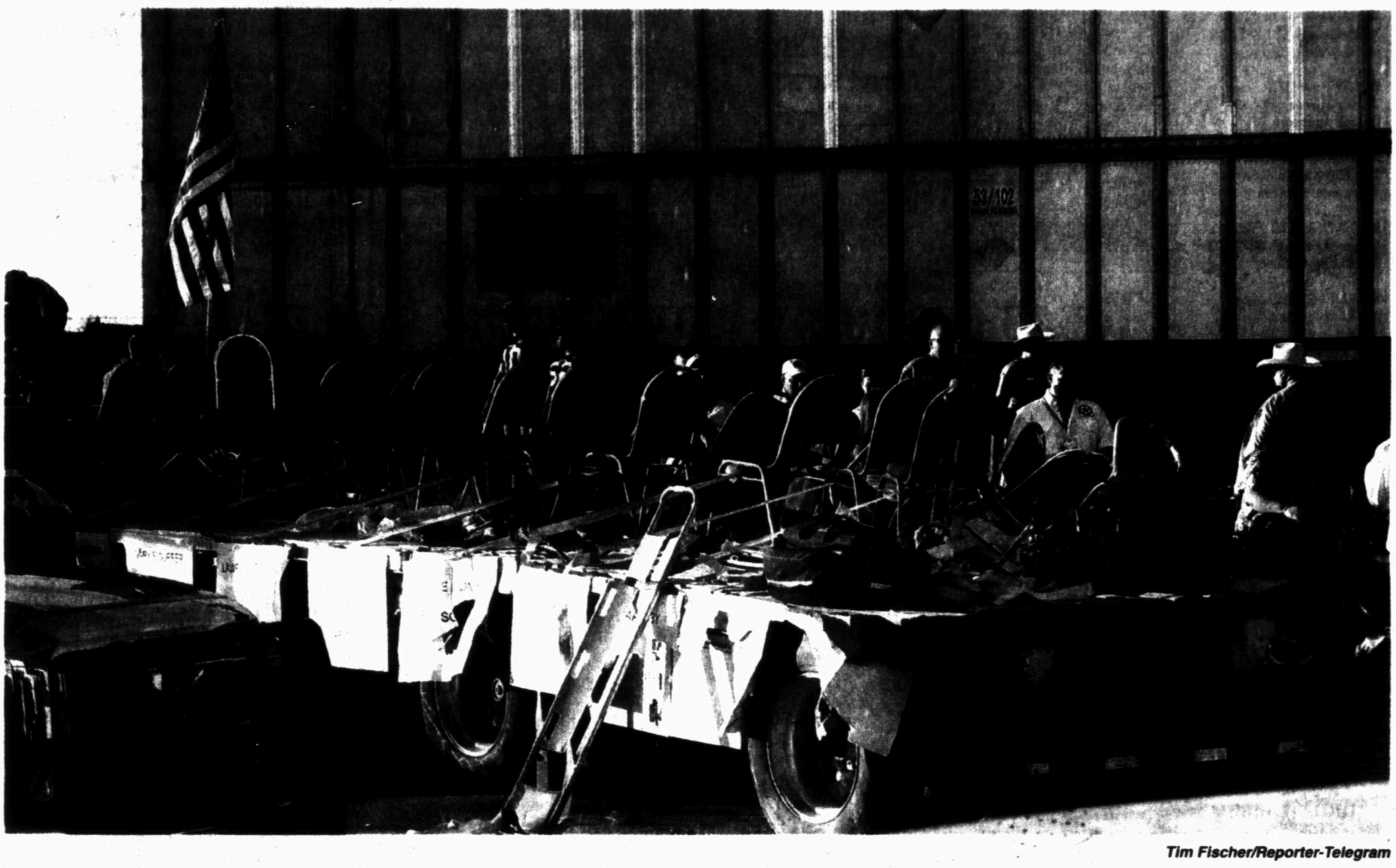
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TOP STORIES OF 2012



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Authorities respond to an accident involving a trailer carrying wounded veterans that was struck by a train during a parade in Midland on Nov. 15. The wreck killed four military veterans and injured 14. The crash remains under investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board.

MIDLAND MOURNS TRAIN TRAGEDY



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Memorials left at the scene of a train accident that killed four veterans during a parade in Midland are seen while the NTSB conducts a Sight Distance Test to gather information for the investigation. The Sight Distance Test recreated the events of the crash using a Union Pacific train and a similar truck and trailer as the one from the accident.

1. The sacrifices made by 24 military veterans and their wives were to be recognized on Nov. 15. But instead of being a day to honor the couples, it became a day marred by tragedy.

Screams and sounds of screeching metal filled the intersection of Garfield Street and Industrial Avenue as people watched in horror as a Union Pacific freight train crashed into a Show of Support parade float at about 4:30 p.m. The float was one of two that each carried 12 of the veterans and their wives. Police officers and EMTs scrambled to the scene to help the wounded.

Four veterans were killed in the crash — Marine Corps CWO 3 Gary Stouffer, 37; Army Sgt. Maj. Lawrence Boivin, 47; Army Sgt. Joshua Michael, 34; and Army Sgt. Maj. William Lubbers, 43. Fourteen other people were injured in the crash; some of them suffered major injuries.

The veterans were to go on an all-expenses paid trip to the San Angelo area to hunt white-tailed deer. Their wives were to be treated to various events in Midland.

Mayor Wes Perry met the veterans at a luncheon before the parade and gave them keys to the city. He said visiting with the veterans exceeded his expectations.

"We throw the term 'heroes' around a lot, but really these guys are heroes," Perry said.

For Midlander Melissa Volker, seeing the train hit the parade float was as horrific as when she found out her son was killed in action.

"I'm not sure if they were wearing capes or if they had wings," she said, remembering the panic aboard the parade float as they rushed to get to safety.

Like many Midlanders, Volker, a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, said the accident made her realize what was important in her life.

As often is the case when there is a need, the community responded.

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By Tyler White | *twhite@mrt.com*

Making school bond history

2. Voters pass historic $163.1 million bond for MISD

On Nov. 6 Midland voters overwhelmingly approved the largest bond in the city's history, $163.1 million bond to improve Midland ISD's 24 elementary schools and build three new 800-student elementary campuses.

Voters passed the bond by 61.82 percent, a high number that surprised MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren, school board members and bond supporters. Better Schools for a Better Midland, the political action committee that supported the bond, raised $186,650 for campaign expenses to help with the bond. Midlanders Laura Roman, a partner with Weaver LLC., and Patrick Payton, senior pastor at Stonegate Fellowship, lead the PAC.

The bond projects, which included purchasing land for and building new schools and simple roofing repairs, are expected to be complete by January 2015, Warren said.

"Nothing is set in stone, but hopefully we'll be done with all construction in 2014 and have the new schools ready for classes in January 2015," Warren said.

Designing and constructing MISD's three new elementary schools — one at Bunche, one west of the Scharbauer Sports Complex in Legends Park and one at a site to be determined — is expected to take the entire two years.

All other projects are scheduled for completion by August 2014, according to the bond project design and construction schedule James Riggen, MISD's executive director of construction and school plant services.

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Obituaries



Anita Diamond

Anita Diamond, 73, of Midland passed away on Saturday, December 29, 2012 in Odessa, TX. She will be in state on Monday, December 31, 2012 from 8:00AM-1:00PM at the funeral home. A memorial service will be held at 3:00PM on Monday, December 31, 2012 at First Assembly of God with Pastor Mike Hanks officiating. Burial will be at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

Anita was born on November 11, 1939 to Silas and Edna Kee in Olney, Texas. She married James Hullin Diamond on January 21, 1960 in Plains, Texas. Anita was a loving wife, mother, sister, and grandmother.

Survivors include, James Diamond her husband of 53 years; daughter, Tammy and husband Jubel Scarborough; grandchildren, Paul Neatherlin, Cameron Williams and Brynlei Scarborough; sisters, Doris Miller and Patricia Brookshire; sister-in-law, Hazel Mathews, and her daughter, Vicki Holt.

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

Death Notices

Abbott Barnes "Hap" Sykes

Abbott Barnes "Hap" Sykes, age 87, of Odessa, passed away at home on December 26, 2012.

Survivors: Wife, Melba; daughter, Judy (John) Dalton of Cloudcroft, New Mexico; sons, Barry Sykes and Steve Sykes, of Odessa and Nathan Sykes of Wilton Manors, Florida; three grandchildren; two great-grandsons; one great-granddaughter; step-grandson, C.J. Wiggins; many nieces and nephews.

Visitation 2-4 PM Sunday, December 30, 2012 at Sunset Funeral Home. Celebration of his life 2:00 PM on Monday, December 31, 2012, Grace Christian Fellowship, 3450 Billy Hext Road, Odessa, Texas 79765, followed by internment at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements directed by Sunset Funeral Home.

Gregorio Hernandez

Gregorio Hernandez passed away on December 27, 2012. Survivors: Sons: Joshua Hernandez, Jose Elias Hernandez, and Mateo Joel Hernandez all of Midland; daughter Lydia Recebba Hernandez of Midland; brother Jose Hernandez of Midland; sister Bertha Alicia Hernandez of Houston; three grandchildren, numerous uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Viewing on January 1, 2013 from noon to 9pm at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home, 405 N. Terrell. Funeral service January 2, 2013 at Apostolic Assembly Church. Interment Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Services directed by Heavenly Gate uneral Home.

Jewel Driver

Jewel Driver, 98, of Andrews passed away December 29, 2012 at Permian Residential Care Center in Andrews.

Graveside services 2:00PM Monday, December 31, 2012, at Quanah Cemetery in Quanah, Texas. Services directed by McNett Funeral Home in Andrews.

She was preceded in death by her Husband in 1997 and one son, Jack Driver, and a grandson Preston driver.

She is survived by her sons, Clyde Driver of Andrews and Thomas Driver of Clyde, Texas, six grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

Texas economy leaves many behind

By Chris Tomlinson
Associated Press

■ Analysis

AUSTIN — State leaders like to brag about Texas' fast growing economy and low unemployment, but rarely do they mention the high poverty rate and so far they don't appear inclined to pass any new laws to deal with it.

The unemployment rate and the creation of new jobs are the statistics most often cited by Gov. Rick Perry to brag on Texas, and unemployment is among the lowest in the country at 6.2 percent. That's well below the national average of 7.7 percent.

Perry also uses the Texas Enterprise Fund and the Emerging Technology Funds to encourage employers to relocate to Texas and create new jobs in the state, adding hundreds of jobs every year.

Employment, though, is not the only measure of economic prosperity. There is the question of quality of life.

The number of Texans living in poverty rose for a third consecutive year in 2011, adding more than 214,000 people to total 4.6 million. That's 18.5 percent of the population, 3 percent higher than the nation as a whole, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. By comparison, New Hampshire had the lowest proportion of people living in poverty, with 8.8 percent, and Mississippi the highest, 22.6 percent.

The metropolitan areas in the United States with the first and third highest proportions of poor people are in Texas, with McAllen-Edinburgh at 37.7 percent and El Paso at 24.7 percent. These are two of the fastest-growing parts of Texas, and places where Republicans need to do better to hold onto power in the future.

While the poverty rate did rise with the Great Recession, Texas weathered the downturn better than most states and ranked high in poverty even in the best economic times. In 2007, the poverty rate was 16.5 percent, the second highest in the nation that year. Since 2000, the rate has consistently been above 15 percent, and 4 percent higher than the national average.

The two biggest predictors of poverty are poor education and chronic health problems. Only about 80 percent of Texans have a high school diploma, the second lowest in the country, and Texas has the highest number of uninsured citizens.

Politicians of all stripes decry the high poverty rate in a Texas, but what differs is how to deal with it. Republicans hold every statewide elected office, control both houses of the Legislature and Perry's appointees direct every state agency.

Perry's oft-repeated formula for economic growth is low taxes, few regulations and limited lawsuits. Going into the legislative session that begins Jan. 8, he has promised to limit state spending to less than population growth plus inflation. To help the poor and unemployed, he has proposed requiring drug testing as a condition for some people to receive welfare benefits, to make sure they are employable.

"Being on drugs makes it much harder to begin the journey to independence, which only assures individuals remain stuck in the terrible cycle of drug abuse, desperation and poverty," Perry said last month. "Extending taxpayer-funded benefits while ignoring a behavior that could make it virtually impossible for someone to enter the workforce or finish school, sends them down the road to a much bleaker future."

Democrats are pushing for state government to provide services they believe will help people move out of poverty, including restoring $5.4 billion cut from the public school budget and nearly $1 billion cut from higher education. Democrats also want the state to expand Medicaid to provide 1.5 million Texans with health insurance at a minimal cost to the state through 2020.

Most Democrats fiercely oppose the drug testing proposal.

"To automatically assume that a single mother, a recently unemployed veteran, or a teacher who lost his or her job because of Gov. Perry's budget cuts is a drug user is shameful," state Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer, D-San Antonio, said. "When a family is in crisis, we have a moral obligation to provide assistance as soon as possible."

The drug test bill, SB-11, serves as a useful analogy for the differences in approach going into the session, with Republicans placing the emphasis on personal responsibility, and Democrats belief that government plays a role in helping Texans escape poverty.

Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst have called the incoming Republican-controlled Legislature one of the most conservative in the Texas history, but parents across the state are angry about education cuts and many of the state's most powerful health care lobby groups would like to see Medicaid expanded. The outcome of the debate how to best to fight poverty is far from decided.

On the Web:
Senate Bill 11: http://bit.ly/RUObL1

Late playwright Larry L. King no fan of Midland

MIDLAND 101

By Jimmy Patterson



Writer Larry L. King much preferred Washington and Odessa to Midland. The Putnam-born writer, who died Dec. 21 at a D.C. retirement home, lived here in his formative years.

King, who gave America "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," seemed to enjoy the West Texas outpost as a young boy when he came for visits early in life, but disliked Midland when he lived here.

Fifty years after first laying eyes on the Tall City, he seemed to come to the realization that Midland gave him more than he gave it credit for during his time here. Before he got to the appreciative stage, though, he was highly critical of it.

Noted early in his life for his brawling and drinking, according to a Houston Chronicle obituary, King preferred Odessa, where he once wrote with backhanded praise that he would rather have his jaw broken there than his spirit broken in Midland (Texas Monthly, June 1975).

Although King wasn't born in Midland, he got out as fast as he could.

He worked for the Reporter-Telegram in the 1950s after he dropped out of Texas Tech University following his freshman year. When asked to write of his memories for the newspaper's 1985 Centennial edition, King cast myriad aspersions.

He said that as a member of Midland High's football, basketball and track teams, he never fit in and preferred instead to think of himself as a socialist who felt "contempt for the soft-living rich kids."

No doubt King was a gifted writer. From his famous stage play to his magazine and newspaper writing he could turn a beautiful phrase, even in a blistering voice that screamed the disdain he felt for Midland.

"It is not country to invite most eyes or green most spirits, this outback land where I spent my formative years, this ancient seabed that now is a moonscape without the moon's mysteries to recommend it," King wrote in a June 1975 Texas Monthly article comparing Midland and Odessa.

"After about an hour of it — after miles of oil derricks, runty little stands of sagebrush or greasewood, and billboards plugging steak houses, country music radio, automobile or insurance bargains — one may begin to wonder where Texas keeps its bluebonnets or America stores its purple mountain majesties. One also may wonder where Odessa ends and Midland begins, or vice-versa: couldn't you lump the sister cities in a single heap and call them 'Midessa,' possibly without even their Chambers of Commerce noticing? No, you could not. Proud denizens of each community, from bankers to barbers to roughnecks, would feel deprived and robbed to the point of war; there is an almost comic edge to their rivalry, in each community's assumption that it has the drop and the goods over the other."

Ten years after the Texas Monthly piece, King seemed to find some peace with his roots.

"Only recently have I understood how Midland nurtured me, what I learned there by trial and error, how much of its West Texas sand blows through my soul," he wrote in the Reporter-Telegram's July 4 1985, Centennial edition. "It was in Midland that I first paid my apprentice-writer's dues and dreamed the sweet dreams I felt I was living when I first rode into Midland on a day coach that night 50 years ago."

Patterson's book, "A History of Character: The Story of Midland, Texas," will be published in 2013.

Immigrant deaths surge in Brooks County

Associated Press

FALFURRIAS — The number of illegal immigrants who died while trying to make it around an inland checkpoint in South Texas this year has surged, even though apprehensions of illegal immigrants along the southwest border have fallen in recent years.

By late December the remains of 127 people — nearly double the previous year — had been found on ranchland in Brooks County surrounding the Border Patrol's Falfurrias checkpoint, which is about an hour's drive north of the U.S.-Mexico border.

The county's top elected official, Judge Raul Ramirez, told the San Antonio Express-News that the county recently ran out of space for "John Doe" graves at its Sacred Heart Cemetery.

"When you have 127 people die in your county in one year, it's too much," Ramirez said. "One body would be too much."

He said costs of dealing with illegal immigration and the unidentified dead, including mortician fees and autopsies, amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The rise comes in spite of greater capabilities to pinpoint 911 calls in the vast scrubland and the Border Patrol's placement of emergency beacons where immigrants can signal for help.

Two Border Patrol checkpoints sit on the two main highways leading north from the Rio Grande Valley. Both are surrounded by vast ranches where immigrants trying to circumvent the Border Patrol hike for days with little water or food.

Brooks County rancher Presnall Cage, 67, said the remains of 16 people have been found on his 43,000-acre ranch this year, more than ever.

"It's just been horrible," he said. "And there would have been a lot more deaths if the county didn't have a locator for 911 calls. Everyone has a cellphone.

"They are coming across as bad as they ever have. People say it's slowed down, but it doesn't seem that way to me."

Brooks County chief sheriff's deputy Benny Martinez said they've already had between 250 and 300 rescues this year. "It's way more than in the past," he said.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Vanessa F. Castellanos, 26, of Odessa, was arrested Friday on charges of obstruction or retaliation, robbery and assaulting a public servant.

Randall S. Cavender, 38, of Odessa, was arrested Friday on a charge of prohibited substance in a corrections facility.

Jose Morin, 30, of Midland, was arrested Friday on charges of assaulting a public servant, robbery, assault on a security officer and evading arrest.

Alfred L. Williams, 20, of Odessa, was arrested Friday on a charge of prohibited substance in a corrections facility.

Andres E. Bustamante, 20, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on charges of evading arrest and possession of a controlled substance less than one gram.

Tiffany N. Dominguez, 22, of Waco, was arrested Saturday on a charge of engaging in organized criminal activity.

Christopher Flores, 20, of Odessa, was arrested Saturday on a charge of engaging in organized criminal activity.

Alexander L. Grado, 28, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a charge of violation of parole.

Michael R. Melendez, 20, of Odessa, was arrested Saturday on a charge of engaging in organized criminal activity.

Tina L. Montoya, 39, of Roswell, N.M., was arrested Saturday on two charges of violation of probation.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

NATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ATLANTA

GOP governors walk balance beam on health law

Florida Gov. Rick Scott, who made a fortune as a health care executive, long opposed President Barack Obama's remake of the health insurance market. After the Democratic president won re-election, the Republican governor softened his tone. He said he wanted to "have a conversation" with the administration about implementing the 2010 law. With a federal deadline approaching, he also said while Florida won't set up the exchange for individuals to buy private insurance policies, the feds can do it.

In New Jersey, Gov. Chris Christie held his cards before saying he won't set up his own exchange, but he's avoided absolute language and said he could change his mind. He's also leaving his options open to accept federal money to expand Medicaid insurance for people who aren't covered. The caveat, Christie said, is whether Health Secretary Kathleen Sebelius can "answer my questions" about its operations and expense.

Both Republican governors face re-election in states that Obama won twice, Christie in 2013 and Scott in 2014. And both will encounter well-financed Democrats.

Their apparent struggles on the issue, along with other postures by their GOP colleagues elsewhere, suggest political uncertainty for Republicans as the Affordable Care Act starts to go into effect two years after clearing Congress without a single Republican vote. The risks also are acute for governors in Democratic-leaning or swing-voting states or who know their records will be parsed should they seek the presidency in 2016 or beyond.

Democrats, meanwhile, hope to use the law and Republican inflexibility to their advantage, betting that more Americans will embrace the law once it expands coverage. The calculus for voters, Democrats assume, will become more about the policy and less about a polarizing president.

Governors can set up their own exchanges, partner with Sebelius' agency or let the federal government do it. The exchanges are set to open Jan. 1, 2014, allowing individuals and businesses to shop online for individual policies from private insurers. Low- and middle-income individuals will get federal premium subsidies calculated on a sliding income scale. Eighteen states plus Washington, D.C., most led by Democrats, have committed to opening their own exchanges.

OREGON

9 killed in tour bus crash

PENDLETON, Ore. — A tour bus careened through a guardrail along an icy Oregon highway and several hundred feet down a steep embankment Sunday, killing nine people and injuring more than 20 others, authorities said.

The charter bus carrying about 40 people lost control at about 10:30 a.m. on the snow- and ice-covered lanes of Interstate 84, according to the Oregon State Police.

The bus came to rest at the bottom of a snowy slope. More than a dozen rescue workers descended the hill and used ropes to help retrieve people from the wreckage in freezing weather. The bus driver was among the survivors but had not yet spoken to police because of the severity of the injuries the driver had suffered.

WASHINGTON

Hillary Clinton hospitalized with blood clot

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton was admitted to a New York hospital Sunday after the discovery of a blood clot stemming from the concussion she sustained earlier this month.

Clinton's doctors discovered the clot Sunday while performing a follow-up exam, her spokesman, Philippe Reines, said. He would not elaborate on the location of the clot but said Clinton is being treated with anti-coagulants and would remain at New York-Presbyterian Hospital for at least the next 48 hours so doctors can monitor the medication.

Clinton, 65, fell and suffered a concussion while at home alone in mid-December as she recovered from a stomach virus that left her severely dehydrated. The concussion was diagnosed Dec. 13 and Clinton was forced to cancel a trip to North Africa and the Middle East that had been planned for the next week.

LOS ANGELES

'The Hobbit' stays atop box office for third week

"The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" continues to rule them all at the box office, staying on top for a third straight week and capping a record-setting $10.8 billion year in moviegoing.

The Warner Bros. fantasy epic from director Peter Jackson, based on the beloved J.R.R. Tolkien novel, made nearly $33 million this weekend, according to Sunday studio estimates, despite serious competition from some much-anticipated newcomers. It's now made a whopping $686.7 million worldwide and $222.7 million domestically alone.

Two big holiday movies — and potential Academy Awards contenders — also had strong openings. Quentin Tarantino's spaghetti Western-blaxploitation mash-up "Django Unchained" came in second place for the weekend with $30.7 million. The Weinstein Co. revenge comedy, starring Jamie Foxx as a slave in the Civil War South and Christoph Waltz as the bounty hunter who frees him and then makes him his partner, has earned $64 million since its Christmas Day opening.

And in third place with $28 million was the sweeping, all-singing "Les Miserables," based on the international musical sensation and the Victor Hugo novel of strife and uprising in 19th century France.

Seesawing talks yield no accord on fiscal crisis

By Jonathan Weisman
N.Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON — Senate leaders on Sunday failed to produce a fiscal deal before large tax increases and spending cuts were to begin taking effect on New Year's Day, despite a round of volatile negotiations over the weekend and an attempt by Vice President Joe Biden to intervene.

In seesaw negotiations, both sides moved toward each other on the central issue of how to define the wealthy taxpayers who would be required to pay more once the Bush-era tax cuts expire. But that progress was overshadowed by gamesmanship.

After Republicans demanded that any deal must include a new way of calculating inflation that would lower payments to beneficiaries of programs like Social Security, Democrats halted the negotiations for much of the day.

The Republican leader in the Senate, Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., made an emergency call to Biden in hopes of restarting negotiations, and the White House dispatched the president's chief legislative negotiator to the Capitol to meet with Senate Democrats. Soon after, Republicans withdrew their demand and discussions resumed, but little progress was made.

Lawmakers will be back today. Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., the majority leader, said the Senate would return at 11 a.m. Monday, then left the Capitol just after 6 p.m.

