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Cold weather brings harsh conditions to some

Homeless suffer during holiday weekend's hard freeze

By Sara Higgins
Staff Writer

A handful of men and women huddled together outside a homeless shelter Sunday morning on what meteorologists said was the coldest front Midland has experienced this season.

Sunday marked Midland's second hard freeze this fall, meaning the temperature dipped below 30 degrees or spent more than three hours in the 30-32 range, according to Ryan Barnes, Midland/Odessa National Weather Service meteorologist. The first occured Nov. 3, with temperatures dipping down to 30 degrees. Such temperatures may kill vegetation or be dangerous for outdoor pets and plants, Barnes said.

The coldest temperature Sunday was 25 degrees at 7:23 a.m., shortly after those staying at the Salvation Army are asked to leave upon finishing their breakfasts, a worker there confirmed of the policy.

Temporary residents of the organization's housing units were hit doubly hard this weekend, as many of the usual daytime reprieves from the cold, such as the Midland County Library, were closed for Thanksgiving.

"Where are we supposed to go?" said Kristin Hanne. "We have nowhere to go."

Hanne waited with a handful of people outside the Salvation Army Sunday afternoon, waiting for it to open for dinner at 5 p.m. She wore a jacket over her sweatshirt, a beanie and tennis shoes. Her hands flipped through the pages of a Christian book as she recalled losing her apartment two months ago.

"Our main concern right now is staying warm," she said.

Respite for those waiting in the cold came that morning in the curbside donations dropped off, including three couches and a recliner. The men and women sat on the furniture in a line facing the street. Different experiences have brought them together — disability, prison, poverty — now they work as a unit to stay warm.

"We huddle up and try to stick together," said Hanne. "We bond in this situation quickly."

Sandra Smith, who rooms with Hanne at the Salvation Army, said she stayed in the post office for warmth Sunday. She's been at the organization for one month, and talks excitedly about getting a job during the holiday season.

The recent strong cold front in Midland is because of a major storm system that is currently moving into the Mississippi Valley region, Barnes said. Once it passed through this area, dry air near the surface and low dew points settled in over the Trans-Pecos region. Another strong front will move in late tonight or early Tuesday morning, bringing more dry air and low temperatures in the 20s Tuesday night.

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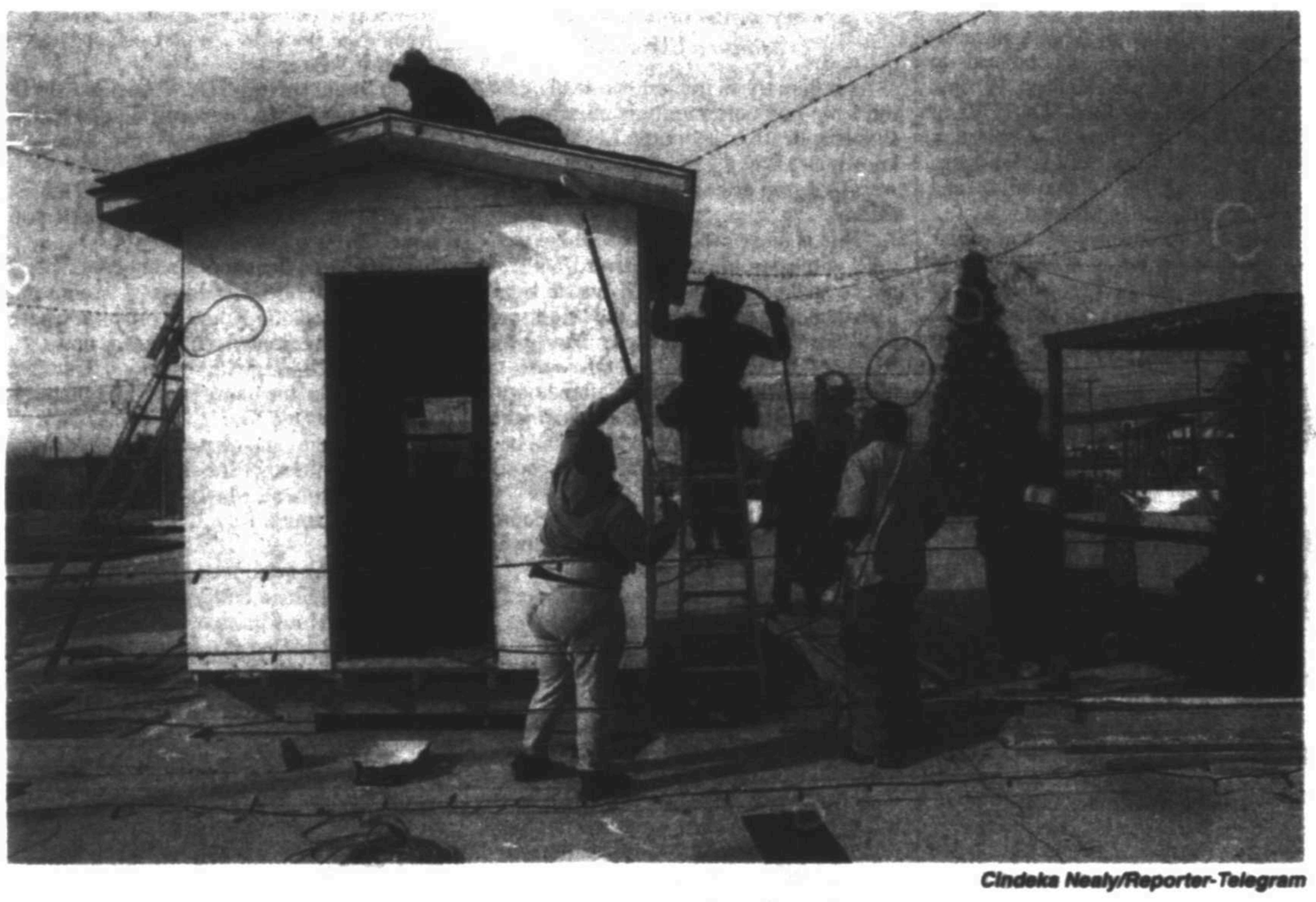

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Greater Ideal Baptist Church members brave the wind and cold as they work Saturday afternoon preparing the Winter Wonderland Village for the 4th annual Miracle on Tyler Street. Miracle on Tyler Street started as an outreach of Greater Ideal Baptist Church. The Rev. George Bell said Greater Ideal's Family Life Center had hosted a school supply giveaway in the fall of 2008 and ran short after 500 kids showed up rather than the 300 they'd anticipated. Wanting to make it up to the families he'd had to send away that day, Bell said they started planning a Christmas event. The outreach has grown into a citywide initiative that's also supported by Stonegate Fellowship and numerous other churches, as well as community members who say they just wanted to get involved.

Motorcyclist critical after flipping into ditch

From staff reports

A Midland man was sent to the hospital in critical condition after landing his motorcycle in a concrete ditch Sunday afternoon, according to officials.

Shane White, 43, was traveling southbound on the service road of Business 20 at 2:11 p.m. when he lost control of his silver 2008 Harley Davidson near Loop 250, according to Tasa Watts, city of Midland public information officer.

> "Shane White, 43, was traveling southbound on the service road of Business 20 at 2:11 p.m. when he lost control of his silver 2008 Harley Davidson near Loop 250.

White passed over the curb, hit some debris and flipped his bike, landing in a concrete ditch, she said.

White was not wearing a helmet at the time of the accident, Watts said, and speed is considered a likely factor in his loss of control.

He was listed in critical but stable condition at Midland Memorial Hospital Sunday evening.

Protests growing over policy to kill feral animals in Big Bend

By John MacCormack
San Antonio Express-News

ALPINE — While it wasn't exactly Occupy Wall Street, the indignation and hyperbolic class rhetoric sounded quite familiar when local residents met here recently to protest the killing of wild burros at the Big Bend Ranch State Park.

"The 1 percent are dictating policy, which is for the bighorn sheep. The 99 percent, the average people going to that park, are never going to see a sheep," said Marjorie Farabee, founder of the Wild Burro Protection League.

"I'm challenging people to go down there with a long lens and take pictures of them shooting the burros. It's gonna be a human shield," she said.

A recent town hall meeting at the old Granada Theater, complete with a live burro foal out front, drew about three dozen people and several out-of-state burro experts. Officials from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department did not attend.

The meeting was called in reaction to a state policy of eradicating migratory feral burros on the 315,000 acre park, in part to make life easier for the bighorn sheep, a long absent species that was reintroduced last year.

The elusive, curly-horned sheep are a highly prized game animal. The burros, on the other hand, are non-native animals, like wild hogs, and thus, have no place at the park, according to state policy.

"Our policy is to try and eliminate all non-native species to the extent possible. Whether that happens through lethal removal or trapping and putting them up for adoption is fine with us," said Kevin Good, special assistant to Brent Leisure, director of state parks.

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Cheyenne Rondeaux relaxes on the back of Penny, a rescued burro, Oct. 13 at Rachael Waller's ranch in Alpine. Texas park rangers are trying to wipe out hundreds of free-roaming donkeys in Big Bend Ranch State Park along the U.S. — Mexico border, killing nearly 130 to date, stirring up a whole new kind of border-crosser controversy.

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GOP Latinos

As more Latino Republicans form and win elections, the GOP's long-time approach to immigration is being tested. Some Latino activists, a reaction exists among some Republicans concerned about views on immigration.

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Obituaries

Debra Lynn Webb

Debra Lynn Webb - Stout went home to be with the Lord on November 24th 2011.

She was born in Seminole, Tx. October, 7th 1952 and was raised in Midland Tx.

Debra was born to Robert (Bob) and Jeannie Webb and was the oldest of 6 girls.

She graduated from Midland High School in 1970 - 71. Debra loved to cook and was always the one nominated to make the desserts on Holidays. She and her husband were members of the High Sky and, Silver Bullet Bass Clubs, where she was one of the best, winning first place in most of the ladies Bass tournaments. She was so much fun to be around, and she loved her family.

Debra is preceded in death by her parents, Robert (Bob) and Jeannie Webb, and her husband, DeWayne Stout and she is survived by her son Brandon Lewis of Midland, Tx, Daughter, Robin Lewis Coffee and husband Tim of Gilmer, TX, Grandchildren, Heather Lewis and Tyson Lewis, both of Midland, Tx, Sisters Bobbie (DeeDee) Dolan and husband Russell of Midland,Tx, Sherry Bernal and husband Simon, Karen White and husband Joe of Weatherford, Ok, Kay Whisenhunt of Midland, Tx and Johni Welch and husband Jim of Midland, Tx. Stepfather, Charlie Garrett, 8 Nephews, 6 Nieces and numerous cousins.

Service will be held Wednesday, November 30th, at 10:00am at the Solid Rock Fellowship Cowboy Church, 4601 West I-20 with Eddie Elliot officiating, under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

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Diane Cathey

Diane Cathey, 79, of Midland passed away on Wednesday, November 23, 2011 at Midland Memorial Hospice Inpatient Unit. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 5:00-7:00 PM on Wednesday, November 30, 2011.

Diane was born on May 14, 1932 in Minneapolis, MN to Skelly and Maxine Doolen. She was raised by her grandparents, Leona and Bill Nelson in Clovis, NM. She married ET "Tom" Cathey on May 19, 1950. He preceded Diane in death on May 4, 2002 after 52 years of marriage.

She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She enjoyed always being with Tom when he was in Skeet Tournaments. Another one of Diane's passions was competing in Bichon Frise Dog Shows all over the West Texas, Metroplex, and New Mexico areas.

Survivors include daughter, Kim Freeman Busch and husband, Steve Busch of Midland, Texas; and one granddaughter, K.C. Johnson of Dallas, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, ET "Tom" Cathey, daughter, Cindy "Cathey" Robbins, parents, Skelly and Maxine Doolen, and grandparents, Leona and Bill Nelson.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Midland, PO Box 2621, Midland, TX 79702 or to Alzheimer's Association P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011 and Hospice of Midland.

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

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Burmese students adjusting to life in East Texas

By Erin McKeon
Nacogdoches Daily Sentinel

NACOGDOCHES — Learning English is the main goal for Stevy Al, Khin Thuzar and Tee Reh, Nacogdoches High School students who have come here from Burma.

And while the transition hasn't been necessarily easy, the three say life in America is a better life from the ones they led in the jungle.

"We lived in the jungle, and everything is different in the U.S.," Reh said. "The houses and apartments are different, the beds and bedrooms, the food, the cars, the ... just everything."

NHS teacher Inosencia McClendon said many of the Burmese students have adapted well, are making friends and are working to learn English.

"They bring me a book and say, 'This is what I'm trying to write, can you help me with this word?'" she said. "They are very protective of each other and take care of each other.

"The students who are here, from what I can see is, they take their parents to the stores and they interpret for their parents now. That's really neat to see," McClendon said.

Pilgrim's Pride Community Liaison Beh Reh said the Nacogdoches newcomers are adjusting well and are steadily bringing their families to the community.

"More and more families are in the community right now," he said. "We have 40 to 45 families in the community in maybe four apartment complexes."

For the families, the jobs at Pilgrim's Pride are a gift and one they're happy to have.

Depending on the department Pilgrim's employees work in, they're working anywhere from 32 to 40-plus hours, but the more the better, Beh Reh said.

"I think No. 1 for them is the job here, No. 2 is a good community and we have many new resources with the school and the churches," Beh Reh said.

The kids love to play sports such as soccer, basketball and volleyball and study English in many ways, Stevy Al said.

Stevy said he studies, goes to school, does homework and is honing his English skills by listening to music, watching movies and cartoons. His favorite is hip hop music.

There are between 125 and 150 Burmese people working at Pilgrim's Pride and could be even more coming next year, said John Thomasson, Pilgrim's human resources manager.

"It's going very well," he said. "I'm delighted with the way people in the community are opening their hearts to new people coming into town here. Really the best side of everyone has been coming out."

Hiring at Pilgrim's continues year-round because of turnover and there could always be more Burmese refugees coming in, he said. The large-scale hiring of Burmese refugees has been scaled back recently, but could kick up again next year.

"We are trying to get ready for next year and the next group coming up," Beh Reh said. "We at least need another 100 for next year. The thing is whoever is coming here, we are not guaranteed they will stay with us forever, so people will come and go."

The temporary boarding house which opened as the first refugees came to town in February continues to have about 50 people in it still who are looking for more permanent homes, he said.

"We will have it for at least another six months or even a year," Beh Reh said. "It depends on the progress we make, the people and the availability of housing in the community."

Hip-hop world mourns death of Houston's Money Clip D

By Robert Stanton
Houston Chronicle

As police try to track down leads, Houston's hip-hop community is mourning the shooting death of Dominic Levar Brown, known as Money Clip D, outside a southwest Houston after-hours club early Friday.

"This is one of those cases where we need witnesses to come forward," Houston police spokeswoman Jodi Silva said.

Brown, 34, described as the "right-hand man" for rapper Trae (Frazier Thompson III), was sitting in a car and talking to friends outside the Breakers after-hours club in the 9600 block of Bissonnet when an unknown gunman opened fire about 5:30 a.m., fatally wounding him, according to reports.

Before the shooting, a seemingly unrelated fight ignited inside the club between two groups of people. The brawlers moved the fight outside and exchanged gunfire, HPD spokeswoman Jodi Silva said. No one reportedly was injured in that incident, which occurred between 4:30 and 5 a.m.

Brown, who reportedly did not hear the gunfire because of the loud music inside the club, walked to his car after the bar closed. He was sitting on the driver's side talking to two women when the unknown gunman opened fire. No other injuries were reported in that incident.

Brown's death sent shock waves through Houston's tight-knit hip-hop community, which took to social media over the weekend to pay respects to Brown, who lived in Katy.

"We keep losing the good ones," rapper Bun B said on Twitter.

Trae tweeted on his good friend: "R.I.P. my man clip ALWAYS showed me love whenever I touched H-Town or anywhere in Texas ... Me and My Brother Always Been Side By Side ...Win, Lose or Draw Against Whateva."

On Thanksgiving Day, Trae and Clip D handed out food to underprivileged Houston residents, said Nancy Byron, Trae's publicist.

"Everyone is gutted," she said. "He (Clip D) was like a brother to Trae. If you saw Clip, you saw Trae."

As news of the shooting began to spread early Friday, about 150 family, friends and fans gathered at a Houston hospital where he was being treated, waiting for news.

Money Clip D, with his friend Trae, put their love for the community into practice. Clip D managed Trae's Project ABN, a musical group and charity.

In recognition of the rapper's community involvement, Mayor Bill White in 2008 proclaimed July 22 as "Trae Day" in the city.

The giving continues today, Byron said. Trae is building a children's center in southwest Houston that will serve as a transitional shelter for infants, children and young adults who are making the transition into foster homes through Child Protective Services.

Money Clip D embraced the idea with open arms because it is what he was all about, Byron said.

"He was never anything but sweet and respectable," Byron said. "He handled Trae's business very well. He was a great dad and a great friend."

Meanwhile, Houston's music community will show respects for Money Clip D at a candlelight vigil from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Alief Amity Park, 12509 Alief Clodine Road in Houston.

Anyone with information about the case is urged to call Houston police homicide division at 713-308-3600 or Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS.

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Teen dies after car strikes home

A Fort Worth teen has died after a car he was riding in skidded off the road and slammed into a house.

The Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office said 17-year-old Christian Hernandez was pronounced dead at 1:34 a.m. Saturday at John Peter Smith Hospital.

Police said Hernandez was riding in the back left passenger seat of a Chevrolet Cobalt when it clipped a minivan, hit a retaining wall, rolled onto its right side, hit a parked car and finally stick the corner of a garage in north Fort Worth.

The car's three other occupants were not seriously injured. The house's roof collapsed and a woman inside suffered minor injuries.

Police told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that it had started to rain shortly before the crash.

MERCEDES

Sheriff: Man sought in brother-in-law's slaying

Authorities were searching Sunday for a 38-year-old illegal immigrant in connection with the killing of his brother-in-law near Mercedes.

Witnesses told investigators the man shot his wife's sister's husband, Juan Leija, 47, at least twice in the chest Saturday night, according to the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office.

Officials were searching for the 38-year-old, who they believe is named Americo Martinez, Sheriff Lupe Trevino said, adding it has been difficult to get the man's identity from family members. Martinez, whom the sheriff called a "person of interest" in the case, was driving a black Nissan Altima.

Officials put out an all-points bulletin Saturday night to other law enforcement agencies but Martinez might already have fled to Mexico, Trevino said.

Witnesses told police that Leija was barbecuing at a family gathering on Rebel Drive northeast of Mercedes when Martinez arrived, and the two men — who had a long-running feud — began to argue, Trevino said.

Witnesses said Martinez then left, and family members told Leija to hide in a nearby house. But when Martinez returned, he learned where Leija was. Leija walked out of the house and Martinez allegedly shot him at least twice, Trevino said. Leija died at the scene.

FELONYARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Crystal S. Goodmen, 19, of Midland, was arrested Saturday by Midland police on a charge of aggravated assault of a date, family or house member with weapon.

Guadalupe A. Jurado, 20, of Midland, was arrested Saturday by Midland police on a charge of burglary of a habitation intending to commit other felony and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Gilbert D. Ortega Jr., 24, of Lake Havasu City, Ariz., was arrested Saturday by Midland County deputies on a charge of theft of services between $1,500 and $20,000.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Dallas County man exonerated by DNA to get more money

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas will pay a Dallas County man released from prison in 2006 after DNA evidence exonerated him of a rape that he did not commit an additional $753,000 on top of $1 million already paid for the 20 years he spent wrongfully imprisoned.

Larry Fuller was pardoned in 2007 and in 2009 the Legislature raised compensation for the exonerated to $80,000 per year spent in prison. Initially Comptroller Susan Combs denied Fuller's request for more money, but after Fuller sued, the state settled, the Austin American-Statesman reported. The Texas Supreme Court dismissed the case Nov. 18.

R.J. DeSilva, a spokesman for the agency, said the state paid because Fuller filed his request in the three-year window. The filing deadline has passed for all other exonerees, he said.

Occupy Austin limited at state capitol

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Occupy Austin protestors' first attempt to expand from city hall to the Texas state capitol grounds has been limited by Department of Public Safety troopers.

About 30 protestors left the capitol peacefully after the troopers cited State Preservation Board regulations Saturday afternoon that limit protests without permits to three hours during a 24-hour period. They had been on the steps since about 11 a.m.

Troopers at the capitol declined to comment.

Ihor Gowda, who protested at the capitol, told the Austin American-Statesman that protestors hoped to establish a long-term presence at the capitol. Protestors have been voicing their concerns outside city hall since October. He said it was disturbing that there was no zone for free speech on the capitol grounds.

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Gingrich wins NH backing as Romney plugs along

By Philip Elliott
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican presidential hopeful Newt Gingrich landed the endorsement of New Hampshire's largest newspaper on Sunday while rival Mitt Romney earned a dismissive wave, potentially resetting the race in the state with the first-in-the-nation primary.

For Gingrich, the former House speaker, the backing builds on his recent rise in the polls and quick work to build a campaign after a disastrous start in the summer. Romney, the former Massachusetts governor who has a vacation home in the state and has been called a "nearly native son of New Hampshire," absorbed the blow heading into the Jan. 10 vote that's vital to his campaign strategy.

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"We don't back candidates based on popularity polls or big-shot backers. We look for conservatives of courage and conviction who are independent-minded, grounded in their core beliefs about this nation and its people, and best equipped for the job," The New Hampshire Union Leader said in its front-page editorial, which was as much a promotion of Gingrich as a discreet rebuke of Romney.

The Union Leader's editorial telegraphed conservatives' concerns about Romney's shifts on crucial issues of abortion and gay rights were unlikely to fade. Those worries have led Romney to keep Iowa's Jan. 3 caucuses — where conservatives hold great sway — at arm's length.

At the same time, the endorsement boosts Gingrich's conservative credentials. He spent the week defending his immigration policies against accusations that they are a form of amnesty. On Monday, Gingrich takes a campaign swing through South Carolina, the South's first primary state.

Romney, taking a few days' break for the Thanksgiving holiday, has kept focused on a long-term strategy that doesn't lurch from one development to another. Last week, he picked up the backing of Sen. John Thune, a South Dakota conservative, to add to his impressive roster of supporters.

The Union Leader's rejection of Romney wasn't surprising despite his efforts to woo state leaders. The newspaper rejected Romney four years ago in favor of Arizona Sen. John McCain, using front-page columns and editorials to promote McCain and criticize Romney.

"It helped McCain a lot because it buttressed the time he spent there. McCain camped out in New Hampshire and was able to make good with The Union Leader," said Craig Stevens, a spokesman for Romney's 2008 bid who is not working for a presidential candidate this time.

"Now, the speaker has to spend the time there, too," Stevens said.

Since his first run, Romney courted publisher Joseph W. McQuaid. Earlier this year Romney and his wife, Ann, had dinner with the McQuaids at the Bedford Village Inn near Manchester, hoping to reset the relationship. It didn't prove enough.

Romney's advisers were quick to point out that Gingrich went into October with more than $1 million in campaign debt. Romney, meanwhile, was sitting on a pile of cash and only last week began running television ads — a luxury Gingrich can't yet afford.

The duo's rivals, meanwhile, tried to gain traction.

Herman Cain on Sunday criticized any immigration proposal that included residency or citizenship but struggled to explain how he would deal with the millions of people estimated to be currently living illegally in the United States.

Cain, who had enjoyed a polling surge, has seen his luster fade as his seemed to have trouble articulating the nuances of his policy positions.

GOP Latinos face questions over immigrant pasts

By Russell Contreras
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez is forced to research and clarify her late grandfather's immigration status. Marco Rubio, Florida's GOP senator, is accused of embellishing his family's immigrant story. A Republican congressional candidate in California puts on his website that he is the great-grandson of an illegal immigrant.

As more Latino Republicans seek and win elected office, their families' backgrounds are becoming subject to increased scrutiny from some Latino activists, a reaction experts say is a result of Latino Republicans' conservative views on immigration. It's a new phenomenon that experts say Latino Democrats rarely faced, and could be a recurring feature in elections as the Republican Party seeks to recruit more Latino candidates.

"It's a trend and we are seeing more of it," said Alfonso Aguilar, executive director of the Washington-based Latino Partnership for Conservative Principles.

For years, most Latino elected officials were largely Democrats, except in Florida, where Cuban Americans tended to vote Republican. But recently, a new generation of Latino Republicans has won seats in Arizona, Texas, New Mexico, California and even Idaho. Those politicians have come under fire from some Latino activists for pushing for laws targeting illegal immigrants and for opposing efforts for comprehensive immigration reform — views that are in line with most Republicans.

And the immigrant advocates are pointing to the GOP Latino elected leaders' own family histories in an effort to paint them as hypocrites. Ignacio Garcia, a history professor at Brigham Young University, said it comes from a long tradition by liberal activists of portraying Latino Republicans as "vendidos," or sell-outs, since the majority of Latino voters tend to vote Democratic.

For example, Martinez tried twice in the New Mexico state legislature to overturn a state law that allows illegal immigrants to obtain state drivers' licenses. Then earlier this year, various media outlets reported that a grandfather of Martinez may have been an illegal immigrant. The reports sparked immigrant advocates to protests outside the state Capitol with poster-size photos of Martinez on drivers' licenses.

Martinez, a Republican and the nation's only Latina governor, ordered her political organization to research her family's background and found documents that suggested that her grandfather legally entered the country and had various work permits.

The episode drew criticism, even from those who opposed Martinez' efforts on state driver's licenses. "This has nothing to do with her views and how she governs," said Michael A. Olivas, an immigration law professor at the University of Houston who also is aiding in a lawsuit against a Martinez's administration probe over the license fight. "I don't think it's fair for people to dig around in her family's past."

In Florida, Rubio's official Senate website until recently described his parents as having fled Cuba following Fidel Castro's takeover. But media organizations reported last month that Rubio's parents and his maternal grandfather emigrated for economic reasons more than two years before the Cuban Revolution.

Somos Republicans, a group dedicated to increasing Latino Republican voting numbers, immediately attacked Rubio over the discrepancy and for holding harsh views on immigration. "We believe it is time to find out the complete history of his parents' immigration history," the group said in a statement. "It is also time for Rubio to be a leader and help Senator Bob Menendez (D-NJ) fix the broken immigration system."

Patricia Montes, executive director of Centro Presente, an immigrant advocacy group in Somerville, Mass., said voters need to know a politician's family background for clues on how they will respond to people with similar stories. "It's very important to voters," said Montes.

Montes said most Latino and immigrant voters don't simply view Latino Republicans as "vendidos" but rather as politican leaders who don't share their views. "I don't care if someone is Latina or not," said Montes. "I care if they believe in the same things I do, and if their policies will affect the immigrant community."

Garcia said the current tension also is a result of a new breed of Latino Republicans finally winning high profile seats after years of being largely ignored or dismissed. Garcia said there have always been Hispanic Republicans, though their numbers have been typically small and they have often faced heat from the largely Democratic Latino population.

In New Mexico, for example, the colorful lawman and lawyer Elfego Baca helped establish the Republican Party just after New Mexico became a state in 1912 and actively tried to recruit the state's mutigenerational Latino population to join the party. Baca won a number of local offices, including district attorney, but lost bids for Congress and various statewide offices.

