South champion Indianapolis rolled past the reeling Texans, 25-3.

The Texans (2-12) lost a franchise-record 12 straight games.

"We looked like a team that lost 11 in a row playing a good football team," interim coach Wade Phillips said after his first game since replacing the fired Gary Kubiak. "I thought we could compete with them, but we didn't do a good job of that."

Case Keenum was picked off twice by the Colts and fumbled in the end zone, which led to the safety.

The Texans' defense gave up 20 first-half points to a team that had only scored 24 combined in the first halves of their previous six games.

The punt coverage broke down, allowing recently activated Griff Whalen to set up a field goal with a 51-yard return and, a week after committing 14 penalties in a loss to Jacksonville, the Texans committed 14 more against the Colts.

Phillips and the beleaguered Texans, who are 0-12 in Indy, struggled to find answers even though Phillips said Keenum would start the final two games.

"We didn't play well enough to win. That's all I can say," linebacker Daryl Sharpton said. "Penalties are going to kill you. Most penalties are discipline penalties. You can't win with those."

It was the perfect time for the Colts (9-5) to break out of their six-week funk.

Please see **TEXANS**/3C

Gay scores 26 to lead Kings past Rockets

By Antonio Gonzalez
Associated Press

Kings	**106**
Rockets	91

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Rudy Gay walked off the court to a standing ovation in the final minutes, receiving high-fives from coaches and teammates on the bench — and a hug from DeMarcus Cousins.

Nobody might be more thankful than Sacramento's center for the added help.

Gay scored 26 points in his first home game since coming over in a trade from Toronto, leading the Kings past the Houston Rockets 106-91 on Sunday night.

Inside

See the NBA standings and boxes.

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"It makes the game so much easier," Cousins said. "It's not such a heavy load on me and Isaiah (Thomas) every night, just having another go-to guy."

With Gay leading the way, Sacramento outshot Houston 48.1 to 41.3 percent and finally showed some signs of defense.

Cousins collected 21 points and 10 rebounds, and Thomas had 19 points and eight assists to help Sacramento hold on to the lead for most of the final 35 minutes.

Gay added five rebounds and four assists. He finished 10 for 20 from the field in a dazzling home debut for the Kings, who had lost eight of their past 10 games.

"The basketball is going to be in

Please see **ROCKETS**/4C

Genevieve Ross/AP

Sacramento Kings forward Rudy Gay (8) scores around Houston Rockets point guard Aaron Brooks (0) and forward Greg Smith, back left, during the first half of Sunday's game in Sacramento, Calif.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

WHAT'S ON TV

NFL

Baltimore at Detroit, 7:25 p.m.

NHL

Dallas at Colorado, 8 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

WHAT'S ON DECK

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Lee at Amarillo Tascosa, 6:30 p.m.
Lubbock Coronado at Midland High, 7:30 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lubbock Coronado at Midland High, 6 p.m.
Lee at Amarillo Tascosa, 5 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Women, UTPB at Oklahoma Christian, 4 p.m.
Men, UTPB at Oklahoma Christian, 1 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NBA — Suspended Portland C Meyers Leonard and Philadelphia C Daniel Orton one game after Leonard initiated an altercation by body-slamming Orton to the floor and Orton retaliated by elbowing Leonard in the mouth during Saturday's game.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NHL — Suspended Winnipeg F Anthony Peluso three games for boarding Dallas D Alex Goligoski during Saturday's game.

DETROIT RED WINGS — Recalled RW Tomas Jurco from Grand Rapids (AHL).

WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Reassigned D Nate Schmidt to Hershey (AHL). Recalled C Michael Latta from Hershey.

American Hockey League

HAMILTON BULLDOGS — Assigned F Eeli Duffy to Wheeling (ECHL). Released F Scott Zurevinski from a professional tryout contract.

Central Hockey League

TULSA OILERS — Signed F Matthew Kirzinger.

COLLEGE

ARMY — Fired football coach Rich Ellerson. Announced deputy athletic director Col. Joe DeAntona will assume the day-to-day operations of the football program on an interim basis.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE — Named Chris Klieman football coach, effective at the end of the season.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Texas APSE Class 1A all-state football team

FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE

Linemen

MANUEL ALMEDA, Ganado, Sr. — 98 percent grade, 30 pancake blocks, 7 knockdowns, no sacks allowed.

TRENT ANDREWS, Bosqueville, Sr. — 51 pancakes, 70 knockdowns, no sacks allowed in 3 seasons

WILL MALEK, Ganado, Sr. — Graded at 98 percent, 63 pancakes, 19 knockdowns, no sacks allowed

TRISTAN PATTERSON, Wellington, Sr. — 32 pancakes, no sacks allowed for offense that averaged 436 yards

JOE VALDERAS, Bruni, Sr. — Graded at 96 percent, 47 pancake blocks, didn't allow a sack

KYLE ZAVALA, Mason, Jr. — Graded at 95 percent, 43 pancakes, no sacks allowed

Receivers/ends

DEZ RANDLE, San Augustine, Sr. — 51-1,079, 19 TDs receiving

JARED REAGAN, Booker, Jr. — 108-1,334, 12 TDs receiving

Quarterback

JALEN GARZA, Anson, Sr. — 112-198-1,963, 29 TDs passing, 6 INTs; 168-1,325, 18 TDs rushing

Running backs

TERRY GILBREATH, Wellington, Sr. — 116-1,876 rushing yds, 25 TDs, 16.2 yds per carry; 326 yds receiving

KESHAWN JACKSON, Cayuga, Jr. — 198-1,879 yards, 27 TDs rushing

CORY KYLE, Seagraves. Soph — 221-2,286, 28 TDs rushing

Kicker

ANGEL GARZA, Price Carlisle, Jr — 14 touchbacks, 30-33 PATs, 7-8 FGs, long of 42

Offensive Player of the Year: Jalen Garza. Anson

FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE

Linemen

BRAYDAN ANDEL, Ganado, Sr. — 105 tackles, 16 tackles for loss, 12 sacks, 3 fumble recoveries

LANCE NORMAN, Anson, Sr. — 117 tackles, 17 tackles for loss, 22 sacks, 3 forced fumbles, 5 blocked kicks

KAMERON SMITH, Chilton, Sr. — 139 tackles, 15.5 tackles for loss, 8 sacks, 6 forced fumbles, 2 fumble recoveries

WALKER WILLIAMS, Wellington, Sr. — 105 tackles, 16 sacks

Linebackers

LOUIS BROWN, Burton, Sr — 160 tackles, 11.5 sacks, 27 tackles for loss, 2 INTs, 2 defensive TDs

DILLON KIRKLAND, Farwell, Sr — 185 tackles, 5 forced fumbles, 2 fumble recoveries, 2 INTs

EDGAR TELLEZ, Wellington, Sr. — 105 tackles, 5 forced fumbles, 2 fumble recoveries, INT

Defensive backs

JACOB CALLAHAN, Iraan, Jr. — 137 tackles, 7 tackles for loss, 4 INTs, 4 forced fumbles

KYLE PEGGRAM, Olton, Jr. — 11 INTs, 65 tackles

CLAY VESELY, Ganado, Sr — 89 tackles, 15 tackles for loss, 19 pass breakups, 4 INTs, 3 forced fumbles, INT returned for TD

HAZE WOOD, San Angelo TCI, Academy, Sr — 54 tackles, 6 INTs, 2 forced fumbles, 2 fumble recoveries, 4 INT returns for TDs

Punter

CLINT SIDWELL, Muenster, Sr — 29 punts, 38.0 avg., long of 67, 15 inside 20, 8 inside 10

Defensive Player of the Year: Lance Norman. Anson

SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE

Linemen

Nick Dyer, Mason, Sr.; Damwon Montes, Sudan, Sr.; Javier Rocha, Albany, Sr.; Johnny Serratt, Hico, Jr.; Colby Wilganowski, Bremond, Sr.

Receivers/ends

Shelton Toliver, Roscoe, Sr.; James Washington, Stamford, S

Quarterback

Hunter Lile, Booker, Jr

Running backs

Devan Harris, Quinlan Boles, Sr.; Barry Johnson, Sudan, Jr.; Justin Twine, Falls City, Sr

Kicker

Nicolas Leon, Alto, Sr.

SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE

Linemen

Zain Byers, Italy, Sr.; Steven Denison, Bremond, Sr.; Seth Garrett, Overton, Jr.; Denzelle Williams, Tenaha, Sr.

Linebackers

Monroe Luther, Springlake-Earth, Sr.; Jacob Stafford, Shiner, Sr.; Eric Wiatrek, Falls City, Sr.

Defensive backs

D'Marcus Cosby, Mart, Soph.; Jonathan Flores, Woodsboro, Sr.; Evan Sargent, Bremond, Jr.; Riley Schaefer, Thorndale, Sr.

Punter

Ty Ham, Mount Enterprise, Sr.

HONORABLE MENTION OFFENSE

LINEMEN: Ethan Bredemeyer, Winters; Damon Butterfas, Goldthwaite; Jared Endres, Muenster; Justin Fierova, Woodsboro; Mark Garcia, Brackettville; Carlos Guzman, Eldorado, H.L. James, Christoval; Andrew Keith, De Leon; Miguel Luna, La Pryor; Ethan Nall, Albany. Tyler Neatherlin, Stamford; Shane Robertson, Springlake-Earth, Ray Romero, Christoval; Jenco Thompson, Munday; Tanner Vance, Stamford

RECEIVERS/ENDS: Austin Aguirre, Normangee; Brett Anderson, Seagraves.

QUARTERBACKS: Klark Ashmore, Wellington; Zach Barton, Seymour; Tyler Hall, Panhandle; Jordan Millar, Milano; Jamikel Roberts, San Augustine; Colten Stephenson, Brackettville; De'Nerian Thomas, Mart; Bo Wimberly, Stamford

RUNNING BACKS: Tanner Demuth, Burton; Brandon Garcia, San Angelo TLC Academy; Chavis Gregory, Tenaha; Justin Johnson, Mount Enterprise; Tyrone Johnson, Hamlin; Caleb Masters, Albany; David Ortega, Brackettville; Kaleb Reese, Ralls; Charles Simpson, Chilton. Clay Vesely, Ganado; Jacoby Whitaker, Alto; Nick Williams, Pineland West Sabine.

KICKER: Michael Phillips, Overton.

HONORABLE MENTION DEFENSE

LINEMEN: Trent Andrews, Bosqueville; Kaleb Carroll, Miles; Robert Castillo, La Pryor; Uriel Delgado, Sudan; Ty Fore, Pineland West Sabine; Tyrarus Hackett, Alto; Jared Hussman, Albany; Trevor Melton, Stratford; Mitchel Mica, Flatonia, Hunter Munden, Albany; Cooper Newsom, Brackettville; Cody Nietschke, Thorndale; Jaggar Parrish, Goldthwaite; Sadler Pinkerton, Olton; Andrew Rodriquez, Stamford; Ty Shaw, Sudan; Lane Turner, Hico; Cole Walterscheid, Muenster; Colby Wilganowski, Bremond.

LINEBACKERS: Anthony Aldaco, Brackettville; Zack Ballard, Olney; Will Bruns, Flatonia, Hunter Cabral, Pineland West Sabine; Baltazar Castro, Seymour; Hagen Davis, Chico; Jose De Leon, Brackettville; Tanner Demuth, Burton. Harrison Hull, Bremond; Blake Hyles, Hico; Barry Johnson, Sudan; Justin Jones, Albany; Gustavo Martinez, Price Carlisle; Tyler McLemore, Stamford; Sam Millsap, Iola; Collin Nail, Mart; Jackson O'Harrow, Eldorado; Ray Parmer, Tahoka; Jared Reagan, Booker. **Ryder Sawyer, Iraan;** Logan Smith, Alto; Tanner Stone, Stratford; Tanner Wells, Christoval; Garrett Wilson, Axtell.

DEFENSIVE BACKS: Darryl Calloway, Shamrock; Michael Cotter, Albany; John Ray Gonzales, La Pryor; Seth Hudson, Mason. Hunter Lile, Booker; Bryce McGowan, Price Carlisle; Stetson Meek, Anson. Skyler Mireles, Sabinal; Elijah Ramon, Springlake-Earth; EZ Rivas, Brackettville; Trey Robertson, Italy; Auston Sadberry, De Leon; James Washington, Stamford

PUNTERS: Angel Garza, Price Carlisle; Brian McCasland, Goldthwaite

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Boston	33	22	9	2	46	92	70
Montreal	35	20	12	3	43	88	75
Tampa Bay	33	19	11	–3	41	90	80
Detroit	35	15	11	9	39	89	94
Toronto	34	17	14	3	37	97	99
Ottawa	34	13	15	6	32	96	111
Florida	34	12	17	5	29	78	109
Buffalo	33	7	23	3	17	55	96
Metropolitan Division							
	GP	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Pittsburgh	34	23	10	1	47	105	74
Washington	33	18	12	3	39	105	97
Carolina	34	14	13	7	35	79	94
N Y Rangers	34	16	17	1	33	76	91
Columbus	33	14	15	4	32	85	92
Philadelpha	33	14	15	4	32	76	91
New Jersey	34	13	15	6	32	78	85
N Y Islanders	34	9	19	6	24	83	116
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Chicago	36	24	7	5	53	135	101
St Louis	31	22	6	3	47	110	73
Colorado	31	21	9	1	43	88	73
Minnesota	35	19	11	5	43	81	81
Dallas	31	15	11	5	35	90	93
Nashville	33	16	14	3	35	77	92
Winnipeg	33	14	14	5	33	90	100
Pacific Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Anaheim	35	23	7	5	51	111	89
Los Angeles	34	22	8	4	48	94	68
San Jose	33	20	7	6	46	108	82
Vancouver	35	20	10	5	45	98	83
Phoenix	32	19	9	4	42	104	100
Calgary	33	13	15	5	31	86	106
Edmonton	35	11	21	3	25	93	120

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

Sunday's Scores

Washington 5, Philadelphia 4, SO
N Y Rangers 4, Calgary 3, SO
Tampa Bay 3, Detroit 0
Florida 2, Montreal 1
Chicago 3, Los Angeles 1
Anaheim 3, Edmonton 2

Today's Games

Toronto at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
Winnipeg at Columbus, 6 p.m.
St. Louis at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Colorado, 8 p.m.

