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MISD: Waivers allow students to graduate

79 percent of students applying for waivers gain permission despite failing end-of-course exams

From staff and wire reports

More than 79 percent of Midland ISD high school seniors applying for special waivers gained permission to graduate, despite failing one or two of the five required end-of-course tests, according to the district.

The Reporter-Telegram learned this week that individual graduation committee meetings have been held for 48 students through November. MISD reported 36 graduated in the spring and another two graduated in the summer. These students, according to the district, graduated because of Senate Bill 149, which revised the state's assessment graduation requirements for students enrolled in the 11th or 12th grades for 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 school years.

The committee meeting provision expires on Sept. 1, 2017.

MISD outpaced the rest of the state's largest districts in granting students permission to graduate, despite failing one or two of the five required end-of-course tests, according to a recent survey. The Dallas Morning News reported last week that the state average in its largest 100 school districts was 71 percent.

According to the Dallas Morning News, 78 districts responded to a Texas Association of Business inquiry about waiver applications. Those districts reported that a total of 5,578 students who failed one or two exit-level tests petitioned for permission to graduate anyway. School district committees granted a waiver to 3,974 — or 71 percent — of applicants, the association said.

TAB President Bill Hammond called on lawmakers to repeal the new law permitting waivers — or let it expire after affecting two more graduating classes, according to the Morning News.

Gov. Greg Abbott signed the bill in May. It passed the House and Senate overwhelmingly, according to the Morning News. It was aimed at about 28,000 seniors — 9 percent of the Class of 2015 — at risk of not graduating because they had not passed one or more of the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness program, or STAAR, end-of-course tests.

Even if granted a waiver, students still have to get a passing average in all of their core classes, the Morning News report said. They must also pass the class covered by any exit-level exams they failed — Algebra I, biology, English I, English II or U.S. history. They usually take the classes in grades nine, 10 and 11.

Amarillo GOP Sen. Kel Seliger, the bill's author, was quoted in the story as saying the new waiver system may not be perfect and may have to be tweaked when lawmakers next meet in 2017. Seliger said, though, that critics such as Hammond act as if the STAAR end-of-course tests are the schools' sole safeguard of academic rigor. He recounted stories of seniors who passed many, many tests and even won admission to college, though they'd failed one or two of the five required exit exams.

A BUTTERFLY EFFECT



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Members of Trinity School's K-5 choir members sing Friday during the Grandparents Day breakfast that kicked off the school's annual servant leadership initiative. Also, be sure to check out today's Education section on Page 2B.

Trinity students to spread kindness across Midland

PATRICIA MAURER
Trinity School



Kindness represents the theme for service at Trinity School this year, and we're testing the butterfly effect in the name of servant leadership. The butterfly effect is a physics principle which says, in theory, a butterfly flapping its wings on one side of the globe can start a hurricane on the other side of the globe. We've first set our sights on Midland, and in the spirit of the season, we hope to encourage everyone to do the same.

We're hitchhiking on the inspiration of Chris Rosatti, our friend from Durham, North Carolina, creator of BIGG (Big Ideas for the Greater Good). Chris believes that one act of kindness opens the heart to other possibilities. In other words, kindness travels. As a start, we want to see a hurricane of kindness spread across Midland, and we want it to last far beyond Thanksgiving and Christmas.

It seems safe to assume young children would automatically take initiative to be kind, but — sadly — we know that is not the case. Kindness cannot be taken for granted. We agree with Desmond Tutu, Anglican cleric and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, who said, "Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world." In other words, no act of kindness is too small, and each act of kindness will make a difference.

Because kindness can be life-saving, or, at the very least, life-altering — we have taken up the challenge to be intentional about the practice, to find ways to help children to develop the habit of being kind. Last spring, we randomly awarded several $50 butterfly grants to children in our lower and intermediate schools. We told these children to do something kind with the money they had been given. It was a test.

One child bought parachute cord with the money she was given and used the supplies to weave bracelets that she sold to her friends. The $1,700 dollars she made, weaving and selling bracelets for $5 each, was donated to the Wounded Warrior's Project. That's a lot of weaving and a lot of kindness.

Another child set out to benefit Ronald McDonald House of Dallas, a charity long supported by his grandparents. He organized a toiletry drive at school and used the money he was given to purchase overnight stays for families. He wrote letters to friends and family members, challenging them to support his initiative. His goal was to raise enough money for 30 nights at $15 per night, but he raised enough for 78 nights. He personally delivered the results of his work to the Ronald McDonald House, and he learned a lot about kindness in the process.

This year, we owe a special debt of gratitude to the 1687 Foundation for its support. They awarded $100 butterfly grants to each Lower School class and to each Intermediate School Advisory. These butterfly grants provide seed money for projects to be planned by and carried out by students.

Notably, students are fostering relationships with local organizations that have a proven history working with children and their families. Our children have discovered that, by partnering with groups that have had "boots on the ground" in this community for many

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Homeschool teacher joins race for Precinct 1 seat

Editor's note: This is the second of two reports on candidates who have filed for county commissioner, Precinct 1. We had information on Scott Ramsey in Monday's edition.

From staff reports

A homemaker and homeschool teacher has filed to run in the Republican primary for county commissioner of Precinct 1.

Grace Jones has put her name in the race to fill the seat Jimmy Smith said he would vacate after 2016.

Primary elections are set for March 1. The general election will take place in November 2016.



Jones

"I am running for this office because I love Midland County and I want to give back to a community that has already given me so much and afforded me so many opportunities," said Jones, a self-described church leader. "I developed an interest in county government when my husband, Jeremy, was employed with the county. It was during that time that I first began to contemplate a run for commissioner because so many of the issues faced by the county had a great impact on our family, and I wanted to be a part of the solution."

Jones said she has previous workforce experience in management, accounts payable and receivable, planning and organizing and oilfield data administration.

"Right now, Midland County is weathering the storm of falling oil prices," Jones said. "I feel that it's important in the current climate to keep a strong focus on maintaining a balanced budget and living within our means. It must be done without compromising the financial security of our most valuable asset — the county's workforce — and without lowering the quality or standard of services offered by Midland County. Creative problem-solving skills and determination, which I have developed through my experience of running a six-person household on a modest single income, is exactly what we will need to achieve this goal."

Jones commended the Commissioners Court for the county's low tax rate. She also said now is not the time to raise that tax rate because of the "financial instability for many families" in the county.

"Even though the tax rate increase adopted this year may not amount to an

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Photo courtesy of Sarah Green

The choirs of Trinity's lower and intermediate schools performed Friday during Grandparents Day breakfast.

MAURER

From 1A

years, they are better able to multiply kindness. Each organization with whom we are working has, in turn, been generous in teaching our children.

As an example, Rays of Hope Grief Centre has welcomed first-graders from Trinity to their facility encouraging their efforts to provide a stock of trust bears to be distributed to children experiencing grief of any kind. The children not only used their butterfly grant money to buy bears, but they have been networking with friends and family to encourage additional donations. They've leveraged social media and hope to collect barrels of bears to share. When asked why they are working for and with this organization, one first-grader said, "We don't want any child to be sad." That's a good reason to be kind.

Several classes have partnered with the West Texas Food Bank, particularly committed to providing Weekend Blessing Bags for children at risk of not having food after leaving school each Friday. In many cases, they're earning money to purchase food for the bags, and in others they're collecting food items. And, on numerous occasions, the food bank will welcome students for work days so their sweat equity becomes part of the act of kindness.

By working with organizations such as Rays of Hope, the West Texas Food Bank, Casa de Amigos, High Sky Children's Ranch and Bynum School, children are learning how to multiply kindness across the community. They are practicing servant leadership. As a culminating graduation requirement, Trinity's Upper School students are asked to give back a minimum of 90 hours of service to this community. Because we have practiced service over time, we hope "minimum" is the most important word in that last sentence.

We don't pretend to be unique in the Midland community. We know that schools and school groups all over Midland are engaged in projects that spread kindness. We are, however, suggesting that we need to do everything possible to make kindness part of the fabric of the educational experience provided every child and that the commitment should be intentional every day of the year.

We kicked off our initiatives for this school year on Friday which was Grandparents Day at Trinity School. We shared the message captured in this quotation by Henry James, "Three things in human life are important: the first is to be kind; the second is to be kind; and the third is to be kind."

It's a goal worth pursuing. Happy Thanksgiving.

Patricia Maurer is the head of preschool and lower school at Trinity School.

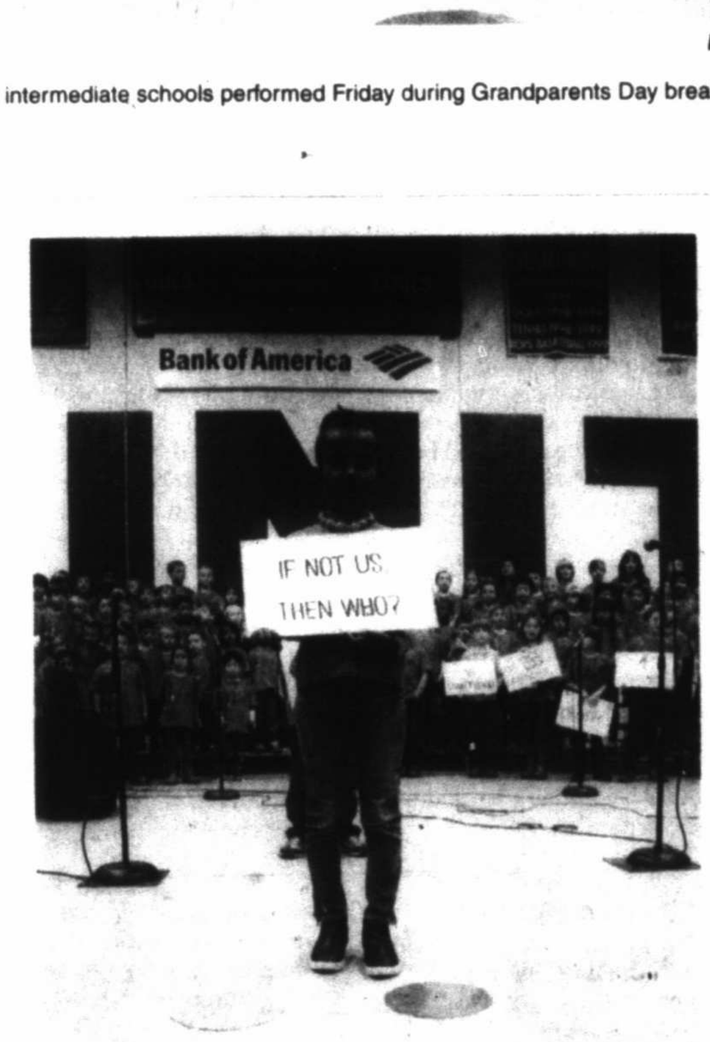


Photo courtesy of Sarah Green

During a presentation Friday to kick off the school's annual servant leadership initiative, third-graders — including Lomi Lewis — encourage the audience to make a difference.

