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Development on courthouse lot to be announced

Public invited to meeting to learn more about project, offer feedback

By Joseph Basco
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A new downtown development on the former Midland County Courthouse property will be announced Tuesday at Midland Center, and the public is invited to the meeting to learn more about it.

Hotel Santa Rita No. 1 is a boutique hotel with an accompanying apartment building. The hotel is designed to be more in line with the downtown skyline and is not planned to be taller than the 24-story Bank of America Building. The apartment building's height will be about half — or less — of the hotel's height.

Midlanders are heading the project and will be present at the meeting on Tuesday.

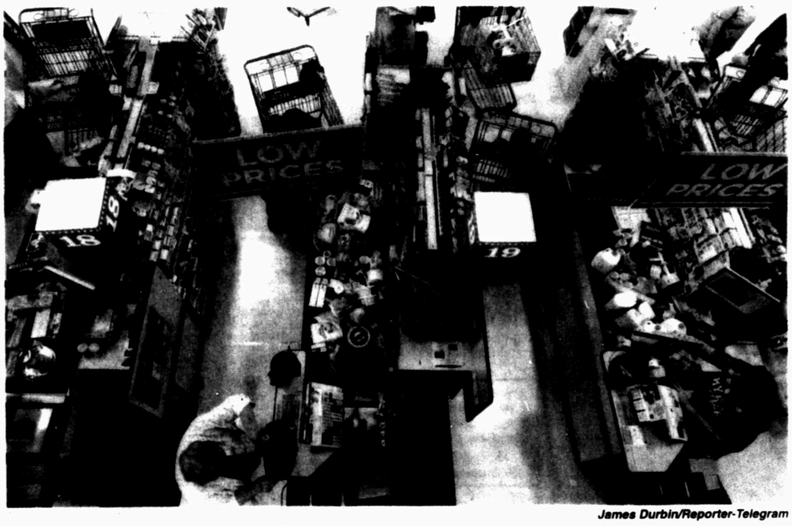
Looking to avoid the blunders of the past, the city of Midland and developers want to be transparent with this project and are inviting the public to attend the introductory meeting, scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at Midland Center, 105 N. Main St.

More details, including the design and proposed incentive requests, may be revealed at the meeting.

The city of Midland bought the old courthouse property in the center of downtown in March 2013 in anticipation of

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Handling the holiday hustle



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Thanksgiving shoppers get in line to check out Tuesday at H-E-B. The grocery store on Wadley Avenue will have regular hours today — 6 a.m.-1 a.m. For those Midlanders who need to shop on Thanksgiving, H-E-B will be open 6 a.m.-2 p.m. For hours of operation of other local stores, see Page 4A

Tall City exploration sells oil land for $440M

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Aubrey McClendon's new oil company is spending $440 million to gain a bigger foothold in oil-rich West Texas land, the latest in several moves to jump into the Permian Basin.

American Energy, led by the ex-CEO of Chesapeake Energy Corp., said Monday it agreed to buy 14,000 net acres in Reagan County, land that produces 1,400 barrels of oil equivalent a day.

The seller was private equity-backed Tall City Exploration.

The deal, expected to close next month, would double McClendon's stake in West Texas to 28,000 net acres.

All told, the company has spent $720 million on acreage that has an estimated 49 million barrels of oil equivalent in

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Oil interests may observe holiday with one eye on OPEC

By Ryan Holeywell
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — The drop in crude oil prices will accelerate if the cartel that supplies 40 percent of world's oil doesn't move to curb output when it meets Thursday, and any such move appears unlikely on the eve of the meeting in Vienna.

"I'm not expecting much of anything," said Bruce Everett, a former Exxon Mobil Corp. executive who teaches at Tufts University and analyzes global oil markets. "It's been a long time since OPEC did much to control prices. They could surprise you, but it hasn't happened in a long time."

If the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries essentially maintains its status quo, the price of international benchmark Brent crude could fall to $70 a barrel, analysts at Raymond James & Associates told investors this week. U.S. benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude recently has been a few dollars cheaper than Brent.

On Tuesday, Brent fell $1.35 to $78.33 a barrel, while the U.S. benchmark fell $1.69 to $74.09.

"From an investors standpoint, if OPEC doesn't cut any production, crude prices will move lower instantaneously," said Rich Eychner, an equity research

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Natural Gas	$4.282 ▲	$0.131
Gasoline	$2.729 ▲	$0.007

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DPS increasing patrols during holiday weekend

From staff reports

The Texas Department of Public Safety is asking Texans to drive responsibly and take extra precautions to help keep roadways safe during the heavily traveled Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

DPS troopers will be patrolling Texas roadways throughout the weekend to promote safety and identify dangerous drivers.

DPS director Steven McCraw said increased traffic, possible winter weather and impaired driving provide "unique challenges" to holiday travels, making the roadways both challenging and potentially dangerous.

"DPS troopers will be working around the clock to protect travelers on our roadways, and drivers must do their part and always drive sober," McCraw said.

During the Thanksgiving weekend in 2013, DPS troopers arrested 387 individuals for driving while intoxicated, issued 6,848 speeding citations, 804 citations for no insurance and 704 seat belt/child safety seat citations. DPS patrols also resulted in 244 fugitive arrests and 187 felony arrests during the same time period.

Tips for holiday driving

- Don't drink and drive. Designate a driver or take a cab.
- Slow down, especially in bad weather, construction areas and heavy traffic.
- Eliminate distractions, including the use of mobile devices.
- Use seat belts.
- Slow down or move over for police, fire, EMS, Texas Department of Transportation vehicles and tow trucks that are stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated.
- Get plenty of rest leaving and take breaks as needed.
- Drive defensively.
- Make sure vehicle is properly maintained.

Source: Texas Department of Public Safety

2 prison guards among 3 dead in West Texas wreck

Associated Press

LAMESA — Two prison guards and the driver of a second vehicle have died in a West Texas traffic accident that left another officer hurt.

Investigators are trying to determine what caused the collision near Lamesa after the Smith Unit guards ended their shift at the nearby prison.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice on Tuesday identified the correctional officers who died as Akinjobi G. Akinpelu and Olusegun Sangowale. Both were southbound on Highway 349.

A 19-year-old woman in a northbound vehicle was also killed in Monday morning's wreck. Her name wasn't immediately released.

Another Smith Unit guard, Akinola H. Fasae, was with his co-workers and suffered injuries not believed to be life-threatening. Fasae was transported to University Medical Center in Lubbock. Hospital officials didn't immediately provide his condition Tuesday.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

IRVING

Gas prices drop across Texas amid busy travel time

Retail gasoline prices across Texas have dropped again as motorists take to the road for the Thanksgiving holiday.

AAA Texas on Tuesday reported the statewide average for unleaded this week has settled at $2.60, down from $2.66 last week. Drivers nationwide are paying an average of $2.81.

The most expensive gasoline in Texas was in Beaumont, where motorists are paying an average $2.63 a gallon. Drivers in Amarillo are paying the least at $2.49.

AAA projects that 3.6 million Texans will travel at least 50 miles from home for Thanksgiving, representing a 5.2 percent increase in travel volume from last year and the highest volume for the holiday since 2007.

AUSTIN

3 on Texas DPS 10 Most Wanted list captured

Three men on the Texas Department of Public Safety 10 Most Wanted Fugitives list have been captured.

DPS officials on Tuesday announced the arrests of Jostie Reyna, Alfredo Rangel and Ngoc Van Tran.

Reyna was caught Nov. 18 in Del Rio. Rangel and Tran were captured Nov. 20.

Tran, who was arrested in Mexico, was wanted for the 1996 slaying of his wife in Amarillo.

Reyna was arrested at the Del Rio International Bridge while trying to enter the U.S. He's wanted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and retaliation.

Rangel was caught in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. Rangel was involved in a 2000 attack on a Texas trooper and was sentenced to 15 years in prison. He was wanted for parole violation, larceny and engaging in organized criminal activity.

BASTROP

Stun gun case gets no federal charges

Federal prosecutors won't seek criminal charges against two Central Texas sheriff deputies involved in a stun gun shooting that left a 17-year-old student with a severe brain injury.

An official with the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division sent a letter to the mother of Noe Nino de Rivera to inform her of the decision, the American-Statesman and KVUE-TV reported Monday.

A Bastrop County grand jury in May also didn't indict deputies Randy McMillan and Timothy Stalcup, who went to Cedar Creek High School last November to break up a fight. Authorities claim Nino de Rivera was a bystander who refused to disperse after the fight ended and was belligerent. Authorities say McMillan used a stun gun on him, causing the student to fall back onto his head.

The federal case had been the last investigation into the November 2013 incident.

"After careful consideration, we have concluded that the evidence does not establish a prosecutable violation of federal criminal civil rights statutes," wrote Robert J. Moossy Jr., a chief of the criminal section for the civil rights division. "We send our sincerest condolences for the trauma experienced by your son and your family, and wish your son a full recovery."

Nino De Rivera's family attorney Adam Loewy said he's disappointed by the prosecutors' decision.

"I think it was a criminal act," he said. "I think it was a clear use of excessive force."

DALLAS

Thousands in Texas to get free Thanksgiving meals

Thousands of people across Texas who could use a helping hand will get free Thanksgiving meals due to volunteers and donations.

The 35th annual Raul Jimenez Thanksgiving Dinner will be held Thursday in San Antonio.

Organizers expect about 25,000 senior citizens and other needy individuals to enjoy turkey, stuffing, green beans, yams and pumpkin pie. The event is held at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center.

The S.M. Wright Foundation will host a Thanksgiving Day meal for South Dallas residents and homeless individuals. The event at People's Baptist Church in Dallas is expected to draw about 3,000 diners. Volunteers will also offer groceries.

Food banks and pantries across Texas are also welcoming donations to help provide holiday meals.

Ector County grand jury no-bills UTPB student

Odessa American

A grand jury has indicted one Odessa man and no billed another in high-profile cases.

Jeffrey Spruill was indicted on a charge of murder in connection with the stabbing death of Cyrus Perkins on Sept. 8.

Officers originally responded to Woodview Apartments, 4330 N. Grandview Ave., around 12:05 a.m. Sept. 8 after it was reported that a man, identified as 26-year-old Cyrus Perkins IV, had been stabbed by Spruill, according to a news release from the Odessa Police Department.

Court documents stated Perkins was stabbed at least twice — once in the upper left trunk and once behind the left arm — with a knife.

First responders who arrived at the apartment performed "life-saving measures" and took Perkins to Medical Center Hospital, the affidavit stated. He was pronounced dead at 3:17 a.m. Sept. 9.

Additionally, Treasure Luvaul, a University of Texas of the Permian Basin student, who was accused of sexual assault by another student, was no-billed by the grand jury, according to a release from Ector County District Attorney Bobby Bland.

Luvaul was charged with sexual assault. Court documents stated that Luvaul, the victim and another man were all at a UTPB housing unit drinking before Luvaul and the unidentified man got into an argument.

The man left after the argument, according to a probable cause affidavit, leaving Luvaul and a female student alone.

The victim said she and Luvaul were later in a bedroom and remembers him undressing her and telling him "no" before she finally went unconscious, the affidavit stated.

The victim later woke up, left the housing unit and was taken for a sexual assault exam at Medical Center Hospital, the affidavit stated.

Luvaul was arrested and charged on Sept. 3.

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- Pawz For Kids - This "therapy dog" program provides abused children with the ability to interact with gentle, specially-trained dogs, providing a unique opportunity for healing and acceptance. The therapy dog and handler are needed between the hours of 9am to 5pm.

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Five apps that can save you money year-round

TESSA DUVALL
Education Reporter



More inside

Have a gamer on your gift list? Don't know the difference between a first-person shooter and a dungeon crawler? Head inside for a special Plugged In and read about the best tech gifts. Page 1B

Black Friday is overrated.

When I'm in a post-Thanksgiving turkey-and-pumpkin-pie-coma, the last thing I want is to sacrifice my sleep, stand in line for hours and be surrounded by hundreds of die-hard shoppers, eager to literally snatch up the deals before them.

I haven't seen a fleece jacket, kitchen gadget or TV deal so amazing it has made me reconsider my position on the shopping frenzy.

But, I do love saving money and on more than one day a year.

Here are my recommendations for smartphone apps that can help save you a few bucks year-round.

Best of all? They're all free.

RetailMeNot

Do you wear clothes? Shoes? Eat food?

Of course you do, and you have to pay for those things.

RetailMeNot pulls together coupons and deals for stores, restaurants, websites and more from thousands of vendors. The app allows you to easily browse its popular deals and you can conveniently add your favorite stores and discounts to a list of their own for easy use.

The app is user-friendly and provides a variety of ways to find savings you may be interested in. You can browse what's available in nearby stores (as long as your location services feature is on), browse by category or search directly for a vendor by name.

Just make sure to turn the sound off under your settings, otherwise you'll hear an annoying "cha-ching" every time you drive past a store with a deal.

Apple App Store rating: 4.5

Google Play rating: 4.4

Cartwheel

You know the Saturday Night Live character "Target Lady" played by Kristen Wiig? The one who gets so overjoyed by customers' purchases that she excitedly runs through the aisles to find the same items for herself?

She may or may not be based on me and my love for Target. (She's not, but she could be.)

My point is this: I spend more than I should at Target, and this app helps. As I'm writing this, there are 684 discounts available on Cartwheel. You can sort by popularity, newest or department and add them to your list of bookmarked offers. When it's time to pay, those discounts are all ready under one barcode.

My one gripe about this app is that you can only add a limited number of deals at a time — just over a dozen — though you can unlock more spots once you hit certain spending milestones.

The app keeps tabs on how many offers you've redeemed, how many Facebook friends use it and how much you've saved to date using the app. This feature brings out a bit of my competitive nature; of my 77 friends using Cartwheel, I've saved the 19th-most at $13.73, just two cents shy of tying for 18th. I'm coming for you, Adam!

Target also offers mobile coupons, which are separate from but can be used in conjunction with Cartwheel and paper coupons. To sign up for Target's mobile coupons, visit: http://m.target.com/sms/coupon-alrts/form.

Apple App Store rating: 2.5
Google Play rating: 4.0

Ibotta

I hate clipping coupons. It takes time, effort and organization skills that I often can't muster up for something so mundane. It's because of this that I use Ibotta. Like RetailMeNot, Ibotta has offers for clothing stores, restaurants and services, but I've found it to be most useful for grocery shopping simply because grocery stores have the most offers available.

To use Ibotta, you select a category of savings, then a specific store from there. To unlock an offer, you have to interact with the app, usually in the form of a quiz question, poll or tweeting a fact about the brand.

Unlike Cartwheel, you don't scan the app in-store. After you purchase an item, you scan its barcode in and upload the receipt and Ibotta will validate your purchases and add the savings to your account balance. You can also unlock offers after the purchase is made, unlike Cartwheel.

Users can cash out using PayPal, Venmo or for a number of gift cards, though they all require a $10 minimum.

My biggest earnings haven't come from the deals I've redeemed, but the $5 reward for referring each friend who has then redeemed an offer. Sure, it's not a lot of money, but it's not bad for only sending an e-vite.

Unless you want a pesky notification any time you drive by any kind of store, turn off the "nearby store alerts" under settings.

Apple App Store rating: 4.5
Google Play rating: 4.3

Checkout 51

Like Ibotta, Checkout 51 is great for those of us who don't want to deal with paper coupons when grocery shopping.

This app offers fewer discounts than Ibotta, but that doesn't really bother me. If I forget to check the deals available before heading to the store, it only takes a few seconds to look at the 30 or so offers available on Checkout 51, which apply to all stores. Ibotta takes longer to browse because it has more offers, which are also broken down by store. I also tend to find these deals more useful, but that's just a personal preference.

After making your grocery purchases, simply upload your full receipt to the app and you'll receive a notification within 48 hours if the purchase was verified or if there was an issue with your upload.

This app doesn't allow users to cash out until the account balance hits $20. I've been using Checkout 51 since the spring, and have gotten to $19 as of now. If these savings had been earned in Ibotta, I could have translated this to a few Starbucks drinks already. A girl needs her caffeine if she's going to bargain-hunt.

Apple App Store rating: 4
Google Play rating: 3.9

Groupon

An oldie but a goodie — unless you live here.

Groupon allows users to purchase an electronic coupon upfront to be redeemed at a set store, restaurant or other business. In college, I used it to snag discount fitness classes at a studio that would have otherwise been out of my price range.

But, I've got to admit, Groupon isn't much use in Midland. (Hint, hint, area businesses! Step up your Groupon game!) Upon pulling up the "nearby" offers feature, I saw only a handful of offers available near me, several of which are in Odessa. As fun as it sounds, 50 percent off a bouncy castle session isn't much good to me. There are, however, a few good salon and spa offers if that's more your interest.

Hang onto this app for when you travel out-of-town because I'd hedge a bet that Dallas, Austin, San Antonio and Houston have a lot more to offer in terms of vendors using this service.

Some Groupon coupons are available nationwide and can be redeemed online, but I've never found a need to buy these packages. Isn't Amazon where everyone goes to buy random things for cheap?

Apple App Store rating: 4
Google Play rating: 4.5

Is there an app I've forgotten? Disagree with my assessment? Feel free to sound off online at mrt.com

Woman accused of punching, choking family member

From staff reports

A 41-year-old Midland woman was arrested Saturday for allegedly punching and choking a family member during a drunken "tirade," according to court documents.

Shelley R. Baker was being held this weekend on a third-degree felony charge of assault on a family or household member by impeding breathing. She posted her $25,000 bond and was released on Monday.

A Midland police officer responded to a disturbance at about 8:50 p.m. Saturday in the 4700 block of Cindy Place.

The alleged victim said he and his father went to pick up Baker from Buffalo Wild Wings because she was too intoxicated to drive home, according to the arrest affidavit. On the way home, Baker and the alleged victim got into an argument.

At the residence, Baker was "on another tirade" and began poking the alleged victim's father several times in the chest. She later punched the younger man in the nose, causing him to bleed, according to the affidavit.

Later that day, Baker allegedly wrapped her arms around the younger man's neck and started choking him. He was able to free himself and she cursed him out, the affidavit stated.

Baker later told the officer that she had only hugged the man from behind and told him that she loved him, according to the arrest affidavit.

If convicted, Baker faces up to 10 years in prison.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Victor M. Castillo, 18, of Midland was charged Sunday with violation of probation and robbery.

Lorenzo G. Hernandez, 37, of Midland was charged Sunday with driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years old.

Steven C. Almager, 41, of Midland was charged Monday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

John F. Bracewell, 20, of Midland was charged Monday with violation of probation.

Castella M. Lee, 19, of Midland was charged Monday with unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

Dallas M. Peavey, 58, of Midland was charged Monday with violation of probation.

Carlton J. Robinson, 56, of Odessa was charged Monday with sexual assault.

Elicao L. Robledo, 52, of Midland was charged Monday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Leslie J. Rodriguez, 37, of Midland was charged Monday with tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

Freddie E. Stricklin Jr., 40, of Midland was charged Monday with possession of a controlled substance between 28 and 200 grams.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

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Government offices

City of Midland and county offices will be closed Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday.

There won't be city trash pickup and the landfill and Citizens Collection Station will be closed. Emergency personnel will work normal shifts.

Also, both branches of the Midland County Public Library will be closed through Saturday.

Club meetings, support groups today

(Note: subject to change due to the holiday week)

- Midland Downtown Lions Club meets at noon to 1 p.m. 200 Plaza St. (old Hodge Theater)
- Overeaters Anonymous, noon, B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D, 553-1031.
- The Knot Adoption Support Group, 11:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, Kathy Hagler, Kathy@WTIE.net.
- Uptown Midland BPW, noon, Petroleum Club, Glenda Knox, 686-2819.

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Turkey Trot

Registration for the Thanksgiving Day event starts at 7 a.m. with each of the three runs starting at 30-minute intervals beginning with the Kid's Fun Run at 8 a.m. followed by the 10K at 8:30 a.m. and ending with the 5K at 9 a.m. Entry fees are Kid's Fun Run (free with any food donation), 5K ($25) and 10K ($35).

Grocery store hours

- **Albertsons Market**
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  Thursday, Closed
- **H-E-B**
  Today, 6 a.m. to 1 a.m.
  Thursday, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Super Mercado**
  Today, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
  Thursday, Closed
- **Wal-Mart**
  Today and Thursday, Regular hours (open 24 hours)

Black Friday store openings

(Note: Most major stores are opening on Thanksgiving)

Thanksgiving Day

- Walgreens, 8 a.m.
- Michaels, 4 p.m.
- Best Buy, 5 p.m.
- JC Penney, 5 p.m.
- Toys R Us, 5 p.m.
- Wal-Mart, 6 p.m.
- Office Depot, 6 p.m.
- Target, 6 p.m.
- Kohl's, 6 p.m.
- Bealls, 6 p.m.
- Sears, 6 p.m.

Black Friday

- Petsmart, 7 a.m.
- Sam's Club, 7 a.m.

Coming in December

- MOSC Sounds of the Season, Dec. 6 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, wagnernoel.com.
- Midland Storytelling Festival, Dec. 11-13 at Midland Center, themidlandcenter.com.
- "A Christmas Carol," Dec. 16 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, wagnernoel.com.

Community calendar

Midland County Sheriff's Office and Midland County Sheriff's Association will be distributing National Child Identification Program fingerprint and DNA swab kits 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 6 and Dec. 13. The kits are free. For more information, call the Midland County Sheriff's Office, 688-4600.

City Christmas parade

The city's Parks and Recreation Department is accepting entries for the 2014 Christmas parade.

This year's parade, "Wild West Christmas Parade," is planned for 6:30 p.m. Dec. 13 in downtown.

Registration forms, rules and regulations are available at www.midlandtexas.gov and Midland City Hall, 300 N. Loraine St., and Martin Luther King Recreation Center, 2300 Butternut Lane.

Application deadline is 6 p.m. Dec. 11. Applications may be dropped off at the Martin Luther King Recreation Center, faxed to 685-7380 or emailed to Joey Jolly at jjolly@midlandtexas.gov.

For more information, call 685-7379.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 8-1-5
Pick 3 day: 0-2-0
Pick 3 evening: 7-5-6
Pick 3 night: 4-1-4
Daily 4 morning: 3-3-1-3
Daily 4 day: 6-1-2-8
Daily 4 evening: 7-8-9-9
Daily 4 night: 1-4-7-4
Cash Five: 4-11-23-24-26
Mega Millions: 10-11-29-47-56 MB 4 Megaplier 2
All or Nothing morning: 1-4-7-9-10-11-13-15-16-17-18-20
All or Nothing day: 1-3-4-5-9-11-12-13-17-20-21-24
All or Nothing evening: 4-5-10-11-13-14-15-18-19-20-21-23
All or Nothing night: 4-7-9-10-11-14-16-17-18-22-23-24

Today in history

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 26, the 330th day of 2014. There are 35 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1789, this was a day of thanksgiving set aside by President George Washington to observe the adoption of the Constitution of the United States.

5 children killed in South Texas house fire

By Juan A. Lozano
Associated Press



Associated Press

Firefighters sift through the charred remains of a mobile home where five children perished in an early-morning fire Tuesday in Edna.

HOUSTON — Five children were killed after their South Texas mobile home caught on fire and its roof partially collapsed, making rescue attempts impossible, officials said Tuesday.

Emergency personnel arrived shortly after 5 a.m. Tuesday at the mobile home in Edna, a town of less than 6,000 residents about 100 miles southwest of Houston.

Edna Fire Department Capt. Nick Strauss said when firefighters arrived at the scene, 60 to 75 percent of the mobile home was already engulfed in flames and the blaze only got worse after that.

Six firefighters went into the home looking for the kids.

"At the time our first unit got to the scene, fire was showing through the roof," Strauss said. "The chances of someone surviving that by the time our guys got there were slim to none."

The firefighters looking for the children had to retreat from the home after part of the roof came down and the structure's floor began collapsing under them.

"It got too unstable and dangerous," Strauss said.

The cause of the fire was still under investigation, he said.

The names of the children were not immediately released by authorities. Two of the children were girls ages 5 and 6, while the three others were boys ages 9, 13 and 15, Strauss said.

The children's parents — Johnny Hernandez Jr., 30, and Annabel Ortiz, 32 — were found outside the home with another one of their children, whose age was unknown, when authorities arrived at the scene, said Jackson County Sheriff A.J. Louderback.

Ortiz was taken to Citizens Medical Center in nearby Victoria, where she was listed in fair condition, according to hospital spokeswoman Shannon Spree. It was not immediately clear whether Hernandez was hospitalized.

The five children were well-liked on their school campuses, said Robert O'Connor, superintendent of the Edna Independent School District.

Two of the children were in elementary school, two were in junior high and the oldest boy was in high school. The 15-year-old boy started on the varsity football team as a defensive tackle and he was set to play Saturday in a state playoff game, O'Connor said.

"Edna is a small community and a small school district. This is one of those times where you have to come together and support each other and support the family through their loss," O'Connor said.

STATECRIME

FROM WIRE REPORTS

BROWNSVILLE

South Texas mother surrenders after infant dies

A South Texas woman charged with child abandonment in the death of her infant son has turned herself in to authorities.

The Brownsville Herald reported 19-year-old Diana Torres of San Benito was being held at the Cameron County jail Tuesday morning after she surrendered on Friday. The county sheriff's office charged Torres and her 50-year-old mother-in-law, Nelda Rodriguez, with child endangerment. Rodriguez also turned herself in last week.

Deputies said the women left 3-month-old Jordan Rodriguez home alone to take Torres' husband to the hospital for a reported seizure. The women tell authorities they found the child covered in vomit and took him the hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

NACOGDOCHES

Police: East Texas man claims he killed wife

Police in East Texas say a woman has been released from the hospital after her husband called 911 and said he choked her to death.

Seventy-two-year-old George Girard was being held at the Nacogdoches County jail on Tuesday morning on a felony aggravated assault charge. The Nacogdoches man was waiting outside for officers after he called 911 on Sunday.

Police found his wife unconscious on the kitchen floor with blood on her neck. She was taken to an area hospital where she was treated and released.

Girard told police he pinned his wife to the floor and choked her until she stopped moving. Online jail records didn't list an attorney for Girard.

MANOR

Police: Man sets fire to house, punches wife

Austin-area police have arrested a man who they say assaulted his ex-wife and set a house fire that killed his daughter's dog.

Manor police have charged 61-year-old Olen Gist with first-degree felony arson, cruelty to animals and assaulting a family member. He was being held Tuesday morning at the Travis County Jail on $75,000 bond.

Police said Gist was with his ex-wife and daughter on Thursday when an argument started. They said he punched his ex-wife in the head and left.

Gist told police he found a can of gasoline in the home after his daughter left to visit his ex-wife in the hospital. He said he poured it around the home and ignited it. The dog was later found dead in the garage.

HOUSTON

Hess employee pleads guilty to $1M fraud

An employee of Hess Corporation faces up to 20 years in prison for running up more than $1 million in unauthorized charges to a company credit card.

Monica Causgrove of Lafayette, Louisiana, remained free on bond Tuesday pending sentencing next year in Houston. The 43-year-old Causgrove on Monday pleaded guilty to wire fraud.

Investigators said Causgrove used a Hess credit card and her position at the energy company for charges including a stay at a resort in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

Lawmaker: Marijuana needs debate in NM

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The conversation about whether New Mexico should join other Western states in legalizing marijuana is cranking up as state lawmakers prepare for the 2015 legislative session.

Rep. Bill McCamley, a Democrat from southern New Mexico, took his case for legalization to fellow lawmakers Tuesday during a meeting of the interim health and human services committee.

McCamley dismissed the stoner humor of 1970s comics Cheech and Chong and said this should be a serious debate.

"Let's talk about the facts," he told the committee. "Let's talk about what's actually happening in terms of public policy, and let's not get caught up in stereotypes about what this is or isn't."

McCamley has yet to craft the legislation, but he's looking at Oregon as a model. Voters in that state, Alaska and the District of Columbia approved ballot initiatives to legalize marijuana earlier this month, joining Colorado and Washington.

In New Mexico, the push for legalization follows the success of ballot questions in two of the state's most populous counties that gauged voter support for decriminalizing marijuana.

"If you look at prohibition, it's basically a failure both in terms of alcohol in the 1920s and the drug war now," McCamley said during an interview. "We're spending all of this money enforcing marijuana laws and prosecuting people for smoking marijuana. That can be used in other law-enforcement efforts like prosecuting rapists and murderers — and that's important."

Then there's the potential for tax revenue.

There have been no studies on the economic effects legalization would have on New Mexico, a poor state and one that has long struggled when it comes to economic development. In neighboring Colorado, the state has brought in more than $52 million in taxes, licenses and fees for recreational and medical marijuana since the beginning of the year.

OPEC

From 1A

associate at Raymond James, in an email to the Houston Chronicle. Energy company share prices, especially for oil producers, will follow crude lower, he said.

Eychner said exploration and production companies aren't holding out hope for an OPEC production cut and already are planning 2015 budgets with the assumption that oil prices will remain relatively low. But the outcome of the meeting could affect the depth of those cuts.

Ratings agency Moody's said Tuesday that it expects exploration and production companies to cut capital spending budgets by about 20 percent in 2015, with room for more cuts if low oil prices persist.

OPEC has 12 members, and last month, it produced an average of 30.25 million barrels of oil per day, according to its estimates. The group is dominated by Saudi Arabia, which produced 9.6 million barrels per day last month — nearly three times the output of OPEC's No. 2 producer, Iraq.

Many in the U.S. energy sector will likely be keeping an eye on the meeting as they dine on Thanksgiving turkey and watch football.

In a note to investors Monday, energy investment bank Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co. said there's been more talk about OPEC in the last four weeks than in the last three years. The bank's analysts agree the cartel isn't likely to cut output.

It's difficult for OPEC to act as a unified entity because of competing interests between wealthy members like Saudi Arabia and financially strapped countries including Venezuela. "OPEC is not truly a cartel," said Jean-François Seznec, a visiting associate professor at Georgetown University. "It's just really under the control of Saudi Arabia."

Still, an OPEC deal to cut production isn't out of the question.

This week Iran signaled it might propose a cut of up to 1 million barrels per days, Iranian media reported. Russian media offered conflicting reports on whether that country — which is not in OPEC — would be willing to kick in production cuts of its own.

Analysts at Deutsche Bank said they believe a coordinated cut by OPEC is "inevitable," and that the only question is whether it will happen Thursday or early next year.

"It's going to be one of their most difficult meetings ever, but there's nothing to bring the cartel together like plunging oil prices," said Phil Flynn, a senior market analyst at the Price Futures Group in Chicago.

He said the countries would have to agree to cut production by 1.3 million to 1.5 million barrels of oil per day to stop the decline in oil prices.

David Goldwyn, a former assistant secretary of energy for international affairs, said he believes Saudi Arabia has been trying to send a signal to OPEC that it's willing to cut production — as long as other members shoulder meaningful cuts too.

He said he doesn't expect to see a major cut out of Thursday's meeting, but the group could pledge to adhere to its targets, monitor the markets, and hold another special meeting if warranted.

Saudi leaders have been careful not to say much publicly ahead of Thursday's meeting. But earlier this month, Saudi Arabia cut prices for U.S. customers, contributing to speculation that it's more interested in preserving market share than in boosting prices.

"Saudi Arabia and the smaller (Persian) Gulf states are usually the only relevant players, and they have signaled that they are fundamentally on board with the oil price meltdown," Raymond James analysts wrote.

Saudi Arabia has reserves of about $750 billion, roughly the equivalent of three times its annual budget, Raymond James wrote. Iran, Iraq and OPEC members in Africa and South America have less oil production and are more strapped for revenue, but Saudi Arabia likely isn't interested in subsidizing those countries by bearing the burden of production cuts.

Since late 2011, OPEC hasn't had specific country quotas, instead setting an overall production ceiling of 30 million barrels per day. Output is slightly higher than that now, and some analysts have expressed skepticism that members could even agree to rein it in to the existing ceiling.

Raymond James outlines three scenarios for Thursday's meeting, and their effects on oil prices:

If OPEC agreed to cut production by more than 500,000 barrels of oil per day, prices probably would rise.

If it reduced production by a smaller amount, prices likely would continue falling, but more slowly.

If it leaves the existing production ceiling in place — as widely expected — prices probably will fall more steeply as traders factor in continuing high oil supplies.

For Saudi Arabia, there's upside to falling crude prices. Lower prices could force a reduction in competing U.S. production; cause pain for cash-strapped Russia and Iran, Saudi rivals that rely heavily on oil sales; and help a struggling global economy — boosting longer-term demand for the Kingdom's oil.

Hossein Askari, a professor at George Washington University who previously served as a special adviser to Saudi Arabia's finance minister, noted that Iran is in the midst of negotiations with the United States over its nuclear program that, if successful, could scale back economic sanctions against the country.

"Lower oil prices will undue much of the benefit Iran expects to get from the lifting of sanctions," Askari said.

He expects OPEC will say that it intends to monitor the global oil market closely, but in the end, it will produce even more than its existing ceiling.

Jim Krane, a fellow at Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy, agreed that no major action is likely. He said one of the biggest drivers of global oil demand is China, and its slowing economy is worrying OPEC members. Keeping oil prices low for now, he said, might benefit OPEC nations in the long-term by kick-starting China's economy.

LOT

From 1A

Energy Tower, a 53-story mixed-use skyscraper. That project was canceled in September. The city was going to give the lot to Energy Tower developers once a development agreement was made, but a final deal was not reached.

Weeks after the end of the Energy Tower project, the city made bid requests and chose local firm Vandergriff and Associates to oversee environmental studies, asbestos removal and demolition for the courthouse and two other downtown buildings that the city owns.

Other considerations the city has in mind for the courthouse lot include expanded green space and a new city hall.

The old courthouse is currently vacant and is not generating property tax revenue.

The public meeting for Hotel Santa Rita No. 1 is at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday at Midland Center, located at 105 N. Main St.

PURCHASE

From 1A

proved reserves.

American Energy's unit in the Permian Basin may pursue an initial public offering in the next 12 months, the company said last month.

Even as others signal they will pull back, McClendon's company has said it will boost its rigs from five to 12 by the end of next year.

