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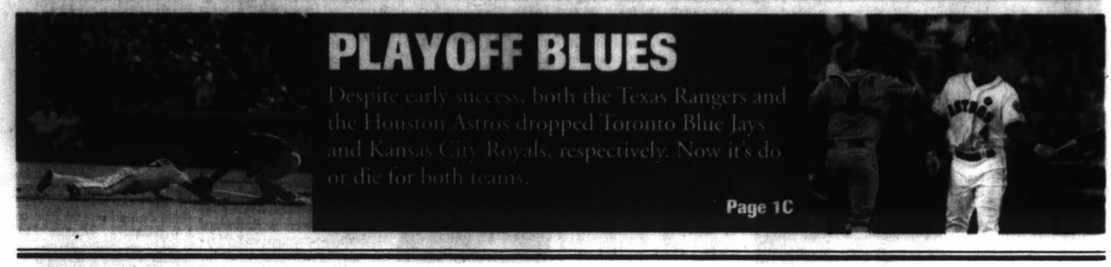

MISD introduces internal accountability system

System is intended to act as alternative measure of academic success to STAAR

By Cassie Burton
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Midland ISD academic officers introduced a new system measuring 11 different criteria to the MISD school board Monday that will act as an internal accountability system.

Chief Academic Officer Patrick Jones and Executive Director of Accountability/PEIMS and Research Elise Kail walked the school board through each of the 11 criteria, which included attendance rates, early reading indicators, graduation rates, AP students and Customer Service Survey Results.

The system is intended to act as an alternative measurement of MISD academic success to the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness, or STAAR results, which have remained almost completely flat over the last four years, according to district reports.

Other districts across the state of Texas have also remained largely flat, according to Superintendent Ryder Warren. Education Commissioner Michael Williams announced last week that the STAAR will enact tougher grading requirements this spring.

Board members applauded the system.

"We want to make sure we communicate as hard as we can with this community to where they can see where we are trying to set our own accountability targets," said board member Jay Isaacs, "and that this community fully understands and embraces what we're trying to do here so we don't just get hung out to dry on the STAAR results."

The new system will be in place this year, with goals set for each of the different criteria. One goal is to set attendance rates at 96 percent beginning this school year. Midland has one of the lowest attendance rates in the state, according to Warren.

The board also received an update on the Bring Your Own Device, or BYOD, and Wi-Fi Initiative. Several campuses have the wireless internet installed ahead of schedule. A flat rate of $3.50 per student will be charged for the security

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Running out of energy



Houston Chronicle file photo

An oil well pumps oil as several wind turbines produce energy at the BP Sherbino Mesa II Wind Farm in 2012 in Fort Stockton. After cutting its solar program last year, BP is beefing up its investments into wind energy and recently launched its fourth wind farm in Fort Stockton. On 20,000 acres in Pecos County, the Sherbino II farm has 60 wind turbines to generate enough electricity to power more than 175,000 homes.

Texas wind boom faces standstill

By Jordan Blum
Houston Chronicle

A storm of projects that has pushed Texas wind generation to No. 1 in the nation may be headed for a calm as the industry confronts the loss of a tax break it considers essential.

Opposed by many conservatives as unfair market manipulation and caught up in congressional gridlock, the tax credit aimed at boosting renewable energy lapsed at the end of 2014 — leaving wind developers in Texas and elsewhere racing to complete projects ahead of a deadline set before the credit expired.

Over the past decade, Texas rapidly has rapidly grown into the nation's No. 1 wind power producer, even in a state where oil and gas rule. California is a distant second.

The wind industry itself acknowledges, however, that in the short term, the tax incentive is key to the success.

The federal renewable electricity production tax credit, known as PTC, provided for a tax credit of 2.3 cents for each kilowatt-hour generated over a 10-year period. It required that projects be started by 2014 and completed by 2016 to qualify. Unless Congress decides to renew the program, projects finished after that date won't get the break.

Chicago-based Lincoln Clean Energy is among the companies under the gun. It's still finalizing financing before continuing construction on its planned Horse Creek Wind project north of Abilene and the Electra Wind development near Wichita Falls — both 200-megawatt wind farms. Each project of that size requires roughly a $300 million investment, CEO Declan Flanagan said.

"Things are on a tight deadline, but these are very mature projects," he said. Flanagan noted that should Congress renew the PTC, the company's wind projects will be able to double in capacity through expansions.

Texas wind has thrived thanks to the PTC, along with the advantages of ample land, business-friendly regulations, strong wind, increased local turbine manufacturing and the state's $7 billion Competitive Renewable Energy Zones, or CREZ — a system of transmission lines linking wind generation in West Texas and the Panhandle with population centers to the east.

Although lots of projects are in development through 2016, some developers see the potential end of the Texas wind boom because of uncertainty regarding the tax credit, questions about future transmission infrastructure growth, recent legislative pushback and the near-saturation of wind projects in certain parts of the state.

Winds from Washington

Steve DeWolf founded Wind Tex Energy in Dallas and has developed several wind farm projects over the years, including West Texas' Stephens Ranch Wind Energy project, which became fully operational in May.

But he sold that project and is focusing on wind projects in the Caribbean.

"Given the lack of cooperation in Congress and the crazies on both sides, I don't know if the PTC is going to get passed," DeWolf said. "And a lot of the best sites in Texas are taken, and then you have the competition from low natural gas prices."

The technology-driven boom in production of natural gas from dense shale has made gas cheap, plentiful and competitive even with coal, let alone renewables, as a power generation source.

Although wind power is becoming more effective with turbines that are taller and cheaper to build, even the American Wind Energy Association

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LHS teacher resigns after federal arrest on drug charges

By Cassie Burton
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A Lee High School teacher resigned Monday morning after federal agents arrested her and her husband on alleged methamphetamine-related charges, according to Sheriff Gary Painter and a press release from Midland ISD.



Theresa Stroud



Stacy Stroud

Theresa Renee Stroud, 47, and Stacy Stroud, 52, were arrested Saturday in Midland by the Drug Enforcement Administration. They were being held Monday at Midland County jail for the U.S. Marshals Service. Bond has not been set.

Painter said that federal officers were watching the Strouds for "an excess of 30 days" before the arrest, and that they do not believe Theresa Stroud brought drugs into her classroom.

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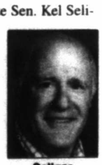
Texas lawmaker uninjured after crashing plane into fence

Associated Press

DALLAS — Texas state Sen. Kel Seliger was not injured when he accidentally drove his single-engine plane onto a vehicle service road and ran into a chain-link fence at Dallas Love Field.



Seliger

Love Field spokesman Jose L. Torres said the 62-year-old Amarillo Republican was alone in the plane when the accident happened near a private aviation

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Obituaries



Edith Juanita Brown Wilson

Edith Juanita Brown Wilson, 91, of Midland, Texas, died October 11, 2015.

She was born on November 5, 1923 to the late J.W. 'Spuffy' and Lula (Ward) Brown, in Hope, Arkansas. She loved basketball and was a star player for Piney Grove School in Emmit, Arkansas in 1938.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Rufus Sherman Wilson; children, Sherman Dean, Billy James, Rufus Donald, Jimmy Dale, Martha, and Patsy; brothers and their wives, Allen (Willie), Ralph (Mozell), and J.W., Jr. (Hazel Joy); sisters and their husbands, Marie (Randolph), Rosie (Charlie), and Lillie Mae (Doyle/Tom); and granddaughter, Kristi Blanscett Graham.

She is survived by her daughter, Brenda Wilson Blanscett and son-in-law Roy; great grandson, Ross Graham; and many dearly loved nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Chau Le and staff at Starcare Hospice for their wonderful care.

Graveside services will be held on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be offered at *www.ellisfunerals.com*.

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Mac Axe

Mac Axe, 87, of Sweetwater, Texas, passed away Sunday, October 11, 2015 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene, Texas. Services will be held 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at Highland Heights United Methodist Church with Reverend Brian Brownlow officiating, under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home. Masonic Graveside Rites will be conducted at Sweetwater Cemetery by Midland Lodge # 623 and Sweetwater Lodge #571. A family visitation will be Tuesday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at McCoy Funeral Home.

Mac was born September 3, 1928 in Coleman, Texas. He married Bettye Jean Viser on August 27, 1956 in Midland, Texas. She passed away September 13, 2001. He married Donna Wentz on May 6, 2006 in Sweetwater. He was a member of Highland Heights United Methodist Church. Mac worked for Western Union and retired from Southwestern Bell after 30 years of service. He was a veteran of Korean War, serving from October 1946 to July 1952 in the Signal Corps. He was an avid gun enthusiast, winning several medals in Black Powder Gun Competition. He enjoyed hunting and fishing with his friends and family. He lived in Sweetwater since 1961 moving from Midland.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Axe of Sweetwater; four daughters, Vickie Builta and husband Jim of Midland, Dana Neagle of Sweetwater, Pam Pierce and husband Mark of Cherokee, Iowa, and Donita Achenbach and husband Loren of Sweetwater; son, Mike Sitts and wife Marlene of Breckenridge, Texas; sister, Marion Axe of Midland; sister-in-law, Frances Viser of Abilene; and by eight grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Bettye Jean Viser Axe; his parents, Winnie and Fred Axe; and by a sister, Maxine Drury.

The family would like to say a special Thank You to the hospice unit at Hendrick Medical Center. In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials be made to Sweetwater Rifle and Pistol Club or Highland Heights United Methodist Church.

Online condolences may be expressed at *www.mccoyfh.com*.

Opal Irene Oglesby Dunlap

Opal Irene Oglesby Dunlap, 89, of Leander, Texas, passed away on October 11, 2015.

Graveside services will be at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 13, 2015, at Westbrook Cemetery, Westbrook, Texas. Arrangements by Beck Funeral Home, Cedar Park, Texas, (512) 259-1610.

On-line guest registry at *www.beckchapels.com*.



W.J. "Dub" Richmond

W.J. "Dub" Richmond was born at his paternal grandparent's home in Blanket, Texas, on February 15, 1928. He grew up the only child of Macon and Dona Richmond, both of whom preceded Dub in death. He spent his first 16 years attending Blanket schools, then matriculated to Tarleton State University in 1944, and continued on to Texas A&M, where he majored in Civil Engineering. His higher education was interrupted by a call from the United States Army, where he served with "D" Co. 4th Engineering Battalion in Germany. He returned from Germany in 1952 with the rank of Master Sergeant and continued to serve in the Reserves. He was Honorably Discharged from the United States Army in 1956.

In 1953, he married Brockie McCasland, who he met on a blind date in Abilene, Texas. To that union was born two children, Melissa and Steven.

Dub spent his working years with Humble Oil & Refining, subsequently Exxon, as a land surveyor. Dub was passionate about land surveying and held surveying licenses and registrations in several states. He served several terms in various positions on the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying. In the late 60's and early 70's, Dub worked for ARCO, surveying for the fledgling Alaskan oil industry in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, and was later involved in the trans-Alaskan pipeline project.

He retired from Exxon in 1985 to spend his time traveling with Brockie, visiting his family ranches in Brown and Brewster counties, and enjoying his grandchildren.

Dub thoroughly loved all things outdoors, including firearms, hunting, and fishing. He nurtured and passed these passions along to his children and grandchildren. He had a deep seated love of Texas history and could recite endless interesting stories about people, places, and events that occurred all over West Texas.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Macon and Dona Richmond; and Brockie, his wife of 50 years.

He is survived by his daughter, Melissa, her husband Gary, and their daughters Renee' and Jennifer of Montgomery, Texas; his son, Steven, and his wife, Susan of Georgetown, Texas.; his "brother," second cousin Jule Richmond, his wife LaNita, and their sons Cade and Cody Richmond, and daughter, Wendey Lesley, all of Brown and Comanche Counties, Texas.

Visitation will be held at 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Wednesday October 14, 2015 at Ellis Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday October 15, 2015 at Golf Course Road Church of Christ with Tim Baugh officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Online condolences may be offered at *www.ellisfunerals.com*.

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Death Notices

Irene Garrett

Irene Garrett passed away on Sunday, October 11, 2015.

The Celebration Service will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 14, 2014 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland.

She is survived by her husband, Bob Saunders Garrett and her children, Donna Burkart, Kenneth "Bud" Merrick, Sharon Merrick, and Mark Garrett.

Johnnie Mae Holmans

Johnnie Mae Holmans, 73, of New Braunfels, Texas, passed away on Sunday, October 11, 2015.

She is survived by her husband, George E. Holmans; son, Glenn Edward (Katrina) Holmans; and her daughters, Stephanie Holmans Ford and Debbie Holmans Abbott.

A viewing will be held on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., with the family accepting visitors between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at American Heritage Chapel.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at American Heritage Cemetery & Funeral Home, 4100 N. FM-1788, Midland, Texas, 79707, followed immediately by a burial.

LOCALCRIME

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Man assaulted with a beer bottle

An 18-year-old Midland man was arrested Friday night after allegedly beating another man over the head with a glass beer bottle.

Omar Saenz Jr. was being held Monday on a $25,000 bond for the second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Midland police began an investigation after receiving a call from Midland Memorial Hospital, where a man was being treated for a large laceration on his forehead, according to a police report. In the hours preceding the alleged assault, the alleged victim had engaged in an argument over the phone. During the argument, the alleged victim, Saenz and several unknown males had threatened to fight one another. The alleged victim, however, said he would fight them the following morning, but the others were insistent upon fighting that night, and eventually showed up on the alleged victim's front yard, according to an arrest affidavit.

The alleged victim walked outside and saw a group of men in his front yard who allegedly began to close in on him. At this point Saenz allegedly struck him on the forehead with a beer bottle, causing the alleged victim to fall into a daze. The man only remembers bleeding and crawling back inside the house afterward, according to Saenz's arrest affidavit.

A witness corroborated the statement of the alleged victim, who received 28 stitches in his forehead.

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

Man allegedly has indecent sexual contact with 11-year-old

A 22-year-old El Paso man was arrested Saturday afternoon for alleged indecent sexual contact with a child.

Alberto E. Tovar was being held Monday on a $50,000 bond for a second-degree felony of indecency with a child involving sexual contact.

An 11-year-old girl was revealed as the alleged victim of an offense on July 28, after an investigator observed Forensic Interviews conducted at Harmony Home in Odessa, according to the affidavit.

Further investigation revealed that Tovar had allegedly had inappropriate sexual contact with the alleged victim since she was about 9 years old, according to the affidavit.

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

Investigation leads to discovery of drugs, weapons

From staff reports

Two people are in custody following an undercover narcotics investigation that led to the discovery of several types of drugs and weapons in a Midland residence last week.



Bennett



Gonzales

Jesus Gonzales, 26, and Ashleigh Bennett, 19, are facing charges for possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. The two suspects, who are believed to be living in Midland, also will face additional charges, according to a press release from the city's spokeswoman.

The Midland Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Agency Midland Resident Office executed a federal search warrant on Oct. 6 in the 5100 block of Ric Drive. Upon entering the residence, officers and agents found distributable amounts of narcotics including what they suspected to be crystal methamphetamine, brown heroin, crack cocaine, powder cocaine and marijuana, according to the release. A hand grenade, four handguns, one shotgun and an AR-15 rifle were also discovered along with protective body armor and a police radio scanner, according to the release.

The weapons appeared to be evenly distributed throughout the residence in strategic locations and easily accessible, according to the release.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms confirmed the hand grenade was a live explosive,

The investigation is continuing.

Gun advocates challenge zoos' bans on possession around US

By David Warren
Associated Press



Associated Press

This handout photo courtesy of Edwin Walker shows the entrance to the Dallas Zoo. Walker with Texas Law Shield says cities and other government bodies have too broadly interpreted state law to believe they can restrict gun possession. He says concealed weapons can be carried in public places, including the Dallas Zoo.

DALLAS — Visitors to the Houston Zoo can now pack a little something extra besides a camera and picnic basket.

The nearly century-old institution recently lifted its longtime firearms ban amid a broader push by gun-rights advocates who are pressuring zoos in Texas and elsewhere to do the same.

Gun-rights supporters say publicly owned zoos have misinterpreted laws and are illegally posting signs that ban firearms. Some zoos have countered calls for policy changes by claiming they are considered amusement parks, day cares or educational institutions — venues that legally can enforce gun bans in many states.

An advocacy group in Texas is singling out zoos under a newly enacted state law allowing complaints about unlawful gun restrictions to be forwarded to the state's attorney general for potential steep fines. Similar efforts have occurred elsewhere, including in Missouri where the St. Louis Zoo went to court to prevent an Ohio man from bringing a gun to the zoo to test its no-weapons policy.

"I am not anti-zoo," said Edwin Walker with Texas Law Shield, the group that recently filed complaints against the Houston and Dallas zoos. "I guarantee there's not going to be a license-holder that's going to go to the zoo and shoot a baby giraffe in front of schoolchildren."

Many zoos across the country — from Milwaukee to Omaha, Nebraska — do not allow guns on the premises. But laws vary state to state. In Kentucky, for instance, a 2012 law revision permits people to openly carry firearms into facilities owned by municipalities, such as libraries, parks and zoos.

The Houston Zoo has already felt backlash after the city ordered it Sept. 10 to take down its no-gun signs because it operates on public land. Parents and children gathered last month to greet zoo visitors with warnings about the policy change, with some holding signs such as "Panthers not Pistols" and "Hey Gun Lobby, quit monkeying around!"

"There are places in our public lives where guns are inappropriate," Stephanie Lundy, a mother attending the protest, told KHOU-TV. "And the zoo is one of those places."

Texas authorizes licensed gun owners to carry concealed weapons in public but the law exempts a variety of places — amusement parks, churches and schools, among them — and officials at the state's larger zoos cite some of those exemptions in arguing that firearms are not permitted.

The St. Louis Zoo made a similar argument in June when it won a temporary restraining order against the Ohio man, saying that allowing guns "will cause a chilling effect" on zoo visitors.

Fort Worth Zoo says it's licensed as a day-care facility, and the Dallas Zoo contends it's considered both an amusement park and an educational institution.

In a complaint sent last month to Dallas Zoo officials, Walker argues the zoo "does not offer any degrees, have any standardized course of study, nor is it certified or overseen by any state educational agency. Further, the Dallas Zoo does not meet the definition of 'amusement park' ... in that it does not have amusement rides."

STATECRIME

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ODESSA

Knife-wielding man shot by deputies

Sheriff's deputies in Odessa have shot and wounded a man at the end of a police chase after authorities say he ran at them armed with a knife.

Ector Sheriff's Sgt. Gary Duesler says the chase began Sunday morning as police responding to a disturbance call were told the man involved had left in a pickup truck. Officers spotted the truck and the chase began as the driver refused to stop.

When he eventually did, Duesler says the man got out, had a knife in his hand "and began charging at deputies." When he ignored their orders to drop the weapon, three officers fired at him.

The man was taken to a hospital. His name hasn't been released and his condition isn't immediately known.

CORPUS CHRISTI

Woman in disturbance drives off in police car

A 26-year-old woman involved in a disturbance with a man at a Corpus Christi bus stop jumped behind the wheel of a police car and drove off as officers ran to catch the man.

Officials say Rachel Vigueria drove the wrong way down a one-way street and finally was caught by other officers Saturday when she stopped and also tried to run away on foot.

Vigueria was arrested on two evading arrest charges and remains jailed after police found she was wanted on an outstanding family violence warrant from Bexar County.

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Report: Higher oil prices cause 9-cent rise in gas prices

From staff reports

Average retail gasoline prices in Midland-Odessa have risen 9 cents a gallon in the past week, according to GasBuddy.com's daily survey of 156 gas outlets in the area.

The average price moved to $2.08 on Sunday. This compares with the national average of $2.31, an increase of 2.7 cents per gallon in the last week, according to the gasoline price website.

Including the change in gas prices in Midland-Odessa during the past week, prices on Sunday were $1.06 per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and less than 1 cent lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 3.1 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 88 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

"A majority of states saw gasoline prices jumping over the last week thanks to a upward move in oil prices as well as refinery maintenance season getting underway, constricting gasoline output," said Patrick DeHaan, senior petroleum analyst for GasBuddy.com.

"The most pressing issues on gasoline prices currently remain the recent surge in oil prices that have brought a barrel of West Texas Intermediate oil to nearly $50 a barrel from $38 a barrel in August. While I believe the rebound is somewhat of a head fake as the oil market remains oversupplied, it will be a temporary rebound, with oil and gasoline prices moving lower again in the months ahead, allowing for relief at the pump again in the months ahead, and we're sticking to our previous guidance — $1.98 a gallon nationally by Christmas," DeHaan said.

For a complete listing of current averages and other fuel price data, visit http://media.gasbuddy.com. For fuel news and alerts, follow @GasBuddyNews on Twitter.

As kombucha sales boom, makers ask feds for a new alcohol test

By Kristen Wyatt
Associated Press

DENVER — A tangy fermented tea called kombucha has moved from the natural foods aisle to the mainstream. But it's also moved into the hot seat amid renewed concerns that it can contain low levels of alcohol.

Five years after alcohol levels detected in kombucha prompted nationwide recalls, federal authorities again are warning producers to relabel their products to indicate alcohol content or face fines. But this time around dozens of producers are resisting, and have asked for new federal tests to help them avoid running afoul of alcohol laws.

Kombucha is a tea that has been fermented with bacteria and yeast, giving it a tart, vinegar-like zip and high levels of bacteria that some believe impart health benefits. And it's hugely popular. Sales of kombucha jumped nearly five times between 2013 and 2015, to about $600 million a year, according to retail analysts at Markets and Markets.

The tea's fermentation process dates back centuries, but its popularity in recent years has landed kombucha in the sights of the U.S. Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau. That's because the fermentation process can give the drink too much alcohol for it to be legally sold as a non-alcoholic beverage.

Kombucha makers complain that the alcohol threshold that triggers the law — 0.5 percent — is too low to intoxicate people, pointing out that many fruits naturally ferment on shelves to about the same level. But federal authorities over the years have sent kombucha makers letters threatening fines when tests indicate that kombucha on store shelves is too alcoholic.

Kombucha tea naturally walks the line of what federal authorities consider an alcoholic beverage. Yeast and sugars in the tea create both the desired bacteria and alcohol. A kombucha tea can edge toward 1 percent alcohol if it is aged and not refrigerated. That's about a quarter as strong as a Bud Light, which is 4.2 percent alcohol, but still is too alcoholic to be sold to minors.

The latest federal intervention in the kombucha market came late this summer, when fine letters went to an undisclosed number of kombucha makers nationwide, said bureau spokesman Tom Hogue. He declined to specify how many brewers' products failed alcohol tests, or how many producers have been fined.

The letters have kombucha brewers on edge.

"It's almost like a witch hunt," said Tom Nieder, founder of Companion Kombucha in St Louis. He hasn't received an enforcement letter, but said brewers are fighting comparisons to alcohol or other drinks.

Kombucha is one of many fermented foods enjoying a renaissance. From kimchi (a Korean pickled cabbage dish) to kefir (fermented milk with a yogurt-like tang), fermented foods deliver "good bacteria" to the digestive system. Some fermented drinks — such as pulque, a milky agave drink native to Mexico that often is about 3 percent alcohol — have always been sold as alcoholic beverages.

Wind boom

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acknowledges the tax credit is needed for a few more years to keep wind competitive with cheap electricity from natural-gas-fired power plants.

The association says the 17,000 wind-related jobs in Texas are in jeopardy.

Many remain optimistic some form of a PTC extension will receive congressional approval as part of a bundle of tax credit extensions. The PTC already experienced expirations and retroactive renewals in 2009, 2013 and 2014.

Flanagan readily admits his frustration with the constant stops and starts in the wind industry because of the status of tax credits.

"If it stays expired, it would have a chilling effect on the market for at least a couple of years," he said. "Texas has been a pretty big focus for us the last few years, and that may or may not continue, depending on tax credits."

Texas counts 14,192 megawatts of wind capacity in its system out of 77,000 megawatts of total grid power from all sources, according to the Electricity Reliability Council of Texas, which manages more than 85 percent of the state's grid. A megawatt powers about 500 typical Texas residences during periods of normal demand, ERCOT estimates.

ERCOT is on track to end 2015 with more than 16,000 megawatts and finish 2016 at about 20,000 megawatts — even more if the PTC is extended, according to projections.

Texas-size debate

Given the growth that has exceeded most anyone's expectations, there was some pushback in the Texas Legislature during its session last spring.

A bill that passed the Senate but died in the House would have eliminated any further development of CREZ transmission lines and rescinded the renewable portfolio standard that requires the state to generate a specified portion of its power using renewable sources.

ERCOT has already exceeded the goal of 10,000 megawatts of renewable energy capacity required by 2025, and that's without any of the anticipated solar power growth.

But wind developers saw the legislation as a shot across the bow.

"That's the antithesis of business-friendly," Flanagan said.

But "everybody sees it coming," said John Carson, CEO of Canada-based Alterra Power Corp., which bought the Shannon Wind project in the Panhandle. "You have to have a portion of your power coming from green energy sources, or it's going to catch up to you later." People are greening up all over."

Once Shannon is completed by the end of January, Facebook has agreed to buy most of the power for its planned data center in Fort Worth. Likewise, Walmart Stores is buying much of the power from San Francisco-based Pattern Energy's Logan's Gap Wind farm east of Abilene that was completed in September, and Google invested $75 million in Pattern's Panhandle 2 project, which was finished late last year.

Iberdrola Renewables, which is part of the Spanish utility giant Iberdrola, just started up its 202-megawatt Baffin Wind Power project south of Corpus Christi. The project ties into the existing Peñascal wind complex that is now more than 600 megawatts, which makes it Iberdrola's largest wind complex globally.

Iberdrola's next Texas project was to be the Comanche Run Wind project in the Panhandle, but it didn't move forward in time to qualify for the PTC, said Frank Burkhartsmeyer, CEO of Iberdrola Renewables.

Texas is a "big success story" for the company, he said, but future projects are up in the air.

"There's no doubt the wind industry needs stability," Burkhartsmeyer said. "We're making 25-year commitments."

From a gust to a breeze

One of the busiest companies in Texas is Chicago-based Invenergy, which started operations in September on its seventh Texas wind farm, the Rattlesnake Wind Energy Center near Midland.

Invenergy CEO and President Michael Polsky said, however, that he expects wind growth in Texas to slow after the rush to finish projects by 2016, even if the federal tax credit is extended. That's because there is less need for additional wind capacity and because projects will only be added at the rate of transmission infrastructure growth.

"We'll see a significant slowdown, even with the PTC," Polsky said. "If it's not extended, we'll see no new wind in Texas for all practical purposes."

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California may allow inmate firefighters with violent pasts

By Don Thompson
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California officials are considering allowing inmates with violent backgrounds to work outside prison walls fighting wildfires, and the idea is generating concerns about public safety.

The state has the nation's largest and oldest inmate firefighting unit, with about 3,800 members who provide critical assistance to professional firefighters. That's down from about 4,400 in previous years, however, and so prison officials are looking for ways to add inmates.

Now, only minimum-security inmates with no history of violent crimes can participate. Starting next year, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation is proposing adding inmates convicted of violent offenses such as assaults and robberies, if their security classification level has been reduced after years of good behavior.

Officials also are seeking to allow inmates who have up to seven years left on their sentences instead of the current five. Arsonists, kidnappers, sex offenders, gang affiliates and those serving life sentences for murder and other crimes would still be excluded.

"All it does is enlarge the pool of inmates we look at, but it doesn't change the nature of the inmate that we put in camp," Corrections spokesman Bill Sessa told The Associated Press.

The changes are pending final approval within the Corrections Department. They still have not been sent to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, which says it also must sign off.

The proposal comes at a time when the overall prison population is smaller and drought has created the potential for explosive wildfires like the ones that recently roared through the Sierra foothills and communities north of Napa, in northern California.

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app "Gaggle," according to the Executive Director of Technology Thomas Holly.

Other takeaways from the meeting:

■ The district is set to file 41 class-size waiver requests. Requests are for classrooms that exceed the state maximum allowance of 22 students per teacher.

■ The district is now looking to fill about 50 teaching positions, which is down from 59 at the last meeting.

■ Seven MHS ROTC members became the first recipients of the "Heroes for Midland" award after they volunteered a Saturday to clean up a house that had been vandalized.

■ National Merit Scholars were recognized. Three students from Midland High and nine students from Lee High were recognized.

■ A new security guard will be on the first floor of the district office to check in all visitors. Warren said that no major security incidents have occurred, but that it is a precautionary measure to improve overall security of the building.

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Arrest

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"I know that when they apprehended her that she had narcotics on her," Painter said. "She was booked into jail and they found some more during the booking process."

Stroud resigned Monday morning, according to a press release from MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren.

"MISD was made aware of the arrest of Lee High School teacher, Mrs. Theresa Stroud, over the weekend," Warren said in the release. "I have accepted a resignation from Mrs. Stroud this morning, so she is no longer an employee of the district."

Warren said in a phone interview that Lee High School principal Stan VanHoozer would notify parents Monday afternoon that Stroud resigned and the district "will work on getting a substitute quickly" if one was not already selected.

A permanent replacement would be found as quickly as possible, according to Warren.

Stroud had been with the district since August 2006, according to MISD communication specialist Elizabeth Gressett. She taught computer technology courses, according to Lee High School's website

Seliger

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company along Lemmon Avenue, northeast of the airport's commercial airline terminal.

Torres said Seliger was heading back to Amarillo but took the service road instead of a taxiway that leads to a runway. The left wing of the Bonanza A-36 caught the fence and pulled the propeller into the fence.

In April, Seliger was injured and needed ankle and elbow surgery after a motorcycle accident in Austin. He was alone at the time.

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

■ Midland Memorial Hospital's Better Breathing Club, 11:30 a.m., Midland Memorial Hospital Scharbauer Tower meeting room. Don at 221-4984 or Joanna at 682-4229.

■ Midland Optimist Club, noon, Abuelo's; 685-7468.

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

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

■ ACT IX, 6:30 p.m., Cole Theater; Carolyn Schoolcraft, 685-7416.

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

■ Permian Basin Coin and Stamp Club, 7 p.m., Michael's Charcoal Grill; Dave Taylor;559-9890 or www.midlandcoins.com.

■ Permian Basin Dance Club Club with live country western bands, 7:30 p.m.-10 p.m., St. Stephens Ballroom, 4601 Neely St. 432-520-4343 or 432-296-9840.

Republican Women's meeting

Midland County Republican Women monthly luncheon is 11:15 a.m. Wednesday at Midland Country Club. Guest speakers will be Kent Hance, former chancellor of Texas Tech University, Judge Mary Lou Keel of the 232nd District Court in Harris County and Marty Rowley, District 15 State Board of Education member.

Tickets are $25 at the door. To RSVP, call 520-3500 or email: mcrwomwn@mcrw.us. For more information, visit www.mcrw.us.

Community calendar

■ Casa de Amigos and Midland Fire Department's Community Health Paramedic Program are partnering for a flu shot clinic 10 a.m.-noon Friday at 1101 Garden Lane. Shots will be administered to those 15 and older. The shots are free for people without insurance; others must provide insurance card.

To register for the clinic, call Silvia Lemos at 682-9701.

■ Kel Seliger will be hold a town hall meeting 11 a.m. Oct. 20 at Cowden Clubhouse at Manor Park.

City seeks Halloweenfest participants

The city of Midland's Parks & Recreation Division is now accepting registrations from businesses and organizations to participate in its third annual Halloweenfest.

This year's Halloweenfest will take place 6-9 p.m. on Oct. 29 at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane. Businesses, churches and organizations are encouraged to sign up to take part in the event by setting up a table and handing out candy or providing a game for the children.

Other family activities at the event will include face painting, movies, jumpers, music and costume Zumba.

At least 500 kids are expected for this event.

Reservations can be made by contacting Joey Jolly at jajolly@midlandtexas.gov or calling Parks & Recreation at 432-559-1395.

Source: City of Midland

Women's Fair and Expo

Silver Spur Trade Shows will host the Women's Fair and Expo this weekend at the Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. There will be more than 75 booths featuring jewelry, clothing, home décor, items for children, quick meals, health, fitness and more. There will also be fashion shows and demonstrations and hands-on activities.

The expo is 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, visit www.wfetx.com.

Source: Convention and Visitors Bureau

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Today in history

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 13, the 286th day of 2015. There are 79 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Oct. 13, 1775, the United States Navy had its origins as the Continental Congress ordered the construction of a naval fleet.

On this date:

In 1792, the cornerstone of the executive mansion, later known as the White House, was laid during a ceremony in the District of Columbia.

In 1972, a Uruguayan chartered flight carrying 45 people crashed in the Andes; survivors resorted to feeding off the remains of some of the dead in order to stay alive until they were rescued more than two months later.

Southwest operations appear to be back on track after day of delays

By David Koenig
Associated Press

DALLAS — A day after technology problems delayed hundreds of Southwest Airlines flights, the carrier's operations were running more smoothly Monday.

Southwest spokesman Brad Hawkins said workers fixed a failed software application that had caused the problems.

The Dallas airline had been warning passengers early Monday morning to print boarding passes ahead of time and arrive at the airport two hours early. Airline officials said later that there was no longer a need to arrive early but that passengers might still want to print boarding passes at home in case of long lines at airport ticket counters.

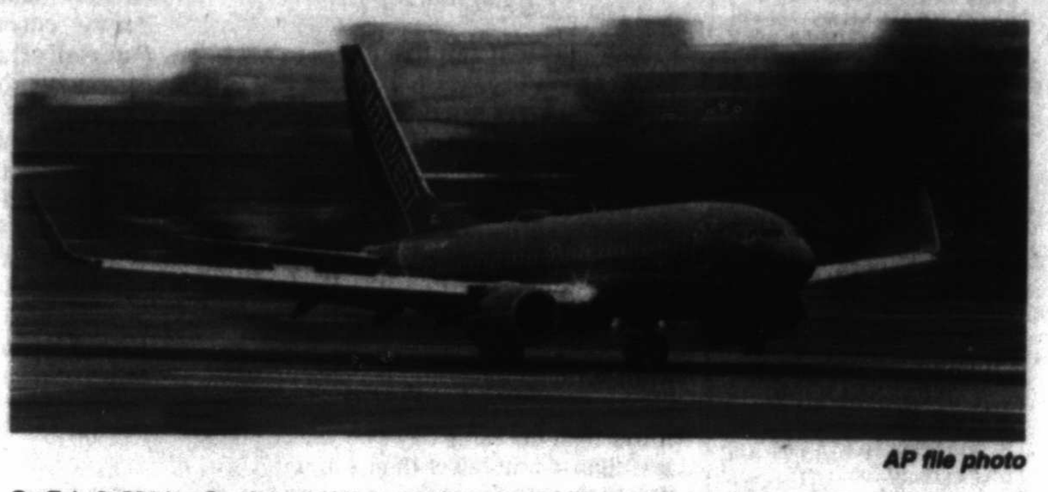
On Sunday, Southwest suffered intermittent technical issues on its website, mobile app and in its phone centers and airport check-in systems. It used backup systems to manually check in some passengers.

The airline said that about 800 of its 3,355 scheduled flights were delayed at least 15 minutes Sunday. Passengers reported long lines at several airports including major hubs like Los Angeles International, where airport workers handed out water and provided shade canopies to travelers stuck in lines outside the terminal.

On Monday morning, Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport tweeted that operations were returning to normal with few delays and shorter lines. Flight-tracking services indicated few if any Southwest delays by noon Eastern time.

Southwest Airlines Co. carries more than 100 million passengers a year within the United States, more than any other airline. On most days, its on-time performance is about average for a U.S. airline.

Through the first eight months of 2015, 78 percent of Southwest flights arrived on time, ranking seventh among the 13 largest airlines whose performance is reported by the U.S. Department of Transportation.



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On Feb. 3, 2014, a Southwest Airlines jet lands at Love Field in Dallas. Southwest Airlines said Monday that it's fixed the technology problems that delayed hundreds of flights Sunday and that it expects a normal day of operations.

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This is why it is wise to let Bill's Fireplace clean your chimney every year. That way you should never have to worry about a creosote fire. Plus, this is National Fire Prevention month, so fire safety should be on everyone's mind.