Planned Parenthood sues Texas over blocked Medicaid dollars

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Planned Parenthood sued again Monday over efforts by Republican governors to block Medicaid funding to the nation's largest abortion provider, this time against Texas, where the organization says health care access to 13,500 women is on the line.

Federal courts have so far halted similar attempts in Arkansas, Louisiana and Alabama while lawsuits play out. Texas plans to kick Planned Parenthood out of the state's Medicaid program by Dec. 8.

The lawsuit filed in Austin begins another legal showdown between Texas and abortion providers. Earlier this month, the U.S. Supreme Court announced it will hear arguments over a 2013 law that abortion rights groups say would leave about 10 abortion clinics open statewide. Planned Parenthood also sued Texas in 2012 over being booted from the state women's health program but eventually lost that case.

Planned Parenthood is now trying to hang onto Medicaid reimbursements at its Texas clinics, including those that don't perform abortions. State officials moved in October to block the dollars after accusing Planned Parenthood of scheduling abortions in a way that would best procure fetal tissue for medical research.

The state levied the accusation after anti-abortion activists released undercover videos they say show Planned Parenthood officials discussing the illegal for-profit sale of fetal tissue. Planned Parenthood has denied both claims.

"We're not backing down, and we won't shut our doors," Planned Parenthood President Cecile Richards said.

Cynthia Meyer, a spokeswoman for Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, declined comment, saying the state had not yet been served the lawsuit.

Ten anonymous Planned Parenthood patients, who say they would lose access to their health provider of choice, also joined the lawsuit. Planned Parenthood says it provides cancer screenings, pregnancy testing and other physical exams at 17 centers that would be impacted by the loss of Medicaid dollars.

After Texas announced plans to block Medicaid reimbursements to Planned Parenthood, state health investigators served subpoenas requesting hundreds of pages of patient and staff records at clinics statewide.

Other states with Republican governors have tried to financially weaken Planned Parenthood in other ways. The most recent is Oklahoma, where Gov. Mary Fallin last week urged the state's Medicaid provider to cancel its contracts with two Planned Parenthood affiliates, citing what she called a "high rate of billing errors."

Report finds racial bias in traffic stops by troopers

Associated Press

AUSTIN — An analysis of Texas Department of Public Safety reports shows black drivers are consistently searched at a higher rate than their white counterparts — refuting years of agency claims that its data proves it treats motorists of different races equally.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Sunday that academics from the University of Texas and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill looked at DPS annual reports between 2003 and 2014.

They found that DPS consistently misinterpreted statistics showing the racial and ethnic breakdowns of Texas drivers subjected to traffic stops. According to the analysis, white drivers are more likely to be released with only a warning than minority motorists.

The agency has for more than a decade said its annual reports show troopers treating motorists equally regardless of race or ethnicity.

DPS compares its stops, searches and citations against statewide population breakdowns of race and ethnicity as estimated by the Census Bureau. But doing so fails to take into account regional variations, experts say.

The analysis says it is "highly unlikely that the proportion of blacks or Hispanics driving through the more rural regions that DPS patrols matches their proportions of the statewide population."

Texas' driving population is not fully comparable to its overall population for many other reasons, too, including that blacks and Hispanics tend to have lower incomes and thus less access to cars. And low-income residents who do have cars tend to drive older vehicles with defects — making them more likely to be pulled over.

Frank Baumgartner, main author of the study and political science professor at the University of North Carolina, presented his findings to the Texas House Committee on County Affairs last week.

He said a more accurate way to measure racial disparities would be tracking what happens when drivers are pulled over by police.

Democratic state Rep. Garnet Coleman of Houston said he believes the outside analysis has uncovered racial profiling and said he'd back legislation requiring DPS to more comprehensively analyze how often its troopers search, cite and arrest motorists of different races after stops.

DPS director Steve McCraw said he'd support his agency potentially changing its traffic-stop analysis process.

Death Notices

Alyssa Danielle Hudgins

Alyssa Danielle Hudgins, 23, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, November 21, 2015. Funeral services will be held on Friday, November 27, 2015 at 1:00 PM at Mid-Cities Community Church in Midland. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. She is survived by her husband, Tyler Hudgins and her mom, Jean Hayslip.

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

Jewel Mae Hodges

Jewel Mae (Davis) Hodges, 87, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, November 21, 2015.

Memorial services will be held at 1:00 pm, Wednesday, November 25, 2015 at Parker Heights Christian Church.

Survivors are her son: Tim Hodges; daughter: Linda Ann Hodges; one brother and one sister.

Arrangements are entrusted to Acres West Funeral Chapel.

STATE BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

IRVING

Family of Muslim teen seeks $15M in clock incident

Attorneys for the 14-year-old Muslim boy arrested after taking a homemade clock to his Dallas-area school say he was publicly mistreated and deserves $15 million.

A law firm representing Ahmed Mohamed sent letters Monday demanding $10 million from the city of Irving and $5 million from the Irving Independent School District. The letters also threaten lawsuits and seek written apologies.

Ahmed took his clock to school in September, and an educator thought it could be a bomb. Ahmed was arrested but never charged. He was suspended from school.

The family accepted a foundation's offer to pay for Ahmed's education in Qatar and moved to the Persian Gulf country.

A spokeswoman said the city is reviewing its letter and has no comment. The district didn't immediately return a message Monday.

FORT WORTH

2 North Texas detention officers indicted in inmate's death

A grand jury has indicted two North Texas detention officers in connection with the death of a man who died while in custody at the Arlington city jail.

The Tarrant County District Attorney's Office announced Monday that Stephen Schmidt and Pedro Medina were each indicted on a charge of criminally negligent homicide for the death of Jonathan Paul.

The 42-year-old Paul died on March 13 — four days after being arrested in his apartment complex on a disturbance call. Witnesses had said that Paul was screaming and throwing items.

MCALLEN

Mexican man sent to prison in South Texas smuggling death

A man from Mexico has been sentenced to 12 1/2 years in prison for taking part in a human smuggling operation that resulted in the death of a woman.

Prosecutors said 32-year-old Victor Manuel Moreno-Ruiz had pleaded guilty for serving as a foot guide responsible for smuggling a group of individuals into the United States near the South Texas city of Pharr in August 2014.

An investigator testified at Moreno-Ruiz's sentencing hearing Monday that a woman who was part of the group that Moreno-Ruiz helped smuggle into the country fell from a bridge and was severely injured.

Texas seeking delay in immigration case

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Texas asked the Supreme Court Monday for more time to answer the Obama administration's immigration appeal, a delay that probably would prevent the plan to shield millions of immigrants from deportation from taking effect during Barack Obama's presidency.

If the justices agree to the state's request, the administration's plan would miss the court's informal deadline for a decision by the end of June. The plan that Obama unveiled a year ago mainly affects people who are living in the country illegally, but who have children who are U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents.

Unless the court was to take the rare step of scheduling an argument in May, the issue would not be heard by the justices until the fall or decided before spring 2017.

The administration is opposing the request for a 30-day delay, Justice Department spokesman Patrick Rodenbush said. "The case presents issues of national importance and the department believes it should be considered expeditiously," Rodenbush said.

It is not unusual for a party to request that a deadline be pushed back, and the other side often does not object.

But timing is everything in the immigration case.

If the court turns Texas down, agrees to hear the case and decides it by June, and if the justices side with the administration, that would leave roughly seven months in Obama's presidency to implement his plans.

Texas and 25 other states, almost all led by Republicans, sued in federal court to challenge the immigration plan roughly two weeks after it was unveiled. The states have won every round in court so far, including a Nov. 5 ruling from the New Orleans-based 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The Justice Department chose not to ask the high court to block those earlier rulings and allow the plan to take effect pending a final court decision in the case. On the other hand, the administration's allies said the appeals court effectively tried to run out the clock by taking much longer than usual to issue its opinion.

Dissenting Judge Carolyn Dineen King lent some credence to their complaint by taking note of "the extended delay that has occurred in deciding" the case.

After grand jury announcement, Ferguson sees progress

By Jim Suhr and Jim Salter
Associated Press

FERGUSON, Mo. — A year has passed since parts of Ferguson burned in the rage that followed a grand jury's decision not to prosecute the police officer who fatally shot Michael Brown. In that time, signs of hope have emerged.

Some of the nearly two dozen businesses destroyed in the Nov. 24, 2014, riots have reopened. Concrete barricades that protected the police station are gone. The majority-black St. Louis suburb once led almost exclusively by whites now has a black city manager, municipal judge and two new African-American council members.

It's not exactly a return to normal, but for many of those who endured last year's unrest, it's an improvement.

"We've got a ways to go," said Ron Johnson, the black Missouri State Highway Patrol captain who led the law enforcement effort in Ferguson. "We didn't get in this place in America overnight, so it's going to take time. So we have to keep trying."