Brown family blasts prosecutor; Wilson speaks

By Tom Foreman Jr. & Jim Salter
Associated Press

FERGUSON, Mo. — Attorneys for Michael Brown's family vowed Tuesday to push for federal charges against the police officer who killed the unarmed 18-year-old, while the officer insisted in his first public statements that he could not have done anything differently in the confrontation.

As darkness fell, hundreds more National Guardsmen were ordered into Ferguson in hopes that their presence would help local law enforcement keep order in the St. Louis suburb.

During an interview with ABC News, Wilson said he has a clean conscience because "I know I did my job right."

Wilson, who has been on leave since the Aug. 9 shooting, had been with the Ferguson police force for less than three years. He told ABC that Brown's shooting marked the first time he had fired his gun.

The Brown family attorneys said the grand jury process was rigged from the start to clear the white officer, Darren Wilson, in the Aug. 9 shooting death of Brown, who was black. They criticized everything from the evidence the St. Louis County prosecutor presented to the jury to the way it was presented, as well as the timing of the announcement of the grand jury's final decision.

"We said from the very beginning that the decision of this grand jury was going to be the direct reflection of the presentation of the evidence by the prosecutor's office," attorney Anthony Gray said. He suggested the county's top prosecutor, Bob McCulloch, presented some testimony to discredit the process, including from witnesses who did not see the shooting.

They hope a federal civil rights investigation results in charges against Wilson.



Associated Press

In this photo provided by ABC News, ABC News' chief anchor George Stephanopoulos, left, interviews Ferguson, MO., police officer Darren Wilson on Tuesday in Missouri. The interview will air during ABC News programs and platforms today.

Twelve commercial buildings in Ferguson burned down during protests that erupted after the grand jury's decision was announced, and firefighters responded to blazes at eight others, fire officials said. Other businesses were looted, and 12 vehicles were torched.

By Tuesday afternoon, several businesses along West Florissant Avenue, scene of many of the most intense clashes, were already closed.

Natalie DuBose, owner of Natalie's Cakes and More, planned to spend Tuesday night at her business, which is only about a block from the Ferguson Police Department.

"I have to be here because I have orders that I have to complete for tomorrow and for Thursday because of the holiday. I just couldn't do it today because of the cleanup."

A window at her business was busted out in Monday night's turmoil.

"I'm emotional because of what has happened to me," she said. "This is my livelihood. This is the only source of income I have to raise my children."

In the aftermath of Monday night, Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon more than tripled the number of National Guard troops in Ferguson, ordering the initial force of 700 to be increased to 2,200.

"Lives and property must be protected," Nixon said. "This community deserves to have peace."

Authorities made 61 arrests in Ferguson overnight, many for burglary and trespassing, and 21 in St. Louis, where protesters broke some store windows along South Grand Avenue. At least 18 people were injured and sought treatment at area hospitals, including one person who was shot.

Brown's parents made public calls for peace in the run-up to Monday's announcement, and on Tuesday, their representatives again stressed that the people setting fires and engaging in violence were not on Michael Brown's side.

Videos that were widely circulated on Tuesday showed Brown's mother, Lesley McSpadden, standing on top of a car and breaking down as the announcement of the grand jury decision blares over the stereo.

Her husband, Brown's stepfather, comforts her, then begins angrily yelling "Burn the bitch down!" to a crowd gathered around him. Asked about the comment at a news conference, family attorney Benjamin Crump said the reaction was, "raw emotion. Not appropriate at all. Completely inappropriate."

Protests continued during the day on Tuesday. In Clayton, where the grand jury met, clergy members and others blocked morning traffic for several hours. In downtown St. Louis, where demonstrators swarmed the steps of a federal courthouse and stopped traffic, at least four people were arrested.

Many area districts canceled classes out of concern for the safety of students traveling to and from school.

The grand jury's decision means Wilson will not face any state criminal charges for killing Brown, whose death inflamed deep racial tensions between many black Americans and police.

Attorneys for Brown's family said they hope an ongoing federal civil rights investigation leads to charges. But federal investigations of police misconduct face a steep legal standard, requiring proof that an officer willfully violated a victim's civil rights.

Testimony from Wilson that he felt threatened, and physical evidence almost certainly complicates any efforts to seek federal charges.

Under federal law, "you have to prove as a prosecutor that the officer knew at the moment that he pulled the trigger that he was using too much force, that he was violating the Constitution," said Seth Rosenthal, a former Justice Department civil rights prosecutor.

The Justice Department has also launched a broad probe into the Ferguson Police Department, looking for patterns of discrimination.

A glance at Ferguson: Then and now

ST. LOUIS — The weeks of anxious waiting and hours of deliberating ended Monday, but the grand jury's decision not to indict a white Ferguson, Missouri, police officer in the fatal shooting of black 18-year-old Michael Brown will likely reverberate throughout the community and nation for days to come.

The latest

Officer Darren Wilson remains on administrative leave, which has been the case since the Aug. 9 shooting, Ferguson Mayor James Knowles said Tuesday afternoon. Meanwhile, a protest took place in downtown St. Louis, with participants stopping traffic. Earlier Tuesday, attorneys for Michael Brown's family and the Rev. Al Sharpton criticized St. Louis County Prosecutor Bob McCulloch's decision to take the case in front of a grand jury and not appoint a special prosecutor.

The beginning

Wilson shot and killed Brown, who was unarmed, shortly after noon Aug. 9 in the middle of the street after a scuffle. Brown's body lay there for hours as police investigated and an angry crowd of onlookers gathered. Several days of tense protests in the predominantly black community followed, prompting Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon to call in the National Guard. McCulloch decided to present the case to a grand jury.

The announcement

Made up of nine white people and three black people, the grand jury met 25 days over three months, and heard more than 70 hours of testimony from 60 witnesses. McCulloch held a prime-time news conference Monday to reveal the decision.

The public response

Thousands waited in the streets of Ferguson and in other major U.S. cities on Monday, and responded with shouts of anger. In Ferguson, some began throwing objects at police, and soon began to smash windows and set fire to businesses and cars. Authorities lobbed tear gas to disperse the crowd.

Twelve commercial buildings were destroyed by fires, many along a stretch of West Florissant Avenue in the north St. Louis suburb, and there were 12 vehicle fires. Sixty-one people were arrested in Ferguson and 21 were arrested in the Shaw neighborhood of St. Louis, while 18 people had protest-related injuries.

The documents

More than 1,000 pages of grand jury documents were released Monday, including Wilson's full testimony in which he described the scuffle in his patrol car and recognizing the cigars in Brown's hand as possibly being connected to a report of a convenience store robbery. Wilson also said that Brown approached him: "And when he gets about ... 8 to 10 feet away ... all I see is his head and that's what I shot."

The final say?

The U.S. Justice Department has its own investigation into possible civil rights violations that could result in federal charges for Wilson, but investigators would need to satisfy a rigorous standard of proof. The department also has launched a broad probe into the Ferguson Police Department.

Associated Press

Anger at Ferguson case based on emotion, evidence

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Anger and despair swept through many parts of America after a Missouri grand jury decided not to indict Darren Wilson, a white police officer, for killing Michael Brown, a black teenager.

What was behind the wave of emotion? Why do so many refuse to accept the grand jurors' choice not to charge the cop with a crime in the death of the unarmed 18-year-old? Why is there such disregard for the new evidence released with the decision?

Interviews around the U.S. show that these roiling emotions spring as much from America's troubled racial history — which in many eyes has drained the justice system of legitimacy — as from a rational examination of all the evidence.

For many people, this history is the inseparable context for the 90 seconds of Brown and Wilson's fatal encounter — and a rationale for the fury that has followed.

"It feels like the lynchings that happened in the last century. Racial profiling is the 21st-century lynching of black males. We need to call it what it is," said Kevin Powell, head of the BK Nation advocacy organization, who has worked in Ferguson since Brown was killed in August.

"I'm depressed and numb, even though I expected the verdicts," Powell said. "I don't condone violence in any form, but I certainly understand all the anger out there. I'm very angry myself."

Since the St. Louis County grand jury decision was released Monday, the anger has manifested itself in various ways across America. And, of course, the anger erupted into the burning, looting and gunshots that wracked Ferguson for hours on Monday night.

Grand jury focused on key fatal Ferguson 'tussle'

Associated Press

FERGUSON, Missouri — Some witnesses called it a tussle. Others described it as a tug-of-war. Ferguson Officer Darren Wilson testified that they were fighting over his handgun.

None of the witnesses who testified, other than Wilson, could say exactly what was happening inside his police car, but by almost all accounts, Michael Brown was physically struggling with the officer through his open window moments before he was fatally shot on Aug. 9.

Wilson blamed it on Brown, saying the teenager reached through his driver's side window, hit him in the face, called him a "pussy" and grabbed his gun. Wilson told the grand jury that he pulled the trigger twice in his own defense, but no shots went off.

"At this point I'm like, why isn't this working? This guy is going to kill me if he gets ahold of this gun. I pulled it a third time, it goes off."

Wilson's description of his state of mind during that initial confrontation may help explain why jurors decided not to indict. One of the legal standards for justifiable use of deadly force in Missouri is whether an officer reasonably believed his life was in danger.

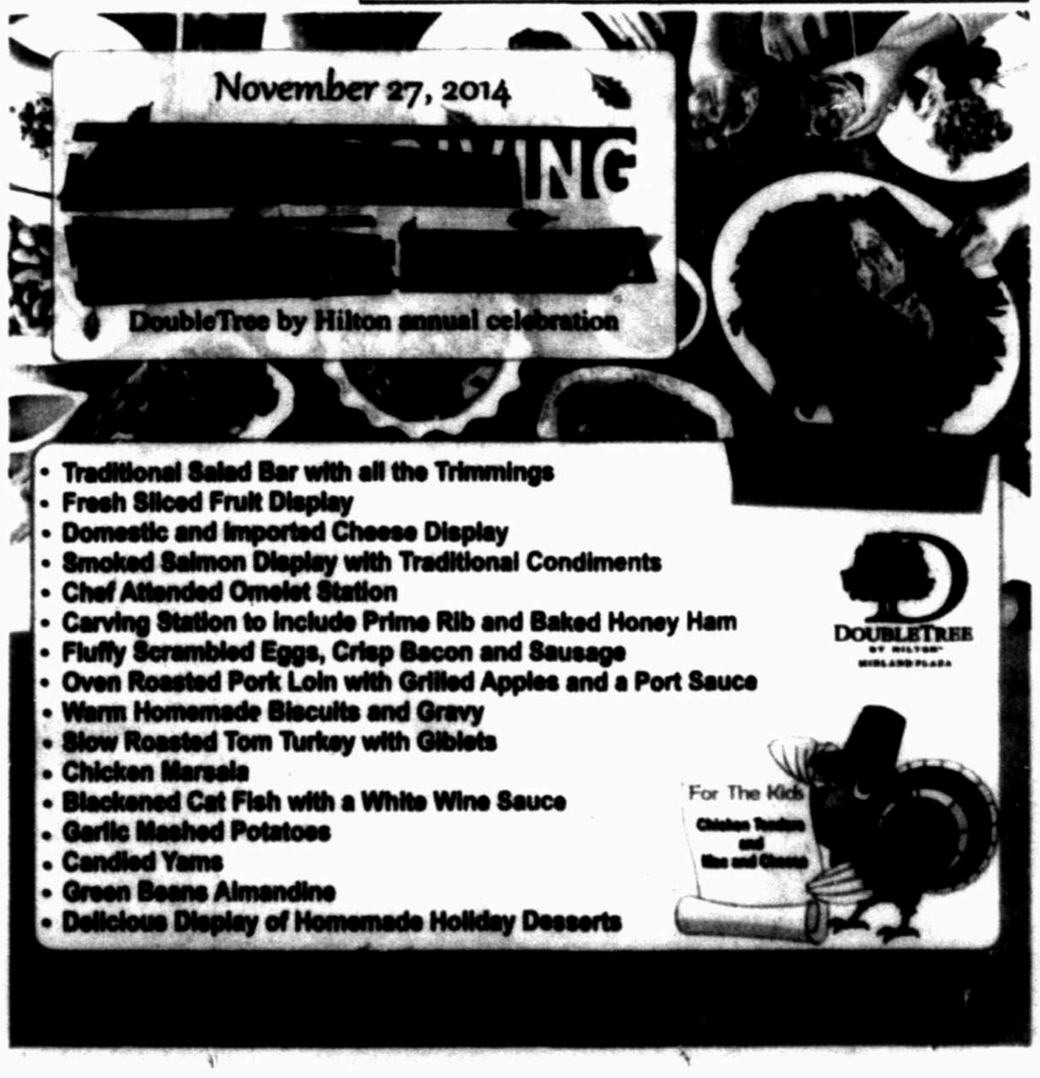
Thousands of pages of testimony reviewed by The Associated Press show the encounter between the white police officer and the black 18-year-old started off badly and very quickly spiraled out of control.

Wilson had just wrapped up a call about a sick child. Brown had just stolen a pack of cigarillos from a convenience store. Wilson spotted Brown and a friend walking down the center of a residential street, and told them to move aside. They refused, and Brown responded with an expletive.

That was the moment when Wilson said he realized Brown matched the description of the robbery suspect, and decided to confront the young men singlehandedly, backing up his vehicle to block Brown's path.


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Thanksgiving is a day to show gratitude

■ People who are grateful for what they have been given also may be happier



RUBEN NAVARRETTE
Washington Post Writers Group

This Thanksgiving, as I ask my sister to pass the mashed potatoes, I'm going to worry less about being thankful and focus more on being grateful.

Here's how I see the difference: When someone opens a door for you, or answers your sneeze with a "God bless you," you might say "Thank you." Then you move on. You don't spend all day feeling in debt for the gesture. Gratitude is something you feel deep inside, not just for one thing but for the quality of your life and the quantity of its blessings.

Dictionary definitions boil down to this: Being thankful means you are pleased that something you hoped would happen has actually come to pass. Being grateful means you appreciate something done for you or something you have.

What the Pilgrims were feeling in their new homeland during that first winter was probably closer to the former.

This year, many illegal immigrants may well feel grateful to President Obama. They are thrilled that he sidestepped a do-nothing Congress and, through executive action, offered them "deferred status" so they can't be deported, even if many of them were probably in no real danger of this happening.

I'm not good at being thankful. There have been years when, as my family gathers, we take turns saying what we're thankful for. It feels cheesy, like a reverse Christmas list.

I'd like to think I'm better at being grateful. And this would be fortunate for me because, I have learned, it's hard to amount to anything in life if you don't have gratitude. This simple concept could be the key to happiness, success and fulfillment.

Human beings like to complain about what we think the world owes us. We'd be better people if we thought more about what we owe the world. At least this is the message someone, or something, has been trying to send me for a while now.

About a year ago, I was giving a speech to real estate and banking professionals and the conversation veered off to how we're raising our children and the lessons we're trying to teach them. A man in his 50s said that while he thinks he does a lot for his teenage kids, he wouldn't mind it so much if they were able to do one thing for him.

"I just want them to be grateful," he said. "They seem like they're entitled, like they just expect the world to give them things. I just want them to show gratitude. That's all."

Good luck with that. My children are 5, 7 and 9. Just about every day, it seems, I'm lecturing them about how they need to be more grateful for the little things -- for going to a restaurant or getting a toy from an aunt or uncle.

A few months after the speech, I was listening to talk radio and found myself taking in wisdom from Dennis Prager about the connection between gratitude and happiness. The syndicated radio host — who is also the author of the book, "Happiness Is a Serious Problem: A Human Nature Repair Manual" — believes: "All happy people are grateful, and ungrateful people cannot be happy. We tend to think that it is being unhappy leads people to complain, but it's truer to say that it is complaining leads to people becoming unhappy."

So, I began thinking, maybe gratitude has practical benefits. It could actually make us happier.

And, last week, on impulse, I bought the current issue of Fortune magazine. On the cover was someone I'm curious about: Tony Robbins. The story was about how the dynamic speaker and former infomercial pitchman who travels 200 days a year — a recipient of the "gift of gab" if ever there was one — has quietly transformed himself into a highly effective and well-paid coach for CEOs. Robbins claims that his companies have combined revenue of more than $5 billion a year.

One of his secrets: According to the article, "(Robbins) takes 10 to 20 minutes a day to put himself in a positive state of mind" by focusing on one emotion. You guessed it.

"I prime gratitude," the self-improvement guru told the magazine. "Because of all the human emotions, you can't be angry and grateful simultaneously."

When mega-successful individuals tout the benefits of gratitude, and when others talk about how they crave it from others and why it is essential to happiness, it's time for the rest of us to make a conscious effort to express it more often.

So, this holiday, besides giving thanks, let's remember to also show gratitude.

GUEST VIEW

If Congress acts, executive order would not be necessary

Houston Chronicle

Now that a couple of days have passed since President Barack Obama issued his controversial executive order protecting millions of undocumented immigrants from deportation, we feel obligated to note that the union still stands, the Constitution is intact and "illiterates" among us — to borrow an infelicitous term from Rep. Michelle Bachman, R-Minn. — have not rushed to deface the body politic.

We are well aware of the objections to the president's actions — in fact, we have our own reservations about what he felt compelled to do — and yet those differing views will be adjudicated in the courts in the coming months, both courts of law and of public opinion. Meanwhile, it's important, we believe, for the nation to focus on the opportunities that Obama's executive action makes available, opportunities for those immediately affected and for the nation at large.

After 25 years of immigration debate and ongoing immigration-system dysfunction, some 5 million undocumented immigrants who live, work and raise families in this nation now have an opportunity to work legally and to live in dignity without fear of deportation. They are now free to more fully participate in the nation's economy and to contribute even more to the nation's economic well being. We all benefit when they can take advantage of opportunities to advance in their chosen fields, when they can avail themselves of educational opportunities, when they can start businesses, create jobs, pay taxes.

Despite the loud naysayers among us, this nation of immigrants is well aware that we all prosper when such a large contingent of hard-working, ambitious people can contribute and more fully participate.

The legal immigration portion of Obama's plan hasn't attracted as much attention, but it's important, nonetheless. It allows college students from abroad who are studying science and technology to stay here permanently. That's certainly a boon to this economy, since the United States trains and educates thousands of foreign students in those vital fields but then makes it difficult for them to stay here.

Republican opponents are right when they say that an executive order can't be a substitute for congressional action on immigration. Even the president agrees that our system has broken pieces that only Congress can fix.

"To those members of Congress who question my authority to make our immigration system work better, or question the wisdom of me acting where Congress has failed," he said, "I have one answer. Pass a bill."

We echo that call. On June 27, 2013, the U.S. Senate passed bipartisan comprehensive immigration reform legislation by a 68 to 32 vote. The bill has languished ever since, held hostage by a core group of tea party Republicans in the House who are opposed to any legislation that offers some sort of pathway toward citizenship, no matter how onerous that pathway is. Apparently their preferred solution to the 11 million undocumented immigrants in this country is either a massive round-up and deportation or what presidential candidate Mitt Romney termed "self-deportation." (Obama's executive order, by the way, doesn't offer a path to citizenship.)

Speaker John Boehner has had the votes to pass a House version of the Senate bill, but he's been unwilling to cross the hard core that has kept the House dysfunctional on all manner of issues, not just immigration.

Once Congress passes a bill and the president signs it into law, his executive order becomes unnecessary.

Pass a bill, Speaker Boehner, pass a bill. It's time to stop the hyperbolic fulminations about the president's alleged imperious action, time for the speaker's party to stop threatening shut-down or impeachment and finally get something done.

At least one Senate Republican agrees. "Rather than poke him (Obama) in the eye, I'd rather put legislation on his desk," U.S. Sen. Jeff Flake of Arizona told The Washington Post last week.

We'll see in the coming weeks whether such a radical idea — it's called governing - finds favor with Flake's fuming colleagues.



Obama has a Rumsfeld moment

■ President comes to the reality that a Mideast war will be handed over to his successor



DANA MILBANK
Washington Post Writers Group

When Barack Obama looks in the mirror these days, he must see a terrifying visage staring back at him: that of George W. Bush.

In a cruel echo of history, Obama is morphing into the president whose foreign policy he campaigned to overturn. Obama on Monday morning sacked his Pentagon secretary, Chuck Hagel, after huge midterm election losses in the sixth year of his presidency, just as Bush did in sacking Donald Rumsfeld after midterm losses in the sixth year of his presidency.

As with Bush, the ouster comes as a war in the Middle East is going badly — then, the Iraq war, now, the bombing of the Islamic State terror group. Rumsfeld's ouster led to the surge in Iraq, and Hagel's departure comes amid signs of an expanded role for U.S. troops in Iraq and Syria. And, as under Bush, this guarantees that Obama will leave his successor an ongoing U.S. war in the Mideast, quite possibly the sort of ground war Obama vowed to undo.

The neocons who dominated the Bush administration feel some vindication watching Obama struggle to avoid repeating history. Dov Zakheim, a Bush-era Pentagon official, said Hagel was offered up as a "sacrificial lamb" by a White House trying to stall further escalation in Syria and Iraq. But "I just don't think they have that luxury" of avoiding an expanded U.S. role, he said. "They'll agonize as long as they possibly can, but the clock is ticking a lot faster than they anticipated."

White House officials insisted Hagel and Obama "arrived together" at the decision for Hagel to leave, but the stagecraft suggested it wasn't voluntary — a hastily arranged event in the State Dining Room with just 20 people seated in two rows (a smattering of top White House officials, Cabinet officers and military types) providing exaggerated applause after Obama offered effusive praise of the man he was dismissing with no successor named.

Hagel's departure speech, pulled from his left breast pocket, said everything you need to know about why Obama agreed with Hagel that "it was an appropriate time for him to complete his service." Hagel thanked the president and the vice president, his colleagues and the generals, the troops, Congress, his foreign counterparts and his family. But he made not a single mention of the war against the Islamic State.

Hagel listed his accomplishments — the pullout from Afghanistan, strengthened alliances, reforms within the Pentagon — but said nothing about the renewal of war in the region that has bedeviled the U.S. for decades.

And that almost certainly is the real reason behind Hagel's departure. The former Republican senator, a decorated veteran and the first enlisted man to hold the top job at the Pentagon, was brought in to help Obama wind down wars and shrink the Pentagon. His strong ties to the military and his reluctance to use force (he had opposed the Iraq surge) made him an ideal man for the job, and his battle wounds from Vietnam gave him the moral authority to answer the chicken hawks who opposed the contraction of the military.

But now Islamic militants have taken over much of Iraq and Syria, and even Jimmy Carter has said the Obama administration was too slow in responding. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has begun to float the idea of ground troops. Even recovering isolationist Rand Paul has called for a declaration of war. Obama, whether he likes it or not, is going to need a Pentagon chief to oversee this war he doesn't want to fight.

Obama went on at great length about the "class and integrity" of the "great friend" he was pushing out the door, praising Hagel for everything from drawing down U.S. forces in Afghanistan to working to reduce sexual assaults.

Only in passing did Obama mention the war that threatens to dominate the last two years of his presidency. He said Hagel "helped build the international coalition" to fight the Islamic State and praised Hagel for his work on reshaping the military to "meet long-term threats while still responding to immediate challenges."

Hagel, a man of peace, can now at least enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday, knowing he'll be free of this new war once the Senate confirms a successor — no doubt after Republican hawks' many I-told-you-so's about the Islamic State.

For Hagel's boss, being dragged into expanding just the sort of war he was elected to end, there is no such relief.

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From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



Obama takes on hecklers over immigration policy

By Jim Kuhnhenn
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Taking on the hecklers who've been interrupting his speeches lately, President Barack Obama argued back Tuesday with a point-by-point rebuttal of their arguments and suggested they "get the facts."

Obama had traveled home to Chicago for an appearance aimed at broadening the appeal of his recent executive actions on immigration beyond the predominantly Latino population that lobbied heavily for relief. He visited a community center in a predominantly Polish-American neighborhood.

About midway through his remarks, three protesters strategically placed around the auditorium rose and began criticizing his deportation policy, saying he hasn't just been deporting criminals. "You have been deporting families," one heckler shouted.

Obama listened. He sympathized. He asked them to stop yelling. Then when it appeared he'd had enough, the former lawyer and former constitutional law professor set about deconstructing their arguments.

"What you're not paying attention to is the fact that I just took an action to change the law, so that's point No. 1," Obama said. "Point No. 2, the way the change in the law works is that we're reprioritizing how we enforce our immigration law generally."

"The point is that though I understand why you might have yelled at me a month ago, although I disagree with some of your characterizations, it doesn't make much sense to yell at me right now when we're making changes."

President Barack Obama

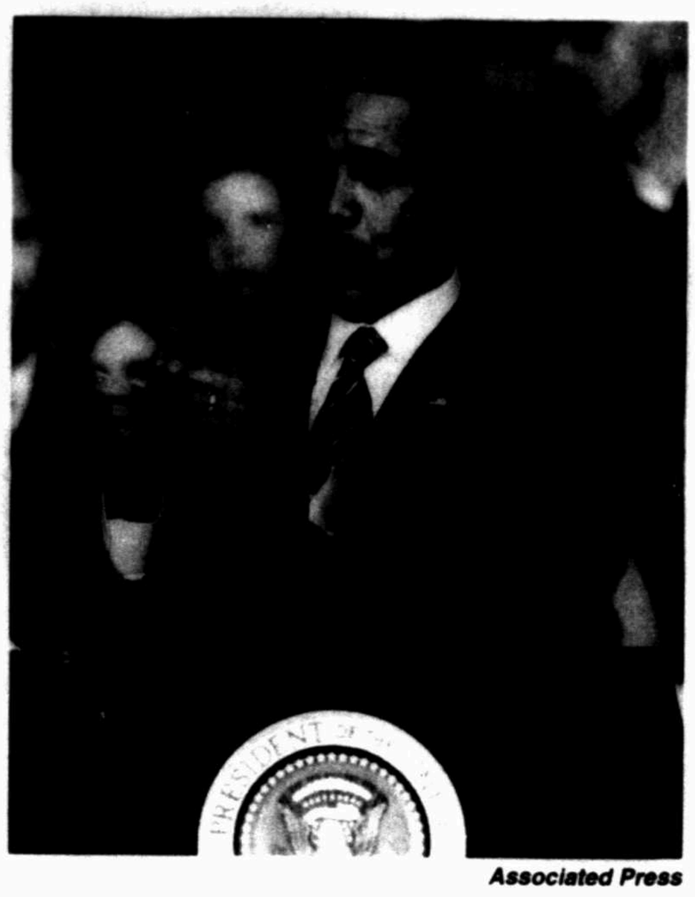
"The point is that though I understand why you might have yelled at me a month ago, although I disagree with some of your characterizations, it doesn't make much sense to yell at me right now when we're making changes," he said as the audience of approximately 1,800 people applauded.

"But the point is, let's make sure that you get the facts and that you know exactly what we're doing," Obama said. He said if they still have disagreements with his immigration policy, then they can appeal to some of the immigration advocacy groups the administration has worked with on the issue.

A heckler interrupted Obama last Friday in Las Vegas, where he gave an immigration speech the day after outlining the changes in a nationally televised prime-time address. The announcement inflamed Republicans, who have vowed to rein in Obama but have not fallen behind any specific plan.

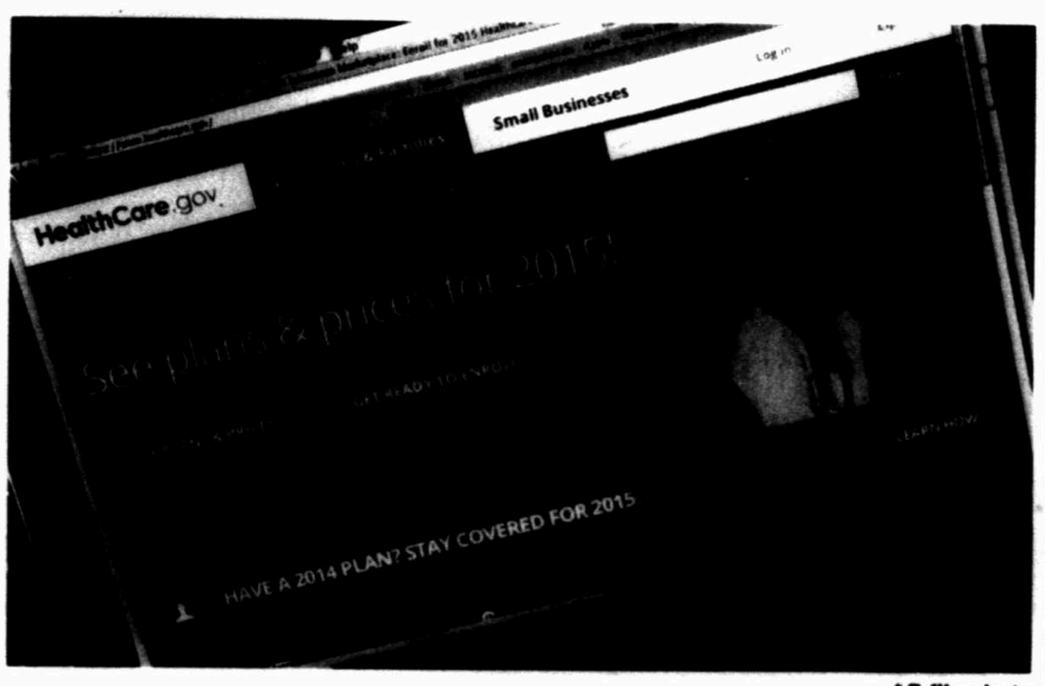
At issue is the extent of Obama's executive actions, which make nearly 5 million immigrants eligible to be spared from deportation. The measures would apply to parents of U.S. citizens or of legal permanent residents. The parents would have to have lived in the U.S. for at least five years. Obama also expanded a program designed to extend deportation protections to immigrants who entered the US illegally as children.

But in a blow to some immigrant activists, Obama did not provide protections for parents of such young immigrants who are known as Dreamers.



Associated Press

President Barack Obama tries to quiet the second of three hecklers as he addresses the crowd after meeting with community leaders about the executive actions he is taking to fix the immigration system Tuesday in Chicago.



AP file photo

The HealthCare.gov website, where people can buy health insurance, is displayed on a laptop screen in Portland, Ore., on Nov. 12. Consumers in most places will see their health insurance premiums go up next year for popular plans under President Barack Obama's health care law.

Facing health law hikes, consumers mull options

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Consumers across most of America will see their health insurance premiums go up next year for popular plans under President Barack Obama's health care law.

But it will take time for families to figure out the best bang for their budgets — even as a bigger political battle brews over the program's future.

For many people, government subsidies will cushion the hit. And there's a new factor: Returning customers who are savvy about health insurance and prepared to shop for a better deal.

Scott Joens of St. George, Utah, said he and his wife are facing premium increases of about 18 percent for 2015. But instead of agonizing, he's looking for a plan with a higher deductible, which is the amount of medical expenses that consumers are responsible for each year before insurance kicks in. By switching, he could lower his monthly premiums.

Joens, in his 50s and semi-retired from the pharmacy business, said he'll worry if the trend keeps going.

"It's not a major hardship," he said. "But I still have some years until I am on Medicare. My worry is by the time I'm 65, who knows where this will be?" Overall, he said he's been very satisfied with his "gold" plan this year.

Experts say numbers alone don't tell the story.

"How all this shakes out will depend on one big wild card," said Larry Levitt of the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation. "Will current enrollees become savvy shoppers or just sit back and stay in their current plans? This is a new program with no precedent, so there's no way to predict exactly what will happen."

In a departure from the process that officials followed last year, the administration has not released its own analysis of 2015 premiums. Instead, it published raw data, leaving it to independent experts to parse the numbers.

What they are finding points to an overall trend of rising premiums, although not everywhere.

The analysts have focused on "silver" plans, the coverage level picked by about two-thirds of the customers on HealthCare.gov and state-run health insurance markets. There are four levels — platinum, gold, silver and bronze. Silver is a notch below what most people with employer coverage have.

A study from the market analysis firm Avalere Health found that premiums for the lowest-cost silver plan will go up by 10 percent on average in communities across the country.

A Kaiser Foundation study took a different approach, focusing on premiums for the second-lowest-cost silver plan in every county. That type of plan is a benchmark that the government uses as a basis for setting consumer premium subsidies for the entire program.

Kaiser found that premiums for the second-lowest-cost silver plan are going up in 59 percent of counties nationwide, down in 34 percent, and remaining flat in 7 percent. Eighteen percent of counties will see an increase of more than 10 percent. At the other end of the spectrum, 13 percent of counties will see a decrease of more than 10 percent.

AP sources: Top candidate for defense job bows out

By Julie Pace
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Michele Flournoy, a main contender to replace Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, has taken herself out of consideration for the Pentagon's top job, people familiar with the process said Tuesday.

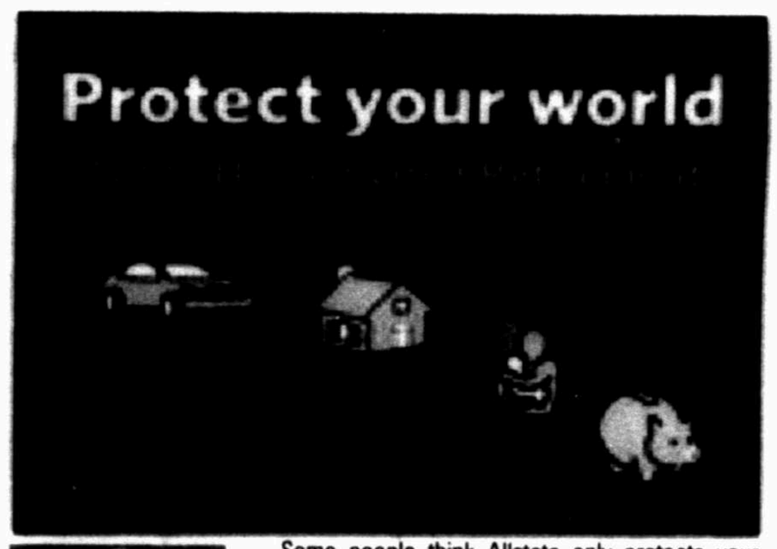
Flournoy's decision underscores the difficulty President Barack Obama may face in finding a candidate to take the helm at the Pentagon late in his second term and as the administration faces intense criticism of its handling of crises in the Middle East and elsewhere in the world.

