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Oil company donates funds for animal shelter

Kennel at Midland Animal Services to be renovated, enlarged with $250,000 gift

By Joseph Basco
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Parsley Energy, its president and CEO and his wife donated $250,000 for renovations of the Midland Animal Services kennel, which in turn will add more space for the cats and dogs received each year.

At the Sept. 23 council meeting, the city of Midland formally accepted a $75,000 donation from Parsley Energy and a $175,000 donation from Parsley Energy President and CEO Bryan Sheffield and his wife, Sharoll Sheffield.

The city matched the donation, bringing the total available for renovations to $500,000. Sheffield said it is usually not easy to match funds, and applauded the city for doing so.

Coming soon

See Wednesday's Reporter-Telegram or go to mrt.com to read more about the kennel renovations and the city's animal shelter population.

The renovations include flooring, doors, roof and ceiling improvements. Mayor Jerry Morales said during the council meeting the facility has needed many improvements.

Just as Midland's population has grown, the number of cats and dogs is on the rise. In calendar year 2013, Animal Services sheltered 4,068 dogs and 2,429 cats. But just 642 were adopted and 867 were reclaimed.

"I grew up in Midland in the 1980s and 1990s, riding my bike around, and I never saw a stray dog or cat," Sheffield said. "You don't really think about it until you drive around town now and see strays on the street. I think it's the population growth that's causing that."

District 3 Councilwoman Sharla Hotchkiss, who initiated the discussion about the donation at the council meeting, said on Monday the donation is touching because it is for a cause the Sheffields believe in.

Bryan Sheffield said the donation came about after he and his wife, along with friends who take care of stray pets, heard about space issues at the shelter. The lack of space led to illness spreading among the animals. He said that his wife took the initiative and began finding homes for the strays.

"What's amazing is that she (Sharoll) has never toured the shelters before, and when she toured she was filled with tears," Sheffield said.

He said the donation was about giving the animals more space in the kennel area so that they have more room to move around, be more livable and be less susceptible to illness.

He said that often when people make money and want to give back, stray animals tend to be a lesser priority for donors wanting to help.

"There needs to be more awareness for animals," Sheffield said. "Let's not forget about the animals."

TALKIN' POLITICS

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Rhonda Lacy, left, president of the Midland County Republican Women, speaks with U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway, center, and Midland Mayor Jerry Morales during the Guber Boot Scoot event Saturday at Midland Center. The event also featured state Rep. Chris Carmona of District 148 and the President of the Texas Hispanic Republican Party Temo Muniz.

Davis accuses Abbott of fund 'cover up'

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Attorney General Greg Abbott on Monday defended old rulings by his office that critics say hid problems with the Texas Enterprise Fund and more recent decisions that keep tight wraps on how Texas uses taxpayer money to woo businesses.

The criticism has the Republican, the heavy favorite to win Texas' gubernatorial race in November, facing fresh scrutiny about transparency and oversight heading into a final debate Tuesday night against Democratic opponent Wendy Davis. An Abbott spokesman called the accusations against his office "political posturing."

A state audit last week found that Republican Gov. Rick Perry gave roughly $172 million to private companies that never submitted applications for lucrative economic development awards. The report will likely shadow Perry if he runs again for president in 2016, but the political repercussions are also falling on Abbott.

His office has previously denied portions of open records requests related to some of the Texas Enterprise Fund recipients that never formally applied. On Monday, Davis called that part of a "cover up" that prevented troubles with the fund — which Perry created in 2004 — from being exposed years ago.

"He looked the other way as hundreds of millions of our tax dollars were handed out without any accountability," Davis said at a news conference in Fort Worth.

What went into recent failed efforts by Perry's office to dole out even more money also remains withheld.

Abbott's office last week denied a July public information request from The Associated Press for records related to the state's courtship of Tesla Motors' $5 billion battery factory. The company, which makes electric cars, instead picked Nevada after lawmakers approved giving the company $1.1 billion in tax abatements.

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Candidate profile

Stone says experience in schools will prepare her for board

By Tessa Duvall
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Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce President Rachel Stone can trace the roots of her community involvement back to her childhood and the precedent set by one person.

"I think that's something my mom instilled in us," she said. "My mom was always volunteering. She worked for the schools. She worked at the migrant program. She helped the indigent. She worked a lot at the church, with the Girl Scouts, with the Boy Scouts. And she always took us with her. So to me, giving back to my community was second nature."

Stone

Stone is running in the special election for the Midland ISD board of trustees District 4 seat vacated by Karen Fullen in August. Jeff Robnett and Kurtis Nodolf are also seeking to complete the term that is to expire in 2016. The election is Nov. 4.

Stone, a native Midlander and Midland High School graduate, has served on multiple community, non-profit, Midland College and MISD boards and committees, including the MISD Education Foundation and MISD Head Start Policy Council. Stone also tries to volunteer at her grandson's school, Washington Math and Science Institute, or campuses at which there is not a lot of parent involvement.

School issues are Midland's issues, and they can't be dismissed by saying, "'Oh, my child doesn't attend that school,' or 'I don't have a child in the system anymore,'" Stone said.

"It's the community's responsibility," she said. "I would do it whether I worked

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

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

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

Conaway town hall

Congressman Mike Conaway will hold a town hall meeting 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch meeting room, 2503 W. Loop 250 North.

Community calendar

■ Keep Midland's Beautiful's Make a Difference Day Annual Fall Cleanup is Saturday. The trash pickup will be followed by a volunteer appreciation picnic 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Hogan Park.

To be included in the Make Difference Day event, participants can sign up and clean up any during October, according to Sue Cervantez with KMB. For more information, call 686-7745 or go to www.keepmidlandbeautiful.org.

■ West Texas Iris Society is meeting 7 p.m. Thursday at Community & Senior Services Center, 3301 Sinclair. Rodney Barton of Hickory Creek is to give a program on growing irises in West Texas.

For more information, call 352-5483.

■ Midland Archeological Society will meet 7 p.m. Thursday at Sibley Nature Center. Archaeologist Steven Schooler of San Angelo will present a program on his surveys and research in Grand Canyon while working as staff archeologist for the Grand Canyon National Park.

■ Midland County Republican Women will host a luncheon on Oct. 8 at the Midland Country Club.

Buffet will begin at 11:15 a.m. General meeting will begin at 11:40 a.m. Guest speakers will be Congressman Mike Conaway and Kevin Freeman, a leading expert on economic warfare and financial terrorism.

The meeting is open to the public, and men are welcome. Luncheon cost with a reservation is $20. $25 at the door. For more information, call 520-3500, email mcrwomen@aol.com or go to www.mcrw.us.

■ Petroleum Museum is offering discounts at its store to visitors who provide candy for the museum's Halloween Tricks and Treats, set for 6-8 p.m. Oct. 31.

Discounts can be earned for each three-pound bag of candy that is donated. Candy must be dropped off by Oct. 24.

For more information, call 683-4403.

Support groups, club meetings today

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ Tall City VFW Post 7206, 1303 E. Taylor, bingo games 7 p.m.

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

To make corrections to this listing, submit information to news@mrt.com.

League of Women Voters forum

League of Women Voters of Midland is hosting a forum, Public School Funding, Testing and Accountability, 7 p.m. Monday at Midland College's Scharbauer Carrasco Room. Speakers will be David Garcia, Midland ISD's chief financial officer, and Tedra Robertson with the Equity Center in Austin. The event will be facilitated by school board member Karen Nicholson.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 6-3-3
Pick 3 day: 4-7-8
Pick 3 evening: 5-1-8
Pick 3 night: 2-3-4
Daily 4 morning: 5-6-8-4
Daily 4 day: 9-4-1-1
Daily 4 evening: 9-5-6-7
Daily 4 night: 0-6-3-5
Cash Five: 1-13-18-19-21
Texas Two Step: 5-17-18-27 BB: 4
All or Nothing morning: 1-3-5-7-9-10-11-13-16-17-19-21
All or Nothing day: 1-3-4-5-7-10-14-15-16-17-19-23
All or Nothing evening: 1-2-6-7-8-10-16-17-18-19-22-24
All or Nothing night: 2-3-7-8-9-11-12-13-15-17-20-22

Today in history

In 1939, the first college football game to be televised was shown on experimental station W2XBS in New York City as Fordham University defeated Waynesburg College, 34-7.

In 1955, actor James Dean, 24, was killed in a two-car collision near Cholame, California.

In 1962, James Meredith, a black student, was escorted by federal marshals to the campus of the University of Mississippi, where he enrolled for classes the next day; Meredith's presence sparked rioting that claimed two lives.

Cancer doctor given 10 years for poisoning lover

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A jury on Monday sentenced a Texas cancer researcher to 10 years in prison after she was convicted of poisoning her colleague, who was also her lover, by lacing his coffee with a sweet-tasting chemical found in antifreeze.

Dr. Ana Maria Gonzalez-Angulo, 43, a breast cancer doctor based at Houston's famed Texas Medical Center, had been involved in a sexual relationship with her fellow researcher, Dr. George Blumenschein.

Prosecutors said the affair turned into a "fatal attraction" and she poisoned him with ethylene glycol after Blumenschein spurned her in favor of Evette Toney, his longtime live-in girlfriend with whom he was trying to start a family. Blumenschein survived the 2013 poisoning.

A jury on Friday convicted Gonzalez-Angulo, who is originally from Colombia, of aggravated assault.

While prosecutors had asked jurors to sentence her to at least 30 years in prison, they said they were pleased with the jury's decision. Defense attorneys had asked for probation.

Prosecutor Justin Keiter said the prison sentence sent a message that whether you are a doctor or anybody else, you will not be treated any differently if convicted of a crime.

"It doesn't matter who you are. It matters what you do," he said.

Defense attorney Derek Hollingsworth said he was disappointed with the sentence. Gonzalez-Angulo did not have any visible reaction after the sentence was announced. Hollingsworth said she was "incredibly upset" and emotional when he spoke with her after she had been taken into custody.

Hollingsworth said he anticipates that as a result of her conviction, Gonzalez-Angulo will lose her medical license.

"The medical world has lost a shining star today," he said.

Defense attorneys had hoped that Gonzalez-Angulo's work treating patients and as a cancer researcher would have swayed jurors to keep her out of prison.

"She saved my life and the lives of so many other people," Silvia Pubchara, one of Gonzalez-Angulo's former patients, said after the sentence was announced. "It was heartbreaking for me to see her placed in custody and taken to jail. She doesn't deserve it."

Associated Press

Dr. Ana Maria Gonzalez-Angulo, right, the cancer doctor convicted of a felony charge of aggravated assault in poisoning the coffee of a lover Dr. George Blumenschein, looks on in court after she was sentenced to 10 years in prison in the 248th State District Court on Monday in Houston.

Associated Press

Lieutenant governor hopefuls state Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Houston, left, and state Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, right, shake hands following their televised debate Monday in Austin.

Patrick, Van de Putte go on attack in only scheduled debate

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The state senators vying to be Texas' next lieutenant governor tore into one another Monday night during their only scheduled debate, clashing on immigration, education and tax policy while accusing each other of misrepresenting their legislative records.

Republican Dan Patrick, a conservative Houston radio talk show host and tea party darling, is favored in November — meaning San Antonio Democrat Leticia Van de Putte had the most to gain. She came out swinging, saying her opponent supports higher sales taxes but has refused to divulge his own federal income tax returns as other top candidates have.

"He wants to raise your taxes but he won't release his," Van de Putte said, accusing Patrick of backing a "tax swap" that would mean higher sales taxes so that he could lower property taxes.

Patrick countered that he'd lower property taxes first, then study increasing the sales tax "by a penny or two" so he could cut homeowners' tax burden even more.

"My opponent is the one who wants to raise every tax she can find," Patrick said. He also said he'd released 160-plus pages of financial disclosure information as a state senator, which he said would be more informative than a personal income tax return that ran about eight pages.

Van de Putte, who works as a pharmacist when she is not in the Legislature, grinned and concluded: "There's two people on this stage and I'm the only one who doesn't want to raise your taxes."

Patrick stayed aggressive, however, calling Van de Putte "a liberal" who would "turn Texas into California." He said that meant high taxes and unchecked government spending that would hurt job creation. Van de Putte responded that spending on public education and health care would be a good thing in Texas, where a Democrat hasn't won statewide office in 20 years.

The lieutenant governor oversees the Texas Senate and is in some ways the state's most-powerful position. Taking the gloves off was a departure for Patrick, who has made relatively few public appearances since knocking off incumbent Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and two other top GOP candidates in the Republican primary.

When Van de Putte said she was a faithful Roman Catholic who would prefer a world with no abortions, but that making the procedure more difficult for women to obtain wasn't the answer, Patrick pounced.

"She tries to use flowery language," he said, "but she has stood against life ever since she's been in the Legislature."

Patrick has called for securing the Texas-Mexico border above all else and when Van de Putte suggested that such rhetoric was offense to people living in South Texas, he said those same residents had to be protected from terrorists, drug smugglers and gang members slipping into U.S. territory.

Asked about Gov. Rick Perry's signature economic incentive funds, which are supposed to attract top job creators to Texas but whose financial specifics have drawn criticism from independent auditors, Patrick sided with conservative activists who said it's time to scrap them. Van de Putte, who has previously backed the funds, called for a moratorium until more financial scrutiny occurs.

They also agreed that Texas should further reduce the number of standardized tests high school students are required to pass for graduation. Both serve on the Texas Senate Education Committee and last year, the Legislature slashed the number of such exams from 15 to five.

But they clashed anew on a 2001 Texas law that extended in-state tuition at public universities to the children of immigrants who came to the U.S. illegally. Patrick said he didn't want to deny legal residents entry to their chosen schools in favor of those whose families broke the law to come to Texas. Van de Putte accused him of failing to read the measure since it only affects how much college costs, not who gets in.

"I have read the bill, Leticia," Patrick shot back.

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Nevada legislators made that decision on Sept. 11. Twelve days later, Abbott's office told AP it was denying the records request, in part, because releasing emails or meeting minutes related to the Tesla recruitment would cause arm in a "particular competitive situation" — even though Tesla had already made its choice. Abbott spokesman Jerry Strickland said Monday that the ruling followed the law, which only takes into account the circumstances at the time the request was originally filed.

He also more broadly defended Abbott's earlier rulings surrounding the Texas Enterprise Fund.

"The State Auditor's Office conducted a thorough audit investigation into the TEF, and the State Auditor found absolutely no wrongdoing by the Attorney General's Office," Strickland said in a statement.

State auditors identified Vought Aircraft, which received $35 million, among 10 enterprise recipients that never submitted a formal application, which lawmakers didn't begin requiring until 2005. Abbott's office has previously denied open records requests related the company's award, but on Monday released a 2004 letter from Vought that the company described as its "application."

Abbott has spent his year-long campaign for governor expressing unease about Perry's signature economic development programs but has stopped short of saying whether he wants them to continue. Other conservatives, including Republican Dan Patrick, the favorite to become lieutenant governor, have outright called to dismantle the programs.

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Employee arrested for allegedly stealing money orders

A 19-year-old man was arrested Saturday after he allegedly issued himself $17,500 in money orders from his employer, according to court documents.

Marcos Antonio Gutierrez-Ponce, whose place of residence was not listed in the affidavit, was held on a $25,000 bond for a state jail felony charge of theft between $1,500 and $20,000. He posted bond and was released on Monday.

Gutierrez-Ponce

A Midland police officer responded to a theft at about 5 p.m. Saturday at a 7-Eleven store in the 3300 block of West Illinois Avenue.

The store manager said her employee, Gutierrez-Ponce, had issued himself several money orders totaling about $17,500 on Wednesday and Thursday, according to the arrest affidavit.

The transaction records showed that there was $11,000 missing on Wednesday and $6,500 missing on Thursday, according to the affidavit.

The officer interrogated Gutierrez-Ponce, who said that he was coerced a few weeks ago by a "band of thugs" to take the money, according to the affidavit.

During booking, jailers found 13 money orders in the suspect's wallet. Deposit receipts also were found, one of which showed a deposit of $12,000 on Thursday. With the recovery of the 13 money orders, the actual loss was $11,000, according to the affidavit.

If convicted, the suspect faces up to two years in prison.

Man accused of vandalizing bar manager's motorcycle

When a 22-year-old Arkansas man was asked to pay his more than $100 bar tab, he allegedly tried to start fights with other patrons and vandalized the bar manager's custom motorcycle, according to court documents released Monday.

Jeffery Dale Grimmett of Fort Smith, Arkansas, was arrested Saturday and was held on a $16,370 bond for a state jail felony charge of criminal mischief between $1,500 and $20,000, a class A misdemeanor charge of resisting arrest, search or transport and a class C misdemeanor charge of public intoxication. He posted bond and was released on Sunday.

Grimmett

A Midland police officer responded to the incident at about 3 a.m. Saturday at the Atrium Lounge Bar, 3904 W. Wall St.

The officer learned that Grimmett allegedly threw the motorcycle to the ground. The cycle's handlebars were bent, the paint was scratched, the turn signals were broken and fluids spilled onto the parking lot. The motorcycle was damaged to the point that it had to be towed away, according to the arrest affidavit.

When the officer found Grimmett, he appeared to be intoxicated. The officer arrested Grimmett, who refused to get into the patrol car and used physical force in an attempt to resist transport, according to the affidavit.

If convicted, Grimmett faces up to two years in prison for the felony and up to one year for the class A misdemeanor.

Man accused of breaking into home

A 35-year-old Midland man was arrested Saturday for allegedly breaking into a woman's house to look for pictures of her, according to court documents.

Jose Armando Aranda was being held Monday on a $20,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of burglary of a habitation.

Aranda

A Midland police officer responded to a burglary at about 10 p.m. Saturday in the 3700 block of Dentcrest Drive.

The homeowner told police that she viewed her home video security system and saw a man enter and exit her home. The man was seen placing an item in his pocket. She believed that the man was her neighbor, Aranda, according to the arrest affidavit.

The officer interviewed Aranda, who admitted to being inside the residence looking for photos of the woman, according to the affidavit. The affidavit doesn't indicate if any items were found on Aranda.

If convicted, Aranda faces up to 20 years in prison.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Ernest A. Garza, 27, of San Antonio was charged Sunday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram in a drug-free zone.

Trevor B. Mitchell, 21, of Midland was charged Sunday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram in a drug-free zone.

Richard D. Mortensen, 28, of Midland was charged Sunday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Tracey P. Sukkar, 40, of Midland was charged Sunday with fugitive from justice.

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STONE

From 1A

at the chamber or not. People need to understand that all the segments of the community need to be successful."

Stone outlined several areas of concern for MISD — including the lack of communication with parents and guardians, the 11 schools that failed to meet state standards and initiatives to support teachers and staff.

MISD has done well relaying news and goals to the community in the past, Stone said, citing the example of the elementary bond initiative in 2012 and meetings that took place about it.

"It was them letting us tell them, 'This is what we want. This is what we need. This is what we don't want. This is what we don't need,'" Stone said. "I liked that, and I would like for it to continue, not just because we have a bond issue, but throughout the school year."

Stone said the same thing should have been done in regards to MISD's campuses rated as "improvement required" by the Texas Education Agency. Without knowing what's wrong, the community can't offer any solutions, she said. "We don't know what MISD is doing," Stone said. "We have 35 schools, 11 of them are failing. What is it that they are doing differently that the others are not? I have no idea because it's not being communicated to us. Unfortunately, what we hear are only the end results."

Assistance for support staff at MISD is the district's most pressing issue, Stone said.

"I don't think people realize how important the support staff is to the district," she said. "They need to support their families, and we need to do something to meet that (challenge) in order to support the staff. To me, it takes everybody. In the news, you hear, teachers, teachers; teachers and let's give raises to the teachers. I think they need them — big time — but if you don't have your suppost staff ... then you can't function as a school."

Stone said she knows what the school board is doing and should be doing because she's already active in the district.

"You know the saying you walk the walk and talk the talk?" she said. "I have served on a lot of committees, and yes, at first, maybe it was for selfish reasons because my child was in school and I got involved in PTA and in the classroom ... but even after he was gone, I continued. I've served in all aspects, whether it was the Education Foundation, a district leadership team or within a certain school — I've done all that."

Three other MISD board seats — districts 3, 5 and 6 — were up for election in November, but all were uncontested, and the election was canceled. Trustees Tommy Bishop of District 3, Karen Nicholson of District 5 and Rick Davis of District 6 will retain their seats.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

DALLAS

Hospital monitors patient for Ebola

A patient in a Dallas hospital is showing signs of the Ebola virus and is being kept in strict isolation with test results pending, hospital officials said Monday.

Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas said in a statement Monday that the patient's symptoms and recent travel indicated a case of Ebola, the virus that has killed more than 3,000 people across West Africa and infected a handful of Americans who have traveled to that region.

Preliminary test results from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are expected to come back Tuesday.

Hospital spokeswoman Candace White would not answer any questions about the patient or where the patient had visited.

The National Institutes of Health recently admitted an American doctor exposed to the virus while volunteering in Sierra Leone. Four other patients have been treated at hospitals in Georgia and Nebraska.

Presbyterian Hospital's statement said officials there were following CDC recommendations to keep doctors, staff and patients safe.

According to the CDC, Ebola symptoms can include fever, muscle pain, vomiting and bleeding, and can appear as long as 21 days after exposure to the virus.

FORT WORTH

Woman found guilty in husband's killing

A jury has found a North Texas woman guilty in the 2011 shooting death of her husband.

The Tarrant County jury convicted 45-year-old Michele Williams of murder in the death of 40-year-old Greg Williams at their Keller home. The jury found her not guilty of tampering with evidence.

She faces life in prison.

Prosecutors contend Michele Williams killed her husband for money, arguing that she was a beneficiary of a life insurance policy totaling $800,000. But defense attorneys say Greg Williams took his own life.

Michele Williams previously told investigators that an intruder fatally shot her husband.

A previous plea deal with prosecutors that included a prison term of up to 20 years was revoked by a judge earlier this year because Williams later claimed she was innocent.

DALLAS

Former funeral home owner faces federal indictment

An owner of a North Texas funeral home where authorities found decaying, unattended bodies has been indicted on unrelated charges that include theft of federal public money.

Federal prosecutors said 35-year-old Rachel Hardy surrendered Monday to authorities on four charges that allege she fraudulently received public assistance. They say she illegally obtained thousands of dollars in food stamps, Medicaid benefits, education loans and housing subsidies. She applied for the federal assistance at various times from 2010 to 2013.

Authorities said she failed to disclose her ownership in two businesses that generated income for her.

Hardy and her husband previously were charged with seven misdemeanor counts of abuse of a corpse after bodies were found in July at their Fort Worth funeral home, Johnson Family Mortuary.

AMARILLO

2nd Texas-Oklahoma 345-kilovolt line project done

Utility crews have finished a second 345-kilovolt transmission line between the Texas Panhandle and Oklahoma to provide more export capacity for wind-generated power.

Xcel Energy in Amarillo on Monday announced completion of the estimated 200-mile line from near Abernathy to Woodward, Oklahoma. It's part of a $64 million partnership with Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company.

Xcel Energy said the Texas stretch was energized last week when a connection was made to the Oklahoma segment completed by OG&E.

Associated Press

That's quite a flight

Photo released Monday by Qantas, an Airbus A380 taxis to its gate during its inaugural landing at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. Qantas is putting the world's biggest passenger plane on the world's longest airline route. The Airbus A380 touched down Monday at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, about 15 hours after leaving Sydney, Australia, on the 8,578-mile journey.

Prosecutors seek prison for ex-campaign manager

Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — Federal prosecutors have recommended that a former campaign manager for Gov. Susana Martinez be sentenced to prison time for stealing the governor's email and lying about it.

Jamie Estrada faces up to a year and one day in prison. Sentencing is scheduled for Oct. 8 in Albuquerque.

In documents filed in federal court on Friday, the U.S. attorney's office said sentencing Estrada to "the higher end of that range would best reflect the seriousness of his crimes, promote respect for the law, and be a fair and just punishment in this case."

Estrada's lawyers asked a federal judge earlier this month to place their client on probation rather than send him to prison.

Estrada pleaded guilty in June to charges of unlawful interception of electronic communication and lying to FBI agents. He provided the hijacked email to the governor's political opponents.

Messages sent by Martinez, her aides and supporters never went to intended recipients on 2010 gubernatorial campaign email accounts and instead were directed to a computer account controlled by Estrada. Those emails included the governor's online purchase of underwear and a Martinez staffer's bank records.

Estrada briefly served as campaign manager in 2009 as Martinez was starting her bid for governor.

Federal prosecutors said Estrada was "dishonest, devious, spiteful and conniving" during the time he took control over the campaign email system in mid-2011 after Martinez became governor and leaked email to damage or embarrass Martinez.

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Cause of crash that killed Texas softball players still unknown

Associated Press

ARDMORE, Okla. — The softball coach who was driving a team bus smashed into by an errant truck did everything he could to save four players who died in the accident, a relative said Monday, even as investigators tried to solve the mystery of why the truck suddenly veered into oncoming traffic.

The driver of the trailer, 53-year-old Russell Staley of Saginaw, was headed north on Interstate 35 in Oklahoma Friday night when his 18-wheel tractor-trailer veered into a median and into the southbound lanes. It crashed into a bus carrying 15 softball players from North Central Texas College.

The four players killed were identified as Meagan Richardson, 19; Brooke Deckard, 20; Katelynn Woodlee, 18, and Jaiden Pelton, 20. Two other members of the team remain hospitalized: Bailey Buchanan, 18, was listed in good condition; and 19-year-old Rachel Hitt remained in fair condition.

Their coach, Van Hedrick, was driving the bus. Hedrick was visiting the two girls still in the hospital on Monday, said his mother-in-law, Charlene Ruzika. She described Hedrick as suffering from "deep emotional turmoil" as the bus driver during the crash.

"He did all he could to help those girls survive," she said in a phone interview.

Staley declined to comment Monday when The Associated Press reached him by telephone. Oklahoma Highway Patrol Capt. Ronnie Hampton said Staley had told investigators that something in the cab of the truck distracted him, but emphasized that Staley's statement would not be taken at face value on its own.

"The driver's statement is one piece in that puzzle of 100 pieces," Hampton said. "We will compare his statement with the other 99 pieces of evidence."

Hampton said Staley was driving alone on his way from North Texas to Oklahoma. He didn't have any freight aboard the tractor-trailer.

Staley drove an estimated 950 feet through the median and off the highway before wrecking the trailer in the middle of several trees, National Transportation Safety Board member Robert Sumwalt said Monday.

"It's pretty obvious that there was no swerving, no evasive steering maneuvers," Sumwalt told reporters. "The track through the grass, through the median, is very straight."

Associated Press

Students at North Central Texas College left flowers, teddy bears and softballs inscribed with prayers outside an administration building on campus in Gainesville on Monday. Four softball players were killed Friday night in a highway crash still under investigation in Oklahoma.

Road salt supply low, demand high as winter approaches

Associated Press

DETROIT — The reward for surviving last winter's frigid temperatures and record snowfall, several states are learning, is drastic price increases for road salt — in some cases, five times as expensive as last season.

And that's even if they can get it.

Replenishing stockpiles is proving challenging, especially for some Midwestern states, after salt supplies were depleted to tame icy roads last winter. Price increases of at least 20 percent have been common in several cities, including Boston and Raleigh, North Carolina.

"Everybody is kind of scrambling around right now, contacting anybody they know who may have some salt available," said Fred Pausch, chief of the County Engineers Association of Ohio.

Some local governments are avoiding the problem thanks to multi-year contracts or secured bids. Chicago, for example, used roughly three times more salt last winter — 436,000 tons — than it did in 2012-2013, but the city has locked-in rates based on a contract negotiated a few years ago.

Other states aren't so lucky.

In Ohio, where more than 1 million tons of salt was used on state roads last year — a nearly 60 percent increase over the average — last year's average price was $35 per ton. This year, 15 counties received bids of more than $100 per ton, and 10 counties received no bids from suppliers.

Most of Ohio's 88 counties have locked in prices between $50 and $80 per ton. To ease the pain for other counties, the state recently secured about 170,000 tons of additional salt.

"The demand for salt is simply outpacing the supply that is available," said Steve Faulkner, spokesman for the Ohio Department of Transportation.

In Michigan, like Ohio, local governments are allowed to join a network for bidding purposes, and the state seeks competitive bids each year from four vendors. But even those efforts couldn't prevent a spike: Michigan has seen prices jump by 46 percent, to $65 per ton.

On a recent weekday outside Detroit, a massive dump truck backed into a domed building and dropped about 50 tons of road salt onto a growing mound at a facility operated by the Washtenaw County Road Commission. The agency is paying $76 a ton for its preseason fill-up compared to about $34 last year, a 120 percent jump.

Part of the problem is that salt mines are being challenged by numerous local governments "trying to replenish their supply at the same time," said Lori Roman, president of the Salt Institute, a trade group based in suburban Washington, D.C.

"It's just a situation where you can't necessarily get all the salt mined and get it where it needs to go as fast as it's demanded," she said, noting that the group doesn't collect information related to prices or production issues.

For road officials, that translates into having to conserve and be creative. In many places, brine is added to salt to boost its effectiveness. Officials also are buying trucks that can, among other things, spread salt in the morning and clean streets later in the day.

North Carolina's capital city, which was left with about 10 percent of its 4,000-ton salt capacity after Raleigh was hit by more winter storms than usual, recently signed a three-year contract for salt costing about $110 per ton annually. That's a 25 percent increase, according to city officials.

And in Indiana, road salt bids have increased by an average of 57 percent, ranging from nearly $73 to $106 per ton.

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"Draperies need to be cleaned at least once a year," recommends Fashion's Philip McCain. It's also wise to vacuum them regularly between cleanings.

Rotating them from one window to another varies the exposure to light, which can keep one set from fading much sooner than another. The color issue also makes it a good idea to have all your draperies dry cleaned at the same time, along with any matching bedspreads or furniture covers.

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Your draperies should be cleaned regularly, says Fashion Cleaners' Philip McCain. Regular cleaning will help them last longer and can help allergies by removing the dust trapped in draperies.

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If you're considering buying new draperies, Philip says careful buying can help your drapes last longer. "Ask for preshrunk fabric, especially when installing ceiling- to-floor draperies," he suggests.

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Flowerland prepares for holiday decorating

Right now at Flowerland there are lots of beautiful fall colors and arrangements ready for your table, entryway or another perfect spot in your home. If you have fall parties and Thanksgiving gatherings on your calendar, you can find just the right colors to make your home festive for those occasions.

For many this is their favorite season because it is a refreshing change from the oppressive heat of summer—where nature's colors become calmer and subdued as they prepare to hibernate for winter.

But we all know what season is tiptoeing up on us just after that—and one one knows it better than Flowerland.

The store's Chief Designer, Chris Collum, AIFD, TMF, has already collected a plentiful order of beautiful Christmas colors and themes eager to be put on display.

Every year the showroom flows from one theme to another, and this is no different. Before long, you'll see gold and emerald calling from one corner, lime green and purple beckoning from another, reds, limes, greens and turquoise glowing from another area. You can also see two favorites, the nature theme with its earthy wood tones, and the candy section, rich with gingerbread houses, candy canes, decorated trees and the rest. You will also see a small chocolate color section tucked away to one side. Plus, there is always the traditional manger scene and Baby Jesus.

So you'll want to go by this week and see the gentle fall colors at Flowerland on display—but plan a return trip in just a few weeks to embrace the Christmas spirit and make your home a lively holiday destination.

Flowerland is located at 413 Andrews Highway in Midland. The phone number is 682-1634.

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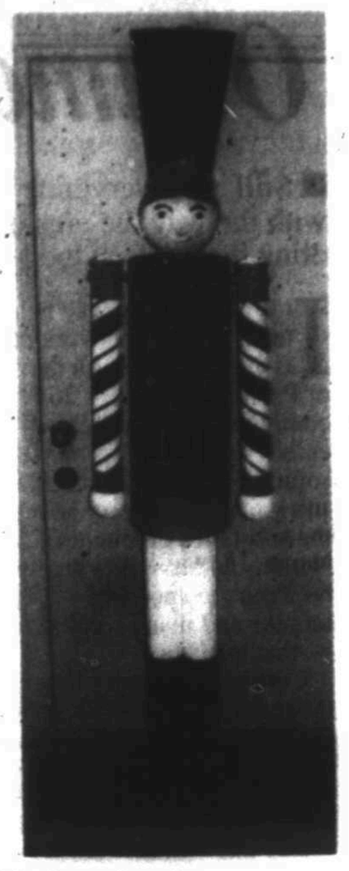

LEFT: There's no housing shortage at Flowerland, with these lovely gingerbread houses ready to appear soon.
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Obama provides couple of reasons to cheer

■ Still, not everything is perfect with the way the president is handling the crisis in the Middle East

MICHAEL GERSON
Washington Post Writers Group

It is a long, long way from the "JV team" to the "network of death." It is even longer from the arguments of President Obama's 2014 West Point commencement address — which ridiculed "tough talk," criticized a "military solution" in Syria and ignited various straw men of military adventurism — to the substance of Obama's 2014 United Nations address. It is the remarkable shift between the speeches — separated by four months and many ideological light-years — that is historic.

Conservatives who obsessed about the reference to Ferguson, Missouri, in Obama's U.N. remarks managed to miss a herd of charging, trumpeting elephants in the room. The president used the General Assembly's green marble backdrop to assert: that global order is under mortal, unappeasable threat from jihadism; that America has an indispensable leadership role in confronting the disorders of the Middle East; and that a comprehensive response to jihadism will include the military pre-emption of emerging threats — in this case, conducted by a coalition of the willing without United Nations approval.

And the United Nations applauded.

For the first time during his stewardship of the war on terrorism — or whatever it is called nowadays — Obama at least sounds single-minded. If not quite Henry V; he is no longer Hamlet. Having settled on a strategic approach in Iraq and Syria, Obama seems anxious to explain it, rather than to hastily move on to domestic matters.

What he describes is a phased, multi-year approach. America is disrupting immediate threats to the homeland, both from al-Qaida-related terrorists (such as the Khorasan group) and the Islamic State. Having helped secure a measure of legitimacy for Iraq's government, the Obama administration is attempting to build up ground forces where they can be found (or recruited)— the Iraqi military, the Kurdish peshmerga and national guard units from Sunni areas. Since efforts in Iraq cannot succeed with an Islamic State safe haven next door in Syria, America (with the helpful veneer of an Arab coalition) is using airstrikes to "degrade" enemy forces across the border, buying time while non-Islamist Syrian opposition forces can be trained (overtly by the Department of Defense and covertly by the CIA).

The objective: Roll back Islamic State forces in Iraq over the next year or so while building capacity in Syria. If, at that point, the Islamic State is retreating and off balance, Syrian ground forces might begin to operate effectively with U.S. air and (perhaps) Special Operations support.

For Obama, the most surprising element of this strategy is something he didn't say. Uncharacteristically, he did not set a deadline for the completion of military action. The administration knows this will be a long fight.