Brown, who was black, was 18 and unarmed when he was shot to death in August 2014 by white Ferguson police officer Darren Wilson during a confrontation in a street. Brown's death helped spawn the national "Black Lives Matter" movement rebuking police treatment of minorities.

The Justice Department later cleared Wilson, concluding that evidence backed his claim that he shot Brown in self-defense after Brown first tried to grab the officer's gun during a struggle through the window of Wilson's police vehicle, then came toward him threateningly after briefly running away.

On that cold November night, after months of sporadic unrest, St. Louis County prosecutor Bob McCulloch called an evening news conference to announce the grand jury's ruling: No indictment.

At that moment, Michael Brown's mother, Lesley McSpadden, and his stepfather, Louis Head, were sitting atop a car in a sea of people in the middle of the street outside Ferguson police headquarters. As the car speakers blared the announcement, she began to wail and sob.

Head consoled her, then yelled, "Burn this bitch down!" to angry protesters gathered around them.

Chaos followed. Windows were smashed at City Hall. A police car was set on fire. Police responded in armored vehicles, shooting tear gas.

Denise Lieberman, an attorney who is co-chairwoman of a protest group called the Don't Shoot Coalition, said that lost amid the fires and looting was the fact that police were "hyper-militarized" and aggressive against protesters, the majority of whom were behaving themselves.

"People out there trying to peaceably express themselves shouldn't have to live in fear of getting beaten up, assaulted with tanks and tear gas and chemical agents by the very actors who were supposed to be protecting them," she said.

If protesters saw the security presence as over the top, many in Ferguson felt it wasn't enough, citing the lack of Missouri National Guard presence until after the rioting began.

"I was just so frustrated that the city was left unprotected, that we had been promised National Guard protection," Ferguson City Council member Brian Fletcher said. "I felt the governor had failed the city of Ferguson. To this day, I'm very bitter about that."

Over several hours, 80 businesses in and around Ferguson were damaged, and at least 20 were destroyed, many burned to the ground.

Slowly, they're coming back — a Little Caesars pizza restaurant, the Hidden Treasures antique shop and a bakery that is partnering with Starbucks.

City leaders take pride in the fact that Ferguson has had a slight net increase in businesses over the past year.

"That's a testament to the small business owners committed to this community," Mayor James Knowles III said. "They've received a tremendous amount of support from the residents, and they've made that commitment to be here."

The rebuilding began literally before the smoke cleared. Fletcher recalled people coming from throughout the region to help clean up a day after the riots.

At Cathy's Kitchen, a diner near the police station, a patio table was thrown through a front window that night. What followed still has owner Cathy Jenkins in awe: Protesters locked arms in front of the eatery, protecting it from further damage.

"I thought that was great," she said.

Today, a new $5.5 million, 23-unit loft complex is under construction near the police station. Cerner Corp, a medical billing company, is adding 200 jobs in Ferguson. The Urban League is building an employment training center at the site of the QuikTrip that was burned a day after Brown's death.

Meanwhile, the city government has undertaken several changes, including placing caps on revenue from municipal court fines and costs. The police department has embraced a model of community policing that involves getting to know residents and hosting meetings to address problems, rather than simply responding to crimes.

Even Lieberman, a protest leader, said change has been evident. She cautioned that more is needed.

"One thing that's come out of this is that people are talking about race more," Lieberman said. "It was an intense, intense time, but it still is. We're still fighting for the very same kinds of reforms."

Johnson agreed more progress is needed.

"I think we'll know you're in a better place when the words 'both sides' are taken away and we think of ourselves as one," he said.

Using new gene drive creates malaria-resistant mosquitoes

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — California researchers hatched some malaria-resistant mosquitoes and then gave evolution a shove — using a groundbreaking technology to ensure the insects pass on that protective gene as they reproduce, with implications far beyond the promise of fighting malaria.

The experiment reported Monday involves what's called a "gene drive," a technique that, if it pans out, promises to alter the genetics of populations of insects and certain plants and animals faster than Mother Nature could.

Normally, genes have a 50-50 chance of being inherited. University of California researchers created a strain of mosquitoes that could pass a specially engineered malaria-blocking gene to about 99 percent of their offspring.

The mutant mosquitoes, kept in a secured lab, highlight the promise of this technology along with questions about when and how it might be safe to try it in the wild.

But because no one knows how such rapid genetic change might impact habitats, Esvelt has urged the public to weigh in. The California study published online in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences adds some urgency.

"This work suggests that we're a hop, skip and jump away from actual gene drive candidates for eventual release" in nature, he said.

At the University of California-Irvine, molecular biologist Anthony James is developing what he calls "sustainable technologies" — rather than killing mosquitoes, instead rendering them unable to infect people.

James engineered immune system genes that could spur a mosquito's body to develop antibodies to attack the parasite, so that it couldn't transmit the infection. The new genes worked as intended when injected into the eggs of a particular malaria-spreading mosquito species, Anopheles stephensi.

Altered mosquitoes would have to gradually spread their new genes by mating with wild mosquito populations — and the next challenge is how to speed that process quickly enough to make a dent in malaria in any given region.

Enter gene drives, a technique that proponents say one day might be used to wipe out invasive species like kudzu or cane toads, or reverse pesticide resistance in weeds, or suppress insect populations. The idea comes from a few examples in nature where certain genes spread disproportionately, and scientists have longed for a way to control that process. Recently they've had some success using a powerful new tool named CRISPR-Cas9 that allows precise editing of DNA in living cells, sort of like cut-and-paste software.

LOCALCRIME

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MPD: Man sexually assaults child

A 36-year-old Midland man was arrested Friday afternoon after it was discovered he had allegedly sexually assaulted a minor.


Campbell

Justin T. Campbell was being held Monday on a $200,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child, according to court documents.

A family member told police that her roommate had assaulted the 12-year-old girl, according to his arrest affidavit.

If convicted of the first-degree felony, Campbell could face up to 99 years in prison.

MPD: Man arrested for beating dog

A 26-year-old Stanton man was arrested Thursday morning for allegedly beating a small dog, according to police records.


Vasquez

Alexander Vasquez was being held Monday on a $10,000 bond for the state-degree felony charge of cruelty to non-livestock animals.

Midland police responded to disturbance call on West Estes Avenue. Vasquez said he had been continually attacked by a small Pomeranian that was "vicious, and had continually been biting him for days," according to his arrest affidavit. He hit the dog, according to the affidavit.

The dog's owner stated that Vasquez had gotten angry over a marijuana blunt and went crazy by kicking and punching the small dog, according to the affidavit. The dog was visibly shaking and scared and suffered a swollen eye and a bloody nose and mouth, while Vasquez showed little evidence of being harmed by the dog, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the felony, Vasquez could face up to two years in jail.

NATIONBRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON

Tens of thousands in Washington state shiver without power

SPOKANE — Tens of thousands of people who have been shivering for nearly a week without power after deadly storms swept through Washington state were bracing for snowfall Monday and the possibility of preparing Thanksgiving dinner in the dark.

A major windstorm last Tuesday damaged the electrical grid in Spokane, the state's second-largest city. Winds topping 70 mph in the Northwest snapped power poles and toppled trees that crashed through roofs and crushed cars. Three people died when trees fell on their vehicles, and heavy rains flooded roadways and homes.

More storms were expected to worsen the plight of over 29,000 customers in Spokane County who have been living without heat and light amid subfreezing temperatures — the forecast calls for snow and wind chills dropping into the single digits Monday night. Stores sold out of firewood as people used wood stoves to heat their homes.

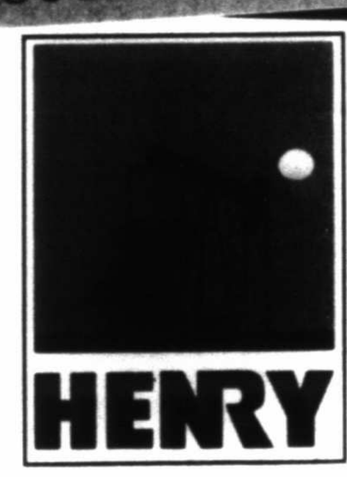
Janet Gray, 42, of Spokane, gave up living in her house when the thermostat hit 38 degrees and moved to a hotel.

Despite the cold, food she bought for Thanksgiving spoiled and she called off dinner plans with relatives who planned to travel from western Washington for the holiday.

"All our food for Thanksgiving is ruined," she said. "For now, it's canceled."

She said she's frustrated and angry with the local utility because she cannot get answers to when power will be restored to her home in Spokane's South Hill area.

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Grocery stores

■ H-E-B: 6 a.m.- 2 p.m. Pharmacy will be closed.

■ Wal-Mart, 4517 N. Midland Drive and 200 E. Interstate 20: 24 hours

Restaurants

■ 117 Eatery (in the DoubleTree by Hilton), 117 W. Wall St.: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

■ Buffalo Wild Wings, 5107 W. Wadley Ave.: 3 p.m.- 2 a.m. Friday

■ Cracker Barrel, 3100 N. Loop 250 W: 6 a.m.- 10 p.m.

■ Denny's, 3701 W. Wall St.: 24 hours

■ Dos Margaritas, 1501 N. Big Spring St.: 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

■ Furr's, 10:30 a.m.- 6 p.m.

■ Grand Buffet, 2510 N. Louisiana Ave.: 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

■ Hacienda Vieja, 515 Andrews Highway: 11 a.m.- 8 p.m.

■ IHOP, 2507 W. Loop 250 and 301 E. Interstate 20: 24 hours

■ Long John Silvers, 900 Andrews Highway: 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

■ McDonald's, 1111 Andrews Highway, 3310 W. Loop 250, 2307 Rankin Highway: midnight Wednesday to 4 p.m.

■ Riley's Bar & Grill, 3421 W. Wall St.: 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Friday

■ Shahi Tandoor, 3400 W. Wall St.: 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and 5-9 p.m.

■ Torinos, 3303 N. Midkiff Road: 7 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday

■ Whataburger, 800 Andrews Highway, 1905 N. Big Spring St., 3205 N. Midkiff Road, 2217 E. Interstate 20: 24 hours.