Other candidates being considered include Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson, who previously served as the Pentagon's general counsel, according to several people close to the process. Johnson is highly regarded by the West Wing, particularly following the monthslong process he oversaw to identify the immigration executive actions Obama announced last week.

But given Republicans' staunch opposition to that action, tapping Johnson for the Pentagon post risks turning his confirmation hearing into a fierce debate on immigration. The president would also need to fill the top job at Homeland Security again just as the department is implementing the immigration actions.

Two Pentagon veterans are also seen as contenders for the department's top job: former Deputy Defense Secretary Ashton Carter and Robert Work, who currently holds the No. 2 job at the Pentagon.

Still, Flournoy's decision to withdraw removes a candidate who was seen as being at the top of Obama's list. Flournoy, who was also considered for defense secretary in 2012, would have been the first woman to head the Pentagon.





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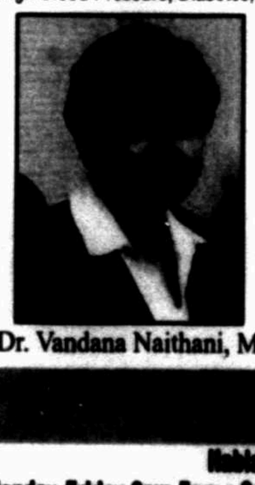
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Black Friday shopping popular across the pond

By Pan Pylas
Associated Press

LONDON — Halloween and Mother's Day have become staples of the U.K. shopping calendar. Now Black Friday looks as though it may be the next big retail import from the United States.

Shopping on the day after Thanksgiving is becoming a thing in Britain, too, thanks mainly to the marketing efforts of major retailers.

Online seller Amazon is widely perceived to have first introduced Black Friday deals to the U.K. in 2010. A steady slew of retailers joined the fray each year, with a significant jump in 2013, when the Asda supermarket chain, owned by Walmart, embraced the event.

This year, it's gotten even bigger and Black Friday looks to have cemented its place in the U.K. calendar. People are talking about it and promotions are being aired across the media.

"It's been building for a few years, a lot of retailers have planned their Black Friday strategies and consumers seem to be ready for it," said Patrick O'Brien, retail analyst at Verdict Research.

The Friday after Thanksgiving has for decades been the biggest shopping day in the U.S. as millions of Americans go in search of bargains and the countdown to Christmas begins in earnest. One of the most common origins of the day's name is that U.S. retailers traditionally turned a profit on Black Friday.

Given its link to Thanksgiving, it was a particularly U.S. event. That is changing, though, primarily in the U.K., which shares many of the retailing customs and traditions of the U.S., in a way that other European countries, such as France and Germany, don't.

According to Verdict, retailers' heavy investment in Black Friday promotions looks set to pay off as awareness of the U.S. retail event reaches an all-time high in the U.K. In its online consumer survey of 10,000 U.K. shoppers, Verdict found that 47 percent of the U.K.'s shoppers say they will participate in the event. It also found that 61 percent of women expect to make a purchase.

Many of the U.K.'s leading retailing brand names are planning promotions on Friday. Some, such as supermarket chain Sainsbury's, are getting involved for the first time. Videogame seller Game is promising "stunning deals and offers that'll be too hard to resist," and is opening stores the moment the clocks strike midnight Friday.

According to a survey of firms that sell both online and in-store commissioned by Barclays, one of the country's biggest banks, 65 percent of retailers are planning Black Friday promotions, and 69 percent expect the popularity of Black Friday promotions to gain traction in years ahead.

This is a big change in the U.K.'s shopping habits in the busiest time of the year. Usually in the U.K., the day after Christmas is when retailers make the big promotions. Boxing Day, as it is known, is when your average turkey-stuffed Briton goes in search of bargains.

In these penny-pinched times following years of austerity — and the prospect of many more to come — it's unsurprising that consumers are on the lookout for bargains in the run-up to Christmas.

Visa Europe thinks the U.K.'s "love affair" with online shopping will reach a new high this Friday and is predicting that 518 million pounds ($813 million) will be spent on its cards, which would make it the biggest day in Visa's e-commerce history in the U.K.

"This year is also likely to see continued growth in shopping via tablets and smartphones, with commuters using the journey home to shop for their loved ones," said Kevin Jenkins, managing director at Visa Europe.

The growth in online shopping through a variety of mechanisms is expected to continue in the months and years ahead.

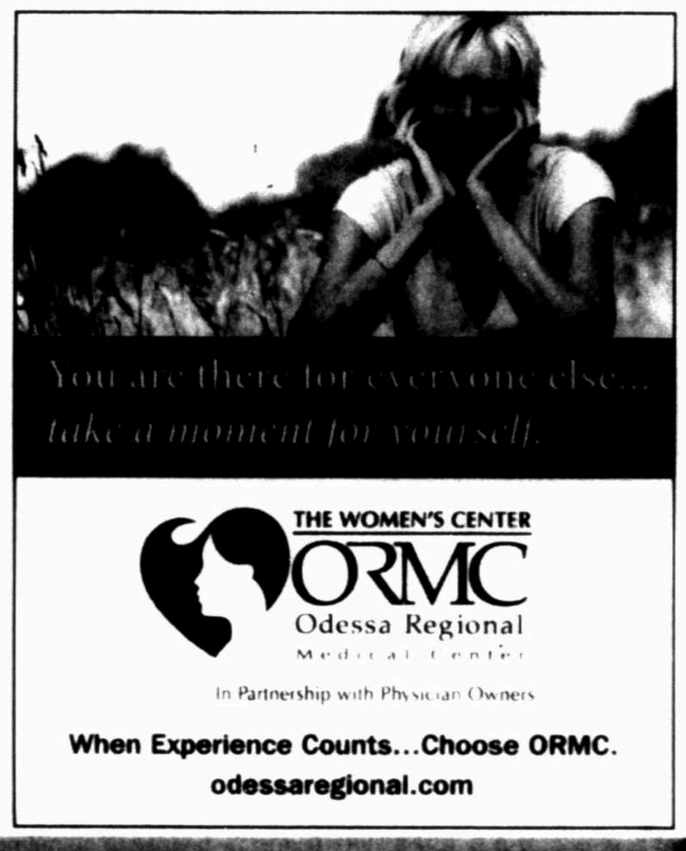
But the change in the U.K.'s shopping habits is unlikely to be a game-changer for retailers, who have spent much of the past few years dealing with the fallout from the financial crisis. Prices have generally risen faster than wages and consumers have sought to reduce their debts and make sure their rainy-day funds don't get frittered away.

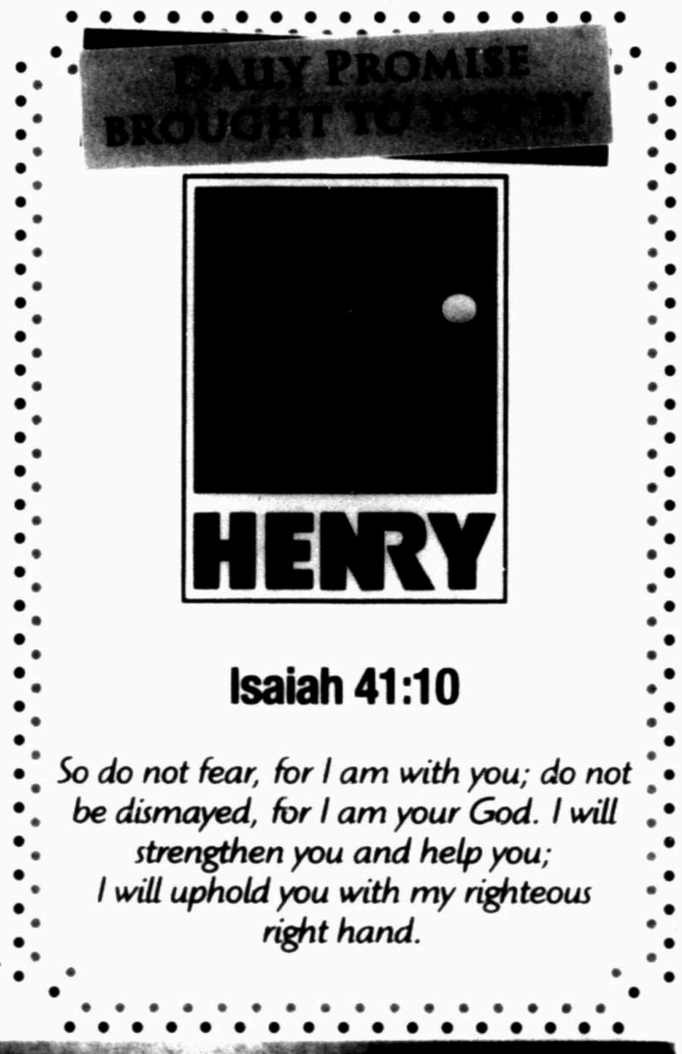


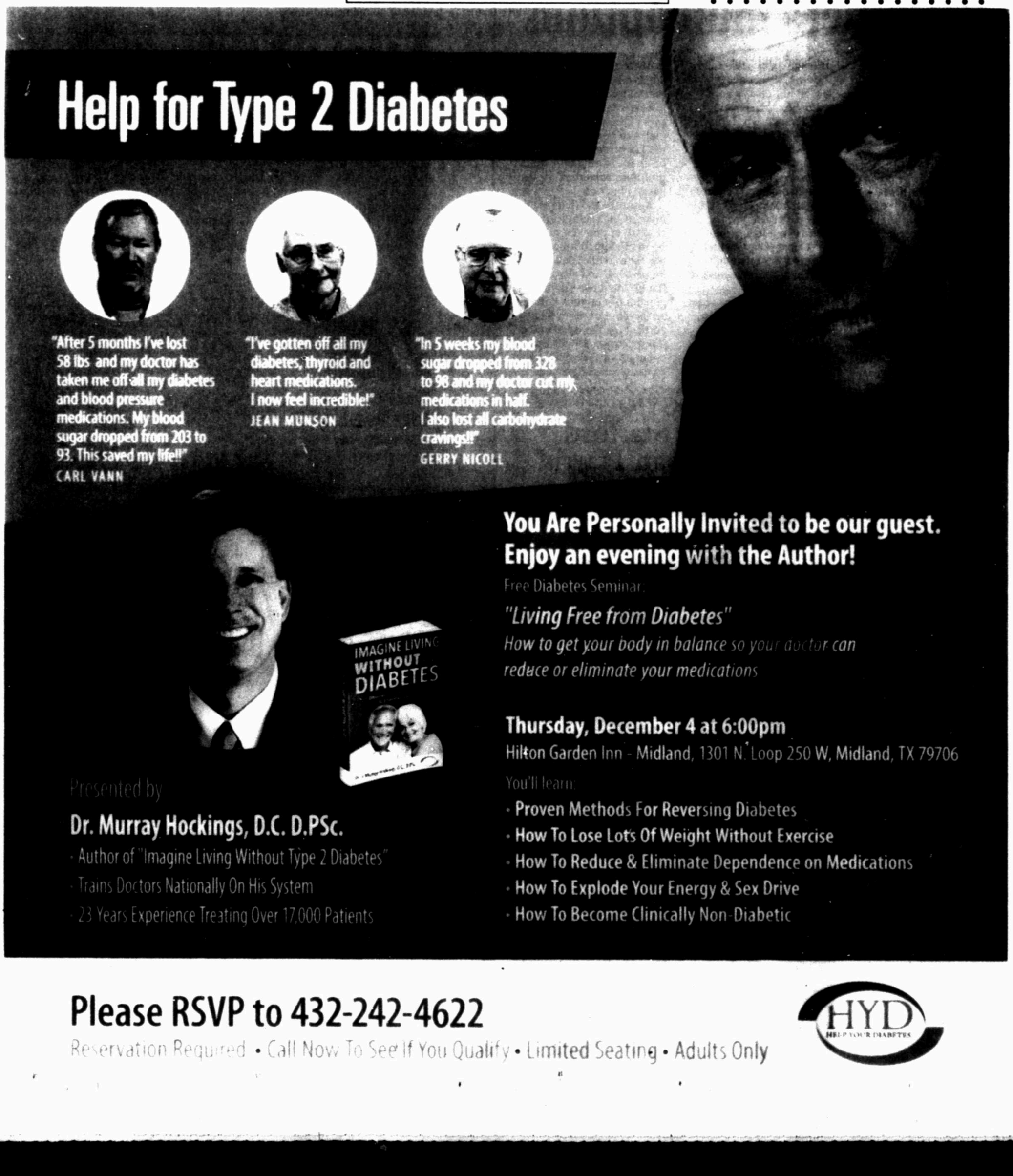
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Shoppers walk near the entrance to Asda supermarket store in West Belfast, Northern Ireland, after at least one person was injured and taken to hospital from the store earlier Friday as shoppers rushed to get their hands on sale deals for their Black Friday event. Halloween and Mother's Day have become staples of the U.K. shopping calendar. Now Black Friday looks as though it may be the next big retail import from the United States.









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6. YouTube, Google Inc.
7. New Words With Friends, Zynga Inc.
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1. Five Nights at Freddy's 2, Scott Cawthon.
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3. Minecraft-Pocket Edition, Mojang.
4. Heads Up!, Warner Bros. Afterlight, Afterlight Collective Inc.
5. Kingdom Rush Origins, Ironhide Game Studio.
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7. Dirt Trackin, Tim Bennett
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10. Monument Valley, ustwo.

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4. YouTube, Google Inc.
5. Things for iPad, Cultured Code GmbH & Co. KG.
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7. New Words With Friends, Zynga Inc.
8. Netflix, Netflix Inc.
9. Microsoft Word, Microsoft Corporation.
10. Pinterest, Pinterest Inc.

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1. Five Nights at Freddy's 2, Scott Cawthon.
2. Minecraft-Pocket Edition, Mojang.
3. Kingdom Rush Origins HD, Ironhide Game Studio.
4. Five Nights at Freddy's, Scott Cawthon.
5. My PlayHome School, PlayHome Software Ltd.
6. Toca Nature, Toca Boca AB.
7. Storage: Auction Legends HD, Everthrill.
8. Geometry Dash, RobTop Games AB.
9. Sago Mini Road Trip, Sago Sago.
10. Heads Up!, Warner Bros.

The top 10 songs and albums at iTunes Store

Top songs

1. Blank Space, Taylor Swift
2. Take Me to Church, Hozier
3. Uptown Funk (feat. Bruno Mars), Mark Ronson
4. All About That Bass, Meghan Trainor
5. I'm Not the Only One, Sam Smith
6. Animals, Maroon 5
7. Jealous, Nick Jonas
8. Shake It Off, Taylor Swift
9. Lips Are Movin, Meghan Trainor
10. The Heart Wants What It Wants, Selena Gomez

Top albums

1. 1989, Taylor Swift
2. FOUR, One Direction
3. That's Christmas To Me, Pentatonix
4. BEYONCI (Platinum Edition) (Mo...), Beyonci
5. No Fixed Address, Nickelback
6. 2014 Forest Hills Drive, J Cole
7. In the Lonely Hour, Sam Smith
8. SHADYXV, Various Artists
9. Sonic Highways, Foo Fighters
10. Guardians of the Galaxy: Aweso..., Various Artists

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4. The Burning Room by Michael Connelly-9780316225922-(Little, Brown and Company)
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8. Revival by Stephen King-9781476770406-(Scribner)
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This file image released by Activision shows a scene from the video game "Destiny."

GIFTS FOR GAMERS

Best bets in video games include dragons, aliens, heroes

By Lou Kesten
Associated Press

Sony's PlayStation 4 video-game console has built an impressive lead over its competitors. That's good news for holiday shoppers because it has driven Microsoft and Nintendo to offer more budget-friendly holiday deals on their consoles.

Microsoft Corp.'s $350 Xbox One packages have jettisoned the Kinect motion-sensing device, which some gamers didn't find appealing because it gave them more exercise than they would have liked. Instead, you get a copy of either "Assassin's Creed Unity" or "Sunset Overdrive." Meanwhile, Nintendo has a $300 Wii U package with "Super Mario 3D World."

Sony Corp.'s console still costs $400, but you can get "Grand Theft Auto V," updated with better graphics, free with one PS4 Black Friday bundle.

Of course, your gaming loved one probably already has the latest console. In that case, here are some new games to feed the machine. Be sure to find out which console your loved one owns, or there's bound to be disappointment.

Inside

Check out a review of "Dragon Age: Inquisition."

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For adults

■ "Dragon Age: Inquisition" (Electronic Arts Inc., for the PS4, PS3, Xbox One, Xbox 360, PC, $59.99): Anyone who's into "Game of Thrones" or "The Lord of the Rings" will adore this sword-and-sorcery epic from the role-playing masters at BioWare. It offers more than 100 hours of adventure as you build an army of humans, elves, dwarves and more to prevent demons from destroying a sprawling, gorgeous fantasy world.

■ "Middle-earth: Shadow of Mordor" (Warner Bros., for the PS4, PS3, Xbox One, Xbox 360, PC, $59.99): In this action-focused take on J.R.R. Tolkien's world, a sword-wielding ranger takes on a series of orc warlords, one by one. No two duels are the same, and victory requires a satisfying blend of strategy and reflexes.

■ "Titanfall" (Electronic Arts, for the Xbox One, Xbox 360, PC, $59.99) or "Destiny" (Activision, for the PS4, PS3, Xbox One, Xbox 360, $59.99): Gamers who love to go online and shoot other gamers got two fresh arenas this year. "Titanfall" adds giant robots to the mayhem, while "Destiny" delivers a wider variety of intense cooperative battles.

■ "Wolfenstein: The New Order" (Bethesda Softworks, for the PS4, PS3, Xbox One, Xbox 360, PC, $59.99): Some trigger-happy gamers prefer a good story to the chaos of online play. For them, I recommend this chilling alternate history, in which a plucky resistance fighter tries to take down the Nazi regime that has overrun all of Europe.

■ "Alien: Isolation" (Sega, for the PS4, PS3, Xbox One, Xbox 360, PC, $59.95): The toothsome alien stalking this space station can't be killed, so anyone who goes in with guns blazing is likely to get eaten. It's almost as nerve-racking as the original "Alien" movie from 1979.

For everyone

■ amiibo (Nintendo, Wii U, $12.99): The "toys-to-life" category — figurines that interact with video games — has been the hottest thing in toy stores for the past few years. Nintendo Co. is finally joining the fray. Want to team up with Mario in "Super Smash Bros. for Wii U" ($59.99)? Place his character on the Wii U's GamePad, and you can teach him new fighting styles. The amiibo models include favorites such as Donkey Kong, Pikachu and Kirby. They are also compatible with "Mario Kart 8," "Hyrule Warriors" and more games to come.

■ "Disney Infinity 2.0: Marvel Super Heroes" (Disney, for the PS4, PS3, Xbox One, Xbox 360, Wii U, $74.99): The Walt Disney Co., meanwhile, has expanded its line of playable figurines by calling on the Avengers to assemble. The starter kit includes Iron Man, Thor and Black Widow, all starring in a goofy, kid-friendly adventure in Marvel's Manhattan. Additional heroes like Spider-Man and Groot cost $15 apiece.

■ "Skylanders Trap Team" (Activision, for the PS4, PS3, Xbox One, Xbox 360, Wii U, $74.99): Activision started the whole toys-to-life trend with this blockbuster franchise, and this year's model is as clever as ever. The new Trap Team Skylanders can capture villains in shells made of "traptanium" (known to the rest of us as plastic). Switching traps allows you to play as different bad guys. There are now hundreds of Skylander characters available, costing $5 to $16 apiece. Surely the collector in your family is missing a few.

■ "Fantasia: Music Evolved" (Disney, for the Xbox One, Xbox 360, $59.99): Players become conductors in Disney's reimagining of the classic film, rearranging tunes from a playlist that goes from Mozart to Elton John to Nicki Minaj. Like most rhythm games, it's good fun for family gatherings. (Be advised: It does require Kinect.)

■ "Sid Meier's Civilization: Beyond Earth" (2K Games, for the PC, $49.99): The stargazer on your list will dig the latest "Civ" simulator, which adds all kinds of crazy technology, from nanorobotics to neural uploading, to the classic formula. Why settle for conquering Earth when there are whole new planets out there?

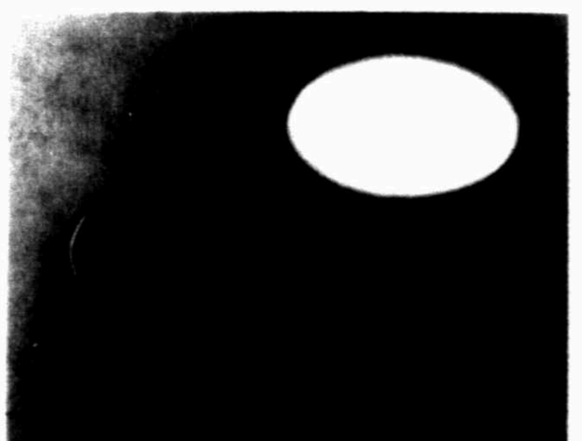


Photos by Ron Harris/AP

This Nov. 18 photo shows the Satechi Smart Selfie Extension Arm Monopod, in Decatur, Ga. The item is a telescoping pole that can extend to three feet and hold a smartphone while operating the phone's camera controls via Bluetooth-connected buttons on the grip of the pole.

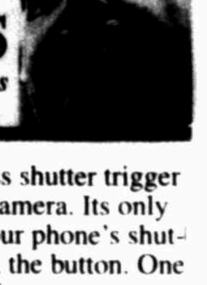


The Kodak Pixpro is a camera that connects wirelessly to the user's smartphone and takes high-resolution photos and video while framing the image on the phone's screen.



The Halo smartphone accessory allows the user to trigger the shutter on their smartphone camera via Bluetooth connection.

Improve your selfies with some add-on gear



RON HARRIS
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Not all selfies are created equal. Some are blurry, are poorly framed or miss the action entirely because you might be scrubbing your thumb fishing for a virtual shutter button as the moment passes you by.

Although phone manufacturers are trying to help by building in tools for better selfies, many of these have their limits. For better selfies, consider some of these gadgets for yourself or your loved ones.

■ Halo/Hisy ($25):

This one is really simple. The Halo is a small plastic button that serves as a wireless shutter trigger for your phone's camera. Its only job is to trigger your phone's shutter when you click the button. One function, one result.

My tests with the Halo for my Android phone went smoothly. The company makes an iPhone version called Hisy. You need to install its free camera app. Shutter Panorama, as neither Halo nor Hisy works with the regular camera app that comes with the phone.

Shutter Panorama doesn't have too many manual settings or special features. But the device does a good job in allowing me to place my phone in places other than my hand. I got some nice shots of myself and my dog by putting the phone against a rock in the front yard and sitting a few feet away. It's more elegant than setting the camera's timer and running to get in the shot.

■ Kodak Pixpro SL25 ($300):

The Pixpro SL25 from Kodak is essentially a camera lens that mounts onto your phone, allowing for higher resolution than what your phone's camera can capture. The Pixpro communicates with your phone over Wi-Fi and lets you compose the image on the phone's screen. Once the photos are snapped using the shutter button on the Pixpro, the phone serves primarily to review and share the images to social media services.

The downside is you have a second device to carry around, which defeats the purpose of taking selfies on the fly.

The upside is image quality.

Please see HARRIS/2B

Obituaries

Alton Edward Kennedy

Alton Edward Kennedy, 93, of Big Springs, Texas, formerly of Odessa, passed away in Big Springs on November 24, 2014 after a lengthy illness.

Graveside services will be 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 26, 2014 at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Alton Edward Kennedy was born on September 2, 1921 in DeLeon, Texas to Leonard and Conan Kennedy. He married Ninnon Mae Kennedy in 1967. He served in the United States Army during World War II. He retired from Conoco Phillips and did buying and selling of rental property for many years after his retirement.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Conan Kennedy; and by his loving wife, Ninnon Mae Kennedy.

He is survived by his brothers, Jim Kennedy of Henrietta, Oklahoma; L.S. Kennedy, Jr. of DeLeon; sister, Evelyn Coleman of DeLeon; son, Johnny and wife Ann Adams of Spring, Texas; and several grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home.

To send family condolences please visit our website at *www.sunsetodessa.com*.



Edia Martinez Hernandez

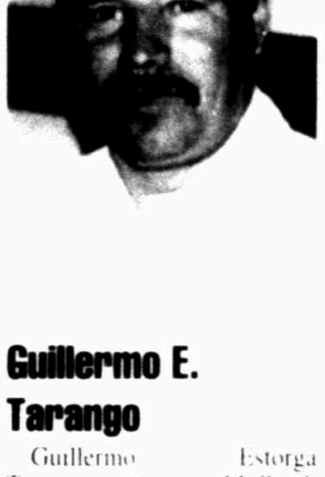
Edia Martinez Hernandez, 71, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday, November 24, 2014. Edia was a life long member of the Midland community, a former president and district director of LULAC and a parishioner at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Edia was born on August 27, 1943 in Midland, Texas to Pascual and Helena (Jaquez) Martinez. She married the love of her life, Alfonso Hernandez in June of 1963 in Big Spring, Texas. Edia graduated from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin with a Bachelor's in Sociology. She worked as a counselor, guiding and shaping her student's lives, and was a huge advocate of seeking a higher education.

Edia is survived by her husband of over 51 years, Alfonso Hernandez; her daughters, Marie Navarrete and Jeannette Hernandez; her granddaughter, Alicia Crystal Navarrete; her sister, Manuela Lopez and husband, Julian; her sister, Maria Martinez; her brother, Jimmy Martinez; her brother, Pascual Martinez, Jr. and his wife, Yolanda; her brother, Gilbert Mejia and his wife, Estella; her brother, Eddie Mejia; her aunt, Rosa Mesa; her uncle, Chio Jaquez; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, all of whom loved and will miss her dearly.

Edia was preceded by her parents, Pascual and Helena Martinez; and her brother, Ted Alva.

Visitation will be from 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26, 2014 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel, with a Rosary to be recited at 7:00 p.m. by the Altar Society at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Funeral Mass will be at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, November 28, 2014 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, with Reverend Swamy Lakkineni as the celebrant.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be left at *www.npwelch.com*.



Guillermo E. Tarango

Guillermo Estorga Tarango, 66, of Midland, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Monday, November 24, 2014 at his residence. Guillermo was affectionately known as "Memo".

Memo was born February 10, 1948 in Cuchillo Parado, Chihuahua Mexico where he was also raised. He later moved to Kansas where he farmed for a few years. Guillermo met and later married Sylvia Bejarano. The couple moved and settled in Midland.

Memo was a hard working person for his wife and family. He owned and operated Memo's Body Shop until his retirement.

Memo was preceded in death by parents, Ignacio and Otilia Tarango.

He is survived by his wife, Sylvia B. Tarango; four sons, Guillermo A. Tarango, Juan G. Tarango, Adan Tarango, and Jaaziel Tarango, all of Midland; two daughters, Lisette Mercado of Austin and Anna Frecks of Edwardsville, Kansas; 12 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

He is also survived by his five sisters, Martha Mendoza, Rosario Ramirez, Maria de Jesus Salgado, and Manuela Tarango, all of Pecos, Texas, and Cecilia Aguirre of Presidio, Texas; and numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Graveside service will be Wednesday, November 26, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at Serenity Memorial Gardens. Elder Ramon Aguirre will officiate.

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

Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home
2200 N. Big Spring · Midland, TX · (432) 682-3700



Joe Ragan

Joe Ragan, 82, of Midland, Texas, passed away Sunday, November 23, 2014 at Midland Memorial in Midland. He was born in Dallas, Texas on October 16, 1932 to Pat L. Ragan and Jessie V. McGee.

Joe traveled throughout Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, and Wyoming and it was in Monahans where Joe met the love of his life, Ann Christian Paulson, and they were married on January 12, 1957.

Joe served in the Korean War as a pilot, while in the United States Army Air Corps. Joe loved to fly and play the accordion. Joe had a passion for traveling and participated in Air Shows and even built his own airplane.

Joe was employed for Champlin Petroleum from 1962 to 1988 and served in John's Department of Sunday school class.

Joe was preceded in death by both his parents, and by his brother, Robert Ragan.

Joe is survived by his wife, Ann Ragan; son, John R. his wife Norma Ragan of Midland; granddaughters, Lauren and Andrea Ragan of Midland; and daughter, JoAnna and husband Daryl Lowder, also of Midland.

Services were on Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at First Baptist Church in Midland, David Johnson officiated. Burial followed at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Mike Norwood was the Honorary Pallbearer.

The family requests memorials be directed to Wound Warrior Project.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home. To sign the guest book, go to our website at *www.sunsetodessa.com*.

Maurice Loyd Reynolds

Maurice Loyd Reynolds, 87, passed away Sunday, Nov. 23, 2014 in her home in Pecan Plantation in Granbury of a long illness. Funeral service: 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2014, at Wiley Funeral Home, Granbury. Memorials: Wounded Warriors or the National Kidney Foundation.

Born July 27, 1927 in Baird, TX, Maurice was the daughter of Frank and Leathy Frazier Loyd. She graduated from Baird High School and Del Mar College in Corpus Christi and became a registered nurse. She married Charles F. Reynolds, a soldier from Seminole, OK, and made friends all over the country as she followed him during his army training, further education and his career as a geologist for Conoco. They lived in Seminole, OK, and Midland, Corpus Christi, Houston, and other places. She loved OU football, art history, beautiful dishes, and travel.

Maurice was preceded in death by her husband in 2009 and their son Charles, Jr. in 1970. Survivors: Daughters, Anne Felix and Catherine Reger and husband, Dennis; grandchildren, Gregory Mueller and wife Kari, and Julie Jara and husband Jim; and great grandchildren, Matthew & Taylor Mueller; and Dominic, Christian, Ethan and Alexander Jara.



Novella Mae Jones Dehnel

Novella Mae Jones Dehnel, 93, of San Angelo and formerly of McCamey, Texas, died Sunday, November 23, 2014, and now lives in the presence of her Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Services will be at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 26, 2014, at Belmore Baptist Church with burial following at Belvedere Cemetery in San Angelo.

Novella was born on April 13, 1921, in San Angelo to Richard Pierson Hobson Jones and Ruth Elizabeth Singleton Jones. She graduated from Water Valley High School on May 23, 1940. She married Raymond Paul Dehnel on September 15, 1942. They raised their seven children in a home that was centered on Jesus Christ instilling their love for the Lord into their children while living in Colorado City, Midland, and McCamey before returning to San Angelo.

Prior to her marriage to Raymond, Novella accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour as she came to realize her sinfulness and need for a Saviour. 2 Corinthians 5:21 "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." NKJV

Novella is preceded in death by her father Richard Pierson Hobson Jones, her mother Ruth Elizabeth Singleton Jones, her brother Samuel Lee Jones, and her daughter Ava Ruth Wagner. She is survived by her husband, Raymond Paul Dehnel of San Angelo; her sister Floy Ray Tonne of San Angelo; daughter Fran Buchanan and husband Ken of San Angelo; daughter Martha Joyce and husband Ken of San Marcos, Texas; daughter Paula Holder and husband Doug of Kermit, Texas; son Richard Dehnel and wife Alice of Sundown, Texas; daughter Wanda May and husband Russell of Hamlin, Texas; and son Douglas Dehnel and wife Sharon of Kennedale, Texas. She is also survived by twenty-five grandchildren, thirty great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, and numerous nieces and nephews. Additionally, two more great-grandchildren are expected, one later this week and the next one in May 2015.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to Belmore Baptist Church for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in memory of Novella.

Family and friends may express condolences and sign the online guest book at www.johnsons-funeralhome.com.



Patricia Ann Thames

Patricia Ann Thames graduated peacefully from this life to be with her Heavenly Father on Friday, November 21, 2014 at MD Anderson Hospital in Houston, Texas after a short battle with cancer.

She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, and aunt. She loved her family very much.

Pat was born in Sedalia, Missouri to Joseph and Olynda Drake on March 24, 1935. She graduated from Lamar High School in Houston, attended TSCW in Denton, Midland College, and graduated from UTPB.

She was a long time member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church and later joined Christ Church Anglican, where she served on the Vestry, various prayer ministries and prayer groups. She was a member of the choir at Christ Church, and a member of The Daughters of the Holy Cross. Pat was very spiritually orientated and was a special prayer warrior praying for anyone needing prayers at any time. She was very dedicated to her church.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, John Drake.

Pat was a long time volunteer at the Life Center, prayed with cancer patients at the Hope House, was a mentor at Santa Rita School, did Pastoral Care at the hospital and was a member of the Children's Service League.

She married the love of her life, Bob Thames, on February 5, 1954 in Fort Worth, Texas. The family moved to Midland in 1963.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and brother, John Drake.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Bob; son, Bob, III and wife Sher of Littleton, Colorado; son, Joe and wife Stacy of Midland; daughter, Jacque Cain and husband Gary of Midland; daughter, Lynda James and husband John of Midland; sister, Joan Eccles of San Antonio; and sister-in-law, Shannon Thames Burdette of Kerrville.

She is also survived by eight grandchildren, Christopher, Jason and Garrett Cain, Brad, Bryan and John Tyler James, Brice and Tessa Burgess; five great-grandchildren, Austin and Denton Cain, Emma Cain, Kristian and Keslee Burgess, and Alyssa Ontiveros; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at Ellis Funeral Home on Friday, November 28, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. A family graveside service will be held at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 29, 2014 and a Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 29, at Christ Church Anglican, 5501 Midkiff Road, Midland.

Memorial Donations may be given to The Life Center of Midland, Hope House of Midland, Christ Church Anglican of Midland, or the charity of your choice.

Ellis Funeral Home
Funerals & Cremations
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Death Notices

William R. (Bill) Larsen

William R. (Bill) Larsen, 87, of Midland, died Monday, November 24, 2014. The family will hold private services.

Bill is survived by his wife, Barbara Larsen; daughter, Lyn Yater; and sons, David Larsen, Greg Larsen, Kevin Larsen, and Roger Larsen.

