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P&Z approves plats, rezoning for 250 homes

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The city of Midland's Planning and Zoning Commission approved three new phases of projects that will add more than 250 new homes to Midland's burgeoning housing market within the next year, according to the developers.

D.R. Horton gained approval for a final plat of its Adobe Meadows Addition in the north and a zone change for their Legacy Addition development in the west. Combined, the two developments had more than 200 homes approved by the planning and zoning session.

The homes are being built at a time when Midlanders are experiencing skyrocketing rents and home prices. The median home price in Midland for July was $247,900, a 7.1 percent increase year-over-year from July 2013. Since July 2009, when home prices slumped because of the Great Recession, home prices for July have increased by 48.2 percent.

"D.R. Horton wouldn't be doing two developments at the same time if they didn't think that this was a market they could be in and do well in," said Eric West, a civil engineer for Parkhill, Smith & Cooper working with D.R. Horton. "Certainly, we think that both of these neighborhoods are going to be neighborhoods that will serve the community well."

According to West, the Adobe Addition is already moving into the second stage of building, while the Legacy Addition broke ground on its infrastructure in the spring. West said house construction will begin in the next few months. He said he expects Legacy to be completed sometime in the next two years.

The other development approved Monday was a zone change for the second phase of Daybreak Estates. The zone change of a 24-acre plot of land to the east of phase one of Daybreak Estates will make way for a second phase of 60-70 homes, according to Andrew Mellen of Midland's Maverick Engineering.

Mellen said that phase one laid out 167 lots, four of which have been built and more than 40 have been sold. In all, the project has four stages and when it is completed will have more than 500 homes.

Mellen did not want to guess when the development would be completed, but he said the first phase broke ground in the summer of 2013 and that phase two won't start until December or January.

RAIN ON THE WAY?

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A rainstorm develops beyond the new construction west of Security Bank Ballpark and south of State Highway 191 on Aug. 20. Hurricane Odile could bring more rain to Midland this week, according to the National Weather Service. Read more about it on **Page 2A**.

Study: Leaky wells, not fracturing, taint water

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The drilling procedure called hydraulic fracturing didn't cause much-publicized cases of tainted groundwater in areas of Pennsylvania and Texas, a new study finds. Instead, it blames the contamination on problems in pipes and seals in natural gas wells.

After looking at dozens of cases of suspected contamination, the scientists focused on eight hydraulically fractured wells in those states, where they chemically linked the tainted water to the gas wells. They then used chemical analysis to figure out when in the process of gas extraction methane leaked into groundwater.

"We found the evidence suggested that fracking was not to blame, that it was actually a well integrity issue," said Ohio State University geochemist Thomas Darrah, lead author of the study. He said those results are good news because that type of contamination problem is easier to fix and is more preventable.

The work was released Monday by The Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

In fracturing, highly pressurized chemicals and water are pumped deep underground to break shale and release natural gas for harvesting.

The fracturing process has become highly charged. It started a boom of natural gas drilling, and with it came an initial surge of reports of water contamination nearby. People started pointing fingers at the fracturing process, thinking that the fracturing allowed methane to travel up, outside the pipes, into water supplies.

In at least two cases around one well in Texas, scientists saw people's homes have their water supplies go from clean to contaminated during the year of study, with methane levels jumping ten-fold, said Stanford University environmental

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Painter reiterates warning to ISIS on Fox News

■ Sheriff says Muslim clothing, Quran books found near border

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Sheriff Gary Painter was back on national television Monday morning, making another warning to Islamic State of Iraq and Syria members who may be entering the U.S. from Mexico.

Painter, interviewed by Fox News' Elizabeth Hasselbeck, reiterated the warning he first said on CNN on Sept. 5, saying ISIS will be sent "to hell" if they show up. He also referenced again the report he received a few weeks ago that warned of ISIS activity in the Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, area.

"I think the United States needs to get busy and they need to bomb them (ISIS), they need to take them out," Painter said on Fox News, echoing a statement he made to the Reporter-Telegram on Sept. 6. "I would like for them to hit (ISIS) so hard and so often that every time they hear a propeller on a plane or a jet aircraft engine that they urinate down both legs."

Painter said Fox News invited him to appear on air after they saw him do the CNN interview. He jokingly said he hopes MSNBC does not ask him for an on air interview.

Painter also discussed border security in the Fox News interview, saying the U.S. and Mexico border is "wide open" because there are parts of the Rio Grande River that are dried up and "coyotes," or human smugglers, are helping people cross the border for money. He added Quran books and Muslim clothing have been found near the border.

"So we know that there are Muslims that have come across and have been

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Bynum School parents petition for four-way stop

By Tessa Duvall
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Supporters of Bynum School, a nonprofit private school for students with special needs, are petitioning the Texas Department of Transportation to find a way to slow down traffic near the school.

A change.org petition created by Bynum parent Cindy Portman had 230 signatures just after 3 p.m. Monday. The petition asks TxDOT for a four-way stop, traffic signal or school zone on State Highway 158. It is being sent to U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway, State Sen. Kel Seliger and State Rep. Tom Craddick, according to the website.

"I understand there's other things going on in town and traffic is high everywhere, but this is the only special-needs school in the Permian Basin, and they deserve at minimum what other kids have," Portman told the Reporter-Telegram.

Portman, vice president of Bynum's Association of Families and Teachers, said the staff and parents began organizing in January to try to get traffic to slow down around the school, located at the intersection of County Road 60 and SH 158.

"Everybody's just had it with the traffic and not getting anything done about it," she said.

Midland County commissioners approved in April a school zone along CR 60, with signage slowly decreasing the speed limit from 55 to 20 miles per hour starting about a quarter of a mile west of the school, according to Reporter-Telegram archives.

Highway 158's 75-mile-per-hour speed limit and traffic volume is the problem, according to the petition.

"The problem is this just isn't any school zone," the petition states. "The kids have a variety of disabilities, and many do not sense danger and would approach the highway if they were to get out of the fence. The school is adequately fenced and has excellent teachers and procedures, but it is a very scary situation. Many children are 'runners' and will take off, and they can be fast —not impaired physically at all. Some do have physical disabilities and should, by law, have adequate entrance and exit to their school."

TxDOT spokesman Gene Powell said a speed study was conducted along SH 158 during the summer, and the volume of traffic per hour and the number of wrecks in 2013 didn't warrant a stop sign or traffic signal. Powell said there were about seven wrecks there in 2013, caused predominantly by drivers failing to yield, and a traffic control device wouldn't have prevented those crashes.

The Reporter-Telegram has filed an open records request for a copy of the speed study.

Powell said the Odessa District of TxDOT will ask the transportation commission to approve a lower speed limit of 65 between State High 191 and Farm-to-Market Road 1788, with final approval possibly being granted in October.

"Based on the volume of traffic right now, that's about all we can do," he said.

Portman said she and other parents feel dismissed by TxDOT.

"They're just ignoring us because we're a small school," she said. "They've got bigger things to do. I really feel that people with disabilities are getting discriminated against."

Portman has asked Disability Rights Texas to get involved and has mailed an Americans with Disabilities Act complaint to the U.S. Department of Justice on Saturday.

Executive Director Bill Maurer said in an emailed statement to the Reporter-Telegram that 75 mph is unsafe given the conditions around the school and that the intersection needs to be controlled.

"Residential development has increased, truck traffic has increased, work traffic has increased," Maurer said. "Fortunately, no students walk to Bynum School, but all students are transported by parents. Bynum School students also participate in community-based activities which expose our students to riding through this intersection three or more times each day."

Bynum School has shared the petition on its Facebook page, and several signees identify themselves as school personnel or family.

"My son is enrolled in that school, so I drive TX 158 and CR 60 ten times per week, and have for the past three years," a signee identified as Mary Ann Lien wrote. "The traffic has increased greatly over the past two years, and the combination of high speed limit, increased traffic, and an increase of vehicles attempting to turn and cross at that intersection makes it extremely dangerous. A light is needed even if the school did not exist there."

Powell said TxDOT is currently pursuing a barrier that would prevent vehicles from leaving the road and entering school property, as well as another "school ahead" sign. TxDOT also has money allocated in 2017 for flashing beacons on CR 60 and "intersection ahead" signs on SH 158, but Powell said they are researching to see if they can access the money sooner.

Hurricane could bring more rain to Midland

From staff reports

The National Weather Service said Monday the chance of Hurricane Odile turning into a rainmaker for Midland is around 40 percent.

As of 11 a.m. Monday, the NWS was still showing Odile as a hurricane as it raced up Baja California toward the southwestern United States. Its impact for the western parts of the Permian Basin — including the Fort Davis area, Guadalupe Pass and southeastern New Mexico — could include heavy rain.

For the Midland area, the National Weather Service expects a 40 percent chance of rain Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Farther to the east, the percentages go down.

"Locally, heavy rain is possible," said Greg Murdoch, a meteorologist with the NWS.

There is at least a slight chance of rain in the forecast through Sunday. Murdoch said there is plenty of moisture in the air as the area is in the midst of an unusual pattern.

"We can't get systems through to push the moisture out," Murdoch said. "Systems hang around and don't get pushed out."

The lack of sunshine also isn't helping, he said.

This past weekend, rains drenched the area. Andrews was hit hardest with 4.5 to 7.5 inches in some areas. Less than 1 inch fell at Midland International Airport.

September is, on average, the wettest month on the calendar in Midland. Average rainfall is 1.86 inches. In September 2012, more than 5 inches fell at Midland International, including 4.66 inches on Sept. 28 — the second most on any day in our city's history. The wettest month on record happened in September 1980 when 9.7 inches fell.

Associated Press

This 2012 image provided by Stanford University shows hydraulic fracturing operations at a wellpad overlying the Marcellus Formation in Pennsylvania. A new study says fracturing didn't cause much-publicized cases of tainted water, blaming contamination on leaky natural gas wells instead.

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smuggled in the United States," Painter said on Fox News.

On Monday afternoon, Painter said in a phone interview he found out about the Muslim clothing and Quran books near the border from U.S. Border Patrol agents, who took photos of the items and showed the photos to him.

He praised the efforts by the U.S. Border Patrol, saying they are doing a super job but noted they can't protect the U.S. and Mexico border 24 hours a day, seven days a week. He also mentioned the Canada and U.S. border may be even less secure and harder to handle because of its forest environment.

To quash fears that ISIS members may be near Midland, Painter said there is no evidence or intelligence that they're coming to the area.

"They're looking for a larger avenue to do their stuff," Painter said.

Also on the issue of Midland, Painter said at the Midland County Republican Women luncheon on Wednesday that Midland's security is "excellent."

But on the issue of distinguishing an ISIS member from a non-extremist Muslim, Painter said he does not know how one would tell "one Muslim from the other" or if there is any difference.

"Normally, you won't know until they rear their ugly head," Painter said. "It's like the two guys in Boston (2013 Boston Marathon bombings.) Nobody knew about them, and they came in, sat their bombs, walked off and killed and hurt many people."

STUDY

From 1A

sciences professor Rob Jackson, co-author of the study. Methane while not particularly toxic is explosive and a potent greenhouse gas.

"I don't think homeowners care what step in the process the water contamination comes," Jackson said. "They just care that their lives have changed because drilling has moved next door."

The scientists reached their conclusions by chemically analyzing methane and other chemicals in the groundwater. That let them link the contamination to particular wells and then discover what part of the drilling process was responsible. For example, they studied the precise proportions of methane, helium, neon and argon. Those proportions pointed to leaky pipes and seals because the results would have been different if the contamination had come from fracturing.

Since the fracturing boom started in Pennsylvania in 2008, the state has identified 243 cases of private water supply contamination "impacted by oil and gas activities." That is out of more than 20,000 wells drilled there.

Jackson and colleagues have been studying water contamination around natural gas wells for years, and for this study they didn't chose a random sample but aimed at areas that seemed to have most complaints of contamination. And even in those areas, it was only in a minority of dozens of sites that they could they connect the contamination to the natural gas wells, he said. In some cases, the contamination was natural and had no connection to gas wells, Jackson said.

Terry Engelder, a professor of geosciences at Pennsylvania State University who wasn't part of the study, praised it, saying "focusing on frack fluids at depth is not the real problem."

The problem of leaky wells is one the gas industry has known about for decades, Darrah said. That includes the pipes the gas flow through and the cement that encases the pipes, keeping it from escaping.

It is possible the high pressure of fracturing or the bends in unconventional wells could lead to problems with the well's piping, but there's no evidence yet proving that, Jackson said. Another issue could be the hurry drillers are in during a boom, leading to poor quality wells, he said.

Cindy Dunn, president of the environmental group PennFuture, said it isn't surprising that the methane leaks problem is more due to poor pipes and cement seals, calling for states to update regulations covering that topic.

Dave Spigelmyer, president of the Marcellus Shale Coalition of drillers, said his industry is working with state officials "to modernize and dramatically strengthen shale development-related regulations."

Cornell University engineering professor Anthony Ingraffea, who wasn't part of the study, praised it, adding that he's worried because "it's impossible to drill and cement a well that will never leak."

"There's still serious and significant harm from what's coming before fracking and what's coming after fracking," Ingraffea said.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

DALLAS

Texas man in critical condition following fall at Texas-UCLA game

Authorities say a man is in critical condition after he fell more than 12 feet from the stands into a field-level suite during the Texas-UCLA college football game at AT&T Stadium.

A spokeswoman for John Peter Smith Hospital said the man was in the intensive care unit. No other information about him had been released as of late Monday.

An Arlington Fire Department spokesman previously said the man fell 12-15 feet on Saturday at AT&T Stadium. The man was wearing a Texas shirt and was conscious when he was transported. The cause of the fall is unclear.

The fire department has turned over the investigation to stadium authorities.

The Longhorns lost the game 20-17.

FORT WORTH

Naval reserve unit decommissioned

A Fort Worth naval reserve unit has been decommissioned during a ceremony that closed out its 71-year history.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported the 9th Naval Construction Regiment, which provided construction support, was decommissioned during a ceremony Sunday at the Naval Air Station Fort Worth.

Leaders said the decommissioning is part of the U.S. military's reduction of forces as wars wind down in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The unit was part of the U.S. Navy Construction Battalion, whose members are known as Seabees for the letters C and B. At the peak of World War II, there were 250,000 Seabees. Today, there are fewer than 9,000.

The reservesite supervisor says the 9th regiment has 84 reservists, many of whom will transfer to other reserve units.

DALLAS

Indicted official denied court-appointed lawyer

A federal judge has denied a request for a court-appointed attorney by a longtime Dallas County commissioner who is accused of accepting nearly $1 million in bribes.

John Wiley Price is accused of accepting bribes in exchange for providing insider information and voting in favor of projects proposed by various companies.

Wiley was charged in July in a 13-count indictment, along with his chief of staff and two political consultants.

The well-known local leader in the Dallas area had asked U.S. Magistrate Judge Renée Harris Toliver for a court-appointed lawyer.

But Toliver wrote in a court order Monday that "the evidence establishes that (Wiley) has significant financial resources."

All four defendants in the case have pleaded not guilty. Their trial is scheduled for January 2016.

AUSTIN

Texas regents exclude lawmakers from inquiry

University of Texas System regents have rejected attempts by two state lawmakers to monitor all interviews during an independent investigation into school admissions.

Reps. Trey Martinez Fischer and Lyle Larson of San Antonio both voted to censure regent Wallace Hall last month in part for his personal investigation into admission practices at the Austin campus. Hall's efforts ultimately prompted a formal investigation into whether lawmakers used their influence to get unqualified students into school.

TxDOT to begin work on Loop 250

From staff reports

A project to resurface about 10 miles of Loop 250 on the west and north sides of Midland is scheduled to begin today.

The project will be broken into short segments to limit traffic disruptions as much as possible. Weather may be a major factor in the project since cold temperatures and rain may prevent work at times.

The project was supposed to start Monday but was delayed because of wet conditions.

The passing lanes on Loop 250 between Garfield and Midkiff will be closed beginning today. During that phase, the driving lanes and ramps will remain open. Once the passing lanes are completed, the contractor will move to driving lanes to complete the work in that segment. When the driving lanes are being worked on, ramp access will be restricted in the construction zones.

Motorists are reminded that state law requires that warning signs and flaggers in the area must be obeyed. Also, the speed limit will drop to 50 miles an hour in the work zones. Lane-width restrictions of 10 feet will also be place in the work zones.

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CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Man accused of shooting arrows at police

A 39-year-old Midland man was arrested Saturday for using a compound bow to fire arrows toward police officers responding to suicide threats at his home, according to court documents.

Glen Roy Dellenbaugh was being held Monday on a $250,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of aggravated assault against a public servant.

Dellenbaugh

Midland police officers were conducting a check-welfare call at about 10:30 p.m. Friday at a home in the 100 block of South Glenwood Drive.

Dellenbaugh had been sending text messages to someone and threatening suicide, according to the arrest affidavit.

Officers could hear loud music and a motorcycle engine coming from inside the garage. The garage door was locked with a padlock.

Officers attempted to enter the garage from inside the home, but Dellenbaugh yelled at the officers to leave him alone, according to the affidavit.

MPD SWAT responded to the incident after an officer found what appeared to be an empty weapon case inside the home, according to the affidavit.

Two officers were near the garage door when Dellenbaugh used a compound bow to shoot an arrow through the door, almost striking the two officers. Dellenbaugh allegedly shot four arrows; two holes were found in plywood near the interior garage door that officers initially tried to enter, according to the affidavit.

Dellenbaugh was found inside the garage lying on his back and was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital before he was arrested, according to the affidavit.

If convicted, Dellenbaugh faces five to 99 years in prison.

Woman accused of stabbing blind man, biting police officers

A 30-year-old Midland woman was arrested Friday for allegedly stabbing a blind man in the chest and later biting two police officers as she resisted arrest, according to court documents.

Maria Luz Ruiz was being held Monday on a $151,500 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury, two first-degree felony charges of aggravated assault against a public servant and a class A misdemeanor charge of resisting arrest, search or transport.

Ruiz

Midland police responded to a stabbing at about 5:10 a.m. Friday in the 100 block of North Jackson Street.

The alleged victim said he was in a verbal argument with Ruiz when she stabbed him in the upper left side of his ribcage. He suffered a stab wound and a collapsed lung from the incident, according to the arrest affidavit.

A witness at the scene said he was asleep in the living room when the argument woke him up. He said the alleged victim is blind and that he was arguing with Ruiz for not helping him around the house. The alleged victim yelled that she had stabbed him, and the witness saw Ruiz walk out of the bedroom with a steak knife in her hand, according to the arrest affidavit.

Police officers later found Ruiz at 10:36 a.m. Friday at the Midland Inn.

Ruiz refused to comply with the arresting officer, and he used force to take her to the ground. She eventually bit the officer's hand, and he struck her in the face to get her to stop biting him, according to the affidavit.

She continued to resist arrest and later bit another officer's left shoulder. She also tried to kick and bite other officers during her arrest.

If convicted, Ruiz faces five to 99 years in prison for each first-degree felony, up to 20 years for the second-degree felony and up to one year for the misdemeanor charge.

MPD: Man smoked synthetic pot, drove with infant

A 22-year-old Midland man was arrested Friday for allegedly driving while under the influence of synthetic marijuana with an infant child in the back seat, according to court documents.

Carlos Martinez Munoz was held on a $25,000 bond for a state jail felony charge of driving while intoxicated with a child passenger under 15 years of age. He posted bond and was released on Saturday.

Munoz

A Midland police officer initiated a traffic stop at about 9:30 p.m. Friday in the 400 block of Andrews Highway because a vehicle was drifting between lanes.

The driver, Munoz, appeared under the influence of some substance and had bloodshot eyes and slurred speech, according to the arrest affidavit. The officer asked Munoz if he had smoked anything before driving, and he said he had not, according to the affidavit.

A woman in the vehicle told the officer that Munoz had smoked synthetic marijuana before getting behind the wheel, according to the affidavit.

The officer reported seeing an infant in the vehicle, according to the affidavit.

The affidavit does not indicate the whereabouts of the child following the arrest.

If convicted, Munoz faces up to two years in prison.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Miguel A. Cuevas, 32, of Midland was charged Sunday with driving while intoxicated three or more times.

Jeffrey T. Harvey, 44, of Lubbock was charged Sunday with possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams.

Castella M. Lee, 19, of Midland was charged Sunday with failure to appear and tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

Dwight Morrison, 32, of Midland was charged Sunday with tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

Robert Owens, 21, of Midland was charged Sunday with tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

Martin M. Quillmaco Jr., 43, of Midland was charged Sunday with violation of probation.

Troy D. Young Jr., 21, of Big Spring was charged Sunday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Trial of Texas doctor accused in poisoning begins

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A Texas oncologist was obsessed with and had a "fatal attraction" to her fellow physician lover, whose rejection prompted her to poison him by lacing his coffee with ethylene glycol, prosecutors said Monday as her aggravated assault trial began.

"The evidence is going to show she became absolutely and totally obsessed," Justin Keiter, an assistant Harris County district attorney, said during opening arguments in the trial of Ana Maria Gonzalez-Angulo, 43, a breast cancer doctor based at Houston's famed Texas Medical Center.

But Andy Drumheller, one of Gonzalez-Angulo's lawyers, told jurors in his opening statement that the relationship between his client and lung cancer physician and researcher George Blumenschein was consensual, that it was not over at the time and that other people may be responsible for his poisoning.

"'Fatal attraction' is complete hyperbole and exaggeration," he said.

Blumenschein and Gonzalez-Angulo met at the medical center, and their work evolved into a "casual sexual relationship," according to a criminal complaint.

Prosecutors said Blumenschein ended his affair with Colombian-born Gonzalez-Angulo, spurning her in favor of his 10-year live-in girlfriend, with whom he was trying to have children.

Blumenschein then survived kidney failure after Gonzalez-Angulo made and served him two cups of tainted coffee last year, prosecutors said. Ethylene glycol is common additive in automotive antifreeze but also is used in University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center labs, where the two worked.

2 sentenced in auto insurance fraud scheme

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Two individuals have been sentenced for their roles in a scheme that authorities say defrauded insurance companies of more than $3 million.

Earlie Dickerson, a former office manager, was sentenced Monday in Houston federal court to 14 years in prison for recruiting individuals involved in auto accidents to be represented by a Bryan business that falsely claimed was a law firm.

Federal prosecutors said Dickerson sent individuals he recruited to specific chiropractic clinics, where they received medically unnecessary therapeutic treatments.

Authorities said Dickerson used fraudulent bills from the treatments to obtain settlement checks from auto insurance companies.

Another individual convicted in the scheme, Marion Young, was sentenced to five years in prison on Monday.

Two others were previously sentenced while a fifth defendant is set to be sentenced Oct. 14.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Today is Diez y Seis de Septiembre

On this day in 1810, Father Miguel Hidlgo y Costilla's grito de Dolores ("cry of Dolores") at the village of Dolores, near Guanajuato, called for the end of Spanish rule in Mexico. On Sept. 16, 1825, the Republic of Mexico officially declared September 16 its national independence Day.

In Texas, Diez y Seis de Septiembre has been celebrated in San Antonio for more than 167 years and in Goliad for 160 years. Along with Cinco de Mayo, the holiday is one of the Fiestas Patrias celebrated by Mexican Americans throughout the Southwest.

Source: www.tshaonline.org

Diez y Seis activities

■ Midland College is celebrating Diez y Seis with a performance by the Hispanic Cultural Center of Midland's Ballet Folklorico dancers. The event is 11:30 a.m. today at Beal Plaza. Free lunch will be served.

For more information, call 685-4556 or visit midland.edu/events.

■ Vicente Fox, the former president of Mexico, and his wife, Marta, will be the guests for Midland College's Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series. The lecture will be moderated by Ruben Navarrette Jr., whose nationally syndicated column is published in the Reporter-Telegram.

The event is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. today at Chaparral Center. For more information, call 685-4526.

On this date in Midland

On Sept. 16, 2005, The Midland RockHounds defeated the Arkansas Travelers in four games to win the franchise's first outright Texas League Championship.

Things to do

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

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

Coffee with a cop today

The next Coffee with a Cop is set for 7-9 a.m. today at Starbucks, 3203 N. Midkiff Road. The program allows residents to meet and interact with members of the Midland Police Department.

For more information, call MPD Community Relations at 685-7582.

Support groups, club meetings today

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Decades later, Vietnam soldiers get Medal of Honor

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two Vietnam War soldiers — one still living, one killed in action — received the Medal of Honor in a White House ceremony on Monday, nearly 50 years after they threw themselves into harm's way to protect their brothers in combat. President Barack Obama praised the soldiers as patriots whose sacrifices had never been fully realized by a nation divided over the legacy of the Vietnam War.

Army Command Sgt. Maj. Bennie G. Adkins survived his injuries. Army Spc. Donald P. Sloat did not. It took an act of Congress to allow each to receive the medal so many decades after the fact.

"Over the decades, our Vietnam veterans didn't always receive the thanks and respect they deserved. That's a fact," Obama said. "But as we have been reminded again today, our Vietnam vets were patriots and are patriots."

"You served with valor, you made us proud, and your service is with us for eternity," Obama told the audience, which included Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel — himself a Vietnam veteran — and others who received the Medal of Honor after coming home from the rice paddies of Vietnam.

Drafted into the Army at age 22 from his home in rural Oklahoma, Adkins was deployed three times to Vietnam with the Special Forces. He was already being recognized for actions during his second combat tour when, in 1966, a large North Vietnamese force attacked his camp.

For 38 hours, Adkins fought in close combat against enemy forces, dodging exploding mortar rounds as he dragged wounded soldiers to safety. When the order was finally given to evacuate camp, Adkins refused to leave comrades behind.

By the time he and his group made its way to the extraction point, the last evacuation helicopter had left. So Adkins led his fellow soldiers into the jungle, where they evaded enemy soldiers and even a tiger before they were evacuated 48 hours later.

Adkins, visibly older and walking with a cane, stood tall in his blue uniform and epaulettes, saluting fellow troops after Obama draped the medal around his neck. Adkins now lives in Opelika, Alabama.

"This Medal of Honor belongs to the other 16 Special Forces soldiers with me," Adkins said after the ceremony.

Sloat of Coweta, Oklahoma, was 20 years old when his squad was patrolling a stretch of territory known for frequent North Vietnamese and Viet Cong activity. Unwittingly, the soldier at the head of the pack triggered a tripwire, detonating a booby-trap set there by enemy forces.

The grenade rolled down the hill toward Sloat, and when he picked it up, he realized it was too late to throw it out of harm's way. So with the explosion imminent, Sloat held on to the grenade, pulling it close and bending over so that his body would shield his fellow soldiers from the blast.

Sloat's brother, William, accepted the medal from the president.

Monday's ceremony in the East Room, roughly half a century after the war, had a markedly different feel from the traditional White House gathering of family and friends and a young man or woman recently back from battle in Iraq or Afghanistan. Obama's tribute to the two soldiers served as a reminder of the painful history of Vietnam veterans being maligned or blamed upon returning from that unpopular war — an episode Obama has called a disgrace and a national shame.

Medal of Honor recommendations typically must be made within two years of the act of heroism, and the medal presented within three years. But Congress granted a special exemption for Adkins and Sloat.

"Sometimes even the most extraordinary stories can get lost in the fog of war or the passage of time," Obama said. "When new evidence comes to light, certain actions can be reconsidered for this honor, and it is entirely right and proper that we have done so."

Associated Press

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In this undated photo provided by the US Army, Donald Paul Sloat is pictured. President Obama bestowed the Medal of Honor to Sloat posthumously Monday. Sloat's brother, William, accepted the medal from the president on his behalf.

LEFT: President Barack Obama bestows the Medal of Honor on retired Army Command Sgt. Maj. Bennie G. Adkins on Monday in the East Room of the White House in Washington. Adkins was deployed three times to Vietnam with the Special Forces and is being recognized for actions during his second combat tour, in 1966, when he ran wounded through enemy fire to drag injured comrades to safety. **RIGHT:** Adkins is seen in this undated photo provided by the US Army.

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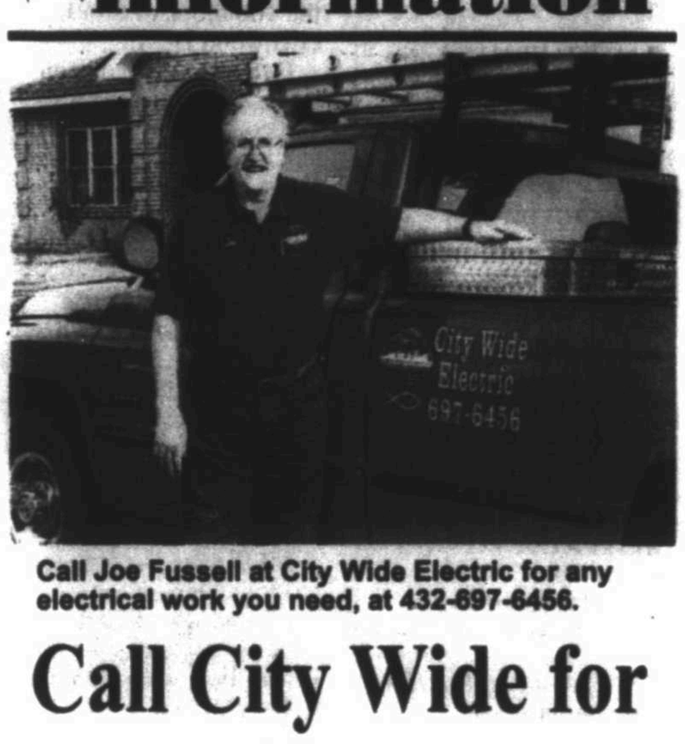

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Laminates these days look more and more like wood, with better wear and maintenance characteristics. Also a staple in high-traffic areas, choose your laminate style and color to match furniture, paint or other décor features. It's also a great surface for the kids to play with toy cars, doll carriages, blocks and other toys without Mom worrying about an uncleanable mess being made.

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Health crisis shows America behind the curve

■ Ebola is a continuing crisis and can serve as a stress test for future emergencies

MICHAEL GERSON
Washington Post Writers Group

The nation of Liberia — founded by liberated American slaves with support from Henry Clay, Daniel Webster and James Monroe — is not unacquainted with suffering. Two civil wars in the period from 1989 to 2003 and decades of economic mismanagement caused an 80 percent decline in per capita GDP — perhaps worse than any country since World War II. Warlords reduced Liberia's infrastructure to rubble. In the 15 years following 1991, there was no electricity in the country except for private generators.

When I last visited in 2012, President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf (Africa's first female president) was leading a tentative recovery. She talked of action plans on reconstruction, development and health infrastructure. All are now in ruins. Sirleaf recently sent a letter to President Obama saying that Ebola threatens to "overwhelm us." Her defense minister warns that Liberia's "national existence" is at stake. Sirleaf just sacked 10 senior government officials who have fled the country and refused to return — hardly a reassuring development in a frightened nation.

So what difference does one more misfortune make in a distant, unfortunate place? A big difference, it turns out. The welcome globalization of markets, culture and travel also involves the unavoidable globalization of threats, including terrorism and pandemic diseases. A virus infecting a single patient — perhaps, in this case, a 2-year-old boy from a Guinea border town who died just before Christmas in 2013 — can reduce three countries (Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone) to desperation and civil disorder, result in the August 2014 declaration of an international health emergency by the World Health Organization (WHO) and raise the prospect of further spread and (more remotely) of disastrous genetic mutation. There is no escape, no isolation, no sanctuary. Any doctrine of "non-intervention" in such a world is not only a dream but a danger.

This is the context in which President Obama has properly decided to step up the American response to the Ebola outbreak — a plan involving additional hospital beds, an expanding role for the Defense Department, and broader efforts to prevent the rapid spread of the disease in places such as Nigeria (which would be a regional and global nightmare).

Whatever the intentions of the president's plan, its success will be measured by a few things. Speed is essential — even days of delay would have large consequences given the upward curve of cases. Coordination is key — other governments, international institutions and nongovernmental organizations need someone to be unequivocally in charge on the ground. And a massive education effort will be essential — the next stage of preventing transmission may require people who fear they are infected to stay in place, wait to see if they get sick, then be nursed by relatives with home-care kits (if an Ebola treatment facility is not readily available).

The Ebola outbreak is a continuing crisis that will doubtlessly demand further resources and effort. But it is also a stress test for future emergencies. The virus, at this point, spreads through contact with bodily fluids. Future threats may only require a touch or a cough. This is not alarmism, but a repeated pattern of struggle between humans and microbes, in which humans have often suffered massive casualties (the 1918 flu pandemic killed 3 percent to 5 percent of the world's population).

This test has revealed several weaknesses:

First, we have seen how diseases take root and grow in parts of the world with fragile or nonexistent health systems, where the normal responses to disease outbreaks (case investigation, contact tracing) quickly break down. There is no better argument than Ebola for addressing massive global disparities in health infrastructure.

Second, we have seen the essential hollowness of the response of international institutions. The United Nations and WHO issue warnings and assemble road maps and blueprints, but they do not constitute an effective emergency response mechanism. The world needs one.

Third, we have seen that the United States government's response to an outbreak can be fragmented and slow off the mark. The administration offered an incrementally growing response to an exponentially growing problem. In this case, expertise and a sense of urgency were scattered unevenly across bureaucracies including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Health and Human Services, the State Department, the U.S. Agency for International Development and the Department of Defense.

All these varied capabilities — so essential during a global health emergency — become more difficult to summon from behind the curve.

OUR VIEW

Former Mexican president to add to MC's Davidson legacy

We want to congratulate Midland College for bringing former Mexican President Vicente Fox to the Chap Center for the next edition of the Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series.

Anyone who looked at Monday's Reporter-Telegram knows we are taking his visit seriously. The question is, are you?

Fox is visiting Midland on Dies y Sies, the day in 1810 when Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla called for the end of Spanish rule in Mexico.

Fox brings a perspective Midlanders need to hear on issues that affect both Mexico and West Texas. Immigration and energy issues top our list. Immigration is an obvious topic, especially the surge of people from Central America.

We also think energy is an area where people should find Fox fascinating. He told Reporter-Telegram Education reporter Tessa Duvall, "It was stupid that we reserved for 100 years a monopoly in the hands of government and the state for 100 years." He also said, "Everybody is welcome to come to this great opportunity that just opened in Mexico. I know in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, in most Southern states, everybody is ready to come to Mexico, invest wealth, generate jobs and make profits. So the future is bright."

We hope the former president is right.

We encourage those planning to attend the Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series to read Duvall's question-and-answers with Fox and moderator Ruben Navarrette in Monday's edition or at mrt.com. Both men provide insight needed to really understand the complex issues, specifically immigration.

And a big kudos to Midland College, not only for bringing Fox to Midland, but bringing Navarrette. The syndicated columnist, we believe, will challenge Fox like few journalists can. Navarrette, whose column runs in the Reporter-Telegram, knows the issues that intertwine America and Mexico better than just about anyone. As he told Duvall, "When it's all done and we have this conversation, it won't be a smooth ride for him. There's going to be some difficult moments in my questioning." Again, just like we hoped.

We have to admit there are few nights we have looked forward to as much as this, not because the speaker will be informative or entertaining. That has been the norm for the Davidson series. No, this should be must-see, because the timing is right and a moderator is in place to make sure Midlanders come away educated on some of the most important issues of our time.

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House leaders hold tea party in check

■ Everything is OK, for now, but things get interesting when thinking about a GOP-controlled Senate

CARL LEUBSDORF
Dallas Morning News

The House Republican leadership appears to have forestalled for now any threat by the party's often fractious tea party to force a government shutdown to get their way on issues from immigration to the Export-Import Bank.

But any pause might be temporary, until government funding runs out in mid-December or, even more likely, until 2015.

The prospect of renewed confrontations emerged over the summer when Sen. Mitch McConnell, possibly the key GOP leadership figure next year, outlined a course that could lead to the threat of a shutdown next year to force policy changes on President Barack Obama.