"Talk to Joe Biden and McConnell," Reid told reporters when asked if negotiations were continuing.

In the balance are more than a half trillion dollars in tax increases on virtually every working American and across-the-board spending cuts set to begin Tuesday. Taken together, they threaten to push the economy back into recession.

"It looks awful," said Sen. Richard Durbin, of Illinois, the second-ranking Democrat. "I'm sure the American people are saying with so much at stake why are they waiting so late to get this done?"

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., who had said early Sunday that he thought a deal was in reach, said later on his Twitter feed, "I think we're going over the cliff."

Absent a last-minute deal, Reid is expected to move Monday to bring to a vote a stopgap measure pushed by President Barack Obama, which would retain lower tax rates for incomes below $250,000 and extend unemployment benefits.

But it was not clear that would even get a vote. The objection of a single senator on Monday would run out the clock on the 112th Congress before a final tally could be taken.

Obama appeared on the NBC program "Meet the Press" on Sunday and implored Congress to act.

"We have been talking to the Republicans ever since the election was over," Obama said in the interview. "They have had trouble saying yes to a number of repeated offers."

He added: "Now the pressure's on Congress to produce."

After the talks broke down over the inflation demand, Senate Republicans emerged from a closed-door meeting Sunday afternoon to declare the issue off the table for now. Sen. John McCain, R-Arizona, said Republicans holding the line against raising taxes on high-income households while fighting for cuts to Social Security was "not a winning hand."

Then they mustered a new talking point, declaring that Democrats want to raise taxes only to spend more money. Their new objection: Democrats are seeking a one- to two-year "pause" for across-the-board spending cuts and an extension of expired unemployment benefits for 2 million people.

"We raise taxes, and we spend more?" asked Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas. "It's business as usual."

For their part, Democrats beat back the inflation proposal, then promptly proclaimed themselves incensed that Republicans would not soften their position on a generous level of taxation on inherited estates and an insistence that a final deal permanently prevent the alternative minimum tax, a parallel tax system meant to ensure that wealthy people pay more, from expanding to hit more of the middle class.

Democrats were also demanding that across-the-board cuts to defense and domestic programs — known as the "sequester" — at least be delayed.

"We're not here to defend government. We're here to make sure of the defense of our country," said Sen. Barbara Mikulski, a Democrat whose state of Maryland would be hit particularly hard. "Sequester has consequences."

Senate Democratic aides were openly making legislative plans for later this week, to press Democratic proposals after the fiscal deadline is breeched — and after the next Congress is sworn in on Thursday with more Democrats in both the House and Senate.

But officials close to the negotiations said the talks were continuing, centered for now on a new axis, McConnell and Biden.

Much of the umbrage was oddly discordant. Obama has long advocated for a permanent fix to the alternative minimum tax, which must be "patched" each year to keep it from hitting middle-income families. Until this weekend, both Democrats and Republicans appeared willing to let the across-the-board cuts take effect, at least temporarily, while a larger deficit deal is negotiated early next year.

Indeed, many Republicans were the loudest in protesting the cuts. Now that Democrats want them canceled, Republicans equate that position to raising taxes in order to spend more.

On some of the biggest sticking points, the two sides are now inches apart.

Barely a week after House Republicans refused to vote to allow taxes to rise on incomes more than $1 million, Senate Republicans proposed allowing tax rates to rise on incomes more than $450,000 for singles and $550,000 for couples. Democrats countered with a proposal to extend expiring Bush-era tax cuts up to $360,000 for singles, $450,000 for couples.

For both sides, that meant major movement. Obama has been holding firm at a $250,000 threshold.

Of course, a big question hung over the negotiations in the Senate: Even if the Senate can find accord, would it pass the House?

Even on the estate tax, the two sides are not far apart, although their rhetoric is. Republicans want to tax estates valued above $5 million at 35 percent. Democrats want to tax inheritances above $3.5 million at 45 percent.

If that sounds like a bridgeable divide, Democrats were not conceding an inch.

"The net result is that 6,000 Americans would get a $1 million-a-year tax break on their estate tax," Durbin huffed. "The Republicans once again are ready to shut us down over not 2 percent of the population but 0.1 percent of the population."

Times Square packed with security for New Year's Eve

Associated Press

NEW YORK — When revelers pack Times Square for the annual New Year's eve celebration on Monday night, police will observe a tradition of their own: giving them lots of company.

Each year, the New York Police Department assigns thousands of extra patrols to festivities — in ways seen and unseen — to control the crowd and watch for any signs of trouble. Hundreds of thousands of people from all over the world are expected to pack into the bow-tie stretch of streets in Midtown Manhattan to see the crystal ball drop and ring in 2013.

"We think it's the safest place in the world on New Year's Eve," Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly told The Associated Press ahead of the holiday.

Security in Times Square has become an obsession for the NYPD in the post-9/11 world, especially since the botched attempted car bombing there in the summer of 2010.

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■ Palmer Drug Abuse Program: 7 p.m.-midnight at Midland Center; free family-oriented event.

■ Venues without a cover charge: Buffalo Wild Wings, Lone Star Bar , Torinos and Woofers and Tweeters.

■ Venues with cover charge: The Bar, $30; Graham Central Station, $5 charge before 9 p.m.; $20 for 21 and up and $25 for minors after 9 p.m.; Oasis Bar and Grill (MCM Elegante) in Odessa, $10; Rednecks, $5; Riley's Bar and Grill, $10 for singles, $15 for couples; an Rudy's Sports Bar, $5.

Sandhills Rodeo

ODESSA — 79th Sandhills Stock Show and Rodeo starts Friday at Ector County Coliseum.

Shows are 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and Jan. 9-12. On Jan. 12 box seats are $19, reserved seats are $17 and general admission is $15. On all other days, tickets are $17, $15, and $13, respectively. For more information visit www.sandhillsstockshowandrodeo.com.

Job fair

A job fair for people 55 and older is planned for 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesdays at Workforce Solutions of the Permian Basin, 3510 N. "A" St.

Those attending should inquire about the Experience Works Program. For more information contact Liz Cox at 325-641-1319 or iz_cox@experienceworks.org.

Kids camp

Camp Fire West Texas is offering a winter camp for children 5 to 12 today and Wednesday through Friday at St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

The cost is $60 a week. The camp will operate 7:45 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. each weekday. Kids must bring their lunch; snacks will be provided by Camp Fire.

For more information, call 570-4144.

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Today in history

Today is Monday, Dec. 31, the 366th and final day of 2012.

On this date:

In 1879, Thomas Edison first publicly demonstrated his electric incandescent light in Menlo Park, N.J.

In 1946, President Harry S. Truman officially proclaimed the end of hostilities in World War II.

In 1972, Major League Baseball player Roberto Clemente, 38, was killed when a plane he'd chartered and was traveling on to bring relief supplies to earthquake-devastated Nicaragua crashed shortly after takeoff from Puerto Rico.

In 1985, singer Rick Nelson, 45, and six other people were killed when fire broke out aboard a DC-3 that was taking the group to a New Year's Eve performance in Dallas.

Ten years ago: Emerging from holiday seclusion at his Texas ranch, President George W. Bush told reporters an attack by Saddam Hussein or a terrorist ally "would cripple our economy."

Five years ago: Sara Jane Moore, who shot at President Gerald R. Ford in San Francisco in 1975, was paroled after 32 years behind bars.

Dunes sagebrush lizard

3. Officials decide not to list lizard as endangered

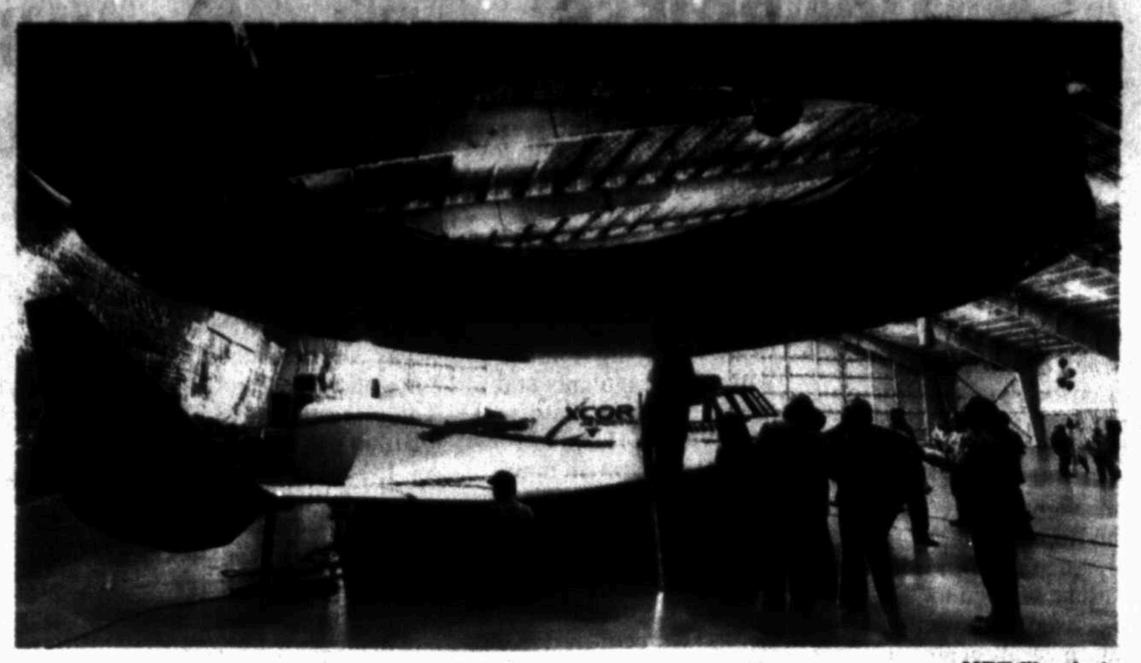
For 18 months Permian Basin residents warned that listing the dunes sagebrush lizard as endangered could possibly halt regional oil and gas and ranching operations and damage the economy.

Behind the scenes, the state, oil and gas operators, ranchers and other land owners worked to craft a conservation agreement in an effort to prevent a listing.

Those efforts paid off in June when the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service decided not to list the lizard under the Endangered Species Act. In making the announcement, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar credited the conservation efforts in both Texas and New Mexico, which saw 650,000 acres or 88 percent of the lizard's habitat enrolled in conservation agreements.

Salazar and Dan Ashe, director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, both said the effort was unprecedented and expressed hope it could serve as a template for future conservation efforts.

That hope was repeated in early December when the Fish and Wildlife Service announced it was listing the lesser prairie chicken as 'threatened.'



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People get a closer look at a full scale model of the XCOR Aerospace Lynx suborbital vehicle in July following a ceremony officially announcing the company's relocation of its executive office's to Midland.

4. XCOR AEROSPACE INC. COMES TO MIDLAND

On July 9, the Midland Development Corp. and city of Midland approved a $10 million economic development agreement to bring XCOR Aerospace Inc. to Midland.

XCOR will relocate its headquarters from the Mojave Desert area in California to the former AMI Hangar at Midland International Airport. XCOR also must perform $4 million in capital improvements and eventually create $12 million in payroll.

It is the largest economic development deal in the MDC's history.

Following the approval, Gov. Rick Perry was among the dignitaries who welcomed XCOR officials to Midland. Part of the deal requires Midland International Airport to receive a spaceport designation. That process is expected to last 12 to 18 months.

5. Record weather events hit the area

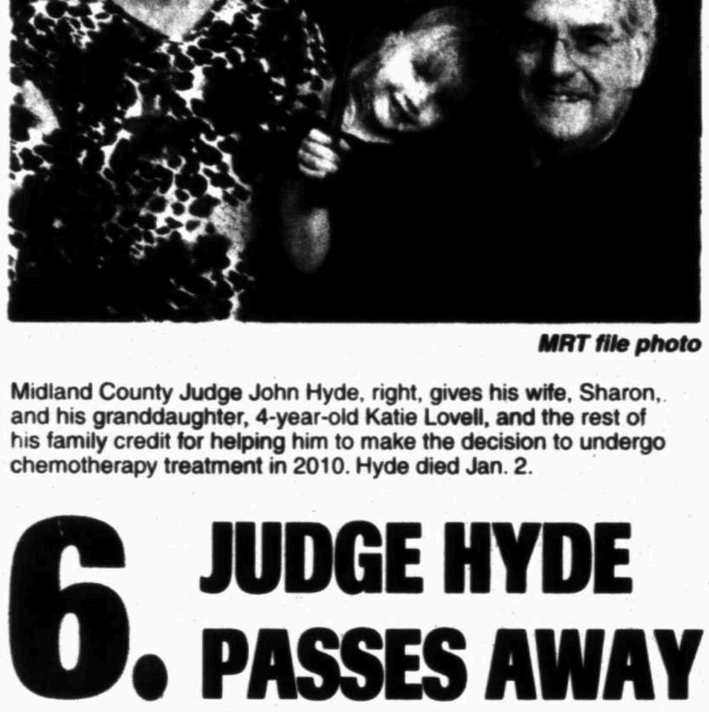
Following a period of historic drought in 2010 and 2011, it was fitting that 2012 brought two precipitation events that will go down in the record books.

On Jan. 9, 10.6 inches of snow fell at Midland International Airport, setting a new one-day record, beating the old mark of 9.8 inches set on Dec. 11, 1998.

The record 4.66 inches of rain that fell on Sept. 29 was needed in a parched area that had dangerously low lake levels. Flooded streets and continuous rain prompted MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren to cancel school.

The record books showed the September showers, reminants of Hurricane Miriam, was the most rain in Midland in more than 44 years. The record for daily rainfall took place on Aug. 24, 1934 (5.32 inches). How much was the rain needed? From Jan. 1, 2011, to Sept. 26, 2012, the rainfall that had fallen in Midland was 13 inches below normal for that period.

O.H. Ivie Reservior, a main source of water for the Colorado River Municipal District (Midland is a customer city), went from being less than 12 percent full to more than 25 percent full. The year also had its warm moments as April and November 2012 were the warmest months respectively in the city's recorded history.



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Midland County Judge John Hyde, right, gives his wife, Sharon, and his granddaughter, 4-year-old Katie Lovell, and the rest of his family credit for helping him to make the decision to undergo chemotherapy treatment in 2010. Hyde died Jan. 2.

6. JUDGE HYDE PASSES AWAY

Judge John Hyde, of the 238th District Court, died Jan. 2 at Midland Memorial Hospital after a more than two-year battle with cancer. He was 69.

As a testament to how Hyde was regarded by the community, more than 1,000 people attended his funeral at Stonegate Fellowship on Jan. 5.

Hyde was diagnosed with lung cancer in September 2009 and presided over the court throughout his illness.

He was first elected in 1990. When he ran for re-election in 2010, Hyde received more votes than any other candidate on the ballot in Midland County, despite running unopposed.

When Gov. Rick Perry declined to appoint someone to fill Hyde's term, attorneys Elizabeth Leonard, Mike Rittenberry, David Lindemood and Jeff Robnett filed for election to the seat.

In the Republican primary on May 29, Leonard garnered 33.98 percent of the vote and Lindemood 33.12 percent, sending the race to a runoff on July 31.

Leonard won the runoff — 53.70 percent to 46.30 percent. Because she didn't have a Democratic opponent in the November general election, Leonard was eligible to assume her duties early and was sworn in on Aug. 20.

Deadly roads and accidents

7. Number of traffic fatalities climbs

A growing population means more vehicles. And more vehicles means higher chances of accidents.

This year alone, there were 16 vehicle-related fatalities in Midland, according to the Midland Police Department. Last year, there were six fatalities. Between 2008 and 2010, the average number of fatalities was 15.

The most notable string of accidents this year occurred from July 23 and July 29. Jesus Zapata, 50, and Felix Vargas, 20, died on July 23 after a dust storm caused a 10-vehicle crash on Interstate 20 between Farm-to-Market Road 1788 and Loop 338, according to DPS.

Joshua Urias, 22, died on July 27 after his Dodge Ram fish-tailed and hit a tree in front of the DPS building, 2305 Loop 250 West. Officials said Urias "gunned" his engine, causing the truck's rear tires to lose traction as the vehicle slid into the tree. Mark Varela, 20, died on July 28 after his vehicle flipped upside down and was struck by a truck on Andrews Highway under the Loop 250 overpass.

Laura Lee, 54, died on July 29 after an 18-wheeler hit her Chevrolet Tahoe. Lee was headed northbound on Holiday Hill Road and failed to give the 18-wheeler the right of way after she ran a stop sign. The diesel tank of the tractor-trailer burst into flames, with the SUV stuck in the wreckage. Lee died at the scene.

Another accident claimed the lives of two Midland Classical Academy students on Sept. 1 during a school field trip. Robert Whitefield Henson, 18, and Bryce Carrigan, 14, died after the vehicle they were in rolled several times on Arizona State Route 264. They and four others were in the vehicle at the time.

8. SCHARBAUER PATIENT TOWER OPENS DEC. 19

Midland Memorial Hospital opened the new Scharbauer Patient Tower Dec. 19 and stayed under the $177.6 million project budget.

In May 2009, Midland County residents approved a $115 million bond, which was combined with another $62.6 million in private donations and grants. It was the first $100 million bond approved by voters.

The nine-story tower consolidated some West Campus operations, such as the OB-GYN unit, into the main campus. The tower also features a number of new amenities for inpatients such as an entertainment system and a lift system that assists patients into the bathroom. Private donors, hospital employees and city officials attended the Dec. 19 ribbon-cutting ceremony at the main entrance of the tower. The hospital plans to continue renovations to the emergency department and basement areas through the summer.



University of Texas of the Permian Basin developments

9. UTPB develops master plan and $10K degree

In response to Gov. Rick Perry's challenge for a $10,000 degree, UTPB established the Texas Science Scholar Program this spring, allowing students to work toward a bachelor's for only $2,500 a year.

About 20 students enrolled in the scholar program at UTPB this fall, said Provost Bill Fannin. UTPB recieved 51 applications for the program, which was announced during the late spring, and accepted 31 students. About 20 accepted enrollment at UTPB.

Fannin said he anticipates the program to grow to about 100 students in each cohort during the coming years.

UT System Regents in August approved the renaming of the CEED campus — located at the southeast corner of State Highway 191 and Farm-to-Market Road 1788 — the UTPB Midland campus.

"When (the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification) facility was built, it was the only thing out here, and because of that, we named it the CEED campus," UTPB President David Watts said about the building that opened in 1989. The outreach campus houses the Small Business Development Center and Petroleum Industry Alliance, and it serves as a meeting place for Permian Basin residents.

However, now that the $81 million Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center sits on the same campus and the upper-level engineering and music programs are housed at the site, Watts said it was time for a name change.

Regents also approved a 10-year masterplan for the Midland campus that calls for adding about 95,000 square feet with a free-standing engineering building, CEED building addition, an academic addition to Wagner Noel and on-campus and-apartment-style housing for up to 200 students if growth continue in engineering and music programs.

All other projects are scheduled for completion by August 2014, according to the bond project design and construction schedule James Riggen, MISD's executive director of construction and school plant services.

10. Christi Craddick wins seat on Railroad Commission

Midlander Christi Craddick won election to the Railroad Commission seat once held by Elizabeth Ames Jones in the November election. In mid-December she was appointed to the seat by Gov. Rick Perry after Buddy Garcia, who had been named to succeed Jones, resigned.

With her election, she becomes part of a rare Texas family with two generations holding prominent elected positions on state government. Her father, Tom Craddick, has represented Midland in the Texas House of Representatives since his election in 1968.

Craddick's journey to the Railroad Commission began in the spring when she was part of a field of six candidates seeking the seat. Once the Texas primary was held the end of May, she faced a runoff with former state Rep. Warren Chisum when neither received more than 50 percent of the votes. She defeated Chisum in a runoff on July 31.

On November 6, she defeated Democrat Dale Henry by 18 points.



District Judge Rodney Satterwhite, of Midland, gives Christi Craddick the oath of office in December.

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"We're just a giving community," Perry said. "When bad things happen, (Midlanders) take it on themselves to do something about it."

Just hours after the accident, Midlanders lined up at United Blood Services to donate blood. Candlelight vigils and prayer circles sprouted across the city to memorialize the four veterans who died and to pray for their families and the injured.

Even more than six weeks after the crash, members of the community continue to show their support.

"I think everyone is still heavy-hearted over the loss and that is still fresh in everyone's memory," said Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter.

Apart from blood donations and emotional support, the accident led to an outpouring of financial assistance, as well. Bank accounts were opened for donations to supply funds for hospital, funeral and travel expenses.

"When things need to get done, Midlanders do it," Perry said.

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4149 stepped up alongside the Patriot Guard Riders to embrace the surviving veterans and the families in a way that VFW member Sandy Dunlap described as familial.

"We really get to bond with these people," she said.

The PGR has raised more than $20,000 for the veterans and their families, and more money is expected, said Teresa Galloway, state captain for the PGR.

A common sentiment shared among those affected by the crash is that more efforts are needed to honor veterans throughout the year.

"People need to reach out every day to a veteran," said Dunlap, who believes it shouldn't take a tragic event for people to get involved in honoring wounded soldiers.



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Want to donate to crash victims?

Separate bank accounts have been set up at Security Bank, Western National Bank, My Community Federal Credit Union and Complex Community Federal Credit Union.

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■ At Western National Bank, make donations to Western National Bank or Hunt for Heroes. The account number is 94003157.

■ At Security Bank, make donations to Security Bank. An account number is not needed.

■ At My Community Federal Credit Union, make donations to MCFCU. An account number is not needed.

The investigation and litigation

As Midlanders came together to show their support, investigators and attorneys worked to discover what caused the crash and what could have prevented the deaths of the four veterans.

The National Transportation Safety Board performed tests and measurements to determine what the train crew and float driver could see and to gauge potential safety issues.

The NTSB determined that the bells and lights on the mast of the emergency crossing system were activated 20 seconds before the train reached the crossing, the federal minimum for emergency crossing systems. Thirteen seconds before the crash, the emergency arms began descending and the second parade float began to cross one second later, according to the board's preliminary findings.

The Union Pacific freight train ZLCAI-14, which comprised four locomotives and 84 loaded cars, was traveling east from Los Angeles to Atlanta. A video camera and external microphone mounted on the lead locomotive recorded the train moving at 62 mph on a track with a 70 mph speed limit.

The train engineer sounded the warning horn nine seconds before the crash and continued for four seconds. The train's emergency braking system was engaged five seconds before hitting the float, and the train came to a stop 75 seconds after the crash, according to the preliminary NTSB report.

Investigators were able to determine that the driver of the second float, Dale Hayden, 50, crossed the tracks after the emergency crossing system was activated.

Hayden is an employee of Smith Industries, the company that donated the truck for use in the parade. The city of Midland has not filed charges against Hayden.

Attorneys have filed a lawsuit against Smith Industries and Union Pacific Railroad Co. The attorneys representing some of the families involved in the crash are investigating the UP emergency crossing system to see if there was any negligence on the part of the railroad company.

Attorney Robert Pottroff is examining the warning system because he thinks it's designed to allot 30 seconds to activate and lower the gate arms. Attorney Kevin Glasheen is trying to determine if the emergency system was properly maintained.

After the crash, it was discovered that Show of Support had not obtained a permit for the Hunt for Heroes parade, according to the city. But officials decided not to file charges against the organization.

"No one has said anything about (citing Show of Support)," City Attorney Keith Stretcher said previously.

The future of Show of Support

There's one major question on the mind of Terry Johnson, founder and president of Show of Support: "How do we make something good out of something so horrible?"

The organization plans to continue next year and bring back the 20 surviving veterans and their wives who are interested in returning.

Johnson said Show of Support staff members are trying to find an appropriate way to honor the four veterans who died in the crash.

At least three of the widows expressed an interest in returning next year, according to Johnson, who said he would take into account the comfort level of each one of the women when planning next year's event.

Johnson was at the Horseshoe on Nov. 15, awaiting the veterans' arrival. When he heard the news of the crash, he went outside in disbelief, hoping to see the two floats arrive safe and sound.

He said the first few days he was numb and his body and mind were in shock.