Shirley McClain

Shirley McClain, 65 of San Antonio, formally of Odessa, passed away Sunday November 23, 2014.

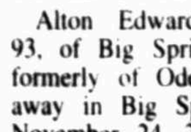
Funeral Services will be held Saturday November 29, 2014 at 1p.m. at the Benson Memorial Church of God in Christ, located at 2656 state HWY 7 Chilton TX, 76632. The visitation will be held at the church from 11a.m to 1p.m. on Saturday.

Online Condolences may be made at www.dovefuneralhome.net

Longtime AP reporter Juan Carlos Llorca dies at 40

Associated Press

EL PASO — Juan Carlos Llorca, a veteran Associated Press journalist who covered immigration and the drug war along the U.S.-Mexico border, and whose reporting on illegal international adoptions helped prompt national reforms in Guatemala, has died at age 40.



Llorca

Llorca collapsed at his home Monday in El Paso and was rushed to a hospital, but he was pronounced dead, according to his sister, Maria Jimena Llorca. The cause of his death is pending.

"Juan Carlos was that rare mix of aggressive reporter and gentle soul," said Maud Beelman, AP's editor for Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma. "He never turned away from an assignment, no matter how difficult, and his enthusiasm for the job was infectious."

Llorca spent years reporting on illegal international adoptions in Guatemala, becoming one of the first journalists to uncover a smuggling trade in which infants were placed for adoption with unsuspecting couples, mostly from the United States.

Authorities discovered evidence of fraud that was later revealed to include false paperwork, fake birth certificates, women coerced into giving up their children and even child theft. At least 25 cases resulted in criminal charges against doctors, lawyers, mothers and civil registrars.

Llorca's reporting helped prompt Guatemala to suspend international adoptions and enact reforms in 2008. He'd joined the AP three years earlier in Guatemala.

As a political writer for El Periodico de Guatemala, a well-respected daily newspaper in Guatemala City, Llorca was selected for a Scripps Howard Foundation journalism fellowship in Washington, D.C., in 2002.

Llorca became AP's correspondent in El Paso in 2011. In addition to covering Mexico's drug war and the border town of Ciudad Juarez — when violence there was at its worst — Llorca honed his photography skills, becoming a journalist who was able to report, write and shoot photos for his stories.

He covered a variety of topics from his base in Texas, including the surge of Central Americans coming across the U.S. border last summer and the exposure of potentially hundreds of infants to tuberculosis at an El Paso hospital. He also frequently covered stories in neighboring New Mexico, including border and immigration stories.

Llorca had two teenage sons who had recently joined him in El Paso to attend school.

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From 1B

The Pixpro shoots sharp 16 megapixel photos and full high-definition video at 1080p. This quality is common for rear cameras, but not the front ones for selfies. As a bonus, the Pixpro offers a zoom of up to 25 times, which is more helpful for regular shots than selfies. It's a real, optical zoom, not a software magnification phones typically use.

The Pixpro has fold-out arms to attach to my phone, such that the two devices act as one.

That, in itself, isn't different from using just the phone for selfies. But I was able to hold the Pixpro and press the shutter in ways I could not with my phone. For instance, I was able to have my finger rest on a physical button on the Pixpro instead of searching on the phone's touch screen for a virtual one.

I had a lot of success using the Pixpro unattached to my phone, as well. It has a wide-angle lens that fits plenty of action into the frame.

Some phones are coming with better front cameras. The one on HTC's new Desire Eye is 13 megapixels, the same as the rear camera.

There's even a front flash. You'll still get sharper images with the Kodak attachment.

■ Satechi Smart Selfie Extension Arm Monopod ($50):

This telescoping monopod from Satechi helps get more than just yourself in the frame. Similar to the Kodak unit, this monopod has spring-loaded rubber pieces that grip the phone on its sides, holding it firmly in place. From there, you simply extend the telescoping device out to its full three feet and get lots of buddies or surroundings into the shot.

What really helps is that a shutter button on the grip of the pole connects to your phone via Bluetooth, allowing you to snap the selfie without reaching up to the phone. Once I paired the monopod to my phone and launched my default camera app, I was able to easily snap various selfies with a birds-eye view and other vantage points longer than my arm.

The Satechi unit worked fine with my phone's default camera, but not with other camera apps I enjoy, such as FxCamera and Candy Camera.

Samsung's new Galaxy Note models do let you fit more people in by stitching multiple images together. You tilt the phone left and right, and the Note's software does the magic behind the scenes. The shot won't be as instant, though, as what the monopod can provide.



Associated Press

A screen shot from the game "Dragon Age: Inquisition" is shown. The game is the third in a series of fantasy role-playing games from BioWare. (Electronic Arts/BioWare via The New York Times).

Epic 'Dragon Age' blazes new trails

By Lou Kesken
Associated Press

■ REVIEW

Take "The Lord of the Rings," "Game of Thrones," "The Wheel of Time" and pretty much every other epic fantasy of the last century. Throw in a shelf full of "Dungeons & Dragons" manuals and a library of classic role-playing games dating back to 1981's "Wizardry" and "Ultima." Mix vigorously, and you have some idea of what to expect from "Dragon Age: Inquisition" (Electronic Arts, for the Xbox One, Playstation 4, Xbox 360, PlayStation 3, PC, $59.95).

The latest RPG from BioWare, the Canadian developer known for such landmarks as "Baldur's Gate," "Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic" and "Mass Effect," is a sprawling creation that builds on all those successes. It has vistas of eye-popping grandeur but allows for quiet moments between characters. It lets you compete in fast-paced battles or idly pick out drapes for your castle. It offers a cosmic good-vs.-evil apocalypse along with more mundane struggles between its flawed, mortal heroes.

The main protagonist, who becomes known as the Inquisitor, can be male or female, one of four races (human, elf, dwarf or the bull-like qunari), and one of three classes (mage, warrior or ranger). The continent of Thedas has been beset by rifts that allow demons to enter from another dimension; the Inquisitor alone has the mysterious power to close them. What's behind the rifts? The answer comes about 30 hours in — at which point "Inquisition" is only about one-third of the way done.

The Inquisitor can't save the world alone, and a huge part of the game's appeal is in its supporting cast. My favorites were the rakish mage Dorian and the haunted assassin Cole, but each of your cohorts has such a distinct personality that you'll want to spend time getting to know all of them. You can take three of them on each mission, and it's fascinating to watch them interact.

They usually fend for themselves in combat, though you can pause the action to give them orders. Once your characters build up some skills, the battles are usually over in short order — but defeating one of those thick-skinned dragons requires the ability to switch quickly among your four fighters.

While the missions and the overarching plot are compelling, simply roaming around Thedas is pure delight. It's a huge continent, and the only way to see it all is to start walking. It's thrilling to discover an ancient ruin in the middle of a desert, or a mysterious shrine in the bowels of a cave — and then realize you've stumbled upon another mystery that could take hours to solve.

This is the work of a studio at the top of its game, and a huge relief to those of us who worried about BioWare's future after its founders departed in 2012. Having invested 100 hours in it, I'd be happy to keep playing for another 100. Four stars out of four.

Online
http://www.dragonage.com

Ubisoft's 'Far Cry 4' climbs to wild heights

By Derrik J. Lang
Associated Press

■ REVIEW

At a time when it seems like many first-person shooter creators have run out of ideas, the keepers of the "Far Cry" franchise have cleverly added elephants that can be employed as makeshift tanks in the latest installment of the freewheeling, out-of-control action series. It's just one of many inventive flourishes that players will stumble across in the chaotically fun "Far Cry 4."

The series once again starts with players in the shoes of an outsider. This time, it's Ajay Ghale, an American who has ventured to his parents' homeland for the first time to deliver his mother's ashes. While there, he becomes entangled in the country's long-simmering civil war between a rag-tag rebellion called the Golden Path and tyrannical leader Pagan Min.

"Far Cry 4" (Ubisoft, for the PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One, PC, $59.99) trades the breezy African and South Pacific locales of previous installments for a fictional land located amid the Himalayas called Kyrat. It's a violent and vivid place where forests, wildlife, temples, lakes, caves, mountains and humanity swirl together like watercolors.

The developers have wisely opted to keep the liberating open-ended gameplay from "Far Cry 3" wholly unchanged. Whether players have a hankering to hijack enemy outposts, hunt treasures, disarm bombs, race cars, free hostages, fight propaganda, skin critters or embark on hallucinogenic journeys, the choice is ultimately theirs to make — and there are a lot of 'em.

Unlike the previous "Far Cry" outing, players must transverse towering peaks instead of sweeping islands. Thankfully, a few new modes of transportation have been introduced, including a sputtering gyrocopter and a handy-dandy grappling hook, which gives Ghale the ability to ascend or descend mountains at certain rocky junctures spread across Kyrat.



AP/Ubisoft

This photo provided by Ubisoft shows a scene from the video game, "Far Cry 4."

The nation's landscape is unfortunately more interesting than its population. The over-the-top Min (portrayed by omnipresent video game voice actor Troy Baker) serves more as maniacal background music rather than the star headliner he was promised to be, while Ghale himself (voiced by James A. Woods) is shamefully never developed as the game's leading man.

Luckily, the serviceable but unsatisfying plot doesn't detract from the overall experience. A few multiplayer modes, notably the chance to play cooperatively online, keeps "Far Cry 4" fresh after the credits roll. Hopefully, plowing through Kyrat with a pal is only a tease of what might await in "Far Cry 5." Also, fingers crossed, kangaroos. Three-and-a-half stars out of four.

Online:
http://far-cry.ubi.com.

3 ways to watch streaming video on TV

By Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press

■ REVIEW

NEW YORK — Even casual viewers of online video will appreciate the ability to watch it on a big-screen TV.

For about $100, you can get a great streaming TV device to do that. Or for about a third of that, you can get a pretty good one. Content selection varies, but all offer such basics as Netflix, Hulu and YouTube. After trying out 10 streaming devices, I have three recommendations and an honorable mention:

Amazon Fire TV Stick

A "stick" is a cheaper, lightweight version of a regular streaming device, often with poorer performance. That's not the case with the $39 Fire TV Stick, which is why I'm recommending it over the $99 Fire TV. The processor isn't as powerful, and there isn't as much working memory. But in my tests, video streamed well on both devices.

The Stick lacks a remote control capable of voice search — you type searches into the on-screen keyboard. Voice search costs $30, or you can download a free app for your Android device. A version for iPhones and iPads is coming too. The app isn't as easy to use as a real remote, but it does the job.

The Fire TV devices stand out in having voice search that works well. My lone complaint is that you're currently limited to content from Amazon, Vevo, Showtime, Crackle and Hulu. No surprise that Amazon content is emphasized; its two main rivals, Apple iTunes and Google Play are missing.

Unfortunately, the Stick is out of stock until mid-January, so your loved one will have to settle for a promise. The regular Fire TV is available immediately and is better for games.

Roku 3

This device is agnostic on content providers. There are more than 1,000 apps to download, many for services you have never heard of and will never watch. Except for iTunes, it has all the leading channels.

There are many Roku models. The $50 Roku Streaming Stick is adequate for basic video, but painfully slow when rewinding and forwarding. The top-end, $100 Roku 3 performs much better. Some TVs have Roku built in, though you'll better off picking the TV you like and getting the Roku separately.

Even with the top-end model, Roku tends to give me the most problems with video and audio improperly syncing. In many cases, it's subtle — something I can live with in exchange for more choices in video content. It does have the best buffer, at least for Netflix and Hulu streaming. That's important when your Internet connection is spotty. Video kept playing for a few minutes after I unplugged my cable modem. It lasted only 15 to 30 seconds on Amazon and Google devices and roughly a minute on Apple TV.

Apple TV

Apple TV, at $99, remains a solid device and is a great choice for those who already have iPhones or iPads. Place one near the Apple TV for easy set-up. Your iTunes account transfers over wirelessly.

You can't download new apps as you can with the others. Apple takes a "less is more" philosophy and curates Apple TV with 45 or so outside services, including ABC, HBO and Showtime. Apple is able to insist on consistency that way, so keyboards and menu layouts are similar from app to app. New services are automatically added through software updates. Amazon and Google Play are missing, though you can "cast" content to the TV indirectly. Using your iPhone or iPad, load Amazon or Google Play video and send that to Apple TV using a feature called AirPlay. Quality sometimes suffers with casting.

Google Nexus Player (honorable mention)

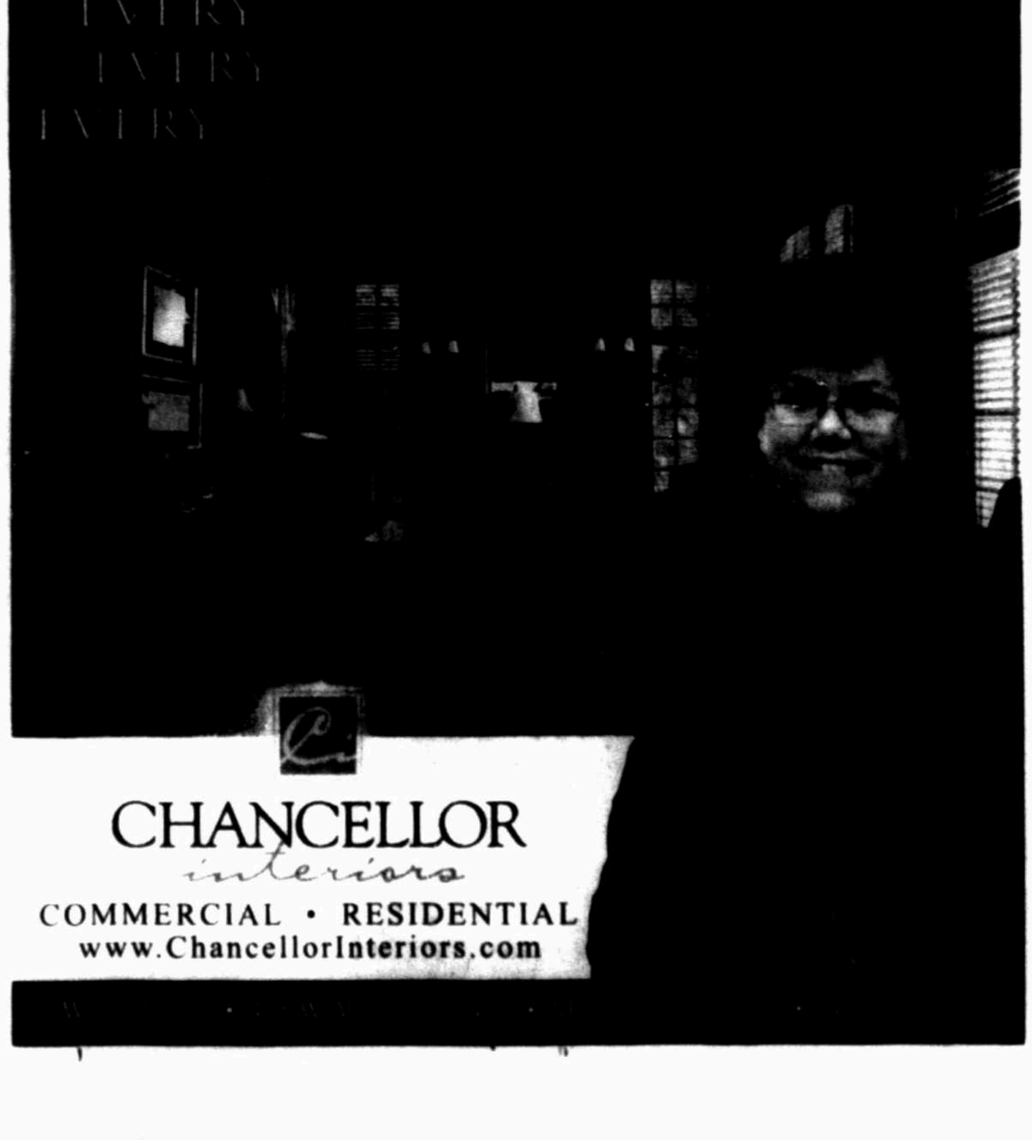
Google's $35 Chromecast stick is useless on its own. Your only option is casting, and I have found the experience and video quality to be poor. Google's new $99 Nexus Player is the better choice. Its performance was comparable to the Apple TV and Fire TV devices.

The Nexus has voice search like the Fire. While the Fire limits such searches to titles, actors, directors and genres, the Nexus offers more flexible searching — though it works only some of the time. A voice request for "movie with Tom Hanks and mermaid" correctly gave me "Splash." On the other hand, "documentary Oscar winners" gave me fictional flicks such as "Gravity." Video search is limited to Google content and a few other services for now.

I hesitate to recommend the Nexus because it has relatively few apps. There's no HBO, no Showtime, no ABC, no ESPN. PBS Kids is an option, but PBS isn't.

Casting is offered for some of these services, but the Nexus needs more stand-alone apps to be useful. That will come over time, but not necessarily in time for the holidays.

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Weighing choices when buying a tablet isn't that difficult

By Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Time for a tablet?

People tend to hold onto tablets longer than smartphones, so take time to weigh your options. A major consideration is what phone you or your gift recipient already has. Although it's possible for Android owners to have Apple's iPads, for instance, there are advantages to sticking within the same system. You often can buy apps just once and share them across both devices, and you don't need to learn two different systems.

Here are some buying tips organized by system. Prices listed are for base models. You can typically spend more for additional storage or LTE cellular connectivity.

Apple's iOS

The iPad remains top of the line among tablets. The selection of apps designed specifically for it is unmatched. Those who already have iPhones will appreciate the ability to start email and other tasks on one device and finish on the other. You can even make phone calls from iPads, if you have an iPhone on the same Wi-Fi network.

The downside is the $499 price tag for the latest full-size model, the iPad Air 2. Many Android tablets are cheaper. You do get a light and skinny device for the price, with a camera that matches the iPhone's 8 megapixels (though the iPad still lacks a flash). The new Air also has a fingerprint sensor to bypass security passcodes and to authorize online purchases using Apple Pay. It won't work with in-store payments, though.

If you are on a budget or want a smaller device, consider last year's iPad Mini 2 for $299. This year's Mini doesn't have many improvements over last year's model, except for the fingerprint and Apple Pay capabilities. The convenience might not be worth spending more for the $399 iPad Mini 3.

You might consider putting the savings toward a mid-tier or higher-end model. With both the Air 2 and the Mini 3, you can upgrade to 64 gigabytes of storage from 16 GB for just $100 more. Or get 128 GB for $200 more than the base model.

Google's Android

Android phones and tablets don't let you switch back and forth as easily as Apple devices do. The advantage of sticking with an Android tablet for Android phone owners is having a unified library of apps.

Samsung's Galaxy Tab S is the best of the Android tablets I've tried. The display uses a technology called AMOLED to produce colors that pop out as you view video or browse the Web. But the Tab S also comes with a high price tag — $500 for the full-size model and $400 for the smaller one.

Samsung does offer an even-pricier Pro series, with screens of up to 12.2 inches diagonally, but that's really aimed at professionals. Full-size models tend to be nine or 10 inches, while mini models are seven or eight inches. At the small and cheap end, Samsung offers the 7-inch Galaxy Tab 4 for about $180. Book lovers can choose a Nook edition, made in partnership with Barnes & Noble.

Google's $399 Nexus 9 has the advantage of running an Android version that's closest to Google's vision. Samsung and other manufacturers typically add their own twists, which can confuse consumers. The Nexus does have a wireless chip for in-store mobile payments using Google Wallet, if you feel like waving it around in the checkout line.

I'm including Amazon's Fire HDX tablets under Android, even though the system's been modified so much that there's little resemblance. App selection isn't as good as what you get on purer Android devices. But Amazon is able to add such features as one-button access to live video help. It is great for first-time tablet owners and comes at a nice price — the full-size model for $379 and the smaller one for $179.

Microsoft's Windows

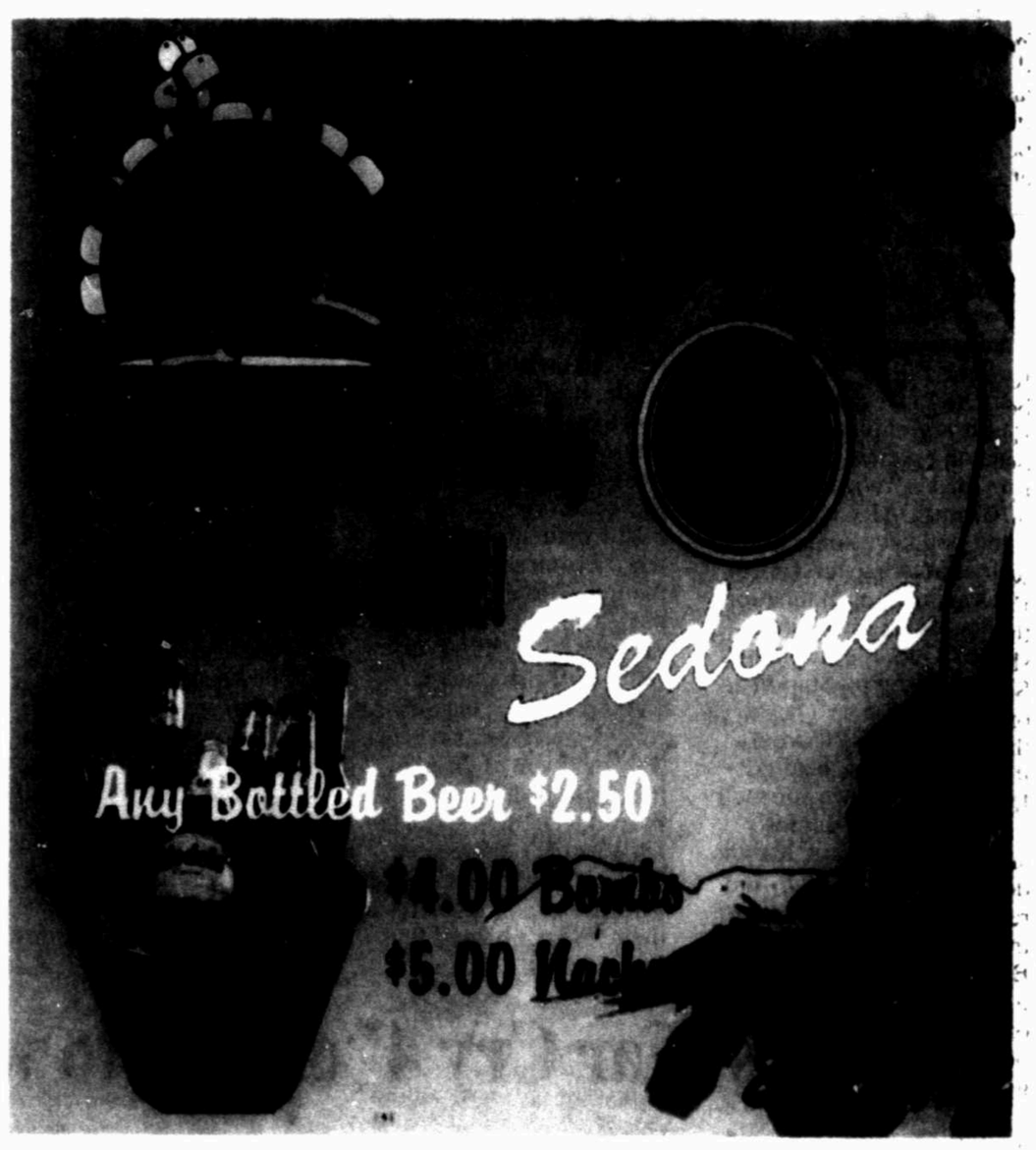
Until Windows 10 comes out next year, there's a huge divide between Windows phones and Windows tablets. Apps aren't compatible, and Windows tablets have more in common with Windows desktops and laptops. A Windows tablet is best suited for someone looking to replace a PC. In fact, many Windows tablets are just laptops with detachable keyboards.

There are too many models to list, so I'll use Microsoft's own Surface Pro 3 as an example. You type on a touch screen or attach a $130 keyboard cover. The Surface itself starts at $799, though configurations go as high as $1,949 for those serious about ditching the PC. The Surface's built-in kickstand can be adjusted to a range of positions, some better for desks and others for the lap. The best thing about Windows tablets is their ability to run regular Windows software, such as Office and Photoshop. Other tablets have, at best, a light version.



AP file photo

This July 31 photo shows a visitor trying out Samsung Electronics Co.'s 10.5-inch Galaxy Tab S tablet during an event in Tokyo. People tend to hold onto tablets longer than smartphones, so take time to weigh your options. A major consideration is what phone you or your gift recipient already has. Although it's possible for Android owners to have Apple's iPads, for instance, there are advantages to sticking within the same system. You often can buy apps just once and share them across both devices, and you don't need to learn two different systems.



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High: 63 Low: 37	High: 66 Low: 41	High: 72 Low: 44	High: 73 Low: 44	High: 72 Low: 39	High: 62 Low: 44

Local forecast

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 63 and west winds between 5 and 10 mph becoming northeast in the afternoon. Tonight's forecast calls for clear conditions with a low around 37 and east winds around 5 mph becoming southeast after midnight.

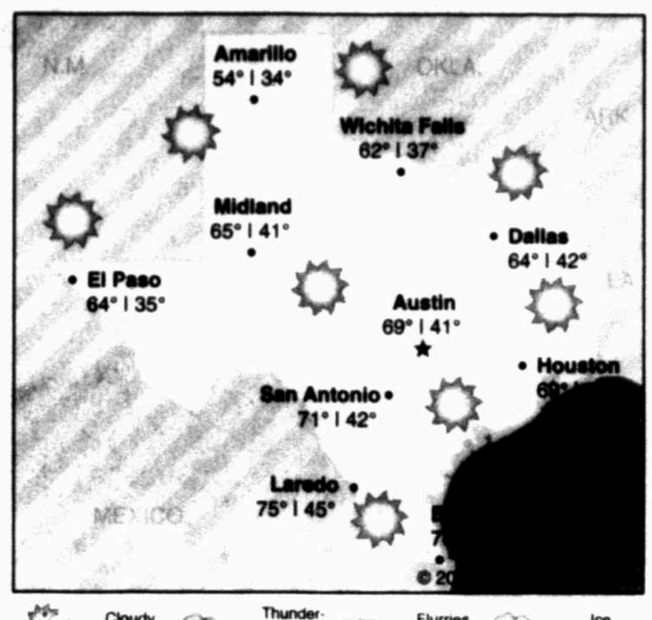
On Thanksgiving, look for sunny skies with a high around 66 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph. Expect clear conditions at night, with a low around 41 and south winds around 10 mph.

The high on Tuesday reached 56, while the low dropped to 33. The record high for Nov. 25 is 85 set in 1965. The record low is 18 set in 1938.

National forecast

Just in time for the busiest travel day of the year, a winter storm is expected to slam the East Coast today, bringing a pre-Thanksgiving mess of rain, sleet and snow.

The National Weather Service has issued a winter storm warning for an area where more than 20 million people live in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic, leading thousands of families to reconsider their travel plans to avoid being stuck on snarled roadways or stranded at congested airports.

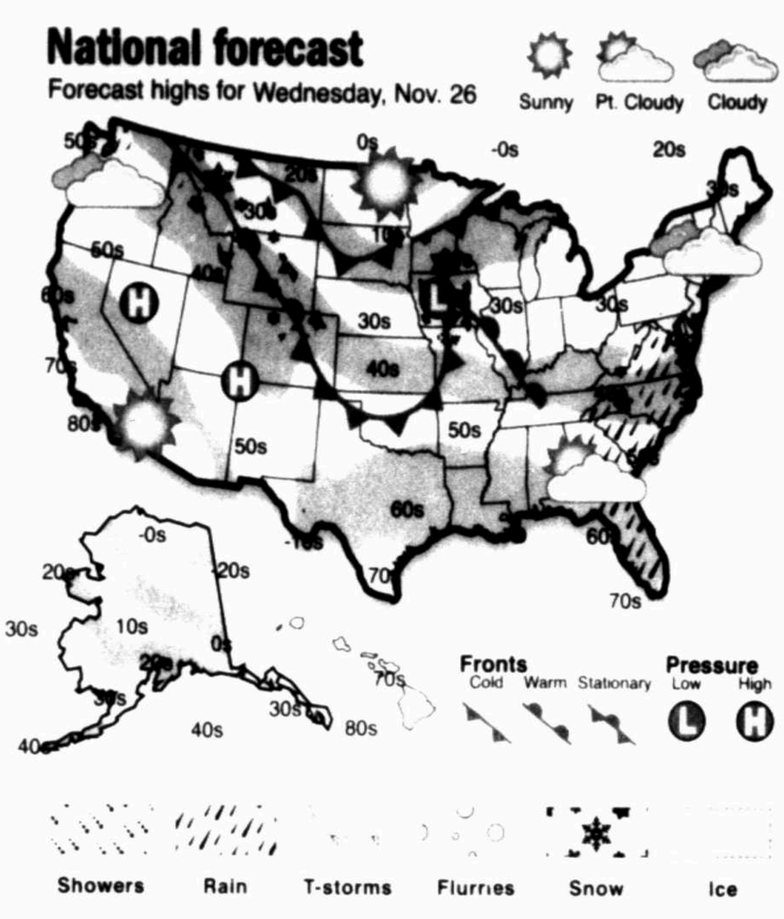


Precipitation

Monday	0.00 in.
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Month total	1.02 in.
Year total	7.45 in.
Normal total (year to date)	13.89 in.

Tuesday's temperatures

High	56
Low	33
Normal high	63
Normal low	35
Sunrise	7:27 a.m.
Sunset	5:45 p.m.



Clandestine family affair needs complete confession

DEAR ABBY



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

DEAR ABBY: I recently found out my daughter has been having an affair with her sister's husband. This will tear our family apart. It will also have a huge impact on my grandchildren.

I have not yet told my wife, who will be devastated, but I'm having trouble carrying this burden alone. I feel they should be held accountable. Should I look the other way, or make them responsible for their actions, knowing the hell it will create? — STRESSING IN THE USA

DEAR STRESSING: What an unfortunate mess. Please do not assume that you are responsible for any damage that may result from this affair. Because you know about it, it's logical to assume that it's only a matter of time until others find out what has been going on.

That's why you should talk to your daughter. Tell her you know about the affair and will now have to inform her sister, who deserves to know that her marriage is in serious trouble and why. If you do, it may save the marriage.

DEAR ABBY: In the past few months I have gone to different parties for friends from my church group. I always go to the celebrations eager to meet and chat with people I haven't seen in years.

However, one thing bothers me about these get-togethers. Toward the middle of the event, I often get approached by the host who will ask me to assist with a certain task such as setting up the table, clearing or even doing the dishes. No one else is ever asked to help.

I was raised in a family that emphasized good manners and to always be willing to help a friend. But in these situations I feel uncomfortable because I don't want to refuse my host and I was invited as a "guest."

Isn't it rude for a host to ask a guest to help clean? If so, what would be the appropriate response? — INFRINGED UPON IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR INFRINGED UPON: Whether it's presumptuous to ask depends upon how close the host is to the guest being asked to lend a hand. Some people would consider it a compliment; however, if you're not close, it IS presumptuous. And if you prefer not to be recruited, all you have to say is, "I'd rather not."

DEAR READERS: Tomorrow is Thanksgiving, and no Thanksgiving would be complete without my sharing the traditional prayer penned by my dear mother:

Oh, Heavenly Father,
We thank Thee for food and remember the hungry.
We thank Thee for health and remember the sick.
We thank Thee for friends and remember the friendless.
We thank Thee for freedom and remember the enslaved.
May these remembrances stir us to service,
That Thy gifts to us may be used for others.
Amen.

Have a safe and happy celebration, everyone! — Love, ABBY

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 Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2014:

This year you are open to many more experiences than you have been in the past. Some of your close friends might be wondering about your evolving tendency to dive headfirst into risky situations. You have unusual drive when you're focused. If you are single, no one questions your desirability. You'll want to explore your different options before making any commitments. If you are attached, you recognize the importance of friendship in your relationship. The two of you often laugh for hours together. Acceptance of each other becomes more prominent. AQUARIUS might be offbeat, but he or she makes a great friend.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Whether you are being pushed by yourself or by an outside factor, you will be a force to be reckoned with. The conventional route might not be the most successful for you right now. A partner is likely to encourage a different strategy. Go for it! Tonight: Where your friends are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You'll keep reaching out to someone at a distance who gives you significant feedback. Before you make an important decision, make sure you have all the facts. Listen to news, even if you have to postpone plans because of what you hear. Tonight: Could go till the wee hours.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You'll have a different approach to a problem that others might not have considered. A discussion with a close associate might slow you down. You would be well-advised to do more research. Ride the wave of chaos — it is the only way out. Tonight: A must appearance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You might wonder what would be the best approach for handling an important issue. Go to diverse sources for suggestions, and evaluate your options. A discussion with a dear friend or loved one could be more important than you realize. Tonight: Favorite spot, favorite person.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You might feel as if you'd like to take on the world, but you could have other matters to deal with. Don't worry — you will complete your to-do list much more quickly than you originally had thought. Tonight: Love every moment and every person with whom you visit.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Tap into your imagination when sharing with a loved one. You often are very practical, especially when it comes to the holidays. Let the kid in you delight in the moment; you will have plenty of time to handle the basics later. Tonight: Stuff the turkey.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ You could be overwhelmed by everything you have to do. You might want to rethink a decision regarding your plans. Cancel a meeting in order to feel more relaxed. There is always time for work, but there's only one Thanksgiving per year. Tonight: Visit with friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You could be busier than you might have expected you'd be. Fatigue might be the only factor to slow you down and force you to head home. You'll get into the upcoming holiday spirit with calls from friends and family. Tonight: Accept a spontaneous invitation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ It is important to be aware of your finances and expenses, but you can't let it take over your thoughts, especially as friends and loved ones seem to reach out to you as the day goes on. Accept a spontaneous offer or invitation. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You'll feel up for whatever life offers. Your willingness to pitch in might be accepted. Be sure that you really want to be included in the work as well as the pleasure during the next few days. A loved one could share a lot of his or her vulnerabilities. Tonight: Pick up an easy dinner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You might feel a bit out of it in the morning. Your thoughts seem to keep floating to a personal matter. By mid-afternoon, you'll find yourself among friends. Be available for any last-minute details or errands that arise. Tonight: Your job is to enjoy whatever you are doing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Friends surround you. Even if you are at work today, invitations will head your way. People are in the mood to share good tidings. There could be some confusion with an older relative or friend. Tonight: If you need extra sleep, get some.