GLANTZ-CULVER LINE

NFL

TONIGHT

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
at Detroit	5 1/2	6	(50)	Baltimore

COLLEGE

SATURDAY

New Mexico Bowl

At Albuquerque, N.M.

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
Washington St	4 1/2	4 1/2	(65 1/2)	Colorado St

HS BASKETBALL CAPSULES

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Girls

LUBBOCK CORONADO AT MIDLAND HIGH

When/where: 6 p.m. today, Chaparral Center

Records: Coronado 10-6, 4-1 in 2-5A; Midland High 6-7, 4-0

Last game: Lee 44, Lubbock Coronado 42; Midland High 52, Odessa Permian 34

Notable: Lubbock Coronado is coming off its first loss at home in four years after falling to Lee on Friday. It's also the first district loss for the Lady Mustangs since they joined this version of District 2-5A that includes the Permian Basin schools. They went 16-0 in district play a year ago and last lost a district game on Jan. 20, 2012 against Amarillo High. ... Midland High now sits alone atop the District 2-5A standings thanks to Coronado's loss to Lee. The Lady Bulldogs are coming off a win against Odessa Permian during which they used a 24-0 run in the second half to pull away. ... MHS coach Wes Torres said he expects an incredible challenge for the Lady Mustangs today. "They're talented," Torres said. "They're deep. They're probably the deepest team in our district. They're tough inside in the paint, do a great job in the post, then on the perimeter it's tough because they've got great shooters. It will be a fun match." ...The Lady Bulldogs will be without starting junior point guard Miranda Mast, who suffered a concussion against Odessa High on Tuesday. She sat out Friday's game against Odessa Permian as well. Torres said he hopes to have her back later in the week.

Next: Odessa High at Lubbock Coronado, 6 p.m. Friday; Midland High at Amarillo Tascosa, 5 p.m. Friday

District 2-5A basketball

GIRLS

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Midland High	4	0	6	7
Lubbock Coronado	4	1	10	6
Lee	3	1	11	4
San Angelo Central	2	2	5	6
Amarillo Tascosa	2	2	4	9
Abilene High	2	3	9	7
Odessa Permian	2	3	5	5
Abilene Cooper	1	3	4	12
Odessa High	0	4	0	8

Friday's Scores

Midland High 52, Odessa Permian 34
Lee 44, Lubbock Coronado 42
Amarillo Tascosa 78, Abilene Cooper 60

Saturday's Score

Amarillo Tascosa 62, Abilene High 44

Today's Games

Permian at Odessa High, 6 p.m.
Lee at Amarillo Tascosa, 5 p.m.
Lubbock Coronado at Midland High, 6 p.m.

Tuesday's Game

San Angelo Central at Abilene Cooper, 6 p.m.

BOYS

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Amarillo Tascosa	3	0	10	0
Lubbock Coronado	3	0	11	1
Odessa Permian	2	1	3	2
Lee	2	1	3	3
Midland High	1	1	3	5
San Angelo Central	1	1	5	3
Odessa High	0	2	1	5
Abilene High	0	3	2	4
Abilene Cooper	0	3	2	5

Friday's Scores

Odessa Permian 74, Midland High 45
Lubbock Coronado 56, Lee 42
Amarillo Tascosa 61, Abilene Cooper 43

Saturday's Score

Amarillo Tascosa 57, Abilene High 42

Today's Games

Lee at Amarillo Tascosa, 6:30 p.m.
Permian at Odessa High, 7:30 p.m.
Lubbock Coronado at Midland High, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

San Angelo Central at Abilene Cooper, 7:30 p.m.
Lubbock Monterey at Abilene High, 7:30 p.m.

LEE AT AMARILLO TASCOSA

When/where: 5 p.m. today, Tascosa Activity Center, Amarillo

Records: Lee 11-4, 3-1 in 2-5A; Tascosa 4-9, 2-2

Last game: Lee 44, Lubbock Coronado 42; Tascosa 62, Abilene High 44

Notable: Lee pulled the first upset of the District 2-5A season, knocking off Lubbock Coronado on the Lady Mustangs' home court. It's the first home loss for Coronado in four years. It's also the first time a school from the Permian Basin has beaten the Lady Mustangs since Midland High did so on Dec. 8, 2009. ... Lee coach Monica Ramirez called Lee's win against Lubbock Coronado ugly, but wasn't disappointed with the Lady Rebels' efforts. Daija Stanford led Lee with 16 points. ... Tascosa actually won a pair of 2-5A games over the weekend, beating Abilene Cooper on Friday and Abilene High on Saturday. That also means this will be Tascosa's third game in four days, giving a tournament-type feel to its 2-5A schedule.

Next: San Angelo Central at Lee, 6 p.m. Friday, Lee High gym; Midland High at Amarillo Tascosa, 5 p.m. Friday.

Boys

LUBBOCK CORONADO AT MIDLAND HIGH

When/where: 7:30 p.m. today, Chaparral Center

Records: Coronado 11-1, 3-0 in 2-5A; Midland High 3-5, 1-1

Last game: Coronado 56, Lee 42; Odessa Permian 74, Midland High 45

Notable: Midland High suffered its first loss of the District 2-5A season Friday with a loss to Odessa Permian. The Bulldogs struggled to find any semblance of offense throughout the night, while they also struggled to rebound and get stops against the Panthers. ... Coronado remained undefeated in district play with a 14-point victory against Lee. Coronado was led by Javonte Hudson's 15 points. ... Coronado's lone loss this season came against Amarillo High, which is currently ranked 25th in Class 4A by TABC.

Next: Odessa High at Lubbock Coronado, 7:30 p.m. Friday; Midland High at Amarillo Tascosa, 6:30 p.m. Friday

LEE AT AMARILLO TASCOSA

When/where: 6:30 p.m. today, Tascosa Activity Center, Amarillo

Records: Lee 3-3, 2-1 in 2-5A; Tascosa 10-0, 3-0

Last game: Lubbock Coronado 58, Lee 42; Tascosa 57, Abilene High 42

Notable: Lee suffered its first loss of the District 2-5A season against Lubbock Coronado on Friday. The Rebels got 15 points from senior guard Anthony McCoy, but managed just 11 points in the first half and couldn't recover from the slow start. ... Amarillo Tascosa enters today's game undefeated for the season. Tascosa most recently defeated Abilene Cooper on Friday and Abilene High on Saturday. Included in Tascosa's 10 wins is a victory against the Australian National Team during a tournament at Dallas Jesuit.

Next: San Angelo Central at Lee, 7:30 p.m. Friday; Midland High at Amarillo Tascosa, 6:30 p.m. Friday

STATEWIDE HS FOOTBALL PAIRINGS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

CLASS 5A DIVISION I

State Semifinals

Allen 42, DeSoto 35
Pearland 38, SA Madison 34

State Championship

Allen (15-0) vs. Pearland (14-1), 4 p.m. Saturday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

CLASS 5A DIVISION II

State Semifinals

Cedar Hill 19, Lake Travis 10
Katy 52, SA Johnson 0

State Championship

Cedar Hill (13-2) vs. Katy (15-0), 8 p.m. Saturday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

CLASS 4A DIVISION I

State Semifinals

Denton Guyer 22, Dallas Highland Park 16
SA Northside Brennan 31, Houston Stratford 7

State Championship

Denton Guyer (13-2) vs. SA Northside Brennan (15-0), 8 p.m. Friday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

CLASS 4A DIVISION II

State Semifinals

Aledo 29, Ennis 6
Brenham 56, Port Lavaca Calhoun 21

State Championship

Aledo (15-0) vs. Brenham (14-1), noon Saturday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

CLASS 3A DIVISION I

State Semifinals

Kilgore 44, Stephenville 6
Carthage 51, La Grange 22

State Championship

Kilgore (14-0) vs. Carthage (14-1), noon Friday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

CLASS 3A DIVISION II

State Semifinals

Argyle 38, Graham 14
Fairfield 56, Sinton 13

State Championship

Argyle (15-0) vs. Fairfield (15-0), 4 p.m. Friday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

CLASS 2A DIVISION I

State Semifinals

Wall 31, New Boston 3
Cameron Yoe 24, White Oak 21

State Championship

Wall (15-0) vs. Cameron Yoe (14-1), 5 p.m. Thursday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

CLASS 2A DIVISION II

State Semifinals

Cisco 55, Leonard 6
Refugio 69, Waskom 33

State Championship

Cisco (15-0) vs. Refugio (14-1), 8 p.m. Thursday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

CLASS 1A DIVISION I

State Semifinals

Stamford 34, Hico 26
Shiner 49, Mart 22

State Championship

Stamford (13-1) vs. Shiner (11-3), 10 a.m. Thursday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

CLASS 1A DIVISION II

State Semifinals

Wellington 46, Albany 20
Falls City 36, Tenaha 34

State Championship

Wellington (13-0) vs. Falls City (14-0), 1 p.m. Thursday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

SIX-MAN DIVISION I

State Championship

Crowell 78, May 52

SIX-MAN DIVISION II

State Championship

Grandfalls-Royalty 78, Milford 23

Manning honored as SI's Sportsman of the Year

Associated Press

Peyton Manning is Sports Illustrated's Sportsman of the Year.

Manning has led Denver to an 11-3 record this year, his second with the Broncos after missing the 2011 season with Indianapolis because of neck troubles that affected his right triceps. He has thrown 47 touchdown passes, three shy of Tom Brady's NFL season record.

Manning is the fourth NFL quarterback to take the honor in the last nine years, following Brady in 2005, Brett Favre in 2007 and Drew Brees in 2010. LeBron James was the winner last year.

COWBOYS

From 1C

division title next week was to beat the struggling Packers. But Green Bay (7-6-1) collected TDs on its first five possessions of the second half, outscoring Dallas 34-10 after it had built a seemingly commanding 26-3 halftime lead.

The comeback tied for the biggest in Packers' history.

"I felt like we won the Super Bowl," Packers linebacker Clay Matthew said.

Filling in for injured Pro Bowler Aaron Rodgers, backup quarterback Matt Flynn shredded the NFL's worst defense for 299 yards and four touchdowns with one interception.

"What a feeling," Flynn said. "We were all just sitting around at the end taking knees. We were like, 'Is this real?"

For the Cowboys, it was all too real and all too familiar. In 2011 at JerryWorld, the Detroit Lions returned two Romo interceptions for TDs en route to overcoming a 24-point, third-quarter deficit for a 34-30 win. Romo's mistakes against the Packers weren't returned for scores, but they were just as devastating.

The first pick came on second-and-6 from the Dallas 35 with the Cowboys nursing a 36-31 lead. After checking out of a running play, Romo tried to hit Miles Austin over the middle only to have Sam Shields make the theft.

"They overloaded the side we were going to run to," Romo said, explaining why he changed the play. "It was my fault for putting the ball in a position where the defense could make a play."

Seven plays later, the Cowboys allowed Eddie Lacy to score on a 1-yard run so they could get the ball back with 1:31 left and one time out in their possession while trailing 37-36. But on the second play of the ensuing possession for Dallas, Tramon Williams sealed the improbable win with a diving interception at the Dallas 32 with 1:24 left of a pass intended for Cole Beasley.

Romo blamed that interception on a "miscommunication."

"It was disappointing," Garrett said. "None of us got the job done. We have to live with that reality."

PACKERS 27, COWBOYS 26

Green Bay	3	0	14	20—37
Dallas	13	13	3	7—36

First Quarter

Dal—FG Bailey 47, 10:56.
GB—FG Crosby 57, 7:40.
Dal—FG Bailey 23, 4:52.
Dal—Witten 25 pass from Romo (Bailey kick), :28.

Second Quarter

Dal—FG Bailey 43, 5:54
Dal—FG Bailey 50, 3:45
Dal—Murray 1 run (Bailey kick), :24

Third Quarter

GB—Nelson 13 pass from Flynn (Crosby kick), 13:08
Dal—FG Bailey 50, 6:33
GB—Quarless 3 pass from Flynn (Crosby kick), 1:09

Fourth Quarter

GB—Starks 11 pass from Flynn (Crosby kick), 12:47
Dal—Bryant 5 pass from Romo (Bailey kick), 7:55
GB—J.Jones 3 pass from Flynn (Crosby kick), 4:17
GB—Lacy 1 run (pass failed), 1:31
A—91,054

	GB	Dal
First downs	26	27
Total Net Yards	433	466
Rushes-yards	27-150	18-134
Passing	283	332
Comp-Att-Int	26-39-1	29-48-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-16	3-26
Punts	4-49.3	2-51.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-59	7-79
Time of Possession	28:20	31:40

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Green Bay, Lacy 21-141, Starks 3-12, Flynn 3-(minus 3). Dallas, Murray 18-134.