Much of this strategy remains inchoate, and questions are alarmingly easy to raise. Can the Iraqi government actually function? Will the Syrian rebels cohere? Are the proposed means sufficient to the stated ends?

Putting such issues aside (which a columnist has the luxury of doing), it is an unreservedly good thing that the president is no longer living in denial or seeking excuses for retreat. Two cheers for Obama. Why does he make it so hard to give a third?

Policy is only one element of leadership. In explaining his approach, Obama has a number of unfortunate and (apparently) unbreakable habits. He has a maddening tendency to describe the events of his own presidency as if he were a spectator or commentator. As the Islamic State rose, Obama recently told CBS' Steve Kroft, "they underestimated what had been taking place in Syria." They? He talks as though his past judgments were infallible, even though his current strategy consists mainly of measures — arming the Syrian rebels, bombing in Syria, strengthening Iraqi institutions — that he had previously ignored, dismissed or mocked. Through delay, all are now more costly and less likely to succeed.

And Obama remains reluctant to level with Americans about the nature of U.S. involvement. First it was "no boots on the ground" — though we have 1,600 and counting. Then it was no "combat mission" — which seemed (absurdly) to prevent the use of special forces. Most recently, Deputy National Security Adviser Tony Blinken ruled out a "U.S. ground invasion" — leaving monumental wiggle room. Rather than downplaying American risks, Obama should be explaining why they are worth taking.

These are more than quibbles. But the two cheers are genuine. We need the determined, unfamiliar leader who spoke at the U.N. to succeed.

OUR VIEW

New Midlanders will play a big part in what community will look like

In Sunday's Reporter-Telegram, the Community Editorial Board brought up the very valid point that we won't know what Midland's future will look like until we answer the questions looming over this community today.

Specifically, we need to know who are these new Midlanders?

If you haven't read the second editorial from the community board, we invite you to go to mrt.com and give it a read.

In our view, the board asks legitimate questions. How will the differences in the new Midlander drive change in the city's identity? How invested in our community are these new Midlanders?

We aren't asking that you meet that person who moved in a couple of doors down and hand him or her a questionnaire. What we are asking is for the new Midlanders to step up. They have come at a very interesting time in our city's history. There are going to be community leaders who come before the electorate with multi-million-dollar ideas about what is best for our community as we continue to grow unlike almost any other time in our city's history.

In some communities, newcomers might be told to stay in the background or they feel the need to do so, but we would discourage that. This is your time, and your voice matters just as much as those of us who have been here for decades. As we saw with the most recent school bond election, your voice might matter more. The most expensive bond in the history of our community didn't just pass by more than 20 percent.

Community leaders want to be on the right side when it comes to winning elections, and they know the new Midlander has changed the electoral dynamics in Midland.

We are not suggesting that the more experienced Midlander will be ignored. That is not the case. However, we need an all-in approach when planning for the next 25 to 40 years. So, new Midlander, who are you and what do you want from your city, your school district and your community?

There are people who really do want to know.

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It's 'mission accomplished' for Obama

■ President is having a hard time admitting he was wrong about al-Qaida

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President George W. Bush's "Mission Accomplished" moment on the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln after the initial success of the invasion of Iraq lives in infamy, still standing for presidential cluelessness and arrogance.

The Bush team came to regret it and admitted as much. When President Bush landed on the carrier in a jet plane wearing a flight suit in 2003, the war in Iraq was just getting started in earnest.

President Barack Obama has never donned a flight suit, or made any showy jet landings, but he has been even more adamant about an illusory victory.

"Mission accomplished" has been his essential message about al-Qaida for years. The terror group, according to the president, is "decimated," "on the run," "on the path to defeat." The president spiked the football so many times, his arm must have been about to give out. He gave every indication that al-Qaida was all but eliminated, except for some mopping-up operations.

And now here we are launching what is projected to be a yearslong bombing campaign against an al-Qaida offshoot, ISIS, that controls territory roughly equal to Great Britain, and hitting a faction of al-Qaida in Syria, the so-called Khorasan Group, that represented an "imminent" threat to the West. It raises the question: What happened to al-Qaida being on the verge of defeat?

When Jonathan Karl of ABC News asked Josh Earnest this the other day, the White House press secretary explained that it is precisely because al-Qaida is so decimated in its stronghold in Pakistan that it has become a dangerous threat in entirely new places like Syria.

This through-the-looking-glass reasoning depends on the administration's distinction between "core al-Qaida" and all other al-Qaida. When the president has been more careful, he says only "core al-Qaida" is decimated, by which he means al-Qaida in Pakistan. The assumption is that al-Qaida everywhere else is, to borrow the president's term for ISIS, the "JV team."

This is strategic analysis by sound bite. Certainly, al-Qaida doesn't think of itself this way. The terror group always sought to have tentacles around the world, and distinguishing between "core al-Qaida" and its operatives and affiliates in other countries requires investing tremendous significance in distinctions without a difference.

The administration has created the impression that the Khorasan Group in Syria is a new group, when it is simply al-Qaida. According to Thomas Joscelyn of The Long War Journal, one of the targeted terrorists in Syria, Muhsin al-Fadhli, has been involved in al-Qaida operations for more than a decade. One of his cohorts is Sanafi al Nasr, a third cousin of Osama bin Laden who leads a senior planning committee of al-Qaida.

The rise of al-Qaida in Syria isn't a symptom of the administration's brilliant success against "core al-Qaida," as Earnest would have it. Rather, it is a function of Syria's collapse into chaos that has made it an ideal terrorist safe haven, which the administration had been content to watch unspool from the sidelines until now. The same has been true of Iraq, where the forerunner of ISIS had been defeated before President Obama's decision to pull out entirely a few years ago.

Steve Kroft of "60 Minutes" asked the president over the weekend if he was surprised by the rapid ascent of ISIS. He generously allowed that, yes, his director of national intelligence, James Clapper, had underestimated the group.

It may be that the closest this president can come to admitting a serious error is saying that his subordinates failed him. But the intelligence community says the president was fully briefed, and really, what else did he need to know after ISIS took the Iraqi city of Fallujah back in January?

For President Obama, it remains mission accomplished, except for all the people around the world still trying to kill us.

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Fed report: IRS bungles hunt for unpaid taxes

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The IRS failed to take all required steps for collecting unpaid taxes from people it can't locate in over half the cases that investigators studied, potentially costing the government a pile of lost revenue, according to a federal report released Monday.

The study does not estimate exactly how much money the IRS might collect if its workers were conducting all the research they are supposed to perform to find the taxpayers.

The investigators wrote that in 2012, the IRS declared $6.7 billion in unpaid taxes to be uncollectable — involving nearly 483,000 tax returns — because it couldn't find the taxpayers. Of that total, the investigators estimated that $1.9 billion was in returns on which agency workers failed to conduct all the required probing to find the people who owed the money.

"We believe that additional revenue may have been collected on some of the approximately $1.9 billion in delinquent accounts if the managers had ensured that all required research steps were taken by their employees prior to closing the cases," the report said.

In tracking down those with overdue bills, IRS workers are supposed to take up to 10 actions like tracing postal, motor vehicle, court and other records. But in a study of 250 cases involving self-employed people and small businesses, investigators said that 57 percent of the time, they found no evidence that agency workers had completed all required research before declaring the money uncollectable.

In addition, 7 percent of the cases lacked a required, public warning that the government was putting a lien on a taxpayer's property, according to the report.

The report was written by the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, which audits the IRS.

IRS officials said that they generally agreed with the report but contested some of its findings. They took issue with investigators' estimate of the value of some of the unpaid taxes, saying it "overstates the amount of potential unprotected revenue" when lien notices are not filed, they said Monday.

The investigators' report conceded that even if the IRS did a better job of tracking down those owing money, "It may be difficult for the IRS to collect on these outstanding liabilities considering that these taxpayers have already proven to be difficult to contact or locate."

The study estimated that about $53 million was at stake in cases where required notices had not been filed warning taxpayers the government was filing a lien against them.

In a response included in the report, IRS officials said that the unpaid taxes at stake in cases where lien notices had not been issued was "significantly less" than $53 million. They also said they believed that "the government's interest is adequately protected" by the lien notices they have filed.

IRS officials said they were implementing some of the report's recommendations, such as creating a checklist of research steps that workers are required to take.

White House intruder gets far past front door

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The intruder who climbed a fence made it farther inside the White House than the Secret Service has publicly acknowledged, a Republican congressman said Monday. The disclosures came on the eve of a congressional oversight hearing with the director of the embattled agency assigned to protect the president's life.

Rep. Jason Chaffetz, R-Utah, who chairs a House subcommittee on national security oversight, said whistleblowers had informed his panel that Omar J. Gonzalez had made it far beyond the front doors of the White House, despite what the Secret Service had said in the hours after the incident. Chaffetz criticized the Secret Service and its leadership for not doing more to stop the suspect earlier.

"I have deep concerns that the president is not as safe as we want and need him to be," Chaffetz said on CNN.

In the hours after the Sept. 19 fence-jumper incident, Secret Service spokesman Ed Donovan told The Associated Press that the suspect had been apprehended just inside the North Portico doors of the White House. The Secret Service also said that night that the suspect had been unarmed — an assertion that was revealed to be false the next day when officials acknowledged Gonzalez had a knife with him when he was apprehended.

It was not clear late Monday what Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson was told about the extent of the incident.

Senate Judiciary Committee staffers who were briefed about the investigation by the administration a week after the incident were never told that Gonzalez had made it deep into the building, said a congressional official who wasn't authorized to discuss the investigation and requested anonymity. The official said the committee later was told that the suspect had, indeed, made it far beyond the front door.

VA settles complaints by 3 Phoenix whistleblowers

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Veterans Affairs Department said Monday it has settled complaints filed by three employees who faced retaliation after filing whistleblower complaints about the troubled Phoenix VA hospital.

The employees were among the first to report widespread wrongdoing at the Phoenix hospital, including chronic delays for veterans seeking care and falsified waiting lists covering up those delays. Similar problems were soon identified at other VA medical facilities across the country in a scandal that forced the ouster of former VA Secretary Eric Shinseki and a new law overhauling the agency and making it easier to fire senior officials.

Dr. Katherine Mitchell, a former co-director of emergency care at the Phoenix hospital; Paula Pedene, the hospital's former chief spokeswoman; and Damian Reese, a program analyst, all filed retaliation complaints with the independent Office of Special Counsel. The counsel's office and the VA announced the settlements Monday in separate statements.

The three employees will remain with the VA and received what the special counsel's office called "full and fair relief." Exact terms of the settlements were not disclosed, although at least two of the cases include financial payments to the employees.

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Delays at Chicago airports linger after tower fire

By Scott Mayerowiz
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Traffic at Chicago's two busiest airports was slowly returning to more normal levels Monday, three days after a fire at a regional air traffic control center disrupted much of the nation's air-travel system. The Federal Aviation Administration has temporarily assigned other controllers to oversee the airspace normally covered by the crippled suburban facility, but full service may not be restored for two weeks. A closer look at some key questions surrounding the many delays and cancellations:

How many flights have been canceled?

Since Friday morning, more than 3,700 flights have been canceled at O'Hare Airport, the nation's second-largest airport by passengers, and Midway Airport, the nation's 21st largest.

Which airlines have been hardest hit?

United Airlines and its regional-partners canceled 1,579 flights, according to flight tracking site FlightAware.com. American Airlines and its regional carriers canceled 1,415 flights, Southwest Airlines 601 flights and Delta Air Lines 46 flights.

How did airlines decide which flights to scrap?

The vast majority of flights canceled by American, Delta and United were on their regional partner airlines. Those jets, which fly to smaller cities, typically carry 50 or 75 passengers, compared with the 150 or 200 on larger planes. Yet they still require the same amount of work for controllers.

What started all these problems?

A contractor at the FAA's center in the Chicago suburb of Aurora allegedly set a fire Friday in the basement telecommunications room and then attempted to commit suicide by slashing his throat. Employees had to evacuate the center. Fire, smoke and water damaged vital telecommunications equipment.

The contractor, a 36-year-old man, appeared in federal court Monday on charges of destruction of aircraft facilities, a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

So did this just affect Chicago?

No. As planes fly across the country at high altitudes, they are handed off from one regional control center to another. There are 21 such facilities. The one in Aurora covers 91,000 square miles of airspace over five states and hundreds of airports.

What did the FAA do to keep planes flying?

Responsibility for any air traffic flying above 18,000 feet in that region has been split up among the four neighboring air traffic control centers in Minneapolis, Kansas City, Cleveland and Indianapolis. Further, the FAA is redirecting transcontinental flights around Chicago's airspace.

What about flights to the Chicago area?

A: Traffic below 18,000 feet is being handled by 19 regional facilities, which hand off approaching flights to the individual airport control towers for clearance to land.

If the FAA was able to create such a backup system, why were so many flights canceled?

First, it took some time to get the plan in place. Next, there was a problem sharing data between the various control centers. Since the fire took out telecommunications, there was no easy way to exchange flight data between Chicago and the four neighboring centers. The FAA was typing in flight-plan information for each plane and printing it out on a strip. To safely manage that process, the number of planes in the sky had to be reduced. The government has since been able to automate much of the process, significantly improving the number of planes that can be handled.

What are delays like now?

The FAA said Monday that the takeoff and landing rate at O'Hare was at 80 percent of the rate last week at the same time. Midway's rate was at more than 90 percent of the prior week's rate. Luckily for the airlines and passengers, the area has experienced mostly calm weather, with no severe thunderstorms that could further slow flights.

When are operations expected to get back to normal?

The FAA says it will have the Aurora center open on Oct. 13.

Why will it take two weeks to fix the problem?

First, crews are cleaning the area damaged by the fire, making sure the building is safe. Other crews are reconfiguring space on a different floor to house new equipment. The work involves replacing 20 of 29 racks of fiber-optic cables and other telecommunications equipment and re-establishing more than 600 circuits, "so it's a very, very large job," FAA Administrator Michael P. Huerta said.

In light of the fire, will the FAA change how it operates and secures these facilities?

Huerta said the agency might need to treat some buildings, like the center in Aurora, differently because they are more critical to the national air traffic system than others. Over the next 30 days, the FAA will conduct a review of its contingency plans for unexpected events like Friday's fire, as well as security at its facilities.

Associated Press

A flight departure board at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago still shows some cancelled flights Monday,. The Federal Aviation Administration said Monday it is reviewing security practices and how it deals with unexpected incidents throughout its air traffic control facilities following last week's fire at a Chicago-area air traffic facility.

Wal-Mart says Morgan didn't wear seatbelt

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — Actor-comedian Tracy Morgan and other people in a limousine struck from behind by a Wal-Mart truck on a highway in June are at least partly to blame for their injuries because they weren't wearing seatbelts, the company said in a court filing Monday.

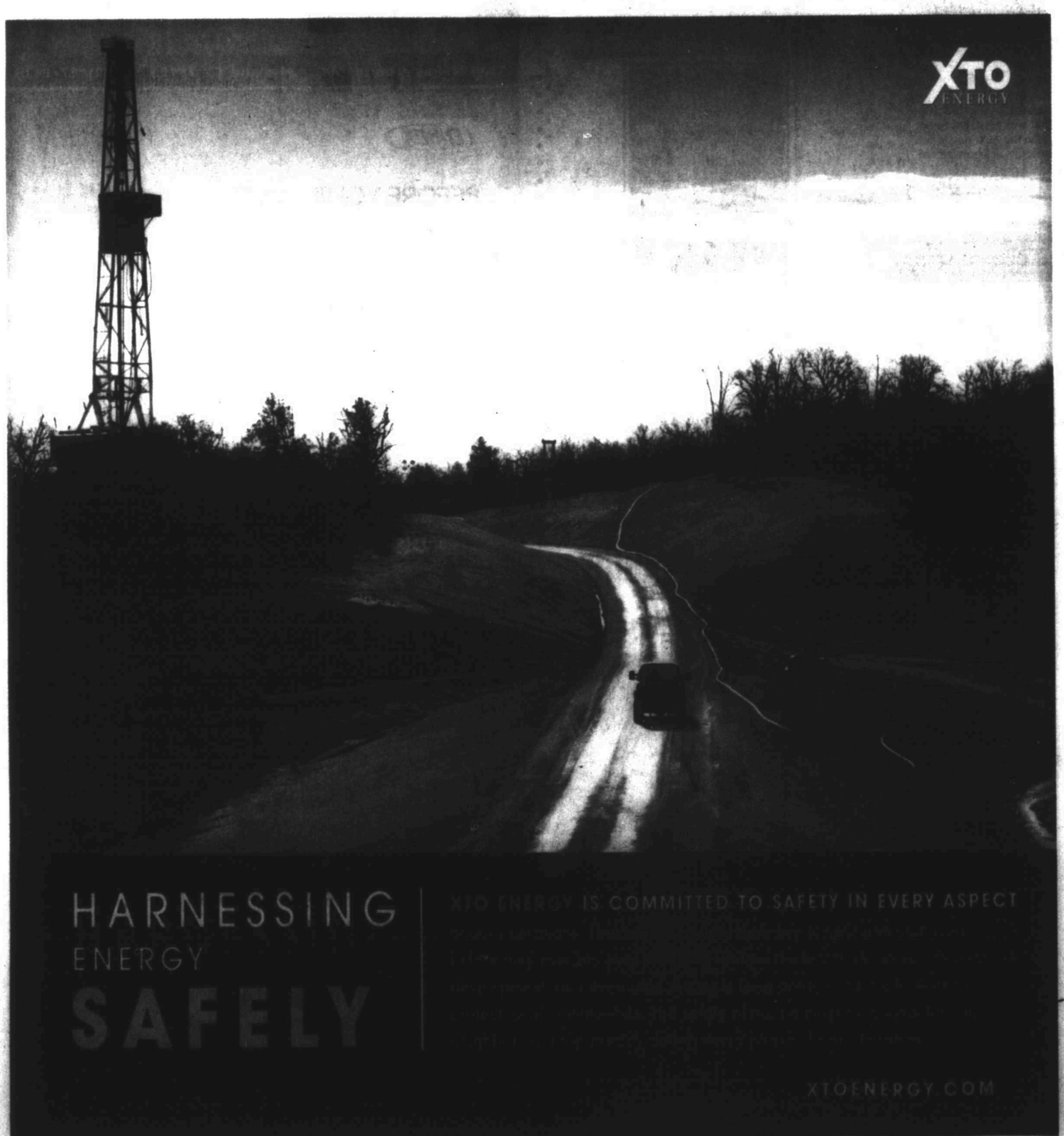
The filing was made in federal court in response to a lawsuit Morgan filed in July over the accident, which killed his friend James McNair, who was accompanying the former "Saturday Night Live" and "30 Rock" star back from a show in Delaware. Morgan spent several weeks in rehab with rib and leg injuries.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc., based in Bentonville, Arkansas, said in the filing that the passengers' injuries were caused "in whole or in part" by their "failure to properly wear an appropriate available seatbelt restraint device," which it said constitutes unreasonable conduct.

An attorney representing Morgan and the other plaintiffs called Wal-Mart's contentions "surprising and appalling."

"It's disingenuous," attorney Benedict Morelli said. "It's not what they said they were going to do initially, which was take full responsibility. I'm very upset, not for myself but for the families I represent."

The lawsuit seeks a jury trial and punitive and compensatory damages. It says the retail giant should have known that its truck driver had been awake for more than 24 hours before the crash and that his commute of 700 miles from his home in Georgia to work in Delaware was "unreasonable." It also alleges the driver fell asleep at the wheel.



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Books in the Basin

Former Texas Ranger doesn't consider himself an author

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

By Steve Kuhlmann
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Even if he has two books that bear his name, Alpine resident and retired Texas Ranger Joaquin Jackson refuses to consider himself an author.

"I'm the one that lived the story and I told the story to an author. But when you do a book, they refer to you as an author. There's nothing wrong with being called an author, I just really don't see myself as one. I'm just an old, wore-out lawman," said Jackson, who will be speaking in Midland on Oct. 10 at Books in the Basin.

After spending 27 years as a Texas Ranger, Jackson found fame as the subject of a photo featured on the cover of Texas Monthly's February 1994 issue.

"That (photo) was what kicked up publicity about me," Jackson said. "I wasn't any better of a ranger than a hell of a lot of other rangers that served this state since 1835. I wasn't any better than them; I just got the publicity from that photograph and things started moving from there."

After being thrust into the spotlight by the image, Jackson said literary agents for years urged

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Just the facts

Books in the Basin
When: Oct. 10-11
Where: Midland and Odessa colleges, Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, Yucca Theatre and Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center.
Admission: Free
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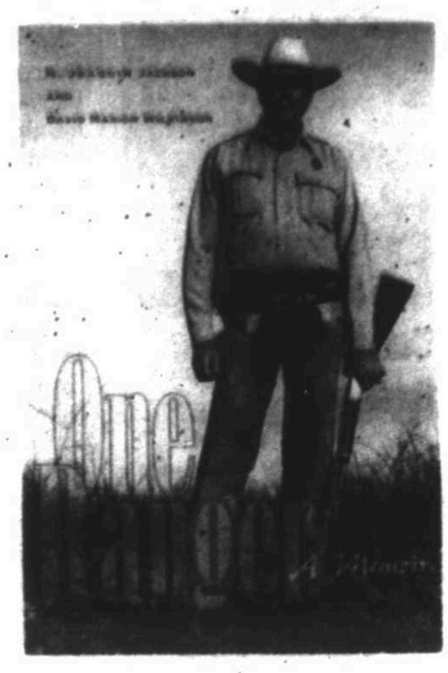
Joaquin Jackson's event
Oct. 10: Lecture, 1 p.m. at the Murray Fasken Learning Resource Center at Midland College



AWW, FIDDLESTICKS!

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Snyder Elementary third-graders make their way through the corn maze on Oct. 15, 2011, at Fiddlesticks Farm. **BELOW:** Aerial view of this year's maze.

The maze is the secret at annual fall attraction

By Rich Lopez
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Jessica Norton would like Midland to believe the annual maze during fall season was created by fairies — and why not?

"Well, it is kind of a secret how we make it," she said.

Whether fairies or aliens or whatever she tells Fiddlesticks Farms' younger visitors, the result is magic nevertheless. Spanning 13 acres, the maze is the highlight of their seasonal Fun on the Farm, which opens Saturday and continues through Nov. 28.

But Norton was forthcoming in how the she and her husband, Matt, come to their annual design and that it all starts in January.

"In our off season, we first use the holidays as a breather before getting an idea in our minds," she said. "And we're part of a group of maze owners who create the paths and connections and send our ideas back to us."

The annual maze also acknowledges a local nonprofit. This year, the maze has been created in honor of ABC Ministry - Angel Baby Creations, which provides support to women and families who have lost a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death. Fiddlesticks revealed the design, which incorporates the agency's name and a teddy bear, on their Facebook page on Sept. 22.

"We just want to show our support to local organizations because people locally support us," Norton said. "I think what they do is a great thing and not always publicized."

Once the design is completed, then comes the execution during the summer.

"We start planting the corn maze in July and about two weeks later, when it's a couple of inches, then we start laying it out. But how we do it, I can't tell you," Norton said. "Kids will ask and we want to keep it magical so sometimes, it's fairies, sometimes it's aliens."

The maze features three paths that include a smaller Fairy Tale Trail for children who can read the story "Little Red Overalls" along the way leading them to the exit.

The other two are longer and broken into five parts. To get through, people can either text to receive a clue at a post or answer trivia questions received at the entrance.

"We're trying to make it unique," Norton said.

Returning are all the favorite activities such as the Hay Jump, Rodeo Roper, the Pumpkin Patch, Potato Sack Slide, Pig Races and the Chick Hatchery. Maze Money activities that require tokens include the Shoot the Corn Cannons, the Pumpkin Blaster, Cow Train rides, the Corn Popper and prospecting at the Miner's Sluice. But this year the Nortons have added some new features: a bean bag game, Corn Hole, and the baby ducklings water slide.

Both onsite eateries have been updated. The Salt Lick's full kitchen features an upgraded menu that features Dr Pepper Chicken Fajita salad, Dr Pepper Buffalo Wings, burgers, hot dogs and an "upgraded funnel cake."

The Miner's Shack snack bar offers the farms' homemade kettle corn, hot and cold beverages, including an old-fashioned chuck wagon soda. New additions include doughnuts in either cinnamon sugar or apple cider flavors.

"We haven't removed anything, but only try to make them better and we also hope to add more in the future," she said.

There's one more new feature: Fiddlesticks Radio.

"That's been a big undertaking, but we put surround sound speakers around the farm to have our own radio station," Norton said. "It's more like a playlist or Pandora, but we'll play upbeat music and even have our own 'ads' that will tell what's going on elsewhere on the site."

Down on the farm

- Fiddlesticks Farms, 5610 E. County Road 120.
- Hours: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturdays and 1-6 p.m. Sundays in October and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturdays in November.
- Admission: $10, plus tax; free for children 3 and under; Maze Money $1.50 per token, plus tax.
- More information: fiddlesticksfarms.com, 687-6293.

KNIFE & FORK

This week's columnist is Mary Dearen.
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Cookbooks can be created as keepsakes, for fundraisers

Saving treasured recipes can be more than organizing index cards in a box or sheets of loose-leaf paper in a binder. Now, anyone can create a recipe collection with the help of one of the many online cookbook publishers.

Individuals produce cookbooks as keepsakes — passing on favorite recipes to family and friends. These books can be extra special by including family photos and anecdotes.

But cookbooks also have become a popular money-maker for nonprofits and other groups. Most of these cookbook websites provide guidance on how to do produce cookbooks for fundraisers.

Someone who produced a book as a keepsake — and as an act of love — is one of my husband's closest friends, Diana Ramon of Ballinger. "Let's Cook" is a 210-page volume with more than 200 recipes, a photo of a young Diana on the cover and family photos and stories scattered throughout. Diana, who always thinks of others before herself, gave copies of "Let's Cook" as gifts — at her 60th birthday party.

Many of the recipes in the collection are her own creations; others are ones she received from family and friends. The following are my favorite recipes from Diana's collection.

Down-home Beans and Potatoes
Yield: 6 servings

1 1/2 pounds fresh green beans
8 slices of bacon, quartered
1 small onion, chopped
5 cups water
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 1/2 cups cubed red potatoes

Wash beans, trim ends, remove strings. Cut into 1/2-inch pieces. Set aside.

In Dutch oven, fry bacon until crisp. Remove and set aside, reserving 1/4 cup of the baon drippings. Saute the onion in the drippings until tender.

Add water, bring to a boil. Add bacon, beans, salt and pepper, and return to a boil. Cover and simmer for 15 minutes. Add potatoes and cook 10 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Drain before serving.

Rattatouille

1/2 cup cooking or olive oil
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 medium onion, sliced
1 medium eggplant, diced
2 or 3 medium zucchini, sliced
1 28-ounce can Italian-style tomatoes
1 teaspoon oregano or sweet basil
Salt and pepper

Saute onion and garlic. Add eggplant and cook a few minutes. Add the remaining ingredients and turn into a casserole dish. Bake in a 350-degree oven until tender, 45-60 minutes.

Squash dressing

2 cups yellow squash, peeled, cooked and drained.
1/2 stick butter
1 large onion, chopped
2 cups crumbled cornbread
1 can cream of chicken soup
Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Grease baking dish.

Combine all ingredients in the baking dish and bake for 30 to 40 minutes.

Slow-cooker Beef and Gravy
Yield: 8 servings

3 pounds beef roast (boneless)
1 envelope dry onion soup mix
1 can beef broth
1 can cream of mushroom soup
4-ounce can sliced mushrooms, drained (optional)

Combine all ingredients in a slow cooker and cook on low for 10-12 hours.

Serve with mashed potatoes or over egg noodles.

Irish Stew

2 pounds lean stew meat, or small boneless chuck roast cut into 1/2-inch pieces
1 8-ounce can tomato sauce
1 16-ounce can tomatoes, diced
1 large onion, chopped
1 tablespoon sugar

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Obituaries

Calvin Clan Hancock

Calvin Clan Hancock, 78, died peacefully at home September 28, 2014, surrounded by his family. Calvin was born November 19, 1935, in Post, Texas, to Clan and Jewel Hancock.

Calvin, a 1953 Midland High School graduate, earned his Bachelors of Business Administration degree from Hardin Simmons University in 1957 and became a Certified Public Accountant in 1961. He was a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Texas Society of CPA's.

After graduation, he went to work for the Western Company, where he quickly became a Senior Accountant. He then went to work for Fritz Breckinridge at Breckinridge and Williams. In 1961, he partnered with Fritz to form Breckinridge and Hancock. They bought practices in Clovis and Tucumcari, New Mexico, and Calvin moved his family there.

He later returned to West Texas and took an interest in Roundhouse Electric with John "Buzz" Crowley. He next accepted a Tax Manager position at Wagner & Brown Ltd. It was there that he met Ken Arnold, and the two formed Arnold Hancock and Company in 1981. Calvin and Ken remained partners and lifelong friends.

He was a proud member of the National Rifle Association. He served for many years as Treasurer of the Midland High Ex-Student Association and Treasurer of Hi-Sky Emmaus.

Calvin was President of the Midland Jaycee's from 1969-1970 and was Vice President of the Texas Jaycees. He was listed in the 1971 Edition of "Personalities of the South." He received the "Outstanding Service Quarterman Award" in June 1966 from the Midland Jaycees and the "Outstanding Service as Program Chairman Award" from Rotary International in 1973.

He was ordained as a Deacon in 1957 at Trinity Baptist Church and was a member of First Baptist Church of Midland. He had a beautiful baritone voice - he cherished singing in the choir and singing solos. Calvin loved his crossword puzzles and did them daily - in ink! He especially loved Westerns and was the family expert on Gunsmoke and Marshal Matt Dillon. He was a faithful supporter of the Midland High Bulldogs, Hardin Simmons Cowboys, and his beloved Dallas Cowboys.

Calvin had a wonderful sense of humor and a razor-sharp wit. He also had an incredible work ethic, and he prided himself on always being prompt and prepared. The thing that he took the most pride in though, was his beaiutiful family.

Calvin is survived by his wife of 23 years, Jane Johnson Hancock. He is also survived by his children, Judy Mitchell and husband Royce, Terry Hancock and wife Carren, Gregory Hancock and husband Eddie Winstead, Elizabeth Ryan and husband James, Christian Hancock, Cal Neatherlin and wife Kim, and Jeni Neatherlin; grandchildren, Melissa Lofton and husband Jeff Zearfoss, Ben Howard and wife Katey, Will Hancock and wife Courtney, Haley Domian, Chandler Hancock, Joshua Ryan, Nathan Ryan, Faith Ryan, Shianne Elliott, Michael Elliott, Shelby Neatherlin, Karsen Neatherlin, Seth Neatherlin, Trinity Neatherlin, Jeremiah Mitchell and Megan Mitchell; great-grandchildren, Hickson Howard, Hadley Howard, Blake Zearfoss, Morganne Hancock, Cohlee Chatham; brother Charles Hancock and extended family Steven Stuteville, Kevin Stuteville and Paula Harrold.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Maureen Elliott.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Ken Arnold, Drue Thomas, Spencer Blocker, Rob Bomar, Charlie Harris, Charlie Linebarger, Buzzy White, Rabe Rodella, and Rowan Rodella.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at First Baptist Church Chapel, with the Reverend Terry Hancock officiating. To help us honor Calvin's hatred of ties, we respectfully request that you leave yours at home for his service. Please come celebrate the life of this wonderful man.

Calvin's family thanks Hospice of Midland for their tender care in his last months; in addition, Dr. Steven Brown and Dr. Bhuvana Balasekaran for their special care over the years.

Donations in Calvin's memory may be made to First Baptist Church Counseling Ministry, Hospice Midland or Rays of Hope.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Online condolences can be made at *www.npwelch.com*.

Melissa Ann Salas-Trevino

Melissa Ann Salas-Trevino went home to be with her Lord Jesus Christ on Friday, September 26, 2014 at Midland Memorial Hospital. She was born July 24, 1978 in Odessa, Texas to Mary and the late Jacob Salas. Melissa was raised and educated in Midland, graduating from Robert E. Lee High School in 1998.

Melissa met Joseph Trevino in 2002 and they were married on October 26, 2013. She enjoyed reading, watching movies, traveling, cooking and mostly being with her loving husband and her two sons. Melissa attended South Memorial Baptist Church.

Melissa was preceded in death by her father, Jacob Salas.

She was is survived by her loving husband, Joe Trevino; two sons, Jason and Jesse Trevino, all of Midland; her mother, Mary Salas of Artesia, New Mexico; and three brothers, Ruben Salas of Lubbock, Texas, and Christopher Salas and Jacob Salas, both of Artesia, New Mexico; and numerous uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Viewing will be held on Thursday, October 2, from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. with a prayer service also Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel.

Prayer service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to *pipkin@nts-online.com* or you can visit our website at *www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com*.

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Paul Rolla Patrick

Paul Rolla Patrick, 16, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, September 27, 2014. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Paul was born on December 17, 1997 in Midland, Texas to Russell and Trini Patrick. He played soccer for six years, earned a black belt in taekwondo and he was in Boy Scouts growing up. Paul was in the marching band at Midland High School, where he played the saxophone and was a Platoon Leader.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting with his grandpa, playing video games, collecting coins, watching the History Channel and, most of all, being with his family and friends. He was very humble, reserved, but also had a witty personality. After graduating from Midland High School, Paul wanted to go to U.T. and be a pharmacist like his dad.

He is survived by his parents, Russell Allen Patrick, Jr. and Trini Gaitan Patrick; big sister, Gloria Amelia Patrick; paternal grandmother, Nancy Lemoins Patrick; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Agustin V. Gaitan, Sr.; and by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

The family would like donations to be made in Paul's name to the Midland High School Marching Band, 906 W. Illinois Ave, Midland, Texas 79701.

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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Death Notices

Betty Sue Long Spencer

Funeral services for Betty S. Spencer will be held September 30, 2014 at Smith's Cemetery in Purmela, Texas at 10:00 a.m. Betty passed away September 28, 2014.

Betty is survived by her son, Alvin Faglie.

Daniel Banda, Sr.

Daniel Banda, Sr., 76, of Andrews, passed away Sunday September 28, 2014.

Funeral services will be 6:00 p.m. Wednesday at McNett Funeral Home Chapel.

He is survived by his wife, Celia Banda; children, Daniel Banda, Jr., Miguel Banda, Esequiel Banda, and Rosa Renteria; three brothers and three sisters.

Glenn Joe Riley, Sr.

Glenn Joe Riley, Sr., 73, of Garden City, died Saturday, September 27, 2014.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at the Garden City Cemetery, Garden City.

Jovita Sandoval de Ayala

Jovita Sandoval de Ayala 65, of Odessa, passed away on Sunday, September 28 2014.