Bill's Fireplace owner Bill Rodriguez uses a number of specialized tools to get your chimney as clean and safe as possible. There are two types of brushes, both made in a square pattern to reach into the corners of the chimney. One uses heavy metal bristles to remove the thicker deposits. The other type has thinner, more wirelike bristles for getting the finer particles.

Once the cleaning itself is done Bill uses a shop vac to clean up everything, leaving your living area just a clean as he found it.

If you burn piñon—which Bill does not recommend—it is even more important to have your chimney cleaned regularly because this soft wood leaves a very sticky form of creosote that is difficult for even a professional to totally remove.

Anyone who has bought an existing home should have the fireplace cleaned before using it for the first time because, as Bill notes, you have no way of knowing when it was cleaned last. And if your home is more than 40 years old, the gas valves and connections should be checked for leaks.

Even if you have gas logs, Bill is the one to call. That's because he is a licensed plumber and he is an experienced brickmason and welder. That means he can fix any problem you have, whether it's the gas logs or valve, or with the stone or brick around the fireplace and chimney.

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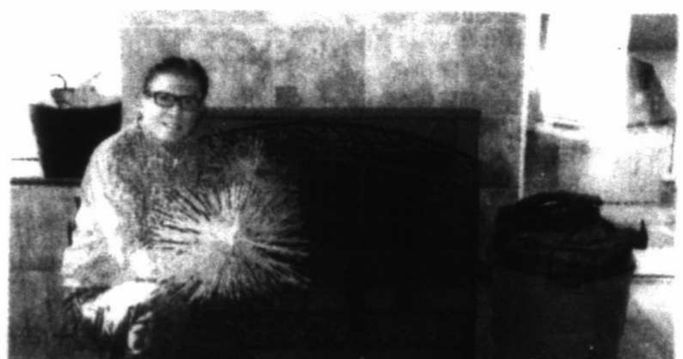
Bill has recently joined the National Chimney Sweep Guild. This membership will allow him to receive and share the latest information on chimney cleaning and related information, helping him do an even better job for area homeowners.

That's an area that includes Midland, Odessa and cities as distant as Big Spring and Ft. Stockton.

The best way to safely enjoy the relaxing warmth of your fireplace is to let Bill's Fireplace clean it and check for needed repairs.

Bill's Fireplace Center is located at 1509 North Big Spring. Call them at 682-5157.



Longtime Midlander Bill Rodriguez of Bill's Fireplace Center has now joined the National Chimney Sweep Guild. Call him at 682-5157 to clean your fireplace and make sure it's safe for another winter's use.

Evidence mounts for El Nino that could ease Calif. drought

By Brian Melley
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Evidence is mounting that the El Nino ocean-warming phenomenon in the Pacific will spawn a rainy winter in California, potentially easing the state's punishing drought but also bringing the risk of chaotic storms like those that battered the region in the late 1990s.

In the clearest warning yet that Southern California could be due for a deluge, meteorologists said in a report last week that the already strong El Nino has a 95 percent chance of lasting through the winter before weakening in the spring.

"This is as close as you're going to get to a sure thing," said Bill Patzert, a climatologist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, calling this El Nino "too big to fail."

"In the abstract," he said, "El Nino seems like our savior." But if floods and mudslides develop, it's "not going to look like the great wet hope charging across the landscape on a white horse."

A strong El Nino arrives about once every 20 years. Ocean temperatures show this one to be the second-strongest since such record keeping began in 1950, said Eric Boldt, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service. That would make it weaker than the El Nino of 1997-98 but stronger than the El Nino of 1982-83.

Both of those winters were known in California for relentless rain, strong winds and heavy snow. Waves pounded the coast, mudslides rolled down mountainsides and floods swamped homes and claimed lives.

Storms blamed on El Nino in 1997-98 killed at least 17 people, wiped out strawberry and artichoke crops, pushed houses off hillside foundations and washed out highways. Damage was estimated at more than $500 million.

The 1982-83 tempests left 36 people dead, damaged or destroyed more than 7,900 homes and businesses, and caused $1.2 billion in losses, according to the weather service.

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4 reasons to vote for Prop 1 on November 3



Brian and Laura Sales of The Sales Team Realtors encourage registered voters to vote for Propositions One and Seven on November 3.

This November 3, registered voters in Texas will have opportunity to vote for Proposition One. Brian and Laura Sales of The Sales Team Realtors say there are four main reasons vote for this amendment to the state constitution.

First, it would lower property taxes by increasing the state-mandated homestead exemption. Under the Homestead Exemption, the home you own and live in is taxed at less than its full value. The exemption currently lowers the value your home is taxed on by $15,000. Proposition One would mean taxing entities reduce your taxable value by $25,000 instead.

Second, it provides more tax relief to seniors and disabled Texans by extending the full benefit of the homestead exemption. Those on fixed incomes can least afford increased property taxes caused by rising property values.

Third, it prevents Texas from ever enacting a Real Estate Transfer Tax, more commonly known as a sales tax on real estate transactions. Because homeowners already pay property taxes, this transfer tax would be a form of double taxation. It would also reduce property values by making property transactions more costly.

Fourth, it prevents local governments from undoing the property tax relief the state is offering.

Proposition 7 is another one on this fall's ballot worth a positive vote, say Brian and Laura. Here's its wording: *"The constitutional amendment dedicating certain sales and use tax revenue and motor vehicle sales, use, and rental tax revenue to the state highway fund to provide funding for nontolled roads and the reduction of certain transportation-related debt."*

This one will put $2.5 billion in 2018 and 2019, then close to $3 billion in 2020 into the State Highway Fund, money that comes from general sales tax revenues. These numbers assume the total tax collections in those years exceed $28 billion by at least those amounts. *This will NOT create any new taxes, it only allocates those already being collected.*

It can only be used for construction, maintenance and acquiring right-of-way for state roads or to repay the principal and interest on general obligation bonds issued by the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT).

If you've driven West Texas roads lately you'll know how much this area needs new roads and repairs for existing roads—and most of the rest of the state is in the same condition. This would provide much needed money for those road projects that come under the state's jurisdiction and responsibility.

If you are registered, be sure to vote for these important amendments.

And when you're looking to buy or sell a home in Midland, be sure to call The Sales Team Realtors' experienced team for help.

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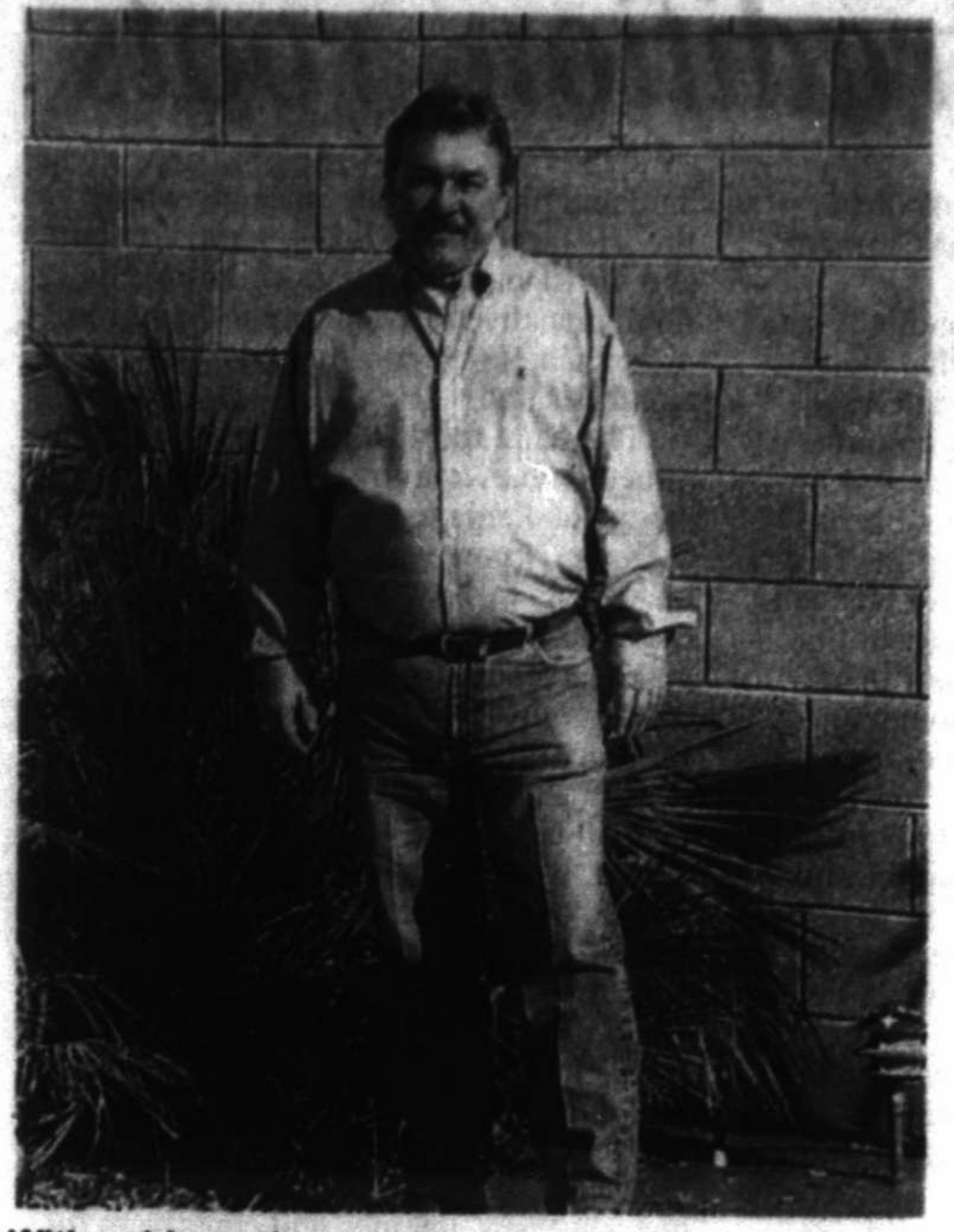

With cold weather coming around, now is a great time to have George Rood and Jose Martinez of George Rood Masonry fix those rotting bricks that can let in cold air. Call (432) 664-1341.

Now is the time to replace rotting bricks

Lots of home problems are obvious and must be fixed quickly: A clogged drain, a broken window or a leaky faucet get fixed immediately. But a hidden problem could cause damage to your home over years and years without being noticed until the issues are too big and costly to ignore.

"We deal a lot with rotting brick," says George Rood, owner of George Rood Masonry. "All around the area, people have problems with it. By the time a homeowner finally realizes it, the problem has been going on for 10 years."

Frequently, homeowners won't notice areas of rotting brick until they try to sell their home. Then, when the damage is noticed, the real estate agent often recommends that the homeowner call George Rood.

However, George says, there is good reason to repair the damage now - long before you try to sell the home.

"The rotting areas of the brick can cause a loss of heating or cooling," George says. "Holding down energy use, lowering your utility bills and keeping your house comfortable are all good reasons to keep your brickwork in repair."

Often, the repair costs less and takes less time than the customer imagined.

"Many customers tell me, 'If I'd known it was this easy and that you could do it, I would have called you years ago,'" George says.

In addition to brick repairs, he builds new fences and lays brick for patios and swimming pools. For those projects, George or co-owner Jose Martinez take the time to sit down with you and discuss layouts and floor plans. They know exactly what you need before they start your project. "I go out to customers' homes, help lay out the job, show them all their possible options and give them free estimates," George says.

A hands-on boss, Jose Martinez can usually be found working right alongside his crew. Often, he is the only bricklayer on the project. "If I'm right there, I can be sure the job will be done right," he says.

George has been repairing brickwork and building fences for 48 years, 35 of those years in this area.

Many years ago, George started a trend in fence building that has kept up till this day. Columns built into the fences about every 20 feet ensure fences that are strong, sturdy and built to last.

"Before I came here and started doing it, no one had really used columns before," George says. "The columns keep the fences from cracking and falling over."

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Five reasons to use Re-Bath for your next bath remodel



George Wiebe and his team at Re-Bath of West Texas are ready to get you that updated bath you've been wanting. Call them at 432-848-4300.

The first decision is when you're going to finally redo that water-stained, grout-missing , out-of-date bath. No doubt, that alone is an exciting but major step.

Next, you're deciding who to get to do the job—a handyman, a big construction firm, your brother-in-law….

Here are five reasons you'll want to consider Re-Bath of West Texas for your bath remodel.

First, Re-Bath does ONLY bathrooms, so they're the experts. If you have questions about current design trends or the latest fixtures, they don't have to look it up. They've done dozens of bath remodels this year already, and they know what people are ordering in this area. This is really important when it comes to knowing what fixtures and finishes withstand hard water the best!

Second, Re-Bath uses only their own employees—no subcontractors. Have you ever heard, "We're almost finished, but we can't find the tile guy" before? Or how about, "That's not my fault, the drywall guy made a mistake"? If so, that's going to be a distant memory because you won't hear it from George and his workers.

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Hispanics defined by history, tradition, roots

■ Many Hispanics experience tale of two realities



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As the curtain falls on Hispanic Heritage Month, America's most underappreciated minority is still trying to make sense of two different realities. In a Dickensian twist, the nation's 54 million Hispanics are living through the best of times and the worst of times.

On the one hand, Hispanics are told we shape popular culture, will decide the presidential election and deserve to be courted by major corporations who want a taste of our $1.5 trillion in annual spending. On the other, we are face-to-face with a swath of fellow Americans who think Hispanics refuse to blend in, gobble up free stuff and favor an open border so we can bring in more immigrants who look like us.

One minute, Hispanics are praised for applying our work ethic and sense of optimism toward building a great nation. The next, we're informed — by conservative radio hosts, bomb-throwing writers and snarky TV pundits — that the country that we have for generations fought for and defended would be better off without them.

After producing thousands of cops, prosecutors and judges, Hispanics are nonetheless depicted primarily as criminals. After years of giving to this country, we are still portrayed as takers. After years of learning English, adopting American values and carving out a place in the mainstream, we're still told we don't assimilate.

Thanks for nothing, Donald Trump. Using division and demagoguery to fuel his campaign, Trump has made it acceptable — even fashionable — for some Americans to say out loud what they have been quietly thinking all these years: This country was better off when it was whiter.

Is this shocking? No. It's not even original. Do you really think that Trump is the first person to separate immigrants into two categories: good ones and bad ones? The Immigration Act of 1924 was all about keeping out Italians, Africans, Jews and Asians (bad immigrants) and fast-tracking the arrival of more folks from England, Ireland, Sweden, and Germany (good immigrants).

Well, as long as we're being direct with one another, let me tell you what many Hispanics have been thinking lately, according to the feedback to my columns and speeches.

First, a simple request: If people are going to get so worked up over the fact that America is becoming more Hispanic, they should at least take a moment to get to know a few of us. It's not like we're hiding. Nativists are having an anxiety attack because, the way they see it, Hispanics are everywhere. Well, if that's true, then Americans of all stripes stand a decent chance of bumping into one of us now and then. So how is it that they've been able, over all these years, to stay ignorant about who we are and what we're about?

There are three things that define the Hispanic experience in the United States: history, tradition and roots. Before you go off about how we got here, or assume that we all arrived last week in the back of a truck or at the hands of a smuggler, you need to understand that we've always been here.

I recently met with a Puerto Rican radio executive in New York who has worked hard and played by the rules his whole life. He has paid his taxes, served on juries and instilled values in his children. His family has lived in the Empire State for more than 100 years. And now he's angry and frustrated.

"There are those who are more determined than ever to try to label us as the other," he lamented.

Do you know what Mexican-Americans in Arizona or New Mexico call someone whose family has lived here for 100 years? Recent arrivals. In some cases, their families have lived in the Southwest for more than four centuries.

With Hispanics accounting for more than 50 percent of all Border Patrol agents, it's hard to argue that we all support an open border. With Hispanic women entrepreneurs accounting for the largest percentage increase in business ownership — an 87 percent jump from 2007 to 2012 — it's impossible to claim that Hispanics expect others to support them.

By the way, *compadre*, you have that backward. It's the toiling of gardeners, housekeepers, nannies and caregivers for the elderly — many of them Hispanic — that frees you to go to work and spend time with your family. Hispanics don't diminish your quality of life. We make your life possible.

OUR VIEW

If community can step up, help those starting over, it should

Want to loosen what some people view as harsh penalties against drug offenders? OK, but there will be an impact. In Brandon Mulder's story in Sunday's edition, we were told that of the 578 ex-prisoners who will be sent to Texas, 63 will be in Midland. Well, how's that news to start off your week?

Mulder wrote that local law enforcement are concerned, and that history tells us a number of those who are released will re-offend. We get this.

He also wrote that law enforcement is not notified when people they've arrested have been released from prison and return to the community. It seems that the Drug Enforcement Administration thinks this type of extra information is not necessary. We don't get that.

However, this editorial isn't really about what's happened or what we don't like. That really doesn't matter at this point. What's done is done, and the best move going forward is to do what Midland does best. We step up and commit resources to help because we don't expect government to become involved.

Mulder reported that the 63 ex-prisoners will report to the Midland probation office, which is already tasked with supervising 932 parolees in the region. Senior U.S. District Judge Robert Junell said of the situation facing the probation office, "That number is going to continue to grow, and we'll just have to double up."

He also said the Bureau of Prisons will work with the inmates so there is "some support system for them rather than just turning them out to the street."

We know that with an unemployment rate of 3.2 percent in our metropolitan statistical area, there should be jobs available. Willie Taylor of Permian Basin Workforce Solutions said his office will help on that end.

We also believe that while most of the responsibility lies with the person looking to re-enter society, our community must come forward. We encourage assistance from those churches, nonprofits and other groups that have the ability to provide additional support. We believe that resources provided on the front end will pay off with a lower recidivism rate.

There will be an impact when the drug offenders, who served their time, return to the area next month. How much of an impact will this cause? That might depend on how much we as a community are involved.

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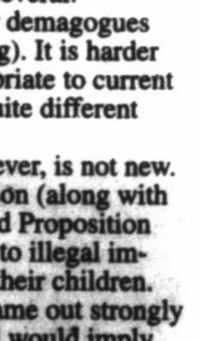
What would Jack Kemp do?

■ Former pro football player, congressman would argue for democratic capitalism and social inclusion



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Other than in its original application, most exercises in WWXD — "What would X do?" with X being, say, Lincoln, or Martin Luther King Jr., or Churchill — are less than useless. Great leaders are employed as ventriloquist dummies for our own squeaky, projected voices.

But the question "What would Jack Kemp do?" is an exception, especially for those of us who knew him. Kemp's voice — somehow both high pitched and gravelly — remains vivid and utterly predictable. And a new biography by Morton Kondracke and Fred Barnes, "Jack Kemp: The Bleeding-Heart Conservative Who Changed America," brilliantly captures and conveys that voice at a moment when it is badly needed.

I spent a few years working for Kemp, writing mostly undelivered speeches, during the period when he was considering a run for the 1996 Republican presidential nomination. He begged off in the end. But I remember the excited call from Kemp saying he had been chosen as Bob Dole's running mate. I played a small part in producing his convention speech, a process that included a surreal strategy session at an oceanfront, La Jolla, California, mansion with John Sears (an old Reagan hand) and Jude Wanniski (Kemp's economic Svengali). Sears, as I dimly remember it, wanted to paint a sweeping rhetorical picture of human evolution from protoplasmic pond scum, to brave fish slithering onto dry land, to a hominid species reaching for the stars. Which proved a bit ambitious.

In the end, Kemp gave a version of the same speech he had been giving for decades, arguing for democratic capitalism and social inclusion, and democratic capitalism as the best source of social inclusion. "We're going to ask for the support of every single American," he said. "Our appeal of boundless opportunity crosses every barrier of geography, race and belief in America."

Kemp was an odd mixture of influences. His Christian Science background left him incapable of believing in evil (except when it came to Soviet leaders and White House budget director Dick Darman). He held an almost Marxist belief that economics drives history. He had lived a racially integrated life as a professional quarterback, which made him passionate about civil rights. He led the player's union, which left him a champion of collective bargaining. After announcing his presidential run in 1987, he returned to Buffalo (which he had represented for many years in Congress) and was joined on the stage by the presidents of the local AFL-CIO and NAACP. Kemp viewed every opponent as a potential ally, if only he could sit down with them and explain the way the world works.

While skillfully recounting Kemp's career and influence (particularly on tax policy), Kondracke and Barnes ruefully conclude that his "spirit barely survives in the mean politics of the present day." Which is not just a pity but a tragedy.

Every Republican worth his salt knows that the party's current coalition at the presidential level no longer works. Some propose to expand the GOP's appeal among working- and middle-class whites by presenting immigration as an economic and social threat. Others hope to craft an economic message that appeals to working and middle-class whites along with newer Americans, rather than pitting them against each other. This is the most basic strategic choice Republicans will face in this presidential election and the next several.

The first option is the easiest for demagogues (as Donald Trump is demonstrating). It is harder to craft an inclusive agenda appropriate to current economic conditions, which are quite different from those Kemp faced.

The broad political choice, however, is not new. In 1994, California Gov. Pete Wilson (along with many other Republicans) supported Proposition 187, which denied public services to illegal immigrants, including schooling for their children. In one of his finest hours, Kemp came out strongly against the measure, which he said would imply "an ugly antipathy toward all immigrants."

This stand probably hurt Kemp's own presidential prospects. But the party eventually sided with another politician who had opposed Prop 187, George W. Bush. While Wilson helped marginalize the GOP in California, Republican primary voters picked a "compassionate conservative" who managed to beat a sitting vice president (Al Gore) in a time of prosperity. Bush then won re-election with an increased level of support among Hispanics.

What would Jack do in the time of Trump? There is no question; none. He would take the hopeful, unifying, generous path, which remains open, though not busy.

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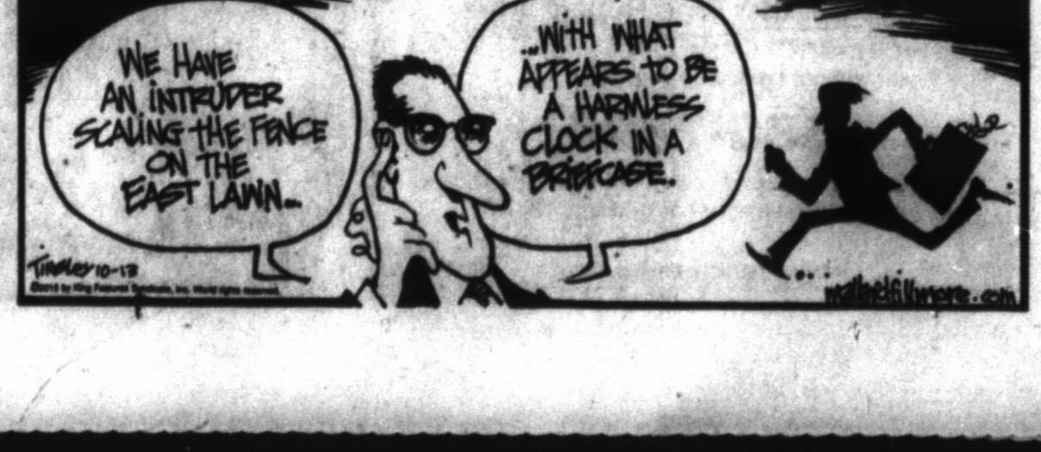

Democratic debate a breakout chance for O'Malley, others

By Katherine Lucey and Ken Thomas
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Stuck far behind Hillary Rodham Clinton and Bernie Sanders in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination, Martin O'Malley needs a breakout moment in the party's first debate to catch up to the front-runners.

And he knows it.

"This will really be the first time that nationally voters see that there's more than one alternative to this year's inevitable front-runner, Secretary Clinton," O'Malley said.

The former governor of Maryland and mayor of Baltimore got into the race at the end of May, after telegraphing for some time his plans to seek the White House in 2016. The entries of the two others who will be onstage Tuesday night in Las Vegas, former Virginia Sen. Jim Webb and former Rhode Island Sen. Lincoln Chafee, were surprises to most.

But all three have one thing in common — an inability so far to generate any of the enthusiasm among voters that has pushed Sanders into and kept Clinton at the top of the field. All three poll in low single digits in early preference surveys, well below even Vice President Joe Biden, who has yet to say if he'll make a late entry into the race.

O'Malley has been openly critical of the Democratic National Committee and the decision to hold six primary debates, with four scheduled in early primary states before the Iowa caucuses on Feb. 1. He has mounted a push for the party to expand the number, even encouraging protests in front of Democratic Party headquarters.

The party hasn't budged, but O'Malley is undaunted. He has campaigned aggressively in Iowa and New Hampshire, far more than Webb or Chafee. He is critical of Clinton for her recent shifts on policy issues, among them her opposition to the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal, which he calls a "reversal."

O'Malley also touts his executive experience in dealing with issues such as gun control, in which Sanders' record matches more with his largely rural home state than his place in the race as a liberal firebrand promising political revolution.

Expect Chafee, the former senator and governor from Rhode Island, to go after Clinton for her 2002 vote to authorize the war in Iraq. Chafee, at the time a Republican, opposed the invasion and he's said Clinton's support for the war, which she has more recently called a "mistake," is at the center of his decision to run.

Webb, a Vietnam veteran and former Virginia senator, has deep experience on military issues and foreign policy and has been critical of Clinton's handling of the conflict in Libya.

Neither Chafee nor Webb has campaigned as much as the others in the race, but the highly rated Republican debates have proven that a good night can lift a candidate. Carly Fiorina has emerged as a contender in the GOP race after two strong showings.

"Fiorina was a complete unknown. Jim could make a lot bigger jump than that. It depends how many people are watching the debates," said David "Mudcat" Saunders, an informal adviser to Webb. "I'm thinking and hoping and praying by the end of the debate, people are looking at it like a three-horse race."

DEBATEFIELDGUIDE

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON — The Republican presidential contest has been aflutter for months, but now it's time for the Democrats to spread their wings before a big national audience.

Their first debate is tonight on CNN. Grab your binoculars and bring along this field guide to the candidates.

Hillary Rodham Clinton

Key features: Nearly everybody recognizes her. She's the only candidate who's lived in the White House already, as first lady.

A quick sketch

■ Daughter of a fabric store owner and a homemaker living in the Chicago suburbs

■ Met her future husband and future president, Bill Clinton, at Yale Law School

■ After serving as first lady, elected to U.S. Senate from New York

■ Early Democratic front-runner in 2008, she lost presidential nomination to Barack Obama

■ Won both praise and criticism as Obama's first secretary of state

Also of note

A steady drip is wearing on Clinton's air of invincibility as the front-runner for the Democratic nomination. The troubles include Clinton using a personal email account and server while at the State Department; the fatal attack on the U.S. diplomatic post in Benghazi, Libya, on her watch; and big donations from foreigners and political supporters to the Clinton family's charitable foundation.

Might Clinton be for you?

Perhaps yes, if you prefer a Democrat but with a more aggressive foreign policy than Obama.

Perhaps no, if you want a candidate who isn't already mired in investigations (Benghazi and emails).

Some other distinguishing issues

■ Wants to make public universities affordable and community colleges tuition-free.

■ Wants to build on Obama's health care law and lower the costs of prescription drugs and insurance deductibles.

■ Opposes an Obama initiative that she once supported: the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal

In a nutshell

Establishment. Early favorite. Second-timer.

Bernie Sanders

Key features: He's an independent senator from Vermont who calls himself a Scandinavian-style democratic socialist.

A quick sketch

■ Son of a Polish immigrant father; raised in Brooklyn with the accent to prove it.

■ A student civil rights activist at the University of Chicago in the 1960s.

■ Unseated the Democratic mayor of Burlington, Vermont, by 10 votes in 1981.

■ Elected to U.S. House in 1990, he's Congress' longest-serving independent.

■ An early and vocal opponent of the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq in 2003.

Also of note

Sanders is running for the Democratic nomination, but he's never been a Democrat. He represented an anti-war third party in four unsuccessful races for office in Vermont in the 1970s. He was elected Burlington mayor as an independent. He caucuses with Democrats in the Senate, but he's called both the Democratic and Republican parties tools of the wealthy.

Might Sanders be for you?

Perhaps yes, if you want a president to tackle income inequality as "the great moral issue of our time" and think democratic socialism is cool.

Perhaps no, if you want government to get smaller, not bigger.

Some other distinguishing issues

■ Create a "Medicare for All" single-payer universal health care program.

■ Raise the minimum wage to $15 an hour.

■ Make tuition free at public colleges and universities.

In a nutshell

Liberal. Populist. Politically independent.

Martin O'Malley

Key features: He's a former Maryland governor who champions data-driven leadership and sings, too.

A quick sketch

■ Father was a suburban D.C. lawyer, mother's been a congressional staffer for nearly three decades.

■ Met his wife while they were University of Maryland law students.

■ Elected Baltimore mayor at age 36, he took a statistics-heavy approach to reducing crime.

■ During two terms as governor that ended in January, he signed bills legalizing gay marriage, repealing the death penalty.

■ The longtime front-man of a Celtic rock band, he sometimes sings and plays guitar at campaign events.

Also of note

One of the achievements O'Malley boasts about — dramatically reducing Baltimore's high crime rate as mayor — is getting new scrutiny in a time of national "Black Lives Matter" protests. Critics contend that O'Malley's zero-tolerance crime policies fostered a culture of harassment and abuse of black citizens that they blame for the death of Freddie Gray while in Baltimore police custody in April.

Might O'Malley be for you?

Perhaps yes, if you want to shield people in the country illegally from deportation until immigration law is overhauled.

Perhaps no, if you dislike his history of raising taxes.

Some other distinguishing issues

■ Increase Social Security benefits for seniors by raising payroll taxes on high earners.

■ Toughen gun laws, including requiring a background check with fingerprints for every gun sale.

■ Tighten banking rules and break up big banks to end potential for bailouts.

In a nutshell

Policy wonk. Liberal. An alternative to Clinton.

Jim Webb

Key features: A highly decorated Vietnam veteran, he's followed his own path as a lawyer, novelist, journalist, Navy secretary and one-term U.S. senator.

A quick sketch

■ Grew up on the move as Air Force officer's son; graduated U.S. Naval Academy in 1968.

■ Awarded numerous medals, including Navy Cross for heroism as a platoon commander in Vietnam.

■ Battle injuries forced him out of the Marines; wrote first of his military novels, "Fields of Fire," in 1978.

■ Named President Ronald Reagan's Navy secretary; resigned to protest spending cuts.

■ Won 2006 Senate race in Virginia, running as a Democrat who had opposed invading Iraq.

Also of note

Some of Webb's writings could haunt his campaign, especially among women and minority voters. He's expressed regret for a blunt 1975 magazine piece against admitting women to the Naval Academy. He opined that affirmative action should be only for black Americans, not other minorities. Amid recent debate over removing Confederate flags and monuments, he urged people to remember "that honorable Americans fought on both sides." He's also written some racy prose as a novelist.

Might Webb be for you?

Perhaps yes, if you want a champion for the troops who's cautious about military ventures.

Perhaps no, if you want a candidate who backs President Barack Obama's nuclear agreement with Iran.

Some other distinguishing issues

■ Impose a doctrine limiting the circumstances under which the U.S. would use military force.

■ Stop incarcerating people for nonviolent drug crimes.

■ Overhaul the tax code to benefit workers, while also reducing the corporate tax rate.

In a nutshell

Former Republican. Combat veteran. Outsider appeal.

Lincoln Chafee

Key features: A former Republican senator, he switched to the Democrats while serving as Rhode Island governor.

A quick sketch:

■ Son of John Chafee, who was a Rhode Island governor and senator with a long political lineage.

■ Earned classics degree from Brown University, then spent seven years shoeing racehorses

■ Elected mayor of Warwick in 1992; appointed U.S. senator when his father died in office.

■ Elected to his Senate seat in 2000 but lost re-election bid six years later.

■ Quit Republican Party, ran for governor as an independent, became a Democrat in office.

Also of note

Chafee long stood out as a liberal Republican in an increasingly conservative party. In 2002, he was the only Republican senator to vote against going to war in Iraq, and he's making that a cornerstone of his campaign. As an independent governor, he backed Barack Obama for president twice. He joined the Democrats in 2013.

Might Chafee be for you?

Perhaps yes, if you want to reinvigorate the United Nations and "find a way to wage peace."

Perhaps no, if you don't want the U.S. to seek alliances with Russia or Iran or consider talking with Islamic State militants.

Some other distinguishing issues

■ Ban the death penalty.

■ Drop all charges against fugitive National Security Agency leaker Edward Snowden.

■ Switch the U.S. to the metric system.

In a nutshell

Political pedigree. Party switcher. Unconventional.

Justices to decide on sentences for young prison 'lifers'

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sheriff's Deputy Charles Hurt was on truant patrol when he came across a teenager in a Baton Rouge park on a cool fall morning. The teenager pulled a gun from his jacket, panicked, he said, and shot Hurt dead.

That tragic sequence took place more than a half-century ago, nine days before the Kennedy assassination in 1963. The teenager, Henry Montgomery, is now 69 years old and has been behind bars almost ever since, serving a life sentence. He wants the Supreme Court to give him a chance to get out of prison before he dies.

Three years ago, the justices struck down automatic life sentences with no chance of release for teenage killers. The question for the court in Montgomery's case, to be argued today, is whether that decision in Miller v. Alabama should be extended retroactively to Montgomery and hundreds of other inmates whose convictions are final.

In the 5-4 decision in 2012, Justice Elena Kagan wrote for the majority that judges weighing prison terms for young offenders must take into account "the mitigating qualities of youth," among them immaturity and the failure to understand fully the consequences of their actions.

A win for Montgomery at the Supreme Court would not necessarily lead to his release. But he would be allowed to present evidence about his childhood and family situation, as well as about his rehabilitation during his long imprisonment.

Through legislative action or court rulings, 18 states have allowed inmates like Montgomery to be given new prison sentences or to ask for their release, according to The Sentencing Project. Louisiana is among seven states that have declined to apply the Supreme Court ruling retroactively.

Nine states abolished the sentence outright after the 2012 decision, bringing to 15 the number that prohibit life terms for those under 18, according to the Phillips Black Project, a public interest law group that focuses on the most severe prison sentences. Seven states have no inmates serving such sentences.

Montgomery's case probably will turn on just how big a deal the court thinks the 2012 decision was. Groundbreaking decisions in criminal law often are applied retroactively. Montgomery's lawyers say the court's decision to outlaw automatic life sentences for teenagers, its latest in a string of rulings about how children bear less responsibility than adults for the same crimes, is such a case.

In response, Louisiana argues that the Alabama case should not be viewed as quite that important because the court only declared unconstitutional such sentences where judges lack discretion, and specifically did not forbid judges from sentencing juveniles to life in prison after consideration of individual circumstances.

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Anger as new migrants sent to tiny Dutch village

By Mike Corder
Associated Press

ORANJE, Netherlands — In this tiny Dutch village, Jan Voortman's garden center has added some new products to its lineup of plants, seeds and wooden clogs: falafel, couscous and water pipes.

The enterprising store owner is capitalizing on the newest residents of rural Oranje, until recently population 130: Hundreds of asylum seekers from as far away as Syria, Sudan and Eritrea who are being housed in a disused vacation camp. But the resolutely cheerful Voortman sees his fellow townspeople adopting a starkly different attitude.

Villagers who a year ago grudgingly accepted the arrival of 700 migrants reacted furiously last week when the government announced it was sending up to 700 more, turning Oranje into the latest flashpoint in an increasingly polarized debate about how this densely populated nation of 17 million can accommodate thousands of migrants pouring into the country.

Similar frictions are emerging elsewhere in Europe as the continent struggles to absorb hundreds of thousands of people. Villagers and townsfolk in some parts of Germany also have protested against the arrival of asylum seeker centers, though many others in the country also do plenty to help migrants.

In the end, 103 new migrants were bused into Oranje, bringing the total to 803. The agency responsible for housing asylum seekers called the decision to send more people to Oranje "difficult but unavoidable" given the lack of suitable housing elsewhere.

Oranje was chosen because of its 1,400-bed vacation village, but villagers saw the decision as a betrayal by the central government based more than 125 miles away in The Hague, which after sending 700 people last year had pledged not to send any more.