In Texas, civil rights activist Felix Tijerina, a Mexican-American Houston restaurateur and former national president of the League of United Latin American Citizens in the 1950s, remained committed to the Republican Party despite a backlash from fellow activists who disagreed with his laissez faire, pro-business views. One Texas civil rights leader, John J. Herrera, called Tijerina "a white man's Mexican" for his support of Republican Dwight D. Eisenhower for president over Democrat Adlai Stevenson.

"The difference now is that these new Latino Republicans, like Martinez and Rubio, are better prepared and are being groomed as national figures," said Garcia. "Meanwhile, the Democrats are falling behind. They have no equivalent and they aren't giving Latinos the same opportunity."

Garcia said there's also a new factor — the millions of new independent Latino evangelicals who could be potential GOP voters. This population is new and unpredictable, he said.

Still, some Latino Republicans want to use the new attention around them in the party to change what they say is damaging rhetoric around immigration. Tony Carlos, who is seeking the GOP nomination for California's 3rd Congressional District, is running on a platform to push comprehensive immigration reform and believes if other Republicans follow, more Latinos will vote with the GOP.

On his campaign website Carlos says his great-grandfather came to Arizona from Mexico "without papers." Carlos said it's all about showing that his family is part of an ongoing American story and that political leaders need to honestly attack today's problems.

"I'm putting my family history out there. And once Latino voters hear that I support immigration reform, I find that they are open to other issues that appeal to conservatives," said Carlos. "My argument is that they are just as conservative. They are just in the wrong party."

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Retailers report robust start to holiday season

By Anne D'Innocenzio
Associated Press

More Americans hunted for bargains over the weekend than ever before as retailers lured them online and into stores with big discounts and an earlier-than-usual start to the holiday shopping season.

A record 226 million shoppers visited stores and websites during the four-day holiday weekend starting on Thanksgiving Day, up from 212 million last year, according to early estimates by The National Retail Federation released on Sunday. Americans spent more, too: The average holiday shopper spent $398.62 over the weekend, up from $365.34 a year ago.

Art and Anna Destrada from Port Chester, N. Y., were among the holiday shoppers. They started shopping on Thanksgiving evening at a Walmart store, went to various malls in New Jersey on Friday, and got some deals at Macy's on Saturday. They spent a total of $2,000 on gifts for themselves and others, including a Wii videogame console, clothing and jewelry.

"We've saved for Christmas and put away money all year," says Anna Destrada, 49. "We stayed within our means so we can make a few splurges."

The results for the first holiday shopping weekend show that retailers' efforts to lure shoppers during the weak economy are working. Some like Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and J.C. Penney have been making a stronger push online to better compete with the likes of rival Amazon.com. And major chains like Macy's, Target, Best Buy extended the traditional start to the shopping season by opening their doors at midnight on Thanksgiving evening instead of the pre-dawn Friday hours of years past.

But the question remains whether retailers' will be able to hold shoppers' attention throughout the remainder of the season, which can account for 25 to 40 percent of a merchant's annual revenue. After all, Americans are still very driven by deep discounting and they're more conscious of their spending budgets.

Overall, holiday spending is expected to grow by a modest 2.8 percent to about $466 billion, according to the NRF. A fuller picture on spending will come Thursday when major retailers report their November sales figures. But for now, experts agree that retailers will likely have to continue to discount to get shoppers to spend.

"The big question is: How do you close the season?" says Hana Ben-Shabat, a partner at A. T. Kearney's retail practice. "This is a very promotional driven shopper."

Indeed, the earlier hours — which meant earlier door-buster deals — on Black Friday seemed to be what drew many shoppers in over the weekend, particularly the younger crowd.

According to the National Retail Federation, 24 percent of Black Friday shoppers were at stores at midnight. That's up from 9.5 percent the year before when only a few stores were open during that time. Of those shopping at midnight on Black Friday, 37 percent were in the 18-to-34 age group.

"Black Friday has evolved from an early morning shopping activity to a late night entertainment," says Ellen Davis, spokeswoman at The National Retail Federation. "A lot of people stayed up until 1 a.m. or 2 a.m. to go shopping, and then went to bed."

The remainder of the day went well, too.

Mall of America, the nation's largest mall, broke its Black Friday record with about 210,000 shoppers. And Taubman Centers, which manages or leases 26 shopping centers in 13 states, says sales were up anywhere from mid- to low double digits on Friday, compared with a year ago.

Overall, Black Friday sales were $11.4 billion, up 7 percent, or nearly $1 billion from the same day last year, according to a report by ShopperTrak, which gathers data from 25,000 outlets across the country. It was the largest amount ever spent on that day and the biggest year-over-year increase since 2007. Additionally, customer counts climbed 5.1 percent that day compared with a year ago.

Online shopping on Black Friday was especially strong. Research firm comScore reported on Sunday that online spending jumped 26 percent on Black Friday to $816 million, compared with $648 million on the same day a year ago.

Some experts worry the strong start will cannibalize sales during the remainder of the season. Indeed, many people who headed to the malls after Black Friday weren't spending.

At the Crabtree Valley Mall in Raleigh, N.C., it was busy on Saturday, but many shoppers did not have bags. Likewise, at Pioneer Place mall in Portland, Ore., on Saturday, a number of shoppers were doing more window-shopping for the best deals than actual buying.

David Van Veen, 25, for one, says he was looking for deals on work clothes. But he says he'll likely wait to get gifts and other holiday items — perhaps when the deals are better — later in the season.

"I'll wait until Dec. 23 to start shopping I think," he says.

Items in '12 Days of Christmas' now top $100K

PITTSBURGH — The price of partridges, pear trees and turtle doves has spiked, pushing the cost of every item mentioned in the carol "The Twelve Days of Christmas" above $100,000 for the first time.

Holding mostly steady this year: maids-a-milking, ladies dancing, lords-a-leaping and gold rings.

The 364 items repeated across all the song's verses would cost $101,119, an increase of 4.4 percent over last year, according to the annual Christmas Price Index compiled by PNC Wealth Management. The broader government Consumer Price Index increased by 3.9 percent over the same period.

Those with the money to spend would end up with 12 drummers drumming, 22 pipers piping, 30 lords-a-leaping, 36 ladies dancing, 40 maids-a-milking, 42 swans-a-swimming, 42 geese-a-laying, 40 gold rings, 36 calling birds, 30 French hens, 22 turtle doves, and 12 partridges in pear trees. (The price does not include bird maintenance.)

But buying just one set of each verse in the song will cost $24,263 this year — a moderate 3.5 percent rise.

Eleven pipers piping will set you back $2,427, but that's a relative bargain compared to seven swans-a-swimming, which cost $6,300. That's a 12.5 percent rise over last year.

Jim Dunigan, managing executive of investment for PNC Wealth Management, said the core rate of increase is less than half the 9.2 percent jump last year.

"The story in general is wages are still a very sluggish part of this economy," said Dunigan, who noted that the price of eight maids-a-milking at minimum wage was $58 — the same as in 2009.

Five gold rings even declined a bit, Dunigan said, to $645, from $650 last year.

But last-minute shoppers who turn to the Internet may be in for some surprises. The core list that costs about $24,000 in stores will come to $39,860 online — a whopping 16.1 percent increase over Internet prices last year. Dunigan said the high cost of shipping live birds explains some of the difference.

Six items didn't go up in cost this year: French hens, calling birds, gold rings, maids-a-milking, ladies dancing and lords-a-leaping. Pipers piping and drummers drumming rose 3 percent. The partridge is still the cheapest item, at $15, and swans the most expensive.

PNC Financial Services Group Inc. checks jewelry stores, dance companies, pet stores and other sources to compile the list. Some of its sources this year include the National Aviary in Pittsburgh and the Philadelphia-based Pennsylvania Ballet Company.

John Davenport/San Antonio Express-News

Wild burros at Big Bend Ranch State Park near Presideo pause on top of a ridge near a remote area called Fresno Canyon on Oct. 4. The Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife allegedly has a policy of shooting the animals, claiming they ruin habitat and compete with bighorn wild sheep for food.

FERAL

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"Yes, there was an impetus when the bighorn came in, but we've been doing lethal removal of all kinds of animals for 20-plus years. To say it's a direct link — yes and no," said Good, who noted that the Texas Wildlife Association favors burro removal.

The state hasn't done any studies to prove that burros are harmful, and instead has tried to eliminate them. Since 2007, more than 120 have been killed at the park. Efforts by an outside group to catch them alive failed in 2008.

"Killing donkeys is a terrible thing to do," said Mike Hill, a former regional director, who shot dozens of them in 2007.

"But you have to put the feral burros in the park in the same category as the feral cats in Austin. They are destructive. They don't belong there and they have no natural controls over them," he said.

And since it would be almost impossible to round them up, the only other alternative would be to build about 30 miles of fence to keep the burros out of the park, a prohibitively expensive option, he said.

But unlike the nutria, fire ants, wild hogs and aoudad — other non-native species now found in Texas — burros inspire profound emotional attachments in humans and also have deep roots in the Big Bend's cultural heritage.

Where else would one find the "Big Bend Donkeys Social Club," a group of donkey owners formed earlier this year by Cindy Muench, 62, a local counselor.

"I think donkeys are becoming a fad with middle-aged women. When we were younger, we probably all loved horses, but now as we get older, we want something a bit more suitable," she said.

Muench, who also has used donkeys as therapy aids, deplores the killing of the Big Bend Ranch burros, but is not involved with the protest effort.

And where else would the death of someone like the Big Bend's familiar but mysterious "Donkey Lady," who for decades wandered the roadways accompanied only by a burro, be treated as front-page news?

"Burro Friendly" stickers now are appearing in windows of local businesses, and donkeys also marched in the parade Nov. 19 during Artwalk, a festival that draws 30,000 people to Alpine.

In a full-page advertisement, the Wild Burro Protection League urged that the animals not only be protected, but incorporated into the region's tourist industry.

"We propose the establishment of Wild Texas Donkey and Mule Days," it read, an event that could bring such activities as burro pack racing, long ear competition and donkey trekking.

Curtis Imrie, 65, a three-time champion pack-burro racer from Colorado, urged the group to develop burro-themed tourist events. In pack-burro racing, styled to imitate an old mining tradition, a human and a loaded burro together race a course of up to 30 miles.

"You folks have to take a stand. We have to stop killing the wild donkeys. It's the people's land. These clowns in Austin are supposed to be working for you," he said of state park officials.

Craig Downer, a wildlife ecologist from Nevada said both mustangs and burros have steadily lost range in the west, despite being afforded explicit protections in the Wild Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act in 1971.

"It's a source of great grief to me how abysmally our government has betrayed the nobility of the act," he said. Because they are on state land, the Big Bend burros have no protections.

But despite all the outrage, there are few obvious means to influence state policy.

While Farabee intends to soon ride a burro to Austin to deliver an online protest petition containing 100,000 names to Gov. Rick Perry, it will have mostly symbolic value. She said the next step might be a legal challenge.

Sally Cervenka, who lives east of the state park, doesn't own a burro but often sees wild ones crossing her remote property.

"I don't snuggle up to burros, but I think they have a place out here," she said after the meeting, adding, "I think it's horrible they are killing them."

Anti-slavery hub to reopen after restoration

Associated Press

BOSTON — Step into the sanctuary of the African Meeting House and you will walk on the same ancient floorboards where Frederick Douglass, William Lloyd Garrison and other prominent abolitionists railed against slavery in the 19th century, and where free black men gathered to shape the famed 54th Massachusetts Civil War regiment.

Following a painstaking, $9 million restoration, the nation's oldest black church building is set to reopen to the public early next month. Beverly Morgan-Welch, who has spent more than a decade spearheading the project, calls the three-story brick building the nation's most important African-American historic landmark.

"This space has the echo of so many of the greats of their time ... who were trying to figure out a way to end slavery," said Morgan-Welch, executive director of the Museum of African American History.

Built in 1806 at a cost of $7,700, the meeting house sits on a quiet side street in Boston's upscale Beacon Hill neighborhood, in the shadow of the Massachusetts Statehouse.

Long before modern office towers would hold sway, the building could be seen all the way from the city's bustling waterfront, a "beacon on a hill" for black people longing for freedom, Morgan-Welch said.

It was one among a series of firsts for Boston's vibrant black community, which by that time had already formed the young nation's first black masonic order, an African Benevolent Society and an African school.

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Meetings schedule

County commissioners
9 a.m. today
Midland County Courthouse auxiliary courtroom.
500 N. Loraine St.

Midland Housing Authority Commission
11:45 a.m., today
Conference Room, Midland Housing Authority
700 W. Scharbauer Drive

City's watering schedule

According to the city's Drought Contingency plan, the watering schedule is:

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11 a.m.-2 p.m. Rush Limbaugh
2-5 p.m. Dave Ramsey
5-6 p.m. Local News reports
6-9 p.m. Roger Hedgecock
9-midnight Hugh Hewitt
Midnight-6 a.m. Coast to Coast with George Noory
web: http://www.newstalkkcrs.com/

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6-10 a.m. The Morning Show with Craig Anderson
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2-5 p.m. Sean Hannity
5-6 p.m. Jason Moore
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Hospice/Midland sessions

The following sessions are planned for Hospice Inspiration Centre, 4829 Andrews Highway:

■ Grief Support: 6:30 p.m. Dec. 5, 12 and 19;

■ Coffee Break for Men: 9 a.m. Dec. 7;

■ Blue Christmas Service, 5:30 p.m. Dec. 13; and

■ Grief 101: noon Dec. 15.

Also, Spanish Grief Support is to meet 10:30 a.m. Dec. 8 at Casa de Amigos.

For more information, call 682-2855.

Today in history

Today is Monday, Nov. 28, the 332nd day of 2011. There are 33 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Nov. 28, 1961, President John F. Kennedy dedicated the original permanent headquarters of the Central Intelligence Agency in Langley, Va.

On this date:

In 1520, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan reached the Pacific Ocean after passing through the South American strait that now bears his name.

In 1942, nearly 500 people died in a fire that destroyed the Cocoanut Grove nightclub in Boston.

In 1951, Ernie Davis of Syracuse University became the first African-American football player to be named winner of the Heisman Trophy.

Ten years ago: Enron Corp., once the world's largest energy trader, collapsed after would-be rescuer Dynegy Inc. backed out of an $8.4 billion deal to take it over.

One year ago: European Union nations meeting in Brussels agreed to give 67.5 billion euros ($89.4 billion) in bailout loans to Ireland to help it weather the cost of its massive banking crisis.

ACROSSTHENATION

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MARYLAND

'Frosty the Snowman' arrested at parade

CHESTERTOWN — Who says "Frosty the Snowman" has to be jolly?

A man in a "Frosty the Snowman" costume was arrested Saturday during the annual Christmas parade in Chestertown, on Maryland's Eastern Shore. He's accused of scuffling with police and kicking at a police dog.

Sgt. John A. Dolgos told the Star Democrat of Easton that 52-year-old Kevin Michael Walsh became agitated when a dog-handling officer tried to escort him away from the crowd.

Walsh told the Associated Press he has dressed as Frosty in the parade for at least 10 years. He said he was wrongfully arrested. He said an officer hassled him after he remarked about the police dog's presence. He said he became agitated only after getting arrested.

LOS ANGELES

'Twilight' keeps shining with $42M second weekend

The latest "Twilight" movie has plenty of daylight left with a second-straight win at the weekend box office.

"The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn — Part 1" took in $42 million domestically over the three-day weekend and $62.3 million in the five-day Thanksgiving boom time from Wednesday to Sunday. That raised its domestic total to $221.3 million, while the Summit Entertainment release added $71.5 million overseas to lift the international total to $268 million and the worldwide take to $489.3 million.

Debuting at No. 2 was Disney's family flick "The Muppets," with $29.5 million for the three-day weekend and $42 million over the five-day holiday haul.

Three other family films rounded out the top-five: the Warner Bros. sequel "Happy Feet Two" at No. 3 with a three-day total of $13.4 million and $18.4 million for five days; Sony's animated comedy "Arthur Christmas" at No. 4 with $12.7 million for three days and $17 million for five days; and Paramount's epic adventure "Hugo" at No. 5 with $11.4 million for three days and $15.4 million for five days.

FLORIDA

3 face prison time in toilet paper scam

WEST PALM BEACH — Talk about a dirty scam.

Federal prosecutors in Florida said at least three people working for a septic tank company duped customers into buying about $1 million in unnecessary products — in some cases enough toilet paper to last more than 70 years.

More than a dozen customers were told they needed special toilet paper to avoid ruining their septic tanks because the federal government changed regulations on toilet paper. The federal government does not regulate septic tank products.

The trio pleaded guilty in federal court to conspiring to commit wire fraud.

The Miami Herald reported that they worked for FBK Products.

The trio faces up to two decades in prison when they are sentenced in February.

SWAT team's shooting of Marine causes outrage

By Amanda Lee Myers
Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Jose Guerena Ortiz was sleeping after an exhausting 12-hour night shift at a copper mine. His wife, Vanessa, had begun breakfast. Their 4-year-old son, Joel, asked to watch cartoons.

An ordinary morning was unfolding in the middle-class Tucson neighborhood — until an armored vehicle pulled into the family's driveway and men wearing heavy body armor and helmets climbed out, weapons ready.

They were a sheriff's department SWAT team who had come to execute a search warrant. But Vanessa Guerena insisted she had no idea, when she heard a "boom" and saw a dark-suited man pass by a window, that it was police outside her home. She shook her husband awake and told him someone was firing a gun outside.

A U.S. Marine veteran of the Iraq war, he was only trying to defend his family, she said, when he grabbed his own gun — an AR-15 assault rifle.

What happened next was captured on video after a member of the SWAT team activated a helmet-mounted camera.

The officers — four of whom carried .40-caliber handguns while another had an AR-15 — moved to the door, briefly sounding a siren, then shouting "Police!" in English and Spanish. With a thrust of a battering ram, they broke the door open. Eight seconds passed before they opened fire into the house.

And 10 seconds later, Guerena lay dying in a hallway 20-feet from the front door. The SWAT team fired 71 rounds, riddling his body 22 times, while his wife and child cowered in a closet.

"Hurry up, he's bleeding," Vanessa Guerena pleaded with a 911 operator. "I don't know why they shoot him. They open the door and shoot him. Please get me an ambulance."

When she emerged from the home minutes later, officers hustled her to a police van, even as she cried that her husband was unresponsive and bleeding, and that her young son was still inside. She begged them to get Joel out of the house before he saw his father in a puddle of blood on the floor.

But soon afterward, the boy appeared in the front doorway in Spider-Man pajamas, crying.

The Pima County Sheriff's Department said its SWAT team was at the home because Guerena was suspected of being involved in a drug-trafficking organization and that the shooting happened because he arrived at the door brandishing a gun. The county prosecutor's office says the shooting was justified.

But six months after the May 5 police gunfire shattered a peaceful morning and a family's life, investigators have made no arrests in the case that led to the raid. Outraged friends, co-workers and fellow Marines have called the shooting an injustice and demanded further investigation. A family lawyer has filed a multimillion-dollar lawsuit against the sheriff's office. And amid the outcry in online forums and social media outlets, the sheriff's 54-second video, which found its way to YouTube, has drawn more than 275,000 views.

The many questions swirling around the incident all boil down to one, repeated by Vanessa Guerena, as quoted in the 1,000-page police report on the case:

"Why, why, why was he killed?"

Outside the family's stucco home, a giant framed photo of Guerena in his Marine uniform sat placed in the front bay window, American flags waved in the yard and signs condemning his death were taped to the garage door.

The 27-year-old Guerena had completed two tours in Iraq, and a former superior there was among those who couldn't make sense of his death.

Leo Verdugo said Guerena stood out among other Marines for his maturity and sense of responsibility. Verdugo, who retired as a master sergeant last year after 25 years in the Marines, placed Guerena in charge of an important helicopter refueling mission in the remote west desert of Iraq.

"He had a lot of integrity and he was a man of his word," Verdugo said.

Verdugo, who also lives in Tucson, said Guerena came to him for advice in 2006 about whether to retire from the Marines and apply to the Border Patrol.

When Verdugo ran into Guerena and his wife at a Motor Vehicle Department office about a month before Guerena was killed, Verdugo said that Guerena told him that the Border Patrol had turned him down because of problems with his vision and that he had instead taken a mining job.

Those who worked with Guerena at ASARCO'S Mission Mine said the man they knew would never be a part of drug smuggling.

"I don't care what the cops say. I don't believe for one moment Jose was involved in anything illegal," said Sharon Hargrave, a co-worker, adding through tears: "They were judge, jury and executioner, and there was no excuse."

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Opinion

Clean it up and Occupy resembles tea party

■ Occupy movement should focus on Beltway dealings and rid itself of the actions causing its negative perceptions to soar.

JONATHAN GURWITZ
San Antonio Express-News

Just like the tea party — only more intelligent and less bitter. And less clingy to guns and religion.

For two months, that was the positive spin some of the nation's smartest people tried to put on the Occupy Wall Street movement, from President Obama — "We are on their side" — to the editorial board of the New York Times — "The public airing of grievances is a legitimate and important end in itself."

That supportive narrative was decidedly different from the one that issued forth from the same quarters about the tea party. Last summer, Politico reported that Vice President Joe Biden referred to tea party Republicans as terrorists, a charge widely regurgitated on the left. And no one should forget the rush to judgment by the New York Times and its op-ed columnists who tried to link the murderous actions of a deranged Jared Loughner to a "climate of hate" supposedly created by the tea party.

So it's worth asking: How many sexual assaults and other violent crimes, including murder, occurred at or near tea party rallies? At which tea party functions was the informational flyer "When Should You Shoot a Cop?" distributed? How many injuries were inflicted on police officers by tea party activists? Which tea party assembly had a moment of silence and solidarity for an individual accused of firing an assault rifle at the White House? And how many sites did tea party groups leave strewn with garbage and human feces?

As best I can tell, the answer to all of these questions is "none." Yet the same people who strained to uncover any whiff of extremism in the tea party have willfully ignored the stench of criminality, violence and filth emanating from OWS encampments from New York City to Portland, Ore.

It would be easy to build a case discrediting the Occupy Wall Street movement by focusing on the actions of its fringe element — immensely easier than it was to try to do the same to the tea party. It would also be a mistake. Both movements tap into a deep sense of unfairness in American society — a sense that government no longer works for the people but instead serves the interests of the politically connected.

The violent confrontations between protesters and police officers attempting to restore order have heightened negative perceptions of the Occupy Wall Street movement. A survey of voters by Public Policy Polling found those opposed to the movement jumped 9 points over the last month, from 36 percent to 45 percent.

Yet 33 percent of voters still support OWS goals. That's less than the 42 percent who now say they support the tea party, but still a sizeable minority.

The breakup of the OWS shantytowns gives serious OWS activists an opportunity to redirect their efforts. The problems they're protesting don't emanate from Main Street America, where people are increasingly turned off by the OWS movement's tactics. It emanates from Washington, D.C., the home of bipartisan crony capitalism.

A serious OWS movement would be protesting against members of Congress, Republicans and Democrats, profiting from insider stock information and exclusive access to stock offerings, as CBS-TV's "60 Minutes" recently revealed.

It would be protesting against the award of billions of dollars — all of it borrowed — in sweetheart deals to defense contractors and green energy companies such as Solyndra.

And it would be protesting against the revolving door between government and the companies and lobbying firms that benefit from its largesse, such as when Peter Orszag — Obama's former budget director — took a highly-compensated position at Citigroup, which received a $45 billion government bailout.

In short, a cleaned-up, crime-free OWS movement would look a lot like the tea party.

GUEST EDITORIAL

San Antonio Express-News

Obama must hold firm, defend sequestration process

Most workers given a critical task by their employer and more than three months in which to complete it would be able to get the job done. If the health and welfare of millions of people and the security of the nation depended on the completion of that task, they'd find a way — no matter the obstacles — to fulfill their responsibilities. That's the American way.

That can-do spirit, however, doesn't prevail among members of Congress, who work for the American people. At least not among the 12 members of the bipartisan Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction, which has failed miserably to achieve the modest goal of $1.2 trillion in deficit reduction over the next decade.

To be clear, the task wasn't to cut spending. Federal budgets would continue to grow at a healthy clip for the foreseeable future. The supercommittee was only charged with reducing the rate of growth in spending and enhancing revenues.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates federal outlays will total around $45 trillion over the next decade. The supercommittee was unable to agree on deficit reductions that amount to less than 3 percent of this incomprehensible pile of spending and revenues.

Even combined with the reductions achieved in the debt ceiling deal last August — another $900 billion — the proposed $2.1 trillion in deficit reduction pale in comparison with the $4 trillion in savings the bipartisan National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform said were needed as a matter of national urgency.

There's one critical difference between the debt commission and the supercommittee. The debt commission actually came up with a workable plan that a majority of its members endorsed.

In a recent New York Times/CBS News poll, 84 percent of respondents said they disapproved of the way Congress was handling its job. That's a record level of disapproval since the poll began testing public attitudes about Congress in 1977.

While voter frustration and outrage is justifiably directed at Congress, President Barack Obama doesn't get a free pass. Obama, who created the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, also ignored its recommendations when it released its final report one year ago. And the president was disappointingly disengaged from the proceedings of the supercommittee.

The failure of the supercommittee is supposed to result in the imposition of automatic spending restraints beginning in 2013. But members of Congress are already scheming to get around those across-the-board restraints.

Obama said last week that he would veto any effort to evade this process, known as sequestration. He should hold fast to that pledge.

Sequestration is a poor substitute for the thoughtful, deliberate process of developing a plan to deal with a runaway national debt. But it's the only alternative left after the failures of Congress and the White House.