The Kentucky Republican, who would likely become majority leader if the GOP adds Senate control to its House majority, outlined a 2015 battle plan that would force Obama to choose between accepting limits on his programs or risk shutting down the government.

Ted Cruz couldn't have designed a better prescription for political trouble. After all, only Obama's bungled rollout of Obamacare saved the GOP from a major political setback after it followed the Texas senator's misguided 2013 effort to shut down the government in what proved to be a futile effort to stop the health care plan.

Because of their zeal to get back to campaigning, GOP leaders apparently have blocked the possibility of an earlier confrontation — during this month's congressional "pit stop" to fund the government past Sept. 30. Assuming enough of the troops go along, they decided to continue funding the Ex-Im bank until next June, thus delaying a showdown on its future.

Obama's decision to delay any unilateral action on immigration until after the Nov. 4 election presumably removed another potential barrier, although Cruz said last week he favors using the funding bill to block any future presidential immigration moves.

Still, some issues remain that could create a problem in December, when the "lame duck," post-election Congress considers extending government funding into 2015.

They include the EPA's proposed new restrictions on emissions from coal-fired plants, the moratorium on state taxation of internet sales and whatever immigration measures Obama decides to implement.

As for next year, some Republicans have stressed recently the need for a positive agenda that includes such popular proposals as the Keystone pipeline and repealing the tax on sales of medical devices, along with limited versions of its more controversial goals like repeal of Obamacare.

But McConnell suggested a far more aggressive GOP approach in an interview with Politico's Manu Raju — and a closed-door session with big GOP fundraisers. He said Republicans would use the appropriations bills that have to be passed as vehicles to force Obama to accept Republican changes or veto the bills and shut down the federal government.

"We're going to pass spending bills, and they're going to have a lot of restrictions on the activities of the bureaucracy," McConnell told Raju. "That's something he won't like, but that will be done. I guarantee it." If the strategy succeeds, McConnell added, Obama would have to decide whether "there's more in it that he likes than dislikes" or risk shutting down the government by vetoing the funding measures.

Some Republicans don't want to wait until 2015 to use the budget process to curb Obama. They have leverage because many conservative House Republicans remain reluctant to back stop-gap funding measures on grounds they spend too much. In that event, House GOP leaders would have to enlist Democratic support to keep the government operating.

Congressional leaders plan to fund the government for the new fiscal year in two initial stages. The bill being crafted now would extend funding until mid-December and a second one then would extend it until well into 2015, when Republicans expect majorities giving them the leverage to pursue the McConnell course.

In his Politico comments, McConnell, currently involved in his own re-election fight, seemed confident his party would benefit from any showdown that forced a shutdown.

Polls don't bear that out. During the 2013 closure, they showed the public primarily blamed the Republicans, further reducing its already low public standing. There seems little reason to think the fallout would be different next time, especially if the election is seen as enhancing the GOP's ability to manage events in Washington.

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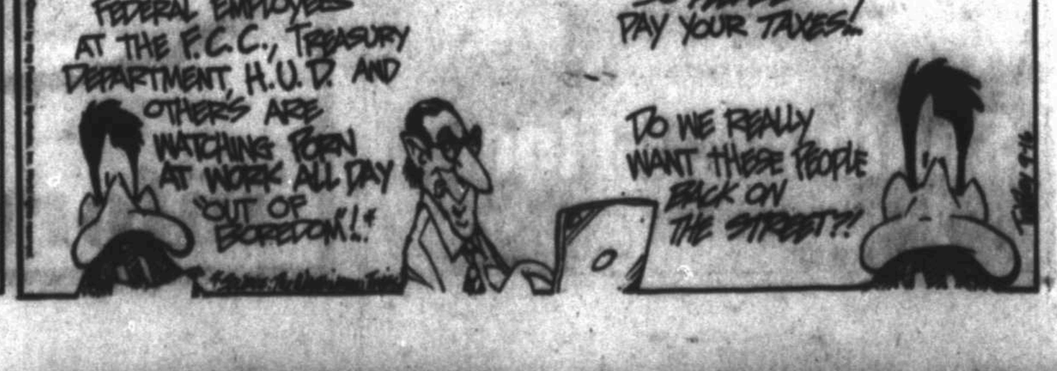

DC leaders make push for statehood

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress is dusting off the notion of statehood for the District of Columbia for the first time in 21 years, but that doesn't mean residents of the nation's capital are any closer to gaining representation on Capitol Hill.

District leaders submitted glowing testimony in support of transforming most of the nation's capital into the "state of New Columbia" at a hearing Monday afternoon. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid supports statehood for the District, and President Barack Obama said recently, "I'm for it."

The Homeland Security Committee chairman who called the hearing, Democratic Sen. Tom Carper of Delaware, has secured 18 Senate co-sponsors for the bill. But he doesn't appear to have enough support from Democrats on his own committee to bring the bill to the Senate floor for a vote, and no further action on the bill is planned.

"My goal for this hearing is to educate a new generation of people about this injustice and restart the conversation about finding a more thoughtful solution," Carper said.

Some Democrats who haven't signed on are running for re-election in swing states, including Sen. Mary Landrieu of Louisiana and Sen. Mark Pryor of Arkansas. In a political climate when coziness with Washington can lead to political defeat, vulnerable Democrats may not want to speak out on the statehood issue.

In the Republican-led House, the issue is a nonstarter. GOP statehood opponents often point out that the nation's founders preferred keeping the nation's capital as a federal district. But there's also an unavoidable political reality: Three out of four registered voters in the District are Democrats, while Republican registration languishes at 6 percent. Republicans aren't likely to hand Democrats two new senators and an additional seat in the House.

"Here we are again debating this issue even though it has no chance of success in this chamber and is dead on arrival in the House," said Sen. Tom Coburn, an Oklahoma Republican, who added that a constitutional amendment would be necessary to correct the "injustice" of the lack of representation for District residents.

Despite such opposition, District boosters said the hearing was a positive step and that the city is in a strong position to push for statehood. The fast-growing District has 646,000 residents — more than Vermont or Wyoming — a booming economy and a municipal government that, while still plagued by corruption, has delivered nearly 20 years of balanced budgets.

GOP blocks women's equal pay bill

Associated Press

Senate Republicans derailed a Democratic bill on Monday aimed at pressuring employers to pay women the same as men, a vote Democrats knew they would lose but scheduled in hopes of attracting support from female voters in November's elections.

GOP senators blockaded the legislation in April and with the support of business groups like the Chamber of Commerce opposed it again Monday. They said that by making it easier for workers to successfully win legal damages in court, the bill would make it harder for employers to defend themselves against pay disparities that are justified — such as when a worker accepts lower pay in exchange for more flexible hours.

Monday's vote was 52-40 to end GOP stalling tactics designed to sink the bill — eight short of the 60 votes needed for passage. Sen. Angus King, I-Maine, who normally backs Democrats, voted with Republicans and was the only lawmaker to break party ranks.

Sens. Ted Cruz and John Cornyn of Texas voted against the bill.

Democrats had promised to revisit the issue in the heat of this fall's campaigns.

Census bureau figures show that on average, women made 77 cents for every dollar earned by men. Experts and politicians debate how much that reflects actual gender discrimination.

Figures show that men tend to out-earn women in comparable jobs and with equal amounts of education. But on average, women tend to accept shorter hours than men and are likelier to take lower-paying jobs.

House GOP moves ahead on Syrian rebel training

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers raced Monday to authorize an expanded mission to arm and train moderate Syrian rebels before heading back to the campaign trail, with House Republicans preparing legislation backing a central plank of President Barack Obama's strategy against the Islamic State group.

The Obama administration said the training operation is needed to establish credible, local ground forces to accompany U.S. air strikes against the militants who have conquered large parts of Iraq and Syria, beheaded two American journalists and become a top U.S. terrorism threat in the region and beyond. The House and Senate are both on a tight schedule, looking to wrap up work Friday before an almost two-month recess in preparation for November's midterm elections.

The authorization under consideration will likely be included as an amendment to a spending bill Congress must pass to keep the government open until mid-December. That would give lawmakers the opportunity to hold a separate debate and vote on the matter — something members of both parties want.

The measure doesn't authorize U.S. combat troops in Iraq or Syria or explicitly ban them, reflecting a congressional divide between hawks seeking tougher action than that proposed by Obama and lawmakers weary from more than a decade of U.S. wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. It also compels the Pentagon to present Congress with a plan 15 days before any training begins, according to a House Armed Services Committee aide, who wasn't authorized to speak publicly about ongoing deliberations and demanded anonymity.

The House Rules Committee planned to meet as early as Monday evening and Republicans were to gather for internal talks this morning. A House vote could be held Thursday, by which time lawmakers will have had opportunities to question the administration's top national security officials. The Senate would then follow.

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel briefs House and Senate committees today and Thursday, with Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Martin Dempsey also testifying. Secretary of State John Kerry appears before separate panels Wednesday and Thursday.

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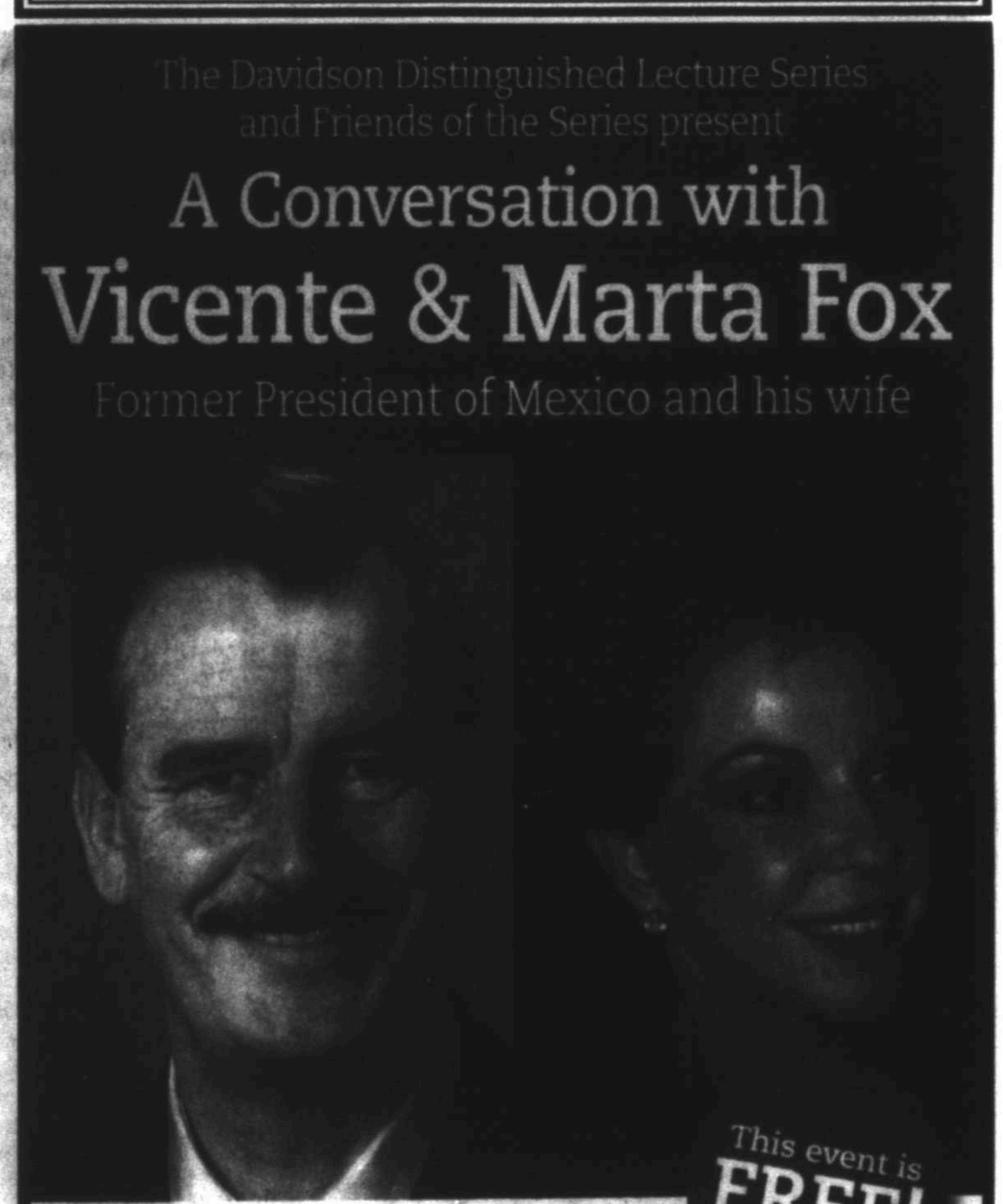

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Florida's 'Gray Belt' a glimpse at nation's future

By Mike Schneider
Associated Press

INVERNESS, Fla. — A billboard at the county line advertises home health care services. Local churches try to create a feeling of belonging for elderly members who may be disconnected from family up north. Lawyers and accountants make house calls like doctors. Elderly residents get ferried to stores by a fleet of county minivans.

Welcome to Citrus County, Florida, where more than a third of residents are senior citizens, one of the highest rates in the nation.

The county isn't a stereotype of Florida, where in just 15 years, one in four residents will be 65 or older. It's a peek into the not-too-distant future of the nation, where the number will be one in five.

In Citrus County, about 70 miles north of Tampa, health care dominates the labor force. Residents prefer to get their news from a newspaper. Strip malls have an unusually high number of hearing aid businesses. The library offers Medicaid planning seminars. Voters turn out in large numbers, albeit often by absentee ballot.

Having such a high concentration of elderly citizens has its trade-offs. You get an engaged citizenry with high voter turnout and volunteerism, but also an economy based on low-skill jobs such as healthcare aides, retail clerks and food service workers.

Senior citizens who move into an area generally aren't eager to fund schools, research shows, whereas those who remain in the communities where they worked and raised their families tend to support education and other public spending that doesn't benefit them directly. Citrus County voters lived up to that thesis as recently as two years ago when they decisively rejected a referendum to raise property taxes to fund schools.

The county's elderly makeup sometimes has made it difficult to attract workers with young families to fill those service jobs, said Tobey Phillips, a county spokeswoman. Health care jobs account for almost a third of all jobs in the county.

"It's kind of a Catch-22," Phillips said. "We need people to be working in these industries, but we can't get them here sometimes because it's primarily an elderly community."

The local First Presbyterian Church has struggled to maintain membership as congregants either die or move back north to spend their last years near relatives. Changes that might attract younger families for the almost 500-member congregation often meet resistance.

"One term that has been used for a church like ours is 'a hospice church,' and that's a pretty bleak deal but maybe realistic," said Jim Capps, interim pastor. "It's not bad thing, but the problem with that is you're facing extinction."

Baby boomers and other coming crops of seniors will be more tech-savvy. But at the library in Citrus County, large print books are popular, and library staffers have become the de facto tutors on new technology. The library offers classes on basic software such as Microsoft Word and Excel and is developing a social media class after getting requests for it, said Eric Head, director of library services.

Citrus County became a retirement mecca in the 1980s with the development of the Beverly Hills and Citrus Hills housing communities in former citrus groves. Marketing of the developments was geared toward empty nesters from the Northeast. Boston Red Sox legend Ted Williams came to Citrus Hills in the late 1980s and was known to fish regularly in the nearby Gulf of Mexico.

Citrus County is one of eight counties stretching round the Orlando and Tampa metro areas in a band that might be called the Gray Belt. It has among the oldest populations in the nation, not to mention in Florida, which has long had the highest rate of seniors in the nation, and will for decades yet. The others include Marion, Martin, Indian River, Highlands, Sarasota, Charlotte, and Sumter counties, the last of which is home to the largest concentration of seniors of any county in the nation thanks to the retirement community called The Villages, northwest of Orlando.

By 2030, seniors in these counties, which are overwhelmingly white, will make up anywhere from a third to half of the residents.

North Dakota, Texas, and Michigan have pockets of seniors on par with the Gray Belt counties in Florida. But unlike the Florida counties, which have grown from the migration of new seniors, they have gotten grayer as a result of younger residents leaving.

The demographic makeup of these eight Florida counties contrasts starkly with the state's younger and more diverse major metro areas, such as South Florida, Tampa, Orlando and Jacksonville, and the interests of Gray Belt residents will diverge politically, socially and economically from Florida's more youthful cities.

Residents in the younger areas will want state investments in education, transportation and infrastructure. Not so much for residents in the Gray Belt, said University of Florida economist David Denslow.

Since voting power will tilt in favor of the older residents because of their higher voter-participation rates, the key to keeping both sides happy is to devolve all kinds of governmental decisions on taxes, planning and education from the state level to the local level so that residents in areas with both high and low concentrations of seniors will feel like their voices are being heard, Denslow said.

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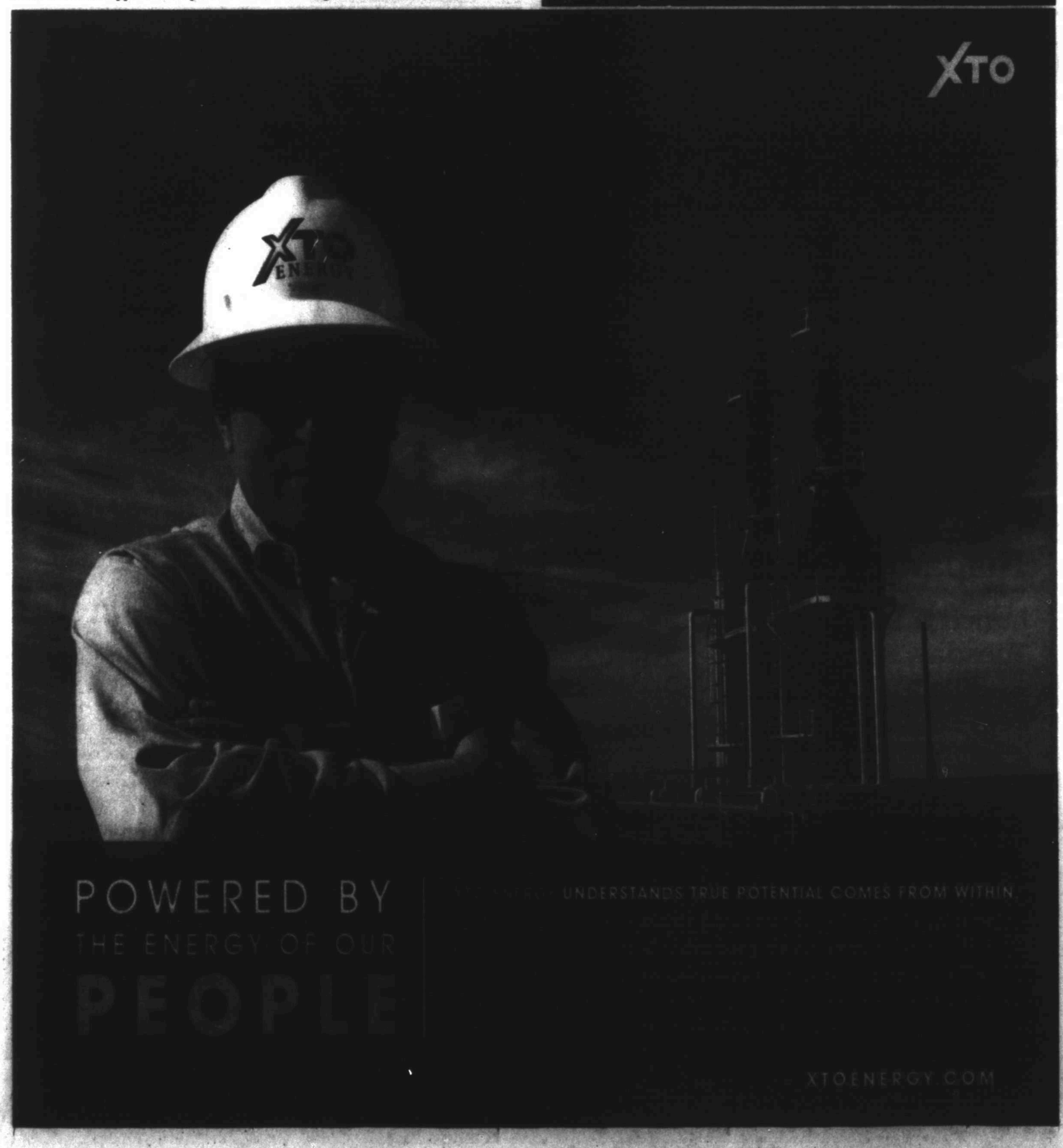
Retirees Edna, left, and Pedro Cortés make use of computers Sept. 10 at a branch of the Citrus County Library, in Beverly Hills, Fla. In Citrus County, more than a third of residents are senior citizens, the sixth-highest rate in the nation.



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Author whose book will be given to Midland first-graders talks about his influences

By Tessa Duvall
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Children's book author and illustrator Mark Teague spoke with the Reporter-Telegram last Friday about his career and the 1994 book "Pigsty," which will be distributed by the Reporter-Telegram and Wells Fargo to area first-grade students this week as a part of Project Literacy 2014.

Teague's first book, "The Trouble with the Johnsons," which he wrote and illustrated, was first published in 1989. He has since worked on more than 50 books.

The following are selected question and answers, which have been edited for content, clarity and length.

MRT: First things first, how did you get into writing and illustrating children's books?

Teague: It was a long time ago and it was almost accidental. I was working in a big book store in New York City and doing window displays and signage for the store, and that got me exposed to children's books for the first time since I was a kid. I got inspired by the books I was seeing and decided to write and illustrate my own book. Being in New York and being around children's book people was definitely a help because I got introduced to some editors and eventually ended

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Courtesy photo

Author Mark Teague's 1994 book "Pigsty" will be distributed by the Reporter-Telegram and Wells Fargo to area first-grade students this week as a part of Project Literacy 2014.

COFFEE WITH A COP

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Police Department Officer Larry Woodruff talks with Linda McGuire and her grandaughter, Eowyl Ochoa, on April 24 at the McDonald's on Andrews Highway during the third Coffee with a Cop event. The next Coffee with a Cop is 7-9 a.m. today at Starbucks, 3203 N. Midkiff Road. The program allows residents to meet and interact with members of the Midland Police Department. For more information, call MPD Community Relations at 685-7582.

Award-winning author found her inspiration while visiting Midland

Editor's note: This is Part 1 of a three-part series on local authors participating in next month's Books in the Basin.

By: Steve Kuhlmann
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Drake

For long-time corporate CFO Laura Drake, her dream of becoming a published author seemed like it might remain just beyond her grasp. However, 15 years and three books later, it is reality.

Drake is one of 40 authors participating in Books in the Basin, a joint effort between the Midland and Ector county public libraries. During the two-day festival, set for Oct. 10-11, she will answer questions on the romance panel and lead a workshop.

While she has only recently moved to Midland, it was on a visit here — her husband's home town — that she first discovered her love of bull riding. The sport ultimately would inspire her first three novels.

"My husband took me and it was the first time I had ever been to a rodeo," Drake said. "I just loved it, and I liked bull riding the best."

From there, Drake began to follow bull riding on TV on the weekends and eventually traveled to various events. The stories grew from there, but Drake said she felt so intimidated that she almost didn't write them.

"I thought authors were so much smarter than me," Drake said. "I didn't know much so it took a lot of guts for me to sit down at a computer and write a book. But I had a

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Books in the Basin

When: Oct. 10-11
Where: Midland and Odessa colleges, Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, Yucca Theatre and Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center.
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For a complete schedule and list of participating authors, visit booksinthebasin.com.

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Oct. 11 - Odessa College
- 11:30 a.m. - W202
- 12:30 p.m. book signing - CC127 (cafeteria)
- 2 p.m. - romance panel - CC Zant
- 3 p.m.- book signing - CC127

6 reasons to pick up a new iPhone 6

By Steve Kuhlmann
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On Friday, Apple will release its new phones — the iPhone 6 and the iPhone 6 Plus. With pre-orders reaching a record-breaking 4 million sold in the first 24 hours, the new models already seem likely to be a hit.

For those interested in upgrading or making the switch from Android, here are a few reasons to pick up one of Apple's new devices:

Bigger screens

For loyal Apple users who have been envious of many Android phones' larger screens, the wait is over. Not only will the new iPhone feature a larger screen, but it will also offer users the chance to choose which larger screen they prefer: The 4.7 inch iPhone 6 or the substantially larger iPhone 6 Plus at 5.5 inches.

To give you an idea of how big those are in comparison to previous models, the diagonal measurements of the iPhone 4 and 4s are 3.5 inches, while the iPhone 5 and 5s measure in at 4 inches.

Higher resolution

In addition to upgrading the size of its phones' screens, Apple is also packing in more pixels to the displays for a crisper, more detailed viewing experience. Apple also claims to have improved the contrast, wide-angle viewing and an improved polarizer for viewing the phone with sunglasses.

Faster performance

Both new iPhone 6 models feature the new A8 chip, which Apple claims will allow for up 50 times faster CPU performance. Add that with faster download speeds, LTE and Wi-Fi and together they mean speedier and more seamless browsing, playing, watching and communicating.

Improved camera

For shutterbugs, the iPhone 6 camera will offer improvements on nearly every front, increasing the frames-per-second for video and slow-motion video, enabling time-lapse videos as well as better autofocus and stabilization.

Increased storage

While the base model of both iPhone 6 models is still 16 gigabytes of storage, Apple has forgone the 32 gigabyte option and skipped straight to 64 gigabytes for an added $100.

While 64 gigabytes is quite a lot of room, power users might consider the 128 gigabyte model — for another $200 above the base model — if they plan on storing lots of apps, movies and music on their device.

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KNIFE & FORK

This week's columnist is Rich Lopez.
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Hearty, healthy meal can be made with few ingredients

With the cold snap last week, my first thought for food was something nice and warm. But it was also wet, and I just wasn't up to driving through puddles and dodging the rain. Instead, I opted for a home-cooked meal — if only I had a can of soup with some crackers.

Scouring my pantry and refrigerator yielded depressing results. Craisins and pretzels weren't going to cover it. I thought about how my mother would always whip up some glorious meal out of what seemed like nothing. Taking inspiration from that, I battened down the hatches and took another look.

I can't call it magic, but somehow I was able to have both a hearty and healthy meal. To boot, after eight months in Midland, it would also mark my first home-made meal. My first apartment didn't have a kitchen in which I felt comfortable, so cooking was relegated to frozen pizzas in the toaster oven. But my new apartment has a spacious cooking area and ample counter space, and by golly, I deserved it.

My saving grace was my nighttime reading habit. I prefer cookbooks over novels and had checked out three from the library the week before. After some quick perusing, I learned that miso paste was a viable alternative to stock. With a new determination, I braved the downpour to hit the Asian Market on Illinois Avenue for miso paste and this would be my only purchased ingredient. I had to make mom proud.

The result was a comforting soup that was also easy. With the following ingredients that were already in my kitchen and with some trial and error, dinner wasn't too bad.

Cauliflower Soup

1 head of cauliflower
1 cup chopped onions
1 teaspoon pre-minced garlic
Miso paste
Salt and pepper
Olive oil
Water

My dad, a retired chef, told me that soups are both hard and easy but can always be made. I opted for easy. Like most recipes, I started with a usual base by sautéing the chopped onions and garlic for 2-3 minutes.

While that cooked, I broke the cauliflower into small pieces. I then added the cauliflower and 2 cups water and let it simmer until the cauliflower softened, about 15 minutes.

As it simmered, I stirred in the miso. I was inexperienced using the ingredient. I equated it to concentrated bouillon cubes, so I started with 2 tablespoons per cup of water.

After the cauliflower was soft, I pureed the contents in a blender. Initially, it was too thick, so I added 3 cups of water, with a tablespoon for each cup.

With salt and pepper to taste, the soup came out with a wonderfully nutty flavor, and the miso added a very subtle hint of tartness where stock would have been more salty. The consistency was wonderfully smooth with subtle grainy

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Cauliflower soup and a salad with homemade dressing hit the spot on a rainy day when the pantry yielded a limited supply of ingredients for a meal.

Obituaries

Jay Cummings

Jay Cummings of Midland passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 13, 2014, in Midland Texas. He was 82.

Jay was born on April 28, 1932, to the home of Ereth Maxwell Cummings and Ruby Lee Cummings in Portales, New Mexico. He has lived in Midland since 1970.

Jay began a career with the Atlantic Refining Company on a seismograph crew in 1951, and retired as a supervisor for wireline operations, for ARCO Oil and Gas 38 years later. Retirement did not end his love for his work and the oilfield and Jay continued working for Unitex Wireline Services for 17 years.

A sharp mind and talented hands enabled him to succeed at tinkering with equipment on the job or on a home or automotive project. He loved helping others and people sought him out to solve problems. Jay was extremely generous, oftentimes gifting people secretly either with a present or by lending a helping hand.

His family will remember him for the kind, giving nature he constantly modeled.

Jay also loved to play tennis, participating in tournaments and playing daily in the Midland Tennis Club for many years. His tennis partners spoke of his competitive, but friendly spirit.

He met Lacretia Wilks in 1951, in Lovington, New Mexico, and a year later, August 16, 1952, the couple was married in Fort Sumner, New Mexico. The couple raised their family first in Lovington and then in Midland.

Jay is survived by his wife, Lacretia; a son, Stephen, of Midland; a daughter, Ann and husband, Mike Smith, of Houston; a grandson, Taylor and wife, Cayla Smith, of College Station; a granddaughter, Aubrey Smith, of Denver; a great-granddaughter, Aurora Smith, of College Station; two sisters, Judy Terry of Portales, New Mexico, and Becky Cummings of New Mexico; and a brother-in-law, David H. Stratton, Ph.D., of Pullman, Washington.

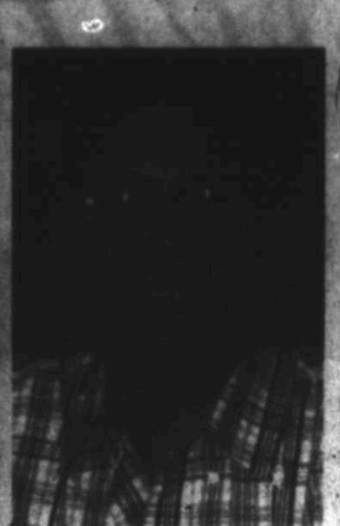
He was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Wanda Stratton.

A visitation will be on Tuesday, September 16, 2014, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Nalley- Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland.

Services will be held at First Baptist Church Chapel of Midland, on Wednesday, September 17, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. with Reverend David Johnson and E. J. Bradshaw officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences may be made at *www.npwelch.com.*

All Obituaries must be submitted by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.



Joel Galindo

Joel Galindo went to be home with our heavenly father on September 11, 2014, in Midland, Texas.

He was born in Odessa, Texas, on May 26, 1968. He was raised and educated in Midland, Texas. With his contagious laughter and unique sense of humor, he was a joy for those around him. This is a great loss and too soon, as he was a loving, caring, and giving person. He touched so many lives.

Joel was an incredibly intelligent person who enjoyed technology. In his spare time he enjoyed building and repairing computers and he also created many inventions that were in the process of being patented.

Furthermore, he loved spending hours cooking for his children, family, and friends. He operated Rosa Mexican Restaurant with his mother in the Midland International Airport area for many years. He had and used all of his mother's special recipes.

He enjoyed music and all who knew him well, knew he loved Michael Jackson the most. He was also an avid collector of Star Wars memorabilia.

Joel was a loved father, grandfather, son, brother, and cousin. He was very proud of all of his children.

Joel's life would seem too short to many, but those who knew him, know he lived life to the fullest. He will be dearly missed. To best remember his love, this poem is dedicated to him by his children.

"Each day you strived to live, your body too weak to be, your love will live forever, since your heart has set you free, now you walk so bravely, you feel the pain no more, angels have come to guide you, and bring you to Heaven's door, memories will hold so dearly, your smile warmed our hearts, and through our lives you'll live, you've touched so many parts, hard days may be before us, it's all a part of God's plan, why you left so soon, we may never understand, you'll be alone no longer, and you'd tell us "don't be sad," please believe you were no burden, we'll always love you Dad! Our lives have changed forever, since the day you passed away, in heaven you'll be waiting, to meet us again someday."

He is preceded in death by his mother, Elida Rosa Galindo; and nephew, Gregory.

Survivors include his daughter, Gloria Gutierrez, Krystal Nunez and son-in-law Philip Nunez, Roxanne Galindo of the United States Air Force, Caytlian Galindo; his sons, Jacob Galindo, Bailey Galindo, and Christopher Galindo; his grandchildren, Angelina and Koby Nunez, and Isabelle Olivas; his father, Guillermo Fino Galindo; his sisters, Lourdes Rayos and Lori Venegas, his brothers, Adam and Guillermo "Willie" Galindo.

Pall Bearers are Servando Venegas, Rene Rayos, Guillermo "Willie" Galindo, Adam Galindo, Bailey Galindo, Sebastian Venegas, Anthony Galindo, and Marcus Rayos.

Honorary Pall Bearers are Christopher Adam Galindo and Jacob Galindo.

A rosary will be held tonight at 7:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral mass is set for Wednesday, September 17, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church with Father Lorenzo Hath officiating. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens. Funeral mass is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: *pipkin@nts-online.com* or you can visit our website at *www.lewallengurciapipkinfh.com.*

John David Bentley

John David Bentley of Midland, Texas, was taken home to the Lord on September 12, 2014, in Katy, Texas, at the age of 64.

John was born to Margie and Jack Bentley on April 13, 1950.

He spent his early years on a farm near Stanton, Texas, until the family moved to Midland. Graduating from Midland High School in 1968, he met Ricka Holloway that summer. John and Ricka fell deeply in love and wanted to get married. When her parents objected, they stole away to Mexico and were married there. That was nearly 45 years ago.

After getting married, they joined Main Street Church of Christ where they were baptized together and began their lives.

Those who knew John knew that he had a tremendous work ethic - a passion he passed on to his children. In addition to working full time at the United States Post Office, he started a real estate leasing company in 1986, and built it up to become a thriving and successful business.

Through his diligent hard work, he ensured his family was always provided for. He single handedly guaranteed that the Home Depot would stay in business because he had perfect attendance every weekend. John had a very personal attachment to his rental business, and always believed in a hands on approach to them, taking great care to ensure that any work that needed doing was done well.

He recently retired from the Post Office after 29 years to work on his real estate business and spend more time with his family.

As a landlord, John was truly kind. He sincerely had a heart for people who were suffering and worked with his renters in every possible way when they fell on hard times. He understood what it was like to live with physical ailments, family emergencies, and plain old bad luck. His compassion may not have made the most business sense, but he never failed to give people the benefit of the doubt.

In spite of this dedication to hard work, John truly loved to make people laugh and is probably best known for his witty and dry sense of humor. He loved to play jokes and oftentimes spoke in a comical language all his own, translating words like popcorn into "mompeas", and microwave into "crimowave", and always with a particular fondness for all things involving turnips.

John is survived by his wife, Ricka; and their three children, Tawnya Green and husband Tim, William Bentley and wife Melissa, and Timothy Bentley and his wife Shoshawna.

He is also survived by his eight grandchildren, Matthew Green, Victoria Green, Elizabeth Green, Sheridan Bentley, Graham Bentley, Reagan Bentley, Justin Bentley, and Maximus Bentley.

Although his passing was sudden, his final day here was spent with family and grandchildren. It was a day full of laughter, love, and good food. John will be deeply missed by his wife and children, and especially his grandchildren who called him Grandpa Doe or simply "Doe ey", a title bestowed on him by his first grandchild, Matt.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, September 16, 2014, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, September 17, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. with Justin Wood officiating at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel at 3800 N. Big Spring St., Midland, Texas, 79710.

Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

The family suggests memorials be donated to the American Diabetes Association, PO Box 1132, Fairfax, Virgina, 22038.

Arrangements are under the directions of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory. Online condolences can be made at *www.npwelch.com.*

Kenneth Michael "Mike" Whitley

Kenneth Michael "Mike" Whitley, 62, of Odessa, passed away Saturday, September 13, 2014, at Medical Center Hospital.