"It was going well. Everybody was satisfied," Voortman said. When junior Justice Minister Klaas Dijkhoff broke the news to villagers on Tuesday that hundreds more could be on their way, he said, "everybody flipped."

One woman stood in front of Dijkhoff's car as he tried to leave the meeting. When she was pulled, screaming, to the side of the road, she fell and injured her arm. A man kicked the car as it drove away.

"I've had better evenings," Dijkhoff told reporters at the Dutch Parliament the following day. "But I understand that people were shocked."

Two days after the confrontation, the only trace of anger left in the cluster of houses lining the banks of the local canal was the village sign: The name Oranje had been covered in black spray paint and "Syria" scrawled underneath. It was not clear when the sign was defaced.

Many Dutch people are welcoming migrants with open arms, but plenty of others are opposing moves to set up centers for asylum seekers in their towns and villages.

Prime Minister Mark Rutte has faced criticism for his handling of the crisis, while anti-Islam lawmaker Geert Wilders has seen his Freedom Party rise in recent polls as he campaigns against new migrant centers. He argues that the Netherlands should simply close its borders.

But the asylum seekers keep coming. Some 3,000 arrived last week alone; the previous week saw 2,400 and the week before that 4,200.

That has left authorities scrambling for places to put them all. Vacation parks and sports halls are being pressed into service as emergency accommodation centers and local municipalities are being asked to look for other suitable locations.

So far, according to locals, problems caused by the massive influx in Oranje are confined to asylum seekers riding bicycles on the wrong side of the road or walking in the middle of streets at night, posing a risk to themselves and local motorists. But Mayor Ton Baas acknowledged that their arrival has radically changed the sleepy rural village.

"The people, refugees, come from another culture. They walk on the street more, they are outside. They have nothing to do. There's nothing to do," he said. "So they are on the street and that gives (the village) a totally different appearance."

One of this week's arrivals was Mohamad Ziad, a 28-year-old from Homs in Syria, who crossed Europe in a people-smuggler's truck after making the risky boat journey from Turkey to the Greek island of Rhodes.

As he shopped in Voortman's store, Ziad had kind words for the village of Oranje.

"I really like it. You know, we are having our own room — especially your own bathroom — not sharing with each other," he said. "It's quiet and people like each other because, you know, we are all in the same situation."

Netanyahu accuses Arabs of incitement in wave of stabbings

By Josef Federman
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Palestinians carried out three stabbings Monday in Jerusalem, leaving a teenage Israeli boy in critical condition, and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu angrily accused the country's Arab leaders of helping incite weeks of violence. Two of the attackers, both teenage boys, were killed.

In a fiery speech at parliament, Netanyahu accused Arab parties of "undermining" the country. He called on Israel's Arab citizens to "kick out the extremists among you."

Netanyahu spoke on another bloody day, the latest in a monthlong wave of Israeli-Palestinian violence.

In a new setback for efforts to restore calm, the Quartet of Mideast mediators — the U.S., the U.N., the European Union and Russia — postponed a trip to the region. Edgar Vasquez, a spokesman for the State Department's Bureau of Near East Affairs, said it was at the request of the Israeli government due to the circumstances.

Israeli police reported three separate stabbings across the city, including an assault by two attackers in the east Jerusalem area of Pisgat Zeev. Police said the pair seriously wounded a 20-year-old man before attacking a teenage boy on a bicycle.

The boy was critically wounded before police shot and killed one of the attackers, while the second was run over by a car. Abdel Nasser Manasra, a relative of Ahmed, 13, and Hassan, 15, said both were cousins. He did not know which had been killed.

Other attacks occurred in Jerusalem's Old City, where a 17-year-old assailant was killed, and outside the national police headquarters. The attacker, identified as a 16-year-old girl, was shot and wounded, while a police officer was lightly hurt.

The unrest began last month with clashes at Jerusalem's most sensitive holy site and quickly spread across Israel and into the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Five Israelis have been killed in stabbings, a shooting and a stoning attack on a moving vehicle, while at least 25 Palestinians, including 10 attackers, have been slain. Several Palestinian children, including a 2-year-old girl killed with her mother in a Gaza airstrike, have been among the dead. Hundreds of Palestinians have been wounded in clashes with Israeli troops in the West Bank.

The stabbings have rattled Israel. The attackers, many of them teenagers, have had no affiliation with militant groups, and the seemingly random nature of the stabbings has made it difficult to predict or prevent them.



Associated Press

Palestinians run from tear gas during clashes with Israeli troops near Ramallah, West Bank, on Monday. Recent days have seen a series of stabbing attacks in Israel and the West Bank that have wounded several Israelis. Past weeks have also seen violent demonstrations in the West Bank and Gaza, and at least 16 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli forces.

Netanyahu has come under heavy criticism for failing to stop the violence, and an opinion poll this week showed that more than 70 percent of the public is dissatisfied with his handling of the crisis.

The violence erupted over the Jewish New Year last month, fueled by rumors that Israel was plotting to take over a site holy to both Muslims and Jews. The rumors ignited clashes between Israeli police and Palestinian activists who hurled stones and firebombs at them from inside the mosque, and the violence has spread.

Israel has dismissed the rumors as slanderous and repeatedly said there are no plans to alter a longstanding status quo at the spot, revered by Jews as the site of the biblical Temples and today home to Islam's Al-Aqsa Mosque compound.

Israel captured the West Bank and east Jerusalem, including the Old City, from Jordan in the 1967 Mideast war. Since then, under an agreement with Jordan, non-Muslims have been allowed to visit the hilltop compound, but not pray there. Jordan retains custodial rights over the Muslim holy sites.

In his speech, Netanyahu dismissed the Palestinian accusations as a "total lie" and accused the Palestinian Authority in the West Bank, the militant group Hamas and Israel's own Islamic Movement of incitement. He called on President Mahmoud Abbas, who heads the Palestinian Authority, to condemn the violence.

But Netanyahu also went after Arab lawmakers in the chamber, accusing two of them of supporting the violence against Israelis. "It is unbelievable that an Israeli member of parliament calls for terror attacks against Israelis," he said.

In a message to the Arab public, he urged them "to kick out the extremists among you," and said he was committed to coexistence.

Israel's Arab minority makes up about 20 percent of the country's 8 million people. While they have full citizenship rights, they often suffer discrimination in such areas as jobs and housing. Mistrust of Netanyahu remains high following his election day appeal for supporters to go to the polls, warning them that Arabs were voting "in droves."

The unrest has also exposed divisions in the Arab community itself. In an exchange broadcast on Israeli TV, the mayor of the Arab city of Nazareth scolded Ayman Odeh, the leader of the Arab party in parliament.

Mayor Ali Salem said harsh rhetoric by Arab lawmakers had kept Jewish tourists from visiting his city, hurting residents' livelihoods.

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Amanda Melchor-McCown

AP ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND COMPOSITION TEACHER AT LEE HIGH SCHOOL

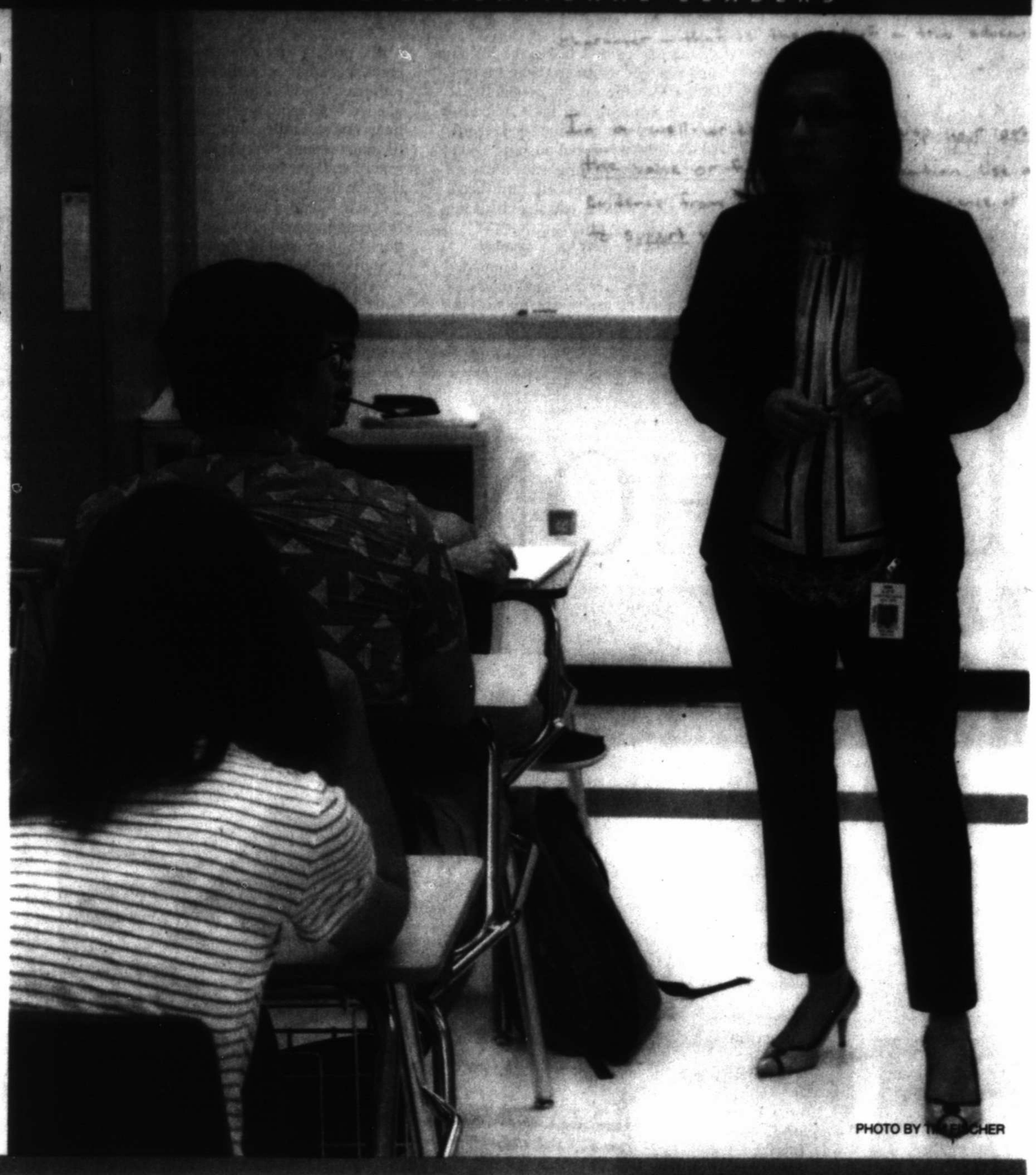
If students in Amanda Melchor-McCown's Advanced Placement English and composition classes at Lee High School aren't critical thinkers when they enter her class, they will be by the time they've completed their course of study with her.

"The one lesson I want to impart to every student that enters my classroom is the value of thinking," said Melchor-McCown, who is in her 16th year as an educator, all with Midland ISD. "Thinking is a skill that can be taught, refined and utilized in powerful ways. I want all of my students to leave my class better thinkers than when they arrived on day one."

Students in her classes at Lee have the opportunity to take dual credit English through Midland College. She also serves as chairwoman of the English department.

Melchor-McCown holds a bachelor's degree in English from Hardin-Simmons University, a master's in educational leadership from UT Permian Basin, a master's in English from UT Permian Basin and is pursuing an Ed.D. in leadership, with a concentration in higher education, from Hardin-Simmons University.

Melchor-McCown holds teaching certifications in secondary English and English as a second language, as well as a secondary principal certification.



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Q&A with the Pioneer

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

I hope I make a difference in Midland's educational landscape by adding value to my students. My educational philosophy can be summed up in two words: add value. I believe if I help my students to be better thinkers they will be better, stronger members of the community.

Why did you choose a career in education?

Teaching chose me. There isn't anything else that I've ever wanted to do. I believe that I was born to be a teacher. It's what I was made to do.

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

The one lesson I want to impart to every student who enters my classroom is the value of thinking. Thinking is a skill that can be taught, refined and utilized in powerful ways. I want all of my students to leave my class better thinkers than when they arrived on day one.

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

I'm not sure if I inspire my colleagues, but I do try to be an example of what it means to be a professional. I am cognizant of how I conduct myself in every aspect of the job because you never know who might be watching and listening.

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

My role as an educator has changed immensely since my first year of teaching. When you are a first-year teacher you are in survival-mode — in a constant state of learning what teaching is and how to teach. But, as time passes you become aware of what you not only don't know but what you do know about teaching and you want to pass that on to other teachers.

How have you implemented technology into your classroom and instruction model?

You cannot teach in today's world without technology. I encourage students to download apps that are helpful to their learning and teach them how to use their cellphones as an instructional aid. In today's world, we need students who know that technology is a useful tool for learning and not just for staying plugged into the social arena.

What are your professional goals for the future?

My professional goals for the future include having greater influence and impact on the professional growth of my colleagues. I want to place myself in the position to help my colleagues grow as professionals — that may require me entering into a new position that makes that more possible or staying where I am and doing great things for those right in front of me and next to me right now.

What support can Midlanders provide you and other educators?

The community of Midland can provide support to educators by periodically saying "Thank you" to your child's teacher. A "thank you" note or a quick email just to say "thank you" will go a long way in keeping a teacher motivated and energized. Also, being involved in your child's school life — talk to your child about what they learned at school each day and attend as many schoolwide activities as possible.

She challenges her students to think, analyze and create

In the classroom you will find Mrs. McCown's 40-plus students each period, engaged in thoughtful discussions and writing assignments. She challenges students to listen, think and write. She ties this back to a training the staff did this summer called "Think Read Think Write." It is a strategy to have students improve their writing skills by reading or listening, then taking time to think before they begin to write. With Mrs. McCown's instruction and leadership, her already college-bound students are improving their writing skills and learning how to effectively answer the types of critical thinking questions they will encounter as they continue their education beyond Lee High School. She challenges her students to think, analyze and create, and this is why she is a Classroom Pioneer.

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Choice Bus provides glimpse into prison for students

By Cassie Burton
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Students at Midland High and Lee Freshman High School had the chance to tour a jail cell on Thursday and Friday — a replica cell on a remodeled bus.

Half school bus, half prison cell, the Mattie C. Stewart Foundation's Choice Bus stopped at schools in Midland and Odessa last week. Communities in Schools and State Farm brought in the bus for a mutual goal: reduce the dropout rate.

Students at Midland High were from Communities in Schools, the XY Zone and FACES, youth guidance groups aimed to help students potentially at risk of dropping out. The Choice Bus has a section in the front that resembles a school bus, but pushing aside a television and pulling aside a curtain reveals a replica jail cell, furnished with real toiletries and steel beds that were used in a prison.

The Choice Bus has a roughly 26-minute presentation that includes "Inside Out," a video featuring interviews with real prison inmates in Alabama, the home state of the Mattie C. Stewart Foundation.

The project was founded almost eight years ago, according to lead presenter Chet Pennock, and has expanded from including prison inmate interviews to information about the financial impact of dropping out of school and questions to inspire students to think about their futures.

It also includes statistics. According to research provided by the foundation, 75 percent of all inmates are high school dropouts.

"They just start to get a thought that you have to know where you want to

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The Choice Bus, which was parked outside Lee Freshman High School on Friday, demonstrates with a prison cell in the back, what dropping out of school and making bad decisions can lead to.

LEE HONOREES



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Lee High Principal Stan VanHoozer congratulates students Thursday during a ceremony recognizing National Merit Semifinalists, National Merit Commended Scholars, National Hispanic Scholars and AP Scholars. See more photos from this event in next week's Education section.



TINA BRILEY
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Good behavior sets a firm foundation

In 2007, I spent two weeks hiking through the nation of Israel. As we walked through the cemetery on the Mount of Olives, I noticed something very unusual. Rather than flowers, many of the graves were covered with stones and rocks of varying sizes. Our guide told us that the Hebrew people for generations had placed stones on the graves of righteous, godly people. (Think of the cemetery scene at the end of "Schindler's List.") The message they were stating was, "I have built my life upon the foundation you laid. You, were instrumental in who I am today."

Have you ever considered that before? Every one of us has built our lives on a foundation that we did not lay. We depended on someone else to prepare the way, to set the standard, to live the example for us to follow. To teach us, in fact, how to live.

When I first saw the stones on the graves, I thought that was a great way to honor someone who had played a vital role in the life of another. After all, everyone walking through the cemetery would see the multitude of stones on a grave and know that that person had influenced many people in his or her lifetime. Later, I couldn't help but wonder if those people had ever honored their mentors while they were still alive.

Then I had to ask myself when was the last time that I told someone that I appreciated what they had done for me. After a person dies, it's too late to tell them what they have meant to you. It is good to encourage those who have encouraged you. So, can I challenge you this week to follow this sage advice. "Give everyone what you owe him: if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor."

The next thing I realized is that others are looking to us to lay a foundation on which they will build their lives. What does your foundation look like? Is it firm and complete, or is it full of cracks? Teachers everywhere know that students learn best when the teacher models the behaviors and actions he or she desires. As we go through life we must model the behaviors and actions we want to see in others, especially our children.

Do you insist that your child clean his room while yours is a mess? Do you read with your child each night or simply tell him to go read? Do you use foul language in front of your child and then punish him or her for using the same words? Behaviors such as these are going to make for a very unstable foundation.

Let's be the parents and teachers our kids need and deserve us to be. We can teach them the value of reading by turning off electronics and sitting in the same room to read each evening. We can model being a good citizen by picking up a water bottle on the ground and

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Student companions help 'take the fight' to cancer



ESTHER J. CEPEDA
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When David Warren's father, Steve, was diagnosed in 2011 with a very rare form of brain cancer, David did what any well-educated, resource-rich person would do: He became his father's chief advocate.

"Dad had so many different doctors, so many experts on the cancer, the treatment and the related health issues, but I wanted to be the expert on the patient," Warren told me.

"I vowed to be there for my dad through every appointment. I created a form to take with us to doctor visits that listed the medications he was on and refills he needed, what updates we had for each doctor since the last visit and what questions we needed answered."

The systematic approach that Warren and his father used to fight a complex form of cancer got the notice of a neuro-oncologist at the Comprehensive Cancer Center at Wake Forest Baptist Health, where Steve was receiving treatment. The doctor suggested to the father-son team that their method for attacking such a serious diagnosis could help many others.

Before Steve succumbed to his cancer in 2013, he and David created Take the Fight, a nonprofit army of college undergraduates specially trained to advocate for those battling cancer. The students help patients who aren't lucky enough to have someone like David already by their side.

With the help of doctors and administrators at Wake Forest Baptist Health, Take the Fight opened an office onsite and began training its first class of strategists. The all-volunteer-led organization paired students from Wake Forest University with patients at the cancer center.

Philippe Ayres, a senior from Maryland studying biology, learned about Take the Fight in a sophomore-year chemistry class.

"We had a recruiter come in and talk about this amazing opportunity to volunteer to be paired with patients, one-on-one to help them fight their cancer, and I jumped in," said Ayres, who is studying to become a doctor but will work with Take the Fight for a year after graduation to help spread the program nationally.

"The experience is incredible because you meet this complete stranger and they let you into their life," Ayres said in an interview. "You get to see the real struggles people go through. ... It's humbling because there is sadness, but at the same time, it's life-affirming. I had a patient who couldn't eat or taste, but she still came in every day with a positive attitude, always joking and playing. That makes a real impact on you."

The student strategists help patients by asking questions and taking notes at doctor appointments, compiling medication lists, creating contact lists — simple things that can get lost during stressful encounters that are often accompanied by blood draws and other tasks that go into managing such a severe illness.

Some of the patients are low-income with few resources, while others simply lack family support. All get a uniquely tailored experience to their individual situations.

For instance, one patient was a registered nurse with the medical knowledge and resources to navigate the health care system but lived on her own. She was paired with a student who, in effect, was simply there to hold her hand throughout her struggle — no small thing.

One of David Warren's proudest achievements since he helped launch Take the Fight is the positive response from the oncologists the organization has worked with.

"The doctors tell us definitively that we have improved patient outcomes," Warren said.

Next up is a push to move the model out of North Carolina and expand not only across the U.S., but also to the U.K. and Canada. The

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Obama administration develops initiative to combat absenteeism

By Jennifer C. Kerr
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration is appealing to schools to help cut chronic absenteeism by providing mentors and other support for students who miss too much classroom time — instead of suspending or expelling them.

It's one of the steps the administration outlined in a new effort announced last week to keep kids from habitually missing school.

An estimated 5 million to 7.5 million students are chronically absent each year. Students are considered chronically absent if they missed at least 18 days in a school year — so nearly a month of school, or about 10 percent of the school year.

The Education Department said frequent absences can lead to school children falling behind academically and failing to graduate on time. To fight that, the department joined the departments of Justice, Health and Human Services and Housing Urban Development as part of a multi-agency effort that's offering guidance to schools and will see new statistics on the scope of the problem in early 2016.

Among some of the steps that schools should take, the agencies said, is to revise discipline policies to remove punitive consequences such as suspensions and expulsions for chronically absent students. Instead, they recommend that officials take a deep dive at the school-level to see why these kids are absent so often.

If it's a shy or troubled child, for example, then maybe they need a mentor at the school, the departments said. If it's a homeless child, then the school might reach out to local services that might be able to support the family and help keep that child from missing so many school days.

"We have to be thoughtful and careful to provide structure and support, rather than suspend or punish students who are struggling to make it to school every day," said John King, a senior Education Department official who will take over as acting secretary in December. "It sends the wrong message to tell a student who is not coming to school that they are unwelcome."

Another recommendation: better early-warning systems at schools that could flag students as they approach too many missed days, well before the 18-day mark of chronic absenteeism.

In the spring of next year, the Education Department plans to release for the first time school-level data on students across the country who missed at least 15 days of school for any reason. The department says the data should help pinpoint where chronic absenteeism is most prevalent and who it affects the most.

The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation plans to give $1 million to support the new anti-absenteeism initiative.

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FLIX	340	575		165		(5:30) Step into Liquid		South Park: Bigger, Longer &...			An American Werewolf in Lo...			(:15) ★★ The Watcher Keanu Reeves.			
HBO	300	550	14	14		(4:30) Exodus: Gods...		The Leftovers		Focus Will Smith.			(:45) Fight	(:15) San Francisco		The Judge	
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(4:50) Mrs. Doubtfire...		Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb				LastWeek	Bill Maher		★★★ Walk of Shame		
HBOS	304	552	16	102		(5:20) ★★ Cold Mountain Nicole Kidman.				Doll&Em	The Theory of Everything				(:35) American Sniper		
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:10) High Fidelity		(:10) ★★★ Smokin' Aces Ray Liotta.				The Knick		The Knick	(:50) The Knick		Movie
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(:55) ★★★ Pleasantville				★★ Wonder Boys Michael Douglas.				(:55) ★★ The Ruins			Movie
PLEX			96			(5:35) The Dead		★★★ Clue Tim Curry.			(:40) ★★ Fatal Instinct			(:15) ★★ Bounce Gwyneth Paltrow.			
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	Homeland		Jim Rome (N)		Inside the NFL (N)		NotreDam	NotreDam	Inside the NFL		Jim Rome	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:25) Donovan's Ec...		Fruitvale Station			Blue Caprice			(:05) ★★ The Minus Man Owen Wilson.			
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(3:30) American Ga...		★★★ Predator ('87, Sci-Fi) Arnold Schwarzenegger.					★★ Cujo ('83, Hor) Dee Wallace.				Movie
BET	58	-		40		(4:05) Get Rich or Die...		BET Hip Hop Awards (N)				The Westbrooks (N)		Martin	Martin	Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	76		41		Below Deck		Real Housewives		Below Deck (N)		People's Couch (N)		Watch (N)	Below Deck		H.Wives
CNBC	46	52		39	72	The Profit		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Guide (N)	Guide	Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	CNN Special				CNN Special				CNN Special			
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Yukon "On Thin Ice"		Yukon "Gut Check"		Yukon Men (N)		Gold Rush: Alaska		Gold Rush: Alaska		Gold Rush: Alaska	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Underc.	Austin	Jessie	Friends	Girl	I Didn't	Friends	Jessie 2/3	Girl	Austin	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	(:55) FIFA Soccer International Friendly (L)				30 for 30 "Trojan War" (N)			SEC (N)	SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	SportsCenter		NCAA Football Arkansas State at South Alabama (L)						Ftsy FB	Re-take	Tonight	30 for 30
FAMILY	53	63	34	42	33	(5:00) The Lucky One...		Monica Medium (N)		★★ Beastly ('11, Dra) Alex Pettyfer.				The 700 Club		★★★ Hop	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Insider (N)	Stars Insider (N)	Stars Pre-game (L)	NHL Hockey Edmonton Oilers at Dallas Stars Site: American Airlines Center – Dallas, Texas (L)					Stars Live (L)	UFC Fight Flashback	WPT Poker World Championship	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	★★★ Man of Steel ('13, Act) Amy Adams, Henry Cavill.						Bastard Execut. (N)		Bastard Executioner		Amer. Horror: Hotel	
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Waltons "The Calling"		The Waltons		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		H.Hunt	House (N)	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Counting	CountCars	Counting	Counting	Counting	Counting	Counting	Counting	(:05) Count.	Counting	Counting	Counting
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Wife Sw. "Downtown Julie Brown/ Lisa Leslie"		Celebrity Wife Swap		Celeb Wife "Judy Gold/ Penn Jillette"		The Jacksons: Next Generation		The Jacksons: Next "Back to the Future"		Celebrity Wife Swap	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				NHL Live!	NHL Hockey Tampa Bay Lightning at Detroit Red Wings (L)					Overtime	Adventure Racing		Triathlon		Triathlon
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	WITS (N)	Thunder	Thunder	iCarly	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master (N)			Ink Master		
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:30) ★★ Orphan ('09, Hor) Vera Farmiga.				Face Off (N)		Face Off		Face Off			Scarecrow
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Seinfeld	MLB Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Division Series							MLB Post	Conan Chris Pratt, Eric Dane, Dawes	
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) The Kissing Ba...		★★★ Crossing Delancey Amy Irving.				★★ Look Who's Talking			(:45) A Dry White Season		
TELE	20	-	10	20		Celia por siempre		Avenida Brasil		Bajo el mismo cielo		Señora acero		Al rojo	Titulares	Bajo el mismo cielo	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss (N)	Cake Boss (N)	Our Little Family		Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Our Little Family	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Castle "The Third Man"		★★★ Red (2010, Action) Mary-Louise Parker, John Malkovich, Bruce Willis.				Morals "No Crazies on the Street" (N)		Public Morals "No Crazies on the Street"		CSI: NY "Enough"	
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	FactsLife	FactsLife	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Stalked"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Runaway"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Taken"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Folly"		Modern Family	(:35) Modern	(:05) Modern	(:35) Modern
WGN	19	85				(5:00) ★★ The Lincoln Lawyer ('11, Dra) Marisa Tomei, Matthew McConaughey.				Manhat. "Damnatio Memoriae" (SP) (N)		(:10) Manhattan "Damnatio Memoriae"		(:20) Blue Bloods		Manhattan "Damnatio Memoriae"	

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BRILEY

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throwing it away. We can teach our children compassion by volunteering at a soup kitchen or creating handmade cards and delivering them to a nursing home. We can demonstrate the fine art of self-control by remaining calm even when we are angry.

And while you are laying that firm foundation for your child to build his life upon, don't forget to model gratitude by calling, sending a letter or personally visiting the people who made such a profound difference in your own life. Maybe you can even give them a rock or stone with your name on it and tell them, "I have built my life upon the foundation you laid. You were instrumental in who I am today."

Tina Briley is assistant principal at Pease Communications and Technology Academy.

Meet Tina Briley

School/position: assistant principal at Pease Communications and Technology Academy.
What led you to a career in education: God led me to a career in education. Even as a preschooler, I played school, and I was always the teacher.
Years in education: This is my 20th year in education.
Family: Married to Bryan Briley for 31 years. I have two children and five grandchildren.
Name three people you'd like to invite to a dinner party: Tom Hanks, Laura Bush, Benjamin Netanyahu.
Favorite book: "Stargirl" by Jerry Spinelli.
Favorite vacation destination: Jamaica.
Favorite school supply: spiral notebooks.
Favorite smartphone app: Olive Tree Bible App.
Guilty pleasure: Escaping for a weekend with my husband.

CEPEDA

From 2B

organization has launched a new two-year fellowship program for college students in their senior years that includes a year of full-time work following graduation at Take the Fight headquarters. There, they will work to develop tangible solutions to the problems they experienced in the health system during their first year as patient advocates.

"We are accepting applications now through Nov. 25," Warren told me, emphasizing that "we are not looking for people who want a good line on their résumé. We want passionate people who care and want to make a difference."

If that's you, or if you know a college student who would be perfect for the program, the application is available at takethefight.org/apply.

Hurry, there are cancer patients across the country who desperately need an advocate. And with their love, courage and gratitude, the patients have much to give in return.

PRISON

From 2B

go to make a plan to get there," Pennock said.

It worked for at least one student, according to FACES coordinator Karli Smith.

"I sat down with a girl at lunch afterward, and she said, 'The crazy thing is, I was going to drop out of school today, and now I don't want to anymore,'" Smith said. "She comes from a hard life but is a really smart (girl), and after hearing (information from the Choice Bus) ... she was like, 'I need to make a plan of what I want to do after I graduate because it's in June.' I think it really lit a fire under her."

The foundation also has other programs aimed to increase career awareness and Learn2Earn, a financial literacy curriculum that "includes lessons on budgeting, credit cards, loans, savings and other financial tips" for students, according to a press release from the foundation.

Reactions of the bus tend to depend on the age group, with younger junior high-age students focusing more on the financial earnings. The older students closer to graduation tend to be more nonchalant, until they get to a point in the "Inside Out" video when an inmate who had started as an honor student is interviewed.

"Everyone was pretty nonchalant at first because they're not going to drop out," Pennock said. "By the time we get to good kids that weren't going to drop out, (they are) very attentive, because that's hitting home. At the front, you can see it because it happens really fast. It goes from nonchalant to 'what's he talking about?'"

Follow Cassie on Twitter at @Cassie_Burton51 or on Facebook at /CassieBurton15

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LEVEL

For each phrase below, rearrange the letters to spell two new words that are both U.S. states. For example, A LEAVENED AWARD becomes NEVADA and DELAWARE.

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Yesterday's Answer: TRUISM, TROPHY, LOUNGE 10.13

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William Mathis/AP

Liz Rose, center, a Grammy-award winning country music songwriter from Nashville, rehearses a song with students Oct. 5 at Pelham Gardens Middle School in the Bronx borough of New York. Rose is working with the students through a program funded by the Country Music Association Foundation which provides a curriculum for teachers to develop language skills through the art of songwriting.

NASHVILLE-NEW YORK CONNECTION

Country music calls on Big Apple schools

By William Mathis
Associated Press

NEW YORK — As the Bronx middle schoolers harmonized in their auditorium and plucked out basic chords on ukuleles and guitars, in walked their music instructor, Liz Rose — a Grammy-award winning country songwriter from Nashville.

Rose has penned tracks for some of the biggest names in the business, including Taylor Swift. But on this recent fall day, she helped 19 students write an original tune called "Everybody's Perfect."

"Y'all are awesome," Rose said as she approached the stage. "Y'all made me cry."

Country music and New York City don't go hand in glove; the city has only one country radio station, which came on the air two years ago after a 17-year drought. Nonetheless, Music City musicians are partnering with a nonprofit that is providing music education in New York City schools to help boost it as a core subject.

The students at Pelham Gardens Middle School in the Bronx are among 500 students in 15 schools around the city to participate; they receive 10 lessons on how to write lyrics, and one class in each school has a videoconference session with a musician in Nashville.

The Nashville-New York connection is made through the Country Music Association Foundation, which began in 2006 to help fund music education programs in Nashville and is branching out across the country.

In recent years, it has donated to the New York-based nonprofit Education Through Music, which helps provide music education to all students in 50 low-income elementary and middle schools in all five city boroughs. It also works with Words & Music, based out of the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum in Nashville, which provides a curriculum for both music and language arts teachers to develop language skills through the art of songwriting.

The Country Music Association Foundation wanted to bring the two together, and the program was born.

Rose, who won a Grammy with Swift for best country song in 2010 for "White Horse," first met her students over Skype. Rose helped them write the lyrics for the song, which they performed this past week at All for the Hall, a benefit concert for education programs at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum at the Best Buy Theater in Times Square. Students shared the stage with Brad Paisley, Paul Simon and Carrie Underwood.

For many of the New York kids, country music was unfamiliar territory.

Corey Stuckey, 12, said he has been inspired to write songs in the past by hip-hop and R&B artists such as R. Kelly and Ludacris. But now he is opening up to country, too.

"I like country music because of the tone of it," the seventh-grader said. "It's kind of like reggae, but it's different because it's more calming."

Rose said she applied the same techniques she uses when collaborating with professionals. She had the students shout out whatever was on their minds, and they said things like, older kids are tall, ice cream and hallways. She quickly jotted down everything they said and then started to place the words together like puzzle pieces.

"It's not different for whoever you're writing with. It's about getting them to talk," she said. "And then I would ask them questions and put a line together."

Ultimately they wrote: "Everybody's Perfect," an homage to the difficulties of life at a new school.

Moesha Masters, 11, helped come up with the inspiration for the title.

"I moved a lot and it was hard making friends," she said. "And I realized I'm not perfect. But after I looked at that I realized everyone's perfect in other ways."

"Ice cream, money and MetroCards and full backpacks and school is hard!" the students sang. With lots of oohs and aahs and an upbeat, catchy melody, the students' song emulated more the contemporary pop-country of Taylor Swift than the old-country twang.

Peter Pauliks, director of programs for Education through Music, urged the students at the rehearsal to enunciate every word so that a diverse audience would understand the song's message.

"In Nashville, I don't think they even have MetroCards," he reminded them.

Kyle Young, chief executive officer of the Country Music Hall of Fame, says he was moved when he saw the students from the Bronx onstage at All for the Hall, dressed in their blue school uniforms under T-shirts for Words & Music and Education Through Music.

"This is why we go to work every day," he said. "It's not about the genre, it's about giving kids an opportunity to express themselves and create."

GUEST VIEW

Dallas Morning News

How did error confusing slaves, immigrants make it into Texas textbook?

McGraw-Hill Education made the just and smart decision this week to quickly apologize and correct a passage in one of its widely used geography textbooks that referred to slaves as "workers" and "immigrants."

But real credit goes to Pearland mom Roni Dean-Burren. Her 15-year-old son had sent her a picture of a page describing patterns of migration. It included a U.S. map with a caption: "The Atlantic Slave Trade between the 1500s and 1800s brought millions of workers from Africa to the southern United States to work on agricultural plantations."

Dean-Burren sprang into action. She posted a video lament on Facebook that had reached nearly 2 million views by Oct. 6.

Her message bears repeating: Don't distort history. Let's call a slave a slave. "Workers," after all, are paid; they have some say in where they will work and who their employers will be.

McGraw-Hill's CEO David Levin seems to get that. "We made a mistake," he said in a note to employees. The company promised to review its internal processes and is changing the digital versions of the book immediately. It is also offering school districts a sticker to affix over the passage or a new, corrected copy of the book. School districts using the books need to take the publishing giant up on its offer right away.

That's a good solution. But how was such an egregious error missed in the first place? Levin said the book was reviewed by many people inside and outside the company. It was also available for public review, he said, and no one raised a concern.

And what about the review conducted by the State Board of Education?

State board members accurately point out that the board sets standards for textbook publishers and that school districts decide which books they want to purchase. They say they depend on committees of parents, teachers, community leaders and administrators to review thousands of passages of books to make recommendations.

"We do the best we can," said Thomas Ratliff, the Republican co-chair. He said the board gets as much feedback as possible and includes as many perspectives as possible, but "things will be missed."

The board had hours of contentious political debate over historical references in the 89 textbooks it approved for use this fall. It argued over whether the Civil War should be specifically referred to as being more about state's rights than slavery, no less. It seems bizarre that so much time was spent debating textbook minutiae to have such a glaring problem sail through.