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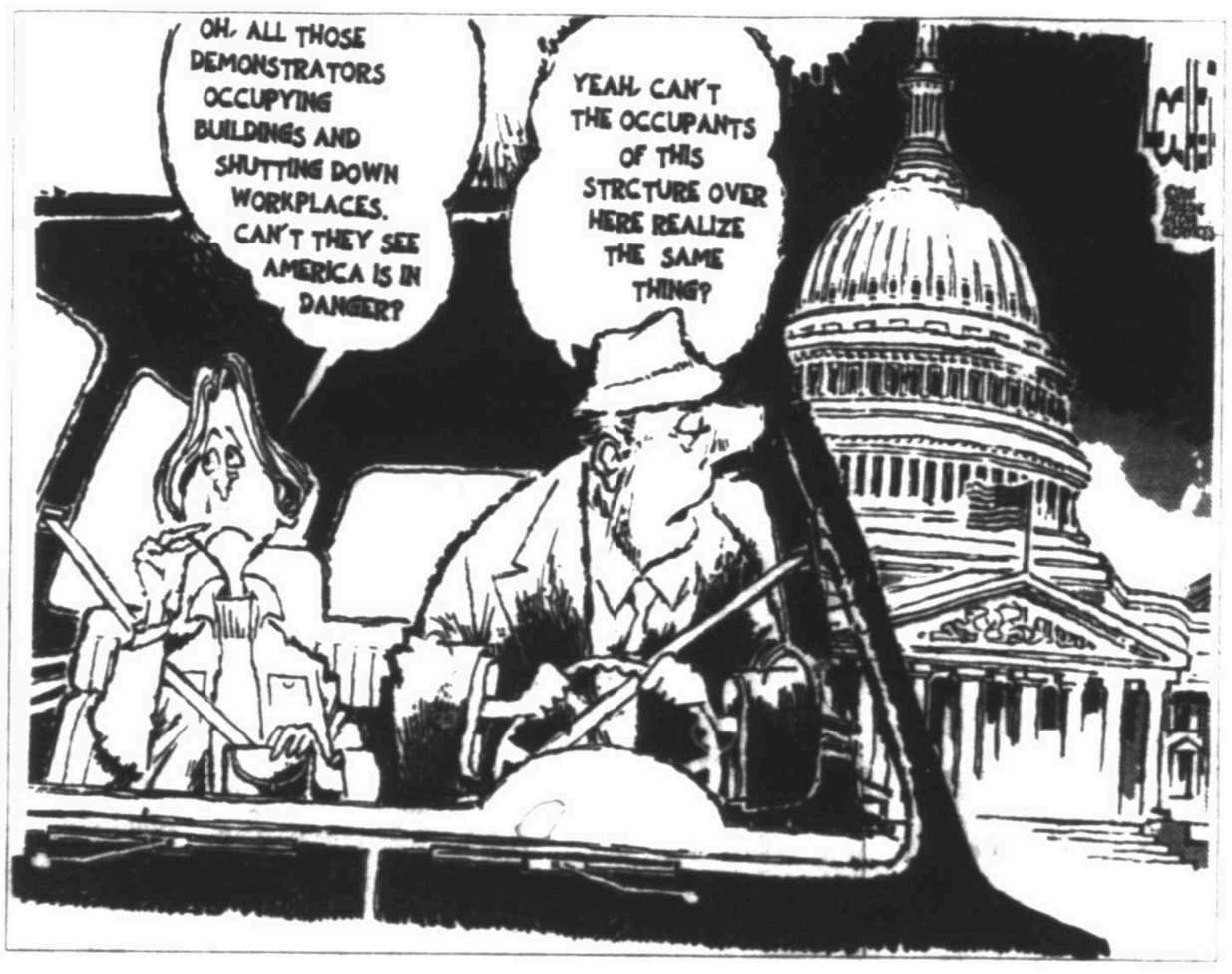

Hard to be thankful about Occupy

■ Where's the ambition and the persistence with these crowds wreaking havoc on public spaces across America?

CAL THOMAS
Tribune Media Services

For more than half my life I was a 99-percenter. I kept my first pay stubs in the news business to remind me where I came from and what was necessary in order to get where I am today.

In 1975, while working at a TV station in Houston, I wrote a letter to a friend in Washington complaining about my stalled career and low salary. "I will probably die here with my boots on, boots bought on a revolving charge and not fully paid for," I griped. My memory is not that good. He kept the letter and showed it to me a few years ago. We laughed.

At age 37, I was making $25,000 a year with few prospects of earning more. Suddenly things began to change. All the hard work and experience resulted in a better job and more pay.

As a young reporter, I interviewed many successful people. "Where did you go to college and what did you study?" I asked them. "What is your philosophy of life and work ethic?" Rather than envy them, I wanted to be like them.

This is what's missing from the envy culture of the movement known as Occupy Wall Street (OWS). Envy is greed's equally bad brother. Those who lack what they think they deserve lust after the money and property of wealth creators. They seem to know little of what used to be called the "work ethic."

Many in the OWS crowd also are deficient in their understanding of economics. There is not a single pie from which all must eat. Instead, life contains a recipe everyone can follow to make pies for themselves. The pies are not guaranteed to be the same size for all, but if the right ingredients are used, those pies can make anyone self-sufficient.

This is the great philosophical divide liberal politicians have used effectively to gain power for themselves while dooming increasing numbers of their fellow Americans to a life of dependency, failure and envy.

The recently failed debt commission contained elements of a poison familiar to many who have succeeded in life by their own efforts. Democrats wanted to tax the rich even more, but has a tax increase ever resulted in less spending? When the federal government gets more of our money, it doesn't suddenly become fiscally responsible. The more money it gets, often the more it spends.

In an America not long ago, we encouraged persistence. "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again" was a little saying I often heard growing up. Now it seems the message too many are sending and receiving is, "If at first you don't succeed, don't try again; turn to government (or a lawyer)."

I am thankful to live in a country that still rewards hard work, personal responsibility and accountability. But that country, which was my role model as a young man, is rapidly fading into history. Human nature is such that a substantial number of people can be addicted to a government check if they choose not to work. But many of our grandparents taught us by example that the pursuit of success was a noble quest. Parents once bragged about what their children had become.

How many parents are bragging about their kids occupying cities and universities and fouling the ground and streets with human waste?

Bill Bradley, former Democratic senator and professional basketball player, once observed: "Ambition is the path to success. Persistence is the vehicle you arrive in."

We should be thankful for such truth. I would be more thankful if it were on the rise instead of in decline.

From the Left | Doonesbury

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

AROUND THE GLOBE

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ISLAMABAD

Officials: Fire from Pakistan led to attack

Afghanistan officials claimed Sunday that Afghan and NATO forces were retaliating for gunfire from two Pakistani army bases when they called in airstrikes that killed 24 Pakistani soldiers, adding a layer of complexity to an episode that has further strained Pakistan's ties with the United States.

The account challenged Pakistan's claim that the strikes were unprovoked.

The attack Saturday near the Afghan-Pakistani border aroused popular anger in Pakistan and added tension to the U.S.-Pakistani relationship, which has been under pressure since the secret U.S. raid inside Pakistan that killed Osama bin Laden in May.

CAIRO

Voters head to landmark election in turmoil, confusion

Egyptians prepared to vote today in the first elections since Hosni Mubarak's ouster, a milestone many hoped would usher in a democratic age after decades of dictatorship. Instead, the polling already is marred by turmoil in the streets and the population is sharply polarized and confused over the nation's direction.

Nine months after the popular uprising that pushed Mubarak out, protesters are back in the streets. This time, they are demanding that military ruler Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi and his council of generals step down immediately, accused of bungling the transition. Nine days of clashes that have left more than 40 dead have heightened fears of violence at polling stations.

Report: Medicare's drug coverage gap shrinks

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Medicare's prescription coverage gap is getting noticeably smaller and easier to manage this year for millions of older and disabled people with high drug costs.

The "doughnut hole," an anxiety-inducing catch in an otherwise popular benefit, will shrink about 40 percent for those unlucky enough to land in it, according to new Medicare figures provided in response to a request from the Associated Press.

The average beneficiary who falls into the coverage gap would have spent $1,504 this year on prescriptions. But thanks to discounts and other provisions in President Barack Obama's health care overhaul law, that cost fell to $901, according to Medicare's Office of the Actuary, which handles economic estimates.

A 50 percent discount that the law secured from pharmaceutical companies on brand name drugs yielded an average savings of $581. Medicare also picked up more of the cost of generic drugs, saving an additional $22.

The estimates are averages, so some Medicare recipients may do worse and others better. Also, it's still unclear if the discounts will start to overcome seniors' deep unease about the law.

Concern over cutting Medicare to expand coverage for the uninsured helped push older voters toward Republicans in the 2010 congressional elections. Obama and the Democrats have been trying to woo them back ever since.

"For people with high drug expenditures, the 50 percent discount offers real savings," said Tricia Neuman, director of Medicare policy for the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation. "It's certainly more helpful than no coverage at all, which is what they had previously."

More than 2 million beneficiaries already have gotten some help, discounts that have gone largely to middle-class seniors, because the poor are covered in the gap at taxpayer expense.

For retired elementary school teacher Carolyn Friedman, it meant she didn't need a loan to pay for drugs that keep her epilepsy under control.

"What a change for the better," said Friedman, 71, of Sunrise, Fla. "This year it was easier to pay my bills, whereas last year I had to borrow money to pay for my medications when I was in the doughnut hole."

One of her brand-name anti-seizure drugs cost about $370 in the gap last year, and the other about $270. This year Friedman paid about $150 and $130, respectively, for a month's supply.

Medicare covers about 47 million older and disabled people, and about 9 in 10 have some kind of prescription plan. Most rely on the drug benefit, also known as Part D, which is delivered through private insurance plans.

Beneficiaries have until Dec. 7 to change their drug plans for 2012. Consumer advocates recommend that seniors check their coverage during open enrollment to see if their current choice remains the best for next year. Many families start the process around the Thanksgiving holiday.

The coverage gap, a money-saving idea from a previous Congress, never has been popular.

It starts after an individual beneficiary and his or her drug plan have spent a total of $2,840 on medications for the year. Seniors are then on their own for the next $3,600.

Once total spending reaches about $6,440, Medicare's catastrophic coverage kicks in and beneficiaries pay only a token amount. Most people do not spend enough in the doughnut hole to qualify for catastrophic coverage.

Although few private insurance plans still cap the amount they spend on medications, Medicare's hole-in-the-middle approach is highly unusual.

The Republican-led Congress that passed the drug benefit under President George W. Bush was trying to balance coverage and costs, as many conservatives fretted about creating a new unfunded entitlement.

Supporters wanted all beneficiaries to get some initial benefit from the program, and they wanted to protect those with overwhelmingly high costs. The resulting compromise led to the doughnut hole.

Under Obama's health care law, the gap will be gradually phased down by 2020.

This year, the law provides a 50 percent discount on brand name drugs and 7 percent break on generics. Next year the discount on generics rises to 14 percent. When the changes are fully phased in, beneficiaries will still be responsible for their annual deductible and 25 percent of the cost of their medications until they reach catastrophic coverage.

If Republicans succeed in repealing what they dismiss as "Obamacare," the discounts would be wiped out, as well.

Joan Gibbs thought her pharmacy had made a mistake. Her total cost for a brand-name painkiller in the doughnut hole came out lower than her co-payment earlier in the year, at a time her plan was picking up most of the tab.

"I reluctantly called the insurance company," said Gibbs, 54, who lives near Cleveland. "If they had made a mistake, I knew they would catch it sooner or later. I was very surprised that it turned out to be such a good discount."

Gibbs is on Medicare because of an auto-immune disorder and other medical problems that left her unable to work.

Other beneficiaries say it's still a struggle, even with the discounts.

John Robinson of Bel Air, Md., has diabetes and heart problems. A retired director of patient accounts for a hospital, Robinson said he runs up his credit card balance to pay for insulin, other medications and diabetic supplies in the doughnut hole.

"Thank God for credit cards," said Robinson, 71. "I thought it was better this year, but it still cost me more money than I had."

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Drug discounts

The new health care law is shrinking what seniors who fall into the gap in Medicare's prescription drug benefit pay. Impact on the average beneficiary in 2011:

*Includes 50% discount on brand name drugs, 7% on generics

SOURCE: Medicare Office of the Actuary AP

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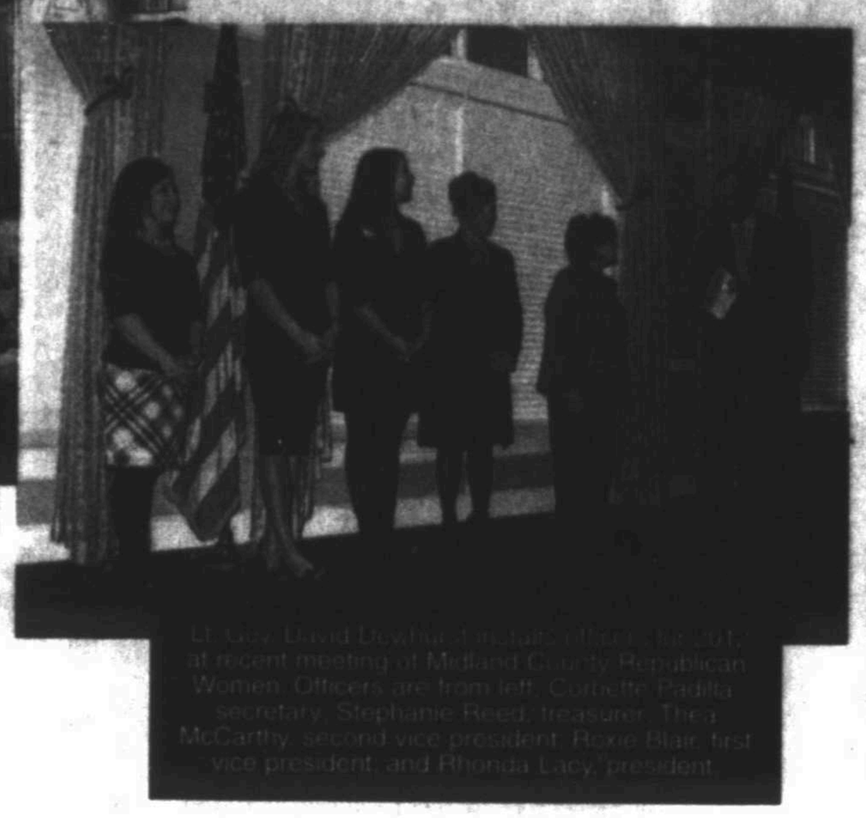

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst [illegible] at recent meeting of Midland County Republican Women. Officers are from left: Corinne Padilla, secretary, Stephanie Reed, treasurer, Thea McCarthy, second vice president, Roxie Blair, first vice president, and Rhonda Lacy, president.

[illegible] and Leigh Hayes.

distinguished CITIZEN

[illegible]alind Redfern Grover was honored earlier this month as Boy Scouts of America Buffalo Trail Council's 2011 Distinguished Citizen of the Permian Basin. She was recognized for her service to the community, including spearheading a campaign to [illegible] the hospital board. Grover [illegible] is holding the statue she received from the council. With her is [illegible]anna Savage, council president.

Paul Lucas, left, Clayton Williams, [illegible] Matthews.

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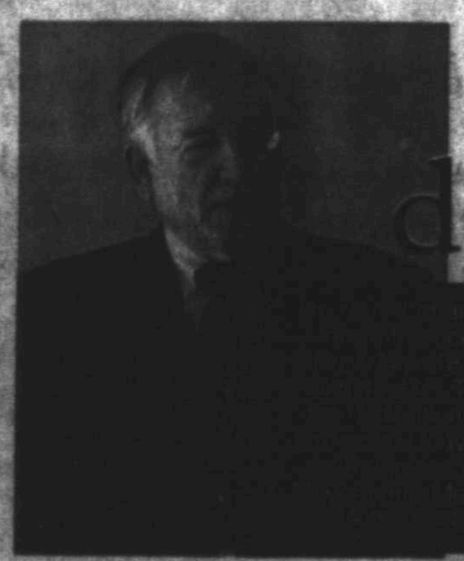
BUSH Tennis Center dedication



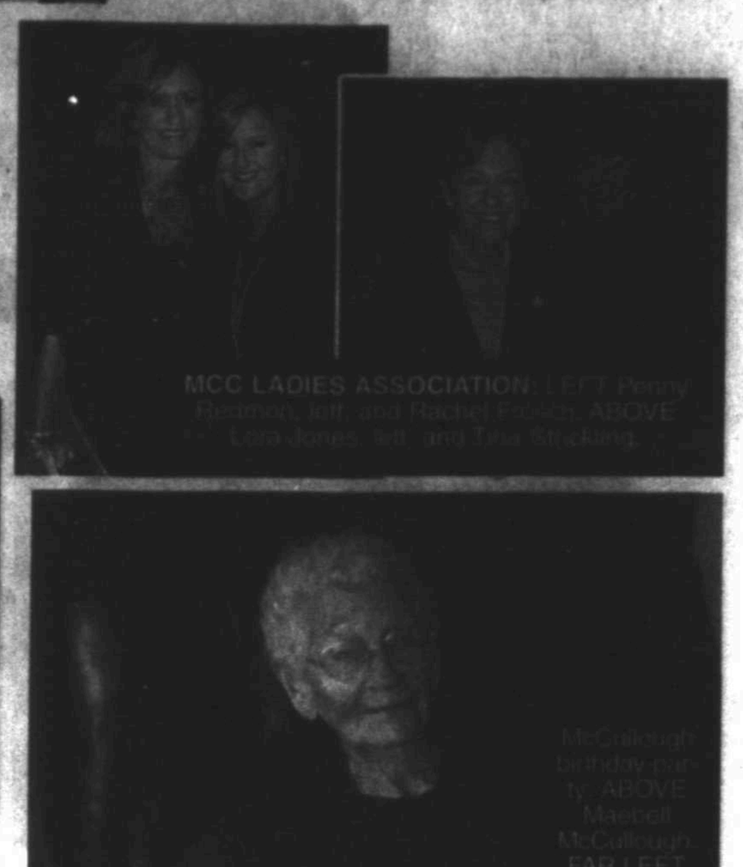
[illegible] the board for Midland Tennis Center [illegible] former President George W. [illegible] Center. And Mr. Bush [illegible] was [illegible] attendance [illegible] Wednesday [illegible] Dallas [illegible]

HAVEYOUHEARD

BY MARILYN MCKNIGHT HARRISON

RETIREMENT ROAST: TOP Beth Qualia and Charlie Qualia. RIGHT Continental Airlines flight attendants Rosalind Hodge, from left, Karol Blukova, Beth Qualia, Patsy Duskin and Michelle Garcia.

WEBB ANNIVERSARY PARTY: Doris Watson, from left, Lena Shipley and Peggy Jones.



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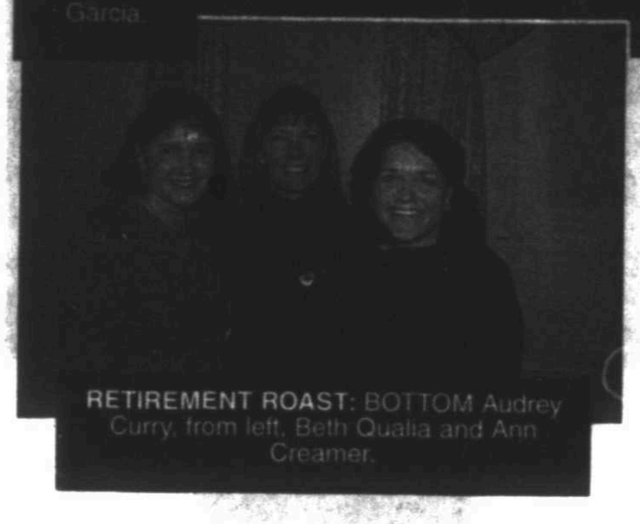
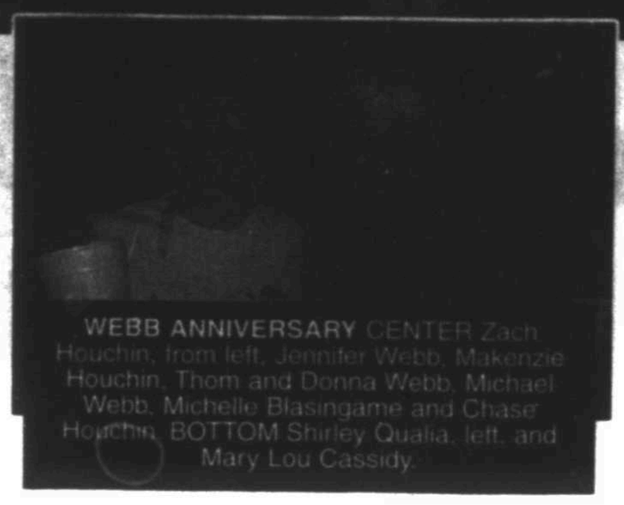
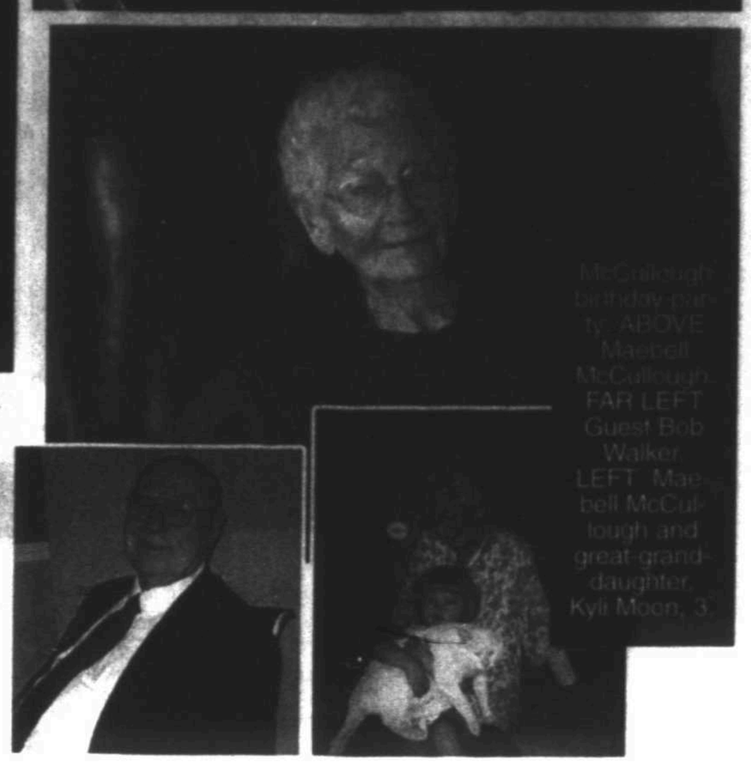


RETIREMENT ROAST: BOTTOM Audrey Curry, from left, Beth Qualia and Ann Creamer.



WEBB ANNIVERSARY CENTER Zach Houchin, from left, Jennifer Webb, Makenzie Houchin, Thom and Donna Webb, Michael Webb, Michelle Blasingame and Chase Houchin. BOTTOM Shirley Qualia, left, and Mary Lou Cassidy.



McCullough birthday party. ABOVE Maebell McCullough. FAR LEFT Guest Bob Walker. LEFT Maebell McCullough and great-granddaughter Kyli Moon, 3.

Retirement roast

One of the most fun parties of the fall season was the retirement roast honoring Beth Qualia. Her husband, Charlie, hosted the event at Midland Country Club in recognition of her approaching retirement from Continental Airlines. Entry to the Nov. 10 party required personal boarding passes.

A real conversation piece was the chocolate cake, decorated with a lighted landing strip and skid marks, and an incoming plane. Two mannequins dressed as flight attendants flanked the bar. The informal occasion was replete with a roast beef carving station.

Funny stories and toasts flowed from Debra Westmoreland, Tim Thompson, Dr. Jay Mendez, Mike Curry, Shirley Qualia, Mary Lou Cassidy and Beth's husband. Skits and videos also provided entertainment.

Others seen in the crowd included Ann and Don Creamer, pastors Roy Smith and Robert Williams from True Lite Christian Fellowship, Midland Festival Ballet's Susan Clark, Vannah and David Kleinbeck, Iona Vasicek, Terri Carr, Melanie Parkins, and flight attendant colleagues who flew in for the occasion.

Engagement party

To announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Jeanne Williams to Bryan Phillips of Mineral, Va., Margaret and Ronnie Williams hosted a party the evening of Nov. 10 at Green Tree Country Club.

The ballroom was decked out in beautiful fall colors. Guests signed the silk wedding book at a table decorated with a rustic iron lantern, a fall wreath, pumpkins, gourds and multi-colored mums, along with an engagement portrait of the couple. Other tables held additional photographs of the pair. Guests sat at tables decorated with pumpkins, filled with mums and candles on autumn table cloths covered with burlap.

The buffet contained an impressive array of foods, including beef tenderloin, pastry- wrapped brie cheese, chips with queso and salsa and a fruit and cheese display.

The out-of-town guests included the groom's parents, Crystal and Jeff Phillips III of Mineral and Olaf Harris of Dallas. Among the other 175 guests were the bride's sister and maid of honor, Ellen Williams; her grandparents, Barbara and Ed Williams; her uncle, Matt Faudree; her cousins, Matthew and Ann Bell; her great-aunt, Margaret Cowden; her childhood friend and bridesmaid, Dawn Dickeson; Joan Baskin, Debbie and Sam Bakke, Patti and Mike Mayer, Shirley and Clark Butts, Tammy and Bill Smith, Tina and Jack Hood, Lynn and Mark Pace, Janis and Ken Dickeson, Betty Ewan, Nancy and Jay Isaacs, Jane Kaufmann and Jessica McCaslin.

The wedding is planned for April 14 in Comfort.

Anniversary party

Donna and Thom Webb celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 12 with a party in the same home where their wedding reception was Nov. 25, 1961. Donna's sister, Shirley Qualia, now resides in the home, which originally belonged to their parents, the late Dorothy and Ernest Qualia.

Hosts were the Webbs' children, Michelle Blasingame and her husband, David, of Rockwall, and Michael Webb and Renea Merriman of Brownwood.

A buffet was set up in the carport, which was festively decorated with strings of lights and flowers.

The highlight of the evening came when Michael and Michelle presented their parents with a Caribbean cruise. Guests were divided into groups and given letters to unscramble. As the words were deciphered, each group announced its word until all the destinations of the cruise were noted. The Webbs then received their flight tickets to San Juan, Puerto Rico, and their cruise schedule.

The couple's anniversary cake was designed and baked by their step-granddaughter, Star Haynes of Brownwood.

Among the many guests were the Webbs' five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; Thom's brother, Mike Webb and his wife, Barbara, of Hawkins; Donna's brother, Jim Qualia and his wife, Linda, and their daughter, Sarah, and friend Tomas O'Mara of Plano.

Also coming in from out-of-town were Sandy and Frank Miller of Leander, Sherry and Bobby Miler and family of Krum, Randall Cater and Rachael Jones of Shafter, and Mary Ann Qualia and Mike Martinez of Santa Fe, N.M.

MCC Ladies Association

The Midland College Jazz Ensemble was received enthusiastically by members of the Midland Country Club Ladies Association at their November luncheon meeting. The group ended its hourlong session with a moving jazz arrangement of "Silent Night," which left the audience raving about the talents of the young musicians.

Performing were Mario Salgado on trumpet and drums; Anthony Nieto, guitar; James Tuppen, bass; Wynton McNary, drums, piano and saxophone; and Nathanel Kemp, percussion. Rabon Bewley, who directs the ensemble, also sat in on piano and sax.

Among those seen in the crowd were Marion Kimberly, Tommie Strack, Nancy Leung, Jan Spradlin, Raye Ann Embrey, Marion Frazier, Peggy Davis and Liz Henderson.

100th birthday party

"Today has been the best day of my life," Maebell Walker McCullough said during the celebration of her 100th birthday. Approximately 80 friends and family members gathered from throughout Texas, Oregon, California, Oklahoma and Missouri for the party at the home of her daughter, Lela Stephenson.

Among those coming in were another daughter, Dorothy Freeman of Tulsa, Okla.; many of her nine grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and five great-great grandchildren; her brother, James Walker of Clear Lake, Calif.; and her sister, Leola Hampton of Portland, Ore.

Mrs. McCullough was born Nov. 14, 1911, in Red River County, one of 12 children of Cordelia and BuneVesta Walker. She married Wesley McCullough in May 1927. They owned and operated a building supply business in Sand Springs for many years. The couple also had a son, the late James McCullough.