Memorial services will be scheduled at a later date. Arrangements are by Martinez Funeral Home.

Mike was born in Odessa, Texas to Kenneth Webb Whitley and Faye Harris Whitley on September 25, 1951.

He married Anne Crow on July 1, 1978, in Amarillo, Texas. He graduated from Odessa College. He was in law enforcement (Slaton PD, Lubbock SO, Odessa PD, Ector SO) for several years as well as worked in sales/safety in the oilfield. Mike loved his family, hunting, fishing, and guns.

Mike was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth "Buzz" Whitley.

Mike is survived by his wife, Anne Crow Whitley of Odessa; son, Shawn Whitley and fiancé, Jill Estep of College Station; daughter, Stephanie Whitley Newton; grandson, Taylor Newton of Midland; son, Shelby Whitley of Midland; brother, Pat Whitley of Odessa; mother, Faye Whitley of Lake Brownwood; as well as several nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts, and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be made to the Midland Municipal Police Officers Association (MMPOA, P.O. Box 50111, Midland, Texas 79709) honoring Mike's years of law enforcement service.

Margaret L. Booth

Margaret L. Booth (Baggett) went to be with Our Lord in Heaven on September 13, 2014, after a long battle with cancer.

Margaret was born on a cattle ranch in Snyder, Texas on September 12, 1942, to Bill C. Baggett and Rosa Lee Blair both from Blackwell, Texas.

At the age of four her family moved to Midland, Texas. Margaret proudly graduated from Midland High School 1961.

After graduation she was employed by SS Kresges in the Dellwood Mall. Opened Kmart in Midland, Texas, and retired the day it closed their doors. Margaret gave 34 years to the Kmart Company and was happily retired for ten plus years. Days were spent reading mysteries, playing with her dog Hydee, and spending time with her family and friends.

Margaret is survived by her only child, Angela Allen (Brown) and her husband Richard Allen of Las Vegas, Nevada; three grandchildren, Ashlee De Leon Reyes and her husband Trysten Reyes of Las Vegas, Nevada, Cody Allen and wife Carol Allen of Midland, Texas, and Cassie Allen of Las Vegas, Nevada; four great-grandchildren, Jayden Allen, Kalea Reyes, Lelan Mermis, and Randy McMooring.

Visitation for family and friends will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 17, 2014, at Ellis Funeral Home.

A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date when family members arrive.

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

Ronnie Wilson

Ronnie Wilson, 63, of San Angelo, formerly of Midland, passed away on Sunday, September 14, 2014, in San Angelo at his home.

Memorial services will be held 10:00 a.m. Thursday, September 18, 2014, at Golf Course Road Church of Christ. Leslie Davidson of Hope in Christ Cowboy Church, officiating. Arrangements are with Robert Massie Funeral Home.

Ronnie was born in Pampa, Texas, to Bill and Bonnie Wilson on February 11, 1951.

He graduated high school at Kermit. In 1974, he graduated from Sam Houston State University with a Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice and Political Science. He married Cyndi Corp on May 10, 1986, in Midland. He worked as a policeman for the Midland Police Department for nearly forty years.

He graduated from the 136th session of the FBI National Academy in 1984. He earned both Advanced and Master Peace Officer certifications. Ronnie was promoted to Detective Sergeant on March 1, 1987, and Lieutenant on June 16, 1989. As a Lieutenant, he held assignments in the Administrative Services Bureau, the Field of Operations Bureau, the Investigative Services Bureau and the Support Services Bureau. He retired September 30, 2013.

Ronnie is preceded in death by his grandparents, WM Wilson, Lillie Wilson, TJ Rhea, Willie Ann Rhea; and aunt, Estelene Baer.

Ronnie is survived by his wife, Cyndi Wilson of San Angelo, Texas; his daughter, Katie Wilson of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; his son, Clay and his wife Stephanie Wilson of Mertzon, Texas; his brother, Howard and his wife Tanice Wilson of Odessa, Texas; his parents, Bill and Bonnie Wilson of Midland, Texas, and many other beloved family members.

The family will receive family and friends after the service at the home of Mike Ford, 1002 NCR 1105, Midland, Texas.

Memorials may be given to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

Death Notices

Alvin Lloyd Moore

Alvin Lloyd Moore, 80, of Octavia, Oklahoma, died Saturday, September 13, 2014, in Paris, Texas.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 16, 2014, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Graveside services will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 17, 2014, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

Alvin is survived by two daughters, Debbie Prise and April Freeman; one brother; and two sisters.

Bobby B. Duke

Bobby B. Duke, 80, of Midland, died on September 11, 2014, at his residence in Midland.

He is survived by his wife, Ada Duke; daughters, Patty Duke and Jennifer Linton.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Services are pending with American Heritage Cemetery and Funeral Home.

Emil "Pat" Eugene Meurer

Emil "Pat" Eugene Meurer went to the Lord Monday, September 15, 2014.

A funeral service will be held at 3:00 p.m., Thursday, September 18, 2014. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Pat is survived by his wife, Eria Mae "Sally" Meurer; sons, Randy Meurer and Marty Meurer; and one brother.

Robert R. "Bob" Hunt

Robert R. "Bob" Hunt, 81, of Big Spring, died Saturday, September 13, 2014, at his residence.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 16, 2014, at the Ackerly Church of Christ. Interment will follow at the Ackerly Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Janie Hunt; three daughters, Carla Peugh, Jill Tubb, and Kaye Glaeser; one son, Robert Coleman Hunt; and one sister.

TEAGUE

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up with Scholastic and got my book published that way.

MRT: Where do you come up with your inspiration for these books?

Teague: That's a really hard question, and I don't really know the answer, to be honest. I think, particularly, my earliest books were mostly just remembering stuff from when I was a kid, and now that I've gotten older, I'm maybe more inspired by my own two daughters, household pets.

MRT: I read "Pigsty," and I can remember my own mom calling my bedroom a pigsty when I was a kid. Did having daughters inspire things like that?

Teague: That's an old book. That book was published in '94, so that's actually before my kids were born. But, I had the same thing. My mom called my room a pigsty. That was sort of lodged in my brain, I guess. The book is kind of autobiographical in a certain way.

MRT: Why do you enjoy writing children's books?

Teague: I always loved books; I loved books when I was a kid growing up. It's something I just connect with very easily. I love stories in general, I love storytelling, and picture books are especially great because I get to combine the two things I really like — which are writing and illustrating.

MRT: Does being the illustrator for your own writing give you a more complete way to tell a story?

Teague: It's certainly an element of control. I also do illustrating for other authors, so I've had both experiences. Definitely, I feel privileged, compared with the authors I know who don't do their own illustrations. I always feel like they have to make a real leap of faith when they submit a manuscript and hope the illustrator gets their vision. That's something I don't have to worry about because I kind of see it in my head as I'm writing.

MRT: Why do you think you loved reading so much as a child?

Teague: I give my mom a lot of credit. She was a big reader in our house. She'd take my brother and me to the library pretty much every week. I can remember coming home from the library with a big stack of books. It was always part of my life as a kid growing up. Beyond that, I had a natural connection. I was always drawn to illustration; I loved looking at the pictures. I think staring at the pictures is what taught me to read basically, just going over books over and over and over again. I think that's essentially how picture books work. That's how it seemed with both of my daughters, that they got intrigued by the pictures, and after while they'd memorize the stories, and through memorization they learned to read.

MRT: What do you hope that kids and families get out of your books, whether it's a love for reading early on or spending time with the family?

Teague: I hope that I'm helping to foster a love for books. It's been a great part of my life to just have that engagement with books and reading, and if I can help young kids get onto that path in the first place, I'd feel very gratified to know that.

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KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	(repeat)*	Wheel of Fortune	Dancing With Stars "Results Show" (N)	Agents of SHIELD "Beginning of the End"		20/20: From Hell (N)		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel	Kmgan Michael Kay	(:35) News Wightation
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother (N)	NCIS: Los Angeles "Deep Trouble"		Person of Interest "Deus Ex Machina"		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman		(:35) Craig Ferguson
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Hogan's Heroes	Gilligan's Island	Taxi	Taxi	Cheers	Perry Mason		Adam 12
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	8	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Utopia (N)		Now Girl (N)	Mindy Project (N)	Modern Family	Modern Family	Hot In Cleveland	Hot In Cleveland	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
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FLIX		340	65		165		(5:30) ★★ Cedar Rapids		(7:30) ★★ The Expendables 3 Mike Tyson (cameo).					(10:30) ★ The Shadow Conspiracy		(:45) ★ Eight Million Ways to...		
HBO		300	68	14	14		★ 1/2 Kidnap	A Most (N)	★★★ The Judge (14, Drama) Robert Downey Jr., Robert Duvall.					Fight (N)	Boardwalk Empire	Sports		
HBO2		302	69	15	101	23			★★★ 42 Years a Juan (13, Sta	Children	Last Week	Bill Maher		Bill Maher: Live		★ Dallas Buyers Cl...		
HBO3		304	70	16	102		★★★ The Sopa Dental Hamburger				Boardwalk E. (N)			★★ Essential Creatures		(:15) ★ Broken City		
MAX		380	71	17	120	24	Movie		(:50) ★ Fast and Furious 6 (13, Act) Vin Diesel.					The Knick	(:50) ★ Germany (13, Act) Lilian Harcho...		LilaTop	
MAX2		382	72	18	122		(5:30) ★★ The Rock Scar Comedy				★ R.I.P.D. Ryan Reynolds.				(:40) Forbidden "Dark Secrets"		(:10) ★ Big Momma...	
FLIX				96			(5:25) ★ Hercules in ...		★★ The Ladies Defence					(:50) ★★ Anonymous (11, Drama) Rhys...		★ Frankenstein Patron Poetry...		
SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	I Don't Mean to Brag		Masters of Sex		Inside the NFL			Donovan "Volcheck"		Inside the NFL	7 Sins	Movie
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A&E		27	32	28	35	47	Married to Job	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars		Married to Job (N)	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
AMC		40	21	23	42	51	(4:15) ★ The Fugitive		(5:15) ★★★ Walking Tall					4th and Loud (N)		4th and Loud	★ Walking Tall	
BET		58	26		40		★ Why Did I Get Married Too? (10, Com) Sharon Leal, Janet Jackson.							Comic V	Comic V	Comic V	Comic V	Wendy Williams
BRAVO		65	63		41		Below Deck		Housewives NJ		Below Deck (N)			Singles Project (N)		Watch (N)	Below Deck	Singles
CNBC		46	45		39	72	Factories "John Deere"		Shark Tank		Shark Tank			Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Does Someone Go?
CNN		43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		CNN Special Report			CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		CNN Special Report
DISC		50	20	31	24	42	Yukon Men		Yukon Men (N)		Yukon Men (N)			Ice Lake Rebels (N)		(:05) Yukon Men		(:05) Ice Lake Rebels
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	Liv/Mad	Girl	★ ★★★ Tarzan Tony Goldwyn.			(:35) Austin		Dog Blog	GoodLuck	I Didn't	A.N.T.	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
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FNC		45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File			Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File
FOOD		64	59	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped			Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	The New College Football Show (N)		Stars Inside (N)	Instant Replay	Spotlight	Pre-game (L)		MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Oakland Athletics Site: Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum -- Oakland, Calif. (L)				
FX		31	31	59	64	69	2 1/2Men		★★★★ Captain America: The First Avenger					Sons of Anarchy (N)		(:15) Anarchy "Toil and Till"		Anarchy
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	The Waltons		Waltons "The Pearls"		Middle	Middle		Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	JenGar	JenGar		H.Hunt	House (N)	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	JenGarth	JenGarth
HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	Counting	CountCars	Counting	Counting	Counting	Counting		Counting	Counting	Counting	Counting	Counting	Counting
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	Dance Moms		Abby's Studio Rescue (N)		DanceMom "Another One Bites the Dust" (N)			Kim of Queens "The Angry Queen" (N)		Kim of Queens "The Angry Queen"		StudioRe "Delusions of Dance Grandeur"	
MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow			The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
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SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	Face Off		Face Off		Face Off (N)			Wizard Wars (N)		Face Off		Wizard Wars	
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TLC		51	33	32	38	52	19 Kids and Counting "Duggars and Mothers"		19 Kids & Count	19 Kids & Count	19 Kids & Count (N)	19 Kids & Count (N)		Little People, Big World (N)		19 Kids & Count	(:35) 19 Kids	(:05) Little People, Big World	
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	Castle "Almost Famous"		Rizzoli "Dance With the Devil"		Rizzoli "Somebody's Watching Me"			Rizzoli & Isles "All for One"		(:05) CSI: NY "Cuckoo's Nest"		(:05) CSI: NY "Manhattanhenge"	
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	Hillbillies	Hillbillies	Candid Camera (N)		Hot In	Queens		Queens	Queens	Candid Camera		Loves Ray	Loves Ray
USA		26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Theater Tricks"		Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family		Modern Family	Modern "Snip"	Modern Family	Modern Family	Law & Order: S.V.U. "A Single Life"	
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Kay Epperson of Rusk has a unique voice. You hear it and you want to see who's talking. "Kay Baby," as she is known in Rusk, got a speaking part in the movie "Bernie" because of her accent and the fact that she is a genuine character and makes her presence known wherever she goes.

"I stole that movie from Shirley MacLaine. I didn't mean to, but it ended up that way. It was so fun. She lives in New Mexico. I'm going to go see her one of these days — just knock on her front door and tell her, 'I just thought I'd come over for lunch.'"

After her experience with "Bernie," Kay Baby was caught up in the movie world. She got an agent and signed on as a character actor. She got a part in the movie, "Joe," starring Nicholas Cage.

"You talk about a trip. I play a drunk woman cleaning a deer. It was filmed in Austin. I got there one morning and they had shot that deer and brought it in this old cabin and I went to work on it. I don't think I'll drink any more strawberry daiquiris because that mix stuff they put in there is terrible and I was drinking it all the time. That stuff is so sweet and if you have to drink it four or five hours, you get sick of it."

She appears as a beauty operator in the independent film "Amazing Grace." She has had experience as a hairdresser and for a few years tended to Elvis Pressley's hair.

"I've been doing hair 30 years. And in this new one coming up, I play a waitress. Well, I was born and raised in a café, so they'll be hard to hold me down. It's called "Lost in the Sun."

She has a part in the movie called "Manglehorn" starring Al Pacino, due out next year. At a press briefing, he gave interviewers his complete attention for three minutes to take pictures, then returned to his dressing room. Kay Baby said he was easy to work with.

"When he talks to you he has total eye contact. He really listens to what you're saying. He is the nicest man, just an ordinary guy. He loves to talk and visit with you."

Kay is having a good time. She can't wait to see what's next and who she'll meet. After five movies, she is getting some notoriety and hears from people all over the country. Some want to get up close and personal with her.

"I was in the Cracker Barrel in Shreveport using the restroom and this woman kept knocking on my stall door. She said, 'Are you the lady who was in that movie, 'Bernie?'' I said, 'Yes, ma'am.' She said, 'Well, I recognized your voice. Can I have your autograph?' I said, 'Not right now.' The lady said, 'Oh, let me go get my husband.' She pulled her husband into that women's bathroom so he could meet me."

KNIFE & FORK

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texture.

I estimate the recipe would serve about six.

Mom would be proud, but it didn't stop there. I have a thing about pickle juice. In my heart, it seems a waste to throw away. Knowing I had mixed greens, I figured I could whip up a dressing.

Homemade Salad Dressing

1/2 cup dill pickle juice
1 cup olive oil
1 tablespoon pre-minced garlic
Salt and pepper to taste

I combined all the ingredients into a blender and after a couple of quick pulses, I put into a mason jar. The pickle juice gave the dressing a nice punch without any overpowering flavor.

A drizzle over the greens with a $^{2}/_{3}$ed egg on top, a nice warm soup and a beer (it was a celebratory moment) proved to me that yes, I can make something from nothing – just like mom.

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Each of the two-letter groups below may be extended both on the right and the left to form a six-letter word. Use the tiles directly above each group to fill in the blanks.

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Yesterday's Answer: BUOYANT, STROKED, WEAKEST, THROATY

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Tree's dead spot most likely caused by fungus

Dear Neil: We have had this problem with our Texas mountain laurel for two years. Last year there was a small dead spot about one square foot in size. I cut it out of the tree. This year, the problem has shown up again and has spread from a small beginning. What should I do?

Answer: I had a similar problem with a Texas mountain laurel. It proved to be a fungal issue that was within the wood of one trunk. Eventually I lost that entire trunk. Trimming your affected branch back flush with a healthy branch or trunk is probably the best immediate thing to do. Send a box of plant tissues to the Plant Disease Diagnostic Lab at Texas A&M. Dead leaves won't mean a lot, but tissues collected from the branch would, especially if you see any pulpy or deteriorating wood. You'll find all the collecting and mailing details with an online search for "Texas A&M Texas Plant Clinic."

Dear Neil: We have a live oak tree with a hole in its trunk that is about 2 1/2 inches in diameter and 30 inches deep. It's at chest-height. The tree looks healthy. Should I try to fill it in, and if so, what should I use?

Answer: Do not fill it. Certified arborists I've worked with tell me that they almost never do that.

The filler material, even if it were concrete, adds no strength to the trunk, and it seals things off so that if any decay is trapped inside the trunk, there is no access to it. What happens in most cases is that a healthy tree will form a ring of new bark around the wound, and as the tree trunk grows and expands, that roll of bark will cover across and seal the wound. If you're unsure of how to proceed, this is the time to get a certified arborist on the job.

Dear Neil: For many years, I have had bluebonnets in my bermuda-covered lawn. This year many of the plants were stunted and pale. They failed to bloom properly. Watering had little effect. There were patches of healthy plants, but the problem seemed to spread. After the plants went to seed, I pulled them up and found what looked like galls on the roots of the sick plants, one gall per plant. Is this nematodes that are doing this?

Answer: I'm surprised you've done well with bluebonnets and bermuda co-existing in the same area. I would have expected the bermuda to overtake the bluebonnets before they could mature. The description you gave does sound like nematodes, but you would have to have a test run by the Nematode Diagnostic Lab at Texas A&M. It's part of the Texas Plant Clinic at TAMU. Personally, I have never seen nematodes on bluebonnets, but that doesn't mean that they aren't possible. Of course, all legumes have their own nitrogen-fixing bacterial galls (good galls) on their roots. That might be what you were seeing. That's a long ways to say that I don't know for sure. I would suggest soil test from two or three affected areas.

Dear Neil: How can I get rid of weeds that are almost overtaking our lawn?

Answer: That's a huge question. Start with a visit with a Texas Master Certified Nursery Professional. Take samples of the weeds, and ask that he or she identify them for you.

Have them show you pre-emergent weed control products and how they can be used to prevent germination of both annual grassy weeds and broadleafed weeds. Then ask them to show you a broadleafed weedkiller (probably containing 2,4-D) that would be used to kill all existing non-grassy weeds. You might need a glyphosate weedkiller to spot-treat for dallisgrass in your lawn, and you might need Image or Sedgehammer to kill out nutsedge. (Nutsedge control is most effective in late spring and summer.) Finally, remember that most weeds are invited guests into our lawns. The best way to eliminate most of them is to take maximum care of the turf, so that the weeds won't be able to get started in the first place.

IPHONE

From 1B

Mobile payment

One of Apple's most interesting — and controversial — new features, Apple Pay claims to be a wallet replacement, storing your various payment methods and allowing you to use your phone to make in-store purchases. While some cite security concerns, Apple claims that the system is both secure and private and that the company will not save any transaction information.

To learn more about the features of the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus, visit apple.com/iphone-6 and for trade-in deals, read our Heat Index for September at mrt.com/entertainment.

Rich Lopez contributed to this report.

RE-LEAF BY DEBBIE FROST

Mid-September, lower temperatures and rain: It doesn't get any better than this for the garden. Drought and heat-stressed plants begin to recover, root growth is good and as soon as the soil dries out a little it's a good time to plant.

Tilling, spading or digging in wet, saturated soil can destroy the soil structure that is critical to a healthy soil environment and plant growth. The same applies to irrigated soils. Projects that include lots of foot or equipment traffic, soil amending, or other soil disturbance are best done after the soil has drained and has a moist, crumbly feel rather than wet ball consistency.

Foot traffic and machinery are also bad on wet soil because of the pressure exerted. This compacts the soil, which drives oxygen out of the pore space. This also destroys the soil texture and hinders beneficial soil microorganisms and plant growth. This type of traffic over tree roots also will drive out vital oxygen and damage roots, destroy pore space and can eventually weaken established trees.

These principles are especially important if soil has clay or high clay content. Clay soils tend to hold lots of water longer than a loam or sandy soil. Clay pore space is small, and compacting the particles can result in a damaged soil structure that may not be corrected for decades.

Tilling, spading, planting and working in very dry soil is also bad. If a project is scheduled in soil that is so hard and dry it can't be worked, it should be watered. But then a day or two of drying should be allowed before continuing the project. Working the soil after wetting it does irreversible damage to the soil structure. Landscape and gardening results will never be what they could have been without proper soil moisture.

It's a simple but overlooked concept and is often not convenient. Waiting for the right soil moisture often gets in the way of the schedule, but if you wait for the right time, landscape results will be much better.

Get re-leaf in your landscape projects by checking and waiting for the proper soil moisture before working the soil.

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Hardy Turk's cap (Malvaviscus drummondii) and winter tender blue Plumbago are shown. (Plumbago auriculata) make a dynamite combo in the summer and early fall garden. Both have good heat and drought tolerance, but, enjoy the rain, too.

Ornamental cabbage, kale dress up landscape

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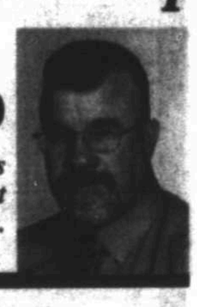

Now here's an idea your average vegetable gardener just may not digest easily: growing a salad strictly for ornamental purposes. Just around the corner from now, the nurseries will be filling up with ornamental cabbage and kale. Before you dress your landscape with these beauties, there are a few things you'll want to know.

Cabbage and kale are annual plants in the Brassica family most often grown for their tasty foliage. Spinach, broccoli, cauliflower bok choy and brussel sprouts are a few other well-known plants in the Brassica family. These cool-season vegetables are famous for their health benefits when included in the diet. When planted in mass, hybrids of cabbage and kale are appreciated for their brilliant purple and red tones in the winter garden.

If you want to grow ornamental cabbage and kale from seed, you better get started immediately. Seed can be started indoors about 10 weeks before the first frost. Be sure you find the word "ornamental" somewhere on the seed packet, otherwise you'll be disappointed. Common cabbage and kale grown for edible purposes isn't as showy as the ornamental varieties.

Plant breeders have developed elaborate varieties of cabbage and kale that is sure to please as long as you don't add them to your supper table. These ornate varieties may meet the taste standards of squirrels, rabbits and hens but people generally find the foliage less palatable than those grown for food.

Your best bet is to purchase ornamental cabbage and kale from your favorite local nursery. Avoid leggy plants. Look for full-size plants with very short stems. Once they become root bound, cabbage and kale tend to stop growing.

The most visually striking gardens make use of cabbage and kale in mass plantings of the same variety. Ornamental cabbage and kale are low- growing and also make excellent border plants. Individual plants located randomly throughout the garden simply look chaotic and disorganized.

A container filled with ornamental cabbage or kale creates a superb focal point for winter gardens. Park the container in an area that receives full sun. All plants in the Brassica family prefer low temperatures and full sunlight. You may become disheartened if you locate ornamental cabbage or kale in shady spots.

Keep an eye on the weather. If ornamental cabbage and kale are planted too early, the result may be weak and dull plants. The most spectacular foliage occurs on cabbage and kale when nighttime temperatures dip below 50.

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DRAKE

From 1B

story in my head that just wouldn't go away."

Drake said she found the courage to press on when she realized that — thanks to the delete key — she could write the whole story and still have the power to erase it.

"Of course, once I finished it a year and a half later, I wanted it published. But in the beginning that's how I got over being intimidated about writing," Drake said.

While that book sat unpublished until two years ago, Drake is finally reaping the rewards of her persistence. Earlier this year, she won a 2014 RITA award — what Drake described as "the romance industry's Oscar" — in the category of Best First Book for her first novel, "The Sweet Spot."

"I've had more success than I ever could have dreamed was possible," Drake said. "It's just been an amazing journey."

Drake currently has five books on the shelves with one more still under contract and hopefully, she said, more to come.

"I waited a long time, but once I got an agent it seemed like things went really fast," Drake said.

While she is originally from Detroit, Drake spent 30 years living in Southern California until moving to Midland earlier this year.

"The plan was always that when we retired we would come here to Midland," Drake said. "(My husband) finally retired and we moved here in March."

Now that she is here, Drake is looking forward to connecting with other local writers and becoming part of the community. While she is excited for the festival on its own merits, Drake said she is also looking forward to having the opportunity to get to know others who share her interests.

"I'm not going to miss a thing," Drake said. "In Southern California I was in a writer's group of 150 people. Now I've moved here and it's going to take me a while to build up friendships and get to know other writers and people who are interested in reading and writing in the Midland area. I'm just going to spend those two days soaking it in, networking and meeting people."

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THURSDAY: Partly sunny — High: 83 Low: 60
FRIDAY: Partly sunny — High: 86 Low: 70
SATURDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 86 Low: 68
SUNDAY: Partly sunny — High: 86 Low: 66

Local forecast

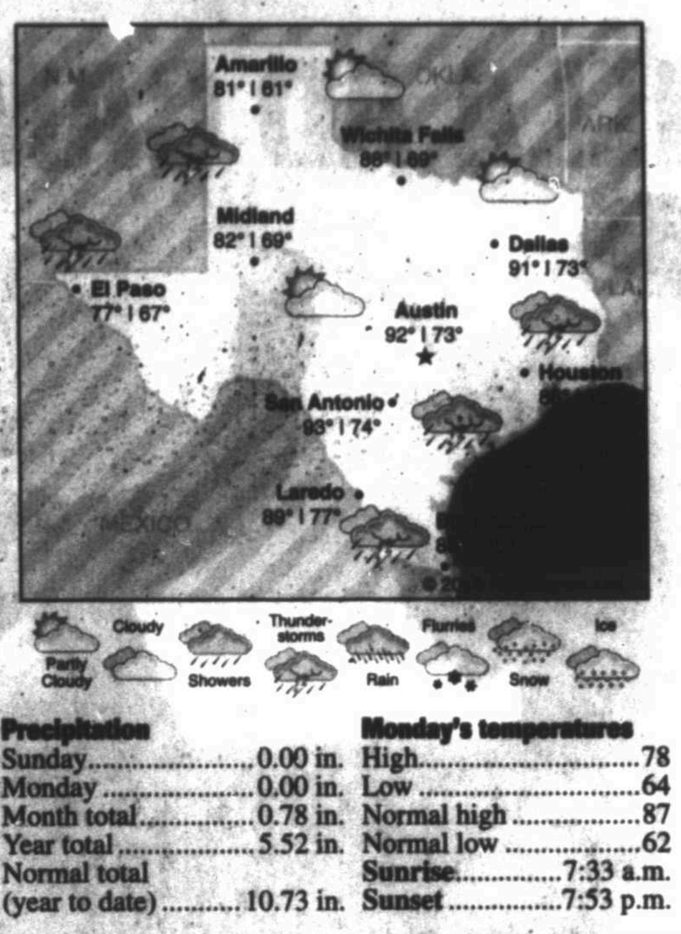
There is a 40 percent chance of rain today through Thursday. A chance of showers and thunderstorms continues through Sunday.

The high on Monday reached 78, while the low dropped to 64. The record high for Sept. 15 is 100 set in 1965. The record low is 47 set in 1993.

Weather why

Q: You sometimes hear about efforts to create rain, and the term "cloudseeding" comes up. What exactly is cloudseeding?

Efforts to control the weather have been around longer than you think, said Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "In the 1700s in England, scientists thought that loud noises would divert thunderstorms and hail," McRoberts said. "It didn't work. In 1892, a lawyer got Congress to give him $10,000 to conduct rain making experiments in Texas using balloons rigged with explosives, again thinking that loud noises would produce rain. Again, no luck. Modern efforts can be traced to Nov. 13, 1946, in New York. A scientist tested his theory that dry ice dropped into clouds would produce precipitation. Five minutes later, snowflakes were falling from the clouds."



Precipitation

Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.78 in.
Year total	5.52 in.
Normal total (year to date)	10.73 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	78
Low	64
Normal high	87
Normal low	62
Sunrise	7:33 a.m.
Sunset	7:53 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Sept. 16

Showers | Rain | T-storms | Flurries | Snow | Ice

Husband's 'educational' DVDs get flunking grade

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: I am a full-time mother of three young children and have been married for nine years. Since the beginning, my husband has pushed to have things "his way." He struggles with his temper and has yelled at me over little things.

We have met with a counselor and were showing improvement in our marriage — or so I thought — until he started pushing me to watch explicit sex DVDs and read sex books. I feel very uncomfortable doing this. He claims he wants us to watch them for "educational reasons." He seems obsessed with the idea that we have to get the most out of life NOW because we are getting older.

I know we have some big issues to overcome and plan to continue seeing our counselor, but do you have any advice? — STRUGGLING IN THE SOUTH

DEAR STRUGGLING: I'm all for getting the most out of life regardless of how old a person is. And I'm pleased that you and your husband are talking to a licensed therapist, because it may help to save your marriage.

Many couples watch "explicit" sex DVDs together because it improves their sex lives. Depending upon the content of the ones your husband is watching, it could add spice to your sex life. But because it is making you uncomfortable, this is something that should be discussed with your therapist so you won't feel coerced into anything you can't handle.

DEAR ABBY: I am a woman in my early 60s. I take good care of myself and have been told I'm attractive. I have been in a monogamous relationship with "Frank" for six years. I love him and he loves me, but I'm not sure I want to marry him.

I know I couldn't live with Frank full-time because even though he's 57, he lives like an immature frat boy. He has sports memorabilia all over his house, and he's messy. There are piles of paper and stacks of clothes everywhere. He is a hoarder, a procrastinator and has OCD.

Frank and I are best friends. We have an amazing physical relationship, but I feel I want more. I don't think he's willing to change his ways at this point in his life. Should I accept this relationship for what it is, or look for someone more compatible with my lifestyle, as hard as that would be? — TORN IN TEXAS

DEAR TORN: I think you should have a talk with Frank and lay your cards on the table. You say he is a hoarder, a procrastinator and has OCD. If you are right, they may all be connected. His house isn't the only thing that may be chaotic; his mind may be, too.

The good news is there is help for OCD and hoarding — but only IF HE IS WILLING TO GET IT. If he is open to it, your relationship could go to the next level. However, if he is resistant and marriage is what you want, it would be better to move on and find someone whose lifestyle is more like your own.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Tommy's grand coup*

Neither vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ 8 5 3
♡ K 3
◇ A K Q J
♣ A Q 10 9

WEST
♠ J 10 9 2
♡ 2
◇ 9 6 4 2
♣ 8 6 4 3

EAST
♠ A K Q
♡ Q 9 8 7
◇ 8 5 3
♣ 7 5 2

SOUTH
♠ 7 6 4
♡ A J 10 6 5 4
◇ 10 7
♣ K J

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1◇	Pass	1♡	Pass
2NT	Pass	4	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Jack of ♠

Trump Coup Tommy was in a good mood. Something told him that today would be a special day and he couldn't wait to get to the bridge table.

At the sight of dummy, Tommy regretted his four-heart bid. Nine tricks in no-trump were a certainty, barring five spade losers. In hearts, he had three top spade losers and a big hole in his trump suit.

East cashed his three top spades and shifted to a safe diamond, dummy winning the jack. Tommy cashed the king of hearts and played a heart to his jack. His eyes lit up when West showed out. This was his chance to shine! Tommy had seen hands like this in books, but never at the table.

He led a diamond, specifically winning with dummy's queen, so he could lead the ace of diamonds and ruff it! Next came the jack of clubs, overtaken with dummy's queen, in order to ruff the king of diamonds. The king of clubs was overtaken with the ace, leaving a two-card ending with Tommy's ace-10 of trumps sitting behind East's Queen-nine. Tommy had the last two tricks and his contract. "A double Grand Coup," thought Tommy, quite proud of himself.

*A simple trump coup becomes a Grand Coup when you must ruff winners in order to reduce your trump length.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2014:

This year you open up to many new adventures. Your drive and energy will make a difference on the homefront. You could move, remodel your home and/or build a new addition. You also could be prone to fighting with those you live with, especially if you don't have a good outlet for your high energy. If you are single, you are drawn to people who inspire you. Get to know someone before you become emotionally involved. If you are attached, the two of you often differ when it comes to deciding on plans. Go along with your significant other's choices more often, as he or she tends to let go more easily than you do. CANCER helps you create more of what you want.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Use the early morning to make calls and have meetings. As the day goes on, you might need some time to tackle a problem. You will benefit from having private time. You might strive to see the big picture, but it could be difficult at this point. Tonight: At home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Handle a financial matter immediately, and you will be more relaxed. Act quickly and ask questions. Seek out the information you want. A wide range of opinions could be difficult to handle at times, yet they will prove beneficial to your long-term goals. Tonight: Dinner for two.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ You'll breeze through the morning until you might trip over an obstacle involving your funds or a financial agreement. You might feel confused, as what you are seeing won't be the same as what you are hearing. Tonight: Go over your budget before making any plans.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ By midmorning, you'll perk up and seem more interested in others. You'll have the energy and right attitude to get past any problems. Others might step back and become less helpful because they assume you can handle it all. Is that what you want? Tonight: Pace yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You might choose to have a low-key day, yet someone could decide to invade your space. You will have no choice but to deal with the issue at hand. Responsiveness will help facilitate a sense of mutuality. Know what you want to deal with. Tonight: Do your vanishing act.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Look at the bottom line during a meeting. Others likely will feel differently than you do. You might decide to go out on your own. The question remains: What is best for you? You will discover that others will join you along the way. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You'll feel relaxed as long as you look at the big picture. A problem is likely to occur when you become too immersed in an issue. Frustration and anger easily could come to surface. Do not sit on these feelings; instead, express them in a way others can hear. Tonight: Out late.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You finally will achieve the level of understanding and relaxation you've been seeking. Your ability to see past the obvious defines a situation. Your detachment allows others to come to you in order to gain a deeper perspective. Remain open. Tonight: Follow your imagination.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Your energy could greenlight a conversation that someone has been trying to have with you. Stop resisting, and be open to the process. The other party might be very sensitive, yet he or she will understand where you are coming from. Tonight: Dinner at a favorite place.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Others seem to rule the roost today. Consider your options, and decide not to fight what the majority wants. Try to express your feelings in a way they can be heard. You might have a lot of questions to ask at this present moment. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You could be taken aback by recent events. You might decide that you have had enough and head in a different direction. A friend is likely to push you hard to do what he or she wants to do. Honor who you are. Tonight: Run some errands on the way home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Your imagination emerges once more to help you find your way. Your caring toward a loved one won't go unnoticed. Be careful with those in charge, as they might have some kind of grievance with you. Tonight: Enjoy the one you are with.