PASSING—Green Bay, Flynn 26-39-1-299. Dallas, Romo 29-48-2-358.

RECEIVING—Green Bay, Boykin 6-83, Quarless 6-66, Nelson 5-61, Lacy 4-30, J.Jones 3-49, Starks 1-11, Kuhn 1-(minus 1). Dallas, Bryant 11-153, Witten 4-71, Williams 4-46, Murray 4-19, Beasley 3-19, Austin 2-35, Escobar 1-15.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

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SUNDAY'SNFLROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

DOLPHINS 24 PATRIOTS 20

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — Tom Brady's latest comeback bid came up short, and the Miami Dolphins helped their playoff chances with a 24-20 breakthrough victory Sunday over the AFC East-leading New England Patriots.

A fourth-down pass from Brady was intercepted by reserve safety Michael Thomas, in his first NFL game, in the end zone with 2 seconds left, and Miami held on to win.

CHIEFS 56 RAIDERS 31

OAKLAND, Calif. — Jamaal Charles tied a franchise record with five touchdowns in a game and gained 215 yards from scrimmage as the Chiefs beat the Raiders and clinched at least a wild-card spot.

Alex Smith threw five TD passes, going 17 for 20 for 287 yards to make the Chiefs the fourth team ever to make the playoffs a year after losing at least 14 games. Kansas City (11-3) is tied for first place in the AFC West with Denver but needs help to win the division because the Broncos swept the season series.

STEELERS 30 BENGALS 20

PITTSBURGH — Antonio Brown caught a touchdown pass and returned a punt for a score in a 64-second span in the first quarter and Pittsburgh beat Cincinnati.

Shaun Suisham added three field goals for the Steelers (6-8), who built a 24-point lead and hardly looked like a team playing out the string.

VIKINGS 48 EAGLES 30

MINNEAPOLIS — Matt Cassel passed for 382 yards and two touchdowns and ran for another score to lead the injury-depleted Vikings over Philadelphia, snapping the Eagles' five-game winning streak.

With Adrian Peterson and Toby Gerhart out, Matt Asiata rushed for the first three touchdowns of his career and Greg Jennings caught a career-high 11 passes for 163 yards for the Vikings (4-9-1). Asiata ran for 51 yards on 30 carries.

FALCONS 27 REDSKINS 26

ATLANTA — Desmortd Trufant deflected Kirk Cousins' pass on a potential winning 2-point conversion with 18 seconds remaining, and the Atlanta Falcons edged the Washington Redskins.

The Falcons (4-10) scored 20 points off seven Washington turnovers. The Redskins (3-11) tied a team record with five lost fumbles.

49ERS 33 BUCCANEERS 14

TAMPA, Fla. — Vernon Davis caught a touchdown pass for the fifth straight game and Michael Crabtree scored his first TD since returning from injury to help the San Francisco 49ers beat the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

The victory was the fourth straight for Colin Kaepernick and the 49ers (10-4), who pulled away for good with a 10-minute, fourth-quarter drive that produced a field goal. Kendall Hunter put it well out of reach, scooping up a fumble on the ensuing kickoff and diving 2 yards into the end zone for a touchdown.

SEAHAWKS 23 GIANTS 0

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Richard Sherman had two interceptions, Marshawn Lynch scored on a twisting, triple-effort 2-yard run, and Steven Hauschka kicked three field goals as Seattle manhandled the New York Giants for its sixth road win.

Russell Wilson toyed with New York's defense, running for 50 yards and throwing for 206 and a touchdown before sitting out the last few minutes. Wilson has 23 wins, the most for a quarterback in his first two seasons in the Super Bowl era.

BEARS 38 BROWNS 31

CLEVELAND — Jay Cutler shook off some early rustiness and threw three touchdown passes in his first start since Nov. 10, leading Chicago past Cleveland.

Cutler, who missed Chicago's previous four games with a sprained left ankle, threw a 4-yard TD pass to Earl Bennett with 5:41 left as the Bears (8-6) rallied in the second half and stayed in contention for an NFC playoff spot. Cutler finished 22 of 31 for 265 yards and validated coach Marc Trestman's decision to stick with him over backup Josh McCown, who had played well while filling in for Chicago's starter.

BILLS 27 JAGUARS 20

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. → EJ Manuel threw two touchdown passes and ran for another score, leading the Buffalo Bills to a victory against the banged-up Jacksonville Jaguars.

Manuel bounced back from the worst game of his rookie season — a four-interception performance at Tampa Bay last week — and left his college state with his first win in five road starts.

PANTHERS 30 JETS 20

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Cam Newton threw for 273 yards and a touchdown, Captain Munnerlyn had two sacks and returned an interception for a score and the Panthers bounced back from their most lopsided loss of the season.

With New Orleans losing 27-16 to St. Louis, the Panthers (10-4) pulled even with the Saints with the rematch set for next Sunday in Charlotte. If Carolina wins its final two games, it will clinch the division and the first-round bye. The Panthers haven't been to the postseason since 2008.

RAMS 27 SAINTS 16

ST. LOUIS — Drew Brees threw interceptions that led to touchdowns on New Orleans' first two possessions. St. Louis got big days from Zac Stacy, Robert Quinn and on special teams in the victory.

CARDINALS 37 TITANS 34, OT

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Jay Feely kicked a 41-yard field goal in overtime, and the Arizona Cardinals edged the Tennessee Titans in overtime.

SUNDAY'SBOXES

FROM WIRE REPORTS

TEXANS-COLTS STATS

Houston	3	0	0	0 —3
Indianapolis	7	13	5	0 —25

First Quarter

Ind—Whalen 14 pass from Luck (Vinatieri kick), 9:31

Hou—FG Bullock 49, 1:46

Second Quarter

Ind—FG Vinatieri 37, 12:00

Ind—Richardson 9 pass from Luck (Vinatieri kick), 7:03

Ind—FG Vinatieri 43, 1:44

Third Quarter

Ind—FG Vinatieri 40, 12:27

Ind—Redding safety, 1:53

A—65,470.

	Hou	Ind
First downs	12	19
Total Net Yards	239	331
Rushes-yards	25-107	36-152
Passing	132	179
Comp-Att-Int	18-34-2	19-32-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-36	1-1
Punts	8-49.5	6-43.0
Fumbles-Lost	3-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	14-114	4-36
Time of Possession	26:49	33:11

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Houston, Tate 16-72, Karim 4-21, D.Johnson 4-12, Keenum 1-2, Indianapolis, Richardson 19-64, D.Brown 5-38, Luck 5-29, Choice 5-18, Lynch 1-3, Rogers 1-0.

PASSING—Houston, Keenum 18-34-2-168. Indianapolis, Luck 19-32-1-180.

RECEIVING—Houston, Griffin 6-62, A.Johnson 4-18, Hopkins 3-52, Tate 3-20, Martin 1-13. D.Johnson 1-3. Indianapolis, Hilton 8-78, Whalen 4-45, Richardson 4-38, Rogers 2-23, Doyle 1-(minus 4).

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None

FALCONS 27, REDSKINS 26

Washington	7	13	0	6 —26
Atlanta	14	3	7	3 —27

First Quarter

Atl—Jackson 3 run (Bryant kick), 8:14

Atl—Gonzalez 13 pass from Ryan (Bryant kick), 3:52

Was—Davis 23 pass from Cousins (Forbath kick), :48

Second Quarter

Atl—FG Bryant 20, 10:39

Was—Garcon 53 pass from Cousins (Forbath kick), 6:35

Was—FG Forbath 33, :49

Was—FG Forbath 37, :00

Third Quarter

Atl—Jackson 2 run (Bryant kick), 8:13

Fourth Quarter

Atl—FG Bryant 51, 3:25.

Was—Moss 3 pass from Cousins (pass failed), :18

A—70,069

	Was	Atl
First downs	22	19
Total Net Yards	476	243
Rushes-yards	21-103	21-54
Passing	373	189
Comp-Att-Int	29-45-2	29-38-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-8	3-21
Punts	3-52.7	6-49.3
Fumbles-Lost	5-5	2-1
Penalties-Yards	9-66	7-73
Time of Possession	26:08	33:52

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Washington, Morris 18-96, Helu Jr. 3-5, Atlanta, Jackson 15-38, Rodgers 4-17, Snelling 1-0, Ryan 1-(minus 1).

PASSING—Washington, Cousins 29-45-2-381. Atlanta, Ryan 29-38-1-210.

RECEIVING—Washington, Moss 8-64, Garcon 7-129, A.Robinson 4-99, Morgan 3-29, Paulsen 3-21, Davis 1-23, Morris 1-8, Helu Jr. 1-4, N.Williams 1-4. Atlanta, Gonzalez 6-62, White 5-53, Douglas 5-37, Rodgers 4-24, Jackson 4-5, D.Johnson 3-19, DiMarco 1-7, Snelling 1-3.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

BEARS 38, BROWNS 31

Chicago	0	10	7	21 —38
Cleveland	3	7	14	7 —31

First Quarter

Cle—FG Cundiff 35, 7:26

Second Quarter

Chi—FG Gould 23, 12:55.

Cle—Gipson 44 interception return (Cundiff kick), 8:01.

Chi—Marshall 5 pass from Cutler (Gould kick), :24.

Third Quarter

Chi—Bowman 43 interception return (Gould kick), 13:48.

Cle—Baker 2 run (Cundiff kick), 8:20.

Cle—Ward 51 fumble return (Cundiff kick), 3:40.

Fourth Quarter

Chi—Jeffery 45 pass from Cutler (Gould kick), 10:59.

Chi—E.Bennett 4 pass from Cutler (Gould kick), 5:41.

Chi—Bush 40 run (Gould kick), 2:17.

Cle—Gordon 43 pass from Campbell (Cundiff kick), :59.

A—71,513.

	Chi	Cle
First downs	23	20
Total Net Yards	440	366
Rushes-yards	31-179	17-93
Passing	261	273
Comp-Att-Int	22-31-2	23-39-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-4	0-0
Punts	3-36.7	5-42.2
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-40	9-90
Time of Possession	34:48	25:12

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Chicago, Forte 24-127, Bush 3-44, Cutler 3-11, Jeffery 1-(minus 3). Cleveland, Baker 6-38, Gray 2-30, Campbell 1-17, Ogbonnaya 5-7, Whitaker 1-1.

PASSING—Chicago, Cutler 22-31-2-265. Cleveland, Campbell 23-39-2-273.

RECEIVING—Chicago, Marshall 6-95, M.Bennett 6-71, Jeffery 5-72, E.Bennett 4-23, Forte 1-4, Cleveland, Ogbonnaya 5-39, Little 4-68, Baker 4-46, Gordon 3-87, Cameron 3-23, Whittaker 2-4, Barnidge 1-17, Bess 1-9.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

EAGLES 48, VIKINGS 30

Philadelphia	3	6	13	8 —30
Minnesota	7	10	10	21 —48

First Quarter

Min—Jennings 57 pass from Cassel (Walsh kick), 6:18.

Phi—FG Henery 35, 2:35.

Second Quarter

Min—FG Walsh 21, 13:19.

Phi—FG Henery 51, 8:55.

Min—Asiata 1 run (Walsh kick), 1:06.

Phi—FG Henery 33, :00.

Third Quarter

Min—Cassel 6 run (Walsh kick), 12:03.

Min—FG Walsh 38, 4:43.

Phi—Jackson 30 pass from Foles (Henery kick), 3:14.

Phi—Ertz 3 pass from Foles (pass failed), :15.

Fourth Quarter

Min—Asiata 1 run (Walsh kick), 13:01.

Min—Patterson 5 pass from Cassel (Walsh kick), 6:54.

Phi—Avant 16 pass from Foles (Cooper pass from Foles), 4:26.

Min—Asiata 5 run (Walsh kick), 1:09.

A—64,087.

	Phi	Min
First downs	25	29
Total Net Yards	475	455
Rushes-yards	13-79	35-85
Passing	396	370
Comp-Att-Int	30-46-1	26-35-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-32	3-12
Punts	4-41.3	2-48.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	9-94	3-25
Time of Possession	23:34	36:26

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Philadelphia, Foles 5-41, McCoy 6-38, Minnesota, Asiata 30-51, Cassel 3-19, Patterson 2-15.

PASSING—Philadelphia, Foles 30-46-1-428. Minnesota, Cassel 26-35-1-382.

RECEIVING—Philadelphia, Jackson 10-195, Ertz 6-57, McCoy 5-68, Cooper 4-29, Avant 3-40, Celek 1-25, Smith 1-14. Minnesota, Jennings 11-163, Patterson 5-35, Wright 4-95, Asiata 3-15, Ford 2-55, Simpson 1-19.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Minnesota, Walsh 55 (WL).