Survivors are her husband Raymundo G. Ayala; her mother, Maria del Rosario Sandoval; sons, Raymundo S. Ayala, Alfredo Ayala, and Davjd Ayala; seven sisters and two brothers.

Rosary will be recited a Acres West Funeral Chape at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday September 30, 2014. Mass of Christian Burial will be 1:00 p.m.; Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Peaceful Gardens of Ector County Cemetery.

Maria "Trine" Trinidad Lopez

Maria "Trine" Trinidad Lopez, 78, of Garden City died Sunday, September 28 2014. Rosary will be held a 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday October 2, 2014 at the St Lawrence Catholic Church. Interment will follow at St Lawrence Catholic Cemetery.

Sandye Booth Pierce

Sandye Booth Pierce, 72 of Midland, Texas, passed away on September 28, 2014.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 2, 2014 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

Verna Mae Ashford

Verna Mae Ashford, 81, o Big Spring, Texas, wen home to be with the Lord Friday, September 19, 2014 The family will receive friends Tuesday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with buria following at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Survivors include one son Michael Ted Smith; three daughters, Sandra Tuitt, Tris Clemens, and Dawn Ashford one brother and one sister.

Questions about death notices or online Guest Books? Email: obits@mrt.com

Ranger

From 1B

him to write a book about his life and career. In stoic fashion, Jackson refused.

While he had no interest in writing a book, Jackson did make a foray into television, appearing in small roles, most notably in the 1995 TV movie "The Good Old Boys" starring Tommy Lee Jones.

The photo and his following acting credits were not his first experience with the limelight, however. Jackson was given a special acknowledgment in the 1987 movie "Extreme Prejudice" — as the one on whom Nick Nolte based his character, Texas Ranger Jack Benteen.

Nearly 10 years after the Texas Monthly cover featuring his photo, Jackson was finally persuaded to give the book a shot after a friend pointed him in the direction of writer David Marion Wilkinson. Jackson said it was Wilkinson's book, "Not Between Brothers," that sold him on the idea.

"It's a tremendous book. When you finish a chapter you can't wait to start the next one," Jackson said. "After I read the book, Wilkinson and I got together and we spent a couple of years doing that first book, 'One Ranger: A Memoir.'"

"One Ranger" was released in 2005, and a few years later Jackson partnered with James L. Haley, to produce the sequel, "One Ranger Returns."

Jackson said that he hopes readers will take away from these books "the values of life, loyalty, being honest and truthful, dedicated to what you're doing, dedicated to your country and your family and the great state of Texas. (Those are) all the things that make a good life for a person and makes a good life for other people, too."

While he is "really honored by the fact that people really liked" the books, Jackson said it will never compare to the life he led as a Texas Ranger.

"I would have been a ranger for no pay if I could have fed my family, I enjoyed the work that much," Jackson said. "It just gives you a sense of well-being, being able to say that I've done something for the people of the great state of Texas."

Knife & Fork

From 1B

1 tablespoon red wine vinegar (optional)
Salt and pepper to taste
1/4 of large head of cabbage, chopped
1 pound carrots, peeled and sliced
4 sticks celery, chopped
3 or 4 medium potatoes, peeled and cubed

Place meat in a large stew pot and barely cover with water. Add tomato sauce, diced tomatoes, onion, vinegar (if using) and sugar.

Heat on medium and bring to a boil. Reduce to low heat, cover and simmer until meat is tender, about 45 minutes.

Add vegetables, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil again and simmer on low until vegetables are tender, about 30 minutes.

Tilapia with Lemon Sauce

Yield: 4 servings

1 tablespoon olive oil
2 pounds tilapia fillets
1 teaspoon sea salt or seasoned salt
Juice from 2 large lemons
1/4 cup chicken broth
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1/2 cup fresh tarragon or 1 teaspoon dried tarragon

In a large non-stick skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Sprinkle fish with salt and place in pan.

Cook 2 minutes on each side until golden brown. Remove fish to a platter.

Add lemon juice and broth to pan and stir, using a wooden spoon to scrape bits of fish off side of the pan.

Whisk in the mustard and simmer for 1 minute. Stir in tarragon. Pour sauce over the fish.

Best-ever Pound Cake

2 cups butter, softened
1 1-pound box confectioners' sugar
1 tablespoon vanilla
1/2 teaspoon salt
6 large eggs (at room temperature)
2 2/3 cups sifted flour

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a large bowl, using mixer set on medium speed, beat first 4 ingredients until light, about 2 minutes.

Add eggs, one at a time, beating well (1-1 1/2 minutes) after each one is added. Add flour and blend well.

Pour into a greased 10-inch fluted tube pan.

Bake for 1 hour, or until cake tests done. Cool 15 minutes and remove from pan. Continue to cool on rack.

Attendance increases at East Texas State Fair

Associated Press

TYLER — Organizers of the East Texas State Fair in Tyler estimate attendance has increased 25 to 30 percent this year.

Event President John Sykes said that great weather boosted the turnout to the 99th event. He estimated there were 200,000 attendees but said some people from Sunday hadn't been counted yet. Sunday was the final day of the event.

The fair was closed for two days in 2013 because of rain. It features shows, live music, art exhibits and carnival rides.

Scientists dive into work to protect salamanders

By William Luther
San Antonio Express-News

SAN MARCOS — A handful of scientists and volunteers gathered at the edge of the water at the former Aquarena Springs tourist attraction to do something few people get to experience.

They collected living San Marcos salamanders, which are federally protected amphibians listed as threatened and found only in the headwaters of the San Marcos River.

"We generally collect once in the fall and once in the spring to maintain (salamander) populations" in refuge facilities, said Valentin Cantu, a fish biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in San Marcos and coordinator of the collection activities at Spring Lake.

The service's refuge, called a refugia in scientific terms, has tanks to house the salamanders and other rare species to maintain their genetic diversity should a dramatic change occur in their habitat.

Such a change for the salamander is not impossible, considering its geographically small habitat.

"We have a map that shows all the spring sites (in Spring Lake), and there are about 22 different areas where the San Marcos salamander can be found," Cantu told the San Antonio Express-News. "And some of those areas are quite small."

Spring Lake is fed by the Edwards Aquifer, which remains far below normal as a 4-year-old drought persists.

Declines in spring flows — the 10-day average on the collection day was 105 cubic feet per second, compared with the historical average of 170 cfs — can cause serious damage to the salamander's habitat and dictate extra monitoring, according to the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan.

"The more the springs go down, the more siltation there is," said Cantu, who noted that the lungless salamanders require clean, flowing water to live because they get 80 percent of their oxygen directly through their skin.

With two divers to find the salamanders, two snorklers working on transfers to a holding tank and a data collector on the work barge to record information about each amphibian, the crew recently made their way into the gin-clear, 71-degree water.

After a few minutes of the divers moving rocks and placing them back in their original locations to minimize habitat disturbance, the first salamander was brought to the surface.

Then a slow progression of salamanders began to emerge from the water, one at a time, as the divers found a healthy number of them. Some were as big as 2 inches, while the juveniles were smaller than a fingertip.

The "collections went well," Cantu said afterward. "The team was able to collect all the wild stock salamanders needed at this time."

As for the effects of the drought on the aquifer's endangered and threatened species, Tom Brandt, the agency's San Marcos Aquatic Resources Center director, said it is too early to make any definitive statements. But he noted that additional "data is being collected, examined and discussed."

"We are operating as if the drought is going to continue," said Brandt, adding, "We have also been discussing how we can increase the facility's (holding) capacity."

Additionally, we "have stepped up monitoring," he said.

While most of the Aquatic Resources Center's activities have picked up because of the drought, one thing has slowed.

"Up until recently, (the center) was producing Texas wild rice for a restoration project in the San Marcos River," Brandt said. "That project has been temporarily suspended until spring flows increase."

Recent rain spells have brought the San Marcos and Comal Spring flows some short-lived relief, but significant increases in the flows up to seasonally normal levels are not expected as the aquifer bounces around historically low levels. San Antonio's J-17 monitoring well measured 629 feet above sea level on the salamander collection day — 32.1 feet below the well's average for this time of year.

When asked what he and other staff members at the Aquatic Resources Center are doing as the drought extends into fall, Cantu had a simple answer: "We are keeping our fingers crossed for more rain."

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KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Selfie "Pilot" (N)	Manhat. "Pilot" (N)	Agent SHIELD "Hinge to the Head" (N)		Forever "Fountain of Youth" (N)		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) News Highline
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Kill the Messenger" (N)		NCIS: New Orleans "Carrier" (N)		Person of Interest "Nautilus" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman	(:35) Craig Ferguson
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H "Crisis"	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Hogan's Heroes	Gilligan's Island	Taxi	Taxi	Cheers	P. Mason "The Case of the Artful Dodger"	Adam 12
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	8	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Utopia (N)		New Girl (N)	Mindy Project (N)	Modern Family	Modern Family	Hot in Cleveland	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
KMLM	IND	11	11	12	11	11	Joe McGee	HaYesod	Update News	BAS Presents	Light of the Southwest				Exploring With the Scholars		Ministerios Nueva Vida	
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News/Weather 9 at 6 p.m.		The Voice "The Blind Auditions, Part 4" (N)			Chicago Fire "Wow Me" (N)			NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) Jimmy Fallon	(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Finding Your Roots "Born Champions" (N)		MAKERS "Women in Comedy" (N)		Frontline "Bigger Than Vegas" (N)		Yellowstone: Land	Yellowstone: Nocturnal	Tavis Smiley (N)	Tavis Smiley
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FLIX		200	65		165		(5:00) ★ The Objective, Afghanistan		★ ★ Absent Adam				(:45) ★ ★ Possession Gwyneth Paltrow.			★ ★ ★ Scent of a Woman	
HBO		300	68	14	14		(5:30) ★ The Secret ...		Beyonce Jay Z on the Run						(:45) Bill Maher: Live	(:45) 2 Days	(:15) Boardwalk E.	
HBO2		302	69	15	101	23	(5:30) ★ ★ ★ The World's End		Real Sports			LastWeek	★ Veronica Mars Kristen Bell.			(:50) Bill Maher	Sex//Now	
HBOS		304	70	16	102		★ ★ The Heat ('13, Com) Sandra Bullock.			Boardwalk E. (N)			★ ★ ★ ★ Dallas Buyers Club				★ The Way Way ...	
MAX		380	71	17	120	24	(5:30) ★ Vehicle 19		★ ★ 47 Ronin ('13, Act) Keanu Reeves.				The Kaid:	(:45) ★ ★ Taken 2 ('12, Act) Liam Neeson.		Movie	
MAX2		382	72	18	122		★ ★ Escape Plan Sylvester Stallone.				★ Beavis & Butt-Head Do A...			(:25) ★ ★ The Conjuring			(:20) ★ Pleasure or ...	
PLEX				96			(5:05) ★ Dear God		★ ★ ★ Roxanne Steve Martin.			(:20) ★ ★ The Company Men Ben Affleck.				(:45) ★ ★ ★ Making Mr. Right	
SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	(5:15) ★ Dark Skies		Masters of Sex		Inside the NFL		Ray Donovan		Inside the NFL		★ ★ ★ Kaze Zoë Bell.	
TMC		336	67	22	155	26	(3:45) ★ ★ ★ Nixon		★ ★ ★ The Illusionist Edward Norton.				★ ★ ★ Deep Impact ('98, Act) Elijah Wood.			Movie (:05) ★ An...	
A&E		27	32	28	35	47	Married to Job	Married to the Job	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	Married to Job (N)	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
AMC		40	21	23	42	51	(4:00) ★ The Lost ...		★ ★ Jurassic Park III Sam Neill.				4th and Loud (N)		4th and Loud		★ Jurassic Park III	
BET		58	26		40		★ ★ Barbershop ('02, Com) Ice Cube.					Comic V	Comic V	Comic V	Comic V	Comic V	Wendy Williams	
BRAVO		65	63		41		Below Deck		Below Deck		Below Deck (N)		Singles Project (N)		Watch (N)	Below Deck		Wives NJ
CNBC		46	45		39	72	The Profit		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Profit "Eco-Me"	
CNN		43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		CNN Special Report		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		CNN Special Report	
DISC		50	20	31	24	42	Yukon Men		Yukon Men (N)		Yukon Men (N)		Ice Lake Rebels (N)		Yukon Men		Ice Lake Rebels	
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	Dog Blog	Liv Maddie	★ Teen Beach Movie			Mickey	Austin	GoodLuck	Jessie	Dog Blog	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	(5:00) SportsCenter		E:60 (N)		SEC Storied "It's Time" (N)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	Baseball Tonight (L)		NFL Live		NFL's Greatest Games				NFL Football '98 NFC Wild Card		Baseball Tonight (L)	
FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	(5:30) ★ ★ ★ Mean Girls				★ ★ New Year's Eve ('11, Rom) Sarah Jessica Parker.				The 700 Club		★ The Invention ...	
FNC		45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD		64	59	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped	
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	Player of Week	Instant Replay	NCAA Football Baylor vs. Iowa State						NCAA Big 12 No-Huddle UTEP/Kan.St.		WPT Poker Seminole Hard Rock Showdown	
FX		31	31	59	64	69	M&M		★ ★ ★ ★ Immortals ('11, Act) Mickey Rourke, Henry Cavill.				Sons of Anarchy (N)		(:15) Anarchy "Poor Little Lambs"			Anarchy
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	Waltons "The Prize"		The Waltons		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	JenGar	JenGarth	H.Hunt	House (N)	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	JenGarth	JenGarth
HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	Pwn Star	Pawn Star	Pwn Star	Pwn Star	Top Gear (N)		Counting	Counting	Counting	Counting	Pwn Star	Pwn Star
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	Dance Moms		Studio Rescue "Daughter Dearest"		Dance Moms (N)		Kim of Queens "Hannah in a Huff" (N)		Kim of Queens "Kiss My Grits!"		Studio Rescue "Daughter Dearest"	
MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	39				Triathlon Ironman		Triathlon Ironman		Triathlon		Triathlon		Adventure Racing		EPL Soccer	
NICK		55	34	39	34	37	Sam Cat	Thunder	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	Mother	Mother
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master		Tattoo	Tattoo	Ink Master	
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	Face Off		Face Off		Face Off (N)		Z Nation		Face Off		Haven "Spotlight"	
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Post Pre-Game (L)	MLB Baseball American League Wild Card (L)							MLB Post	Conan (N)	
TCM		41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ Marriage on...		★ ★ ★ ★ The Young Lions ('58, War) Marlon Brando.						★ ★ ★ The Way We Were			
TELE		20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Reina de Corazones		Los miserables (P) (N)		Señora acero		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	Los miserables	
TLC		51	33	32	38	52	19 Kids & Count	19 Kids & Count	19 Kids & Count "Jill Says Yes to the Dress"		19 Kids & Count (N)	19 Kids & Count (N)	Little People, Big World (N)		19 Kids & Count	19 Kids & Count	Little People, Big World	
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	Castle "After the Storm"		Rizzoli "Judge, Jury and Executioner"		Rizzoli & Isles "Partners in Crime"		Rizzoli & Isles "Tears of a Clown"		(:05) CSI: NY "Do Not Pass Go"		(:05) CSI: NY "Hide Sight"	
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	Hillbillies	Hillbillies	Fam.Feud	Fam.Feud	Fam.Feud	Soul Man	The Exes	Hot In	Friends	Friends	Queens	Queens
USA		26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Desperate"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Child's Welfare"		Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Disappearing Acts"	
WGN		19	18				Home Videos		★ ★ ★ ★ E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial ('82, Sci-Fi) Henry Thomas. A young boy forms a special bond with a stranded alien and tries to help him return home.						Manhattan Understudy"	"The	Manhattan Understudy"	"The

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Interview with laughing banker was lots of fun

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Big Spring storyteller

I interviewed Vivian Hackney, a banker in Marshall, years ago about old folklore cures and remedies. He laughed as he recited the list of strange ways to cure different ailments. His laugh was deep and slow, like "heh, heh, heh — heh," and sometimes he would pause just a second or two before the laughter started. It made the interview lots of fun. Besides that, any man with the name Vivian has got to be an interesting person.

That interview was included in my first record album in 1972, and it will be among those on my CD, "Tumbleweed's Top Picks," that will be released in a few months. It will also have a couple of other cuts from that 1972 album: Hondo Crouch of Luckenbach and the Raney twins, Goose and Unc, of Dimmitt.

Here are Vivian's sure-fire cures for what ails you.

■ If you are tense and want to rest, get in bed and rub all over with hog lard.

■ For a chronic cough, work hard until sweaty, then smell three times under the armpit.

■ For lumbago, boil an old shoe and drink the water.

■ For warts, take a grain of corn and pick the wart until it bleeds and throw the corn out for the chickens to eat and the wart will go away.

■ For a nosebleed, flatten a lead bullet, punch a hole in it and tie it around your neck.

■ For fevers or chills, drink cow chip tea boiled and strained. A much easier way to handle it would be to step across a creek backward.

■ For whooping cough, drink horse milk

■ For stammering, you can hit the person in the face with a piece of liver and it will cure stammering.

■ For headaches, take nine whiffs from a dirty sock.

■ If you have rheumatism, boil a buzzard, get the grease and rub it over the ache and the rheumatism will be gone.

■ For croup, take hog hoofs and boil them and drink the solution.

■ If you have a cut, let a pet dog lick the cut. Or take the soot from the chimney and mix it with sugar and a spider web and rub it all inside the cut.

■ To cure a sore throat, tie a dirty sock around your throat and sleep all night and the sore throat will be gone.

■ For a sty in the eye, go to a fork in the road and say, "Sty, sty, pray leave my eye and catch the first person that passes by." When someone passes by, they sty will go into their eye.

Highland Park ISD reverses, drops ban of 7 books

Associated Press

DALLAS — A suburban Dallas school has reversed course and will let students read seven books removed from an approved list amid concerns about sex, abortion and rape references.

Highland Park Independent School District Superintendent Dawson Orr on Sunday night apologized for the disruption.

Orr said he decided earlier this month to suspend the seven titles that came under question by hundreds of parents. Orr said he acted in an attempt to de-escalate the conflict but his decision had the opposite effect.

Other parents and students challenged the ban on books including "The Glass Castle: A Memoir" by Jeannette Walls, about growing up in poverty, and "Song of Solomon" by Toni Morrison.

Orr said the district will work to provide greater transparency and inclusion of all viewpoints on its literature review committee.

BANANAGRAMS!

LEVEL

Use the 15 tiles in this bunch to create words that fit into the grids below. To get you started, a few tiles from the bunch have been placed, and the BANANA BITES provide hints. Reuse the tiles for each grid.

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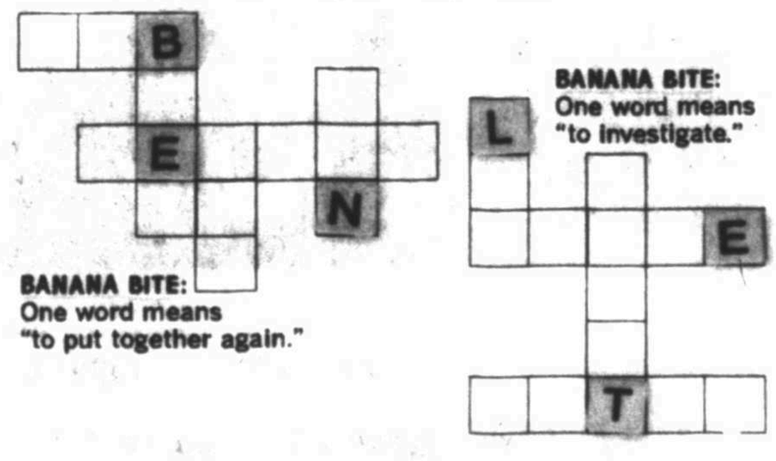

Yesterday's Answer: TRIVIAL, BRAVELY, GRAPHED, CAPTAIN

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NEIL SPERRY

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Best fruit comes from grafted trees, not seeds or pits

Dear Neil: I don't think my problem is unique, but I haven't seen it here before. We threw peach pits out into the pasture for the birds for a period of time. Trees sprouted and started growing. We did not prune the trees properly, and as a result, they're now really bushy and they no longer bear. What can we do?

I have to begin my answer with a disclaimer. When you grow any fruit tree from a seed, you won't have the same variety of fruit as it grows and matures. Oh, you'll have peaches, but they'll be wild peaches (non-hybrids) with incredibly variable quality and productivity of fruit. If you really want to produce the best possible peaches, you should always buy a grafted tree of a known variety that is recommended by Texas A&M horticulturists for your area.

You must train a new tree properly from the day you plant it. Prune the young transplant back to 22 to 24 inches. As new branches emerge from the trunk, select the straightest three branches that emerge close to the point at which you made the cut, and that fan out about 120 degrees apart. Those will become your scaffold branches. Every winter after that, prune to remove any strongly vertical growth. Your goal is to produce bowl-shaped peach trees that are 9 or 10 feet tall and 16 feet wide. At this point, with your trees, you should come as close as you can to meeting those steps. You'll have to make a lot of compromises. It might be simpler just to buy a few new trees and plant them this winter.

Dear Neil: What would have killed our ornamental pear tree? It was green just a few days before.

Two things kill pear trees rather rapidly. Cotton root rot will attack them in alkaline soils, taking them from green to drab fall colors to dead and brown in just days. This looks more like fire blight, however. It's a bacterial disease that invades pears and other rose-family plants, causing sudden death of parts of the plant -- rarely all of the plant at one time. And then I looked at your close-up photo of the tree's trunk, and it looks like it has been abused horribly by a weed trimmer or lawnmower wheel. I can't tell which of the three possibilities killed it, but it is definitely dead. Little Gem southern magnolia is a good replacement with a similar growth habit, but you're really going to have to watch the mechanical injury to any tree in the future.

Dear Neil: What would cause the leaves on an established pecan to turn brown really suddenly?

Pecan aphids are usually to blame. They proliferate in August, turning the leaves yellowed and browned, often sticky with honeydew residue as they fall. At this point, I doubt that the tree is in any jeopardy. It should be fine come spring. If you want to protect it against the pests, spray with Malathion in late July or early August.

Dear Neil: I have tried several products for crabgrass this year, and nothing has seemed to help. Should I be putting something down at this time? I have a Bermuda lawn.

First, be sure you actually have crabgrass. It's a medium, or light green grass with seed heads that look like helicopter rotors. It produces short runners (to 4 or 5 inches long), and it is definitely an annual. It germinates in spring, grows in summer and will soon die away this fall. The plant many mistake for crabgrass is a perennial weed (comes back from its roots each spring) called dallisgrass. It forms very dark green clumps (no runners). Its seed heads are laced with black peppery specks, and new seedheads spring up just days after mowing.

Control crabgrass with pre-emergent weedkiller granules such as Halts or Dimension applied a week before the average date of your last killing freeze for your county and then reapplied as a "booster shot" 90 days later. There is nothing you can do to eliminate it once it has germinated and started to grow. With dallisgrass, your options are even more restrictive. You must either spot-treat it with a glyphosate-only herbicide spray applied directly to the clumps with a pump sprayer. You could also dig it out with a sharpshooter spade.

Dear Neil: For control of nutsedge in flower beds, a friend recommended digging out all that a person can find, then laying newspapers over the beds and covering the paper with a thick layer of mulch. Could that work?

I'd be dubious. It's certainly not the first time that I've heard it. However, one of the radio stations where I worked once put an inch of new blacktopping over a paved parking lot. Within two months, the nutsedge had poked its way up through the cracks in the original concrete and then through the asphalt. I'm going to stick with my recommendations of either Image or Sedgehammer applied next spring or summer.

RE-LEAF BY DEBBIE FROST

Wow, green lawns. Seems like years since we've witnessed that. Another sight we don't often see is mushrooms. These frequently have been seen in landscape areas with wood base mulch.

Many organic mulches are composed of shredded bark, wood, tree limbs and other high-carbon materials. Bacteria and fungi feed on these materials and are instrumental in decomposing the raw organic material. They are essential organisms in the recycling of nutrients, which are released back into the soil for plant use. Both are microscopic, but some fungi send up visible fruiting bodies that are mushrooms or mushroom-like. This occurs whenever the fungus is large enough and the environmental conditions are right; such as after prolonged rainy weather. These are the reproductive structures that contain spores that could be thought of as the seed of the fungus.

The majority of mushrooms are completely harmless to plants, so no worries there. The only known health risk to people and pets is if the mushrooms are eaten because some are poisonous. It takes an expert to know the difference. If you have small children or pets prone to eating these, be sure to remove the temptation as they appear.

Photo courtesy of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Texas Plant Disease Diagnostic Laboratory

This slime mold is just one of many types of fruiting bodies that can be seen in a wood chip mulch following a prolonged rainy spell. This particular organism isn't a fungus but it often appears when many fungi are sending up mushrooms and mushroom like reproductive structures. This isn't a plant harmful organism.

There are many different fungi and a great deal of diversity in size, color, shape and texture of mushrooms depending on species. Some disappear almost as fast as they appear, while others can linger for weeks. A few types you may see include puffballs, bird's nest, fairy ring, mycorrhizae, armillaria and slime mold.

Armillaria will kill trees and shrubs but it is usually seen fruiting after the tree is dead or near dead. Armillaria looks like clusters of honey- colored mushrooms at the base of a tree or in a landscape where a tree was removed. There's no effective control for Armillaria, so protecting trees from stress and injury is the best prevention.

Fairy ring is rarely problematic, and mycorrhizae are beneficial fungi living on or in the roots of trees and shrub and are highly desirable especially for many oak and pines. Slime molds are not technically a fungus, but they also appear in these moist conditions. They look like yellowish dog vomit and are of no consequence.

So, get re-leaf by removing mushrooms if children or pets are likely to eat them, but otherwise no action is needed. Just enjoy the diversity and remarkable recycling that is built into nature.

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4-H is big part of AgriLife Extension's responsibilities

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In addition to their regular responsibilities, all Midland County agents are accountable for developing and being involved in 4-H and youth development programs.

Next week is national 4-H week. The Midland County Commissioner's Court is a strong advocate of the 4-H program. Midland County's 4-H program, under agent Courtni Munson, offers shooting sports, livestock programs, food and nutrition, photography, clothing and textiles and many more fun activities for kids ranging from 9 to 18.

Midland also has a Clover KidsClub, which offers programs for youth younger than 9. Clover kids learn about 4-H through involvement in activities that age-appropriate in a safe and educational environment.

To learn more about Midland County 4-H programs, contact the Midland County Extension office at 686-4700 or email Courtni Munson at courtni.munson@ag.tamu.edu.

Master Gardener training for 2015 will begin in January. An informational session is planned for 9 a.m.-noon Jan. 10 at the Ector County Annex, 1010 E. Eighth St. in Odessa. The training will be on Saturdays in 2015 to accommodate participants.

The cost to enroll in the program is $250, which covers the training manual, speaker fees and printing of class material.

For more information about joining the Permian Basin Master Gardeners as an AgriLife Extension volunteer in 2015, contact the Ector County Extension office at 498-4071, or drop me an email at jeff.floyd@ag.tamu.edu.

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TODAY: Mostly sunny — High: 88 Low: 66
WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 91 Low: 66
THURSDAY: Sunny — High: 87 Low: 59
FRIDAY: Sunny — High: 80 Low: 58
SATURDAY: Sunny — High: 83 Low: 60
SUNDAY: Sunny — High: 85 Low: 60

Local forecast

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 88, a low around 66 and south winds around 10 mph.

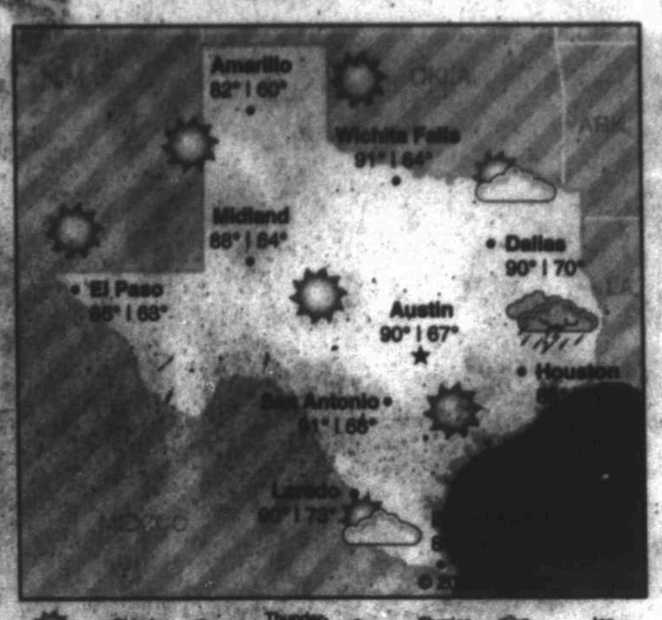
Wednesday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 91. Highs will dip into lower 80s and upper 70s this weekend. There is no rain in the seven-day forecast.

The high on Monday reached 84, while the low dropped to 60. The record high for Sept. 29 is 102 set in 1977. The record low is 41 set in 1945.

Weather why

Q: I see the long-range forecast is out from the "Farmer's Almanac" and it predicts a very cold winter for most of the country. How accurate is long-range forecasting?

A: It depends on exactly what you mean by "long range," said Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "On forecasts within the next 24 hours, forecasts are usually very accurate," he said. "Forecasts made between 1-3 days are usually pretty good. But beyond seven days or so, the accuracy rate tends to slip because factors that make up a forecast tend to change. So the shorter the time period, the more accurate the forecast."



Partly Cloudy · Cloudy · Showers · Thunder storms · Rain · Flurries · Snow · Ice

Precipitation

Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	1.69 in.
Year total	6.43 in.
Normal total (year to date)	11.52 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	84
Low	60
Normal high	83
Normal low	58
Sunrise	7:42 a.m.
Sunset	7:35 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Sept. 30

Sunny · Pt. Cloudy · Cloudy

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

Aging caregiver must find respite time for himself

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: How can I convince my aging, sick sister-in-law that her feeble husband's care is too much for her at this point? She can barely care for herself, yet she must help him eat, get out of chairs — everything short of chew his food for him. I have tried telling her she deserves respite care of some kind, to no avail.

Have you any ideas how I can convince her she is literally killing herself and deserves some assistance? Their three daughters are no help at all to them. They turn a blind eye from their parents' situation. — RELATIVE WHO CARES IN OHIO

DEAR RELATIVE: I can think of a few things you might do to help. The first would be to talk to the daughters and explain your concerns for their mother's health — because if she doesn't get some respite care, SHE could die before their father does. Be sure to point out that if that happens, their father's care would become THEIR responsibility. When they realize the effect it would have on their own lives, it might motivate them to do something.

The second would be to do some research and see what options are available for part-time caregivers or senior day care centers where her husband would be safe and looked after while your sister-in-law has a few precious hours to herself. The man's doctor could guide you.

Then have a frank talk with her and explain that for her to be as effective a caregiver as she obviously wants to be, she's going to have to take better care of herself because the track she's on right now could cost her her own health or even her life, and that's no exaggeration.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 29-year-old single man who is hard of hearing. I have a steady job and plans for a good future, but I'm having trouble in the dating world.

I would love to have a special someone in my life, but I'm shy. I have a hard time talking with the girls who live in my area. I can hear people pretty well unless they mumble or talk quietly, or face away from me when they speak.

I have asked people to repeat what they say (I try not to do it often) if I missed something. They get frustrated and so do I, and then they say, "Never mind!"

I try so hard to hear people. But it seems the harder I try, the less it seems worth it to find a relationship. Any tips on dealing with impatient and non-understanding people? — FRUSTRATED IN WISCONSIN

DEAR FRUSTRATED: As people age, many of them encounter the problem you are trying to cope with now at your young age. Hearing loss is difficult because it is often subtle and can be extremely isolating for the person who has it.

My first tip would be to avoid noisy places for meeting women, if you can. My second would be to be upfront about your hearing loss right off the bat. If a woman finds you attractive, she will find ways to accommodate the problem. And if she doesn't, then she wasn't the right candidate for a relationship in the first place.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Defensive principle

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
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K Q 7 3
9 4 3 2
♣ 9 6 3 2

WEST
♠ K 10 8 7
A 6 4
8 6
♣ A K Q 10

EAST
♠ J
8 5 2
Q J 10 7 5
♣ J 8 7 4

SOUTH
♠ A Q 9 6 5 4 2
J 10 9
A K
♣ 5

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	1NT	Pass	Pass
3♠	Dbl	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening lead: Ace of ♣

Today's deal is from a high-stakes rubber bridge game. North-South had a 30-point partial and South was hoping he could squeeze nine tricks out of this hand and claim the rubber. West didn't think so.

West continued with a second club at trick two, ruffed by South. Declarer led a low heart, playing dummy's king **when** West played low. A trump was **next**, South covering East's jack with the queen, losing to the king. West exited with another club, again ruffed by South, who cashed his ace-king of diamonds and led another heart. This time, West won his ace and continued with a heart, won in dummy with the queen.

South ruffed another club. With three cards left, declarer held the ace-9-6 of trumps and West **held the** 10-8-7. South exited with a low **trump** and West was forced to win **and lead** a trump from his 10-8 into **declarer's** ace-9. Contract made and rubber won!