BORN TODAY

Record producer Marc Anthony (1968), musician B.B. King (1925), magician David Copperfield (1956)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Fraternal title for a fictional fox
5 Easily bamboozled sort
10 Former Mach 2 fliers, briefly
14 Top-rated
15 Hawaii hello
16 Butterlike spread
17 Steak cut
18 U.S.-Canada defense letters
19 With 54-Down, longtime Jeep competitor
20 Hockey player's blade cover
22 __ Place: Butch and Sundance companion
23 Music rights gp.
24 Wonderland cake words
26 Bolivian capital
30 Ticked off
33 www help pages
36 Old vendor of cold blocks
39 French king
40 Sch. in Columbus
41 Regain, and hint to a hidden letter arrangement in 20- and 59-Across and 11- and 35-Down
42 Sound system part
43 Xbox 360 competitor
44 Log-on requirement
45 Work on a keyboard
46 Mechanic on TV's "Taxi"
48 Foil maker
50 Sinclair Lewis' "__ Gantry"
53 Swampy areas
57 Senate gofer
59 Meticulous, as premium service
63 Swine's supper
64 No longer squeaking
65 Fifty-fifty
66 Get a glimpse of
67 Do a bakery job
68 Socially awkward type
69 Bustle
70 "My apologies"
71 Prohibitionists

DOWN

1 Lightweight wood
2 Corner chessmen
3 Room-size computer unveiled in 1946
4 U-Haul vans, e.g.
5 Sign of hunger
6 Baseball family name
7 Afghanistan's __ Bora
8 Divvy up
9 When tripled, "and so on"
10 Serious
11 Roofing color
12 No-frills shelter
13 Fountain drink
21 Org. concerned with greenhouse gases
25 Gas holder
27 Bakery array
28 French play part
29 Striped equine
31 One-sided win
32 "Holy cow!"
33 Pheasant or turkey
34 Sri Lanka setting
35 Rather nice
37 Letters in a box
38 Electrical adapter letters
41 Largest of the Mariana Islands
45 Final part
47 Compulsive thief, for short
49 Texter's "Zounds!"
51 Furry "Star Wars" creatures
52 Thick-skinned beast
54 See 19-Across
55 All-inclusive adjective
56 Ships
57 Subtle "Over here!"
58 Kibbles 'n Bits alternative
60 Robert of "The Sopranos"
61 Fabric mishap
62 Whirling current

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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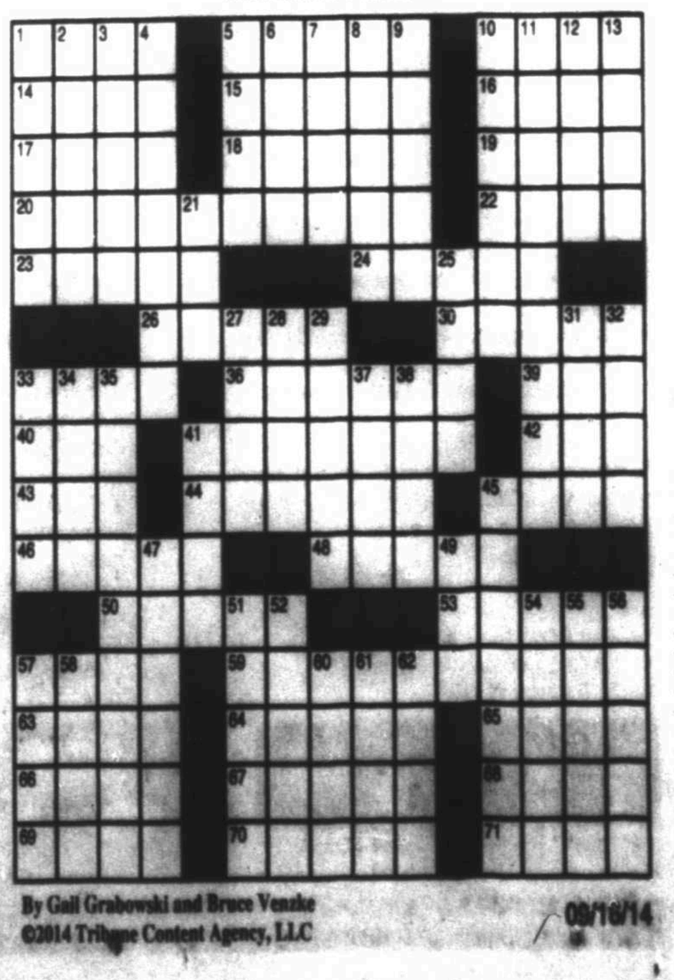

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SOUNDBITES

Reviews of recent releases

GEORGE STRAIT
"The Cowboy Rides Away: Live From AT&T Stadium"

The 20-song "Cowboy Rides Away: Live From AT&T Stadium" documents what was billed as Country Music Hall of Fame member George Strait's final concert. Held on June 7 in Arlington, the event was more celebration than concert — where the waves of cheers play as big of a role as the voices and musicians.

The guest-heavy lineup leans on modern stars such as Jason Aldean, Eric Church and Miranda Lambert more than Strait's peers or influences. Several cuts are reduced to karaoke sing-alongs, with the guests providing harmony vocals or taking a single stanza. But memorable cuts surface, such as a powerful version of "A Showman's Life," with Faith Hill on backing vocals.

There are other special moments. Strait reveals a playful side on a spirited duet with the great Martina McBride on the Johnny Cash-June Carter hit "Jackson." He and Alan Jackson stick up for country traditions on "Murder on Music Row."

This live record isn't the place to sample Strait's long list of hits. It is, however, a gift to those who hate to see this legendary cowboy ride off into the sunset.

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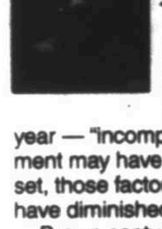
CHRIS BROWN
"X"



Chris Brown's sixth studio album, "X," is cohesive, entertaining and not at all what one might expect of a project plagued by delays following the release of lead single "Fine China" back in March 2013.

But while court dates, rehab stints and — if you believe the singer's tweets from last year — "incompetent" management may have stalled his latest set, those factors don't seem to have diminished his creativity.

Brown captures attention from the get-go, opening "X" with the chilly first lines of his title track: "If you're only as good as the company you keep/Then I'ma blame you for what they say about me," he sings, taking listeners on a slow, dark cruise that eventually erupts into a crush of dubstep and electronic stylings from track producer Diplo.

That brooding vibe shows up again on "Autumn Leaves," a captivating collaboration with Kendrick Lamar. "I been bleeding in your silence/I feel safer in your violence," Brown sings, making good on earlier promises to deliver honesty and vulnerability with "X."

Brown is light and carefree on the very danceable "Time for Love," and fun on the irresistible "Drunk Texting" with Jhene Aiko. His collaborations with Brandy on "Do Better" and Ariana Grande on "Don't Be Gone Too Long" are both winners. And alongside Trey Songz, Brown pays homage to R. Kelly with the smooth "Songs on 12 Play."

Whether Brown is reflecting on life and love or setting himself up for what will surely play out as part of an elaborate dance sequence, the singer's work is majorly on point.

Melanie Sims/AP

GUERRILLA AD CAMPAIGNS

Apple CEO Tim Cook, left, jokes with U2 members The Edge, Bono and Larry Mullen Jr. during an announcement of new products on Sept. 9 in Cupertino, Calif.

Forward-thinking U2 innovating while entertaining

By Chris Talbott
Associated Press

Since U2 stunned the music world by delivering a surprise album at Apple's iPhone 6 unveiling and making it available to a half-billion iTunes users for free, they've gotten an avalanche of publicity.

But who's listening to it? The answer is still unclear. Apple has not released official download rates for "Songs of Innocence," and U2's manager, Guy Oseary, also said he didn't know how many people had actually downloaded the album.

But that really wasn't the point: The album will live on in users' iCloud, and the band envisions new listeners accessing it for the first time for years to come.

"We're quite happy that 7 percent of the planet has this album, and they can enjoy it at their leisure," Oseary said.

The Rock and Roll Hall of Famers' move was hotly debated within the industry as people tried to assess whether it was another stroke of genius from a band that has been a top-selling juggernaut for decades or a ploy by an aging group trying to make a splash in a landscape that has vastly changed since it released its last album in 2009. Even though that album went platinum, its sales were a bit of a disappointment for the band.

Back then, frontman Bono told The Associated Press, "We felt that the 'album' is almost an extinct species, and we (tried to) create a mood and feeling, and a beginning, middle and an end. And I suppose we've made a work that is a bit challenging for people who have grown up on a diet of pop stars."

That diet has gotten even more extreme since then, with album sales continuing to plummet industrywide, singles dominating and streaming services including Spotify and even iTunes helping to diminish the impact of a cohesive art form album.

So what is U2 trying to achieve with its latest Apple alliance? Oseary said the band achieved one goal: keeping the integrity of "Songs" intact by releasing it as an album. As far as U2's larger business goals?

"I don't expect everyone to get everything now," Oseary said. "Maybe in a few years things will start making sense or they won't. But that's not our job. Our job is to make sure the music is in as many hands as possible. This was an incredible opportunity to do that."

U2 joined Jay Z, Beyonce and a growing number of artists who are working out exclusive corporate deals and employing guerrilla ad campaigns rather than moving the album through the typical marketing plan of singles release and slow build to launch date.

Like Jay Z and his Samsung partnership to launch "Magna Carta ... Holy Grail" last year, U2 and Interscope Records get handsomely paid — something that's no longer guaranteed from album sales alone — and the money comes on up front. Apple continues a high-profile relationship with a longtime business and philanthropic partner, plus earns more credit for innovation. Fans get something for free and those who don't want it can just ignore it.

"I applaud each of those artists creating a stir and not just falling into a predictable marketing strategy," longtime producer and Sony Music Entertainment executive Clive Davis said. "I think in the case of Beyonci and Jay Z, they had successful results triggering so much extra media attention and coverage because they didn't do things in a formulaic kind of manner."

But there may be penalties to pay later if physical retailers refuse to stock the album, as Target did when Beyonce surprise-dropped her self-titled LP exclusively on iTunes last December for a week (it was still a top-seller worldwide). And there are still lots of questions. Will fans now buy a physical copy, released Oct. 14? Will the band lose some of its cool? Even the unflappable Jay Z suffered backlash when the app he and Samsung used to distribute his album to 1 million customers cataloged user information, and there have already been complaints from some who didn't want a U2 album on their cloud — even as a gift.

Rob Beckham, an agent with William Morris Endeavor Entertainment who handles some of country music's biggest stars, thinks any negatives that might emerge have already been offset. All acts suffer a cooling of interest when their careers reach into the decades, he said, and the trick is to find ways to rekindle interest and build new audiences. A win for U2, for sure, but in some ways he feels the excitement over an innovative move will inspire the industry.

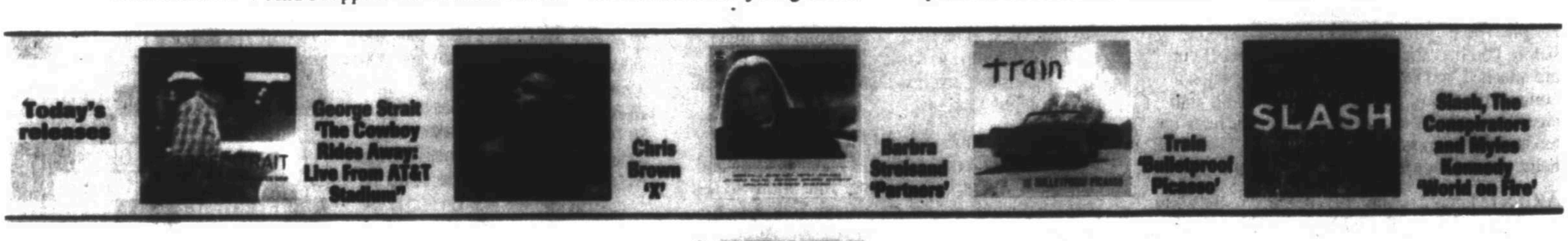
"People still have to have a passion for the music," Beckham said. "They have to have a passion to buy it, the passion to steal it or the passion to copy it. To me, the best part of this is they're getting new music into the marketplace. I think the hardest part is going to be at some point if record labels are not able to sell music and make money, then you're going to see a lot fewer artists and a lot less music in the marketplace."

There's no question the album's arrival got the meter moving in a year that's been light on buzzy releases. Reports surfaced earlier that the band would not release an album until 2015 after teasing its imminent arrival earlier this year. Now, it will be one of 2014's most memorable musical moments.

Oseary declined to release financial details of the deal and said he was not privy to Apple's spending on its advertising campaign. The band is focused on next month's deluxe edition release, which will include four unreleased songs and acoustic versions of album tracks, and he said they're not ready to talk about the forthcoming album "Songs of Experience" or speculation that a tour announcement is imminent.

He encouraged everyone to think differently.

"I think it's great for music," he said. "Someone right now may have seen this happen and they may decide they want to do something amazing with artwork or with lyrics or something amazing with a video or photos. We don't know what someone else will innovate, but it's great to see something exciting happen and see big companies launch something with new music."



LIVEWIRE

MIDLAND/ODESSA/ BIG SPRING/ANDREWS

SEPTEMBER

16 **Johnny & Susie Band** @ Permian Basin Dance Club, St. Stephens
17 **Chris Brazeal Band** @ Shack in the Back
17 **Justin Langston** @ Saltgrass
18 **Goodtimers** @ West Texas Dance Club, VFW, Odessa
18 **Micky & The Motorcars** @ Rockin Rodeo
18 **Phillips, Craig and Dean** @ New Life Church
18 **Witchaven, Obscure Oracle, Nightmare Canvas** @ Blue Max
18 **Justin Langston** @ Basin Burger House
18 **Texas Buck'n Heat Band** @ Lone Star Bar
19 **Josh Abbott Band** @ Graham Central Station
19 **Fusion** @ The Roadhouse
19 **Acoustic Drive, The Trials** @ 10 Sports Bar
19 **High Level Warefare** @ Basin Burger House
19 **7 Years Today** @ Redneck's
19 **Blue Cats** @ The Bar
19 **Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys** @ Lone Star Bar
19 **Tech Jazz, Soraida Montoya** @ Music City Mall
19 **Justin Langston** @ Saltgrass
20 **CB Trickery** @ The Bar
20 **Marley Prase** @ Redneck's
20 **Alejandro Escovedo** @ Yucca Theatre
20 **Nathan Kalish & The Last Callers** @ Blue Max
20 **Jared Scott Salas** @ Midland Center
20 **Remmy Valenzuela** @ Club Patron
20 **Richard Acuna, Mike Leonard, Ty Miller, Walton Lyte, Martha Elliot, Tyler Kirk** @ Musci City Mall
20 **Ronnie Milsap** @ Wagner Noel
21 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co., Emily King, Tucker Binkley** @ Music City Mall
22 **The Piano Guys** @ Wagner Noel
22 **Machine** @ Blue Max
23 **Showdown** @ Permian Basin Dance Club, St. Stephens
24 **Ian Anderson: The Best of Jethro Tull** @ Wagner Noel
24 **Justin Langston** @ Saltgrass
25 **Martina McBride** @ Wagner Noel
25 **Kyle Wilson, Chris "MoonDawg" Hall** @ Blue Max
25 **Kim Dunn** @ Rockin Rodeo
25 **Showdown** @ West Texas Dance Club, VFW, Odessa
25 **Jake Kelton** @ Rockin Rodeo
26 **Live On Stage Presents: Fernando Varela** @ Wagner Noel
26 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Midland Senior Center
26 **Andean Style** @ Music Park Mall
26 **Justin Langston** @ Saltgrass
26 **John Conlee, Earl Thomas Conley** @ La Hacienda
26 **Dan Patterson & The Dying Lights** @ 10 Sports Bar
26 **Kolton Moore & The Clever Few, Dalton Domino** @ Lone Star Bar
26 **TJ Broscoff** @ Redneck's
26-27 **The Darren Welch Group** @ The Bar
26-27 **Texas Buck'n Heat Band** @ Hot Shots
27 **All Stars, Mike Leonard, Andean Style, Tucker Binkley, Martha Elliot, Tyler Kirk, Walton Lyte** @ Music City Mall
27 **Gary Gorence** @ Polo Park Estates
27 **Crooks, Mayeux & Broussard** @ Lone Star Bar
28 **Gary Gorence** @ Cigar Frog's
27 **Chad McBride and the Drifters** @ Redneck's
28 **Santana** @ Wagner Noel
28 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co., Andean Style** @ Music City Mall
30 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Permian Basin Dance Club, St. Stephens
30 **S.S. WEB, Ando Ehlers** @ Blue Max

OCTOBER

1 **Justin Langston** @ Saltgrass
2 **Caroline Rose** @ ArtiZen Outlet

LUBBOCK

SEPTEMBER

19 **2 Live Crew** @ Karma
21 **Rob Zombie, F.M. Murder** @ Amphitheatre at Lone Star Event Center
23 **.38 Special** @ South Plains Fair
25 **Blood Sweat & Tears** @ South Plains Fair

OCTOBER

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

NEW MEXICO

OCTOBER

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

DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA

SEPTEMBER

16 **Little Mix** @ Verizon Theatre At Grand Prairie
16 **The Chris Robinson Brotherhood** @ Prophet Bar
18 **Fred Hammond, Donnie McClurkin** @ Verizon Theatre

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MRT AREA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Coahoma QB Iden physical on both sides of the ball

Coahoma's Braxton Iden drops back and looks to pass during practice on Aug. 5 at Coahoma High School. Iden was named this week's MRT Area Player of the Week.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

By Oscar LeRoy
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Braxton Iden is not your typical high school quarterback.

Because he plays in Coahoma's wing-t offense, you won't get to see him pass the ball much. He'll let his feet and his legs do most of the work.

And unlike many quarterbacks out there, he's not afraid to take a hit. In faot, he would prefer to do most of the hitting.

So it wasn't surprising to see Iden rush for 164 yards and two touchdowns on 20 carries, as well as record 11 tackles while playing a hybrid safety/outside linebacker position in the Bulldogs' 27-7 victory over Reagan County last week.

Thanks to his efforts, not only did the Bulldogs improve to 3-0 on the season but he earned the Reporter-Telegram's Player of the Week honors.

Coahoma coach Trey Gardner said because Iden is such a great athlete and so valuable to his team, he doesn't hesitate having the senior carry a big load on both sides of the ball. In fact, much of what the Bulldogs do this season on offense was designed to have Iden tuck and run with the ball anytime he saw grass in front of him.

"He's almost like a coach on the field," said Gardner of Iden. "He's got such an understanding of our offense, we put a little more into his hands this season. He checked us out of some things on Friday night, and we gave him a little leeway to do that. But he's a good hard runner that when he gets into the open field, he's dangerous."

Iden, who's in his fourth year on the varsity and third as the starting quarterback, said it's easier to run the football when the offensive line blocks as well as it did on Friday night.

"We were very successful running the ball last week," he said. "Myself, the fullback and tailback had a lot of success. I took the ball on a lot of passing plays because there was good coverage downfield. Especially with this new offense, it gives me a big opportunity to carry the ball if it's a pass play, fake on a counter play or a read option. This offense becomes a big factor with me carrying the ball."

Carrying the ball is what you'll see Iden do most of the time while he's at quarterback. While he can throw the football, if Coahoma's wing-t offense is running the way it should, he won't

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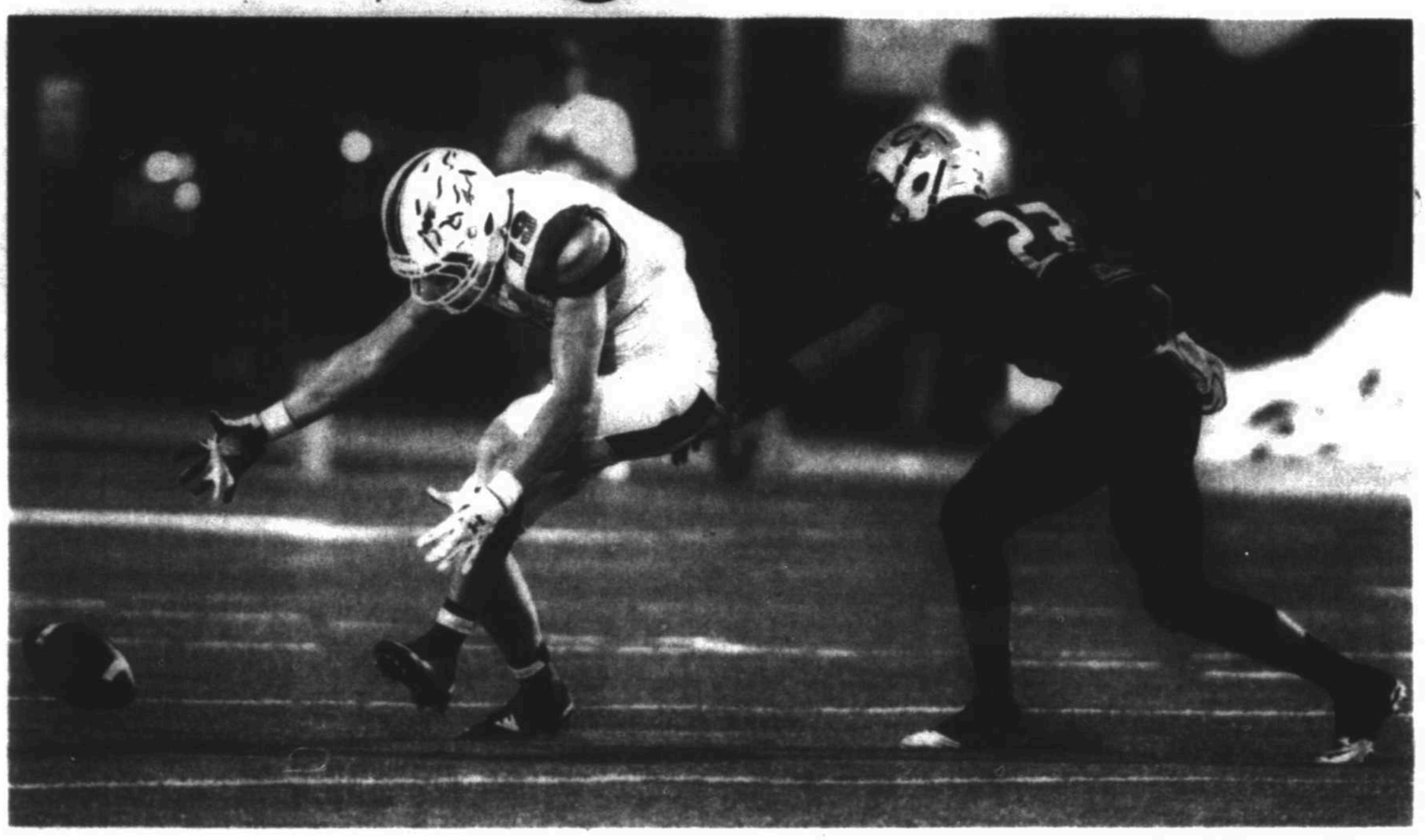
Looking to recover



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Midland Christian wide receiver Cameron Lawrence (19) has a pass broken up by Calvary Baptist's Jared Brown (22) on Thursday at Jerry Barker Stadium in Shreveport, La.

MCS looks back at history to bounce back from loss

By Len Hayward
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Midland Christian went back to practice on Monday with a feeling it hadn't had in nearly two years — trying to recover from a loss.

The Mustangs had their 27-game winning streak snapped in a 43-17 loss to Shreveport Calvary Baptist on the road in Louisiana last Thursday. But in the three previous seasons, Midland Christian has had an early setback that refocused the team and it went on to win a state championship.

■ In 2011, the Mustangs lost to Trinity Valley early in the season but didn't lose again on the way to a TAPPS Division II state title.

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■ In 2012, Midland Christian lost to Big Spring the second game of the season, but then reeled off 12 straight wins on the way to another title.

■ And last season, the Mustangs went undefeated but a tough scrimmage against Wall was a reminder that they still had work to do.

While the loss is new, the fact that previous teams have been able to take losses and learn from them is something that coach Greg McClendon reminded his team about this week.

"For 27 games, the last two years, we've been eating high on the hog, and last Thursday we got some humble pie," McClendon said. "Humble pie may be just what we needed, but it still tastes like crap. Every year is built off a poor performance that we rebound from, and we start building ourselves back to where we need to be."

McClendon said the film was tough to watch because he saw some good things from his team in the loss, but the turnovers in their own territory is something that was uncharacteristic for his teams in previous years. It's something that can be fixed, and he said the team is close to finding the consistency needed to succeed.

The Mustangs (1-1) had six total turnovers — four interceptions and two fumbles — and five of them led directly to Cavalier points.

Please see **MCS**/2C

TCU, West Virginia and Iowa St show Big 12's depth

By Luke Meredith
Associated Press

TCU, West Virginia and Iowa State weren't expected to do much in the Big 12 this season.

Last weekend's performances might change that perception.

The Horned Frogs, Mountaineers and Cyclones each beat a power conference team on Saturday — and West Virginia and Iowa State did it on the road. The teams picked 7th, 8th and 9th in the preseason poll had three of the Big 12's four marquee wins, showing that the league might be deeper than originally thought.

"I think this is going to be a really strong conference this year and really for a number of years because there's so many young players. And obviously we've competed well outside of conference," Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy said Monday.

Six Big 12 teams are off this week. The lone power five non-conference game is a Big 12-SEC tilt between No. 20 Kansas State and No. 5 Auburn on Thursday. No. 4 Oklahoma, which trounced Tennessee 34-10, plays at West Virginia while Kansas faces Central Michigan on Saturday.

TCU (2-0) has struggled since joining the Big 12, winning just 6 of its first 18 league games. The Horned Frogs might change their fortunes if they play defense like they did against Minnesota on Saturday.

TCU held the run-oriented Gophers to just 99 yards rushing on 39 tries and picked off Mitch Leidner three times in a 30-7 win. Quarterback Trevone Boykin continued his promising start, throwing for 258 yards and two touchdowns while rushing for 92 yards on just 12 attempts.

"I thought he handled himself well. I thought he stepped up in the pocket better than he ever has," TCU coach Gary Patterson said of Boykin.

Please see **BIG 12**/4C

Murray running the show for Cowboys' offense early

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

IRVING — DeMarco Murray reversed field and sprinted around right end for the first down, sliding just before the sideline with the Cowboys running out the clock during their win at Tennessee.

The play in the fourth quarter Sunday said a lot about Murray and the Cowboys' sudden fascination with the running game. It was his career-high 27th carry, which means the Cowboys kept giving him the ball and counted on him to make the smart play after he lost a fumble early for the second straight game.

Murray finished with 29 carries for 167 yards in a 26-10 victory marked by 43 running plays from the Cowboys, their most since a win at Indianapolis in late 2010. He entered Monday leading the NFL with 285 yards.

"I think he is a star on the rise and I think that is something that he is going to continue to have to work on, protecting the football," tight end Jason Witten said. "But when he has that type of game, I hate to even talk about that. That is a big game for us, and just the demeanor that we want to have as a football team."

The Cowboys (1-1), who finish a two-game road swing at St. Louis on Sunday, stuck with the running game in the season-opening loss to San Francisco even after falling behind 28-3 at halftime. Playing from ahead against the Titans, the show of force was more dramatic behind an offensive line with three first-round picks from the past four drafts.

When Dallas decided the lead was safe and sent Murray to the bench, Lance Dunbar got three straight carries for another first down. The 220 yards rushing were the most for the Cowboys in almost two years. Tony Romo's offense suddenly looks like a run-first attack.

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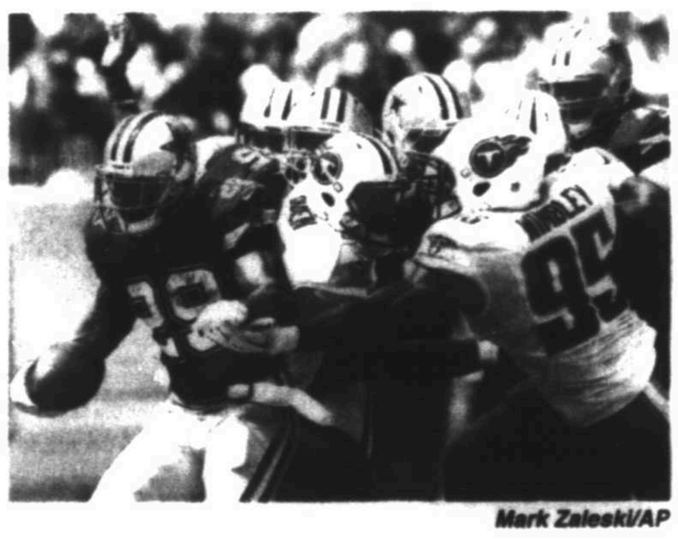

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Dallas Cowboys running back DeMarco Murray (29) gets past Tennessee Titans defenders, including linebacker Kamerion Wimbley (95), in the second quarter Sunday in Nashville, Tenn.

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TODAY
WHAT'S ON TV
AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL
All Australian Awards, 5:30 a.m., FOXSOCP
FIVB WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
France vs. Germany & Poland vs. Brazil, 1:10 p.m., beIN/beIN2
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
Brewers at Cardinals, 7 p.m., ESPN
Reds at Cubs, 7 p.m., WGN
Rangers at Athletics, 9 p.m., FSSW
Mariners at Angels, 9 p.m., MLB
MEN'S SOCCER
UEFA Champions: Arsenal at Borussia Dortmund, 1:30 p.m., FS1
UEFA Champions: PFC Ludogorets Razgard at Liverpool, 1:30 p.m., FS2
UEFA Champions: Basel at Real Madrid, 1:30 p.m., FSN/ESPNDEP
UEFA Champions: Atletico Madrid at Olympiacos, 1:30 p.m., FOXDEP
Multimatch 90, 1:30 p.m., FOXSOCP
US Open Cup: Seattle Sounders at Philadelphia Union, 6:30 p.m., GolTV
CONCACAF Champions: DC United at Waterhouse, 7 p.m., FOXSOCP
Copa MX: Monarcas Morelia at Puebla, 7 p.m., ESPNDEP
CONCACAF Champions: Chorrillo at Cruz Azul, 7 p.m., GALA
Copa MX: Club Tijuana at CD Guadalajara, 7 p.m., UniDep
Copa Sudamericana: Deportivo Cali at CA Penarol, 7:30 p.m., FOXDEP
CONCACAF Champions: CD Olimpia at Portland Timbers, 9 p.m., FS1/UniDep
Copa MX: Pumas U.N.A.M. at Deportivo Toluca, 9 p.m., GALA
MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
Triple A Championship: Pawtucket Red Sox vs. Omaha Storm Chasers, 6 p.m., NBCSN
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
South Dakota State at Kansas State, 6 p.m., FCSC
Abilene Christian at TCU, 6:30 p.m., FSSWR/FCSP

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY
HS VOLLEYBALL
Lubbock Coronado at Midland High, 6 p.m.
Kermit at Trinity, 6 p.m.
HS TENNIS
Lee at Odessa High, 4 p.m., Ratliff Tennis Complex, Odessa
Greenwood at Shallowater, 4 p.m.
COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Angelo State at UTPB, 7 p.m.

LOCAL SPORTS

RACQUET CLUB TOURNEY CUT SHORT

The annual Racquet Club Collegiate Invitational was plagued by rain all weekend, and the men's singles portion of the tournament was cut short on Sunday.

The two semifinals were played, but the final was not able to start.

In one semifinal, fourth seed and TCU's Trevor Johnson def. Max Andrews from Rice, 6-3, 7-5, and in the other top seeded Tin Ostojic of Wichita State beat third-seeded Trey Daniel from TCU, 6-3, 6-1.

Racquet Club head professional and tournament organizer Scott Stewart said it was the first time in 12 years the tournament's finals were not played.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB — Announced Philadelphia Phillies RHP Jonathan Papelbon was suspended for seven-games and fined an undisclosed amount for his actions following the top of the ninth inning of the Sunday, September 14th game against the Miami Marlins at Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Recalled INF Nick Ahmed and LHP Andrew Chafin from Reno (PCL). Selected the contract of C Bobby Wilson. Transferred RHP Bronson Arroyo to the 60-day DL.

COLORADO ROCKIES — Recalled INF Cristhian Adames from Tulsa (Texas).

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CHICAGO BEARS — Placed CB Charles Tillman on injured reserve. Signed FB Tony Fiammetta. Signed QB David Fales to the practice squad.

HOCKEY

American Hockey League

ALBANY DEVILS — Named David Cunniff assistant coach.

ECHL

ELMIRA JACKALS — Signed F Brodie Reid and F Yuri Cheremetiev to one-year contracts.

IDAHO STEELHEADS — Agreed to terms with F Wade MacLeod.

UTAH GRIZZLIES — Signed F Camden Wojtala and G Kevin Kapalka.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

MLS — Fined D.C. United and coach Ben Olsen undisclosed amounts for violating the league's mass confrontation policy in the 38th minute of their Sept. 10 game against New York. Fined New York MF Roy Miller an undisclosed amount for instigating and escalating the matter and violating the league's policy regarding hands to the face/head of an opponent. Fined D.C. United D Sean Franklin and MF Davy Arnaud undisclosed amounts for instigating and escalating the confrontation.

ORLANDO CITY SOCCER CLUB — Named Anthony Pulis academy coach.

TORONTO FC — Signed MF Christopher Mannella. National Women's Soccer League

FC KANSAS CITY — Claimed MF Rafaelle Souza off waivers from Houston.

PORTLAND THORNS FC — Claimed F Danesha Adams off waivers from Washington.

WASHINGTON SPIRIT — Claimed MF Joanna Lohman off waivers fom Boston and G Lydia Williams off waivers from Western New York.

COLLEGE

GUILFORD — Named Kelly Bramarf and Anna Mitchell assistant softball coaches.

IOWA STATE — Announced OL Jacob Gannon has rejoined the football team.

NYU — Named Sara Mitchell women's assistant basketball coach.

RANDOLPH-MACON — Named Austin McGowan assistant baseball coach.