Black Friday openings

■ J.C. Penney: 3 p.m. Thursday

■ Old Navy: 4 p.m. Thursday

■ Best Buy: 5 p.m. Thursday through 1 a.m. Friday

■ Kohl's: 6 p.m. Thursday

■ Target: 6 p.m. Thursday through 11 p.m. Friday

■ Sears: 6 p.m. Thursday

■ Wal-Mart: 6 p.m. Thursday (Black Friday sales begin)

■ Midland Park Mall: 6 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday

■ Toys R Us/Babies R Us: 5 p.m. Thursday through 11 p.m. Friday

■ Home Depot: 5 a.m. Friday

■ Lowe's: 5 a.m. Friday

■ Staples: 6 a.m. Friday

■ Sam's Club: 7 a.m. Friday

■ Dillard's: 8 a.m. Friday

Support groups, club meetings today

(Subject to change due to the holiday week)

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

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

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

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

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

■ Permian Basin Dance Club Club with live country western bands, 7:30 p.m.-10 p.m., St. Stephen's ballroom, 4601 Neely St. 432-520-4343 or 432-296-9840.

Abbott appoints Midlander

A Midland woman is among three people Gov. Greg Abbott appointed to Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Jenni Hord will serve a term that will expire Dec. 31, 2016. Also appointed were Mary Louise Albritton of Fort Worth and Amy Warren of Dallas. The women will conduct and support public programs in history, literature, philosophy and other humanities disciplines, according to a press release from the governor's office.

Hord is co-manager of Vanderpool Management, a commercial and residential property development and leasing firm. She is also president of the Hord Foundation, which supports nonprofit organizations, co-president of the Lone Star Region Young Life Board of Directors and on the boards of Midland Memorial Hospital Forum, Midland Polo School and Project Graduation.

Turkey Trot

The fourth annual MCGW Turkey Trot to benefit Midland County Greater Works will begin at 7:30 a.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church.

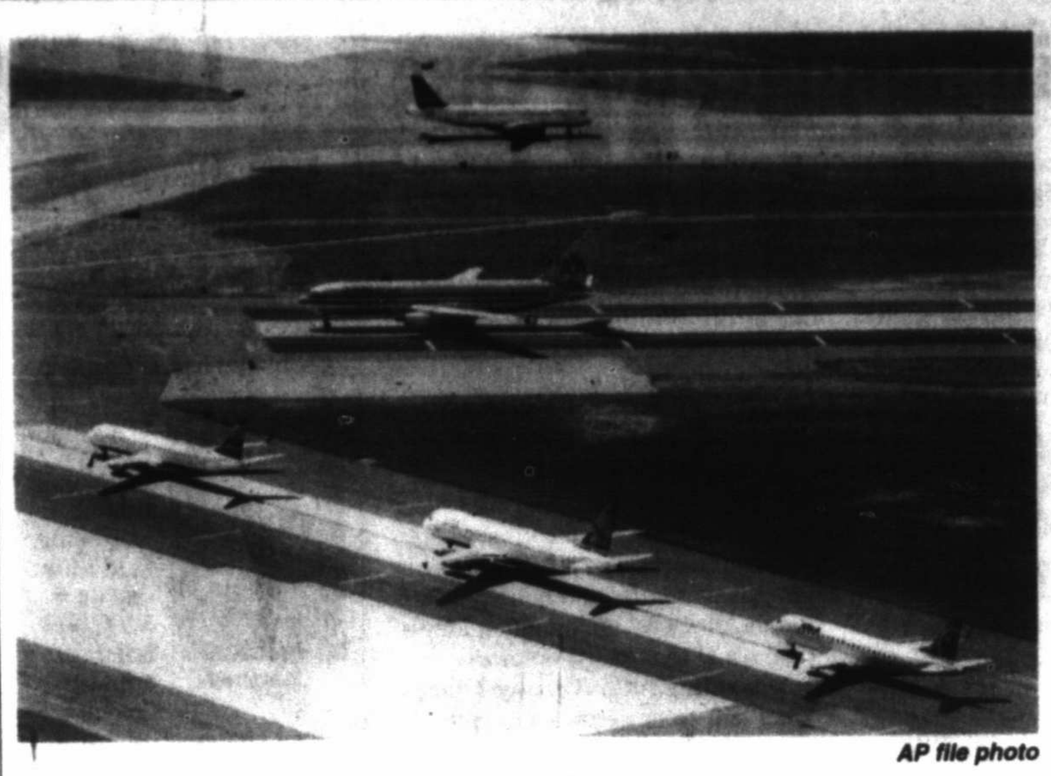
There are 1 mile, 5K and 10K races. Registration is a 7 a.m. For more information visit active.com/midland-tx/running/distance-running-races/4th-annual-mcgw-turkey-trot-2015

Community calendar

Thanksgiving Camp for ages 3-10 and features swimming, gymnastics, crafts and more. 1-5 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday. COM Aquatics, 3003 N. "A" St. $50. comaquatics.com.

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Pick 3 day: 6-6-8
Pick 3 evening: 0-9-6
Pick 3 night: 9-6-7
Daily 4 morning: 3-4-3-4
Daily 4 day: 3-5-1-4
Daily 4 evening: 8-2-5-3
Daily 4 night: 3-8-7-9
Cash Five: 6-22-27-30-33
Texas Two Step: 5-19-22-31
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All or Nothing morning: 2-3-4-5-6-7-8-10-11-14-21-22
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All or Nothing night: 2-3-6-7-8-9-11-13-14-16-20-22
Triple Chance: 12-13-19-28-38-39-42-50-51-52



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In 2008, planes taxi on runways at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York. According to an Associated Press analysis, airplanes spent a record 23 minutes and 32 seconds, on average, taxiing between gates and runways during the first nine months of 2015. That's the highest since the Bureau of Transportation Statistics started tracking taxi times in 1995 and a 50-second increase over last year's average.

Stuck waiting: Ground delays at US airports are on the rise

By Scott Mayerowitz
Associated Press

NEW YORK — On a recent morning, Delta Air Lines Flight 435 pushed back early from the gate at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport. Passengers watched the safety video and settled in for a six-hour trip.

Then they waited. And waited.

Still within sight of the gate, their jet sat motionless because of airport congestion. It wasn't until 30 minutes after passengers buckled in that they were finally in the sky.

It's a scene playing out across the country. According to an Associated Press analysis, airplanes spent 23 minutes and 32 seconds, on average, taxiing between gates and runways during the first nine months of the year. That's the longest it has been since the Bureau of Transportation Statistics started tracking taxi times in 1995 and a 50-second increase over last year's average.

For passengers, the rising delays add to the frustrations of travel. A plane might land early but then sit waiting for a gate to open up. Flights are still arriving "on time," but only because airlines have increased scheduled flying times to account for the added taxi times. The Delta flight made it to the gate in San Francisco 10 minutes ahead of schedule despite the takeoff delays.

The creep in taxi times is attributed to a series of changes: massive runway construction projects at some of the nation's busiest airports; schedule changes that increase the number of flights at peak hours; and new, distant runways that relieve congestion but require more time to reach.

"It's death by a thousand cuts," said Vikram Krishnan, a partner in the aviation practice of consultancy Oliver Wyman.

The problems on the ground are costing airlines dearly.

"Two, three, four, five minutes in a fleet of 500 planes a day is significant amounts of money," said aviation consultant Mike Boyd.

That translates into hundreds of millions of dollars extra in operating costs so far this year, according to AP calculations factoring in average operating costs including pilot and flight attendant salaries.

Airlines say the longer taxi times are baked into schedules, so planes generally still arrive on time. So far this year, 79 percent of flights have been at the gate within 15 minutes of their scheduled time, the best performance since 2012.

Passengers might be spending more time on planes, but airlines are better managing their expectations by increasing scheduled times. That masks some of the problems, like taxi delays.

For instance, ten years ago, the average scheduled time from gate to gate between Chicago and San Francisco was 4 hours and 32 minutes. Today, flights are scheduled for an extra 11 minutes, according to PlaneStats.com — even though airports in the two cities are the same 1,846 miles apart.

All it takes are a few problems at some of the country's busiest airports to drive up the national taxi time average.

The top offender in the past year was Chicago's O'Hare International Airport. Of all the additional taxi time minutes in the nation, one out of five extra minutes can be traced back to delays at O'Hare.

Planes in Chicago this year spent an average of 1 minute and 18 seconds extra navigating the taxiways. And taxi times are up 3 minutes and 24 seconds from five years ago, a 15 percent increase. Those delays add up considering that O'Hare had 227,358 flights during the first nine months of this year.

Most of the problems at O'Hare stem from a construction project that is reconfiguring taxiways and runways. The long-term goal is to reduce congestion, but delays racked up during the construction. A new runway did just open, but farther away from the airport's terminals. Longer trips from that runway are not yet reflected in government data.

In an email to the AP, O'Hare officials note that taxi times "will fluctuate as construction phases are started or finished" and that the work is helping to reduce delays in the sky around the airport.

Delays have also been climbing at the two main airports in Dallas, but for different reasons.

At Dallas Love Field, taxi times are up two minutes, or 13-percent, so far this year. That's the highest percent gain of any major airport. Home to Southwest Airlines, Love Field saw the number of scheduled flights during the first nine months of this year spike 41 percent to 47,438 after the repeal of a federal law restricting most long-distance flights from that airport.

Terry L. Mitchell, the airport's assistant director for operations, said the increase in flights, construction projects and the use of a further runway to reduce noise concerns of neighbors all led to the run up in taxi times. Now that construction is complete and the airport at capacity, he expects no further growth in taxi times.

NATIONBRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW YORK

Adele has already sold 2.3 million copies of disc

Adele's new album "25" has sold more than 2.3 million copies in the United States alone during its first three days on the market, a stunning number for a music industry that has seen sales steadily fall in the digital era.