"Shock can be your friend; it can insulate you," Johnson said.

But as time passes, more efforts are being made to continue the legacy of Show of Support.

The organization received donations of about $517,000, which was distributed earlier this month to the veterans and their families to help cover costs of funeral expenses, hospital bills and future medical treatment. Donations will continue to be taken at least through March 1.

Sixty percent of the money will be split equally among the families of the deceased veterans, and 40 percent will be given to people injured in the crash based on the number of days they spent in the hospital, Johnson said.

Painter, an ex-Marine who served in Vietnam for two years, sees Show of Support's continuance as a way of finishing the mission the community was given: "Honoring the wounded warriors."

Johnson is optimistic that Midland will make it through the aftermath of the tragedy.

"I hope Midland finds something good out of something horribly tragic," he said. "I think we can."

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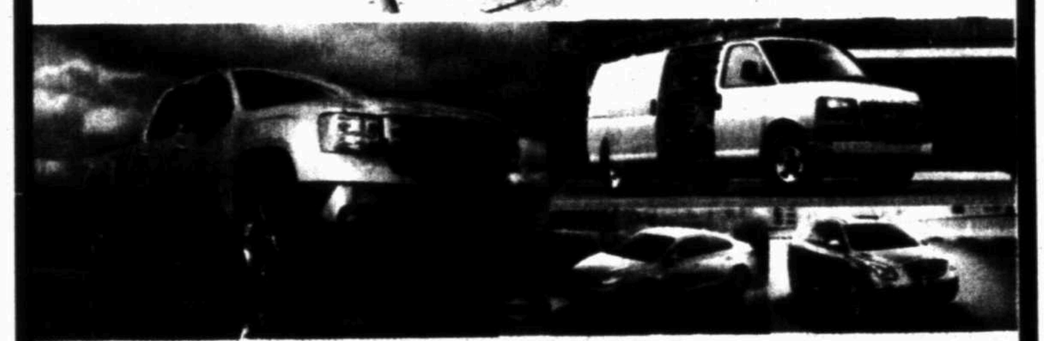
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OPINION

Obama lets terrorist slip through US hands

■ Administration forsakes efforts to bring to justice Hezbollah commander accused of planning attacks on American forces.



JONATHAN GURWITZ
San Antonio Express-News

When the Iraqi government set free terrorist Ali Mussa Daqduq last month, the news was almost a footnote. "We are clearly disappointed about this," an anonymous State Department official told the New York Times.

Given the story's lack of prominence in the American press, you might think Daqduq was just a small fish in a big terrorist pond. You might easily conclude that the nameless diplomat was expressing the frustration of the Obama administration about an outcome it had little ability to affect. You would be wrong on both counts.

Daqduq is Lebanese and a commander in Hezbollah, the Iranian-armed Shiite group with a record of terrorist attacks against Americans dating back to the 1983 bombings of the U.S. Embassy and Marine barracks in Beirut. U.S. military officials accuse Daqduq of masterminding attacks on U.S. forces in Iraq, including one in 2007 near Karbala in which Shiite militia members killed five American soldiers, four of them after being abducted and tortured.

British special forces captured Daqduq months after the Karbala attack and handed him over to U.S. custody. The opportunity to bring to justice a terrorist with American blood on his hands should have been a cause for celebration. When Barack Obama entered the White House in January 2009, it became a source of irritation.

In his war against his predecessor's war against terror, Obama had promised to shut down the U.S. detention facility at Guantanamo Bay within one year and banned trials of terror suspects by military commission. Terrorists, even those captured on the battlefield, were supposed to be treated like ordinary criminals under the Obama administration — held in U.S. prisons and tried in federal courts.

Of course, Obama never actually attempted to close down Guantanamo Bay. In 2011, he resumed military commissions. But the president refused to transfer Daqduq from U.S. military custody in Iraq to Gitmo, and he wasn't willing to face the political consequences of bringing him to the United States for trial.

Daqduq remained in limbo in Iraq. As the deadline for the withdrawal of U.S. forces approached at the end of 2011, President Obama faced a choice after three years of dithering. He could move Daqduq to face U.S. military or criminal justice, or hand him over to Iraqi authorities, who under pressure from Iran were certain to set him free.

One year ago, the Obama administration handed over Daqduq, the last foreign combatant in U.S. custody. Last month, as expected, the Iraqi government let him get on a plane to Lebanon, where he disappeared.

Days after his release, the U.S. Treasury Department designated Daqduq a senior terrorist "responsible for numerous attacks against Coalition Forces in Iraq, including planning an attack on the Karbala Joint Provincial Coordination Center ... which resulted in the deaths of five U.S. soldiers."

In a public statement, David S. Cohen, under secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence, said, "The United States is extremely disappointed he was allowed to go free and we will continue our efforts to bring him to justice."

Continue our efforts? One wonders if Cohen, an Obama appointee, could possibly say that with a straight face. Daqduq was in U.S. custody for more than four years. The Obama administration ended efforts to bring him to justice.

Cohen is disappointed the Iraqi government set Daqduq free. That anonymous State Department official is disappointed. No doubt, President Obama is disappointed in the Iraqi government. But they are not as disappointed as the families of Spc. Johnathan Chism, Capt. Brian Freeman, Pfc. Shawn Falter, 1st Lt. Jacob Fritz and Pvt. Johnathon Millican have a right to be in their own government.

OUR VIEW

Train crash put a damper on many positives in 2012

The Reporter-Telegram takes a look in today's editiqn at what we consider to be the top stories of 2012. We had so many positive stories that could have topped our list and would have been a perfect mirror of the phenomenal success the city experienced. However, the tragic train crash that claimed the lives of four wounded veterans while injuring 14 other people was a cloud that shrouded the good news and left a city in mourning.

It was such a good year in our community. We don't want to ultimately lose sight of that. We were blessed beyond measure and benefited greatly from a booming economy and unprecedented growth.

Our economy has seen monthly double-digit growth throughout the year, and Midland was ranked No. 2 for per capita income in metropolitan areas.

The City Council approved a $10 million MDC deal to bring the aerospace company XCOR to Midland, and the University of Texas of the Permian Basin announced it would create a Midland campus.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ended an 18-month process when it announced that it would not place the dunes sagebrush lizard on the Endangered Species List, a move that avoided potentially shutting down hundreds of drilling projects in some vital areas of New Mexico and Texas.

Midlanders also got serious about making our city better as voters overwhelming approved passage of a $163.1 million bond to improve Midland elementary schools, including the building of two new schools and the rebuilding of another on Midland's South Side. It was the largest bond passed in the city's history.

We also opened the patient tower at Midland Memorial Hospital, the result of a campaign that netted more than $177 million through a $115 million bond initiative and private donations.

Also, Christi Craddick, a former Midlander and daughter of state Rep. Tom Craddick, was elected to a position on the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Still, the ill-fated tragedy of Nov. 15 enforced a self-imposed gloom on our city that seemed to push all the positives of the year back to the darkness of a dusty corner. A reason to celebrate turned into a reason to mourn.

The fact that this incident happened in an effort to honor wounded veterans for their service and sacrifice is a shock to Midlanders. The tragedy is now seared in our city's consciousness and will forever hold the biting sting of regret.

We will move on as a community, but we will long remember the day of celebration that turned into tragedy. It was much the way our year turned out to be.

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Will Obama tell nation where it's headed?

■ There are at least 20 questions for Americans to ponder — with a presumptive single answer for all — as we head into 2013.



LLEWELLYN KING
Hearst Newspapers

Here are 20 vital questions for New Year 2013. In every case, the answer is "probably not."

1. Will the telephone companies, the credit-card issuers and every other organization stop torturing their customers with automated phone systems that deny the right to speak to a human being?
2. Will President Obama tell us where he thinks the nation is going and what it will look like in four years?
3. Will the tea party folks finally get over tea and try something a little stronger, like head-clearing bourbon?
4. Will Oprah Winfrey stage a comeback as the nation's feel-better-about-things grande dame?
5. Will Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., stop raising money for the Democrats and make us laugh again?
6. Will the slanderous, stress-producing system of credit scoring be banned?
7. Will Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell stop looking as though his last meal disagreed with him?
8. Will Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid remove the whine from his voice and the stoop from his shoulders?
9. Will New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie go on a diet and break the hearts of fat people everywhere?
10. Will right-wing diva Laura Ingraham (pretty and poisonous) apologize to Hillary Clinton for alleging the secretary of state is faking her concussion?
11. Will Donald Trump look in the mirror, shudder uncontrollably and depart public life for monastic confines?
12. Will Mitt Romney volunteer in a homeless shelter or a food bank to get a fix on those shiftless people who President Obama bought off?
13. Will truth-in-labeling come back to coffee — and much else — so that a can that looks like a pound is a pound, not 12.3-ounces or less?
14. Will broadcaster Sean Hannity show us a cancer patient being treated in an emergency room, which he says provides universal health care?
15. Will it be the end of the scolds on cable television, such as Eliot Spitzer, Monica Crowley and Ann Coulter, who could frighten children?
16. Will Wayne LaPierre, honcho of the National Rifle Association, literally shoot himself in the foot so he can say, "guns don't cause bodily harm, feet do"?
17. Will tax-phobic Grover Norquist explain why little Denmark, with the highest taxes in the world, is also one of the most prosperous countries on Earth?
18. Will this republic have to know every detail about the Duchess of Cambridge and Prince Harry's baby — its first blanket, first poo, first word, first tooth, first step, first teddy bear?
19. Will public broadcasting continue its homage to British television comedies, some of which are so old it is hard to believe that we are being served?
20. Will Lindsay Lohan come to Washington and party with me?

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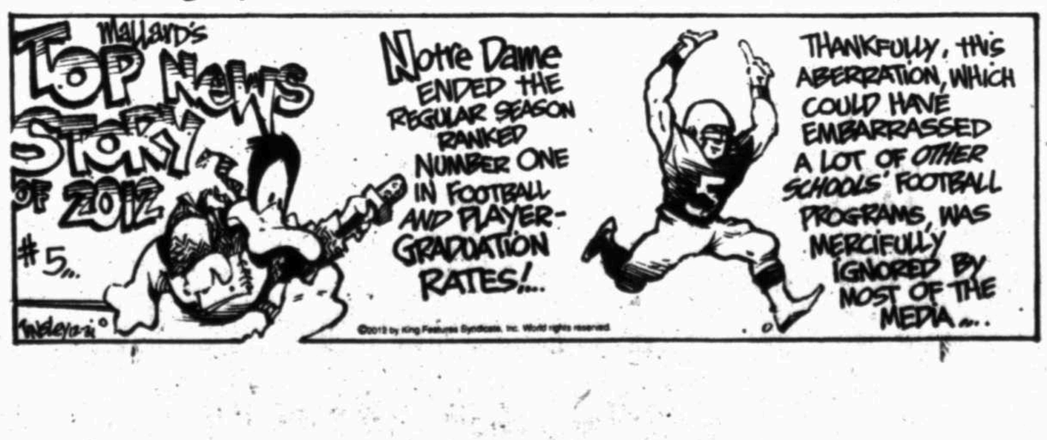
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Six Essential Supplements for Optimal Health

A pediatrician named Alan Greene, M.D. was a guest on the Dr. Oz television show last week and, when discussing why it's smart to eat organically grown food whenever possible, I agree with something he said : "Every bite of food that we eat is an investment in our bodies or a debt we are going to have to repay somehow." While I agree we should all eat as healthy as possible, I don't know of anyone, including myself, who eats the perfect diet every day. Accepting the fact that our diets could use some improvement, why not let modern technology help you nourish your body with the nutrients it needs for optimal health?

People sometimes ask me, "What supplements do you take?" Here is a list of six supplements I take every single day. I believe if everyone took these daily, they would have more energy, fewer digestive problems, improved regularity, improved immune systems, get sick less often and generally look and feel better. I even believe their thinking, concentration and memory would improve.

1) Multivitamin/Multimineral: A high quality multivitamin/multimineral provides you with all 24 essential vitamins and minerals. Ideally, vitamins and minerals should be obtained through one's diet, but today's standard American diet (unfortunately, but appropriately, referred to as SAD) is deficient in these key nutrients. Our soil has become depleted of most nutrients – if they're not in the soil, they can't magically appear in the plant (unless fertilized with all the nutrients, of which most fertilizers only contain three: nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium). Also, when we cook food (even steamed), we destroy up to 82% of the vitamin and mineral content. So, unless your diet consists primarily of raw, unprocessed vegetables, fruits, whole grains, seeds, nuts and legumes grown organically in rich soil, your body is probably not getting all of the essential nutrients it needs to function at its best. (Organic is defined as grown without any pesticides, herbicides, chemical fertilizers, genetically modified organisms or irradiation.)

Several years ago, the U. S. Department of Agriculture studied the diets of a cross section of over 21,000 men and women, and the findings were shocking. They found that not one single person in the study was getting all of the minimum daily requirements of the Recommended Daily Allowance of vitamins and minerals from the food they ate! We recommend a high quality, easily absorbed vitamin and mineral supplement. Let modern technology help you supplement the lack of nutrients in your diet. Just like cars, clothes, homes and many other examples, not all vitamins are created equally. Some are low potency, use low quality raw ingredients, have unnecessary binders, fillers and excipients and are hard for your body to assimilate. Vitamin and mineral supplements are available in several forms – tablets (including chewables), capsules, liquids and powders.

2) Probiotics: ("pro" = for, "biotic" = life) All organs and systems in the body rely on the health of the digestive tract, and probiotics play a critical role in maintaining that health. Proper digestion is essential for the body to absorb and utilize the nutrients it needs. In addition, 75% of the cells necessary for the immune system to function effectively are connected to the gastrointestinal tract. Without proper digestive health, the immune system is compromised, leaving your body vulnerable to disease.

Some studies have shown that most of the probiotics in yogurt are destroyed by our stomach acid and have not survived when they reach our intestinal tract where they can colonize and benefit us. We recommend a potent, high quality probiotic be taken daily, usually on an empty stomach to help maximize our intestinal health, which in turn improves our immune system, digestion, energy and regularity.

3) Oils: Olive, coconut, fish and flax seed oils contain essential fatty acids (EFAs), which offer multiple health benefits to your body; these include protection against heart disease and inflammation, reducing cholesterol, optimal brain function, weight loss and prevention against cancer. Your brain is mostly made of fat and water, so feeding your brain with healthy fat not only optimizes brain function, it allows your brain to let go of the fat it is holding on to for emergency purposes.

Recent studies estimate that 99% of Americans are deficient in EFAs. Feed your brain and other body parts with EFAs – and don't forget your children's developing brains. Studies have shown EFAs can help with concentration and focus conditions such as Attention Deficit Disorder. EFAs are available in capsules and liquids (plain or flavored).

A fairly new process and product available is a liquid EFA called "Swirl". The fish and flax seed oil molecules have been micronized to allow the oil to more efficiently pass through the intestinal wall and into the blood stream. In a clinical study conducted by the Centre for Nutritional Studies, Omega Swirl was found to be 900% more bio-available than standard fish oil, with the total percentage of oil that reached the blood stream nine times greater than the same dose and type of standard fish oil. It is available in many flavors that all taste incredibly good; in fact, it was voted "product of the year" by Better Nutrition magazine and Vitamin Retailer magazine.

4) Enzymes: Almost all processes in a biological cell need enzymes to occur at significant rates and thus are responsible for the function of every organ. If enzymes were removed from the body, it would stop working and die! Nine basic enzymes come from food, and the body takes these and changes them into over 3,000 varieties for various purposes.

Unfortunately, if food is cooked at temperatures exceeding 118 degrees Fahrenheit, enzymes are destroyed. Since the majority of all food is cooked and/or processed, people get very few enzymes in their diets. You must obtain your enzymes from raw foods or enzyme supplements. We recommend primarily eating raw food, but when you do eat cooked food, taking an enzyme supplement can help you digest your food better as well as reduce the chances of indigestion, gas, bloating, etc... It also reduces the burden on your body of trying to make enzymes to deal with the altered (cooked) food. Some health experts believe we die sooner than we should because we've depleted our body's reserve of enzymes.

5) Greens supplement: If there is one category of food that most of us need to eat more of, it is vegetables. Not only do we not eat enough, but when we do, we lose most of the enzymes and many of the vitamins and minerals through cooking. With today's advanced processing methods, we are able to reap the health benefits of vegetable nutrition through a powdered drink.

A good greens supplement will not only include your garden variety vegetables, it will also contain foods like wheat grass juice, protein dense spirulina, sprouts and other foods we rarely, if ever, include in our diet. The super alkalizing effect that greens offer can even contribute to weight loss. If you're not getting enough vegetables in your diet, consider a greens supplement. Often, one serving equals three servings of vegetables. This supplement is available in powder, tablet, capsule or liquid forms.

6) Fiber: This bulking agent does more than promote better and more frequent bowel movements. Fiber also changes the nature of the contents of the gastrointestinal tract and changes how other nutrients and chemicals are absorbed.

Fiber is vital for good digestive health; it can lower your blood pressure and cholesterol and stabilize your blood sugar level. Also, for every gram of fiber you eat, studies have shown that seven calories are eliminated from your system. Combined with the positive effect on blood sugar, fiber helps you lose weight! Many health experts agree that we should have two to three bowel movements per day. Adding fiber to your diet may help prevent you from getting colon cancer, which sadly has become the second most common type of cancer in America.

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KABUL

US family pleas for couple missing in Afghanistan

The family of an ailing, pregnant American woman missing in Afghanistan with her Canadian husband has broken months of silence over the mysterious case, making public appeals for the couple's safe return.

James Coleman, the father of 27-year-old Caitlan Coleman, told The Associated Press over the weekend that she was due to deliver in January and needed urgent medical attention for a liver ailment that required regular checkups. He said he and his wife, Lyn, last heard from their son-in-law Josh on Oct. 8 from an Internet cafe in what Josh described as an "unsafe" part of Afghanistan. The Colemans asked that Josh be identified by his first name only to protect his privacy.

The couple had embarked on a journey last July that took them to Russia, the central Asian countries of Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan, and then finally to Afghanistan.

Neither the Taliban nor any other militant group has claimed it is holding the couple, leading some to believe they were kidnapped. But no ransom demand has been made.

An Afghan official said their trail has gone dead.

BERLIN

German magazine mistakenly publishes Bush obituary

Germany's respected news weekly Der Spiegel mistakenly published an obituary Sunday for former U.S. President George H.W. Bush, hours after a family spokesman said the 88-year-old was recovering from illness.

Bush was hospitalized in Houston Nov. 23 for treatment of a bronchitis-related cough and moved to intensive care on Dec. 23 after he developed a fever. On Saturday, spokesman Jim McGrath said Bush was moved out of intensive care into a regular hospital room again after his condition improved.

The unfinished obituary appeared on Der Spiegel's website for only a few minutes Sunday before it was spotted by Internet users and removed.

In it, the magazine's New York correspondent described Bush as "a colorless politician" whose image only improved when it was compared to the later presidency of his son, George W. Bush.

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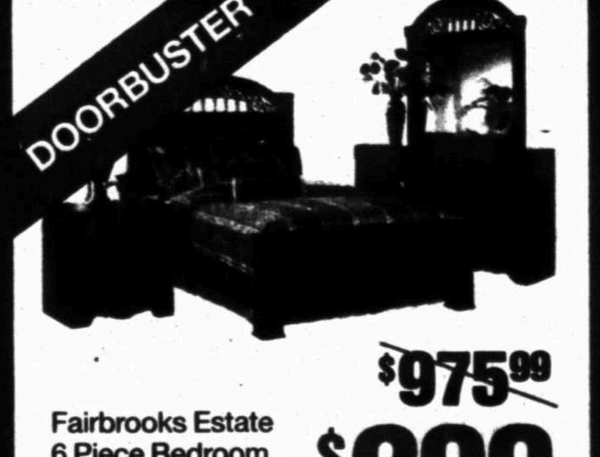
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SPORTS YEAR IN REVIEW



This year might not have had the drama of the Presidential election, but 2012 marked another newsworthy year in sports for the Midland area. From a bench-clearing brawl to teams winning championships, here's a look at the top stories from year.

No. 1

Midland Christian wins 6th 11-man state football championship



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Christian's Bryson Taylor hugs and lifts teammate Christian Whigham after the Mustangs won the TAPPS Division II state football championship on Dec. 8 at Floyd Casey Stadium in Waco. The Mustangs defeated Houston Northland Christian 14-7 in the game to earn the program's sixth 11-man state football championship.

Expectations at the beginning of every season at Midland Christian are to win a TAPPS Division II state championship.

But even at the beginning of the 2012 season, the Mustangs were considered a favorite to take home the title, mainly because star running back Christian Whigham was returning as part of a prolific offense that chewed up yards in chunks and kept scoreboards running.

Midland Christian finished 3-1 through another tough non-district schedule that included a frustrating loss to Big Spring and victories against Monahans, Seminole and Borger.

Whigham had battled an ankle injury through the early part of the season, but when TAPPS Division II, District 1 play began on Sept. 28, he looked ready for the stretch run to come.

Whigham gained 328 yards in three games but he suffered what turned out to be a season-ending knee injury against Grapevine Faith on Oct. 12.

It was at that moment that the doubters began to creep up. The prevailing thinking outside the program was that the Mustang still would win a district title, but a state title would be tougher without Whigham.

The Mustangs, though, still had Mason McClendon at quarterback and a defense that was improving as the season progressed. Midland Christian breezed through the final three games of the district season outscoring their opponents 124-46.

Sophomore Justin Fender and senior Jade Tamplin filled in for Whigham at running back, and the Mustangs hardly missed a beat both late in the regular season and through the playoffs.

Midland Christian won its opening playoff game against Bullard Brook Hill 44-3 at home and then faced its toughest test of the playoffs and beat Dallas Parish Episcopal 28-16.

MCS then suprisingly dismantled undefeated Dallas Christian in the state semifinals 48-7, holding the Chargers to 138 total yards, including minus-5 yards rushing.

But the toughest test of the season was in the TAPPS Division II state championship against Houston Northland Christian at Floyd Casey Stadium in Waco.

The Mustangs hadn't played a game in the stadium since they won the 2004 state title, but there was plenty of motivation for this team as they fed off the doubters outside the program. The team had some key players battling injuries entering the game, but that just added to the motivation for the team.

Midland Christian scored two first-half touchdowns, both on touchdown receptions by Jarrod Koym, and then held on as Northland Christian drove deep into Midland Christian territory in the fourth quarter with MCS up 14-7.

But Koym intercepted a pass in the end zone to end the threat, and Fender later converted a fourth down with a run to clinch the title.

Midland Christian set a school record for victories as it finished 13-1, but what the players, coaches and fans will remember most is how the team overcame a number of obstacles to win the school's sixth 11-man state championship.

— Len Hayward

THE REPORTER-TELEGRAM'S TOP 10 STORIES FROM 2012

No. 1
Midland Christian wins 6th state championship in football.

No. 2
District 2-5A is created in UIL realignment as the lone Amarillo school, Tascosa, is put with one school in Lubbock, Coronado, and rest of the old District 3-5A.

No. 3
The Midland College and Howard College players late-game brawl during a conference game results in some players being suspended and MC has to forfeit two WJCAC games.

No. 4
Midland Christian wins first state championship in baseball.

No. 5
Big Spring grad Ryan Tannehill is drafted No. 8 overall by the Miami Dolphins and is the team's opening day starter.

No. 6
Greenwood is placed in a district with Big Spring and Abilene Wylie, while Andrews is sent north in a district with Lubbock area schools.

No. 7
The coaching carousel for the Midland High girls soccer team is completed when Ryan Dunlevy is hired as the permanent coach in April. Prior to Dunlevy's hiring, veteran coach Jim Bragg was hired to lead the team early in the season, and the Lady Bulldogs won another district title and advanced three rounds deep in the playoffs.

No. 8
Sixteen-year old Midlander Anna James competes in Olympic Trials in diving and finishes eighth.

No. 9 (tie)
Lee and Midland High football teams miss playoffs in same season for first time since 1997.

Lee running back Jason McAfee sets the Rebels single-game touchdown record of seven against Odessa High this season.