PRO RODEO

LEADERS

All-around

1 Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $234,599
2 Tuf Cooper, Decatur, $153,441
3 Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah $86,668
4 Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah $84,200
5 Clayton Hass, Terrell, $76,101
6 Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo. $75,964
7 Curtis Cassidy, Donalda, Alberta $72,079
8 Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb. $61,537
9 Russell Cardoza, Terrebonne, Ore. $56,980
10 Ryle Smith, Oakdale, Calif. $52,854
11 Trell Etbauer, Goodwell, Okla. $46,935
12 Landon McClaugherty, Tilden, $46,789
13 Ryan Jarrett, Comanche, Okla. $46,095
14 Payden Emmett, Ponca, Ark. $39,230
15 Paul David Tierney, Oral, S.D. $38,721
16 Kyle Whitaker, Chambers, Neb. $37,521
17 Chant DeForest, Wheatland, Calif. $31,048
18 Caleb Smidt, Bellville, $31,047
19 J.B. Lord, Sturgis, S.D. $29,445
20 J.D. Yates, Pueblo, Colo. $28,444

Bareback Riding

1 Kaycee Feild, Spanish Fork, Utah $159,033
2 Steven Peebles, Redmond, Ore. $121,045
3 Austin Foss, Terrebonne, Ore. $115,162
4 Will Lowe, Canyon, $89,514
5 Tim O'Connell, Zwingle, Iowa $88,428
6 Bobby Mote, Culver, Ore. $88,239
7 Richmond Champion, The Woodlands, $84,486
8 Caleb Bennett, Tremonton, Utah $82,341
9 Winn Ratliff, Leesville, La. $71,391
10 Jake Vold, Ponoka, Alberta $67,786
11 Tilden Hooper, Carthage, $64,699
12 J.R. Vezain, Cowley, Wyo. $62,671
13 R.C. Landingham, Pendleton, Ore. $61,035
14 Justin McDaniel, Porum, Okla. $60,377
15 Jessy Davis, Power, Mont. $58,351
16 Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb. $52,738
17 Luke Creasy, Lubbock, $51,760
18 Caine Riddle, Vernon, $48,848
19 Ty Breuer, Mandan, N.D. $47,588
20 Jared Smith, Eastland, $46,399

Steer Wrestling

1 Trevor Knowles, Mount Vernon, Ore. $87,644
2 Casey Martin, Sulphur, La. $78,198
3 K.C. Jones, Decatur, $72,493
4 Clayton Hass, Terrell, $67,085
5 Dru Melvin, Hebron, Neb. $66,232
6 Nick Guy, Sparta, Wis. $66,186
7 Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif. $65,992
8 Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev. $59,853
9 Bray Armes, Ponder, $58,354
10. Kyle Irwin, Robertsdale, Ala. $56,900
11. Curtis Cassidy, Donalda, Alberta $56,395
12. Cole Edge, Durant, Okla. $55,688
13. Wyatt Smith, Rexburg, Idaho $55,609
14. Ty Erickson, Helena, Mont. $49,571
15. Blake Knowles, Heppner, Ore. $47,052
16. Tyler Waguespack, Gonzales, La. $45,574
17. Tom Lewis, Lehi, Utah $45,571
18. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo. $44,823
19. Seth Brockman, Wheatland, Wyo. $44,560
20. Beau Clark, Belgrade, Mont. $43,008

Team Roping (header)

1. Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont. $105,643
2. Erich Rogers, Round Rock, Ariz. $91,064
3. Dustin Bird, Cut Bank, Mont. $90,843
4. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $87,888
5. Riley Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. $77,449
6. Brandon Beers, Powell Butte, Ore. $70,656
7. Coleman Proctor, Pryor, Okla. $70,138
8. Charly Crawford, Prineville, Ore. $70,082
9. Jake Barnes, Scottsdale, Ariz. $68,758
10. Aaron Tsinigine, Tuba City, Ariz. $68,074
11. Luke Brown, Stephenville, $67,532
12. Turtle Powell, Stephenville, $65,752
13. Kaleb Driggers, Albany, Ga. $65,636
14. Nick Sartain, Dover, Okla. $65,233
15. Chad Masters, Cedar Hill, Tenn. $59,387
16. Tyler Wade, Terrell, $57,792
17. Brady Tryan, Huntley, Mont. [illegible]
18. Tom Richards, Humboldt, Ariz. [illegible]
19. Spencer Mitchell, Colusa, Calif. [illegible]
20. Ty Blasingame, Sugar City, Colo. [illegible]

Team Roping (heeler)

1. Jade Corkill, Fallon, Nev. [illegible]
2. Paul Eaves, Lonedell, Mo. [illegible]
3. Cory Petska, Marana, Ariz. [illegible]
4. Travis Graves, Jay, Okla. [illegible]
5. Brady Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. [illegible]
6. Shay Carroll, La Junta, Colo. [illegible]
7. Jake Long, Coffeyville, Kan. [illegible]
8. Jim Ross Cooper, Monument, N.M. [illegible]
9. Patrick Smith, Lipan, [illegible]
10. Rich Skelton, Llano, [illegible]
11. Kollin VonAhn, Blanchard, Okla. [illegible]
12. Dakota Kirchenschlager, Morgan Mill, [illegible]
13. Junior Nogueira, Scottsdale, Ariz. [illegible]
14. Kinney Harrell, Marshall, [illegible]
15. Ryan Motes, Weatherford, [illegible]
16. Clay O'Brien Cooper, Gardnerville, Nev. [illegible]
17. Cole Davison, Stephenville, [illegible]
18. Jeff Hilliman, Purcell, Okla. [illegible]
19. Tommy Zuniga, Centerville, [illegible]
20. Russell Cardoza, Terrebonne, Ore. [illegible]

$44,701

Saddle Bronc Riding

1. Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M. $111,342
2. Cody Wright, Milford, Utah $106,063
3. Cort Scheer, Elsmere, Neb. $99,312
4. Heith DeMoss, Heflin, La. $82,994
5. Wade Sundell, Boxholm, Iowa $81,114
6. Jacobs Crawley, Stephenville, $80,557
7. Tyler Corrington, Hastings, Minn. $76,879
8. Bradley Harter, Weatherford, $72,372
9. Chad Ferley, Oelrichs, S.D. $68,841
10. Cody DeMoss, Heflin, La. $66,683
11. Cole Elshere, Faith, S.D. $62,103
12. Jesse Wright, Milford, Utah $59,846
13. Spencer Wright, Milford, Utah $58,486
14. Troy Crowser, Whitewood, S.D. $57,507
15. Jake Wright, Milford, Utah $56,582
16. Dustin Flundra, Pincher Creek, Alberta $54,650
17. Sterling Crawley, Stephenville, $53,229
18. Sam Spreadborough, Snyder, $51,429
19. Isaac Diaz, Desdemona, $47,338
20. Chet Johnson, Sheridan, Wyo. $44,751

Tie-down Roping

1. Tuf Cooper, Decatur, $147,073
2. Matt Shiozawa, Chubbuck, Idaho $110,144
3. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $87,411
4. Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah $82,438
5. Hunter Herrin, Apache, Okla. $77,564
6. Cade Swor, Winnie, $76,319
7. Shane Hanchey, Sulphur, La. $75,187
8. Marty Yates, Stephenville, $74,429
9. Timber Moore, Aubrey, $73,313
10. Ryan Watkins, Bluff Dale, $67,508
11. Adam Gray, Seymour, $64,386
12. Reese Riemer, Stinnett, $61,988
13. Clint Cooper, Decatur, $61,318
14. Tyson Durfey, Colbert, Wash. $59,767
15. Jake Pratt, Ellensburg, Wash. $55,974
16. Cody Ohl, Hico, $55,030
17. Cory Solomon, Prairie View, $54,999
18. Jesse Clark, Portales, N.M. $54,233
19. Randall Carlisle, Baton Rouge, La. $53,502
20. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, $49,002

Steer Roping

1. Chet Herren, Pawhuska, Okla. $64,979
2. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $59,299
3. Jess Tierney, Hermosa, S.D. $52,176
4. Cody Lee, Gatesville, $43,997
5. Vin Fisher Jr., Andrews, $41,411
6. Chance Kelton, Mayer, Ariz. $37,464
7. Jason Evans, Huntsville, $33,521
8. Mike Chase, McAlester, Okla. $33,281
9. Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan. $32,329
10. Tony Reina, Wharton, $31,650
11. Brady Garten, Claremore, Okla. $29,893
12. J.P. Wickett, Sallisaw, Okla. $29,324
13. Brodie Poppino, Big Cabin, Okla. $28,965
14. Troy Tillard, Douglas, Wyo. $28,268
15. Jarrett Blessing, Paradise, $27,707
16. Scott Snedecor, Fredericksburg, $26,144
17. Bryce Davis, Ovalo, Texas $25,171
18. JB Whatley, Gardendale, Texas $25,034
19. J. Tom Fisher, Andrews, $23,365
20. Roger Branch, Perkins, Okla. $22,808

Bull Riding

1. Sage Kimzey, Strong City, Okla. $130,752
2. J.W. Harris, Mullin, $125,032
3. Trey Benton III, Rock Island, $108,548
4. Cody Teel, Kountze, $95,146
5. Tim Bingham, Honeyville, Utah $77,769
6. Reid Barker, Comfort, $76,227
7. Brennon Eldred, Sulphur, Okla. $66,906
8. Jordan Spears, Redding, Calif. $65,298
9. Joe Frost, Randlett, Utah $64,626
10. Ty Wallace, Collbran, Colo. $63,371
11. Brett Stall, Detroit Lakes, Minn. $62,767
12. Josh Koschel, Nunn, Colo. $62,263
13. Beau Hill, West Glacier, Mont. $61,763
14. Elliot Jacoby, Fredericksburg, $61,665
15. Tyler Smith, Fruita, Colo. $57,537
16. Cody Campbell, Summerville, Ore. [illegible]
17. Aaron Pass, Dallas, [illegible]
18. Dustin Bowen, Waynesburg, Pa. [illegible]
19. Cole Echols, Elm Grove, La. [illegible]
20. Jeff Askey, Martin, Tenn. [illegible]

Barrel Racing

1. Kaley Bass, Kissimmee, Fla. [illegible]
2. Fallon Taylor, Whitesboro, [illegible]
3. Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D. [illegible]
4. Nancy Hunter, Neola, Utah [illegible]
5. Britany Diaz, Solen, N.D. [illegible]
6. Kassidy Dennison, Tohatchi, N.M. [illegible]
7. Michele McLeod, Whitesboro, [illegible]
8. [illegible]
9. Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz. [illegible]
10. [illegible]
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Other notable performances from the week

■ Forsan QB Jesse Cervantes threw for two touchdowns and ran for another in his team's 33-0 victory over Stanton.
■ In addition to Braxton Iden's big night in Coahoma's 27-7 victory over Reagan County, teammate Kyler Franks added 102 yards and one touchdown on 15 carries, to go with an interception while playing defense.
■ In Grady's 66-20 victory over Lubbock Kingdom Prep, Alejandro Jimenez rushed for 133 yards and three touchdowns, while E.J. Rodriquez added 100 yards rushing on nine carries.
■ Garden City fell 38-28 to Sterling City but Bearkat RB Ismael Ramirez rushed for 264 yards and three touchdowns on 24 carries.

Compiled by Oscar LeRoy

IDEN

From 1C

be throwing the ball much.

On Friday night, Iden was 1-of-4 passing for 4 yards although Gardner said three catches were called back because of holding penalties.

However, Iden doesn't mind that his passing skills are not what people are talking about.

He likes to run with the ball and doesn't mind going against a defender one on one. After all, that's the kind of mentality he brings to the field while playing on defense.

Coming off a junior season in which he earned Class 2A Honorable Mention All-State honors at safety, Iden has shown that he can provide the big hit on the field and make a tackle.

"He's one of the bigger hitters on the team," Gardner said. "He can come up and strike somebody. He's very physical and he's every bit as good of a safety as he is a quarterback."

Iden said he relishes providing the kind of hits that opponents will remember.

"I love playing defense," he said. "More than anything, it's that passion I have for the game and the competitive urge to win and making sure they don't pass the ball against us. I love knocking the you-know-what out of somebody and see the feeling and the look in their eyes afterwards. I love beating people one on one. I've got to beat you on that play, and I believe that the more I win on every play, the better chances we have to win the game."

Iden said that mentality on defense translates to when he plays quarterback.

"I love the physical aspect of the game," he said. "I've been playing this game a long time, this is my 13th year of playing it, and I have a love for this game. Being a quarterback who plays defense helps my physicality as a runner."

It is Iden's attitude and leadership that's helped Coahoma to its first 3-0 start since 2001, and it equals the amount of wins it had the previous two seasons.

The Bulldogs next host Miles on Friday, and Iden stresses that his team must continue to push forward and build on its potential.

"We have a chance to realize that we can make the playoffs and we can win in district," he said. "We have a good team in Miles this week, and if we can get them we can come together and realize how important this season is going to be, not just now but for the rest of our lives."

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AREAHSFOOTBALLSTANDINGS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

District 2-4A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Andrews	3	0	115	53	1.000
Clint	2	1	101	85	.667
Fabens	2	1	63	49	.667
Mountain View	0	3	23	100	.000
San Elizario	0	3	40	92	.000

Last week's scores
Andrews 26, Levelland 17; Clint 48, Clint Horizon 30; El Paso Parkland 27, Clint Mountain View 6; Fabens 21, El Paso Riverside 7; Chaparral, N.M. 20, San Elizario 14

This week's games
Andrews at Monahans; Clint at Hatch Valley, N.M.; Chaparral, N.M. at Mountain View; Fabens at Pecos; El Paso Cathedral at San Elizario

District 3-4A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Stephenville	3	0	128	27	1.000
Big Spring	2	0	91	88	1.000
Ab. Wylie	1	2	75	68	.333
Snyder	1	2	77	80	.333
Brownwood	0	2	51	83	.000

Last week's scores
Graham 18, Abilene Wylie 7; Liberty Hill 43, Brownwood 38; Monahans 42, Snyder 13; Stephenville 38, Everman 21; Big Spring was open

This week's games
Hereford at Big Spring; Birdville at Abilene Wylie; Alvarado at Brownwood; Snyder at Sweetwater; Cooper at Stephenville (Saturday)

District 2-4A Division II
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Sweetwater	3	0	134	85	1.000
Monahans	2	1	145	67	.667
Fort Stockton	1	1	70	65	.500
Greenwood	1	2	82	89	.333
Pecos	1	2	80	81	.333
Lamesa	0	3	63	111	.000

Last week's scores
Shallowater 33, Greenwood 7; Monahans 42, Snyder 13; Childress 36, Lamesa 15; Pecos 41, Alpine 20; Sweetwater 36, Breckenridge 23; Fort Stockton was open

This week's games
Greenwood at San Angelo Lake View; Andrews at Monahans; Snyder at Sweetwater; Fort Stockton at Seminole; Lamesa at Seagraves; Fabens at Pecos

District 3-3A Division II
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Coahoma	3	0	71	16	1.000
Coleman	3	0	140	34	1.000
Colorado City	2	1	95	66	.667
Stanton	2	1	69	85	.667
Post	1	2	78	62	.333
Ballinger	0	3	48	112	.000

Last week's scores
Forsan 33, Stanton 0; Coahoma 27, Reagan County 7; Coleman 48, Early 14; Colorado City 42, Brownfield 24; Denver City 28, Post 11; Winters 27, Ballinger 7

This week's games
Miles at Coahoma; Abernathy at Stanton; Merkel at Ballinger; Bangs at Coleman; Clyde at Colorado City; Floydada at Post

District 3-2A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Forsan	2	1	92	66	.667
Ozona	1	2	51	92	.333
Anthony	0	3	13	121	.000
Christoval	0	3	53	95	.000
McCamey	0	3	28	86	.000

Last week's scores
Forsan 33, Stanton 0; Tornillo 42, Anthony 6; Iraan 54, Christoval 14; San Angelo TLC 28, McCamey 21; Ozona 13, Crane 6

This week's games
Reagan County at Forsan; McCamey at Iraan; Anthony at Van Horn; Christoval at Junction; San Angelo Grape Creek at Ozona

District 4-A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Borden Co.	3	0	204	73	1.000
Klondike	3	0	169	97	1.000
O'Donnell	2	1	213	145	.667
Grady	1	1	142	46	.500

Last week's scores
Borden County 54, Rankin 6; Grady 66, Lubbock Kingdom Prep 20; O'Donnell 77, Loop 30; Klondike 41, Anton 31

This week's games
Rankin at Grady; O'Donnell at Sands; Trent at Klondike; Borden County is open

District 5-A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Garden City	2	1	155	58	.667
Rankin	2	1	151	163	.667
Marfa	2	1	135	91	.667
Fort Davis	2	1	120	88	.667

Last week's scores
Borden County 54, Rankin 6; Sterling City 38, Garden City 28; Balmorhea 58, Marfa 12; Fort Davis 64, Fort Hancock 36

This week's games
Rankin at Grady; Garden City at Highland; Marfa at Grandfalls-Royalty; Fort Davis at Sanderson

TAPPS Division I, District 1
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Bishop Dunne	2	0	100	07	1.000
Bishop Lynch	2	1	146	76	.667
Argyle Liberty	2	1	109	74	.667
Prestonwood	2	1	116	99	.667
Mid. Christ.	1	1	73	50	.500
Add. Trinity	1	1	103	87	.500
FW Nolan	1	2	45	60	.333
John Paul II	0	3	72	139	.000

Last week's scores
Calvary Baptist, La. 43, Midland Christian 17; Fort Worth Nolan Catholic 28, Saginaw 6; Plano Prestonwood 35, Sherman 7; Denison 49, Addison Trinity 38; Argyle Liberty Christian 34, Melissa 7; Sachse 56, Dallas Bishop Lynch 36; Dallas Christian 48, Plano John Paul II 6; Dallas Bishop Dunne 49, Dallas Madison 7

Next week's games
El Paso Americas at Midland Christian; Addison Trinity at Ferris; Dallas Bishop Dunne at Dallas Roosevelt; Celina at Dallas Bishop Lynch; Fort Worth Nolan Catholic, Argyle Liberty Christian, Plano John Paul II and Plano Prestonwood are open

TAPPS Six-man Division I, District 1
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Rock. Heritage	2	0	122	08	1.000
Harvest Christ.	2	0	103	28	1.000
Trinity	2	1	115	94	.667
Ovilla Christ.	0	2	89	124	.000
Ab. Christ.	0	3	73	234	.000
The Covenant	0	3	105	174	.000

Last week's scores
Trinity 34, Grandfalls-Royalty 24; Strawn 86, Abilene Christian 36; Fort Worth Nazarene 51, Dallas The Covenant 38; Watauga Harvest 51, Weatherford Express 6; Rockwall Heritage 64, Lucas Christian 8; Dallas Tyler Street Christian 71, Red Oak Ovilla 53

This week's games
Lubbock Christ the King at Trinity; Ira at Abilene Christian; Watauga Harvest at Trinity Willow Park; Round Rock Christian at Red Oak Ovilla; Dallas The Covenant at Lucas Christian (Saturday); Greenville Christian at Rockwall Heritage (Saturday)

TEXASHSFOOTBALLPOLLS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Class 6A

School	Record	Points	Prv
1. Allen (24)	(3-0)	249	1
2. DeSoto (1)	(3-0)	223	4
3. Euless Trinity	(3-0)	163	5
4. Cibolo Steele	(3-0)	151	6
5. Southlake Carroll	(3-0)	136	7
6. Pearland	(3-0)	96	8
7. Manvel	(3-0)	84	9
8. Dallas Skyline	(3-0)	74	NR
9. Denton Guyer	(2-1)	50	10
10. Katy	(2-1)	48	2

Others receiving votes: 11, Cedar Hill 38. 12, SA Northside Brennan 35. 13, Hewitt Midway 11. 14, The Woodlands 5. 15, Abilene 4. 16, Lake Travis 3. 17, Austin Westlake 2. 18, Dallas Highland Park 1. 18, Cypress Fairbanks 1. 18, Amarillo 1.

Class 5A

School	Record	Points	Prv
1. Aledo (13)	(2-1)	229	4
2. Cedar Park (3)	(2-1)	189	5
3. Lufkin (2)	(2-1)	147	2
4. Georgetown (3)	(3-0)	138	8
5. Fort Bend Elkins (2)	(3-0)	127	9
6. Temple	(1-1)	107	7
7. Tyler	(2-1)	91	1
8. Mansfield Timberview (1)	(2-1)	75	3
9. Lancaster	(2-1)	50	6
10. West Mesquite (1)	(3-0)	41	NR

Others receiving votes: 11, Rockwall-Heath 40. 12, Austin Vandegrift 33. 13, Richmond Foster 20. 14, Richmond George Ranch 18. 15, Ennis 17. 16, CC Flour Bluff 15. 17, Whitehouse 11. 18, Fort Bend Ridge Point 9. 19, Canyon 4. 19, Canyon Randall 4. 21, Longview 3. 21, Houston King 3. 21, Georgetown East View 3. 24, Crosby 1.

Class 4A

School	Record	Points	Prv
1. Stephenville (19)	(3-0)	243	1
2. Navasota (3)	(3-0)	216	2
3. Argyle (1)	(3-0)	187	3
4. Graham (1)	(3-0)	165	4
5. Gilmer (1)	(3-0)	160	5
6. West Orange-Stark	(3-0)	131	6
7. Kennedale	(3-0)	83	10
8. La Grange	(3-0)	58	NR
9. Celina	(2-1)	45	7
10. La Marque	(2-1)	30	NR

Others receiving votes: 11, Fairfield 15. 12, Big Spring 8. 13, La Vernia 7. 13, Van 7. 15, Tatum 5. 15, El Campo 5. 17, Atlanta 3. 17, Port Isabel 3. 19, Gladewater 2. 20, Carthage 1. 20, Liberty Hill 1.

Class 3A

School	Record	Points	Prv
1. Cisco (23)	(3-0)	248	1
2. Franklin (2)	(2-0)	220	2
3. Rockdale	(3-0)	182	3
4. Wall	(2-1)	162	4
5. Corrigan-Camden	(3-0)	143	5
6. Kirbyville	(3-0)	106	7
7. Teague	(3-0)	84	9
8. Waskom	(2-1)	77	8
9. Malakoff	(3-0)	61	10
10. White Oak	(3-0)	23	NR

Others receiving votes: 11, Grandview 18. 12, Cameron Yoe 11. 13, Arp 8. 14, Blanco 5. 14, Gunter 5. 14, New Boston 5. 17, Eastland 4. 17, Denver City 4. 19, Shallowater 3. 20, Lago Vista 2. 20, East Bernard 2. 22, Sonora 1. 22, Spearman 1.

Class 2A

School	Record	Points	Prv
1. Refugio (15)	(2-0)	238	1
2. Mart (8)	(3-0)	232	2
3. Tenaha (2)	(3-0)	188	3
4. Canadian	(3-0)	163	4
5. Bremond	(3-0)	128	5
6. Albany	(3-0)	115	6
7. Shiner	(3-0)	103	7
8. Mason	(3-0)	84	8
9. Crawford	(3-0)	45	9
10. Centerville	(2-1)	21	10

Others receiving votes: 11, Stratford 15. 12, Iraan 9. 12, Abernathy 9. 14, Seagraves 8. 15, Muenster 5. 15, Falls City 5. 17, Alto 4. 18, Hamlin 3.

MCS

From 1C

"I don't think we are a long way from being a really good team," McClendon said. "In some ways, it was a little bit of a perfect storm at times and our heads dropped a little bit."

Midland Christian had some success running the ball out of a tight formation late in the game, and overall rushed for 242 yards in the game. But he said that the Mustangs will continue to strive for balance, and work to find ways to build depth within the team as they had a handful of players playing both ways on Thursday night.

"We are going to become a team that does what we do best to win," McClendon said. "We are going to run the football. We've got a bevy of backs and an outstanding offensive line. But we are not going to go back to a being a slam-it-up-in-there-every-play team. That's not our plan at all."

The plan now for the Mustangs is to move forward and find a way to learn, because if the trend of the last three years holds, they could be holding some hardware at the end of the season again.

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MANNIX OUT THIS WEEK, WILSON BACK: Midland Christian quarterback/defensive McLane Mannix left last Thursday's game in the second quarter of last week's game with a strained knee. McClendon said he was not sure how much damage was done to Mannix's knee but said he will not play this week, and will be re-evaluated next week.

Johnny Wilson, meanwhile, hurt a shoulder during the first half but will be available to play on Friday against El Paso Americas.

MCS' POTTER, R. WILSON HONORED AT CAMP: Midland Christian junior offensive linemen Corey Joe Potter and Ryan Wilson were recently honored for being top performers at the Anthony Spencer & Barry Church football camp in Denton. The camp was held in July, and the two were noted for their play against the more than 150 campers at the event.

FIRST TIME EVENT: The Mustangs have had several firsts this year already, including playing its first games in the state of Louisiana and Arkansas to start the season.

Midland Christian will have another first on Friday when it takes on Class 6A El Paso Americas at Mustang Field. It will not only be the first visit for the team to Midland Christian's home field but the first time in program history Midland Christian has faced a team in Texas' largest public school classification.

The Mustangs have agreed to a home-and-home series the next two years and will play the Trailblazers in 2015 in El Paso.

"I think it's just the progression of where we are headed and what we are doing," MCS coach Greg McClendon said.

Americas has played both Lee and Midland High the last two years at Grande Communications Stadium.

CHARGERS READY TO BUILD OFF WIN: Trinity has been looking for a victory like it had on Friday against Grandfalls-Royalty. The Chargers rallied from a 22-6 first quarter deficit to outscore the Cowboys 22-2 over the final quarters to win 34-24.

It was the Chargers (1-2) first win of the season but it was also a win against a public school program that head coach Antwan Alexander said will help his team's confidence moving forward.

"It was a game that allowed our kids to see what happens when you are faced with adversity and you persevere," Alexander said. "Our defense was able to adjust, and once we made adjustments we came together and tackled."

Trinity will face its first private school opponent of the year this week when it plays host to Lubbock Christ The King at Coombes Field on Friday.

STATISTICS

Midland Christian (1-1, 0-0)

Midland Christian	7	31	14	21	—73
Opponent	7	8	35	0	—50

Team Statistics

	MCS	Opponent
First Downs	30	24
Rushes-Yards	68-587	63-154
Passing Yards	198	280
Comp-Att-Int	17-30-4	18-35-1
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	11-91	4-44

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
J. Fender	30	235	7.8	4
Mayberry	13	158	12.2	1
Powell	11	107	9.7	3
Mannix	7	50	7.1	1
Burditt	3	13	4.3	0
D. Fender	1	13	13.0	0
T. Davis	3	10	3.3	0
Totals	68	587	8.6	9

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Powell	15	27	4	151	0
Mannix	2	3	0	47	1
Totals	17	30	4	198	1

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Brown	6	90	15.0	1
Warren	3	49	16.3	0
Lawrence	2	26	13.0	0
Nguyen	1	15	15.0	0
Mannix	1	10	10.0	0
D. Fender	2	0	0.0	0
Burditt	2	8	[illegible]	0
Totals	17	198	11.6	1

KICKOFF RETURNS

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

PUNT RETURNS

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

PUNTING

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Mannix	4	138	34.5
Brown	1	11	11.0
Totals	5	149	29.8

INTERCEPTIONS

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

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	FG	2PT	TP
J. Fender	4	0	0	0	24
Powell	3	0	0	0	18
Casey	0	10	1	0	13
Mayberry	1	0	0	0	6
Mannix	1	0	0	0	6
Warren	1	0	0	0	6
Totals	10	10	1	0	73

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	T	S	TFL	FC	FR	PBU
[illegible]	18	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	16	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Note: Tackle total includes solo and assisted

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

ASTROS 3
INDIANS 1

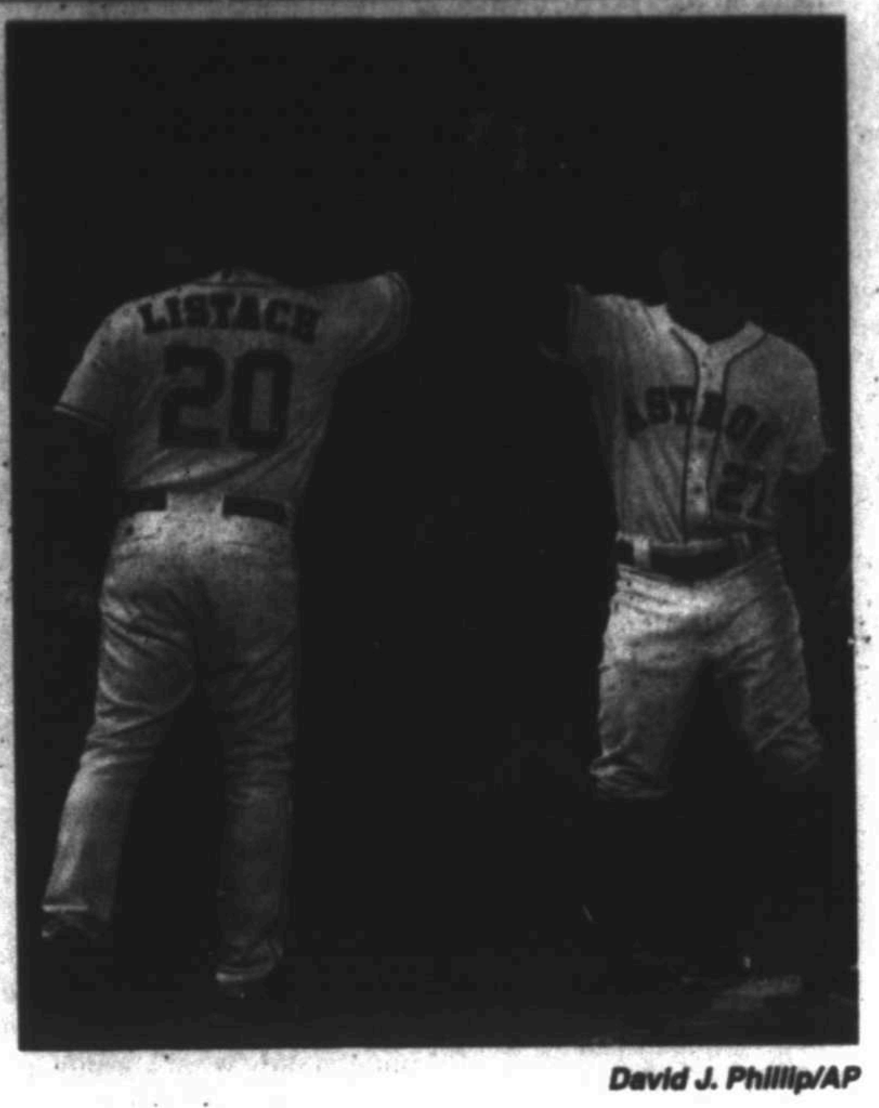
HOUSTON — Jose Altuve had three hits to give him 209 this season and drove in two runs, leading the Houston Astros to a 3-1 win over the Cleveland Indians on Monday night.

The major league hits leader is just one hit shy of tying the franchise record of 210, set by Craig Biggio in 2008.

Cleveland's wild-card hopes continue to fade with a fourth straight loss. They entered the night five games back for the second AL wild card.

The Astros trailed by one in the third inning with runners at second and third when Altuve's single scored them both to put Houston up 2-1.

Houston starter Collin McHugh (10-9) allowed five hits and one run — none earned — in 6 2/3 innings, to extend his career-long winning streak to six games. He left after taking a comebacker to his left arm in the seventh.



David J. Phillip/AP

Houston's Jose Altuve (27) is congratulated by third base coach Pat Listach (20) after hitting a triple in Monday's game against the Cleveland Indians in Houston.

ORIOLES 5
BLUE JAYS 2

BALTIMORE — The Baltimore Orioles moved to the brink of claiming their first AL East title in 17 years, using a resilient pitching performance by Wei-Yin Chen to beat the Toronto Blue Jays 5-2 Monday night.

Baltimore can clinch the division crown with a win over Toronto on Tuesday. That would assure the Orioles their second playoff berth in three years following a run of 14 consecutive losing seasons.

Baltimore (90-60) leads the AL East by 12 1/2 games, its biggest advantage since 1979.

Chen (16-4) allowed two runs on nine hits over 5 2/3 innings to become the first Orioles lefty to win 16 games since Jimmy Key in 1997 — the year Baltimore last won the AL East. Although he yielded at least one hit in every inning but the second, Chen improved to 13-2 in 23 starts since May 9.

Zach Britton worked the ninth for his 35th save in 39th opportunities.

RAYS 1
YANKEES 0

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Ben Zobrist hit a game-ending single with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning, lifting the Tampa Bay Rays over the New York Yankees 1-0 on Monday night.

With the Baltimore Orioles' 5-2 win over Toronto, the Yankees were eliminated from AL East title contention in Derek Jeter's final season. Mired in an 0-for-24 slump, Jeter was given the night off.

Logan Forsythe got the Rays' third hit of the game, a one-out single in the ninth off Shawn Kelley (3-6) and went to second on James Loney's single. After pinch-hitter David DeJesus struck out and pinch-hitter Matt Joyce walked, Zobrist lined his hit to right.

Joel Peralta (3-4) walked one while pitching the ninth to help Tampa Bay get its 21st shutout of the season.

TIGERS 8
TWINS 6

MINNEAPOLIS — Torii Hunter and Miguel Cabrera hit back-to-back home runs in the ninth inning to help the Detroit Tigers tighten their grip on the American League Central by winning their fourth straight game, 8-6 over the Minnesota Twins on Monday night.

The Tigers lost a 6-0 lead they built by the fifth, but after Joe Mauer's second two-run single tied the game for the Twins in the eighth inning, Hunter hit the first pitch of the ninth from Casey Fien (5-6) into the bullpen behind left-center field.

Cabrera then crushed one to the same spot just two pitches later. It was the eighth time this season the Tigers hit consecutive homers.

Kyle Ryan (2-0) earned the victory by recording the last out of the eighth, and Joakim Soria converted his first save opportunity since being acquired for the Tigers despite allowing a leadoff double to Kurt Suzuki.

ROYALS 4
WHITE SOX 3

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Pinch-runners Jarrod Dyson and Terrance Gore scored in the ninth inning as the Kansas City Royals rallied for a 4-3 victory over the Chicago White Sox on Monday night.

Mike Moustakas doubled with one out in the ninth. Dyson ran for him and stole third and came around to score as Jake Petricka (1-5) threw a wild pitch.

After Nori Aoki, who had four hits, doubled with two outs, Gore ran for him and scored from second on Lorenzo Cain's infield single.

Wade Davis (9-2) worked a scoreless ninth to pick up the victory, extending his scoreless streak to 31 2/3 innings.

White Sox starter John Danks pitched six scoreless innings and allowed just two singles, both by Aoki, before departing after 103 pitches. He struck out six and walked four.

The Royals scored all their runs off three White Sox relievers.

National league

NATIONALS 4
BRAVES 2

ATLANTA — Stephen Strasburg threw seven scoreless innings to end a long run of frustration against Atlanta, and the Nationals beat the struggling Braves 4-2 on Monday night to move to the verge of the NL East title.

The Nationals can clinch the division by beating the defending champion Braves on Tuesday night.

Strasburg (12-11) ended a streak of eight winless starts against Atlanta since 2012. He had been 0-3 with a 7.17 ERA against the Braves this season, including a 6-2 loss at Washington last Wednesday.

Wilson Ramos hit his 11th homer in the fifth. The Nationals led 4-0 before the Braves scored two runs in the bottom of the ninth.

The Braves (75-75) have lost four straight to fall to .500 for the first time since they were 1-1. They trail Pittsburgh for the second NL wild-card spot.

MARLINS 6
METS 5

NEW YORK — Jacob deGrom struck out his first eight batters to match a major league record before the Miami Marlins finally started making contact Monday night and rallied late for a 6-5 victory over the New York Mets.

Adeiny Hechavarria hit a two-run single and Jeff Mathis put Miami in front with an RBI single that capped a three-run eighth inning. But with both teams under .500 with two weeks left in the season, it was deGrom who provided the excitement early on.

On a night when New York's goofy mascot, Mr. Met, wore a shaggy wig to mimic deGrom, the rookie finished with 13 strikeouts in seven innings. He whiffed eight consecutive Marlins to begin the game, tying a mark set by Jim Deshaies of the Houston Astros against the Los Angeles Dodgers on Sept. 23, 1986.

Deshaies and deGrom are the only pitchers to accomplish the feat since 1900.

CUBS 1
REDS 0

CHICAGO — Anthony Rizzo capped his return to the Cubs lineup with a walk-off home run in the ninth inning that gave Chicago a 1-0 win over the Cincinnati Reds on Monday night.

Rizzo had missed the last 18 games due to a back problem but drove a pitch from Pedro Villarreal (0-1) over the wall in center field. Rizzo's homer was his 31st of the season and gave Hector Rondon (4-4) the win after he tossed a scoreless inning of relief.

Travis Wood didn't get any run support and couldn't earn his ninth win of the season despite producing one of his best outings of the year. Wood threw six scoreless innings, allowed only three hits, and lowered his ERA to 4.86.

Vikings reinstate Peterson despite abuse charge

By Jon Krawczynski
Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — The Minnesota Vikings have seen the details. They have seen photos of the injuries that Adrian Peterson's 4-year-old son suffered at the hands of the star running back. They have a history of punishing players who have run into trouble with the law.

The Vikings brought Peterson back to the team anyway even as the public furor over the NFL's approach to addressing domestic abuse reached a fever pitch.

The Vikings reinstated Peterson on Monday, one day after he sat out a 30-7 home loss to the New England Patriots after he was charged with a felony in Texas for using a wooden switch to spank his son. Peterson, who said he was using a form of discipline his father used on him as a boy, is expected to play against the New Orleans Saints on Sunday.

"We are trying to do the right thing," Vikings general manager Rick Spielman said. "This is a difficult path to navigate regarding the judgment of how a parent disciplines his child. Based on the extensive information we have right now and what we know of Adrian not only as a person but what he's done for this community, we believe he deserves to play while the legal process plays out."

Peterson didn't talk with reporters, but issued a statement in which he insisted he is not a child abuser and wanted "everyone to understand how sorry I feel about the hurt I have brought to my child."

"I am not a perfect son. I am not a perfect husband. I am not a perfect parent, but I am, without a doubt, not a child abuser," Peterson said in a nearly 500-word statement issued through his agency. "I am someone that disciplined his child and did not intend to cause him any injury.