To put that into perspective, only Taylor Swift's "1989," (released late last year) Drake's "If You're Reading This It's Too Late" (released in April) and Ed Sheeran's "x" (in June 2014) have sold as much as one million copies all year so far. Adele's disc went on sale Friday.

Nielsen Music said Monday that Adele will almost certainly break the one-week record for album sales, set by 'NSYNC in 2000 with 2.4 million for "No Strings Attached."

JONES

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exorbitant dollar amount per family, it sends the message to our residents that when the going gets tough, we will pass the burden on to the taxpayer," Jones said. "There simply has to be another way, and I will work tirelessly to discover it."

Jones said the court also must continue to expand and improve county roads to meet the needs of our community.

Scott Ramsey also has filed for Smith's seat.

Candidates who filed for March 1 primary

Republican Party

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Gary Painter

County commissioner, Precinct 1
Scott Ramsey
Grace Jones

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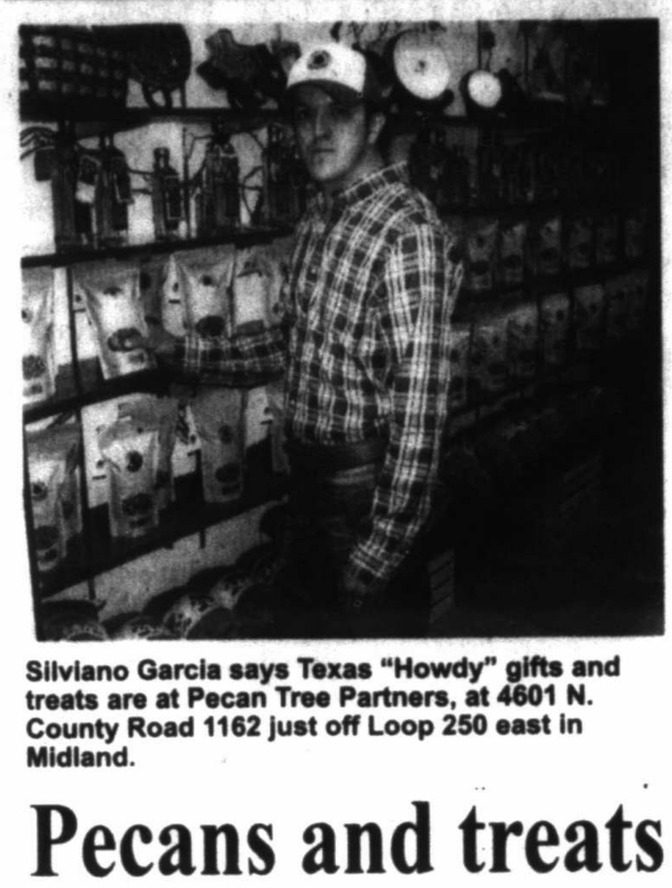
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Silviano Garcia says Texas "Howdy" gifts and treats are at Pecan Tree Partners, at 4601 N. County Road 1162 just off Loop 250 east in Midland.

Pecans and treats make great Texas 'Thank You' gifts

If your business is located in Texas and you want to say howdy by sending holiday gifts to customers, vendors, family members, neighbors or anyone—why not make the most Texas treat part of your gift? Imagine the smiles on your recipients' faces when they taste that special nutty Texas treat and think about you and your thoughtfulness.

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The facility is fully certified for cleanliness by the Health Department. Before they load your pecans into the cracking machine they determine what kind yours are, and adjust the machine accordingly. Proper adjustment means you'll get a greater amount of complete halves, with fewer broken pieces.

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The Sales Team Realtors: These three free apps can improve your home search



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There's almost nothing you can't use your smart phone for these days, information-wise. From movie schedules to finding the nearest pizza place to listing the signers of the Declaration of Independence, it's all there on your phone.

Now, the Sales Team Realtors has exciting news for anyone who wants to search for a new home on their smartphone—there are three new and—and free—apps that make that very easy.

A recent Google study showed that more and more people are searching for new homes on their smartphone—and millennials in particular are doing it this way. Each of the three apps below offers its own set of advantages.

House Hunter Pro, for iOS and Android, allows buyers to save and compare information for an unlimited number of homes and to score and prioritize the listings that interest them as well as take notes and calculate mortgage payments.

Since every house is located in a neighborhood, which can be a major deciding factor in where to purchase, AroundMe gives you the scope of the area. Designed for iOS, Android and Windows Phone, AroundMe provides a complete list of businesses, including banks, hospitals and restaurants, located near a home's address. You can use this app when touring a home to see what's nearby.

Once you've made your purchase you'll want to start putting your own stamp on your new home, making changes to help it better meet your own needs. To help with that Houzz, for iOS and Android, is full of home design ideas. You can browse ideabooks and articles by style, room and location, save images or articles to refer back to later, and you can save images in order to create an inspiration board. The app also allows you to get in touch with design experts to ask them questions.

You'll also find a lot of useful tools on The Sales Team mobile friendly website, www.salesteamrealtors.com. Click on Property Search to begin looking in Midland or nearby areas. Input your criteria such as price range, bedrooms and more. If you'd like to start by going through open houses, go to the Open Houses tab and plan your route accordingly. In addition, there are tips for both home buyers and home sellers.

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For that old vehicle, Allstar's production paint system provides beauty on a budget



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While Allstar can get your vehicle back to you in just a few days you may want a rental in order to get back and forth while they're shining it up. Before you leave the Allstar office, step over to the Express Rent-A-Car and U-Save Rent-a-Car window. The friendly staff there will get you a good price on a vehicle that will let you keep your mobility for a few days.

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The Trump effect on GOP is still 'understated'

■ Attention given to the horse race covers up the transformation to Republican politics



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Washington Post Writers Group

The presidential candidate who has consistently led the Republican field for four months, Donald Trump, has proposed: forcibly expel 11 million people from the country, requiring a massive apparatus of enforcement, courts and concentration camps; rewrite or reinterpret the 14th Amendment to end the Civil War-era Republican principle of birthright citizenship; build a 2,000-mile wall on our southern border while forcing Mexico to pay the cost. He has characterized undocumented Mexican immigrants as rapists and murderers, and opposed the speaking of Spanish in America.

Republican candidates have proposed: to favor the admission of Christian over Muslim refugees from the Middle East; to "send home" Syrian refugees, mainly women and children, into a war zone; to "strongly consider" the shutting down of suspicious mosques; to compile a database of Muslims and (perhaps) force them to carry special identification showing their religion. They have compared Syrian refugees to "rabid dogs," ruled out the possibility of a Muslim president, and warned that Muslim immigration to America is really "colonization."

There are, of course, Republican presidential hopefuls who have vigorously opposed each of these proposals, arguments and stereotypes. But Donald Trump has, so far, set the terms of the primary debate and dragged other candidates in the direction of ethnic and religious exclusion. One effect has been the legitimization of even more extreme views — signaling that it is OK to give voice to sentiments and attitudes that, in previous times, people would have been too embarrassed to share in public. So in Tennessee, the chairman of the state Legislature's GOP caucus has called for the mobilization of the National Guard to round up Syrian refugees and put them in camps. Many Republicans are now on record saying that Islam is inherently violent and inconsistent with constitutional values (while often displaying an ironic and disturbing ignorance of those values).

Vin Weber, a GOP strategist, told me that many Republicans remain in "denial mode" about the possibility of Trump's nomination. "How can you be the leader in national polls," Weber says, "and in the early states, and maybe even in money, and be counted out?" In spite of saturation media coverage, Weber thinks the Trump effect on the GOP is "understated." The attention of commentators has often been focused on the horserace aspect of the campaign or on the narrative of insider vs. outsider, rather than on what Weber calls Trump's "transformational message."

That message comes in the context of a long period of political pessimism — more than 10 years in which polls have generally found more than 60 percent of Americans believing that their country is on the wrong track. There has been an angry decline in respect for most social institutions, including government. This has left some Americans more open to radical political answers — more prepared, in Weber's words, "to roll the dice on the future of the country."

"We're going to have to do things," says Trump with menacing vagueness, "that we never did before." And if disrespect for institutions is common, Trump is its perfect vehicle — combining the snark of Twitter with the staged anger and grudges of reality television.

But in all this, it is easy to miss Trump's policy ambition. He would spark trade wars with China and Mexico and scrap the world trading system — which Republicans have helped construct since World War II — replacing it with an older kind of mercantilism. He would make the seizure of Middle Eastern oil the centerpiece of his regional strategy — turning a spurious liberal charge into a foreign policy doctrine, and uniting the Arab world in rage and resentment.

And Trump would make — has already half-made — the GOP into an anti-immigrant party. Much of Trump's appeal is reactionary. He has tapped into a sense that an older America is being lost. In a recent poll, 62 percent of Republicans reported feeling like "a stranger in their own country." This is a protest against rapid and disorienting social change, against an increasingly multicultural country, and against the changes of the Obama years.

It does not take much political talent to turn this sense of cultural displacement into anti-immigrant resentment, only a reckless disregard for the moral and political consequences.

As denial in the GOP fades, a question is laid upon the table: Is it possible, and morally permissible, for economic and foreign policy conservatives, and for Republicans motivated by their faith, to share a coalition with the advocates of an increasingly raw and repugnant nativism?

GUEST VIEW

Petroleum resources should be shared with Europe

Houston Chronicle

What does France need from the United States? In the wake of terror attacks in Paris, the Obama administration has already started to increase intelligence-sharing with France. As the war against the self-proclaimed Islamic State continues, we're sure that U.S. military might will come to bear on the people who inspired and aided in those deadly attacks.

But a nation's needs don't end at national security. Strong economic ties have undergirded the transatlantic relationship since World War II. When Europe was reduced to rubble, the United States funded the Marshall Plan to help rebuild an economic engine that could stand as a bulwark against the Soviet Union. Now the Old World faces new threats — terrorism, refugees and Russian aggression. The globe is changing and it is time to again strengthen our alliance with Europe. In addition to guns and ships, one of the most important products that the United States can provide for France, and the rest of Europe, is energy.