The centenarian credits her longevity to healthy living, hard work, family and faith in God. Her daily life consists of teaching and being entertained by her great-great grandchild, Kyli Moon, 3; with her daughter and caregiver, Mrs. Stephenson.

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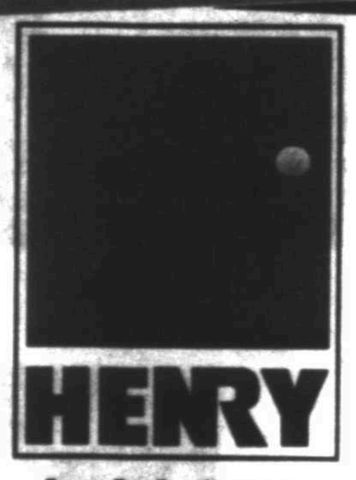

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INSPIRING HOPE

Earlier this month the Life Center Intervention Department received the Gladney Center's Hope Award for Inspiring Hope for their efforts to promote adoption as an alternative to abortion. On hand for the award were Judy Rouse, from left, executive director of the Life Center; Betty Yarbrough, regional client services director; and Karin Matula, Gladney Center for Adoption outreach supervisor.

MEETINGSCALENDAR

Support groups

■ Midland Parkinson Support Group meets 6:30 p.m. the first Monday at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital. For more information, call 699-6840.

■ for miscarriage grief recovery, call 570-5935.

■ for post-abortion healing, call 570-5935.

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

■ Chronic fatigue fibromyalgia syndromes support group meets noon the second Thursday at Rays of Hope Grief Centre. For more information call 520-3500.

■ Bariatric Support Group meets 11:30 a.m. third Wednesday at ACT Counseling Center, 2445 E. 11th St., Odessa. For more information, call 272-4333.

■ A support group for those with diabetes or at risk for diabetes meets 11:30 a.m. the first Saturday at Furr's Cafeteria. For more information, call 570-9412.

■ A group for those with eating disorders meets 8 p.m. Mondays at Fellowship Community Church, 5206 N. Midland Drive. For more information, call 296-1087.

■ Support groups of the Midland Chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) meet 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays at First Presbyterian Church (Koinonoa Room). For more information, call Judith Craig at 683-3648.

■ West Texas Amputee Support Group meets 11 a.m.-2 p.m. third Saturday of the month at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital. For more information, call 550-4371.

■ ODESSA — Tourettes syndrome support group meets 2 p.m. the second Sunday at Neuroscience Institute, 3610 22nd St. For more information, contact Pam Weaks at 806-438-6601 or pzweaks@yahoo.com, or Rene Howell at 806-549-7788.

■ Food Addicts Anonymous meets noon-1 p.m. Wednesdays at the Center for Spiritual Living, 2311 Elizabeth St. For more information, call 553-1031.

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

■ The Knot Adoption Support Group -- for families who have adopted, plan to adopt or are interested in supporting adoptive families -- meet 7 p.m. the second Monday at Grace Presbyterian Church. For more information, contact Kathy Hagler at Kathy@WTIE.net

■ American Lung Association of Texas' Better Breathing Club meets 11:30 a.m. the second Tuesday at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus. For more information, call MMH West Campus at 522-2273 or Joanna at 682-4229.

Toastmasters Clubs

■ Slyker's Professional Toastmasters Club, 10 a.m. second and fourth Saturdays, Texas Tech University Health Science Building, Room 1C12 (west side), 800 W. Fourthth St., Odessa; 522-2716, marken1986-slykers1@yahoo.com, http://slykersprofessionaltoastmastersclub.blogspot.com/

■ Pop-Up Toastmasters Club meets 6:30 a.m. Tuesdays at First Presbyterian Church's Family Life Center. For more information contact Jim at 432-689-7717 or jim@midcities.org.

■ Permian Toastmasters Club meets noon Thursdays at Wurster, Armstrong & Williamson, 6 Desta Drive, Suite 2800. For more information, call Irene Rosas at irosas@sbcglobal.net or 432-683-5474.

■ Permian Basin Toastmasters 1509 meets every Friday at noon at the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, 208 S. Marienfeld. For more information, contact Celeste Perez, 432.682.2960 or celeste@midlandhcc.com.

■ Wall Street Toastmasters meets 5:30 p.m. Mondays at Midland County Public Library. For more information call Pat Singletary at 620-5838 or 368-5517.

■ Permian Basin Needle Arts Chapter of Embroiderer's Guild of America meets 7-10 p.m. the first Thursday at Barnes & Noble. For more information, call Paula Millholion at 520-3250.

■ Midland Amateur Radio Club meets 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays at the clubhouse, Loop 250 and Lamesa Road. For more information, call 561-9729.

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

■ Serenity Group meets 8 p.m. daily at 3101 N. A St., Building C. For more information, call 685-3100.

■ 710 Group meets 7 a.m., noon and 8 p.m. Wednesdays at 710 Ohio Ave. For more information, call 682-8162.

■ Alpha Omega meets 8 p.m Tuesdays and 11 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays at 311 S. Pecos St.

■ Alanon 12-Step Group meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays and noon Thursdays at La Hacienda Outreach Center, 206 N. Midkiff Road.

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 432-582-2926.

■ Laundry Group meets 8 p.m. daily and noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 104 N. Marshall St.

■ Xodus Group meets 5:30 p.m. Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 7 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays at 206 N. Midkiff Road.

■ Midland Optimist Club meets noon Tuesdays at Abuelo's, 4610 N. Garfield St. For more information, call 685-7486.

■ Midland Odessa Chapter of the United Ostomy Association meets 2:30 p.m. the third Sunday at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus.

■ Permian Basin Coin and Stamp Club meets from 7-9 p.m. the second Tuesday at Michael's Charcoal Grill on A Street and Wadley Avenue. For more information, contact Dave Taylor at 559-9690 or visit www.midlandcoins.com .

■ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets 6:30 p.m.Thursdays at Midland Senior Center, Midkiff Road and Illinois Avenue. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 694-8643.

■ Midland Walkabout Volksport Club meets 5 p.m. the third Sunday at First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave. For more information, call 687-2588.

■ Oops Alley Clowns of West Texas meets the third Thursday. For more information, call Sass at 520-3512.

Dance clubs

■ High Sky Squares meet the second and fourth Tuesdays at the M-Squarens Square Dance Hall, 2800 W. CR 130. Round dances begin at 7 p.m.; squares at 8 p.m. For more information call 697-0281.

■ Tall City Cloggers meet 6:30 p.m. Mondays at the M-Squarena Dance Hall, 2800 W. CR 130. Lessons available. For more information, call Lynn Meyers at 528-0374.

■ Permian Basin Dance Club, 7:30-10 p.m. Tuesdays at St. Stephen's Catholic Church; cost is $5 for members, $6 for non-members; 520-4343.

■ ACT IX, an auxiliary for Midland Community Theatre, meets 6:30 p.m. the second Tuesday at the Moody Room of Cole Theater, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. For more information, call president, Carolyn Schoolcraft, at 685-7416.

■ Uptown Midland BPW meets noon the second and fourth Wednesdays at the Petroleum Club. For more information, call Glenda Knox at 686-2819.

■ Sons of Confederate Veterans, Dunn-Holt-Mid-Iliff Camp No. 1441 meets 7 p.m. the third Tuesday at Fairmont Park Church of Christ Activities Annex. For more information, contact Tom Owens at tmowens44@juno.com or call 697-6955.

■ Midland Gem and Mineral Society meets 7 p.m. the fourth Thursday at Sibley Nature Center. For more information, call 687-6467.

■ Children's Service League, auxiliary to Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center, meet 9:30 a.m. the first Thursday at the Center, 802 Ventura. For more information, call Brooke Mueller at 498-2053. (no july mtg.)

■ Permian Basin Chess Club meets 6 p.m.Thursdays at University of Texas of the Permian Basin student union. For more information: Steve Dudley, 556-1920; Brian Farrell, 288-7141; pbcc.50giga.net; odessachess@cableone.net.

■ Newcomers Club meets at 10 a.m. the first Thursday. For more information, call Kim Butterfield, membership chair, at 288-2806 or Marge Frank, president, at 218-9207.

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						6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	How the Grinch Stole the Halls		You Deserve It (N)		Castle "Heroes and Villains"		KMID News	(3D) News Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7	Ent. Tonight	Met Your Mother	2 Broke Girls	Two and Half Men	Mike & Molly	Hawaii Five-0 "Pono Hoike Mono"		CBS 7 News	(3D) David Letterman	(3D) Late L (N)	
KWWT CW	5	14			5	14	Gilmore Girls	Saint. "The Implant"	Gossip Girl "Rufus to Perdition" (N)		Hart of "The Pirate and the Practice" (N)		Cops	'Til Death	King of Queens	South Park	South Park	Treasure
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Two and Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Terra Nova "Now You See Me" (N)		House "Perils of Parenthe" (N)		The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Lopez Ray	Law & Order: C.I. "Sound Bodies"	
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr. Jack Vet Impo	Joe McGee	Update News	Jonathan Hansen	Light of the Southwest				House Call	Url Harel	Andrew Gabriel Roth	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	Be Millionaire	The Sing-Off "Live Finale: Top Three Finalists" (SF) (N)				Rock Center With Brian Williams		News-West 9	(3D) Tonight Show J. Leno She & Him	(3D) Late N (N)	
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Antiques Roadshow "Madison (Hour One)"		Antiques Rd. "Denver (Hour One)" 1/3		Unforgettable: The Korean War		Charlie Rose		BBC News	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Cuando me enamoro		Una familia con suerte		La fuerza del destino		Don Francisco presenta		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Hasta que el dinero nos separe	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Office	30 Rock	SVU "Nocturne"		SVU "Slower"		My Name Earl		30 Rock	Sunny	Scrubs	Access H.
FLIX	340	65		165		(3:45) ★ Cecil B. DeMille's (2010, Drama) Paul Wagner.		(5:15) ★★★ Don Defore (1948, Comedy) Cecil B. DeMille.				★★★ Ron Howard (2003, Western) Tommy Lee Jones.			(3:45) ★★ Dirty Deeds		
HBO	300	60	14	14		(3:15) ★★★ Don Defore (1948, Comedy) Cecil B. DeMille.				Bored (N)	Enlight	Boardwalk Empire		Enlight	Bored	Boxing	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(3:00) ★ Gulliver's Travels (10, P) Jack Black.						★ The Rite (11, Drama) Colin O'Donoghue.				Hung	Too Big
HBO3	304	70	16	102		(3:00) ★ Chasing Papi		Six Feet Under		★ Along the Darkness			Making		★★★ Up in the Air George Clooney.		
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(3:15) ★★★ Avatar (09, Fant) Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana.								★ Big Momma's Like Father ...	(3:15) ★ Voyeur's Web (AdultI)		
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(3:15) ★★ Forces of Nature Jon Allen.				★ Predators Adrien Brody.			Lie To Me		(3:15) ★★ Wild Things Kevin Bacon.		
PLEX			96			(3:15) ★ The Break-Up Artist Ryan Connor.				★ Ghostwriter (2010)				★ Bikinitown Ed Deseo.		★ True Stories	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(3:15) ★ Four Lions Kayvan Novak.				Dexter			Homeland "Crossfire"	Dexter		Homeland "Crossfire"	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(3:15) ★ Triage		★ After (2009, Horror)				★ Shutter (08, Hor) Rachel Taylor, Tony Curran.				★★★ I Am Number Four	
AAE	27	32	28	35	47	Hoarders "Chris and Dale"		Hoarders "Beverly/Megan"		Hoarders "Mike/Bonnie"		Intervention "Cindy"		Intervention "Penny-Lee"		Hoarders "Beverly/Megan"	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(3:00) ★ The Italian J...		★★★ Scrooged (88, Com) Bill Murray.						★★★ Scrooged (88, Com) Bill Murray.		★ See No Evil, He...	
BET	58	26		40		(3:00) 106 & Park (L)		★★★ Ray (2004, Biography) Jamie Foxx.								Game	Wendy Williams
BRAVO	65	63		41		Housewives Atlanta		Beverly Hills		Beverly Hills (N)		Beverly Hills		Watch	Housewives Atlanta	Beverly	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		60 Minutes		Age of Wal-Mart		American Greed		Mad Money		Bio. "Sam Walton"	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan		A. Cooper 360		OutFront		Piers Morgan	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	American Chopper:		American Chopper:		American Chopper:		American Guns		American Chopper:		American Guns	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	Sofandom	★ Hannah Montana: The Movi...			M. Video	GoodLuck	Sofandom	GoodLuck	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	Monday Night Countdown (L)		NFL Football New York Giants vs. New Orleans Saints (L)							SportsCenter		
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Xavier vs. Vanderbilt (L)				Strongm.	Strongm.	Strongm.	Strongm.	SportsC.	Football	SportsNation	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(3:00) ★★★ Happy Feet Robin Williams.				★★★ A Bug's Life (98, Ani) Dave Foley.				The 700 Club		Line?	Line?
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Diners	Diners	Unwrapped		Diners	Diners	Diners (N)	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	The After Party	SportsDay OnAir	The After Party	Stars Pre-game (L)	NHL Hockey Dallas Stars vs. Colorado Avalanche Site: Pepsi Center -- Denver, Colo. (L)				Stars Live (L)	Instant Replay	Cowboys/ Conf.	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	2 1/2Men	Two 1/2...	★★ Step Brothers (08, Com) Will Ferrell.							★★ Step Brothers (08, Com) Will Ferrell.		
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	(3:00) ★ Silver Bells		★★ Dog's Christmas Chase (10, Ani)						★ The Night Before The Night Before C...		Frasier	Frasier
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	Love It or List It (N)		HouseH	HouseH	HouseH	HouseH	House (N)	HouseH	HouseH	HouseH
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Pwn Star	Pawn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	American Pickers (N)		Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Real Deal	Real Deal	Pwn Star	Pwn Star
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Unsolved Mysteries		★ On Strike for Christmas (2010, Family) David Sutcliffe, Victor Zinck Jr., Daphne Zuniga.				★★ A Diva's Christmas Carol ('08, Com/Dra) John Taylor, Vanessa L. Williams.				★ On Strike for Christmas	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Brain	Victorious	Sponge	Sponge	'70s	'70s	G. Lopez	G. Lopez	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	WaysD	WaysD	(:15) WaysD	(:50) Ways to Die		(:25) WaysD	WaysD	WaysD	WaysD	WaysD	WaysD	(:40) WaysD
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	★ Friday the 13th Jason Takes...				★ Resident Evil Nils Jovovich.				UrbanL.	UrbanL.	UrbanL.	UrbanL.
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Seih. "The Cabone"	Seinf. "The Library"	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Conan		The Office	The Office
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(3:00) ★ A Life of H...		★★★★ Doctor Zhivago (65, Epic) Julie Christie, Tom Courtenay, Omar Sharif.							★★★ Billy Liar		
TELE	20	8	10	20		Cato cerrado		Corazon insiste (P)		Flor salvaje		La casa de al lado		Noticiero	Sin senos no paraiso	Decision	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss "Family Secrets"		Cake Boss: Next Great Baker "It's Go Time!"			Cake Boss	Cake Boss: Next Great Baker "It's Go Time!"			Cake Boss
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Law & Order "Magnet"		Law & Order "Thinking Makes It So"		The Closer "Necessary Evil" (N)		Rizzoli & Isles "Can I Get a Witness?" (N)		The Closer "Necessary Evil"		Rizzoli & Isles "Can I Get a Witness?"	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Married	Married	Married	Married	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Bounce"		NCIS "Hide and Seek"		WWE Monday Night Raw		WWE Monday Night Raw		★★★ The Pacifier (2005, Comedy) Lauren Graham, Faith Ford, Vin Diesel.			
VERSUS	38	39				NHL Live!	NHL Hockey Tampa Bay Lightning vs. Minnesota Wild (L)					NHL Live!	NHL Overtime (L)		Football Talk	SportTk	
WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Always Sunny

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Thirty-five students at Travis Elementary School won a drawing for Thanksgiving dinner, courtesy of the Hilton Midland Plaza, the school's Partner in Education. Each basket contained a turkey, green beans, corn, peas, yams, cranberry sauce, stuffing, mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, Jello, cake mix, frosting, cornbread mix, rolls and juice concentrate.

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Nov. 7
Frances Levin-James Hawkins, Marlene Blumentritt-Leilani Matthews, Helen South-Jerry Burchell, Ann Parish-Dorothy Brenneman, Gloria Jackson-Nancy Cvik

Nov. 8
Flo Curry-Jane Myers, Sandy Thomas-Nancy Liberty, Martha Poss-Phyllis Laird, Irene Hamm-Blumentritt, Mary Anne Ochs-Bitsy Loewenstein, Janette Kuzmich-Burchell

Nov. 9
Barbara Miles-Laird, Lena Nichols-Gloria Crites, Joyce Ball-Phyllis White, Brenda Leonard-Patti Witt, Ann Servatius-Curry, Roberta Bacon-Bob Bacon, Leilani Matthews-Burchell, Paulette Turner-Blumentritt, Helen Davis-Gloria Jackson

Nov. 10
Jean Pistole-Helen Davis, Jackson-Brenneman, Belle Harris-Norman Gould, Marty Massie-Parish, Les Neal-John Seymour, Bill Dent-Sarana Savage, Don Troy-Kay Sewell

Nov. 11
Linda Aaron-South, Wyoma Whitlow-Rosalind Grover, Tommie Strack-Vangie Lindsey

Nov. 13
Nunzio Martorina-Curry, R. Bacon-B. Bacon, Marilyn Matthews-Sandy Thomas, Debbie Kemp-Whitlow

Nov. 14
Martorina-B. Bacon, Servatius-Anguish, Curry-Troy, Turner-Burchell, Aaron-Dorothy Brenneman, Marilyn Higgins-Jackson, Blumentritt-L. Matthews, Parish-Massie

Nov. 15
Pistole-Crites, Mary Hammond-Burchell, Strack-Whitlow, Parish-Brenneman, Ricki Perry-Vicky Fisher, Sandy Thomas-M. Matthews, Loewenstein-Blumentritt, Brenda Brauner-Hamm, Poss-Phyllis Laird

Nov. 16
Curry-Turner, R. Bacon-B. Bacon, Georgia Temple-Higgins, Belle Harris-Parish, Jackson-Troy

Nov. 17
Blumentritt-Troy, Jackson-Brenneman, Les Neal-Pistole, Massie-Cvik, Savage- Dent

Nov. 18
Jane Myers-Curry, Kemp-Thomas, Anguish-Whitlow, Frances Mills-Janet Stoltz

Nov. 20
Kemp-Whitlow, Greg Bartha-Frances Levin, Hammond-Strack, South-Brenneman, Harris-Savage, R. Bacon-Blumentritt, M. Matthews-Thomas

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Bridge of the Permian Basin

Nov. 11
Amanda Shaw, Chuck Mundy

Nov. 13
Bob Baker-Deborah Brookins, Leonora Slusher-Rebecca Kinsey

Nov. 18
Kathryn Noble-Nancy Cvik, Mundy-Mike Robinson

Nov. 20
Mike Robinson-Charles Grimes, Mundy-Shaw

ARMED FORCES NEWS

Joshua M. Gonzales has been promoted to the rank of airman in the U.S. Air Force.

He is a knowledge operations manager with the 82nd Communications Squadron at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls.

Gonzales is the son of Lidia and Michael Gonzales of Midland and a 2009 graduate of Midland High School.

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Navy Seaman **Veronica M. Romo** recently graduated from recruit training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill.

She is the daughter of Olga and Oscar Romo of Midland and a 2011 graduate of Midland High School.

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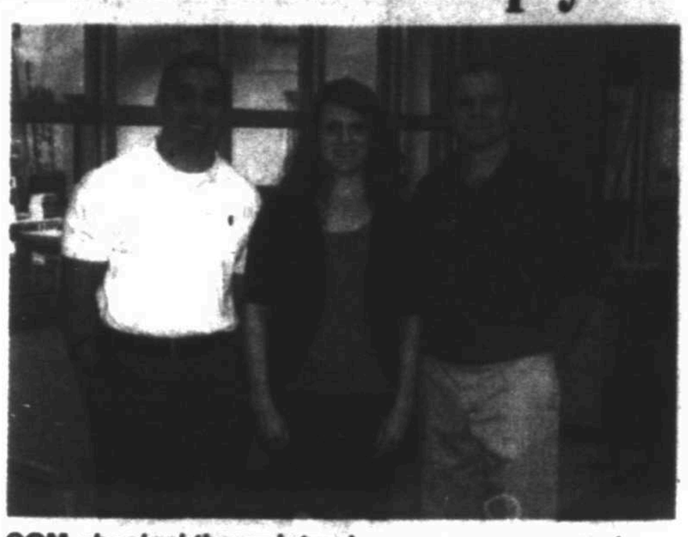

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Mustangs' defense continues outstanding play

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

LAMEDO — Lost in the gaudy numbers put up by the Midland Christian offense on Saturday was perhaps one of the best defensive performances by a Mustang team in years.

Midland Christian's defense held a Tyler Grace Community offense that was averaging nearly 50 points and 500 yards a game to seven points and 220 total yards. Take away an 81-yard touchdown late in the fourth quarter, the Mustangs held the Cougars to 139 total yards.

As the Mustangs head to the TAPPS Division II state title game on Saturday, the Mustangs' defense is playing as well as it has all season and another big performance will be key as MCS takes on a powerful Tomball Concordia team. The Mustangs and Crusaders will meet at noon in Killeen.

"(Tyler Grace) has a great offense that had been averaging close to 50 points a game and our defense just shut them down cold turkey," Midland Christian coach Greg McClendon said.

Saturday's performance is the culmination of a two-year effort by defensive coordinator Mike Munguia to install his system that has schemes with roots in defenses once run at Odessa Permian and Lee during the glory years.

Last season was new for everyone, including Munguia, and the Mustangs had success, but this season it seems everything has clicked from the start. It's helped that a number of key players have returned, but even the new players, including middle linebacker Matt Counts, have taken to the scheme and made it look like clockwork.

Munguia constantly praises the efforts of his defensive staff of veteran coach Randy Josey, Ronnie Reeger and Kenneth Hines, and they are coaching what has turned into a well-oiled machine the last two months of the season.

Over the last eight games, MCS has had two shutouts, and held those same opponents to 71 total points.

"It's just how good our coaches train us, and they burn it into our heads play after play after play," senior defensive lineman Mason Alsup said. "We know what they are doing as soon as the ball is snapped. The coaches do a good job for us."

The season had a tough start for the Mustangs defense as Seminole rushed for 372 yards in a 30-29 victory, but it was against Monahans in the third game of the season where players point to as things turning around.

The Loboes rushed for 113 yards in that game, and that is a team that has been shredding defenses with its running game the last few weeks in the Class 3A Division II playoffs. That game started an 11-game winning streak, but more importantly, it proved to the defense it could play at a high level against a high-caliber opponent.

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Matt Pearce/Special to the MRT

Midland Christian defensive lineman Mackey McCommon (52) celebrates after the Mustangs beat Tyler Grace Community on Saturday at Bearcat Stadium in Aledo.

Good news, bad news

John Raoux/AP

Houston quarterback Matt Leinart (11) throws a pass over Jacksonville Jaguars defensive tackle C.J. Mosley (99) on Sunday during the first half in Jacksonville, Fla. Leinart was hurt during the Texans' 20-13 win.

Leinart hurt, Texans hold on to beat Jaguars

By Mark Long
Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Matt Leinart and Matt Schaub stood next to each other for the final few snaps, Leinart in a sling and Schaub in a walking boot.

The scene spoke volumes about Houston's quarterback situation and playoff chances.

If the Texans are going to make the postseason for the first time in franchise history, they probably will have to do it with a third-string quarterback.

Leinart injured his throwing shoulder Sunday at Jacksonville, overshadowing Houston's 20-13 victory against the offensively inept Jaguars. Leinart believes he broke his collarbone, but coach Gary Kubiak said initial X-rays were inconclusive.

"There's a pretty strong possibility I probably won't be coming back this season," Leinart said. "It's pretty disappointing. It's tough to swallow, but we'll just move forward. Everything that's happened to me, this was a great opportunity. ... It's unfortunate, but I'm not going to give up. It's not my nature. I'll just keep moving forward and figure this thing out one step at a time."

Assuming Leinart is done for the season, it would be a serious setback for a team that is closing in on its first AFC South title. Sure, the Texans have one of the league's best running games. But as Jacksonville showed, Arian Foster and Ben Tate will have a tough time carrying the load against eight- and

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Week 12 NFL Scoreboard

Atlanta	**24**	**Houston**	**20**	**Tennessee**	**23**	**New England**	**38**
Minnesota	14	Jacksonville	13	Tampa Bay	17	Philadelphia	20
Cincinnati	**23**	**N.Y. Jets**	**28**	**Oakland**	**25**	**Denver**	**16**
Cleveland	20	Buffalo	24	Chicago	20	San Diego	13 (OT)
Carolina	**27**	**Arizona**	**23**	**Washington**	**23**	**Pittsburgh**	**13**
Indianapolis	19	St. Louis	20	Seattle	17	Kansas City	9

US ends drought in golf's World Cup with victory

Associated Press

HAINAN, China — Matt Kuchar and Gary Woodland ended the United States' 11-year drought in golf's World Cup by shooting a 5-under 67 on Sunday to win by two strokes.

The American pair fired six birdies in the alternate-shot final round at Mission Hills Blackstone course to finish at 24-under, 264 overall, notching the 24th U.S. win in the history of the tournament.

English pair Ian Poulter and Justin Rose had the final day's best round with a 63 to tie for second at 22 under with Germany's Martin Kaymer and Alex Cejka (69).

Ireland's Rory McIlroy and Graeme McDowell led by two strokes going into the final round but could only manage an even-par 72 to finish tied for fourth with Australia, the Netherlands and Scotland.

The American victory was the first since Tiger Woods and David Duval claimed the title 11 years ago. The event was annual up until 2009, and this year's tournament was the first in the new biennial format.

"We really clicked. It's fantastic to win for the U.S.," Woodland said.

The U.S. duo built a two-point lead over Germany midway through the round and after a rare slip with a bogey at the par-3 11th, the Americans responded with birdies on the next two holes and then pars the rest of the way to claim victory.

"Undoubtedly the shots on the 12 and 13th were key. It was a great moment and to shoot a par when you expected a bogey," Kuchar said.

England seemed well out of contention heading into the final day eight shots off the lead, but soared into contention. However they needed more than one of the leading teams to falter. Instead it was only Ireland which came back to the field.