Declarer played this deal with great skill, but the defense should have prevailed. Can you spot the error? **When** defending against a trump coup or a trump end-play, a defender should not help declarer reduce his trump length. It was convenient for West to play a club after winning the trump king, but it was an error. Had he played the ace of hearts followed by any red card, he could not have been prevented from taking two more trump tricks to defeat the contract.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2014:

This year you will be more verbal than you have been in a while. You will attract people who might be very different from your present circle of friends. You will evolve and be even more accepting of other lifestyles than you have in the past. You will gain professionally and personally. If you are single, you discover that your type has changed. You might want to date for a while before making any commitments. What you are drawn to now might not be what you want later. If you are attached, your sweetie might be taken aback by your transformation. Involve him or her more in your life, and he or she will open up more as a result. SAGITTARIUS takes even more risks than you do!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You could be dealing with a lot of flak from yesterday, as many people seem to have experienced a lot of intensity. You might want to detach in order to gain a more complete perspective. Try to keep decision-making to a minimum. Tonight: Whatever feels right.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You will need to go over some of yesterday's communication. Your intentions might be excellent, but others' ability to internalize messages seems to be lacking. Expect to approach the issue in question one more time. Tonight: Ask and you shall receive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Go along with others as much as you can. Trying to blaze a new path could be close to impossible today. You even might believe that you succeeded only to find out otherwise. Open up to new possibilities, but do not act yet. Tonight: Don't make any waves.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Emphasize getting the job done, rather than getting distracted. If you feel as if there is no possible way that you can clear out what you need to, say so and revise your schedule. As a result, your clarity, as well as your honesty, will be appreciated. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You appear to have workable ideas, whereas others' seem to fall flat. If you are looking for a brainstorming situation, try another day. You might decide to go off on your own and do what you want for a change. Try not to be too serious! Tonight: Ride the wave of reason.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Tension seems to surround your personal life. You could have a problem making a decision, but ultimately you will find the right solution. Do not push yourself so hard, as you will only make yourself more frustrated. Tonight: Reach out to a friend at a distance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You might consider having a talk, but make sure the other party is ready to have this same conversation. Otherwise, you will have to postpone this chat for another time. Return calls and catch up on emails. Play it relaxed and easy. Tonight: Hang out with a friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Choose to take a back seat and not get involved in any turmoil. If you don't, your attention simply will feed the chaos. Answer emails and do some research, but play it low-key. Observe what is going on behind the scenes. Tonight: Take a hard look at your budget.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You could be, and probably are, on top of your game. Listen to news more openly, and be more forthright. You might not have any regrets about a situation, but others might. Don't try to change their opinions; instead, just respect them. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Observe more. You will learn a lot about those around you in a situation that you feel could boil over at any given moment. Your opinion could change with a new perspective. Continue this process until you know what to do. Tonight: Get some extra R and R. You are going to need it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Your objectives are clear, and you will gain the support you need today. Relax, and move a personal matter to another day. If your schedule was free, what would you do? Go off and make plans accordingly. Tonight: Make sure you are where you want to be.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You could feel out of sorts and strange about some demands that are being made. The problem will be that you might have to say "no." Though you'll think your message is heard today, you could discover otherwise soon enough! Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

BORN TODAY

Author Truman Capote (1924), singer/songwriter T-Pain (1985), guitarist Trey Anastasio (1964)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Cross in some hieroglyphics
5 Guinness of "Star Wars"
9 Most of its panhandle is in the Pacific Time Zone
14 "Star Wars" princess
15 "Hawaii Five-O" nickname
16 At lunch, say
17 Reminder to be polite
20 Pond growth
21 Churn up
22 "__-haw!"
23 Assets-and-liabilities statement
27 Judge at a base
30 Flower pot filler
31 Something to brag about
32 Perform perfectly
36 Dance movements
39 Rower's blade
40 "Congratulations!"
42 Be a contender
43 Word with whisper or fright
45 It's a gas in Canada
46 Copper-plated coin
47 Without ice
49 Millionaire's accumulation
51 1993 film about a novice Olympic bobsled team
56 Incoming flight info: Abbr.
57 Any minute now
58 Hop out of bed
62 What risktakers have ... and what the starts of 17-, 23-, 40- and 51-Across can be?
66 Nursery rhyme tart taker
67 Large cross
68 Blessing ender
69 Repaired, as a shoe
70 Approximate figs.
71 Ties the knot

DOWN

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2 Astronaut Armstrong
3 Checkmate victim
4 Tasted, with "of"
5 "And now, without further __ ..."
6 2000s first lady Bush
7 2001 bankruptcy filer
8 Stand-up individual?
9 Road trip stopover
10 Crime family boss
11 Right in front of one's face
12 New recruit
13 Beginning
18 Magazine subscription period
19 Many microbrews
24 "Stormy Weather" singer Horne
25 "Nothing special"
26 Bit of Google success
27 Sci-fi transports
28 Veggie platter's lack
29 Like "The X-Files" cases
33 Thumbs-up vote
34 Fork what __ worth
35 Part of LAPD
37 Ice cream buy
38 "Family Guy" creator MacFarlane
40 Wash-and-__
41 Prom attire
44 Hair goo
46 Source of legal precedents
48 Rear end
50 "Thick & Fluffy" breakfast brand
51 Big barrels
52 Maine campus town
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54 Verboten things
55 Weighty gold bar
59 Weighty work
60 Pre-owned
61 Rollerballs, e.g.
63 First lady?
64 Actor Danson
65 QB's scores

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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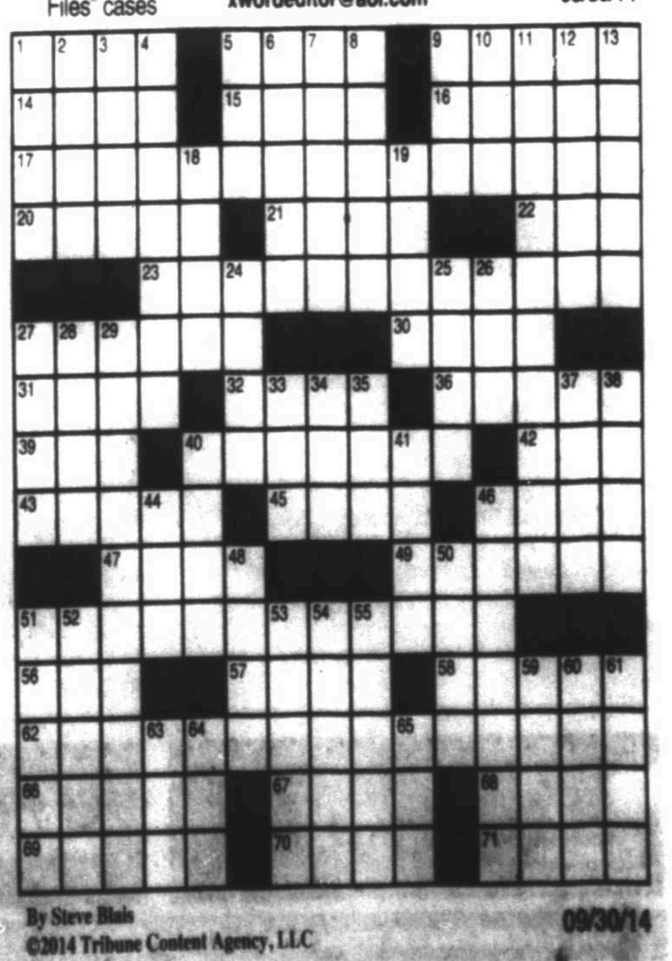

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SOUNDBITES

Reviews of recent releases

LUCINDA WILLIAMS
"Down Where the Spirit Meets the Bone"

"Have compassion for everyone you meet," goes the opening line on the new album from Lucinda Williams, who struggles to follow her own counsel on the rest of the two-CD set. More than once, Williams advises the subject of a song to buzz off as she copes with the toll of bad decisions, dysfunctional relationships and wrath inspired by heartache.

Like most contemplative work, "Down Where the Spirit Meets the Bone" digs deep. The title comes from the thoughtful opening ballad, "Compassion," originally a poem written by her father. It's impossible to know another person's burdens, the song says.

Even so, Williams finds her tolerance tested. She sounds both angry and, at age 61, a bit weary. But whenever the energy flags, one of the fine guitarists sitting in — co-producer Greg Leisz, Tony Joe White and Bill Frisell among them — launches into a rejuvenating solo. The album is a testament to the power of patience, empathy and a good guitar solo.

Steven Wine/AP

PRINCE
"Art Official Age"
"PLECTRUMELECTRUM"

To attract attention, album releases can't just be album releases these days. They need to be Events — surprises, giveaways or, in U2's case, both. Prince's entry is the appearance of two stylistically distinct discs on the same day, emphasizing his freakish versatility.

The disc "Art Official Age" is Prince as the studio wizard, a funk album on which he sings and plays everything. On "PLECTRUMELECTRUM," he leads his three-piece, all-female band 3RDEYEGIRL.

The centerpiece of "Art Official Age" is the evening seduction song "U Know," cleverly driven by a repeated female vocal loop, followed by the morning seduction song "Breakfast Can Wait." They're two of his strongest cuts in decades. Yet the hurdle most veteran artists face, that technical ability now outstrips the spark of inspiration that makes a song memorable, weakens this disc. "Time" wastes too much of it, a solid slow jam that drags as it reaches nearly seven minutes.

The sound of live drums and wailing guitar that opens the fun leadoff cut "Wow" on "PLECTRUMELECTRUM" immediately signals a far different experience and, on balance, the stronger album. It's an inspired band that shines on the title cut, a Hendrixian blues jam.

One song, "Funknroll," is on both albums with different versions — one emphasizing the funk, the other the roll. We'll take the full band version.

David Bauder/AP

AP file photo

Prince performs at the Billboard Music Awards on May 19, 2013, at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas.

Newly energized Prince exalts in his 'heaven'

By Nekesa Mumbi Moody
Associated Press

CHANHASSEN, Minn. — Nightfall is fast approaching at Paisley Park.

There are few lights on in the cavernous compound, and unseen doves (of course there would be doves) are cooing up a racket before twilight fades to darkness. But even their collective noise takes a back seat once Prince — sitting in the dimmest bit of light — goes to his Mac, cues up a track and hits play.

A melodious instrumental track floods the room, the lush orchestration compliments of the Minnesota Orchestra, whom Prince tapped to perform. Its inspiration has come from a little-heard Dionne Warwick song, "In Between the Heartaches," which he also played moments earlier.

The track remains a work in progress; Prince has written no lyrics yet. But it's music like this that keeps him going — to still, after all these years, take music to the next level.

"If you don't try, how will you get another 'Insatiable?'" he said, referencing his classic bedroom groove.

Over the next few moments at Prince's computer, he goes to YouTube to play an array of clips that get his musical heart thrumming, dipping from old James Brown clips to the relatively new U.K. singer FKA Twigs.

Prince isn't always pleased about what he hears from today's crop of entertainers — "The quality of the music, everyone would agree, is not the gold standard," he muses about today's mainstream pop universe.

But when it comes to his world, what he's hearing ranks among the best that he's heard in ages. Today, he will release his first album in four years, "ART OFFICAL AGE," along with music from his latest protege act, 3RDEYEGIRL, "PLECTRUMELECTRUM."

"I'm completely surrounded by equal talent," an energized Prince said. "To me it feels like heaven."

It's not just the music that's taking his Royal Badness to new heights: For the first time, he is releasing his music with complete freedom. The man that once wrote "slave" on his face in protest of not being in control of his own music and famously battled and then departed his label, Warner Bros., is now back with the label — under his own terms.

"What's happening now is the position that I've always wanted to be in," said Prince, "I was just trying to get here."

In the spring, Prince, 56, finally gained what he had sought for more than two decades — control of his musical masters, and, in a larger sense, his musical legacy. In the past, Warner Bros. held the rights to Prince's music, even long after he left, as part of the contract he signed as a new artist.

But after savvy legal maneuvering, he owns the rights to all of his vast collections of hits, including archival music that Prince fans have been longing to hear for decades. Prince also gained control of the publishing rights to his compositions and has performance rights — which means he completely controls his own musical destiny.

Long a trailblazer for artists' rights, and for coming up with innovative approaches to break away from the label-structure that he's viewed as unfair to artists, he sees the way the industry has unfolded as the ultimate "I told you so": disappearing labels, a streaming system that some music acts said nets them even less profit for the music they made, and increasing challenge to make money just off of making music.

For Prince, the old Tribe Called Quest rhyme still rings true: "Industry rule number four thousand and eighty, record company people are shady." He spoke passionately of his disdain for traditional record contracts and publishing agreements that he believes give most of the power — and profit — to other entities, not the creator of the music.

He considered it not only bad business, but also against God: "The Bible says you're not supposed to sign your inheritance away."

The entry of Apple as the major player in music hasn't helped, in his view. When asked about U2's much analyzed venture with Apple — in which the company paid them for their latest album, then released it in its customers' iTunes libraries for free — Prince simply said. "That's a designer deal. ... Of course they got paid. But what about the others?"

Prince is hoping to show artists that there is an alternative to the standard way of doing business. Paisley Park is not just a place for Prince, but also a creative sandbox for other artists.

For Prince, success today is about audience impact and, as always, taking success to the next level.

He's not looking for a repeat of 1984: "I don't need another gold record," he said matter of factly (though for the record, that was the year of many platinum records).

Nor does he care about charting No. 1 songs or hits. When he explained why he isn't, he takes it back to Africa and said that's not the community's way of thinking: "You don't quantify success by numbers."

He's working on a rerelease of the epic "Purple Rain" album for its 30th anniversary, but when asked if he's excited about it, he flatly said no.

"Same album, just state-of-the-art sound," he said. "It's nice that it sounds better for the fans but I live in the now. I don't have to go backwards to celebrate."

He had no hesitation about working with Warner Bros again (after entering what Lamkins-Ellis called an "amazing deal"): "I don't deal in history nor should they," he said. "It's not the entity that's the problem."

Prince isn't stopping with the two new albums and the "Purple Rain" rerelease: His song "Funknroll" is being used by NFL network, and he's excited about new avenues for his music.

You'll find his new music on iTunes, and Spotify, but he doesn't see anything contradictory in that. "It's about the deal. Anything I'm doing now it's equitable. I'm happy."

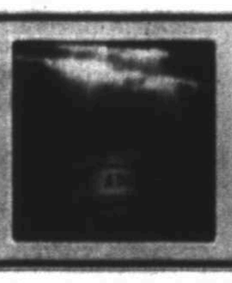
He added: "I just thank God that I'm here now."

Today's releases

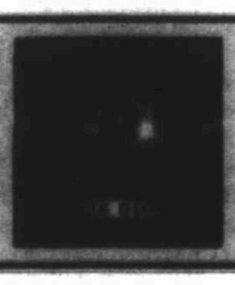
Lucinda Williams "Down Where the Spirit Meets the Bone"

Prince "Art of Official Age"

Prince & 3RDEYEGIRL "PLECTRUMELECTRUM"



Blake Shelton "Texoma Shore, The Bluebird"



Lady Antebellum "747"

LIVEWIRE

MIDLAND/ODESSA/ BIG SPRING/ANDREWS

SEPTEMBER

30 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Permian Basin Dance Club, St. Stephens
30 **S.S. WEB, Ando Ehlers** @ Blue Max

OCTOBER

1 **Justin Langston** @ Saltgrass
2 **Caroline Rose** @ ArtiZen Outlet
2 **Kyle Park** @ Rockin Rodeo
2 **Johnny & Susie Band** @ West Texas Dance Club, Odessa VFW
2 **The Pat Ryan Band** @ Lone Star Bar
3 **Charlie Robison** @ Graham Central Station
3 **Whiskeydick** @ Blue Max
3 **Remedy** @ Shack in the Back
3 **Shane Rogers Band** @ The Detour
3-4 **MoneyShot Band** @ The Bar
3-4 **The Unsweet T's** @ Your Place
4 **Bret Michaels, Lita Ford** @ La Hacienda
4 **The Independents, Tri-County Terror** @ Blue Max
4 **No Dry County, Mark McKinney** @ Lone Star Bar
4 **Buggaboo** @ Redneck's
4 **Dirty Glass** @ Hot Shots
5 **MOSC Chamber Series: An American Tapestry** @ Wagner Noel
6 **Roger Sellers** @ Kamiposi Gallery
6 **The Fossil Youth, Grey Gordon** @ Kegler's Lounge
7 **Goodtimers** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
8 **Justin Langston** @ Saltgrass
9 **Jeff Allen, Granger Smith** @ Rockin Rodeo
9 **Exmortus** @ Blue Max
9 **Goodtimers** @ West Texas Dance Club, Odessa VFW
9 **Justin Langston** @ The Wine Rack
9 **World Classic Rockers** @ Chap Center
9 **Mayeux & Broussard** @ Lone Star Bar
10 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Midland Senior Center
10 **Jeremiah Houstn Band** @ Beer Garden
10 **Bart Crow, Chris Brazeal Band** @ Graham Central Station
10 **Eddie Austin and 20 After 4** @ The Detour
10 **Aaron Elnhouse** @ Lone Star Bar
10 **Hogg Maulies** @ The #10 Sports Bar
10-11 **Funky Munky** @ The Bar
10-11 **The Santa Fe Band** @ Your Place
11 **Bobby Meader Music** @ Pine Box
11 **Eliseo Robles** @ Club La Playa
11 **Callahan Divide** @ Redneck's
12 **Art Garfunkel** @ Wagner Noel
14 **Johnny & Susie Band** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
14 **AJR** @ McKinley Park
15 **Justin Langston** @ Saltgrass
15 **The Peculiar Pretzelmen** @ Blue Max
16 **Sam Riggs & Night People** @ Rockin Rodeo
16 **Johnny & Susie Band** @ West Texas Dance Club, Odessa VFW
16 **Cody Bryan Band** @ Lone Star Bar
16 **Justin Langston** @ The Wine Rack
17 **Cory Morrow** @ Graham Central Station
17 **No Dry Coun ty** @ Lone Star Bar
17 **No Show Jones** @ The Detour
17-18 **Electric Gypsies** @ The Bar
17-18 **Texas Buck'n Heat Band** @ Your Place
18 **For Michael, The Music of Michael Jackson** @ Wagner Noel
18 **Coffee Anderson** @ Horseshoe
18 **Chris Brazeal Band** @ Graham Central Station
18 **Forgotten Road** @ Lone Star Bar
18 **Hogg Mollies** @ Redneck's
19 **Susan Boyle** @ Wagner Noel
19 **Wayne "The Train" Hancock** @ Blue Max
19 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Music City Mall
21 **Heart** @ Wagner Noel
21 **Upon A Burning Body, Whitechapel, Glass Cloud** @ Club Patron
21 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Permian Basin Dance Club

LUBBOCK

OCTOBER

2 **Paul McCartney** @ United Spirit Arena
3 **Flyleaf, Lullwater** @ Jake's
7 **Turquoise Jeep** @ Jake's
9 **Social Distortion, The Stone Foxes** @ Lone Star Event Center
21 **Five Finger Death Punch, Volbeat, Hellyeah, Nothing More** @ Lone Star Event Center

NEW MEXICO

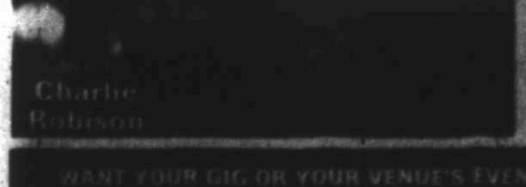
OCTOBER

11 **Marty Stuart, Connie Smith** @ Ruidoso Downs
31 **Blue Oyster Cult** @ Inn of the Mountain Gods

DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA

OCTOBER

1 **Kacey Musgraves, John & Jacob** @ Granada Theater
2-3 **Katy Perry, Tegan And Sara** @ American Airlines Center
3 **The Marshall Tucker Band** @ Gas Monkey Bar & Grill
3 **Zac Brown Band** @ Gexa Energy Pavilion



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MRT AREA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Fender's big night key part of MCS victory

By Oscar LeRoy
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Justin Fender didn't get Christian Whigham's text until after Friday night's 45-36 victory over Dallas Bishop Lynch, but the message made sense considering the game Fender was having.

The former standout running back for Midland Christian, who is now playing baseball at Midland College, told Fender in a text that he needed to break his record of scoring seven touchdowns in a game.

Fender didn't break Whigham's record on Friday night but he had a night to remember as he scored six touchdowns, ran for 200 yards on 25 carries, and added nine tackles with two pass breakups while playing linebacker in the TAPPS Division I, District 1 opening victory for the Mustangs.

For his performance, Fender is the Reporter-Telegram's Area Player of the Week.

"(Whigham) got seven during his junior year in our homecoming game against Sweetwater," said Fender, who still had a personal best with his six TDs. "There's no way I'm going to beat him with seven."

If Fender keeps running the ball like he has been, he might break a few records before his high school career is done. Fender is now sixth on the school's all-time rushing list with 2,583 yards and is 34 yards behind Jamison Berryhill for fifth place.

Fender admitted that he didn't even know he had scored that many touchdowns until an assistant coach told him on the sidelines. Still, the 5-foot-10, 180-pound senior was quick to credit the work of his teammates for giving him the opportunity to score the short-yardage TDs. A big run by McLane Mannix, an interception return by Garrett Eddison and a 29-yard run by Zyan Burditt helped to set up three of the touchdowns.

"I told them that this was their touchdown, it's not mine," Fender said.

Fender said there is also no doubt that much of his success in running the football is because of the work of the Mustang offensive line, which is considered one of the best units to ever play at the school. He also credited the work of the tight end and fullback for leading the way.

"When we get in goal line, they just create holes and it's so easy to see," Fender said. "The O-line is huge and I love it. People are always asking me, 'How did you

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Midland Christian's Justin Fender looks for a way through the Dallas Bishop Lynch defense on Friday at Mustang Field. Fender's six-touchdown performance allowed him to get named this week's MRT Area Player of the Week.

PRIVATE SCHOOL REPORT

Running free

Ground game helps Mustang offense

By Len Hayward
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It's becoming clear that running the football will be the Midland Christian football team's bread and butter this season.

That's nothing new for a program that once rushed for nearly 4,000 yards one season. But what is new is that the Mustangs have relied on their passing game the last three years and a running game to complement that.

This season it's the opposite. The Mustangs have already run for more than 1,100 yards as a team in four games, and Friday against Dallas Bishop Lynch it was the running game that put away a 45-36 victory.

Pushing this trend is the Mustangs' inexperience at quarterback and an offensive line that is likely one of the biggest the program has seen in its history. And for coach Greg McClendon it only makes sense to run the football, but he doesn't want to stray too far from having an effective passing game.

"If you have linemen like we have and don't run the ball as an offensive coordinator, you should be fired or demoted," McClendon joked. "But I don't want to get away from us having a quality passing game."

The Mustangs have a stable of

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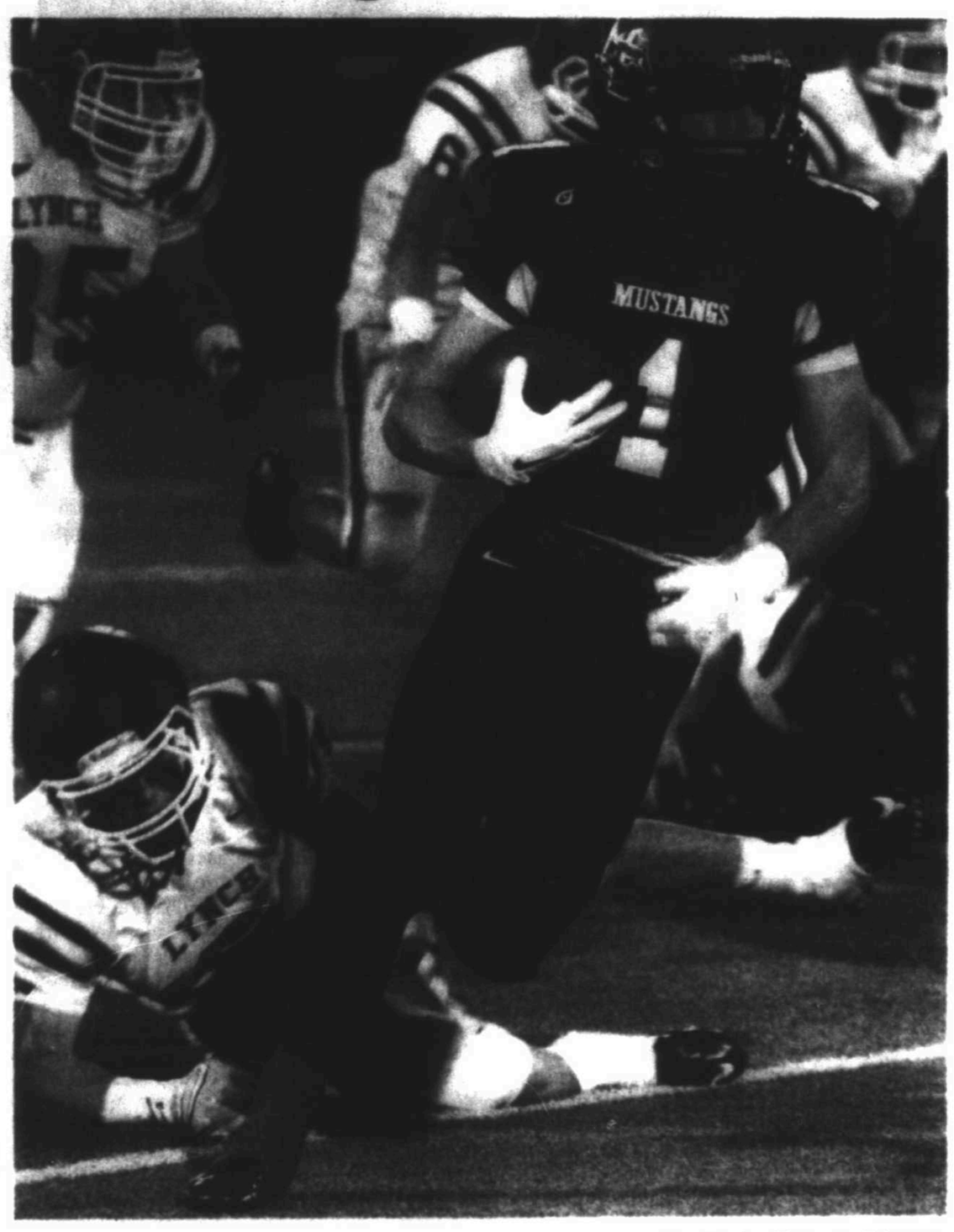

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Midland Christian's McLane Mannix works his way down the field on Friday during the Mustangs' win over Dallas Bishop Lynch at Mustang Field.

Big 12 coaches know being fired among the pitfalls

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

Charlie Strong is less than halfway through his first season trying to re-establish Texas as a Big 12 power.

Strong got his first Big 12 victory Saturday with a 23-0 win at Kansas. The next day, the Jayhawks fired coach Charlie Weis only four games into his third season.

Strong

"You develop a relationship with the coaches, and they become your friends, and you hate to see this happen to anyone," Strong said Monday on the Big 12 coaches teleconference. "We're in the business and we understand that there can be pitfalls."

Weis

The Jayhawks are 3-41 in conference games over a six-season span with three different coaches after going to consecutive bowl games in the 2007 and 2008 seasons. Weis was 6-22 overall.

Bill Snyder, the dean of the Big 12 coaches in his 23rd season at Kansas State, called the firing of Weis — or any coach — an unfortunate situation.

"You just trust that they do what they have to do," Snyder said. "I'm sure everybody feels bad, but that's their program and they know far more about it than I do."

Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops, in his 16th season with the Sooners, sounded a bit surprised by the timing.

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Next question for 3-1 Cowboys is keeping it going

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

IRVING — Tony Romo keeps handing the ball to DeMarco Murray, and the league's worst defense from a year ago keeps making enough plays to finish off wins for Dallas.

Now the Cowboys just have to keep it going after a head-turning 38-17 victory over New Orleans that set up an in-state battle between a pair of surprising 3-1 teams with the Houston Texans visiting Sunday.

"You go out and lose next week and you lose all the luster and good feelings from this week," Romo said after throwing for three touchdowns against the Saints to go with two scores from Murray in his fourth straight 100-yard game. "I think what you find is that we are consistently doing the same things each week, and in the past we weren't able to do that."

Dallas answered one of the worst days in franchise history a year ago in New Orleans. The Saints had an NFL-record 40 first downs and team-record 625 total yards, while the Cowboys didn't even get to 200 yards in a 49-17 loss.

The Cowboys are showing an unflinching commitment to the running game, with Murray leading the league in rushing (534 yards so far) and averaging 25 carries and 134 yards per game. His career high in carries coming into the season was 26.

That's the primary reason Dallas has bounced back from an opening loss to San Francisco by winning three straight to get two games over .500 for the first time since 2012.

Two seasons ago, the Cowboys lost their last two games in the second of three straight 8-8 seasons to miss the playoffs. A year earlier, they answered a four-game winning streak by dropping four of the last five.

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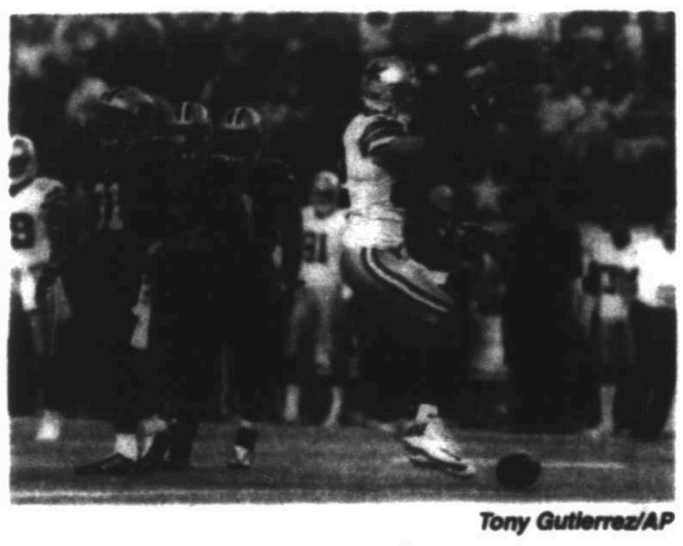

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New Orleans' Jairus Byrd (31) stands by as Dallas' Jason Witten (82) signals first down after grabbing a pass in Sunday's 38-17 Cowboys win in Arlington.

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TODAY

WHAT'S ON TV

GOLF

Big Break Invitational, Day 1, 2 p.m., GOLF

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AL Wild Card, Athletics at Royals, 7 p.m., TBS

MEN'S SOCCER

UEFA Champions, Bayern Munich at CSKA Moskva, 11 a.m., FOXSOCP/ESPNDEP

UEFA Champions, AS Roma at Manchester City, 1:30 p.m., FS1

UEFA Champions, Chelsea at Sporting Portugal, 1:30 p.m., FS2

UEFA Champions, Barcelona at Paris-Saint Germain, 1:30 p.m., FSN/FOXDEP

UEFA Champions, Porto at Shakhtar Donetsk, 1:30 p.m., ESPNDEP

Liga MX, Queretaro at Club Atlas, 8:25 p.m., UniDep

Liga MX, Club Santos Laguna at Tigres UANL, 8:55 p.m., UniDep2

NHL

Preseason, Penguins at Red Wings, 6:30 p.m., NHL

TENNIS

ATP, China Open, 5 a.m., TENNIS

ATP, Rakuten Japan Open, 9 p.m., TENNIS

Women's Basketball

FIBA World Championship, Angola vs. USA, 1:30 p.m., NBATV

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Michigan State at Michigan, 7 p.m., BTN

BYU at Pepperdine, 8 p.m., ESPNU

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY

HS VOLLEYBALL

Midland High at San Angelo Central, 6 p.m.
Odessa High at Lee, 6 p.m.
Midland Classical at Trinity, 6 p.m.
Andrews at Greenwood, 7 p.m.
Reagan County at Midland Christian, TBA

HS TENNIS

Trinity at Greenwood, 3:45 p.m.
Odessa High at MHS, 4 p.m.
Odessa Permian at Lee, 4 p.m., Bush Tennis Center

LOCAL SPORTS

TECH, WEST VIRGINIA TO KICK OFF AT 11 A.M.

Texas Tech announced on Monday that the Red Raiders' home football game at Jones AT&T Stadium against West Virginia on Oct. 11 will kick off at 11 a.m. The game will be televised on Fox Sports 1.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BOSTON RED SOX — Recalled INF Jonathan Herrera and OF/1B Alex Hassan from Pawtucket (IL).

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Recalled OF Jared Mitchell, INF/Matt Davidson, LHP Frank De Los Santos and RHPs Erik Johnson, Andre Rienzo and Taylor Thompson from Charlotte (IL); OF Trayce Thompson from Birmingham (SL); and RHP Raul Fernandez from Winston-Salem (Carolina).

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Reinstated 1B Nick Swisher from the 15-day DL. Recalled OF Carlos Moncrief and LHPs Scott Barnes and Nick Maronde from Columbus (IL) and INF Erik Gonzalez from Akron (EL).

HOUSTON ASTROS — Named A.J. Hinch manager. Reinstated 6F George Springer from the 15-day DL. Recalled LHPs Rudy Owens and Luis Cruz, OF Domingo Santana and RHPs Alex White, Asher Wojciechowski and Anthony Bass from Oklahoma City (PCL).

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Reinstated SS Christian Colon from the 15-day DL.

MINNESOTA TWINS — Fired manager Ron Gardenhire. Recalled LHP Kris Johnson, INF Chris Colabello and RHPs Stephen Pryor and Yohan Pino from Rochester (IL); INF Jorge Polanco from Chattanooga (SL); and OF Max Kepler from Fort Myers (FSL).

NEW YORK YANKEES — Assigned LHP Josh Outman outright to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Recalled OF Ramon Flores, RHP Jose Ramirez and LHP Manny Banuelos from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre; C Gary Sanchez from Trenton (EL); and RHP Jose Campos from Tampa (FSL).

SEATTLE MARINERS — Recalled LHPs Anthony Fernandez and Danny Hultzen, RHP Logan Bawcom, INF/1B Alan Choi and OF Julio Morban from Tacoma (PCL). Activated 1B Jesus Montero from the suspended list. Designated OF Corey Hart for assignment.

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Recalled LHPs Mike Montgomery and Enny Romero and INFs Vince Belnome, Tim Beckham, Hak-Ju Lee and Cole Figueroa from Durham (IL).

TEXAS RANGERS — Recalled LHP Aaron Pereda and RHPs Matt West, Nate Adcock, Corey Knebel and Ben Rowen from Round Rock (PCL) and LHP Joseph Ortiz and Wilmer Font from Frisco (TL).

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Transferred OF Melky Cabrera and RHP Chad Jenkins to the 60-day DL. Recalled C A.J. Jimenez, RHPs Kyle Drabek and Steve Delabar and LHPs Colt Hynes and Rob Rasmussen from Buffalo (IL).

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Reinstated 1B Paul Goldschmidt from the 15-day DL. Recalled OF Roger Kieschnick and RHPs Charles Brewer, Bo Schultz and Mike Bolsinger from Reno (PCL).

ATLANTA BRAVES — Reinstated RHP Shae Simmons from the 15-day DL. Recalled OF Todd Cunningham and INFs Tyler Pastornicky and Elmer Reyes from Gwinnett (IL). Announced they are moving the Lynchburg (Carolina) club to Zebulon, N.C., renamed it the Carolina Mudcats and signed them to a two-year player development contract.

CHICAGO CUBS — Recalled OF Josh Vitters and RHP Dallas Beeler from Iowa (PCL) and INF Christian Villanueva from Tennessee (SL).

CINCINNATI REDS — Recalled LHP Tony Cingrani, INF Neftali Soto and RHP Curtis Partch from Louisville (IL); OF Juan Duran from Pensacola (SL); LHP Ismael Guillon from Daytona (FSL); and RHP Raisel Iglesias from the AZL Reds.

COLORADO ROCKIES — Recalled RHPs Chris Martin and Chad Bettis from Albuquerque (PCL); LHPs Jayson Aquino and Kelvy Sitton from New Britain (EL); and INF Rosell Herrera from Modesto (Cal).

MIAMI MARLINS — Recalled C Rob Brantly, RHP Arquimedes Caminero, INF Derek Dietrich, OF Kyle Jensen and LHPs Grant Dayton, Brian Flynn and Edgar Olmos from New Orleans (PCL) and RHP Jose Urena from Jacksonville (SL).

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Recalled 1B Hunter Morris and RHPs Michael Blazek, Ariel Pena and Johnny Hellweg from Nashville (PCL) and RHP Brooks Hall from Huntsville (SL).