SEAHAWKS 23, GIANTS 0

Seattle	3	10	3	7 —23
N.Y. Giants	0	0	0	0 —0

First Quarter

Sea—FG Hauschka 49, 8:33

Second Quarter

Sea—Lynch 2 run (Hauschka kick), 5:30

Sea—FG Hauschka 44, :03

Third Quarter

Sea—FG Hauschka 24, 8:47

Fourth Quarter

Sea—Baldwin 12 pass from Wilson (Hauschka kick), 12:13

A—79,691

	Sea	NYG
First downs	21	12
Total Net Yards	327	181
Rushes-yards	34-134	14-25
Passing	193	156
Comp-Att-Int	20-29-1	22-35-5
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-29	4-30
Punts	7-41.3	8-47.5
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards	8-50	5-38
Time of Possession	33:58	26:02

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Seattle, Wilson 8-50, Lynch 16-47, Turbin 9-34, Baldwin 1-3. N.Y. Giants, A.Brown 11-17, Hills 3-8.

PASSING—Seattle, Wilson 18-27-1-206, Jackson 2-2-0-16. N.Y. Giants, Manning 18-31-5-156, Painter 4-4-0-30.

RECEIVING—Seattle, Lynch 6-73, Baldwin 6-71, Tate 2-25, Willson 2-23, Kearse 2-21, Miller 1-8, Turbin 1-1. N.Y. Giants, Jernigan 7-67, A.Brown 4-9, Myers 3-37, Cruz 2-25, Hills 2-24, Pascoe 2-12, Murphy Jr. 1-7, Nicks 1-5.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None

DOLPHINS 24, PATRIOTS 20

New England	3	7	0	10 —20
Miami	0	7	3	14 —24

First Quarter

NE—FG Gostkowski 22, 3:53.

Second Quarter

NE—Hoomanawanui 13 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 1:48.

Mia—Wallace 39 pass from Tannehill (Sturgis kick), :32.

Third Quarter

Mia—FG Sturgis 32, 7:31.

Fourth Quarter

Mia—Dan Thomas 2 pass from Tannehill (Sturgis kick), 14:54.

NE—FG Gostkowski 23, 7:45.

NE—Edelman 24 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 4:07.

Mia—Thigpen 14 pass from Tannehill (Sturgis kick), 1:15.

A—71,863.

	NE	Mia
First downs	29	20
Total Net Yards	453	378
Rushes-yards	22-96	23-89
Passing	357	289
Comp-Att-Int	34-55-1	25-37-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-7	4-23
Punts	3-48.7	4-47.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	1-2	4-21
Time of Possession	31:21	28:39

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—New England, Blount 11-47, Ridley 8-34, Vereen 2-13, Dowlin 1-2, Miami, Miller 15-61, Dan Thomas 5-16, Wallace 1-13, Fields 1-0, Tannehill 1-(minus 1).

PASSING—New England, Brady 34-55-1-364. Miami, Tannehill 25-37-0-312.

RECEIVING—New England, Edelman 13-139, Amendola 10-131, Boyce 4-32, Vereen 3-26, Collie 2-25, Hoomanawanui 1-13, Blount 1-6. Miami, Wallace 6-105, Hartline 5-70, Matthews 5-64, Egnew 2-25, Thigpen 2-23, Mar.Moore 1-11, Clay 1-6, Sims 1-6, Dan.Thomas 1-2, Miller 1-0.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—New England, Gostkowski 48 (WL).

49ERS 33, BUCCANEERS 14

San Francisco	7	10	3	13 —33
Tampa Bay	0	7	0	7 —14

First Quarter

SF—Crabtree 4 pass from Kaepernick (Dawson kick), 7:05.

Second Quarter

SF—FG Dawson 47, 6:12.

SF—V.Davis 52 pass from Kaepernick (Dawson kick), 1:47.

TB—Jackson 11 pass from Glennon (Lindell kick), :29.

Third Quarter

SF—FG Dawson 43, 7:51.

Fourth Quarter

TB—Wright 24 pass from Glennon (Lindell kick), 14:54.

SF—FG Dawson 21, 4:27.

SF—Hunter fumble recovery in end zone (Dawson kick), 4:21.

SF—FG Dawson 35, 2:49.

A—64,142.

	SF	TB
First downs	22	13
Total Net Yards	376	183
Rushes-yards	40-187	12-39
Passing	189	144
Comp-Att-Int	19-29-0	18-34-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-14	4-35
Punts	4-43.3	7-47.7
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	8-62	4-32
Time of Possession	39:50	20:10

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—San Francisco, Gore 22-86, Hunter 8-40, Kaepernick 7-39, James 2-22, Boldin 1-0. Tampa Bay, Rainey 11-27, Leonard 1-12.

PASSING—San Francisco, Kaepernick 19-29-0-203. Tampa Bay, Glennon 18-34-1-179.

RECEIVING—San Francisco, V.Davis 5-79, Crabtree 3-45, Miller 4-26, Boldin 3-43, Celek 1-8, Manningham-1-2. Tampa Bay, Wright 7-82, Jackson 5-58, Owusu 3-21, Underwood 2-15, Rainey 1-3.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None

BILLS 27, JAGUARS 20

Buffalo	3	17	0	7 —27
Jacksonville	3	7	3	7 —20

First Quarter

Buf—FG Carpenter 42, 13:10

Jax—FG Scobee 32, 8:07

Second Quarter

Jax—Sanders 12 pass from Henne (Scobee kick), 14:54.

Buf—Woods 7 pass from Manuel (Carpenter kick), 7:07.

Buf—Manuel 8 run (Carpenter kick), 2:14.

Buf—FG Carpenter 40, :00.

Third Quarter

Jax—FG Scobee 55, 4:43.

Fourth Quarter

Jax—Lewis 13 pass from Henne (Scobee kick), 13:50.

Buf—Summers 1 pass from Manuel (Carpenter kick), 9:35.

A—60,085.

	Buf	Jax
First downs	25	22
Total Net Yards	366	354
Rushes-yards	44-198	31-159
Passing	168	195
Comp-Att-Int	17-24-1	21-36-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-25	5-42
Punts	4-45.0	3-45.3
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-2
Penalties-Yards	7-67	6-80
Time of Possession	32:35	27:25

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Buffalo, Jackson 17-80, Spiller 13-67, Manuel 10-37, Summers 4-14, Jacksonville, Todman 25-109, Robinson 2-28, Henne 4-22.

PASSING—Buffalo, Manuel 17-24-1-193. Jacksonville, Henne 21-36-2-237.

RECEIVING—Buffalo, Woods 5-82, Chandler 5-54, Summers 3-16, Gragg 1-28, Jackson 1-8, Johnson 1-4, Spiller 1-1. Jacksonville, Lewis 4-54, Todman 4-44, Taylor 4-42, Harbor 3-52, Brown 3-20, Sanders 2-17, Ebert 1-8.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Buffalo, Carpenter 54 (WR).

CARDINALS 37, TITANS 34, OT

Arizona	7	3	10	14	3—37
Tennessee	10	0	7	17	0—34

First Quarter

Ten—FG Bronas 45, 9:34

An—Mendenhall 1 run (Feely kick), 4:30

Ten—C.Johnson 25 pass from Fitzpatrick (Bronas kick), :00

Second Quarter

An—FG Feely 25, 7:21.

Third Quarter

An—FG Feely 47, 13:32.

Ten—Walker 1 pass from Fitzpatrick (Bronas kick), 6:16.

An—Ballard 6 pass from Palmer (Feely kick), 2:14.

Fourth Quarter

An—Mendenhall 1 run (Feely kick), 6:50.

An—Cason 20 interception return (Feely kick), 6:13.

Ten—Preston 10 pass from Fitzpatrick (Bronas kick), 3:12.

Ten—FG Bronas 24, :47.

Ten—Preston 8 pass from Fitzpatrick (Bronas kick), :10.

Overtime

An—FG Feely 41, 10:18.

A—69,143.

	Ari	Ten
First downs	24	32
Total Net Yards	360	460
Rushes-yards	36-145	19-66
Passing	215	394
Comp-Att-Int	20-30-0	36-58-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-16	3-8
Punts	4-53.0	3-48.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-1
Penalties-Yards	9-69	3-16
Time of Possession	30:58	33:44

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Arizona, Ellington 10-71, Mendenhall 21-69, S.Taylor 3-6, Palmer 2-(minus 1). Tennessee, C.Johnson 13-40, Fitzpatrick 3-22, Greene 3-4.

PASSING—Arizona, Palmer 20-30-0-231. Tennessee, Fitzpatrick 36-58-2-402.

RECEIVING—Arizona, Fitzgerald 6-49, Ellington 4-87, Ballard 3-13, Floyd 2-33, Roberts 2-15, Golden 1-16, Dray 1-9, Mendenhall 1-9. Tennessee, Wright 12-150, Walker 8-53, N.Washington 7-92, C.Johnson 3-51, Britt 3-29, Preston 3-27.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Tennessee, Bironas 50 (SH).

CHIEFS 56, RAIDERS 31

Kansas City	21	14	14	7 —56
Oakland	3	14	14	0 —31

First Quarter

KC—Charles 49 pass from A.Smith (Succop kick), 14:38.

Oak—FG Janikowski 34, 11:05.

KC—Charles 39 pass from A.Smith (Succop kick), 7:27.

KC—Berry 47 interception return (Succop kick), 5:07.

Second Quarter

Oak—Jennings 3 run (Janikowski kick), 14:40.

KC—Charles 1 run (Succop kick), 8:59.

KC—Charles 16 pass from A.Smith (Succop kick), 5:42.

Oak—Jennings, 1 run (Janikowski kick), 3:00.

Third Quarter

Oak—Holmes 6 pass from McGloin (Janikowski kick), 12:01.

Oak—Rivera 14 pass from McGloin (Janikowski kick), 4:56.

KC—Charles 71 pass from A.Smith (Succop kick), 3:34.

KC—McGrath 6 pass from A.Smith (Succop kick), 1:20.

Fourth Quarter

KC—Davis 17 run (Succop kick), 8:19.

A—49,571.

	KC	Oak
First downs	19	26
Total Net Yards	384	461
Rushes-yards	24-78	33-130
Passing	306	331
Comp-Att-Int	20-25-0	20-41-5
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-12	0-0
Punts	4-49.5	1-48.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-2
Penalties-Yards	8-91	10-90
Time of Possession	25:53	34:07

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Kansas City, Davis 9-14, Charles 8-20, A.Smith 4-17, Jenkins 1-5, Gray 1-3, Dames 1-(minus 1). Oakland, Jennings 23-91, Pryor 3-19, Reece 5-18, Olawale 1-2, McGloin 1-0.

PASSING—Kansas City, A.Smith 17-20-0-287, Daniel 3-5-0-31. Oakland, McGloin 18-36-4-297, Reece 1-1-0-22, Pryor 1-4-1-12.

RECEIVING—Kansas City, Charles 8-156, Bowe 3-24, Avery 2-33, M.Crabtree 2-14, Dickson 2-8, Gray 1-18, Sherman 1-15, Hall 1-11. Oakland, Streater 4-59, Holmes 4-56, Rivera 3-30, Jennings 3-12, Reece 2-52, D.Moore 2-46, Jones 1-12, Chekwa 1-22.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None

RAMS 27, SAINTS 16

New Orleans	0	3	0	13 —16
St. Louis	14	10	3	0 —27

First Quarter

StL—Harkey 31 pass from Clemens (Zuerlein kick), 11:20.

StL—Kendricks 4 pass from Clemens (Zuerlein kick), 2:45.

Second Quarter

StL—FG Zuerlein 31, 14:57.

NO—FG Hartley 45, 10:17.

StL—Stacy 40 run (Zuerlein kick), 4:10.

Third Quarter

StL—FG Zuerlein 35, 2:42.

Fourth Quarter

NO—Brees 1 run (run failed), 11:25.

NO—Colston 5 pass from Brees (Hartley kick), 3:07.

A—58,442.

	NO	StL
First downs	20	21
Total Net Yards	432	402
Rushes-yards	20-41	34-144
Passing	391	258
Comp-Att-Int	39-56-2	14-24-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-22	1-9
Punts	2-51.5	4-41.8
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	8-77	4-30
Time of Possession	32:12	27:48

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—New Orleans, Sproles 7-24, Thomas 8-21, Brees 2-8, Ingram 1-5, Stills 1-3, K.Robinson 1-0. St. Louis, Stacy 28-133, Bailey 1-6, Clemens 3-5, Cunningham 2-0.

PASSING—New Orleans, Brees 39-56-2-399. St. Louis, Clemens 14-20-0-158.

RECEIVING—New Orleans, Colston 8-92, Sproles 8-38, Thomas 7-62, Moore 6-76, Stills 4-47, Ingram 2-39, Graham 2-25, Watson 2-12, St. Louis, Pettis 4-41, Harkey 3-29, Bailey 2-26, Kendricks 2-13, Givens 1-31, Stacy 1-10, Cook 1-8.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—New Orleans, Hartley 36 (BK), 26 (WL).

BASINNFLCONNECTION

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Winston

ERIC WINSTON OT, ARIZONA CARDINALS (LEE HIGH SCHOOL)

Winston and the offensive line helped the Arizona Cardinals net 360 total yards as Arizona beat Tennessee, 37-34, in overtime on Sunday. Cardinals QB Carson Palmer was sacked twice while throwing for 231 yards. Andre Ellington had 71 yards rushing while Rashard Mendenhall had 69.

Tannehill

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

Tannehill had a big game at quarterback for the Dolphins in their 24-20 victory against AFC East rival New England on Sunday. Tannehill completed 25 of 37 passes for 312 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions. He finished the game with a quarterback rating of 120.6 for the game.