"No one can understand the hurt that I feel for my son and for the harm I caused him. My goal is always to teach my son right from wrong and that's what I tried to do that day."

Vikings owners Zygi and Mark Wilf said they decided to bring back Peterson for practices and Sunday's game at New Orleans "after significant thought, discussion and consideration." The Wilfs said they want to let the case play out before making any more definitive decisions on Peterson's future with the only NFL team he has ever played for.

"To be clear, we take very seriously any matter that involves the welfare of a child," they said. "At this time, however, we believe this is a matter of due process and we should allow the legal system to proceed so we can come to the most effective conclusions and then determine the appropriate course of action."

Peterson faces a charge of reckless or negligent injury to a child, which carries penalties of up to two years in prison and a $10,000 fine. His initial court appearance in Conroe, near Houston, was scheduled for Oct. 8.

Corporal punishment is legal in Texas and non-deadly force against a child by a parent or guardian is permissible. But the punishment is abusive if it causes injury. A blow that leaves a bruise, welt or swelling, or requires medical attention, could be judged abusive. The guidelines also say use of an instrument "is cause for concern."

NFLROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

REDSKINS OPTIMISTIC RG3 WILL RETURN THIS SEASON: At Ashburn, Virginia, Washington Redskins coach Jay Gruden is optimistic Robert Griffin III will return this season.

Gruden said Monday that an MRI shows no broken bones in Griffin's injured left ankle. He said the quarterback will be in a cast for a few weeks, and then the team will have an idea when Griffin could return.

Gruden said there's no consideration at this point of putting Griffin on season-ending injured reserve.

The quarterback dislocated his left ankle the first quarter of the Redskins' win Sunday over the Jacksonville Jaguars.

The injury is often accompanied by a fracture that requires season-ending surgery. Without the need for surgery, Griffin could perhaps return in about two months.

PANTHERS UNSURE IF HARDY WILL PLAY VS. STEELERS: At Charlotte, N.C., Panthers coach Ron Rivera says he isn't sure if Greg Hardy will play Sunday night against the Pittsburgh Steelers and that the team hasn't considered releasing the Pro Bowl defensive end who is involved in a domestic violence case.

Rivera says Hardy will continue to practice and attend team meetings, but he won't make a decision on if he plays until later this week.

The Panthers plan to continue to gather information in what Rivera says is "a very fluid situation."

Hardy played in Week 1 but Rivera deactivated him just hours before Sunday's game against the Detroit Lions, and two days after the coach said Hardy would play.

Hardy was convicted July 15 of assault on a female and communicating threats, but is appealing the ruling.

Foles leads Eagles to win against Colts

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

Eagles	**30**
Colts	27

INDIANAPOLIS — Nick Foles threw a tying touchdown pass with 3:25 to go, and then set up Cody Parkey for the winning 36-yard field goal as time expired, lifting Philadelphia to a 30-27 win at Indianapolis on Monday night.

The Eagles (2-0) have won six straight road openers.

Indianapolis (0-2) has lost consecutive regular-season games for the first time since Andrew Luck and Chuck Pagano arrived in 2012.

The Colts led most of the night, including 27-20 late in the game. But Luck's late interception led to Foles' tying 6-yard TD pass to Jeremy Maclin, and after another three-and-out by the Colts, Foles drove the Eagles into position for the winning field goal.

NFL STANDINGS AND BOX

STANDINGS
AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	2	0	0	1.000	52	30
Miami	1	1	0	.500	43	49
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	43	45
New England	1	1	0	.500	50	40

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	2	0	0	1.000	47	20
Tennessee	1	1	0	.500	36	36
Jacksonville	0	2	0	.000	27	75
Indianapolis	0	2	0	.000	51	61

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	2	0	0	1.000	47	26
Baltimore	1	1	0	.500	42	29
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	36	53
Cleveland	1	1	0	.500	53	54

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	2	0	0	1.000	55	41
San Diego	1	1	0	.500	47	39
Oakland	0	2	0	.000	28	49
Kansas City	0	2	0	.000	27	50

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	2	0	0	1.000	64	44
Washington	1	1	0	.500	47	27
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	43	38
N.Y. Giants	0	2	0	.000	28	60

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	2	0	0	1.000	44	21
Atlanta	1	1	0	.500	47	58
New Orleans	0	2	0	.000	58	63
Tampa Bay	0	2	0	.000	31	39

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	1	1	0	.500	48	43
Minnesota	1	1	0	.500	41	36
Detroit	1	1	0	.500	42	38
Green Bay	1	1	0	.500	47	60

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	2	0	0	1.000	43	31
Seattle	1	1	0	.500	57	46
San Francisco	1	1	0	.500	48	45
St. Louis	1	1	0	.500	25	51

Thursday, Sept. 11
Baltimore 26, Pittsburgh 6

Sunday's Scores
Dallas 26, Tennessee 10
New England 30, Minnesota 7
Buffalo 29, Miami 10
Washington 41, Jacksonville 10
Arizona 25, N.Y. Giants 14
Cleveland 26, New Orleans 24
Cincinnati 24, Atlanta 10
Carolina 24, Detroit 7
San Diego 30, Seattle 21
St. Louis 19, Tampa Bay 17
Houston 30, Oakland 14
Denver 24, Kansas City 17
Green Bay 31, N.Y. Jets 24
Chicago 28, San Francisco 20

Monday's Score
Philadelphia 30, Indianapolis 27

Thursday's Game
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 7:25 p.m.

Sunday, Sep. 21
Dallas at St. Louis, Noon
Minnesota at New Orleans, Noon
San Diego at Buffalo, Noon
Washington at Philadelphia, Noon
Houston at N.Y. Giants, Noon
Tennessee at Cincinnati, Noon
Baltimore at Cleveland, Noon
Green Bay at Detroit, Noon
Indianapolis at Jacksonville, Noon
Oakland at New England, Noon
San Francisco at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
Denver at Seattle, 3:25 p.m.
Kansas City at Miami, 3:25 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Sep. 22
Chicago at N.Y. Jets, 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY'S BOX
EAGLES 30, COLTS 27

Philadelphia	3	3	14	10	—30
Indianapolis	7	10	3	7	—27

First Quarter
Phi—FG Parkey 31, 9:48.
Ind—Bradshaw 1 pass from Luck (Vinatieri kick), 5:18.

Second Quarter
Ind—FG Vinatieri 46, 13:18.
Phi—FG Parkey 23, 6:36.
Ind—Doyle 2 pass from Luck (Vinatieri kick), 1:13.

Third Quarter
Ind—FG Vinatieri 27, 6:43.
Phi—McCoy 1 run (Parkey kick), 4:32.
Phi—Sproles 19 run (Parkey kick), 2:44.

Fourth Quarter
Ind—Bradshaw 7 pass from Luck (Vinatieri kick), 11:49.
Phi—Maclin 6 pass from Foles (Parkey kick), 3:25.
Phi—FG Parkey 36, :00.
A—64,871.

	Phi	Ind
First downs	24	25
Total Net Yards	458	341
Rushes-yards	28-127	38-169
Passing	331	172
Comp-Att-Int	21-37-1	20-34-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	0-0
Punts	4-53.8	4-55.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	11-90	4-70
Time of Possession	23:45	36:15

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Philadelphia, McCoy 20-79, Sproles 4-26, Foles 4-22. Indianapolis, Richardson 21-79, Bradshaw 13-70, Luck 4-20.

PASSING—Philadelphia, Foles 21-37-1-331. Indianapolis, Luck 20-34-1-172.

RECEIVING—Philadelphia, Sproles 7-152, Ertz 4-86, Maclin 4-45, McCoy 4-23, J.Matthews 1-17, Cooper 1-8. Indianapolis, Hilton 6-65, Bradshaw 5-26, Wayne 3-28, Doyle 2-12, Moncrief 1-16, Richardson 1-16, Fleener 1-13, Nicks 1-(minus 4).

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Philadelphia, Parkey 38 (WL).

COWBOYS

From 1C

"Obviously, we featured the running game," coach Jason Garrett said. "Tony was more of a complementary player, but I think he played a good game for us."

It's not often that Romo is described that way for a team that has leaned heavily on him through eight years as the starter.

And Romo still looks like he's trying to regain his old form coming off surgery to repair a herniated disk in his back. The December procedure was the second on his back in eight months.

But the Cowboys might also be trying to recapture the Super Bowl-winning formula from the 1990s, when Garrett was a backup quarterback and Emmitt Smith was on his way to becoming the league's all-time rushing leader.

That's the most interesting part of Murray's fast start. He's the first Dallas back since Smith in 1999 to start the season with consecutive 100-yard games. The only other Cowboys player to do it? Tony Dorsett, another Super Bowl winner.

"It's still early and we have a lot of work to do," Murray said. "We are heading in the right way though."

Things aren't likely to change against the Rams. Murray set a franchise record with 253 yards against them in his first game as a featured back his rookie season.

His career high in carries before the Tennessee visit was 26 against St. Louis last season, when he ran for another 175 yards in his only other game against the Rams.

"I think we ran the ball a lot of different ways against a good defensive front, but certainly when DeMarco had the ball in his hands, he was a dominant runner," Garrett said. "There's no question in my mind about that."

MLB STANDINGS, BOXES AND LINESCORES

STANDINGS
AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	90	60	.600	—
Toronto	77	72	.517	12 1/2
New York	76	73	.510	13 1/2
Tampa Bay	73	78	.483	17 1/2
Boston	66	84	.440	24

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	84	66	.560	—
Kansas City	82	67	.550	1 1/2
Cleveland	76	73	.510	7 1/2
Chicago	68	82	.453	16
Minnesota	63	87	.420	21

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	93	56	.624	—
Oakland	83	66	.557	10
Seattle	80	68	.541	12 1/2
Houston	67	83	.447	26 1/2
Texas	57	92	.383	36

Monday's Scores
Baltimore 5, Toronto 2
Tampa Bay 1, N.Y. Yankees 0
Kansas City 4, Chicago White Sox 3
Houston 3, Cleveland 1
Detroit 8, Minnesota 6
Seattle at L.A. Angels, late

Today's Games
Boston (Ranaudo 3-2) at Pittsburgh (Morton 5-12), 6:05 p.m.
Toronto (Hutchison 10-11) at Baltimore (U.Jimenez 4-9), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 3-4) at Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 10-12), 6:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Bassitt 0-1) at Kansas City (Hendriks 1-2), 7:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Kluber 15-9) at Houston (Tropeano 1-0), 7:10 p.m.
Detroit (Porcello 15-11) at Minnesota (Nolasco 5-11), 7:10 p.m.
Seattle (Elias 10-12) at L.A. Angels (Cor. Rasmus 3-1), 9:05 p.m.
Texas (Tepesch 4-10) at Oakland (Kazmir 14-8), 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	86	63	.577	—
Atlanta	75	75	.500	11 1/2
Miami	73	76	.490	13
New York	72	79	.477	15
Philadelphia	69	80	.463	17

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	83	67	.553	—
Pittsburgh	79	70	.530	3 1/2
Milwaukee	78	72	.520	5
Cincinnati	71	80	.470	12 1/2
Chicago	66	84	.440	17

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	85	64	.570	—
San Francisco	82	67	.550	3
San Diego	68	80	.459	16 1/2
Arizona	61	88	.409	24
Colorado	58	90	.386	26

Monday's Scores
Miami 6, N.Y. Mets 5
Washington 4, Atlanta 2
Chicago Cubs 1, Cincinnati 0
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, late
San Francisco at Arizona, late
Philadelphia at San Diego, late

Today's Games
Boston (Ranaudo 3-2) at Pittsburgh (Morton 5-12), 6:05 p.m.
Miami (Eovaldi 6-11) at N.Y. Mets (B.Colon 13-12), 6:10 p.m.
Washington (Roark 13-10) at Atlanta (Harang 11-10), 6:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Cueto 18-8) at Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 8-5), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (W.Peralta 16-10) at St. Louis (Lynn 15-9), 7:15 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Haren 13-10) at Colorado (Matzek 5-10), 7:40 p.m.
San Francisco (Peavy 5-4) at Arizona (Collmenter 10-7), 8:40 p.m.
Philadelphia (A.Burnett 8-16) at San Diego (Kennedy 10-13), 9:10 p.m.

WILD CARD GLANCE
AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	WCGB
Oakland	83	66	.557	—
Kansas City	82	67	.550	—
Seattle	80	68	.541	1 1/2
Toronto	77	72	.517	5
Cleveland	76	73	.510	6
New York	76	73	.510	6

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	WCGB
San Francisco	82	67	.550	—
Pittsburgh	79	70	.530	—
Milwaukee	78	72	.520	1 1/2
Atlanta	75	75	.500	4 1/2

TUESDAY'S AL WEST BOX
ASTROS 3, INDIANS 1

Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Bourn cf	4	1	1	0	Grssmn lf	4	1	1	0
JRmrz ss	3	0	0	0	Altuve 2b	4	1	3	2
Brantly lf	4	0	2	0	Fowler cf	3	0	0	1
CSantn 1b	4	0	1	1	Carter dh	4	0	0	0
Kipnis dh	4	0	1	0	Krauss 1b	3	0	0	0
YGoms c	4	0	0	0	Singltn 1b	1	0	0	0
DvMrp rf	4	0	1	0	JCastro c	3	0	2	0
Chsnhll 3b	4	0	1	0	Mrsnck rf	3	0	1	0
Walters 2b	2	0	0	0	MDmn 3b	3	0	0	0
Sellers 2b	0	0	0	0	G.Petit ss	3	1	2	0
Aviles ph-2b	1	0	0	0					
Totals	34	1	7	1	Totals	31	3	9	3

Cleveland	100	000	000	—1
Houston	002	000	01x	—3

E—Krauss (4). LOB—Cleveland 7, Houston 5. 2B—Brantley (40), Grossman (13), J.Castro (20). 3B—Altuve (3). SB—Marisnick (5). CS—Altuve (8). S—J.Ramirez. SF—Fowler.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cleveland						
McAllister L,3-7	6	7	2	2	0	6
C.Lee	2-3	1	0	0	0	0
Hagadone	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Atchison	2-3	1	1	1	0	0
Crockett	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Houston						
McHugh W,10-9	6 2-3	5	1	0	0	7
K.Chapman	1	1	0	0	0	1
Deduno	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Qualls S,18-23	1	1	0	0	0	1

T—2:45. A—17,403 (42,060).

AMERICAN LEAGUE

ORIOLES 5, BLUE JAYS 2

Toronto	100	010	000	—2	11	0
Baltimore	201	200	00x	—5	10	0

Stroman, Loup (7), McGowan (7) and D.Navarro; W.Chen, Brach (6), Tom.Hunter (8), Z.Britton (9) and C.Joseph. W—W.Chen 16-4. L—Stroman 10-6. Sv—Z.Britton (35). HRs—Baltimore, Flaherty (7).

RAYS 1, YANKEES 0

New York	000	000	000	—0	6	1
Tampa Bay	000	000	001	—1	5	0

Capuano, Warren (7), Kelley (9) and J.Murphy; Colome, Geltz (7), Beliveau (8), Yates (8), Jo.Peralta (9) and Casali. W—Jo.Peralta 3-4. L—Kelley 3-6.

TIGERS 8, TWINS 6

Detroit	200	310	002	—8	16	0
Minnesota	000	013	020	—6	10	0

Scherzer, Chamberlain (8), Coke (8), Alburquerque (8), K.Ryan (8), Soria (9) and Holaday; Swarzak, Achter (5), Pressly (7), Fien (9), Tonkin (9) and K.Suzuki. W—K.Ryan 2-0. L—Fien 5-6. Sv—Soria (18). HRs—Detroit, Tor.Hunter (16), Mi.Cabrera (23). Minnesota, Arcia (18).

ROYALS 4, WHITE SOX 3

Chicago	102	000	000	—3	13	1
Kansas City	000	000	112	—4	9	0

Joh.Danks, Guerra (7), Putnam (8), Petricka (8) and Flowers; Shields, K.Herrera (8), W.Davis (9) and S.Perez. W—W.Davis 9-2. L—Petricka 1-5.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Washington	001	010	110	—4	6	1
Atlanta	000	000	002	—2	9	0

Strasburg, Stammen (8), R.Soriano (9), Storen (9) and W.Ramos; E.Santana, Avilan (7), Jaime (7), Shreve (8), Schlosser (8), Russell (9) and Bethancourt. W—Strasburg 12-11. L—E.Santana 14-9. Sv—Storen (6). HRs—Washington, W.Ramos (11).

MARLINS 6, METS 5

Miami	000	000	330	—6	11	1
New York	200	000	300	—5	7	0

Cosart, M.Dunn (7), A.Ramos (7), S.Dyson (7), Hatcher (8), Cishek (9) and Mathis; deGrom, Familia (8), Edgin (8), Mejia (8) and T.d'Arnaud. W—S.Dyson 3-1. L—Familia 2-5. Sv—Cishek (36).

CUBS 1, REDS 0

Cincinnati	000	000	000	—0	3	0
Chicago	000	000	001	—1	6	0

Simon, M.Parra (8), Villarreal (8) and Mesoraco; T.Wood, N.Ramirez (7), Strop (8), H.Rondon (9) and Castillo. W—H.Rondon 4-4. L—Villarreal 0-1. HRs—Chicago, Rizzo (31).

SEC West dominant through early weeks of season

By Kurt Voigt
Associated Press

Outside of the Southeastern Conference's footprint, it's become commonplace to hope for stumbles by college football's most dominant league.

There's only one problem with that.

The conference — at least its West division — just doesn't lose all that often.

Led by Arkansas' dismantling of Big 12 Conference member Texas Tech in a 49-28 win on Saturday, the SEC West turned in its second straight undefeated weekend in the season's third week. Five of the division's seven teams are ranked in this week's Associated Press Top 25 poll, and all seven teams received votes.

More impressively, the teams are a combined 19-1 overall — with the only loss coming by the Razorbacks in an intra-divisional matchup with No. 5 Auburn.

The West's nearly flawless record will be tested this week by several difficult out-of-division matchups, including the Tigers at No. 20 Kansas State, Florida at No. 3 Alabama and Northern Illinois at Arkansas.

Also, divisional matchup Mississippi State at No. 8 LSU will add at least one loss.

Regardless, the SEC West is alive and well — with no weak link having shown itself yet.

Here's a look at some of the other notable performances from the third week of the college football season:

David J. Phillip/AP

Texas A&M wide receiver Malcome Kennedy (84) catches a pass during Saturday's game against Rice in College Station.

RESURGENT RAZORBACKS: Sticking with the SEC West, the division's worst team from a season ago appears to have turned the corner under second-year coach Bret Bielema. Arkansas was 3-9 last year in Bielema's first season, but it was tied with Auburn at halftime before falling and has reeled off two dominating wins since. After a 438-yard rushing performance against the Red Raiders, the Razorbacks — led by the running back duo of Jonathan Williams and Alex Collins — are third nationally with an average of 362 yards per game on the ground. Williams is averaging 9.8 yards per carry, and he and Collins have combined for 11 touchdowns — exactly the style Bielema hoped to bring when he left Wisconsin.

AIR RAID WEST: Washington State quarterback Connor Halliday topped the 500-yard passing mark for the second time in three games this season with his 544-yard, six-touchdown performance in a 59-21 win over Portland State on Saturday. The senior leads the nation with 1,465 yards passing through three games, and he's improved his quarterback rating from 126.5 last year to 155.2.

BEAR MARKET: Baylor freshman wide receiver KD Cannon leads the nation in receiving yards after his second straight dominating performance, a six-catch, 189-yard effort in a 63-21 win over Buffalo. The 6-foot, 170-pound Cannon now has 471 yards receiving through his first three collegiate games, and he's averaging 33.6 yards per catch for the Bears — who lead the country with an average of 59.3 points per game.

RUNNING MINER: A week after nearly leading Texas-El Paso to a win over Texas Tech, Miners running back Aaron Jones continued his torrid start to the season with a 25-carry, 168-yard rushing effort in a 42-24 win over New Mexico State on Saturday. The sophomore leads the country with 552 yards rushing after three games, and he's already closing in on last year's total of 811 yards rushing.

EFFICIENT EFFORT: Duke running back Shaun Wilson led the nation in rushing last week, rushing for 245 yards on just 12 carries — an average of 20.4 yards per rush. The freshman had three touchdown runs of 45 yards or longer, including 69- and 68-yard scoring bursts as the Blue Devils improved to 3-0 with a 41-3 win over Kansas.

Big 12

From 1C

West Virginia coach Dana Holgorsen's job status has been a major topic of discussion ever since the Mountaineers went 4-8 in 2013, but he may have the program going in the right direction again.

After a surprisingly close loss to No. 3 Alabama and a 54-0 win over Towson, West Virginia beat Maryland 40-37. Clint Trickett set career highs with 511 yards passing and four touchdowns as the Mountaineers racked up a staggering 694 yards against a team that beat them 37-0 a year ago.

Oklahoma's visit to Morgantown this weekend suddenly seems a bit more daunting than it did during the summer.

"The leadership ability of him is just off the charts right now. He just understands what's going on. He's a smart kid that understands the game of football," Holgorsen said about Trickett, who is completing 75 percent of his passes.

Iowa State looked as bad as any high-major team in the country in a 20-point home loss to FCS champion North Dakota State in its opener. The Cyclones (1-2) have made enormous strides since then.

Iowa State led by as many as 15 points before falling to No. 20 Kansas State 32-28 in the only league game so far. The Cyclones continued their turnaround in Iowa City, rallying to beat the rival Hawkeyes 20-17 on Cole Netten's 42-yard field goal with two seconds left. Iowa State now has a ton of confidence and an extra week to prepare for Baylor's visit on Sept. 27.

"We've learned that we have tremendous upside with this team. There's a lot of growth. A lot of potential, and we're tapping into it," Iowa State coach Paul Rhoads said.

It wasn't all good news for the Big 12. Kansas (1-1) go drubbed 41-3 at Duke. Texas Tech's 16-game non-conference home winning streak was erased in a 49-28 loss to Arkansas.

Texas (1-2) looked a lot better this weekend than it did in a blowout loss to BYU on Sept. 6, but still lost to 12th-ranked UCLA, 20-17.

But outside of the woeful Jayhawks, it looks as though any team in the Big 12 is capable of taking a league game from anyone else.

"I think that, top to bottom, this league is going to be very challenging for all of us," Gundy said.

LM Otero/AP

TCU head coach Gary Patterson yells from the sidelines during the second half of Saturday's game against Minnesota, in Fort Worth.

Oklahoma RB Keith Ford out vs West Virginia

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops has raved all season about his team's three-headed monster at running back.

His prized depth took its first on-the-field hit Saturday night. Stoops said Keith Ford will miss at least a week after breaking a bone in his right leg in a win over Tennessee. Stoops said it is a small, slight fracture on the non-weight-bearing fibula that will keep him out of Saturday's game at West Virginia.

"That'll be a week-to-week," said Stoops, who did not indicate which leg was injured. "That could be two weeks, three weeks, it's always a little bit hard to tell, depending on how it heals, so we'll just have to wait and see how that goes. For sure, he won't be able to play this week."

Ford led the fourth-ranked Sooners with 194 yards rushing through three games and was one of the team's top receivers with 100 yards on six catches. Against Tennessee, he ran for 56 yards and a touchdown and caught a 23-yard touchdown pass. He leads the Big 12 in scoring with 36 points, and in touchdowns, with six.

Oklahoma entered the season down a running back. The Sooners suspended highly touted incoming freshman Joe Mixon for the season after he was charged with misdemeanor assault. Stoops said adjustments come with the territory.

"It happens that way," he said. "I remember back in '99, Quentin Griffin, we had to pull out of a redshirt in the fifth or sixth game to play. Definitely, you need a bunch of running backs when you go through a long year."

Alex Ross and Samaje Perine will pick up Ford's carries. Ross, a sophomore speedster, has rushed for 132 yards, including an 82-yard touchdown run against Tulsa. Stoops said he expects Ross to start because of experience. Perine, a 5-foot-10, 243-pound bruiser, has rushed for 177 yards on 32 carries.

Oklahoma quarterback Trevor Knight feels comfortable with both of them.

CONFERENCE STANDINGS AND POLLS

TEXAS
BIG 12 CONFERENCE

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Kansas St	1	0	32	28	2	0	87	44
Baylor	0	0	0	0	3	0	178	27
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	3	0	134	33
TCU	0	0	0	0	2	0	78	21
Oklahoma St	0	0	0	0	2	1	114	73
Texas Tech	0	0	0	0	2	1	100	110
West Virginia	0	0	0	0	2	1	117	70
Kansas	0	0	0	0	1	1	37	69
Texas	0	0	0	0	1	2	62	68
Iowa St	0	1	28	32	1	2	62	83

Friday, Sept. 12
Baylor 63, Buffalo 21
Saturday, Sept. 13
West Virginia 40, Maryland 37
Iowa St. 20, Iowa 17
Duke 41, Kansas 3
Arkansas 49, Texas Tech 28
TCU 30, Minnesota 7
Oklahoma St. 43, UTSA 13
UCLA 20, Texas 17
Oklahoma 34, Tennessee 10
Thursday's Game
Auburn at Kansas St., 6:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Cent. Michigan at Kansas, 2:30 p.m.
Oklahoma at West Virginia, 6:30 p.m.

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Tulsa	1	0	38	31	1	2	66	133
Cincinnati	0	0	0	0	1	0	58	34
East Carolina	0	0	0	0	2	1	103	61
Memphis	0	0	0	0	1	1	98	42
Temple	0	0	0	0	1	1	61	38
Houston	0	0	0	0	1	2	79	60
South Florida	0	0	0	0	1	2	70	104
UConn	0	0	0	0	1	2	50	89
SMU	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	88
UCF	0	0	0	0	0	2	34	64
Tulane	0	1	31	38	1	2	87	96

Thursday, Sept. 11
BYU 33, Houston 25
Friday, Sept. 12
Cincinnati 58, Toledo 34
Saturday, Sept. 13
Boise St. 38, UConn 21
Missouri 38, UCF 10
East Carolina 28, Virginia Tech 21
NC State 49, South Florida 17
FAU 50, Tulsa 21
Tulane 35, SE Louisiana 20
Friday's Game
UConn at South Florida, 7 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Tulane at Duke, 11:30 a.m.
Delaware St. at Temple, Noon
Texas A&M at SMU, 2:30 p.m.
North Carolina at East Carolina, 2:30 p.m.
Bethune-Cookman at UCF, 5 p.m.
Miami (Ohio) at Cincinnati, 6 p.m.
Middle Tennessee at Memphis, 6 p.m.
UNLV at Houston, 7 p.m.

CONFERENCE USA
East Division

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Middle Tenn	1	0	50	47	2	1	135	89
Marshall	0	0	0	0	3	0	134	48
Old Dominion	0	0	0	0	2	1	92	77
UAB	0	0	0	0	2	1	123	71
FAU	0	0	0	0	1	2	57	117
FIU	0	0	0	0	1	2	71	59
W. Kentucky	0	1	47	50	1	2	140	123

West Division

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Louisiana Tech	1	0	42	21	2	1	106	89
UTEP	0	0	0	0	2	1	99	78
Southern Miss.	0	0	0	0	1	2	38	121
UTSA	0	0	0	0	1	2	63	76
Rice	0	0	0	0	0	2	27	88
North Texas	0	1	21	42	1	2	71	86

Thursday, Sept. 11
Louisiana Tech 42, North Texas 21
Saturday, Sept. 13
Pittsburgh 42, FIU 25
Marshall 44, Ohio 14
UAB 41, Alabama A&M 14
Alabama 52, Southern Miss. 12
Old Dominion 17, E. Michigan 3
FAU 50, Tulsa 21
Oklahoma St. 43, UTSA 13
Middle Tennessee 50, W. Kentucky 47, 3OT
UTEP 42, New Mexico St. 24
Texas A&M 38, Rice 10
Saturday's Games
Old Dominion at Rice, 11 a.m.
Marshall at Akron, 1 p.m.
Louisville at FIU, 2:30 p.m.
Nicholls St. at North Texas, 2:30 p.m.
FAU at Wyoming, 3 p.m.
Middle Tennessee at Memphis, 6 p.m.
Northwestern St. at Louisiana Tech, 6 p.m.
Appalachian St. at Southern Miss., 6 p.m.

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE
East

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Florida	1	0	36	30	2	0	101	30
South Carolina	1	1	66	87	2	1	99	110
Missouri	0	0	0	0	3	0	125	52
Tennessee	0	0	0	0	2	1	82	60
Kentucky	0	1	30	36	2	1	109	53
Georgia	0	1	35	38	1	1	80	59
Vanderbilt	0	1	3	41	1	2	44	109

West

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Mississippi	1	0	41	3	3	0	132	31
Texas A&M	1	0	52	28	3	0	163	41
Auburn	1	0	45	21	2	0	104	34
Alabama	0	0	0	0	3	0	126	35
LSU	0	0	0	0	3	0	115	24
Mississippi St	0	0	0	0	3	0	131	37
Arkansas	0	1	21	45	2	1	143	80

Saturday, Sept. 13
Vanderbilt 34, UMass 31
Missouri 38, UCF 10
Arkansas 49, Texas Tech 28
South Carolina 38, Georgia 35
Mississippi St. 35, South Alabama 3
Mississippi 56, Louisiana 15
Alabama 52, Southern Miss. 12
LSU 31, Louisiana-Monroe 0
Florida 36, Kentucky 30, 4OT
Oklahoma 34, Tennessee 10
Texas A&M 38, Rice 10
Thursday's Game
Auburn at Kansas St., 6:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Troy at Georgia, Noon
Texas A&M at SMU, 3:30 p.m.
Florida at Alabama, 3:30 p.m.
Indiana at Missouri, 4 p.m.
Mississippi St. at LSU, 7 p.m.
N. Illinois at Arkansas, 7 p.m.
South Carolina at Vanderbilt, 7:30 p.m.

SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
S.F. Austin	1	0	38	3	2	1	92	75
Lamar	0	0	0	0	2	1	118	100
SE Louisiana	0	0	0	0	2	1	105	52
McNeese	0	0	0	0	1	1	72	47
Abilene Chrstn	0	0	0	0	1	2	96	100
Cent. Arkansas	0	0	0	0	1	2	94	109
NorthwesternSt	0	0	0	0	1	2	84	131
Sam Houston	0	0	0	0	1	3	107	179
Houston Baptist	0	0	0	0	0	2	37	54
Nicholls St.	0	0	0	0	0	3	33	144
Incarnate Word	0	1	3	38	0	3	16	145

Saturday, Sept. 13
N. Colorado 28, Houston Baptist 20
N. Dakota St. 58, Incarnate Word 0
Montana St. 43, Cent. Arkansas 33
Henderson St. 27, Nicholls St. 10
Abilene Christian 38, Troy 35
McNeese St. 48, Prairie View 16
Stephen F. Austin 38, Texas A&M Commerce 17
Northwestern St. 51, Southern U. 27
CSU-Pueblo 47, Sam Houston St. 21
Lamar 73, Texas College 0
Tulane 35, SE Louisiana 20
Saturday's Games
Houston Baptist at Texas College, Noon
Nicholls St. at North Texas, 2:30 p.m.
Incarnate Word at Abilene Christian, 3:05 p.m.
SE Louisiana at SE Missouri, 6 p.m.
Weber St. at Stephen F. Austin, 6 p.m.
Northwestern St. at Louisiana Tech, 6 p.m.
Missouri St. at Cent. Arkansas, 6 p.m.
Mississippi College at Lamar, 7 p.m.

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
East

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Alabama St.	1	0	47	22	3	1	94	94
Alcorn St.	0	0	0	0	2	1	127	43
Jackson St.	0	0	0	0	2	1	88	52
Alabama A&M	0	0	0	0	0	3	44	118
MVSU	0	1	22	47	0	2	22	109

West

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Texas Southern	1	0	37	35	3	0	119	65
Ark-Pine Bluff	0	0	0	0	1	1	31	65
Southern U.	0	0	0	0	1	2	89	110
Grambling	0	0	0	0	0	3	50	125
Prairie View	0	1	35	37	0	2	51	85

Saturday, Sept. 13
Alcorn St. 52, Louisiana College 10
UAB 41, Alabama A&M 14
Bethune-Cookman 36, Grambling St. 23
Alabama St. 47, MVSU 22
Texas Southern 30, Central St. (Ohio) 16
Tennessee St. 35, Jackson St. 7
McNeese St. 48, Prairie View 16
Northwestern St. 51, Southern U. 27
Thursday's Game
Ark.-Pine Bluff at Alabama St., 6:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Alcorn St. at MVSU, 4 p.m.
Grambling St. at Jackson St., 6 p.m.
Southern U. at Prairie View, 6 p.m.
Alabama A&M at Texas Southern, 7 p.m.

SUN BELT CONFERENCE
East

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
La.-Monroe	1	0	38	31	2	1	55	72
New Mexico St.	1	0	34	31	2	1	86	83
Texas St.	0	0	0	0	1	1	86	35
Arkansas St.	0	0	0	0	1	2	76	85
Idaho	0	1	31	38	0	2	64	83

West

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Appalachian St	0	0	0	0	1	1	80	52
South Alabama	0	0	0	0	1	1	26	48
Ga. Southn	0	0	0	0	1	2	144	75
Louisiana	0	0	0	0	1	2	80	110
Troy	0	0	0	0	0	3	62	120
Georgia St.	0	1	31	34	1	2	107	119

Saturday, Sept. 13
Georgia Tech 42, Georgia Southern 38
Air Force 48, Georgia St. 38
Miami 41, Arkansas St. 20
Mississippi St. 35, South Alabama 3
Mississippi 56, Louisiana 15
W. Michigan 45, Idaho 33
LSU 31, Louisiana-Monroe 0
Abilene Christian 38, Troy 35
UTEP 42, New Mexico St. 24
Navy 35, Texas St. 21
Saturday's Games
Troy at Georgia, 11 a.m.
Texas St. at Illinois, 3 p.m.
Georgia St. at Washington, 5 p.m.
Idaho at Ohio, 6 p.m.
Utah St. at Arkansas St., 6 p.m.
Appalachian St. at Southern Miss., 6 p.m.
Georgia Southern at South Alabama, 6:30 p.m.
New Mexico at New Mexico St., 7 p.m.
Louisiana at Boise St., 9:30 p.m.

NATIONAL
ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Louisville	1	1	52	36	2	1	118	57
NC State	0	0	0	0	3	0	119	74
Florida St.	0	0	0	0	2	0	74	43
Syracuse	0	0	0	0	2	0	67	29
Clemson	0	0	0	0	1	1	94	52
Wake Forest	0	0	0	0	1	2	57	60
Boston College	0	1	20	30	2	1	87	68

Coastal Division

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	1	0	30	20	3	0	134	45
Virginia	1	0	23	21	2	1	88	62
Duke	0	0	0	0	3	0	127	33
Georgia Tech	0	0	0	0	3	0	118	78
North Carolina	0	0	0	0	2	0	87	56
Virginia Tech	0	0	0	0	2	1	90	58
Miami	0	1	13	31	2	1	95	58

Saturday, Sept. 13
Pittsburgh 42, FIU 25
Syracuse 40, Cent. Michigan 3
Georgia Tech 42, Georgia Southern 38
East Carolina 28, Virginia Tech 21
Virginia 23, Louisville 21
Duke 41, Kansas 3
Miami 41, Arkansas St. 20
NC State 49, South Florida 17
Utah St. 36, Wake Forest 24
Boston College 37, Southern Cal 31
Saturday's Games
Iowa at Pittsburgh, 11 a.m.
Georgia Tech at Virginia Tech, 11 a.m.
Maryland at Syracuse, 11:30 a.m.
Tulane at Duke, 11:30 a.m.
Maine at Boston College, Noon
Virginia at BYU, 2:30 p.m.
Louisville at FIU, 2:30 p.m.
Army at Wake Forest, 2:30 p.m.
North Carolina at East Carolina, 2:30 p.m.
Presbyterian at NC State, 5 p.m.
Miami at Nebraska, 7 p.m.
Clemson at Florida St., 7 p.m.