This episode offers another reminder how important it is for textbook publishers and the state board to make sure the groups reviewing these books reflect the student populations that will be reading them. The board must give the reviewing committees and themselves enough time to make sure the books get it right.

Kids deserve a factual, balanced view of history — even the horrific parts that are hard to revisit.

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MIT's free online classes can lead to degree

Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — The Massachusetts Institute of Technology has offered free online courses for the last four years with one major downside: They didn't count toward a degree. That's about to change.

In a pilot project announced Wednesday, students will be able to take a semester of free online courses in one of MIT's graduate programs and then, if they pay a "modest fee" of about $1,500 and pass an exam, they will earn a MicroMaster's credential, the school said.

The new credential represents half of the university's one-year master's degree program in supply chain management. As part of the pilot project, students who perform well in the online half can take an exam to apply for the second semester on campus. Those who get in would pay $33,000, about half the cost of the yearlong program.

"Anyone who wants to be here now has a shot to be here," MIT President L. Rafael Reif said. "They have a chance to prove in advance that they can do the work."

The cost of the MicroMaster's includes $150 for each of the five online classes, plus up to $800 to take the exam.

EDUCATIONBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MISD to offer testing to former students

Midland ISD will offer standardized testing to former students in order to fulfill graduation requirements, according to a press release from the district.

The schedule is:

TAKS

- Exit English language arts — Oct. 19
- Exit math — Oct. 20
- Exit science — Oct. 21
- Exit social studies — Oct. 22

STAAR end-of-course exams

- English I — Dec. 7
- Algebra I — Dec. 8
- English II — Dec. 9
- Biology — Dec. 10 (morning)
- U.S. history — Dec. 10 (afternoon)

Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, contact Betty Forbes, director of assessment, at 240-1257 or betty.forbes@midlandisd.net.

Orchestras to present fall concerts

Lee and Midland high schools' orchestras will present their fall concerts later this month. Students from Lee and Midland freshman schools and Abell, Alamo, Goddard and San Jacinto junior high schools will participate.

"A Magical Night in New York" is 7 p.m. Oct. 22 at Midland High School auditorium. The concert will be preceded by a carnival at 5:30 p.m.

"Hauntcert: Good vs. Evil" is 7 p.m. Oct. 29 at Lee High School auditorium. A costume contest will begin at 6:15 p.m.

Patrick wants lawmakers to voucher programs

AUSTIN — Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick wants the Legislature to study implementing school voucher programs that have so far stalled in Texas, despite support from top conservatives.

Patrick oversees the Texas Senate and promotes school choice. On Monday, he unveiled a third set of issues he'd like emphasized before lawmakers reconvene in January 2017.

Patrick backs giving parents state funding to remove their kids from struggling public schools and send them to private and religious alternatives.

Last session, the Senate approved a plan to offer tax breaks to corporations that funded "school-choice scholarships" for low-income Texans.

House Democrats and rural Republicans generally oppose vouchers, fearing they'll bleed more funding from already cash-strapped public schools.

Patrick's other priorities for next session include religious liberty protection laws, which sparked national outcry when approved in other states.

MAKINGTHEGRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Lee High School senior **Taylor Warren** has been honored by the Midland West Rotary Club. She is the daughter of Ryder and Jill Warren.



Warren

She is a member of Origin, National Honor Society, Senior Girls and Interact Club and is president of the choir. She is a member of All-Region Choir and recipient of the Good Citizenship Award from the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She volunteers at Stonegate Kids and is a member of Stonegate Fellowship's Youth CORE Team.

Warren plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in mathematics and music.

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Lee High School senior **Hunter Coleman** has been honored by the Midland West Rotary Club. He is the son of David and Terri Coleman.

He is a member of National Honor Society and the baseball team. He is a National Merit Commended Scholar.

He is involved in Young Life.

Coleman plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in mechanical engineering.

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For the second year in a row, all Midland College Vocational Nursing graduates have passed the National Council Licensure Exam for Practical Nursing, according to a press release from MC. These seven graduates — **Alexandria Blakeley, Natalia Bradford, Jeremy Ferguson, Jenny Lynn Horton, Manka Agnes Kwayu, Jasmine Lopez** and **Jo Maka McLaughlin** — are ready to seek employment in the health care field or to continue their studies to become registered nurses.

There are 20 students in the Class of 2016 —10 at the main campus and 10 at the technical training center in Fort Stockton — according to the release.

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Midland High School senior **Eric Brandon Kam** was honored by the Midland West Rotary Club. He is the son of Chaan and Marlena Kam.

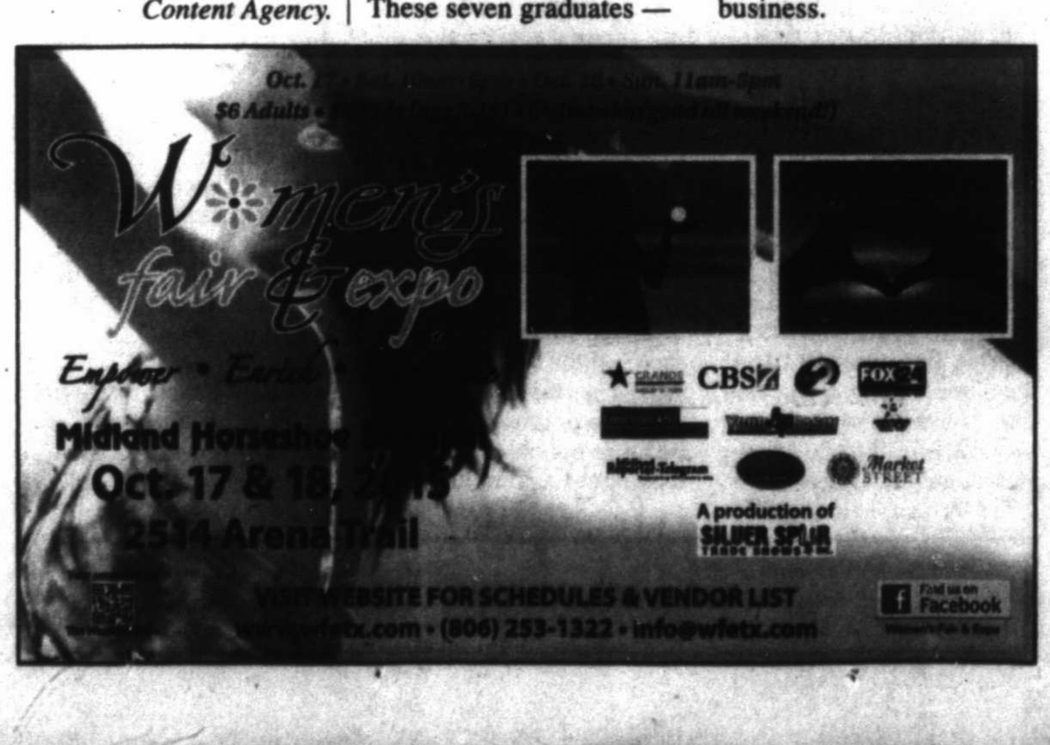


Kam

He is president of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, and Be the Change Leadership Team and is a member of the cross country and lacrosse teams and Model Organization of American States team. He is ranked No. 1 in the class, is a National Merit Commended Scholar, an AP Scholar and recipient of the Rensselaer Medal.

He is a Midland Teen Court attorney, volunteer tutor, Opportunity Camp counselor and taught English in Russia last summer.

Kam plans to attend Stanford University and major in engineering and business.



TODAY: Sunny High: 86 Low: 52

WEDNESDAY: Sunny High: 89 Low: 59

THURSDAY: Sunny High: 87 Low: 59

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 79 Low: 57

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny High: 78 Low: 58

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny High: 78 Low: 60

Local forecast

There's no rain in the forecast, according to the National Weather Service, just high temperatures cooling down by the end of the week.

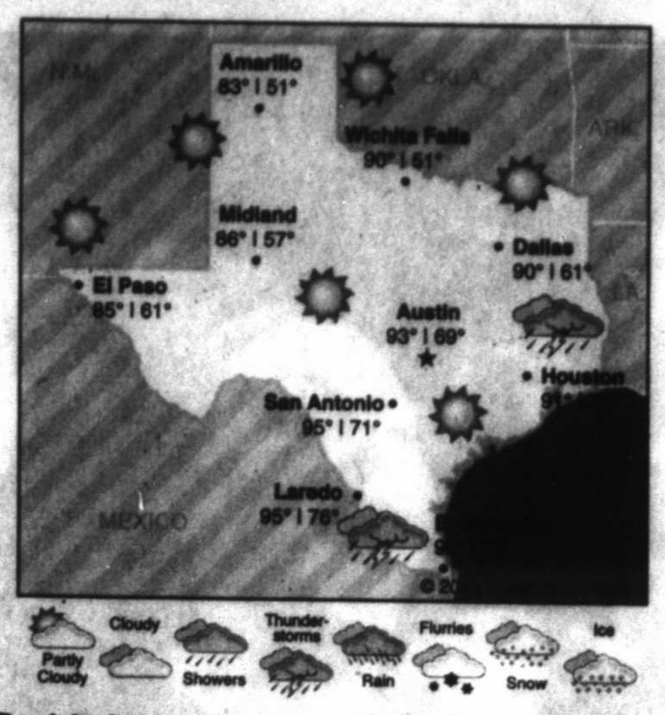
The record high for Oct. 12 is 98 set in 1979. The record low is 37 set in 1986. On Oct. 12 of last year, the high was 88 and the low was 50.

Weather brief

MIAMI — Tropical Storm Nora is strengthening as it heads into the Central Pacific and could soon become a hurricane, though there is no current threat to land.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami said the storm Saturday night had maximum sustained winds of 50 mph and was moving west at 14 mph. Nora was centered about 1,245 miles southeast of South Point, Hawaii.

Forecasters at the center said Nora could become a hurricane. The storm currently poses no threat to land, however, and no coastal watches or warnings are in effect.

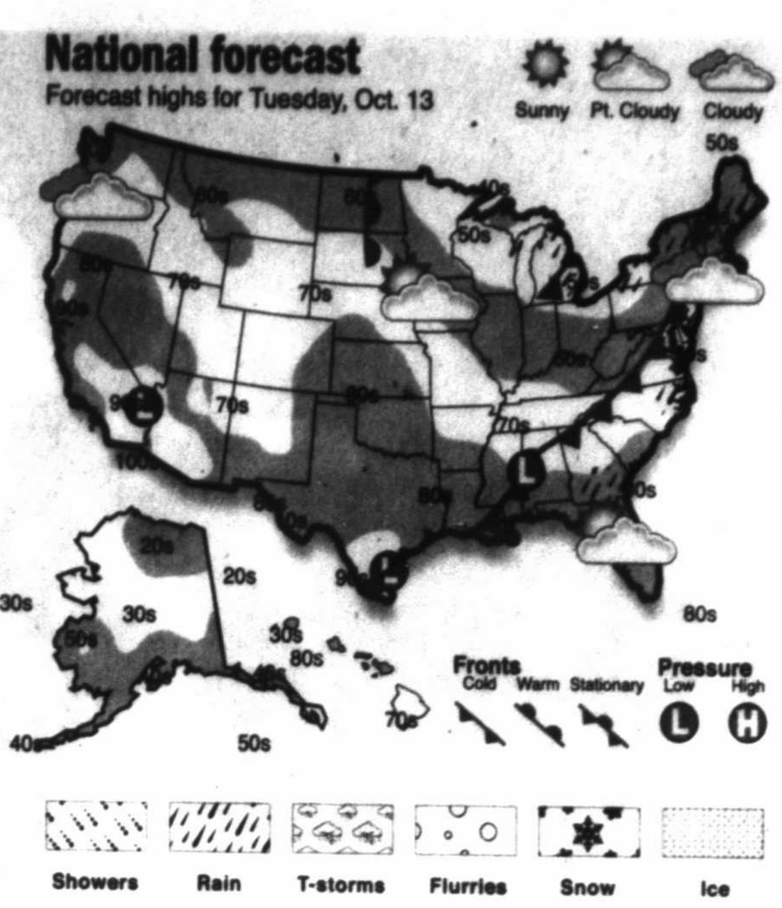


Precipitation

Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	1.33 in.
Year total	17.11 in.
Normal total (year to date)	12.37 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	87
Low	63
Normal high	79
Normal low	53
Sunrise	7:51 a.m.
Sunset	7:19 p.m.



Woman's hidden HIV status must be brought to light

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: I'm writing regarding the letter from "She's Killing Them in Indiana" (July 8) and your response to the writer, whose friend is HIV-positive and doesn't tell her partners her diagnosis. I am a disease intervention specialist (DIS) in Indiana and work specifically with STDs like HIV.

In Indiana, there is a duty to warn law that requires anyone who is HIV-positive to inform any past or present sexual or needle-sharing partners of her/his HIV status. At the time of diagnosis, all providers inform the patient of this, and DIS's like me are required to get a signed copy of this law from HIV-positive individuals.

This year, there was a large outbreak of HIV in a rural southern area of Indiana. More than 100 new infections occurred within just three short months. If individuals like this woman do not inform partners, then the risk is high for another outbreak.

The person who wrote you should contact the Indiana State Department of Health's Recalcitrant Program and inform them of this situation. All information is kept confidential. Counseling could be provided, and then if she continues not informing, legal action could be taken against her. — MELISSA MURAWSKI

DEAR MELISSA: Readers were upset about the gravity of that letter. They felt it was not only a health issue but also one of morality, and the legal issues could land the writer's friend in serious trouble, including jail. You are right that the person who wrote that letter should contact the appropriate authorities and report her friend's dangerous and risky behavior.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been together for 10 years. Like all couples do, we've had our ups and downs, but we love each other very much. Two months ago, we welcomed our first son into our family; we are overjoyed.

Raising a newborn has its challenges because babies don't come with an owner's manual. Our communication has always been good, and we work hard in our relationship to keep it that way. When we disagree, we try not to fight in front of the baby or raise our voices.

But something my wife does bothers me. She talks about me to the baby. An example: "Apparently, you're too stressful for Daddy right now, but not for me." I have asked her to please not do it. I understand that he's only 2 months old and can't understand her, but I don't feel disparaging me in front of him is right. Am I wrong? Or am I being overly sensitive? — NEEDS HELP IN NEW YORK

DEAR NEEDS HELP: I don't think you're being overly sensitive. It is important for an infant's development that the parents talk to him or her. While your baby may be too young to understand what's being said right now, your wife is forming a habit that both of you may regret later. It implies that she is the "good mommy" and you are the "bad daddy" who can't deal with his son. If this continues, at some point the boy WILL get the message, and it won't be good for the relationship you have with her or the one you have with your son.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2015:

This year you will attempt to draw a relative, friend or neighbor out of his or her irritable mood. You will notice that many people around you hold on to a lot of tension. Your ability to make an impression and help others change might be limited, as you have similar tendencies. If you are single, you attract others like a light draws a firefly. Enjoy your popularity. If you are attached, the two of you might become a lot more sociable than in the past, but still need downtime together in order to have your relationship thrive. SCORPIO demands a lot from you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You'll express exactly what is on your mind. Don't be overly concerned if you witness a lack of response. Others are quietly weighing the pros and cons. Don't be surprised if someone pulls you aside at a later point to discuss your ideas. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You could be at a point where you can't seem to come up with the right answer. A partner is likely to pitch in and help you get through a problematic project. Say thank you in your own way. This person might have an attitude, but don't let it get to you. Tonight: Return calls.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Make time for a conversation, even if the other person is reticent. You could be overwhelmed by what you hear. Try to remain supportive and positive when dealing with this person. Give more thought to what he or she shares later in the day. Tonight: Off to the gym.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Stay close to home. A conversation could come up that gives you food for thought. You might feel as if you are being pushed in a certain direction, but need more time to consider your choices. Don't forget to schedule a dentist appointment. Tonight: Add some spice to the night.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Make an effort to break through someone's emotional walls. You can be charming and kind, but unless the other party wants to open up, it won't do any good. Let the issue go if you can't break through. Give this person some time and space. Tonight: Head home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You sometimes take your innate skills for granted, and as a result, others do as well. Take some time to yourself to recognize what you have to offer, and refuse to let people take advantage of you. Tonight: Hang out with a pal at a favorite place.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Handle as many important matters as possible today, as your charisma and intellect are peaking. You have an interesting financial predicament coming in. You need to be more aware of your spending. Tonight: Say "yes" to an irresistible offer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Lie low and listen more closely when engaged in conversation, no matter whom you are dealing with. As a result, you are likely to discover what the other party's priorities and character traits are. You will learn a lot. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Don't avoid a get-together. Remain sure of yourself, as your presence does make a difference. Be responsive to inquiries, and be willing to share your thoughts. You have strong ideas, and you'll want to use them to help others. Tonight: Make it early.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You stand out when involved with others. You give perceptive feedback, which helps people get past limited thinking. At the same time, they don't feel as if you are talking down to them. Recognize your limits in this role. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ If you're feeling triggered by a situation, step back and do more listening, and be aware of your reactions. You might want to figure out when you first felt these feelings. You are likely to end up taking on greater responsibility later in the afternoon. Tonight: Not to be stopped.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You might be delighted yet surprised by how much someone else wants to do for you. Relate to this person on a one-on-one level to draw him or her out more. Be willing to make calls and run some important errands. Tonight: Use your instincts well.

BORN TODAY

Singer/songwriter Ashanti (1980), singer/actress Marie Osmond (1959), actress Kelly Preston (1962)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Larry's double finesse

Both vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ A 10 6 2
♡ 10 2
◇ K Q J 10 9 5 2
♣ Void

WEST
♠ Q 8 7 5
♡ K 8 4 3
◇ 6
♣ K J 7 2

EAST
♠ 4
♡ A J 9 5
◇ 8 4 3
♣ A Q 8 5 4

SOUTH
♠ K J 9 3
♡ Q 7 6
◇ A 7
♣ 10 9 6 3

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1◇	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♠	All pass

Opening lead: Three of ♡

In response to several requests, the club was holding a team game on Saturday night instead of the usual duplicate pair game. The players were eager to learn the differences.

Against Hard Luck Louie, the defense started with a heart to the ace. The jack of hearts was returned, smothering dummy's 10, then a third round, forcing dummy to ruff. Louie ran the 10 of trumps, for an apparently successful finesse, as West cleverly ducked. Louie continued with a low trump, inserting his nine when East showed out. West won his queen this time and exited with his singleton diamond. Louie was not able to untangle his trumps without allowing West to ruff a diamond. Down one. Had Louie cashed the ace of trumps first, the defense would still prevail as long as West ducked his queen once.

Lucky Larry got the same defense to start. Rather than leading the 10 of trumps, Larry led a low trump to his nine, also ducked by West — a very good defensive play. Larry now found the perfect play to assure his contract. He led a low trump from his hand and inserted dummy's 10 when West played low! Larry had successfully finessed both opponents for the same card. He now cashed the ace of spades, crossed to his hand with the ace of diamonds, and drew the last trump. Dummy's diamonds were all good and Larry claimed 11 tricks.

Had East been able to win the second trump with the queen, Larry could have handled any defensive continuation and still made 10 tricks.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Attorneys' degs.
4 Clipper or Laker, briefly
9 Up to now
14 Sup
15 Get up
16 Jigsaw puzzle unit
17 Norse war god
18 Ruthless adversary
20 Planting ground
22 Have debts
23 Joints often sprained
24 Words before card or lock
26 Precious
27 Serious software problem
30 "Rats!"
34 Hyundai luxury model
35 Victor's cry
37 Besides
38 Actress Hagen
39 '60s-'70s "Hollywood Squares" semi-regular
42 __ bind: stuck
43 Video game letters
44 Circular imperfection in wood
45 Slip-on shoes
47 One with a killer serve
49 Wisenheimer
52 Obsessed whaler captain
54 Boating stopover
55 Half of the hip-hop duo Black Star
58 Certain NCO
59 Billions of years
62 Truth known only to a few ... and a hint to a word hidden in 18-, 27-, 39- and 49-Across
65 Agcy. with narcs
66 Mark with a sale price, say
67 Greek goddesses of the seasons
68 Vex
69 Airline seat choice
70 Hinged fasteners
71 McMahon and Sullivan

DOWN

1 One of two MetLife Stadium NFL teams
2 Belafonte hit
3 Erotic dance
4 "Platoon" war zone
5 WWI era English poet Rupert
6 High-flying battles
7 East, in Mexico
8 "Michael Collins" actor Stephen
9 Exhausted
10 Made a pig of oneself?
11 Have a hunch
12 Summit
13 Husband-and-wife creators of Curious George
19 Doctor House portrayer Hugh
21 Prevaricator
25 Lewis' partner
26 Monastic hood
27 Flora's partner
28 Ancient Mexican
29 Rodeo rope
31 Life-ending season in Ecclesiastes
32 Socially insensitive, in a way
33 "__ your mother"
36 Tibet neighbor
40 More than a little risky
41 Mausoleum
46 1997 movie beekeeper
48 Tire type
50 Hardships
51 Letter-shaped shoe fastener
53 Line of shrubbery
55 Juan's "Look!"
56 "Dedicated to the __ Love"
57 Grounded fast planes, briefly
58 Spartan promenade
60 Techie, stereotypically
61 Fifth Avenue retailer
63 Librarian's rebuke
64 "Amen!"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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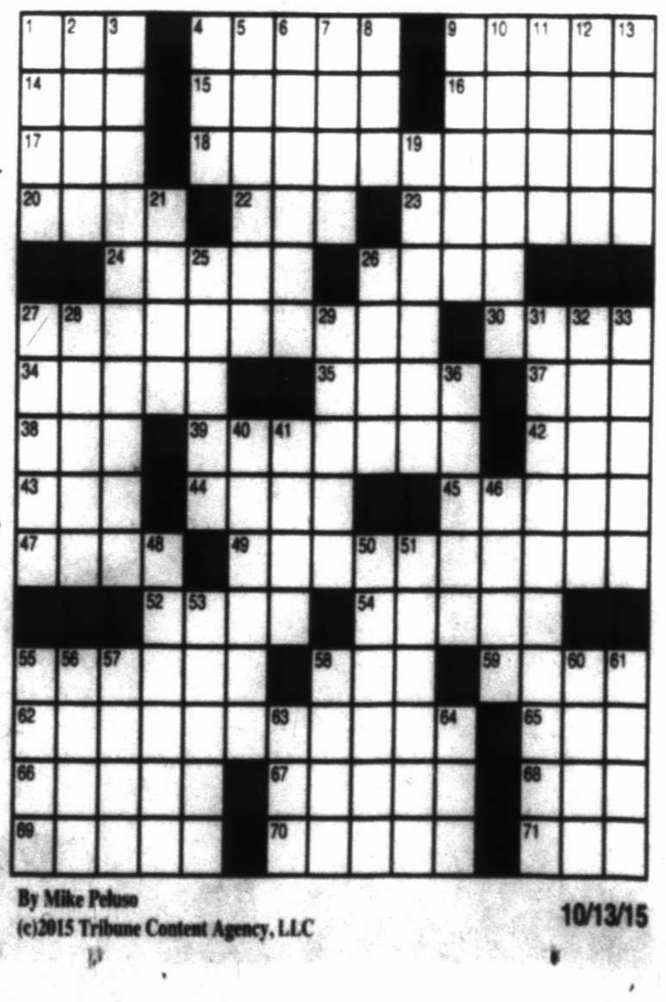

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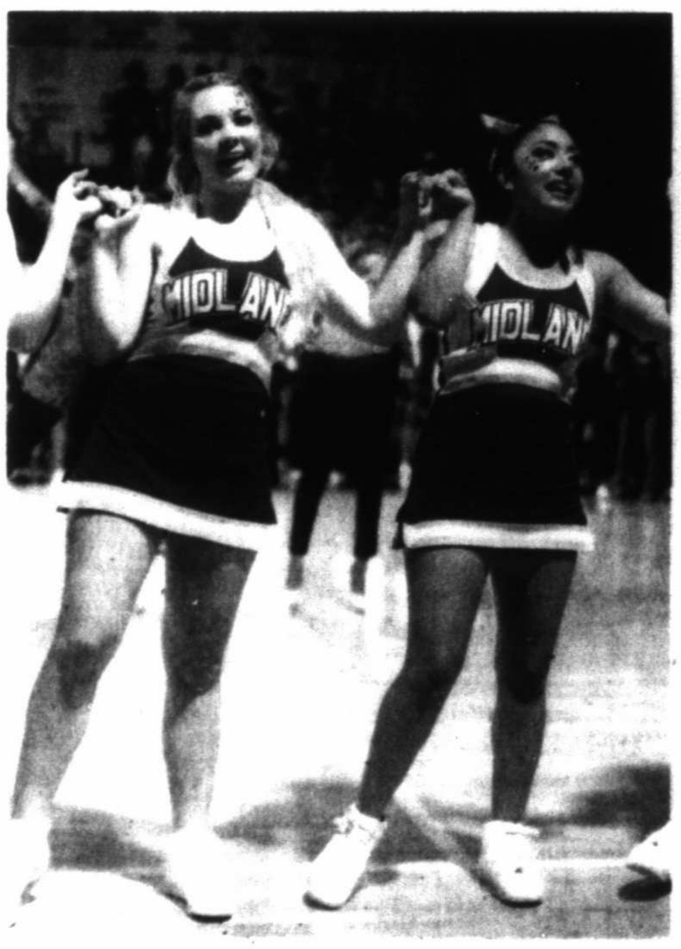



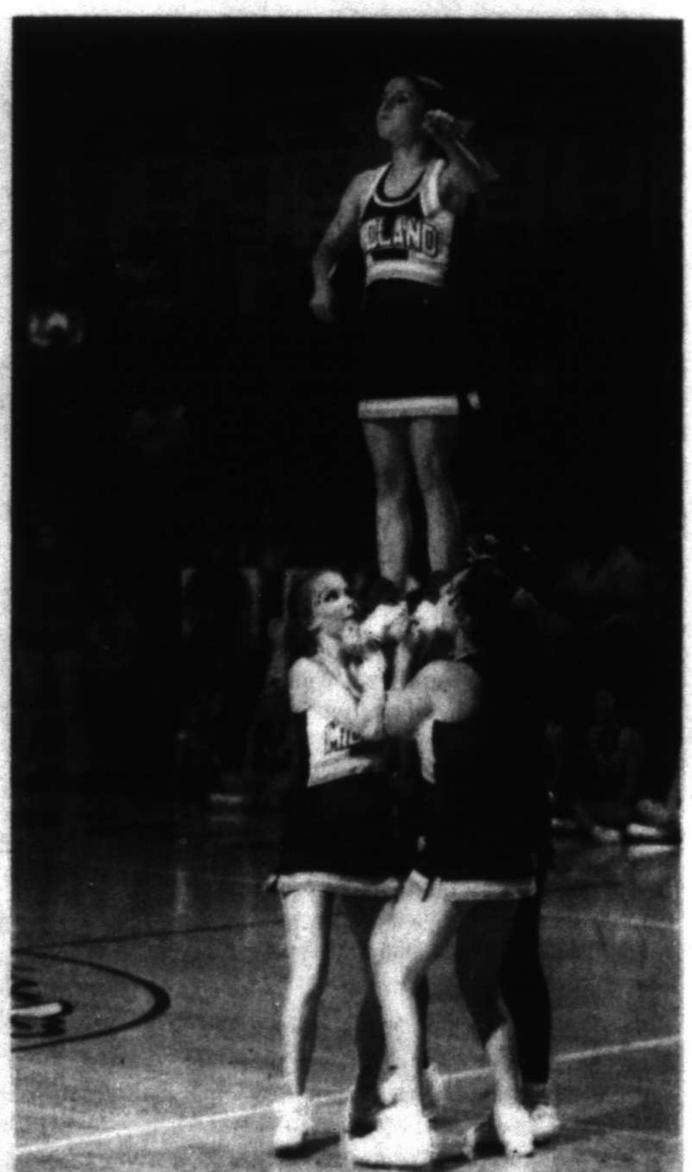







AREA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Third-string QB Thompson fills in nicely for Rangers

By Oscar LeRoy
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Thompson

The day before playing Lamesa, Justice Thompson was feeling sick and had a high fever.

He was already feeling nervous about making his first start at quarterback on the varsity against Lamesa, so being ill didn't help.

But Thompson got a shot to make him feel better, then he gave the Rangers a shot of adrenaline with his play in a 53-0 victory over the Golden Tornadoes to begin District 2-4A Division II play at J.M. King Memorial Stadium.

The senior was 7-of-8 passing for 139 yards, three touchdowns and no interceptions and added 74 yards rushing and two more TDs on 12 carries. He added two tackles in his limited time at safety.

For that performance, Thompson is the Reporter-Telegram's Area Football Player of the Week.

Because of injuries to Ben Brockman and Josh Reyes, Thompson — who usually plays wide receiver and safety for the Rangers — was forced to play quarterback in the second half against Snyder two weeks ago.

Because Brockman and Reyes were still not 100 percent, Thompson had to make the start at quarterback against Lamesa, which made head coach Shad Hanna kind of nervous.

As it turns out, Hanna didn't have much to worry about. Thompson is a player who doesn't lose his composure or get too excited about things.

"He worked hard all week and he was really sore from throwing the ball," Hanna said. "He just took it all in and did things a lot better than what I was expecting him. The goal was to keep it as simple as possible for him. He also did a great job of taking care of the football."

When asked about his performance, Thompson was his usual even-keel self: "I thought I did all right. I was pretty nervous because I haven't played quarterback on the varsity and this was the first district game. But everybody did good, and everybody executed well."

Thompson had played quarterback before, but that was on the junior varsity team about two years ago. Even then, he wasn't the starter until another player in front of him got called up to the varsity.

But Hanna said Thompson is a competitor and was willing to put in the time to learn the position.

Thompson said having the bye week to practice after the Snyder game also helped in his development.

"I also remember that everybody did their job and it made it easy on me," Thompson said. "I didn't want to mess up, and I didn't want to be the reason why the team lost."

Those that know Thompson know he rarely will be outworked. Even during the football season, he competes as a calf roper on the weekends and is among the

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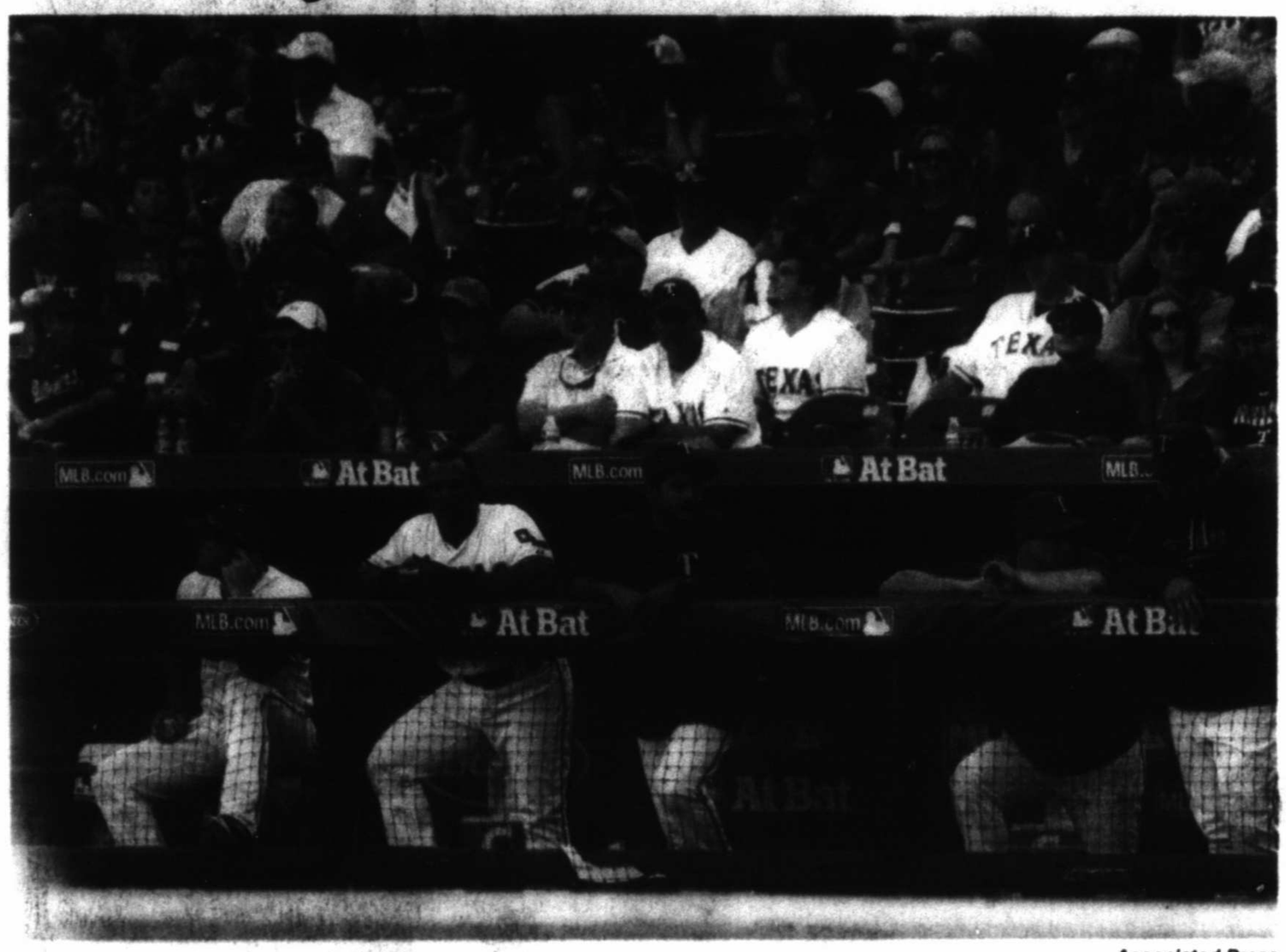
BLUE JAYS FORCE GAME 5



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Texas Rangers players watch action against the Toronto Blue Jays during the eighth inning of Game 4 of the American League Division Series on Monday in Arlington.

Toronto scores early, leaves Rangers scrambling

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

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ARLINGTON — The Toronto Blue Jays went deep early and used a pair of Cy Young winners to force a deciding Game 5 in the AL Division Series.

Josh Donaldson and Chris Colabello hit home runs before 40-year-old knuckleballer R.A. Dickey threw his first postseason pitch, and the Blue Jays won 8-4 in Game 4 on Monday to send the series back to Toronto.

Game 5 is Wednesday. Cole Hamels starts for the Rangers against Marcus Stroman in a rematch from Game 2, which Texas won in 14 innings.

After losing the first two games in the series at home, the Blue Jays won both games in Texas in a span of 24 hours.

Dickey, the 2012 NL Cy Young winner, allowed one run over 4 2-3 innings and was pulled with a 7-1 lead and a runner on base. Then 2012 AL Cy Young winner David Price took over and pitched three innings, getting the win after losing in the opener.

Kevin Pillar also connected as three of the first eight Toronto hitters homered off Derek Holland, in his first postseason start since 8 1/3 scoreless innings against St. Louis in Game 4 of the 2011 World Series.

Only two teams in MLB history have lost a best-of-five series after winning the first two games on the road — Oakland against the New York Yankees in 2001, and Cincinnati to San Francisco in 2012.

On the way to their first World Series in 2010, the Rangers won the first two games of the ALDS at Tampa Bay, then lost Games 3 and 4 at home before winning the deciding fifth game against the Rays on the road.

The Blue Jays, in the playoffs for the first time since their 1993 World Series championship, have won nine of their last 10 postseason road games. Texas dropped to 1-9 in division series games at home.

Adrian Beltre, who hadn't played since exiting early from the series opener because of lower back stiffness, was a late addition to the Rangers' starting lineup.

Beltre had two singles and a deep flyout, but the 36-year-old third baseman clearly was still having issues with his back he hurt sliding into second base Thursday. He moved gingerly going to first base after both hits, and did the same when advancing to second base on the wild pitch that allowed Shin-Soo Choo to score in the third inning.