Cannon

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

Cannon started at right tackle for the Patriots in their 24-20 loss to AFC East rival Miami on Sunday.

Bird

BRONT BIRD LB, SAN DIEGO CHARGERS (ODESSA PERMIAN HIGH SCHOOL)

Bird played in the Chargers' 27-20 victory against the Denver Broncos on Thursday and did not record a tackle.

NFL STANDINGS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
New England	10	4	0	.714	369	311	6-0	4-4	7-3	3-1	3-2
Miami	8	6	0	.571	310	296	4-3	4-3	7-3	1-3	2-2
N.Y. Jets	6	8	0	.429	296	360	4-3	2-5	5-5	1-3	1-3
Buffalo	5	9	0	.357	354	414	2-5	3-4	4-6	1-3	2-2

South

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
y-Indianapolis	11	3	0	.786	417	325	6-1	5-2	8-2	3-1	4-1
Tennessee	6	7	1	.464	317	346	3-3	3-4	4-5	2-2	1-3
Jacksonville	4	9	0	.308	296	367	3-3	1-6	3-6	1-3	1-3
Houston	2	11	0	.143	277	414	1-5	1-6	2-7	0-4	0-4

North

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Cincinnati	9	5	0	.643	374	314	5-2	4-3	6-4	3-1	3-2
Baltimore	8	6	0	.571	346	314	5-2	3-4	6-4	2-2	3-2
Pittsburgh	6	7	1	.464	296	316	4-3	2-4	5-4	1-3	2-2
Cleveland	4	9	0	.308	277	327	3-3	1-6	3-6	1-3	1-3

West

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
x-Denver	12	2	0	.857	606	399	6-0	6-2	9-1	3-1	4-1
x-Kansas City	11	3	0	.786	399	255	6-1	5-2	8-2	3-1	4-1
San Diego	5	9	0	.357	340	390	3-3	2-6	4-6	1-3	1-3
Oakland	4	10	0	.286	296	391	3-3	1-7	3-7	1-3	1-3

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
x-Seattle	12	2	0	.857	417	231	6-0	6-2	9-1	3-1	4-1
San Francisco	10	4	0	.714	364	255	5-1	5-3	8-2	2-2	3-2
Arizona	9	5	0	.643	394	345	5-2	4-3	7-3	2-2	3-2
St. Louis	7	7	0	.500	299	327	4-3	3-4	5-5	2-2	2-2
x-clinched playoff spot											
y-clinched division											

South

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
New Orleans	11	3	0	.786	374	276	6-1	5-2	8-2	3-1	4-1
Carolina	10	4	0	.714	346	276	6-1	4-3	7-3	3-1	4-1
Tampa Bay	4	10	0	.286	276	346	3-4	1-6	3-7	1-3	1-4
Atlanta	4	10	0	.286	327	414	3-4	1-6	3-7	1-3	1-4

North

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
Chicago	8	6	0	.571	414	346	5-2	3-4	6-4	2-2	3-2
Detroit	7	6	1	.536	346	346	4-2-1	3-4	5-4-1	2-2	2-2
Green Bay	7	6	0	.538	346	346	4-3	3-3	5-5	2-2	2-2
Minnesota	4	9	0	.308	346	346	3-4	1-5	3-7	1-3	1-4

West

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
x-Seattle	12	2	0	.857	417	231	6-0	6-2	9-1	3-1	4-1
San Francisco	10	4	0	.714	364	255	5-1	5-3	8-2	2-2	3-2
Arizona	9	5	0	.643	394	345	5-2	4-3	7-3	2-2	3-2
St. Louis	7	7	0	.500	299	327	4-3	3-4	5-5	2-2	2-2

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Thursday's Score

San Diego 27, Denver 20

Sunday's Scores

Minnesota 34, Philadelphia 10
Atlanta 27, Washington 26
San Francisco 33, Tampa Bay 14
Seattle 23, N.Y. Giants 0
Chicago 38, Cleveland 31

Brown left program in much better shape

AUSTIN — Mack Brown's successor will be luckier than Brown. Texas' next head coach will inherit a program that's not only not broken, it's not even in terrible shape. Just a little rough around the edges.

The Longhorns, we should remind you, just played for the Big 12 championship and a BCS bowl berth a week ago on the final day of the regular season. That does not suggest a shattered program. Anything but.

Brown leaves Texas far better than he found it. When he took over for John Mackovic starting in 1998, he had to restore Longhorn pride, mend fences with ex-players, alumni, fans and the Texas high school coaching community.

He did all of that and more, though it took a while. In his first season, he played with a walk-on at cornerback and a Heisman Trophy winner at tailback. He had a winning season that year and every year since but one. He beat the Aggies regularly and won bowl games, as well.

Brown represented the university with class and integrity. But he clearly did not want to leave the job. He told that to some of us often in private, but it was time for a change, and Texas President Bill Powers and athletic director Steve Patterson gave him more than a gentle push.

KIRK BOHLS
Cox Newspapers

The program had gotten stale.

Make no mistake: The game didn't pass Brown by. Top quarterbacks did. That failure to evaluate, recruit and develop outstanding quarterbacks had as much to do with his resignation Saturday night as any. That and an overall sense of coddling and entitlement.

One former Longhorns player said he couldn't remember him screaming at them once during the entire 5-7 season. He clapped and hugged and encouraged, and that drove the Longhorn fan base crazy. But that's who Brown is.

Mack's a good guy, one of the best in the business, although some will believe his delay in his resigning had a lot to do with sabotaging Texas' efforts to entice Nick Saban to Austin. (By the way, has Terry Saban put her new Austin home up for sale yet?)

Texas should have gone after Saban. He's the greatest coach in college football history. And it'd be wise to check if Urban Meyer is completely happy in Columbus.

Otherwise, Texas should look very hard at Stanford's David Shaw, Baylor's Art Briles, Penn State's Bill O'Brien, Florida State's Jimbo Fisher, Miami's Al Golden and Louisville's Charlie Strong. Those would be at the top of my list.

None of those coaches will be the quintessential leader and CEO that is Mack Brown. His personal attorney and best friend Joe Jamail told me Saturday night that Brown has had three head coaching offers — two of them firm — this fall alone from other colleges.

"I don't know right now if Mack wants to keep coaching," Jamail said. "He's a little tired, but he's only 62. Mack decided to do what he thinks is best for the university. He feels that he has done all that he can do here. Mack does not want Texas to go back to half-full stadiums."

I wouldn't be surprised if Brown decides to coach again or goes into television work. Jamail said he will continue a long-term relationship with Texas and will serve as adviser to Powers on all athletic matters.

Brown deserves all the wonderful tributes that will come his way. He's an outstanding coach who didn't cheat, who won big if not quite big enough, who won the school's first national championship in 35 years and who restored the luster to the Longhorn brand.

It's my guess that Brown's replacement will be a better overall coach. But not necessarily a better person. Leave, Mack, with the Longhorns' blessings and thanks.

BROWN
From 1C

said. "I really felt like it wasn't best for the university to stay."

Powers said he was not pressured by the school's board of regents to help push Brown out of the job.

"I was not given any direction at all from any regent," Powers said. "This is the transition of one of the great football coaches in the country."

Brown said he hoped he would be remembered for "bringing joy to Texas" and doing it with integrity. Asked if he had any regrets, Brown said the only ones were the death of player Cole Pittman in 2001 and the 1999 accident with the Texas A&M bonfire that killed 12.

NBASTANDINGSANDBOXES
FROM WIRE REPORTS

STANDINGS
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	11	14	.440	—
Toronto	9	13	.409	1 1/2
Brooklyn	8	15	.348	2
New York	7	16	.304	3
Philadelphia	7	18	.280	4

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	17	6	.739	—
Atlanta	12	12	.500	5 1/2
Charlotte	10	14	.417	7 1/2
Washington	9	13	.409	7 1/2
Orlando	7	17	.292	10 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	20	3	.870	—
Detroit	11	14	.440	10
Chicago	9	13	.409	10 1/2
Cleveland	9	14	.391	11
Milwaukee	5	19	.208	15 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	19	4	.826	—
Houston	16	9	.640	4
Dallas	14	10	.583	5 1/2
New Orleans	11	11	.500	7 1/2
Memphis	10	13	.435	9

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	21	4	.840	—
Oklahoma City	19	4	.826	1
Denver	14	9	.609	6
Minnesota	12	12	.500	8 1/2
Utah	6	20	.231	15 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	16	9	.640	—
Phoenix	14	9	.609	1
Golden State	13	12	.520	3
L.A. Lakers	11	12	.478	4
Sacramento	7	15	.318	7 1/2

Sunday's Scores
Sacramento 106, Houston 91
Minnesota 101, Memphis 93
Portland 111, Detroit 109, OT
Oklahoma City 101, Orlando 98
Phoenix 106, Golden State 102
Denver 102, New Orleans 93

Today's Games
Detroit at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Utah at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Orlando at Chicago, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY'S BOXES
KINGS 106, ROCKETS 91
HOUSTON (91): Parsons 7-15 5-6 19, Jones 1-3 0-2 2, Howard 4-7 5-13 13, Beverley 2-7 2-2 6, Harden 8-18 6-7 25, Smith 3-5 0-0 6, Casspi 1-5 1-2 4, Brooks 4-8 3-4 13, Garcia 1-6 0-0 3, Motiejunas 0-1 0-2 0, Brewer 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 31-75 22-38 91.
SACRAMENTO (106): Gay 10-20 5-6 26, Thompson 4-7 1-2 9, Cousins 7-14 7-7 21, Thomas 7-12 4-5 19, McLemore 1-4 2-2 4, Williams 3-10 4-6 11, Outlaw 3-7 2-2 8, Acy 2-2 0-0 4, Fredette 1-2 0-0 2, Thornton 1-3 0-0 2, McCallum 0-0 0-0 0, Ndiaye 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-81 25-30 106.

Houston	**28**	**21**	**22**	**20 — 91**
Sacramento	**28**	**29**	**24**	**25 — 106**

3-Point Goals—Houston 7-27 (Harden 3-9, Brooks 2-4, Casspi 1-3, Garcia 1-5, Motiejunas 0-1, Parsons 0-2, Beverley 0-3), Sacramento 3-13 (Thomas 1-3, Williams 1-3, Gay 1-3, McLemore 0-2, Outlaw 0-2). Fouled Out—Smith. Rebounds—Houston 53 (Howard 10), Sacramento 54 (Cousins 10). Assists—Houston 15 (Parsons 5), Sacramento 17 (Thomas 8). Total Fouls—Houston 26, Sacramento 25. A—15,606 (17,317).

TIMBERWOLVES 101, GRIZZLIES 93
MINNESOTA (101): Brewer 4-8 0-0 9, Love 11-21 4-4 30, Pekovic 6-12 7-8 19, Rubio 3-9 4-5 12, Martin 0-3 0-0 0, Cunningham 2-7 0-2 4, Shved 2-4 1-1 6, Barea 5-10 2-2 15, Mbah a Moute 1-2 1-1 3, Hummel 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 35-79 19-25 101.
MEMPHIS (93): Prince 1-5 0-0 2, Randolph 7-19 6-8 20, Koufos 1-4 0-0 2, Conley 12-20 0-1 28, Allen 3-4 1-2 7, Miller 2-5 1-1 5, Leuer 7-13 0-0 15, Bayless 4-9 6-8 14, Davis 0-2 0-0 0, Calathes 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 37-83 14-20 93.

Minnesota	**28**	**26**	**21**	**24 — 101**
Memphis	**17**	**29**	**27**	**20 — 93**

3-Point Goals—Minnesota 12-26 (Love 4-8, Barea 3-5, Rubio 2-3, Shved 1-2, Hummel 1-2, Brewer 1-4, Martin 0-2), Memphis 5-15 (Conley 4-8, Leuer 1-3, Bayless 0-2, Miller 0-2). Fouled Out—Nong. Rebounds—Minnesota 49 (Brewer 12), Memphis 53 (Randolph 12). Assists—Minnesota 22 (Barea 5), Memphis 17 (Randolph 5). Total Fouls—Minnesota 17, Memphis 20. Technicals—Minnesota defensive three second. Flagrant Fouls—Davis. A—15,417 (18,119).

TRAIL BLAZERS 111, PISTONS 109
PORTLAND (111): Batum 7-13 1-2 18, Aldridge 11-25 5-6 27, Lopez 5-8 2-2 12, Lillard 6-21 11-12 23, Matthews 5-13 3-4 14, Williams 3-10 0-0 8, Freeland 2-3 0-0 4, Wright 1-2 0-0 3, Robinson 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 41-99 22-26 111.
DETROIT (109): Smith 13-17 5-6 31, Monroe 7-14 3-4 17, Drummond 6-15 1-5 13, Jennings 6-16 2-3 15, Caldwell-Pope 1-5 2-3 5, Stuckey 7-18 3-4 17, Singler 2-3 0-0 5, Billups 2-6 2-2 6, Harrellson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 44-94 18-27 109.

Portland	**29**	**21**	**23**	**26 — 111**
Detroit	**22**	**29**	**33**	**15 — 109**

3-Point Goals—Portland 7-26 (Batum 3-7, Williams 2-5, Wright 1-2, Matthews 1-5, Lillard 0-7), Detroit 3-15 (Singler 1-2, Caldwell-Pope 1-2, Jennings 1-4, Stuckey 0-1, Drummond 0-1, Smith 0-2, Billups 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Portland 61 (Lopez 13), Detroit 60 (Drummond 14). Assists—Portland 24 (Lillard 7), Detroit 19 (Jennings 10). Total Fouls—Portland 21, Detroit 22. Technicals—Portland defensive three second. A—13,003 (22,076).