SEE PAGES 2B–4B FOR A REVIEW OF THE TOP 10 STORIES OF 2012

No. 2

District 2-5A is created during UIL's biennial realignment

No one ever knows what to expect when it comes time for the UIL to realign the districts. However, it went pretty much as expected for the Midland ISD schools in 2012.

Lee and Midland High were each placed into the new nine-team District 2-5A in February with longtime rivals Odessa Permian, Odessa High, Abilene Cooper and Abilene High joining them. Another traditional rival, San Angelo Central, was added to the mix, as was Amarillo Tascosa and Lubbock Coronado.

It was almost a reunion of sorts from the 10-team District 2-5A that was put together back in 2008, which also included Lubbock Monterey, Lubbock High and Amarillo High, while Abilene High and Abilene Cooper were removed from the district.

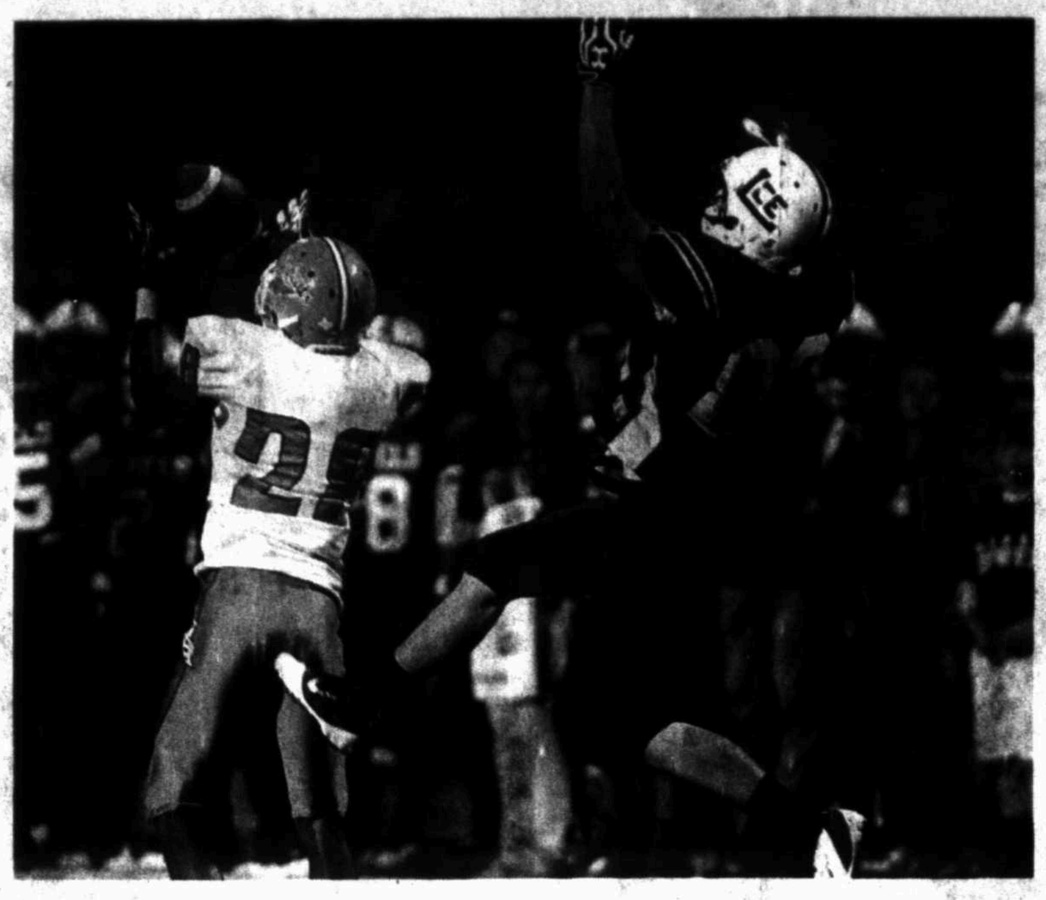
The UIL was determined to keep the Abilene schools with their traditional West Texas rivals this time around, though. Amarillo High, Lubbock High and Lubbock Monterey each dropped to Class 4A, leaving Coronado and Tascosa as the only Class 5A schools in the Panhandle.

Tascosa had the most issues with the new district, citing travel as its biggest issue. Amarillo ISD actually made the rare petition to have Tascosa also drop to Class 4A, but the UIL denied its request.

The most difficult issue with the new realignment was scheduling. The football teams were limited to just two non-district games before league play began, while other team sports such as volleyball, basketball, soccer, softball and baseball will play on back-to-back days during some weekends.

The nine-team district remains in place for one more season, but with a recent change in the alignment of classifications, the league will be called 2-6A. After that, there's no telling where any of these schools might end up.

— *Jonathan Hull*



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

San Angelo safety Jaylon Lane makes an interception during their game with Lee earlier this season as Josh Warren goes up for the ball. Lee and San Angelo Central were placed in the same district for the first time since 2008 as part of the newly created District 2-5A.

No. 3

Late-game brawl between WJCAC men's basketball rivals Howard College and Midland College results in suspensions for some Chaparrals

What was supposed to be another hotly contested Western Junior College Athletic Conference basketball game between Midland College and Howard College in mid-February turned ugly in the final minutes after a bench-clearing brawl at Big Spring's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

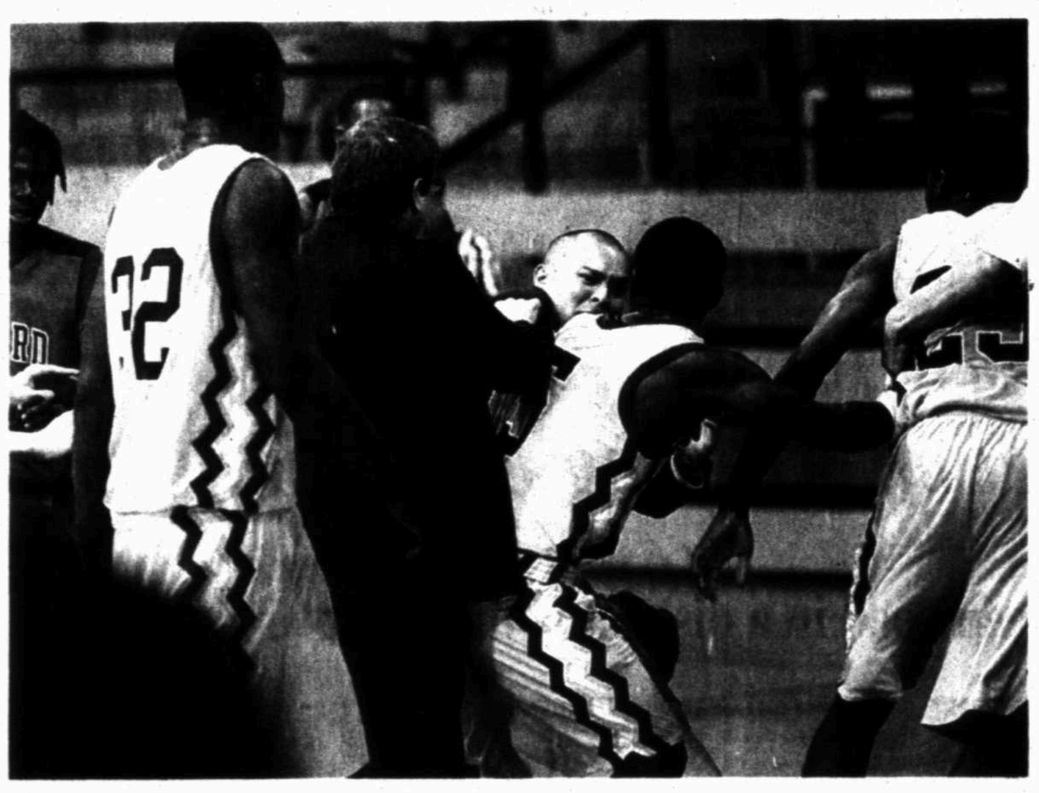
Howard had a 67-62 advantage when with 1 minute, 13 seconds remaining in the game MC's Melvin Tabb and Howard's Zech Smith — two of the biggest players on the court at 6-foot-9 and 6-foot-11, respectively — battled for a loose ball underneath MC's basket. Pushes started and then it escalated when MC's Mike Taylor threw a punch at Smith, who retaliated when he threw a punch toward an unidentified MC player.

Both Smith and Taylor were ejected, along with the rest of the Chaparral bench because the players had left the sideline to help break up the scuffle. That left MC with just four players on the court, resulting in a 74-65 loss for the Chaps.

The next day after reviewing game film, it was determined by MC officials that the players who were ejected would have to serve two game suspensions, resulting in the forfeiture of those two WJCAC games. In addition, freshman guards Taylor and Brandon Maclin were suspended for the remainder of the season for their actions in the altercation.

The result of the suspensions and forfeits helped knock MC out of postseason contention for the first time since 2003. MC finished the year with an 18-10 overall record and 6-8 mark in WJCAC play in Chris Craig's first year as head coach.

— *Oscar LeRoy*



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Howard College assistant men's basketball coach Jase Coburn tries to separate the teams after a bench clearing fight broke out with just over a minute remaining in their game on Feb. 15 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum in Big Spring.

No. 4

Midland Christian wins first state championship in baseball

Midland Christian has experienced plenty of success on the diamond in recent years.

Yet, while the Mustangs were winning state titles in nearly every sport during that span, the state crown was one that perpetually eluded the baseball team.

That ended this past spring when Midland Christian defeated district rival Fort Worth Christian, 1-0, to cap a magical run to the program's first state championship.

On team loaded with stars such as four-year player Nikko Velarde and future Texas Tech pitcher Matt Withrow, it was then-junior Jade Tamplin who scored the lone run of the game on a wild throw by Fort Worth Christian pitcher Conner Cross on a pickoff attempt at first.

That was all the support Velarde needed as he tossed a complete-game shutout while allowing just three hits, four walks and hitting two batters.

The championship capped a school year where the Mustangs won titles in football and boys and girls track and also helped the school win the Henderson Cup for TAPPS Class 4A. The Cup is awarded to the classification's top extra curricular program.

— *Jordan Mason*



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Midland Christian's Jade Tamplin slides into home for the only run of the game during the TAPPS 4A State Baseball Championship on May 11 at Red Murff Field in Belton. Tamplin stole home on the play on a pickoff play.

TOP 10 STORIES BREAKDOWN

Other stories receiving votes

The Greenwood football team goes to third round of playoffs for first time since 2006.

Lee baseball coach Hector Limon resigns suddenly, and Brian Roper is hired to take his place.

Lee girls golfer Libby Thomas becomes first Lady Rebel player to qualify for state golf tournament in more than 20 years.

Natalie Hinds competes in the Olympic Trials in Swimming and also signs with the University of Florida

The Lee football team misses the playoffs for the third straight season.

Midland Christian boys and girls teams win state championship in track.

Midland High's Chase Jones is the first MISD state track & field medalist since 2008 after winning silver in pole vault. Jones tied the school record in the event with a vault of 16 feet, 16 inches.

Midland High boys cross country team qualifies for regional meet for first time since 1976.

OTHER STORIES NOMINATED

Midland High first year volleyball coach Amanda Lopez leads Lady Bulldogs to playoffs, but they fall in the first round to El Paso Franklin.

Midland High grad Victoria Lucas competes in Olympic Trials in high jump and also competes in NCAA Outdoor meet again.

The Midland College volleyball team wins its third consecutive WJCAC title.

Midlander Michael Dutchover wins another title in boxing and also helps Midland High boys cross country team qualify for regional meet.

Lee grad Eric Winston is released by the Houston Texans and later signed by the Kansas City Chiefs.

The Lee and MHS boys basketball teams make the playoffs as MHS makes playoffs with seven wins and earns berth in final week of the season.

The Midland College softball teams falls to Howard College in Region V title game.

Ranchland Hills Golf Club is sold to new owners Kevin Leary and John Morrow; former Green Tree assistant pro Jeremy Langdale takes over as head professional.

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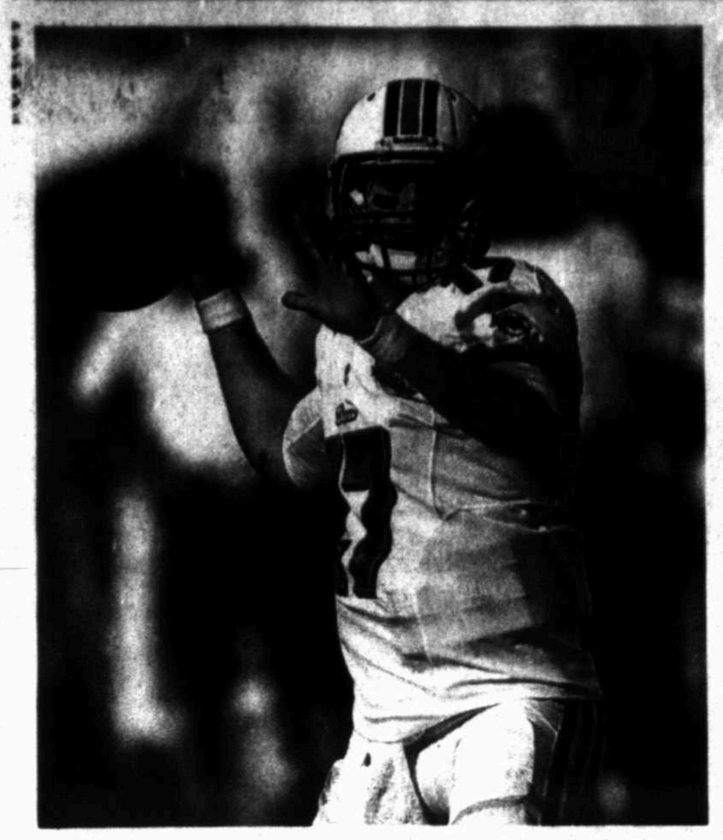
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Big Spring grad Ryan Tannehill was the Miami Dolphins' first rookie quarterback to start a season opener since Dan Marino in 1983.

No. 5

Big Spring grad Tannehill taken in 1st round by Miami Dolphins

Ryan Tannehill became the 17th football player from Big Spring to play in the NFL when the Miami Dolphins named him their opening day starter after selecting him with the eighth overall pick in the 2012 NFL Amateur Draft in April.

Tannehill is the highest drafted player from Big Spring and became the second first-round pick from the West Texas town after Bubba Franks was taken 14th overall by the Green Bay Packers in 2000.

Tannehill had a leg up on learning the offense in Miami because his head coach Mike Sherman in college at Texas A&M had joined the Dolphins staff as the offensive coordinator. Tannehill won a quarterback battle with veterans David Garrard and Matt Moore. He became the first rookie quarterback to be an opening day starter since Hall of Famer Dan Marino in 1983.

Tannehill ended up passing for 3,294 and 12 TDs with 12 interceptions, completing 282 of 484 passes. His yardage total is a franchise rookie record. The Dolphins finished with a 7-9 record in Tannehill's rookie season.

— *Jonathan Hull*

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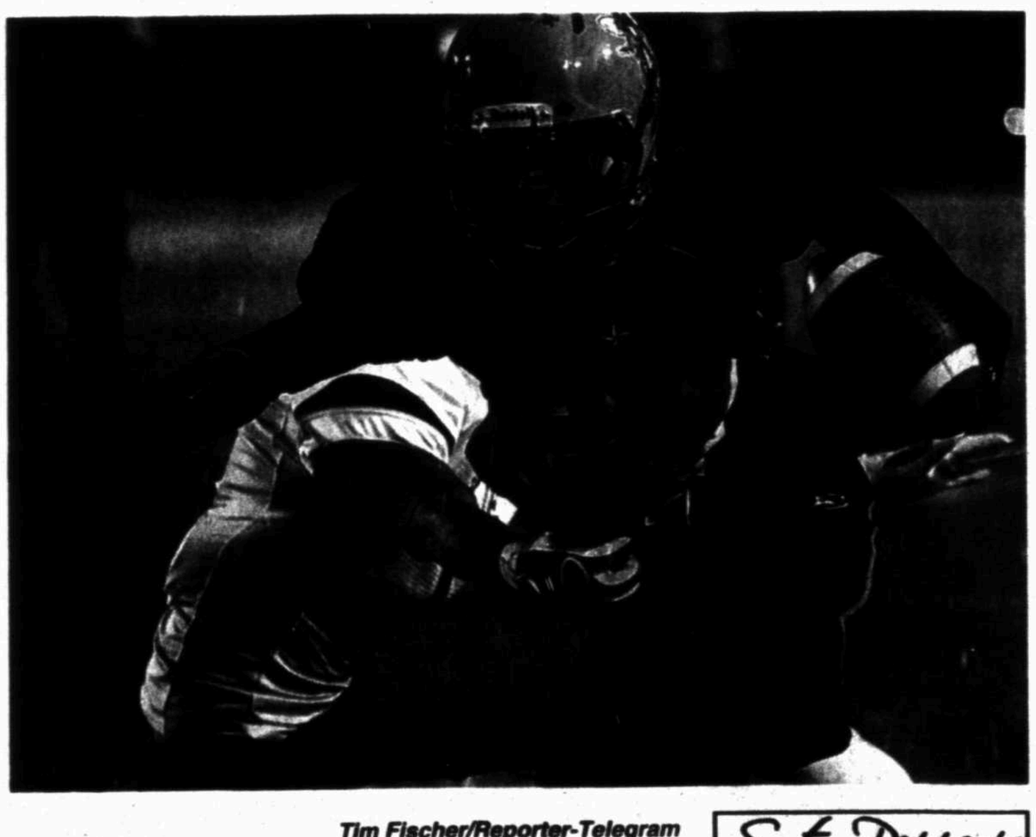
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No. 6

UIL places Greenwood in a district with Big Spring and Abilene Wylie; Andrews is sent north



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Greenwood's Braxton Buck looks to gain yardage against Abilene Wylie during their game on Oct. 26 at J.M. King Memorial Stadium. The game was the first district contest between the two schools.

In a somewhat surprising move by the University Interscholastic League, District 4-3A was splintered in half during February's biennial district realignment.

Andrews and Seminole went up north to District 2-3A with Lubbock Estacado, Lubbock Cooper, Shallowater and Levelland, while Greenwood and Monahans went east and joined Big Spring, Abilene Wylie, Snyder and Sweetwater to form the new District 4-3A. Fort Stockton was sent west to District 3-3A with familiar foes Pecos, Clint, Anthony, Fabens and Clint Mountain View.

The moves left coaches in the former 4-3A surprised and disappointed.

Greenwood coach Shad Hanna was quoted saying, "I never thought Andrews would be gone. I thought Seminole and Fort Stockton might be moved and we'd get Big Spring, but I thought we'd still be with Monahans and Big Spring. I never thought we'd be heading east."

The end result during football season saw both District 2 and District 4 become very competitive, and all three District 4 playoff teams — Greenwood, Monahans and Wylie — went three rounds deep in the postseason.

— *Oscar LeRoy*

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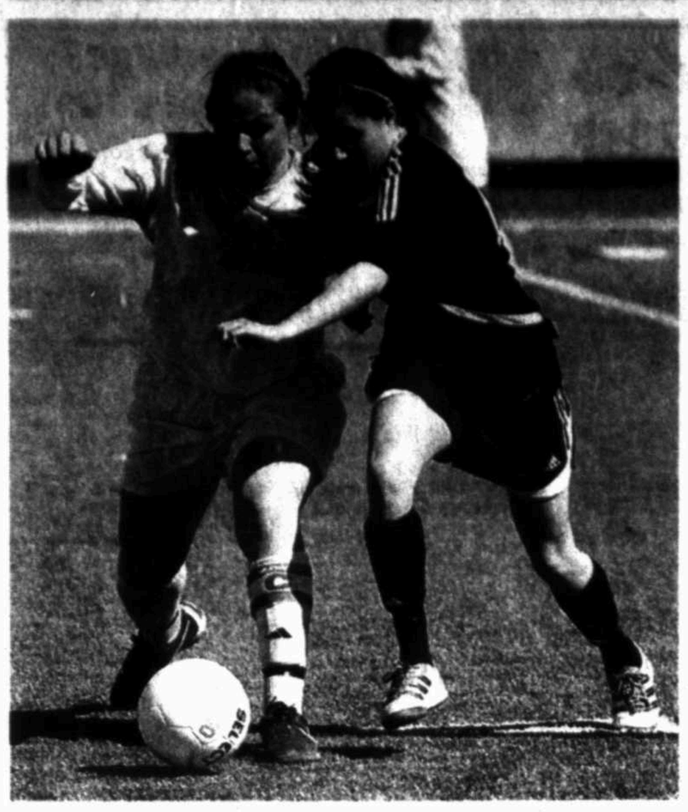
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Midland High's Morgan Hannon goes for the ball during a game against Odessa Permian in the spring. The Lady Bulldogs earned another district championship while going through some coaching uncertainty in the early part of the season.

No. 7

MHS girls soccer team wins district title despite coaching uncertainty

When the year began in 2012, the Midland High girls soccer program had an interim coach and was facing an uncertain future the rest of the season.

In stepped veteran soccer coach Jim Bragg, who joined the team after the opening week of the season. Bragg not only brought a wealth of experience to the job, including head coaching stints at San Angelo Central and Odessa Permian, but he also brought some stability to the team.

The Lady Bulldogs went on to win the District 2-5A championship before falling to Arlington High in the regional quarterfinals in early April.

Then about a month later, Midland ISD officials announced the hiring of coach Ryan Dunlevy to head up the program. Dunlevy had coached in Greenville, turning a struggling program into a playoff contender.

As the 2013 season begins in the next few days, the Lady Bulldogs soccer program will have the type of stability it hasn't had in more than a year.

— *Len Hayward*

No. 8

Anna James finishes 8th at U.S. Olympic Diving Trials

James' elite talent for diving was identified when she was around 12 years old, and this past summer at 16 she was able to put that talent on display in American diving's biggest event — the U.S. Olympic Diving Trials.

James had competed in a world championship the year before as part of a synchronized team, but this was a shot at the Olympics, and James was getting a shot before many other divers.

James finished eighth overall in the event, scoring 921.95 points after making the finals of the event.

James was later scheduled to compete in the Junior World Championships but a knee injury kept her from that, but she has been competing for Midland High and won both events she has competed in so far during the high school season.

— *Len Hayward*



MRT File Photo

Anna James, seen here during the world championships in 2011, finished 8th in the Olympic diving trials this past summer.

No. 9 (tie)

MHS, Lee miss football playoffs in same season for first time since 1997

Early in district play, it seemed both Lee and Midland High were destined for the postseason in the first season of the nine-team District 2-5A.

Even after Lee held on to beat its crosstown rival, 41-38, the Rebels and Bulldogs seemed poised for playoff berths.

But consecutive losses to end the season left the Rebels outside the playoffs for the third straight season while a season-ending loss to Abilene High left the Bulldogs at home for the playoffs for the first time since 2009.

Overall, it was the first time the two rivals had missed the postseason in the same season since 1997, when Midland High went 2-7 and Lee went 5-5.

The Rebels followed that season by winning three straight state titles, and Midland High made its only state title appearance just five years later.

And while that fact leaves hope for the future, it still didn't make up for an unusually quiet opening round of the playoffs in the Tall City.

— *Jordan Mason*



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lee and Midland High players fire off the ball during their game on Oct. 19 at Grande Communications Stadium.

Lee's Jason McAfee sets school record for TDs in a game against OHS

Lee running back Jason McAfee flirted with the record his uncle, Farris Strambler, set when he rushed for six touchdowns in a 44-10 win against Lubbock Coronado in the Rebels' second district game.



McAfee

But McAfee didn't know it.

A week later against Odessa High, his coach, James Morton, didn't know it either when McAfee crossed the goal line for a sixth time yet again.

But fortunately for McAfee, the rest of his coaches did, and they helped keep McAfee in long enough to set the school record with his seventh touchdown.

The 6-yard scoring plunge in the third capped a dominant 15 carry, 234-yard performance for McAfee, who was reduced to tears after the score as he thanked the rest of his teammates for making it possible.