World No. 2 McIlroy was well below his best, hitting some loose shots, including a putt on the 18th which would of given Ireland a share of the runner-up check. The tournament favorites had a run of misfortune, including a penalty stroke on the

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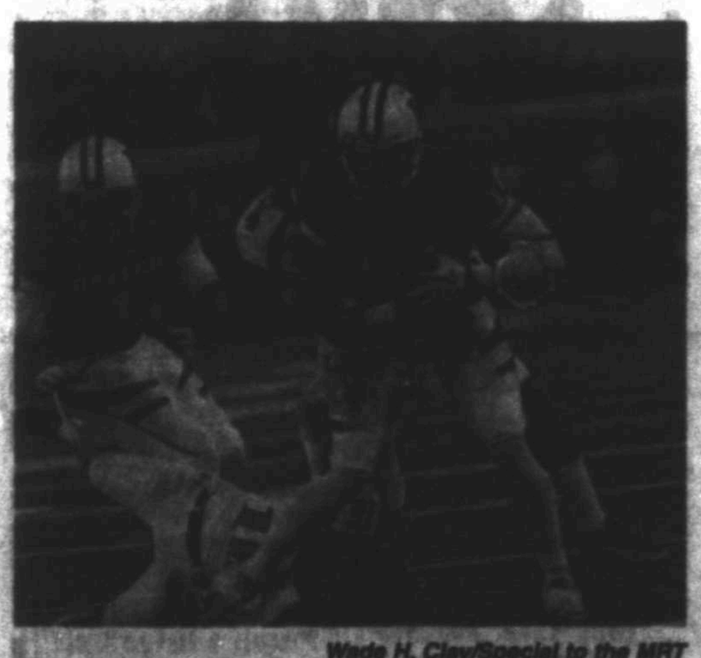
Griffin and No. 19 Baylor finish a November to remember



Wade H. Clay/Special to the MRT

Baylor's Robert Griffin III tries to break the tackles of two Texas Tech defenders on Saturday at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington.

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — A November to remember for Robert Griffin III and No. 19 Baylor.

The Bears finished a perfect 4-0 month by finally getting a Big 12 win over Texas Tech, a record-setting 66-42 victory even though Heisman Trophy hopeful quarterback RG3 played only a half because of an apparent concussion.

That came a week after Baylor (8-3, 5-3 Big 12) beat Oklahoma for the first time, knocking the Sooners out of the national title chase. There was also the biggest fourth-quarter comeback in team history to win at Kansas, and a Homecoming victory over Missouri.

"These last four weeks have been pretty magical," coach Art Briles said.

Before those four wins, the Bears were a combined 4-47 in Big 12 games played in November since the league began play in 1996. After getting bowl eligible for the first time in the Big 12 era last season, Baylor didn't win a game after October.

"We just feed of what happened last year, and I can remember that," Griffin said. "This year, we wanted to make sure we finish the season. And we're doing that right now. ... You learn from mistakes in life, and we're definitely doing that."

Even with Griffin sidelined after halftime Saturday night, Baylor still scored at will against Texas Tech (5-7, 2-7) at Cowboys Stadium.

Being forced to watch the second half was a significant setback for Griffin's chances of winning the Heisman.

"I don't play for awards, so it doesn't matter," said Griffin, who threw a touchdown and ran for two scores against Tech. "We won the football game. I'm excited, I've got a smile on my face. ... We've won eight games this year, and we're excited about that."

The last time Baylor had won eight games was 1991, when Grant Teaff was still their coach.

Texas Tech, which had won 15 in a row over Baylor, finished with its first losing record since 1992. The Red Raiders lost their last five games after a 41-38 upset last month at Oklahoma that ended the Sooners' 39-game home winning streak.

Baylor still has two games left, the regular season finale at home Saturday against Texas and then another bowl game. Griffin said he will be ready to go against the Longhorns.

"There is no doubt," Griffin said. "I was fine when I came out at halftime. But the doctors, it's their call. ... If it was up to coach, I would have been in there. If it was up to me, I would have been in there. But sometimes you've just got to play on the safe side."

Griffin took a hard shot to the helmet late in the first half when he slid feet first at the end of an impressive

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SUNDAY'S NFL ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

BRONCOS 16, CHARGERS 13

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Matt Prater kicked a 37-yard field goal with 29 seconds left in overtime to lift Tim Tebow and the Denver Broncos to a 16-13 victory Sunday over the San Diego Chargers, who've lost six straight games for the first time in 10 years.

The Broncos narrowly avoided the first NFL tie since Cincinnati and Philadelphia ended deadlocked at 13 on Nov. 16, 2008.

Tebow, now 5-1 as the Broncos' starter, led Denver from its 43 after San Diego's Nick Novak was wide right on a 53-yard field goal attempt with 2:31 left in overtime. Novak made a 53-yarder in the first quarter, a career-best, and was wide right on a 48-yard try early in the fourth quarter.

Tebow had a 12-yard gain and Willis McGahee ran 24 yards up the middle to set up Prater's winning kick, which was right down the middle.

The Broncos are 6-5. The Chargers (4-7) are on their longest streak since ending 2001 with nine straight defeats.

RAIDERS 25, BEARS 20

OAKLAND, Calif — Sebastian Janikowski kicked a team-record six field goals and Oakland took advantage of three interceptions from Chicago's fill-in starter Caleb Hanie.

Carson Palmer threw for 301 yards and Michael Bush iced the game with a touchdown run in the fourth quarter to lead the Raiders (7-4) to their third straight win against a Bears team missing starting quarterback Jay Cutler.

Hanie struggled in his first career start in place of Cutler, who broke his right thumb last week in Chicago's fifth straight win to put a major obstacle into what had been a promising season for the Bears (7-4).

PATRIOTS 38, EAGLES 20

PHILADELPHIA — Tom Brady threw for 361 yards and three touchdowns in a game that all but ended the Eagles' playoff hopes.

Filling in for the injured Michael Vick for the second straight game, Vince Young couldn't keep the Eagles in contention despite a career-best 400 yards passing. The Eagles fell to 4-7 in a season that began with Super Bowl expectations.

Angry fans made their feelings known about coach Andy Reid, chanting "Fire Andy!" in the second half.

The defending NFC East champions fell to 1-5 at home and have lost eight of nine at the Linc, including a playoff loss to Green Bay last January.

Down 10-0 early, the AFC East-leading Patriots rallied behind Brady. New England (8-3) scored on five of its next six possessions, excluding a kneel-down at the end of the first half.

REDSKINS 23, SEAHAWKS 17

SEATTLE — Rex Grossman found Anthony Armstrong for a 50-yard touchdown and Washington rallied for 16 fourth-quarter points to end a six-game losing streak.

One play after committing a grounding penalty, Grossman stepped up in the pocket on third-and-19 and found Armstrong in the corner of the end zone.

The touchdown pass was Grossman's second of the game and followed rookie Roy Helu's leaping 28-yard TD run that pulled the Redskins (4-7) within 17-14.

Grossman finished 26 of 35 for 314 yards

Marshawn Lynch rushed for 111 yards and caught a 20-yard touchdown pass for the Seahawks (4-7).

STEELERS 13, CHIEFS 9

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Ben Roethlisberger threw a short touchdown pass to Weslye Saunders and the Steelers took advantage of four turnovers by Tyler Palko.

Playing with a broken thumb on his throwing hand, Roethlisberger was 21 of 31 for 193 yards and an interception for the Steelers (8-3), whose defense lost All-Pro safety Troy Polamalu to an injury in the first quarter yet still kept the bumbling Chiefs (4-7) from scoring a touchdown.

Kansas City hasn't reached the end zone since the third quarter against Denver three weeks ago, a span of 45 offensive drives — including the final one Sunday night.

The Chiefs marched across midfield to the Pittsburgh 37 when Palko dropped back to pass. He was looking for Dwayne Bowe but threw it high and behind him, and Keenan Lewis hauled in the interception with 29 seconds left to seal the game and keep Pittsburgh tied atop the AFC North with Baltimore.

PANTHERS 27, COLTS 19

INDIANAPOLIS — Cam Newton threw for 208 yards and ran for one score and DeAngelo Williams scored twice Sunday to help the Carolina Panthers hold off the winless Indianapolis Colts 27-19.

The Panthers (3-8) ended a 12-game road losing streak by winning outside Charlotte, N.C., for the first time since Dec. 27, 2009 when they beat the New York Giants.

Newton was 20 of 27 and carried nine times for 53 yards. Williams ran 15 times for 69 yards including the game-seal-ing score — a 2-yard TD run with 10:23 left in the game.

The Colts dropped to 0-11 for the first time since 1986 and have lost six home games in a season for the sixth time in the Indianapolis era.

Curtis Painter was 15 of 29 for 226 yards with one TD for the Colts and threw two late interceptions in the end zone, ending any hopes of a comeback.

FALCONS 24, VIKINGS 14

ATLANTA — Matt Ryan tossed three touchdown passes and Atlanta held on again.

The Falcons (7-4) were up 17-0 at halftime after allowing just 97 yards. But, mimicking the previous week's closer-than-necessary victory over Tennessee, they let Minnesota (2-9) back in the game.

Toby Gerhart, filling in for injured Adrian Peterson, scored from the 1 late in the third quarter. Then, after Dominique Franks inadvertently touched a punt the Falcons were trying to avoid to set up a Vikings recovery, Christian Ponder went to Percy Harvin for a 39-yard touchdown pass on fourth-and-13 to make it 17-14.

But Ryan responded with a 3-yard scoring pass to backup Michael Palmer, and the Falcons held on downs after Harvin's 104-yard kickoff return to the Atlanta 3.

TITANS 23, BUCCANEERS 17

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Chris Johnson ran for a season-high 190 yards, and Matt Hasselbeck threw a 2-yard touchdown pass to Damian Williams on fourth-and-2 with 3:01 left.

The Titans (6-5) forced five turnovers and overcame four turnovers of their own. The Bucs outscored them 14-3 off mistakes even though Tennessee got the ball three times on Tampa Bay's side of the field.

But the Titans got the ninth and final turnover of the game when rookie linebacker Colin McCarthy intercepted Josh Freeman with 2:19 left.

The Bucs (4-7) lost their fifth straight even with LeGarrette Blount running for 103 yards.

Freeman threw for 199 yards and a touchdown, but he had an interception and lost a fumble. He also fumbled the snap on fourth-and-1 before being tackled with 40 seconds left to seal the Titans' victory.

BENGALS 23, BROWNS 20

CINCINNATI — A.J. Green made a leaping catch for a 51-yard gain in the final minute, setting up a field goal that rallied Cincinnati.

The surprising Bengals (7-4) stayed right behind Baltimore and Pittsburgh in the AFC North with another second-half comeback forged by their rookie big-play combination.

Andy Dalton threw a high down-the-middle pass that Green went way above the defenders to grab. Green was run out of bounds at the 2, and the Browns (4-7) forced Cincinnati to settle for Mike Nugent's 26-yard field goal with 38 seconds left — the Bengals' first lead of the game.

For the second time in three games, a botched snap cost Cleveland a chance to take a late lead. Phil Dawson was short on a 55-yard try with 1:51 left after the snap skipped along the ground, giving Cincinnati its last chance.

BASIN NFL CONNECTION

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Benson

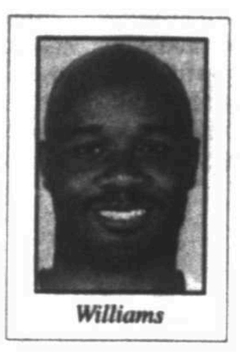
CEDRIC BENSON
RB, CINCINNATI BENGALS
(LEE HIGH SCHOOL)

Benson had possibly his best game of the season against the Cleveland Browns, eclipsing the 100-yard mark for the third time this season in a 23-20 division win. Benson carried 21 times for 108 yards and a touchdown as the Bengals ended a two-game skid.

Winston

ERIC WINSTON
OT, HOUSTON TEXANS
(LEE HIGH SCHOOL)

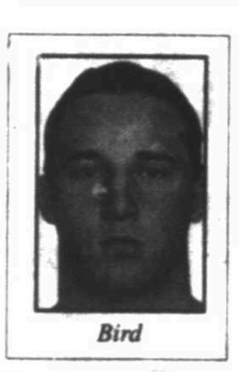
Winston and the Texans' offensive line didn't allow a sack in a 20-13 win against the Jacksonville Jaguars. Winston was penalty-free as the Texans rushed for 88 yards en route to their fifth straight win.



Williams

ROY WILLIAMS
WR, CHICAGO BEARS
(ODESSA PERMIAN HIGH SCHOOL)

Williams caught three passes for 37 yards in the Bears' 25-20 loss to the Oakland Raiders, good for second on the team in receiving yards.



Bird

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

Bird had one solo tackle in the Chargers' 16-13 overtime loss to the Denver Broncos. The rookie out of Texas Tech has now appeared in five straight games after debuting against the Kansas City Chiefs in a Monday Night matchup Oct. 31.

Cannon

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

A week after playing in his first game of the season, Cannon saw action in the Patriots' 38-20 win against the Philadelphia Eagles. The first-year player from TCU was penalty-free in the game.

SUNDAY'S BOXES

FROM WIRE REPORTS

RAIDERS 25, BEARS 20

Chicago	0	7	0	13	—20
Oakland	6	6	6	7	—25

First Quarter
Oak—FG Janikowski 40, 11:11
Oak—FG Janikowski 47, 4:20

Second Quarter
Chi—Knox 29 pass from Hanie (Gould kick), 4:41
Oak—FG Janikowski 42, 2:56
Oak—FG Janikowski 18, :02

Third Quarter
Oak—FG Janikowski 37, 11:08
Oak—FG Janikowski 44, :22

Fourth Quar.
Chi—FG Gould 50, 10:51
Chi—FG Gould 53, 7:17
Oak—Bush 3 run (Janikowski kick), 3:47
Chi—K.Davis 9 pass from Hanie (Gould kick), 2:11
A—59,244.

	Chi	Oak
First downs	18	17
Total Net Yards	401	341
Rushes-yards	27-172	27-73
Passing	229	268
Comp-Att-Int	18-36-3	21-37-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-25	4-33
Punts	5-45.0	5-54.6
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-61	6-44
Time of Possession	29:58	30:02

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Chicago, Barber 10-63, Forte 12-59, Hanie 5-50. Oakland, Bush 24-68, Cartwright 1-4, Reece 2-0.

PASSING—Chicago, Hanie 18-36-3-254. Oakland, Palmer 21-37-1-301.

RECEIVING—Chicago, Forte 6-25, Knox 4-145, R.Williams 3-37, K.Davis 2-25, Spaeth 1-9, Hunt 1-8, Bennett 1-5. Oakland, Reece 5-62, Schlereth 4-58, Heyward-Bey 4-42, Bush 4-24, Murphy 2-53, Myers 1-24, Boss 1-6.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

REDSKINS 20, SEAHAWKS 17

Washington	7	0	0	16	—23
Seattle	0	7	3	7	—17

First Quarter
Was—Davis 2 pass from Grossman (Gano kick), 7:11

Second Quarter
Sea—Lynch 20 pass from Jackson (Hauschka kick), 11:01

Third Quarter
Sea—FG Hauschka 36, 5:58

Fourth Quarter
Sea—Tate 15 pass from Jackson (Hauschka kick), 12:45
Was—Helu 28 run (Gano kick), 9:51
Was—Armstrong 50 pass from Grossman (kick blocked), 6:18
Was—FG Gano 25, 1:06
A—48,007

	Was	Sea
First downs	22	15
Total Net Yards	418	250
Rushes-yards	29-110	30-124
Passing	308	126
Comp-Att-Int	26-35-2	14-30-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-8	2-18
Punts	4-44.5	6-44.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	10-115	9-91
Time of Possession	33:20	26:40

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Washington, Helu 23-108, Royster 1-3, Grossman 5-(minus 1). Seattle, Lynch 24-111, Washington 4-9, Rice 1-3, Forsett 1-1.

PASSING—Washington, Grossman 26-35-2-314. Seattle, Jackson 14-30-1-144.

RECEIVING—Washington, Hilliard 7-54, Gaffney 5-78, Davis 4-55, Moss 4-68, Young 2-22, Paulsen 2-14, Armstrong 1-50, Sellers 1-15. Seattle, Baldwin 5-80, Obomanu 3-38, Lynch 1-20, Tate 1-15, A.McCoy 1-13, Robinson 1-7, Miller 1-2, Forsett 1-1.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Washington, Gano 23 (BK). Seattle, Hauschka 51 (WR).

PATRIOTS 38, EAGLES 20

New England	7	17	7	7	—38
Philadelphia	10	3	0	7	—20

First Quarter
Phi—McCoy 2 run (Henery kick), 12:43
Phi—FG Henery 43, 6:19
NE—Green-Ellis 4 run (Gostkowski kick), 1:27.

Second Quarter
NE—Green-Ellis 1 run (Gostkowski kick), 13:12.
NE—Welker 41 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 7:05.
Phi—FG Henery 22, 2:11.
NE—FG Gostkowski 45, :51.

Third Quarter
NE—Welker 9 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 11:27.

Fourth Quarter
NE—Gronkowski 24 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 8:35.
Phi—Avant 1 pass from Young (Henery kick), :32.
A—68,144.

	NE	PHI
First downs	28	23
Total Net Yards	457	408
Rushes-yards	30-104	17-72
Passing	353	336
Comp-Att-Int	24-34-0	28-45-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-8	3-7
Punts	3-48.3	5-39.8
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	3-20	10-80
Time of Possession	32:43	27:17

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—New England, Green-Ellis 14-44, Brady 6-27, Woodhead 4-30, Vereen 7-18, Ridley 4-4, Walter 1-(minus 8). Philadelphia, Young 6-48, McCoy 10-21, Hall 1-2.

PASSING—New England, Brady 24-34-0-361. Philadelphia, Young 26-46-1-400.

RECEIVING—New England, Welker 8-115, Branch 6-125, Hernandez 6-62, Gronkowski 4-59. Philadelphia, Avant 6-110, Celek 5-75, DJackson 4-73, McCoy 4-30, Cooper 3-71, Harbor 1-28, Hall 1-16.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—New England, Gostkowski 39 (WR).

CARDINALS 23, RAMS 20

Arizona	3	0	17	3	—23
St. Louis	7	3	0	10	—20

First Quarter
StL—N.Miller 86 punt return (Jo.Brown kick), 9:15.
Ari—FG Feely 29, :36

Second Quarter
StL—FG Jo.Brown 38, :03

Third Quarter
Ari—FG Feely 37, 9:38
Ari—Wells 7 run (Feely kick), 5:54
Ari—Peterson 80 punt return (Feely kick), 2:56

Fourth Quarter
StL—FG Jo.Brown 48, 14:49
StL—Lloyd 16 pass from Bradford (Jo.Brown kick), 7:46
Ari—FG Feely 22, 4:09
A—56,029

	Ari	StL
First downs	16	12
Total Net Yards	374	272
Rushes-yards	36-268	22-86
Passing	106	186
Comp-Att-Int	12-23-2	17-32-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-8	2-17
Punts	5-46.0	7-47.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-2
Penalties-Yards	4-30	8-49
Time of Possession	33:59	26:01

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Arizona, Wells 27-228, Skelton 3-18, Smith 3-12, Stephens-Howling 2-9, Taylor 2-1, Peterson 1-0. St. Louis, S.Jackson 17-64, Norwood 5-22.

PASSING—Arizona, Skelton 12-23-2-114. St. Louis, Bradford 17-31-0-203, Loyd 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING—Arizona, Fitzgerald 3-55, King 2-17, Roberts 2-14, Taylor 2-(minus 4), Doucet 1-14, Stephens-Howling 1-14, Sherman 1-4. St. Louis, Loyd 5-74, Pettis 3-45, Kendricks 3-37, S.Jackson 3-14, B.Gibson 2-30, Spach 1-3.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—St. Louis, Jo.Brown 50 (WR).

BENGALS 23, BROWNS 20

Cleveland	7	10	3	0	—20
Cincinnati	7	0	10	6	—23

First Quarter
Cle—Norwood 24 pass from McCoy (Dawson kick), 10:55
Cin—Benson 16 run (Nugent kick), :21

Second Quarter
Cle—FG Dawson 32, 9:20.
Cle—Little 3 pass from McCoy (Dawson kick), :07

Third Quarter
Cin—FG Nugent 23, 8:51
Cle—FG Dawson 54, 3:50
Cin—Gresham 22 pass from Dalton (Nugent kick), 1:22

Fourth Quarter
Cin—FG Nugent 40, 10:57
Cin—FG Nugent 26, :38
A—48,280.

	Cle	Cin
First downs	17	18
Total Net Yards	274	389
Rushes-yards	30-134	32-132
Passing	140	257
Comp-Att-Int	16-34-1	21-31-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-11	2-13
Punts	5-43.0	4-47.8
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	3-15	5-35
Time of Possession	26:26	31:34

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Cleveland, Hillis 19-65, McCoy 6-38, Ogbonnaya 3-18, Little 1-13, Crittle 1-2. Cincinnati, Benson 21-108, Dalton 6-23, Leonard 1-2, Scott 4-1.

PASSING—Cleveland, McCoy 16-34-1-151. Cincinnati, Dalton 21-31-0-270.

RECEIVING—Cleveland, Little 5-57, Norwood 4-69, Watson 2-14, Hillis 2-(minus 4), Cribbs 1-6, Ogbonnaya 1-4, Moore 1-3. Cincinnati, Gresham 5-68, Sanders 4-84, Green 3-110, Caldwell 3-24, Hawkins 2-27, Simpson 2-15, Scott 2-2.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Cleveland, Dawson 55 (SH).

JETS 28, BILLS 24

Buffalo	7	7	3	—28
N.Y. Jets	0	14	7	—28

First Quarter
Buf—Nelson 8 pass from Fitzpatrick (Rayner kick), 1:38.

Second Quarter
NYJ—Keller 3 pass from Sanchez (Folk kick), 12:03.
Buf—D.Johnson 5 pass from Fitzpatrick (Rayner kick), 2:06.
NYJ—Burress 14 pass from Sanchez (Folk kick), 1:03.

Third Quarter
NYJ—Keller 18 pass from Sanchez (Folk kick), 3:50.
Buf—R.Smith 36 pass from Fitzpatrick (Rayner kick), 2:11.

Fourth Quarter
Buf—FG Rayner 53, 0:40.
NYJ—Holmes 16 pass from Sanchez (Folk kick), 1:20.
A—78,088.

	Buf	NYJ
First downs	21	20
Total Net Yards	336	318
Rushes-yards	25-93	23-128
Passing	243	190
Comp-Att-Int	26-39-0	17-35-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-14	0-0
Punts	7-44.7	5-41.6
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	9-85	4-40
Time of Possession	36:11	23:49

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Buffalo, Spiller 19-55, Fitzpatrick 5-34, Smith 1-5, J.White 1-0. Chiefs, Sanders 8-35, N.Folk 2-6, Greene 13-76, Holmes 2-28, McKnight 4-21, Greene 2-6, Sanchez 2-5.

PASSING—Buffalo, Fitzpatrick 26-39-0-246. N.Y. Jets, Sanchez 17-35-1-190.

RECEIVING—Buffalo, D.Johnson 6-75, Chandler 6-63, Nelson 5-27, R.Smith 4-77, Spiller 3-15, N.Young 1-8, Keller 1-6, Burress 1-4. McKnight 3-19, Greene 3-5, Holmes 2-22, P.Turner 1-12.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None

TITANS 23, BUCCANEERS 17

Tampa Bay	3	7	7	0	—17
Tennessee	7	3	0	13	—23

First Quarter
TB—FG Barth 43, 8:02
Ten—Campbell 84 kickoff return (Bironas kick) 7:47

Second Quarter
Ten—FG Bironas 31, 3:52
TB—Williams 3 pass from Freeman (Barth kick) 13

Third Quarter
TB—Talib 27 interception return (Barth kick) 12:04

Fourth Quarter
Ten—FG Bironas 52, 11:57
Ten—Williams 2 pass from Hasselbeck (Bironas kick), 3:01
Ten—FG Bironas 38, 1:44
A—69,143.

	TB	Ten
First downs	15	18
Total Net Yards	308	352
Rushes-yards	25-122	35-202
Passing	186	150
Comp-Att-Int	18-33-1	19-34-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-13	2-10
Punts	5-38.8	3-29.3
Fumbles-Lost	5-4	3-2
Penalties-Yards	4-30	5-50
Time of Possession	26:37	33:23

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Tampa Bay, Blount 20-103, Freeman 3-10, J.Johnson 1-6, Lumpkin 1-3. Tennessee, Johnson 23-190, Ringer 9-12, Hall 1-2, Hasselbeck 2-(minus 2).

PASSING—Tampa Bay, Freeman 18-33-1-199. Tennessee, Hasselbeck 19-34-2-160.

RECEIVING—Tampa Bay, Williams 6-84, Winslow 5-52, Blount 3-58, Lumpkin 3-10, Benn 1-(minus 3). Tennessee, L.Hawkins 5-61, Ringer 4-6, Cook 3-38, Williams 3-35, Washington 1-12, Hall 1-10, Amano 1-7, Johnson 1-3.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Tennessee, Bironas 42 (WR).

FALCONS 24, VIKINGS 14

Minnesota	0	0	7	7	—14
Atlanta	7	10	0	7	—24

First Quarter
Atl—Douglas 27 pass from Ryan (Bryant kick), 6:08

Second Quarter
Atl—White 6 pass from Ryan (Bryant kick), 4:04
Atl—FG Bryant 37, :37

Third Quarter
Min—Gerhart 1 run (Longwell kick), 3:58

Fourth Quarter
Min—Harvin 39 pass from Ponder (Longwell kick), 13:13.
Atl—Palmer 3 pass from Ryan (Bryant kick), 6:40
A—68,115.

	Min	Atl
First downs	12	22
Total Net Yards	228	335
Rushes-yards	24-84	29-89
Passing	162	246
Comp-Att-Int	17-25-0	27-34-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-24	2-16
Punts	7-47.3	5-50.4
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	6-49	4-30
Time of Possession	25:21	34:39

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Minnesota, Gerhart 17-44, Harvin 5-11, Ponder 2-8. Atlanta, Turner 19-60, Rodgers 3-19, Snelling 3-7, Ryan 4-3.

PASSING—Minnesota, Ponder 17-25-0-186. Atlanta, Ryan 27-34-0-262.

RECEIVING—Minnesota, Harvin 6-95, Shiancoe 3-24, Jenkins 2-25, Gerhart 2-18, Aromashodu 1-18, Reiner 1-5. Atlanta, White 10-120, Gonzalez 5-69, Douglas 3-45, Rodgers 3-42, Palmer 2-8, Snelling 1-4, Turner 1-4.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

PANTHERS 27, COLTS 19

Carolina	3	7	7	10	—27
Indianapolis	0	10	3	6	—19

First Quarter
Car—FG Mare 40, 4:07

Second Quarter
Car—Newton 14 run (Mare kick), 14:00.
Ind—D.Brown 17 run (Vinatieri kick), 12:08.
Ind—FG Vinatieri 45, 1:48.

Third Quarter
Car—D.Williams 25 run (Mare kick), 9:13.
Ind—FG Vinatieri 31, :32.

Fourth Quarter
Car—D.Williams 2 run (Mare kick), 10:23.
Ind—Wayne 90 pass from Painter (pass failed), 6:16.
Car—FG Mare 41, 5:53.
A—63,028.

	Car	Ind
First downs	22	17
Total Net Yards	377	323
Rushes-yards	38-201	28-105
Passing	176	218
Comp-Att-Int	20-27-0	15-29-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-32	2-8
Punts	4-45.3	5-45.6
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	6-52	3-18
Time of Possession	36:17	23:43

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Carolina, Stewart 10-70, D.Williams 15-68, Realign 9-53, Smith 1-8. Indianapolis, D.Brown 14-80, Addai 7-23, Garcon 2-2.