Holland was gone after Donaldson walked and Jose Bautista doubled high off the 14-foot wall in left field to start the third. The Texas lefty has allowed

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PRIVATE SCHOOLS REPORT

Offensive mistakes cost Mustangs vs. Argyle Liberty

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McClendon

Midland Christian head coach Greg McClendon took the blame for his offense's lackluster performance last Friday.

The Mustangs offense could only muster three points during a 26-5 road loss to Argyle Liberty Christian in a TAPPS Division I, District 1 affair.

The MCS offense managed only 244 total yards and it was shut out for the final 3 1/2 quarters after an early field goal by McLane Mannix.

The Mustangs' running game, which had been churning for four straight games, was held to a paltry 35 yards on 22 attempts.

"Overall, our defense, they played their tails off," McClendon said. "(They) turned the ball over, gave us field position, and we had opportunities. We shot ourselves in the foot with mistakes and penalties and stuff, lack of consistency, which is my fault.

"Because I'm the coach and I am the one that is responsible for it being done the right way that we dot our I's and cross our T's. I'm obviously not getting that done to this point. I will go back to work harder, and I know our kids will respond and we will be a better football team this next week."

Despite the 21-point loss, McClendon felt the Mustangs had their opportunities to beat Argyle Liberty.

Trailing by one score at 13-5, MCS moved the ball to the Argyle Liberty 10-yard line and had a first-and-10. However, the Mustangs self-destructed with a holding penalty and eventually came away empty when a fake field goal attempt was intercepted. McClendon said

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Royals rally on Correa's error, beat Astros to even ALDS

By Kristie Rieken
Associted Press

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HOUSTON — Almost out of time and out of the playoffs, the Kansas City Royals realized they needed more than a big home run.

They needed a lot of hits — a maybe a little help, too.

The defending AL champions saved their season Monday. They took advantage when Astros shortstop Carlos Correa couldn't handle a deflected grounder that might have been a double-play ball, rallying for five runs in the eighth inning to beat Houston 9-6, forcing their playoff series to a decisive Game 5.

"We always feel that we're still in games, and we still have a chance," first baseman Eric Hosmer said. "That's the mentality for this whole entire team. It's never quit, and the character we showed today. That's what a championship ballclub does."

Correa homered twice, doubled, singled and drove in four runs in Game 4 of the AL Division Series. Houston took a 6-2 lead into the eighth, but a tough error charged to the 21-year-old rookie keyed the Royals' comeback to even the matchup at two games apiece.

"I missed it. That's what happened," Correa said. "I wish I was perfect. I wish I could do everything perfect, but I'm not. I'm human."

Game 5 will be back in Kansas City on Wednesday night. Johnny Cueto is set to start for the Royals against Collin McHugh.

"Everyone that watched that game, everybody that was a part of that game knows how difficult it is to feel like that game was closing in our favor and then have it not go our way," Astros manager A.J. Hinch said.

"But it's big boy sport. We'll adjust, and we will be ready to play," he said.

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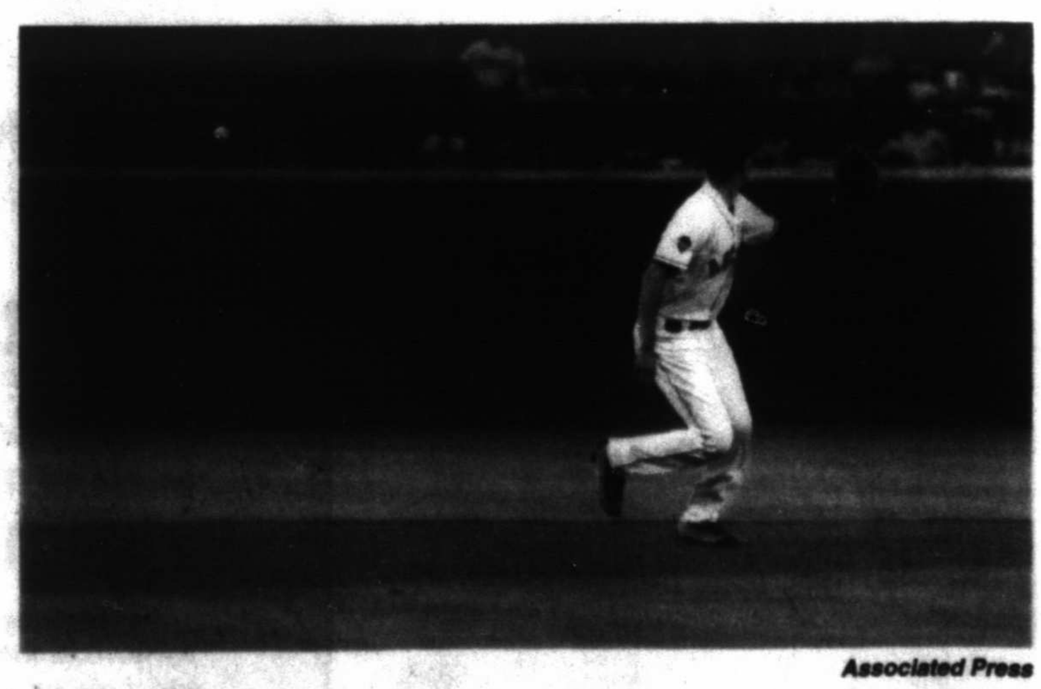
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The Houston Astros' Carlos Correa misplays a hits by Kansas City Royals' Kendrys Morales in the eighth inning during Game 4 of the American League Division Series on Monday in Houston. Two runs were scored on the play.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TV

Boxing

Gerald Washington vs Amir Mansour, 8 p.m., FS1/FXDEP

College Football

Arkansas State at South Alabama, 7 p.m., ESPN2

Golf

Xiamen International Ladies Open, 2nd Round, 10 a.m., GOLF

Major League Baseball

NLDS Gm 4: St. Louis at Chic. Cubs, 3:30 p.m., TBS

NLDS Gm 4: LA Dodgers at NY Mets, 7 p.m., TBS

Men's Soccer

UEFA Euro Qualifier: Italy vs Norway, 1:30 p.m., FS1/FXDEP

UEFA Euro Qualifier: Belgium vs Israel, 1:30 p.m., FS2

UEFA Euro Qualifier: Turkey vs Iceland, 1:30 p.m., FSP

UEFA Euro Qualifier: Netherlands vs Czech Republic, 1:30 p.m., ESPN2/ESPNDEP

Olympic Qualifying: Ecuador vs Bolivia, 3:40 p.m., beIN/beIN2

Olympic Qualifying: Uruguay vs Colombia, 5:40 p.m., beIN2

Friendly: USA vs Costa Rica, 6 p.m., ESPN/UniMas/UDN

Olympic Qualifying 3rd Place: USA vs Canada, 6 p.m., NBCU

Olympic Qualifying: Paraguay vs Argentina, 6:40 p.m., beIN

Olympic Qualifying: Brazil vs Venezuela, 7:40 p.m., beIN2

Olympic Qualifying Championship: Mexico vs Honduras, 9 p.m., NBCU

Olympic Qualifying: Peru vs Chile, 9 p.m., beIN

Friendly: Mexico vs Panama, 9 p.m., UniMas/UDN

Olympic Qualifying: Peru vs Chile, 9:40 p.m., beIN2

National Basketball Association

Exhibition: Dallas vs Oklahoma City from Tulsa, 7 p.m., FSSW+

Exhibition: Milwaukee at Cleveland, 7 p.m. NBAtv

Exhibition: Denver at Golden State, 9:30 p.m., NBAtv

National Hockey League

Tampa Bay at Detroit, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN

Edmonton at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW

Tennis

Shanghai Rolex Masters, 12:30 a.m., TENNIS

RADIO

High School Volleyball

Big Spring at Lamesa, 6 p.m., KBYG 106.3 FM/1400 AM

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

TENNIS

Greenwood at Seminole, 4:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Abilene High at MHS, 6 p.m. with art

San Angelo Central at Lee, 6 p.m.

Greenwood at Fort Stockton, 7 p.m.

Midland Christian at Lubbock Trinity, 7 p.m.

MCA at Trinity, 6 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES — Named Ted Simmons, Matt Kinzer and Leon Wurth major league scouts and Kiley McDaniel assistant director, baseball operations. Promoted A.J. Scola to manager, minor league operations; Danielle Monday to assistant, baseball operations and Chris Lionetti to assistant, scouting.

NEW YORK METS — Selected the contract of INF Matt Reynolds from Las Vegas (PCL) and added him to the NLDS roster. Removed INF Ruben Tejada from the NLDS roster. Designated RHP Tim Stauffer for reassignment.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Named Randy Knorr senior assistant to the general manager-player development, Bobby Henley senior advisor-player development and Matt Lecroy manager for Harrisburg (EL). Promoted Brian Daubach to hitting coach for Syracuse (IL).

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS — Waived F Tony Mitchell.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS — Activated DE IK Enemkpali. Placed RB Cierre Wood on injured reserve.

CHICAGO BEARS — Signed RB Antone Smith. Placed RB Jacquizz Rodgers on injured reserve.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed KR-PR Marcus Thigpen. Released QB Josh Johnson.

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Promoted Darren Rizzi to assistant head coach/special teams coordinator.

NEW YORK JETS — Activated DL Sheldon Richardson from the suspended list. Waived TE Wes Saxton.

ST. LOUIS RAMS — Released RB Trey Watts.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed CB Deveron Carr to the practice squad. Released LB Lynden Trail from the practice squad.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

DETROIT RED WINGS — Reassigned D Richard Nedomlel from Grand Rapids (AHL) to Toledo (ECHL).

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Reassigned G Ken Appleby from Adirondack (ECHL) to Albany (AHL).

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

TORONTO FC — Named Bill Manning president.

COLLEGE

CENTRAL FLORIDA — Announced football coach George O'Leary relinquished his job as the school's interim athletic director.

FLORIDA — Suspended freshman QB Will Grier indefinitely for violating the NCAA's policy on banned drugs.

LOUISVILLE — Announced men's assistant basketball coach Ralph Willard will take an indefinite medical leave of absence to address an unspecified health issue. Promoted men's director of basketball operations David Padgett to men's assistant basketball coach.

SOUTH FLORIDA — Suspended red-shirt freshman OL Benjamin Knox from all team activities after being charged with firing a gun at the exterior of a residence hall on campus.

SOUTHERN CAL — Fired football coach Steve Sarkisian. Named Clay Helton interim football coach.

ST. SCHOLASTICA — Named Shawn Bartlette men's assistant hockey coach.

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND — Named Wes Popolizio athletic communications director.

SWIMMING RESULTS

Late HS Swimming results

Midland Invitational

At City of Midland Aquatics Center

Friday and Saturday

BOYS

Team results — 1. San Angelo Central 741; 2. Odessa Permian 371; 3. Pecos 271; 4. Midland High 231; 5. Abilene Cooper 203; 6. Odessa High 159; 7. Lee 120; 8. Trinity 30; 9. Abilene High 24; 10. Big Spring 23; 11. Canyon 1

Individual results (top 3 performers)

50 freestyle — 1. Jayden Curtis, Cooper, 23.22; 2. William Nolen, Central, 24.05; 3. Nate Pierro, Central, 24.52

100 backstroke — 1. Jayden Curtis, Cooper 1:00.38; 2. Alex Tucci, Central, 1:00.47; 3. Tyler Guthrie, Central, 1:01.47

100 breaststroke — 1. Carson Kent, Central, 1:03.87; 2. Brendel Bell, Permian, 1:05.36; 3. William Nolen, Central, 1:07.78

100 butterfly — 1. Brendel Bell, Permian, 56.38; 2. Nathan Keller, MHS, 1:00.31; 3. Rob Yale, Central, 1:02.80

100 freestyle — 1. Braden Vines, MHS, 48.30; 2. Matt Brewer, Central, 49.22; 3. Shae Shepherd, Central, 53.01

200 freestyle — 1. Braden Vines, MHS, 1:46.59; 2. Matt Brewer, Central, 1:50.32; 3. Justin Rivas, Pecos, 1:56.33

200 freestyle relay — 1. Central A 1:32.12; 2. Permian 1:38.81; 3. Central B 1:39.18

200 IM — 1. Reese Bell, Permian, 2:18.51; 2. Nick Martinez, Central, 2:23.00; 3. Will Fernandes, Pecos, 2:29.59

200 medley relay — 1. Central A 1:45.95; 2. Central B 1:48.38; 3. Permian 1:49.56

400 freestyle relay — 1. Central A 3:28.79; 2. Central B 3:40.96; 3. Pecos 3:54.92

500 freestyle — 1. Justin Rivas, Pecos, 5:21.57; 2. Ryan Brown, Central, 5:36.22; 3. Joe Cardona, Cooper, 5:36.28

1-meter diving — 1. Garrett Martin, MHS, 262.95; 2. Nic Palacio, Lee, 192.20; 3. Grayson Jones, MHS, 179.05

GIRLS

Team results — 1. San Angelo Central 652; 2. Midland High 333; 3. Odessa Permian 280.5; 4. Abilene Cooper 240.5; 5. Lee 217; 6. Abilene High 141; 7. Odessa High 133; 8. Canyon 90; 9. Pecos 67; 10. Midland Christian 27; 11. Big Spring

Individual results (top 3 performers)

50 freestyle — 1. Sophie Forbes, Central, 26.67; 2. Maya Anderson, MHS, 27.01; 3. Lindsey Hildebrand, Central, 27.14

100 backstroke — 1. Mollie Wright, MHS, 1:04.61; 2. Jennifer Sites, Lee, 1:06.64; 3. Anna Gurk, Canyon, 1:07.63

100 breaststroke — 1. Kile Carriger, MHS, 1:07.90; 2. Maya Anderson, MHS, 1:14.61; 3. Kristin Schwarz, Central, 1:16.73

100 butterfly — 1. Mollie Wright, MHS, 1:00.62; 2. Cassidy Hale, MHS, 1:03.74; 3. Madisson Trammell, Pecos, 1:08.61

100 freestyle — 1. Dailey Parker, MHS, 57.89; 2. Sterling Fahey, Cooper, 1:00.62; 3. Paige Boone, Central, 1:00.51

200 free — 1. Sterling Fahey, Cooper, 2:14.36; 2. DJ Corbett, Central, 2:16.90; 3. Gabby Castro, Central, 2:22.18

200 freestyle relay — 1. Central 1:49.18; 2. Midland High 1:49.86; 3. Permian 1:55.76

200 IM — 1. Kile Carriger, MHS, 2:12.27; 2. Jennifer Sites, Lee, 2:30.07; 3. Breanna Augustine, Permian, 2:45.90

200 medley relay — 1. Midland High 1:54.78; 2. Central 2:02.47; 3. Cooper 2:11.14

400 freestyle relay — 1. Lee 3:54.71; 2. Central A 4:06.92; 3. Central B 4:24.08

500 freestyle — 1. DJ Corbett, Central, 6:12.79; 2. Emma Dantzler, Abilene High, 6:23.10; 3. Allie Martinez, Abilene High, 6:31.09

1-meter diving — 1. Charlye Campbell, MHS, 239.20; 2. Logan Hillman, Lee, 221.15; 3. Madison Bryne-Young, Lee, 134.25

PRO RODEO GLANCE

Leaders

Through Oct. 11

All-Around

1. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas $218,852
2. Tuf Cooper, Decatur, Texas $140,687
3. Clayton Hass, Terrell, Texas $109,033
4. Caleb Smidt, Bellville, Texas $102,873
5. **JoJo LeMond, Andrews, Texas $102,775**
6. Ryan Jarrett, Comanche, Okla. $86,175
7. Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah $85,075
8. Russell Cardoza, Terrebonne, Ore. $80,713
9. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo. $80,562
10. Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah $76,347

Bareback Riding

1. Kaycee Feild, Spanish Fork, Utah $118,146
2. Austin Foss, Terrebonne, Ore. $98,741
3. Jake Brown, Hillsboro, Texas $97,994
4. Evan Jayne, Marseille, France $93,020
5. Bobby Mote, Stephenville, Texas $88,486
6. Clint Cannon, Waller, Texas $86,686
7. Tim O'Connell, Zwingle, Iowa $86,565
8. Tanner Aus, Granite Falls, Minn. $85,860
9. Will Lowe, Canyon, Texas $82,982
10. Orin Larsen, Inglis, Manitoba $81,627

Steer Wrestling

1. Clayton Hass, Terrell, Texas $95,181
2. Hunter Cure, Holliday, Texas $92,393
3. Ty Erickson, Helena, Mont. $89,780
4. Nick Guy, Sparta, Wis. $83,288
5. Kyle Irwin, Robertsdale, Ala. $76,585
6. Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif. $76,191
7. Tyler Waguespack, Gonzales, La. $75,245
8. Seth Brockman, Wheatland, Wyo. $71,559
9. Baylor Roche, Tremonton, Utah $71,555
10. Trevor Knowles, Mount Vernon, Ore. $71,128

Team Roping (header)

1. Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont. $130,497
2. Derrick Begay, Seba Dalkai, Ariz. $94,868
3. Chad Masters, Cedar Hill, Tenn. $92,658
4. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas $92,268
5. Aaron Tsinigine, Tuba City, Ariz. $83,768
6. Jake Cooper, Monument, N.M. $80,933
7. Colby Lovell, Madisonville, Texas $78,830
8. Erich Rogers, Round Rock, Ariz. $78,669
9. Nick Sartain, Dover, Okla. $74,079
10. Luke Brown, Stephenville, Texas $72,410

Also: 16. JoJo LeMond, Andrews, Texas $65,803

Team Roping (heeler)

1. Jade Corkill, Fallon, Nev. $130,497
2. Clay O'Brien Cooper, Gardnerville, Nev. $95,988
3. Patrick Smith, Lipan, Texas $92,268
4. Travis Graves, Jay, Okla. $85,265
5. Ryan Motes, Weatherford, Texas $82,637
6. Kollin VonAhn, Blanchard, Okla. $79,024
7. Travis Woodard, Stockton, Calif. $78,519
8. Kory Koontz, Stephenville, Texas $78,468
9. Paul Eaves, Lonedell, Mo. $77,430
10. Cory Petska, Marana, Ariz. $74,827

Saddle Bronc Riding

1. Cody DeMoss, Heflin, La. $119,397
2. Rusty Wright, Milford, Utah $115,987
3. Jacobs Crawley, Boerne, Texas $108,862
4. Isaac Diaz, Desdemona, Texas $103,586
5. Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M. $98,654
6. Wade Sundell, Coleman, Okla. $94,680
7. Cort Scheer, Elsmere, Neb. $88,737
8. Jake Wright, Milford, Utah $85,424
9. Chuck Schmidt, Keldron, S.D. $84,910
10. Spencer Wright, Milford, Utah $74,338

Tie-down Roping

1. Tuf Cooper, Decatur, Texas $130,803
2. Timber Moore, Aubrey, Texas $112,799
3. Marty Yates, Stephenville, Texas $99,281
4. Hunter Herrin, Apache, Okla. $93,813
5. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas $91,978
6. Caleb Smidt, Bellville, Texas $87,450
7. Ryan Jarrett, Comanche, Okla. $85,967
8. Matt Shiozawa, Chubbuck, Idaho $84,989
9. Marcos Costa, Childress, Texas $84,343
10. Monty Lewis, Hereford, Texas $82,903

Steer Roping

1. **Vin Fisher Jr., Andrews, Texas $87,189**
2. Mike Chase, McAlester, Okla. $61,089
3. Jess Tierney, Hermosa, S.D. $58,784
4. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas $58,722
5. Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan. $53,448
6. Scott Snedecor, Fredericksburg, Texas $52,576
7. Neal Wood, Needville, Texas $51,506
8. Cody Lee, Gatesville, Texas $47,820
9. Troy Tillard, Douglas, Wyo. $43,950
10. Chet Herren, Pawhuska, Okla. $43,709

Also: 11. JoJo LeMond, Andrews, Texas $40,355; 12. Shay Good, Midland, Texas $40,348; 14. J. Tom Fisher, Andrews, Texas $38,256

Bull Riding

1. Sage Kimzey, Strong City, Okla. $174,601
2. Parker Breding, Edgar, Mont. $122,247
3. Brennon Eldred, Sulphur, Okla. $110,041
4. Wesley Silcox, Santaquin, Utah $105,778
5. Chandler Bownds, Lubbock, Texas $88,441
6. Joe Frost, Randlett, Utah $83,812
7. Cody Teel, Kountze, Texas $83,018
8. Shane Proctor, Grand Coulee, Wash. $79,014
9. Brett Stall, Detroit Lakes, Minn. $76,089
10. Dustin Bowen, Waller, Texas $65,250

Barrel Racing

1. Callie Duperier, Boerne, Texas $166,632
2. Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D. $151,520
3. Sarah Rose McDonald, Brunswick, Ga. $134,599
4. Mary Walker, Ennis, Texas $110,105
5. Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz. $104,744
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HSVOLLEYBALLCAPSULES

FROM STAFF REPORTS

District 3-6A volleyball

	District	Overall
Abilene High	5-0	32-3
Midland High	4-1	18-12
San Angelo Central	3-2	23-12
Odessa Permian	2-3	23-13
Lee	1-4	17-19
Odessa High	0-5	13-18

Friday's scores

Midland High def. Odessa High 25-21, 21-25, 25-18, 25-16; Odessa Permian def. Lee 25-17, 25-17, 22-25, 25-15; Abilene High def. San Angelo Central 25-22, 25-22, 25-17

Today's matches

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

ABILENE HIGH AT MIDLAND HIGH

Where/when: 6 p.m. today, MHS gym

Records: AHS 32-3, 5-0 in District 3-6A; MHS 18-12, 4-1 in District 3-6A

Last match: MHS def. Odessa High 25-21, 21-25, 25-18, 25-16 on Friday; Abilene High def. San Angelo Central 25-22, 25-22, 25-17 on Friday

Three things to watch:

■ The Lady Bulldogs have now won four consecutive District 3-6A matches and find themselves in sole possession of second place in district after Central lost to Abilene High last Friday.

■ MHS was swept by AHS in the district opener back on Sept. 25 in Abilene. Today's match is critical for tiebreaking purposes should the two teams finish with the same district record.

■ Abilene features a stingy defense that won't give away many points on errors. The Lady Bulldogs will have to earn the points they get against a squad that has backed up its 32-3 record. The MHS hitters have been on a roll lately though and AHS should pose a formidable challenge for them.

Next: MHS at Central, 5 p.m. Friday; Abilene High at Odessa Permian, 5 p.m. Friday

SAN ANGELO CENTRAL AT LEE

Where/when: 6 p.m. today, Lee High School gym

Records: Central 23-12, 3-2 in District 3-6A; Lee 17-19, 1-4 in District 3-6A

Last match: Abilene High def. Central 25-22, 25-22, 25-17; Odessa Permian def. Lee 25-17, 25-17, 22-25, 25-15

Three things to watch:

■ Having lost three straight district matches, as well as the district opener to Central in San Angelo, Lee will be looking for payback on its home floor today.

■ Central is coming off sweep at the hands of AHS last Friday and will be motivated to get back into the win column. Expect the Lady Cats to be on their game today in a match they realistically cannot afford to lose.

■ This is another opportunity for the Lady Rebels to notch a marquee victory in district play. Lee benefits from three home games in the second half of the district season and so there's still time to turn things around. A win against Central would be an excellent start.

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



Associated Press

Dallas Cowboys' Tony Romo, center, talks with Brandon Weeden (3) and coaches during the second half of an NFL football game against the New England Patriots on Sunday in Arlington. The Patriots won 30-6.

Weeden's time as Romo sub for Cowboys could be running short

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

IRVING — Brandon Weeden didn't last long as the starter in Cleveland. Now he might not make it to the end of his temporary assignment filling in for the injured Tony Romo in Dallas.

Weeden couldn't move the offense while the Cowboys had heavy pressure on Tom Brady with a defense rejuvenated by the return of Greg Hardy and Rolando McClain from suspensions.

After Brady and Super Bowl champion New England got rolling in a 30-6 victory, Dallas coach Jason Garrett essentially declared the quarterback competition open with Romo missing at least four more games because of a broken left collarbone.

Weeden is 0-3 as Romo's replacement, extending his personal losing streak to 11 starts going back to his days as a first-round pick by the Browns. And Matt Cassel, acquired in a trade with Buffalo after Romo's injury, is ready to play. He was active for the first time against the Patriots.

The Cowboys (2-3) have the bye to consider a switch to Cassel. Their next game is Oct. 25 at the New York Giants.

"I don't really believe in making changes for change sake," Garrett said Monday. "If you just start changing things for the hell of it, everybody starts looking around like, 'What are these guys doing?' We have core beliefs. We have convictions about how we want to do things."

Weeden had 36 yards passing at halftime, and the running game wasn't much help as it continues to struggle without DeMarco Murray, who led the NFL in rushing last season before leaving for Philadelphia in free agency.

The problems for Dallas are compounded by the absence of star receiver Dez Bryant, who could return against the Giants after breaking his right foot in the opener against them. Romo went down the next week.

"The quarterback is one of those positions where you don't isolate him," Garrett said. "His impact on the offense is important. His impact on the football team is important. You put all of those factors together and you try to make your best judgment."

Cassel started 71 games over seven seasons with New England, Kansas City and Minnesota — nearly three times as many starts as Weeden. He led the Patriots to an 11-5 record after Brady went down with a season-ending knee injury in the 2008 opener, although they missed the playoffs.

The 33-year-old Cassel was inactive for two weeks while learning the Dallas offense, but replaced Kellen Moore as the backup to Weeden against his former team. Moore, in his fourth year, has never played in the regular season.

NFL GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	4	0	0	1.000	149	76
N.Y. Jets	3	1	0	.750	95	55
Buffalo	3	2	0	.600	124	105
Miami	1	3	0	.250	65	101
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Indianapolis	3	2	0	.600	99	113
Tennessee	1	3	0	.250	102	91
Houston	1	4	0	.200	97	135
Jacksonville	1	4	0	.200	93	145
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Cincinnati	5	0	0	1.000	148	101
Pittsburgh	3	2	0	.600	120	95
Cleveland	2	3	0	.400	118	132
Baltimore	1	4	0	.200	123	137
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Denver	5	0	0	1.000	113	79
San Diego	2	3	0	.400	116	134
Oakland	2	3	0	.400	107	124
Kansas City	1	4	0	.200	117	143

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	3	2	0	.600	132	109
Dallas	2	3	0	.400	101	131
Washington	2	3	0	.400	97	104
Philadelphia	2	3	0	.400	117	103
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Atlanta	5	0	0	1.000	162	112
Carolina	4	0	0	1.000	108	71
Tampa Bay	2	3	0	.400	110	148
New Orleans	1	4	0	.200	103	143
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Green Bay	5	0	0	1.000	137	81
Minnesota	2	2	0	.500	80	73
Chicago	2	3	0	.400	86	142
Detroit	0	5	0	.000	83	138
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Arizona	4	1	0	.800	190	90
St. Louis	2	3	0	.400	84	113
Seattle	2	3	0	.400	111	98
San Francisco	1	4	0	.200	75	140

Scores & chedule

Monday's Score

Pittsburgh 24, San Diego 20

Thursday, Oct. 15

Atlanta at New Orleans, 8:25 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 18

Kansas City at Minnesota, noon
Miami at Tennessee, noon
Washington at N.Y. Jets, noon
Arizona at Pittsburgh, noon
Cincinnati at Buffalo, noon
Chicago at Detroit, noon
Denver at Cleveland, noon
Houston at Jacksonville, noon
Carolina at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.
Baltimore at San Francisco, 3:25 p.m.
San Diego at Green Bay, 3:25 p.m.
New England at Indianapolis, 7:30 p.m.
Open: Dallas, Oakland, St. Louis, Tampa Bay

Monday, Oct. 19

N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

Bell's 1-yard TD run at buzzer lifts Steelers over Chargers

Steelers	24
Chargers	20

By Bernie Wilson
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Le'Veon Bell scored on a 1-yard wildcat run as time expired to give Mike Vick and the Pittsburgh Steelers a stunning 24-20 victory over the San Diego Chargers on Monday night.

With 5 seconds left, Bell took the direct snap, ran left and was buried in traffic before diving for the end zone and getting the ball across the line as Donald Butler dragged him down.

Thousands of Pittsburgh fans waving Terrible Towels went nuts as the Steelers improved to 3-2. San Diego dropped to 2-3.

Vick, having an awful game until the fourth quarter, kept the drive alive with a 24-yard scramble up the middle and then a 16-yard pass to Heath Miller one play before Bell's big run.

San Diego rookie Josh Lambo kicked a go-ahead, 54-yard field goal with 2:56 left.

STEELERS 24, CHARGERS 20

Pittsburgh	0	3	7	14	—24
San Diego	7	0	0	13	—20

First Quarter

SD—Gates 12 pass from Rivers (Lambo kick), 9:50.

Second Quarter

Pit—FG Boswell 47, 4:24.

Third Quarter

Pit—Blake 70 interception return (Boswell kick), 3:21.

Fourth Quarter

SD—FG Lambo 40, 14:49.

SD—Gates 11 pass from Rivers (Lambo kick), 8:02.

Pit—Wheaton 72 pass from Vick (Boswell kick), 7:42.

SD—FG Lambo 54, 2:56.

Pit—Bell 1 run (Boswell kick), :00.

A—67,658.

	Pit	SD
First downs	14	24
Total Net Yards	349	406
Rushes-yards	27-155	19-52
Passing	194	354
Punt Returns	5-27	2-5
Kickoff Returns	2-62	1-30
Interceptions Ret.	1-70	1-0
Comp-Att-Int	13-26-1	35-48-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-9	2-11
Punts	8-40.3	5-53.4
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	8-86	7-54
Time of Possession	26:17	33:43

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Pittsburgh, Bell 21-111, Vick 1-24, D.Williams 5-20. San Diego, Gordon 15-42, Woodhead 4-10.

PASSING—Pittsburgh, Vick 13-26-1-203. San Diego, Rivers 35-48-1-365.

RECEIVING—Pittsburgh, Bell 4-16, Miller 3-46, Brown 3-45, Heyward-Bey 2-24, Wheaton 1-72. San Diego, Gates 9-92, Gordon 7-52, K.Allen 6-57, Woodhead 5-66, Green 5-50, Floyd 3-48.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—San Diego, Lambo 60 (SH).

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MCS

From 1C

an MCS receiver was wide open in the end zone on the fake field goal attempt.

"That's throughout the game," McClendon said. "It's not just that play or that drive. It's over and over again."

With the loss, the Mustangs (3-3, 1-2 in TAPPS Division I, District 1) fell into a fifth-place tie in district with Fort Worth Nolan Catholic (1-5, 1-2 in TAPPS Division I, District 1).

MCS faces another adept QB

Midland Christian faces some of Texas' most talented high school players in TAPPS Division I, District 1.

That was the case last Friday when the Mustangs squared off against Argyle Liberty Christian quarterback Nick Starkel, an Oklahoma State verbal commit.

MCS outside linebacker Silas Crews and defensive back Casey Hart both had interceptions versus Starkel, but it wasn't enough as the future collegiate quarterback threw for 414 yards and tossed two touchdowns in Argyle Liberty's win.

The schedule doesn't get any easier this week as MCS visits 2014 state finalist Plano Prestonwood (4-2, 2-1 in TAPPS Division I, District 1) at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Prestonwood is laden with talent, too, which includes outside linebacker Deonte Williams, who has verbally committed to No. 2 Baylor.

The Lions boast a capable athlete playing quarterback in Ryan Cash, a two-sport star that has verbally committed to play baseball at Oklahoma State.

Cash has thrown for 1,704 yards and 21 touchdowns, while throwing only one interception.

"He makes (their offense) go," McClendon said. "He gets the ball out quick. He's got a lot of receivers. They're executing very well on offense."

Elliott shines in defeat

Midland Christian quarterback Westin Elliott quietly had a solid showing versus Argyle Liberty as the senior completed 22 of 32 passes for 209 yards and no interceptions.

Elliott completed 68.8 percent of his passes, while not turning the ball over for the second consecutive week.

"He's playing more consistently week in, week out," McClendon said of Elliott. "We need him to continue to do that."

Trinity cruises in district opener

Trinity sailed to a 59-14 road victory over Watauga Harvest Christian in its TAPPS Six-Man Division I, District 1 opener on Friday night.

The Chargers (5-1, 1-0 in TAPPS Six-Man Division I, District 1) beat the Saints (4-2, 0-1) soundly, an impressive feat considering the latter reached the state finals in 2014.

The win moved Trinity from No. 3 to No. 2 in the TAPPS Division I state rankings.

"We knew that was a big game," Chargers head coach Antwan Alexander said. "A lot of different variables that were in that game. Us being district champs and with Watauga being the state runner up, it was a lot at stake for that game. It was a lot bigger than just the first district game."

Trinity intercepted Watauga Harvest three times as Peyton Harrington recorded two takeaways and Vincent Baiano added another.

The Chargers also welcomed back defensive line standout Ja'cyree Webbs from injury. Webbs scored a touchdown on offense.

"That's another thing that happened this game: Everybody played together as a team," Alexander said. "There wasn't a person who was trying to go out and make all the tackles, catch all the touchdown passes. They start to understand, if I do my job, then others will benefit from what we do collectively."

Trinity visits district foe Abilene Christian (4-2, 1-0 district) at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

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MCS STATS

2015 MIDLAND CHRISTIAN STATISTICS (3-3, 1-2)

Opponents	30	36	27	24—119
Midland Christian	55	37	17	29—138

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
McLane Mannix	75	424	5.7	3
Luke Sheppard	60	416	6.9	3
Ty Russell	4	59	14.8	1
Lukas Singh	7	31	4.4	0
Ty Young	2	-4	-2.0	0
Westin Elliott	24	-14	-0.6	0
Totals	172	912	5.3	7

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Westin Elliott	79	136	5	1,065	6
Anderson Needham	0	2	0	0	0
McLane Mannix	0	1	1	0	0
Totals	79	139	5	1,065	6

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
McLane Mannix	23	455	19.8	3
Blake Ray	13	191	14.7	1
Lukas Singh	19	120	6.3	0
Ty Young	4	83	20.8	2
Bryan Nguyen	3	64	21.3	0
Luke Watson	6	58	9.7	0
Tyson Banks	6	56	9.3	0
Josh Brown	3	29	9.7	0
Luke Sheppard	2	9	4.5	0
Totals	79	1,065	13.5	6

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	2PT	FG	TP
McLane Mannix	9	17	0	3	80
Luke Sheppard	3	0	0	0	18
Ty Young	2	0	0	0	12
Casey Hart	1	0	0	0	6
Lukas Singh	1	0	0	0	6
Blake Ray	1	0	0	0	6
Ty Russell	1	0	0	0	6
Landon Garnett	0	0	1	0	2

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	ST	AT	S	TFL	FR	INT	PD
Threadgill	29	50	0	6	1	0	1
Eddison	27	35	2	4	0	0	3
Troglin	27	23	0	0	0	0	0
Thomason	25	29	2	10	0	0	4
Garnett	24	18	0	1	0	0	1
Hart	20	25	1	2	0	2	3
Nguyen	18	10	0	0	0	1	11
Hooper	17	15	1	2	1	0	1
Crews	16	29	1	2	1	2	1
Mannix	10	3	0	0	0	1	3
Breeding	6	8	1	2	0	0	2
McKinney	6	8	1	1	0	0	0
Wilson	6	8	0	0	0	0	0
Banks	6	6	0	0	0	0	0
Schmidt	5	5	0	0	0	1	0
Fisher	3	5	0	0	0	0	0
Potter	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Russell	2	5	0	0	0	0	0
Sheppard	2	4	0	0	0	0	1
Granizny	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Singh	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
Davis	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Needham	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spencer	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Brown	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Weathers	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Helmcamp	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mizzles	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ray	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Young	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Elliott	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Watson	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

Key: ST - solo tackle, AT - assisted tackle, S - sack, TFL - tackle for loss, FR - fumble recovery, INT- interception, PD - pass defended

OFFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
912	152.0	1,065	177.5	1,977	329.5

DEFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
724	120.7	1,307	217.8	2,031	338.5

THOMPSON

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best in the region.