BIG TEN CONFERENCE
East

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Penn St.	1	0	13	10	3	0	60	37
Maryland	0	0	0	0	2	1	113	64
Michigan	0	0	0	0	2	1	86	55
Ohio St.	0	0	0	0	2	1	121	52
Indiana	0	0	0	0	1	1	70	55
Michigan St.	0	0	0	0	1	1	72	53
Rutgers	0	1	10	13	2	1	89	76

West

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Nebraska	0	0	0	0	3	0	141	50
Illinois	0	0	0	0	2	1	89	95
Iowa	0	0	0	0	2	1	65	56
Minnesota	0	0	0	0	2	1	84	74
Wisconsin	0	0	0	0	1	1	61	31
Purdue	0	0	0	0	1	2	74	102
Northwestern	0	0	0	0	0	2	39	54

Saturday, Sept. 13
Ohio St. 66, Kent St. 0
Bowling Green 45, Indiana 42
West Virginia 40, Maryland 37
Iowa St. 20, Iowa 17
Michigan 34, Miami (Ohio) 10
TCU 30, Minnesota 7
Washington 44, Illinois 19
Notre Dame 30, Purdue 14
Penn St. 13, Rutgers 10
Nebraska 55, Fresno St. 19
Saturday's Games
Iowa at Pittsburgh, Noon
S. Illinois at Purdue, Noon
W. Illinois at Northwestern, Noon
E. Michigan at Michigan St., Noon
Bowling Green at Wisconsin, Noon
Maryland at Syracuse, 12:30 p.m.
Utah at Michigan, 3:30 p.m.
Rutgers at Navy, 3:30 p.m.
UMass at Penn St., 4 p.m.
Texas St. at Illinois, 4 p.m.
Indiana at Missouri, 4 p.m.
San Jose St. at Minnesota, 4 p.m.
Miami at Nebraska, 8 p.m.

MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE
West

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Nevada	0	0	0	0	2	1	80	67
San Diego St.	0	0	0	0	1	1	65	38
San Jose St.	0	0	0	0	1	1	55	69
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	1	2	73	79
UNLV	0	0	0	0	1	2	60	118
Fresno St.	0	0	0	0	0	3	59	166

Mountain

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Boise St.	1	0	37	24	2	1	88	80
Wyoming	1	0	17	13	2	1	48	73
Utah St.	0	0	0	0	2	1	83	82
New Mexico	0	0	0	0	0	2	47	89
Air Force	0	1	13	17	2	1	105	71
Colorado St.	0	1	24	37	2	1	104	75

Saturday, Sept. 13
Boise St. 38, UConn 21
Oregon 48, Wyoming 14
Air Force 48, Georgia St. 38
Colorado St. 49, UC Davis 21
N. Illinois 48, UNLV 34
Utah St. 36, Wake Forest 24
Nebraska 55, Fresno St. 19
Arizona 35, Nevada 28
Hawaii 27, N. Iowa 24
Saturday's Games
Hawaii at Colorado, 1 p.m.
FAU at Wyoming, 3 p.m.
San Jose St. at Minnesota, 3 p.m.
Utah St. at Arkansas St., 6 p.m.
UNLV at Houston, 7 p.m.
New Mexico at New Mexico St., 7 p.m.
S. Utah at Fresno St., 9 p.m.
Louisiana at Boise St., 9:30 p.m.
San Diego St. at Oregon St., 9:30 p.m.

PACIFIC-12 CONFERENCE
North

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Oregon	0	0	0	0	3	0	156	54
Washington	0	0	0	0	3	0	120	87
California	0	0	0	0	2	0	86	38
Oregon St.	0	0	0	0	2	0	67	44
Washington St.	0	0	0	0	1	2	110	86
Stanford	0	1	10	13	2	1	90	13

South

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Ariz. St.	1	0	38	24	3	0	141	61
Southern Cal	1	0	13	10	2	1	96	60
Arizona	0	0	0	0	3	0	119	64
UCLA	0	0	0	0	3	0	90	72
Utah	0	0	0	0	2	0	115	41
Colorado	0	1	24	38	1	2	82	107

Saturday, Sept. 13
Oregon 48, Wyoming 14
Washington 44, Illinois 19
Stanford 35, Army 0
UCLA 20, Texas 17
Washington St. 59, Portland St. 21
Boston College 37, Southern Cal 31
Arizona St. 38, Colorado 24
Arizona 35, Nevada 28
Saturday's Games
Hawaii at Colorado, 1 p.m.
Utah at Michigan, 2:30 p.m.
Georgia St. at Washington, 5 p.m.
California at Arizona, 9 p.m.
San Diego St. at Oregon St., 9:30 p.m.
Oregon at Washington St., 9:30 p.m.

MAJOR INDEPENDENTS

	All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA
BYU	3	0	109	42
Notre Dame	3	0	109	31
Navy	2	1	83	79
Army	1	1	47	74

Thursday, Sept. 11
BYU 33, Houston 25
Saturday, Sept. 13
Stanford 35, Army 0
Notre Dame 30, Purdue 14
Navy 35, Texas St. 21
Saturday's Games
Virginia at BYU, 2:30 p.m.
Army at Wake Forest, 2:30 p.m.
Rutgers at Navy, 2:30 p.m.

POLLS
TSN FCS POLL

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. North Dakota State (146)	3-0	4010	1
2. Eastern Washington (15)	2-1	3865	2
3. Southeastern Louisiana	2-1	3458	3
4. Montana	2-1	3406	4
5. Coastal Carolina	3-0	3225	5
6. McNeese State	1-1	3117	6
7. New Hampshire	1-1	3075	7
8. Villanova	1-1	2986	8
9. Jacksonville State	1-1	2751	9
10. South Dakota State	2-1	2585	11
11. Northern Iowa	0-2	2222	10
12. Bethune-Cookman	2-0	1861	13
13. William & Mary	2-1	1712	16
14. Montana State	2-1	1684	17
15. Chattanooga	1-2	1624	14
16. Southern Illinois	3-0	1590	20
17. Richmond	2-1	1581	18
18. Fordham	2-1	1323	19
19. Youngstown State	2-1	1129	21
20. Tennessee State	2-1	827	22
21. Furman	2-1	759	12
22. Northern Arizona	2-1	720	24
23. Eastern Kentucky	3-0	547	—
24. Liberty	2-1	377	—
25. Sam Houston State	1-3	241	15

Others receiving votes: Bryant 181, Delaware 172, Illinois State 171, Towson 136, Wofford 97, Maine 93, Albany 89, Samford 81, Princeton 81, James Madison 54, Indiana State 51, Missouri State 46, Presbyterian 43, Eastern Illinois 39, Harvard 36, Charleston Southern 35, Central Arkansas 33, North Carolina A&T 33, Sacred Heart 29, Mercer 20, Lehigh 19, South Carolina State 18, Alcorn State 18, Alabama State 16, Southern Utah 14, Gardner-Webb 8, Western Illinois 8, **Abilene Christian 7**, Butler 5, **Stephen F. Austin 4**, Sacramento State 4, Western Carolina 2, Cal Poly 2, South Dakota 2, **Texas Southern 1.**

FCS COACHES POLL

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. North Dakota State (25)	3-0	649	1
2. Eastern Washington (1)	2-1	624	2
3. Montana	2-1	564	4
4. Southeastern Louisiana	2-1	552	3
5. Coastal Carolina	3-0	546	5
6. McNeese State	1-1	529	6
7. Villanova	1-1	496	7
8. Jacksonville State	1-1	460	8
9. New Hampshire	1-1	454	9
10. South Dakota State	2-1	413	10
11. Northern Iowa	0-2	380	11
12. Bethune-Cookman	2-0	321	13
13. Southern Illinois	3-0	307	14
14. Chattanooga	1-2	277	17
15. Youngstown State	2-1	269	16
16. Montana State	2-1	266	18
17. William & Mary	2-1	251	19
18. Richmond	2-1	211	21
19. Fordham	2-1	158	23
20. Tennessee State	2-1	150	22
21. Furman	2-1	118	12
22. Eastern Kentucky	3-0	114	25
23. Northern Arizona	2-1	54	—
24. Illinois State	2-0	47	—
25. Bryant	3-0	37	—
25. Sam Houston State	1-3	37	15

Others receiving votes: Missouri State 28, Liberty 24, Maine 20, Towson 17, Indiana State 13, Sacred Heart 13, Princeton 12, Alcorn State 8, Harvard 8, Samford 5, Central Arkansas 4, Charleston Southern 3, Wofford 3, Alabama State 2, James Madison 2, North Carolina A&T 2.

AFCA DIVISION II COACHES POLL

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Northwest Missouri St. (25)	2-0	769	1
2. Colorado St.-Pueblo (6)	2-0	748	2
3. Minnesota St.-Mankato	2-0	685	4
4. Minnesota-Duluth	2-0	670	3
5. North Alabama	1-0	615	5
6. Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.)	2-0	602	6
7. Henderson St. (Ark.)	2-0	594	7
8. Pittsburg St. (Kan.)	2-0	582	8
9. Ohio Dominican	2-0	522	10
10. West Chester (Pa.)	2-0	508	9
11. Shepherd (W.Va.)	2-0	435	11
12. Tarleton St.	1-0	417	16
13. Valdosta St. (Ga.)	2-0	357	23
14. Delta St. (Miss.)	1-0	352	17
15. Bloomsburg (Pa.)	2-0	341	21
16. Ferris St. (Mich.)	2-0	302	24
17. West Alabama	2-0	223	t25
18. Winston-Salem St. (N.C.)	1-1	184	12
19. St. Cloud State (Minn.)	1-1	171	t25
20. Harding (Ark.)	2-0	123	NR
21. Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	1-1	117	13
22. Colorado School of Mines	2-0	112	NR
23. Midwestern St.	1-0	77	NR
24. Winona St. (Minn.)	2-0	72	NR
25. Slippery Rock (Pa.)	2-0	57	NR

NAIA FOOTBALL POLL

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Grand View (Iowa) (15)	2-0	340	1
2. Morningside (Iowa)	2-0	327	3
3. Baker (Kan.)	2-0	314	5
4. Tabor (Kan.)	2-0	299	6
5. Rocky Mountain (Mont.)	3-0	277	9
6. Faulkner (Ala.)	3-0	276	10
7. Carroll (Mont.)	1-1	262	2
8. Georgetown (Ky.)	1-0	243	12
9. Southern Oregon	3-0	226	22
10. Saint Xavier (Ill.)	2-0	225	16
11. Cumberlands (Ky.)	1-1	203	4
12. Saint Francis (Ind.)	1-1	195	8
13. Missouri Valley	0-1	185	7
14. St. Francis (Ill.)	2-0	179	20
15. Dakota Wesleyan	2-0	148	21
16. Ottawa (Kan.)	1-1	141	14
17. Benedictine (Kan.)	1-1	133	11
18. Northwestern (Iowa)	1-1	88	13
19. Lindsey Wilson (Ky.)	2-1	83	18
20. William Penn (Iowa)	2-1	81	—
21. Cumberland (Tenn.)	1-1	69	25
22. Peru State (Neb.)	1-1	50	24
23. Langston (Okla.)	1-1	44	23
24. Friends (Kan.)	1-1	28	19
25. Eastern Oregon	1-1	24	—
25. St. Ambrose (Iowa)	0-1	24	17

Short stay at NASCAR's party for AJ and Almirola

JENNA FRYER
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — AJ Allmendinger and Aric Almirola were the underdogs of the Chase, the two drivers nobody thought could win the Sprint Cup championship.

They knew it, too, when they arrived in Chicago and for the first time in their careers were allowed behind NASCAR's velvet rope. They got the white glove treatment in a private dinner with chairman Brian France and his executives, and were whisked around the city during a celebration of the 16-driver field.

Scoring an invite to the party was a coup; not getting kicked out early a major challenge.

"I was laughing at it, (Vegas) made odds for 14 drivers," said Allmendinger, "and me and Almirola were just 'The Field' for the championship. There were 14 names with odds, and then 'The Field' at 500-to-1."

Almirola made the Chase by winning the rain-shortened July race at Daytona, where he gave Hall of Famer Richard Petty his first win in 15 years. Allmendinger used a gritty drive on the road course at Watkins Glen to score his first Cup win and put tiny JTG/Daugherty Racing into the Chase.

So in a sense, both Allmendinger and Almirola should have gone into the Chase with a "we're just happy to be here mentality."

They didn't, though. They both wanted more, and both wanted to survive the first round of eliminations. To do so, they would have to be perfect and work in a margin with zero room for errors.

It's a terribly hard task, and one neither succeeded at it on Sunday at Chicagoland Speedway. Almirola was easily the biggest surprise of the opening Chase race, running as high as fourth, and he was sixth when he headed to pit road for a routine stop. Then his engine suddenly failed and his race was over. Almirola finished 41st in a devastating ending to what had been shaping up to be a monster day.

"I've never been so heartbroken, ever," Almirola said from the garage after Petty draped his arm around the dejected driver. "To be running that good with (just) over 30 laps to go ... I've been saying all week that we can't have a big mistake."

Allmendinger simply wasn't competitive enough on Sunday. He was 22nd for the third-worst finish among Chase drivers.

"I'm thinking big picture, man, but we do this every weekend," he radioed to his team with 86 laps remaining. "I mean, I know you guys are trying, we are all in it together, but it just gets harder every weekend and we don't make any progress."

Now with two races remaining before NASCAR knocks the bottom four drivers out of the Chase, Allmendinger is 14th in the standings and Almirola last in the 16-driver field. Yet they had to know this was going to happen, that it's just too hard to stand up for 10 weeks against Team Penske and Hendrick Motorsports.

Allmendinger sort of hinted at that in the buildup to Sunday when he was already looking ahead to the Sept. 28 race at Dover, where the field will be trimmed. He has three top-10 finishes there and led 143 laps there in 2010.

"We've just got to be perfect. We've just got to be at our best," he said. "I look at a race like Dover, depending on how the first two (races) have run, if we have to win it to stay in it, then you start taking some chances."

So now Almirola and Allmendinger will have to gamble the next two weeks and go for broke on every decision. There can be no second-guessing because their seasons are officially on the line.

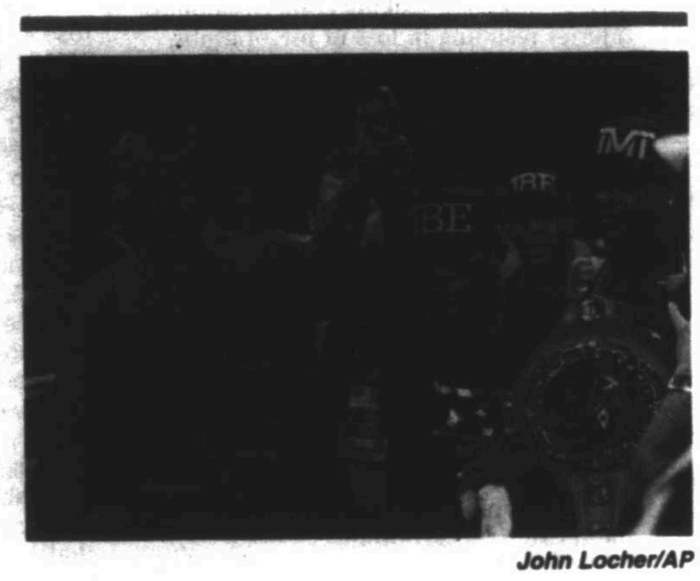
"We have to win. That is it. There is no other option," Almirola said Sunday. "We have to go and figure out how we can win one of the next two races."

There will be no shame in failing; the odds were stacked against them from the beginning. Richard Petty Motorsports, short on the money it needs to test at the same pace as the elite teams, instead entered Almirola in a pair of Nationwide races to get him extra track time. Allmendinger drives for just the second single-car organization to make the Chase, and did it a year after Kurt Busch made the field with Furniture Row Racing. Despite Busch's talent and how far he had raised the performance at Furniture Row, he finished 10th in a 13-driver field.

It's because the elite teams rule NASCAR, and if you aren't aligned with Penske, Hendrick or Gibbs right now, you probably don't stand a chance. The harsh reality probably hurt on Monday, when both drivers had to lick their wounds, but the two Chase rookies really should be thrilled just to have been invited to the party.

No answers after win, only more questions

JOE DEPAOLO
New York Times



John Locher/AP

Floyd Mayweather shows off his belts after beating Marcos Maidana during their WBA welterweight and WBC super welterweight title fight Saturday in Las Vegas.

LAS VEGAS — His walk into the postfight news conference was slow and deliberate. He wore black sweats and dark sunglasses, attire that seemed to fit his mood. He had won the fight, as expected. But this time, he did not appear to want to celebrate.

It had been a long week for Floyd Mayweather Jr. After repeated inquiries about his history of domestic violence and another 12-round fight with Marcos Maidana, who Mayweather claimed bit him during the bout, Mayweather simply looked relieved to have the week over.

"People think it's just, you train, and just fight," Mayweather said after he beat Maidana on Saturday night for the second time this year. "It don't work like that when you're at the pinnacle."

The victory enabled Mayweather, 37, to retain his World Boxing Association and World Boxing Council welterweight titles and extend his undefeated mark to 47 bouts (26 of those by knockout), ensuring that he will remain at the top of his profession until he next steps in the ring.

Despite the relatively close scorecards (two judges scored the fight 116-111, while a third had it 115-112), Mayweather never really appeared in danger of losing. After a brief rally by Maidana in the fourth round, Mayweather took control.

It might have been frustration that led Maidana, 31, to bite Mayweather's hand in the eighth round. Maidana denied the act, but video appeared to substantiate Mayweather's claim.

Regardless, Mayweather kept his poise, despite his contention that three of his fingers went numb when he was bitten. Even with the victory by unanimous decision, Mayweather was not satisfied.

"I felt a little dry and dead in this fight," Mayweather said. "I give myself a C, a C-minus. I could have been better. I got hit with some shots tonight that I shouldn't have gotten hit with."

In light of this self-evaluation, the fatigue evident on his face and his subdued speech, it was not surprising to hear Mayweather talk about delaying his next fight until next September. He was tentatively scheduled to fight again in May, but he said he was going to take some time to assess his options.

When Mayweather does make up his mind, fans are undoubtedly hoping the opponent will be Manny Pacquiao. For that to happen, Showtime, which has an exclusive deal with Mayweather, and HBO, which has one with Pacquiao, will have to work together, which seems unlikely.

Leonard Ellerbe, Mayweather's adviser and chief executive of Mayweather Promotions, expressed some hope that the long-awaited match could happen.

"We would love to fight him," Ellerbe said. "We all know the obstacles that have been in the past. But you just put all that behind you and just, hopefully, get together and make it happen."

Mayweather, however, said he was not thinking about a meeting with Pacquiao.

"That's not my focus," Mayweather said. "I got to where I got to by focusing on Floyd Mayweather. I could care less about what Pacquiao does."

He added, "If it happens, it happens."

In light of the questions Mayweather fielded about his personal life in the past week, it would stand to reason that he would have been more than happy to address any boxing-related topic. But repeated inquiries about Pacquiao were met with defiance.

"You guys can keep asking the same questions over and over," he said. "You're going to get the same answers."

Still, the Pacquiao questions figure to persist, as do the questions about his history of domestic violence. Shantel Jackson, his former fiancee, filed a lawsuit against Mayweather this month, and there is a 12-year documented history — from a sentence of house arrest in 2002 in a domestic violence case to a guilty plea in 2011 to a charge of misdemeanor battery after an altercation with Josie Harris, the mother of three of his children, that led to his spending a little more than two months in jail.

Combine the out-of-the-ring pressures with the physical toll of boxing, and it is little surprise that Mayweather said he was considering retiring after he fulfills the final two fights on his Showtime contract.

"It's a grueling sport," he said. "Another fight, another victory. It's time to move on."

US basketball reigns in Spain, awaits Rio Olympics

By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press

MADRID — It feels like so long ago, though it's been only a decade.

The U.S. was the three-time defending Olympic champion, but had become a mess of a basketball program. The Americans had embarrassed themselves at home in the 2002 world championship, and when they haphazardly put together their team for the 2004 Olympics, nobody should have been surprised if they lost.

That's exactly what happened. Puerto Rico blew them out, 92-73, in their opener.

Now the Americans run perhaps the most stable program in the world, gold medalists at both the men's and women's, senior and junior levels. Yet Mike Krzyzewski will prepare as if their opener in Rio de Janeiro is as uncertain as the one in Athens.

"I think we can lose our next game," Krzyzewski said. "I mean, that's the way we prepare because we know how good everyone is."

The Americans are the best, proving that again with a 129-92 victory over Serbia on Sunday to win the Basketball World Cup.

That gave the U.S. consecutive world titles to go with its back-to-back Olympic gold medals. The Americans have won with powerhouse rosters in the Olympics and beatable ones in the worlds, and they could go to Brazil with their best one yet.

LeBron James, Carmelo Anthony and Chris Paul would be welcomed back if they want a shot at a third straight Olympic gold. Kevin Durant and Kevin Love might want to return after pulling out this summer, and there are plenty of guys on this year's team who showed they will earn consideration, from tournament MVP Kyrie Irving and fellow guards James Harden, Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson, to forwards Anthony Davis and Kenneth Faried.

And don't forget how much better Derrick Rose could be in two years after struggling during this tournament in his return after missing most of the last two seasons following two knee operations.

If nobody could beat a depleted U.S. team this summer, how could anyone touch that team in 2016?

"If we come back with a lack of focus," Curry said.

"We can't take anything for granted. This is big-time competition, teams recharge and refuel in these two years and get ready for the Olympics. So if we — whatever group suits up and flies down to Brazil for the Olympics — if we're not prepared with the same mentality that we had here and Istanbul and London and Beijing, we're capable of being beaten. So we have to come with that same focus and energy that we did and keep this dominance going."

This was supposed to be the summer where it could end. Spain had nearly beaten stronger U.S. teams in the last two Olympic gold-medal games, and this time would have home-court advantage and a roster of all the players it wanted while the Americans would settle for whoever would come.

Another matchup in the gold-medal game was widely expected until France stunned the Spaniards in the quarterfinals.

"Spain's a magnificent program, a magnificent team, and it just takes one bad day. One bad day. And so what we're trying to do is make sure we don't have bad days," Krzyzewski said. "And so far it's worked out."

Woods says strength is back, but not swing

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

Woods

WINDEMERE, Fla. — Tiger Woods is too busy in the gym to find a new swing coach, or even swing a golf club.

Woods said Monday his strength has returned from "busting my butt in the gym pretty hard" and he is on schedule to resume competition in December. But he still hasn't hit a golf ball since he missed the cut at the PGA Championship on Aug. 8, and still doesn't know when he will.

"We're pretty much past the strength phase now, and I've got my strength where I want to have it," Woods said at Isleworth Golf & Country Club, where he lived for the first 15 years of his pro career. "Now I just need to get my fast twitch going and get my speed back, and that's going to take a little bit of time. That's part of our second phase of training. And that's coming up now."

Woods had his fifth surgery in 20 years — this time on his back — and failed to win a PGA Tour event for the third time in the last five years.

Rory McIlroy referred to Woods and Phil Mickelson has being on "the last few holes" of their careers when he was asked about the two best players of their generation not being eligible for the Tour Championship for the first time since 1992.

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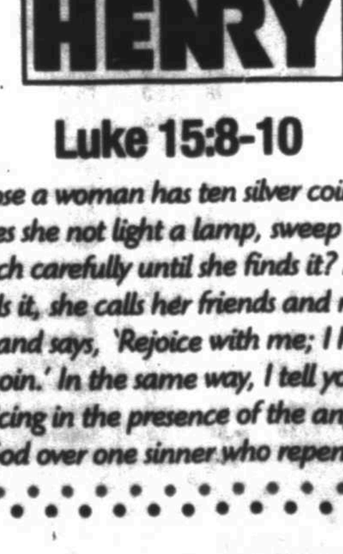

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Luke 15:8-10

"Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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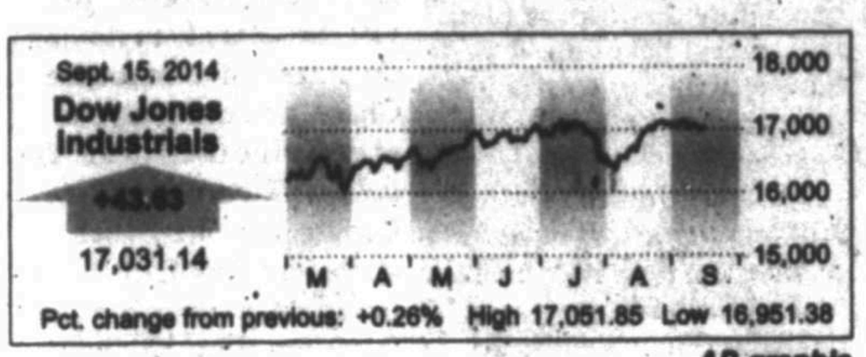

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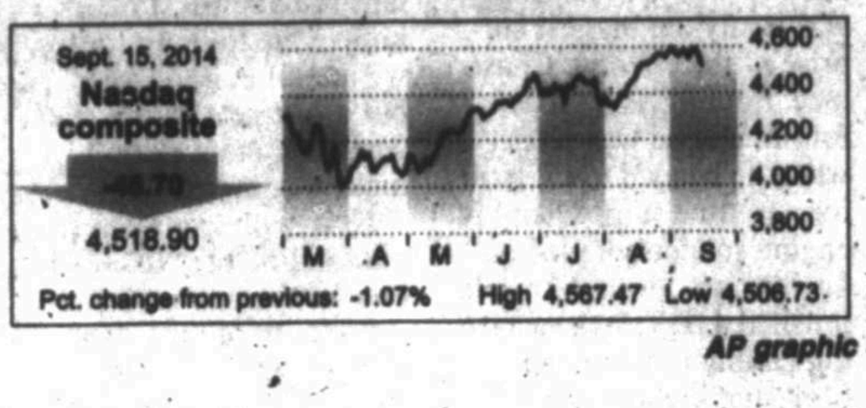

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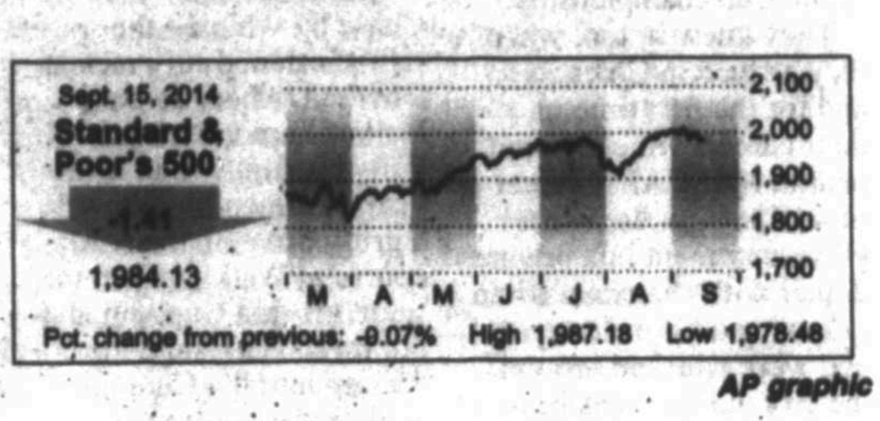

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MOST ACTIVE ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	855125	16.74	-.05
S&P500ETF	677444	198.98	-.15
iShEMkts	645657	43.57	-.22
iShR2K	393087	114.11	-1.26
NokiaCp	390381	8.56	+.19

GAINERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Drdgold	2.88	+.50	+21.0
MillerEnR	4.90	+.55	+12.6
Alere	41.14	+4.53	+12.4
Alere pfB	348.08	+26.77	+8.3
Primero g	6.04	+.44	+7.9

LOSERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Bankrate	11.92	-1.90	-13.7
USEC Inc	2.73	-.36	-11.7
PulseElect	2.37	-.31	-11.6
ChinaGreen	2.56	-.29	-10.2
DaqoNEn	43.11	-4.60	-9.6

DIARY

Advanced	1,060
Declined	2,070
Unchanged	106
Total issues	3,236
New Highs	28
New Lows	78
Volume	2,720,831,182

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
B2gold g	42106	2.07	-.04
Globalstar	38384	3.79	-.06
SynthBiol	25499	1.84	-.27
TherapMD	24547	5.68	-.57
CheniereEn	21101	81.07	-1.57

GAINERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SwedLC22	48.00	+6.15	+14.7
Bacterin rs	5.47	+.43	+8.5
HMG	16.50	+1.25	+8.2
AskanoG g	2.43	+.18	+8.0
TanzRy g	2.22	+.12	+5.7

LOSERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CT Ptrs	16.06	-2.81	-14.9
EnviroStr	2.80	-.35	-11.1
Ever-Glory	6.23	-.72	-10.3
Vicon	2.90	-.32	-9.8
Skyline	2.50	-.27	-9.7

DIARY

Advanced	155
Declined	248
Unchanged	26
Total issues	429
New Highs	3
New Lows	16
Volume	86,510,078

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
AvanirPhm	835343	12.49	+5.75
Yahoo	687034	42.55	-.33
Apple Inc s	585253	101.63	-.03
Facebook	492393	74.58	-2.90
Microsoft	370109	46.24	-.46

GAINERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AvanirPhm	12.49	+5.75	+85.3
SinoGlob	2.51	+1.01	+67.4
ReWalkR n	37.15	+11.55	+45.1
AldeyraT n	6.57	+1.54	+30.5
ConcrtPh n	12.66	+2.60	+25.8

LOSERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NetElem	2.88	-2.82	-49.5
RadaElec	2.92	-.64	-18.0
Aquasition	7.07	-1.43	-16.8
NPS Phm	27.29	-5.42	-16.6
ContraFct n	4.35	-.86	-16.5

DIARY

Advanced	636
Declined	2,091
Unchanged	121
Total issues	2,848
New Highs	30
New Lows	88
Volume	1,900,377,141

GM expert says 19 deaths eligible for compensation

Associated Press

DETROIT — The death toll tied to faulty ignition switches in General Motors small cars has risen to 19, according to a compensation expert hired by the company. The number is likely to go higher.

Kenneth Feinberg said Monday that he has determined that 19 wrongful death claims are eligible for payments from GM. General Motors' estimate of deaths has stood at 13 for months, although the automaker acknowledged the possibility of a higher count.

Feinberg received 125 death claims due to the faulty switches in older-model small cars such as the Chevrolet Cobalt. The rest remain under review or require further documentation, he said in a report issued Monday.

"The public report is simply reporting on those eligible to date," Feinberg spokeswoman Camille Biros said in an email. "There will certainly be others."

GM has admitted knowing about the ignition switch problem for more than a decade. Yet it didn't begin recalling the switches in 2.6 million small cars until earlier this year. The automaker hired Feinberg to compensate victims of crashes caused by the switches, and Feinberg has said GM has not limited the total amount he can pay. Some lawmakers have estimated the death toll is close to 100.

Biros, citing confidentiality agreements, said Feinberg will not identify any of those eligible for payments, nor will he say if the 19 deemed eligible so far include the 13 deaths that GM has documented. GM has not identified the 13 victims. The U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says it has not tallied the total number of deaths.

Biros said no claims have been rejected yet, although Feinberg is in the process of turning down a few because they don't meet the requirements for compensation. Feinberg will issue reports each Monday on how many claims have been granted, she said.

Feinberg also has received 320 claims for compensation due to injuries. Of those, 12 have been deemed eligible for payments so far.

Of the injury claims, 58 were in the most serious category, seeking compensation for injuries resulting in loss of use of limbs, amputation, permanent brain damage or pervasive burns, the Feinberg statement said. Another 262 claims are for less-serious injuries that required hospital stays or outpatient medical treatment within 48 hours of the crash.

The deadline for filing a claim is Dec. 31. Feinberg will follow formulas to determine how much people will get, and they can demonstrate circumstances to him that would bring more money. Claimants can wait until he comes up with an amount before deciding whether to sue GM or take the money.

GM has estimated the cost of compensating victims at $400 million, but says it could rise to $600 million.

The faulty ignition switches can slip out of the "run" position into "accessory" or "off," cutting off power to the engine. That can knock out power steering or brakes and disable the air bags if there's a crash.

The ignition switch problem triggered a companywide safety review that has resulted in 29 million GM vehicles being recalled through August.

'Minecraft' could boost Microsoft's mobile reach

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Microsoft's decision to spend $2.5 billion for the creator of the hit game "Minecraft" could help the Xbox maker grab attention on mobile phones, a new priority for the company.

But the move carries risks, as gamers can be fickle. Although the Lego-like multiplayer game is currently the top paid app for the iPhone and Android devices in the U.S., today's popular hit could be tomorrow's dud. The maker of the much obsessed-over "Candy Crush Saga," for example, rode the game's popularity to go public this year, only to see its stock falter.

In addition, the founders of Mojang, the Swedish company behind "Minecraft," aren't staying with Microsoft. That could raise questions about Mojang's ability to create another big hit.

Then again, a big hit was not what cofounder Markus "Notch" Persson was after when he created the game, according to a blog post Monday from Mojang and a note from Persson himself on his website.

"It certainly seems like the founders of 'Minecraft' didn't want to continue forward," Gartner analyst Brian Blau said. "It was something too big for them. Minecraft' is best in the hands of somebody who can take it in the direction it needs to go for the user."

Microsoft has made mobile phones and Internet services priorities for the company as its traditional businesses — Windows and Office software installed on desktops — slow down or decline. With "Minecraft," Blau said, Microsoft gains a new type of customer — mobile players.

"'Minecraft' is very popular on mobile," Blau said. "It has an audience that wouldn't necessarily think of Microsoft first. The mobile audience is typically Apple and Samsung."

Stocks end mixed

Investors played it safe on Monday ahead of a potentially pivotal Federal Reserve meeting. While large company stocks ended the day little changed, smaller, riskier stocks slumped.

Fed policy makers start a two-day meeting today and many investors expect the central bank to indicate that it is moving closer to raising its key interest rate as the economy strengthens. The Fed has held the rate close to zero for more than five years, and stocks have surged against that backdrop.

"Reading the tea leaves, it seems that investors are trying to position themselves for a more aggressive Fed," said Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at BMO Private Bank.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 43.63 points, or 0.3 percent, to 17,031.14. The Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 1.41, or 0.1 percent, to 1,984.13. The Nasdaq composite fell 48.70 points, or 1.1 percent, to 4,518.90.

The Russell 2000 index, an index of small company stocks, slipped 14.09 points, or 1.2 percent, to 1,146.52.

Higher interest rates mean that companies and consumers have to pay more to borrow, leaving them with lower profits and less money to spend.

Smaller-company stocks are more vulnerable to a sell-off because their valuations have become more stretched as the stock market has rallied, BMO's Ablin said.