The previous record was also held by former Rebels, Jamie McCoy, Trent Hines and Marlon Henry in addition to Strambler.

But now there's just one name at the top of that record book as McAfee left his mark on the Rebels' season.

— *Jordan Mason*



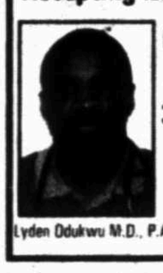
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Big 3 help Spurs send Mavs to sixth straight loss



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Dallas' Darren Collison (4) tries to drive against San Antonio's Tony Parker (9) Sunday in Dallas. The Spurs beat the Mavericks, 111-86.

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

DALLAS — Tony Parker had 21 points and nine assists, Manu Ginobili had several key baskets among his 20 points and the San Antonio Spurs handed the Dallas Mavericks their sixth straight loss, 111-86 on Sunday night.

Dirk Nowitzki had eight points on 3-of-9 shooting a week after making a surprise return in a 38-point loss to the Spurs in San Antonio.

Spurs	111
Mavericks	86

The Spurs led all the way, with Tim Duncan helping a 20-6 start by hitting several jump shots. He finished with 18 points, 10 rebounds and three blocks.

Darren Collison scored 18 points to lead the Mavericks, whose losing streak is their longest since January of their championship season in 2010-11.

Dallas was within five in the third quarter when Ginobili hit a 3-pointer with the shot clock winding down, and he made an even longer 3 with the shot clock inside a second to put San Antonio ahead 80-70. He finished the third quarter the same way he did the second — with a last-second shot that put the Spurs up by 12.

Nowitzki struggled again a week after making his season debut at San Antonio. It was his third game in four nights, and he was limited to 17 minutes Friday against Denver, the second of back-to-back games. He missed his first three shots of the second half before finally hitting a driving layup to get Dallas within six.

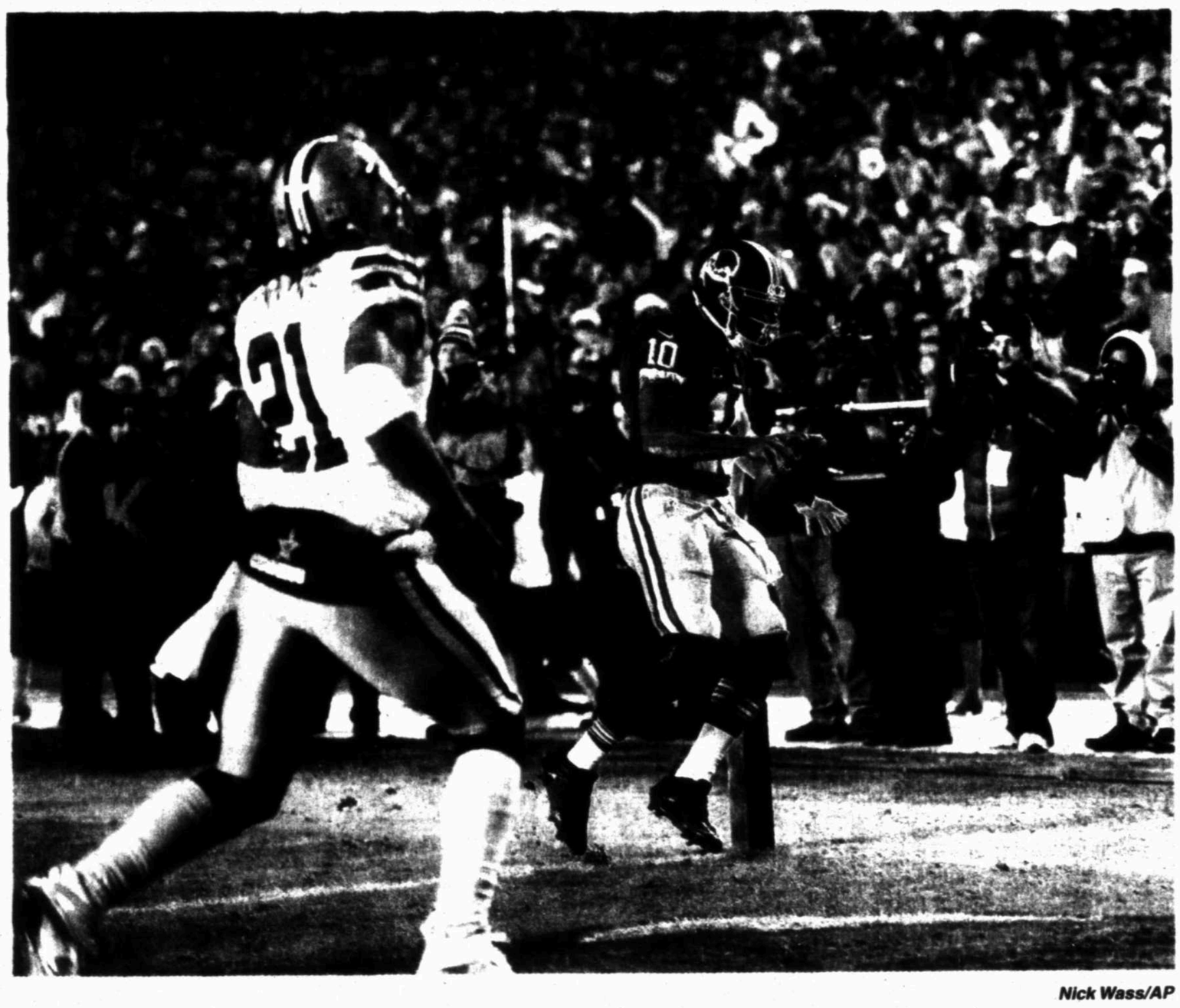
Ginobili keyed a late spurt in the first half that turned a five-point lead into a 12-point halftime edge. He assisted on a 3-pointer by Kawhi Leonard and scored the final two baskets of the half, the last a pull-up jumper with less than a second left for a 57-45 lead.

The Spurs ran out to a 20-6 lead on midrange jumpers from Tony Parker, who scored 10 in the first quarter, and a couple of 3-pointers from Danny Green, who had a career-high seven from long range against Dallas a week ago. Green finished with eight points and was 2 of 3 from beyond the arc.

The Mavericks closed the gap late in the first behind Elton Brand, who scored six in the first quarter after going scoreless for the second time this season two nights earlier against Denver. Brand scored 14 points in this one.

O.J. Mayo, Dallas' leading scorer, was held under 10 points for the fourth time in five games. He came in averaging 9 points on 33-percent shooting the previous four games and finished with eight on 4 of 14 shooting. Green blocked two of his 3-point attempts in the second half, including one after Mayo tried a pump fake that instead just gave Green enough time to get there before Mayo shot it.

Going home



Nick Wass/AP

Washington quarterback Robert Griffin III (10) scores a touchdown in front of Dallas cornerback Mike Jenkins (21) during the second half Sunday in Landover, Md.

Romo throws 3 picks, Cowboys miss playoffs for 3rd straight year

By Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

LANDOVER, Md. — Five months ago, tight end Jason Witten stepped off a jet on a picture-perfect Southern California day to declare with a steely look in his eyes that this season "can't be the same old story" for the Dallas Cowboys.

Redskins	28
Cowboys	18

Sadly for Witten and his teammates, it was.

Taking advantage of three Tony Romo interceptions, including a possible career-defining one with three minutes left, the Washington Redskins downed the Cowboys, 28-18, on Sunday night to eliminate their longtime rivals and advance to the playoffs as NFC champs.

This is the third straight year Dallas (8-8) has missed the postseason, its longest dry spell since Dave Campo coached the team from 2000 through 2002. In winning their first division title in 13 years, the Redskins (10-6) won their final seven

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Week 17 NFL Scoreboard

Tampa Bay	22	Chicago	26	N.Y. Giants	42	Denver	38
Atlanta	17	Detroit	24	Philadelphia	7	Kansas City	3
Buffalo	28	Indianapolis	28	Pittsburgh	24	Minnesota	37
N.Y. Jets	9	Houston	16	Cleveland	10	Green Bay	34
Cincinnati	23	Carolina	44	Tennessee	38	New England	28
Baltimore	17	New Orleans	38	Jacksonville	20	Miami	0

San Diego	24	Washington	28
Oakland	21	Dallas	18
Seattle	20		
St. Louis	13		
San Francisco	27		
Arizona	13		

Pagano returns as Indianapolis beats Texans

Colts	28
Texans	16

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Chuck Pagano put on his dancing shoes and savored every moment of Sunday's postgame celebration.

He took his customary linebacker stance on the sideline, hands on bended knees. He signaled touchdowns when the Colts scored, patted Deji Karim on the helmet after a 101-yard kickoff return for a game-changing touchdown, and gestured for penalty flags to be thrown.

And after Indianapolis beat AFC South champion Houston 28-16, Pagano even tossed aside the stodgy image of an NFL coach and began jumping around with players, assistant coaches and even team owner Jim Irsay like he was a kid again.

Why not?

"There was a lot of high-fiving, a lot of dancing, a lot of hugging going on and a lot of celebrating," an emotional Pagano said. "There's a lot to celebrate right now."

It started with Pagano's return.

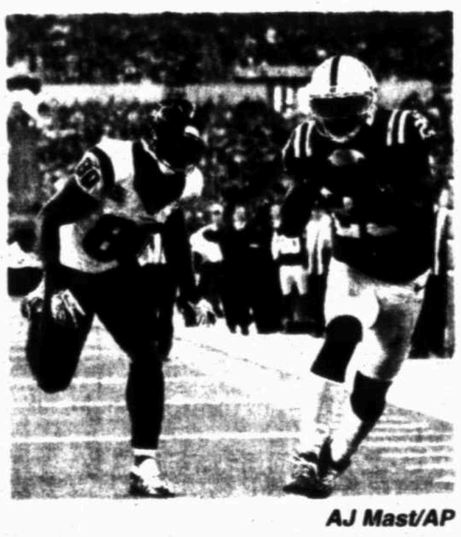
He took an indefinite leave Sept. 26 to begin the first of three rounds of chemotherapy for leukemia Sept. 26 and didn't make it back to the sideline until Sunday when the cancer was in complete remission.

But the party began much earlier.

When Pagano first walked onto the field, he waved to the fans and hugged his wife, Tina.

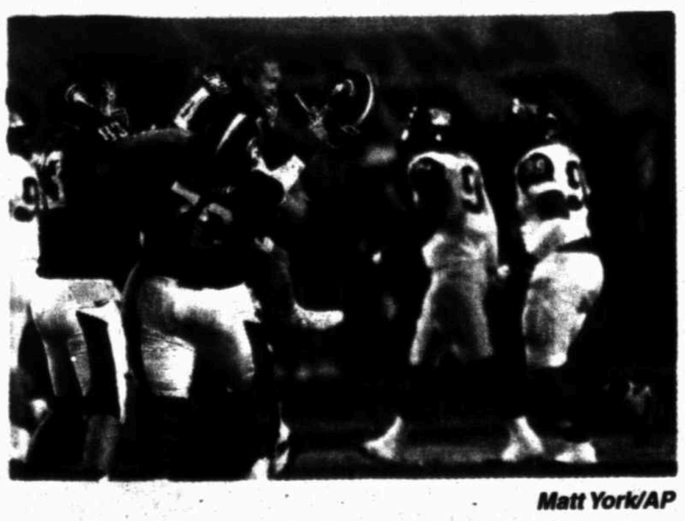
When fans gave him a standing ovation after a 1-minute video played on the stadium's two Jumbotrons just before kickoff, a choked up Pagano

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AJ Mast/AP

Indianapolis' Vontae Davis (23) makes an interception in front of Houston's Andre Johnson (80) during the second half Sunday in Indianapolis.



Matt York/AP

Michigan State kicker Dan Conroy (4) is carried by teammates after kicking the Spartans past TCU, 17-16, during Saturday's Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl in Tempe, Ariz.

TCU comes up short in Wild Wings Bowl

By John Marshall
Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — Texas Christian dominated Michigan State's offense in the first half by bottling up Le'Veon Bell.

Once the Spartans' bruising running back got going, the Horned Frogs had no way of stopping him.

Bell ran for 107 of his 145 yards in the second half and helped set up Dan Conroy for a 47-yard field goal with 1:01 left, sending TCU to a 17-16 loss to Michigan State in the Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl Saturday night.

Spartans	17
Horned Frogs	16

"They had 227 yards of offense and the guy ran for 145," TCU coach Gary Patterson said. "You have to give him credit."

TCU (7-6) shut down Michigan State's offense in the first half by stuffing Bell and did just enough when it had the ball to build a 13-point halftime lead.

In the second half, the Horned Frogs couldn't get anything going against the Spartans' defense — 84 total yards — and its defense gave up a long scoring drive in the third quarter, along with the game-winner in the fourth.

Trevone Boykin threw for 201 yards and an interception on 13-of-29 passing for the Horned Frogs.

"A little bit empty feeling inside because we felt like we left a lot on the field," Patterson said.

It wasn't always pretty for the Spartans.

Michigan State (7-6) labored through the first half, managing 76 yards of offense as TCU closed in around Bell.

The 237-pound junior started to

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SUNDAY'S NFL ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

BENGALS 23
RAVENS 17

CINCINNATI — Carlos Dunlap returned an interception 14 yards for a touchdown in the fourth quarter.

The Ravens (10-6) had already clinched their second straight AFC North title, and they will open the playoffs at home against Indianapolis, which defeated Houston on Sunday.

The opponent for the Bengals (10-6) was to be determined later Sunday.

The Ravens let quarterback Joe Flacco and running back Ray Rice play only two series. Bengals quarterback Andy Dalton and receiver A.J. Green sat out the second half.

BRONCOS 38
CHIEFS 3

DENVER — Peyton Manning threw for 304 yards and three touchdowns to lift Denver into the No. 1 seed for the AFC playoffs.

Manning finished the season with 4,659 yards, 41 short of his career high. He finished with 37 touchdown passes, and none will be more memorable than the last two — circus catches by Eric Decker and Demaryius Thomas that turned the game into a blowout.

Denver (13-3) won its 11th straight and leaped past Houston for the top seed after the Texans lost to Indianapolis 28-16 earlier in the day.

The Chiefs gained only 119 yards all day and finished their season 2-14. They will get the top pick in April's draft.

VIKINGS 37
PACKERS 34

MINNEAPOLIS — Adrian Peterson came within 9 yards of Eric Dickerson's rushing record, finishing with 199 yards and powering Minnesota into the playoffs.

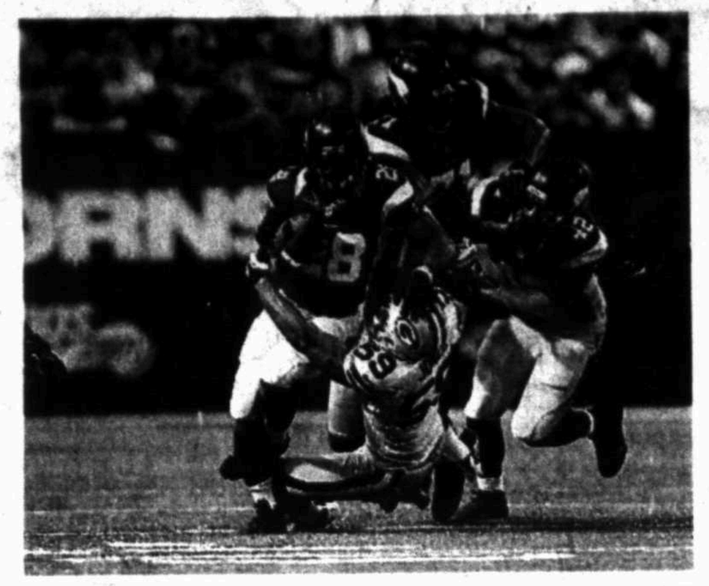
The result forced a rematch with the Packers next weekend in a wild-card game — this time at Lambeau Field.

Peterson rushed for 36 yards on the last drive, plenty for rookie Blair Walsh's 29-yard field goal as time expired to put the Vikings (10-6) in the postseason. The Packers (11-5) fell to the NFC's No. 3 seed.

Aaron Rodgers completed 28 of 40 passes for 365 yards and four touchdowns and no turnovers, connecting with Jordy Nelson from 2 yards to tie the game with 2:54 remaining. But Christian Ponder threw for three scores, including one to Peterson.

49ERS 27
CARDINALS 13

SAN FRANCISCO — Michael Crabtree caught touchdown passes of 49 and 7 yards as the 49ers won a second straight NFC West title.



Genevieve Ross/AP

Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson, center, carries the ball during the first half Sunday against the Green Bay Packers in Minneapolis. Peterson rushed for more than 2,000 yards this season. Minnesota clinched a playoff berth with a 37-34 win.

Colin Kaepernick threw for a career-best 276 yards and two TDs as the Niners (11-4-1) earned a No. 2 seed thanks to Green Bay's loss to Minnesota.

Frank Gore ran for a 2-yard touchdown early in the fourth quarter for his franchise-best 51st touchdown rushing.

Brian Hoyer went 19 of 34 for 225 yards and a late TD toss in his first career NFL start as Arizona's fourth quarterback. The Cardinals (5-11) lost for the 11th time in their last 12 games in what might have been Ken Whisenhunt's final game as coach.

SEAHAWKS 20
RAMS 13

SEATTLE — Russell Wilson tied Peyton Manning's record for most touchdown passes by a rookie with 26, and his 1-yard TD run with 1:39 left allowed Seattle to finish as the only unbeaten team at home.

Seattle (11-5) entered the day with hopes of still winning the NFC West and getting a home playoff game, but those dreams were dashed when San Francisco beat Arizona. Seattle will be the No. 5 seed and face the NFC East winner — Washington or Dallas — next weekend.

The Rams (7-8-1) sacked Wilson six times, but couldn't come up with their first winning record since 2003.

PATRIOTS 28
DOLPHINS 0

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Tom Brady threw two touchdown passes and New England earned a playoff bye.

Stevan Ridley ran for two touchdowns as the Patriots used a ball-control offense and a defense that racked up a season-high seven sacks.

Now, seeded second in the AFC, they have an extra week to savor the win and prepare for their postseason opener.

The Patriots (12-4) led 21-0 at halftime on Brady's 9-yard touchdown pass to Wes Welker and Ridley's runs of 1 and 2 yards, capping drives lasting 14 and 13 plays. They ended the scoring on Brady's 23-yard scoring pass to Rob Gronkowski, who missed the previous five games after breaking his left forearm.

The Dolphins (7-9) finished with a losing record for the fourth straight season.

BUCCANEERS 22
FALCONS 17

ATLANTA — The Falcons couldn't follow through with their plan to gain momentum for the playoffs as Josh Freeman threw a touchdown pass to Mike Williams and Doug Martin ran for 141 yards.

The Falcons (13-3) had little to play for as they already have home-field advantage through the NFC playoffs. Coach Mike Smith said he wanted to "finish the regular season the right way," and he stayed with his starters through the game.

BEARS 26
LIONS 24

DETROIT — Jay Cutler threw for 257 yards and a touchdown and helped seal the game with a late scramble.

Chicago (10-6) needed a Minnesota loss to Green Bay to reach the postseason.

GIANTS 42
EAGLES 7

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — There will be no Super Bowl repeat for the Giants. Not even a playoff berth despite Eli Manning's career-high five touchdown passes.

The Giants (9-7) playoff hopes ended minutes after routing the Eagles. Chicago's win over Detroit ended New York's long-shot playoff chances.

STEELERS 24
BROWNS 10

PITTSBURGH — Ben Roethlisberger threw three short touchdown passes, and Pittsburgh avoided its first losing season in nearly a decade.

Antonio Brown, Leonard Pope and Plaxico Burress scored for the Steelers (8-8). Pittsburgh's top-ranked defense forced four turnovers as the Steelers won for just the second time in the last six weeks, a slide that knocked them out of the playoffs for the first time since 2009.

BILLS 28
JETS 9

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — C.J. Spiller scored on a 66-yard catch and run in helping underachieving Buffalo, while Jets quarterback Mark Sanchez had two more turnovers.

Safety Bryan Scott also returned an interception 20 yards for a touchdown for the Bills (6-10), who snapped a three-game skid. Both AFC East rivals had already been eliminated from playoff contention.

TITANS 38
JAGUARS 20

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee became the first NFL team with two players scoring twice on returns in closing out the season with two wins in its final three games.

Darius Reynaud scored on two punt returns and rookie linebacker Zach Brown returned two interceptions for touchdowns.

PANTHERS 44
SAINTS 38

NEW ORLEANS — Drew Brees made more NFL history, but so did the Saints' porous defense in a loss to Carolina.

DeAngelo Williams rushed for 210 yards, including touchdown runs of 54 and 12 yards, for Carolina (7-9), which closed the season with four straight wins. His 65-yard gain set up the first of three 1-yard scoring runs by Mike Tolbert.

CHARGERS 24
RAIDERS 21

SAN DIEGO — Micheal Spurlock returned the opening kickoff 99 yards for a touchdown on wet, gloomy day in what's expected to be Norv Turner's final game as Chargers coach.

Turner and general manager A.J. Smith are expected to be fired because the Chargers (7-9) missed the playoffs for the third straight season. The Raiders finished 4-12.

BASIN NFL CONNECTION

FROM WIRE REPORTS



Winston

ERIC WINSTON
OT, KANSAS CITY CHIEFS
(LEE HIGH SCHOOL)

Winston started the regular season finale for the Chiefs in a 38-3 loss to the Denver Broncos in Denver. The Chiefs had 119 total yards on the day. Kansas City finished the season at 2-14.



Tannehill

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

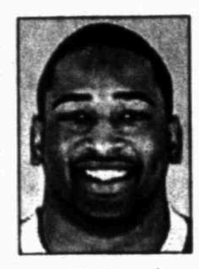
Tannehill completed 20 of 35 passes for 235 yards with no touchdowns and an interception in a 28-0 loss to the New England Patriots on Sunday in Foxboro, Mass. Tannehill also rushed for 8 yards on two carries. The Dolphins ended the season at 7-9.



Cannon

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

Marcus Cannon saw some playing time in a 28-0 victory for the Patriots against the Miami Dolphins at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Mass. The Patriots racked up 443 total yards in the victory.



McCoy

JAMIE MCCOY
TE, PITTSBURGH STEELERS
(LEE HIGH SCHOOL)

McCoy was active for his first NFL game and did see some action, but did not catch a pass or have a rush in a 24-10 victory for the Pittsburgh Steelers at home.

AP sources: Reid won't be back as Eagles' coach

By Rob Maaddi
Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Andy Reid is out after 14 years coaching the Philadelphia Eagles, three people familiar with the decision told The Associated Press following Sunday's 42-7 season-ending loss to the New York Giants.

Reid is scheduled to meet with owner Jeffrey Lurie today to discuss his future and an official announcement will come afterward, according to one person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because a final agreement hasn't been reached. That person says there's a chance Reid might remain with the team in some capacity.

Reid is due to make $6 million in 2013 in the final year of his contract. He said he wants to coach next year, but it's possible Lurie could persuade him to take a season off and perhaps help out in the front office in an "advisory" role.

Eagles spokesman Derek Boyko denied several reports that Lurie has already fired Reid, saying it's "absolutely, 100 percent" untrue.

TEXANS

From 1C

held his tears in check.

When he left the field, he hugged everybody in sight — assistant coaches, Colts players, even Texans players and coaches — before moving the postgame party to the locker room, where Irsay presented him with a game ball and they did a do-si-do together.

"What a day, what a day," he said. "We could go into what transpired out there over the last three hours and five, 10 minutes whatever, from a stats standpoint and big plays, penalties and run offense and run 'D', all of that stuff. But just down the road, I have watched all of this take place for the last 12 ball games."

Players had a different kind of welcome-back celebration planned.

"Guys really did not want to lose in his first game back and heading into the playoffs," rookie quarterback Andrew Luck said. "To get a win, I think means the world to him."

Luck, as usual, had a big hand in the victory. He was 14 of 28 for 191 yards with two more touchdowns and no interceptions.