PASSING—Carolina, Newton 20-27-0-208. Indianapolis, Painter 15-29-2-226.

RECEIVING—Carolina, LaFell 5-46, Smith 3-68, Shockey 3-41, Olsen 3-24, Naanee 3-17, Stewart 3-12, Indianapolis, Wayne 5-122, Garcon 3-34, Collie 3-28, Tarme 2-20, D.Brown 1-17, Mathieu 1-5.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Carolina, Mare 45 (BK).

BRONCOS 16, CHARGERS 13, OT

Denver	0	7	3	3	—16
San Diego	3	7	3	0	—13

First Quarter
SD—FG Novak 53, 11:34

Second Quarter
SD—Gates 6 pass from Rivers (Novak kick), 7:58
Den—Decker 18 pass from Tebow (Prater kick) 55

Third Quarter
SD—FG Novak 25, 9:30
Den—FG Prater 41, 33

Fourth Quarter
Den—FG Prater 24, 1:34

Overtime
Den—FG Prater 37, 29
A—64,436

	Den	SD
First downs	18	20
Total Net Yards	349	344
Rushes-yards	51-208	36-185
Passing	141	159
Comp-Att-Int	9-18-0	19-38-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-2	3-29
Punts	9-43.4	6-51.3
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	9-63	4-30
Time of Possession	37:08	37:23

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Denver, Tebow 9-18-0-143. San Diego, Rivers 19-36-0-188.

RECEIVING—Denver, Decker 3-65, J.Johnson 2-24, Willis 2-12, Rosario 1-23, Fells 1-19. San Diego, Gates 6-49, V.Brown 3-50, Tolbert 3-19, Jackson 2-25, McMichael 2-24, Clayton 1-11, Brinkley 1-5, Mathews 1-5

MISSED FIELD GOALS—San Diego, Novak 48 (WR), 53 (WR).

STEELERS 13, CHIEFS 9

Pittsburgh	0	10	0	0	—13
Kansas City	3	3	0	3	—9

First Quarter
KC—FG Succop 41, 10:40.

Second Quarter
Pit—FG Suisham 21, 13:29.
Pit—Saunders 2 pass from Roethlisberger (Suisham kick), 10:53.
KC—FG Succop 49, 4:30.
Pit—FG Suisham 49, :00.

Fourth Quarter
KC—FG Succop 40, 7:11.
A—72,173.

	Pit	KC
First downs	19	15
Total Net Yards	290	252
Rushes-yards	25-108	34-90
Passing	182	162
Comp-Att-Int	21-31-1	19-28-3
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-11	1-5
Punts	5-42.2	3-37.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	6-60	4-25
Time of Possession	33:30	26:30

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Pittsburgh, Mendenhall 17-57, Redman 3-22, Moore 2-16, Roethlisberger 1-8, A.Brown 2-5. Kansas City, Jones 19-60, McCluster 8-28, Battle 9-20, Annese 2-5, Palko 1-0.

PASSING—Pittsburgh, Roethlisberger 21-31-1-193. Kansas City, Palko 19-28-3-167.

RECEIVING—Pittsburgh, A.Brown 4-61, Ward 4-21, Moore 3-8, Sanders 2-25, Wallace 2-17, Mendenhall 2-10, Redman 2-6, Miller 1-20, Saunders 1-2. Kansas City, Bowe 7-68, Bradshaw 4-44, Baldwin 2-20, McCluster 2-11, Popa 1-9, Jones 1-7, Manuel 1-4.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
New England	8	3	0	.727	331	228	4-1-0	4-2-0	6-2-0	2-1-0	4-1-0
N.Y. Jets	6	5	0	.545	256	241	5-1-0	1-4-0	5-5-0	1-0-0	3-2-0
Buffalo	5	6	0	.455	281	281	4-1-0	1-5-0	3-4-0	2-2-0	1-3-0
Miami	3	8	0	.273	212	208	2-3-0	1-5-0	2-6-0	1-2-0	1-2-0
North											
Houston	8	3	0	.727	293	179	4-1-0	4-2-0	7-2-0	1-1-0	4-0-0
Tennessee	6	5	0	.545	226	212	4-2-0	2-3-0	4-4-0	2-1-0	2-2-0
Jacksonville	3	8	0	.273	138	200	3-3-0	1-5-0	3-6-0	0-2-0	2-2-0
Indianapolis	0	11	0	.000	150	327	0-6-0	0-5-0	0-7-0	0-4-0	0-4-0
West											
Baltimore	8	3	0	.727	272	182	6-0-0	2-3-0	5-2-0	3-1-0	3-0-0
Pittsburgh	8	3	0	.727	233	188	4-1-0	4-2-0	6-3-0	2-0-0	1-2-0
Cincinnati	7	4	0	.636	259	215	3-2-0	4-2-0	6-3-0	1-1-0	2-2-0
Cleveland	4	7	0	.364	165	216	3-3-0	1-4-0	3-5-0	1-2-0	0-2-0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
Dallas	7	4	0	.636	270	225	5-1-0	2-3-0	5-2-0	2-2-0	2-1-0
N.Y. Giants	6	4	0	.600	228	228	3-2-0	3-2-0	3-4-0	3-0-0	1-2-0
Philadelphia	4	7	0	.364	257	251	1-5-0	3-2-0	4-5-0	0-2-0	3-2-0
Washington	4	7	0	.364	183	222	2-3-0	2-4-0	4-5-0	0-2-0	1-3-0
South											
New Orleans	7	3	0	.700	313	228	4-0-0	3-3-0	4-3-0	3-0-0	3-1-0
Atlanta	7	4	0	.636	259	227	4-2-0	3-2-0	5-4-0	2-0-0	1-2-0
Tampa Bay	4	7	0	.364	199	291	3-3-0	1-4-0	3-5-0	1-2-0	2-2-0
Carolina	3	8	0	.273	252	305	2-4-0	1-4-0	1-7-0	2-1-0	1-2-0
North											
Green Bay	11	0	0	1.000	392	227	5-0-0	6-0-0	9-0-0	2-0-0	4-0-0
Chicago	7	4	0	.636	288	232	5-1-0	2-3-0	6-3-0	1-1-0	2-2-0
Detroit	7	4	0	.636	316	246	3-3-0	4-1-0	5-4-0	2-0-0	2-2-0
Minnesota	2	9	0	.182	214	295	1-4-0	1-5-0	2-6-0	0-3-0	0-4-0
West											
San Francisco	9	2	0	.818	262	161	5-1-0	4-1-0	7-1-0	2-1-0	2-0-0
Seattle	4	7	0	.364	185	232	2-3-0	2-4-0	3-4-0	1-3-0	2-1-0
Arizona	4	7	0	.364	213	258	2-2-0	2-5-0	4-5-0	0-2-0	2-2-0
St. Louis	2	9	0	.182	140	270	1-4-0	1-5-0	1

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	21	14	5	2	30	77	52
New Jersey	21	13	6	2	28	64	49
N.Y. Rangers	20	12	5	3	27	63	47
New Jersey	22	12	9	1	25	57	58
N.Y. Islanders	21	11	8	2	24	61	63

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	24	14	8	2	30	79	75
Ottawa	24	14	7	3	29	75	67
Buffalo	23	13	9	1	27	67	61
Ottawa	23	11	10	2	24	65	70
Montreal	22	10	9	3	23	55	61

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	22	12	7	3	27	64	61
Washington	22	12	8	1	25	70	67
Tampa Bay	22	11	9	2	24	62	69
Winnipeg	22	9	10	3	22	65	70
Carolina	22	8	12	2	18	52	69

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	24	14	7	3	31	79	74
Detroit	22	14	7	1	29	69	49
St Louis	23	13	8	2	28	57	49
Nashville	22	10	8	4	24	58	61
Columbus	23	6	14	3	15	54	75

Northwest Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	23	13	7	3	29	54	53
Minnesota	23	13	9	1	27	68	59
Edmonton	23	12	9	2	26	64	58
Colorado	23	10	12	1	21	61	70
Calgary	22	3	12	1	19	50	60

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	20	13	6	1	27	60	46
Phoenix	22	12	7	3	27	61	58
Dallas	23	13	9	1	27	59	64
Los Angeles	23	11	8	4	26	55	56
Anaheim	23	6	13	4	16	50	76

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

Sunday's Scores
Ottawa 4, Carolina 3
St. Louis 2, Columbus 1
Calgary 5, Minnesota 2
Toronto 5, Anaheim 2

Today's Games
Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Nashville at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m.
San Jose at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY'S SUMMARIES
FLAMES 5, WILD 2

Calgary . . . . . 3 0 2 — 5
Minnesota . . . . . 2 0 0 — 2
First Period—1, Minnesota, Clutterbuck 6 (Koivu, Heatley), 1:57 (pp). 2, Calgary, Giordano 4, 4:37. 3, Calgary, Stempniak 5 (Backlund, Butler), 6:54. 4, Minnesota, Johnson 3 (Brodziak), 8:08. 5, Calgary, Brodie 1 (Bouchard, Jackman), 3:45.
Second Period—None.
Third Period—6, Calgary, Tarasuk 4, 1:39. 7, Calgary, Iginla 7 (Glencross, Jokinen), 8:26.
Shots on Goal—Calgary 15-11-9—35.
Minnesota 7-10-4—21.
Goalies—Calgary, Kiprusoff. Minnesota, Backstrom. Harding. A—16,864 (18,064) T—2:19.

BLUES 2, BLUE JACKETS 1

St. Louis . . . . . 0 1 1 — 2
Columbus . . . . . 0 1 0 — 1
First Period—None.
Second Period—1 Columbus, Dorsett 3 (Parkkinen, Tyutin), 5:06. 2, St. Louis, K.Russell 5 (Steen, Shattenkirk), 19:52.
Third Period—3, St. Louis, Backes 9 (Oshie, Arnott), 7:49 (pp).
Shots on Goal—St. Louis 7-10-12—29
Columbus 7-9-8—24.
Goalies—St. Louis, Elliott. Columbus, Sanford. A—14,151 (18,144). T—2:19

SENATORS 4, HURRICANES 3

Carolina . . . . . 1 0 2 — 3
Ottawa . . . . . 2 1 1 — 4
First Period—1, Ottawa, Spezza 7 (Gonchar, Karlsson), 55. 2, Carolina, Dwyer 3 (Bre Sutter, Gleason), 15:03. 3, Ottawa, Spezza 8 (Gonchar, Karlsson), 18:03 (pp).
Second Period—4, Ottawa, Rundblad 1 (Butler, Konopka), 19:46.
Third Period—5, Carolina, E.Staal 5 (Pitkanen, Ruutu), 6:46. 6, Ottawa, Smith 4 (Daugavins, Kuba), 12:35. 7, Carolina, Ponikarovsky 6 (LaRose), 16:49 (pp).
Shots on Goal—Carolina 14-12-11—37
Ottawa 6-12-7—25.
Goalies—Carolina, Ward. Ottawa, Anderson. A—19,856 (19,153). T—2:26

MAPLE LEAFS 5, DUCKS 2

Toronto . . . . . 2 1 2 — 5
Anaheim . . . . . 1 0 1 — 2
First Period—1, Anaheim, Beauchemin 3 (Selanne, Stoesz), 9:51 (pp). 2, Toronto, Bozak 5 (Liles, Lupul), 14:10 (pp). 3, Toronto, MacArthur 9 (Connolly), 14:29.
Second Period—4, Toronto, Crabb 5 (Schenn, Colborne), 2:36.
Third Period—5, Toronto, Bozak 6 (Kessel, Lupul), 47. 6, Anaheim, Perry 10 (Getzlaf, Fowler), 5:38. 7, Toronto, Schenn 1 (Kulemin), 9:48 (en).
Shots on Goal—Toronto 10-12-6—28
Anaheim 10-7-11—28.
Goalies—Toronto, Gustavsson. Anaheim, Hiller. A—13,685 (17,174). T—2:17

Coll. Basketball

Men's Top 25 Fared
Sunday

1. North Carolina (5-1) did not play Next vs. No. 11 Wisconsin, Wednesday.
2. Kentucky (6-0) did not play Next vs. St John's, Thursday.
3. Ohio State (6-0) did not play Next vs. No. 6 Duke, Tuesday.
4. UConn (6-1) did not play Next vs. Arkansas, Saturday.
5. Syracuse (6-0) did not play Next vs. Eastern Michigan, Tuesday.
6. Duke (7-0) did not play Next at No. 3 Ohio State, Tuesday.
7. Louisville (5-0) did not play Next vs. Long Beach State, Monday.
8. Memphis (2-2) did not play Next vs. Jackson State, Monday.
9. Baylor (5-0) did not play Next vs. Prairie View, Tuesday.
10. Florida (4-1) did not play Next vs. Stetson, Monday.
11. Wisconsin (6-0) did not play Next at No. 1 North Carolina, Wednesday.
12. Xavier (4-0) did not play Next at No. 18 Vanderbilt, Wednesday.
13. Alabama (7-0) beat VCU 72-64 Next vs. Georgetown, Thursday.
14. Kansas (3-2) did not play Next vs. FAU, Wednesday.
15. Michigan (5-1) did not play Next at Virginia, Tuesday.
16. Marquette (5-0) did not play Next vs. Jacksonville, Monday.
17. Pittsburgh (5-1) beat Robert Morris 81-71 Next at Duquesne, Wednesday.
18. Vanderbilt (5-1) did not play Next vs. No. 12 Xavier, Wednesday.
19. Gonzaga (4-0) did not play Next vs. Notre Dame, Wednesday.
20. California (5-1) did not play Next vs. McNeese State, Wednesday.
21. Missouri (6-0) beat Binghamton 88-59 Next vs. Northwestern State, Friday.
22. Florida State (5-2) did not play Next at Michigan State, Wednesday.
23. Arizona (4-2) did not play Next at New Mexico State, Tuesday.
24. Mississippi State (7-1) beat North Texas 82-59. Next vs. West Virginia, Saturday.
25. Texas A&M (4-1) did not play Next vs. Alcorn State, Wednesday.

Women's Top 25 Fared
Sunday

1. Baylor (5-0) beat No. 6 Tennessee 76-67. Next vs. Texas Southern, Wednesday.
2. UConn (5-0) beat Dayton 76-58. Next vs. Towson, Wednesday.
3. Stanford (4-1) did not play Next vs. UC Davis, Wednesday.
4. Notre Dame (5-1) did not play Next vs. Pennsylvania, Friday.
5. Texas A&M (5-0) did not play. Next: at No. 15 Purdue, Sunday.
6. Tennessee (2-2) lost to No. 1 Baylor 76-67. Next vs. Mobile Tennessee, Tuesday.
7. Duke (4-1) did not play. Next vs. No. 19 Purdue, Thursday.
8. Maryland (7-0) did not play. Next: vs. Michigan, Wednesday.
9. Miami (5-1) beat Longwood 92-43. Next: at Michigan State, Thursday.
10. Georgia (5-1) beat Northeastern 61-61. Next vs. S.C. State, Thursday.
11. Louisville (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. Murray State, Tuesday.
12. Oklahoma (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 18 Ohio State, Sunday.
13. Rutgers (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. Florida, Friday.
14. Kentucky (7-0) beat MVSU 88-51. Next: vs. No. 11 Louisville, Sunday.
15. Purdue (5-0) did not play. Next: at No. 7 Duke, Thursday.
16. North Carolina (5-0) beat Kennesaw State 79-62. Next: at No. 17 Penn State, Wednesday.
17. Penn State (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 16 North Carolina, Wednesday.
18. Ohio State (5-0) beat No. 25 LSU 77-68. Next: vs. Florida State, Wednesday.
19. Texas Tech (5-0) beat Louisiana-Monroe 68-56. Next: vs. Texas State, Wednesday.
20. LSU (3-3) lost to No. 18 Ohio State 77-68. Next: vs. Alabama State, Sunday, Dec. 11.
21. Georgetown (4-1) beat LIU 75-45. Next: at Coppin State, Wednesday.
22. Virginia (5-2) lost to California 59-56. Next: vs. Thursday.
23. DePaul (5-1) beat Northeastern 69-72. Next: vs. Loyola of Chicago, Saturday.
24. Texas (4-1) at Hawaii. Next: at No. 8 Maryland, Wednesday.
25. UCLA (5-2) did not play Next vs. San Diego State, Wednesday.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Polls

The AP Top 25
The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 26, total points based on 25 points for first place through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. LSU (60)	12-0	1,500	1
2. Alabama	11-1	1,440	2
3. Oklahoma St.	10-1	1,292	3
4. Stanford	11-1	1,281	6
5. Virginia Tech	11-1	1,196	8
6. Arkansas	10-2	1,174	9
7. Houston	13-0	1,088	5
8. Oregon	10-2	1,054	7
9. Boise St.	10-1	1,050	10
10. Southern Cal	10-2	1,053	11
11. Michigan St.	10-2	935	13
12. Georgia	9-3	908	12
13. Oklahoma	9-2	835	15
14. South Carolina	10-2	798	14
15. Wisconsin	10-2	796	16
16. Kansas St.	9-2	658	18
17. Michigan	10-2	570	17
18. TCU	9-2	568	19
19. Baylor	8-3	488	21
20. Nebraska	9-3	352	22
21. Clemson	9-3	285	23
22. West Virginia	9-3	196	NR
23. Penn St.	9-3	151	20
24. Southern Miss.	10-2	79	NR
25. Florida St.	8-4	38	NR

Others receiving votes: Notre Dame 53, Texas 48, Cincinnati 23, Arkansas St. 18, Georgia Tech 16, BYU 12, Missouri 13, Virginia 9, Tulsa 7, Louisville 2, N. Illinois 1.

USA Today Top 25 Poll
The USA Today Top 25 football coaches poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 26, total points based on 25 points for first place through one point for 25th, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. LSU (59)	12-0	1,475	1
2. Alabama	11-1	1,411	2
3. Virginia Tech	11-1	1,291	4
4. Stanford	11-1	1,289	5
5. Oklahoma State	10-1	1,245	6
6. Houston	13-0	1,099	7
7. Oregon	10-2	1,041	9
8. Boise State	10-1	1,033	8
9. Michigan State	10-2	941	10
10. Arkansas	10-2	937	3
11. Oklahoma	9-2	882	11
12. Wisconsin	10-2	852	12
13. South Carolina	10-2	821	13
14. Georgia	10-2	816	14
15. Kansas State	9-2	681	15
16. Michigan	10-2	658	16
17. TCU	9-2	534	18
18. Baylor	8-3	457	20
19. Nebraska	9-3	385	21
20. West Virginia	9-3	296	23
21. Clemson	9-3	289	17
22. Penn State	9-3	182	19
23. Southern Mississippi	10-2	173	NR
24. Florida State	8-4	56	NR
25. Cincinnati	8-3	18	NR

Others receiving votes: Texas 51, Georgia Tech 42, Brigham Young 29, Notre Dame 29, Northern Illinois 19, Missouri 16, Arkansas State 13, Ohio 8, Virginia 8, Rutgers 6, Louisiana Tech 4.

Harris Top 25
The Top 25 teams in the Harris Interactive College Football Poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 26, total points based on 25 points for first place through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. LSU (115)	12-0	2,813	1
2. Alabama	11-1	2,710	2
3. Stanford	11-1	2,512	4
4. Virginia Tech	11-1	2,511	5
5. Oklahoma State	10-1	2,414	6
6. Houston	13-0	2,147	7
7. Oregon	10-2	2,107	9
8. Boise State	10-1	2,037	8
9. Arkansas	10-2	1,971	3
10. Oklahoma	9-2	1,768	11
11. Southern Cal	10-2	1,704	10
12. Georgia	10-2	1,613	12
13. Wisconsin	10-2	1,567	14
14. South Carolina	10-2	1,554	13
15. Kansas State	9-2	1,345	15
16. Michigan	10-2	1,206	16
17. Florida	8-3	949	18
18. Baylor	8-3	880	20
19. Nebraska	9-3	772	21
20. Clemson	9-3	692	17
21. West Virginia	9-3	485	23
22. Penn State	9-3	415	19
23. Southern Miss	10-2	257	NR
24. Florida State	8-4	169	NR
25. Texas	7-4	160	NR

Other teams receiving votes: Cincinnati 114, Georgia Tech 97, Notre Dame 79, BYU 32, Virginia 32, Arkansas State 28, Missouri 16, Auburn 15, Northern Illinois 13, Louisville 8, Ohio 6, Louisiana Tech 4, Rutgers 3, Tulsa 2.

Standings

Big 12 Conference

Conference	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Oklahoma St.	7	1	391	219	10	1	548	300
Oklahoma	6	2	302	230	9	2	567	311
Baylor	5	3	320	325	8	3	474	404
Texas	5	4	270	239	7	5	388	282
Texas A&M	4	5	354	281	6	6	475	344
Iowa St.	3	5	171	345	6	5	259	326
Texas Tech	2	7	262	414	5	7	406	471
Kansas	0	9	157	393	2	10	268	525

CONFERENCE USA
East Division

Conference	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Southern Miss.	6	2	279	164	10	2	443	246
Marshall	5	3	217	241	6	6	264	362
East Carolina	4	4	210	244	5	7	315	387
UCF	3	3	208	176	5	7	325	220
UAB	3	5	181	319	3	9	242	441
Memphis	1	7	120	271	2	10	195	421

West Division

Conference	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Houston	8	0	456	160	12	0	632	251
Tulsa	7	1	300	160	8	4	409	284
SMU	5	3	197	184	7	5	308	294
Rice	3	5	210	260	4	8	280	400
UTEP	2	6	217	281	5	7	319	364
Tulane	1	7	137	289	2	11	274	487

MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE

Conference	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
TCU	6	0	232	98	9	2	444	246
Boise St.	5	1	271	146	10	1	474	219
Wyoming	4	2	161	135	7	4	302	305
San Diego St	4	3	201	172	7	4	322	265
Air Force	3	4	221	175	5	6	415	307
Utah	1	5	102	223	3	8	232	356
UNLV	1	5	160	231	3	8	232	356
New Mexico	0	6	103	229	0	10	144	402

Schedule

Thursday
SOUTH
West Virginia at Bowling Green, 7 p.m.
Mid-American Championship, Ohio vs. N. Illinois, at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Pac-12 Championship, UCLA at Oregon, 7 p.m.

Saturday
EAST
Syracuse at Pittsburgh, 11 a.m.
SOUTH
Louisiana-Monroe at FAU, 3 p.m.
SEC championship, Georgia vs. LSU, at Atlanta, 5 p.m.
ACC championship, Clemson vs. Virginia Tech, at Charlotte, N.C., 7 p.m.
MIDWEST
UConn at Cincinnati, 11 a.m.
Iowa St. at Kansas St., 11:30 a.m.
Big Ten championship, Michigan St. vs. Wisconsin, at Indianapolis, 7 p.m.
SOUTHWEST
C-USA championship, Southern Miss at Houston, 11 a.m.
UNLV at TCU, 1:30 p.m.
Texas at Baylor, 2:30 p.m.
Middle Tennessee at North Texas, 3 p.m.
Troy at Arkansas St., 3:30 p.m.
Oklahoma at Oklahoma St., 7 p.m.
FAR WEST
Wyoming at Colorado St., 1 p.m.
Utah St. at New Mexico St., 2:30 p.m.
Idaho at Nevada, 3:06 p.m.
New Mexico at Boise St., 5 p.m.
BYU at Hawaii, 6:30 p.m.
Fresno St. at San Diego St., 7 p.m.
Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs

Second Round
Old Dominion at Georgia Southern, Noon
Central Arkansas at Montana, 1 p.m.
Maine at Appalachian St., 1 p.m.
Stony Brook at Sam Houston St., 2 p.m.
New Hampshire at Montana St., 2 p.m.
Lehigh at Towson, 2:30 p.m.
James Madison at N. Dakota St., 3 p.m.
Wofford at N. Iowa, 4 p.m.

Friday or Saturday
Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs
Quarterfinals
Stony Brook-Sam Houston State winner vs. New Hampshire-Montana State winner, 1:30 or 7 p.m.
Wofford-Northern Iowa winner vs. Central Arkansas-Montana winner, 1:30 or 7 p.m.
Old Dominion-Georgia Southern winner vs. Maine-Appalachian State winner, 1:30 or 7 p.m.
Lehigh-Towson winner vs. James Madison-North Dakota State winner, 1:30 or 7 p.m.

Saturday
EAST
Army vs. Navy at Landover, Md., 1:30 p.m.
SOUTH
SWAC championship, Alabama A&M vs. Grambling St. at Birmingham, Ala., Noon

Bowl Schedule

Dec. 17 Hawaii Bowl at Albuquerque, MWC vs. Pac-12, 1 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 17 Heart of Dallas Bowl at Dallas, Mid-Am vs. WAC, 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 17 New Orleans Bowl, Sun Belt champion vs. C-USA, 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 20 Boot Tri-City's Bowl, St. Petersburg, Fla., Big East vs. CUSA, 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 21 Poinsettia Bowl at San Diego, MWC vs. WAC, 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 22 MAACO Bowl, Las Vegas, MWC vs. Pac-12, 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 24 Hawaii Bowl at Honolulu, WAC vs. CUSA, 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 26 Independence Bowl at Shreveport, La., ACC vs. MWC, 5 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 27 Little Caesars Pizza Bowl at Detroit, Big Ten vs. MAC, 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 27 Beth Shalom at Charlotte, N.C., ACC vs. Big East, 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 28 Military Bowl at Washington, At large vs. ACC, 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 29 Holiday Bowl at San Diego, Big 12 vs. Pac-12, 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 29 Champs Sports Bowl at Orlando, Fla., ACC vs. Big East, 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 29 Alamo Bowl at San Antonio, Pac-12 vs. Big 12, 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 30 Armed Forces Bowl at Dallas, CUSA vs. BYU, 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 30 Pinstripe Bowl at Bronx, N.Y., Big East vs. Big 12, 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 30 Music City Bowl at Nashville, Tenn., SEC vs. ACC, N. Illinois, 6 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 30 Insight Bowl at Tempe, Ariz., Big 12 vs. Big 10, 9 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 31 Meineke Car Care Bowl at Houston, Big 12 vs. Big Ten, 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 31 Sun Bowl at El Paso, Pac-12 vs. ACC, 1 p.m. (CBS)
Dec. 31 Liberty Bowl at Memphis, Tenn., SEC vs. CUSA, 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 31 Fight Hunger Bowl at San Francisco, Pac-12 vs. ACC/WAC, 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 31 Chick-fil-A Bowl at Atlanta, SEC vs. ACC, 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Jan. 2 TicketCity Bowl at Dallas, Big 12 vs. CUSA, 11 a.m. (ESPN2)
Jan. 2 Capital One Bowl at Orlando, Fla., Big 10 vs. SEC, Noon (ESPN)
Jan. 2 Outback Bowl at Tampa, Fla., SEC vs. Big 10, Noon (ABC)
Jan. 2 Gator Bowl at Jacksonville, Fla., Big 10 vs. SEC, Noon (ESPN2)
Jan. 2 Rose Bowl at Pasadena, Calif., BCS (Pac-12 champion) vs. BCS (Big Ten champion), 4 p.m. (ESPN)
Jan. 2 Fiesta Bowl at Glendale, Ariz., BCS vs. BCS (Big 12 champion), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Jan. 3 Sugar Bowl at New Orleans, BCS (At-large) vs. BCS (SEC Champion), 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Jan. 4 Orange Bowl at Miami, BCS (At-large) vs. BCS (ACC Champion), 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Jan. 6 Cotton Bowl at Arlington, Big 12 vs. SEC, 7 p.m. (FOX)
Jan. 7 BBVA Compass Bowl at Birmingham, Ala., Big East vs. SEC, 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Jan. 9 GoDaddy.com Bowl at Mobile, Ala., Sun Belt vs. MAC, 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Jan. 9 BCS National Championship at New Orleans, BCS1 vs. BCS2, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

ON THE AIR

What's on TV

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Xavier at Vanderbilt, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Georgia at Colorado, 7:30 p.m., FSN

NFL
N.Y. Giants at New Orleans, 7:30 p.m., ESPN

NHL
Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 6:30 p.m., Versus

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
TAMPA BAY RAYS—Acquired RHP Josh Lueke from Baltimore for a player to be named or cash considerations from Seattle for C John Jaso.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
DETROIT RED WINGS—Reassigned F Fedor Bruzustinsin to Grand Rapids (AHL).
OTTAWA SENATORS—Recalled F Nikita Filatov from Binghamton (AHL). Reassigned F Stephane Da Costa to Binghamton.
PHOENIX COYOTES—Reassigned D Maxim Goncharov to Portland (AHL).
American Hockey League
AHL—Suspended Grand Rapids D Garnet Exelby one game for a spearing incident during Friday's game against Oklahoma City.
Central Hockey League
ARIZONA SUNDOGS—Announced D Maxim Goncharov was recalled by Portland (AHL).
BLOOMINGTON BLAZE—Activated D Aaron Dawson from league suspension.
MISSOURI MAVERICKS—Waived G Justin Gaze.
COLLEGE
ILLINOIS—Fired football coach Ron Zook. Named Vic Koenning interim football coach.
KANSAS—Fired football coach Turner Gill.
MEMPHIS—Fired football coach Larry Porter.
SYRACUSE—Fired men's assistant basketball coach Bernie Fine.