BORN TODAY

Cartoonist Charles M. Schulz (1922), singer Tina Turner (1939), singer/songwriter Natasha Bedingfield (1981)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Too polite

Neither vulnerable. West deals.

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♥ A K 7 3
♦ K 7 6 4
♣ Q 6 5

WEST
♠ A 10 8 7 3 2
♥ Void
♦ Q 9 8 5 2
♣ J 2

EAST
♠ Q J
♥ 10 9 6 5 4
♦ 10 3
♣ A 9 7 3

SOUTH
♠ K 9 5
♥ Q J 8 2
♦ A J
♣ K 10 8 4

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
2♠	Dbl	Pass	4
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: Jack of ♣

West had no attractive lead and settled on the club jack. East won his ace and shifted to the queen of spades, which held the trick. The jack of spades was covered by the king and ace, and West reverted to clubs. The two of clubs ran to East's nine and South's 10.

Declarer cashed the ace of hearts, getting the terrible news there, but he didn't give up. He continued with a low heart to the nine and jack, then followed by cashing the ace and king of diamonds. South then cashed his two high clubs and ruffed his last spade in dummy with the king as East helplessly under-ruffed. South still had the queen-eight of trumps sitting over East's 10-6 and took the last two tricks easily.

West could have defeated the contract with a third round of spades at trick four. South would have to ruff high in dummy, while East discarded a diamond, leaving the contract unmakable.

West was called to task by his partner for not finding this play. In his defense, West said, "I was too much of a gentleman to take advantage of South's error. Had declarer covered the queen of spades at trick two, there would have been no way for the defense to prevail."

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Black-tie affairs
6 Suffragist Carrie
10 Antelope's playmate, in song
14 "Show your cards"
15 Waikiki wingding
16 Concerning
17 Titillating passages
19 Mouselike critter
20 Beantown hockey great
21 Missay, say
22 Courtroom figure
24 Opposite of 60-Down
26 Postal service
28 "You're the Top" musical
33 "A plague o' both your houses" speaker
36 Pianist Gilels
37 Mt. Hood locale
38 Arles approval
39 Graffiti signature
42 Wrath
43 Brest friend
45 Fixed firmly
47 Indulgent desserts
51 __ cheese
52 Friend
56 Words from a Latin lover
59 "Batman" sound effect
61 Mil. address
62 "... a Loaf of Bread ..." poet
63 October tourist attraction
66 Make oneself heard
67 Most fit for duty
68 All too public spat
69 Just
70 "Ratatouille" rat who aspires to be a chef
71 Is inclined

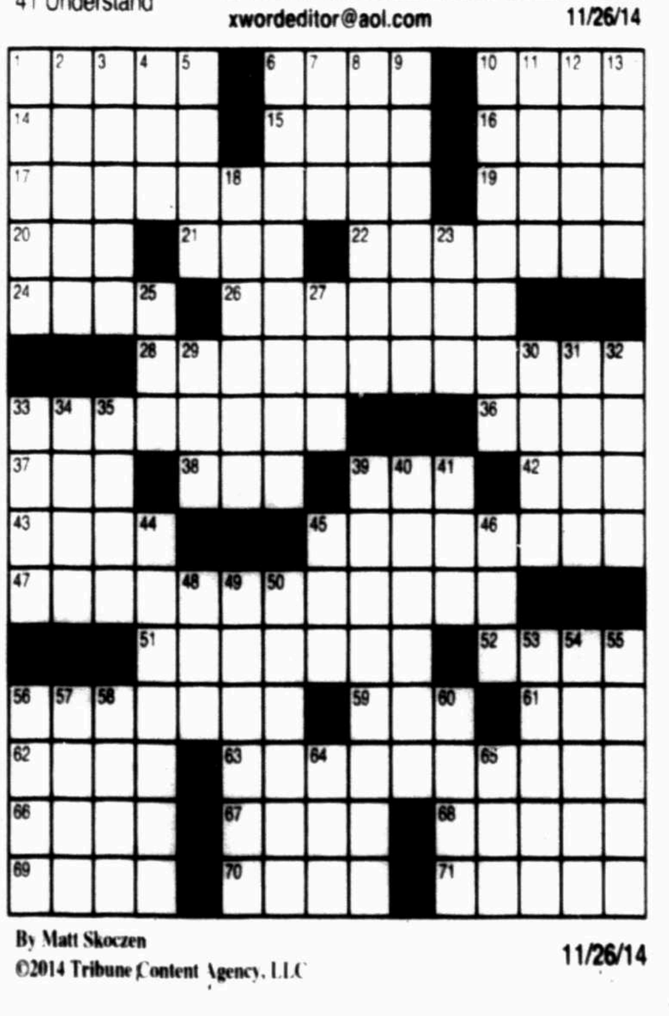
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1 Fatigued action figure?
2 Lexus rival
3 Burrows
4 "__ 13.5% BY VOL": wine label phrase
5 Leonard __: Roy Rogers
6 Bayer allergy relief brand
7 Gold: Pref.
8 Teahouse floor mat
9 Native of Florence, e.g.
10 Disclose
11 Grandson of Eve
12 First name in whodunits
13 Stalk by the swamp
18 Seek divine guidance from
23 Oft-mooched item, briefly
25 Center X, in a game
27 Sorority letter
29 Well-used pencil
30 Forget to put in
31 Where the Shannon flows
32 "Call of the Wild" vehicle
33 Ancient kingdom bordering Judah
34 Witty Bombeck
35 Check
39 Work for the small screen
40 Photo developing compound
41 Understand
44 With gusto
45 Lowest-ranking NCO
46 Defense advisory gp.
48 Org. that publishes America's 1st Freedom
49 Target
50 Everett of "Citizen Kane"
53 Safe harbor
54 Flip over
55 Three-time NBA MVP Malone
56 It can walk the dog
57 Comet, to some
58 Starbucks size
60 Opposite of 24-Across
64 Apollo vehicle, briefly
65 Kiss guitarist Frehley

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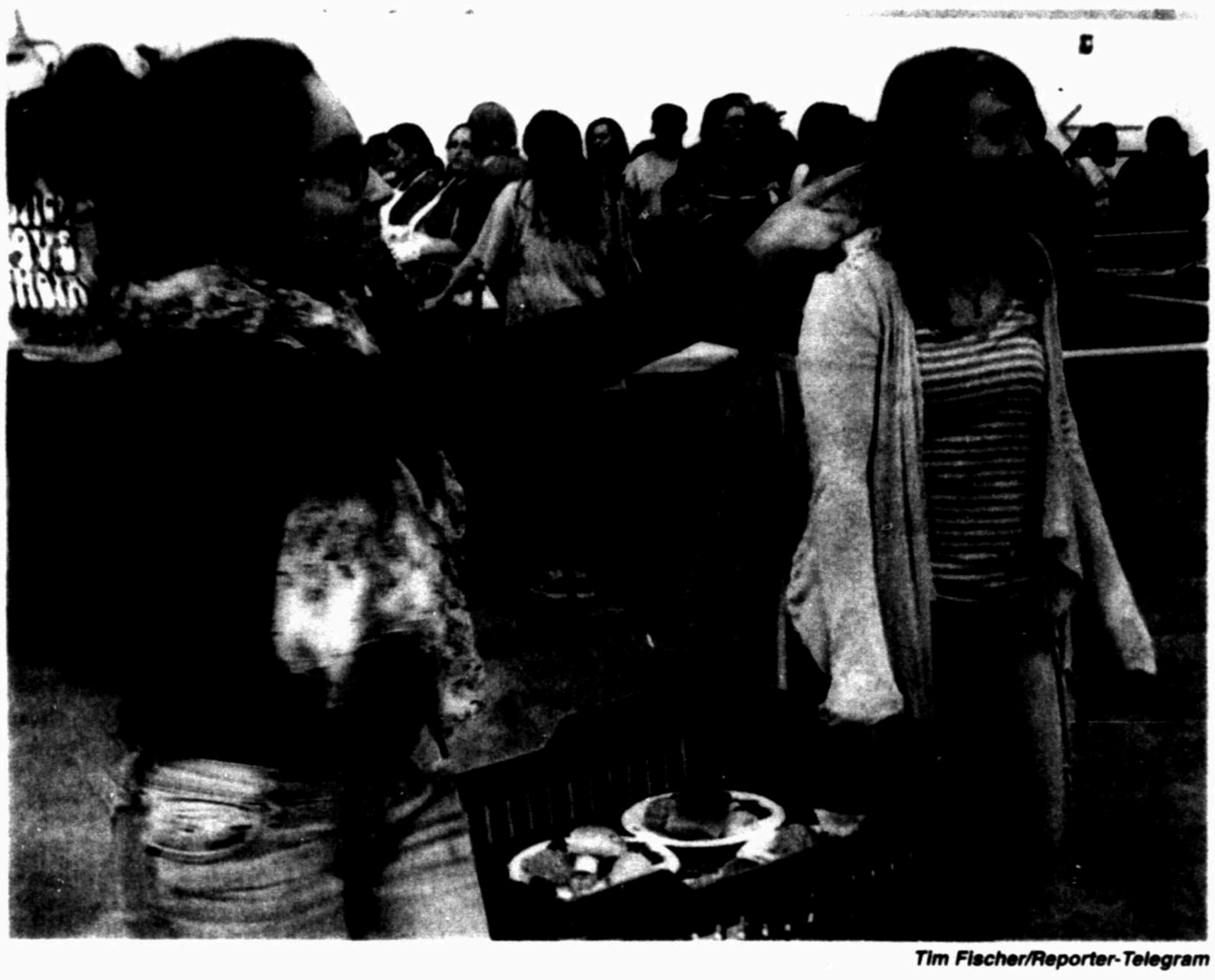
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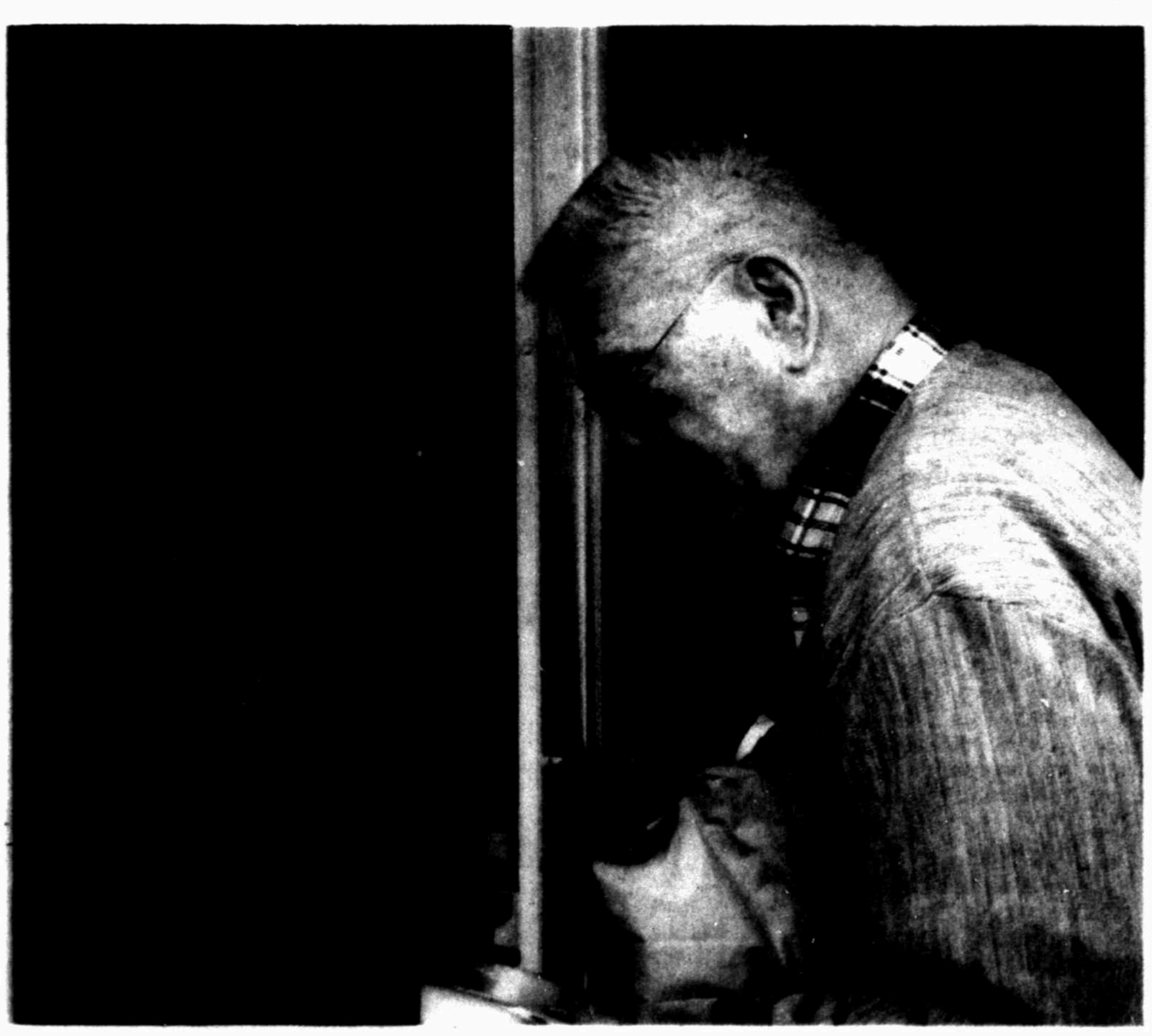
Volunteers serve up hot plates of turkey with all the trimmings Nov. 7 at the annual Feast of Sharing at the Horseshoe.

'TIS THE SEASON TO SHARE



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Daniela Rodriguez and Shaylee Williams, as well as hundreds of other volunteers, serve meals at the annual Feast of Sharing.



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Gene Hewitt welcomes in Greg Keys as he delivers Meals on Wheels on Nov. 5 for Hewitt and his wife, Jimmie.



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H-E-B's Midland unit manager, Bob Murphy talks about the 12th annual Feast of Sharing Nov. 5.



Photos by James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

The three photos above are from the Heavenly Holidays annual event, which included a bake sale, crafts and gifts, a raffle, silent auction and wreath-making workshop to benefit the Jubilee Center, Safe Place, Midland Fair Havens, Hospice of Midland, Big Brothers Big Sisters and Haiti Mission to Children on Nov. 15 at St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church.

Trinity lays solid foundation for program

By Len Hayward
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TRINITY WRAP-UP

It was evident from the first whistle of two-a-days in August things were different for coach Antwan Alexander and the Trinity football team.

The Chargers had more confidence in the system that Alexander and his coaching staff had implemented prior to the season, and the team's experience level had the Chargers thinking they could compete for a championship in TAPPS Six-Man Division I.

Trinity's goal of winning that state championship fell short after a 30-16 loss to Katy Faith West last Saturday in Castroville. But even with that loss, Alexander said this season helped to set a foundation for the program.

They were able to not only establish that Trinity, which finished 9-2 this season, could compete and win against whoever it played but also for Alexander that he is able to put his stamp on the program.

"We had a plan, which made what we were trying to accomplish a lot easier," Alexander said on Tuesday. "This is the year I wish we could've had last year being my first year. Next year, it will make things a lot easier. We will be able to look at some of the mistakes we made. We've already had a coaches meeting and written down things that we will work on at the beginning of two-a-days. We were better prepared, and the kids were able to adjust on the fly."

The Chargers had a wealth of experience returning this season as players such as Jonah Starck, Boomer Selvera, Ethan Samuels, Gage Morrow and Landon Lanier, had played for at least three years, which helped to make the transition to an up-tempo offense that much easier.

A few of the players had to make transitions to new positions but Alexander said they had confidence in how they were playing. As the season progressed the Chargers were beginning to feel that winning a title was something they could accomplish.

Trinity's only regular season loss was to Rankin, a game where the Chargers had a lead only to see it evaporate in the fourth quarter.

Trinity rolled through TAPPS Six-Man Division I, District 1 to win its first district title in nearly five years and earn a first-round bye.

"We had a vision and a dream and in order to reach that dream we had small goals that we had to set in order to achieve our dream," Alexander said. "We met and achieved small goals and it adds to the larger accomplishment of the year. It just didn't fall the way we wanted to go."

Alexander said this season helped pump some excitement throughout the program that was felt all the way down to the junior high level. The Chargers introduced a new helmet logo and had new uniforms, and Alexander added that there was a "vibe of wanting to be a Charger."

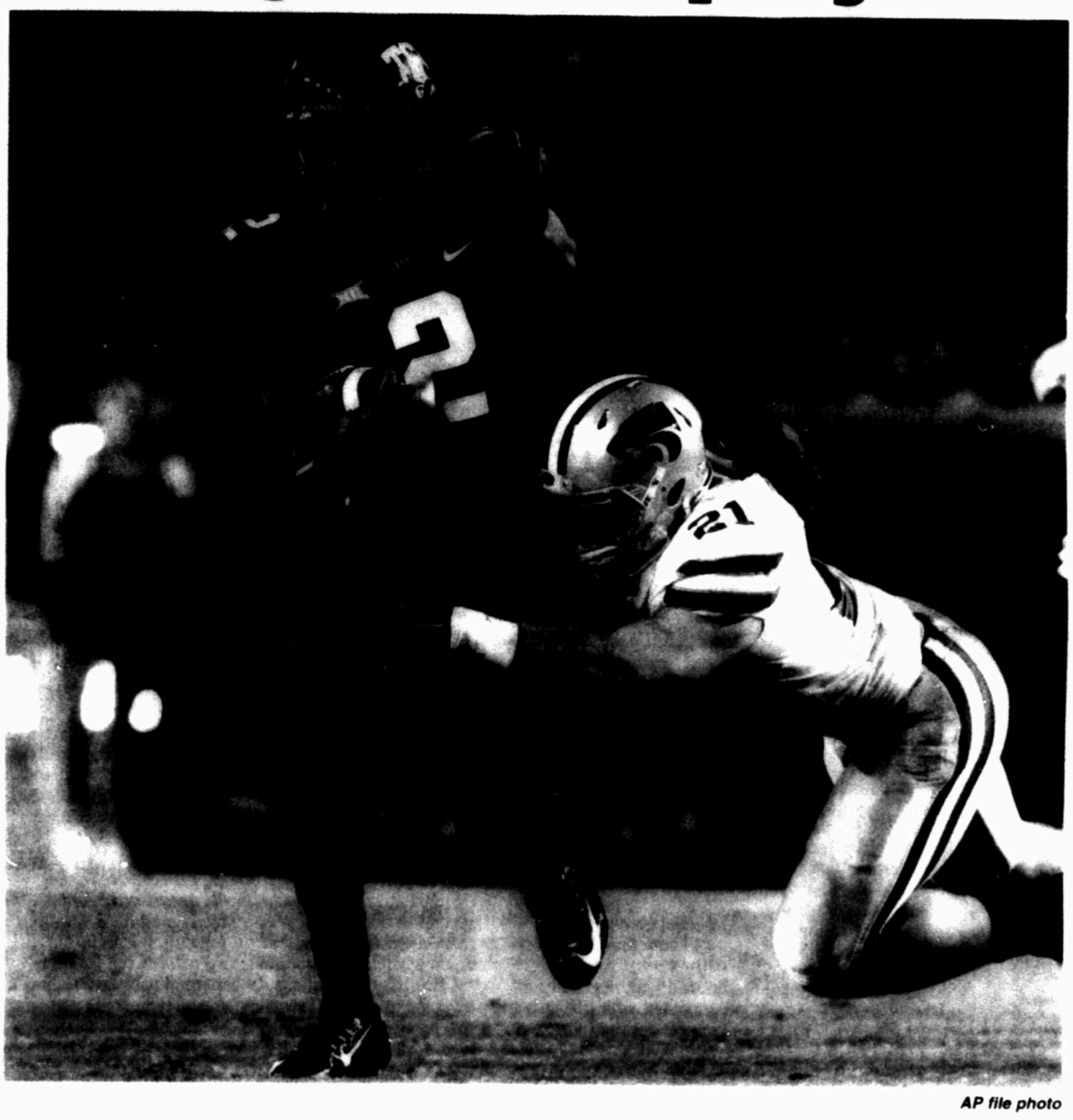
And he said that this year's senior class helped to set that tone for the future of the program.

"This senior class they put so much into this year," Alexander said. "And the way it turns out, they might very well be the blueprint of what's to come."

For Alexander, it's a blueprint he will continue to go back to for years.

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Ready for the playoffs



AP file photo

TCU quarterback Trevone Boykin is grabbed by Kansas State linebacker Jonathan Truman during the first quarter of the game in Fort Worth on Nov. 8. Boykin, the only TCU player ever with a 200-yard passing game, 100-yard receiving game and 100-yard rushing game in the same season is now focused only on being the quarterback in TCU's new up-tempo offense, with the No. 5 Horned Frogs in playoff contention and him in the Heisman conversation.

Bama, FSU, Oregon, Miss St keep rankings

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

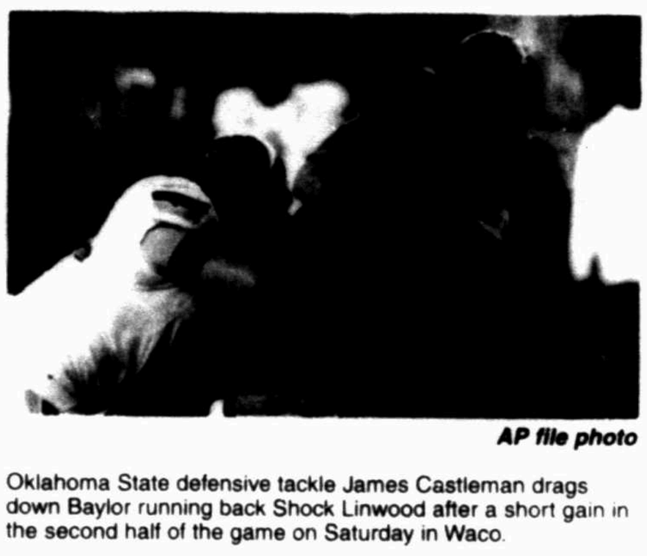
Alabama, Oregon, Florida State and Mississippi State remained the top four teams in the College Football Playoff rankings on Tuesday heading into a weekend when just about all the contenders are facing challenging rivals.

TCU was fifth, Ohio State was sixth and Baylor seventh. The only team in the top eight to change was UCLA, which slipped into the eighth spot.

For the first time, teams from the so-called Group of Five conferences made the top 25. Boise State moved in the rankings at No. 23 and unbeaten Marshall is 24th. The highest ranked team from outside the Big Five conferences is guaranteed one spot in the four New Year's Bowls affiliated with the playoff but not hosting semifinals.

Alabama hosts Auburn on Saturday. Florida State plays Florida; Oregon is at Oregon State and Mississippi State visits Mississippi. TCU plays at Texas on Thanksgiving night, and Ohio State hosts Michigan on

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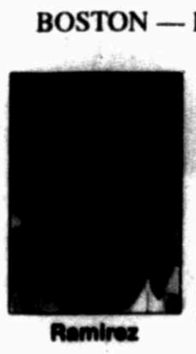


AP file photo

Oklahoma State defensive tackle James Castleman drags down Baylor running back Shock Linwood after a short gain in the second half of the game on Saturday in Waco.

Red Sox bring in Sandoval and Ramirez

By Jimmy Golen
Associated Press



Ramirez

BOSTON — Pablo Sandoval and Hanley Ramirez spent the last two seasons as NL West rivals. Now they're teammates in Boston, the result of a $183 million spending spree the Red Sox are hoping will lift them out of the AL East cellar.

"It's exciting for me to be with Hanley and David Ortiz," Sandoval said Tuesday at Fenway Park after finishing up a five-year, $95 million contract that adds him to a lineup he called "The Three Amigos."

About five hours later, the Red Sox completed their day-night news conference doubleheader by announcing Ramirez's four-year deal, which is worth $88 million. A former Red Sox prospect, Ramirez was traded to the Marlins nine Thanksgivings ago in a deal that brought Mike Lowell and Josh Beckett to Boston.

"Why not go back where you belong?" Ramirez said. "It worked out for the both of us: You guys won a couple of world championships. I haven't won any, but that's what I'm here for."

Sandoval helped the Giants win three titles, earning the World Series MVP in 2012 and the nickname "Kung Fu Panda" that helped cement him as a fan favorite. He thanked the Giants for bringing him up as a big leaguer and Giants' fans for their support.

"I want a new challenge. I need a new challenge," he said at his afternoon news

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NFL, union discuss personal conduct policy

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

NEW YORK — NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and players' union chief DeMaurice Smith are meeting Tuesday to discuss the league's personal conduct policy.

The NFL Players Association has been unhappy with what it calls "lack of transparency" in the NFL's policy. Smith has said the only way to have a fair policy is if the NFL and owners "commit to collective bargaining."

The NFL counters that the union agreed to the policy during labor negotiations to end the 2011 lockout. That collective bargaining agreement runs through 2021.

The union also is displeased with the way Goodell increased the minimum penalty for violation of the policy to six games following the Ray Rice case. The league contends the personal conduct policy gives him that right.

Smith and the players are seeking neutral arbitration for all personal conduct disciplinary decisions. They also believe Goodell should be removed from that process. But the NFL says any issues dealing with the integrity of the league should be handled by the commissioner.

The dispute has been ongoing since the end of August, when Goodell increased the minimum punishment for personal misconduct from two games to six. That decision came following Rice's suspension for two games for punching his then-fiancee (now wife) Janay in a casino elevator.

Soon after, a video of the running back's punch went public, and Rice was suspended indefinitely and Baltimore cut him.

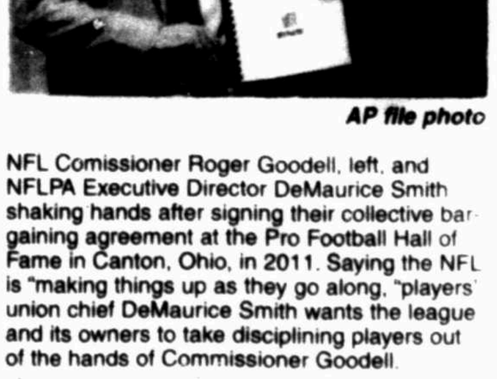
Rice's appeal has been heard by former U.S. District Judge Barbara Jones, but she has not announced a decision.

Last week, the league suspended Vikings running back Adrian Peterson for the rest of the season for using a wooden switch to discipline his 4-year-old son. Peterson pleaded no contest and received a misdemeanor charge and probation requirements.

Peterson had been on a commissioner's exemption list and was paid by the team while he sat out. Goodell ruled he can apply for reinstatement April 15.

In an email last week to The Associated Press, Smith said: "There is one fact that does make those things similar though, and that is the NFL is clearly making things up as they go along. Our goal is to pursue a new personal conduct policy that is fair, transparent and consistent. The only way that happens is

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AP file photo

NFL Comissioner Roger Goodell, left, and NFLPA Executive Director DeMaurice Smith shaking hands after signing their collective bargaining agreement at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, in 2011. Saying the NFL is "making things up as they go along, "players' union chief DeMaurice Smith wants the league and its owners to take disciplining players out of the hands of Commissioner Goodell.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

WHAT'S ON TV

GOLF
Emirates Australian Open, First Round, 7 p.m., GOLF

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Battle 4 Atlantis: Butler vs. North Carolina, 11 a.m., ESPN2
Battle 4 Atlantis: UCLA vs Oklahoma, 1:30 p.m., ESPN2
Maui Invitational: 7th Place Game, 1:30 p.m., ESPNU
Maui Invitational: 5th Place Game, 4 p.m., ESPN2
Furman at Duke, 4 p.m., ESPNU
NIT: Minnesota vs. St John's, 6 p.m., ESPNU
Cancun Challenge: 3rd Place Game, 6 p.m., CBSSN
Campbell at Ohio State, 6 p.m., BTN
Battle 4 Atlantis: UAB vs. Wisconsin, 6 p.m., AXS
Maui Invitational: 3rd Place Game, 6:30 p.m., ESPN2
Lehigh at DePaul, 7 p.m., FS1
UNC Asheville at South Carolina, 7 p.m., SEC
UT Pan American at Utah, 7 p.m., P12/P12 LA
NIT: Georgia vs. Gonzaga, 8:30 p.m., ESPN2
Cancun Challenge: Championship, 8:30 p.m., CBSSN
Battle 4 Atlantis: Florida vs. Georgetown, 8:30 p.m., AXS
Maui Invitational: Championship, 9 p.m., ESPN
Cal Poly at California, 9 p.m., P12/P12 BAY/P12 LA
MGM Grand Main Event: Championship, 10:30 p.m., ESPN2
Great Alaska Shootout: Pacific at Alaska-Anchorage, 10:30 p.m., CBSSN
Great Alaska Shootout: Missouri State vs. Colorado State, 1 a.m., CBSSN

MEN'S SOCCER
UEFA Champions: Benfica at Zenit, 11 a.m., FOXSOCP/ESPNDEP
UEFA Champions: Borussia Dortmund at Arsenal, 1:30 p.m., FS1/ESPNDEP
UEFA Champions: Liverpool at Ludogorets Razgrad, 1:30 p.m., FS2
UEFA Champions: Real Madrid at Basel, 1:30 p.m., FSN (FSSW/FSSWP)/FOXDEP
Copa do Brasil Final, 2nd Leg: Atletico-MG at Cruzeiro, 5:55 p.m., beIN/beIN2
Copa Sudamericana: Atletico Nacional at Sao Paulo, 6 p.m., FOXDEP

NBA
New York at Dallas, 6:30 p.m., ESPN/FSSW
Sacramento at Houston, 7 p.m., ROOT
Indiana at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m., FSSWSA
Memphis at LA Lakers, 9:30 p.m., NBAtv

NHL
Philadelphia at Detroit, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
UT Pan American at Texas, 7 p.m., LHN

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Arkansas at Tennessee, 5 p.m., SEC
Texas at TCU, 6:30 p.m., FSSWP

WHAT'S ON DECK

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Sul Ross State at UTPB, 5:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
HOUSTON ASTROS — Agreed to terms with 1B Pete Kozma on a minor league contract and 2B Hanley Ramirez on a two-year contract. Designated 1B Ryan Lavarnway and INF Jed Lowrie for assignment.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Agreed to terms with 1B Adam LaRoche on a two-year contract. Designated RHP Eric Surkamp for assignment.
DETROIT TIGERS — Announced C Eric Fryer declined assignment of right to purchase contract to Toledo (IL).
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Announced LHP Jason Vargas declined assignment of right to purchase contract to Omaha (PCL).
MINNESOTA TWINS — Assigned RHP Anthony Swarzak, LHP Brian Duensing, C Kurt Suzuki, 2B Jason Bartlett, coach Eddie Guardado, coach Rick Stelmaszek and coach Jeff Smith outright to Rochester (IL).
TEXAS RANGERS — Named Jeff Banister manager. Announced the resignation of manager Ron Washington.
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Named Dave Wilder assistant general manager. Announced the resignation of baseball operations Senior Director Jeff Moorad.
ATLANTA BRAVES — Named Jeff Schneider manager of baseball operations. Promoted Eric Thompson baseball operations analyst to baseball operations manager. Named Jeff Ahlers director of baseball operations. Named Jeff Wilson assistant director of baseball operations. Named Jon Sheckler director, global scouting. Named Richard Jimenez director of Latin American scouting. Named Jim Gallagher scouting coordinator. Named Paul Kinzer, Dominican Republic, Kevin Towers special assistant baseball operations and Tim Kissner senior assistant baseball operations.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Agreed to terms with RHP Ryan Howard, 1B Jimmy Rollins, OF Marlon Byrd, RHP Cliff Lee, RHP Roberto Hernandez, RHP Jeff Manship and RHP Phillippe Aumont.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Reassigned G Jordan Adams to Iowa (NBADL).
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed RB Michael Bush. Released RB Kerwynn Williams.
CAROLINA PANTHERS — Signed DE Louis Nzegwu to the practice squad.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Placed CB Adam Jones on injured reserve. Signed CB Jammie Meredith.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed S Kevin Pough to the practice squad. Released WR Damian Washington from the practice squad.
DENVER BRONCOS — Waived K Brandon McManus. Signed K Connor Barth.
DETROIT LIONS — Released TE Kellen Davis. Signed G Rodney Austin to the practice squad. Signed RB Jamal Agnew to the practice squad.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Released G Patrick Lewis from the practice squad. Signed K Justin Manna to the practice squad.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Released DT Kelcy Quarles. Signed S Justin Butler.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Placed LB Dezman Moses on the practice squad injured list. Signed S Husain Abdullah to the practice squad. Released WR Junior Hemingway from the practice squad.
MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed DE Joe Martin to the practice squad. Waived DT Justin Anderson.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed DE Joe Vellano to the practice squad.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Placed C Rich Ohrnberger on injured reserve. Signed S Brandon Taylor from the practice squad.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Agreed to terms with LB Akeem Ayers, LB Donta Mach from the practice squad. Waived S Shiun Phillips. Placed WR Kenny Britt on injured reserve.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ARIZONA COYOTES — Recalled D Michael Stone from Portland (AHL). Placed D Brett Skinner on injured reserve. Assigned F Mike Zalewski to Portland (AHL).
MONTREAL CANADIENS — Recalled F Eric Angelo from Hamilton (AHL).
NEW YORK RANGERS — Acquired a 2016 third round draft pick and F Alexandre Mallet from Vancouver for D Andrey Pedan. Reassigned Mallet to Utica (AHL). Reassigned G Kent Simpson from Stockton (ECHL) to Bridgeport (AHL).
American Hockey League
ALBANY DEVILS — Signed RW Alexandre Lemire and signed him to Orlando (ECHL).
HARTFORD WOLF PACK — Signed D Henrik Tallinder to a professional tryout agreement. Recalled D Steve Spinell from Greenville (ECHL). Released D Brenden Stapleton from his professional tryout agreement. Announced F Chris McCarthy was reassigned to Greenville.
ECHL
Alaska (ECHL) — Signed F Matt Pevets.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
MLS — Suspended Vancouver MF Sebastian Hernandez four games and fined him an undisclosed amount for his part in actions following a 0-0 tie against FC Dallas.
COLORADO RAPIDS — Declined the contract options for D Eddie Budde, D Marvell Wynne, MF Nick LaBrocca, D Gale Agbossoumonde, D Thomas Piermayr, D Grant Van de Casteele, MF Lamar Alvarez, MF Dany Armstrong, F Kamani Hill, F Danny Mwanga and F Jose Navas.
SPORTING KANSAS CITY — Terminated the contract of MF Lawrence Olum. Declined the contract options for MF Antonio Dovale, G Andy Gruenebaum, MF Michael Kafari, G Eric Kronberg, MF Victor Munoz and MF Sal Zizzo.
COLLEGE
MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE — Suspended 12 players from North State and 11 from South Carolina State for a sidelines-clearing brawl during a Nov. 22 game. The unidentified players will miss the season opening contests in 2015.
CLAFLIN STATE — Named Alicia M. Roane athletic trainer.
MINNESOTA — Suspended men's sophomore basketball G Dequinn Mann from all team activities after being arrested on a charge of domestic assault.
WAGNER — Announced the resignation of football coach Walt Hameline and will remain as athletic director. Named junior roughtraing football coach Matt Ross head football coach.