NEW YORK METS — Recalled RHP Jeff Walters, LHP Scott Rice and OFs Cesar Puello and Andrew Brown from Las Vegas (PCL) and LHP Steven Matz from Binghamton (EL).

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Recalled RHPs Ethan Martin, Hector Neris, B.J. Rosenberg, Jonathan Pettibone and Phillippe Aumont from Lehigh Valley (IL) and C Tommy Joseph and OFs Kelly Dugan and Aaron Altherr from Reading (EL).

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Reinstated SS Everth Cabrera from the 15-day DL. Recalled LHP Juan Pablo Oramas, INF Jace Peterson, OFs Yeison Asencio and Reymond Fuentes and RHPs Burch Smith, Keyvius Sampson and Donn Roach from El Paso (PCL).

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

BOSTON CELTICS — Signed G-F Evan Turner. Released G John Lucas III and F Malcolm Thomas.

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS — Named Sam Cassell, Lawrence Frank and Mike Woodson assistant coaches.

PHOENIX SUNS — Signed Fs Markieff and Marcus Morris to four-year contract extensions and G Zoran Dragic to a ten year contract.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NFL — Suspended Indianapolis S LaRon Landry four game for violating the performance-enhancing substance policy.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Released WR De'Rick Rogers. Placed LB Robert Mathis on the reserve/non-football injury list. Signed S Dewey McDonald from the practice squad.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Released WR Donte Foster from the practice squad. Signed QB Chandler Harnish to the practice squad.

NEW YORK JETS — Released WR Jalin Saunders and CB LeQuan Lewis. Signed WRs T.J. Graham and Chris Owusu.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed CB Richard Crawford and S Jamarca Sanford. Signed OT Tarren Jones to the practice squad.

Canadian Football League

EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Signed WR Paris Jackson.

Arena Football League

SPOKANE SHOCK — Announced they were assigned OL Steven Forgette, Alson Calhoun and Rico Forbes.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ARIZONA COYOTES — Named Gregg Olson chief financial officer and John Pierce chief marketing officer.

BOSTON BRUINS — Re-signed D Torey Krug and F Reilly Smith to one-year contracts.

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Assigned D Adam Clendening and Klas Dahbeck, G Scott Darling and Fs Joakim Nordstrom, Dennis Rasmussen and Garret Ross to Rockford (AHL).

COLORADO AVALANCHE — Signed F Cody McLeod to a contract extension through the 2017-18 season and D Brad Stuart through the 2016-17 season.

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Assigned D Jaime Sifers and Fs Josh Anderson, Sean Collins and Ryan Craig to Springfield (AHL).

DALLAS STARS — Signed F Cody Eakin to a two-year contract. Assigned D Cameron Gaunce and C Scott Glennie to Texas (AHL).

FLORIDA PANTHERS — Assigned D Greg Zanon and Fs Bobby Butler, Joey Crabb, Ryan Martindale and Garrett Wilson to San Antonio (AHL).

LOS ANGELES KINGS — Assigned D Vincent LoVerde and Cs Nic Dowd and Nick Shore to Manchester (AHL).

NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Agreed to terms with F Michael Dal Colle on a three-year, entry-level contract.

ECHL

SOUTH CAROLINA STINGRAYS — Signed D Ryan Grimshaw.

UTAH GRIZZLIES — Signed F Barry Almeida to a one-year contract.

LACROSSE

National Lacrosse League

EDMONTON RUSH — Signed F Corey Small to a three-year contract.

COLLEGE

BARUCH — Named TJ Tibbs and Brian McKenzie men's assistant basketball coaches.

KENTUCKY — Suspended RB Stanley Williams, QB Jared Lorenzen, WR Dicker, and DE Tymere Dubose for Saturday night's football game against South Carolina for violating team rules.

SAINT ROSE — Named Mike McCadney men's and women's track and field coach.

SPRING HILL — Named Sheila Martin assistant athletic director for internal affairs and compliance/senior women's administrator.

UAB — Named Reeva Potter assistant track and field coach.

WINTHROP — Named Chelsea Johnson director of women's basketball operations.

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3. Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah $88,683
4. Clayton Hass, Terrell, $86,832
5. Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah $86,668
6. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo. $80,309
7. Curtis Cassidy, Dinsdale, Alberta $74,496
8. Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb. $61,394
9. Russell Cardoza, Terrebonne, Ore. $56,980
10. Ryle Smith, Oakdale, Calif. $56,317

Bareback Riding

1. Kaycee Field, Spanish Fork, Utah $172,384
2. Steven Peebles, Redmond, Ore. $126,929
3. Austin Foss, Terrebonne, Ore. $122,717
4. Tim O'Connell, Enterprise, Iowa $102,890
5. Will Lowe, Canyon, $99,013
6. Bobby Mote, Culver, Ore. $95,309
7. Richmond Champion, The Woodlands, $89,935
8. Caleb Bennett, Tremonton, Utah $84,225
9. Winn Ratliff, Leesville, La. $73,039
10. J.R. Vezain, Cowley, Wyo. $70,208

Steer Wrestling

1. Trevor Knowles, Mount Vernon, Ore. $91,804
2. K.C. Jones, Decatur, $82,055
3. Casey Martin, Sulphur, La. $80,278
4. Nick Guy, Sparta, Wis. $77,754
5. Clayton Hass, Terrell, $76,576
6. Shay Armes, Ponder, $69,216
7. Dru Walker, Hebron, Neb. $67,832
8. Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif. $65,992
9. Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev. $63,015
10. Kyle Irwin, Robertsdale, Ala. $59,738

Team Roping (header)

1. Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont. $110,181
2. Erich Fergusson, Round Rock, Ariz. $101,421
3. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $101,369
4. Dustin Bird, Cut Bank, Mont. $90,543
5. Riley Minix, Stephenville, Texas $82,589
6. Kaleb Driggers, Albany, Ga. $81,470
7. Brandon Beers, Powell Butte, Ore. $79,491
8. Nick Sartain, Dewey, Okla. $79,093
9. Coltonen Fischer, Pryor, Okla. $75,710
10. Luke Brown, Stephenville, $73,082

Team Roping (heeler)

1. Jade Corkill, Fallon, Nev. $110,181
2. Cory Petska, Marana, Ariz. $101,769
3. Travis Graves, Jay, Okla. $101,369
4. Paul Eaves, Lonsdale, Minn. $93,720
5. Rudy Minix, Ellensburg, Wash. $82,589
6. Patrick Smith, Lipan, $81,470
7. Jim Ross Cooper, Monument, N.M. $79,491
8. Rich Skelton, Lone, $76,093
9. Jake Long, Collinville, Kan. $70,710
10. Shay Carroll, La Junta, Colo. $72,618

Saddle Bronc Riding

1. Tada Muncy, Corona, N.M. $126,879
2. Cody Wright, Milford, Utah $111,093
3. Cort Scheer, Elsmere, Neb. $102,429
4. Heith DeMoss, Hollis, La. $92,574
5. Jacobs Crawford, Stephenville, $88,729
6. Wade Sundell, Bonholm, Iowa $83,875
7. Tyler Corrington, Hastings, Minn. $77,694
8. Jesse Wright, Milford, Utah $77,495
9. Bradley Harter, Loranger, La. $74,838
10. Chad Ferley, Dietrich, S.D. $73,765

Tie-down Roping

1. Tuf Cooper, Decatur, $153,822
2. Matt Shiozawa, Chubbuck, Idaho $116,983
3. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $93,849
4. Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah $85,893
5. Marty Yates, Stephenville, $83,169
6. Hunter Herrin, Apache, Okla. $81,533
7. Shane Hanchey, Sulphur, La. $79,687
8. Cade Swor, Winnie, $76,319
9. Timber Moore, Aubrey, $74,285
10. Clint Cooper, Decatur, $69,596

Steer Roping

1. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $98,835
2. Chet Herron, Pawhuska, Okla. $87,910
3. Jess Tierney, Hermosa, S.D. $53,561
4. Cody Lee, Gatesville, $45,418
5. Vin Fisher Jr., Anderson, $43,489
6. Chance Kelton, Mayer, Ariz. $37,464
7. Jason Evans, Huntsville, $35,224
8. Mike Chase, McAlester, Okla. $33,281
9. Tony Reina, Wharton, $33,165
10. J.P Wisseh, Sallisaw, Okla. $30,040

Bull Riding

1. Sage Kimzey, Strong City, Okla. $143,169
2. Trey Kerby, Robertsdale, Ala. $125,547
3. Cody Teel, Kountze, $102,580
4. Tim Bingham, Honeyville, Utah $86,034
5. Beau Schiel, Sulphur, Okla. $77,830
6. J.W. Harris, Mullin, $77,307
7. Reid Burkes, Comfort, $76,227
8. Jess Lockwood, Dunsmuir, Calif. $74,167
9. Jordan Spencer, Paradise, Calif. $72,139
10. Tyler Smith, Fruita, Colo. $70,040

Barrel Racing

1. Kelsey Bass, Kaufman, Tex. $155,280
2. Fallon Taylor, Whitesboro, $131,471
3. Lisa Lockhart, Dunsmuir, S.D. $121,917
4. Nancy Hobbs, Utah $104,209
5. Brittany Pozzi, Boise, N.D. $100,947
6. Michele McLeod, Whitesboro, $100,845
7. Mary Walker, Ennis, Mont. $97,724
8. Christine Lawson, Pueblo, Colo. $93,135
9. Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz. $92,048
10. Kassidy Davenport, Roosevelt, Utah $92,051

HSVOLLEYBALLBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MHS TO FACE SAN ANGELO CENTRAL

The Lady Bulldogs got off to a slow start in district 3-6A play with a four-set loss to Abilene High last Friday, and things don't get any easier tonight with a matchup at San Angelo Central.

Central (28-5, 1-0) has already knocked off Midland High this season in three sets in non-district play, and the Lady Bobcats still stand tall as the district favorite. Midland High (23-5, 0-1) has had a great season up to this point, but an 0-2 hole in district play against the Lady Bulldogs' top competitors for a district title, would be a tough thing to come back from.

First serve for the Lady Bulldogs and Lady Bobcats is at 6 p.m. in San Angelo.

LEE TO TAKE ON ODESSA HIGH

Lee will look to rebound from a three-set loss to San Angelo Central last Friday in a home match with Odessa High at 6 p.m. today at the Lee High School gymnasium.

The Lady Rebels (15-16, 0-1 3-6A) could not maintain any momentum in the match, and had a difficult time keeping the match within five points.

Lee should have an easier time against Odessa High, which was swept by Odessa Permian (10-18, 0-1 3-6A) in its opener, tonight.

District 3-6A volleyball

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
San Angelo Central	1	0	28	5
Abilene High	1	0	23	5
Odessa Permian	1	0	21	11
Midland High	0	1	23	5
Lee	0	1	15	16
Odessa High	0	1	10	19

Friday's Scores

San Angelo Central def. Lee, 25-16, 25-19, 25-13

Abilene High def. Midland High, 23-25, 25-21, 19-25, 10-25

Odessa Permian def. Odessa High, 25-6, 25-23, 25-10

Today's Games

Odessa High at Lee, 6 p.m.

Midland High at San Angelo Central, 6 p.m.

Abilene High at Odessa Permian, 6 p.m.

Chaparrals finish 4th at Shootout

From staff reports

RUIDOSO, N.M. — The Midland College golf team moved up a couple of spots and finished in fourth place at the High Country Shootout on Monday

The Chaparrals shot a 284 and finished with a three-round total of 870, 46 strokes back of first-place Odessa College. Western Texas College and Dodge City (Kan.) CC finished in a tie for second place, each shooting 852.

MC's David Wicks finished in sixth place in the individual standings with a 68-71-70—209 total. Teammate Lucas McCubbin had the next best score for the Chaps with a 68-74-62—214 total. Xander Basson had the best round of the day for MC with a 3-under 69 to finish with a 218 total.

Odessa College's Vetle Maroy was the tournament's medalist with a 68-65-66—199 total, while teammate Conner Bjugstad was second with a 65-70-66—201 total.

Midland College will next play in a one-day, 36-hole event at Abilene's Diamondback Golf Course on Oct. 13.

HIGH COUNTRY SHOOTOUT
at the Links at Sierra Blanca, Ruidoso, N.M.
Final results

Team standings — 1. Odessa College 273-278-273—824; 2. (tie) Western Texas College 286-290-276—852; Dodge City (Kan.) CC 288-285-279—852; 4. Midland College 286-300-284—870; 5. Eastern Arizona College 301-289-292—879; 6. (tie) Trinidad State (Colo.) CC 292-292-299—883; New Mexico Military Institute 293-293-297—883; 8. Garden City (Kan.) CC 301-293-291—885; 9. New Mexico Junior College 302-295-299—896; 10. Ranger College 297-292-299—888; 11. Eastern Arizona College 310-335-319—964.

Individual standings — 1. Vetle Maroy, Odessa College, 68-65-66—199; 2. Conner Bjugstad, Odessa College, 65-70-66—201; 3. Jordan Ayre, New Mexico JC, 71-66-63—200; 4. Elliott Fullstone, Western Texas College, 70-69-65—204; 5. Cass Hollenbeck, Odessa College, 66-69-71—206; 6. (tie) David Wicks 68-71-70—209; Ryan Gaska, Eastern Arizona, 73-66-70—209; 8. (tie) Jacob Henderson, 71-72-69—212; Hugh Campbell, Dodge City, 72-69-71—212; Jack Rickabaugh 71-75-66—212

Midland College (288-300-284—870) — David Wicks 68-71-70—209; Lucas McCubbin 68-74-72—214; Xander Basson 72-77-69—218; Chase Pearey 78-78-73—229; Blake Roberson 78-83-78—239

Stewart never considered retiring after Ward death

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

KANNAPOLIS, N.C. — Tony Stewart said Monday he never considered retiring from racing following the death of Kevin Ward Jr.

The three-time NASCAR champion talked with reporters Monday at his first news conference since a grand jury decided last week not to charge him in Ward's death. The 20-year-old driver was struck and killed by Stewart's car during a sprint car race in upstate New York on Aug. 9.

"This is what I've done all my life. This is what I've done for 36 years, and I wouldn't change anything about it," he said. "I love what I do. I love driving race cars, but I think it might change right now as far as how much of it and what I do, but there was never a thought in my head about stopping. That would take the life out of me."

Stewart took 29 questions over 36 minutes at Stewart-Haas Racing, but did not discuss what he remembers about the incident that killed Ward. He has been advised by legal counsel not to discuss it because he still could face a civil lawsuit from Ward's family.

He admitted he's not been properly engaged with the four-car race team he co-owns. He missed three races following Ward's death as he secluded himself at his Indiana home, but has been back since the Aug. 31 race at Atlanta.

The 43-year-old Stewart didn't earn a berth in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship, but teammates Kevin Harvick and Kurt Busch both made the 16-driver field. Busch was eliminated Sunday at Dover.

Mark Hames/The Charlotte Observer

NASCAR driver Tony Stewart speaks with reporters during a news conference at Stewart-Haas Racing on Monday in Kannapolis, N.C.

Stewart, who barely watched the three races he missed, said he has not been the leader he'd like to be for his team.

"I've let my team down from that standpoint. I've been a little bit of a cheerleader, but that's about all I've been able to contribute here the last seven weeks," he said. "It's been hard for me to function day-to-day. There hasn't been anything normal about my life the last seven weeks, so it's been very hard to try to do anything to be productive to help those guys."

Stewart has also been absent from the sprint car teams he owns via Tony Stewart Racing, and from the three race tracks he owns. He has watched his drivers compete online and watched several nights of racing at Eldora Speedway on his computer, but has not been a part of any of his businesses.

He was appreciative of the support he's received from sponsors, particularly Mobil 1, Bass Pro Shops and Rush Truck Centers, but acknowledged it's been difficult on the companies. Stewart also missed the final 15 races of the 2013 season with a broken leg suffered in a sprint car crash last August.

"It's obviously a tough circumstance for anybody to be a part of it, for a corporation to be part of it as well, but they've been very supportive through this whole process," he said. "I can't speak to what the future will be for them. They've been supportive to this point and that's something I've been very grateful for."

Stewart has been receiving professional help to cope with Ward's death. Asked Monday if he could go back and change anything about the last seven weeks, Stewart said he would not have gone to Canandaigua Motorsports Park for what turned into a tragic sprint car race.

"I'd have stayed at Watkins Glen that night," he said. "You know, I do this stuff and I go run those cars to have a good time and that's all I wanted to do that night. I wanted to go have fun. It wasn't a big paying race for sprint car standards. I just wanted to go run my sprint car for a night. I do it to have fun, and it didn't end up being fun that night."

Stewart told The Associated Press last week that he had lost his desire to race sprint cars and he repeated that Monday.

"When I got hurt, it was as soon as I got healed, and as soon as things got settled in with the Cup car I was set that I was wanting to get in one," he said, "but right now, I wouldn't even be able to give you a small idea of if and when I'll ever get back in a car."

Driver dies after Houston Motorsports Park wreck

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A driver has died following a wreck on a drag strip at Houston Motorsports Park.

Investigators say the accident happened Sunday night. The name of the car driver was not immediately released.

KPRC-TV reports the Chevrolet Camaro was making a practice run when the driver was unable to stop. KTRK-TV reports the vehicle crashed through some barriers and hit a wall.

Further details on the accident weren't immediately available. Police did not immediately return a message Monday. A message left with Houston Motorsports Park was not immediately returned.

Houston Motorsports Park, on its website, advertised Sunday night's races as Grudge Drags, with a $10 fee to compete. The track features a NASCAR speedway and an NHRA drag strip.

Cowboys Claiborne has season-ending knee injury

Associated Press

IRVING — Dallas Cowboys cornerback Morris Claiborne will have season-ending surgery after tearing the patellar tendon in his left knee.

Coach Jason Garrett said Monday that Claiborne, who last week skipped a team meeting and walkthrough when finding out he had lost his starting role, will have surgery in the next couple of days after getting hurt in the Cowboys' 38-17 victory over the New Orleans Saints. He will be put on injured reserve.

"Obviously, he's disappointed," Garrett said. "Mo Claiborne is going to be a good player in this league. There's no doubt in my mind about that. Anybody who's been around him I think believes that, and he's working hard to get there."

Garrett said linebacker Bruce Carter has a strained quad and is day-to-day.

The surgery for Claiborne will come a week after the sixth overall pick in the 2012 draft left the team facility upon finding out he wouldn't start against the Saints. He returned to practice Wednesday, the day after the missed meeting.

Because the Cowboys started in their nickel package, Claiborne was actually on the field for the first defensive play Sunday night. But he was down at the end of a play with about 6 minutes left in the first quarter, and had to be helped off the field with people on both sides of him while not putting any pressure on his left leg.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones immediately after the game expressed concern about the severity of the injury, and further tests Monday confirmed that.

"Injuries have been part of his progression here so far, and I've been around players in my career who have had similar starts to their careers ... and they've had really good careers after that," Garrett said. "Mo's been dealing with a lot of different things from a physical standpoint. This is another one of those things. He's going to get the surgery done and come back stronger, better than ever."

Claiborne had problems with his right knee and shoulder during training camp this year and missed more preseason games. He missed six regular-season games last year because of shoulder, knee, hamstring and finger issues.

Carter, whose tipped pass earlier in the game led to an interception, got hurt while chasing Khiry Robinson down the sideline on a 62-yard run early in the fourth quarter. Carter fell down after pursuing the runner and was tended to on the field.

AREA HS FOOTBALL STANDINGS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

District 3-4A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Lamesa	4	1	169	149	.800
Fabens	4	1	101	69	.800
Clint	3	2	144	99	.600
Mountain View	3	2	71	122	.600
San Elizario	1	3	64	98	.400

Last week's scores
Sweetwater 62, Andrews 48; Cisco 59, Tomball 0; Fabens 35, El Paso Cathedral 17; Mountain View and San Elizario were open
This week's games
Andrews at Big Spring; Clint at Silver City (N.M.); Mountain View at Fort Stockton; Roswell (N.M.) Goddard at Fabens; Anthony at San Elizario

District 3-4A Division II
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Big Spring	5	0	189	123	1.000
Stephenville	4	1	222	97	.800
Ab. Wylie	3	2	130	89	.600
Brownwood	2	2	101	105	.500
Snyder	1	4	137	164	.200

Last week's scores
Big Spring 27, Graham 20; Abilene Wylie 27, Liberty Hill 19; Brownwood 51, Burkburnett 8; Greenwood 39, Snyder 20; Stephenville 55, Alvarado 20
This week's games
Andrews at Big Spring; Abilene Wylie at Vernon; Brownwood at Springtown; Shallowater at Snyder; Stephenville is open

District 3-4A Division III
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Sweetwater	5	0	254	173	1.000
Monahans	3	2	184	139	.600
Fort Stockton	2	2	130	130	.500
Greenwood	2	3	95	149	.400
Wink at Forsan; Anthony at San Elizario; Christoval at Crane; McCamey at Van Horn; Eldorado at Ozona					

District 4-A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Klondike	4	0	221	103	1.000
Borden Co.	3	0	204	73	1.000
O'Donnell	2	1	79	165	.667
Grady	3	1	200	69	.667

Last week's scores
Grady 66, Rankin 35; O'Donnell 68, Lubbock Home School 20; Klondike 52, Trent 8; Borden County was open
This week's game
Grady at Water Valley; Home School at O'Donnell; Borden County at New Home; Klondike at Ropes

District 5-A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Garden City	4	1	205	154	.800
Fort Davis	3	2	182	162	.600
Sterling City	3	2	203	277	.600
Marfa	3	2	211	153	.600

Last week's scores
Garden City, 50, Balmorhea 54; Rankin 56, Grandfalls-Royalty 48; Marfa 54, Fort Hancock 6; Buena Vista 55, Fort Davis 22
This week's games
Robert Lee at Garden City; Fort Davis at Sierra Blanca; Marfa at Dell City; Rankin is open

TAPPS Division I, District 1
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Bishop Dunne	4	0	211	17	1.000
Argyle Liberty	3	1	156	81	.750
Mid. Christ.	3	1	163	98	.750
Prestonwood	3	1	172	110	.750
Bishop Lynch	3	2	222	142	.600
Abil. Trinity	2	2	165	180	.500
FW Nolan	1	3	52	107	.250
John Paul II	0	4	82	166	.000

District 1-2A
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Argyle Liberty	1	0	47	27	1.000
Bishop Dunne	1	0	47	10	1.000
Mid. Christ.	1	0	45	35	1.000
Prestonwood	1	0	56	13	1.000
Abil. Trinity	0	1	13	56	.000
Bishop Lynch	0	1	35	45	.000
FW Nolan	0	1	27	47	.000
John Paul II	0	1	10	47	.000

Last week's scores
Midland Christian 45, Dallas Bishop Lynch 36; Argyle Liberty Christian 47, Fort Worth Nolan Catholic 7; Plano Prestonwood 56, Addison Trinity 13; Dallas Bishop Dunne 47, Plano John Paul II 10
This week's games
Midland Christian at Addison Trinity; Dallas Bishop Dunne at Fort Worth Nolan Catholic; Plano John Paul II at Plano Prestonwood; Argyle Liberty Christian at Dallas Bishop Lynch

TAPPS Six-man Division I, District 1
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Harvest Christ.	4	0	232	64	1.000
Rock Hill Christ.	4	0	243	53	1.000
Trinity	4	1	216	94	.800
Ovilla Christ.	1	3	149	198	.250
The Covenant	1	4	171	288	.200
Ab. Christ.	0	5	138	355	.000

Last week's scores
Trinity 51, Sandleman 0; Round Rock Christian 73, Abilene Christian 65; Brown 68, Dallas the Covenant 22; Watauga Harvest 54, Westlake Academy 8; Waco Vanguard 50, Red Oak Ovilla 24; Rockwall Heritage 62, Campbell 38
This week's games
Dallas the Covenant at Red Oak Ovilla; Rockwall Heritage at Savoy; Trinity, Abilene Christian and Watauga Harvest are open

TEXAS HS FOOTBALL POLLS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Class 6A

School	Record	Points	Prv
1. Allen (17)	(5-0)	242	1
2. DeSoto (8)	(5-0)	232	2
3. Southlake Carroll	(4-0)	160	4
4. Euless Trinity	(5-0)	152	3
5. Pearland	(5-0)	131	5
6. Manvel	(4-0)	113	6
7. Dallas Skyline	(4-0)	88	8
8. C.Bob Steele	(4-1)	86	7
9. Denton Guyer	(3-1)	47	9
10. SA Northside Brennan	(5-0)	46	NR

Others receiving votes: 11, Katy 35. 12. Cedar Hill 18. 13. Cypress Fairbanks 10. 14. Hewitt Midway 7. 15. The Woodlands 2. 15. Dallas Jesuit 2. 15. Lake Travis 2. 18. Austin Westlake 1. 18. Amarillo 1.

Class 5A

School	Record	Points	Prv
1. Aledo (17)	(3-1)	240	1
2. Fort Bend Elkins (8)	(4-0)	196	4
3. Temple (1)	(3-1)	166	5
4. Mansfield Timberview (1)	(4-1)	150	6
5. Tyler	(3-1)	130	7
6. West Mesquite	(4-0)	115	9
7. Richmond Foster	(5-0)	85	10
8. Georgetown	(4-1)	50	3
9. Lufkin	(2-2)	37	2
10. Fort Bend Ridge Point	(4-0)	31	NR

Others receiving votes: 11, Cedar Park 30. 12. CC Flour Bluff 28. 13. Richmond George Ranch 26. 14. Bridgeport 17. 15. Nacogdoches 16. 16. Lancaster 15. 17. Houston King 12. 18. Cedar Park Vista Ridge 10. 19. Rockwall-Heath 7. 20. Port Neches-Groves 5. 21. EP Del Valle 5. 22. Canyon Randall 4. 23. Lubbock Cooper 2. 23. Mesquite Poteet 2. 25. FW Boswell 1. 25. Crosby 1. 25. Boerne Champion 1.

Class 4A

School	Record	Points	Prv
1. Nassauta (19)	(5-0)	242	1
2. Argyle (2)	(5-0)	217	2
3. Gilmer (2)	(5-0)	205	3
4. Kennedale (1)	(5-0)	149	5
5. Stephenville (1)	(4-1)	125	6
6. La Grange	(5-0)	120	7
7. West Orange-Stark	(4-1)	95	4
8. Big Spring	(4-0)	64	10
9. La Marque	(4-1)	63	9
10. Van	(5-0)	22	NR

Others receiving votes: 11. Gladewater 19. 12. Atlanta 18. 13. La Vernia 12. 14. Port Isabel 8. 15. Giddings 6. 16. Graham 3. 17. Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson 2. 17. Celina 2. 17. Sweetwater 2. 20. Tatum 1.

Class 3A

School	Record	Points	Prv
1. Cisco (23)	(4-0)	246	1
2. Franklin	(4-0)	218	2
3. Roddick	(4-0)	181	3
4. Corrigan-Camden (2)	(4-0)	152	5
5. Wall	(4-1)	151	4
6. Kirbyville	(4-0)	118	6
7. Teague	(5-0)	107	7
8. Malakoff	(5-0)	91	8
9. Waskom	(3-1)	64	9
10. Blanco	(5-0)	18	NR

Others receiving votes: 11. Blanco 9. 12. East Bernard 7. 13. Arp 6. 14. Eastland 4. 15. Denver City 3. 15. Jarrell 3. 15. Shallowater 3. 15. White Oak 3. 19. Sonora 2. 20. Spearman 1. 20. Cameron Yoe 1. 20. East Chambers 1

Class 2A

School	Record	Points	Prv
1. Refugio (16)	(3-0)	227	1
2. Mart (6)	(4-0)	217	2
3. Tenaha (2)	(4-0)	189	3
4. Canadian	(4-0)	153	4
5. Bremond	(4-0)	131	5
6. Albany	(4-0)	102	6
7. Shiner	(4-0)	97	7
8. Mason	(4-0)	95	8
9. Crawford	(4-0)	48	9
10. Stratford	(3-0)	16	NR

Others receiving votes: 11. Iraan 11. 12. Seagraves 9. 13. Abernathy 9. 14. Falls City 6. 15. Alto 5. 16. Hamlin 2. 16. Muenster 2. 18. Centerville 1.

Other notable performances from the week

Hammack Redwine Tannehill Cervantes Rodriguez Briseno

■ Andrews quarterback Jase Hammack had a huge game in his team's 62-48 loss to Sweetwater as the senior was 34-of-53 passing for 427 yards, six touchdowns and one interception, to go with a 1-yard TD run.

■ Big Spring quarterback Tobyn Tannehill had another big night for the Steers as he passed for 181 yards, threw for 91 yards and accounted for three touchdowns (two passing) in a 27-20 victory over Graham.

■ In Greenwood's 26-20 victory over Snyder, Rangers' QB Zach Redwine passed for 108 yards, rushed for 83 and scored three rushing touchdowns.

■ In Forsan's 49-22 victory over Miles, quarterback Jesse Cervantes was 9-of-12 passing for 137 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions, to go with 58 yards rushing.

■ Grady fell 58-56 to Sweetwater but the Wildcats had a pair of standout performances. Quarterback EJ Rodriguez passed for 220 yards, rushed for 219 and accounted for five touchdowns (three rushing), while teammate Joseph Briseno added 11 catches for 146 yards and five touchdowns.

Compiled by Oscar LeRoy

STATISTICS

Midland Christian (3-1-0)

	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Midland Christian	3	1	77	49	.750
Opponent	1	3	32	113	.250

Team Statistics

	Midland Christian	Opponent
First Downs	74	54
Rushed Yards	145-1,145	154-685
Passing Yards	487	337
Comp-Att-Int	35-50-4	45-83-0
Punts-Avg.	5-43	4-43
Penalties-Yds	38-349	13-104

Individual Statistics

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
J.Tucker	27	215	8.0	3
Mayberry	21	177	8.4	1
Powell	27	215	8.0	3
Fender	19	116	6.1	1
D.Fender	13	85	6.5	0
Burdett	4	42	10.5	0
Bunch	12	64	5.3	0
Hall	1	10	10.0	0
Totals	145	1,145	7.9	10

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Powell	31	45	4	420	3
Fender	2	3	0	47	1
Totals	35	50	4	487	3

RECEIVING

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Bunch	14	141	10.1	0
Lawrence	6	99	16.5	0
Burdett	6	61	10.2	0
Warren	3	55	18.3	1
Nguyen	2	29	14.5	0
Martin	2	32	16.0	0
D.Fender	1	8	8.0	0
J.Fender	1	6	6.0	0
Totals	35	487	14.2	3

KICKOFF RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Burdett	4	81	20.3	0
Martin	2	41	20.5	0
Gilbert	3	51	17.0	0
Mayberry	1	34	34.0	0
D.Fender	1	0	0.0	0
Totals	11	207	18.8	0

PUNT RETURNS

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

PUNTING

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Martin	4	172	43.0
Bunch	1	38	38.0
Totals	5	210	42.0

INTERCEPTIONS

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Martin	2	31	15.5	0
Edmiston	2	31	15.5	0
Totals	4	62	15.5	0

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	FG	2PT	TP
J.Fender	12	0	0	0	72
Powell	3	0	0	0	18
Cauley	0	21	2	0	27
Mayberry	1	0	0	0	6
Martin	1	0	0	0	6
Warren	1	0	0	0	6
D.Fender	1	0	0	0	6
Bunch	1	0	0	0	6
Totals	21	21	2	0	153

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	T	S	TFL	FC	FR	PBU
Tolar	35	4	4	0	0	1
J.Fender	29	0	0	0	0	2
Gardner	28	3	0	1	0	0
Cathey	26	2	1	0	1	0
Warren	21	0	0	0	0	1
Hooper	21	1	0	0	0	0
Gilbert	19	3	2	0	0	0
Edition	16	0	0	0	0	0
D.Fender	14	0	0	0	0	0
Martin	14	0	1	0	0	4
Bunch	12	0	0	0	0	2
Edmiston	10	0	1	0	2	1
Burdett	8	0	0	1	0	1
Mannis	9	0	0	0	0	0
Nguyen	8	0	1	0	0	1
Lawrence	5	0	0	0	0	0
Montes	6	0	1	0	0	0
Hall	4	0	1	0	0	0
Davila	4	0	0	0	0	0
Mayberry	3	1	0	0	0	0
Nelson	3	0	1	0	0	1
Fisher	2	0	0	0	0	0
Hart	2	0	0	0	0	0
Breeding	2	0	0	0	0	0
Threadgill	2	0	0	0	0	0
Mizzles	1	0	0	0	0	0
Wilson	1	0	0	0	0	0
Causey	1	0	0	0	0	0

Note: Tackle total includes solo and assisted tackles

RUNNING

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backs that make it possibly the deepest position on the team.

Senior and three-year starter Justin Fender (77 carries, 546 yards, 13 TDs) has received the largest share of carries, but players such as Lee senior transfer Simeon Mayberry and McLane Mannix have played tailback, and fullback Davis Fender has seen a few carries. Plus, players such as Justin Hall and Zyan Burdett can run the ball as well.

Plus quarterback Garry Powell, who at the beginning of the year was considered the team's "throwing" quarterback, has rushed for 215 yards and three touchdowns.

So far this season, the Mustangs have rushed for 1,143 yards and 19 of the team's 23 touchdowns have come on the ground. Plus, Midland Christian is averaging 7.8 yards a carry and had nearly nine yards a carry last week.

McClendon said it's not just the linemen that have made a difference, it's the fullbacks and tight ends that are making things tough on opposing fronts, and the receivers making sure defensive backs can't make a play.

"It's not just the guys up front, it's (fullback) Davis Fender, Cody Wolfe, it's all the guys blocking as well," McClendon said. "They are getting a body on a body, and our running backs are running. They are breaking a few tackles, but their not having to break that many tackles and that shows how good the blocking is."

McClendon said he knows that there will be a team in the district that will be able to slow down the running game, which is why the passing game is still important and will be a focus.

But when a team is averaging nearly 8 yards a carry, it makes play calling a whole lot easier.

"I don't believe you can win in this league, at this level without (a passing game)," McClendon said. "There is somebody out there that can stop the run. When we get into the ball-game we will do what they give us and what we can do to be successful."

INTERESTING FIRST WEEK IN DISTRICT PLAY: McClendon said the only score that surprised him last week during the first round of TAPPS Division I, District 1 play was Argyle Liberty Christian beating Fort Worth Nolan Catholic, 47-7 Plano Prestonwood and Addison Trinity Christian also won along with Midland Christian.

"(Nolan) has some injuries, but make no mistake the last game of the district they will be healthy and it will be a war." McClendon said.

WARREN STILL OUT: Kaleb Warren did not play last week because of a foot injury, and McClendon said it's likely that he won't play in this week's game against Trinity Christian-Addison.