FISHING REPORT

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 58-65 degrees; 7.65' low. Black bass are good on shallow running crankbaits, Texas rigs, spinnerbaits and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.
ARROWHEAD: Water off color; 56-67 degrees; 8.33' low. Black bass are fair on topwaters early, later switching to Texas rigs, spinnerbaits and weightless flukes. Crappie are fair on minnows. White bass are good on slabs and minnows. Blue catfish are fair to good on juglines with cut shad.
COLORADO CITY: 17.8' low. No report available.
E* PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 58-66 degrees; 8.33' low. Black bass are fair on topwaters early, later switching to Texas rigs, spinnerbaits and weightless flukes. Crappie are fair on minnows. White bass are good on slabs and minnows. Blue catfish are fair to good on juglines with cut shad.
JIM ELLIOTT: Water clear; 59-67 degrees; 14.24' low. Black bass are fair to good on Zara Spooks early, later switching to Texas rigs. Rat-L-Traps and shakyheads. Crappie are fair on live minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.
O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 58-70 degrees; 37.94' low. Black bass are fair to good on Rat-L-Traps, shallow running crankbaits, Texas rigs and 3" swimbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Channel catfish are fair to good on shrimp, minnows, and chicken livers. Blue catfish are fair to good on perch and live shad.

NORTH
BRAZOS: Water lightly stained; 69-73 degrees; 15.78' low. Black bass are fair on shallow running crankbaits, chartreuse buzzbaits and watermelon worms over brush piles in 8-15 feet. Hybrid striper are good on live shad early. White bass are good on slabs. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are slow to fair on hot dogs and summer sausage. Yellow catfish are good on live perch.
BROWNWOOD: Water lightly stained; 69-73 degrees; 15.78' low. Black bass are fair on shallow running crankbaits, chartreuse buzzbaits and watermelon worms over brush piles in 8-15 feet. Hybrid striper are good on live shad early. White bass are good on slabs. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are slow to fair on hot dogs and summer sausage. Yellow catfish are good on live perch.
BUCHANAN: Water clear; 67-71 degrees; 31.79' low. Black bass are good on white Spinnerbaits, perch colored Rat-L-Traps, and chartreuse crankbaits in 10-20 feet. Striped bass are fair on Red Fins, Zara Spooks, and Spoiler Shads near Lighthouse Point in 20-35 feet. White bass are fair on plastic swim baits and Tiny Traps in 10-20 feet. Crappie are fair on chartreuse Curt's crappie jigs and live minnows. Channel catfish are good on shrimp, minnows, and chicken livers. Blue catfish are good on perch and live shad.

EAST
ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 58-65 degrees; 7.65' low. Black bass are good on shallow running crankbaits, Texas rigs, spinnerbaits and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.
ARROWHEAD: Water off color; 56-67 degrees; 8.33' low. Black bass are fair on topwaters early, later switching to Texas rigs, spinnerbaits and weightless flukes. Crappie are fair on minnows. White bass are good on slabs and minnows. Blue catfish are fair to good on juglines with cut shad.
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CENTRAL
BASTROP: Water clear; 68-71 degrees. Black bass are good on watermelon soft plastics and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are fair on live minnows and chartreuse tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.
BELTON: Water fairly clear; 67-70 degrees; 11.91' low. Black bass are good on topwaters and spinnerbaits. Hybrid striper are good on live shad early. White bass are good on slabs. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are slow to fair on hot dogs and summer sausage. Yellow catfish are good on live perch.
BROWNWOOD: Water lightly stained; 69-73 degrees; 15.78' low. Black bass are fair on shallow running crankbaits, chartreuse buzzbaits and watermelon worms over brush piles in 8-15 feet. Hybrid striper are good on live shad early. White bass are good on slabs. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cut bait and shrimp over baited holes. Yellow catfish are slow.
BUCHANAN: Water clear; 67-71 degrees; 31.79' low. Black bass are good on white Spinnerbaits, perch colored Rat-L-Traps, and chartreuse crankbaits in 10-20 feet. Striped bass are fair on Red Fins, Zara Spooks, and Spoiler Shads near Lighthouse Point in 20-35 feet. White bass are fair on plastic swim baits and Tiny Traps in 10-20 feet. Crappie are fair on chartreuse Curt's crappie jigs and live minnows. Channel catfish are good on shrimp, minnows, and chicken livers. Blue catfish are good on perch and live shad.

GLANTZ-CULVER

NCAA Football
Thursday

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
at South Florida	Pk	Pk	West	Virginia
Friday				
MAC Conference At Detroit Championship				
N. Illinois	4 1/2	3 1/2		Ohio
Pac-12 Conference Championship				
at Oregon	29 1/2	30 1/2		UCLA
Saturday				
at Cincinnati	8 1/2	9 1/2		UConn
at Pittsburgh	11 1/2	12		Syracuse
at Kansas St	11	11 1/2		Iowa St.
Wyoming	5	6		at Colorado St.
at TCU	40	40 1/2		UNLV
at Oklahoma St	3	3		Oklahoma
at Baylor	OFF	OFF		Texas
at Nevada	19 1/2	19 1/2		Idaho
at Boise St	48 1/2	49		New Mexico
BYU	8	7 1/2		at Hawaii
Utah St	12 1/2	13		at New Mexico St.
at San Diego St	7	7 1/2		Fresno St.
at Arkansas St	18	17 1/2		Troy
at North Texas	5	5 1/2		Middle Tenn
Louisiana-Monroe	9	9		at FAU
Conference USA Championship				
at Houston	13	13 1/2		Southern Miss.
SEC Conference At Atlanta Championship				
LSU	10	11 1/2		Georgia
ACC Conference At Charlotte, N.C. Championship				
Virginia Tech	6 1/2	7		Clemson
Big 10 Conference At Indianapolis Championship				
Wisconsin	10	9 1/2		Michigan St.
Off Key				
Baylor QB questionable				

NFL
Tonight

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
at New Orleans	6 1/2	7 1/2	(51)	N

LOCAL SPORTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

LEE BOYS BASKETBALL GAME TIME CHANGED

The time of the Lee High School boys basketball game against El Paso Cathedral on Tuesday has been changed to 6 p.m.

MUSTANGS

From 1C

"The first few games were tough," said junior Christian Whigham, who has been playing defensive back for much of the season. "That's what we used to motivate us for the rest of the year. The defense has turned it around, and (the coaches) have made everything easier to understand."

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WEBBER

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Red Bull told Vettel on lap 14 that data from his car showed a gearbox problem and asked him to short shift when in second gear. The problem then got worse and the team later said Vettel had to short shift in every gear, considerably slowing his lap times.

After Webber got past, Vettel again increased his pace and had no problem staying behind his teammate.

Vettel dismissed suggestions that team orders may have come into play to try to help Webber finish second in the points standings.

"We had no choice," Vettel said. "More and more I was forced to slow down and at the end I was not using second gear."

Fernando Alonso of Ferrari was fourth and crowd favorite Felipe Massa, in his 100th race for Ferrari, was fifth.

Lewis Hamilton, the winner in Abu Dhabi two weeks ago, also had a gearbox problem with his McLaren and eventually retired on lap 48.

Seven-time champion Michael Schumacher of Mercedes punctured his left-rear tire while trying to pass Bruno Senna of Renault at the end of the main straight. Schumacher had already passed Senna when the Brazilian's car touched his tire and forced him to make an unscheduled pit stop that led to a 15th-place finish.

Senna also had to make a stop because of damage to his car and eventually received a drive-through penalty for the incident and finished 17th.

Veteran Brazilian driver Rubens Barrichello, who is yet to secure a drive for next year and could have made his last F1 race after an 18-year career, got off to a slow start from 12th position and finished 14th.

Timo Glock of Virgin had a tire come off his car after a pit stop and he had to retire at the exit of the pit lane on lap 23.

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DROUGHT

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6th and four bogeys on the card.

They shared fourth with Australia's Richard Green and Brendan Jones (69), plus Scotland's Stephen Gallacher and Martin Laird (66) and the Dutch pairing of Robert-Jan Derksen and Joost Luiten (68).

Like Ireland, South Africa also had a pair of major winners who faltered on the final day, with Charl Schwartzel and Louis Oosthuizen only able to record a 74 to quickly drop out of contention.

Defending champions Italy, represented by Edoardo and Francesco Molinari, also had a final-round 74 to finish 17th, 10 shots back.

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Houston Texans returner Jacoby Jones (12) returns a punt past Jacksonville Jaguars long snapper Jeremy Cain (48), Brock Bolen (44) and T.J. Heath (34) on Sunday during the first half in Jacksonville, Fla.

TEXANS

From 1C

nine-man fronts.

Foster ran for 65 yards and a score. Tate added 26 yards on the ground. Together, along with Leinart's perfect touchdown pass to Joel Dreessen and a defensive effort that included seven sacks, it was enough for Houston to win its fifth consecutive game.

But with Schaub (foot) and Leinart out, the Texans are down to T.J. Yates and newly signed Kellen Clemens.

Yates completed 8 of 15 passes for 70 yards in relief of Leinart, doing just enough to help the Texans beat the Jaguars (3-8). Houston led 20-10 at halftime, but managed just 47 yards and two first downs in the second half.

"I feel for Matt. He was playing good," Yates said. "If there's one thing that this team knows how to do, it's deal with adversity. We've taken an injury almost every game of the year and the team has rallied around each other and found a way to win."

Jacksonville's quarterback situation was a mess, too.

Coach Jack Del Rio benched rookie Blaine Gabbert in the fourth quarter, after six sacks and an interception. Luke McCown led the team to a late field goal, but his fourth-down pass with about a minute remaining fell incomplete.

Del Rio said Gabbert remains the team's starter.

"Offensively, we just are struggling to generate enough productivity to have any fun," Del Rio said. "It's tough to win in this league when you're not scoring. ... We are working hard at it, but we are just not making enough plays."

Leinart, making his first start in two years, was hit hard by defensive end Jeremy Mincey late in the second quarter. He went to the sideline, headed to the locker room for tests and did not return.

Leinart completed 10 of 13 passes for 57 yards and a touchdown, a 20-yard pass to Dreessen under heavy pressure. He got hurt on the next possession.

Yates replaced him and drove the Texans into position for a field goal that put them ahead 20-10 at the break.

Jacksonville outgained Houston 255-215 in total yards. But Josh Scobee missed a 55-yard field goal and tight end Marcedes Lewis dropped a pass in the end zone with no one around him. It was the latest in a growing list of drops for the former Pro Bowl tight end. His latest one prompted Jacksonville to settle for a short field goal.

"It was a leak here, a leak there and we never really got clicking," guard Uche Nwaneri said.

McCown, named the starter five days before the season opener and then benched after two games, was 7 of 11 passing for 62 yards in two series. Gabbert was 13 of 29 for 136 yards.

Maurice Jones-Drew was the lone bright spot for Jacksonville's offense. He ran 18 times for 99 yards and caught four passes for 67 more.

"A quarterback is only as good as the players around him," Jones-Drew said. "When they pull your quarterback, they are saying something about you. It's not the quarterback. We have to continue to work to get better with whoever is going to be the starter next week."

Jacksonville's only touchdown came on Ashton Youboty's 38-yard fumble return on the opening series. Foster fumbled for the first time in 172 carries this season, coughing up the ball on Paul Posluszny's tackle.

Foster bounced back with a 43-yard gain on the next possession and later scored on a 1-yard plunge. It was his fifth consecutive game with a rushing touchdown.

"I'm very proud of this team," Kubiak said. "It's hard to win in this league, and when you face some of the adversity we've faced and will be facing again, and to continue to find a way to win, that's a sign of a very solid football team."

Notes: Texans WR Andre Johnson, back in the starting lineup after missing six games because of a hamstring injury, caught two passes for 22 yards. ... Rackers' 53-yard FG tied the franchise record. ... Jaguars C Brad Meester played in his 172nd career game, breaking the previous franchise record held by Jimmy Smith. ... Jones-Drew has 1,040 yards rushing, his third consecutive 1,000-yard season.

TEXANS 20, JAGUARS 13

Houston	7	13	0	0 —20
Jacksonville	7	3	0	3 —13

First Quarter

Jac—Youboty 38 fumble return (Scobee kick), 13:38.

Hou—Foster 1 run (Rackers kick), 6:15

Second Quarter

Jac—FG Scobee 21, 10:41

Hou—Dreessen 20 pass from Leinart (Rackers kick), 6:24.

Hou—FG Rackers 53, 4:13

Hou—FG Rackers 33, :02

Fourth Quarter

Jac—FG Scobee 35, 4:15

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	Hou	Jac
First downs	9	14
Total Net Yards	215	255
Rushes-yards	31-68	24-105
Passing	127	150
Comp-Att-Int	18-28-0	20-40-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	7-48
Punts	10-43.6	9-45.0
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	7-60	4-30
Time of Possession	28:21	31:39

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Houston, Foster 22-65, Tate 5-26, Yates 4-(minus 3). Jacksonville, Jones-Drew 18-99, McCown 1-9, Gabbert 1-1, Karim 2-(minus 2), Owens 2-(minus 2).

PASSING—Houston, Yates 8-15-0-70, Leinart 10-13-0-57. Jacksonville, Gabbert 13-29-1-136, McCown 7-11-0-62.

RECEIVING—Houston, Foster 7-24, Daniels 4-31, A.Johnson 2-22, Walter 2-15, Dreessen 1-20, Jones 1-10, Casey 1-5. Jacksonville, Jones-Drew 4-67, Lewis 4-47, Dillard 3-30, Hill 3-12, Thomas 2-11, Karim 2-0, Shorts 1-25, Owens 1-6.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Jacksonville, Scobee 55 (WR).

Syracuse fires Fine after molestation allegations

By Pete Thamel
New York Times News Service

With his clipboard in hand, the Syracuse basketball associate head coach Bernie Fine was a continual presence at the side of Jim Boeheim as the Orange basketball program bloomed into a national power. But as the scope of allegations of molestation against Fine grew over the weekend, the university on Sunday fired him.

Syracuse made the announcement Sunday night in the wake of news that the third accuser spoke to the police and that a graphic taped phone conversation between Fine's wife, Laurie, and another accuser became public.

Fine

In a news release, Syracuse's senior vice president for public affairs, Kevin Quinn, said that Fine's employment had been terminated, effective immediately. The university put Fine on administrative leave Nov. 17 after two accusers told ESPN that Fine had molested them.

Fine, 65, was in his 36th year as an assistant at Syracuse, his alma mater, and held the longest tenure of an assistant at one school in Division I. Fine has maintained his innocence through his lawyers and Boeheim had vigorously defended Fine after the initial pair of allegations.

But Boeheim's stance changed Sunday. "The allegations that have come forth today are disturbing and deeply troubling," Boeheim said. "I am personally very shocked because I have never witnessed any of the activities that have been alleged."

On Sunday, Zach Tomaselli, 23, told The Syracuse Post-Standard that he met with Syracuse detectives last week and signed an affidavit saying Fine had molested him in a Pittsburgh hotel room in 2002. The paper reported that the allegation led to a search warrant that allowed federal officials to search Fine's home Friday. They took away three filing cabinets and a computer during a search that lasted several hours. On Sunday, ESPN and The Post-Standard released a telephone conversation between another of the accusers, Bobby Davis, and Fine's wife, in which she does not deny Davis' allegations of Fine molesting him. She also tells Davis that her husband "needs help" and "thinks he's above the law."

ESPN reported that Davis told them he had told Bernie Fine that he had, had a sexual relationship with Laurie Fine when he was 18.

"I thought he was going to kill me, but I had to tell him," Davis told ESPN. "It didn't faze him one bit."

While Laurie Fine never explicitly says that her husband molested Davis, she appears to acknowledge it in different ways. She casually asked Davis, "You never had any oral sex with him?" Davis responded he did not, but he thought Bernie Fine wanted to. Laurie Fine responded: "Of course he would? Why wouldn't he?"

Laurie Fine denies on the tape that she had ever witnessed her husband molesting other young boys. When asked if Davis was the only one her husband "did it to," in an apparent reference to molesting other boys, she says "no" twice and later "I don't know." She added in the taped conversation: "Bernie is also in denial. I think that he did the things he did, but he's somehow through his own mental telepathy has erased them out of his mind."

Bernie Fine's lawyers released no additional comment Sunday.

Tomaselli, the third accuser, is himself facing a sexual assault charge against a 14-year old boy in Maine. Tomaselli's father, Fred, told multiple news media outlets that he did not believe his son's accusations that he traveled with Fine by bus to Pittsburgh and spent the night in Fine's hotel room for a game in on Jan. 22, 2002.B

Boeheim had denied the stories of the first two accusers and had spoken out vigorously against them, telling ESPN that the men's claims were "a bunch of a thousand lies" and that they went public for financial gain.

"I believe they are looking for money," Boeheim said he said at the time. "I believe they saw what happened at Penn State, and they are using ESPN to get money. That is what I believe."

Boeheim was criticized by victim's rights advocates for his comments. He later invoked the name of the former Penn State coach Joe Paterno, who was fired after the former defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky was charged with 40 counts of abusing eight boys.

Boeheim said he regretted those statements Sunday.

"I believe the university took the appropriate step tonight," Boeheim said. "What is most important is that this matter be fully investigated and that anyone with information be supported to come forward so that the truth can be found. I deeply regret any statements I made that might have inhibited that from occurring or been insensitive to victims of abuse."

GOLFROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

PGA

AUSTRALIAN PGA

COOLUM, Australia (AP) — Greg Chalmers won the Australian PGA Championship for his second straight major Down Under tournament victory, beating Australian countrymen Robert Allenby and Marcus Fraser with a par on the first hole of a playoff.

The left-handed Chalmers, the Australian Open winner two weeks ago at The Lakes in Sydney, will have a chance to complete the Australian Triple Crown next month in the Australian Masters in Melbourne.

Chalmers closed with a 5-under 67 to match Allenby (68) and Fraser (69) at 12-under 276 on the Hyatt Regency resort course. Australians Adam Scott (68) and Aaron Baddeley (72) followed at 10 under.

American Bubba Watson had a 77 to drop into a tie for 12th at 7 under.

PGA European

SOUTH AFRICAN OPEN

JOHANNESBURG — South Africa's Hennie Otto won the South African Open, closing with an even-par 72 for a one-stroke victory over Austria's Bernd Wiesberger.

Otto finished at 14 under at Serengeti Golf and Wildlife Estate.

Wiesberger shot a 68.

NHLROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MAPLE LEAFS 5, DUCKS 2

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Tyler Bozak scored two goals, Joffrey Lupul had two assists against his former Anaheim teammates, and the Toronto Maple Leafs beat the Ducks 5-2 Sunday night for their fourth victory in five games.

Bozak and Clarke MacArthur scored 19 seconds apart in the first period for Toronto, which reclaimed first place in the Northeast Division and sent the spiraling Ducks to their seventh consecutive loss.

FLAMES 6, WILD 2

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Alex Tanguay and Jarome Iginla had third-period goals to pad Calgary's lead and help stop a three-game losing streak for the Flames.

Matt Giordano, Lee Stempniak and T.J. Brodie scored during a furious first period, and Miikka Kiprusoff steadied himself after the early barrage to make 19 saves for Calgary.

SENATORS 4, HURRICANES 3

OTTAWA — Jason Spezza scored twice, including his 200th regular-season goal, and David Rundblad got his first NHL goal to lead Ottawa.

BLUES 2, BLUE JACKETS 1

COLUMBUS, Ohio — David Backes scored in the third period to lift St. Louis to the win in coach Ken Hitchcock's first game against his former club.

TEXASCOLLEGE BASKETBALL

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MEN

WAKE FOREST 70, TEXAS TECH 61

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — After two straight losses, Wake Forest turned things around with a solid victory over Texas Tech.

Travis McKie and C.J Harris scored 20 points each to help Wake Forest beat Texas Tech 70-61 Sunday in the seventh-place game of the Old Spice Classic.

Tony Chennault added 14 points for Wake Forest (4-2), which won one of three games at the tournament.

NO. 24 MISSISSIPPI STATE 82, NORTH TEXAS 59

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Arnett Moultrie scored 20 points, Dee Bost added 18 and No. 24 Mississippi State cruised to an 82-59 victory over North Texas on Sunday.

The Bulldogs bolted to a 30-10 lead and were never challenged, shooting 63.3 percent in the first half and 51.9 percent for the game.

SMU 65, GEORGIA SOUTHERN 59

DALLAS — Cannen Cunningham hit two key free throws down the stretch and scored a career-high 16 points to help SMU defeat Georgia Southern 55-49 on Sunday.

UTSA 76, CAMERON 48

SAN ANTONIO — Jordan Sims scored 14 points, all in the second half, and UTSA rolled to a 76-48 victory over Cameron on Sunday.

TEXAS STATE 74, NW OKLAHOMA STATE 72

SAN MARCOS — Brooks Ybarra and Matt Staff scored 13 points each and Texas State held on to beat Northwestern Oklahoma State 74-72 Sunday night.

WOMEN

NO. 1 BAYLOR 76, TENNESSEE 67

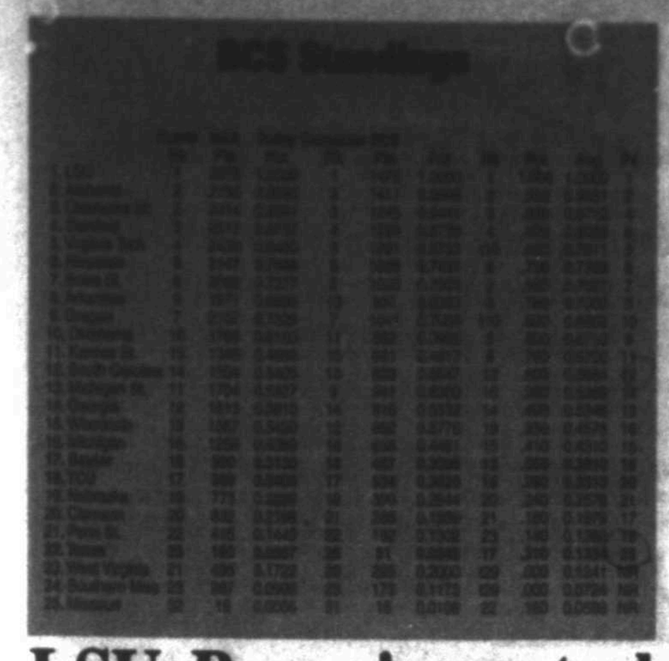
KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Brittney Griner scored 26 points as No. 1 Baylor beat its second Top 10 opponent this season on Sunday, handing sixth-ranked Tennessee its first loss at home in nearly three years, 76-67.

The preseason All-America had nine first-half points but rallied in the paint after halftime.

NO. 19 TEXAS TECH 94, LOUISIANA-MONROE 54

LUBBOCK — Keisi Baker had 14 points and 10 rebounds to lead No. 19 Texas Tech past Louisiana-Monroe.

Texas Tech (5-0) jumped to a 16-3 lead and led 37-19 at halftime. Louisiana-Monroe was 1 for 11 from the floor through the first eight minutes.



LSU, Bama in control of BCS standings

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

Only a major upset or a dramatic shift by voters can prevent a rematch between LSU and Alabama in the BCS national championship game.

The Tigers and Crimson Tide hold down the top two spots for the second straight week, and by a wide margin over third-place Oklahoma State. Stanford is fourth and Virginia Tech fifth.

LSU (1.000 BCS average) is a unanimous No. 1 in both the coaches' poll and the Harris poll, and is top-ranked in the computer ratings. Alabama (.9551) is an overwhelming No. 2 in the polls and second in the computers.

Oklahoma State (.8712), with one game left against Oklahoma on Saturday, is third in the computer ratings and fifth in the polls.

LSU (12-0) plays Georgia in the Southeastern Conference championship game on Saturday. Win that, and the Tigers earn a spot in the BCS title game Jan. 9 in New Orleans. If the Tigers lose to the Bulldogs, they still have a chance to remain in the BCS top two and play for the national title.

Alabama is done with its season.

Oklahoma State plays Oklahoma on Saturday, with the chance for another statement victory against a good team. But with the Cowboys fifth in both polls it would take an enormous swing by voters to push them past either SEC team.

While there might not be any games with national championship implications and championship weekend, plenty of BCS bids will be determined.

Michigan State and Wisconsin play in the Big Ten championship game with the winner going to the Rose Bowl.

Oregon and UCLA meet in the Pac-12 title game Friday night with a Rose Bowl berth on the line. The Bruins (6-6) would not even qualify for a bowl if they lose to in Eugene.

Oklahoma State might be shut out of the national title game, but the Bedlam rivalry game will still determine the Big 12 champion and — at worst — a spot in the Fiesta Bowl.

The Atlantic Coast Conference championship game between Clemson and Virginia Tech will determine which teams plays in the Orange Bowl.

Houston can clinch its spot as this year's BCS buster by beating Southern Mississippi at home in the Conference USA championship game. The undefeated Cougars are sixth in the latest standings.