THUNDER 101, MAGIC 98
ORLANDO (98): Affalo 9-20 5-5 25, Davis 4-11 3-5 11, Vucevic 6-9 1-2 13, Nelson 4-11 1-2 13, Oladipo 5-12 5-6 15, Harkless 3-5 0-0 7, Nicholson 1-3 0-0 2, Moore 1-2 0-0 2, Harris 3-8 2-4 8. O'Quinn 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 37-82 17-26 98.
OKLAHOMA CITY (101): Durant 11-18 4-5 26, Ibaka 2-6 0-0 4, Perkins 1-4 2-3 4, Westbrook 7-22 6-6 20, Sefolosha 3-8 0-0 6, Collison 1-3 0-0 2, J.Lamb 7-10 0-0 16, Adams 2-3 2-2 6, Jackson 4-10 2-2 10, Fisher 1-3 2-2 5. Totals 39-87 16-20 101.

Orlando	**22**	**27**	**22**	**27 — 98**
Oklahoma City	**30**	**28**	**27**	**16 — 101**

3-Point Goals—Orlando 7-24 (Nelson 4-7, Affalo 2-7, Harkless 1-2, Davis 0-1, Moore 0-1, Oladipo 0-3, Harris 0-3), Oklahoma City 5-19 (Durant 2-3, J.Lamb 2-3, Fisher 1-3, Jackson 0-2, Sefolosha 0-3, Westbrook 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Orlando 53 (Vucevic 16), Oklahoma City 51 (Westbrook 12). Assists—Orlando 19 (Nelson 8), Oklahoma City 23 (Westbrook 6). Total Fouls—Orlando 18, Oklahoma City 19. Technicals—Nelson, Perkins. A—18,203 (18,203).

NUGGETS 102, PELICANS 93
NEW ORLEANS (93): Aminu 4-5 1-4 9, Anderson 10-21 4-4 26, Smith 4-10 0-0 8, Holiday 6-13 0-0 12, Gordon 4-11 1-1 10, D.Miller 0-0 0-0 0, Amundson 1-3 0-2 2, Rivers 5-9 5-7 17, Morrow 0-4 1-1 1, Roberts 3-9 0-0 8, Withey 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-85 12-19 93.
DENVER (102): Chandler 7-14 3-4 19, Faried 5-9 2-2 12, Hickson 8-12 3-6 19, Lawson 4-9 3-4 12, Foye 2-9 2-2 7, Hamilton 1-8 0-0 2, Arthur 1-3 0-0 2, Mozgov 0-2 6-8 6, Robinson 5-10 2-2 14, A.Miller 4-9 0-0 9. Totals 37-85 21-28 102.

New Orleans	**27**	**25**	**16**	**25 — 93**
Denver	**24**	**28**	**23**	**27 — 102**

3-Point Goals—New Orleans 7-24 (Roberts 2-3, Rivers 2-4, Anderson 2-7, Gordon 1-4, Holiday 0-3, Morrow 0-3), Denver 7-24 (Chandler 2-4, Robinson 2-5, A.Miller 1-2, Lawson 1-3, Foye 1-6, Hamilton 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Orleans 42 (Amundson 8), Denver 68 (Hickson 11). Assists—New Orleans 23 (Holiday 7), Denver 23 (Lawson 8). Total Fouls—New Orleans 23, Denver 24. Technicals—Denver defensive three second. A—15,111 (19,155).

SUNS 106, WARRIORS 102
GOLDEN STATE (102): Barnes 2-7 2-4 8, Lee 7-18 4-5 18, Bogut 4-6 1-6 9, Curry 8-17 10-11 30, Thompson 7-17 3-3 19, D.Green 2-4 0-0 5, Speights 2-6 0-0 5, Douglas 2-3 2-2 7, Bazemore 0-2 1-2 1. Totals 34-80 23-33 102.
PHOENIX (106): Tucker 2-7 2-2 7, Frye 7-12 1-2 20, Plumlee 2-6 2-2 6, Bledsoe 7-16 8-12 24, Dragic 6-11 5-6 21, Mark Morris 3-9 1-2 7, G.Green 3-7 3-4 10, Goodwin 0-1 0-0 0, Marc Morris 5-10 1-2 11. Totals 35-79 23-34 106.

Golden State	**27**	**26**	**27**	**22 — 102**
Phoenix	**33**	**26**	**22**	**25 — 106**

3-Point Goals—Golden State 11-22 (Curry 4-7, Barnes 2-4, Thompson 2-4, D.Green 1-1, Douglas 1-2, Speights 1-2, Bazemore 0-2), Phoenix 13-27 (Frye 5-7, Dragic 4-4, Bledsoe 2-5, G.Green 1-3, Tucker 1-3, Goodwin 0-1, Mark Morris 0-1, Marc Morris 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Golden State 57 (Bogut 14), Phoenix 54 (Plumlee 10). Assists—Golden State 19 (Curry 7), Phoenix 17 (Bledsoe 8). Total Fouls—Golden State 25, Phoenix 24. A—14,393 (18,422).

ROCKETS
From 1C

my hands a lot," Gay said, "so I'm just trying to keep everybody comfortable and keep everybody happy."

James Harden sprained his left ankle early in the third quarter and finished with 25 points, and Dwight Howard had 13 points and 10 rebounds while battling foul trouble in a disappointing end to Houston's quick three-game road trip. The Rockets lost at Portland on Thursday and won at Golden State on Friday.

Rockets assistant Kelvin Sampson filled in for Kevin McHale all three games following the death of McHale's mother. Guard Jeremy Lin sat out with back spasms and forward Terrence Jones had two points and five assists while playing just 15 minutes because of flu-like symptoms.

It's unclear whether Harden or Lin will be able to play Wednesday against Chicago in Houston.

"It's very, very painful," Harden said of his ankle. "I am trying to get through this, stay positive and focus on getting back."

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Games of Dec. 22

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136 TOTAL POINTS

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HOW TO PLAY

Select a winner from each of the week's games, listed below. Select in descending order of your CONFIDENCE in your choices. Win points at left for each correct selection toward possible total of 136 points. See complete rules below. You must be at least 8 (eight) years old to enter. To enter, clip along dotted line, then place game entry in POWER POINTS container at co-sponsors' retail outlet(s). Entrants must list name, address and phone number below.

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DEADLINE: 2 P.M. THURSDAY

TIEBREAKER 1 ☐ Total points scored (both teams) in JETS game

TIEBREAKER 2 ☐ Total offensive yards (both teams) in this game

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Miami at Buffalo	Tampa Bay at St. Louis
New Orleans at Carolina	Dallas at Washington
Minnesota at Cincinnati	NY Giants at Detroit
Denver at Houston	Arizona at Seattle
Tennessee at Jacksonville	Pittsburgh at Green Bay
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4. No points are awarded on tie games or in case any game is not played for any reason during its scheduled week.

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9. Weekly deadline for entry will be 2 p.m. Thursdays except when noted otherwise on weekly entry form.

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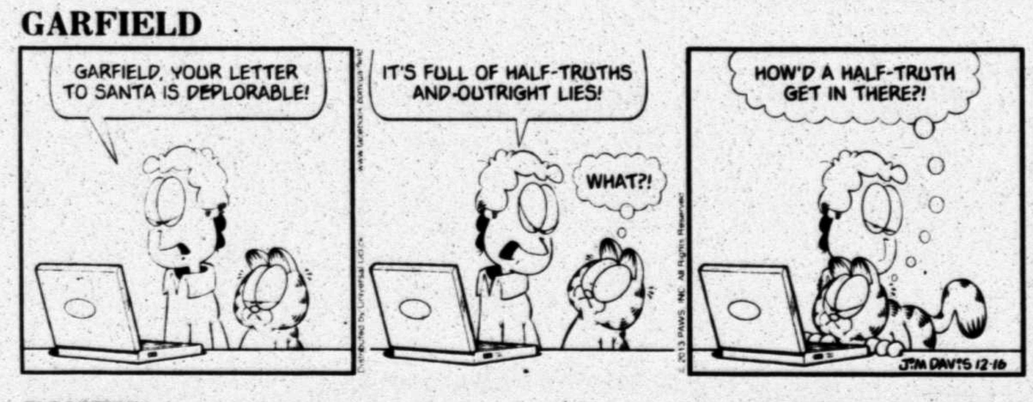

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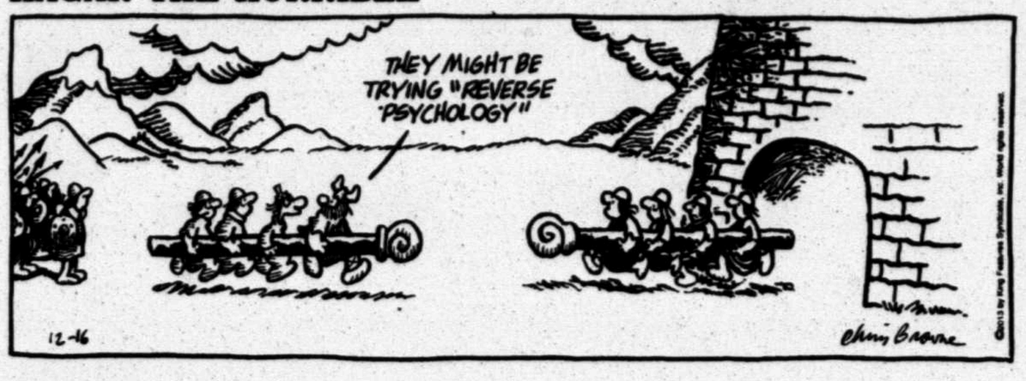

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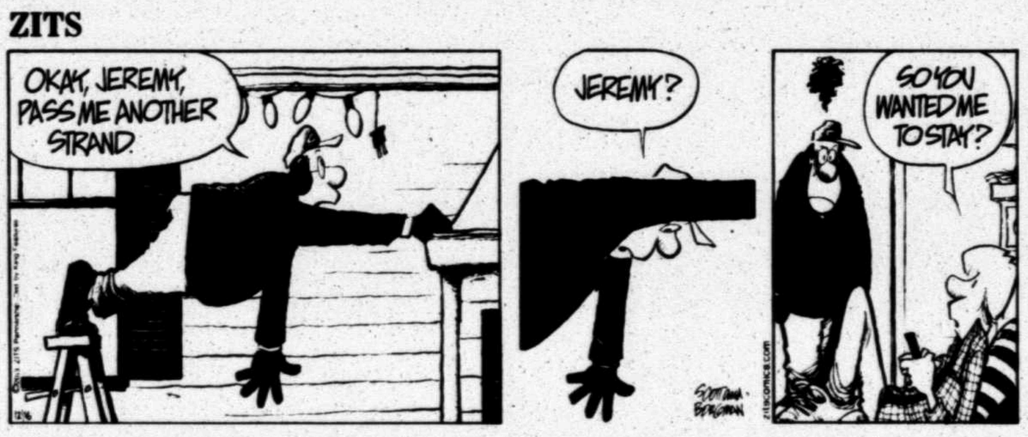

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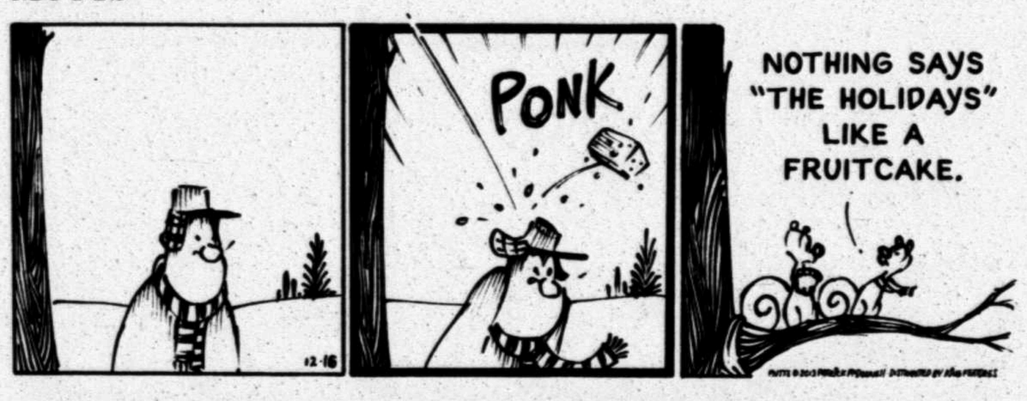

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TUESDAY: Mostly sunny High: 68 Low: 37

WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny High: 69 Low: 47

Local forecast

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 66 and southwest winds around 5 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 33 and southwest winds around 5 mph.