ANOTHER ROAD TRIP: The Mustangs will embark on their third road trip of the season this week as they travel to north Dallas to take on Addison Trinity Christian. The Mustangs' other two road trips were to Fayetteville, Arkansas, and Shreveport, Louisiana.

"I think we are prepared, but as long as that bus doesn't keep going trying to go to Shreveport and Arkansas, and not stop in Dallas, we will be fine," McClendon joked. "We are looking forward to it."

TRINITY WINS THIRD STRAIGHT: The Trinity football team won its third straight game on Friday, rolling past Sanderson, 51-0. It was the first extended road trip of the season for the Chargers (4-1), and now will go into the bye week with some momentum.

Trinity coach Antwan Alexander said that the team will go back to fundamentals during the bye week, and then get ready for next week's TAPPS Six-Man Division I, District 1 opener against Watauga Harvest Baptist, scheduled for Oct. 10.

"We are going to revert back to two-a-days style of practice," Alexander said.

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FENDER

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do this? How did you do that?' It really isn't me at all, it's the O-line — Johnny Wilson, Bryson Breeding, Corey Potter, Ryan Wilson, Aaron Davila and Jacob Tucker — they're just blowing kids out of the water and just gashing them. It's something else out there this year."

Added Midland Christian coach Greg McClendon: "We've got a big offensive line, one of the better offensive lines we've ever had, and it would be kind of foolish not to take advantage of that. You get (Fender) behind that and he's going to hit the hole hard. He's not going to dance and prance, he's just going to do some hard-nosed running. He's my kind of running back."

McClendon was also quick to credit the dedication Fender has to helping the Mustangs succeed.

"He's one of the hardest working kids we've ever had here and he's one of the highest character kids we have," McClendon said. "We believe what we did Friday night was a team thing, but there's no question that Justin stood out."

For Fender and the Mustangs, Friday night was also a first taste of what they can expect by playing in this new division and new district, which is a step up from last year's competition where they rolled to a third consecutive TAPPS Division II state title.

Fender admitted that not many people gave his team a chance on Friday night against Bishop Lynch.

"Coach Mac told us all week that people were expecting us to get blown out of the water," Fender said. "But we showed that we were going to play Mustang football like we always do, like Coach Mac wanted us to do ... Start fast, finish strong. We opened the game with a touchdown on the first play (from scrimmage) and the O-line just blew them out of the water."

While the Mustangs (3-1, 1-0) got a good win to open district, Fender said his team is still hungry for more.

"We knew it was going to be a little tougher but we still just want to come out every week, start fast, just step on their throats and not give up," Fender said. "We want to try to do what we did last year. We want to get back to scoring 50 and 60 points. We worked our butts off all year and we want to kick everybody's butts. I'm looking forward to the upcoming games."

Midland Christian travels to play Addison Trinity Christian Academy on Friday.

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COWBOYS

From 1C

"We can't let the success get to our heads," said receiver Dez Bryant, who had a touchdown on a mostly quiet night for him against the Saints. "We have to take it game by game, practice by practice and day by day. If we do that, there's no telling what can happen."

Even when Tennessee and St. Louis geared up to stop Murray in a pair of Dallas road wins to start the current streak, he still found his way to triple digits. The only other Dallas back with four straight 100-yard games to start the season was Emmitt Smith in 1995.

As Murray's yards pile up, there's a growing focus on an offensive line featuring three first-round picks the past four drafts in tackle Tyron Smith, center Travis Frederick and guard Zack Martin.

The protection for Romo was iffy in the first two games, but the 34-year-old quarterback coming off back surgery has been sacked just once the past two weeks.

"We're convicted about how we put this team together," coach Jason Garrett said. "The physical nature that we want to play with, we have strong convictions about that."

The defense isn't ranked among the league's statistical leaders because it struggled before the Cowboys rallied for beat the Rams 34-31 in Week 3. And Drew Brees bounced back with a strong second half Sunday night, allowing the Saints to finish with 438 total yards.

But Dallas kept New Orleans out of the end zone until the lead was 31-3 in the fourth quarter, and forced a three-and-out that led to a failed fake punt and the clinching score after the Saints had scored touchdowns on consecutive possessions.

The Cowboys are playing without linebacker Sean Lee because of a season-ending knee injury after cutting franchise sacks leader DeMarcus Ware in a salary cap move. That's why the defenders at the top of the tackles sheet are far from household names.

Charles sends Chiefs to rout of Patriots

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

Chiefs	**41**
Patriots	14

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Jamaal Charles proved he is back to full speed for the Kansas City Chiefs.

Tom Brady is still stuck in neutral for the New England Patriots.

Charles returned from an injury to score three touchdowns Monday night. Brady was picked off twice by the opportunistic Chiefs, and Kansas City routed New England 41-14 to hand Bill Belichick one of his worst losses as coach of the Patriots.

Charles, who missed last week's win in Miami with a sprained ankle, ran for 92 yards and a score. The Pro Bowl running back also caught two short touchdown passes from Alex Smith, who had 248 yards passing and three touchdowns in a sharp performance before a raucous crowd.

The Chiefs (2-2) ended a four-game skid at Arrowhead Stadium dating to last season by handing the Patriots (2-2) their worst defeat since losing to San Diego 41-17 in 2005.

Along with throwing two interceptions, one of which was returned for a touchdown, Brady was strip-sacked by Tamba Hali to step up a field goal.

NFL STANDINGS AND BOX

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	2	2	0	.500	79	75
Miami	2	2	0	.500	98	97
New England	2	2	0	.500	60	90
N.Y. Jets	1	3	0	.250	79	96

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	3	1	0	.750	67	67
Indianapolis	2	2	0	.500	138	96
Tennessee	1	3	0	.250	60	110
Jacksonville	0	4	0	.000	58	152

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	3	0	0	01.000	80	33
Baltimore	3	1	0	.750	103	60
Pittsburgh	2	2	0	.500	97	98
Cleveland	1	2	0	.333	74	77

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Diego	3	1	0	.750	102	63
Denver	2	1	0	.667	75	67
Kansas City	2	2	0	.500	102	79
Oakland	0	4	0	.000	51	103

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	3	1	0	.750	132	104
Dallas	3	1	0	.750	115	98
N.Y. Giants	2	2	0	.500	103	91
Washington	1	3	0	.250	81	109

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	2	2	0	.500	131	113
Carolina	2	2	0	.500	73	96
New Orleans	1	3	0	.250	95	110
Tampa Bay	1	3	0	.250	72	119

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Detroit	3	1	0	.750	85	62
Green Bay	2	2	0	.500	93	98
Minnesota	2	2	0	.500	91	84
Chicago	2	2	0	.500	92	100

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	3	0	01.000	66	45
Seattle	2	1	0	.667	63	66
San Francisco	2	2	0	.500	88	69
St. Louis	1	2	0	.333	56	85

Thursday, Sept. 25
N.Y. Giants 49, Washington 14

Sunday's Scores
Green Bay 38, Chicago 17
Houston 23, Buffalo 17
Indianapolis 41, Tennessee 17
Baltimore 38, Carolina 10
Detroit 24, N.Y. Jets 17
Tampa Bay 27, Pittsburgh 24
Miami 38, Oakland 14
San Diego 33, Jacksonville 14
San Francisco 28, Philadelphia 21
Minnesota 41, Atlanta 28
Dallas 38, New Orleans 17
Open: Arizona, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Seattle, St. Louis

Monday's Score
Kansas City 41, New England 14

Thursday's Game
Minnesota at Green Bay, 7:25 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 5
Cleveland at Tennessee, Noon
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, Noon
Houston at Dallas, Noon
Chicago at Carolina, Noon
St. Louis at Philadelphia, Noon
Atlanta at N.Y. Giants, Noon
Buffalo at Detroit, Noon
Baltimore at Indianapolis, Noon
Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, Noon
Arizona at Denver, 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City at San Francisco, 3:25 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at San Diego, 3:25 p.m.
Cincinnati at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Open: Miami, Oakland

Monday, Oct. 6
Seattle at Washington, 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY'S BOX
CHIEFS 41, PATRIOTS 14

New England	0	0	7	7	—14
Kansas City	7	10	10	14	—41

First Quarter
KC—Charles 2 run (Santos kick), 2:15.

Second Quarter
KC—Charles 3 pass from A.Smith (Santos kick), 10:58.
KC—FG Santos 22, :00.

Third Quarter
KC—Charles 6 pass from A.Smith (Santos kick), 7:53.
KC—FG Santos 31, 5:29.
NE—LaFell 44 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 3:26.

Fourth Quarter
KC—Kelce 2 pass from A.Smith (Santos kick), 11:52.
KC—Abdullah 39 interception return (Santos kick), 10:34.
NE—Gronkowski 13 pass from Garoppolo (Gostkowski kick), 7:25.
A—76,613.

	NE	KC
First downs	13	26
Total Net Yards	290	443
Rushes-yards	16-75	36-207
Passing	215	236
Comp-Att-Int	20-30-2	20-29-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-14	2-12
Punts	6-48.8	4-45.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	3-30	4-35
Time of Possession	23:33	36:27

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—New England, Ridley 5-28, Vereen 6-28, J.White 3-21. Kansas City, Davis 16-107, Charles 18-92, A.Smith 4-8.

PASSING—New England, Brady 14-23-2 159, Garoppolo 6-7-0-70. Kansas City, A.Smith 20-28-0-248.

RECEIVING—New England, LaFell 6-119, Vereen 5-41, Edelman 4-23, J.White 3-15, Gronkowski 2-31. Kansas City, Kelce 3-60, Bowe 5-61, Charles 3-16, Avery 2-46, Davis 1-12, Jenkins 1-6.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

Phil Mickelson saves best shot for his captain

GLENEAGLES, Scotland

DOUG FERGUSON

Associated Press

Phil Mickelson delivered his most memorable shot after the Ryder Cup was over.

Not with a club, but with his words.

Mickelson knew this Ryder Cup was a lost cause before it was over. Even though he won his singles match over Stephen Gallacher, another European victory looked imminent. That's what led Mickelson to say in a television interview, "We had a great formula in '08 and I don't know why we strayed from it. I don't know why we don't ever try going back to it."

He was talking about the only Ryder Cup the Americans have won in the last 15 years.

And he was just getting warmed up.

It's rare to hear even a remote reference to criticism from a player at Ryder Cup. Mickelson took it to an unprecedented level when he delivered his message in the closing news conference, sitting alongside his 11 teammates with captain Tom Watson right in the middle.

Mickelson blistered one captain by praising another.

He spoke in detail about Paul Azinger's pod system — three groups of qualifiers that filled out their pod by telling Azinger whom they wanted as a captain's pick. They ate together. They practiced together. They never played with anyone outside their pod, and they were next to each other in every lineup. And then he raved about how Azinger had a game plan for every occasion, which suggested that Watson did not.

Watson never looked at Mickelson as he spoke. When asked to reply, the 65-year-old captain said he had a different philosophy and sneered at the notion of a pod.

This might have been the most intense match of the week.

Even when the Europeans lost at Valhalla under Nick Faldo, they closed ranks in the news conference. Lee Westwood and Sergio Garcia both were benched for the first time in their careers. They are not fans of Faldo. And yet they took the blame that day by saying they should have played better.

Mickelson didn't call out Watson by name. He just criticized his heavy-handed leadership style.

It needed to be said.

And as bad as it made Watson look — and Mickelson, for that matter — it was the right time and the right place. The message was directed more at the PGA of America, which selected Watson without player input, than it was at the captain. Given the stage, his comments will not be forgotten.

Watson wanted to be captain again, even though it had been 21 years since he was captain, or even attended a Ryder Cup. After watching the meltdown at Medinah, he was tired of the Americans losing. Watson saw a team with a silver spoon that was in dire need of an iron fist.

"This guy is tough as nails. We all know that," European captain Paul McGinley said. "He was going to be strong. He was going to be a very strong captain, and he was going to lead it his way."

That might have worked in 1993. It doesn't work now.

Azinger's all-inclusive style was key in winning the Ryder Cup. Davis Love III had a similar style at Medinah, and the Americans built a 10-6 lead going into the final day. If not for Justin Rose making a 45-foot putt, and Ian Poulter making just about everything, the Americans would have won that cup, too.

Watson talked about keeping it simple. He saw his main roles as the captain's picks and the pairings, and neither merited a passing grade.

It wasn't all on Watson, who didn't hit a single shot. And it's not a complete failure by the Americans. Europe always has a great team, and now it has great players. Winning the Ryder Cup was never going to be easy.

Watson returns to Scotland next year at St. Andrews for his final appearance in the British Open, which he has won five times. He is revered in Scotland, and a bad week at Gleneagles is not going to change that. This Ryder Cup loss will be forgotten. It's not like the Americans losing is an anomaly.

As for Mickelson?

He came across as disingenuous and disrespectful for going public with what could have been handled in private.

It was a big risk for Mickelson, who is wildly popular with fans but can be as polarizing as Tiger Woods. Mickelson opened himself up to massive criticism for calling out Watson on such a big stage. And it's not as if Mickelson can lean on a great Ryder Cup record. A five-time major champion, he has been on eight losing teams.

Mickelson doesn't speak from the hip. This was calculated. He knew the risk.

Go back to start of the week, when Mickelson poked fun at Rory McIlroy's lawsuit against his management company that now involves Graeme McDowell. Mickelson said the best part of American unity is that "we don't litigate against each other."

He has been coming over to Britain for 20 years. He knew what kind of headlines one comment was going to generate. And he didn't care.

"I might get roasted," he told Golf Digest. "I can handle it."

Wild, wild SEC West set for historic day

By John Zenor and David Brandt
Associated Press

Three teams from the Southeastern Conference's powerful Western Division are finally going down.

That much is assured on Saturday, when six teams ranked in the top 15 clash in an unprecedented day for any division in major college football.

First, No. 6 Texas A&M visits No. 12 Mississippi State in what will be a sea of maroon and cowbells. Then the action heads 100 miles north to Oxford for an even bigger showdown: No. 3 Alabama at No. 11 Mississippi.

Later that night, No. 15 LSU visits No. 5 Auburn. It's only the fifth time any division has had two games featuring Top 25 matchups on the same day, and the past two times it has featured SEC West teams, according to STATS.

No division has ever had a trifecta of Top 25 matchups.

Crimson Tide coach Nick Saban last week called it "the Golden Age of our division in the West." SEC West teams have won five of the last seven national titles.

The last time a conference had three ranked matchups was in the Big Ten on Oct. 18, 2003. It hasn't happened in the SEC since STATS began tracking rankings in 1993.

Alabama safety Landon Collins watched Arkansas flirt with an upset of Texas A&M on Saturday and pretty much summed up what's ahead for the six legitimate contenders for the SEC West title.

"When I was watching the game, I just said, 'This is crazy. This is going to be a crazy season,'" Collins said.

The historic day comes in a division that has a combined 28-4 record with three of those defeats coming in head-to-head matchups. Only Arkansas (3-2, 0-2) appears unlikely to contend, but it would be a feat for any SEC West team to emerge from the fray with a clean sweep of its division brethren.

Here's a rundown of the three big matchups:

■ No. 3 Alabama at No. 11 Ole Miss.

Ole Miss (4-0, 1-0 SEC) is undefeated through four games for the first time since 1970 and now has a chance to end a decade of futility against the Tide. The Rebels have lost 10 straight in the series and were shutout 25-0 last season in Tuscaloosa.

■ No. 6 Texas A&M at No. 12 Mississippi State.

The Bulldogs have already had one big victory this season, ending a 14-game losing streak against LSU thanks to a 34-29 win on Sept. 20.

■ No. 15 LSU at No. 5 Auburn.

LSU (4-1, 0-1) could have no margin for error after its loss to Mississippi State.

"I don't think there is a person in our building that's not excited about the opportunity to go down and play very well at Auburn," LSU coach Les Miles said.

Cody Duty/Houston Chronicle

Texas A&M defensive lineman Ivan Robinson, right, celebrates a tackle during overtime of the Southwest Classic at AT&T Stadium on Saturday in Arlington.

COACHES

From 1C

"It's really unfortunate that it's so soon, when you're not even halfway through the year," Stoops said. "You just wonder why it has to be that soon, and not giving somebody a little longer opportunity to try and get things right. But that's just how it goes, I guess, in today's world."

Defensive coordinator Clint Bowen was promoted to interim coach of the Jayhawks (2-2, 0-1 Big 12) for the rest of the season. They play at West Virginia (2-2, 0-1) on Saturday, when Bowen still plans to direct the defense while putting together a plan to get other people to assist as well on the sideline.

While having to quickly adjust to his new role, including the media responsibilities of a head coach, Bowen's primary focus is on the next game.

"Our immediate plan for this week, as we talked to the players, is really just to operate the same, right now, day to day and hour to hour and minute to minute, and roll through it," said Bowen, who answered questions for more than 12 minutes, two longer than the allotted time for each coach during the weekly Big 12 call. "The most important objective and the one thing we've got to do is get through any and all distractions and get our minds on West Virginia for this weekend."

West Virginia coach Dana Holgorsen said they know the Jayhawks' players and their personnel, and will prepare for them based on what they have been doing this season.

"We would have to guess if they're going to make any changes schematically," he said, pointing out that the Kansas coordinators are still there.

This is the first Saturday with a full slate of conference games. No. 25 TCU (3-0) finally plays its Big 12 opener at home against the fourth-ranked Sooners (4-0, 1-0), while seventh-ranked Baylor (4-0, 1-0) goes to Texas (2-2, 1-1); and Texas Tech (2-2, 0-1) is at No. 23 Kansas State (3-1, 1-0). Iowa State (1-3, 0-2) plays at No. 21 Oklahoma State (3-1, 1-0).

CONFERENCE STANDINGS AND POLLS

STANDINGS

TEXAS

BIG 12 CONFERENCE

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Baylor	1	0	49	28	4	0	227	55
Oklahoma	1	0	45	33	4	0	179	66
Kansas St.	1	0	32	28	3	1	159	92
Oklahoma St.	1	0	45	35	3	1	159	108
Texas	1	0	23	0	2	2	85	69
TCU	0	0	0	0	3	0	134	21
Kansas	0	1	0	23	2	2	61	102
Texas Tech	0	1	35	45	2	2	136	155
West Virginia	0	1	33	45	2	2	150	115
Iowa St.	0	2	56	31	1	3	90	132

Thursday, Sept. 25
Oklahoma St. 45, Texas Tech 35

Saturday, Sept. 27
TCU 56, SMU 0
Kansas St. 58, UTEP 28
Texas 23, Kansas 0
Baylor 49, Iowa St. 28

Saturday's Games
Iowa St. at Oklahoma St., 11 a.m.
Oklahoma at TCU, 2:30 p.m.
Baylor at Texas, 2:30 p.m.
Kansas at West Virginia, 3 p.m.
Texas Tech at Kansas St., 6 p.m.

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Temple	1	0	36	10	3	1	156	48
South Florida	1	0	17	14	2	3	97	145
Tulsa	1	0	38	31	1	3	100	170
East Carolina	0	0	0	0	3	1	173	102
Cincinnati	0	0	0	0	2	1	117	108
Houston	0	0	0	0	2	2	126	74
Memphis	0	0	0	0	2	2	137	83
UCF	0	0	0	0	1	2	75	71
SMU	0	0	0	0	0	4	12	202
Tulane	0	1	31	38	1	4	106	174
UConn	0	2	24	53	1	4	74	142

Saturday, Sept. 27
TCU 56, SMU 0
Rutgers 31, Tulane 6
Wisconsin 27, South Florida 10
Temple 36, UConn 10
Ohio St. 50, Cincinnati 28
Mississippi 24, Memphis 3
Texas St. 37, Tulsa 34, 3OT

Thursday's Games
UCF at Houston, 6 p.m.

Saturday's Games
SMU at East Carolina, 11 a.m.
Tulsa at Colorado St., 2 p.m.
Memphis at Cincinnati, 6 p.m.

CONFERENCE USA

East Division	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Middle Tenn.	2	0	91	75	3	2	195	153
FIU	1	0	41	37	2	3	117	174
FAU	1	0	34	20	2	3	108	113
Old Dominion	1	1	73	63	3	2	165	160
Marshall	0	0	0	0	4	0	182	65
UAB	0	1	20	34	2	2	143	105
W. Kentucky	0	1	47	50	2	2	176	150

West Division	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Louisiana Tech	1	0	42	21	2	3	150	164
Rice	1	0	66	66	1	3	119	184
UTEP	0	0	0	0	2	2	127	136
North Texas	0	1	21	66	2	3	149	99
Southern Miss.	0	1	23	41	2	3	62	162
UTSA	0	1	27	41	1	3	100	117

Friday, Sept. 26
Middle Tennessee 41, Old Dominion 28

Saturday, Sept. 27
Kansas St. 58, UTEP 28
FIU 54, UAB 20
W. Kentucky 38, Navy 27
Auburn 45, Louisiana Tech 17
FAU 41, UTSA 37
Rice 41, Southern Miss. 23

Thursday's Game
FIU at FAU, 6 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Marshall at Old Dominion, TBA
Southern Miss. at Middle Tennessee, 11 a.m.
North Texas at Indiana, 1:30 p.m.
New Mexico at UTSA, 2:30 p.m.
Hawaii at Rice, 6 p.m.
UTEP at Louisiana Tech, 6 p.m.
UAB at W. Kentucky, 6 p.m.

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

East	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Missouri	1	0	21	20	4	1	173	103
South Carolina	2	2	134	142	3	2	167	165
Georgia	1	1	76	38	3	1	181	91
Kentucky	1	1	47	43	3	1	126	60
Florida	1	1	57	72	2	1	122	72
Tennessee	0	1	35	38	2	2	114	95
Vanderbilt	0	3	44	108	1	4	85	174

West	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Texas A&M	2	0	87	58	5	0	259	75
Alabama	1	0	42	21	4	0	169	56
Auburn	1	0	45	21	4	0	169	65
Mississippi St	1	0	34	29	4	0	165	66
Mississippi	1	0	41	3	4	0	156	34
LSU	0	1	29	34	4	1	207	65
Arkansas	0	2	49	80	3	2	223	129

Saturday, Sept. 27
Georgia 35, Tennessee 32
Kentucky 17, Vanderbilt 7
Texas A&M 35, Arkansas 28, OT
Auburn 45, Louisiana Tech 17
Missouri 21, South Carolina 20
LSU 63, New Mexico St. 7
Mississippi 24, Memphis 3

Saturday's Games
Florida at Tennessee, 11 a.m.
Texas A&M at Mississippi St., 11 a.m.
Alabama at Mississippi, 2:30 p.m.
Vanderbilt at Georgia, 3 p.m.
LSU at Auburn, 6 p.m.
South Carolina at Kentucky, 6:30 p.m.

SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Abilene Christian	0	0	69	14	3	2	170	114
S.F. Austin	1	0	39	3	3	1	127	95
SE Louisiana	1	0	63	7	3	2	191	83
Cent. Arkansas	1	0	58	10	2	3	177	160
Sam Houston	1	0	42	10	2	3	149	189
McNeese	0	0	0	0	2	1	133	54
Northwestern St	0	0	0	0	2	2	114	159
Lamar	0	1	10	42	3	2	163	152
Houston Baptist	0	1	14	59	1	3	123	119
Nicholls St.	0	1	16	52	0	5	54	273
Incarnate Word	0	3	10	122	0	5	23	229

Saturday, Sept. 27
Cent. Arkansas 52, Nicholls St. 16
McNeese St. 61, Arkansas Tech 7
SE Louisiana 63, Incarnate Word 7
Sam Houston St. 42, Lamar 10
Abilene Christian 59, Houston Bapt. 14

Thursday's Games
Northwestern St. at SE Louisiana, 3 p.m.
Nicholls St. at McNeese St., 6 p.m.
Lamar at Abilene Christian, 6 p.m.
Houston Baptist at Incarnate Word, 6 p.m.
Cent. Arkansas at Stephen F. Austin, 6 p.m.

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

East	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Alabama St.	3	0	127	52	4	1	174	104
Alcorn St.	2	0	103	25	4	1	235	68
Jackson St.	1	1	69	70	3	2	135	122
Alabama A&M	1	1	65	65	1	4	109	183
MVSU	0	3	51	141	0	4	51	203

West	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Grambling	2	0	68	55	2	3	116	160
Texas Southern	1	0	55	48	1	4	197	339
Southern U.	1	1	59	60	2	3	139	190
Ark-Pine Bluff	0	2	57	75	1	3	66	140
Prairie View	0	3	79	87	0	4	87	145

Saturday, Sept. 27
Grambling St. 28, Prairie View 20
Alabama A&M 42, MVSU 30
Alcorn St. 56, Southern U. 10
Alabama St. 38, Texas Southern 3
Jackson St. 33, Ark.-Pine Bluff 30, OT

Thursday's Game
Alabama St. at Alcorn St., 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 4
Grambling St. at Alabama A&M, 2 p.m.
Ark.-Pine Bluff at Southern U., 5:30 p.m.
Prairie View at Jackson St., 6 p.m.
MVSU at Texas Southern, 7 p.m.

SUN BELT CONFERENCE

East	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
La.-Monroe	2	0	60	51	3	1	77	92
New Mexico St.	1	0	34	31	2	3	128	184
Arkansas St.	0	0	0	0	2	2	97	99
Texas St.	0	0	0	0	2	2	108	111
Idaho	0	2	41	72	0	4	98	153

West	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Ga. Southn	2	0	62	20	3	2	206	95
South Alabama	1	1	40	38	2	2	66	88
La.-Lafayette	0	0	0	0	1	3	89	144
Appalachian St	0	1	14	34	1	3	114	107
Georgia St.	0	1	31	34	1	3	121	164
Troy	0	1	20	22	0	5	82	208

Thursday, Sept. 25
Georgia Southern 34, Appalachian St. 14

Saturday, Sept. 27
South Alabama 34, Idaho 10
Louisiana-Monroe 22, Troy 20
LSU 63, New Mexico St. 7
Texas St. 37, Tulsa 34, 3OT

Saturday's Games
South Alabama at Appalachian St., 5 p.m.
Idaho at Texas St., 6 p.m.
Louisiana-Monroe at Arkansas St., 8 p.m.
Georgia St. at Louisiana-Lafayette, 6 p.m.
Georgia Southern at New Mexico St., 7 p.m.

NATIONAL

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Florida St.	2	0	79	58	4	0	153	101
Louisville	2	1	72	46	4	1	172	70
Clemson	1	1	67	58	2	2	161	110
Syracuse	0	0	0	0	2	2	102	94
NC State	0	1	41	59	1	3	202	130
Boston College	0	1	20	30	3	2	148	102
Wake Forest	0	1	10	20	2	3	91	101

Coastal Division	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Georgia Tech	1	0	27	24	4	0	146	102
Pittsburgh	1	0	30	20	3	2	164	90
Virginia	1	0	23	21	3	2	166	116
Miami	1	1	35	41	3	2	148	109
Duke	0	1	10	22	4	1	184	68
Virginia Tech	0	1	24	27	3	2	149	102
North Carolina	0	1	35	50	2	2	163	176

Saturday, Sept. 27
Colorado St. 24, Boston College 21
Virginia Tech 35, W. Michigan 17
Akron 21, Pittsburgh 10
Florida St. 56, NC State 41
Virginia 45, Kent St. 13
Louisville 20, Wake Forest 10
Clemson 50, North Carolina 35
Miami 22, Duke 10
Notre Dame 31, Syracuse 15

Friday's Games
Louisville at Syracuse, 6 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Virginia Tech at North Carolina, 11:30 a.m.
NC State at Clemson, 2:30 p.m.
Wake Forest at Florida St., 2:30 p.m.
Miami at Georgia Tech, 6:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Virginia, 6:30 p.m.

BIG TEN CONFERENCE

East	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Maryland	1	0	37	15	4	1	164	99
Penn St.	1	1	59	38	4	1	114	73
Michigan St.	0	0	0	0	3	1	201	81
Ohio St.	0	0	0	0	3	1	171	80
Rutgers	0	1	10	13	4	1	161	103
Indiana	0	1	15	37	2	2	116	119
Michigan	0	1	14	30	2	3	110	111

West	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Nebraska	1	0	45	14	5	0	227	95
Iowa	1	0	24	10	4	1	113	66
Minnesota	1	0	30	14	4	1	138	95
Northwestern	1	0	29	6	2	2	82	67
Wisconsin	0	0	0	0	3	1	156	58
Illinois	0	1	14	45	3	2	145	175
Purdue	0	1	10	24	2	3	119	139

Saturday, Sept. 27
Iowa 24, Purdue 10
Northwestern 20, Penn St. 6
Rutgers 31, Tulane 6
Michigan St. 55, Wyoming 14
Wisconsin 27, South Florida 10
Maryland 37, Illinois 14
Minnesota 30, Michigan 14
Ohio St. 50, Cincinnati 28
Nebraska 45, Illinois 14

Saturday's Games
Purdue at Illinois, 11 a.m.
Ohio St. at Maryland, 11 a.m.
North Texas at Indiana, 1:30 p.m.
Wisconsin at Northwestern, 2:30 p.m.
Michigan at Rutgers, 6 p.m.
Nebraska at Michigan St., 7 p.m.

MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE

West	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Nevada	1	0	21	10	3	1	101	77
San Diego St.	1	0	34	17	2	2	106	83
Fresno St.	1	0	35	24	2	3	150	206
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	1	3	65	100
San Jose St.	0	1	10	21	1	3	72	114
UNLV	0	1	17	34	1	4	91	199

Mountain	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Wyoming	1	0	17	13	3	2	62	146
Air Force	1	1	41	31	3	1	133	85
Boise St.	1	1	51	52	3	2	138	117
Utah St.	0	0	0	0	2	2	97	103
Colorado St.	0	1	24	37	3	1	126	96
New Mexico	0	1	24	35	1	3	109	159

Friday, Sept. 26
Fresno St. 35, New Mexico 24

Saturday, Sept. 27
Michigan St. 55, Wyoming 14
Colorado St. 24, Boston College 21
Air Force 28, Boise St. 14
San Diego St. 54, UNLV 17
Nevada 21, San Jose St. 10

Friday's Games
San Diego St. at Fresno St., 9 p.m.
Utah St. at BYU, 9:15 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Tulsa at Colorado St., 2 p.m.
Navy at Air Force, 2:30 p.m.
New Mexico at UTSA, 2:30 p.m.
Hawaii at Rice, 6 p.m.
UNLV at San Jose St., 7 p.m.
Boise St. at Nevada, 9:30 p.m.

PACIFIC-12 CONFERENCE

North	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Oregon	1	0	38	31	4	0	194	85
California	1	1	104	105	3	1	150	143
Stanford	1	1	30	26	3	1	110	28
Washington St.	1	1	59	65	2	2	189	151
Washington	0	1	13	20	4	1	178	121
Oregon St.	0	1	10	35	3	1	105	86

South	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Southern Cal	2	0	49	30	3	1	131	70
Arizona	1	0	49	43	4	0	168	103
UCLA	1	0	62	27	4	0	152	99
Ariz. St.	1	1	65	69	3	1	169	123
Utah	0	1	27	38	3	1	169	79
Colorado	0	2	63	67	2	3	159	178

Thursday, Sept. 25
UCLA 62, Arizona St. 27

Saturday, Sept. 27
California 59, Colorado 56, 3OT
Stanford 30, Washington 13
Washington St. 59, Utah 27
Southern Cal 38, Oregon St. 10

Thursday's Game
Arizona at Oregon, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Stanford at Notre Dame, 2:30 p.m.
Oregon St. at Colorado, 3 p.m.
Arizona St. at Southern Cal, 6:30 p.m.
California at Washington St., 9:30 p.m.
Utah at UCLA, 8:30 p.m.

MAJOR INDEPENDENTS

	All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA
BYU	4	0	150	75
Notre Dame	4	0	140	49
Navy	2	3	134	146
Army	1	3	111	147

Saturday, Sept. 27
Yale 49, Army 43, OT
W. Kentucky 38, Navy 27
Notre Dame 31, Syracuse 15

Friday's Game
Utah St. at BYU, 9:15 p.m.

Saturday's Game
Ball St. at Army, 11 a.m.
Navy at Air Force, 2:30 p.m.
Stanford at Notre Dame, 2:30 p.m.

POLLS

FCS COACHES POLL

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. North Dakota State (26)	4-0	650	1
2. Eastern Washington	4-1	623	2
3. Coastal Carolina	5-0	582	3
4. McNeese State	2-1	558	4
5. Villanova	3-1	541	5
6. New Hampshire	3-1	504	7
7. Montana	3-2	502	6
8. Jacksonville State	3-1	454	8
9. South Dakota State	3-1	439	9
10. Northern Iowa	2-2	411	10
11. Southeastern La.	3-2	390	11
12. Youngstown State	3-1	331	12
13. William & Mary	4-1	326	13
14. Chattanooga	2-2	289	15
15. Montana State	3-2	267	17
16. Southern Illinois	3-1	250	16
17. Bethune-Cookman	3-1	230	14
18. Eastern Kentucky	4-0	224	18
19. Fordham	4-1	198	19
20. Tennessee State	4-1	181	20
21. Richmond	2-2	137	21
22. Illinois State	3-0	121	22
23. Missouri State	3-1	71	24
24. Charleston Southern	5-0	63	25
25. Northern Arizona	3-2	19	NR

Others receiving votes: Alcorn State 17, Stephen F. Austin 17, Albany 15, Harvard 15, Indiana State 14, Sam Houston State 14, South Dakota 11, Yale 9, Delaware 5, Southeast Missouri State 4, North Carolina A&T 3, Alabama State 2, Bucknell 1, Liberty 1, Samford 1, San Diego 1, Towson 1, Western Carolina 1.