Hard to define fairness with potential BCS rematch

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

A rematch of Alabama-LSU in the BCS championship game is close to being a foregone conclusion.

The top-ranked Tigers have already put together such a strong resume that even if they lose the Southeastern Conference championship game Saturday to No. 12 Georgia, there is still a good shot they will play for the BCS title.

The second-ranked Crimson Tide has it even easier than LSU. Alabama is in the clubhouse with an 11-1 record, in good position to keep its spot in the BCS standings no matter how championship Saturday plays out — while it rests.

So is it fair for Alabama to get a second chance against LSU, having already lost to the Tigers 9-6 in overtime at Tuscaloosa this month? Well, depends on how you define fair.

According to the BCS media guide, the Bowl Championship Series is "designed to match the two top-rated teams in the national championship game."

Not the two best teams. Not the teams from the best conferences. Not the teams that have played the toughest schedule or had the most impressive victories — or losses for that matter. Not the top-rated teams that have not already met in the regular season or won a conference championship.

Nope, simply the "top-rated teams" according to a formula based on two subjective polls and six computer ratings.

That leaves a lot of room for interpretation.

Those who support a rematch (this includes pretty much every Alabama fan, of course) say the Crimson Tide pass the eye test. Alabama looks to be better than the other one-loss teams, Oklahoma State, Virginia Tech and Stanford, and has been dominant in every game it has played other than against LSU.

"Honestly I don't get all of the venom toward a rematch," said AP poll voter Jeremy Sampson from WILX-TV in Lansing, Mich. "Isn't the whole idea to have the two best teams play for the title? Clearly these (LSU and Alabama) are the two best teams in the country. I just hope we see a touchdown scored in the National title game."

And clearly none of the other one-loss contenders has a more impressive loss than Alabama. Oklahoma State lost to unranked Iowa State, Virginia Tech was routed by Clemson and Stanford was roughed up by Oregon.

"Just look around the top 10 at their losses, doesn't impress the same way," said voter Garland Gillen, from WWL-TV in New Orleans.

The other side of the rematch debate has more varied arguments.

Some have attacked Alabama's schedule strength, an odd approach considering the SEC is generally regarded as the best conference in the country. There is some merit, — though. The bottom half of the SEC was particularly weak this season and Alabama did not play the best two teams from the SEC East (South Carolina and Georgia).

The Sagarin computer ratings that do include margin of victory and rate not only a team's opponents but also the opponents of the opponents, rates Alabama's schedule 23rd toughest in the country. Oklahoma State's is eighth. Stanford's is 35th and Virginia Tech's is 60th. That's why Oklahoma State — if the Cowboys can beat Oklahoma on Saturday and win the Big 12 — have become the most popular alternative pick for those against a rematch.

The strength of schedule argument can be dicey, though. The RPI rankings have Alabama with the 14th toughest schedule and Oklahoma State with the 27th best.

Resumes aside, many simply feel Alabama had its chance and it's time for another team to take a shot at beating LSU.

"If the regular-season is the playoff as BCS defenders insist, didn't LSU already eliminate the Tide?" said Mike Hlas of the Cedar Rapids Gazette in Iowa.

LSU and Alabama was billed as the Game of the Century, but barring a massive voter uprising in the Harris and coaches' polls Dec. 4, when the final BCS standings are released and the bowl matchups are announced, all that game determined was which jerseys the Tigers and Tide will wear at the Superdome.

And how fair — there is that word again — is that to LSU? As it is the Tide appears to have benefited from losing at home to LSU. Now Alabama can get some rest, split with the Tigers and win a national championship.

It's also possible neither LSU nor Alabama will be a conference champion, but both will be playing for the national championship — and that doesn't sit well with plenty of people.

Ultimately, it's not about fairness. It's about a system that really isn't capable of producing a satisfying result in this situation and — as has been proved time and again — many others.

"The whole system is unfair," said Phil Miller of the Star Tribune in Minneapolis, "and whether Alabama deserves another shot at LSU (a game many fans will dread) doesn't change that."

■ Commentary

BAYLOR

From 1C

scramble from one side of the field to the other. He remained flat on his back for a few moments before coming out of the game for one play. When he came back in, he scored a 3-yard keeper to put the Bears up 31-21.

When Griffin got a more thorough medical exam at halftime, team doctors determined that he needed to sit out the rest of the game.

"He had a little trouble remembering what was going on," Briles said. "We were going to be cautious because that's the right thing to do. Robert's a tough guy. He wanted to go. ... But he didn't need to go."

Nick Florence, the junior who hadn't thrown a pass all season and was possibly going to be redshirted, threw touchdown passes of 46 yards to Kendall Wright and 40 yards to Terrance Williams before Joe Williams returned an interception 90 yards. The three-point halftime lead they had with Griffin was stretched to 52-28 late in the third quarter.

Florence finished 9-of-12 passing for 151 yards.

The Bears went on to score their most points ever in a conference game — in the Big 12 or in the Southwest Conference for eight decades before that. They had 617 total yards, including Terrance Ganaway's 246 yards rushing on a school-record 42 carries with two touchdowns.

Wright has six catches for 125 yards and two TDs.

It was Baylor's sixth 600-yard game this season, and the Bears have already set a school record with 6,344 yards.

Griffin has 4,290 of those yards while accounting for 41 touchdowns (34 passing, seven rushing) with only five interceptions in 347 attempts. Ganaway's 14 rushing TDs and Wright's 12 receiving TDs are both single-season Baylor records.

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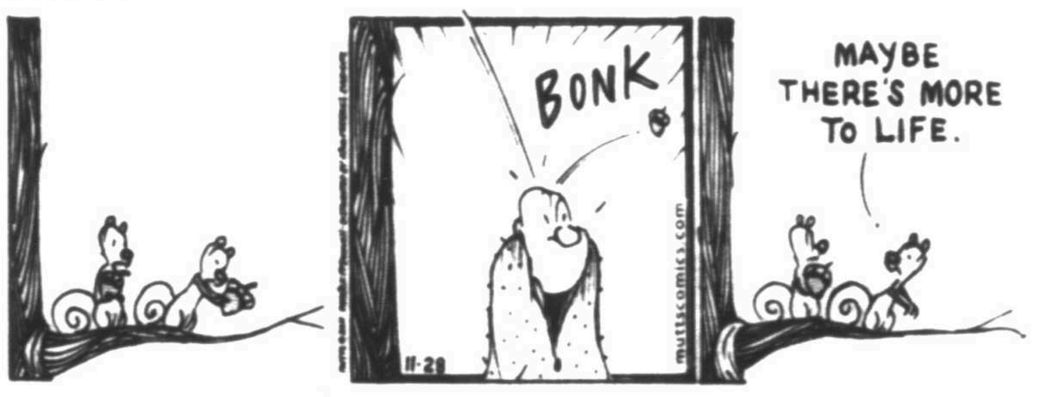

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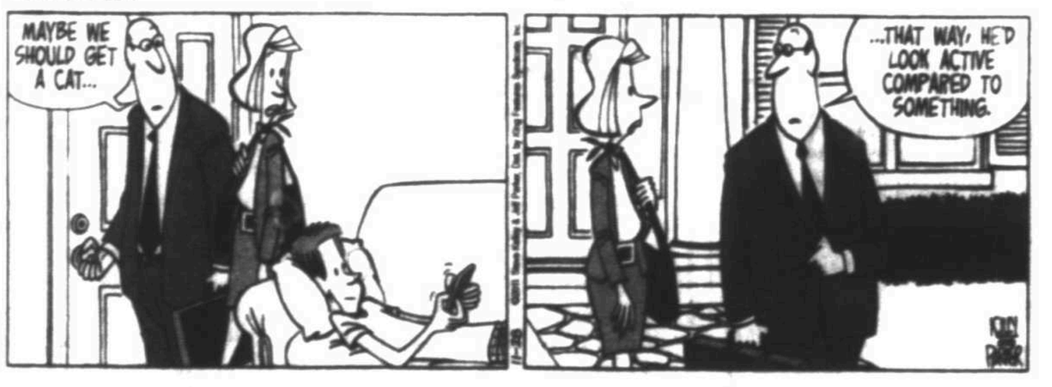

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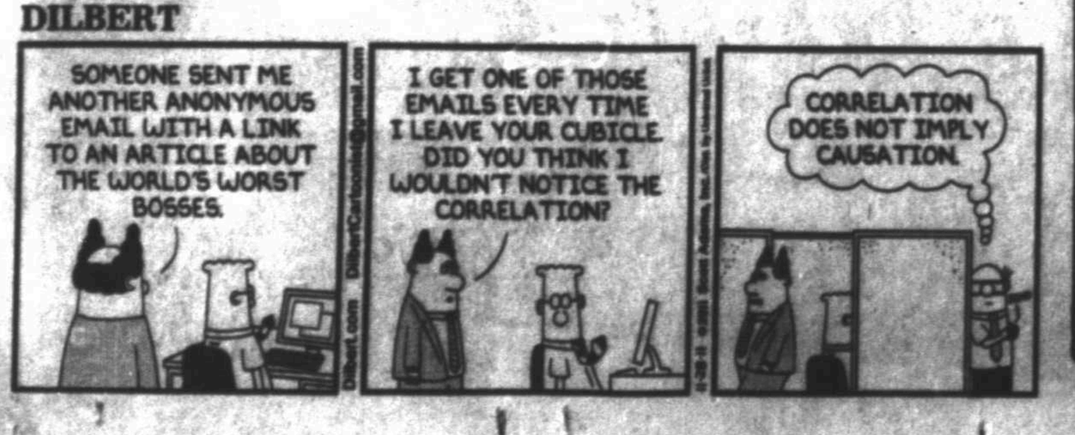

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TODAY Mostly sunny high 71 low 35

TUESDAY Mostly sunny high 55 low 28

WEDNESDAY Sunny high 61 low 37

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 71 and west winds between 5 and 10 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 35 and north winds between 5 and 15 mph.

Tuesday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 55, a low around 28 and north winds between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday, look for sunny skies with a high around 61 and a low around 37.

The high on Sunday reached 57 while the low dropped to 25. The record high for Oct. 23 is 90 set in 1934. The record low is 49 set in 1996.

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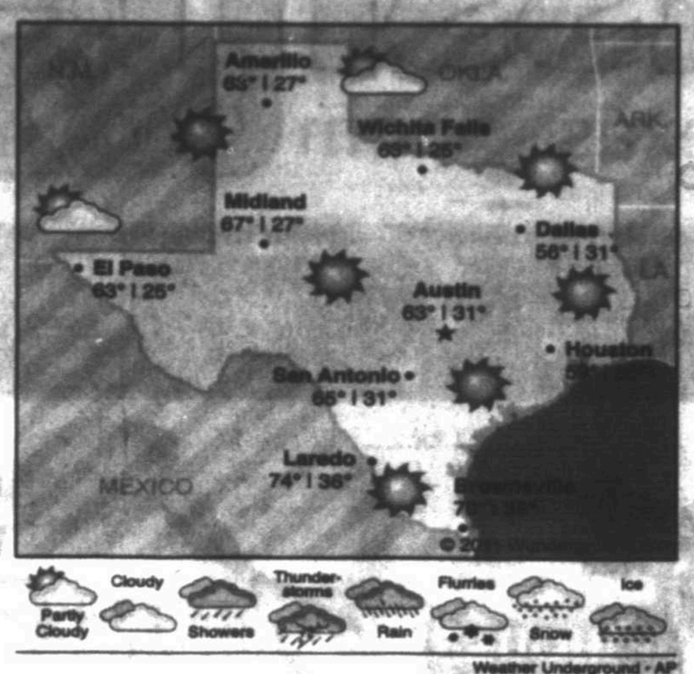
High pressure parked off the East Coast will continue to provide the coast of the Middle Atlantic states and New England with dry and mild conditions. Cities like New York, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., will experience another day with high temperatures in the 60s.

Farther to the west, a large storm stretching from western New England through the Gulf Coast will produce areas of rain and drizzle. A few thunderstorms are also possible along the central and eastern Gulf Coast.



Precipitation	
Rainfall Saturday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Sunday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.21 in.
Total for year	3.87 in.
Normal total (year to date)	13.94 in.

Tuesday's temperatures	
High	57
Low	25
Normal high	62
Normal low	34
Sunrise	7:28 a.m.
Sunset	5:45 p.m.

Fiance's adult son short on money, long on demands

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: My fiance and I plan to be married in the coming year. It will be the second marriage for both of us. My intended has an "adult" son I'll call "Jeff," who graduated from college last year and makes good money. His father has helped him out by paying his tuition, car loan, rent, a generous allowance and various other loans that have never been repaid.

Jeff comes up short almost every month because he blows his money on vacations, clothing, electronic gadgets, etc., so he needs $500 to $1,000 to "get on his feet." If his father refuses, Jeff resorts to name-calling and emotional blackmail.

I earn a good living and have a tidy nest egg, and I'm concerned that Jeff's irresponsibility and his father's enabling will put a comfortable retirement for us in jeopardy. I feel like this is my business, too — but I don't want to come between father and son. What's your advice? — THRIFTY IN WYOMING

DEAR THRIFTY: Your concerns are legitimate. Your fiance is doing his son no favors by footing the bills for his irresponsible behavior. But on some level he already knows that and may be doing it because he feels guilty about the divorce from Jeff's mother.

Before marrying your fiance, discuss this with an attorney to be sure your interests will be protected. The assets you accumulated before the marriage should be kept separate, and there should be a clear understanding that any monies you earn will not benefit his son, who appears to be a bottomless pit.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I divorced several years ago because of his cocaine habit. He had been taking money from our accounts, etc.

After our divorce I met someone. It was several months before I agreed to a date. He's honest, fun, good-looking, hardworking and helps my family when he can. My problem is on our first date he told me he'd been a drug user and had spent time in prison. He said that was in the past. He got counseling, loves his new life and would not break the law again.

My children know about his past and say, "It's no big deal; it's the 21st century." We date, nothing more, but he alludes to wanting to propose. I'm afraid that when my parents and people in my small town find out about his past, they'll be shocked and I'll be shunned. I can't believe this is an issue in my life again.

Is it OK to date an ex-drug addict? Do some people beat the odds and stay clean? I'm scared that maybe I should have run away after that first date. Please advise. — WAITING FOR THE OTHER SHOE TO DROP

DEAR WAITING: What did this man go to prison for? Was he selling drugs to support his habit? Stealing? Did he commit a violent crime?

While your children may think his past is "no big deal," it IS a big deal. However, whether it's a deal- breaker is up to you. If you had thought so, it would have been over after he mentioned he'd had the same problem as your ex-husband.

Some former addicts stay clean. Others have been known to backslide. If you love this man and he maintains his sobriety, consider his proposal sometime in the future. But I see no reason for you to rush into anything — do you?

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ 8 7 3 ♡ A K 9 8 ◇ K 7 3 ♣ 10 6 2
The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	Pass	1♡	Pass
2♡	Pass	?	

What do you bid now?

A — Any way you look at it, on this auction there is no reason to think that your nine-loser hand can produce game opposite partner's announced minimum. Pass while you are still at a makable level.

Q 2 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ A 9 6 4 ♡ A K 9 8 2 ◇ 8 6 ♣ 10 3
The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	Pass	1♡	Pass
2♡	Pass	?	

What do you bid now?

A — You have the combined values for game, but not necessarily in hearts. There is a possibility that partner has a minimum opening bid including four spades and only three hearts. To investigate , bid two spades now.

Q 3 — North-South vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 10 6 ♡ K 2 ◇ 8 7 5 3 ♣ A K J 9 3
The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♡	Pass	?	

What action do you take?

A — Your two-level response promised another bid. However, your clubs are not rebiddable at the three-level and you should avoid bidding no-trump without a diamond stopper. Take a preference to the longer of partner's two suits, which is more likely to be spades. Bid two spades.

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ K 10 ♡ A K J 3 2 ◇ 8 5 ♣ J 9 5 4
The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	Pass	2♡	Pass
3♣	Pass	?	

What do you bid now?

A — You cannot be sure what the right level or strain is going to be after partner's high reverse. All you can do is continue to describe your hand and a raise to four clubs is a standout — it leaves all your options open.

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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, Nov. 28, 2011:

This year presents great financial potential. Increase your security, and you'll be able to relax more. At first you will have to give up some indulgences. If you are single, an older person could have a complex influence on you. Your interest in this person might be more that of friendship. If you are attached, the two of you might need to re-identify your goals in order to create the type of solvency you desire. CAPRICORN helps you make money.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Use some of that authority that you wield so well. Often, others play into your empathy or spontaneity. In fact, you will need to distance yourself some from an associate or friend if you want this person to receive your message. Tonight: Dot your i's and cross your t's.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You work directly with others and seek out solutions that they might not be able to grasp. You certainly are a powerhouse. Consider your options more fully involving a key associate or a potential partner. Tonight: A discussion evolves over dinner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You might want to be more aware of the impact someone has on your finances. This person could be a roommate, a partner, a family member or Uncle Sam. Use wisdom when deciding whether to shake up the status quo. Tonight: Build better understanding with a friend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Listen to what someone expects from you. On some level, you might feel disheartened. You try very hard. Let it go; this person has a lot of other issues at the moment. Tonight: Go off and enjoy yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Accomplish as much as possible today. The remainder of the week could take on quite a social tone. You actually might need to say "no" to some invitations right now. Know that you will have some clarity soon. Tonight: As late as possible.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You might not understand what a new friend or a loved one is trying to share. You just might not be ready to hear such things at this point. You will open up to a new trend and possibilities only when it suits you. You are not up for even a little risk. Tonight: A favorite pastime.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Are you creating more tension around a situation than you realize? It is clear you need to focus on a domestic or investment issue. Do you really want to? Absolutely not. Pull back; look at the long term. Don't be difficult with a key person. Tonight: At home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ If you feel slightly negative, recognize that it is in your power to change that attitude. How you feel in the company of a key person could be changing, especially if you let go of a tendency to project your stuff onto his or her words. Tonight: Visit over a drink and munchies.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Curb a tendency to be too serious. Now you have time to stop and rethink a goal. You could feel a bit out of sorts if the cards don't tumble as you think they should. Re-evaluate a situation with open eyes. Tonight: Where your friends are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Your energy points to taking the lead with maturity rather than acting like an authority. Gather different opinions before you make a decision. In this manner, you'll gain the commitment and support of others in coordinating a project. Tonight: Treat another person to dinner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Lie back and observe in the daytime. What you see going on could reveal much more than what people are saying. With enhanced knowledge, you can re-evaluate a decision with greater insight. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. You often defer to or lean too much on another person. The time has come to clear out this person's view and form your own. A meeting proves to be a great vehicle for expressing your thoughts. Tonight: A meeting could go into dinner.

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BORN TODAY

TV host Jon Stewart (1962), actress Hope Lange (1933), musician Paul Shaffer (1949)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS
1 Baby bovine
5 At the drop of __
9 Ice cream brand that's "Grand"
13 Ice cream-and-cookies brand
14 "The Thinker" sculptor
16 Fat unit
17 Tailless cat
18 Steak option
19 Hereditary code carrier
20 Ted Williams had a .344 lifetime one
23 Stat start
24 Fishing pole
25 Agreeable to doing
28 Site of many a shady transaction
34 More or less
36 Cacophony
37 __ Linda, California
38 Chef's recipe words
39 Boo-boo protector
42 "Bad Moon Rising" pop gp.
43 Go ape
45 Go bad
46 Attached to the bulletin board
48 Bullet-proof vest, e.g.
51 Pries (into)
52 P&L column
53 Visibility impairer
55 Common college degree, whose abbreviation is a hint to 20-, 28-, 39- and 48-Across
62 Japanese golfer Aoki
63 With 67-Across, innovative or experimental artists' group
64 Birthday serving
66 Envelope abbr.
67 See 63-Across
68 Way out
69 Give guff to
70 Shakespearean king
71 Chip enhancers

DOWN
1 Dot-
2 Man from Oman, often
3 Actress Olin
4 Dance that precedes "golf" in the NATO phonetic alphabet
5 Wheelchair guy on "Glee"
6 Schmooze, as with the A-list
7 Work like __
8 Fly of "30 Rock"
9 Asian menu appetizer
10 Rasta's hairdo
11 Yin's counterpart
12 Hook's sidekick
15 St. for gamblers
21 Go pitapat
22 Disco __
25 Vandenberg or Edwards: Abbr.
26 Chico's chicken
27 Chickens, to kids
29 Build up, as a collection
30 Hush-hush fed. org.
31 Make booties, e.g.
32 Game show host
33 36-inch units
35 Jamie of "M*A*S*H"
40 __ de plume
41 Tony of 60-Down
44 Constricting snakes
47 Compelled via force
49 Suffix with lemon
50 "Help Me, __": Beach Boys hit
54 "... happily ever __."
55 Skewed view
56 "The Thin Man" canine
57 Fall behind
58 Roundish shape
59 Steak order
60 Sitcom set in a garage
61 Not attend
65 "Men in Black" baddies, briefly

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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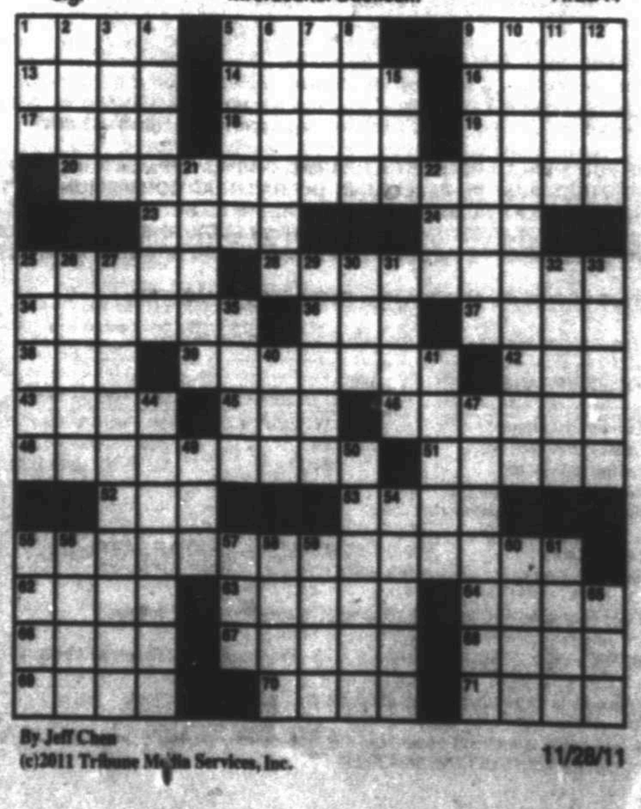

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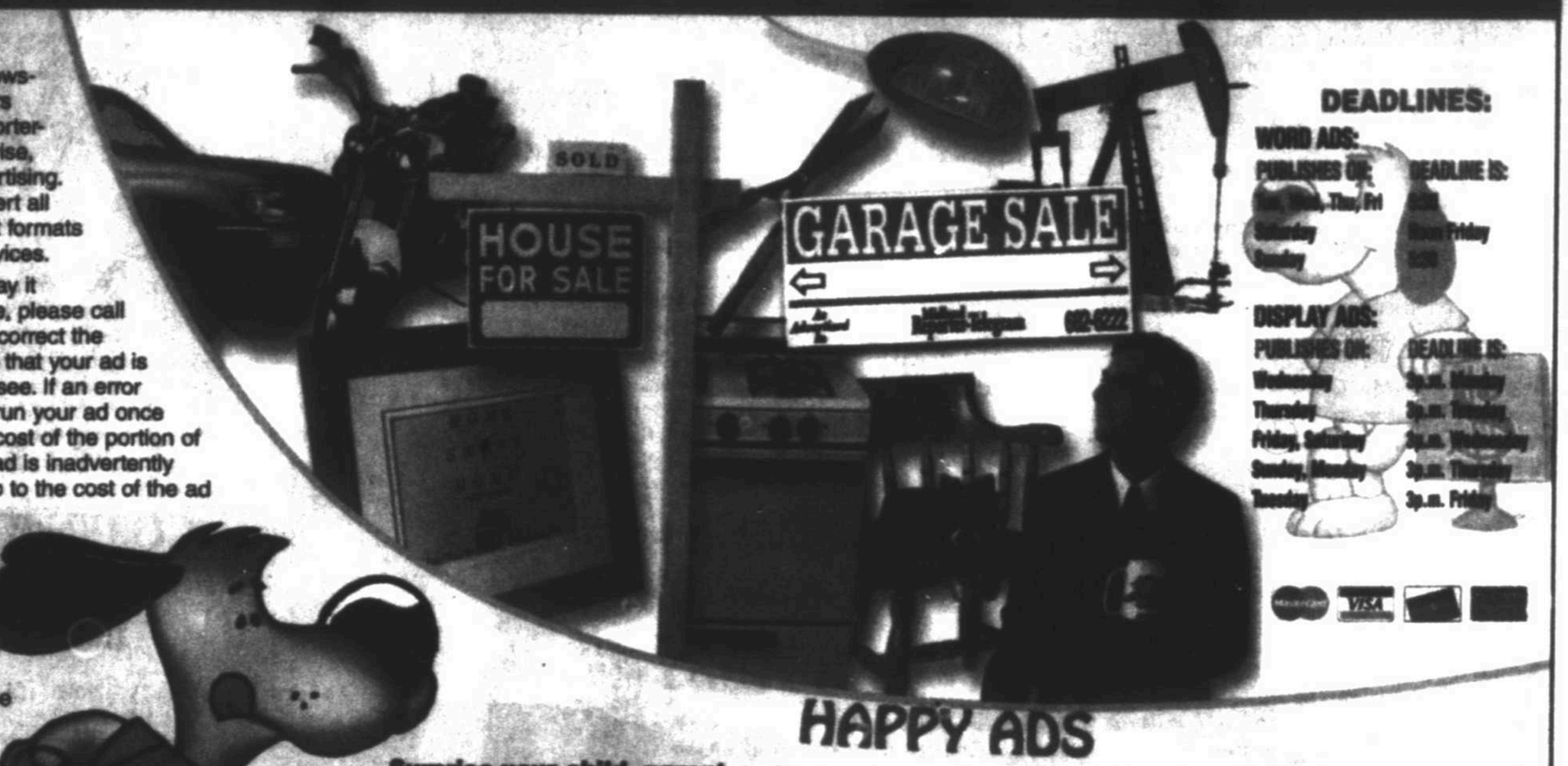

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Case No. 11 AD 36

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NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO A MALE KNOWN ONLY AS "TERRANCE", AND ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said Court praying for an order allowing the adoption of Baby Williams, a male minor, and terminating the parental rights of the father. You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the day of December, 2011, at 3:30 p.m. on said day in the Riley County District Court, in the City of Manhattan, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

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Attorney for Petitioner

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Status/Permit No. 727769

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ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
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Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 15, Blk. B, CCSD&RGNG RR CO Survey, A-18, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, UPTON County, being 12.9 miles NE direction from RANKIN, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512) 463-6846.

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THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

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SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 467/660, 80.0 acres.

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NISSAN 2004 350Z, Touring Roadster, Nice/Clean. $12,800. 432-266-2662

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