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Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $101.61 Up 0.02

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Closing Price $131.51 Up 1.05

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $22.00 Down 0.10

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $76.24 Down 0.32

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $29.03 Down 0.37

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $7.11 Down 0.39

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $26.58 Up 0.19

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $25.25 Up 0.07

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $15.35 Down 0.36

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $28.50 Down 1.56

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.84	10	34.69	+.19	-1.3
Abraxas	...	65	5.19	-.07	+59.2
ActivsBliz	.20f	23	22.31	-1.08	+25.1
AdamsEx	.84e	...	14.07	+.04	+7.7
AMD	...	39	3.91	-.05	+1.0
Alcoa	.12	39	16.39	-.33	+54.2
AlonUSA	.40f	...	15.82	+.16	-4.4
Altria	2.08f	20	44.27	+1.11	+15.3
ARltCapPr	1.00	...	12.43	-.13	-3.3
Amgen	2.44	21	137.97	+.08	+20.9
Anadarko	1.08	...	106.24	+.78	+33.9
Apache	1.00	31	97.12	+.88	+13.0
Apple Inc s	1.88	16	101.63	-.03	+26.8
ApldMatl	.40	27	22.05	-.25	+24.7
ATMOS	1.48	17	49.83	+.22	+9.7
AutoData	1.92b	27	83.46	+.44	+3.3
AvanirPhm	...	...	12.49	+5.75	+271.7
BP PLC	2.34f	7	45.89	-.05	-5.6
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	15.02	-.25	+.6
BakrHu	.68f	22	66.72	+.23	+20.7
BkofAm	.20f	20	16.74	-.05	+7.5
B iPVix rs	...	...	29.36	+.74	-31.0
BasicEnSv	...	...	22.90	+.51	+45.1
BerkHa A	...	16	207110.00	+1475.00	+16.4
BlkHillsCp	1.56	21	61.20	...	-2.5
BlackBerry	...	...	11.02	+.23	+48.1
BostonSci	...	69	12.39	-.11	+3.1
BrMySq	1.44	31	49.95	-.31	-6.0
BrownFA	1.16	30	89.99	+.28	+22.0
BrownFB	1.16	30	91.07	+1.07	+20.5
CVS Health	1.10	20	81.24	+.67	+13.5
Cameron	...	21	70.91	-.18	+19.1
Caterpillar	2.80f	18	104.86	-.16	+15.5
Celestic g	...	14	10.76	-.03	+3.5
CntryLink	2.16	...	39.64	+.10	+24.5
ChesEng	.35	28	25.05	+.14	-2.4
Chevron	4.28	12	124.24	+1.58	-.5
Chicos	.30	23	15.58	-.13	-17.3
Cimarex	.64	25	135.04	+1.03	+28.7
Cisco	.76	17	25.06	-.10	+12.6
Citigroup	.04	12	52.31	-.07	+.4
ClayEng	...	32	101.61	+.02	+24.0
CocaCola	1.22	22	41.50	+.04	+.5
ColgPalm	1.44	27	64.51	+.03	-1.1
Comcast	.90	20	57.02	-.06	+9.7
ConAgra	1.00	44	32.35	+.01	-4.0
ConchoRes	...	58	131.51	+1.05	+21.8
ConocoPhil	2.92f	13	79.40	+.95	+12.4
CrackerB	4.00f	19	103.45	+.87	-6.0
CSVixSht	...	...	2.97	+.15	-60.4
CrosTim	2.73e	12	31.18	-.17	+6.0
DCP Mid	3.03f	...	53.07	-.39	+5.4
DTE	2.76f	17	76.04	+.47	+14.5
Dataram h	...	...	2.40	-.14	-7.7
Dawson	.32	...	22.00	-.10	-34.9
DevonE	.96	18	70.27	+.32	+13.6
DrxSCBear	...	...	15.13	+.48	-10.8
Disney	.86f	22	90.08	+.41	+17.9
DowChm	1.48	19	53.04	+.37	+19.5
eBay	...	...	50.96	-1.23	-7.1
EMC Cp	.46	24	29.46	-.19	+17.1
EOG Res s	.67f	23	101.91	+.59	+21.4
EmpDist	1.02	15	24.83	-.07	+9.4
Energen	.60	45	77.69	+1.58	+9.8
EngyTsfr	3.82f	...	58.04	+.04	+1.4
EnPro	...	63	66.40	-1.90	+15.2
EntPrdPt s	1.44f	27	39.58	-.30	+19.4
Ericsson	.46e	...	12.73	-.01	+4.0
ExterranH	.60	28	45.40	+.63	+33.0
ExxonMbl	2.76	12	96.29	+.51	-4.9
Facebook	...	80	74.58	-2.90	+36.5
FireEye n	...	...	33.01	-2.06	-24.3
FordM	.50	10	16.47	-.12	+6.7
ForestOil	...	...	1.51	+.07	-58.2
GATX	1.32	15	63.27	-.32	+21.3
GT AdvTc	...	...	11.88	-.94	+36.3
GabMultT	.88	...	9.65	-.16	-22.2
GAInv	2.10e	...	37.72	+.11	+7.2
GenElec	.88	19	25.82	+.05	-7.5
GenMotors	1.20	28	33.63	+.36	-17.7
GileadSci	...	23	100.99	-2.67	+34.5
GtPlainEn	.92	16	24.94	+.01	+2.9
Groupon	...	...	6.95	-.21	-40.9
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Hallibrtn	.60	21	66.28	+.42	+30.6
iShBrazil	1.55e	...	48.37	+.56	+8.3
iShJapan	.17e	...	11.80	+.01	-2.8
iSh UK	1.26e	...	20.07	+.04	-3.9
iShChinaLC	.71e	...	40.37	-.58	+5.2
iShEMkts	.71e	...	43.57	-.22	+4.2
iShR2K	1.48e	...	114.11	-1.26	-1.1
IntegrysE	2.72	20	67.24	+.65	+23.6
Intel	.90	17	34.54	-.08	+33.1
InterDig	.80	...	42.31	+.20	+43.5
JetBlue	...	11	11.26	-.93	+31.9
JohnJn	2.80	19	104.72	+.14	+14.3
KimbClk	3.36	19	106.39	+.37	+1.8
KindME	5.56f	38	91.63	-.35	+13.6
KindMM	5.56t	74	91.97	-.45	+21.6
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McDnlds	3.24	17	93.47	+.13	-3.7
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TurqHillRs	...	...	3.99	+.04	+20.9
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Vale SA	.84e	...	12.44	+.14	-18.4
ValeroE	1.10f	9	48.98	+.56	-2.8
VerizonCm	2.20f	11	48.56	+.16	-1.2
VulcanM	.24f	54	62.32	-.30	+4.9
Walgrn	1.36f	21	62.72	-.10	+8.2
WstnRefin	1.04	18	43.61	+.54	+2.8
WhitingPet	...	18	83.86	+.33	+35.5
WmsCos	2.24f	74	56.63	+.43	+46.8
XcelEngy	1.20	16	31.33	+.06	+12.1
Xerox	.25	14	13.40	-.15	+10.1
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8,607.65	6,380.92	Dow Jones Transportation	8,521.15	-31.13	-.36	+15.14	+29.16
576.98	472.09	Dow Jones Utilities	551.28	+1.64	+.30	[illegible]	+15.49
11,334.65	9,441.66	NYSE Composite	10,909.32	-2.08	-.02	[illegible]	+12.42
4,610.14	3,650.03	Nasdaq Composite	4,518.90	-48.70	-1.07	+8.20	+21.55
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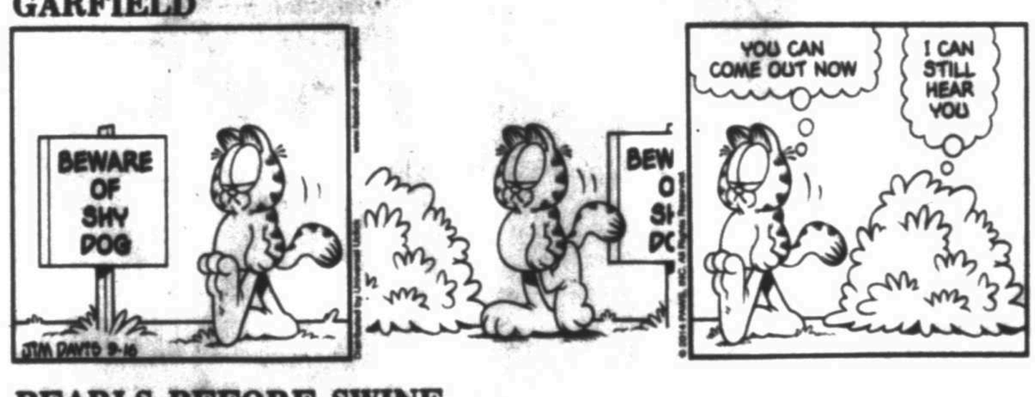

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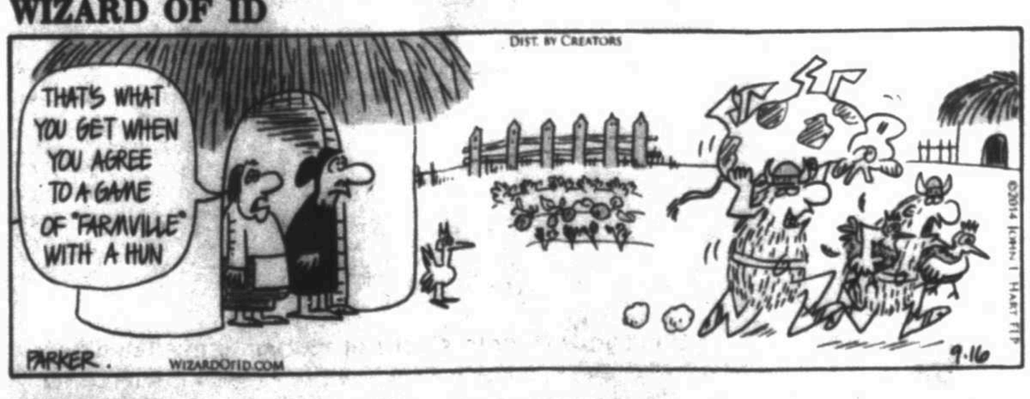

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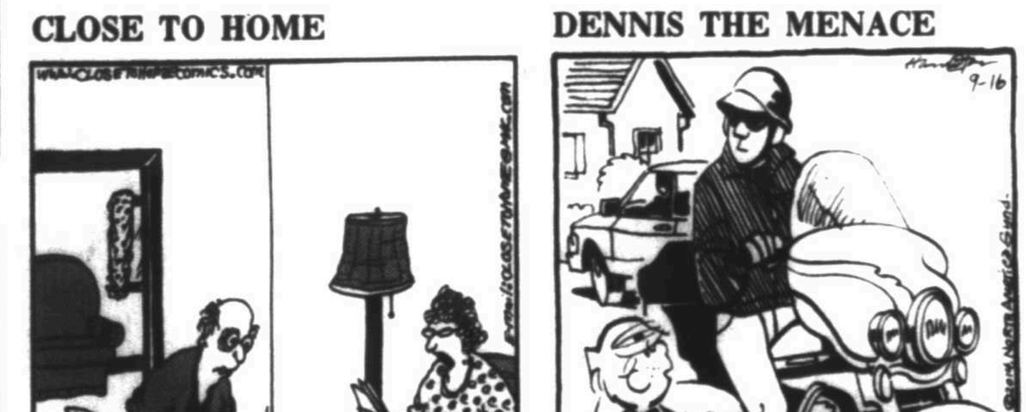

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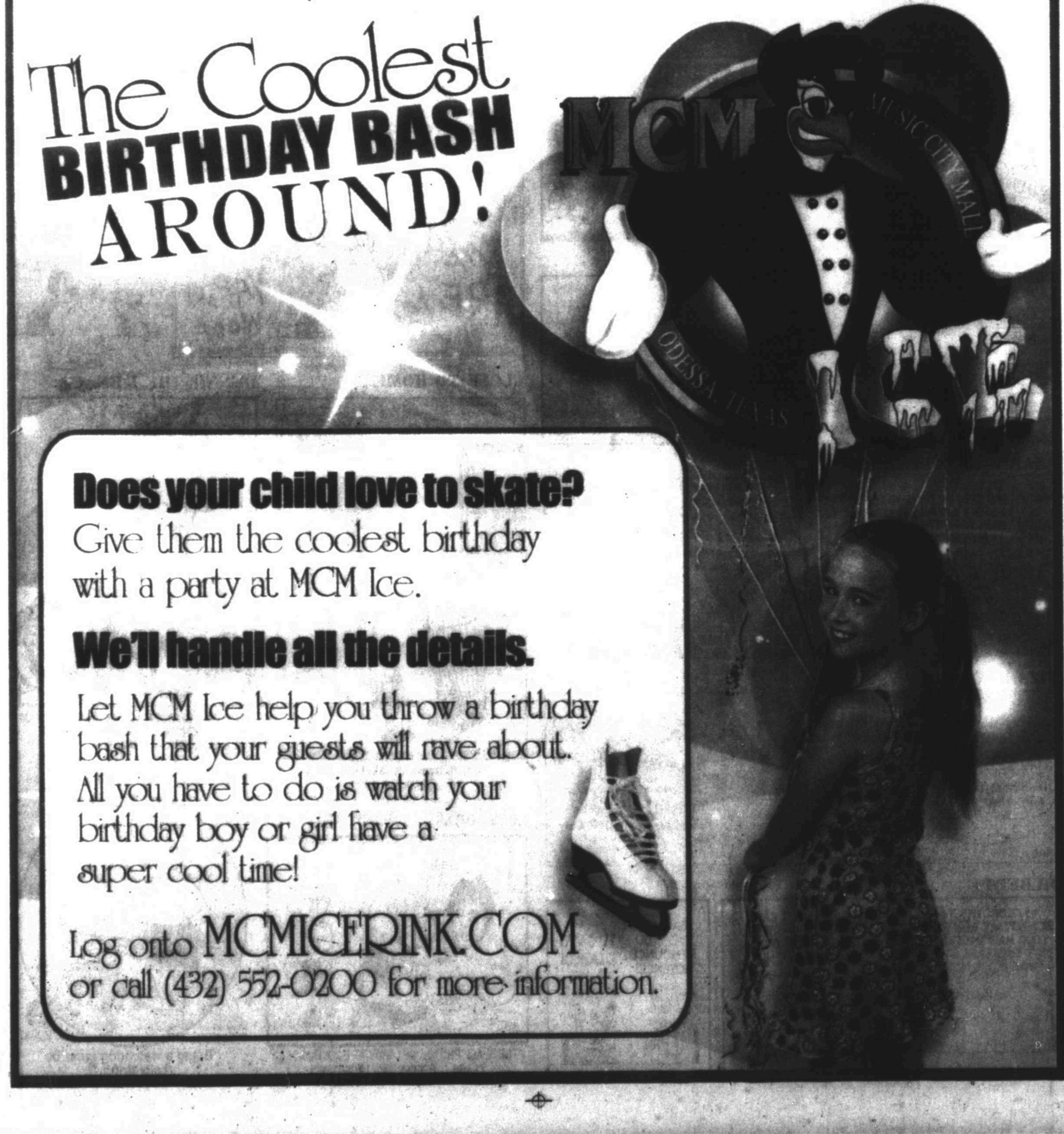

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 — Rule 38 Case No.08-0291941
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Sep 9, 2014 — Status/Permit No. 732949
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Sep. 30, 2014
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 AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 22, Blk. 37 TIN, T&P RR CO / WILSON, H T Survey, A-668, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MARTIN County, being 10.2 miles NW direction from STANTON, 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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Sep 30, 2014

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The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	SALE RANCH
Lease/Unit Well No.	13
Lease/Unit Acres	671.2
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	660.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	1896.0
Lease Lines	660.0 F South L. 660.0 F East L
Survey Lines	660.0 F South L. 660.0 F East L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Special Rules 467/0, 80.0 acres

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11000 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, CORRINE WEEKS, at (972) 969-4557.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS,
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 — Rule 38 Case No.08-0291382
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Sep 4, 2014 — Status/Permit No. 733048
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Sep. 25, 2014
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

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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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Sep 25, 2014

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The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	SALE RANCH A
Lease/Unit Well No	16
Lease/Unit Acres	1315.6
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	660.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	1995.0
Lease Lines	660.0 F North L 4781.0 F East L
Survey Lines	660.0 F North L 500.0 F West L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Special Rules 467/0, 80.0 acres

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11000 feet.

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Legal & Public Notices

ORDINANCE NO. 9313

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING CHAPTER ONE, TITLE XI, OF THE CITY CODE OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY PERMITTING LOT 2A, BLOCK 52, BELMONT ADDITION, SECTION 12, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED PD, PLANNED DISTRICT FOR A SHOPPING CENTER, TO BE USED AS AN LR-2, LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICT (GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTHEAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF BELMONT STREET AND SUMMIT AVENUE); CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION.

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Rule 38 Case No.08-0291383
Status/Permit No. 733293

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 AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 27, Bk. 37 TIN, T&P RR CO Survey, A-225, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MARTIN County, being 9.5 miles NW direction from STANTON, Texas.

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The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	:	SALE RANCH 'A'
Lease/Unit Well No.	:	18
Lease/Unit Acres	:	1315.6
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	:	660.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	:	1020.0
Lease Lines	:	660.0 F South L, 2173.0 F East L
Survey Lines	:	660.0 F South L, 2173.0 F East L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) . Special Rules 467/0, 80.0 acres.

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Rule 38 Case No.08-0291387
Status/Permit No. 725869

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	:	SALE RANCH
Lease/Unit Well No.	:	10
Lease/Unit Acres	:	671.2
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	:	660.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	:	934.0
Lease Lines	:	660.0 F North L, 660.0 F West L
Survey Lines	:	660.0 F North L, 660.0 F West L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

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Legal & Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY regulations, Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc. Midland, TX facility, permit number HW 50215, located at 10607 WCR 127, Midland, TX 79711 hereby provides this notice for public opportunity to request an independent environmental audit of the facility. To request an audit or to make comments, a public meeting will be held at 10:00 AM, Friday, October 3, 2014, at the Safety-Kleen facility located at the address referenced above. If an audit is requested, an auditor will be selected from the following: ERM, Inc., ATC, or Tetra Tech. If an audit is requested, selection the independent auditor will be made no later than November 3, 2014. And the audit will be performed on or before December 3, 2014. For more information contact Ricardo Saucedo at (210) 241-2619.

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ORDINANCE NO. 9316

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING CHAPTER ONE, TITLE XI, OF THE CITY CODE OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY PERMITTING AN 18.584-ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF SECTION 14, BLOCK 39, T-1-S, T&P RR CO. SURVEY, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED AE, AGRICULTURE ESTATE DISTRICT, TO BE USED AS AN MF-1, MULTIPLE-FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF LAMESA DRIVE, APPROXIMATELY 1,000 FEET NORTH OF WADLEY AVENUE); CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

City of Midland

Amy M. Turner
City Secretary

Legal & Public Notices

ORDINANCE NO. 9315

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City Secretary

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ORDINANCE NO. 9314

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING CHAPTER ONE, TITLE XI, OF THE CITY CODE OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY PERMITTING A 49.85-ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF THE SOUTH PORTION OF BLOCK 83, THE WEST PORTION OF BLOCK 84, THE NORTH HALF OF BLOCKS 85 AND 86, AND INCLUDING A VACATED 5.192-ACRE PORTION OF BENTON AVENUE RIGHT-OF-WAY AND POPLAR LANE RIGHT-OF-WAY, EAST MIDLAND ADDITION, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED 2F, TWO-FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT, IN PART, AND C-3, COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, IN PART, TO BE USED AS A PD, PLANNED DISTRICT FOR A HOUSING DEVELOPMENT (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF NORTH FAIRGROUNDS ROAD, APPROXIMATELY 650 FEET NORTH OF EAST CUTHBERT AVENUE); PROVIDING FOR SUCH USE TO BE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN SPECIAL CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS AS SET OUT HEREIN; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

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Teresa Newton: Headboard, box spring, mattress, sofa, dresser, table lamp, area rugs, fishing pole, Tanning bed, heater and entertainment center.
Rebekah Elena Luna: Bed frame and headboard, toys, misc bags, and boxes.
Carey Muniz: Bookcase, 10 plus boxes, clothing, dryer, microwave,speaker/surround sound, several plastic totes.

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Syterra Nykole Thomas: Dvd player, clothing, dishes, vacuum and lots of toys.

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Manuel Delao: Box springs and mattresses, love seat, sofa, dresser, washer & dryer, microwave, bike, end tables, vacuum, refrigerator and misc.
Peggy Carrasco: Chest, clothing, microwave, end table, VCR tapes, saw and misc.
Justin Hughes: Carseats, mattresses, 20+ boxes, sofa, picture frames, speakers and totes.
Archie Wiggins: Box spring and mattress, bicycle, clothing, baby bed, totes,end tables, vacuum and misc.
Karen Gates: Frames, kitchen table, dresser, exercise equipment, floor lamp, vacuum, boxes, folding tables and lawn chairs.

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Michael Venegas: Motorcycle and trunk
Shari Haller: Tables, shelves, boxes and home décor.
Tina Fillion: Home décor, boxes, tables and chairs.
Mark Brisbin: Boxes and bags.

Legal & Public Notices

To:
Patrhon Designs, L.P., a Texas Limited Partnership
8910 Lamar Avenue Odessa, Texas 79765
Patrick Burke 8910 Lamar Avenue Odessa, Texas 79765
Rhonda Burke 8910 Lamar Avenue Odessa, Texas 79765
From:
FirstCapital Bank of Texas, N.A. 310 West Wall Street, Suite 100 Midland, Texas 79701

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

You, **Patrhon Designs, L.P., Patrick Burke and Rhonda Burke**, are hereby notified that on Saturday, September 27, 2014, beginning at 10:00 a.m. and continuing until all items of property and equipment have been sold by auction, at the Direct Buy Office located at 4200 W. Illinois, Suite 140, in the City of Midland, County of Midland, State of Texas, there will be a public sale to the highest bidder, for cash, of the equipment set out on Exhibit "A", attached hereto.

This sale will be made to satisfy the Indebtedness secured by and pursuant to the authority conferred in the Security Agreements described in Exhibit "B" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (referred to in this notice as the "Security Agreements"). The Security Agreements were executed by **Patrhon Designs, L.P., Patrick Burke and Rhonda Burke** to FirstCapital Bank of Texas, N.A., as Secured Party. FirstCapital Bank of Texas, N.A. will sell the equipment in a public sale on the above date, at the above time to the highest bidder for cash, and the proceeds of sale, after expenses, will be applied against the Indebtedness secured by the Security Agreements. You are entitled to an accounting of the unpaid indebtedness. You may request an accounting by calling the FirstCapital Bank of Texas, N.A. at 432-686-0044.

Dated: September 11, 2014.
FirstCapital Bank of Texas, N.A.
By: /s/ Tom Beckham, Senior Vice President

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SOLUTION TO MONDAY'S PUZZLE

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Austin based independent seeks Degreed Petroleum Engineer with minimum 5-7 + years various experience in drilling, completion & reservoir for a ground floor equity position in its Midland office. The ideal candidate will possess the latest in completions technology with special emphasis on frac design, optimization & on-site execution, be a multi-tasker and able to handle all aspects of managing a small oil & gas exploration company and may currently be working for a service company. This position will be split between office & field as required and involve the entire process from permitting to first sales. We will consider training the right degreed individual. Excellent compensation package. This is a great opportunity to own a piece of what you work for every day. Send a detailed resume along with current salary requirements. All submittals will be held in strict confidence. Reply to MSOGBK@aol.com.

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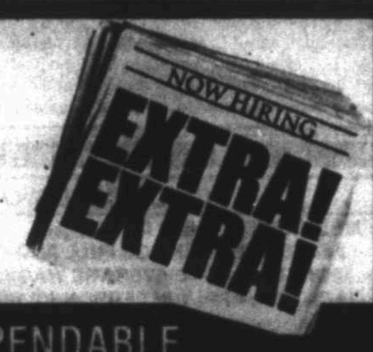

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Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday, from 8am-6pm. Then also be able to work later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet for 6-8 hours each. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person.

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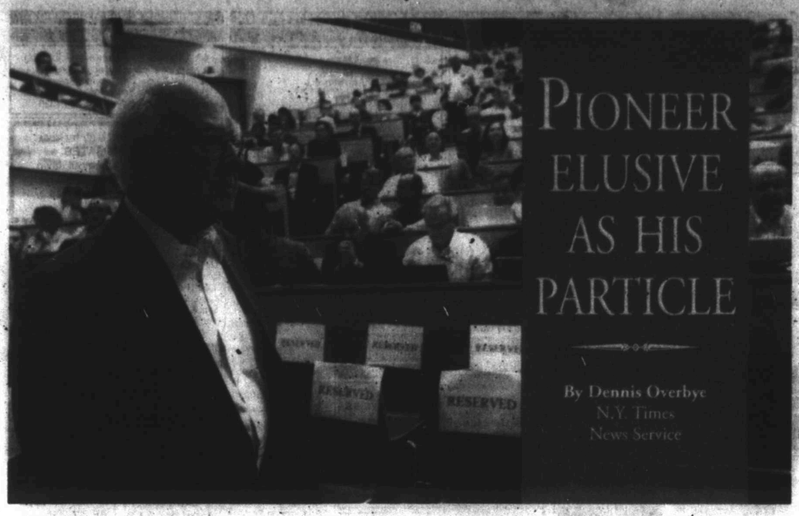

PIONEER ELUSIVE AS HIS PARTICLE

By Dennis Overbye
N.Y. Times
News Service

On Oct. 8 last year, when the Nobel Prize in Physics was to be announced, Peter Higgs decided it would be a good day to get out of town. Unfortunately, his car wasn't working. He got as far as lunch before a neighbor intercepted him and told him that he had won the prize.

"What prize?" he joked.

It was in 1964 that Higgs, then a 35-year-old assistant professor at the University of Edinburgh, predicted the existence of a new particle — now known as the Higgs boson, or the "God particle" — that would explain how other particles get mass. Half a century later, on July 4, 2012, he pulled out a handkerchief and wiped away a tear as he sat in a lecture hall at CERN, the European Organization of Nuclear Research in Geneva, and heard that his particle had finally been found.

Higgs, now 85, doesn't own a television or use email or a cellphone. Not that he is uninterested or uninformed about the world around him.

His public appearances are as rare and fleeting as the tracks of an exotic particle in the underground detectors of CERN. In a decade of covering the search for the Higgs boson, I had never managed to get a word with Higgs himself.

So I reached out to Walker, a physics professor at Edinburgh who acts as Higgs' "digital seeing-eye dog," in the words of a former student.

As a result of his bubblelike existence, Higgs doesn't really know how much commotion his award has caused, Walker said, adding, "I'm his filter."

Higgs was born in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England, in 1929, the son of a BBC engineer and a Scottish mother. His interest in physics was tweaked when as a schoolboy in Bristol, he realized he was attending the same school as had Paul Dirac, the British theorist who was the father of quantum field theory, which describes the forces of nature as a game of catch between force-carrying bits of energy called bosons, the same field in which Higgs would rise to fame.

Now retired from the University of Edinburgh, he lives in a fifth-floor flat in the city's historic New Town neighborhood, around the corner from the birthplace of James Clerk Maxwell, the 19th-century Scottish theorist.

It was Maxwell, as a professor at King's College London, who had accomplished the first great unification of physics, showing that electricity and magnetism were different manifestations of the same force, electromagnetism, that constitutes light. It would be Higgs' fate to help physics along the next step toward a theory you could write on a T-shirt: showing that Maxwell's electromagnetism and the so-called weak force that governs radioactivity are different faces of the same thing.

As is often the case in the zigzag progress of science, however, that's not what Higgs thought he was doing. When he invented his boson in 1964, he said, "I wasn't sure it would be important."

He explained, "At the time, the thought was to solve the strong force."

According to theory, bosons that carried that force, which holds nuclei together, should be massless, like the photon that transmits light. But while light crosses the universe, the strong force barely reaches across an atomic nucleus, which by quantum rules meant the particle carrying it should be almost as massive as a whole proton. Unfortunately, the theorists could not explain how the carriers of the strong force would acquire such masses.

Adapting an idea that Philip W. Anderson of Princeton had used to help explain superconductivity, Higgs suggested that space was filled with an invisible field of energy, a cosmic molasses. It would act on some particles trying to move through it, sort of like an entourage attaching itself to a celebrity trying to make it to the bar, imbuing them with what we perceive as mass.

In some situations, he noted, a bit of this field could flake off and appear as a new particle, what would come to be called the Higgs boson. Detecting this particle would be proof of the pudding that the whole spooky idea was right.

His first paper on the subject was rejected. He rewrote it, spicing it up with a new paragraph at the end, emphasizing the prediction of a new particle.

It turned out that François Englert and Robert Brout of the Free University of Brussels had beaten him into print by seven weeks with the same idea of how mass arose, although they were not as emphatic about the new particle. "They were first," said Higgs, adding that he had not known that until told as much by Yoichiro Nambu, who approved Higgs' paper for the journal that published it.

Shortly thereafter, three more physicists — Tom Kibble of Imperial College London, Carl Hagen of the University of Rochester and Gerald Guralnik of Brown University — chimed in. Englert shared the Nobel last year with Higgs; Brout had died.

But Higgs' work turned out to be irrelevant to research on the strong force, which was ultimately transformed by the discovery of quarks.

The physicist Sheldon Glashow, now of Boston University, had proposed a theory in 1961 that unified the weak force and electromagnetic forces, but it had the same problem of explaining why the carriers of the weak part of the "electroweak force" weren't massless.

The boson became a big deal in 1967 when Steven Weinberg of the University of Texas at Austin made it the linchpin unifying the weak and electromagnetic forces. It became even bigger in 1971 when Dutch theorist Gerard 't Hooft proved that it all made mathematical sense.

Higgs said that Benjamin Lee, a Fermilab physicist who later died in a car crash, first called it the Higgs boson at a conference around 1972, perhaps because Higgs' paper was listed first in Weinberg's paper.

The name stuck, not just to the particle, but to the molasseslike field that produced it and the mechanism by which that field gave mass to other particles.

Even before the Nobel sealed his place in history, he had become an Edinburgh tourist attraction, a sort of walking monument to science, winner of the 2011 Edinburgh Award for his "outstanding contribution to the city." In 1999, he turned down an offer of knighthood but in 2014 was named a Companion of Honor by Queen Elizabeth II.

He continued to teach until he retired in 1996, but his lack of research has kept him out of the fray and the fury that has resulted from the discovery of the boson.

The Higgs boson was the final piece of what physicists have come to call the Standard Model, which sums up knowledge of the forces and particles of nature. But it is incomplete, not explaining, for example, why there is anything in the universe at all, or what dark matter or dark energy are. Moreover, lacking any evidence for supersymmetry or a more encompassing theory, physicists can't explain the mass of the Higgs itself, which standard quantum calculations suggest should be almost infinite. This has led some theorists to propose that our universe is only one in an ensemble of universes, the multiverse, in which the value of things like the Higgs is random.

Asked about that, Higgs lit up with a big grin. "I'm not a believer," he said.

"It's hard enough to have a theory for one universe."

Photo: British physicist Peter Higgs arrives for a scientific seminar to deliver the latest update in the search for the Higgs boson at the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) in Meyrin near Geneva on July 4, 2012.

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Most near-Earth objects harmlessly disintegrate before reaching Earth's surface. But there are exceptions, like the nearly 60-foot meteor that exploded over Russia in 2013, causing considerable damage.

In a 44-page report, Inspector General Paul Martin said the Near Earth Objects program needs to be better organized and managed, with a bigger staff.

NASA's science mission chief, former astronaut John Grunsfeld, agreed and promised the problems will be fixed.

"NASA places a high priority on finding and characterizing hazardous asteroids to protect our home planet from them" he said in a statement.

According to the report, the program has an executive at NASA headquarters and two offices in Massachusetts and California, each with six employees.

For nearly a decade, the report noted, NASA has been tracking near-Earth objects bigger than 460 feet across. The goal was to catalog 90 percent by 2020.

The space agency has discovered and plotted the orbits of more than 11,000 near-Earth objects since 1998, an estimated 10 percent. It does not expect to meet the 2020 deadline.

The program has insufficient oversight, Martin's office concluded, and no established milestones to track progress. In addition, NASA needs to do a better job of overseeing the various observatories searching for near-Earth objects, and teaming up with other U.S. and international agencies, the report said.

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Tree-protecting ants can't protect themselves

In the savannas of Eastern Africa, ants live in the thorny, hollow bulbs of acacia trees and feed on the trees' nectar. The ants also act as bodyguards, defending the trees from hungry elephants and giraffes by biting and stinging them. Now, an invasive species known as the big-headed ant is killing the native ants.

The findings appear in the journal Ecology. The native ants put up a brave fight, streaming out of the acacia trees to meet the invaders, but the invasive species usually wins in a hostile takeover of the trees, said Corinna Riginos, an ecologist at Teton Research Institute and one of the study's authors. "There are body parts strewn everywhere," she said.

The bigheaded ants, Pheidole megacephala, stay a while in the acacia trees before returning to their nests, preventing native species from recolonizing the trees.

The researchers report that as a result, the rates of elephant damage to trees in invaded areas is five times higher than in areas where native ants reign.

"It looks like a tornado came through in some of the areas," Riginos said, "and there are lots of trees that are completely pushed over."

Here's what you can do to check up on airline overbookings

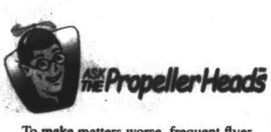
Dear PropellerHeads: Air travel has really become a pain. Our last flight was overbooked and we got bumped. There ought to be a law!

Well, I didn't notice a question, but you have struck a chord with this Prop Spinner. It sure seems like the airlines have forgotten who the customer is.

I understand the airlines have difficulty making what they would call decent profits, but they are making money (http://on.wsj.com/1qwxLpB). In any case, charge what you need to, but treat me with a little respect. I feel a little like Rodney Dangerfield.

The industry has suffered some challenges. Since 9/11, significant security measures have been implemented, impacting cost, convenience and comfort. I mean, c'mon, how am I going to suffer through a long flight in the middle seat with only 3 ounces of my favorite scotch?

Most of the costs we associate with these inconveniences have already been added to our ticket prices (http://cntrvlr.com/1w18KEJ). A typical $300 ticket contains $64 in taxes and fees. Much of this is used to pay for security, safety and other measures.



To make matters worse, frequent flyer program benefits, the airlines' "thank you" to their best customers, have also shrunk in the last few years (http://onforb.es/W2Z8wv). Use 'em or lose 'em.

The trend for some time now is to consolidate airlines, routes, and flights. Say goodbye to the empty seat next to you.

In a move that could only be called oxymoronic — with an emphasis on the moronic — most airlines are charging for checked bags. This encourages you to carry-on, increasing boarding times. These delays have a cascading effect down the line in missed connections and airport gate and tarmac traffic jams, increasing costs.

At least a few airlines are resisting the temptation to charge for my bag and are experimenting with boarding efficiencies.

I am sure the airlines are regular PropellerHead readers, so I will channel some Seinfeld-like advice some advice. Want to save some money? Stop equipping the restrooms with a shaver outlet. I mean, who is shaving during their flights? Is there really a need to stock tomato juice or pineapple juice on the cart? Simplify!

So, what's your real beef? I know what it is. Weeks ahead of your flight, you used kayak.com or hipmunk.com to find the best non-refundable, non-upgradable, Saturday night stay ticket deal. You arrived at the airport hours before your flight. You stood behind someone in security with a gallon of milk or a knife. You dragged your luggage to the gate. Then, you find out they have overbooked. Say it ain't so!

In an effort to squeeze even more from profits, the airlines commonly overbook flights to account for last minute cancellations and no-shows. Sometimes, they guess wrong and things get a bit tense. Someone's getting left behind.

What's the weary traveler to do? First, check with flightstats.com to see what the history of your intended flight is regarding delays. The Department of Transportation maintains lots of interesting stats, including overbookings, which can help you choose better-performing airlines (www.dot.gov/airconsumer).

Next, know your rights. What exactly are the responsibilities of the airlines when the yelling starts? Check out this article (bit.ly/1lEXYnb) at Airfarewatchdog.com to help you know what your choices are.

OK, you've done the research and you are still facing hours sitting in a terminal waiting for the next flight. What should you do?

You could check out AirHelp.com. They have a service that will help you get the compensation you are entitled to. They are very good at this, but they do charge a stiff 25 percent to help you out.

Then again, now that you know the rules, you can apply yourself. My experience has been that the airlines often need your help to do the right thing. They might offer you less than you are due, future flight vouchers instead of cash, and other things to discourage you. Be polite, persistent, and continue to press for full compensation despite their resistance.

Lastly, between the airport time, delays, costs, and frustrations, you might reconsider driving or taking a train. Me? I'll just use my prop.

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