MLS PLAYOFF GLANCE

KNOCKOUT ROUND
Eastern Conference
Thursday, Oct. 16: New York 2, Sporting Kansas City 1
Western Conference
Wednesday, Oct. 29: FC Dallas 2, Vancouver 1
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
Eastern Conference
New England 7, Columbus 3
Leg 1 — Saturday, Nov. 1: New England 4, Columbus 2
Leg 2 — Sunday, Nov. 9: New England 3, Columbus 1
New York 3, D.C. United 2
Leg 1 — Sunday, Nov. 2: New York 2, D.C. United 1
Leg 2 — Saturday, Nov. 8: D.C. United 2, New York 1
Western Conference
LA Galaxy 5, Real Salt Lake 0
Leg 1 — Saturday, Nov. 1: LA Galaxy 3, Real Salt Lake 0
Leg 2 — Sunday, Nov. 9: LA Galaxy 5, Real Salt Lake 0
Seattle 1, FC Dallas 1
Leg 1 — Sunday, Nov. 2: Seattle 1, FC Dallas 1
Leg 2 — Monday, Nov. 10: FC Dallas 0, Seattle 0; Seattle advances on away goals
CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP
Eastern Conference
New England vs. New York
Leg 1 — Sunday, Nov. 16: New England 2, New York 1
Leg 2 — Saturday, Nov. 22: New York at New England, 6 p.m.
Western Conference
LA Galaxy vs. Seattle
Leg 1 — Sunday, LA Galaxy 1, Seattle 0
Leg 2 — Nov. 30, LA Galaxy at Seattle, 8 p.m.
MLS CUP
Sunday, Dec. 7: New England-New York winner at LA Galaxy-Seattle winner, 2 p.m.

CFL PLAYOFF GLANCE

Nov. 16
Division Semifinals
East Division
Montreal 50, B.C. 17
West Division
Edmonton 18, Saskatchewan 10
Sunday
Division Finals
East Division
Hamilton 40, Montreal 24
West Division
Calgary 43, Edmonton 18
Grey Cup
Nov. 30
At Vancouver
Hamilton vs. Calgary, 5 p.m.

SKI REPORT

New Mexico
Angel Fire — Plan to Open 12/12 5 new
Pajarito — Opening Soon for Snow Sports
Red River — Plan to Open 11/26 2 new
Sandia Peak — Plan to Open 12/20
Sipapu — Mon 5:56 am 13 new powder machine groomed 18 . 18 base 18 of 41 trails . 44% open. 3 of 5 lifts. Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat Sun 9a-4p
Ski Apache — Plan to Open 11/27
Ski Santa Fe — Plan to Open 12/06
Taos — Plan to Open 11/27 12 new Mon-Fri 9a-4p
Sat-Sun 9a-4p
Enchanted Forest XC — Opening Soon for Snow Sports
Colorado
Arapahoe Basin — Mon 7:59 am 3 new powder machine groomed 18 . 18 base 11 of 109 trails, 11% open. 121 acres. 5 of 8 lifts. sm Mon-Fri 9a-4p
Sat/Sun 8:30a-4p
Aspen Highlands — Plan to Open 12/13
Aspen Mountain — Mon 7:54 am 1 new packed powder machine groomed 14 . 17 base 19 of 76 trails. 25% open. 155 acres. 2 of 8 lifts Mon-Fri 9a-3:30p
Sat/Sun 9a-3:30p
Beaver Creek — Plan to Open 11/26
Breckenridge — Mon 5:53 am 7 new powder machine groomed 30 . 30 base 33 of 187 trails 18% open. 527 acres. 16 of 35 lifts. Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun 9a-4p
Buttermilk — Plan to Open 12/13
Copper Mountain — Mon 5:20 am 5 new powder machine groomed 26 . 26 base 36 of 143 trails. 25% open. 389 acres. 7 of 23 lifts. sm Mon-Fri 9a-4p
Sat/Sun 8:30a-4p
Crested Butte — Plan to Open 11/26 1 new Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun 9a-4p
Eldora — Mon 8:05 am 3 new packed powder machine groomed 25 . 28 base 13 of 53 trails . 25% open. 9 of 11 lifts. Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat Sun 9a-4p
Irwin — Opening Soon for Snow Sports
Keystone — Mon 5:52 am 2 new powder machine groomed 23 . 23 base 45 of 135 trails . 34% open. 895 acres. 9 of 20 lifts. Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun 9a-4p
Loveland — Mon 7:41 am 6 new powder machine groomed 20 . 20 base 5 of 93 trails

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Boys

ANDREWS 69 SWEETWATER 52

ANDREWS — The Andrews boys basketball team opened its 2014-15 slate with a 69-52 win over Sweetwater on Tuesday.

The Mustangs (1-0) jumped out to a 22-10 lead in the first quarter, and controlled the game from there. Andrews was led by Corey Duran, who had a game-high 32 points. Sweetwater (0-1) had five players score, each of whom chipped in at least five points.

Andrews will next take on Levelland at 3 p.m., this Saturday.

ANDREWS 69, SWEETWATER 52
Sweetwater (0-1) — Ramos 9, Poe 5, Hunt 14, Escobar 10, Torres 14
Andrews (1-0) — Braden Grimsley 2, Jason Allanz 3, Mike Acosta 3, La vaun Lewis 2, Caleb O Connor 4, Corey Duran 32, Jace Cordell 6, Sam Robertson 9, Dawson Wiedrich 3, Kason Teal 8

Sweetwater	10	12	6	24	— 52
Andrews	22	18	12	17	— 69

Free throws — Sweetwater 6-14; Andrews 17-33. 3-point goals — Sweetwater 7 (Ramos 2, Poe 1, Hunt 4); Andrews 7 (Duran 5, Acosta 1, Allanz 1). Total Fouls — Sweetwater 15, Andrews 15. Fouled Out — Sweetwater: Hunt, Torres. Next: Andrews at Levelland, 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 29.

KERMIT 67 STANTON 28

STANTON — The Buffaloes had a tough time at home with Kermit on Tuesday as the Yellow Jackets won, 67-28.

David Ramsey led the way for Stanton with 13.

Kermit jumped out to a 17-4 first quarter lead, and ultimately outscored Stanton 38-9 in the first half.

KERMIT 67, STANTON 28
Kermit — Dingle 11, Workman 24, Carrasco 2, Melendez 16, Williamson 2, Michael 4, Porras 4, Abalos 6
Stanton (1-1) — Tristian Graves 3, David Ramsey 13, Estvan Chavez 4, Austin Fryar 2, K.J. Glasper 6

Kermit	17	21	15	14	— 67
Stanton	4	5	12	7	— 28

Free throws — Kermit 7-11; Stanton 0-1. 3-point goals — Kermit 4 (Melendez 2, Workman 1, Abalos 1); Total Fouls — Kermit 14, Stanton 14. Next: Plains at Stanton, 8 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 2

ABILENE HIGH 70 GREENWOOD 38

ABILENE — The Greenwood boys basketball team played up two classifications against Abilene on Tuesday night and ended up losing 70-38.

A big second quarter push blew the game wide open for Abilene High, as the Eagles went from being up seven to 23 in that frame.

Alex Montez led the way for the Rangers with 13 points while Calvin McGee paced Abilene High with 16.

ABILENE HIGH 70, GREENWOOD 38
Greenwood (0-3) — Sam Magallan 0 2-3 2, Javier Vizcaino 0 0-0 0, Alex Montez 5 2-2 13, Kelley Cooper 2 0-2 4, Caige Wall 3 0-2 4, Sebastian Garcia 1 0-0 2, Austin Ulcak 2 0-2 4, J.P. Contreras 0 0-0 0, Jake Rogers 2 2-7 6, Tye-Porras 0 1-2 1. Totals 15 7-20 38
Abilene High (3-0) — Calvin McGee 7 1-4 16, Chris Castel 4 5-8 14, Diamond Gary 4 3-4 11, Isaiah James 3 0-0 7, Sam Arberry 4 3-4 12, Enrique Dwinal 1 0-0 2, Aaron Flores 1 0-0 3, Austin Baker 1 0-1 2, Avery Griffith 1 1-3 3, David Russell 0 0-0 0. Totals 26 13-24 70

Greenwood	8	15	7	8	— 38
Abilene High	15	31	15	9	— 70

3-Point Goals — Greenwood 1 (Montez 1); AHS 5 (McGee 1, Castel 1, James 1, Arberry 1, Flores 1). Fouled Out — None. Technical Fouls — None. Total Fouls — Greenwood 22, AHS 16. Next: Greenwood at Lubbock Cooper, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 2

LAMESA 66 FORT STOCKTON 55

LAMESA — Lamesa knocked off Fort Stockton 68-55 on a game Tuesday evening.

Jaleel Edwards led Lamesa (2-0) with 16 points while Dre Smiley added 14.

LAMESA 66, FORT STOCKTON 55
Lamesa (2-0) — Dre Smiley 14, KJ Hunter 4, Heath Derington 8, Jaleel Edwards 16, Pyquail Maxwell 10, Keshawn Hunter 6, Darius Jackson 8, Dakota Alexander 2
Fort Stockton — 1 Acosta 27, Garrison 9, A Acosta 9, Graves 5, Euargie 5

Lamesa	16	19	18	15	— 68
Fort Stockton	15	10	12	16	— 55

Free throws — Lamesa 5-10, Fort Stockton 13-15. 3-point goals — Lamesa 3 (Derington 2, Edwards 1) Fort Stockton 2 (Garrison 2). Total Fouls — Lamesa 20, Fort Stockton 12.
Next: Lamesa at Kermit, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 2

Girls

STANTON 73 KERMIT 30

STANTON — Stanton hosted and dominated Kermit in non-district action Tuesday, knocking off the Lady Yellow Jackets, 73-30.

The Lady Buffaloes jumped out to a 24-8 first quarter lead and only expanded upon that from there.

Stanton will return to action in a week to face Plains.

STANTON 73, KERMIT 30
Kermit — Davila 9, Luian 6, Luna 2, Planco 10, Wilson 1, Saenz
Stanton (7-3) — Graves 5, Long 10, Holland 4, Hernandez 1, Mynick 20, Nichols 6, Church 6, Franklin 14, Escamilla 6

Kermit	8	7	12	4	— 30
Stanton	24	21	10	18	— 73

Free throws — Kermit 8-19; Stanton 10-23. 3-point goals — Stanton 1 (Graves 1); Kermit 2 (Luian 2). Total fouls — Kermit 18, Stanton 14. Fouled out
Next — Plains at Stanton, 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 2

LEE 44 LUBBOCK CORONADO 33

LUBBOCK — The Lady Rebels moved to above .500 on the season with a 44-33 win over Lubbock Coronado on Tuesday.

Daija Stanford led the way for Lee with a game-high 24 points. The second half made the difference for the Lady Rebels, as they outscored Lubbock 24-9.

Lee will travel to Abilene this Saturday to face Wylie, with the game starting at 2 p.m.

LEE 44, LUBBOCK CORONADO 33
Lee (4-3) — Allison Valdez 1, Karyssa Edwards 2, Daija Stanford 24, Savannah Sutton 1, Kyra Lewis 5, Bri'An Washington 9, Hannah Payne 2
Lubbock Coronado — Cogniti 8, Cordova 4, Treveno 5, Sinclair 6, Richie 5, Walden 5

Lee	7	11	14	10	— 44
Lubbock	11	13	5	4	— 33

Free throws — Lee 22-34, Lubbock 13-23. 3-point goals, Lee 5 (Stanford 2, Lewis 1, Washington 2), Lubbock 4 (Cordova 1, Cognishi 1 Richie 1, Walden 1). Total Fouls — Lee 20, Lubbock 18. Foul Out — Lubbock Cognishi
Next: Lee at Abilene Wylie, 2 p.m., Sat. Nov. 29

GREENWOOD 52 LUBBOCK TITANS 42

The Rangerettes knocked off the Lubbock Titans, 52-42, at home on Tuesday night.

Greenwood (4-5) was led by Amanda Bell, who had a team-high 15 points. Natalee Karcher chipped in 13 to help carry the scoring load.

GREENWOOD 52, LUBBOCK TITANS 42
Lubbock — Shepherd 20, Matlock 2, H Middleton 13, Thrornton 4, E Middleton 3
Greenwood (4-5) — Cally Payne 5, Natalee Karcher 13, Layne Banks 2, Amanda Bell 15, Cylie Mebane 7, Emilee Bogler 8, Callie Gilbert 2

Lubbock	10	9	12	11	— 42
Greenwood	14	10	9	19	— 52

Free throws — Lubbock 11-17, Greenwood 9-14. 3-point goals — Lubbock 3 (Shepherd 3) Greenwood 1 (Mebane 1). Total Fouls — Lubbock 15, Greenwood 18
Next: Greenwood at Lubbock Cooper, 6:30 Tuesday, Dec. 2

Athletes' react on Twitter to Ferguson case

Associated Press

Some star athletes' reactions on Twitter to the grand jury's decision not to indict Officer Darren Wilson in the shooting death of 18-year-old Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri:

"As a society how do we do better and stop things like this happening time after time!! I'm so sorry to these families. Violence is not the answer people. Retaliation isn't the solution as well. #PrayersUpToTheFamilies #WeHaveToDoBetter"

■ LeBron James, who tweeted an Instagram image of Mike Brown arm and arm with Trayvon Martin

"The system enables young black men to be killed behind the mask of law. #Ferguson #tippingpoint #change"

■ Kobe Bryant

"I am very disappointed with decision in the Mike Brown case in Ferguson, MO. My thoughts & prayers are with the Brown family and the people of Ferguson."

■ Magic Johnson

"Wow. Just wow. Shameful. What will it take???"

■ Serena Williams

"The Wade family hearts and prayers go out (to) the Brown family. #RIPMikeBrown"

■ Dwyane Wade

"Disgusted by decision in ferguson. Racism is learned. Accepted is systematic suffocation of education and opportunity. What are we saying?"

■ Steve Nash

"Just so no one misunderstands where I'm coming from. I'm MAD. Mad bc (a) young man (is) DEAD. I don't care that he was blk white purple. I know cops are under extreme pressure. I have family that are cops, but I'm tired of have of seeing stuff like this. If a blk cop shot a white UNARMED white young man I would be mad about that as well so understand I'm about making this world a better place. I have sons and I want them to live in a world that they don't have to worry about this crap. I'm praying for the Brown family and suffering tonight blk white etc"

■ Justin Tuck

"Sending my thoughts and prayers to the Brown Family.... My heart is so heavy.... #ourkidsmatter #RIP-MikeBrown"

■ Swin Cash

"No matter who you are, what color skin you have, where you live, we are all in this together! This isn't a Ferguson problem it's a Global Problem! We need change NOW! What happened to humanity? #JusticeForMikeBrown"

Valcke: FIFA faces 'years' to rebuild reputation

By Rob Harris
Associated Press

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — FIFA Secretary General Jerome Valcke acknowledged Tuesday that it will take "years to rebuild our reputation" following the World Cup bidding corruption investigation.

But Valcke insisted that Sony and Emirates airline are not ending their FIFA sponsorships to protest against allegations of bribery and favor-seeking that have engulfed world football in the four years since Russia was awarded the 2018 World Cup and Qatar was voted the 2022 hosts.

Emirates has already announced it is not renewing its sponsorship and Valcke said he "would be surprised" if Sony extended its deal, which expires at the end of this year.

"Both Sony and Emirates have nothing to do with the situation we are facing these last days," Valcke said, referring to the fallout from the bidding corruption report compiled by prosecutor Michael Garcia.

"I know that football is still a very strong product and I am not really concerned with FIFA's finances for the future."

But, speaking in Belfast after a meeting of the International Football Association Board, Valcke acknowledged the immediate future is not bright for FIFA's global standing while insisting "we are doing a great job."

"The image of FIFA is something I agree, over the last two weeks I would not say reached the bottom, but has reached a level which is definitely a level which we will not go lower than," Valcke said.

"Things are happening, things have happened, but we are still doing a lot of good things. We have to rebuild this image day after day. It's easy to destroy the reputation. It takes one second. It takes years to rebuild our reputation, but that's what we will do."

FIFA has been criticized by some of its own executive members for keeping Garcia's full 430-page report into impropriety during the bid process confidential.

Valcke, FIFA's top administrator, said the report must stay secret to "mainly to protect 75 persons who have made a deposition and were given confidentiality" including himself.

The sense of disarray at FIFA heightened when Garcia objected to ethics judge Joachim Eckert's interpretation of his investigative work, appealing to FIFA citing "numerous materially incomplete and erroneous representations" of his work.

"It's said it's a bit FIFA vs. FIFA," Valcke said. "It's sad for FIFA definitely, and it's sad for our reputation and for the image. It's sad for commercial partners, it's sad for all the people who are supporting football."

The Garcia-Eckert clash has led to Domenico Scala, the head of FIFA's auditing committee, being allowed to review the full investigation findings.

"I hope deeply the decision would be that this bidding process on '18 and '22 is closed," Valcke said.

But Switzerland's attorney general is looking into possible law-breaking by unnamed individuals highlighted in Garcia's investigation.





STATEWIDE HS PAIRINGS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

CLASS 6A
DIVISION I
Region I
Regional
Odessa Permian (9-3) vs. Euless Trinity (11-1), 6 p.m. Friday, Bertram's Pennington Field
Arlington Martin (10-2) vs. Allen (12-0), 1 p.m. Friday, Denton's Apogee Stadium
Region II
Regional
Dallas Skyline (12-0) vs. Klein Collins (11-1), 4 p.m. Friday, Waco's McLane Stadium
Mesquite Horn (11-1) vs. Klein Oak (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Waco ISD Stadium
Region III
Regional
Cypress Ranch (10-2) vs. Galena Park North Shore (8-4), 2 p.m. Friday, Houston's TDECU Stadium
Cypress Fairbanks (9-3) vs. Dickinson (12-0) 1 p.m. Saturday, Houston's Rice Stadium
Region IV
Regional
Converse Judson (8-4) vs. Laredo United (8-4), 2 p.m. Friday, Texas A&M-Kingsville
SA Reagan (11-1) vs. Los Fresnos (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Texas A&M-Kingsville
DIVISION II
Region I
Regional
San Angelo Central (11-1) vs. Southlake Carroll (12-0), 1 p.m. Saturday, Waco's McLane Stadium
Abilene (9-3) vs. Cedar Hill (10-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Abilo
Region II
Regional
Rockwall (12-0) vs. Spring Westfield (11-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Georgetown ISD Stadium
Waco Midway (12-0) vs. Spring (9-3), 6 p.m. Saturday, Bryan HS
Region III
Regional
Katy (11-1) vs. Pearland Dawson (8-4), 1 p.m. Friday, Houston's Rice Stadium
Cypress Woods (8-4) vs. Manvel (12-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Houston's Rice Stadium
Region IV
Regional
Cibolo Steele (11-1) vs. Weslaco East (11-1) 7 p.m. Friday, CC's Buccaneer Stadium
SA Northside Brandeis (11-1) vs. Brownsville Rivera (7-5), 7 p.m. Friday, Texas A&M-Kingsville

CLASS 5A
DIVISION I
Region I
Regional
Canyon Randall (11-1) vs. WF Rider (8-4), 2 p.m. Friday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field
EP Del Valle (11-1) vs. Aledo (11-1), 3 p.m. Friday, Midland's Grande Stadium
Region II
Regional
McKinney North (10-2) vs. Mansfield Lake Ridge (8-4), 4 p.m. Saturday, Dallas Kincaide Stadium
Rockwall-Heath (10-2) vs. Tyler (10-2), noon Friday, Waco's McLane Stadium
Region III
Regional
Temple (10-1) vs. Fort Bend Ridge Point (12-0), 2 p.m. Friday, Cypress Berry Center
Bryan (10-1) vs. Richmond George Ranch (11-1), 6 p.m. Friday, Waller
Region IV
Regional
Austin LBJ (10-2) vs. Victoria West (10-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, San Marcos Rattler Stadium
Austin Vandegrift (10-2) vs. CC Flour Bluff (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, SA's Alamo Stadium
DIVISION II
Region I
Regional
Canutillo (11-1) vs. Azle (11-1), 4 p.m. Saturday, Midland's Grande Stadium
EP Eastlake (9-3) vs. Everman (8-4), 2 p.m. Saturday, Odessa's Ratliff Stadium
Region II
Regional
Frisco Heritage (10-2) vs. Dallas South Oak Cliff (9-3), 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dallas Cotton Bowl
Lewisville The Colony (9-3) vs. Ennis (10-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Waxahachie
Region III
Regional
Brenham (9-3) vs. Crosby (11-1), 6 p.m. Saturday, Shenandoah's Woodforest Stadium
Hutto (10-2) vs. Angleton (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Cypress Berry Center

Region IV
Regional
Cedar Park (9-3) vs. Mission Sharyland (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, SA's Heroes Stadium
Kerrville Tivy (9-3) vs. Gregory-Portland (8-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Converse's Rutledge Stadium

CLASS 4A
DIVISION I
Region I
Regional
Stephenville (8-3) vs. Big Spring (9-2), 2 p.m. Friday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium
Abilene Wylie (10-2) vs. Graham (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, NPH's Bedville ISD Complex
Region II
Regional
Kennedale (12-0) vs. Argyle (12-0), 6 p.m. Friday, Mesquite's Hanby Stadium
Texarkana Liberty-Eylau (7-5) vs. Paris (8-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mount Pleasant
Region III
Regional
Henderson (10-2) vs. Jasper (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Lufkin
Navasota (12-0) vs. El Campo (11-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Conroe's Moorhead Stadium
Region IV
Regional
Rockport-Fulton (9-3) vs. Liberty Hill (10-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, SA's Alamo Stadium
Waco Robinson (8-4) vs. Burnet (10-2), 8 p.m. Friday, Baylor's McLane Stadium
DIVISION II
Region I
Regional
Vernon (8-4) vs. Sweetwater (12-0), 2 p.m. Friday, Mineral Wells
Celina (10-2) vs. Iowa Park (8-4), 7 p.m. Friday, FW Brewer
Region II
Regional
Gilmer (12-0) vs. Gladewater (11-1), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Longview's Lobo Stadium
Atlanta (11-1) vs. Tatum (7-5), 2 p.m. Saturday, Longview's Pirate Stadium
Region III
Regional
West Orange-Stark (10-2) vs. La Marque (11-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Baytown's Stallworth Stadium
La Grange (12-0) vs. Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson (11-1), 1 p.m. Friday, Shenandoah's Woodforest Stadium
Region IV
Regional
Cuero (10-2) vs. Yoakum (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Victoria
Seton (9-3) vs. Wimberley (8-3), 7 p.m. Saturday, SA's Alamo Stadium

CLASS 3A
DIVISION I
Region I
Regional
Breckenridge (7-5) vs. Shallowater (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Shallowater
Wall (11-1) vs. Brock (11-1), 6 p.m. Friday, Brownwood
Region II
Regional
Pottsboro (11-1) vs. Whitesboro (4-8), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Denison
Pilot Point (10-2) vs. Mineola (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Forney's Cb Bank Stadium
Region III
Regional
Kirbyville (11-1) vs. Rockdale (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Shenandoah's Woodforest Stadium
Cameron Yoe (8-4) vs. East Chambers (11-1), 7 p.m. Friday, New Caney
Region IV
Regional
Maths (9-3) vs. Hallettsville (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, New Braunfels Canyon
Edna (7-5) vs. Ingram Moore (10-2), 6 p.m. Saturday, New Braunfels Canyon
DIVISION II
Region I
Regional
Spearman (12-0) vs. Cisco (12-0), 2 p.m. Friday, Wolfforth Frenship
Eastland (11-1) vs. Sonora (9-3), 2 p.m. Friday, Sweetwater
Region II
Regional
Gunter (11-1) vs. Sadler S&S Consolidated (6-6), 2 p.m. Saturday, Denison
Howe (7-5) vs. Waskom (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Tyler's Rose Stadium
Region III
Regional
Crockett (7-5) vs. Rogers (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, College Station HS
Newton (9-3) vs. Franklin (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Palestine
Region IV
Regional
East Bernard (11-1) vs. Blanco (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Giddings
Odem (11-1) vs. Van Vleck (9-3), 2 p.m. Friday, Victoria

CLASS 2A
DIVISION I
Region I
Regional
Canadian (11-0) vs. Stratford (9-2), 2 p.m. Friday, Canyon's Kimbrough Stadium
Wellington (8-4) vs. Abernathy (11-0), 2 p.m. Friday, Amarillo's Bivins Stadium
Region II
Regional
Crawford (11-1) vs. Hico (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Glen Rose
Mart (11-0) vs. Tolar (10-2), 6 p.m. Friday, Vernon's Newsom Stadium
Region III
Regional
Gladewater Union Grove (11-0) vs. Alto (10-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Carthage
Centerville (8-3) vs. Price Carlisle (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lufkin
Region IV
Regional
Thorndale (9-2) vs. Refugio (11-0), 6 p.m. Friday, SA's Farris Stadium
Three Rivers (11-0) vs. Mason (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Buda
DIVISION II
Region I
Regional
Quanah (9-3) vs. Crosbyton (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Clyde
Seagraves (11-0) vs. Farwell (9-2), 6 p.m. Friday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field
Region II
Regional
Santo (11-1) vs. Hamlin (11-0), 2 p.m. Friday, Weatherford
Winters (10-1) vs. Albany (11-0), 2 p.m. Friday, Clyde
Region III
Regional
Normangee (8-4) vs. Tenaha (9-1), 6 p.m. Friday, Bullard
Iola (10-0) vs. Chilton (9-2), 7 p.m. Saturday, Bryan HS
Region IV
Regional
Bremond (11-0) vs. Louise (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bastrop
Bruni (9-2) vs. Falls City (9-2), 6 p.m. Friday, CC Flour Bluff

CLASS A
DIVISION I
Region I
State Quarterfinals
Happy (11-0) vs. Turkey Valley (10-2), 6 p.m. Friday, Littlefield
Region II
State Quarterfinals
Ira (12-0) vs. Crowell (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Abilene's Moore Stadium
Region III
State Quarterfinals
Gordon (11-1) vs. May (9-2), 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Abilene's Moore Stadium
Region IV
State Quarterfinals
Blum (10-1) vs. Abbott (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, West
DIVISION II
Region I
State Quarterfinals
Follett (11-1) vs. Groom (11-1), 6 p.m. Friday, Pampa
Region II
State Quarterfinals
Ackerly Sands (8-6) vs. Loraine (7-5, 6-3), 1 p.m. Saturday, Robert Lee
Region III
State Quarterfinals
Guthrie (12-0) vs. Throckmorton (11-0), 7 p.m. Thursday, Seymour
Region IV
State Quarterfinals
Richland Springs (12-0) vs. Calvert (9-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Hico



Associated Press

Dallas Stars center Tyler Seguin clears a loose puck from behind the net as Edmonton Oilers center Boyd Gordon gives chase in the second period of the game on Tuesday in Dallas.

Seguin, Klingberg lead Stars over slumping Oilers

Associated Press

Stars 3
Oilers 2

DALLAS — Tyler Seguin scored two goals to give him an NHL-leading 17, and rookie defenseman John Klingberg added a goal from center ice and an assist to lead the Dallas Stars to a 3-2 victory over the struggling Edmonton Oilers on Tuesday night.

The Stars won their third straight for the first time this season in the fourth game of a season-high, five-game homestand.

Edmonton, last in the Western Conference, is 0-6-1 in its last seven games. The Oilers haven't led since a win over the New York Rangers on Nov. 9. The Oilers fell to 0-11-1 against Western Conference opponents as they began a three-game trip against Central Division teams.

Seguin took a pass from Klingberg, who flipped the puck from deep in his zone, as he skated across the Edmonton blue line. Seguin scored to break a 1-1 tie at 5:59 of the second period, backhanding a shot over the right pad of goalie Viktor Fasth.

Seguin's second goal came on a slap shot from the deep slot, off a feed by Jamie Benn from behind the Edmonton net, just below the crossbar at 17:42 of the second.

It was Seguin's fifth multigoal game of the season. Kari Lehtonen stopped 35 shots to win his third straight.

Klingberg's goal was a 74-foot slap shot from just beyond the blue line that fluttered beneath Fasth's glove and gave Dallas a 1-0 lead at 12:49 of the opening period.

Klingberg was fed by a backhand faceoff win by Jason Spezza on the opposite side of the ice.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	23	16	6	1	33	61	52
Tampa Bay	22	14	6	2	30	77	60
Detroit	21	11	5	5	27	59	52
Boston	23	13	9	1	27	59	57
Toronto	21	11	8	2	24	67	63
Ottawa	21	10	7	4	24	58	56
Florida	19	5	6	8	18	41	51
Buffalo	21	6	13	2	14	36	70

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	23	14	4	5	33	72	46
N.Y. Islanders	20	12	6	2	26	69	57
N.Y. Rangers	20	9	7	4	22	57	56
Washington	20	9	8	3	21	56	54
New Jersey	23	8	9	6	22	53	67
Philadelphia	20	8	9	3	19	57	67
Carolina	20	6	11	3	15	48	62
Columbus	21	6	13	2	14	51	76

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	21	14	5	2	30	61	45
St. Louis	22	14	6	2	30	59	46
Chicago	21	12	8	1	25	63	44
Winnipeg	23	11	9	3	25	49	53
Minnesota	20	12	8	0	24	58	44
Dallas	21	8	9	4	20	61	72
Colorado	21	7	12	2	16	53	67

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	22	13	4	5	31	60	54
Vancouver	21	14	6	1	29	65	51
Calgary	22	13	7	2	28	70	61
Los Angeles	22	11	6	5	27	60	53
San Jose	23	10	9	4	24	56	64
Arizona	22	8	11	3	19	54	67
Edmonton	21	6	13	2	14	49	74

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

Tuesday's Scores
Ottawa 4, St. Louis 2, SO
Nashville 4, Los Angeles 1, SO
Winnipeg 4, Columbus 1
Dallas 3, Edmonton 2
Colorado at Arizona, late
New Jersey at Vancouver, late
Calgary at Anaheim, late

Today's Games
Winnipeg at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Carolina at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Calgary at San Jose, 9 p.m.

No. 6 TCU takes same approach visit to Texas

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — TCU coach Gary Patterson has the same approach to another Thanksgiving night game at Texas, no matter how different the circumstances.



Patterson

When the Horned Frogs spent the holiday there two years ago, they were the Big 12 newcomer that pulled off an upset victory over the No. 18 Longhorns.

This time, No. 6 TCU (9-1, 6-1 Big 12) is a playoff contender trying to win a conference title while Texas (6-5, 5-3) has a three-game winning streak for first-year coach Charlie Strong.

"For me, I don't ever approach it any differently," Patterson said Tuesday. "We've had enough runs of close-to-undefeated seasons to understand that if you don't keep even keel through all of it, then you get yourself in a lot of trouble."

The Frogs are coming off an open date after playing eight consecutive weeks, five of those against top 20 teams. They have won five in a row since that 61-58 loss at Baylor.

Even though TCU is in its third season as part of major conference, there is still the memory of being a two-time BCS buster before then and before the new four-team College Football Playoff. The Horned Frogs won three consecutive Mountain West titles without a conference loss before the switch, with the 20-13 win at Texas a big boost late in their first Big 12 season.

RANKINGS

From 1C

Saturday. Baylor plays Texas Tech at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, the site of the national championship game.

Committee chairman Jeff Long said the difference between Nos. 4-7 is still very close.

Long also caused a bit of a stir when on ESPN's rankings show he mentioned how the rankings of teams at the time they played are factored into the committee's decision. Long has said each week the 12-member committee starts with a clean slate and that one week's rankings should have no bearing on the next.

Playoff rankings

1. Alabama	10-1
2. Oregon	10-1
3. Florida St.	11-0
4. Mississippi St.	10-1
5. TCU	9-1
6. Ohio St.	10-1
7. Baylor	9-1
8. UCLA	9-2
9. Georgia	9-2
10. Michigan St.	9-2
11. Arizona	9-2
12. Kansas St.	8-2
13. Arizona St.	9-2
14. Wisconsin	9-2
15. Auburn	8-3
16. Georgia Tech	9-2
17. Missouri	9-2
18. Minnesota	8-3
19. Mississippi	8-3
20. Oklahoma	8-3
21. Clemson	8-3
22. Louisville	8-3
23. Boise St.	9-2
24. Marshall	11-0
25. Utah	7-4

The College Football Playoff Selection Committee will issue weekly rankings each Tuesday, with the final rankings being announced Sunday, Dec. 7. The playoff semifinals will match the No. 1 seed vs. the No. 4 seed, and No. 2 will face No. 3. The semifinals will be hosted at the Rose Bowl and Sugar Bowl on Jan. 1, 2015. The championship game will be on Jan. 12, 2015 at Arlington.