COLTS 28, TEXANS 16

Houston	3	3	10	0	—16
Indianapolis	7	7	7	7	—28

First Quarter

Ind—Fleener 1 pass from Luck (Vinatieri kick), 7:51.

Hou—FG S.Graham 51, 06.

Second Quarter

Hou—FG S.Graham 37, 10:22.

Ind—Ballard 1 run (Vinatieri kick), 2:00

Third Quarter

Hou—Foster 13 run (S.Graham kick), 9:25

Hou—FG S.Graham 37, 5:22.

Ind—Karim 101 kickoff return (Vinatieri kick), 5:10.

Fourth Quarter

Ind—Hilton 70 pass from Luck (Vinatieri kick), 11:22.

A—66,957.

	Hou	Ind
First downs	19	19
Total Net Yards	352	265
Rushes-yards	20-102	33-81
Passing	250	184
Comp-Att-Int	24-36-2	14-28-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-25	1-7
Punts	2-50.5	5-42.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	9-64	3-24
Time of Possession	28:51	31:09

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Houston, Foster 16-96, Tate 2-7, Schaub 2-(minus 1). Indianapolis, Ballard 27-78, Allen 1-2, Luck 5-1.

PASSING—Houston, Schaub 24-36-2-275. Indianapolis, Luck 14-28-0-191.

RECEIVING—Houston, Johnson 12-141, Walter 3-51, Daniels 3-27, Foster 2-23, Casey 2-11, Posey 1-16, G.Graham 1-6. Indianapolis, Hilton 4-111, Wayne 4-40, Allen 2-21, Ballard 2-9, Moore 1-9, Fleener 1-1.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Houston, S.Graham 52 (WR).

IMPORTANT USSSA BASEBALL MEETING

Many of the coaches have been asking about forming USSSA leagues for week play. We now have over 75 USSSA teams in the area. We will have a meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2013, at 7:00pm at the Umpires Building at Bill Williams Complex in Hogan Park. If you are interested in playing in a USSSA League, you or your representative must be at this meeting.

We must have a good turnout for this meeting or we will just not have a league. It is up to you. This will be a coach driven league. If you know of someone who is forming a team please invite them. This is for 8U Coach Pitch teams and 9U thru 16U player pitch with MLB rules.

Please RSVP to this by sending an email to: tommy.hawkins@usssa.com
Give me your name; team name with age group; your phone numbers; email address; and how many people are coming.

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Transactions

HOCKEY
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CINCINNATI CYCLONES—Assigned F Mike Brabant was returned from Lake Erie (AHL).
READING ROYALS—Loaned D Denny Urban to Worcester (AHL).

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	21	9	.700	—
Brooklyn	18	14	.563	3
Boston	16	14	.533	4
Philadelphia	14	17	.452	7 1/2
Toronto	11	20	.355	10 1/2
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	20	8	.714	—
Atlanta	19	9	.679	1
Orlando	12	16	.429	8
Charlotte	7	23	.233	14
Washington	6	22	.143	14
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	16	12	.571	—
Indiana	17	13	.567	—
Milwaukee	16	13	.552	1/2
Detroit	11	22	.333	7 1/2
Cleveland	7	25	.219	11
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	24	8	.750	—
Memphis	18	8	.704	2 1/2
Houston	18	14	.563	6
Dallas	12	19	.387	11 1/2
New Orleans	7	23	.233	16
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	23	6	.793	—
Denver	17	15	.531	7 1/2
Minnesota	14	15	.483	9
Portland	15	14	.517	8
Utah	15	17	.469	9 1/2
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	25	6	.806	—
L.A. Lakers	21	10	.677	4
L.A. Lakers	15	15	.500	9 1/2
Sacramento	11	19	.367	13 1/2
Phoenix	11	20	.355	14

Sunday's Scores
San Antonio 111, Dallas 86
Detroit 98, Milwaukee 94
Sacramento 116, Boston 96
L.A. Clippers 107, Utah 98

Today's Games
Charlotte at Chicago, 2 p.m.
Memphis at Indiana, 2 p.m.
Miami at Orlando, 4 p.m.
Atlanta at Houston, 6 p.m.
Brooklyn at San Antonio, 6 p.m.
Phoenix at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY'S BOXES
SPURS 111, MAVERICKS 86
SAN ANTONIO (111): Leonard 2-5 0-0 5, Duncan 7-14 4-4 18, Splitter 4-9 5-6 13, Parker 10-17 11-11 31, Green 3-7 0-0 8, Diaw 6 1-2 10, Ginobili 6-12 6-8 20, Jackson 2-3 3-3 8, Mills 2-6 0-0 5, Blair 0-0 1-2 1, De Colo 0-1 0-0 0, Bonner 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 41-81 21-24 111.
DALLAS (86): Carter 5-11 2-2 13, Marion 0-4 2-2 2, Kaman 6-12 1-2 13, Collison 9-13 0-0 18, Mayo 4-14 0-0 8, Crowder 2-5 2-2 6, Brand 7-11 0-0 14, Nowitzki 3-9 2-2 8, Douglas-Roberts 1-4 0-0 2, Beaubois 1-7 0-0 2, Wright 0-4 0-0 0, Da.Jones 0-0 0-0 0, Do.Jones 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-95 9-10 86.
San Antonio 27 30 25 29 — 111
Dallas 22 23 25 16 — 86
3-Point Goals—San Antonio 8-19 (Green 2-3, Ginobili 2-5, Diaw 1-1, Leonard 1-2, Jackson 1-2, Mills 1-4, De Colo 0-1, Parker 0-2). Dallas 1-16 (Carter 1-4, Nowitzki 0-1, Crowder 0-2, Douglas-Roberts 0-2, Beaubois 0-3, Mayo 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—San Antonio 49 (Duncan 10), Dallas 52 (Brand 10). Assists—San Antonio 21 (Parker 9), Dallas 23 (Collison 8). Total Fouls—San Antonio 9, Dallas 21. A—19,928 (19,200).

PISTONS 98, BUCKS 94
MILWAUKEE (94): Daniels 3-9 1-2 7, Mbah a Moute 1-3 0-0 2, Sanders 2-4 0-2 4, Jennings 3-12 2-2 9, Ellis 12-22 3-4 30, Ilyasova 9-12 3-4 24, Dunleavy 3-7 0-0 9, Udoh 0-0 0-0 0, Udrih 0-1 0-0 0, Gooden 3-7 3-3 9. Totals 36-77 12-17 94.
DETROIT (98): Prince 8-16 4-4 20, Maxiell 5-8 0-0 10, Monroe 6-12 2-3 14, Knight 4-12 1-2 11, Singler 2-11 4-4 8, Bynum 4-9 0-0 8, Drummond 4-4 0-0 8, Villanueva 4-8 0-0 11. Daye 2-2 0-0 5, English 0-0 1-2 1. Total 39-82 12-15 98.
Milwaukee 23 22 26 23 — 94
Detroit 30 25 23 10 — 98
3-Point Goals—Milwaukee 10-23 (Ilyasova 3-3, Dunleavy 3-5, Ellis 3-7, Jennings 1-4, Gooden 0-1, Udrih 0-1, Daniels 0-2). Detroit 6-18 (Villanueva 3-7, Knight 2-5, Daye 1-1, Bynum 0-1, Prince 0-2, Singler 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Milwaukee 37 (Jennings, Daniels 6), Detroit 55 (Monroe, Maxiell 10). Assists—Milwaukee 19 (Ellis 9), Detroit 16 (Bynum 5). Total Fouls—Milwaukee 18, Detroit 13. A—14,219 (22,076).

KINGS 118, CELTICS 96
BOSTON (96): Pierce 8-15 0-0 20, Garnett 7-13 2-2 16, Collins 0-2 0-0 0, Rondo 1-6 0-0 2, Terry 7-12 4-4 20, Bass 3-5 0-0 6, Green 5-17 5-7 16, Sullinger 2-5 6-6 10, Lee 0-6 0-0 0, Barbosa 1-3 0-0 2, Varnado 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 36-89 17-19 96.
SACRAMENTO (118): Salmons 9-12 3-3 23, Thompson 8-11 4-8 20, Cousins 4-12 4-4 12, Thomas 10-15 4-5 27, Thornton 2-7 0-5, Robinson 1-1 0-0 2, Garcia 2-7 0-0 5, Hayes 0-2 2-2 2, Johnson 3-5 3-3 10, Fredette 4-9 0-0 10, Honeycutt 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 44-82 20-25 118.
Boston 18 31 24 23 — 96
Sacramento 24 30 32 32 — 118
3-Point Goals—Boston 7-22 (Pierce 4-8, Terry 2-4, Green 1-4, Barbosa 0-1, Lee 0-2, Rondo 0-3, Sacramento 10-20 (Thomas 3-7, Fredette 2-3, Salmons 2-4, Johnson 1-1, Garcia 1-2, Thornton 1-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Boston 43 (Garnett 12), Sacramento 52 (Cousins 10). Assists—Boston 25 (Rondo 10), Sacramento 28 (Cousins 10). Total Fouls—Boston 23, Sacramento 21. A—15,305 (17,317).

CLIPPERS 107, JAZZ 96
UTAH (96): Carroll 2-5 1-2 6, Millsap 2-7 5-9 9, Jefferson 5-12 4-5 30, Tinsley 3-7 1-2 8, Foye 3-8 2-3 10, Hayward 5-9 5-6 16, Watson 0-3 0-0 0, Favors 3-6 5-8 11, Burks 1-4 0-0 2, Kanter 1-3 2-4 4. Totals 33-80 25-34 96.
L.A. CLIPPERS (107): Butler 10-14 3-4 29, Griffin 3-5 1-5 7, Jordan 4-7 6-8 14, Paul 7-14 5-9 19, Green 2-4 1-1 5, Crawford 7-16 4-4 19, Odom 0-5 0-0 0, Barnes 3-4 0-0 7, Bledsoe 2-5 0-0 4, Turiaf 1-4 1-2 3. Totals 39-78 21-29 107.
Utah 24 21 31 20 — 96
L.A. Clippers 29 25 28 25 — 107
3-Point Goals—Utah 5-13 (Foye 2-2, Carroll 1-2, Tinsley 1-3, Hayward 1-4, Watson 0-1, Burks 0-1), L.A. Clippers 5-18 (Butler 5-6, Barnes 1-2, Crawford 1-5, Odom 0-1, Green 0-1, Paul 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Utah 51 (Jefferson, Carroll 8), L.A. Clippers 52 (Odom 8). Assists—Utah 29 (Tinsley 11), L.A. Clippers 25 (Paul 9). Total Fouls—Utah 24, L.A. Clippers 26. Technicals—Tinsley, Barnes, Griffin. A—19,111 (19,060).

Baseball

Jan. 9 — Hall of Fame voting announced.
Jan. 9-10 — Owners meeting, Paradise Valley, Ariz.
Jan. 15 — Salary arbitration filing.
Jan. 18 — Salary arbitration figures exchanged.
Feb. 1-21 — Salary arbitration hearings, Phoenix.
Feb. 12 — Mandatory reporting date for players participating in the World Baseball Classic in Asia. Mandatory reporting date for all other pitchers and catchers participating in the WBC. Voluntary reporting date for pitchers and catchers not participating in the WBC.
Feb. 15 — Mandatory reporting date for WBC players not participating in Asia. Voluntary reporting date for position players not participating in the WBC.
Feb. 20 — Mandatory reporting date for players not participating in the WBC.
March 2-11 — Teams may renew contracts of unsigned players.
March 2-19 — World Baseball Classic.
March 15 — Last day to place a player on unconditional release waivers and pay 30 days termination pay instead of 45 days.

Boxes

BRONCOS 98, CHIEFS 9

	1	2	3	—
Kansas City	0	3	6	9
Denver	7	14	3	— 24

First Quarter
Den—Thomas 3 run (Prater kick), 9:50.
Second Quarter
KC—FG Succop 23, 14:53.
Den—Decker 11 pass from Manning (Prater kick), 10:10.
Third Quarter
Den—D.Thomas 13 pass from Manning (Prater kick), 9:16.
Den—Sell 1 run (Prater kick), 1:04.
Fourth Quarter
Den—FG Prater 42, 8:09.
A—76,502.

	KC	Den
First downs	8	32
Total Net Yards	119	488
Rushes-yards	28-93	43-172
Passing	26	316
Comp-Att-Int	7-16-0	25-33-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-23	0-0
Punts	6-46.6	3-44.7
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-30	5-30
Time of Possession	22:30	37:30

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Kansas City, Charles 14-53, Draughn 5-23, Gray 2-9, Hillis 5-4, Quinn 2-4, Denver, Ball 15-86, Hester 7-55, Moreno 15-44, Hillman 3-15, Dreessen 3-(minus 2), Manning 1-(minus 2).
PASSING—Kansas City, Quinn 7-16-0-49, Denver, Manning 23-29-0-304, Osweiler 2-4-0-12.
RECEIVING—Kansas City, Moeaki 2-21, Wylie 2-11, Charles 1-14, McCluster 1-5, Draughn 1-(minus 2), Dreessen, D.Thomas 7-122, Decker 7-76, Stokley 3-49, Green 2-19, Dreessen 2-15, Tamme 1-13, Moreno 1-10, Hester 1-7, Willis 1-5.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Kansas City, Succop 33 (ML).

PATRIOTS 28, DOLPHINS 0

	1	2	3	4	—
Miami	0	0	0	0	— 0
New England	7	14	0	7	— 28

First Quarter
NE—Welker 9 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 6:40.
Second Quarter
NE—Ridley 1 run (Gostkowski kick), 10:26.
NE—Ridley 2 run (Gostkowski kick), 1:00.
Fourth Quarter
NE—Gronkowski 23 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 9:20.
A—68,756.

	Mia	NE
First downs	16	28
Total Net Yards	298	443
Rushes-yards	15-47	38-167
Passing	209	276
Comp-Att-Int	20-35-1	22-36-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	7-26	1-8
Punts	5-49.4	5-35.8
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	3-23	5-48
Time of Possession	24:22	35:38

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Miami, Bush 8-28, L.Miller 5-13, Tannehill 2-8, New England, Ridley 20-74, Vereen 8-38, Bolden 6-26, Woodhead 3-18, Welker 1-11.
PASSING—Miami, Tannehill 20-35-1-235. New England, Brady 22-36-0-284.
RECEIVING—Miami, Hartline 5-69, Binns 3-40, Matthews 3-38, Fasano 3-31, Bush 2-23, L.Miller 2-22, Lane 2-14, New England, Welker 8-94, Woodhead 5-79, Hernandez 5-44, Gronkowski 2-42, Branch 1-16, Ridley 1-9.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Miami, Kaeding 41 (WL).

CHARGERS 24, RAIDERS 21

	1	2	3	4	—
Oakland	0	7	0	14	— 21
San Diego	10	0	7	7	— 24

First Quarter
SD—Spurlock 99 kickoff return (Novak kick), 14:48.
SD—FG Novak 30, 4:11.
Second Quarter
Oak—Heyward-Bey 9 pass from Pryor (Janikowski kick), 12:11.
SD—Gates 11 pass from Rivers (Novak kick), 2:48.
Third Quarter
SD—Alexander 34 pass from Rivers (Novak kick), 4:59.
Fourth Quarter
Oak—Pryor 3 run (Janikowski kick), 7:43.
Oak—Moore 5 pass from Pryor (Janikowski kick), 1:52.
A—66,486.

	Oak	SD
First downs	17	14
Total Net Yards	265	210
Rushes-yards	29-115	31-70
Passing	150	140
Comp-Att-Int	13-28-1	13-17-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	2-11
Punts	6-46.2	6-41.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	9-67	8-60
Time of Possession	28:18	31:42

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Oakland, McFadden 19-57, Pryor 9-49, Goodson 1-9, Heyward-Bey 0-0, Moore 0-0. San Diego, Brinkley 3-10, Weddle 1-6, Rivers 3-(minus 3).
PASSING—Oakland, Pryor 13-28-1-150. San Diego, Rivers 13-17-0-140.
RECEIVING—Oakland, Streater 4-77, Myers 4-53, Heyward-Bey 2-13, McFadden 2-6, Moore 1-5. San Diego, Royal 4-61, Battle 4-31, Gates 2-15, Alexander 1-34, Spurlock 1-7, Brown 1-3.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

49ERS 27, CARDINALS 13

	1	2	3	4	—
Arizona	3	3	0	7	— 13
San Francisco	0	7	10	10	— 27

First Quarter
Ari—FG Feely 35, 5:33.
Second Quarter
Ari—FG Feely 31, 13:44.
SF—Crabtree 49 pass from Kaepernick (Akers kick), 7:20.
Third Quarter
SF—FG Akers 43, 11:07.
SF—Crabtree 7 pass from Kaepernick (Akers kick), 5:58.
Fourth Quarter
SF—Gore 2 run (Akers kick), 12:59.
SF—FG Akers 26, 9:07.
Ari—Floyd 37 pass from Hoyer (Feely kick), 1:59.
A—69,732.

	Ari	SF
First downs	11	20
Total Net Yards	262	407
Rushes-yards	17-55	37-129
Passing	207	278
Comp-Att-Int	19-34-1	17-29-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-18	1-8
Punts	6-50.8	4-46.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	5-34	3-25
Time of Possession	23:57	36:03

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Arizona, Powell 14-52, Hoyer 1-6, Stephens-Howling 1-(minus 1), Roberts 1-(minus 2). San Francisco, Gore 20-68, James 7-49, Dixon 3-6, Kaepernick 3-5, Miller 2-3, Ale.Smith 1-(minus 2).
PASSING—Arizona, Hoyer 19-34-1-225. San Francisco, Kaepernick 16-28-0-276, Ale.Smith 1-1-0-6.
RECEIVING—Arizona, Floyd 8-166, Roberts 3-18, King 3-10, Fitzgerald 2-13, Dray 1-12, Kelemete 1-10, Powell 1-(minus 4). San Francisco, Crabtree 8-172, Gore 3-21, Walker 2-50, Moss 2-28, Miller 1-6, V.Davis 1-5.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—San Francisco, Akers 44 (WL), 40 (WL).

PANTERS 44, SAINTS 38

	1	2	3	4	—
Carolina	3	10	14	17	— 44
New Orleans	0	17	7	14	— 38

First Quarter
Car—FG Gano 20, 5:41.
Second Quarter
Car—Tolbert 1 run (Gano kick), 8:18.
NO—Colston 7 pass from Brees (Hartley kick), 5:14.
NO—Vilma 18 interception return (Hartley kick), 4:31.
Car—FG Gano 31, :39.
NO—FG Hartley 53, :00.
Third Quarter
NO—Graham 19 pass from Brees (Hartley kick), 10:45.
Car—D.Williams 54 run (Gano kick), 8:48.
Car—Tolbert 1 run (Gano kick), 2:29.
Fourth Quarter
Car—Tolbert 1 run (Gano kick), 10:16.
Car—D.Williams 12 run (Gano kick), 8:23.
NO—Colston 9 pass from Brees (Hartley kick), 5:10.
Car—FG Gano 42, 4:08.
NO—Sproles 33 pass from Brees (Hartley kick), 2:52.
A—73,124.

	Car	NO
First downs	28	22
Total Net Yards	530	441
Rushes-yards	39-273	18-63
Passing	257	378
Comp-Att-Int	17-34-1	29-43-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-3	2-18
Punts	2-50.5	6-46.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-36	5-55
Time of Possession	33:55	26:05

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Carolina, D.Williams 21-210, Newton 7-34, Tolbert 10-25, LaFell 1-4. New Orleans, Ingram 10-39, Ivory 4-22, Sproles 3-1, Morgan 1-1.
PASSING—Carolina, Newton 16-33-1-245, D.Anderson 1-1-0-12. New Orleans, Brees 29-43-1-396.
RECEIVING—Carolina, LaFell 5-82, Olsen 4-43, Smith 3-73, Murphy 3-57, Tolbert 1-22. D.Williams 1-3. New Orleans, Graham 9-115, Sproles 8-79, Colston 5-52, Moore 4-121, Henderson 1-16, Morgan 1-8, Collins 1-5.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Carolina, Gano 54 (WR).

BENGALS 23, RAVENS 17

	1	2	3	4	—
Baltimore	7	0	0	10	— 17
Cincinnati	3	7	7	10	— 23

First Quarter
Bal—Allen 2 run (Tucker kick), 17.
Second Quarter
Cin—M.Jones 11 pass from Dalton (Brown kick), :39.
Third Quarter
Cin—FG Brown 47, 6:15.
Cin—FG Brown 32, 2:24.
Fourth Quarter
Bal—Taylor 1 run (Tucker kick), 12:50.
Cin—FG Brown 38, 7:16.
Cin—Dunlap 14 interception return (Brown kick), 4:56.
Bal—FG Tucker 49, 1:21.
A—61,565.

	Bal	Cin
First downs	23	9
Total Net Yards	352	189
Rushes-yards	46-206	21-47
Passing	146	142
Comp-Att-Int	19-33-1	15-26-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-37	2-1
Punts	7-36.6	7-47.1
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	10-102	4-40
Time of Possession	35:39	24:21

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Baltimore, Pierce 22-89, Taylor 9-65, Allen 10-41, Koch 1-10, Rice 3-1, T.Smith 1-(minus 4), Cincinnati, Leonard 10-34, Peerman 5-14, Dalton 2-4, Gradkowski 3-(minus 2), Herron 1-(minus 3).
PASSING—Baltimore, Taylor 15-25-1-149. Flacco 4-8-0-34. Cincinnati, Dalton 10-15-0-78, Gradkowski 5-11-0-65.
RECEIVING—Baltimore, Dickson 6-64, D.Thompson 4-26, D.Reed 3-44, J.Jones 3-36, Allen 1-7, Pierce 1-4, Leach 1-2. Cincinnati, M.Jones 4-45, Tate 3-53, Hawkins 3-18, Green 2-26, Leonard 2-1.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Baltimore, Tucker 45 (WL).

BEARS 26, LIONS 24

	1	2	3	4	—
Chicago	10	7	3	7	— 26
Detroit	3	7	7	7	— 24

First Quarter
Det—FG Hanson 44, 5:54.
Chi—Bennett 60 pass from Cutler (Mare kick), 4:33.
Chi—FG Mare 33, 2:59.
Second Quarter
Chi—Forte 1 run (Mare kick), 3:26.
Chi—FG Mare 40, 1:49.
Det—Durham 25 pass from Stafford (Hanson kick), :12.
Third Quarter
Det—Heller 10 pass from Stafford (Hanson kick), 6:31.
Chi—FG Mare 28, 1:49.
Fourth Quarter
Chi—FG Mare 20, 10:47.
Det—Robiskie 9 pass from Stafford (Hanson kick), 6:55.
A—64,451.

	Chi	Det
First downs	19	20
Total Net Yards	389	327
Rushes-yards	35-144	20-72
Passing	245	255
Comp-Att-Int	18-31-0	24-42-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-12	1-17
Punts	5-43.8	5-43.8
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	3-3
Penalties-Yards	5-35	4-29
Time of Possession	34:09	25:51

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Chicago, Forte 24-103, Cutler 5-29, Bell 4-12, Hester 1-2, Marshall 1-(minus 2). Detroit, Leshoure 15-57, Stafford 3-9, Bell 2-6.
PASSING—Chicago, Cutler 18-31-0-257. Detroit, Stafford 24-42-1-272.
RECEIVING—Chicago, Bennett 5-109, Marshall 5-42, Jeffery 4-76, Forte 2-21, Spaeth 1-7, Rodriguez 1-2. Detroit, C.Johnson 5-72, Scheffler 5-53, Leshoure 3-20, Robiskie 2-30, Heller 2-29, Bell 2-19, Pettigrew 2-11, Durham 1-25, Thomas 1-7, Chapas 1-6.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Chicago, Mare 43 (WR).