Thompson said he's ranked in the top 3 in the region, although he said he didn't do very well this past weekend.

Maybe he can be excused after the work he put in on Friday night.

Considering that starter Brockman is considered day-to-day, Thompson might get another start this Friday when the Rangers (4-2, 1-0) travel to face No. 7-ranked Sweetwater (6-0, 1-0). Thompson has proven he can get the job done at quarterback. He said the team should be ready to play its best.

"They're a tough team," said Thompson about the Mustangs. "We're going to have to play better than we did against Lamesa to have a chance, and just play hard."

Other notable performances

■ Andrews rolled to a 42-8 win over Clint Mountain View in the District 2-4A Division I opener as junior QB **Triston Williams** had another big game by completing 20 of 34 passes for 427 yards, six touchdowns and one interception. Senior WR **Eddie Gabaldon** caught eight of those passes for 155 yards and two touchdowns.

■ Forsan got a 53-27 road victory to begin District 3-2A Division I play as senior QB **Jesse Cervantes** led the way by rushing for 131 yards and a touchdown on 16 carries and he also completed 6 of 12 passes for 62 yards with one TD.

■ Midland Christian senior QB **Westin Elliott** completed 22 of 32 passes for 209 yards in a 26-5 loss to Argyle Liberty Christian.

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Oklahoma State tight end Blake Jarwin (47) is tackled by West Virginia cornerback Terrell Chestnut and West Virginia safety Dravon Askew-Henry (6) during the first half Saturday in Morgantown, W.Va.

WVU's blitz against ranked teams moves to Baylor, TCU

By John Raby
Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — West Virginia's October schedule against all ranked opponents now goes into overdrive in Texas.

Coming off losses on the road to No. 19 Oklahoma and at home to No. 16 Oklahoma State, the Mountaineers now face even biggest tests at No. 2 Baylor on Saturday and at No. 3 TCU on Oct. 29.

"It's what everybody signed up for," West Virginia coach Dana Holgorsen said Monday on the weekly Big 12 coaches teleconference. "We're excited about it and it's going to be a good opportunity to be able to go play football. That's the mindset of our team right now."

Baylor (5-0, 2-0 Big 12) averages 64.2 points per game, tops in the nation, and TCU (6-0, 3-0) is third at 51 points per game. That doesn't bode well for West Virginia (3-2, 0-2), which has struggled on offense and committed nine turnovers in the first two league games.

West Virginia has gone 6-8 in Big 12 road games since joining the league in 2012. All but one of those losses were by double digits.

At home last season, West Virginia handed Baylor its only regular-season loss, which cost the Bears a chance at the College Football Playoff. The Bears were penalized 18 times for a Big 12-record 215 yards against West Virginia, including seven pass interference calls.

Bears coach Art Briles isn't looking at that loss for motivation.

"We never use the word revenge," Briles said. "We're just trying to keep going what we've got going. We've got nobody to fault last year except us. If we're going to revenge somebody, it needs to be on us. We've got a job to do. We've got to do it."

SOONERS IN MANHATTAN: Oklahoma (4-1, 1-1) needs a win at Kansas State (3-2, 0-2) on Saturday to keep from falling two games back in the conference chase after losing 24-17 to Texas. Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops is 5-0 against Kansas State on the road and doesn't have a specific formula for his team's success in Manhattan, Kansas.

"There isn't any magic to it," Stoops said. "It's execution and making plays when you get the opportunity to make them."

K-STATE'S LATE SWOONS: Kansas State has lost two straight after struggling to keep momentum going in the second half. At halftime, the Wildcats led TCU 35-17 and Oklahoma State 28-20. Before those games, K-State had won 49 straight when leading at halftime.

"We're having some serious dialogue about that," said Kansas State coach Bill Snyder. "It's pretty hard to put your finger on. I don't think it's a conditioning problem."

In a 52-45 loss to TCU, Snyder called timeout on fourth-and-1 with 1:52 left, then decided to kick a tying 37-yard field goal rather than use up more clock. TCU scored the go-ahead touchdown on a 55-yard pass with 1:10 left.

"At the end of the day, it was just a bad choice on my part," Snyder said. "Hindsight tells me if I had to do it again, I'd do it differently. I'm totally responsible for that."

TIME TO THINK: Texas (2-4, 1-2) has the week off after its big win, and Oklahoma State (6-0, 3-0) is idle after beating West Virginia 33-26 in overtime.

"The effort against Oklahoma is what we need every week," said Longhorns coach Charlie Strong. "It gives us something to build on. And now that I've seen it, there is no reason we can't do it every time."

Oklahoma State was limited to 134 rushing yards but was effective in overtime with six straight runs, including backup quarterback J.W. Walsh's 2-yard TD run to beat the Mountaineers.

"J.W. gives us an option," said Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy. "We thought he would be a factor in our season and it's worked out that way."

In other Big 12 games Saturday, TCU is at Iowa State (2-3, 1-1), and Texas Tech (4-2, 1-2) is at Kansas (0-5, 0-2).

FOOTBALL BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SOUTH CAROLINA

Spurrier is retiring as South Carolina's football coach

COLUMBIA — Steve Spurrier informed his team Monday night that he is retiring and that an interim coach will be named today, according to a source.

Quarterbacks coach G.A. Mangus is expected to be named the interim head coach, according to another source.

Spurrier, who is 70, has 228-89-2 career record at Duke, Florida and South Carolina. He is the Gamecocks' all-time winningest coach.

Said South Carolina board of trustee: "I'm shocked and I have a lot of sadness, too. I think Coach Spurrier has done so much for us and showed us we can win."

The Gamecocks are 2-4 (0-4 SEC) to start 2015. Spurrier has never had a losing season as South Carolina's coach, and the team has been bowl-eligible in all 10 of his seasons.

LOS ANGELES

USC fires Sarkisian 1 day after putting coach on leave

Southern California fired Steve Sarkisian on Monday, one day after the troubled football coach was put on leave.

Athletic director Pat Haden made the move one day after determining Sarkisian showed up at school in no condition to lead practice, although Haden refused to reveal specifics about the coach's condition. Offensive coordinator Clay Helton was appointed interim coach Sunday.

USC hasn't elaborated on Sarkisian's problems, but the second-year coach had an embarrassing public display in August at a pep rally where he appeared to be intoxicated while giving a speech. Sarkisian later apologized and said he had combined alcohol and medication, but promised not to drink again during the season.

Sarkisian's unsteady appearance Sunday prompted Haden to make the program's fourth coaching change in just over two years.

Helton, Sarkisian's offensive coordinator, will officially lead his first practice today.

AREA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL STANDINGS

District 3-6A

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Odessa Permian	6	0	330	49	1.000
Abilene High	5	1	218	147	.833
San Angelo Central	5	1	262	117	.833
Midland High	3	3	144	161	.500
Lee	2	4	130	190	.333
Odessa High	2	4	175	179	.333

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Abilene High	1	0	31	24	1.000
Midland High	1	0	31	28	1.000
Odessa Permian	1	0	45	0	1.000
Lee	0	1	0	45	.000
Odessa High	0	1	28	31	.000
San Angelo Central	0	1	24	31	.000

Last week's scores

Odessa Permian 45, Lee 0; Midland High 31 Odessa High 28; Abilene High 31 San Angelo Central 24

This week's games

Odessa High at Lee; Midland High at San Angelo Central; Abilene High at Odessa Permian All games at 7:30 p.m. Friday

District 2-4A Division I

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Andrews	6	1	342	214	.857
Clint	4	3	202	151	.571
Mountain View	2	4	104	147	.333
San Elizario	2	4	96	145	.333
Fabens	2	5	124	222	.285

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Andrews	1	0	42	8	1.000
Clint	1	0	24	22	.000
San Elizario	0	0	00	00	.000
Fabens	0	1	22	24	1.000
Mountain View	0	1	08	42	.000

Last week's scores

Andrews 42, Clint Mountain View 8; Clint 24, Fabens 22; Lordsburg (N.M.) 48, San Elizario 42

This week's games

San Elizario at Andrews; Clint Mountain View at Fabens; Clint is open

District 3-4A Division I

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Brownwood	6	1	293	163	.857
Ab.Wylie	4	2	155	77	.667
Snyder	4	3	240	236	.571
Big Spring	2	4	145	216	.333
Stephenville	2	4	86	191	.333

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Brownwood	1	0	33	06	1.000
Snyder	1	0	49	41	1.000
Ab.Wylie	0	0	00	00	.000
Big Spring	0	1	41	49	.000
Stephenville	0	1	06	33	.000

Last week's scores

Snyder 49, Big Spring 41; Brownwood 33 Stephenville 6; Abilene Wylie was open

This week's games

Abilene Wylie at Brownwood; Stephenville at Snyder; Big Spring is open

District 2-4A Division II

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Sweetwater	6	0	258	93	1.000
Greenwood	4	2	220	162	.667
Monahans	3	3	183	178	.500
Pecos	3	3	226	160	.500
Fort Stockton	3	3	118	120	.500
Lamesa	0	5	76	263	.000

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Greenwood	1	0	53	00	1.000
Monahans	1	0	48	28	1.000
Sweetwater	1	0	44	00	1.000
Fort Stockton	0	1	00	44	.000
Lamesa	0	1	00	53	.000
Pecos	0	1	28	48	.000

Last week's scores

Greenwood 53, Lamesa 0; Sweetwater 44 Fort Stockton 0; Monahans 48, Pecos 28

This week's games

Greenwood at Sweetwater; Pecos at Fort Stockton; Monahans at Lamesa

District 3-3A Division II

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Post	6	0	191	33	1.000
Coleman	5	1	218	128	.833
Ballinger	5	1	168	91	.833
Coahoma	3	3	160	209	.500
Stanton	2	3	104	154	.400
Colorado City	2	4	121	214	.333

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Ballinger	1	0	61	00	1.000
Colorado City	1	0	35	21	1.000
Post	1	0	21	00	1.000
Coahoma	0	1	07	61	.000
Coleman	0	1	00	21	.000
Stanton	0	1	21	35	.000

Last week's scores

Colorado City 35, Stanton 21; Ballinger 61 Coahoma 7; Post 21, Coleman 0

This week's games

Stanton at Coahoma; Post at Ballinger Colorado City at Coleman

District 3-2A Division I

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Forsan	5	2	273	127	.714
Anthony	3	4	175	128	.429
Ozona	2	4	59	227	.400
Christoval	2	5	196	227	.285
McCamey	2	5	67	164	.285

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Forsan	1	0	53	27	1.000
McCamey	1	0	28	21	1.000
Ozona	0	0	00	00	.000
Anthony	0	1	27	53	.000
Christoval	0	1	21	28	.000

Last week's scores

Forsan 53, Anthony 27; McCamey 28 Christoval 21; Ozona was open

This week's games

McCamey at Forsan; Ozona at Christoval Anthony is open

District 4-1A Division I

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Borden Co	7	0	404	98	1.000
Klondike	6	1	327	133	.857
O'Donnell	4	3	348	254	.571
Grady	2	4	229	277	.333

Last week's scores

Ira 56, O'Donnell 33; Garden City 56 Grady 8; Borden County 60, Water Valley 12 Motley County 33, Klondike 13

This week's games

Borden County at Amherst; Grady, Klondike and O'Donnell are open

District 5-A Division I

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Garden City	6	1	329	164	.857
Marfa	5	1	254	156	.833
Fort Davis	5	2	375	306	.714
Rankin	1	5	173	399	.166

Last week's scores

Garden City 56, Grady 8; Sterling City 64 Rankin 12; Fort Davis 69, Dell City 19 Marfa 46, El Paso Horne School 0

This week's games

Rankin at Sanderson; Garden City, Fort Davis and Marfa are open

TAPPS Division I, District 1

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Bishop Dunne	4	1	303	72	1.000
Argyle Liberty	5	1	153	77	.833
Prestonwood	4	2	303	118	.667
Mid. Christ	3	3	138	109	.500
Bishop Lynch	3	3	206	191	.500
Add. Trinity	1	5	141	248	.166
FW Nolan	1	5	124	156	.166
John Paul II	0	6	97	307	.000

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Bishop Dunne	3	0	124	66	1.000
Argyle Liberty	3	0	84	26	1.000
Prestonwood	2	1	140	84	.667
Bishop Lynch	1	2	94	72	.667
FW Nolan	1	2	**	55	.333
Mid. Christ	1	2	62	61	.333
Add. Trinity	0	3	36	139	.000
John Paul II	0	3	54	172	.000

Last week's scores

Argyle Liberty 26, Midland Christian 5; Fort Worth Nolan 40, Addison Trinity 0; Dallas Bishop Dunne 28, Plano John Paul II 13; Dallas Bishop Dunne 28, Plano Prestonwood 21

This week's games

Midland Christian at Plano Prestonwood Argyle Liberty at Dallas Bishop Dunne; Dallas Bishop Lynch at Fort Worth Nolan; Addison Trinity at Plano John Paul II

TAPPS Six-man Division I, District 1

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Trinity	5	1	408	229	.833
Rock. Heritage	5	1	314	153	.833
Harvest Christ	4	2	262	222	.667
Ab. Christ	4	2	370	302	.667
Ovilla Christ	4	3	284	319	.571
Dal. Lutheran	3	3	256	258	.500

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Ab. Christ	1	0	64	58	1.000
Rock. Heritage	1	0	52	46	1.000
Trinity	1	0	59	14	1.000
Ovilla Christ	1	1	108	101	.500
Harvest Christ	0	1	14	59	.000
Dal. Lutheran	0	2	107	124	.000

Last week's scores

Trinity 59 Watauga Harvest 14; Abilene Christian 64, Dallas Lutheran 38; Rockwall Heritage 52 Red Oak Ovilla 46

This week's games

Trinity at Abilene Christian; Red Oak Ovilla at Abilene Christian; Rockwall Heritage at Watauga Harvest

AP HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL POLL

Here is The Associated Press high school poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records, points based on 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1, and the team's ranking in last week's poll:

Class 6A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Allen (21)	(7-0)	246	1
2. Katy (1)	(6-0)	201	2
3. Cedar Hill (1)	(6-0)	191	3
4. Euless Trinity (2)	(7-0)	177	4
5. Cibolo Steele	(7-0)	160	5
6. Lake Travis	(6-0)	111	7
7. Converse Judson	(7-0)	85	8
8. Austin Westlake	(6-0)	67	9
9. Dickinson	(6-0)	35	10
10. Manvel	(5-1)	20	NR

Others receiving votes: 11, Spring Westfield 18, 12, Klein Collins 17. 13, Pearland 15. 14, Odessa Permian 10. 15, Katy Seven Lakes 9. 16, Denton Guyer 5. 16, Southlake Carroll 5. 18, The Woodlands 2. 19, McAllen Memorial 1.

Class 5A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Cedar Park (23)	(6-0)	248	1
2. Crosby (1)	(6-0)	203	2
3. Richmond George Ranch	(6-0)	190	3
4. Austin Vandegrift (1)	(6-0)	177	4
5. Aledo	(5-1)	138	5
6. Temple	(6-1)	120	6
7. Kerrville Tivy	(6-0)	119	7
8. Mansfield Lake Ridge	(6-0)	89	8
9. Mansfield Summit	(6-0)	31	NR
10. Cedar Park Vista Ridge	(5-1)	23	10

Others receiving votes: 11, Longview 6. 11, Houston Stratford 6. 13, Marshall 5. 13, Ennis 5. 13, Edinburg Vela 5. 16, Fort Bend Elkins 3. 16, Frisco Lone Star 3. 18, College Station 2. 19, Lufkin 1. 19, Lancaster 1.

Class 4A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Navasota (22)	(6-0)	247	1
2. Gilmer (2)	(6-0)	216	2
3. Celina (1)	(6-0)	200	3
4. Kennedale	(6-0)	170	4
5. Argyle	(5-1)	127	5
6. Sinton	(6-0)	104	6
7. Sweetwater	(6-0)	88	7
8. West Orange-Stark	(6-1)	66	8
9. Geronimo Navarro	(6-0)	62	9
10. Texarkana Liberty-Eylau	(5-1)	33	10

Others receiving votes: 11, China Spring 22. 12, Waco La Vega 17. 13, Pittsburg 12. 14, Giddings 4. 15, La Grange 3. 16, Henderson 2. 17, Brownwood 1. 17, Carthage 1.

Class 3A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Mineola (19)	(6-0)	236	1
2. Brock (2)	(6-0)	208	2
3. Franklin	(6-0)	187	3
4. Cameron Yoe (3)	(5-1)	174	4
5. East Chambers	(6-0)	143	5
6. Waskom	(6-0)	131	6
7. Wall	(7-0)	101	7
8. Pottsboro (1)	(3-3)	71	8
9. Malakoff	(6-0)	56	9
10. Blanco	(6-0)	32	10

Others receiving votes: 11, Teague 11. 12, Eastland 8. 13, Post 5. 13, Newton 5. 15, Odem 2. 15, Kirbyville 2. 17, Breckenridge 1. 17, Caco 1. 17, Palestine Westwood 1.

Class 2A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Canadian (22)	(6-0)	238	1
2. Bremond (3)	(7-0)	225	2
3. Mason	(7-0)	195	3
4. Shiner	(6-0)	181	4
5. Alto	(6-0)	144	6
6. Sealgraves	(6-1)	92	7
7. Mart	(5-1)	92	8
8. Stratford	(6-0)	53	10
9. Albany	(5-1)	45	9
10. Refugio	(4-2)	43	5

Others receiving votes: 11, Iraan 33. 12, Crawford 17. 13, Price Carlisle 11. 14, Falls City 8. 15, Lovelady 3. 16, Merizon Iron County 3. 17, New Deal 1. 18, Bruni 1.

Cubs hit 6 home runs, top Cardinals for 2-1 lead in NLDS

By Jay Cohen
Associated Press

Cubs	6
Cardinals	6

CHICAGO — The young sluggers of the Chicago Cubs are making themselves at home in the playoffs.

On a rare off night for Jake Arrieta, the Windy City rookies bashed their way to the brink of the NL Championship Series.

Jorge Soler, Kris Bryant and Kyle Schwarber connected during a six-homer show for the Cubs, who beat the St. Louis Cardinals 8-4 on Monday for a 2-1 lead in the NL Division Series. Arrieta struck out nine before departing in the sixth inning, and the bullpen finished the job in the first postseason game at Wrigley Field in seven years.

A third straight win for the Cubs on Tuesday afternoon, and the once woebegone franchise will advance to the NLCS for the first time in 12 years. The Cardinals, who led the majors with 100 wins this season, have won at least one playoff series in each of the last four years.

Jason Heyward and Stephen Piscotty homered for St. Louis, which got to Arrieta for four runs in his worst start in four months. But the Cardinals were unable to keep the Cubs in the ballpark.

The six homers for Chicago set a franchise record for a playoff game, one more than its five long balls in Game 1 of the 1984 NLCS against San Diego.

The Cardinals trailed 8-4 before Piscotty hit a two-run shot with two out in the ninth, a scary moment for a towel-waving crowd of 42,411 used to playoff heartache. But Hector Rondon retired Matt Holliday on a harmless bouncer to second, and the party was on.

Arrieta improved to 18-1 with a 1.00 ERA in his last 22 starts dating to June 21, but he was far from his usual dominant stuff. He hadn't allowed more than three runs in a game since a June 16 loss to Cleveland.

And it didn't matter, not one bit.

Schwarber, Starlin Castro and Bryant homered against Michael Wacha in his first playoff appearance since he threw the final pitch of the 2014 postseason for the Cardinals, a game-ending, three-run shot for Travis Ishikawa in the NLCS against the Giants.

Bryant's two-run drive made it 4-2 with one out in the fifth and chased Wacha in favor of Kevin Siegrist. But Anthony Rizzo followed another long ball, a drive to right for his first hit of the playoffs.

Even Adam Wainwright got into the act, serving up Soler's two-run shot in the sixth. Soler, who struggled with injuries for much of the year, is 4 for 4 with two homers, four RBIs and five walks in the series.

RANGERS

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six homers in eight-plus innings against the Blue Jays this season — they hit three homers in six innings against him in a 6-5 win on Aug. 25.

Ben Revere started the game with a bunt single and Donaldson followed with his second homer of the series. Colabello's two-out homer made it 3-0 before Texas even batted.

Pillar put the Blue Jays up 4-0 when his 412-foot shot deep into their bullpen in left field in the second. He also had RBI singles in the third and seventh innings.

Dickey, who turns 41 on Oct. 29, made his postseason debut in the stadium where he got his first major league victory for the Rangers in 2003. He was the 18th overall pick by Texas in 1996, pitched in his first big league game in 2001 and in 2005 started learning how to throw the knuckleball while still with the Rangers.

Even Dickey, in his 13th major league season and his fifth team, even talked the day before his start about how things have come full circle for him, calling it "poetic ... a neat narrative."

But Dickey, whose Cy Young came after winning 20 games for the New York Mets, came up one out short of qualifying for the win when he was replaced by Price with two outs in the fifth and a 7-1 lead. Dickey gave up five hits with three strikeouts and no walks.

The Rangers got three runs off Price, who was gone after a two-out RBI single by Elvis Andrus in the eighth that made it 8-4.

Price won his Cy Young with Tampa Bay, was traded to Detroit midway through the 2014 season and acquired by the Blue Jays on July 30. He allowed five runs and five hits over seven innings in Game 1 on Thursday, when he dropped to 0-6 in six playoff starts. His only other postseason victory was also in relief.

Up next

Hamels and Stroman will pitch on regular rest. The Rangers have won the last 11 games started by Hamels, who they added in July in a trade from Philadelphia. Stroman was tossing in the bullpen with Price early in Game 4.

BLUE JAYS 8, RANGERS 4

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Revere lf	4	1	2	0	DShids cf	5	0	0	0
Dnldsn 3b	4	2	1	2	Choo rf	4	2	3	0
Bautist rf	5	0	1	0	Beltre 3b	4	0	2	0
Encrnc dh	5	1	2	1	Fielder dh	4	1	1	0
Colabll 1b	4	2	2	2	Morlnd 1b	4	0	0	1
Smoak 1b	1	0	0	0	Andrus ss	4	0	2	1
Tlwtzk ss	4	0	0	0	JHmltn lf	2	0	0	0
RuMrtn c	3	1	1	0	Napoli ph	1	0	0	0
Pillar cf	4	1	3	3	Venale lf	0	0	0	0
Goins 2b	3	0	0	0	Stubbs ph-lf	1	0	0	0
Odor 2b	4	1	1	0					
Chrnns c	4	0	2	1					
Totals	37	8	12	8	Totals	37	4	11	3

Toronto	313 000 100—8
Texas	001 000 120—4

DP—Toronto 1. Texas 2. LOB—Toronto 6, Texas 6. 2B—Bautista (1), Encarnacion (1), Colabello (2), Ru.Martin (2), Odor (1). HR—Donaldson (2), Colabello (1), Pillar (1). SB—Revere (2). CS—Pillar (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Toronto						
Dickey	4 2-3	5	1	1	0	3
Price W,1-1	3	6	3	3	0	2
Aa Sanchez	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Osuna	1	0	0	0	0	1
Texas						
D.Holland L,0-1	2	5	6	6	1	0
Lewis	3	3	1	1	3	1
Chlendorf	1	1	0	0	0	2
Diekman	1	2	1	1	0	2
S.Dyson	1	1	0	0	0	0
Kela	1	0	0	0	1	0

D.Holland pitched to 2 batters in the 3rd.
HBP—by Lewis (Ru.Martin). WP—Dickey.
T—3:18. A—47,679 (48,114).

ASTROS

From 1C

Late in the game, a tweet from the account of Texas Gov. Greg Abbott congratulated the Astros on advancing to the AL Championship Series. Abbott later tweeted for his personal account: "No predictions. Just support."

Kansas City opened the eighth with five straight singles off relievers Will Harris and Tony Sipp, with RBI hits by Lorenzo Cain and Hosmer making it 6-4 and leaving the bases loaded with no outs.

"Obviously, we're pretty late in the game right there and down by four, so not one guy can get us back in this game. So we got to do whatever we can to keep the line moving," Hosmer said.

Kendrys Morales followed with a hard, one-bouncer off Sipp's glove. The ball took two more hops and got past the top of Correa's mitt, rolling into center field as two runs scored to tie it at 6.

"Just a weird spin on the ball and tough play," Sipp said. "I'm sure it was tougher than it looked. Game of inches, and I barely missed it."

Alex Gordon's RBI groundout off Luke Gregerson later in the inning put Kansas City ahead.

Hosmer launched a long, two-run homer in the ninth for insurance.

It was the second time in franchise history that Kansas City had rallied from a four-run deficit after seven innings to win a postseason game. Last year, the Royals trailed Oakland 7-3 in the eighth of their AL wild-card game before eventually winning in the 12th.

"I felt real confident that we were going to make a game out of it," manager Ned Yost said. "I just felt that the bats were going to come alive, and they really did in the eighth inning."

Ryan Madson (1-0) gave up two home runs in the seventh and still got the win. Wade Davis pitched two scoreless innings for his second save. It was the third time he's pitched two innings in the postseason after also doing it twice last season.

Sipp took the loss.

Colby Rasmus homered for Houston, his fourth in five playoff games this October. Carlos Gomez also connected for the Astros.

Correa went 4 for 4 and was hit by a pitch.

Plunked by Yordano Ventura his first time up, Correa answered with a solo homer to tie it in the third. He put Houston on top with an RBI double in the fifth and became the youngest player with a multihomer game in AL playoff history with a two-run shot off Ryan Madson in the seventh for a 6-2 lead.

At 21 years and 20 days old, Correa became the youngest player in franchise history to homer in the playoffs, the youngest shortstop to do it in the postseason in Major League history and sixth-youngest player overall.

ROYALS 9, ASTROS 6

Kansas City	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
AEscor ss	4	1	1	0	Altuve 2b	4	1	0	0
Zobrist 2b	4	2	1	0	Springr rf	4	1	0	0
L.Cain cf	5	1	1	1	Correa ss	4	2	4	4
Hosmer 1b	5	2	2	3	CPerez lf	4	1	2	1
KMorls dh	4	0	0	1	Gattis dh	4	0	1	0
JDyson pr-dh	1	0	0	0	Mrsnck pr-dh	0	0	0	0
Mostks 3b	4	1	0	0	Tucker ph	1	0	0	0
S.Perez c	2	1	1	2	CGomz cf	5	1	2	1
Gore pr	0	0	0	0	Valuen 3b	2	0	0	0
Butera c	1	0	0	0	Carter 1b	3	0	1	0
AGordn lf	3	0	0	1	MGnztz 1b	1	0	0	0
Rios rf	3	1	1	0	JCastro c	3	0	0	0
Orlando pr-rf	0	0	0	0	Lowrie ph	1	0	0	0
Conger c	0	0	0	0					
Totals	35	9	8	8	Totals	36	6	9	6

Kansas City	020 000 007—9
Houston	011 010 300—6

E—Correa (1). LOB—Kansas City 6, Houston 9. 2B—Correa (1). HR—Hosmer (1), S.Perez (2), Correa 2 (2), Col.Rasmus (3), C.Gomez (1). SB—J.Dyson (2), Gore (1). CS—Gore (1).

Kansas City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Ventura	5	4	3	3	3	8
K.Herrera	1	0	1	1	2	3
Madson W,1-0	1	4	2	2	0	2
W.Davis S,2-2	2	1	0	0	0	3
Houston						
McCullers	6 1-3	2	2	2	2	7
W.Harris	2-3	4	4	3	0	1
Sipp L,0-1	1-3	1	1	0	0	1
Gregerson	2-3	0	0	0	2	1
J.Fields	1	1	2	2	1	2

W.Harris pitched to 4 batters in the 8th.
K.Herrera pitched to 1 batter in the 7th.
HBP—by Ventura (Correa), by McCullers (A.Escobar, S.Perez).
T—4:06. A—42,387 (41,574).

MLB GLANCE

DIVISION SERIES
(Best-of-5; x-if necessary)
American League
Houston 2, Kansas City 2
Thursday, Oct. 8: Houston 5, Kansas City 2
Friday, Oct. 9: Kansas City 5, Houston 4
Sunday, Oct. 11: Houston 4, Kansas City 2
Monday, Oct. 12: Kansas City 9, Houston 6
Wednesday, Oct. 14: Houston (McHugh 10-7) at Kansas City (Cueto 11-13), 8:07 p.m. (FS1)
Texas 2, Toronto 2
Thursday, Oct. 8: Texas 5, Toronto 3
Friday, Oct. 9: Texas 6, Toronto 4, 14 innings
Sunday, Oct. 11: Toronto 5, Texas 1
Monday, Oct. 12: Toronto 8, Texas 4
Wednesday, Oct. 14: Texas (Hamels 7-1) at Toronto (Stroman 4-0), 4:07 p.m. (FS1)
National League
All games televised by TBS
Chicago 2, St. Louis 1
Friday, Oct. 9: St. Louis 4, Chicago 0
Saturday, Oct. 10: Chicago 6, St. Louis 3
Monday, Oct. 12: Chicago 8, St. Louis 6
Today, Oct. 13: St. Louis (Lynn 12-11) at Chicago (Hammel 10-7), 3:37 p.m.
x-Thursday, Oct. 15: Chicago at St. Louis, 4:37 p.m.
New York 1, Los Angeles 1
Friday, Oct. 9: New York 3, Los Angeles 1
Saturday, Oct. 10: Los Angeles 5, New York 2
Monday, Oct. 12: Los Angeles (Anderson 10-9) at New York (Harvey 13-8), late
Today, Oct. 13: Los Angeles (Kershaw 16-7) at New York (Matz 4-0), 8:07 p.m.
x-Thursday, Oct. 15: New York at Los Angeles, 8:07 p.m.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
American League
Friday, Oct. 16: Texas-Toronto winner at Kansas City or Houston at Texas-Toronto winner (FOX or FS1)
Saturday, Oct. 17: Texas-Toronto winner at Kansas City or Houston at Texas-Toronto winner (FOX or FS1)
Monday, Oct. 19: Kansas City at Texas-Toronto winner or Texas-Toronto winner at Houston (FOX or FS1)
Tuesday, Oct. 20: Kansas City at Texas-Toronto winner or Texas-Toronto winner at Houston (FOX or FS1)
x-Wednesday, Oct. 21: Kansas City at Texas-Toronto winner or Texas-Toronto winner at Houston (FOX or FS1)
x-Friday, Oct. 23: Texas-Toronto winner at Kansas City or Houston at Texas-Toronto winner (FOX or FS1)
x-Saturday, Oct. 24: Texas-Toronto winner at Kansas City or Houston at Texas-Toronto winner (FOX or FS1)
National League
All games televised by TBS
Saturday, Oct. 17: Los Angeles-New York winner at St. Louis or Chicago at Los Angeles-New York winner
Sunday, Oct. 18: Los Angeles-New York winner at St. Louis or Chicago at Los Angeles-New York winner
Tuesday, Oct. 20: St. Louis at Los Angeles-New York winner or Los Angeles-New York winner at Chicago
Wednesday, Oct. 21: St. Louis at Los Angeles-New York winner or Los Angeles-New York winner at Chicago
x-Thursday, Oct. 22: St. Louis at Los Angeles-New York winner or Los Angeles-New York winner at Chicago
x-Saturday, Oct. 24: Los Angeles-New York winner at St. Louis or Chicago at Los Angeles-New York winner
x-Sunday, Oct. 25: Los Angeles-New York winner at St. Louis or Chicago at Los Angeles-New York winner

WORLD SERIES
(Best-of-7)
All games televised by Fox
Tuesday, Oct. 27: at American
Wednesday, Oct. 28: at AL
Friday, Oct. 30: at National League
Saturday, Oct. 31: at NL
x-Sunday, Nov. 1: at NL
x-Tuesday, Nov. 3: at AL
x-Wednesday, Nov. 4: at AL

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The Presidents Cup was exciting, but it's not as intense as the Ryder Cup

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

INCHEON, South Korea —

The best Presidents Cup in 10 years revealed exactly what the Americans need to do if they want to win the Ryder Cup.

Lobby for an increase in points.

The International team long believed that playing more matches gave the Americans an advantage because of their depth, and the fact that this Presidents Cup wasn't decided until the final match suggests some truth to that.

It was a petty argument. The International team was disappointed the matches were not reduced from 34 to 28, and the Americans were irritated by a compromise that reduced them to 30. This was as close as the Presidents Cup has ever come to hard feelings.

That's why the two cups only the look the same from the outside. One contains a bone dry martini, the other a lava flow.

And that's why the Americans should celebrate great golf and a great victory without thinking it was a big step toward solving their recent Ryder Cup woes.

It's not going to hurt. The assistants that U.S. captain Jay Haas had with him last week were Ryder Cup captain Davis Love III, Fred Couples, Jim Furyk and Steve Stricker. At least three of them will be central figures at the Ryder Cup for the rest of the decade or more. The idea behind that Ryder Cup Task Force was to build continuity.

Even so, the Presidents Cup is more like a dress rehearsal compared with opening night that is the Ryder Cup.

The theater was full at the Jack Nicklaus Golf Club Korea, and cheers resounded from across the course for great shots. The players just couldn't figure out what they meant. The Koreans had never seen such a collection of golf stars before. Except for Bae Sang-moon and Danny Lee, this was not a partisan crowd.

During one of the early practice rounds, as five players were in one group, and there were laughs all around, one of the coaches was hopeful that the Americans could take this relaxed mood with them to Hazeltine for the Ryder Cup next year.

But they can't. Or at least they haven't.

The Ryder Cup is different. The stakes are higher, the scrutiny more intense. The competition is tougher. Golf gets personal that week.

International captain Nick Price spoke all speak about how difficult it was to pull together 12 players from seven countries on three continents who spoke six languages (more considering Anirban Lahiri also speaks Bengali and some Punjabi), and how proud he was of how well they bonded. What he didn't mention is that the flag is manufactured, and so is the name of the team.

The running joke in the early days of the Presidents Cup was that it was the United States against Florida because so many were PGA Tour members. That hasn't changed. Thongchai Jaidee of Thailand was the only International player who won't have full PGA Tour status next season.

That's what prompted Couples, golf's version of Yogi Berra, to say, "They're all Americans; they were just born in a different country."

But this is about more than a country, a continent or even a flag.

The Ryder Cup rivalry is about a tour.

It's the European Tour — "country cousins" is the term Padraig Harrington once used — against the PGA Tour that is so rich and powerful that it's where most Europeans want to play. You can create a rivalry, but not a chip on the shoulder. That's personal.

And you can't transfer that winning feeling from one cup to the other, either. They are separate events. Americans play loose and make putts in the Presidents Cup because that's all they've been doing since it started in 1994 (except for 1998 in Australia, when a lot of them were shopping online for Christmas).

Europe is loose and making putts in the Ryder Cup because they've been winning. It takes the Americans winning the Ryder Cup, and winning it again, to change that. And the Americans haven't won consecutive Ryder Cups since the year Jordan Spieth was born.

The tide is shifting in the Ryder Cup. The youth movement is strong, and most of it resides in America — Spieth, Dustin Johnson, Fowler, Patrick Reed, with a host of others who will make it harder than ever to get on a team.

That ebb didn't start Sunday in South Korea. It won't start until next fall in Minnesota.

Among the guests last week on a bone-chilling Sunday was Derek Sprague, the PGA of America president who already is doing his part to boost U.S. chances by not making the Ryder Cup about him. Love was driving by when he saw Sprague, called him over and said. "I've already some ideas for next year."

Sprague went over to hear them.

"Hand warmers," Love said.



Associated Press

United States' Rickie Fowler takes a selfie photo as he celebrate's after defeating the International team to retain the Presidents Cup at the Jack Nicklaus Golf Club Korea, in Incheon, South Korea on Sunday.

Big names drop to bottom of standings after ho-hum race

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

CONCORD, N.C. — It was a sloppy race at Charlotte Motor Speedway no matter how you slice it. As Joey Logano drove away from the field to earn an important Chase for the Sprint Cup championship victory, three other NASCAR stars suffered huge hits in their push through the playoffs.

Matt Kenseth is last in the Chase standings after a brutal race Sunday at Charlotte. The pole-sitter led 72 laps early then hit the wall, and hit the wall again, and maybe hit the wall even once more.