RED SOX

From 1C

conference. "I know that I had a great career in San Francisco. But I'm going to have a new one here."

Sandoval helps fill a hole in the Red Sox lineup for a third baseman and a left-handed bat. Ramirez, who played shortstop and a little third base with the Marlins and Los Angeles Dodgers, is expected to move to left field.

"You're always trying to get a sense of where they might fit in," Red Sox manager John Farrell said. "We're not even at Thanksgiving yet. The potential for some other additions might exist."

Sandoval's deal includes a team option for 2020 and Ramirez's contract has a vesting option for 2019.

A 28-year-old Venezuelan listed at 5-foot-11 and 248 pounds, Sandoval was seen as a potential replacement at designated hitter when Ortiz retires. But Sandoval said he plans to manage his weight so he can remain in the field.

Both players praised Ortiz, and Ramirez also said Dustin Pedroia helped recruit him to Boston.

"He said, 'I've got two rings. You don't have any. I want some more,'" Ramirez said. "That kind of thing pumps you up."

Sandoval said Ortiz gave him advice when he was in the minor leagues that he has carried with him. Having a chance to play with Ortiz, who was the Series MVP in 2013, was a factor that attracted him to Boston.

"To be Papi's teammate — 162 games, all that with him — for me, it's going to be a very exciting time," said Sandoval, who had dinner with Ramirez on Monday night. Ramirez agreed, saying Ortiz was "like a big brother to me."

Sandoval is a career .294 hitter who had 16 homers and 73 RBIs in the regular season this year and then hit .366 in the postseason while helping the Giants win their third World Series in five years.

"He really embodies a lot of what we care about," Red Sox general manager Ben Cherington said. "He's been a big winner. He's been a performer when it counts the most. He's respected as a teammate, loves to play. We think he fits what we're all about here. We're excited to have him."

A 30-year-old infielder who has never played the outfield in 1,634 professional games, Ramirez batted .300 with 13 homers and 71 RBIs for Los Angeles this year. Cherington, who watched Ramirez learn to play shortstop in the minors, said he is confident Ramirez can take on a new position.

For now, the Red Sox are overloaded with outfielders and short on pitchers, having acquired Allen Craig and Yoenis Cespedes at the July trade deadline while shipping off four-fifths of the rotation.

"We've got a ways to go in the offseason," Farrell said.

To clear the roster spots, the Red Sox designated first baseman-catcher Ryan Lavarnway and infielder Juan Francisco for assignment.

CONDUCT

From 1C

if the NFL and the owners commit to collective bargaining."

Troy Vincent, the NFL's executive vice president of football operations and former president of the union, countered that Goodell's authority was collectively bargained with the union in 2011, while the personal conduct policy in place nearly 20 years has never been part of contract negotiations.

"The union agreed to the commissioner maintaining authority to discipline. The league believes it is in the best interest of football to retain that authority," Vincent said. "The league is following the process dictated by the CBA."

COLLEGE FOOTBALL STANDINGS

TEXAS
BIG 12 CONFERENCE

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Baylor	6	1	322	190	9	1	500	217
TCU	6	1	325	210	9	1	459	231
Kansas St.	6	1	225	148	8	2	352	210
Oklahoma	5	2	398	226	8	3	432	259
Texas	5	3	199	163	6	5	261	231
West Virginia	4	4	244	220	6	5	361	290
Oklahoma St.	3	5	177	276	5	6	291	349
Texas Tech	2	6	220	337	4	7	320	447
Kansas	1	7	140	269	3	8	201	348
Iowa St.	0	7	180	293	2	8	251	374

Nov. 20
Kansas St. 26, West Virginia 20
Saturday, Nov. 22
Oklahoma 44, Kansas 7
Texas Tech 34, Iowa St. 31
Baylor 49, Oklahoma St. 28
Thursday's Game
TCU at Texas, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
West Virginia at Iowa St., 11 a.m.
Baylor vs. Texas Tech at AT&T Stadium, 2:30 p.m.
Kansas at Kansas St., 3 p.m.

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

	East Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Missouri	6	1	170	139	9	2	322	222
Georgia	5	1	212	150	9	2	476	225
Florida	4	1	199	206	6	4	316	209
South Carolina	3	5	272	294	6	5	383	336
Tennessee	2	5	180	200	5	6	307	270
Kentucky	2	6	183	300	5	6	310	331
Vanderbilt	0	7	85	259	3	8	189	375

	West Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Alabama	6	1	211	110	10	1	385	159
Mississippi St.	6	1	253	149	10	1	429	202
Auburn	4	3	231	207	8	3	386	258
Mississippi	4	3	171	118	8	3	334	149
LSU	3	4	130	149	7	4	308	180
Texas A&M	3	4	206	270	7	4	396	305
Arkansas	2	5	151	156	6	5	370	222

Nov. 22
Florida 52, E. Kentucky 3
Georgia 55, Charleston Southern 9
South Carolina 37, South Alabama 12
Arkansas 30, Mississippi 0
Alabama 48, W. Carolina 14
Auburn 31, Samford 7
Missouri 29, Tennessee 21
Mississippi St. 51, Vanderbilt 0
Thursday's Game
LSU at Texas A&M, 6:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
Arkansas at Missouri, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
South Carolina at Clemson, 11 a.m.
Kentucky at Louisville, 11 a.m.
Georgia Tech at Georgia, 11 a.m.
Florida at Florida St., 2:30 p.m.
Mississippi St. at Mississippi, 2:30 p.m.
Tennessee at Vanderbilt, 3 p.m.
Auburn at Alabama, 6:45 p.m.

NFL STANDINGS

STANDINGS
AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
East						
New England	9	2	0	.818	357	227
Miami	6	5	0	.545	285	219
Buffalo	6	5	0	.545	238	207
N.Y. Jets	2	9	0	.182	177	303
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	7	4	0	.636	333	256
Houston	5	6	0	.455	242	226
Tennessee	2	9	0	.182	192	293
Jacksonville	1	10	0	.091	161	305
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	7	3	1	.682	246	234
Baltimore	7	4	0	.636	295	208
Pittsburgh	7	4	0	.636	288	263
Cleveland	7	4	0	.636	242	219
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	8	3	0	.727	332	260
Kansas City	7	4	0	.636	261	195
San Diego	7	4	0	.636	245	216
Oakland	1	10	0	.091	176	285

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
East						
Philadelphia	8	3	0	.727	342	275
Dallas	8	3	0	.727	292	240
N.Y. Giants	3	8	0	.273	230	294
Washington	3	8	0	.273	217	273
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	4	7	0	.364	262	281
New Orleans	4	7	0	.364	288	288
Carolina	3	7	1	.318	215	300
Tampa Bay	2	9	0	.182	207	300
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	8	3	0	.727	354	246
Detroit	7	4	0	.636	197	190
Chicago	5	6	0	.455	236	303
Minnesota	4	7	0	.364	202	244
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	9	2	0	.818	240	196
Seattle	7	4	0	.636	279	218
San Francisco	7	4	0	.636	228	225
St. Louis	4	7	0	.364	209	286

Monday's Scores
Buffalo 38, N.Y. Jets 3
Baltimore 34, New Orleans 27
Thursday's Games
Chicago at Detroit, 11:30 a.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 3:30 p.m.
Seattle at San Francisco, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 23
Tennessee at Houston, noon
Oakland at St. Louis, noon
Carolina at Minnesota, noon
Washington at Indianapolis, noon
Cleveland at Buffalo, noon
San Diego at Baltimore, noon
N.Y. Giants at Jacksonville, noon
Cincinnati at Tampa Bay, noon
New Orleans at Pittsburgh, noon
Arizona at Atlanta, 3:05 p.m.
New England at Green Bay, 3:25 p.m.
Denver at Kansas City, 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGEROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ARKANSAS 78
SMU 72

DALLAS — Playing as a ranked team for the first time in seven years, No. 25 Arkansas established itself quickly against SMU.

The Razorbacks never trailed against the Larry Brown-coached SMU team that rarely loses at home, getting 22 points from Bobby Portis in a 78-72 win Tuesday night.

TEXAS TECH 75
NORTHWESTERN STATE 64

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech coach Tubby Smith has seen teams wilt due to a lack of focus during the days before Thanksgiving throughout his 24-year head coaching career. His Red Raiders appeared to be doing the same in the waning moments of the first half Tuesday night.

They held an 18-point lead against Northwestern State with 6:28 left before halftime.

TEXAS 78
SAINT FRANCIS 46

AUSTIN — While Texas figures out what to do at point guard, the Longhorns have the luxury of leaning on a front-court loaded with talent.

Freshman big man Myles Turner had 25 points and 10 rebounds while tying a school shooting record, and No. 7 Texas rolled over Saint Francis 78-46 on Tuesday night to push the Longhorns to 5-0 for the first time since 2009.



Associated Press

Southern Methodist Mustangs guard Nic Moore drives the ball around Arkansas Razorbacks forward Jacorey Williams during the second half on Tuesday in Dallas.

KENTUCKY 92
UTA 44

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Kentucky coach John Calipari found much to like about the box score of yet another blowout win, taking particular satisfaction in his team's playing time.

Just four minutes separated nine of the top-ranked Wildcats' 10 regulars. None played more than 21 minutes, with both platoons' efficiency wearing down Texas-Arlington.

Jerry Tarkanian home from Las Vegas hospital

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Family members say Hall of Fame basketball coach Jerry Tarkanian is home after several days at a Las Vegas hospital for treatment of pneumonia.

Son Danny Tarkanian said Tuesday that his 84-year-old father was released Monday from Valley Hospital Medical Center.

He says medical tests confirmed his father had pneumonia, but cleared him of other ailments.

Tarkanian was hospitalized last Wednesday with respiratory distress.

Tarkanian led three schools to the NCAA tournament, including the 1990 UNLV team that won a national title.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES AND SCHEDULES

Men

MONDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

SOUTH

EAST

MIDWEST

TOURNAMENTS

Battle 4 Atlantis
At Paradise Island, Bahamas
First Round

At Cancun, Mexico
Mayan Division

Riviera Division

TODAY'S GAMES

SOUTHWEST

SOUTH

EAST

MIDWEST

A Sports Maui Invitational
At Lahaina, Hawaii

GCI Great Alaska Shootout
At Anchorage, Alaska
First Round

Gulf Coast Showcase
At Estero, Fla

MGM Grand Main Event
At Las Vegas

NIT Season Tip-off
At New York
First Round

FAR WEST

SOUTH

Women

MONDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

SOUTH

EAST

TOURNAMENTS

GCI Great Alaska Shootout
At Anchorage, Alaska

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WARRIORS 114
HEAT 97

MIAMI — Stephen Curry scored 40 points, and the Golden State Warriors beat the Miami Heat 114-97 on Tuesday night for their sixth consecutive victory.

Golden State scored 14 straight points to open a 107-95 lead with 2:50 to go. Curry and Thompson capped the run with consecutive 3-pointers.

Thompson had 24 points for the Warriors, who shot 57 percent. Curry was 12 for 19 from the field, including an 8-for-11 performance from 3-point range.

Chris Bosh scored 26 points for Miami, and Luol Deng had 16. James Ennis' dunk with 9:11 left was the Heat's last field goal.

Miami led by 16 in the first half, but Golden State closed the second quarter with a 23-8 surge. Draymond Green made two free throws with 9.8 seconds left to cut the Heat's lead to 62-61 at the break.

Golden State carried the momentum over to the second half. Curry hit three 3-pointers in the third period, and his two free throws with 58.2 seconds remaining put Golden State ahead, 89-82.

The Heat got off to a nice start, opening a 31-22 lead on Mario Chalmers' corner 3-pointer with 1:51 left in the first quarter.

KINGS 99
PELICANS 89

NEW ORLEANS — DeMarcus Cousins had 22 points, 12 rebounds, five assists and three steals, leading the Sacramento Kings to a 99-89 victory over the New Orleans Pelicans on Tuesday night.

Omri Casspi also scored 22 for Sacramento, which has won three in a row. Casspi, who made his first start of the season in place of the injured Rudy Gay, was with New Orleans for a brief stretch this off-season before being released in a salary-cap move.

New Orleans forward Anthony Davis was held to 14 points after he scored 28 in a victory over the Kings last Tuesday. He also had nine rebounds and blocked two shots.

HAWKS 106
WIZARDS 102

WASHINGTON — Hawks reserves Mike Scott and Shelvin Mack led a fourth-quarter surge on a night when starters were struggling, and Atlanta held to beat the Washington Wizards 106-102 Tuesday.

Scott and Mack scored Atlanta's first 16 points of the final period, sparking a 22-5 run that built a 14-point lead before the Wizards hit a spate of 3-pointers to make the final score close. Scott finished with 17 points in 23 minutes, and Mack had 13 in 19 for the Hawks, who have won six of eight.

Jeff Teague scored 28 points, and Paul Millsap had 17 points and 11 rebounds for Atlanta.

John Wall had 21 points and 13 assists, and Marcin Gortat had 12 points and 11 rebounds for the Wizards, who committed a season-high 25 turnovers. Washington played without power forward Nene, who missed his first game due to injury this season with plantar fasciitis in his right foot.

Paul Pierce shot 6 for 16, Bradley Beal 4 for 14 and Kris Humphries 2 for 7 for the Wizards. DeMarre Carroll went 3 for 10, and Kyle Korver was 0 of 3 for the Hawks.

Such performances opened the door for reserves like Washington's Drew Gooden (5 for 8, 12 points) and Atlanta's Mack (5 for 9) and Scott (5 for 10).

Mack, a Wizards 2011 second-round draft pick who played a little more than one season in Washington, made a 3-pointer early in the fourth quarter that gave the Hawks the lead for good. Teague made it 92-78 with a pair of free throws with 4 minutes remaining, but the Wizards hit a series of 3-pointers to keep the outcome in doubt until the final seconds.

BUCKS 98
PISTONS 86

MILWAUKEE — Brandon Knight had 20 points and eight assists to lead the Milwaukee Bucks to a 98-86 victory over the Detroit Pistons on Tuesday night.

O.J. Mayo, making his first start of the season, added 17 points as Milwaukee (8-7) avoided its first three-game slide of the season. Rookie Jabari Parker contributed 14 points and nine rebounds.

Detroit (3-11) has lost five in a row and eight of nine.

Andre Drummond had 23 points and 10 rebounds for the Pistons, and Greg Monroe added 15 points and eight boards. Drummond was averaging 8.7 points coming into the night, but shot 11 of 15 from the floor.

Detroit guard Brandon Jennings missed his first game of the season after he hyperextended his left thumb late in Friday's 99-89 loss at Atlanta. Jennings, who spent his first four seasons with the Bucks, is averaging 16 points and 5.8 assists per game.

A basket by Zaza Pachulia gave Milwaukee its biggest lead at 87-73 with 5:46 left.

Detroit closed to 88-80 on a layup by Monroe with 4:17 to go, but the rally fizzled from there.

Pachulia grabbed an offensive rebound and nailed a jumper, and after Drummond missed a layup, Knight followed with a 3-pointer to make it 93-80 with 3:11 left.

NUGGETS 114
BULLS 109

DENVER — Ty Lawson scored 20 points, including a key jumper in the waning seconds, and the Denver Nuggets beat the Chicago Bulls 114-109 on Tuesday night for their fifth straight win.

Arron Afflalo added 19 points and Danilo Gallinari had 15 for the Nuggets, who defeated the Bulls for the eighth straight time in Denver.

Bulls point guard Derrick Rose was limited to 10 minutes in his second game back from a left hamstring strain. Rose, who scored 18 points in his return Monday night against Utah after a four-game absence, felt tightness in the hamstring during the first quarter and didn't play the rest of the way.

Jimmy Butler had 32 points for Chicago.

NBA BOX SCORES AND STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Southeast Division

Central Division

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

Northwest Division

Pacific Division

Tuesday's Scores

Atlanta 106, Washington 102
Golden State 114, Miami 97
Sacramento 99, New Orleans 89
Milwaukee 98, Detroit 86
Denver 114, Chicago 109

Today's Games

Brooklyn at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Golden State at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Portland at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Washington at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
New York at Dallas, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Utah at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Houston, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Indiana at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Memphis at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

TUESDAY'S BOX SCORES

WARRIORS 114, HEAT 97

GOLDEN STATE (114): Barnes 5-9 1-2 12, Green 3-8 5-8 11, Bogut 4-5 0-0 8, Curry 12-19 9-9 40, Thompson 10-19 1-2 24, Iguodala 2-4 0-0 5, Speights 4-5 0-0 8, Barbosa 1-2 0-2 2, Livingston 2-3 0-0 4, Rush 0-1 0-0 0, Holiday 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 43-75 15-23 114

MIAMI (97): Deng 6-11 2-3 16, Williams 4-8 0-0 11, Bosh 10-19 4-5 26, Cole 1-8 2-2 4, Chalmers 1-7 4-5 14, Ennis 2-8 4-5 8, Napier 1-6 3-3 10, Haslem 2-6 0-0 4, McRoberts 1-2 2-2 4, Hamilton 2-9 0-0 5. Totals 33-85 21-27 97

Golden State 30 31 30 23 — 114
Miami 36 26 24 11 — 97

3-Point Goals--Golden State 13-28 (Curry 4-11, Thompson 3-7, Barnes 1-3, Iguodala 1-3, Rush 0-1, Green 0-3), Miami 10-23 (Williams 3-5, Deng 2-3, Bosh 2-3, Chalmers 2-6, Napier 1-2, Cole 0-4). Fouled Out--None. Rebounds--Golden State 50 (Bogut 10), Miami 48 (Bosh 9). Assists--Golden State 21 (Curry 7), Miami 16 (Chalmers, Ennis 4). Total Fouls--Golden State 24, Miami 22. Technicals--Golden State defensive three second, A.--19,647 (19,600).

KINGS 99, PELICANS 89

SACRAMENTO (99): Casspi 9-14 3-4 22, Thompson 0-3 0-0 0, Cousins 8-18 6-6 22, Seymour 4-13 6-8 15, McLemore 4-6 0-0 10, Williams 0-5 0-0 0, McCallum 4-7 4-4 12, Stauskas 4-6 0-0 11, Landry 4-5 1-2 9. Totals 37-77 20-24 99

NEW ORLEANS (89): Miller 0-3 0-0 0, Davis 4-12 6-8 14, Ajinca 1-5 1-2 3, Holiday 5-11 1-2 11, Evans 10-17 2-4 22, Babbitt 0-2 0-0 0, Rivers 2-6 4-4 8, Anderson 7-14 3-3 20, Fredette 1-3 1-1 3, Withey 2-4 2-5 6, Salmons 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 33-79 20-28 89

Sacramento 27 22 26 24 — 99
New Orleans 16 33 21 19 — 89

3-Point Goals--Sacramento 5-14 (McLemore 2-3, Seymour 1-2, Casspi 1-2, Stauskas 1-3, Williams 0-1, McCallum 0-3), New Orleans 3-17 (Anderson 3-7, Fredette 0-1, Babbitt 0-1, Miller 0-1, Rivers 0-1, Evans 0-3, Holiday 0-3). Fouled Out--None. Rebounds--Sacramento 49 (Cousins 12), New Orleans 50 (Davis 9). Assists--Sacramento 16 (Seymour, Williams, Landry 4), New Orleans 15 (Evans 5). Total Fouls--Sacramento 22, New Orleans 23. Technicals--Sacramento Coach Malone 2. Ejected--Sacramento Coach Malone A.--17,037 (16,867).

BUCKS 98, PISTONS 86

DETROIT (86): Smith 4-10 2-10 11, Monroe 7-10 1-2 15, Drummond 11-15 1-2 23, Augustin 4-11 2-2 11, Caldwell-Pope 2-9 0-0 6, Butler 4-9 0-0 8, Singler 3-10 0-0 8, Jerebko 0-0 1-1 1, Dinwiddie 1-3 0-0 3, Anthony 0-0 0-0 0, Martin 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 36-78 7-17 86

MILWAUKEE (98): Antetokounmpo 1-13 0-0 2, Parker 7-10 0-1 14, Sanders 6-12 0-0 12, Knight 7-12 3-4 20, Mayo 5-10 4-4 17, Middleton 2-7 0-0 5, Ilyasova 4-11 3-4 13, Bayless 2-3 0-0 4, Pachulia 4-8 0-0 8, Henson 0-1 0-0 0, Dudley 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 39-90 10-13 98

Detroit 31 17 19 19 — 86
Milwaukee 26 23 30 19 — 98

3-Point Goals--Detroit 7-20 (Singler 2-7, Caldwell-Pope 2-7, Augustin 1-1, Dinwiddie 1-1, Smith 1-2, Butler 0-1, Martin 0-1), Milwaukee 10-22 (Mayo 3-4, Knight 3-5, Ilyasova 2-3, Dudley 1-3, Middleton 1-4, Bayless 0-1, Antetokounmpo 0-2). Fouled Out--None. Rebounds--Detroit 49 (Smith, Drummond 10), Milwaukee 57 (Sanders, Parker, Ilyasova 9). Assists--Detroit 23 (Smith 8), Milwaukee 22 (Knight 8). Total Fouls--Detroit 18, Milwaukee 24. Technicals--Mayo, A.--15,265 (18,717).

NUGGETS 114, BULLS 109

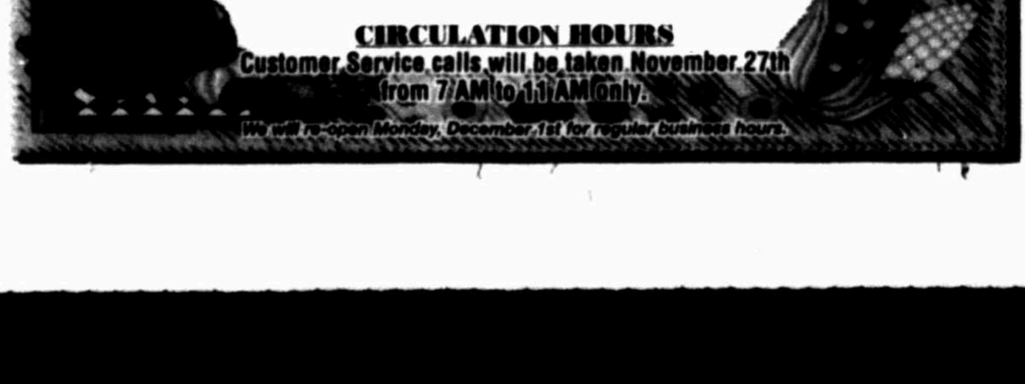
CHICAGO (109): Dunleavy 5-9 4-5 17, Gasol 10-20 2-3 22, Bairstow 1-4 0-0 2, Rose 1-4 0-0 2, Butler 7-13 18-20 32, Hinrich 4-10 0-0 10, Mohammed 2-4 0-0 4, Mirotic 1-5 2-3 4, McDermott 0-1 0-0 0, Brooks 4-12 6-6 16, Snell 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-82 32-37 109

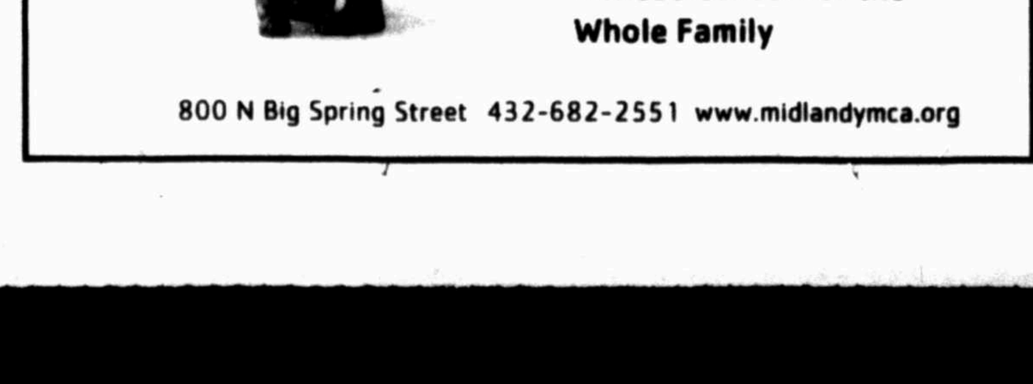
DENVER (114): Chandler 6-11 0-0 14, Faried 5-11 2-5 12, Mozgov 5-8 1-2 11, Lawson 7-16 5-7 20, Afflalo 7-11 2-2 19, Gallinari 5-9 5-5 15, Hickson 2-5 3-4 7, Arthur 1-5 0-0 3, Robinson 3-7 0-0 7, Harris 0-0 0-0 0, Gee 2-2 2-2 6. Totals 43-85 20-27 114

Chicago 21 28 17 33 — 109
Denver 31 25 30 28 — 114

3-Point Goals--Chicago 7-21 (Dunleavy 3-7, Hinrich 2-3, Brooks 2-5, Butler 0-1, Mirotic 0-2, Rose 0-3), Denver 8-16 (Afflalo 3-4, Chandler 2-4, Lawson 1-1, Robinson 1-2, Arthur 1-4, Gallinari 0-1). Fouled Out--Mozgov. Rebounds--Chicago 46 (Gasol 11), Denver 55 (Faried, Mozgov 9). Assists--Chicago 20 (Hinrich 8), Denver 22 (Lawson 12). Total Fouls--Chicago 22, Denver 25. Technicals--Arthur, Denver defensive three second. A.--17,033 (19,155).







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		6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving		Modern Family	Black-ish "The Nod"	Nashville "I Feel Sorry for Me"		KMID News	(:35) Kimmel	Minday Kaling, Ronda Rousey	(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: San Juan (N)		Criminal Minds "Fate" (N)		Stalker "Crazy for You" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman		(:35) Craig Ferguson
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Hogan's Heroes	Gilligan's Island	F Troop	F Troop	Cheers	P. Mason "The Case of the Violent Vest"		Adam 12
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Hell's Kitchen "Eight Chefs Complete" (N)		Red Band Soc "How Did We Get Here?" (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	Hot in Cleveland	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Mani Erfan	House Call	Update News	Dollars & Sense	Light of the Southwest				Dr. Rik Wadge	HaYesod	Jean-Claude	Dr. William
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		The Making of Peter Pan Live! (N)		Sat. Night Live "Thanksgiving" A compilation of memorable Thanksgiving sketches.				NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) Jimmy Fallon		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Nature "My Life as a Turkey"		Nature "An Original DUCKumentary"		Nature "The Private Life of Deer"		Charlie Rose (N)		Tavis Smiley (N)	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La Gata		Mi corazón es Tuyo		Hasta el fin del mundo		La Malquerida		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	La Que No Amar	Podia
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Fam.Feud	Million..	The Walking Dead		Dead "Better Angels"		My News	Million..	Anger M.	M&M	Access H.	Insider
FLIX	340	65		165		(4:55) Little Buddha		★★★ City of God Alexandre Rodrigues.				(:10) ★★★ The Motorcycle Diaries					Movie
HBO	300	68	14	14		Sports	(:00)	That Awkward Moment Zac Efron.		Comeback		The Newsroom		Bill Maher		Get On	State Play
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(5:45) The Dukes of Hazzard		Banksy Does New York				State of Play		Sports Documentary		The LEGO Movie	
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(:10) Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless ...				★★★★ Dallas Buyers Club				★★ This Is 40 ('12, Com) Paul Rudd.			
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(4:00) Constantine		★★★ Gravity Sandra Bullock.		Endless Love Alex Pettyfer.				(:15) A Wife's Secret (Adult)			Movie
MAX2	382	72	18	122		Movie		South Park: Bigger, Longer...		★★ The Heat ('13, Com) Sandra Bullock.				★★ Godzilla Halle Berry.			Movie
PLEX			96			(5:30) Cool Dog		★★ The Cave Colo Hauser.				(:40) ★★ Untamed Heart Christian Slater.		★★★ Canvas Joe Pantoliano.			
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(3:00) The Longes...		Inside the NFL		Homeland		The Affair		Therapy	Inside the NFL		Therapy
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:20) No God, N...		★★★★ Dead Poets Society				(:10) ★★★ Dangerous Minds					★ Crazy/Beautiful
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Country Buck$	Country Buck$	Duck Dynasty	Duck D. "Glory is the Reward of Mallard"	Duck Dyn. (N)		Country Buck$ (N)	Country Buck$ (N)	Country Buck$	Country Buck$	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(2:00) Gone With ...		★ Gone With the Wind Southern belle Scarlett O'Hara schemes and manipulates to survive during the Civil War.									
BET	58	26		40		★★ Little Man ('06, Com) Keenen Ivory Wayans.				Nellyville		Husbands	Husbands	Husbands	Husbands	Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Top Chef		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Atlanta Social (N)		WatchWhatHappens		Beverly Hills	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Profit "Shuler's BBQ"		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Car (N)	Car (N)	Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Somebody's Gotta		Somebody's Gotta		Somebody's Gotta		Somebody's Gotta	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Screwed "Epic Fail"		Dude/ Screwed (N)		Dude, You're... (N)		Naked "Jungle Love"		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Jessie	Jessie	★★★ Meet the Robinsons		StarWars		StarWars	DogBlog	Girl	Liv/Mad	So Raven	So Raven
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	Count	NBA Basketball New York Knicks at Dallas Mavericks (L)			NCAA Basketball Maui Invitational (L)				SportsCenter			
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	Score.	NCAA Basketball Maui Invitational (L)			NCAA Basketball NIT Season Tip-Off (L)				NCAA Basketball Main Event (L)			
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(5:00) Willy Wonka & the C...		★★ Cars 2 ('11, Ani) Larry the Cable Guy.						The 700 Club		★ A Cinderella Sto...	
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	Cutthroat Kitchen		Cutthroat Kitchen		Cutthroat Kitchen		Kitchen Inferno (N)		Cutthroat "Tso Good"		Cutthroat Kitchen	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Mavs Pre (L)	NBA Basketball New York Knicks at Dallas Mavericks Site American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)					Maveric-ks Live (L)	Cowboys (N)	NCAA C-USA No-Huddle		NBDL Basketball Aus./Tex.	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	M&M	M&M	★★★ The Amazing Spider-Man ('12, Act) Andrew Garfield.						★★★ The Amazing Spider-Man			
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	(5:00) Meet the Sa...		★ Angels and Ornaments Jessalyn Gilsig.				★ Christmas Shepherd ('14, Dra) Teri Polo.				★ A Cookie Cutter...	
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Property Bros (N)		H.Hunt	House (N)	Property Brothers		Property Bros	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		(:05) Dickering (N)		(:05) Thanksgiving		American Pickers	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	(5:00) To Be Announced		★★ Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby ('06, Com) Will Ferrell.				★★★ Killers (2010, Action) Katherine Heigl, Tom Selleck, Ashton Kutcher.				★ Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky...	
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				NHLLive	NHL Hockey Philadelphia Flyers at Detroit Red Wings (L)					Overtime	Turning Point (N)	NFL Turning Point		OpenDay	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Every Witch Way: Spellbound (N)		F.House	F.House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	Mother	Mother		
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	(5:30) ★★★ I Am Legend Will Smith.				★★★★ End of Watch ('12, Cri) Jake Gyllenhaal.				★★★ Walking Tall			
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(4:00) Shutter Island		★★★ Space Cowboys ('00, Sci-Fi) Clint Eastwood.						Almighty (N)		★ The Right Stuff	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan Bill Hader, Chelsea Peretti		Childrens Hospital	Conan
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:30) Portrait of ...		★ Arsene Lupin				★★★ Gambit ('66, Com) Michael Caine.				★★ The Fake Dennis O'Keefe	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Reina de Corazones		Los miserables		Señora acero		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	Los miserables	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Extreme Christmas Trees		Crazy Lights America decorates.		Invasion of the Christmas Lights		Invasion of the Christmas Lights		Crazy Lights America decorates.		Invasion of the Christmas Lights	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Castle "Flowers for Your Grave"		★★ Training Day A cop's first day leads him to believe that his mentor may not be what he seems.						★★★★ The Town A career criminal juggles his feelings for a bank manager from a previous robbery.			
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Hogan	(:40) Hogan	(:20) Family Feud		Friends	Friends	Hot In (N)	The Exes	Hot In	The Exes	Queens	Queens
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Criminal Hatred"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Monster's Legacy"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Secrets Exhumed"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Funny Valentine"		Modern Family	Modern Family	White Collar	
WGN	19	18				(5:00) ★★★ Batman ('89, Act) Jack Nicholson, Michael Keaton.								Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	Parks and Rec	Parks and Rec

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Woods at 5-year mark of Thanksgiving accident

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

Any mention of golf during the week of Thanksgiving used to be about the Skins Game.

Now it's hard not to think about Tiger Woods.

It was five years ago this week when his private life began to unravel. It still seems surreal to recall the breaking news scrolling along the bottom of the television that Woods had been "seriously injured" in a car accident outside his home. The injury wasn't that serious. He was treated and released.

And while the tree his SUV struck did far more damage, it was the fire hydrant he first ran over that became a symbol of the before-and-after nature of his career.

There is a fascination with anniversaries. Is five years any more meaningful than four or six? Still, it seems appropriate to raise one question as Woods prepares to return to competition next week after another long layoff.

Is this where you thought he would be five years later?

He has gone through two swing coaches. He has changed caddies. He has gone from married with children to being a single dad. He still has 14 majors. And next week at the Hero World Challenge will his fifth comeback from injury.

So much has changed, except for the expectations.



AP file photo

Tiger Woods winces after tee shot on the sixth hole during the second round of the PGA Championship golf tournament at Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Ky., on Aug. 8. It was five years ago this week that a fire hydrant he struck with his SUV became the symbol of his before-and-after career.

They're just as high.

And that's why the last five years — particularly the last one — would seem to be a lost cause.

About this time a year ago, Woods was on the cusp of winning his World Challenge until Zach Johnson holed out from the drop zone for par on the 18th hole and went on to beat him in a playoff. That stuff used to only happen to Greg Norman.

No problem. Woods was coming off another five-win season on the PGA Tour that only he can make look routine. He was PGA Tour player of the year for the 11th time, won the money title for the 10th time and captured the Vardon Trophy for the ninth time.

But when he began this year as the defending champion at Torrey Pines, no one could have imagined what would follow.