The European Union relies heavily on Russia to provide the petroleum necessary to power the continent. Exports from the Middle East and Africa also leave Europe at risk of seeing their energy supplies easily disrupted. While there's potential shale plays in France and Eastern Europe, politics have made those resources difficult to access.

In a meeting with the Houston Chronicle editorial board, European Union Ambassador David O'Sullivan pointed to crude and liquified natural gas exports as a way that the United States can provide greater energy diversity for Europe.

"We would like to see a freeing up of exports, both of LNG and oil exports from the United States," O'Sullivan said. "Not necessarily because it would in the very short term dramatically change the energy mix of countries in Europe, which are heavily independent on other sources, but because it will contribute to a multiplicity of potential sources."

That U.S. competition would help weaken Russia's pipeline grip on Europe, which Vladimir Putin has not been shy about exploiting for political ends.

Opening the door to LNG exports would also help the EU liberalize its energy market and strengthen international ties at a time when the 28-member union seems to be fraying at the seams. Currently, the EU is trying to create a single energy market for the entire union. Part of this plan requires each member state to have at least three sources of potential energy supply, O'Sullivan said. LNG and crude from the United States will help move the EU toward this goal of greater energy integration and market competition.

However, before Texas wildcatters can send over a single barrel or British thermal unit, Congress needs to act.

Crude exports to Europe are currently prohibited under the law. The House passed a bill that would lift this trade barrier, which dates back to the 1970s oil crisis, but the White House has threatened a veto. While Republicans have talked about attaching an export bill to a must-pass piece of legislation, Americans should hope to see a clean bill that brings Democrats on board by adding incentives for clean energy and better energy efficiency.

The easiest path to unrestricted LNG exports relies upon Congress passing the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership. That trade treaty would help lower trade barriers, create more uniform regulations and make it easier to invest between the United States and the EU.

Cheap coal and increasingly affordable renewables are squeezing gas in energy markets across the globe. The economic slowdown in Asia has also shrunk demand for natural gas.

Opening Europe to U.S. exports, sooner rather than later, can help lock in natural gas as a baseline energy source to replace dirty coal. That will give Europe the energy it needs, help Texas producers sell their products across the globe and overall strengthen transatlantic ties at a time when reliable allies are needed the most.

We're waiting for Congress to step up and help us give Europe, including France, the energy resources they require.



Film provides real story of the Pilgrims

■ 'America's Founding Myth' offers a version of how poorly the settlers' first contact with Native Americans went for all involved



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"America's Founding Myth" might have been a catchier title for Ric Burns' new film "The Pilgrims," which explores the crossing of the Mayflower and settlement in the so-called New World in 1620. But even that would do too little service to the harrowing story of how a band of English separatists came to unite with a Native American tribe, opening the way to a British foothold in North America.

Like much of history, which is often smoothed of its rough edges and boiled down for school children to a few symbols — buckled shoes, Indian corn — the whole truth is not only ugly but far more fascinating than any of our textbooks ever hinted at.

Burns — best known for award-winning documentary films about Andy Warhol, Eugene O'Neill and Ansel Adams — takes us straight into the heart of the Pilgrim experience through the writings of William Bradford, a founding governor of Plymouth Colony and its official historian.

Through Bradford's life story, we trace the origins of the separatist Protestants who first fled Scrooby, England, to Leiden, Holland, in order to get away from a Church of England they felt was corrupt and inhibited their direct spiritual connection to God.

From there, we visit the depths of humans' capacity for misery, first through a terrifying, two-month trip on the Mayflower, an off-course landing on a mass Native American grave and then through a first winter that saw half of the small group of Pilgrims die of illness, harsh conditions and starvation.

Thus their nightmare began.

Rather than finding a heaven on earth, they were faced not only with physical hardships but with the necessity of turning their backs on some of their own religious principles in order to survive.

These Pilgrims' relationship with the indigenous population was complex — neither as bad as the worst retellings of colonialist terror, nor as good as our founding legends have always suggested.

Faced with a variety of native peoples seeking to defend their territory, the Pilgrims turned first to propping up their dead in the forests to make it look as though they had muscle to protect themselves. Then they formed an alliance with the Wampanoag tribe, which had been decimated earlier by a plague brought to their land by European fishermen.

These two groups were so vulnerable to attacks from other tribes that they had little choice but to band together — even to the point of mounting the head of a decapitated native person at the entrance of their settlement to send a clear message that they would not be driven off from their new home.

Burns punctuates his gorgeous cinematography — the Mayflower II, the only full-scale replica of the Pilgrims' vessel in existence, was taken out onto the Atlantic to recreate some of the voyage — with pointed, difficult questions about why we, as a country, have come to think about the Pilgrims and the first Thanksgiving the way we do.

"The way we choose to remember this tells us more about what we wish ourselves to be than who we really are. When you're done looking at the full story with a little more context, you realize that we needed a founding myth in order to forget our slaveholding past," Burns told me, referring to Lincoln's proclamation of Thanksgiving as a national holiday during the Civil War. "Downplaying Jamestown, which was founded in 1607, involves a willed cultural amnesia that points to Americans' desire to think of ourselves as people who broke bread with Native Americans instead of as slaveholders."

None of the historians — English, American and Native American — who help bring this story to life pull any punches in their analysis of how poorly the settlers' first contact with Native Americans went for all involved. Bradford himself wrote that when the separatists who stayed behind in England learned of the decapitated head on display, one former leader wrote back shamed, lamenting that it would have been better to convert the natives than to kill them.

Viewers who appreciate an unvarnished look at history and thoughtful conversations about how the past informs our present will find "The Pilgrims" refreshing. It puts the awfulness of the pilgrims' and Native Americans' fraught relationship into a context that encourages self-reflection rather than finger-pointing.

"The Pilgrims" premieres on at 7 p.m. today (CST) on PBS and will air again on Thanksgiving Day.

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Republicans' Senate map gets another twist

By Erica Werner
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans' plans to defend their Senate majority in 2016 just got a bit more complicated.

GOP Sen. David Vitter's loss in Louisiana's governor's race over the weekend, and his decision to leave the Senate next year rather than seek re-election, creates an open seat that Republicans will have to defend. It's a deep-red Southern state and the GOP will be heavily favored, but Democrats hope they might have a shot, especially with a newly elected Democratic governor, John Bel Edwards, as an unanticipated asset.

The Louisiana race is the latest wrinkle as Republicans face what's already a tough Senate map next year. They are defending 24 seats, compared to 10 for Democrats, and seven of those GOP seats are in states President Barack Obama won in 2012.

Democrats are sounding increasingly confident they will pick up the seats needed to win back the Senate control they lost just last year. They need to net four seats if they hang onto the White House, since the vice president casts tie-breaking votes in the Senate; or five seats if Republicans win the presidency.

But Republicans insist they will keep Louisiana safely in their column and keep their majority, too. They point to strong incumbents in battleground states like Pennsylvania, New Hampshire and Ohio, although Illinois and Wisconsin may be tougher for them to hold.

And although there's talk of a primary challenge against New Hampshire GOP Sen. Kelly Ayotte, who will face a tough general election against Democratic Gov. Maggie Hassan, Republicans boast of steering clear of disastrous primaries that plagued earlier election cycles, most notably 2010 and 2012, when tea party Republicans with odd views on rape and even witchcraft emerged from primaries only to lose the general election.

"None of our members have put their foot in their mouth but never underestimate us to screw it up because we have before," Ward Baker, executive director of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, said in an interview Monday.

"As of today I feel pretty good, I don't think you could point and say in our top couple races 'man they've really screwed up here', or 'this person's really killed themselves,'" Baker said. "We're still here fighting and that's more than people thought they were going to think."

Strategists of both parties make a few points about the Senate map:

■ In Louisiana, Vitter's loss in the gubernatorial race amid accusations of prostitution could have turned into an even bigger disaster for Republicans had he decided to run for re-election to the Senate. Democrats would have jumped at challenging such a damaged incumbent. Yet Vitter's departure also creates an open seat that Republicans will now have to defend, with several candidates sounding eager to run. On the Democratic side, New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu is most often mentioned and Democrats see an outside chance there, arguing that Republicans will at least have to work for it.

"Republicans now have another open seat to defend and it appears as though there will be a rush of candidates on the Republican side who will be battling one another," said Sadie Weiner, communications director for the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee.

■ As Ayotte positions herself for a general election in independent-minded New Hampshire she has broken with her party on a series of issues, including backing Obama rules on power plant emissions. That's upset some conservatives in New Hampshire who are now talking about a primary challenge. That could significantly complicate Ayotte's campaign, though national Republicans play down the threat.

Indeed Republicans argue that Democrats are the ones with problematic primaries, as their chosen candidates contend with vigorous challenges from the left in states including Florida, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois.

"We have a hell of a lot less problems with primaries than they do at this stage," said Josh Holmes, a Republican strategist and former chief of staff to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.



Associated Press

Louisiana gubernatorial candidate Sen. David Vitter, R-La., with his wife, Wendy, reacts to the crowd during his election night watch party in Kenner, La., on Saturday. Democrat John Bel Edwards won the runoff election for Louisiana governor Saturday, defeating the once-heavy favorite, Republican Vitter, and handing the Democrats their first statewide victory since 2008.

POLITICALNEWS

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KENTUCKY

Rand Paul talks faith in campaign swing

LEXINGTON — Rand Paul came home for Thanksgiving to talk about his faith in God.

Kentucky's junior U.S. Senator, who has been traveling the country to support his bid for the Republican presidential nomination and rarely speaks about his faith, plans to fly across the state Monday and today for several book signings and events to support his lesser known pursuit: re-election to his U.S. Senate seat. And after watching Republican Gov.-elect Matt Bevin preach "vote your values not your party" on his way to a landslide statewide election victory, Paul started his Kentucky tour on Monday talking about his faith.