TSN FCS POLL

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. North Dakota State (153)	4-0	4017	1
2. Eastern Washington (8)	4-1	3865	2
3. Coastal Carolina	5-0	3501	3
4. New Hampshire	3-1	3406	4
5. McNeese State	3-1	3274	5
6. Villanova	3-1	3049	6
7. Montana	3-2	3047	7
8. Jacksonville State	3-1	2889	8
9. South Dakota State	3-1	2710	9
10. Northern Iowa	2-2	2497	10
11. Southeastern Louisiana	3-2	2305	11
12. William & Mary	4-1	1995	12
13. Montana State	3-2	1922	13
14. Chattanooga	2-2	1881	14
15. Southern Illinois	4-1	1815	17
16. Fordham	4-1	1614	16
17. Bethune-Cookman	3-1	1479	15
18. Youngstown State	3-1	1351	18
19. Eastern Kentucky	4-0	1222	19
20. Richmond	2-2	1045	20
21. Tennessee State	4-1	889	21
22. Illinois State	3-0	800	22
23. Albany	4-0	453	24
24. Delaware	3-1	343	25
25. Indiana State	3-1	270	—

Others receiving votes: Missouri State 147, Charleston Southern 145, Northern Arizona 140, Sam Houston State 106, Southeast Missouri State 72, Liberty 62, North Carolina A&T 51, Alcorn State 37, Harvard 30, Alcorn State 40, Yale 28, Samford 25, Marist 24, Northwestern State 22, South Dakota 20, Furman 20, Eastern Illinois 19, Towson 17, Bucknell 16, Presbyterian 15, South Carolina State 13, Saint Francis-PA 11, Bryant 10, Abilene Christian 8, Wofford 8, Western Carolina 8, Tennessee Tech 5, James Madison 4, Jacksonville 4, Sacred Heart 3, San Diego 3, Central Arkansas 2, Lafayette 2, Stephen F. Austin 1

AFCA DIVISION II COACHES POLL

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Northwest Missouri State (30)	4-0	774	1
2. Colorado State-Pueblo (1)	4-0	741	2
3. Minnesota State-Mankato	4-0	696	3
4. Minnesota-Duluth	4-0	684	4
5. North Alabama	4-0	641	5
6. Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.)	4-0	598	6
7. Henderson State (Ark.)	4-0	585	7
8. Ohio Dominican	4-0	554	9
9. West Chester (Pa.)	4-0	501	10
10. Shepherd (W.Va.)	4-0	469	11
11. Delta State (Miss.)	3-0	463	12
12. Slippery Rock (Pa.)	4-0	439	13
13. Ferris State (Mich.)	4-0	415	14
14. Winston-Salem State (N.C.)	3-1	303	15
15. Harding (Ark.)	3-0	292	16
16. Midwestern State	3-0	287	18
17. Colorado School of Mines	4-0	278	17
18. Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	3-1	209	19
19. Pittsburg State (Kan.)	3-1	207	8
20. Slippery Rock (Pa.)	4-0	196	22
21. Sioux Falls (S.D.)	4-0	155	24
22. West Alabama	3-1	124	23
23. Michigan Tech	4-0	95	—
24. West Georgia	4-0	73	—
25. Winona State (Minn.)	3-1	41	20

**AFCA DIVISION III COACHES POL

Charlie Riedel/AP

In this June 20 photo, a pair of young Kansas City Royals fans wait for the start of a baseball game against the Seattle Mariners in Kansas City, Mo. For the first time in nearly 30 years, playoff baseball comes to Kansas City.

For excited Kansas City, postseason growing pains

By Bill Draper
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kansas City Royals fans, their team and the city itself are getting a crash course on what playoff baseball is all about.

The wild card game Tuesday against the Oakland Athletics marks the return of postseason baseball to Kansas City for the first time since 1985, when the Royals won the World Series over the St. Louis Cardinals. Many young Kansas Citians have no memories of that magical year, or the I-70 series, relying on YouTube searches or their parents' nostalgic retellings of umpire Don Denkinger's blown call in Game 6 that sent the Royals toward their title.

For a city that typically turns Chiefs' red with the start of the NFL season, football — for now — can wait.

After all, Kansas City baseball fans have waited long enough.

"STARVED FOR A WINNER"

Longtime Royals fans had high hopes this season, after the team finished 2013 with a winning record but again fell short of the playoffs. But with more 100-loss seasons (four) than winning seasons (three) since 1993, fans were bracing themselves for more heartbreak.

Not a talk-show caller named Shannon. The woman had a hard time keeping her excitement in check in June after the Royals moved into the AL Central lead for the first time. The show's hosts were, shall we say, less than comforting.

"She called into the postgame show and was crying," said Danny Parkins, who was co-hosting the 610 Sports show with Josh Vernier. "She said, 'Vern, this means everything to me.' We just couldn't stop laughing about the absurdity of it: a half-game up in June, with all of July, August and September to go. Ninety games left in the season and they had won exactly nothing.

"It spoke to how long this city has been starved for a baseball winner."

UNCHARTED TERRITORY

A popular theme in pro sports is to "act like you've been there."

But for the Royals front office, it's not that easy when many key staffers were still in grade school the last time the team made the playoffs. After season ticket-holders got first dibs for a home wild-card game and every potential home series after that, tickets went on sale to the rest of the public Sept. 18.

Only minutes after online sales began, transactions ground to a halt for some who weren't sure if their request had gone through or if they were being billed for something they wouldn't get. The first 10 minutes had overwhelmed the computer system's ability to meet demand, team spokesman Toby Cook said.

Sales started flowing again within half an hour, but Royals officials spent the weekend reaching out to fans whose ticket problems weren't resolved.

"We're all doing this for the first time with this level of intensity," Cook said.

ANYTHING FOR SALVY'S SIGNATURE

Half an hour after catcher Salvador Perez sat down for an hour-long autograph session at an Independence, Missouri, sporting apparel store, a line of fans was still wrapped around the store's interior, out the door and down the sidewalk.

Among those waiting for Perez' autograph was Lorrie Arnold, a 52-year-old Oak Grove, Missouri, resident who's been fighting some form of cancer since being diagnosed with Hodgkins lymphoma at age 22. Her 77-year-old father brought her more than two hours early to make sure he could take pictures of his daughter with her favorite player.

"This is awesome," Arnold said. "I'm going through chemo right now and it's very hard for me to get to the games."

MOVE OVER, CHIEFS

On a gorgeous Saturday after the Royals clinched a wild-card spot, blue-clad fans invaded the annual medieval-themed Renaissance Festival in nearby Bonner Springs, Kansas. Chiefs' red was tough to find, even though the football team was on the national stage Monday night against the New England Patriots.

"I say no Red Friday until baseball's over," said Mike Novak, 51, of Blue Springs, Missouri, referring to the area tradition of wearing red on Fridays before Chiefs games. Novak got a large henna tattoo of "Royals" across his forearm. It's supposed to last two weeks, which would see him through the divisional championship series.

Schedule

Postseason Baseball Glance
x-if necessary
WILD CARD
Today: Oakland (Lester 15-11) at Kansas City (Shields 14-8, 7:07 p.m. (TBS))
Tuesday: San Francisco (Vogelsong 10-10) at Pittsburgh (Volquez 13-7), 7:07 p.m. (ESPN)

DIVISION SERIES
(best-of-5)
American League
All AL games televised by TBS
Los Angeles vs. Oakland-Kansas City winner
Thursday, Oct. 2: Oakland-Kansas City winner at Los Angeles
Friday, Oct. 3: Oakland-Kansas City winner at Los Angeles
Sunday, Oct. 5: Los Angeles at Oakland-Kansas City winner
x-Monday, Oct. 6: Los Angeles at Oakland-Kansas City winner
x-Wednesday, Oct. 8: Oakland-Kansas City winner at Los Angeles
Baltimore vs. Detroit
Thursday, Oct. 2: Detroit (Scherzer 18-9) at Baltimore (Tillman 13-9)
Friday, Oct. 3: Detroit at Baltimore
Sunday, Oct. 5: Baltimore at Detroit
x-Monday, Oct. 6: Baltimore at Detroit
x-Wednesday, Oct. 8: Detroit at Baltimore
National League
Washington vs. San Francisco-Pittsburgh winner
Friday, Oct. 3: San Francisco-Pittsburgh winner at Washington (FS1)
Saturday, Oct. 4: San Francisco-Pittsburgh winner at Washington (FS1 or MLBN)
Monday, Oct. 6: Washington at San Francisco-Pittsburgh winner (FS1 or MLBN)
x-Tuesday, Oct. 7: Washington at San Francisco-Pittsburgh winner (FS1)
x-Thursday, Oct. 9: San Francisco-Pittsburgh winner at Washington (FS1)
Los Angeles vs. St. Louis
Friday, Oct. 3: St. Louis (Wainwright 20-9) at Los Angeles (Kershaw 21-3) (FS1)
Saturday, Oct. 4: St. Louis at Los Angeles (FS1 or MLBN)
x-Monday, Oct. 6: Los Angeles at St. Louis (FS1 or MLBN)
x-Tuesday, Oct. 7: Los Angeles at St. Louis (FS1)
x-Thursday Oct. 9: St. Louis at Los Angeles (FS1)

AJ Hinch hired to manage Astros

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — A.J. Hinch was hired as the manager of the Astros on Monday, and general manager Jeff Luhnow is confident he'll be the man to return Houston to success.

"I think A.J. is going to be the manager that's going to be here when we win the World Series," Luhnow said.

Hinch takes over for Bo Porter, who was fired on Sept. 1 in his second year and replaced on an interim basis by Tom Lawless. The Astros finished 70-92 and fourth in the AL West.

Houston has been in a long rebuilding process and hasn't finished above .500 since going 86-75 in 2008.

Hinch takes over a team that made a 19-game improvement over last year to end a streak of three straight 100-loss seasons and one that features AL batting champion Jose Altuve.

Hinch

"The goal is to win championships," Hinch said. "It's easy to say but a lot of work. We need to build on the success that this organization has seen."

Hinch managed Arizona from May 2009 until July 2010, when he was fired after 31-48 start. He was the vice president of professional scouting for San Diego from 2010 until August.

Porter was a first-time manager and Luhnow said he wanted someone that had managerial experience this time around. Hinch was also attractive to Luhnow because he had worked in baseball front offices as well as been a manager.

"He's well-rounded — understands my perspective," Luhnow said. "He comes with a breadth of experience that very few guys have. The whole combination, the whole package was very unique."

The 40-year-old is a former catcher who spent seven seasons in the majors with the Athletics, Royals, Tigers and Phillies.

He thinks his experience with the Diamondbacks will help him in his second shot at managing.

"You learn a lot in this game every day," Hinch said. "Through getting knocked down a little bit ... through losing a little bit too much you reflect on that and try to get better."

He wouldn't put any numbers on what he expects from the team next year.

"We're going to get this right ... however many wins that means," Hinch said. "I believe we can do things sooner rather than later."

Other standouts on his new team are Chris Carter, whose 37 home runs were tied for second in the majors, and Dallas Keuchel, who showed he could be a front-of-the rotation starter.

The Astros still aren't good but finally have a solid foundation in place.

Altuve finished with a franchise-record 225 hits and a .341 average, which both topped the majors. The 24-year-old also led the AL with 56 stolen bases to go along with 47 doubles and 59 RBIs. He became the first Astro to win a batting title.

Rangers 1st offseason priority is hiring manager

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

Louis DeLuca/The Dallas Morning News

Texas second baseman Rougned Odor, left, sits on the bench after Sunday's game against Oakland in Arlington.

ARLINGTON — Texas Rangers general manager Jon Daniels never intended to have a managerial search on his to-do list after a lost season.

That instead became the top priority, something to get done even before looking for a starting pitcher in free agency or finding another bat for the middle of the lineup.

For the first time in five seasons, the Rangers played only 162 games, with not even a wild-card tiebreaker like last season. For the third year in a row, there was a champagne celebration in the other clubhouse at their ballpark as another team clinched a postseason berth.

But the club that went to back-to-back World Series in 2010 and '11 had known since mid-summer that there would be no extra games. The plan was for Ron Washington to return in 2015 for his ninth season in Texas until his sudden resignation Sept. 5 for personal reasons — not because of the results of a miserable season that ended Sunday with the 95th loss, the most since 1985.

There is a strong candidate in Tim Bogar, the first-year Rangers bench coach who as interim manager went 14-8.

Daniels plans to also interview two other internal candidates (pitching coach Mike Maddux and Triple-A manager Steve Buechele) and probably four or five others from outside the organization. The hope is to have that hire done before the World Series starts Oct. 21.

"We're going through a process I think is ultimately in everybody's best interest," Daniels said. "As I told Tim, at the end of the day, if he's announced as our full-time manager ... it's going to be with a lot more behind it."

Daniels said Bogar made "the most of an opportunity" in a 22-game stretch in which the young Rangers won four consecutive series and gave the Oakland Athletics fits.

Texas swept a three-game series in Oakland, then took two of the first three games in the closing weekend series. The A's then won 4-0 on Sunday to finally clinch their third consecutive playoff berth on the last day of the regular season.

Next for Bogar is the formal interview process, knowing that there are more factors than his record over the past three-plus weeks.

"I want this job. I'm going to approach it like I have to win the job," Bogar said. "JD and I have already talked about it. It didn't matter if I went 0-22 or 22-0. It was a lot more about all the other intangibles that go along with this job. He has to be comfortable with someone that he can have a relationship and work at the same level."

Once the manager is in place, the search will be on for a pitcher to join rehabilitated front-line starters Yu Darvish and Derek Holland. Daniels said, though, he doesn't expect "to play at the top end of free agency" to add pitching.

Veteran right-hander Colby Lewis could return, but Martin Perez next spring will still be recovering from elbow surgery and Matt Harrison's future is questionable after spinal fusion surgery this summer.

The two big moves last offseason could be the significant additions again next spring. Prince Fielder and Shin-Soo Choo had season-ending injuries their first year in Texas, where both are signed through 2020.

Fielder, the slugger acquired from Detroit last November, last played May 16 before the cervical fusion of two disks in his neck. He hit just .247 with three home runs and 16 RBI in 42 games. Before surgery, he had played 547 consecutive games since 2010, then the longest active streak in the majors.

Choo hit .242 with 13 homers and 40 RBI in 123 games before surgery earlier this month to remove a bone spur from his left elbow. The outfielder who led off then had surgery on a bothersome left ankle.

"We need a major uptick there," Daniels said. "We've made big commitments and I expect those guys to be healthy, and I expect them to be productive."

Twins fire manager Ron Gardenhire after 13 seasons

By Jon Krawczynski
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Twins fired manager Ron Gardenhire on Monday, ending a 13-season tenure that included at least 92 losses in each of the last four years.

The move was made with one season left on Gardenhire's contract, ending the second-longest active tenure in the major leagues behind Mike Scioscia of the Angels. The Twins announced an afternoon news conference with Gardenhire and general manager Terry Ryan.

Gardenhire played an integral role in the franchise's renaissance, guiding the Twins to their first of six American League Central division titles in 2002 in his first year on the job. But Gardenhire's teams only got out of the first round once, and his postseason record was 6-21 with the last win coming in 2004.

The Twins have long been the model of stability in not only baseball but major professional sports, with only two managers over the last 28 years and two general managers over the last 20 seasons.

But all the losing of late became too much to overcome. Over the last four years, the Twins went 78-148 from Aug. 1 on for an abysmal .345 winning percentage.

This year, Gardenhire became just the fourth manager in the game's history to preside over at least four straight 90-loss seasons with the same team, joining Connie Mack of the Philadelphia Athletics (nine), Zach Taylor of the St. Louis Browns (four) and his predecessor with the Twins, Tom Kelly (four). Kelly returned for one more season after his streak, and he retired after an 85-77 finish in 2001.

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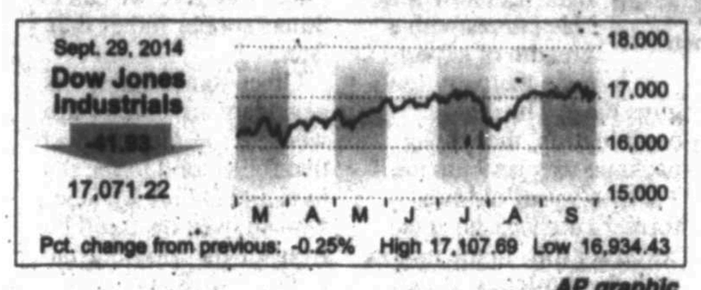

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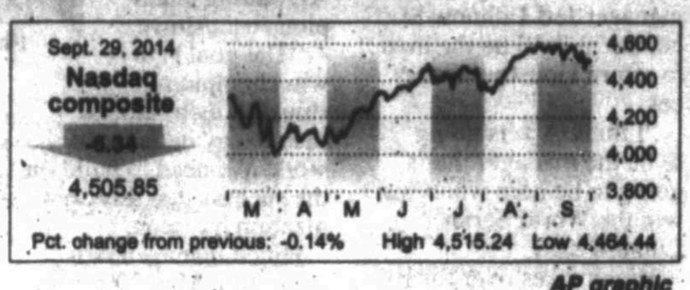

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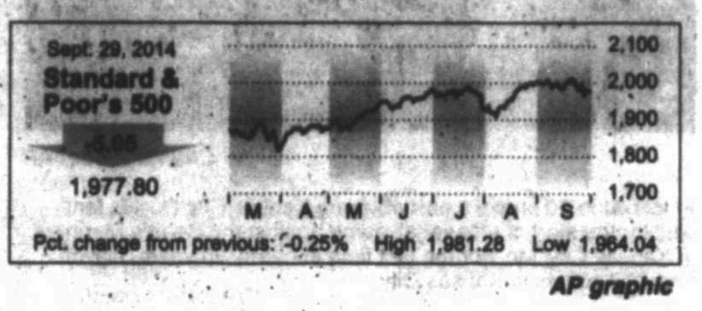

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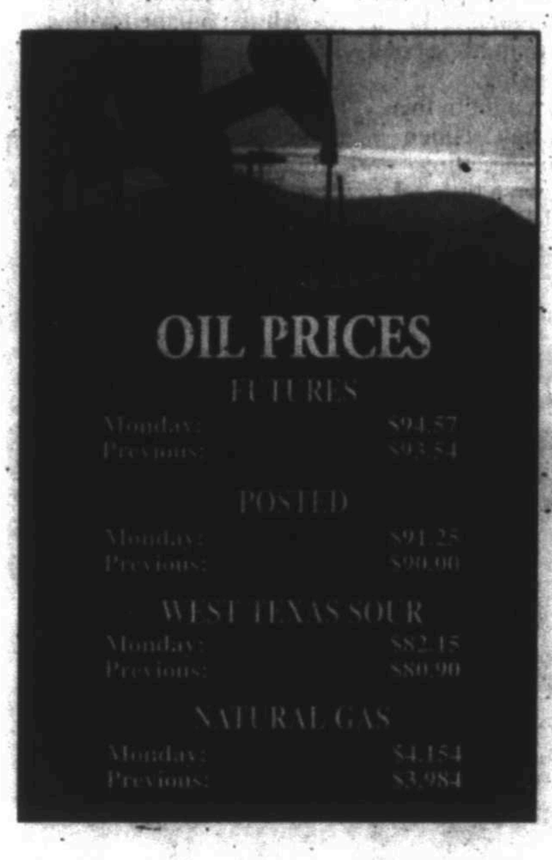

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	947753	197.54	-.36
Ford M	806911	15.11	-1.22
BkofAm	686395	17.01	-.02
iShEMkts	663066	41.56	-.86
Petrobras	529451	14.70	-1.76

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AthlonEn	58.32	+11.59	+24.8
BS IBM96	50.20	+9.58	+23.6
NQ Mobile	7.00	+.87	+10.6
AristaNet n	93.31	+8.18	+9.6
Mobileye n	54.75	+3.87	+7.6

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Oiveo n	12.84	-12.63	-49.6
DrxBrzBull	17.28	-3.59	-17.2
GNiron	20.40	-3.05	-13.0
DrxLatBull	20.01	-2.90	-12.7
ProUltBraz	42.34	-5.83	-12.1

Diary

Advanced	1,297
Declined	1,834
Unchanged	114
Total issues	3,245
New Highs	29
New Lows	178
Volume	3,014,863,161

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
VantageDrl	25982	1.40	-.07
AldrNevG	20652	3.47	+.05
NwGold g	18633	5.40	-.06
CheniereEn	17484	81.59	+1.45
B2gold g	15395	2.05	+.02

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AmpioPhrm	3.72	+.37	+11.0
StrPetlnCm	14.24	+1.16	+8.9
Intellicht rs	4.25	+.30	+7.6
Skyline	3.72	+.22	+6.3
CmndSec	2.08	+.10	+5.1

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PowrREIT	10.00	-.85	-7.8
IEC Elec	4.50	-.37	-7.6
SwedLC22	22.49	-1.38	-5.8
Bacterin rs	4.38	-.23	-5.1
Compx	10.26	-.50	-4.6

Diary

Advanced	180
Declined	211
Unchanged	37
Total issues	428
New Highs	7
New Lows	21
Volume	69,648,900

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Apple Inc s	474280	100.11	-.64
TibcoSft	382555	23.65	+4.14
Zynga	363282	2.79	-.04
Yahoo	348189	40.52	-.14
MicronT	337960	34.50	+.67

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AmbitBio	15.34	+7.14	+87.1
EinsteinN	20.15	+6.76	+50.5
LookSmt rs	2.45	+.82	+50.3
RadioElec	3.67	+1.10	+42.8
AMAG Ph	29.72	+6.54	+28.2

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TorisPhrm	6.95	-7.01	-50.2
CTC Media	6.66	-1.94	-22.6
Alcobra	15.91	-3.60	-18.5
Endologix	10.86	-2.41	-18.2
ContraFct n	3.31	-.68	-17.0

Diary

Advanced	1,180
Declined	1,499
Unchanged	135
Total issues	2,814
New Highs	37
New Lows	131
Volume	1,654,859,534

ATM penalty fees keep rising, survey says; new high reached

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The penalty for using an ATM that is not affiliated with your bank rose 5 percent over the past year.

The average fee for using an out-of-network ATM climbed to a new high of $4.35 per transaction, according to a survey released Monday by Bankrate.com. That figure includes $2.77 that banks charge non-customers and $1.58 that banks levy against their own customers for using an outside ATM.

Overdraft fees also surged, rising on average over the past 12 months to $32.74. That's the 16th consecutive record high, the firm said.

Checking account fees have been increasing as lenders adjust to federal banking laws and regulations enacted after the 2008 financial crisis. Among the changes: limits on when banks can charge overdraft fees on ATM and debit card transactions and a reduction in the fees that banks charge merchants for each customer who uses credit or debit cards for their purchases.

Lenders have responded by hiking overdraft and ATM fees, as well as increasing how much money customers must maintain in the bank to avoid checking account fees.

"I expect fees to continue increasing in years to come, but at a modest pace consistent with what we saw this year, just as was the case prior to the onset of these regulations," said Greg McBride, chief financial analyst at Bankrate.com.

Using another bank's ATM will usually lead to two fees. One is charged by your lender; the other is charged by the owner of the ATM. That's the fee that's risen most consistently and at a faster rate, McBride said.

All told, the average fee for using an out-of-network ATM has vaulted 23 percent over the past five years. It has notched a new high for eight years in a row, according to Bankrate.

The firm surveyed the 10 largest banks and thrifts in 25 large U.S. markets.

The average ATM fees vary across the markets in Bankrate's survey. Phoenix had the highest average fee for users of ATMs outside their bank's network at $4.96 per transaction. Cincinnati had the lowest average at $3.75.

Philadelphia had the highest average overdraft fee at $35.80. San Francisco had the lowest at $26.74.

The largest U.S. banks all offered free checking with no strings attached until 2009, when the share of all noninterest checking accounts that were free peaked at 76 percent, according to Bankrate. It's now at 38 percent; that's unchanged from last year and only slightly lower than 39 percent in 2012.

Even so, consumers looking for checking accounts without monthly fees have plenty of options. Many credit unions, smaller community banks and online banks offer no-strings checking accounts.

Many banks that do charge a monthly fee will often waive it if the accountholder has their paycheck deposited directly into the account.

Not all bank fees rose this year. The average monthly service fee for a noninterest checking account fell 5 percent to $5.26 over the past 12 months, Bankrate said.

Despite the increased fees, there are ways savvy bank customers can avoid them altogether.

Use your bank's website to find fee-free ATMs or, if available, get cash back at the register when using a debit card to shop.

Avoiding overdrafts is a matter of keeping tabs on your available checking account balance, something that's easier than ever with mobile banking apps.

You can also sign up for email or text alerts if your balance gets below a certain level.

Another card hack at Supervalu, Albertsons

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Card data of Supervalu and Albertsons shoppers may be at risk in another hack, the two supermarket companies said Monday.

The companies said that in late August or early September, malicious software was installed on networks that process credit and debit card transactions at some of their stores. Albertsons said the malware may have captured data including account numbers, card expiration dates and the names of cardholders at stores in more than a dozen states. Supervalu said the malware was installed on a network that processes card transactions at several chains, but it believes data was only taken from certain checkout lanes at four Cub Foods stores in Minnesota.

The breach could affect Albertsons stores in California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming; Acme Markets stores in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania; Jewel-Osco stores in Illinois, Indiana and Iowa; and Shaw's and Star Markets stores in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

Supervalu Inc. said it believes the malware was only able to capture card data from some checkout lanes at four Cub Foods locations in Minnesota because it had not finished making security improvements at those stores.

Stocks head lower

Concerns over high stock prices and global politics continued to plague markets Monday as major stock indexes ended with slight losses in another day of choppy trading. Pro-democracy protests in Hong Kong, a major world financial center, added to the host of political concerns on investors' minds.

It could have been worse. The Dow Jones industrial average sank 178 points in the opening minutes, a sudden drop of 1 percent, but then it climbed back.

"You have a ton of risks that have brought back in the market's focus," said Brad McMillan, chief investment officer for Commonwealth Financial in Waltham, Massachusetts. "There's just a heck of a lot of uncertainty right now."

The Dow lost 41.93 points, or 0.2 percent, to 17,071.22. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 5.05 points, or 0.3 percent, to 1,977.80. The Nasdaq composite slipped 6.34 points, or 0.1 percent, to 4,505.85.

DreamWorks Animation, the studio behind "Shrek" and "Madagascar," soared 26 percent following reports that Japan's SoftBank Corp. is in talks to buy the company. DreamWorks gained $5.82 to $28.18.

The market has turned choppy in recent weeks, flipping between solid gains and steep losses: Since hitting a record on Sept. 18, the S&P 500 has slipped 1.7 percent. Coming after a calm summer, the slide has set off a flurry of worried calls to brokerages.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $9104.45 Up 2.56

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $130.07 Up 2.62

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $19.93 Down 0.28

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $76.76 Up 3.12

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $28.95 Up 0.75

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $6.99 Down 0.04

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $24.75 Down 0.21

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $26.66 Up 1.41

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $15.15 Up 0.30

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $23.57 Up 0.27

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.84	11	35.23	-.05	+.2
Abraxas	...	69	5.51	+.17	+69.0
AdamsEx	.84e	...	13.94	-.11	+6.7
AMD	...	36	3.55	-.05	-8.3
Alcoa	.12	38	15.93	-.26	+49.9
Alibaba n	...	...	88.75	-1.71	-5.5
AlonUSA	.40f	...	14.86	+.15	-10.2
AlphaNRs	...	...	2.26	-.10	-68.3
Ambev n	.29e	...	6.57	-.22	-10.6
Amgen	2.44	21	140.07	-.99	+22.8
Anadarko	1.08	...	104.25	+.29	+31.4
Apache	1.00	31	94.68	+.06	+10.2
Apple Inc s	1.88	16	100.11	-.64	+24.9
ApldMatl	.40	27	21.75	+.01	+23.0
AthlonEn	...	73	58.32	+11.59	+92.8
ATMOS	1.48	17	47.84	+.83	+5.3
AutoData	1.92b	27	82.81	+.22	+2.5
BP PLC	2.34f	7	44.54	+.18	-6.4
BabcCClnv	1.20	...	15.40	-.10	+3.1
BakrHu	.68f	22	68.16	-.18	+19.7
BcoBrad pf	.44e	...	14.55	-1.33	+16.1
BcoSantSA	.63e	...	9.47	-.28	+4.4
BkofAm	.20f	20	17.01	-.02	+9.2
B iPVix rs	...	...	30.81	+1.44	-27.6
BasicEnSv	...	...	22.70	-.17	+43.9
BerkHa A	...	...	182073.00-512.00		+16.5
BldrMaxCp	1.36	20	48.76	+.02	-7.1
BlackBerry	...	...	10.23	-.03	+37.5
BrityGd	1.44	32	51.71	+.61	-2.7
BrownFA	1.16	29	69.57	+.65	+21.4
BrownFB	1.16	29	90.17	+.10	+19.3
CVS Health	1.10	20	80.03	-.26	+11.8
Cameron	...	20	67.28	-.35	+13.0
Caterpillar	2.80f	17	99.83	-.55	+9.9
Celestic g	...	13	10.12	-.04	-2.7
CntryLink	2.16	...	40.40	+.09	+26.6
ChesEng	.35	25	23.64	+.14	-7.9
Chevron	4.28	19	120.59	-.62	-8.5
Chicos	.30	22	14.88	+.05	-21.0
ChinaNet h	...	...	3.20	-.28	+281.0
Cimarex	.84	23	129.23	+1.77	+23.2
Cisco	.76	17	25.12	+.12	+12.8
Citigroup	.04	12	52.05	-.44	-.1
Civeo n	.52	...	12.84	-12.63	-43.7
ClayEng	...	33	104.45	+2.56	+27.5
CliffsNRs	.60	5	10.33	-.61	-60.6
CocaCola	1.22	23	42.25	+.05	+2.3
ColgPalm	1.44	27	65.63	-.07	+.6
Comcast	.90	19	54.16	+.15	+4.2
ConAgra	1.00	42	32.98	-.26	-2.1
ConchoRes	...	58	130.07	+2.62	+20.4
ConocoPhil	2.92f	12	77.84	-.28	+10.2
CrackerB	4.00f	19	104.97	+.93	-4.6
CSVInvNG	...	...	3.66	-.26	-58.6
CSVelVST	...	...	38.79	-1.94	+12.8
CSVxSht	...	...	3.17	+.25	-57.7
CrossTim	2.74e	12	31.81	+.03	+8.2
DCP Mid	3.03f	...	53.92	+.17	+7.1
DTE	2.76f	17	75.96	+.48	+14.4
Dataram h	...	...	2.48	-.05	-4.6
Dawson	.32	...	19.93	-.28	-41.1
DevonE	.96	17	69.58	+.30	+12.5
DrxSCBear	...	...	16.19	+.04	-4.6
Disney	.96f	21	88.83	+.09	+16.3
DowCh	1.48	19	53.42	-.15	+20.3
DrmWrs f	...	43	28.18	+5.82	-20.6
EMC Cr	.46	24	28.83	-.09	+14.6
EOG Res s	.67f	23	101.87	-.01	+21.4
EmpDist	1.02	15	24.29	+.11	+7.1
Energen	.60	44	75.00	+1.92	+6.0
EngyTsfr	3.82f	...	62.98	+1.96	+10.0
EnPro	...	58	61.43	-.84	+6.6
EntPrdPt s	1.44f	28	40.30	+.45	+21.6
Ericsson	.46e	...	12.47	-.06	+1.9
Exelixis	...	...	1.59	+.03	-74.1
ExterranH	.60	27	44.04	+.01	+28.6
ExxonMbl	2.76	12	94.43	-1.00	-6.7
Facebook	...	85	79.00	+.21	+44.6
FT Engy	.32e	...	26.26	-.06	+4.0
FordM	.50	9	15.11	-1.22	-2.1
FossilOil	...	...	1.31	+.04	-63.7
GAITE	1.92	14	69.67	-.87	+14.0
GabelliET	.60	...	5.62	-.08	-34.1
GAlmv	2.10e	...	37.15	...	+5.5
GenElec	.88	19	25.42	-.21	-9.3
GenMotors	1.20	27	32.22	-.95	-21.2
GoPro n	...	...	90.94	+8.84	+190.2
GtPlainEn	.92	16	24.29	+.03	+.2
Groupon	...	...	6.67	+.01	-43.3
HalconRes	...	...	4.23	+.03	+9.6
HeilBrtn	.60	21	65.61	-.27	+29.3
iShBrazil	1.55e	...	43.72	-2.77	-2.1
iShJapan	.17e	...	11.84	-.07	-2.5
iShChinaLC	.71e	...	38.27	-.92	-.3
iShEMkts	.71e	...	41.56	-.86	-.6
iS Eafe	2.23e	...	64.17	-.60	-4.4
iShR2K	1.50e	...	111.03	-.09	-3.8
iShUSEngy	.88e	...	52.20	-.12	+3.4
IntegrysE	2.72	19	64.81	-.10	+19.1
Intel	.90	17	34.80	+.84	+34.5
InterDig	.80	...	40.05	-.36	+35.8
ItauUnibH	.54e	...	14.24	-1.30	+15.5
JPMorgCh	1.60	16	60.33	-.23	+3.8
JanusCap	.32	20	14.70	-1.19	+18.8
JohnJn	2.80	20	106.54	-.59	+16.3
KimbClk	3.36	19	107.91	+.06	+3.3
KindME	5.56f	38	93.60	+.15	+16.0
KindMM	5.56f	76	94.50	+.35	+24.9
LegacyRes	2.44f	...	28.95	+.75	+2.8
Lubys	...	...	5.34	+.15	-30.8
MktVGold	.19e	...	21.75	-.23	+2.9
McDnlds	3.40f	17	96.22	+1.52	-.6
Merck	1.76	31	59.41	+.02	+18.7
MetLife	...	27	12.00	-.01	-23.8
MexcoEn	...	47	6.99	-.04	+1.3
MicronT	...	14	34.50	+.67	+58.6
Microsoft	1.24f	18	46.44	+.03	+24.1
Nabors	.24f	44	23.11	-.13	+38.0
NatGrid	3.48e	...	72.23	+.57	+10.6
NOVarco	1.84	13	78.10	-.40	+9.0
NvlIAd	.80e	...	13.49	+.04	+10.9
NvPhil	.95	...	13.46	+.06	+8.0
NuvPI	.82	...	13.38	+.06	+8.4
NSTRG	.81	...	13.67	+.04	+7.7
NTXOil	.65	...	14.49	+.42	+12.1
OceanPet	2.80	13	97.23	+1.13	+3.3
Oracle	.48	16	38.44	-.51	+.5
PetTech	...	...	4.75	-.12	-12.8
ParkDri	...	18	5.12	-.03	-37.0
PattUTI	.40	27	33.11	-.18	+30.8
Penney	...	...	9.87	+.01	+7.9
PennaRE	.80	...	20.19	-.23	+6.4
Pmian	1.11e	13	15.79	-.05	+7.2
PetrbrsA	.85e	...	15.37	-1.98	+4.6
Petrobras	.46e	...	14.70	-1.76	+6.7
Pfizer	1.04	17	29.77	+.05	-2.8
PioNtrl	.06	...	201.96	+5.36	+9.7
PlainsAAP	2.58f	26	58.40	+.10	+12.8
PwShs QQQ	1.34e	...	98.65	-.13	+12.2
Praxair	2.60	22	130.89	-1.68	+.7
PrmEgy	...	21	66.40	+.65	+31.5
PUVixST rs	...	...	26.94	+2.62	-56.9
ProctGam	2.57	21	84.44	-.14	+3.7
RadioElec	...	...	3.67	+1.10	+153.1
RangeRs	.16	45	68.67	+.97	-18.6
RiteAid	...	18	4.95	-.27	-2.2
Rowan	.40	17	25.49	-.62	-27.9
RoyDShllA	3.76	15	76.65	+.05	+7.5
SpdrDJIA	3.56e	...	170.33	-.37	+2.9
S&P500ETF	3.66e	...	197.54	-.36	+7.0
SabnR	4.00e	14	55.72	+1.47	+10.2
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SandRidge	...	...	4.38	-.03	-27.5
Sapient	...	21	14.19	+.19	-18.3
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SigmaAld	.92	32	136.25	-.49	+65.0
SiriusXM	...	58	3.50	-.01	+.3
Smucker	2.56f	18	98.44	-.09	-5.0
Sprint	...	...	6.35	-.07	-40.9
SP Engy	1.77e	...	91.77	-.21	+3.7
SPDR Fncl	.37e	...	23.21	-.08	+6.2
SuncocL s	1.46f	34	48.05	+.12	+27.3
TaiwSemi	.50e	...	19.95	-.19	+14.4
TelefEsp	1.09e	...	15.34	-.27	-8.1
Tesoro	1.20f	19	61.05	+.14	+4.4
3M Co	3.42	20	142.19	-.23	+1.4
TibcoSft	...	64	23.65	+4.14	+5.2
Torchmrk s	.51	14	52.84	-.32	+1.0
TrCntl	.71e	...	20.83	-.11	+4.3
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TylerTech	...	65	88.94	+.98	-12.9
UBWV	1.28	17	91.28	-.35	-.5
Vale SA	.84e	...	10.87	-.32	-28.7
ValeroE	1.10f	8	46.77	-.25	-7.2
VulcanM	.24f	52	60.62	-.71	+2.0
Walgrn	1.36f	20	59.60	-.58	+3.8
WstnRefin	1.04	18	42.86	-.19	+1.1
WhitingPet	...	17	80.42	+.98	+30.0
WmsCos	2.24f	73	55.99	-.52	+45.2
XcelEngy	1.20	16	30.30	-.09	+8.4
Xerox	.25	14	13.24	+.03	+8.8
Yahoo	...	35	40.52	-.14	+.2
Zynga	...	...	2.79	-.04	-26.6