Such a promising day ended in a 42nd-place finish and Kenseth, one of four title contenders for Joe Gibbs Racing, is in serious trouble in this Chase.

So is JGR teammate Kyle Busch, who is 10th in the 12-driver Chase field after his own messy day.

Busch was in third and clearly a contender when a bizarre pit road accident set in motion the rest of his lousy race. He pretended to head to pit road under caution only to change his mind and try to pull back onto the track.

Only Kyle Larson was frantically trying to make a last-second dive onto pit road from second-place, and the two cars collided. Busch's shot at the win was gone, but he still had a decent car.

Until, that is, he hit the wall while trying to save his race. Busch wound up 20th and blamed his second incident on NASCAR not cleaning oil off the track.

An aggravated Busch noted after the race that passing was next to impossible on Charlotte's 1.5-mile speedway and the racing was relegated to basically one lane. His main beef was with NASCAR: When Busch tried to force something at the top of the track — an effort "to make anything happen" — he found himself in the wall after hitting what he believed was an oil slick from another driver's car.

"So thanks to NASCAR for cleaning that (oil) up," Busch said.

Busch is 10th in the standings as the Chase shifts to Kansas Speedway, one of his worst tracks. His championship hopes have been dashed at Kansas in years past, and last year he targeted the track as a place he must perform. Busch did, only to be eliminated from the Chase the next week in a crash at Talladega.

All 12 Chase drivers went into this second round dreading the daunting three-race stretch that ends Oct. 25 at Talladega, a track where anything can happen and usually does. None of them want their fate decided by a multi-car accident, and because of the Charlotte race, Dale Earnhardt Jr. is also in danger right now.

Earnhardt's issues began when he had early-race contact with Carl Edwards as neither driver would give up position on the track. It put Earnhardt in a hole and he believed he ran through the same oil patch that Busch hit when he later slid into the wall.

"I know I hit oil. I hit it. I promise," Earnhardt said. "I'll argue with (NASCAR) all day long because I know I'm right."

Earnhardt is 11th in the standings after Charlotte.

Now NASCAR has three of its biggest stars at the bottom of the Chase field in what's expected to be the most difficult stretch of the playoffs. That's a good thing, in a sense, considering the trials and tribulations from that trio were among the very few highlights in a lackluster Chase race.

GOLFBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW YORK

British Open to move to NBC a year earlier

British Open broadcasts on NBC will start a year early, debuting in 2016.

In June, NBC Sports Group announced a 12-year deal with the R&A for U.S. television coverage starting in 2017. ESPN was scheduled to air the tournament next July to complete an eight-year contract, but NBC said Monday it had negotiated with the R&A and ESPN to take over in 2016. The original agreement will still go through 2028.

NBC and partner Golf Channel will now be able to use next year's British Open to promote its coverage later in the summer of golf's return to the Olympics.

NBC lost its U.S. Open rights when the USGA agreed to a 12-year contract with Fox that started this past June. Its deal with the R&A also includes the Women's British Open.

INDIANAPOLIS

Sandra Spuzich, 1966 US Women's Open golf winner, dies

Sandra Spuzich, the 1966 U.S. Women's Open champion who won six other LPGA Tour titles, has died. She was 78.

Conkle Funeral Homes and the U.S. Golf Association said Spuzich died Oct. 6 at her Indianapolis home.

Spuzich won the Women's Open at Hazeltine in Minnesota for her first tour title, beating Carol Mann by a stroke. In 1982, Spuzich won the Corning Classic and Mary Kay Classic at age 45 to became the oldest player in LPGA Tour history to win twice in a season, a record that still stands.

Spuzich is survived by her longtime partner, former LPGA Tour player Joyce Kazmierski.

GOLF GLANCE

PGA Tour

World Golf Ranking
Through Oct. 11

1. Jordan Spieth	USA	12.55
2. Jason Day	AUS	12.53
3. Rory McIlroy	NIR	11.09
4. Bubba Watson	USA	8.24
5. Rickie Fowler	USA	7.86
6. Henrik Stenson	SWE	7.44
7. Justin Rose	ENG	7.09
8. Dustin Johnson	USA	6.82
9. Jim Furyk	USA	6.78
10. Zach Johnson	USA	5.12
11. Sergio Garcia	ESP	4.96
12. Brooks Koepka	USA	4.48
13. Louis Oosthuizen	SAF	4.42
14. Adam Scott	AUS	4.28
15. Hideki Matsuyama	JPN	4.26
16. Matt Kuchar	USA	4.24
17. Jimmy Walker	USA	4.05
18. Shane Lowry	IRL	3.97
19. J.B. Holmes	USA	3.89
20. Patrick Reed	USA	3.82
21. Martin Kaymer	GER	3.68
22. Branden Grace	SAF	3.65
23. Paul Casey	ENG	3.53
24. Phil Mickelson	USA	3.42
25. Danny Willett	ENG	3.40
26. Billy Horschel	USA	3.30
27. Bernd Wiesberger	AUT	3.16
28. Chris Kirk	USA	3.15
29. Bill Haas	USA	3.06
30. Brandt Snedeker	USA	3.05
31. Robert Streb	USA	3.02
32. Thongchai Jaidee	THA	2.96
33. Kevin Na	USA	2.96
34. Kevin Kisner	USA	2.90
35. Charley Hoffman	USA	2.89
36. Marc Leishman	AUS	2.82
37. Danny Lee	NZL	2.82
38. Ryan Palmer	USA	2.71
39. Anirban Lahiri	IND	2.60
40. Gary Woodland	USA	2.58
41. David Lingmerth	SWE	2.56
42. Lee Westwood	ENG	2.55
43. Scott Piercy	USA	2.53
44. Daniel Berger	USA	2.51
45. Soren Kjeldsen	DEN	2.49
46. Ian Poulter	ENG	2.47
47. Hunter Mahan	USA	2.45
48. Charl Schwartzel	SAF	2.42
49. Kiradech Aphibarnrat	THA	2.40
50. Jamie Donaldson	WAL	2.37
51. Byeong-Hun An	KOR	2.34
52. Russell Henley	USA	2.33
53. Webb Simpson	USA	2.32
54. Ryan Moore	USA	2.30
55. Brendon Todd	USA	2.30
56. Keegan Bradley	USA	2.30
57. Marc Warren	SCO	2.28
58. Francesco Molinari	ITA	2.25
59. Matthew Fitzpatrick	ENG	2.20
60. Steven Bowditch	AUS	2.19
61. Victor Dubuisson	FRA	2.16
62. Tommy Fleetwood	ENG	2.15
63. Luke Donald	ENG	2.15
64. Ben Martin	USA	2.12
65. Matt Jones	AUS	2.07
66. Andy Sullivan	ENG	2.05
67. John Senden	AUS	2.05
68. Joost Luiten	NED	2.04
69. George Coetzee	SAF	2.01
70. Cameron Tringale	USA	2.00
71. Miguel Angel Jimenez	ESP	1.98
72. Emiliano Grillo	ARG	1.97
73. Graeme McDowell	NIR	1.94
74. Thorbjorn Olesen	DEN	1.94
75. Justin Thomas	USA	1.92
76. Ian Poulter	ENG	1.91
77. Carl Pettersson	SWE	1.89
78. Kyle Reifers	USA	1.88
79. Charles Howell III	USA	1.87
80. Luke Donald	ENG	1.86
81. Hudson Swafford	USA	1.86
82. Spencer Levin	USA	1.85
83. Scott Pinckney	USA	1.85
84. Camilo Villegas	COL	1.84
85. Morgan Hoffmann	USA	1.84
86. Davis Love III	USA	1.83
87. Johnson Wagner	USA	1.83
88. Jason Dufner	USA	1.82
89. Matt Every	USA	1.82
90. J.J. Henry	USA	1.81
91. Colt Knost	USA	1.81
92. Jason Gore	USA	1.80
93. Carlos Ortiz	MEX	1.80
94. Scott Brown	USA	1.80
95. Mark Wilson	USA	1.80
96. Chad Campbell	USA	1.80
97. Will Wilcox	USA	1.80
98. Chesson Hadley	USA	1.80
99. Martin Laird	SCO	1.80
100. Jason Kokrak	USA	1.80
101. Nick Taylor	CAN	1.80
102. Stewart Cink	USA	1.80
103. Padraig Harrington	IRL	1.80
104. Greg Owen	ENG	1.80
105. John Peterson	USA	1.80
106. Adam Scott	AUS	1.80
107. Adam Hadwin	CAN	1.80
108. Charl Schwartzel	RSA	1.80
109. Lee Westwood	ENG	1.80
110. John Huh	USA	1.80
111. Francesco Molinari	ITA	1.80
112. Graham DeLaet	CAN	1.80
113. Jim Herman	USA	1.80
114. Steve Wheatcroft	USA	1.80
115. Andres Gonzales	COL	1.80
116. Chris Stroud	USA	1.80
117. Kim Dula	USA	1.80
118. Retief Goosen	RSA	1.80
119. Vijay Singh	FIJ	1.80
120. Chad Collins	USA	1.80
121. Tim Clark	RSA	1.80
122. Ryo Ishikawa	JPN	1.80
123. Jonas Blixt	SWE	1.80
124. Erik Compton	USA	1.80
125. Jeff Overton	USA	1.80
126. Will MacKenzie	USA	1.80
127. Scott Langley	USA	1.80
128. Brian Stuard	USA	1.80
129. Scott Stallings	USA	1.80
130. Jamie Donaldson	WAL	1.80
131. Nicholas Thompson	USA	1.80
132. Tom Hoge	USA	1.80
133. Alex Prugh	USA	1.80
134. Seung-Yul Noh	KOR	1.80
135. S.J. Park	AUS	1.80
136. Billy Hurley III	USA	1.80
137. Sam Saunders	USA	1.80
138. Michael Putnam	USA	1.80
139. Martin Kaymer	GER	1.80
140. Brice Garnett	USA	1.80
141. Whee Kim	KOR	1.80
142. Tom Gillis	USA	1.80
143. Brian Davis	ENG	1.80
144. David Toms	USA	1.80
145. Blayne Barber	USA	1.80
146. Michael Thompson	USA	1.80
147. Lucas Glover	USA	1.80
148. Luke Guthrie	USA	1.80
149. Charlie Beljan	USA	1.80
150. Cameron Percy	AUS	1.80

FedExCup Leaders
Final

	Points	YTD Money
1. Jordan Spieth	3,800	$10,000,000
2. Henrik Stenson	2,307	$3,000,000
3. Jason Day	2,290	$2,000,000
4. Rickie Fowler	1,838	$1,500,000
5. Bubba Watson	1,680	$1,000,000
6. Zach Johnson	1,460	$800,000
7. Dustin Johnson	1,360	$700,000
8. Justin Rose	1,235	$600,000
9. Danny Lee	1,123	$550,000
10. Charley Hoffman	992	$500,000
11. Daniel Berger	878	$300,000
12. Patrick Reed	658	$290,000
13. Paul Casey	632	$280,000
14. J.B. Holmes	618	$270,000
15. Rory McIlroy	602	$260,000
16. Hideki Matsuyama	558	$242,500
16. Jimmy Walker	558	$242,500
18. Robert Streb	542	$235,000
19. Matt Kuchar	530	$230,000
20. Steven Bowditch	454	$225,000
21. Kevin Kisner	444	$220,000
22. Scott Piercy	432	$215,000
23. Brandt Snedeker	416	$210,000
24. Brooks Koepka	414	$205,000
25. Kevin Na	410	$200,000
26. Sangmoon Bae	390	$195,000
27. Bill Haas	380	$190,000
28. Harris English	360	$185,000
29. Jim Furyk	304	$180,000
30. Louis Oosthuizen	176	$175,000
31. Daniel Summerhays	1,501	$165,000
32. Justin Thomas	1,496	$155,000
33. Matt Jones	1,445	$150,000
34. Russell Knox	1,435	$145,000
35. Ben Martin	1,417	$142,000
36. Cameron Tringale	1,390	$140,000
37. David Lingmerth	1,387	$138,000
38. Ryan Palmer	1,386	$137,000
39. Ryan Moore	1,374	$136,000
40. Jason Kokrak	1,373	$135,000
41. Gary Woodland	1,300	$134,000
42. Sean O'Hair	1,299	$133,000
43. Tony Finau	1,283	$132,000
44. Chris Kirk	1,291	$131,000
45. Pat Perez	1,287	$130,000
46. Brendon Todd	1,279	$129,000
47. Brendon de Jonge	1,228	$128,000
48. Webb Simpson	1,213	$127,000
49. Hunter Mahan	1,208	$126,000
50. Brendan Steele	1,204	$125,000
51. James Hahn	1,202	$120,000
52. Kevin Chappell	1,186	$115,000
53. Sergio Garcia	1,177	$114,000
54. Shawn Stefani	1,171	$113,000
55. David Hearn	1,152	$110,000
56. Troy Merritt	1,148	$110,000
57. Brian Harman	1,135	$110,000
58. Nick Watney	1,135	$110,000
59. Zac Blair	1,126	$110,000
60. Keegan Bradley	1,103	$110,000
61. Phil Mickelson	1,091	$110,000
62. George McNeil	1,086	$110,000

LPGA Tour

Money Leaders
Through Oct. 11

	Trn	Money
1. Inbee Park	21	$2,344,266
2. Lydia Ko	20	$2,332,051
3. Stacy Lewis	22	$1,679,559
4. Sei-Young Kim	22	$1,382,893
5. Lexi Thompson	20	$1,325,836
6. Amy Yang	20	$1,250,745
7. So Yeon Ryu	21	$1,052,046
8. Shanshan Feng	17	$974,532
9. Morgan Pressel	23	$925,959
10. Anna Nordqvist	22	$910,172
11. Brittany Lincicome	21	$836,081
12. Hyo-Joo Kim	20	$830,666
13. Cristie Kerr	22	$788,947
14. Na Yeon Choi	17	$755,672
15. Ha Na Jang	20	$719,747
16. Suzann Pettersen	18	$687,047
17. Minjee Lee	24	$679,219
18. Alison Lee	21	$611,696
19. Chella Choi	25	$587,878
20. Mirim Lee	20	$586,941
21. Mi Hyang Lee	24	$585,400
22. Ilhee Lee	23	$537,891
23. Jessica Korda	20	$530,283
24. Mika Miyazato	20	$509,255
25. Brittany Lang	24	$504,956
26. Gerina Piller	23	$489,856
27. Azahara Munoz	19	$468,072
28. Jenny Shin	23	$450,459
29. Lizette Salas	19	$449,611
30. Austin Ernst	24	$432,580
31. Yani Tseng	22	$431,319
32. Sandra Gal	22	$426,944
33. Candie Kung	21	$382,203
34. Kris Tamulis	21	$380,449
35. Karrie Webb	20	$375,130
36. Pornanong Phatlum	22	$363,771
37. Angela Stanford	23	$345,668
38. Ariya Jutanugarn	24	$342,938
39. Karine Icher	24	$333,184
40. Pernilla Lindberg	24	$329,258
41. Lee-Anne Pace	21	$315,174
42. Julieta Granada	23	$306,414
43. Sun Young Yoo	21	$303,391
44. G Reale	22	$299,396
45. Jane Park	22	$294,588
46. I.K. Kim	16	$293,666
47. Mo Martin	23	$287,880
48. Sakura Yokomine	21	$281,840
49. Hee Young Park	23	$279,225
50. Michelle Wie	19	$275,908

AUTO RACING GLANCE

Sprint Cup Series

Points Leaders
Through Oct. 11

1. Joey Logano, 3,048	
2. Kevin Harvick, 3,042	
3. Martin Truex Jr., 3,041	
4. Denny Hamlin, 3,040	
5. Kurt Busch, 3,039	
6. Carl Edwards, 3,039	
7. Jeff Gordon, 3,037	
8. Brad Keselowski, 3,035	
9. Ryan Newman, 3,029	
10. Kyle Busch, 3,025	
11. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 3,016	
12. Matt Kenseth, 3,003	
13. Jamie McMurray, 2,130	
14. Jimmie Johnson, 2,092	
15. Paul Menard, 2,083	
16. Clint Bowyer, 2,082	
17. Aric Almirola, 801	
18. Kasey Kahne, 771	
19. Kyle Larson, 742	
20. Greg Biffle, 726	
21. Austin Dillon, 685	
22. Casey Mears, 650	
23. AJ Allmendinger, 626	
24. Danica Patrick, 622	
25. Tony Stewart, 599	
26. Sam Hornish Jr., 596	
27. Ricky Stenhouse Jr., 592	
28. David Ragan, 583	
29. Trevor Bayne, 552	
30. Justin Allgaier, 486	
31. Cole Whitt, 452	
32. David Gilliland, 450	
33. Brett Moffitt, 366	
34. Alex Bowman, 364	
35. Matt DiBenedetto, 334	
36. Michael Annett, 328	
37. Josh Wise, 234	
38. Michael McDowell, 176	
39. Jeb Burton, 175	
40. Alex Kennedy, 109	
41. Reed Sorenson, 68	
42. Bobby Labonte, 39	
43. Brian Vickers, 32	
44. Michael Waltrip, 26	
45. Ryan Preece, 12	
46. Mike Wallace, 8	
47. T.J. Bell, 7	
48. Eddie MacDonald, 7	
49. Will Kimmel, 6	
50. Ron Hornaday Jr., 2	

Truck Series

Points Leaders
Through Oct. 3

1. Erik Jones, 701	
2. Matt Crafton, 697	
3. Tyler Reddick, 685	
4. Johnny Sauter, 650	
5. Daniel Hemric, 596	
6. Timothy Peters, 595	
7. Cameron Hayley, 584	
8. John Wes Townley, 565	
9. Ben Kennedy, 545	
10. Spencer Gallagher, 533	
11. Ray Black Jr., 505	
12. Tyler Young, 487	
13. John Hunter Nemechek, 435	
14. Jennifer Jo Cobb, 388	
15. Korbin Forrister, 381	
16. Mason Mingus, 379	
17. Brandon Jones, 365	
18. Travis Kvapil, 361	
19. Norm Benning, 325	
20. Jordan Anderson, 301	
21. Matt Tifft, 270	
22. Justin Boston, 255	
23. Austin Theriault, 247	
24. Cole Custer, 245	
25. Justin Jennings, 218	
26. Ryan Ellis, 192	
27. Tyler Tanner, 186	
28. Timmy Hill, 181	
29. Christopher Bell, 144	
30. Wendell Chavous, 143	
31. B.J. McLeod, 138	
32. Caleb Holman, 130	
33. Joe Nemechek, 129	
34. James Buescher, 100	
35. Gray Gaulding, 94	
36. Garrett Smithley, 84	
37. Brandon Brown, 81	
38. Caleb Roark, 80	
39. Bryan Silas, 73	
40. Dalton Sargeant, 69	
41. Tommy Regan, 55	
42. Todd Peck, 53	
43. Cody Coughlin, 48	
44. Akinori Ogata, 47	
45. Chad Finley, 46	
46. Bobby Pierce, 43	
47. Jake Griffin, 35	
48. Ken Schrader, 33	
49. Brian Wong, 32	
50. Chad Boat, 32	

Xfinity Series

Points Leaders
Through Oct. 9

1. Chris Buescher, 1,055	
2. Chase Elliott, 1,029	
3. Regan Smith, 1,021	
4. Ty Dillon, 1,017	
5. Darrell Wallace Jr., 943	
6. Elliott Sadler, 942	
7. Daniel Suarez, 927	
8. Brian Scott, 901	
9. Brendan Gaughan, 893	
10. Ryan Reed, 796	
11. Jeremy Clements, 713	
12. J.J. Yeley, 709	
13. Ryan Sieg, 701	
14. Dakoda Armstrong, 697	
15. Ross Chastain, 677	
16. David Starr, 630	
17. Blake Koch, 554	
18. Cale Conley, 547	
19. Landon Cassill, 546	
20. Eric McClure, 498	
21. Joey Gase, 480	
22. Ryan Blaney, 422	
23. Brennan Poole, 402	
24. Harrison Rhodes, 361	
25. Derrike Cope, 290	
26. Mike Harmon, 284	
27. Peyton Sellers, 238	
28. Ben Rhodes, 206	
29. Dylan Lupton, 178	
30. Boris Said, 157	
31. Mario Gosselin, 151	
32. Mike Bliss, 141	
33. Jeffrey Earnhardt, 128	
34. Josh Reaume, 127	
35. Jimmy Weller, 117	
36. Morgan Shepherd, 116	
37. Martin Roy, 110	
38. Derek White, 104	
39. Jeff Green, 103	
40. Carl Long, 102	
41. Michael Self, 96	
42. Todd Bodine, 90	
43. Dylan Kwasniewski, 79	
44. Justin Marks, 76	
45. Jeffrey Dick, 68	
46. Stanton Barrett, 67	
47. Brandon Gdovic, 63	
48. Kenny Habul, 61	
49. Benny Gordon, 60	
50. Kenny Wallace, 56	

Formula One

Drivers Points
Through Oct. 11

1. Lewis Hamilton, 302	
2. Sebastian Vettel, 236	
3. Nico Rosberg, 229	
4. Kimi Raikkonen, 123	
5. Valtteri Bottas, 111	
6. Felipe Massa, 109	
7. Daniel Kvyat, 76	
8. Daniel Ricciardo, 73	
9. Sergio Perez, 54	
10. Romain Grosjean, 44	
11. Nico Hulkenberg, 38	
12. Max Verstappen, 33	
13. Felipe Nasr, 25	
14. Pastor Maldonado, 22	
15. Carlos Sainz Jr., 12	
16. Fernando Alonso, 11	
17. Marcus Ericsson, 9	
18. Jenson Button, 8	

NHRA

Leaders
Through Oct. 4
Top Fuel

1. Antron Brown, 2,402. 2. Tony Schumacher, 2,338. 3. Brittany Force, 2,236. 4. Larry Dixon, 2,234. 5. Richie Crampton, 2,187. 6. J.R. Todd, 2,181. 7. Shawn Langdon, 2,177. 8. Doug Kalitta, 2,173. 9. Steve Torrence, 2,160. 10. Dave Connolly, 2,158.

Funny Car

1. Del Worsham, 2,361. 2. Jack Beckman, 2,345. 3. Matt Hagan, 2,271. 4. Tommy Johnson Jr., 2,263. 5. Ron Capps, 2,256. 6. John Force, 2,211. 7. Cruz Pedregon, 2,169. 8. Tim Wilkerson, 2,162. 9. Alexis DeJoria, 2,153. 10. Robert Hight, 2,140.

Pro Stock

1. Erica Enders, 2,385. 2. Greg Anderson, 2,313. 3. Chris McGaha, 2,281. 4. Larry Morgan, 2,240. 5. Allen Johnson, 2,227. 6. Drew Skillman, 2,212. 7. Vincent Nobile, 2,187. 8. Jason Line, 2,179. 9. Shane Gray, 2,149. 10. Jonathan Gray, 2,119.

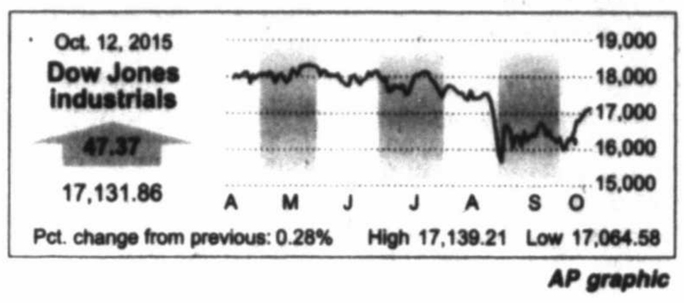
Pro Stock Motorcycle

1. Andrew Hines, 2,378. 2. Eddie Krawiec, 2,289. 3. Hector Arena Jr, 2,277. 4. Jerry Savoia, 2,259. 5. Matt Smith, 2,244. 6. Chip Ellis, 2,223. 7. Karen Stoffer, 2,189. 8. Hector Arenas, 2,167. 9. Jim Underdahl, 2,128. 10. Scotty Pollacheck, 2,076.

Camping World

BUSINESS & OIL

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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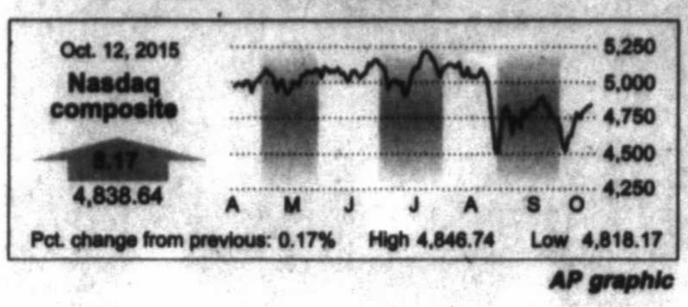

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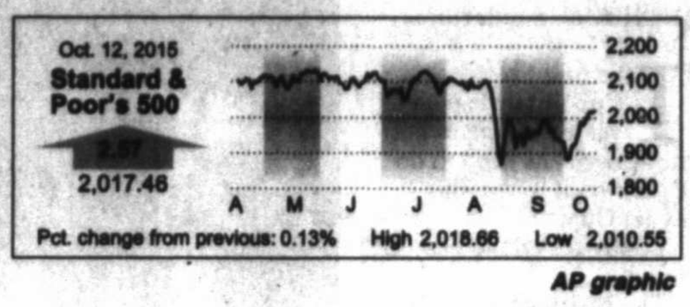

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Dell buying EMC in $67 billion bet on data storage

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Dell is buying data storage company EMC for $67 billion in a huge bet on a segment of technology that has proven to be more profitable than the slumping personal computer market.

The acquisition announced Monday marks Dell's latest attempt to lessen its dependence on the PC industry that it helped pioneer as demand for desktop and laptop machines weakens amid the growing popularity of smartphones and tablets.

The price makes this the largest deal ever between two technology companies, eclipsing Avago Technologies' proposed $37 billion acquisition of rival chipmaker Broadcom announced five months ago.

The Dell-EMC union is an illustration of how older technology companies are scrambling to adapt to the upheaval unleashed by Apple's introduction of the trendsetting iPhone eight years ago and the advent of digital services that are hosted in remote data centers so they can be reached by any Internet-connected device.

Since going private in a $25 billion deal completed in 2013, Dell Inc. has been investing in research and development and expanding its software and services business as those in the technology industry continue to struggle with soft PC sales.

EMC meanwhile has been shifting from a provider of data storage hardware such as on-premise data centers to offering a more comprehensive suite of products to businesses, from cloud storage to security offerings.

"Our new company will be exceptionally well-positioned for growth in the most strategic areas of next generation IT including digital transformation, software-defined data center, converged infrastructure, hybrid cloud, mobile and security," Michael Dell said in a written statement.

Dell will serve as chairman and CEO of the combined company. Joe Tucci, chairman and CEO of EMC, will remain in those roles until the deal is complete.

FBR analyst Daniel Ives said the deal means Dell is "no longer your grandma's PC company."

"It's a landmark, historic deal that really brings them into the enterprise market and makes them a behemoth," Ives wrote in a Monday note.

The deal had been rumored for weeks. EMC, based in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, makes data storage equipment and provides other IT services to companies. It also has an 80 percent stake in cloud-computing company VMware Inc., which will stay an independent, publicly traded company.

EMC has been facing tough competition in the storage sector as companies including Amazon, Microsoft and IBM have stepped up cloud storage offerings.

Forrester analyst Glenn O'Donnell said the deal is good news for EMC and its customers.

"Speculation has been somewhat scary for them, but Dell is a trusted player and a low-risk 'soft landing' for these customers," he said. It's a good move for Dell too, he added.

"Dell is fairly weak on storage, and EMC will help give it a full portfolio that it needs to compete with HP, Cisco, IBM, and the growing threat from Huawei," he said.

Shareholders of EMC Corp. will receive about $33.15 per share, which includes cash plus tracking stock linked to part of EMC's economic interest in the VMware business. That's a 19 percent premium to EMC's Friday closing price of $27.86.

Dell Inc.'s headquarters will stay in Round Rock. The combined enterprise systems business headquarters will be in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, where EMC is based.

The deal, which was approved by EMC's board, is targeted to close in the second or third quarter of Dell's fiscal year ending Feb. 3, 2017. It still needs approval from EMC shareholders.

Stocks edge higher

Stocks edged higher Monday on a quiet day for the market ahead of a busy weak for corporate earnings.

EMC climbed after Dell said it would acquire the data storage company for $67 billion. Energy stocks slumped as the price of oil fell sharply following a report that showed OPEC members are keeping up production even after a big drop in prices over the last year.

Investors will be focusing on corporate earnings this week as they try to assess the impact that slowing global growth is having on company profits. Analysts are projecting that earnings contracted more than 5 percent in the third quarter as overseas demand weakened. JPMorgan Chase, Intel and Johnson & Johnson are among companies that will publish their earnings in coming days.

While the stock market was open Monday, bond trading was closed in observance of the Columbus Day holiday.

"The market is trading in a holiday mode," said Peter Cardillo, chief market economist at Rockwell Global Capital. "We could see some hefty gyrations as earnings season moves into full gear."

Gold closes higher

In metal trading, gold closed up $8.60 at $1,164.50 an ounce. Silver rose 4.6 cents to $15.86 an ounce, and copper was little changed at $2.42 per pound.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
EMC Cp	1055305	28.35	+.49
MkrVGold	598062	15.78	-.48
BkofAm	502448	15.52	-.06
S&P500ETF	501278	201.52	+.19
B iPVixST	461520	20.00	-1.27

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Entravisn	7.80	+1.09	+16.2
Oil-Dri	27.10	+3.11	+13.0
GenieEn n	13.27	+1.18	+9.8
PureStrg n	18.06	+1.46	+8.8
ContainStr	12.73	+.83	+7.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SunCokeE	7.01	-2.74	-28.1
NwSEn pfA	2.34	-.65	-21.7
DxNGBl rs	27.92	-6.68	-19.3
StoneEngy	7.18	-1.43	-16.6
Unit	15.24	-2.63	-14.7

DIARY

Advanced	1,626
Declined	1,487
Unchanged	105
Total issues	3,218
New Highs	58
New Lows	11
Volume	2,829,048,667

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Can-Fite	119573	4.66	+.46
BarcGSOil	35383	8.83	-.47
NwGold g	32193	3.01	-.07
CheniereEn	24797	50.77	-2.27
NobiliaH n	19456	3.67	-.15

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Amplphi rs	8.25	+1.74	+26.8
AltsrcAst	38.00	+5.66	+17.5
Can-Fite	4.66	+.46	+11.0
GnEmp rs	6.40	+.45	+7.6
VoltionRX	4.65	+.25	+5.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MagHR pfD	4.63	-4.95	-51.7
MagHR pfC	3.34	-3.11	-48.2
MagHR pfE	2.28	-1.92	-45.7
EmerldO rs	2.74	-.35	-11.3
EnerJex pf	7.03	-.69	-8.9

DIARY

Advanced	158
Declined	205
Unchanged	26
Total issues	389
New Highs	2
New Lows	4
Volume	63,184,561

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Apple Inc	2945821	111.60	-.52
MicronT	222109	18.03	-.13
SirusXM	218257	3.92	+.07
Microsoft	192499	47.00	-.11
Intel	184333	32.21	+.07

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Metablx rs	2.89	+.67	+30.2
NovoCure n	25.86	+4.86	+23.1
TitanPh rs	4.59	+.75	+19.5
NwstBio wt	3.50	+.45	+14.8
AquinoxPh	14.78	+1.88	+14.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Zafgen	22.15	-12.25	-35.6
2U	24.04	-5.18	-17.7
JaguarAH n	2.36	-.44	-15.7
LinnEngy	2.87	-.49	-14.6
CentAl	5.94	-.99	-14.3

DIARY

Advanced	1,322
Declined	1,427
Unchanged	165
Total issues	2,914
New Highs	75
New Lows	26
Volume	1,315,790,319

AB InBev raises offer for SABMiller

Associated Press

LONDON — Budweiser brewer Anheuser-Busch InBev raised its takeover bid for SABMiller to 70.4 billion pounds ($108.2 billion) Monday in its latest effort to win backing for its plan to create "the first truly global beer company."

AB InBev has been trying for nearly a month to get its hands on SABMiller but its previous offers have met with resistance. It will be hoping that its latest offer, which values SABMiller at 43.50 pounds a share — 3.2 percent more than its previous bid and 14 percent higher than its initial offer — will finally win the day.

SABMiller declined to comment on the fresh offer.

Shares of London-based SABMiller rose 1 percent to 37 pounds a share on reports of the improved bid.

Were an agreement to eventually emerge, the combined company would have 31 percent of the global beer market, dwarfing the next biggest player, Heineken, which has 9 percent of the market. A combined company would have total annual sales of $73.3 billion.