Paul has a new book out highlighting the Christian faith of American presidents, including frequent Paul punching bag Barack Obama. He told a crowd at a Lexington bookstore on Monday that his faith is "a daily process of trying to be more Christ-like." He called it "an uneasy and rocky journey," describing it as "an overcoming process" hindered by a "healthy dose of skepticism."

"I'm a physician, and it's not always easy seeing. I guess, tragedy in life," Paul said in an interview "I've seen people die up close and personal. And I think it's not always easy to see God's hand in evil or misfortune."

Democrats questioned Paul's faith during his first campaign for Senate in a now infamous TV ad that accused Paul of worshipping a god known as "Aqua-Buddha" while in college. The ad backfired in a big way, and Paul would go on to an easy win. Paul would spend the next six years focusing on issues of national security and government finance.

OHIO

Rival campaign, protesters gear up as Trump hits Ohio

COLUMBUS — Ahead of Donald Trump's first Ohio campaign stop Monday, supporters of Gov. John Kasich's presidential bid said that the Ohio Republican has the resume to avoid making the type of inflammatory statements that are tripping up GOP rivals who lack similar government experience.

Kasich's allies made remarks in a conference call with reporters ahead of Republican front-runner Donald Trump's first campaign stop in Kasich's home state.

State Sen. Peggy Lehner said voters seem to like blunt campaign talk but "brash statements on the international stage can be extremely costly." She joined state Senate President Keith Faber and Congressman Pat Tiberi on the call.

At a news conference at the Greater Columbus Convention Center prior to Trump's appearance, a trio of state veterans supporting Kasich piled on, criticizing Trump's foreign policy know-how and his tone.

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On Feb. 13, a forklift operator moves a pallet of goods at an Amazon.com fulfillment center in DuPont, Wash. This year, Amazon has been making an aggressive push to offer same-day delivery to its $99 annual Prime loyalty club members. Their service is now available in 750 cities and towns in 16 metro areas. And where Amazon goes, other retailers must follow.

Everyone loves same-day delivery, until they have to pay

By Mae Anderson
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Everyone likes the idea of same-day delivery. But who wants to pay for it?

That's the problem merchants face as the busy holiday shopping season approaches. They want to offer customers the near-instant gratification that usually only comes with shopping in stores or via apps like Uber and Seamless. But the logistics and costs of same-day delivery — the fuel, labor, infrastructure and other costs — has been a difficult challenge to surmount.

This year, Amazon has been making an aggressive push to offer same-day delivery to people who've paid its $99 fee for Prime loyalty club membership. That service is now available in 23 metro areas. And where Amazon goes, other retailers must follow.

"Over the past 18 to 24 months Amazon has been pushing the bar" for fast and cheap delivery, said Daphne Carmeli, CEO of Deliv, a startup that works with retailers to provide same-day delivery. "If you're in retail, you have to step up to the new bar."

Amazon, of course, doesn't have to pay for the cost of store upkeep, not counting its new bookstore in Seattle. And it makes money from other non-retail areas, such as its cloud computing arm, so it can afford to offer delivery services others can't.

"Retailers trying to compete with Amazon on the road Amazon created will always be at a disadvantage," said shipping industry expert Satish Jindel. "There's only so long they can absorb the cost, it's a huge challenge for retailers."

Providing hassle-free, same-day delivery has been a quixotic quest for retailers for more than a decade. During the first Internet boom, startups like Kozmo.com became ubiquitous in New York as employees with purple messenger bags fanned out to deliver snacks and household goods. But it didn't make money, went bust, and became a cautionary tale for the future.

"I remember using Kozmo.com a decade ago," said C.J. Dugan, 37, a TV producer in Chicago. "One night we ordered a tub of ice cream and the movie 'Pitch Black.' They showed up in about 30 minutes. ... It was before its time, I guess."

Fifteen years later, things are definitely different. Driver routes are easier to track with smartphone GPS technology, more brick-and-mortar retailers are speeding delivery by using their stores as de facto warehouses, and more people are willing to work in an "on-demand" fashion popularized by Uber and service apps like Taskrabbit.

So more retailers are taking on the challenge of same day. Start-up delivery service Deliv is working with Macy's, Kohl's, Express, Williams-Sonoma and other brick-and-mortar retailers to expand same-day delivery options. Macy's offers same-day delivery in 17 cities; Kohl's this month expanded same day deliveries from six to nine cities.

Craft-selling site Etsy is working with Postmates for a holiday season pilot that will let some shoppers in New York City have items delivered to their door within hours for a flat fee of $20. Apple is also working with Postmates on same-day deliveries in New York and San Francisco.

Uber is jumping into the same-day delivery game too. In October it launched an UberRush service in New York, San Francisco and Chicago that lets small businesses offer same-day delivery. Any small business within a certain geographic range in those areas can sign up for free and offer their online customers same-day delivery for a fee. In New York, UberRush will cost users $3 to start, then $2.5 per mile with a minimum of $5. Rates vary slightly in Chicago and San Francisco.

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Marshall, an educator with more than 30 years' experience, works hard to help each and every student in her Goddard Junior High math classes progress academically.

She was raised in Hamlin and holds a bachelor's degree from Abilene Christian University.

Marshall and her husband have lived in Midland for eight years and have three daughters. They are the proud grandparents of 11.

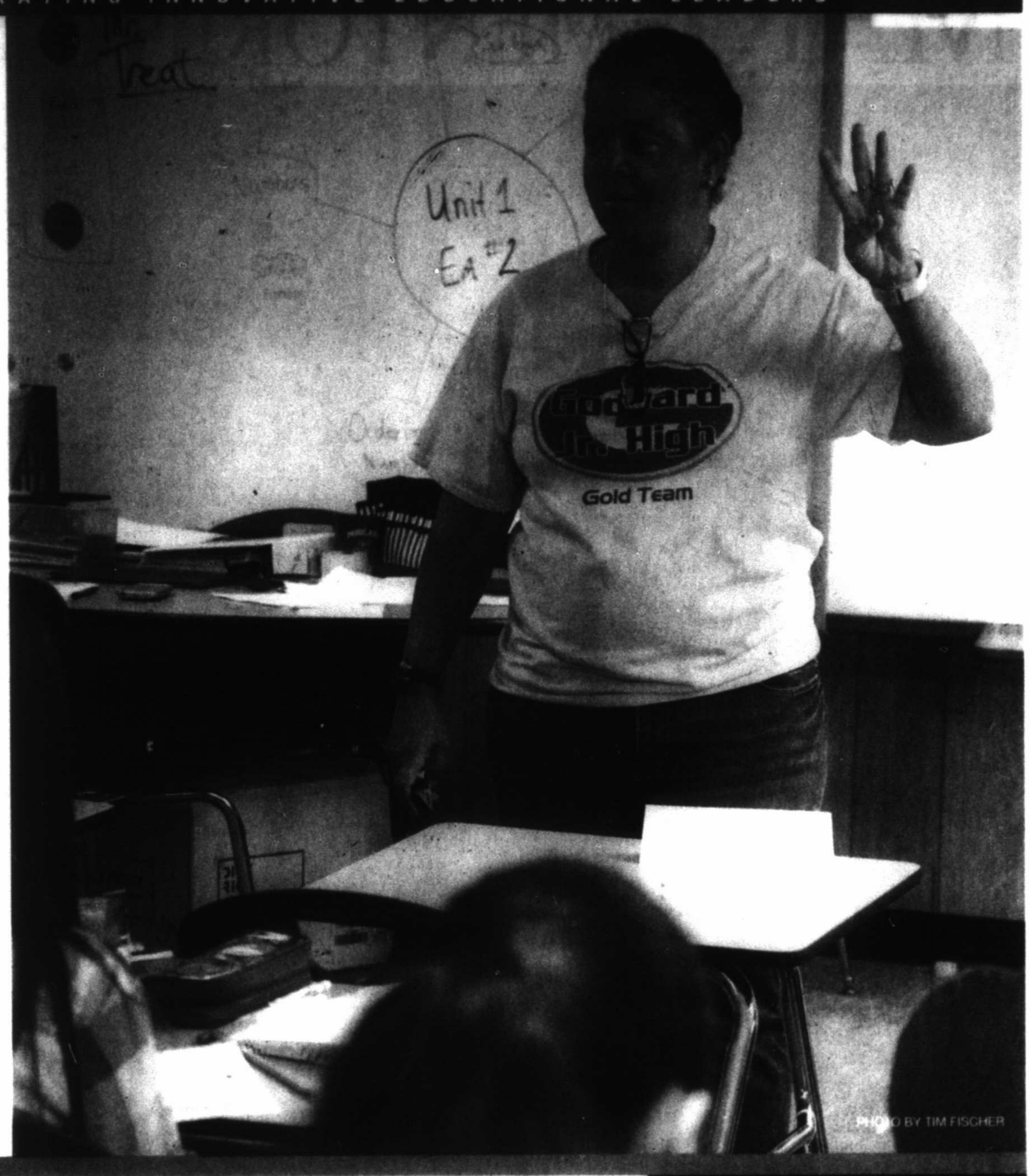


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Who are Midland's Classroom Pioneers?

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Q&A with the Pioneer

How, and why, do you make a difference in Midland's educational landscape?
By getting many of the students who have not shown progress in math to see progress and feel successful.

Why did you choose a career in education?
To be able to give back some of the knowledge that educators gave to me.

How have you moved beyond the basic curriculum and found innovative ways to reach your students?
By real-world application, transforming the curriculum to the level of the students and then moving forward to fill gaps.

What is the one lesson you want to impart on every student who enters your classroom?
That no matter what level you are at you can make a change in your circumstance or situation.

How do you inspire your peers, colleagues and others aiming to make a difference in Midland ISD?
By being the best I can every day and also being a team player.

Has the role of being an educator changed since your first year as a teacher? If so, how?
It has changed a lot; it is now more of a student-led environment instead of teacher-led.

What is the greatest challenge to being an educator in Midland today?
To reach all level of kids in the same environment.