NFL Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
x-New England	12	4	0	.750	557	391	6-2-0	6-2-0	11-1-0	1-3-0	6-0-0
Miami	7	9	0	.438	282	317	5-3-0	2-6-0	5-7-0	2-2-0	3-3-0
Buffalo	6	10	0	.375	372	373	3-5-0	3-5-0	5-7-0	1-3-0	3-3-0
N.Y. Jets	6	10	0	.375	344	435	4-4-0	2-6-0	5-7-0	1-3-0	2-4-0

South

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
y-Houston	12	4	0	.750	416	331	6-2-0	6-2-0	10-2-0	2-2-0	5-1-0
x-Indianapolis	11	5	0	.688	357	357	7-1-0	4-4-0	8-4-0	3-1-0	4-2-0
Tennessee	6	10	0	.375	357	387	4-4-0	2-6-0	4-8-0	2-2-0	2-4-0
Jacksonville	2	14	0	.125	255	444	1-7-0	1-7-0	2-10-0	0-4-0	0-6-0

North

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
y-Baltimore	10	6	0	.625	398	344	6-2-0	4-4-0	8-4-0	2-2-0	4-2-0
x-Cincinnati	10	6	0	.625	391	320	4-4-0	6-2-0	7-5-0	3-1-0	3-3-0
Pittsburgh	8	8	0	.500	327	317	5-3-0	3-5-0	6-6-0	2-2-0	3-3-0
Cleveland	5	11	0	.313	302	388	4-4-0	1-7-0	4-8-0	1-3-0	2-4-0

West

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
y-Denver	13	3	0	.813	481	289	7-1-0	6-2-0	10-2-0	3-1-0	6-0-0
San Diego	7	9	0	.438	350	350	3-5-0	4-4-0	7-5-0	0-4-0	4-2-0
Oakland	4	12	0	.250	290	443	3-5-0	1-7-0	4-8-0	0-4-0	2-4-0
Kansas City	2	14	0	.125	211	425	1-7-0	1-7-0	2-10-0	0-4-0	0-6-0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
y-Washington	10	6	0	.625	436	388	5-3-0	5-3-0	8-4-0	2-2-0	5-1-0
N.Y. Giants	9	7	0	.563	429	344	6-2-0	3-5-0	8-4-0	1-3-0	3-3-0
Dallas	8	8	0	.500	376	400	5-3-0	3-5-0	6-6-0	2-2-0	3-3-0
Philadelphia	4	12	0	.250	280	444	2-6-0	2-6-0	2-10-0	2-2-0	1-5-0

South

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
y-Atlanta	13	3	0	.813	419	299	7-1-0	6-2-0	9-3-0	4-0-0	3-3-0
Carolina	7	9	0	.438	357	363	3-5-0	4-4-0	5-7-0	2-2-0	3-3-0
New Orleans	7	9	0	.438	461	454	4-4-0	3-5-0	5-7-0	2-2-0	3-3-0
Tampa Bay	7	9	0	.438	399	394	3-5-0	4-4-0	4-8-0	3-1-0	3-3-0

North

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
y-Green Bay	11	5	0	.688	436	336	7-1-0	4-4-0	8-4-0	3-1-0	5-1-0
x-Minnesota	10	6	0	.625	379	348	7-1-0	3-5-0	7-5-0	3-1-0	4-2-0
Chicago	10	6	0	.625	375	277	5-3-0	5-3-0	7-5-0	3-1-0	3-3-0
Detroit	4	12	0	.250	372	437	2-6-0	2-6-0	3-9-0	1-3-0	0-6-0

West

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
y-San Francisco	11	4	1	.719	397	273	6-1-1	5-3-0	8-3-1	3-1-0	5-1-0
x-Seattle	11	5	0	.688	412	245	8-0-0	3-5-0	8-4-0	3-1-0	4-2-0
St. Louis	7	8	1	.469	299	348	4-4-0	3-4-1	6-5-1	1-3-0	4-1-1
Arizona	5	11	0	.313	250	357	4-4-0	1-7-0	3-9-0	2-2-0	1-5-0

Playoffs
Wild-Card
Saturday
Cincinnati at Houston, 3:30 p.m. (NBC)
Minnesota at Green Bay, 7 p.m. (NBC)
Sunday, Jan. 6
Indianapolis at Baltimore, Noon (CBS)
Seattle at Washington, 3:30 p.m. (FOX)
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 12
Baltimore/Indianapolis or Cincinnati at Denver, 3:30 p.m. (CBS)
Washington/ Seattle or Green Bay at San Francisco, 7 p.m. (FOX)
Sunday, Jan. 13
Washington/ Seattle or Minnesota at Atlanta, Noon (FOX)
Baltimore/ Indianapolis or Houston at New England, 3:30 p.m. (CBS)

Sunday's Scores
Tennessee 38, Jacksonville 20
Carolina 44, New Orleans 38
Buffalo 28, N.Y. Jets 9
Cincinnati 23, Baltimore 17
Pittsburgh 24, Cleveland 10
Indianapolis 28, Houston 16
N.Y. Giants 42, Philadelphia 7
Chicago 26, Detroit 24
Tampa Bay 22, Atlanta 17
San Diego 24, Oakland 21
San Francisco 27, Arizona 13
Seattle 20, St. Louis 13
Denver 38, Kansas City 3
Minnesota 37, Green Bay 34
New England 28, Miami 0
Washington 28, Dallas 18

Monday's Game
Tennessee at Jacksonville, 7:30 p.m. (NBC)

Today's Games
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at San Diego, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Denver, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Seattle, 5:20 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 29
Buffalo 28, N.Y. Jets 9
Cincinnati 23, Baltimore 17
Pittsburgh 24, Cleveland 10
Indianapolis 28, Houston 16
N.Y. Giants 42, Philadelphia 7
Chicago 26, Detroit 24
Tampa Bay 22, Atlanta 17
San Diego 24, Oakland 21
San Francisco 27, Arizona 13
Seattle 20, St. Louis 13
Denver 38, Kansas City 3
Minnesota 37, Green Bay 34
New England 28, Miami 0
Washington 28, Dallas 18

BUCCANEERS 22, FALCONS 17

	1	2	3	4	—
Tampa Bay	3	10	9	0	— 22
Atlanta	3	0	7	7	— 17

First Quarter
TB—FG Barth 48, 6:24.
Atl—FG Bryant 28, 2:24.
Second Quarter
TB—Williams 8 pass from Freeman (Barth kick), 8:43.
TB—FG Barth 22, 3:03.
Third Quarter
TB—FG Barth 42, 10:47.
Atl—Turner 17 run (Bryant kick), 3:45.
TB—Martin 40 run (Barth kick), 1:43.
Fourth Quarter
Atl—Douglas 7 pass from Ryan (Bryant kick), 7:02.
A—69,644.

	TB	Atl
First downs	18	15
Total Net Yards	366	278
Rushes-yards	30-144	16-65
Passing	222	213
Comp-Att-Int	19-35-1	28-44-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	2-25
Punts	5-50.2	7-43.6
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	2-15	2-15
Time of Possession	32:05	27:55

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Tampa Bay, Martin 28-142, Freeman 1-1, Underwood 1-1. Atlanta, Rodgers 5-28, Turner 6-18, Ryan 2-11, Snelling 3-8.
PASSING—Tampa Bay, Freeman 19-35-1-222. Atlanta, Ryan 28-44-0-238.
RECEIVING—Tampa Bay, Williams 6-65, Martin 4-18, Jackson 3-50, Stocker 3-50, Underwood 2-27, Long 1-12. Atlanta, Rodgers 8-100, White 5-42, Gonzalez 4-41, Douglas 4-21, Jones 3-56, Snelling 2-25, Cox 1-3.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

BILLS 28, JETS 9

	1	2	3	4	—
N.Y. Jets	3	6	0	0	— 9
Buffalo	7	7	0	14	— 28

First Quarter
NYJ—FG Folk 47, 9:00.
Buf—B.Scott 20 interception return (Lindell kick), 3:34.
Second Quarter
NYJ—FG Folk 23, 10:54.
NYJ—FG Folk 28, 3:49.
Buf—Spiller 66 pass from Fitz

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COWBOYS

From 1C

in a row, sweeping the Cowboys in the process for the first time since 2005.

The loss also marked Dallas' third playoffs-or-bust loss in a regular-season finale in five years. Last season, Dallas got blown out by the New York Giants to also finish at .500.

With his team nursing a 21-18 lead, Redskins linebacker Rob Jackson made a diving interception of an ill-advised Romo pass intended for Kevin Ogletree in the flats. Pressured by 37-year-old Washington linebacker London Fletcher, Romo threw off his back foot, hanging the ball just enough for Jackson to make the grab.

Romo hung his head after the mistake and walked slowly off the field. After sitting down on the bench, he stared at the ground while rubbing his hand over his face and spitting repeatedly.

Six plays later, rookie Alfred Morris' 1-yard plunge with 1:09 left, sealed the Cowboys fate. Repeatedly gashing the Cowboys injury-decimated defense on a cold, clear night, the rookie finished with 200 yards and three TDs on 33 carries.

Dallas entered the game with a 3-1 December record thanks largely to Romo's outstanding play, which included throwing 10 TD passes and one interception. But instead of shining in what was arguably the biggest game of his career, he threw two interceptions in the first quarter and never seemed to find his footing against a defense that blitzed him heavily and sacked him twice.

Romo is 1-5 in elimination games. Since 2000, Dallas is 2-10 in season finales, including 1-5 with Romo running the huddle.

"Well, he played really well a lot in a lot of big games in his career," Cowboys coach Jason Garrett said of Romo, who was 20 of 37 for 218 yards with two TDs. "And there were a couple of critical games toward the end of this year and we didn't get it done as a football team and Tony is certainly a part of that.

"We just have to try to get better. We have to try to get ourselves in this position again."

The Redskins' ground-oriented game plan stood in sharp contrasted to their bombs-away approach in beating Dallas' 38-31 on Thanksgiving behind rookie quarterback Robert Griffin III passing for 311 yards and four TDs.

This time around, Griffin was 9 of 18 for 100 yards, although he did shake off a lingering knee injury to rush for 63 yards and a TD on six attempts.

"It's awesome," Griffin said of Morris' big game. "If teams are going to try to take me away, he makes them pay every time without a doubt."

A sixth-round pick, Morris finished the season with a Redskins' record 1,613 yards.

"They brought a lot of pressure that they disguised and their over-aggressiveness worked against them," Morris said. "They overpursued and I used a lot of cutbacks. It worked out perfectly."

Washington took a 21-10 lead with 10:32 left on Morris' 32-yard jaunt, but the Cowboys got a spark with about six minutes left when Dwayne Harris returned a punt 39 yards and drew a 15-yard facemask penalty against Redskins' punter Sav Rocca.

Three plays later, Dallas pulled within 21-18 on a 10-yard pass from Romo to Kevin Ogletree and a two-point conversion pass from Romo to Harris.

Dallas played without six key defenders, all on injured reserve. Several other players were injured during the game, including wide receivers Miles Austin (leg) and Dez Bryant (back).

REDSKINS 28, COWBOYS 18

Dallas	0	7	0	11	—18
Washington	0	7	7	14	—28

Second Quarter

Dal—Witten 9 pass from Romo (Bailey kick), 7:59.

Was—Morris 17 run (Forbath kick), 3:28.

Third Quarter

Was—Griffin III 10 run (Forbath kick), 3:10.

Fourth Quarter

Dal—FG Bailey 48, 14:09.

Was—Morris 32 run (Forbath kick), 10:32.

Dal—Ogletree 10 pass from Romo (Harris pass from Romo), 5:50.

Was—Morris 1 run (Forbath kick), 1:09.

A—82,845.

First downs	Dal	Was
Total Net Yards	24	24
Rushes-yards	296	361
Passing	22-100	42-274
Comp-Att-Int	196	67
Sacked-Yards Lost	20-37-3	9-18-0
Punts	2-22	1-13
Fumbles-Lost	4-41.5	5-41.4
Penalties-Yards	0-0	1-0
Time of Possession	1-6	2-20
	26:34	33:26

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Dallas, Murray 17-76. F.Jones 5-24. Washington, Morris 33-200, Griffin III 6-63, Royster 2-9, Moss 1-2.

PASSING—Dallas, Romo 20-37-3-218. Washington, Griffin III 9-18-0-100.

RECEIVING—Dallas, Witten 7-56, Bryant 4-71, Hanna 3-20, Ogletree 2-25, Harris 1-25, Vickers 1-11, Murray 1-6, F.Jones 1-4. Washington, Garcon 3-46, Moss 2-22, Morris 2-12, Hankerson 1-12, Paulsen 1-8.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Washington, Forbath 37 (WR).

TODAY'S BOWL GAMES

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MUSIC CITY BOWL
North Carolina State (7-5) vs. Vanderbilt (8-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
At LP Field, Nashville, Tenn.
Line: Vanderbilt by 7 1/2
Series Record: Vanderbilt 1-0.

WHAT'S AT STAKE

Vanderbilt can beat a team with a winning record and notch program's first nine-win season since 1915. The Commodores come in with a six-game winning streak that is longest in Southeastern Conference going into bowl season. N.C. State can make up for a season that cost coach Tom O'Brien his job by winning its third straight bowl and sixth in seven bowls.

FACTS & FIGURES

N.C. State won two of its final three to become bowl eligible. ... N.C. State is one of only 12 teams to win back-to-back bowls, and this is the Wolfpack's 27th postseason game. ... This is the Wolfpack's third bowl in the state of Tennessee. ... Offensive coordinator Dana Bible is interim head coach. ... Wolfpack CB David Amerson has led the ACC in interceptions each of the past two years, and N.C. State is 12-2 when he has an interception, including 5-0 this season. ... The Wolfpack have started six different lineups on the offensive line because of injuries. ... N.C. State gave up 14.3 points per game at home this season but allowed an average of 34.8 points on the road. ... This is just Vanderbilt's sixth bowl game all-time, but the Commodores are in their second straight for the first time in school history. ... Vanderbilt won its last appearance in the Music City Bowl in 2008, beating Boston College 16-14. ... Vanderbilt's losses all came to teams currently ranked in the Top 25. ... Vanderbilt WRs Jordan Matthews and Chris Boyd are the SEC's top receiving duo, averaging 168.2 yards. ... The Commodores scored 40 or more points in five different games, the most since 1915 for this program. ... Vanderbilt outscored opponents 352-219, just the 12th time since 1948 the Commodores have outscored their opponents for the season. The 133-point differential is the second-largest since World War II.

SUN BOWL
Southern California (7-5) vs. Georgia Tech (6-7), 1 p.m. (CBS)
At Sun Bowl Stadium, El Paso
Line: USC by 7 1/2
Series Record: USC leads 2-1

WHAT'S AT STAKE

For a team coming off a two-year bowl ban and which entered the season ranked No. 1, the Sun Bowl is a consolation prize for USC. And it will have to play without QB Matt Barkley, who is out with a shoulder injury. But as much as the Trojans want to get a win, Georgia Tech may actually be the more desperate team. The Yellow Jackets are bowl eligible for the 16th consecutive season (the fourth-longest such streak in the country), but they've lost their last seven bowl games, including a 30-27 overtime loss to Utah in last year's Sun Bowl.

FACTS & FIGURES

Neither team is ranked in either of the Top 25 polls. ... Georgia Tech has a sub-.500 record and got into the Sun Bowl only after being granted a special waiver by the NCAA; Tech finished third in the ACC's Coastal Conference, but North Carolina was ineligible to play in the conference's title game and Miami has a self-imposed bowl ban this year and was ineligible for postseason play, pushing the Yellow Jackets into the ACC title game as the Coastal Division champion by default and a 21-15 loss to Florida State. ... Both teams enter the game on two-game losing streaks. ... The last meeting between the teams was 1973, a 23-6 USC win, and they've never met in a bowl game. ... Both teams have played in the Sun Bowl twice (USC is 0-2, GT is 1-1). ... USC defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin is coaching his final game. ... Georgia Tech junior LB Jeremiah Attaochu is among the nation's leaders with nine sacks ... OL Omoregie Uzzi of Georgia Tech was a first team all-ACC pick ... DT Leonard Williams of USC was the Pac-12 defensive freshman of the Year. DE Morgan Breslin is No. 7 in the nation with 10 sacks.

LIBERTY BOWL
Iowa State (6-6) vs. Tulsa (10-3), 2:30 p.m. EST (ESPN)
At Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium, Memphis, Tenn.
Line: Iowa State by 1
Series record: Iowa State leads 2-0

WHAT'S AT STAKE

Tulsa is trying to avenge a 38-23 loss at Iowa State on Sept. 1 in the season opener. The two schools also will meet at Tulsa in the fourth week of the 2013 season. A victory would give Iowa State its first winning season since 2009. The Cyclones went 5-7 in 2010 and 6-7 in 2011. Tulsa could match a school record by earning its 11th win of the season. The Golden Hurricane went 11-3 in 2008.

FACTS & FIGURES

Iowa State set a school attendance record this year by averaging 55,274 fans per home game. The Cyclones sold nearly 14,000 Liberty Bowl tickets. ... Iowa State SS Durrell Givens has six fumble recoveries and three interceptions this season, giving him a share of the NCAA lead in takeaways. ... Singleton set a school single-season scoring record this year with 132 points. He has 21 touchdown runs and one touchdown catch. ... Tulsa DE Cory Dorris has seven career blocked kicks. ... Iowa State is 21-1 during Paul Rhoads' four-year tenure when it holds teams below 24 points. The Cyclones are just 3-25 under Rhoads when they give up at least 24 points. ... Watts ranks eighth in the nation in kickoff return average (29.6) and 12th in all-purpose yardage (161.8). ... In the weeks leading up to Monday's rematch, Iowa State CB Jeremy Reeves said he learned from his stepfather that he and Tulsa LB DeAundre Brown are cousins.

CHICK-FIL-A BOWL
No. 9 LSU (10-2) vs. No. 14 Clemson (10-2), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)
At Georgia Dome, Atlanta.
Line: LSU by 6.
Series Record: LSU leads 2-0.

WHAT'S AT STAKE

Clemson is trying to reach 11 wins for only the fourth time in school history and the first time since a 12-0 finish in its 1981 national championship season. LSU, which one year ago was preparing for the national championship game, is hoping for a top-five finish and to close with four straight wins after its 21-17 loss to Alabama on Nov. 3.

FACTS & FIGURES

The Atlantic Coast Conference and Southeastern Conference are 10-10 in the annual game. ... LSU is 36-1 in non-conference games since 2005, with the one loss coming against Penn State in the 2010 Capital One Bowl. ... LSU running backs have a streak of 271 carries without a fumble since two against Towson on Sept. 29. ... LSU is 9-1 all-time in the Georgia Dome, including four wins in the SEC championship game, four wins in the Chick-fil-A Bowl and a season-opening win over North Carolina in 2010. Les Miles' 5-2 bowl record at LSU includes a 2-0 mark in the Chick-fil-A Bowl. ... Clemson needs 25 points to break Florida State's ACC record of 532 points in 1995. ... Boyd is tied with former N.C. State star Philip Rivers' 2003 ACC record of 34 touchdown passes in a season. Boyd has 10 more TD passes than Manziel and 20 more than Heisman runner-up Collin Klein. ... LSU is Clemson's highest-ranked bowl opponent since Clemson beat No. 6 Tennessee in Atlanta in the 2003 season, when the game was called the Peach Bowl. ... Clemson leads the nation with 49 pass plays of at least 25 yards. ... Clemson's Brandon Ford has eight TD catches, the second-highest total for tight ends in the nation, behind the 10 by Marshall's Gator Haskins.

TCU

From 1C

wear the Horned Frogs down in the second half, leading the Spartans on the longest drive in their bowl history in the third quarter, a 90-yard march that set up freshman Connor Cook's 15-yard touchdown pass to Aaron Burbridge.

Michigan State then recovered a muffed punt by TCU's Skye Dawson at the 4-yard line midway through the fourth quarter and Bell scored two plays later by racing around left end for a 14-13 lead.

TCU (7-6) still had a little life after blowing the halftime lead, moving just far enough to set up Jaden Oberkrom for the longest field goal in the bowl's history, a 53-yarder that put the Horned Frogs up 16-14 with 2:42 left.

They left Michigan State just a little too much time.

Starting at their own 25-yard line, the Spartans moved 45 yards in eight plays, setting up Conroy for his second game-winner in a bowl after beating Georgia with a 28-yarder in the third overtime of the 2012 Outback Bowl.

Michigan State's defense held after that, sending the Spartans to their second straight bowl win after three consecutive losses.

"With so many close games and losing like we did during the season, to have one go our way was definitely sweet," Conroy said.

TCU and Michigan State came to the desert with an awful lot of similarities.

The biggest difference between the teams was Bell.

The junior was third nationally with 137.3 yards rushing per game and had 1,648 on the season, second-most in Michigan State history and 242 fewer than TCU had as a team.

Early on, the Horned Frogs gave him nowhere to go.

Filling holes inside and stringing plays out toward the sidelines, TCU stuffed the bruising Bell on nearly every touch, holding him to 38 yards on 11 carries in the first half.

MICHIGAN ST. 17, TCU 16

TCU	7	6	0	3	—16
Michigan St.	0	0	7	10	—17

First Quarter

TCU—Tucker 4 run (Oberkrom kick), 5:45.

Second Quarter

TCU—FG Oberkrom 47, 13:25.

TCU—FG Oberkrom 31, 8:18.

Third Quarter

MSU—Burbridge 15 pass from Cook (Conroy kick), :34.

Fourth Quarter

MSU—Bell 4 run (Conroy kick), 7:00.

TCU—FG Oberkrom 53, 2:42.

MSU—FG Conroy 47, 1:01.

A—44,617.

	TCU	MSU
First downs	13	13
Rushes-yards	30-87	42-123
Passing	201	104
Comp-Att-Int	13-29-1	11-27-0
Return Yards	10	29
Punts-Avg	7-39.3	11-43.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	5-39	7-72
Time of Possession	26:57	33:03

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—TCU, Boykin 13-37, Tucker 8-28, Catalon 7-20, S.Dawson 1-2. Team 1-0. Michigan St, Bell 32-145, Cook 3-0, Hill 1-minus 1), Team 1-minus 2, Maxwell 5-minus 19).

PASSING—TCU, Boykin 13-29-1-201. Michigan St, Maxwell 6-15-0-28, Cook 4-11-0-47, Bell 1-1-0-29.

RECEIVING—TCU, Boyce 5-91, L.Brown 2-34, B.Carter 2-11, Tucker 2-0, Listenbee 1-59. C.White 1-6. Michigan St, D.Sawson 3-24, Burbridge 3-22, Bell 2-13, Hammock 1-29, Luppett 1-12, Mumphery 1-4.