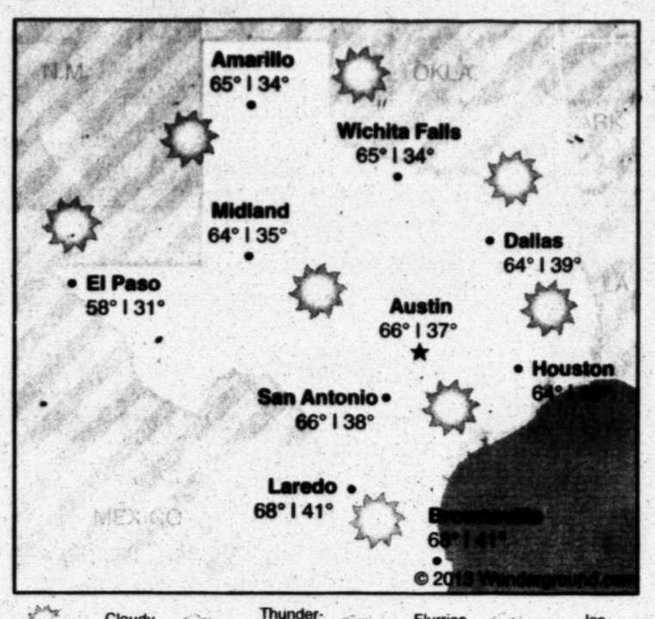
Tuesday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 68 and west winds around 5 mph becoming south in the afternoon. Expect partly cloudy conditions at night, with a low around 37 and south winds around 5 mph.

Wednesday, the forecast calls for mostly sunny skies during the day, mostly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 69 and a low around 47.

The high on Sunday reached 59, while the low dropped to 27. The record high for Dec. 15 is 81 set in 2010. The record low is 11 set in 1987.

National forecast

A cold and windy day is shaping up for the Northeast today as arctic air on the backside of the winter storm pours in. Some snow may persist over northern Maine, while lingering lake-effect snow showers stream downwind of the eastern Great Lakes. A band of light snow will also start the day over the central Appalachians.



Precipitation

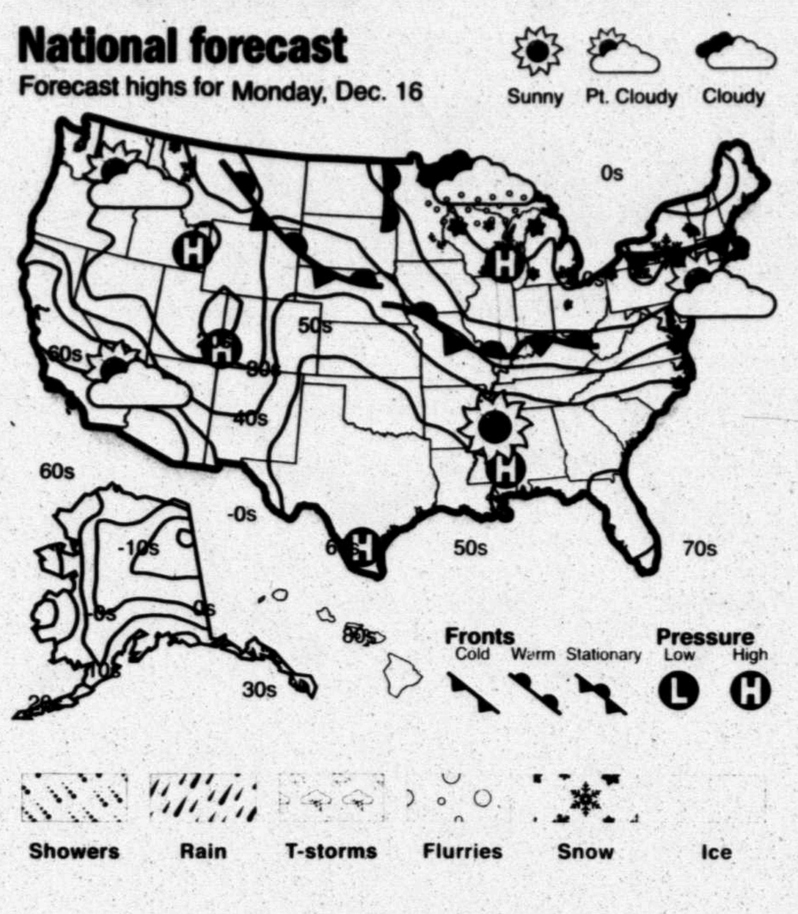
Saturday	0.00 in.
Sunday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.31 in.
Year total	7.38 in.
Normal total (year to date)	14.30 in.

Sunday's temperatures

High	59
Low	27
Normal high	58
Normal low	31
Sunrise	7:42 a.m.
Sunset	5:47 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Monday, Dec. 16



Widower dreading Christmas will feel better reaching out

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: Christmas is coming, and I dread it. I have only my brother, his wife and their kids. I'm on Social Security disability and I barely make it each month. They buy me gifts, but I feel embarrassed to accept them because I can't buy anything for them. It makes me feel small.

Even though I have nothing to offer my nieces, my brother and sister-in-law persuade me to go anyway. They are financially much better off than I am.

I lost my wife a year ago. I see everyone else having someone in their lives and I feel alone. There's just me and my dog now. The holidays hurt. What can I do? — MISERABLE IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR MISERABLE: You have something to give to your relatives. It's the gift of your PRESENCE. If you have a talent, share it with them.

Because this is your first Christmas without your wife, it's no wonder you feel alone. At this time of year, many people do. A way to lessen the sense of isolation would be to do something for someone else. If you're able, volunteer at a food bank, a homeless shelter, a senior center. It will give you less time to brood, and you will feel welcome and needed.

DEAR ABBY: I recently went on a first (and last) date with a "gentleman." He ordered himself a beer and a prime rib dinner. He never asked me if I wanted anything to eat or drink.

As flabbergasted as I was, I have a theory: Men today ARE different from those of the past, and my guess it's because the pierced and tattooed gals today speak and act like sailors, therefore ruining it for the rest of us. Am I right? — PUZZLED IN FLORIDA

DEAR PUZZLED: No. You need to speak up! The RULES OF DATING have changed over the past decades. Many women expect — and prefer — to pay for their own meal and drinks on a first date. It has nothing to do with whether they are tattooed or use four-letter words. They like their independence, and sometimes earn more than their dates do.

DEAR ABBY: After 25 years of marriage, my wife no longer wants to shave her legs. She is starting to look like a gorilla. I think it's a slap in the face. She says it has nothing to do with me. I don't know if I should move to another zoo or buy her some bananas. — PEEVED IN POUGHKEEPSIE

DEAR PEEVED: This may be your wife's way of rebelling, just as some retired men forgo shaving because they no longer "have" to. Or, the winters in Poughkeepsie may be so cold she feels she needs the insulation! Stay in the zoo you're used to — after all, it's home. (If it's causing problems in your marital relations, close your eyes and pretend it's cashmere.)

DEAR ABBY: Would it be a breach of etiquette to enclose a self-addressed, stamped (blank) thank-you note with gifts I plan to send to my grandchildren, since they do not respond when I mail them gifts or cards? — GRANDMA IN MARSHFIELD, MO.

DEAR GRANDMA: I think it's a great idea as a last resort — and no, it would not be a breach of etiquette to do so.

GOREN BRIDGE

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Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠Q 8 4 ♡ K Q J 4 ♢ A J ♣ 9 8 6 4
The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	Pass	1♣	?

What call would you make?
A — In days of yore, you might have been drawn and quartered if you overcalled on a four-card suit. Experts today will overcall with a four-card suit, as long as the suit is excellent and the hand is reasonably good. Bid one heart.

Q 2 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠J 9 7 4 ♡ K J 5 4 ♢ Q 9 8 7 ♣ A
The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	1	?	

What call would you make?
A — Double. This is a negative double promising values worth competing at this level, but with no clear bid. It suggests length in the unbid suits. Should this find a major-suit fit, great! You are strong enough to continue with a no-trump bid if that fails.

Q 3 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠5 ♡ A K 8 7 ♢ 8 6 4 ♣ J 9 6 4 3
The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass

What call would you make?
A — Partner may have quite a good hand with length in spades. Double! You are protected by your status as a passed hand. Partner can't play you for too much.

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠J 5 ♡ A J 3 2 ♢ A K 10 6 3 ♣ Q 6
As dealer, what is your opening bid?
A — Should you open one diamond and partner respond one spade, you will have no good re-bid — not enough for two hearts and too much for one no-trump. Avoid this and open one no-trump now. You are a bit off-shape, but it is the lesser evil.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Dec. 16, 2013:

This year you experience a lot of interpersonal communication. Prioritizing becomes even more important than it has been in the past. You will need to screen your calls often if you are to complete a task or project. If you are single, you have many opportunities to go out. Suitors seem to be everywhere. You are unlikely to commit, but if you do, it will be no sooner than summer. If you are attached, make sure your multifaceted social life does not interfere with your relationship with your significant other. Respect your differences, and everything will be good in your romantic world. GEMINI likes to play devil's advocate.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Your inquisitiveness will come out, no matter what you do. Someone might not give you all the facts, or perhaps you could misunderstand where this person is coming from. Know that he or she might not understand that you expect such complete responses. Tonight: Hang out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You could have an edge to your voice or a hardness in your expression that others pick up on, and you might not even be aware of it. Others will react, and you won't know why. How often do you swallow your anger? Make a point to open up more. Tonight: Off to the gym.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You'll barrel right through a difficult moment. Know that a misunderstanding is at the base of the problem. Backtrack without reacting. Listen to your instincts, yet remain open to others' suggestions; you will cruise past a hassle if you do. Tonight: All smiles.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★ Go within yourself for answers, especially as they won't be easily available. You might wonder what the source of your irritation is, or you could question what you are feeling. Be aware of the impressions that others might be receiving. Tonight: Make it early.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Confusion could to lead to taking a step off the right path, but it will be one that is correctable. In fact, this mini-blunder could give you a lot of information about someone. Focus on your long-term goals in order to achieve good results.. Tonight: Keep your focus.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Pressure builds, and you could go on autopilot without even realizing it. Slow down, or choose a reliable stressbuster to relieve the tension. Once the situation has been somewhat defused, consider your alternatives. Get feedback if possible. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone you care about. This person might have been distancing him- or herself as of late. Your theory could be wrong, so lose your judgments. Confirm plans with care, as misunderstandings could pop up out of the blue. Tonight: Use your imagination.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Deal with a partner directly. Realize that you might need to have a talk about your finances and your chosen direction with a different key person in your life. You could disagree with this person, which invites both of you to find a creative solution. Tonight: Make nice over dinner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You might feel as if you have to defer to someone else. You actually might be misreading the situation. Stay on top of a personal matter, and know full well what you want. Tonight: Go along with someone else's suggestion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Dive headfirst into whatever you must do, whether it involves working on a project or running errands. Maintain your emphasis on details. You could have a misunderstanding with an associate. Try to clear it up without pointing any fingers. Tonight: Play it light and easy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Your creativity will emerge as a result of a misunderstanding. You might need to keep the peace or at least distract others from what is happening. You have a quality of lightness that pervades through any difficult situation. Tonight: Pretend it is still the weekend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ You might be taken aback by your anxiety. You could feel very uptight about what is going on, more so than usual. Unknowingly, you might be responding to the planetary vibes. Go for a walk. Tonight: Head home early.

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BORN TODAY

Playwright Noel Coward (1899), composer Ludwig van Beethoven (1770), novelist Jane Austen (1775)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Capital of Qatar
5 Invertebrate's lack
10 Former Cubs slugger Sammy
14 Stale smell
15 Controversial topic
16 Greek boy with a bow
17 Allot, with "out"
18 *Naval cereal icon sporting a Napoleon-style hat
20 Nuclear __: social unit
22 City in Honshu's Kansai region
23 Academic URL ending
25 Stately tree
26 Like most pies
28 *Nearly none, in slang
31 Summer, in Paris
32 Nosed (out)
33 Eggs on
35 Christmas carol
36 Forest clearing
38 Feet pampering, briefly
42 Bridal party rides
44 Anglo-__
45 Giant slugger Mel
48 *Venue for self-publishing
51 Shingles or slate, e.g.
53 "Isn't __ bit like you and me?": "Nowhere Man" lyric
54 39-Down unit
55 Brown Betty fruit
56 Beantown basketball player
58 *Arc-shaped, finger-staining snack food
61 5,280 feet
64 Erie or Huron
65 Myanmar, once
66 Yard sale sign phrase
67 Expected landing times, briefly
68 Ply with drink
69 Formally turn over