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17,350.64	14,719.43	Dow Jones Industrials	17,071.22	-41.93	-.24	+2.99	+12.83
8,714.94	6,401.51	Dow Jones Transportation	8,498.08	+13.17	+.16	+14.83	+25.10
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4,610.57	3,650.03	Nasdaq Composite	4,505.85	-6.34	-.14	+7.88	+19.47
2,019.26	1,646.47	S&P 500	1,977.80	-5.05	-.25	+7.00	+17.62
1,452.01	1,216.76	S&P Midcap	1,383.40	-2.76	-.20	+3.04	+11.22
21,329.33	17,563.18	Wilshire 5000	20,842.01	-63.68	-.21	+5.76	+15.90
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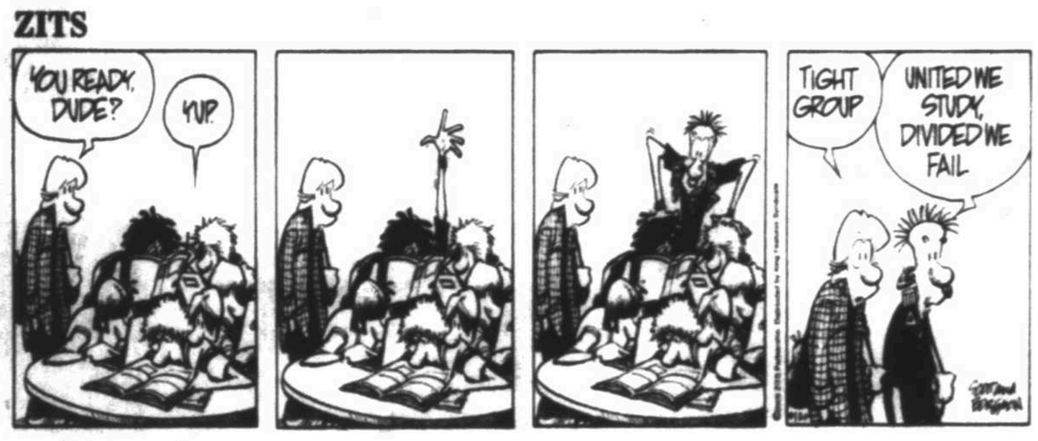

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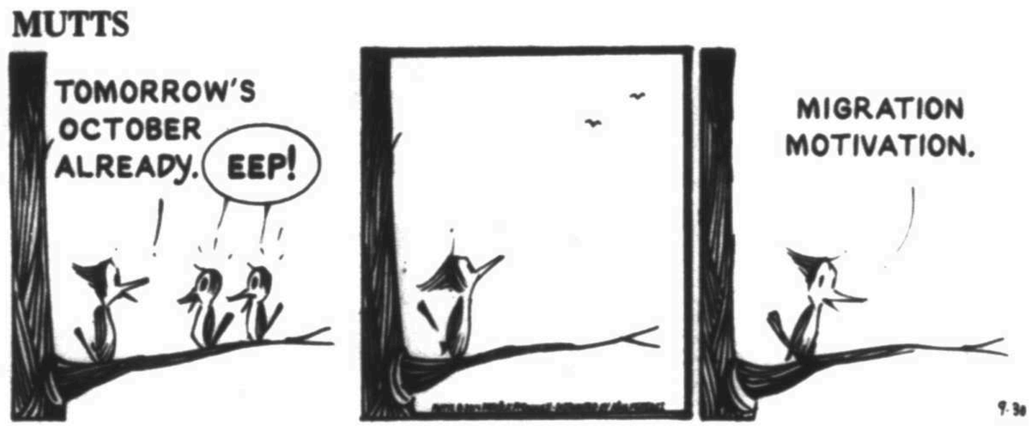

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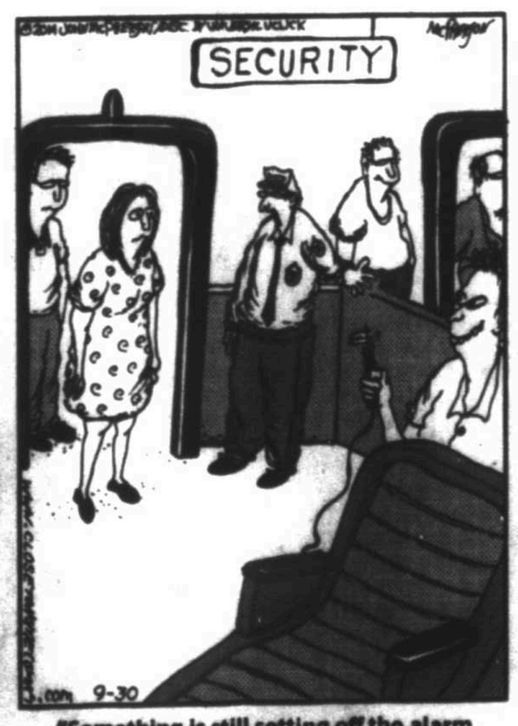

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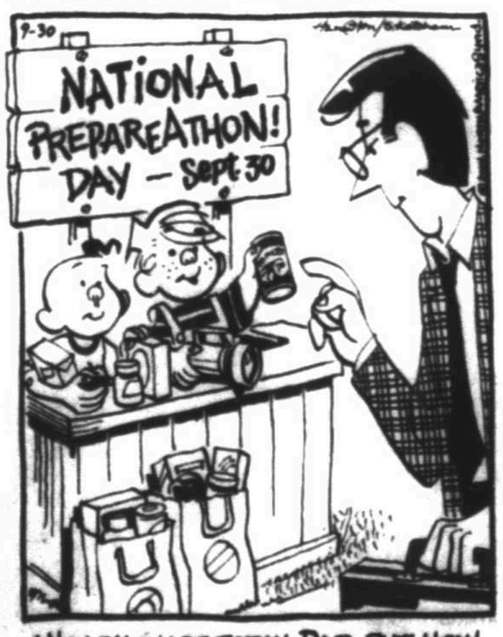

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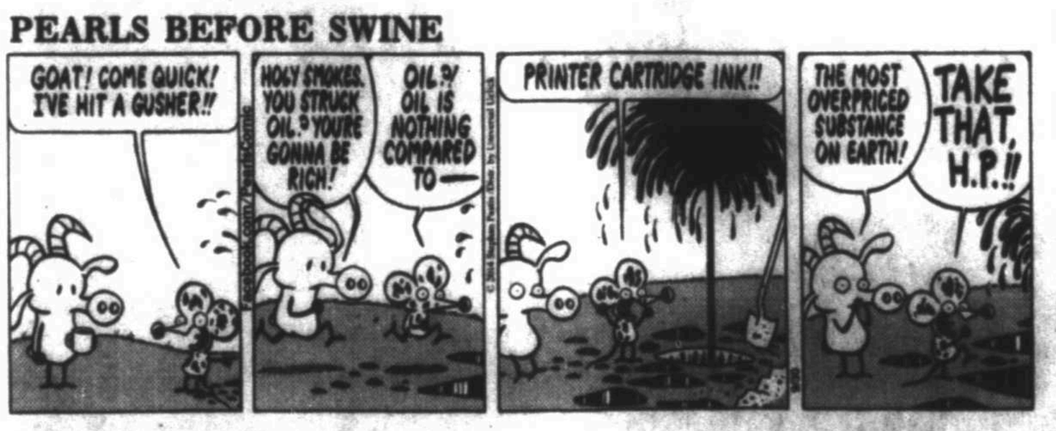

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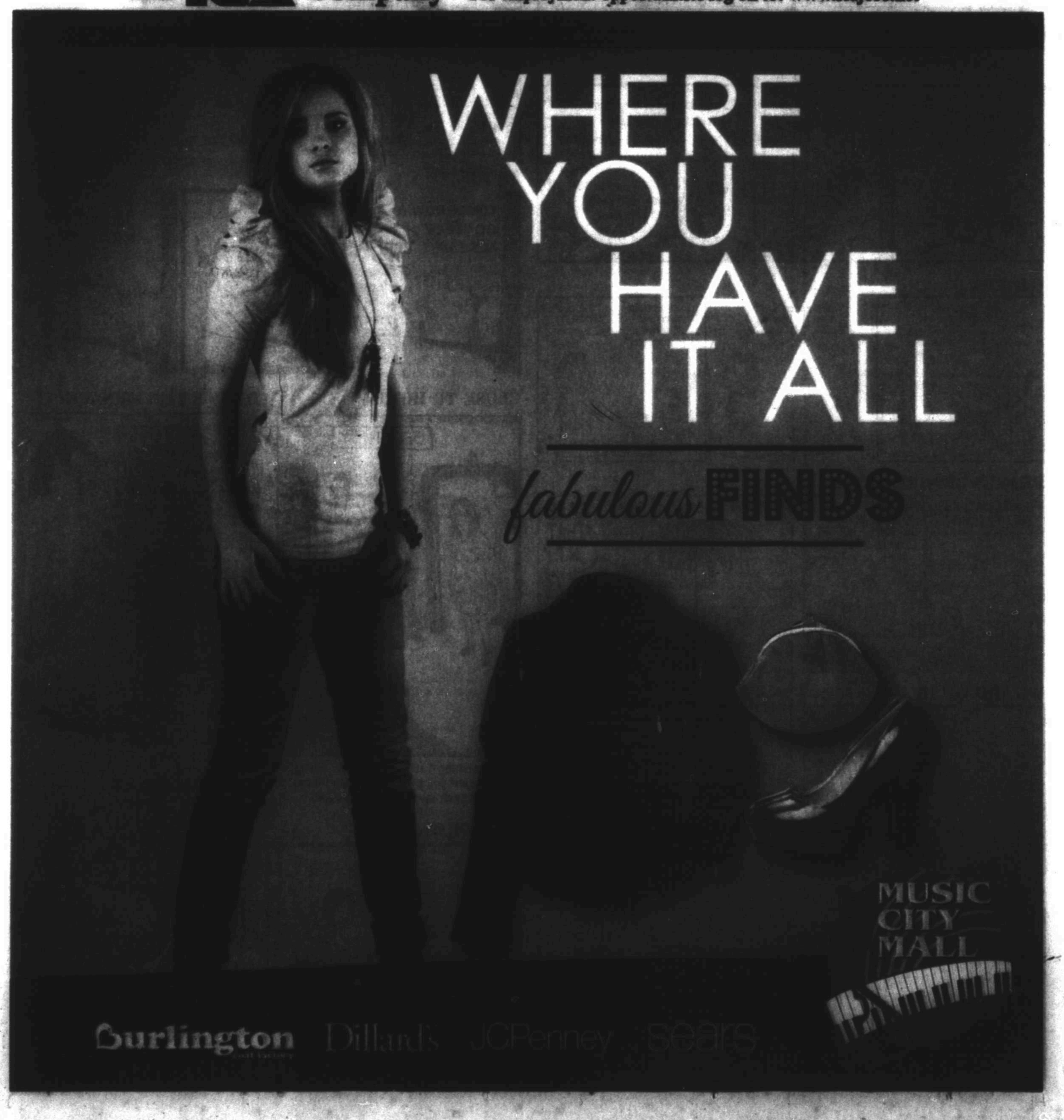

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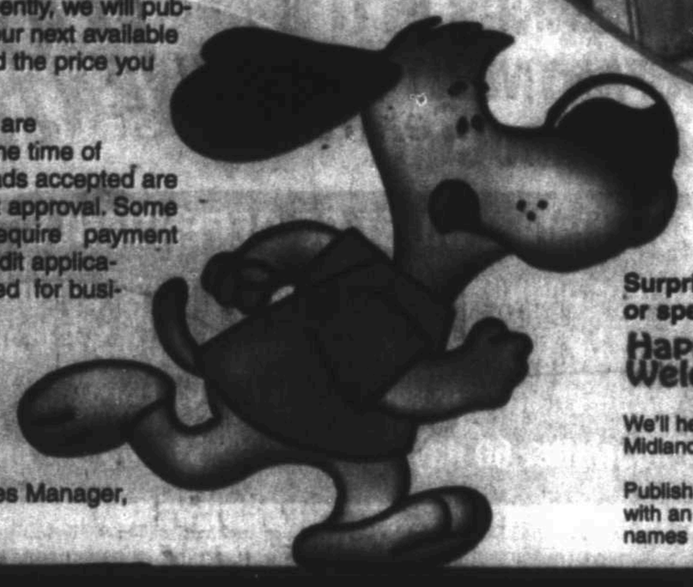

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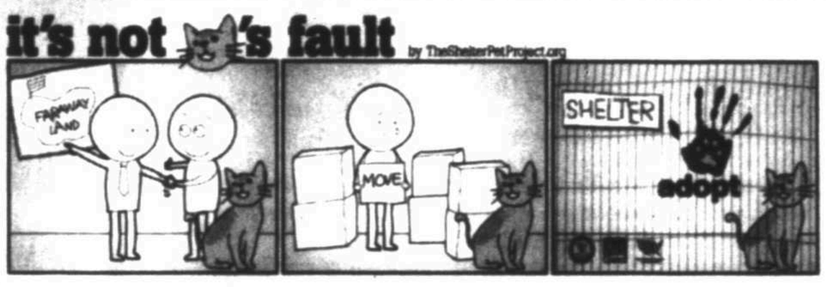

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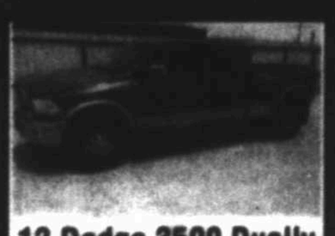

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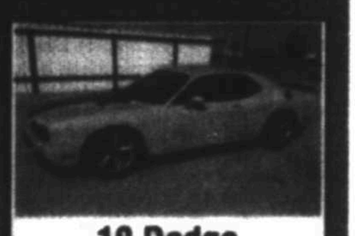

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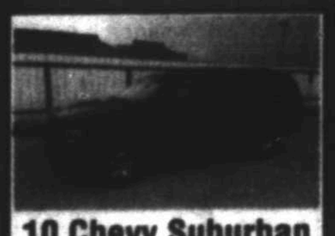

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MANAGEMENT & EXECUTIVE

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Glasscock Groundwater Conservation District is accepting applications for a General Manager position. Minimum of $45,000/yr. and may vary depending on experience. Benefits for employee included. Please send resumes to: GGCD Board of Directors, P.O. Box 208, Garden City, TX. 79739.

Oil Production Foreman
Responsible for overseeing all plant and lease operating employees, performing well inspection, maintenance, repairs and equipment replacements, and reporting all issues to the Director of Operations. Must understand mechanical applications, including compression, dehydration, and cryogenic gas plants. 10 years experience, 4 years supervision preferred. Send resume & cover letter to: info@cinnebarenergy.com.

OTHER JOBS

All Positions
Firehouse Subs FT
Midland, TX 79701
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CARTER'S furniture

Delivery Driver — Full-Time
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Delivery driver needed. Must have good driving record, able to pass drug testing, heavy lifting required. Must be 21 or older. Apply in person at Carter's Furniture, 2101 W. Wadley #6, Midland,TX 79705.

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Deliver YP phone books in Midland, Odessa and surrounding areas. Payment issued within 72 hours. (866) 403-0666. www.ddeaw.com

OTHER JOBS

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN IT'S DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6am. Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm - 4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person.
Starting pay $10.00 per hour/after 60 days pay will be $11.00 per hour

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk, Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN IT'S DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person.
Starting pay $10.00 per hour/after 60 days pay will be $11.00 per hour

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Assistant District Manager

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an immediate opening for an Assistant District Manager – this is an entry-level part-time position, offering competitive compensation/benefits package – flexible work schedule, must be available to work at night and/or weekends during our production/delivery window.

This position will involve the distribution and delivery of Home Delivery and Single Copy newspapers. The successful candidate may also receive work assignments within many areas of the distribution function, which may include route delivery, transportations, customer service, and redelivery operations. The primary role of the Asst. District Manager is to provide exceptional customer service to both our subscribers and our independent contractor carrier force. This position works part of the time in an office or distribution center environment and the majority of the time within the assigned newspaper district or distribution. Flexible work hours are required and may accommodate the applicants other obligations.

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JOB FAIR

September 30
10am - 3pm
Midland Center, 105 N Main St

Over 60 businesses from all industries will be interviewing and hiring job seekers.

Call 432-687-8814 for more information.
Hosted by The Midland-Reporter-Telegram.

Lead Maintenance & Assistant
Summerhill Apartments FT
Must be HVAC certified. Salary depending on experience. Apply in person to: 3001 North Midland Dr. or call 432-697-6039.

Security Systems Position
Peak Communication & Security Systems is needing someone who can run wire, program and install alarms, security cameras, gate operators and home theaters, other work may be required as well. Experience preferred, but not required. Own tools required. Will provide company truck. Salary DOE. Must have clean driving record and background check, and drug free. If interested please come by 1407 Garden City Hwy., Midland, Texas for an application.

WANTED: Part time student or other to help with miscellaneous types of jobs. Send resume or short letter to PO Box 196 Midland Tx 79702 No specialized experience needed. Crooks, thieves and lazy people need not apply.

Warehouse Laborers Needed
Paid weekly, good starting pay and benefits; overtime available. Apply at Recycle Midland 3601 W. Industrial Blvd, Midland, Texas. EOE

NOW HIRING

WYNDHAM GARDEN

POSITIONS NEEDED:
Front Desk Agent: 7AM-3PM and 3PM-11PM Full time and part time available, Housekeepers, Laundry Attendant.

Wall Street After 5

POSITIONS NEEDED:
Food & Beverage Manager & Supervisor, Cooks, Servers/Hostesses, breakfast attendants & busboys.
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Full/Part Time Hotel experience a plus. Will train the right people. Pay based on experience.
Please email or hand deliver resume www.wyndhammidlandgm@gmail.com 5109 W. Wall Street Midland, TX.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
Natural Resources Specialist II

Natural Resources Specialist II, posting #14352, $3,081.00 - $3,545.00 monthly. Closing Date: 10/10/14. The Small Business & Local Government Assistance Program in Midland provides environmental technical assistance and outreach to small businesses and local governments. A complete description of the job, minimum qualifications, preferred requirements and special requirements for the position may be found on the web address listed below. A completed State of Texas application must be received in the Human Resources Division of the TCEQ by 5:00 pm on the closing date. The employment history on the application must be completed. Mail applications to: Human Resources Division/MC116, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or fax to 512/239-0111, or deliver to 12100 Park 35 Circle, Bldg. A, Rm. 141, Austin. For more information, call 512/239-0102. Internet: www.tceq.state.tx.us EEO/AA/ADA Employer.

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Barista/Manager
Taste@508 is looking for a Barista Manager for our downtown location. Also looking for part time. Pay commensurate with experience. Please call 432-230-0225 to schedule an interview. 508 W. Wall Street

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Midland, TX 79705
Now hiring for Cooks, Waitstaff & Dishwashers. Day or night shift. Apply at: 3211 West Wadley, Midland.

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CASHIERS
Smoker's Outlet is looking for Cashiers in the Midland area. We offer competitive wages and a good work environment. Paid weekly. Go by your nearest Smoker's Outlet to apply.

Need Help Selling Your Vehicle
Call the Classified Dept. 682-6222 to place ad

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OTHER JOBS

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Parts Sales Counter Salesperson and Warehouse Person wanted. Local company looking for individuals to fill positions for selling compressed air parts and maintaining parts warehouses. Experience is a plus but not necessary. Good driving record and drug screening is required. Competitive pay DOE. F/T and P/T positions available. Please send resumes to M-11, c/o Midland Reporter Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX. 79701

Field Service and Shop Technicians
Field Service and Shop Technicians wanted. Local company looking for someone with experience in performing services and inspections on compressed air equipment. Technical experience preferred. Potential for advancement and additional technical training provided. Good driving record and drug screening is required. Competitive pay DOE. Please send resumes to M-18, c/o Midland Reporter Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX. 79701

FULL-PART TIME SALES ASSOCIATES
We are looking for Insurance Associates who possess these important qualities. *Cool under pressure, *Enjoy working hard, *Relate well to all kinds of people *Energetic, *Dedicated to meet customers needs. P&C license preferred. Must have customer service experience. Bilingual a plus. Please fax your resume to: 432-570-6501 or Mail to P O Box 8830, Midland, TX 79708. Bring by 4410 N Midkiff, Ste D1F, Midland, TX 79705.

★★HOURLY KEY HOLDER★★
Westlake ACE Hardware has immediate opening for an Hourly Key Holder in Midland, TX. The Hourly Key Holder will have the responsibilities of opening/closing store in the absence of a manager. This includes compliance with security procedures, such as arming and disarming security systems, supervising cash functions, customer service and merchandising. Westlake ACE Hardware provides benefits, competitive hourly rate + bonus, and a generous employee discount. Hourly pay for this position is $15.00. If you are interested, please apply in person at Westlake ACE, 1004 Andrews Highway, Midland TX.

Pipe Fitter/Plumber
Pipe Fitter/Plumber wanted. Local company looking for experienced plumber for work with condensate and air piping installations. HVAC a plus but not required. Potential for advancement and additional technical training provided. Good driving record and drug screening is required. Competitive pay DOE. Please send resumes to M-17, c/o Midland Reporter Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX. 79701

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Work 4, Play 3!!! Schwan's is now hiring route sales reps. $45.5K starting salary. $70K+potential. 4 day work week. Full Benefit pkg. No CDL req'd. Apply online at www.schwanajobs.com. Keyword: Odessa. Call: 432.534.8724. EOE

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Equipment Technicians
Air Drilling Solutions — FT
Equipment Technicians needed: Responsible for assembly and maintenance of products in support of services. Rebuild used or faulty surface and downhole equipment. Operate crane and forklift. Downhole/hardband experience a plus. Must be mechanically inclined and a team player. Please contact 432-218-4700 or apply within at Air Drilling Solutions at 1517 E. County Road 120, Midland, TX. 79706

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Mattlock Drilling — FT
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- Derrickhands
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PRESSMAN
The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an immediate opening in its Production Department for the position of: PRESSMAN for our Harris N 1650 Printing presses.
This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position, requires: night shift/weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.
Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Meddox, Director of Production/Facilities
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701. E-mail:jmeddox@hearstnp.com
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Winch Truck Drivers
Established trucking company looking for dependable, safety minded drivers. Company is looking for Company Winch Truck Drivers with 3 years of verifiable class "A" experience. Frac sand experience is preferred. Drivers must be willing to stay 2-4 weeks at a time. For more info contact Joe Tex at 903-497-7121 or www.joetexusa.com

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BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

Supplement your income by delivering newspapers for a few hours in the early morning hours between 12:00am - 6:00am. The Midland Reporter-Telegram is currently seeking individuals who are interested in delivering newspapers in the metropolitan area and around the City of Midland. If interested, MUST have a valid driver's license, proof of automobile insurance in your name, a valid driver's license, must understand that this is a 7 day a week delivery commitment as an Independent Contractor.

THE PROFIT FOR THESE ROUTES IS ABOUT $650-$1,000 a month, depending on the size of the route. This is a perfect way to generate the extra money you need.

If interested in starting a newspaper route:
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MRT Media Group
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TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

BUS DRIVER AND PT STAFF MEMBERS
The Boys & Girls Club of Midland looking for Class B CDL bus driver with passenger & school bus endorsment. PT, 2:45-4:45. Pays $25/hour. Must have clean driving record, be able to pass drug screen & background check. Also hiring PT STaff Members. Call 432-563-0050, taylor@basinkids.org.

CDL and non-CDL Drivers
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S-Dun Trucking — FT
Now Hiring CDL Drivers for the following positions: Road Trucks, Rig Up Trucks, Road Winches and Swampers. Competitive wages and benefits. Please call 432-218-6843

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Now hiring Class A CDL drivers to transport crude oil. Must have a HAZMAT endorsement and an acceptable MVR. Day and nights shifts are available with night shift differential pay. Excellent benefits including medical, dental, vision and life insurance as well as a 401k package when eligible. Qualified applicants please call (432) 620-0055 to apply.

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Flatbed pipe long-haul Midland to Houston. Salary, Bonuses & Great Benefits! Must have clean driving record & experience. Apply in person Midland Pipe & Equip. 2609 S. Rankin Highway or call 432-563-3033.

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Prefer drivers with Pneumatic Tanker experience. Benefits include: medical, life and dental insurance, and paid vacation. Applicants having experience hauling sand and/or dry cement helpful. Good driving record, DOT, drug & alcohol testing required. Apply in person, call 432-563-1894 for interview or online @ www.rockwaterenergy.com

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Now hiring experienced CDL Vacuum Truck Drivers, must have 1 yr. experience w/tanker endorsement. We offer competitive pay, quarterly raises and bonuses, uniforms and health insurance after 90 days. Please apply at JW Trucking, 1010 S. Meadow, Odessa TX 79761.

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

FLEET MECHANIC POSITIONS
Ingram Concrete is seeking full-time employees to fill Fleet Mechanic positions in various locations in West Texas. Diesel experience required and must have own tools. We offer competitive pay with excellent benefits. Please apply at 2608 N. FM 1788 in Midland, Texas 79707 or call 432-561-8922 for additional information. EEO Employer.

INGRAM CONCRETE LLC

Owner / Operators Drivers
Ricky Shuler Trucking is looking for Drivers who are wanting to become Owner/ Operators. Equipment: single cab tractor leased to own purchase, trailer furnished but will remain property of Ricky Shuler Trucking. Must have CDL- A with Tanker/ Hazilat endorsements, strong work history, crude oil hauling experience & must pass DOT, drug/ alcohol requirements. Owner/ Operators willing to relocate or currently residing in the following areas, Odessa, TX., Midland, TX., Big Spring, TX., Andrews, TX., Pecos, TX. & Carlsbad, N.M. Contact Phyllis @ 432-923-1064 between 9am & 4pm for additional information & application.

Pump Truck Driver
Wanted experienced Pump Truck driver. Salary DOE. Apply in person C & C Coating 2908 NCR 1150 Midland, TX 79705. Raul Pando Jr 432-813-1549

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

General

NEWSPAPER CARRIER SALES

Selling Newspapers On The Street Corners
(avg. income $50.00 - $100.00/day)

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In this Aug. 15 photo, Capt. Randy Moore, left, and co-pilot Mark Johnson, fly a Convair 580 test plane during a flight demo of the Honeywell InturVue weather radar over Florida. Advances in radar are helping pilots avoid storms that can injure and upset passengers and even damage planes.

Airlines look for an edge in weather-radar systems

By David Koenig
Associated Press

DALLAS — As their plane climbed away from Belize City, American Airlines pilot Brian Will and his co-pilot were ready to detour several hundred miles to avoid a wall of bad weather in front of them.

Then, looking at the display on a new weather-radar system, the pilots saw a way to navigate between the storms on the Dallas-bound flight this spring.

"We found the gap that the weather radar said was safe to go through," Will, who is also American's director of advanced technologies, recounted recently. "We didn't have a single ripple, and we flew straight through to Dallas."

Shooting the gap saved the airline a costly refueling stop in Houston or New Orleans. The makers of the advanced radar systems promise to do the same for other airlines — along with sparing passengers from gut-churning turbulence and reducing lengthy delays.

The system on Will's plane was made by Rockwell Collins Inc. and just hit the market in February. Rival Honeywell International Inc. also has a new on-board radar system designed to give pilots a better idea of the weather ahead.

Rockwell Collins says its MultiScan ThreatTrack radar system is the first to detect not just severe turbulence but also more moderate bumpiness that is safe to fly through, although not comfortable for passengers. Other features warn pilots of storm cells that could rise from below and blow outward and make a flight choppy or dangerous.

American was the first customer for ThreatTrack. The system is now on about 40 planes at American and several foreign carriers.

Honeywell's version is called IntuVue. A waffle-like receiver is in the plane's nose cone. Pilots see a cockpit display that uses icons to warn of potential hail and lightning up to 370 miles away. They can call up panoramic 3-D images of storms between the ground and 60,000 feet, eliminating the need for pilots to manually aim the radar at smaller sections of the storm.

The system has been installed on 66 of Southwest's newest Boeing 737 jets and will be on future deliveries. Southwest has no immediate plans to retrofit its roughly 600 older planes — it would cost upward of $200,000 per job.

Bill Lusk, a Boeing 737 captain and the manager of daily operations for Southwest Airlines, says the new system improves the safety margin, helps pilots provide a smoother ride for passengers, and saves on fuel. Flying into a hailstorm can leave a plane's aluminum skin badly dimpled, so better radar could also reduce maintenance spending.

Older systems do a good job of capturing the basic characteristics of a storm — its height, shape and intensity — but the newer ones make it easier to pinpoint the location of the worst weather, says Erik Eliel, a pilot for a major airline who also trains other pilots on radar. But he worries that airlines might think all that technological muscle reduces the need for pilots to understand dangerous weather and the limits of radar.

"In terms of situational awareness, some of the stuff that the modern-day radars do is incredible," Eliel says. "They are not a panacea. You still require training on some things."

Rockwell and Honeywell are working on refinements that will better predict ice at high altitudes, which can damage engines and cause a loss in power. Radar can't "see" so-called clear-air turbulence, so pilots rely on reports from other planes to avoid it, but the companies are working on algorithms to predict it.

Last year, 11 passengers and 13 crew members on U.S. airlines were injured during turbulence, according to government figures. This May, four passengers and two flight attendants were injured when an Orlando-bound US Airways jet hit severe turbulence for just a few seconds shortly after takeoff from Philadelphia.

The stakes are big for Honeywell and Rockwell. The world's passenger and cargo airlines are expected to need about 65,000 new planes over the next two decades, according to Boeing and Airbus, and each will need some type of weather-radar system. The companies and airlines declined to disclose the cost of each system.

Honeywell took four years and hundreds of flights on a 1952-built Convair 580 to develop its system. Rockwell took about six years, and a team of six engineers and a meteorologist flew into storms all over the world on a plane leased from a real estate investor.

Is the lowly flea staging a comeback?

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Are fleas making a comeback?

Some pet owners think so. Over the past few years, anecdotal reports from dog and cat owners around the country suggest that the bloodsucking parasites are getting more difficult to control, despite the use of once-revolutionary topical flea treatments.

But veterinarians and flea product makers said the products work when used correctly, and that many pet owners may be making mistakes or have unrealistic expectations about how the treatments work.

Last summer, freelance photographer Mark Conrad of Fairfield, Connecticut, noticed his golden retriever Tia scratching more than usual. Conrad said he suspected an allergy rather than fleas because the dog had been treated diligently every month for three years with a leading flea treatment that contains the chemical fipronil, which has been shown to be highly effective against fleas. Soon, however, he discovered that his dog and home were infested with fleas.

"It was a nightmare for two months," he said. "Tia was miserable, and the fleas just kept coming back."

Because the dog had already been treated for fleas, Conrad tried using a flea comb, natural remedies and flea baths, and even spraying his yard, but nothing helped. He came across other pet owners who were beginning to doubt the efficacy of fipronil. When it came time to treat Tia again, he switched to another topical solution that includes the active ingredient permethrin. The fleas finally resolved, and he decided to stick with the new treatment.

Veterinarians said they hear stories similar to Conrad's all the time, but that there was no convincing research to suggest that fipronil or other leading flea treatments have become less effective in most areas.

Michael W. Dryden, a professor of veterinary parasitology at Kansas State University, has conducted numerous studies on the efficacy of flea treatments. Dryden, who is commonly called "Dr. Flea," said there are some areas, particularly in the southeastern United States, where flea populations are strong and some treatments may not be working as well as they did 10 to 15 years ago. However, flea products continue to work well in most parts of the country, so the real issue is educating consumers on the best way to use the products and what results to expect.

"Most of us, by the time we start treating fleas, our homes are already infested," Dryden said. "No home is ever under control in a week, and it can take weeks or months in some homes. It can take time for a flea infestation to be gone, and that has nothing to do with resistance."

Christine L. Cain, an assistant professor of dermatology at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, said that even among pets being treated for fleas, outbreaks can occur. Missing a monthly treatment by even a few days can be enough to give fleas a foothold, for instance. Sometimes, particularly in pets with long hair, a topical treatment may not be applied correctly or may inadvertently be washed off before it has a chance to be absorbed, she said.

Apps more apt at providing financial advice now

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Want to completely nerd out about this stuff? Check out the FRED (Federal Reserve Economic Data) Economic Data app (bit.ly/1AObITt). Keep in mind I don't really know what I am saying right now, but this repository has a ridiculous amount of historical economic data and timelines that can help chart what happened in the past to make some smart moves in your financial future. Of course, past performance is not an indicator of future performance, as you'll see a thousand times once you start viewing these types of sources. But you have to admit it's a cute acronym for being the kid with the glasses in the room.

You should also take a peek at uValue (bit.ly/1BEu2Ly). This app has 6 different valuation models to choose from where you just plug in numbers and get the real picture on a company before you decide to take the plunge.

So now you're smart, right? Perhaps a spin around the block would help you before you start making some trades. Check out iTrade-Stock Market Simulator (bit.ly/1BEudXb). This is a great place to try your hand at trading real-time. You can compete against other portfolios in a social setting for a coveted spot at the top of the monthly leaderboard. You can also check out ChartIQ Practice Trading Simulator (bit.ly/1nVYqsM). This app lets you set an environment, like "market crash," and try your hand at trading during extreme circumstances.

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