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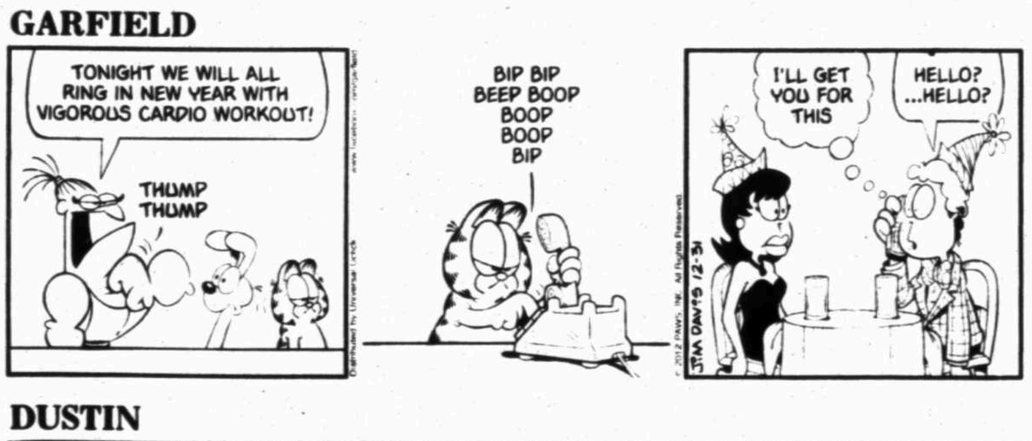
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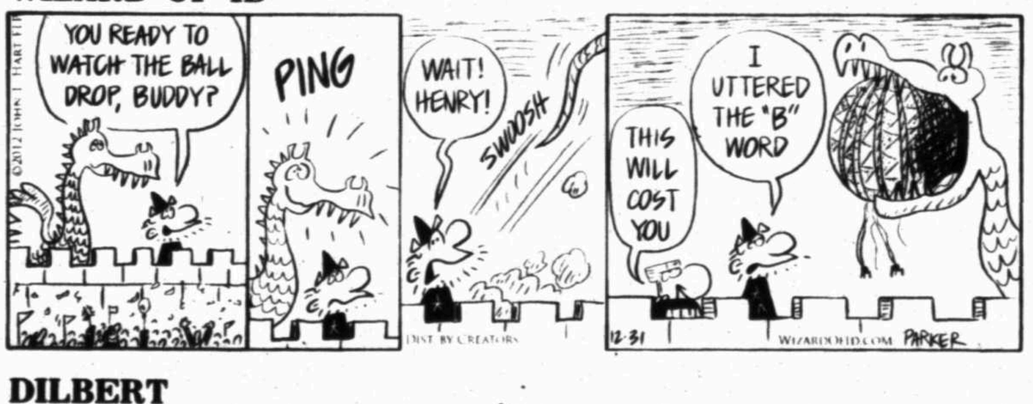
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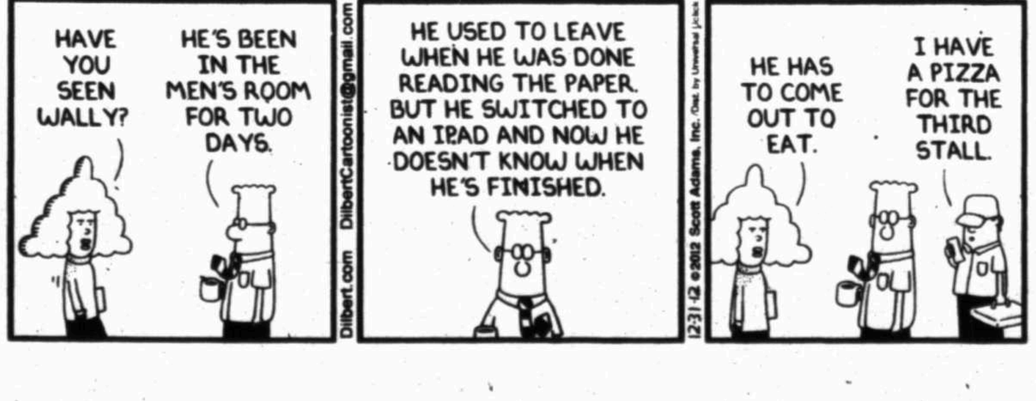
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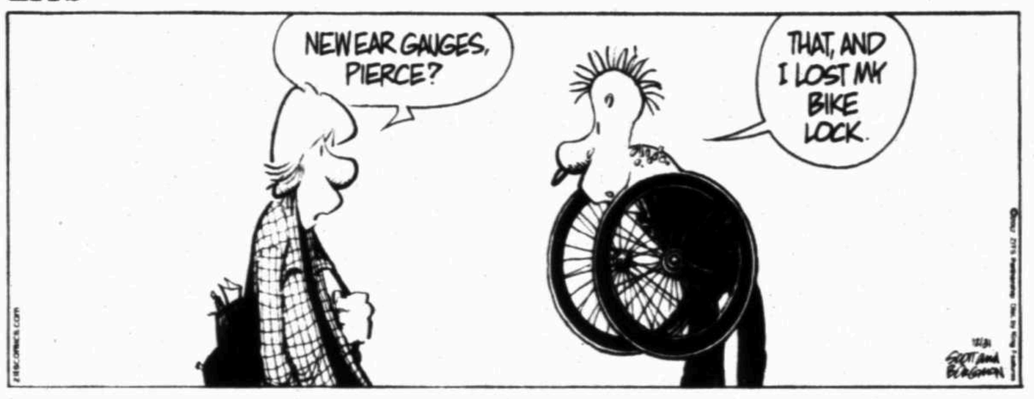
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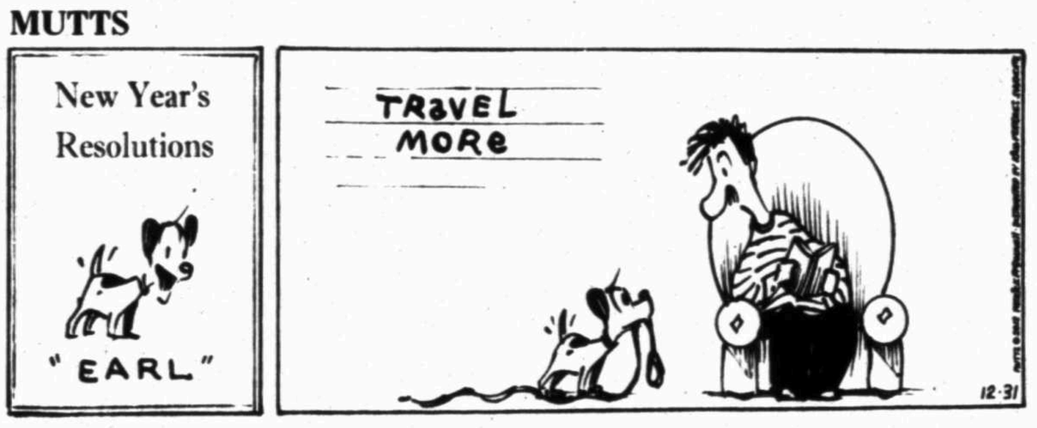
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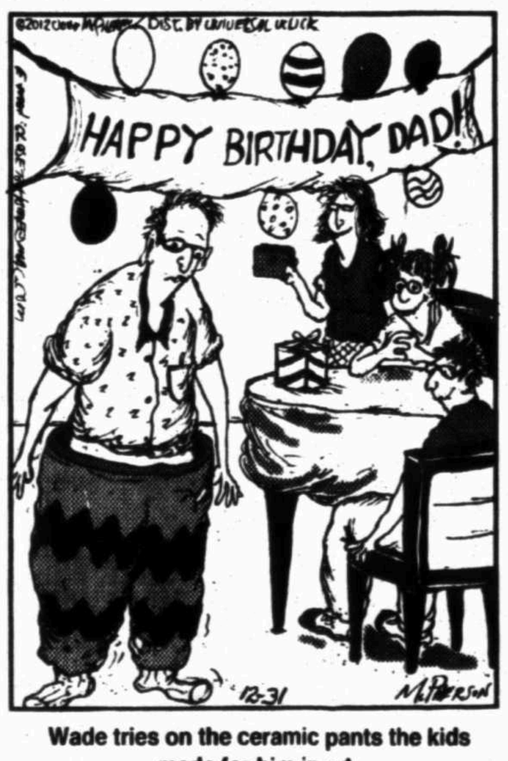
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WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny High: 47 Low: 28

Local forecast

Expect cloudy skies that will become sunny today, with a high around 59 and southwest winds between 5 and 10 mph becoming west 20 to 30 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph. There is a 90 percent chance of precipitation. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 31 and west winds around 10 mph.

Tuesday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 46 and north winds between 5 and 10 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies at night, with a low around 26 and north winds around 5 mph.

Wednesday, the forecast calls for mostly sunny skies during the day, mostly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 47 and a low around 26.

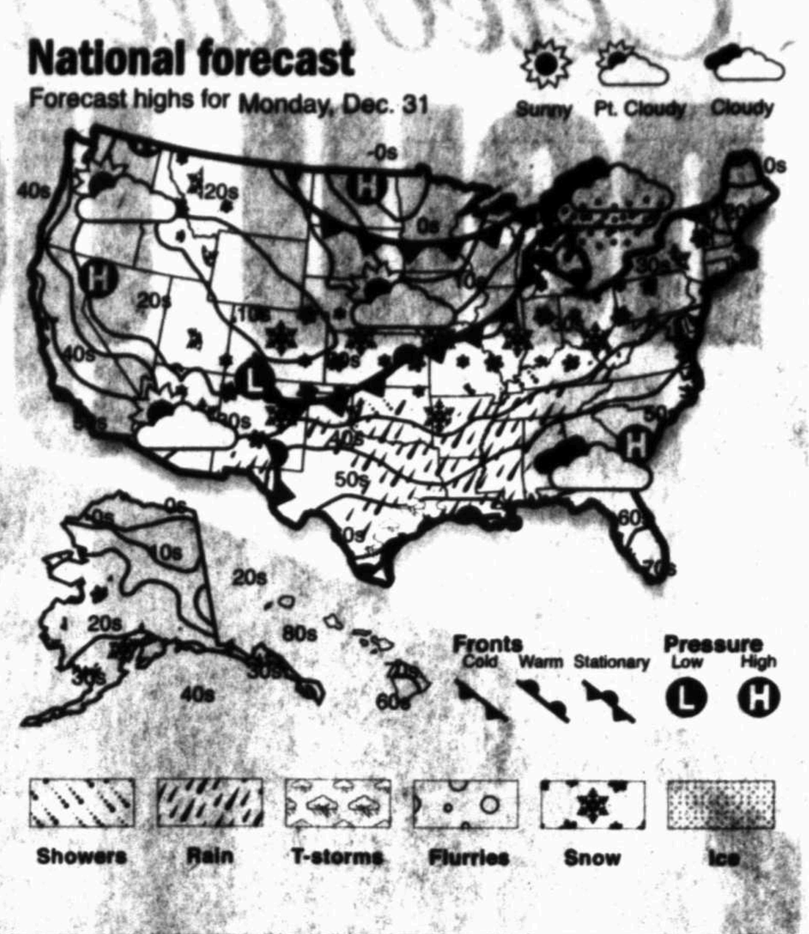
The high on Sunday reached 49, while the low dropped to 18. The record high for Dec. 30 is 77 set in 1945. The record low is 9 set in 1983 and 1939.

National forecast

Much of the area from the Gulf Coast to the Atlantic Seaboard will be dry today. High pressure just east of the Carolinas will be in control with sun for most coastal locations.

Farther northwest, cold air will push eastward over the northern Plains.





Precipitation

Saturday	0.00 in.
Sunday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	12.72 in.
Normal total (year to date)	14.57 in.

Sunday's temperatures

High	49
Low	18
Normal high	57
Normal low	30
Sunrise	7:49 a.m.
Sunset	5:55 p.m.

Rules of the road apply to all drivers — even you!

DEAR ABBY



Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: I am a professional driver. Please allow me to offer some advice to everyone I share the road with:

(1) Please do not honk or display obscene gestures because I am driving the speed limit. It's not my fault that you're late.

(2) Please don't pass me on the right, using the curb lane, parking lane, bike lane or sidewalk. It's dangerous for me, for you, and for anyone who happens to be in those lanes legally.

(3) Please obey the stop signs, stoplights, yield signs and other signs on the road. They're there to protect people.

(4) Please put down that breakfast sandwich, cup of coffee, lunch or dinner. If you're that hungry, pull over to eat.

(5) Please turn off your cellphones while driving. Whatever it is, it can wait. And if it can't, you have no business being behind the wheel.

(6) If you must discipline your children, please pull over to do it. I have seen drivers wrap their vehicles around trees and lampposts because they had turned around to talk to their child.

I drive more than 1,000 miles a week, and I see more accidents than most will in a lifetime. Many of them could have been avoided simply by paying attention to the road. If you choose to ignore this advice, I can pretty much guarantee that you will injure, or possibly kill, someone eventually. If my letter prevents just one fatality, then it was well worth the time it took to write it. — MILWAUKEE MILE MAN

DEAR MILE MAN: Thank you for taking the time to write. As both a driver and a passenger, I have seen some frightening near-misses because drivers chose to ignore speed limits and run stop signs and stoplights. Usually the infractions are caused less because of thoughtlessness than by rudeness and an attitude that the rules of the road apply to everyone else. And please don't think that automobile drivers are the only transgressors, because I have seen bikers and cyclists do some of the same things.

DEAR ABBY: Why do some people think it's acceptable to tuck in the tag on my shirt? It's bad enough when my mother does it, but I have had acquaintances and even strangers do it without asking.

I said something the last time it happened, and the woman had the gall to take offense! All I said was, "Please don't!" Am I wrong? — PLEASE DON'T IN TEXAS

DEAR PLEASE DON'T: I'm sure there are various reasons why people try to tuck in an errant tag — or remove a piece of lint — from a stranger's clothing. I suspect they range from attempting to be helpful, to impulsiveness to compulsive behavior. However, because what the woman did made you uncomfortable, you were right to tell her that you didn't like it. She should have asked before touching a stranger because many people are sensitive to any breach of their personal space.

CONFIDENTIAL TO MY READERS: If you are partying tonight to celebrate the arrival of the new year, please don't drink and drive. Make sure you have a designated driver. I wish you all a happy, healthy, prosperous 2013! — LOVE, ABBY

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — As South, vulnerable, you hold: ♠ A K 8 6 5 2 ♡ A Q J ◇ 9 5 4 ♣ 7
The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	2♡	Pass

What do you bid now?

A — We know many players rebid a six-card major regardless of the rest of the hand, and indeed that would be our choice had the heart and diamond holdings been reversed. But we think that a holding of three of the top honors in partner's suit is too strong to suppress, and our choice would be three hearts.

Q 2 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold: ♠ K J 9 3 ♡ Q 9 5 4 2 ◇ Void ♣ A 9 6 3
The bidding has proceeded:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♡	2◇	Pass	?

What action do you take?

A — If you were even contemplating bidding no-trump, where is your source of tricks? The general rule with a misfit is to get out of the auction as soon as possible, so pass and hope that your scattered values are enough for partner to scramble eight tricks.

Q 3 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold: ♠ A Q 9 6 5 2 ♡ K J 9 5 ◇ 6 ♣ A 9
The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass

What do you bid now?

A — If you are among those who always rebid a six-card major, you have no problem. We prefer trying to distinguish between minimum opening bids and better holdings. We think this virtually all prime hand with 14 high-card points and the ace in responder's suit is better than minimum, so we would rebid two hearts.

Q 4 — Vulnerable, as South, you hold: ♠ 8 ♡ A 10 9 ◇ A Q 7 6 3 ♣ K Q 9 8
The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1◇	1♠	2♡	Pass

What do you bid now?

A — Your hand is too good for an immediate heart raise. Bid three clubs and, should partner then take a preference to diamonds, jump to four hearts to pinpoint your singleton spade.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Dec. 31, 2012:

This year you enjoy relating on a one-on-one level. Though you love to socialize, you also appreciate the exchange that goes on just between two people. If you are single, you attract people from out of the blue and in odd situations. Others generally see you as being touchy and perhaps even somewhat volatile this year. You don't tolerate the same behavior from others, so ask yourself why you act this way. If you are attached, the two of you love going on getaways together. Make sure you plan plenty of them. LEO understands you perhaps better than you understand yourself!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Your imagination dominates most situations. Do not sit on your anger; otherwise, sarcasm and harsh words might fly out of your mouth. Only by having calm discussions and expressing a lot of caring can you patch up the situation. Tonight: Express your anger effectively.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Decide to make New Year's plans that involve having a party at your house. It's OK if this is a last-minute decision. Invite your favorite neighbors and friends over to join in the fun. With good vibes around you, you'll start the new year off on the right note. Tonight: Anchor in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Make calls early in the day. You could wonder where a situation ends and/or begins. Does it make that much of a difference? Stay present. You will find that you can enjoy yourself even in a difficult situation. Tonight: If you haven't made your resolutions yet, do it now.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Help a friend let go of a difficult year. Your caring is appreciated by this person, but be careful, as a loved one could become jealous as a result. Remember your sweetie and how important your bond is. Tonight: Ring in the new year by hugging the one you love.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You know what to do. You feel it in your bones as you go off to wish people a Happy New Year. A spontaneous decision to visit a friend in the early afternoon could set off the celebrations. Tonight: Nobody likes the snap, crackle and pop of a party more than you do!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★ Make it OK to decline an invitation to a celebration. You'll perk up after having the right conversation with a friend. Your nurturing qualities start to emerge, and once more, you are beaming. A long-overdue chat with someone makes you smile. Tonight: Get into the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Your smile tells everyone how you feel. You sense that the new year will be a good one, and you're probably right. Where the parties are and where your friends are is where you want to be. Even with your sweetie, you still gravitate to crowds. Tonight: Cheer in the new year.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You make a great leader, which is fortunate, as that is your role. Friends and acquaintances seem to be scattered until you set the mood. Be sure to share your New Year's resolutions with someone who cares deeply. Tonight: Pop a bottle of bubbly at just the right moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone at a distance. This person offers you a different perspective. Simply by speaking to him or her, you will be taken to a whole other intellectual realm. Detach, and you'll see life through new eyes. Tonight: When New Year's rolls in, think of a wish.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You will be happiest relating to others individually. You might not be up for superficiality at this point. The intensity between you and a friend occupies your thoughts. Deal with an unexpected development on the homefront. Tonight: Togetherness and New Year's go together.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You can sit back and relax. You might want to take a nap or clean out a drawer in order to start fresh for the new year. In any case, you won't be alone for any length of time, as friends surround you. Tonight: Pop some bubbly, make resolutions and greet the new year in style.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ You might be stuck playing the role of host or hostess for the night, even if it's not at your own celebration. Pick up an item you have wanted today. Start your new year off with something new. Do not swallow your anger. Tonight: Be a role model. Live it up!

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BORN TODAY

Actor Val Kilmer (1959), actor Anthony Hopkins (1937), singer/songwriter John Denver (1943)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Elementary lessons
5 When Juliet drinks the potion
10 Sailing or whaling
14 "Sommersby" actor Richard
15 Thérèse's thanks
16 Hot streak
17 Now and then
19 Ye __ Tea Shoppe
20 Ratio phrase
21 Quick look
23 Apt coolers
24 Bumped into
27 One of 100 members of Cong.
28 Repairman's initial fig.
29 Young socialite
30 Pre-med subj.
32 Game with sharp projectiles
34 Siouan speakers
36 Dutch Renaissance humanist
39 Lived in by the seller
43 One more
44 Botch
46 Dance movements
49 Fly in the ointment
51 Eclectic musician Brian
52 Like the Oz woodsman
53 Baseball arbiter
56 "Xanadu" rock gp.
57 Shares an email with
58 Vinaigrette dressing ingredient
61 After the buzzer
63 '70s Russian gymnast Korbut
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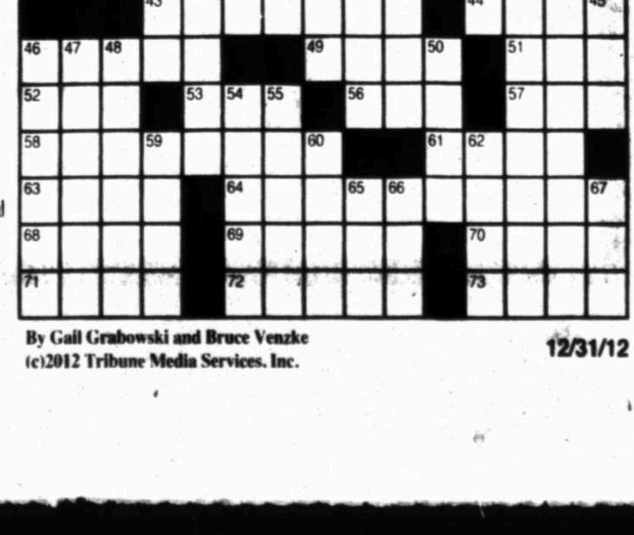
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2 Treat with courtesy
3 Medieval arrow shooter
4 Religious offshoot
5 GP's gp.
6 These, to Thérèse
7 Duo plus one
8 Computer symbols
9 Immortal coach Lombardi
10 Buck suffix
11 Crossword fan
12 Sibling who usually baby-sits other siblings
13 Tips off
18 Unresponsive state
22 Ultimately become
23 Big fuss
25 Juan's January
26 Mystic's deck
31 RPM gauges
33 "I highly doubt that!"
35 Lose one's cool
37 Play division
38 Picture on a ceiling
40 Happen next
41 Course that's not required
42 Quaint headgear for a class clown
45 Red Sox home: Abbr.
46 Unwitting victim
47 Rudder control
48 Puzzle
50 Game with holes
54 Frames of mind
55 Turn on an axis
59 Seemingly endless
60 Volcanic flow
62 Some
65 Drumstick, e.g.
66 Surg. facilities
67 Tonsillitis M.D.

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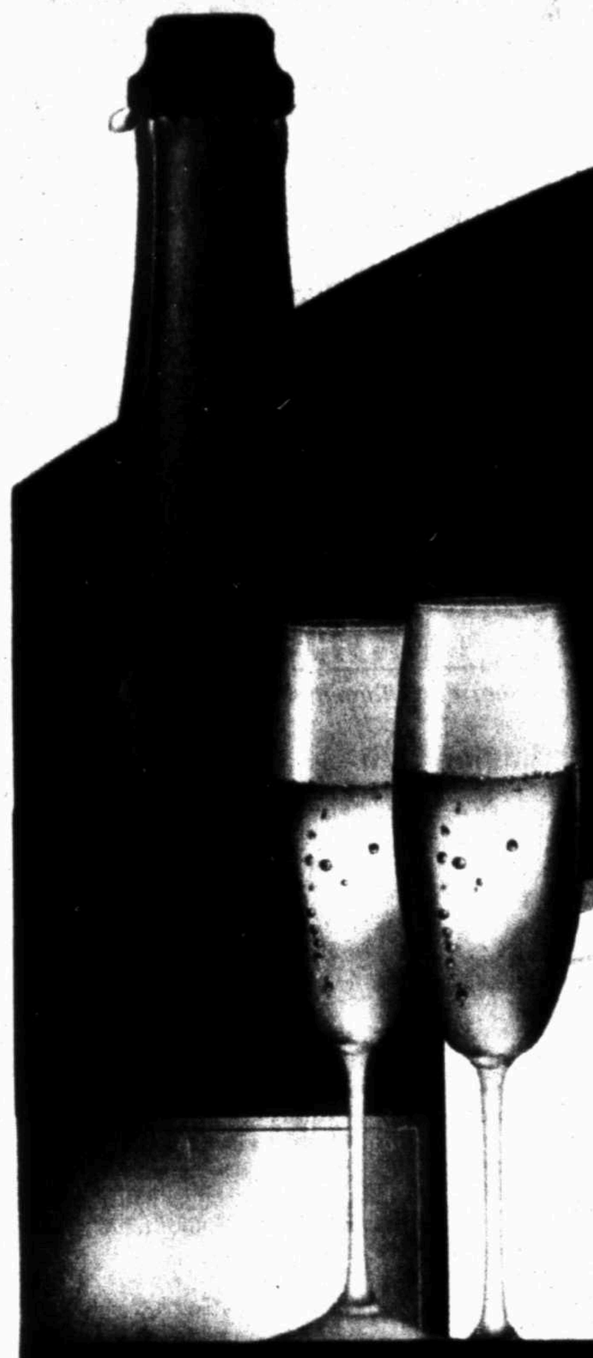
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URV1 RA Jones - 1978 Dodge Ram Vin # A10BF85299263
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D004 Alan Brooks - Piano, Toys, & Misc. Items
N012 Patsy Ford - Shelf, Headboard, & misc. Items
S020 Phyllis Dunn - T.V., Mattress, and Misc. Items
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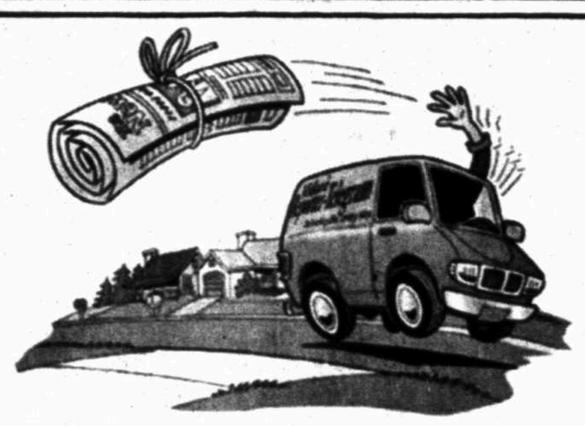
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