Market leader AB InBev already has six of the world's largest beer brands. In addition to Budweiser, brands it owns include Stella Artois and Beck's.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $57.17 Up 0.72

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $115.08 Down 0.82

Dawson Operating (DWSN)
Closing Price $3.91 Down 0.13

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $76.91 Down 0.04

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $4.70 Down 0.49

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $3.25 Up 0.10

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $21.01 Down 0.28

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $27.29 Up 0.59

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $10.49 Down 0.44

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $16.34 Down 0.23

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.88	33	33.30	+.16	-.9
Abraxas	...	4	1.74	-.17	-40.8
AdaDvsEq	1.17e	...	13.18	+.04	-3.7
AEtern g h			.08	-.01	-87.0
Alcoa	12	16	10.08	-.18	-36.2
Alibaba		44	70.30	+1.59	-32.4
AlonUSA	60	11	17.02	-1.32	+34.3
Ambev	45e		5.10	-.12	-17.3
AmAirlines	40	8	43.84	+1.42	-18.3
Amgen	3.16	20	153.03	+3.44	-3.9
Anadarko	1.06	...	71.09	-1.31	-13.8
Apache	1.00	...	44.96	-1.52	-28.3
Apple Inc	2.08	13	111.60	-.52	+1.1
ApldMatl	.40	15	15.80	-.06	-37.4
ATMOS	1.56	19	59.56	+.56	+6.9
AutoData	1.96	28	85.68	+.44	+2.8
BP PLC	2.40	...	35.37	-.59	-7.2
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	16.63	+.03	+4.6
BakrHu	.68	57	55.68	-.76	-.7
BcoBrad s	.45e	...	6.24	-.08	-44.0
BkofAm	.20	17	15.52	-.06	-13.2
B iPVixST	...		20.00	-1.27	-36.5
BarrickG	.08m	17	7.41	-.20	-31.1
BasicEnSv	...		4.75	-.35	-32.2
BerkHa A	...	1	182000	000.00	+350.00
BlkHillsCp	1.62	29	63.86	+.55	-17.2
BrMySq	1.48	59	62.71	+1.27	+8.2
BrownFA	1.26	36	116.43	+.81	+32.7
BrownFB	1.26	33	106.47	+.77	+21.2
CVS Health	1.40	25	103.07	+1.07	+7.0
Cameron	...	16	65.81	-1.10	+31.8
Can-Fite	...		4.66	+.46	+33.1
Caterpillar	3.08f	12	70.50	-.80	-23.0
Celestic g	...	16	13.30	+.19	+13.3
Cemex	.40t	...	7.71	-.16	-21.3
CntryLink	2.16	21	25.86	+.14	-34.7
CheatEng			8.24	-.64	-57.9
Chevron	4.28	14	88.74	+.83	-20.9
Chicos	.31	31	15.01	-.07	-7.4
Cimarex	.64	...	121.54	-1.03	+14.7
Cisco	.84	16	27.96	+.05	+1.2
Citigroup	.20	13	51.28	-.10	-5.2
ClayEng	...	...	57.17	+.72	-10.4
CocaCola	1.32	25	42.00	-.02	-.5

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ColgPalm	1.52	27	66.25	-.09	-4.2
ConAgra	1.00	27	42.04	+.28	+15.9
ConchoRes	...	40	115.08	-.82	+15.4
ConocoPhil	2.96f	25	55.27	-.83	-20.0
CrackerB	4.40a	21	146.01	+1.75	+3.7
CSVLgCrd rs				11.82	-1.70
-75.8					
CSVelIVST	...	...	30.85	+1.84	-.9
CSVixSh rs	...	...	7.43	-.95	-73.1
CrosTim	1.68e	8	17.38	-.58	+.3
DCP Mid	3.12	13	28.99	-.37	-36.2
DTE	2.92f	17	81.60	+.46	-5.5
Dataram			1.22	-.05	-28.2
DeltaAir	.54f	14	48.50	+1.29	-1.4
DevonE	.96	...	43.99	-1.25	-28.1
DirDGldBr	...	...	14.78	+1.17	-40.1
Disney	1.32f	22	106.35	+.79	+12.9
DowChm	1.68	14	46.60	-.48	+2.2
EMC Cp	.46	23	28.35	+.49	-4.7
EOG Resrc	.67	21	86.03	-1.27	-6.6
ElilLlly	2.00	41	79.44	-6.70	+15.1
EmpDist	1.04	17	22.36	+.49	-24.8
Energen	.08	44	58.53	-.57	-8.2
EngyTsfr	4.14f	70	46.06	-.33	-29.1
EnPro	.80	...	46.20	-1.02	-36.4
EntProdPt	1.54f	22	28.28	-.50	-21.7
Ericsson	.39e	...	10.53	+.01	-13.0
ExterranH	.60	16	23.03	-.95	-29.3
ExxonMbl	2.92	14	79.30	+.04	-14.2
Facebook	...	96	94.26	+1.02	+20.8
FordM	.60	16	14.98	+.01	-3.4
FrptMcM	.20a	...	12.94	-.55	-44.6
FrontierCm	.42	...	5.11	-.07	-23.4
GATX	1.52	10	49.32	-.58	-14.3
GabMkNT	1.06e	...	8.08	+.05	-19.3
GAInv	3.50e	...	33.04	+.14	-5.8
GenElec	.92	...	28.09	+.02	+11.2
GenMotors	1.44f	12	33.02	+.07	-5.4
GoldFLtd	.02e	...	2.96	-.05	-34.7
Goldcrp g	.24	...	14.06	-.41	-24.1
GtPlainEn	.98	18	27.50	+.29	-3.2
HalconRes	...	...	.94	-.03	-47.0
Halliblrtn	.72	17	38.87	-.78	-1.2
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	24.69	-.56	-32.5

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iShJapan	.13e	...	12.12	+.02	+7.8
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	38.69	+.03	-7.0
iShEMkts	.84e	...	35.67	-.27	-9.2
iShR2K	1.68e	...	115.57	-.17	-3.4
Infosys s	.71e	11	17.88	-1.27	-43.2
Intel	.96	14	32.21	+.07	-11.2
InterDig	.80	21	50.29	+.01	-4.9
JPMorgCh	1.76	11	61.72	-.21	-.7
JohnJn	3.00	17	95.99	+.82	-6.2
KimbClk	3.52	62	115.43	+.70	-.1
KindMorg	1.96f	42	32.29	-.06	-23.7
Kinross g	...	...	2.04	-.20	-27.7
LegacyRes	1.40	...	4.70	-.49	-58.9
Lufkys	...	...	4.73	-.06	+4.0
MagHRes	...	...	.37	-.23	-88.2
MarathnO	.84	10	18.96	-.63	-33.0
MkrVGold	.12e	...	15.78	-.48	-14.1
McDnlds	3.40	23	103.24	+.48	+10.2
Merck	1.80	15	50.71	-.24	-10.7
MerltMed	...	36	23.89	+.04	+37.9
MexcoEn	...	...	3.25	+.10	-40.1
MicronT	...	7	18.03	-.13	-48.5
Microsoft	1.44f	32	47.00	-.11	+1.2
Nabors	.24	...	11.15	-.83	-14.1
NatGrid	3.35e	...	70.15	+.03	-.7
NOilVarco	1.84	9	39.25	-1.55	-40.1
Netflix s	...	...	113.45	+.12	+132.5
NobleCorp	1.50	...	12.03	-1.00	-27.4
NvMAd	.79e	...	13.40	...	-1.9
NvPMI	.78e	...	13.09	-.03	-6.3
NuvPI	.82e	...	13.57	-.01	-2.1
NSTFI3	.85e	...	13.82	+.02	-2.9
NTXICI	.85e	...	13.69	+.02	-5.3
OccdPet	3.00	19	73.04	-.56	-9.4
Oracle	.60	18	38.04	-.06	-15.4
PerTech	...	...	5.61	-.03	-19.4
PetkDri	...	39	3.15	-.39	+2.6
PetIUTI	.40	37	16.11	-.87	-2.9
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PetrbraA	...	...	4.50	-.18	-40.6
Petrobras	...	...	5.42	-.25	-25.8
Pfizer	1.12	24	33.22	-.02	+6.8
PioNtrl	.06	38	134.00	-2.96	-10.0
PlainsAAP	2.80f	17	32.64	-1.15	-36.8

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	106.79	+.26	+3.4
Praxair	2.86	20	108.53	-.12	-16.2
PrmEgy	...	12	72.22	...	-.7
PUVixST rs	...	...	33.52	-4.59	-73.3
ProctGam	2.65	29	74.33	-.15	-18.4
RangeRs	.16	49	34.48	-1.57	-35.5
RegionsFn	.24	13	9.08	-.01	-14.0
RiteAid	...	24	6.26	-.02	-16.8
Rowan	.40	...	19.41	-.63	-16.8
RoyDShllA	3.76	13	55.07	-.20	-17.7
SpdrDJIA	3.83e	...	171.17	+.41	-3.8
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	201.52	+.19	-2.0
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	38.54	-1.36	-19.5
SabnR	3.32e	9	34.60	-.90	-3.3
SanderFm	.88e	6	69.13	-.41	-17.7
SandRdge	...	...	.44	-.03	-75.8
Schlmbrg	2.00	20	74.94	-1.42	-12.3
SeadrillLtd	...	3	7.11	-.61	-40.5
SigmaAld	.92	35	139.65	...	+1.7
SiriusXM	...	44	3.92	+.07	+12.0
Smucker	2.68f	33	118.42	+.33	+17.3
SwstnEngy	...	9	12.03	-.77	-55.9
SP HlthC	.97e	...	68.82	+.18	+.4
SP Engy	1.98e	...	68.05	-.89	-14.0
SPDR Fncl	.44e	...	23.26	+.02	-5.9
SunEdison	...	...	8.98	-.27	-54.0

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SunocoLog	1.75l	47	30.82	-.98	-26.2
TelefEsp	1.03e	...	13.07	-.04	-8.0
Tesoro	2.00f	10	103.63	+.23	+39.4
3M Co	4.10	20	150.06	+.16	-8.7
Torchmark	.54	14	58.05	+.15	+7.2
Transocn	.60	...	15.69	-1.29	-14.4
TriConti	.80e	...	20.18	+.03	-5.7
Twitter	...	...	28.75	-2.10	-19.8
TylerTech	...	82	166.00	-.58	+61.7
UBWV	1.28	20	39.29	+.55	+4.9
US OilFd	...	...	15.31	-.68	-24.8
Vale SA	.80e	...	5.25	-.23	-35.8
ValeroE	1.80	7	64.50	+.30	+30.3
VangEmg	1.10e	...	35.82	-.20	-10.5
VMware	...	35	72.27	-6.38	-12.4
VulcanM	.40	...	94.20	-.70	+43.3
WEC Engy	1.83f	20	52.77	+.41	+.1
WalgBoots	1.44f	29	86.21	+.84	+13.1
WellsFargo	1.50	13	52.18	+.04	-4.8
WstnRefin	1.36	8	46.51	-.23	+23.1
WhitingPet	...	50	20.16	-2.27	-38.9
WmsCos	2.56f	77	42.54	-1.29	-5.3
XcelEngy	1.26	20	38.84	+.58	-.2
Xerox	.28	19	10.48	-.09	-24.5
Yahoo	...	5	32.86	+.34	-34.9
Yamana g	.06	...	2.27	-.22	-43.5

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657.17	539.96	Dow Jones Utilities	588.63	+5.27	+.90	-4.76	+4.95
11,254.87	9,509.59	NYSE Composite	10,358.49	-4.77	-.05	-4.45	+1.87
5,231.94	4,116.60	Nasdaq Composite	4,838.64	+8.17	+.17	+2.17	+14.83
2,134.72	1,820.66	S&P 500	2,017.46	+2.57	+.13	-2.01	+7.81
1,551.28	1,269.45	S&P Midcap	1,441.83	-.83	-.04	-.73	+11.83
22,837.15	19,160.13	Wilshire 5000	21,165.17	+7.82	+.04	-2.33	+7.70
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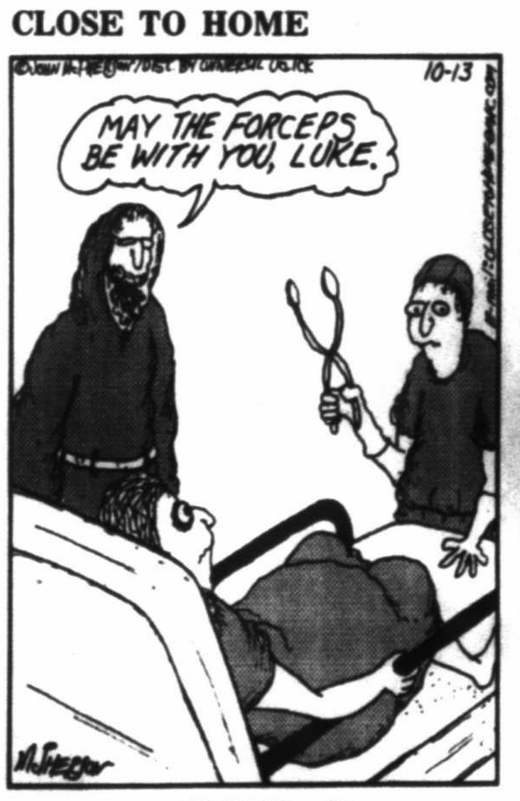

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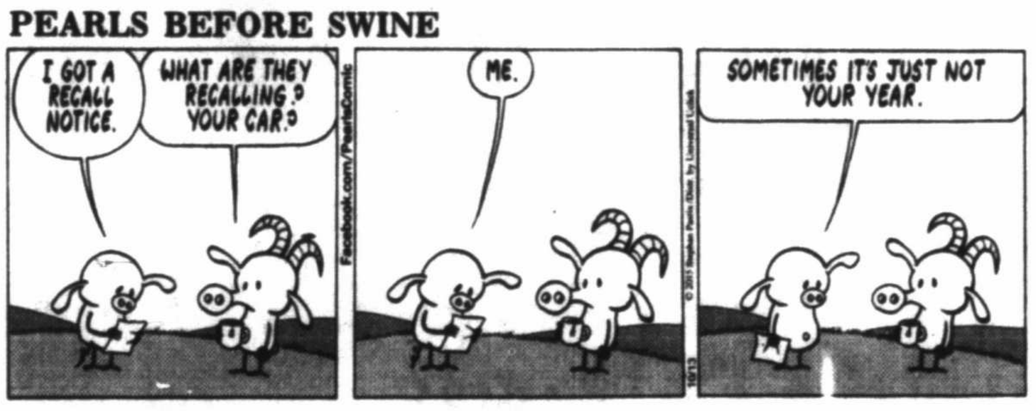

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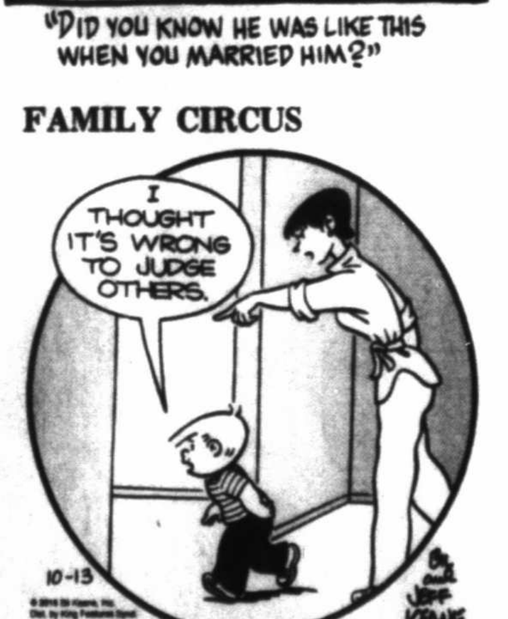

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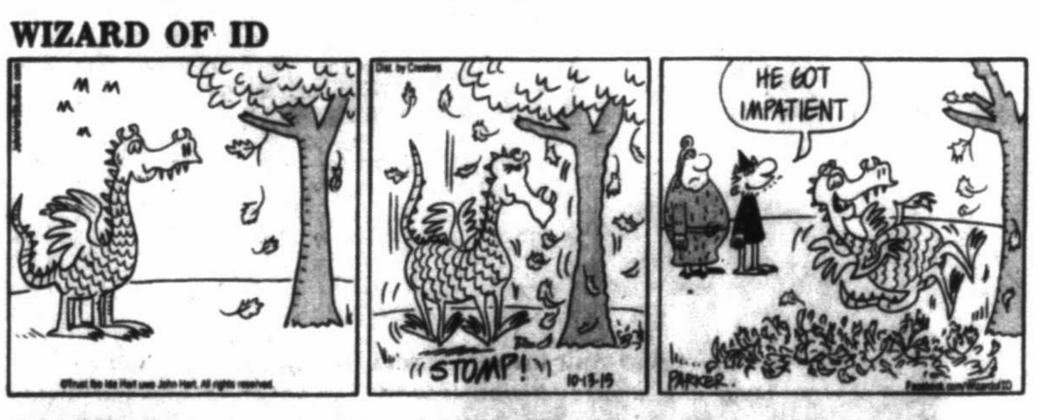

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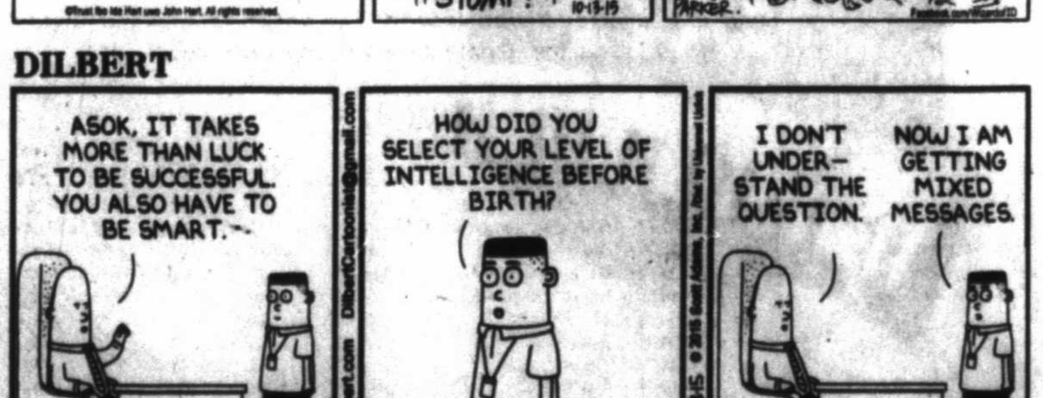

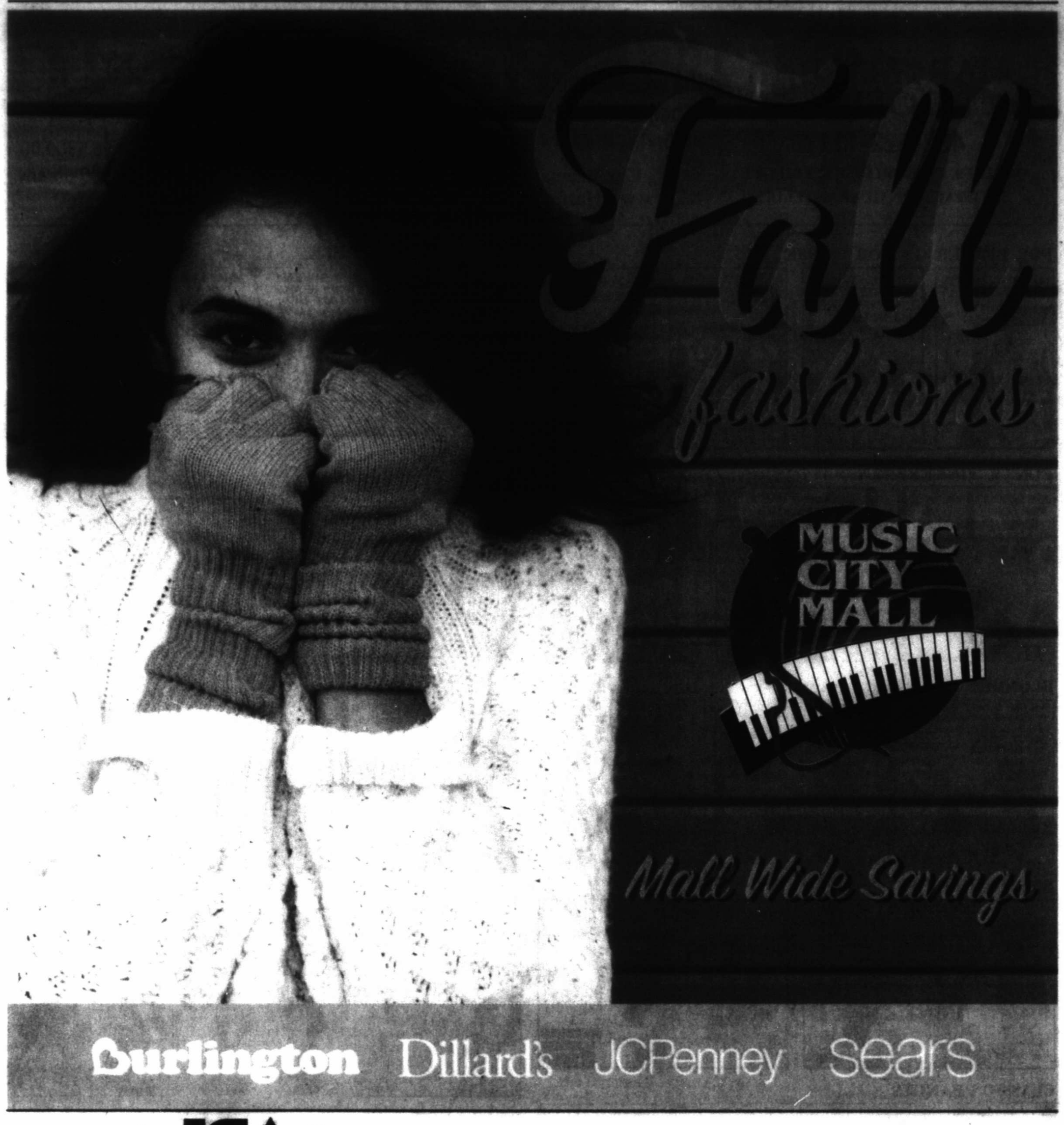

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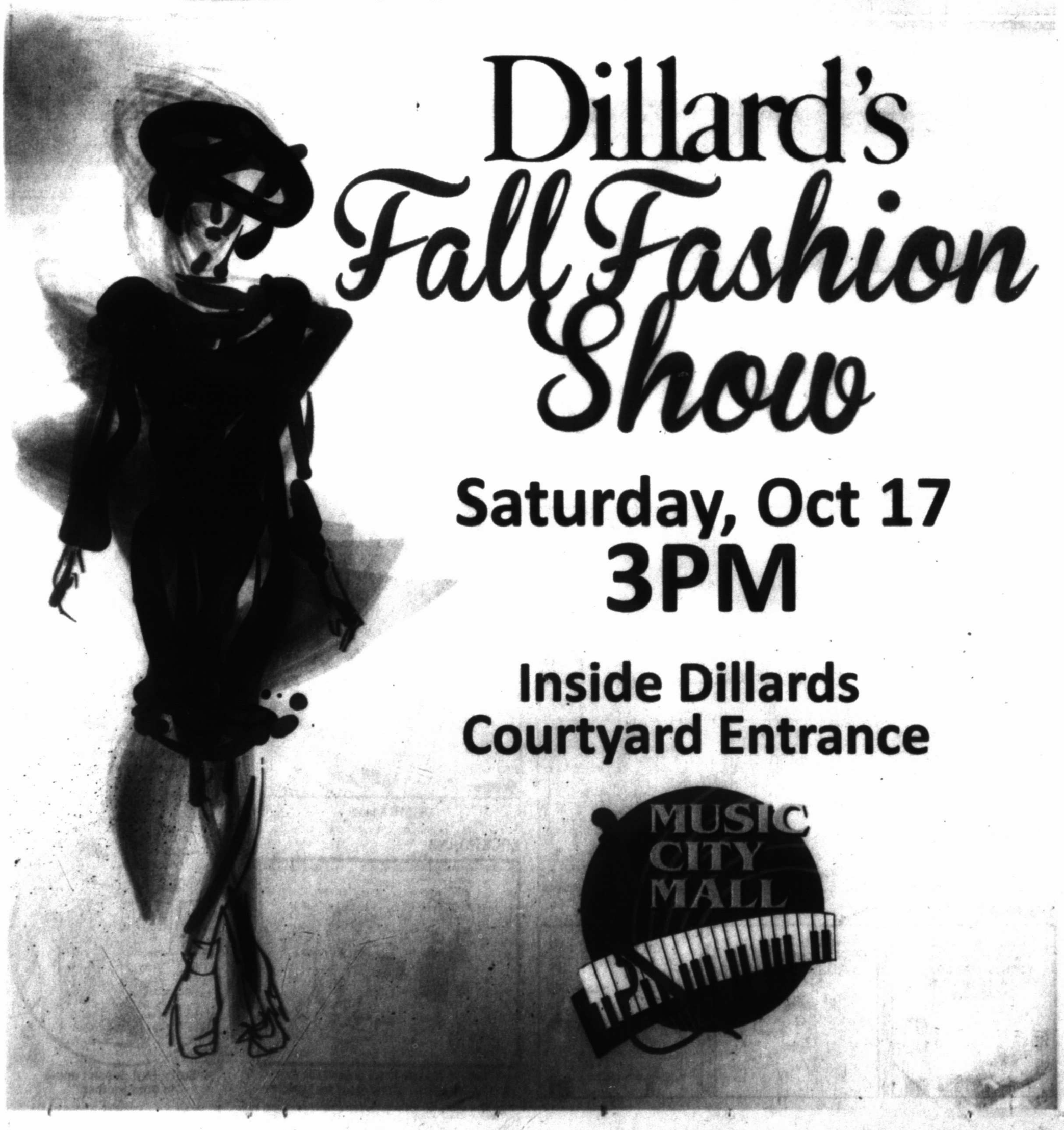

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These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

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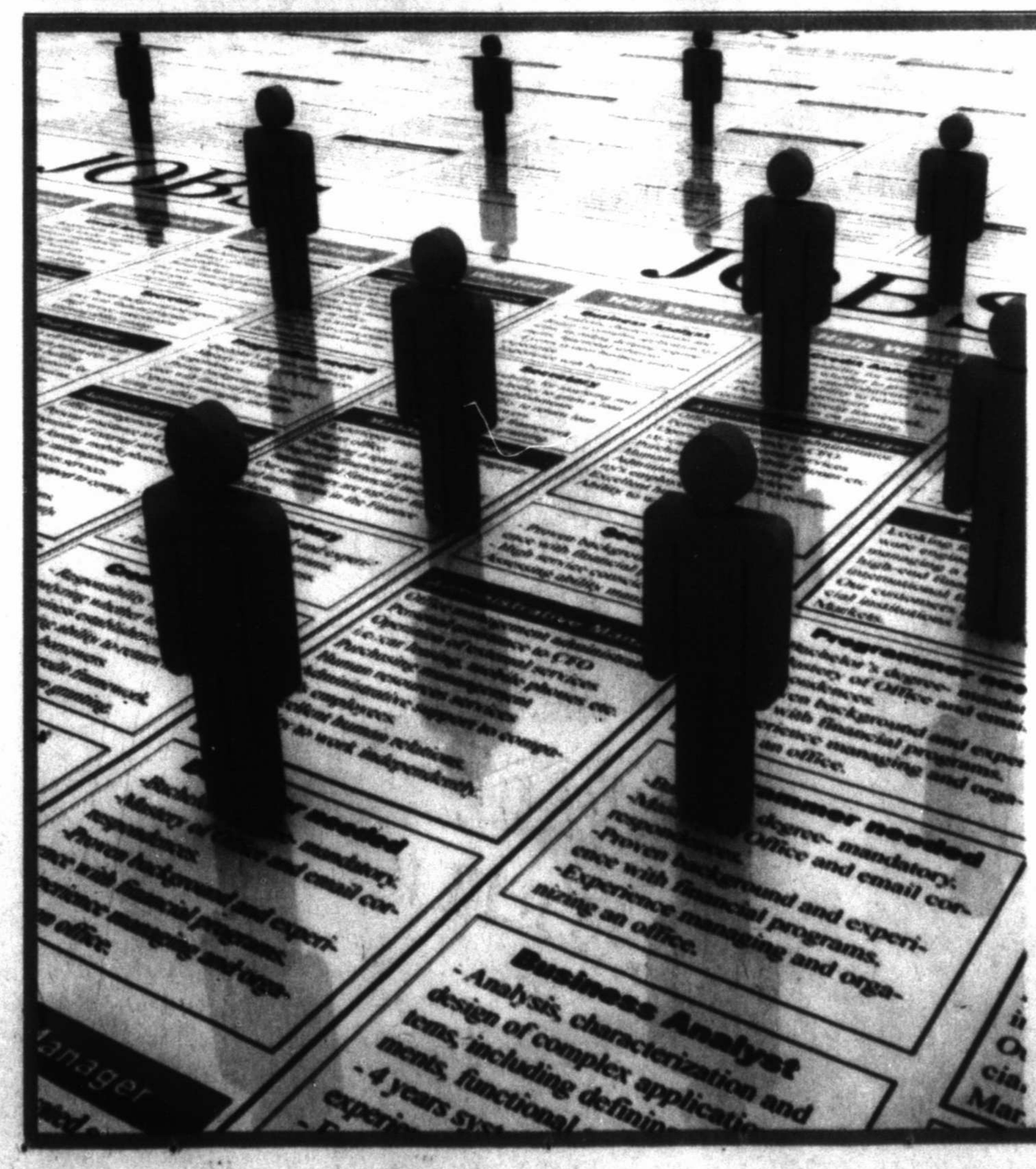

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***Juvenile Detention Officer * Part-Time Library Clerk**
*** Youth Services Supervisor/Librarian * Network Administrator, I.T.**

Please see our website: www.co.midland.tx.us/departments/hr/pages/Employment for more details and applications. To be consider you must send a completed application with job reference numbers to **Midland County Human Resources, 500 N. Loraine St., Ste. 100, Midland, TX 79701 or hr@co.midland.tx.us**

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• Ensuring that equipment & Materials are properly accounted for
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DISTRICT 8 — Rule 38 Case No. 08-0297610
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Oct 8, 2015 — Status/Permit No. 808617
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Nov 12 2015
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 36, Bk. 38 T4S, T&P RR CO/CAUBLE, R C Survey, A-871, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC Field, MIDLAND County, being 23.6 miles SE direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848.**

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The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name : PRESTON A
Lease/Unit Well No.: 3608H
Lease/Unit Acres : 1311.4
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 100.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 360.0

Lease Lines : 2515.0 F WEST L, 2130.0 F SOUTH L
Survey Lines : 2515.0 F WEST L, 2130.0 F SOUTH L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 2515.0 F WEST L
2130.0 F SOUTH L

Terminus Location
BH County: MIDLAND
Section: 25 Block: 38 T4S Abstract: 110
Survey: T&P RR CO
Lease Lines: 2342.0 F WEST L
100.0 F NORTH L
Survey Lines: 2342.0 F WEST L
100.0 F NORTH L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC : Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11167 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, LAURA WALLACE, at (972)9691742.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 8 — Rule 38 Case No. 08-0297680
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Oct 9, 2015 — Status/Permit No. 808761
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Sep 10, 2015
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

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Lease/Unit Name : PRESTON A
Lease/Unit Well No.: 3611H
Lease/Unit Acres : 1311.4
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 100.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 360.0

Lease Lines : 1358.0 F EAST L, 2314.0 F SOUTH L
Survey Lines : 1358.0 F EAST L, 2314.0 F SOUTH L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 1358.0 F EAST L
2314.0 F SOUTH L

Terminus Location
BH County: MIDLAND
Section: 25 Block: 38 T4S Abstract: 110
Survey: T&P RR CO
Lease Lines: 699.0 F EAST L
100.0 F NORTH L
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DATED this the 29th day of September, 2015.

JIMMY W. PEACOCK, Attorney for Independent Co-Executors of the Estate of Nolan Hirsch, Deceased, No. P18411, in the County Court of Midland County, Texas

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This photo provided by the XL Catlin Seaview Survey, taken in February, shows coral after bleaching in American Samoa, when the XL Catlin Seaview Survey responded to a NOAA coral bleaching alert. Devastating bleaching of colorful coral is spreading into a rare worldwide crisis, scientists announced, predicting it will likely get worse. Triggered by global warming and the El Nino, record hot ocean water is causing the fragile coral to go white and often die, threatening picturesque reefs that are hotspots of marine life, experts say.

Scientists: Coral bleaching crisis spreads worldwide

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The bleaching of colorful coral is spreading into a worldwide, devastating crisis, scientists say, and they predict it will likely get worse.

Triggered by global warming and the El Nino, record hot ocean water is causing fragile coral to go white and often die, threatening picturesque reefs that are hotspots of marine life, experts say.

The spread of sickly white started more than a year ago in Guam, then devastated Hawaii, infected the rest of the tropical Pacific and the Indian oceans and has now infested Florida and the Caribbean. On Thursday, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and international reef scientists pronounced it a global coral bleaching event, only the third in recorded history.

No place with coral has been spared, though some regions — such as Hawaii — have been hit harder than others, experts said. Excessive heat stresses the living coral, which turns white and then becomes vulnerable to disease.

"We may be looking at losing somewhere in the range of 10 to 20 percent of the coral reefs this year," NOAA coral reef watch coordinator Mark Eakin said. "The bad news for the U.S. is we're getting hit disproportionately just because of the pattern of the warming."

He called bleaching a crisis, especially with worsening global warming forecast for the rest of the century: "If that's not a crisis, what is?"

Eakin said he's especially concerned about Hawaii, which already suffered through bad bleaching in 2014.

"Hawaii is getting hit with the worst coral bleaching they have ever seen, right now," Eakin said. "It's severe. It's extensive. And it's on all the islands."

In one part of northwestern Hawaii, "the reef just completely bleached and all of the coral is dead and covered with scuzzy algae."

Florida started getting hit in August. The middle Florida Keys aren't too bad, but in southeast Florida, bleaching has combined with disease to kill corals, Eakin said. It has also hit Cuba, Haiti and the Dominican Republic and is about to hit Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, he said.

Warm water causes bleaching and ocean temperatures are at record high levels, partly because of steady manmade global warming and partly because of the El Nino, which is an occasional warming of the central Pacific that changes weather worldwide, Eakin said. Add to that Hawaii's "blob," a pool of warm water that has stagnated in the northeast Pacific.

The last super El Nino, in 1997-1998, was the first global bleaching event. A smaller El Nino in 2009-2010 was the second.

So far the 1998 bleaching was worse, but that was the second year of an El Nino and we're in the first of two years now, Eakin said.

Oceans worldwide are by far the warmest on record — August 2015 was four-tenths of a degree warmer than in August 1998. Next year, he said, may be as bad as this year or even worse.

NOAA produced forecasts of bleaching that show it as a giant red blob moving across the globe again.

In genetic study of homosexuality, evidence that nurture and nature conspire

By Melissa Healy
Los Angeles Times

For men, new research suggests that clues to sexual orientation may lie not just in the genes, but in the spaces between the DNA, where molecular marks instruct genes when to turn on and off and how strongly to express themselves.

On Thursday, University of California, Los Angeles, molecular biologist Tuck C. Ngun reported that in studying the genetic material of 47 pairs of identical male twins, he has identified "epigenetic marks" in nine areas of the human genome that are strongly linked to male homosexuality.

In individuals, said Ngun, the presence of these distinct molecular marks can predict homosexuality with an accuracy of close to 70 percent.

That news, presented at the 2015 meeting of the American Society of Human Genetics on Thursday, may leave the genetically uninitiated scratching their heads.

But experts said the results — as yet unpublished in a peer-reviewed journal — offer preliminary new evidence that a man's genetic inheritance is only one influence on his sexual orientation. Through the epigenome, the results suggest, some facet of life experience likely also primes a man for same-sex attraction.

Over a person's lifetime, myriad environmental factors — nutrition, poverty, a mother's love, education, exposure to toxic chemicals — all help shape the person he will become.

Researchers working in the young science of epigenetics acknowledge they are unsure just how an individual's epigenome is formed. But they increasingly suspect it is forged, in part, by the stresses and demands of external influences. A set of chemical marks that lies between the genes, the epigenome changes the function of genetic material, turning the human body's roughly 20,000 protein-coding genes on or off in response to the needs of the moment.

While genes rarely change over a lifetime, the epigenome is constantly changing.

Geneticists suggest that together, the human genome and its epigenome reflect the interaction of nature and nurture — both our fixed inheritance and our bodies' flexible responses to the world — in making us who we are.

Ngun's study of twins doesn't reveal how or when a male takes on the epigenomic marks that distinguish him as homosexual. Many researchers believe that a person's eventual sexual preferences are shaped in the uterus, by hormonal shifts during key stages of fetal brain development.

By imprinting themselves on the epigenome, though, environmental influences may powerfully affect how an individual's genes express themselves over the course of his life.

"The relative contributions of biology versus culture and experience in shaping sexual orientation in humans continues to be debated," said University of Maryland pharmacology professor Margaret M. McCarthy, who was not involved in the current study. "But regardless of when, or even how, these epigenetic changes occur," she added, the new research "demonstrates a biological basis to partner preference."

To find the epigenomic markers of male homosexuality, Ngun, a postdoctoral researcher at UCLA's Geffen School of Medicine, combed through the genetic material of 47 sets of identical male twins. Thirty-seven of those twin sets were pairs in which one was homosexual and the other was heterosexual. In 10 of the pairs studied, both twins identified as homosexual.

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The benefits of following the DSS recommendations are obvious. Securing cardholder data promotes trust among customers and business partners by reducing the likelihood of fraud (and, specifically, your liability).

Adhering to these rules does not free you entirely from security concerns, but following the policies will make your company more secure than not following them. This will decrease your exposure to fines and lawsuits (AKA "lawyer IOUs").

Also, it's possible that credit card companies will revoke your account (and you will lose the ability to take credit card payments) if card data under your control is stolen and you are found to have ignored reasonable security measures.

Despite the PCI's good intentions, the DSS requirements can be both confusing to understand and expensive to implement. Some believe that they are too onerous and that their main purpose is to generate business for security consultants so they can purchase more BBQ.

The good news for you is that the level of compliance required by the PCI is tied to the size of your business. Smaller companies have fewer requirements to meet, are assessed less often, and in general have an easier time following the DSS rules (http://bit.ly/fSL3S1).

In fact, if you process a small enough number of credit card transactions every year, you might be able to claim PCI compliance solely by filling out a Self-Assessment Questionnaire (SAQ). By contrast, larger companies must have their security procedures audited by an independent Qualified Security Assessor (QSA).

You should also be aware that if there is a breach of sensitive information, you might be responsible for expenses and mitigation costs. So before you jump in you might want to talk to your insurance guy.

Lastly, you might avoid many of these responsibilities by sending your customers through a third-party payment service during checkout. PayPal (paypal.com), Authorize.net (authorize.net), Checkout (checkout.google.com) and Amazon (payments.amazon.com) are popular choices. Your design firm might also look into Stripe (stripe.com) or Braintree (braintreepayments.com) to make their lives easier.

For more information about PCI compliance, see their website at http://bit.ly/eWs9Ee or visit http://bit.ly/h4dB00 for a lengthier overview, including criticisms. Both are available on my favorite TLA, the WWW.

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