Woods has started only eight tournaments this year and finished only three of them. For the first time in his career, he did not register a top 10. There were two WDs (withdraws), two MCs (missed cuts) and one MDF (54-hole cut).

He effectively was MIA.

Recurring back pain led to surgery in March, which forced him to sit out three months and miss two majors. When he returned (earlier than he should have), he looked more like an old Woods than the Woods of old. And then he shut it down after the PGA Championship to get stronger.

Is he as good as 25-year-old Rory McIlroy? No. For starters, Woods turns 39 next month.

Can he challenge him?

Considering the last five years as a whole, it might be too early to rule him out.

■ McIlroy with 13 wins worldwide is the only player to have won more than Woods (nine) over the last five years. Adam Scott, Martin Kaymer, Graeme McDowell, Luke Donald and Lee Westwood also have nine wins around the world.

■ Woods still has the highest winning percentage (12 percent) of anyone in the last five years.

■ In the last five years, Woods has been at No. 1 in the world longer than the other five players who have taken turns at the top of the ranking, and he is the only player to be No. 1 for a continuous year.

It's not all that dire.

Far more difficult to measure is how much Woods has been affected physically and emotionally since the crisis in his personal life unfolded Thanksgiving weekend in 2009.

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Yesterday's Answer: Common O: LOADED, GOALIE, PAROLE, SAILOR

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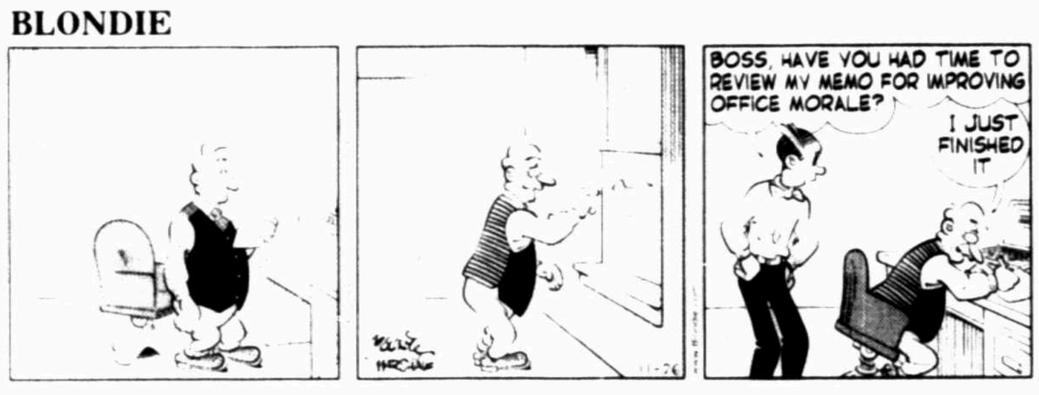
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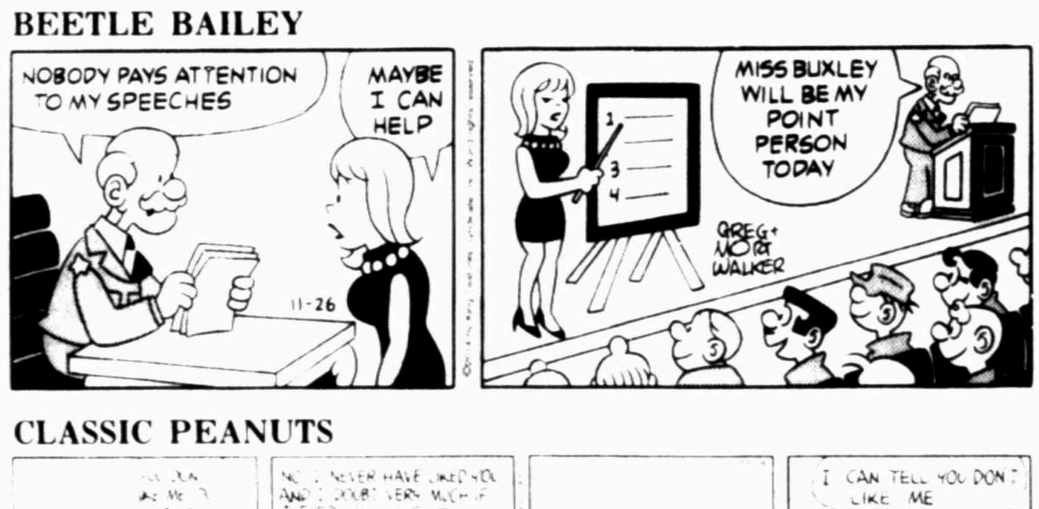
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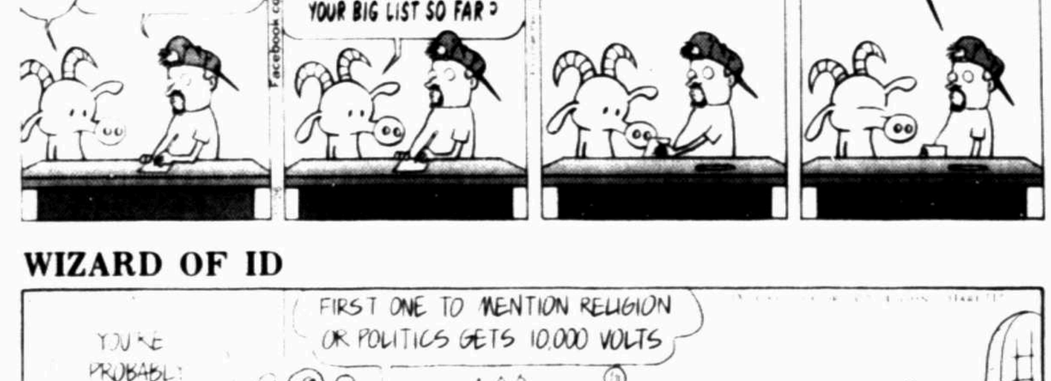
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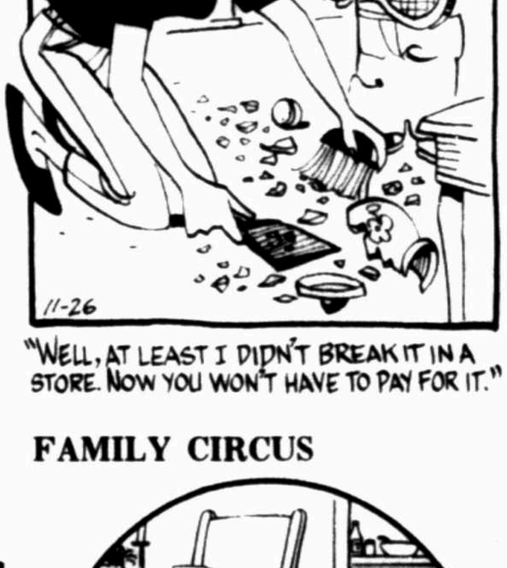
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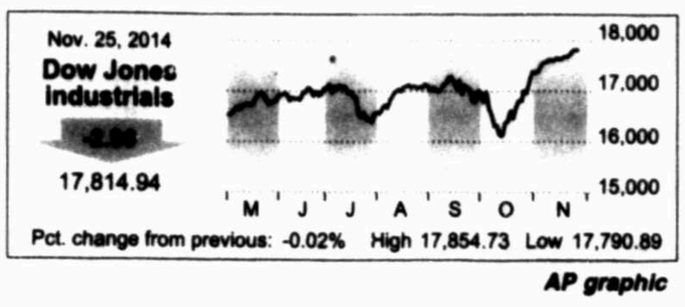


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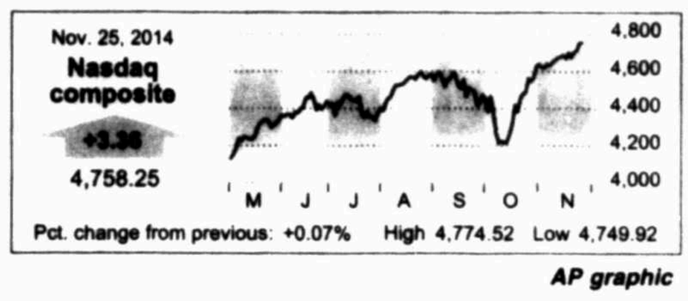
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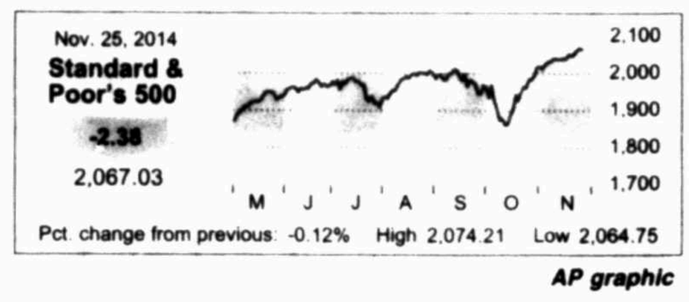
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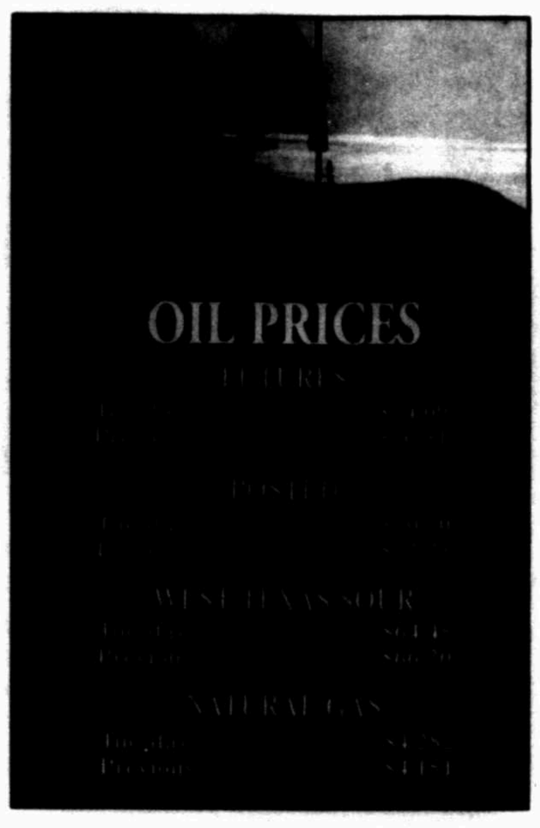
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US economy posts even stronger growth in Q3

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy grew even faster in the third quarter than initially thought, posting the strongest six months of growth in more than a decade and pulling further ahead of other big economies of the world.

The gross domestic product, the country's total output of goods and services, expanded at a healthy 3.9 percent annual rate in the July-September period, the Commerce Department reported Tuesday. That's a notable jump from its first estimate of 3.5 percent. The revision was propelled higher by more robust consumer and business spending.

Together with a 4.6 percent surge in the spring, the country has recorded its biggest back-to-back quarterly performance since 2003.

"The question of whether the economy is accelerating or will accelerate is no longer a question; we can say somewhat definitively that the economy has already accelerated," said Dan Greenhaus, chief strategist at BTIG, in a research note.

In contrast, other advanced economies are struggling.

The eurozone economy barely grew in the third quarter, and inflation is a mere 0.4 percent, raising concerns of deflation. Japan unexpectedly found itself back in recession in the July-September period. And momentum in emerging economies like China and Brazil is also shaky.

Tuesday's data further pushes the world's biggest economy "onto a different pace than Europe and Japan," said Jennifer Lee, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets.

Fueling third-quarter growth was consumer spending, which accounts for 70 percent of economic activity. That climbed at a 2.2 percent rate in the three-month period, an improvement from an initial estimate of 1.8 percent. Business investment in equipment shot up at a 10.7 percent rate, revised up from 7.2 percent.

GDP has been on a roller coaster this year. It started with a steep slide in activity in the first three months of the year when the economy contracted at a 2.1 percent rate, largely due to a severe winter.

Analysts believe momentum could decelerate to around 2.5 percent in the current quarter but then pick up again in 2015. They expect growth of around 3 percent, representing a sustained acceleration in activity six years after the Great Recession.

Since the recession ended in June 2009, growth in the U.S. has averaged at subpar rates just above 2 percent. The lackluster recovery has been blamed on the financial crisis and the severity of the recession. Such downturns are usually harder to recover from because it requires repairs to the banking system to get credit flowing again.

But economists believe 2015 will be the year when the recovery shifts into a higher gear, in part because they expect the government itself to help. Government spending grew at a 4.2 percent rate in the third quarter, the strongest performance since the spring of 2009. The gain was bolstered by a 16 percent surge in defense spending.

US stocks dip

A slump in energy prices pushed the stock market back from record levels on Tuesday.

Energy stocks slid as the price of oil resumed its descent. Traders speculated that member nations of the oil-producing group OPEC would fail to agree on production cuts at an upcoming meeting in Vienna on Thursday. Oil has now dropped almost a third from a peak in June.

While lower oil prices are a long-term boon to consumers and industrial companies, they are a drag on stocks in the near term because the energy sector accounts for about 10 percent of the stock market's overall earnings.

Despite the losses, the major indexes remain close to all-time highs.

Stocks have been drifting gradually higher this month, having rebounded sharply from a slump in October, as investors have grown more confident that actions from central banks around the world will help bolster the global economy. The gains are likely to continue for now, said Jim McDonald, chief investment strategist at Northern Trust.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 2.38 points, or less than 0.1 percent, to 2,067.03. The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 2.96 points, or less than 0.1 percent, to 17,814.94. The Nasdaq composite gained 3.36 points, or 0.1 percent, to 4,758.25.

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	665033207.11		-.15
MktVGold	582145	20.39	+.80
Petrobras	522614	10.39	-.11
BkofAm	422107	17.10	-.08
iShEMkts	418344	41.82	-.27

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Dycom	30.02	+3.82	+14.6
BrownShoe	31.28	+2.80	+9.8
WhitingTr	2.27	+.19	+9.1
Coeur	4.79	+.40	+9.1
EldorGld g	6.97	+.58	+9.1

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DirDGldBr	22.95	-3.12	-12.0
NeksGaSt	5.40	-.65	-10.7
E-CDang	11.25	-1.16	-9.3
AmiraNatF	15.70	-1.60	-9.2
CSVInvNG	2.83	-.28	-9.0

Diary

Advanced	1,679
Declined	1,443
Unchanged	128
Total issues	3,250
New Highs	201
New Lows	25
Volume	3,266,169,811

Amex

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
AlphaPro	78460	3.35	+.67
NwGold g	58371	4.63	+.30
Globalstar	52146	2.91	+.13
iBio	41252	1.12	+.04
EmeraldO	28885	2.67	

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AlphaPro	3.35	+.67	+25.0
BlonderT	2.50	+.28	+12.6
MexcoEn	7.02	+.69	+10.9
Versar	3.30	+.31	+10.4
EnerJex rs	4.30	+.38	+9.7

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Medgenics	4.27	-.51	-10.7
Ashford n	117.10	-9.90	-7.8
RingEngy	11.24	-.90	-7.4
SwedLC22	29.80	-2.20	-6.9
Daxor	6.21	-.43	-6.5

Diary

Advanced	215
Declined	194
Unchanged	23
Total issues	432
New Highs	5
New Lows	9
Volume	96,509,581

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Apple Inc s	647945	117.60	-1.03
Facebook	310395	75.63	+1.82
HuntBncsh	296053	10.11	-.07
Microsoft	264120	47.47	-.12
Cisco	258678	27.28	+.25

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Lakeland	13.61	+3.65	+36.6
SinoCoking	3.49	+.66	+23.3
Quotinet n	15.94	+2.07	+14.9
BebeStrs	3.03	+.33	+12.2
SearsH wt	20.94	+2.25	+12.0

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
HabitRst n	29.95	-4.54	-13.2
RLJ Entert	3.19	-.41	-11.4
HanvAppR	4.01	-.49	-10.9
Innocoll n	7.29	-.80	-9.9
EcologyEn	8.35	-.92	-9.9

Diary

Advanced	1,319
Declined	1,367
Unchanged	166
Total issues	2,852
New Highs	144
New Lows	44
Volume	1,618,306,361

Sizing up what Apple's $700B market cap could buy

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Apple's market value surpassed $700 billion in Tuesday trading, an unprecedented milestone among U.S. companies.

Shares backtracked in the afternoon, closing down $1.03 at $117.60 — leaving Apple up 47 percent this year with a still-staggering market value of $690 billion. Exxon Mobil Corp. is a distant second with a market value of about $400 billion.

The iPhone and iPad maker is worth so much that it stretches the imagination.

Consider the buying power of $700 billion:

■ It could buy 935 million models of the iPhone 6 Plus with 16 gigabytes of storage. That would be nearly enough to distribute Apple's latest gadget du jour to everyone living in North America and Europe. Or you could just buy 1.4 billion units of the 16GB iPad Air 2, enough to give Apple's latest tablet to everyone in China.

■ It could pay for Thanksgiving dinner — and not just for the Americans who celebrate it. The American Farm Bureau estimates the average Thanksgiving dinner with all the fixings for 10 people will cost $49.41 this year. At that price, $700 billion would cover 14.2 billion Thanksgiving meals. That's twice the world's population.

■ It could pay for the annual tuition for 15.5 million students at Stanford University, Silicon Valley's hub of higher education and the alma mater of many Apple engineers.

■ It could pay for the average annual salary of 146,000 software engineers for the next 40 years, based on the average compensation data that Apple's own engineers submitted to the company-tracking service Glassdoor.com. Apple's software engineers currently make slightly more than $119,000 annually, according to the website.

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Closing Price $115.39 Down 3.03

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $14.97 Down 0.87

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $67.03 Down 1.06

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $20.68 Up 0.14

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $7.02 Up 0.69

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $24.62 Down 0.71

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $28.07 Down 0.59

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $11.24 Down 0.90

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $19.87 Up 0.02

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.84	10	34.82	+.12	-1.0
Abraxas	...	15	4.21	+.03	+39.1
AdamsEx	1.18e	...	13.79	+.01	+5.5
Alcoa	.12	28	17.37	+.15	+63.4
Alibaba n	...	...	113.47	-.45	+20.9
AlonUSA	.40a	65	15.63	...	-5.5
AlphaNRs	...	...	2.23	-.21	-68.8
ARCapH n	.68	...	11.43	+.31	+8.3
ARltCapP lf	1.00	...	9.05	+.01	-29.6
Amgen	2.44	26	162.24	-1.94	+42.2
Anadarko	1.08	...	86.96	-2.50	+13.4
Apache	1.00	...	73.38	-2.45	-14.8
Apple Inc s	1.88	18	117.60	-1.03	+46.7
ApldMatl	.40	26	23.23	-.01	+31.4
ATMOS	1.56f	18	53.69	+.08	+18.2
AutoData	1.96f	28	84.52	-.26	+19.2
BP PLC	2.40f	7	41.57	-.47	-14.5
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	15.83	+.08	+6.0
BakrHu	.68	20	63.20	-1.52	+14.4
BcoSantSA	.81e	...	8.86	+.11	-2.3
BkofAm	.20	16	17.10	-.08	+9.8
B iPVixST	...	...	27.12	-.19	-36.3
BarrickG	.20	31	12.90	+.37	-26.8
BasicEnSv	...	...	11.27	-.19	-28.6
BerkHa A	...	1822	172500	+672.17	+24.6
BMcMRxCp	1.56	21	84.37	+.15	+3.5
BostonSci	...	61	12.86	-.28	+7.0
BrtStySq	1.44	36	58.52	-.35	+10.1
BrownFA	1.20f	31	94.69	+.29	+28.4
BrownFB	1.20f	31	96.33	+.52	+28.1
CVS Health	1.10	23	90.29	-.58	+26.2
Cameron	...	16	58.31	-.89	-2.0
Caterpillar	2.80	17	106.24	+.28	+17.0
Celestic g	...	14	10.90	-.03	+4.8
CntryLink	2.16	28	39.69	-.59	+24.6
ChseEng	.35	26	23.70	-.36	-7.7
Chevron	4.28	11	116.15	-1.44	-7.0
Chicos	.30	24	16.14	+.31	-14.3
Cimarex	.84	19	118.27	-3.52	+12.7
Cisco	.76	19	27.28	+.25	+22.6
Citigroup	.04	13	54.33	-.07	+4.3
ClayEng	...	18	81.17	-1.18	-1.0
CocaCola	1.22	24	44.43	+.16	+7.8
ColgPalm	1.44	30	68.33	+.39	+4.8

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Comcast	.90	18	56.62	+1.61	+9.0
ConAgra	1.00	45	35.51	+.06	+5.4
ConchoRes	...	25	115.39	-3.03	+6.8
ConocoPhil	2.92	12	71.73	-1.80	+1.5
CrackerB	4.00	23	124.40	+3.13	+13.0
CSVInvNG	...	...	2.83	-.28	-68.0
CSVIxSht	...	...	2.30	-.04	-69.3
CroeTim	2.66e	10	26.42	-.61	-10.2
DCP Mid	3.08f	40	50.90	-.33	+1.1
DTE	2.76f	19	80.39	-.14	+21.1
Dataram h	...	...	2.37	-.19	-8.8
Dawson	.32	...	14.97	-.87	-55.7
DevonE	.96	12	64.78	-1.51	+4.7
DrGldBull	...	...	16.69	+1.81	-39.1
DirGMnBull	...	...	5.69	+.46	-63.5
Disney	.90f	21	91.65	+1.07	+20.0
DowChm	1.68f	17	51.39	-.87	+15.7
EOG Res s	.57f	17	96.74	-2.82	+15.3
EmpDist	1.04f	17	27.73	-.02	+22.2
Energen	.08m	26	67.30	-1.20	-4.9
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Facebook	...	72	75.63	+1.62	+38.4
FordM	.50	10	15.68	+.01	+1.6
ForestOil	...	...	.92	-.10	-74.5
GATX	1.32	15	64.80	+.02	+24.2
GabMutRT	1.05e	...	9.89	+.08	-20.3
GAInv	3.50e	...	36.38	-.08	+.5
GenElec	.96	19	26.86	-.14	-4.2
GlbsdSci	...	16	101.11	+.51	+34.6
GlPlsInEn	.98f	17	55.81	-.06	+8.5
HalconRes	...	...	3.03	-.15	-21.5
HalliBrtn	.72f	13	48.26	-1.82	-4.9
Hertz	...	...	25.25	+.89	-11.8
HewlettP	.64	14	37.63	+.13	+34.5
HuntBncsh	.24f	14	10.11	-.07	+4.8
iShBrazil	1.55e	...	42.69	+.05	-4.5
iShJapan	.17e	...	11.69	+.03	-3.7
iShChinaLC	.71e	...	39.69	-.33	+3.4
iShEMkts	.71e	...	41.82	-.27	+.1

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iS Eafe	2.23e		64.26	+.11	-4.2
iShR2K	1.50e		118.06	+.09	+2.3
IntegrysE	2.72	18	71.78	-.22	+31.9
Intel	.96f	17	36.32	+.07	+39.9
InterDig	.80		50.38	+.05	+70.8
IronMtn	1.90a	17	37.20	-.48	+36.6
JPMorgCh	1.60	11	60.30	.66	+3.8
JohnJn	2.80	18	106.70	-.18	+16.5
KimbClk	3.36	20	113.84	+.82	+13.7
KindME	5.60f	40	100.05	+.20	+24.0
KindMorg	1.76f	33	40.75	.04	+13.2
KindMM	5.60f	51	100.90	.11	+33.4
Kinross g			3.03	+.23	-30.8
LegacyRes	2.44		20.68	+.14	-26.6
Lubys	...	...	4.94	-.02	-36.0
MVJrGold			29.31	+.80	-5.6
MktVGold	.19e		20.39	+.80	-3.5
McDnlds	3.40f	19	97.00	-.17	
Merck	1.76	33	59.34	+.09	+18.6
MeritMed	...	31	15.12	+.12	-3.9
MexcoEn	...	78	7.02	+.69	+1.7
MicronT		14	34.80	+.07	+60.0
Microsoft	1.24f	19	47.47	.12	+26.9
Nabors	.24	30	15.60	.80	-8.2
NatGrid	3.48e	...	74.21	+.27	+13.6
NOilVarco	1.84	12	72.46	-1.09	+1.1
NY REIT n	.46	...	10.79	+.12	+.4
NewmtM	.10	15	19.71	+.54	-14.4
NokiaCp	.51e	...	8.12		+.1
NvMlAd	.80a	...	13.58	+.02	+11.7
NvPMI	.86	...	13.55	-.01	+9.5
NuvPI	.82	...	13.65	-.01	+10.7
NBTFI3	.61	...	13.92	+.01	+8.1
NTXDI	.88e	...	14.80	+.05	+12.8
OcciPet	2.88	12	86.36	-1.90	-9.2
Oracle	.48	17	41.15	-.28	+7.6
Pandora	...	...	19.31	-.43	-27.4
ParTech	...	...	5.80	+.05	+2.8
ParkDri	...	11	4.01	+.11	-50.7
PattUTI	.40	25	21.08	-.53	-16.8
PeabdyE	.34	...	10.99	-.17	-43.7
Penney	...	...	7.86	+.07	-14.1
PennaRE	.80	...	23.59	+.46	+24.3
Prmian	1.05e	11	11.66	-.20	-9.3
PetrbrsA	.85e	...	11.02	-.04	-25.0

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Petrobras	.46e		10.39	.11	-24.6
Pfizer	1.04	16	30.47	+.25	-.5
PioNtrl	.08		166.71	-4.29	-9.4
PlainsAAP	2.64f	22	53.48	+.16	+3.3
PwShs QQQ	1.34e		104.84	+.16	+19.2
Praxair	2.60	21	128.65	-.83	-1.1
PrmEgy	...	11	68.00	...	+34.7
ProctGam	2.57	24	88.80	+.69	+9.1
RangeRs	.16	30	68.91	-1.67	-18.3
Rowan	.40	14	24.19	-.26	-31.6
RoyDShlA	3.76	14	70.63	-.43	-.9
SpdrDJIA	3.61e		177.96	+.16	+7.5
S&P500ETF	3.66e		207.11	.15	+12.1
SabnR	4.13e	13	51.47	.73	+1.8
SanderFm	.88f	10	87.13	+1.11	+20.5
SandRdge	...	...	3.97	-.04	-34.6
Saplent	...	39	24.80	+.13	+42.9
Schlmbrg	1.60	18	95.20	-3.25	+5.6
SigmaAld	.92	33	136.55	-.18	+45.3
SinoCoking	...	70	3.49	+.66	+200.9
SiriusXM		51	3.60	+.03	+3.2
Smucker	2.56	18	101.19	+.55	-2.3
Sprint			5.09	+.20	-52.7
SP Engy	1.77e		86.39	-1.43	-2.4
SPDR Fncl	.37e		24.35	.02	+11.4
SP Util	1.48e		45.32		+19.4

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SunEdison			22.67	.22	+73.7
SunocoLs s	1.53f	30	50.21	.11	+33.0
TelefEsp	1.03e	...	15.82	+.18	-3.2
Tesoro	1.20	14	78.55	+1.01	+34.3
3M Co	3.42	22	158.06	-1.82	+12.7
Trchmrk s	.51	14	53.93	-.20	+3.5
TriContl	.71e	...	21.67	+.05	+8.5
21stCFnxA	.25	20	36.56	+.81	+4.0
Twitter			39.76	-.43	-37.5
TylerTech	...	71	109.00	-.49	+6.7
UBWV	1.28	19	35.63	+.25	+13.3
US NGas			22.57	+.72	+9.1
US OilFd			28.03	.71	-20.6
Vale SA	.55e		9.40	+.04	-38.4
ValeroE	1.10	7	50.98	+.17	+1.2
VerizonCm	2.20f	10	49.34	.16	+.4
VulcanM	.24	49	67.59	-1.02	+13.7
Walgrn	1.35	34	67.81	+.08	+18.1
WellsFargo	1.40	13	53.88	.22	+18.7
WstnRefin	1.20f	11	42.89	-1.21	+1.1
WhitingPet		13	54.99	-2.84	-11.1
WmsCos	2.28f	76	54.91	+.14	+42.4
XcelEngy	1.20	17	33.33	-.05	+19.2
Xerox	.25	14	13.76	+.08	+13.1
Yahoo		7	51.72	.11	+27.9

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17,894.83	15,340.69	Dow Jones Industrials	17,814.94	-2.96	-.02	+7.47	+10.84
9,177.47	7,009.98	Dow Jones Transportation	9,202.84	+36.27	+.40	+24.35	+27.58
609.31	476.05	Dow Jones Utilities	590.37	-.79	-.13	+20.34	+20.68
11,334.65	9,732.47	NYSE Composite	11,029.38	-12.04	-.11	+6.05	+8.47
4,755.02	3,946.03	Nasdaq Composite	4,758.25	+3.36	+.07	+13.93	+18.43
2,071.46	1,737.92	S&P 500	2,067.03	-2.38	-.12	+11.83	+14.66
1,454.01	1,264.57	S&P Midcap	1,453.72	-.20	-.01	+8.28	+11.28
21,794.59	18,575.20	Wilshire 5000	21,761.12	-17.87	-.08	+10.43	+13.61
1,213.55	1,040.47	Russell 2000	1,186.33	-.61	-.05	+1.95	+4.57

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THE CITY Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 11:39 a.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a City-Initiated proposal for an amendment to Title XI, Chapter 7A of the Midland City Code.

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7251. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

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Legal & Public Notices

THE CITY Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:42 a.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Midland Owner, LLC for a zone change from MF-1, Multiple-Family Dwelling District; O-2 Office District and LR-2, Local Retail District to PD, Planned District for a Shopping Center on the following described property: On Lots 4, 5 and 6, Block 3, Westridge Park Addition, Section 28, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the east side of Avalon Drive, between Andrews Highway and Deauville Boulevard.

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THE CITY Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:33 a.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Sinclair Village for a zone change from PD, Planned District for a Shopping Center and 1F-1, One-Family Dwelling District to MF-1, Multiple-Family Dwelling District on the following described property: On all of Tract 10 and the south 416.98-feet of Tract 11, Wallace Heights Addition, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located approximately 1,500-feet east of N. Loop 250 West, between Andrews Highway and Sinclair Avenue.

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PROPOSED ZONING OF ANNEXED LAND

The City Council of the City of Midland will hold public hearing at 11:09 a.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, to consider the initial zoning of annexed land as follows:

Legal Description of Areas proposed for initial zoning

Being a 5.23-acre tract of land out of Section 37, Block 40, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas. (Generally located on the west side of the Tradewinds Boulevard, approximately 170-feet south of Champions Drive)

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PROPOSED ANNEXATION

THE City Council of the City of Midland will hold public hearings at 11:06 a.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, to take public comment regarding the proposed annexation of the following:

Being a 5.23-acre tract of land out of Section 37, Block 40, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas. (Generally located on the west side of the Tradewinds Boulevard, approximately 170-feet south of Champions Drive)

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THE CITY Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:45 a.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Lockridge Outdoor Advertising, LLC c/o Industrial Oils, Inc. for a Specific Use Permit with Term for a Billboard on the following property: On a 4.25-acre tract of land out of Section 4, Block 39, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located approximately 280-feet north of Gist Avenue, between S. Midkiff Road and W. Industrial Loop.

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THE CITY Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:36 a.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Western, LLC for a zone change from PD, Planned District for a Recreational Center to BP, I-20 Business Park District on the following described property: On Lot 1, Block 1, Desert Thunder Raceway Addition and on a 28.53-acre tract of land out of Section 10, Block 40, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, all located in the City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located northwest of the intersection of S. County Road 1250 and W. I-20.

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THE CITY Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:39 a.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores for a zone change from LR-2, Local Retail District to BP, I-20 Business Park District on the following described property: On a 19.70-acre tract of land out of Section 12, Block 40, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. Survey.

Generally located southeast of the intersection of W. I-20 and Antelope Trail.

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THE CITY Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:54 a.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Lamar Advertising / Midland Majestic, LLC for a Specific Use Permit with Term for an Electronic Billboard on the following property: On Lots 7 and 8, Block 183, Southern Addition, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located northeast of the intersection of W. Dakota Avenue and S. Big Spring Street.

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THE PREVIOUSLY published notice of a public hearing by the City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, scheduled for 11:15 a.m., has been changed to 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 16, 2014, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, on a request by Lockridge Outdoor Advertising, LLC / Raymond Jenkins On Appeal for a Specific Use Permit with Term for an Electronic Billboard on the following described property: On Lot 1A, Block 2A, Midkiff Plaza, Section 11, City and County of Midland, Texas. (Generally located on the south side of W. Loop 250 North, approximately 680 feet east of N. Midkiff Road.)

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THE CITY Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 11:12 a.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Dale C. Callen, Jr. for approval of a Special Exception to the Zoning Code concerning the maximum size of an accessory structure on Tract 18, North Estates Addition, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Located on the south side of Solomon Lane, approximately 300-feet east of Pine Needle Lane.

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7251. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

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THE PLANNING and Zoning Commission of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, December 15, 2014 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 30o North Loraine, on a City-Initiated proposal for an amendment to Title XI, Chapter 7A of the Midland City Code.

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NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ALAN P. HEWITT, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of October, 2014, Letters Testamentary were issued to Marilyn C. Hewitt, as Independent Executrix in proceedings in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, in Probate, styled "In the Matter of the Estate of Alan P. Hewitt, Deceased," being No. P-18008 in that Court, and which proceedings are still pending. All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to present the same to Marilyn C. Hewitt, P. O. Box 511, Midland, Texas 79702.

DATED this 24th day of November, 2014.

Marilyn C. Hewitt
Independent Executrix of the
Estate of Alan P. Hewitt,
Deceased

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

XTO Energy, Inc., Opr. No. 945936, 500 W. Illinois Street, Suite 100, Midland, Texas 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to inject fluids by well injection into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant propoees to inject fluid into the Clearfork Formation in the Fullerton Clearfork Unit, Well No. 6919. The proposed injection well is located 720' FSL & 2560' FWL, Sec. 16, Blk. A-32, Public School Land Survey, 17 miles northwest from Andrews, Texas in the Fullerton Field, in Andrews County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 5660' to 7660' feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792)

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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