DOWN

1 __ Perignon
2 Poem of celebration
3 Sundae topping
4 Region
5 Mount Etna's island
6 Biblical songs
7 '60s espionage show
8 Religious sister
9 Continental trade org.
10 Grinch creator
11 Elaborately decorated
12 Light bulb's place
13 Slightly
19 Google Maps offering
21 Pinochle declaration
23 Genesis garden
24 Prank
26 Bean __: tofu
27 Fierce anger
29 "The Farmer in the __"
30 Resembling
34 Practice in the ring
36 Fed. agent
37 Like the "o" in "no"
39 Beneficial activity that ends the answers to starred clues
40 Two teaspoons, say
41 Gadget's rank: Abbr.
43 Wall-climbing vines
44 Lovers' clash
45 Ancient soothsayer
46 Astaire headwear
47 Capital of Kansas
49 Heat: Pref.
50 Chew out
52 Makes tracks
56 Mangy mutts
57 1998 Apple debut
59 Go out, like the tide
60 Pool shark's stick
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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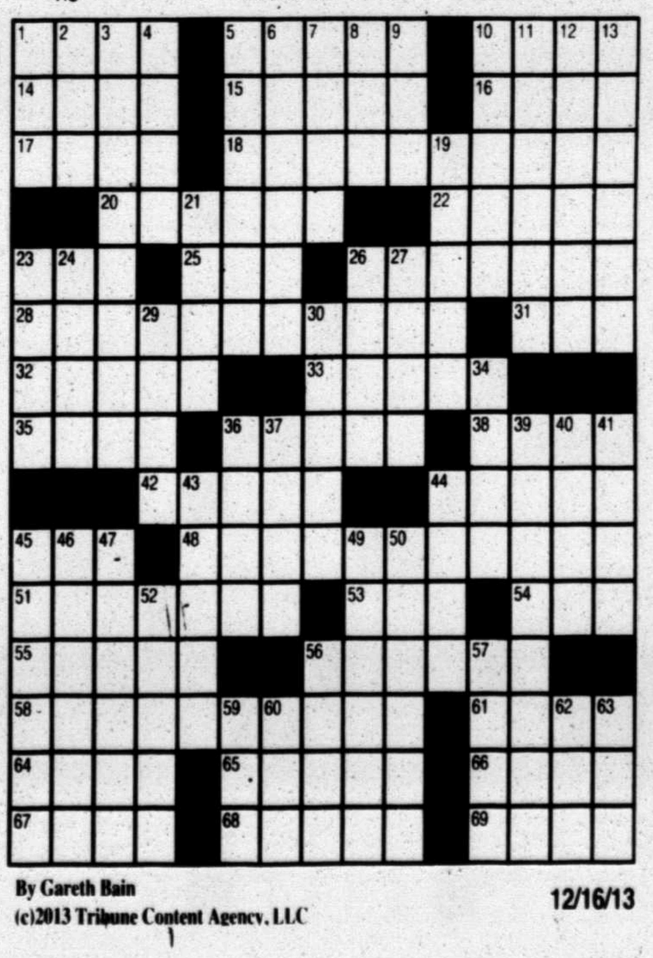

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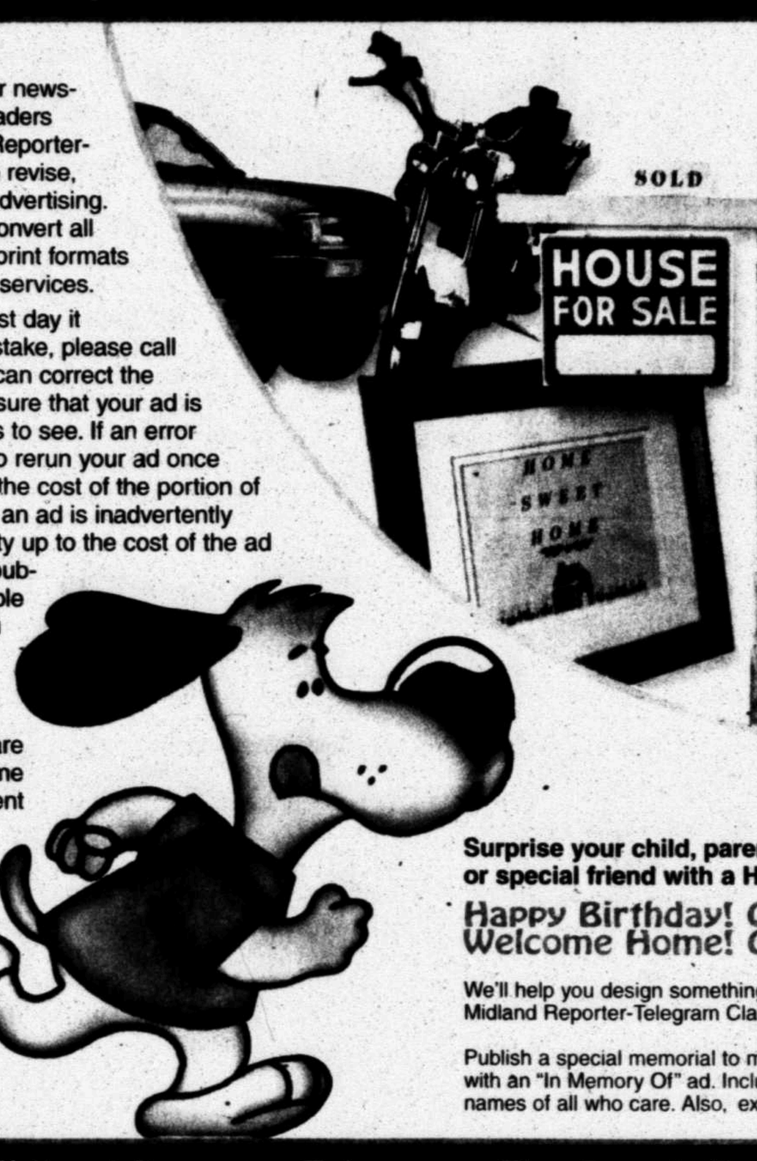

HAPPY ADS

DEADLINES:

WORD ADS:

PUBLISHES ON:	DEADLINE IS:
Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri	5p.m. Prior Day
Saturday	12p.m. Friday
Sunday	5p.m. Friday
Monday	5p.m. Friday

DISPLAY ADS:

PUBLISHES ON:	DEADLINE IS:
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Thursday	3p.m. Tuesday
Friday, Saturday	3p.m. Wednesday
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Tuesday	3p.m. Friday

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Edith Pearl Williams, Deceased, were issued on December 10, 2013, in Cause No. P17683, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: Rickey D. Williams.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o **Rickey D. Williams**
2604 West County Road 115
Midland, Texas 79706

DATED the 10th day of November, 2013.

/s/ Austin L. Ramsey
Attorney for Rickey D. Willams
State Bar No.: 24073484
300 North Marienfeld, Suite 700
Midland, TX 79701
Telephone: (432) 683-3351
Facsimile: (432) 683-2587

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Lost & Found

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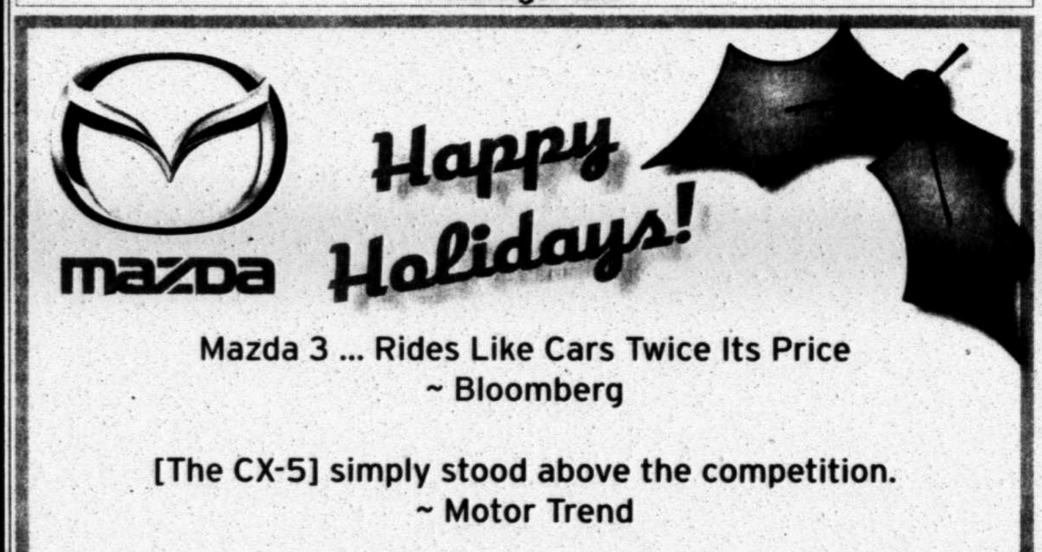

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U12672	2013 INFI FX37 AWD 4DR BLACK	$38,881
U12651	2013 FORD F-150 4WD SUPERCREW 145"	$37,881
M12609	2013 CHRY 300 4DR SDN 300C RWD	$28,750
U12688	2013 CHEV SILVERADO 2WD CREW CAB	$27,581
S10485	2012 VOLK JETTA SEDA 4DR AUTO SE	$15,225
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U12693	2012 GMC SIERRA 150 4WD CREW CAB	$34,581
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S10490	2012 DODG GRAND CARA 4DR WGN SXT	$19,025
M12544	2012 BMW X5 AWD 4DR 35I PREMIUM	$38,789
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U12677	2011 HOND PILOT 2WD 4DR EX-L	$25,741
U12682	2011 GMC YUKON XL AWD 4DR 1500 DENALI	$39,891
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U12681	2011 DODG DURANGO 2WD 4DR EXPRESS	$20,741
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In observance of...
Christmas Day
The Midland Reporter-Telegram will be closed
Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2013

Advertising Deadlines

Classified Word Ads

Publishing On:	Deadline is:
Wed., Dec. 25th	Tues., Dec. 24th, NOON
Thurs., Dec. 26th	Tues., Dec. 24th, 2 PM

Classified Display Ads

Publishing On:	Deadline is:
Wed., Dec. 25th	Mon., Dec. 23rd, 5 PM
Thurs., Dec. 26th	Mon., Dec. 23rd, 5 PM
Fri., Dec. 27th	Tues., Dec. 24th, NOON

Retail Display Ads

Publishing On:	Deadline is:
Wed., Dec. 25th	Mon., Dec. 23rd, 5 PM
Thurs., Dec. 26th	Mon., Dec. 23rd, 5 PM
Sun., Dec. 29th (Oil Report/West Texas Living, Arts & Ent.)	Mon., Dec. 23rd, 5 PM
Fri., Dec. 27th	Tues., Dec. 24th, Noon

CIRCULATION HOURS
Customer Service calls will be taken Wednesday, December 25th from 7 AM-11 AM only.
We will re-open Thursday, Dec. 26th for regular business hours.

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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

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Oilfield Transportation Company Corporate Accounting Position Accounting degree preferred Experience a plus Employee benefits include 401(k), Health, Dental, Vision Send resume to E. L. Farmer, Attn: Human Resources, P.O. Box 3512, Odessa, TX 79760 or email lpipkin@elfarmer.com

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Applicants for various positions

Stanley Ford - Andrews FT

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Certified Diesel Techs
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We are willing to offer top pay depending on experience. Benefits include: vacation and medical benefits.
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Abilities:

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Pay will be discussed at interview.

Please submit all resumes via Fax to:
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BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Business Development Representitives

GeoGuidance Drilling Services, Inc. is currently seeking experienced Business Development Representatives for West Texas. Candidates must have at least 5+years in Business Development speofically in the Directional Drilling sector of Oil & Gas. All candidates are required to have a clean driving record and drug free. All Serious applicants, please send RESUME to jobs@ggdsinc.com or mail to 901 Tower Way, Bakersfield, CA 93309

GEOGUIDANCE

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Admin Clerk

Reliance Industrial Product FT

Must be responsible and reliable. Basic knowledge of computers.Deligent self motivated worker. Email resume to: rberg@relianceindustrial.com

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Monday-Thursday from 2-6, Event and meeting planning.Make travel arrangements,running errands,setting appointments,monitor expenses. Attach resume with references and salary expectations: rduffey13@yahoo.com

Adminstrative Assistant

Crossfire, LLC is currently recruiting for an Administrative Assistant for our Midland, TX office. Crossfire offers a competitive salary and benefits package. To learn more about this position and qualifications visit our website at www.crossfire-llc.com.

ENERGY & UTILITIES

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- **Production Foreman** - 10+ years' experience in field level supervision; High school diploma or equivalent required
- **Lease Operator** - 5+ years production experience; High school diploma or equivalent required
- **EHS & Regulatory Specialist** - strong oil & gas operational knowledge; experience in implementing safety & regulatory plans
- **Field Clerk** - experience as an Administrative Assistant or Field Clerk; High school diploma with college degree a plus
- **Production Engineer** - 3+ years' experience in Production Engineering and/or Well Completions; BS in Engineering required
- **Sr. Production Engineer** - 8+ years' experience in Production Engineering and/or Well Completions; BS in Engineering required
- **Assistant Foreman** - 7+ years' experience in operations; experience in field level supervision preferred
- **Gang Pusher** - 5+ years' experience in production; High school diploma or equivalent required.

Interested parties; please visit our website at www.huntoil.com and select the Career Opportunities link to find the appropriate position. You can "Apply for this Position" or if you are already registered use your email and password and select "Add to my Jobs" to be considered for this opportunity.

DIRECTIONAL DRILLER

Directional drilling company seeking experienced drillers in West Texas. Must have at least 2 yrs experience. Send resume to resumes@aimdir.com.

Field Technician (Midland, TX)

An established environmental consulting company is currently looking to fill a field technician position. The position is fulltime with benefits and requires working in the field. Good mechanical aptitude is preferred, but not required. Duties include: groundwater sampling, obtaining groundwater data from monitor wells, and recovering phase separated hydrocarbons from monitor wells. Use of personal vehicle may be required and may travel more than 150 miles per day. Compensation is hourly and will be discussed during the interview. Please send resumes to Becky via email to rhaskell@novatraining.cc or by mail to 2057 Commerce Drive, Midland, Texas 79703.

OTHER JOBS

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS 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

Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

These positions require some physical lifiting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required; we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and Social Security card with dependable transportation.

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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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FT

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RNs for Su Casa Home Health

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All Positions

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- Ability to lift up to 50 lbs.
- Ability to bend and reach overhead
- Ability to count accurately and do simple math
- Able to operate a forklift and willing to be certified
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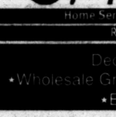

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