She puts building relationships at the forefront of her career

Kathy Marshall is a 31-year teacher veteran, who coached 29 of those years. She has been working at Goddard Junior High for eight years. In her time at Goddard she has put building relationships at the forefront of her career.

Whether coaching students in athletics or coaching them in the classroom, Mrs. Marshall works diligently with her students to make them see how their decisions today impact the opportunities they have or do not have tomorrow. Bringing kids into class and helping each of them find that one thing they can be successful with is how she hooks them, and then is able to use that success to leverage additional strengths and successes with the children.

Mrs. Marshall is an advocate for children and education. She will fight for what is best for students when it comes to learning and being held accountable. Whether sitting in a traditional class, a computer lab or even detention and Saturday school, Mrs. Marshall has a zero excuse zone and works with each child to see their own worth.

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Taylor Coy holds her son JT as she talks Thursday about the scholarship she received to attend Midland College.

Teen moms receive help from area organizations

By Cassie Burton
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Having become mothers in their teens, 21-year-old Angelica Burciaga and 18-year-old Taylor Coy both recommend one moniker in particular for their younger counterparts: MARY, or Mothering as Responsible Youth.

"The MARY meeting taught us that once you have kids, it's not about you anymore, it's about them and what you want for them in the future," said Burciaga, who has three children and began attending MARY meetings in 2012. "I like their programs because they don't just sit there and let you do your own thing. They actually sit you there and push you to do better."

Sponsored by The Life Center, MARY began as Teen MOPS, Mothers of Preschoolers; in 2006 at First Baptist Church. Girls received a hot meal, socialized about their young children and occasionally listened to a speaker who would help them navigate child care.

But something was missing. The Life Center wanted to "take it up a level," according to Robin Hobbs, program assistant for MARY Mentoring.

"We started to change our focus," Hobbs said. "(We wanted) to help them become who they can be, which is really where we are at today — helping them realize who they are, who they can be and who they need to be for themselves and their children. ... They're a teen mom today, but they can be so much more."

To do that, Hobbs said they had to focus on a key part of any young adult's life: education. So the MARY scholarship fund was created last year, helped in part by a large donation and the Permian Basin Area Foundation.

Two people submitted an application; only one of the women filled it in completely. MARY Program Coordinator Misty Stewart expressed surprise, but cited the "poverty mindset" as well as the way "your whole mind" shifts when becoming a parent at a young age.

"You don't see yourself as growing or as an individual," said Stewart, relating her own experience as a teen mom. "You don't see college as an option. Even though it is a sacrifice — because you can't make much money when you go to college — but you can't see the reward, for the reward is greater than the sacrifice."

However, Stewart is hopeful that scholarship applications will increase. (The deadline is in April.) Coy will attend Midland College beginning in January thanks in large part to the Center's scholarship.

Coy, like Burciaga, went to MARY meetings, which is how she learned of the scholarship and decided to apply, thinking, "Why not at least try?"

"Being a teen mom we are put in this bubble where we can only do so much," Coy said. "We're a statistic, and I've always said I don't want to be a statistic. I still want to have a normal life, educationwise, and be successful and be the best for him, show him that no matter what struggles you're going through right now, you can still do what you want to do."

Burciaga still goes to MARY meetings and plans to become a mentor and attend college after earning a high school diploma at Richard Milburn Academy.

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UTPB nurse program announces accreditation

Odessa American

ODESSA — The bachelor of science in nursing program at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin announced at a news conference Monday that it is now accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

CCNE is an autonomous accrediting agency that serves as a voluntary, self-regulatory process to encourage the continuous improvement of nursing education and post-baccalaureate residency programs.

Receiving CCNE accreditation is achieved after a review of the program's mission, goals expected outcomes and an assessment of the program's performance.

"I am very grateful to Dr. Watts for giving me the opportunity to develop the team of staff, faculty and students to help achieve this national recognition. Our students will now have the ability to continue their education in graduate schools," said nursing program director Dorothy said in a news release. "Nursing is a profession that allows you to touch the human spirit. What better way to do that than to educate future nurses to improve health care. My thanks go to my family, the nursing students and faculty, the university faculty and staff, and this community for supporting our efforts in attaining this achievement of CCNE accreditation."

President David Watts and Dan Heimmermann, provost and vice president were both pleased by the news.

"CCNE accreditation is the culmination of years of dedicated work and commitment of our outstanding nursing faculty and the leadership of Dr. Jackson," Heimmermann said, according to the news release. "CCNE accreditation assures the public and students of the quality of our nursing

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Teachers from Abell attend conference for improving STAAR scores

By Cassie Burton
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Hearing those who were there describe it, a conference room of math teachers mirrored a classroom full of their students when presenter Beatrice Moore Luchen instructed them to write a name on a Popsicle stick.

"You just felt the atmosphere change," Trazi Wihebrink said. "You were sitting there hanging out, learning a little bit, and when you actually thought, 'I have a chance that my name is going to be drawn.' ... Now you know how your kiddos feel."

Increasing participation was one of the key takeaways from the Texas Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development Rigorous Assessment Strategies academy that Abell Junior High math teachers Wihebrink, Jose Garcia and Eric Lucero attended. The three-part academy at Collin College in Frisco began Oct. 7-8, continued on Nov. 16-17 and will conclude Feb. 9.

Luchen previously was on the Board of Directors for the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and is the co-author of Algebra I, Algebra II, Mathematics Applications and Connections Courses 1, 2, and 3, and "Helping Your Struggling Student Be More Successful in Mathematics (Grades 5-8),"

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Educator's words can often leave a lasting impression



HEATHER BROWN
Greenwood Elementary School

We've all been asked at least once in our lives to call to mind our favorite teacher. That favorite band director, coach, teacher, or paraprofessional springs easily to mind. We don't have to dig too deep to remember lessons learned, feelings stirred, or skills taught by that person.

I can remember my high school band director's response to my grandfather's death like it was yesterday. The compassion he showed as my world fell apart was the same he showed every day I've known him: "What can I do to help?" "We care about you." His words are right there. I probably couldn't play a clarinet today to save my life, but the lessons and skills he taught me carry way beyond the walls of that band hall and I will never forget words he said to me over the years.

My high school librarian left a lasting impression as well. She joked with me, treated me with respect and made me feel competent at such topics as literary criticism. "You can do this." Because she believed I could compete, I did. Her words lifted me up, and continue to do so every year with the card I receive in the mail on my birthday.

Others have left equally indelible marks in my life. Their words, too, will never be forgotten.

"You'll never amount to anything." "You're not going to make it." "*You're* trying out for *this*?" All just words, just as easily recalled as the positive words left by the best teachers.

As educators we must always remember how powerful our words are. We have the power to make a lasting impression with little to no effort. Words flung carelessly at the peak of our frustration will remain with a student as long as the carefully thought-out words we pen for eternity in the back of a yearbook. As coaches, teachers, counselors our simple words will often leave an impression more lasting than the most carefully planned lesson or practice. Let's make sure they are the words we want remembered.

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving		Dancing With the Stars (SF) (N)				KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Blood Brothers" (N)		NCIS: New Orleans "Billy and the Kid" (N)		Limitless "Amageddon" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) Stephen Colbert (N)		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Beverly Hillbillies	Happy Days	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Envious Editor"		McCloud "Fire!"
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Grandfathered (N)	Grinder (N)	Scream Queens "Thanksgiving" (N)		TMZ	2 Broke Girls	Modern Family	Two and Half Men	Met Your Mother	Hot in Cleveland
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	Jean-Claude-	Joshua Caleb	Update News	Rocks/Muscripts	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Dr. Brad Young	Mission: M25	Ministerios Vida	Nueva
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		The Voice "Live Eliminations" (N)		Chicago Med "Just Two Blocks" (N)		Chicago Fire "Sharp Elbows" (N)		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour	American Experience "The Pilgrims" Explores the history of our nation's beginnings. (N)		"The Pilgrims" Explores		S.Dead "Jamestown's Dark Winter" (N)		Charlie Rose (N)		World News	Tavis Smiley
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FLIX	340	575		165		(5:15) Stipped Parts	★★ Mighty Joe Young Bill Paxton.						★★ The Rocketeer Bill Campbell.			★ One Man's Justi...
HBO	300	550	14	14		(5:50) The Leftovers	(:55) ★★ Fifty Shades of Grey				Real Sports (N)		★★ The Purge: Anarchy			Movie
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(4:50) The Fault in...	The Latin Explosion	1stLook	LastWeek	Bill Maher			★★★★ John Wick			(:45) Louis
HBOS	304	552	16	102		(5:25) ★★★ The Departed			★ Wild ('14, Bio) Reese Witherspoon.				Get On	★★★ Horrible Bosses 2		
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(3:00) ★ Shanghai ...	★ A Million Ways to Die in the West				The Knick		Zane's Sex Chronicles "Envy"			Movie
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(3:40) ★★★ Hidalgo Viggo Mortensen.			★★ A History of Violence			(:40)	★★★ Idiocracy		Femme	Movie
PLEX			96			(5:25) Dennis the ...	★★ Madeline Hatte Jones.			(:35)	★ Seems Like Old Times		(:20)	★★ Radio Flyer Lorraine Bracco.		
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(4:55) Out of Sight	Homeland		Inside the NFL (N)		NotreD.	NotreD.	Inside the NFL		Access	Movie
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:00) The Life A...	★★★★ Boyhood ('14, Dra) Ethan Hawke, Elar Coltrane.						★★★★ The Station Agent			Movie
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(4:30) ★ Remember ...		★★★ Jumanji ('95, Fant) Bonnie Hunt, Robin Williams.					★★ Zathura: A Space Adventure Jonah Bobo.			
BET	58	-		40		★★ Just Wright ('10, Com) Common, Paula Patton, Queen Latifah.					Being Mary Jane (N)		Being Mary Jane		Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	76		41		B.Deck "Dirty Laundry"	Below Deck		Below Deck (N)		People's Couch (N)		Below Deck		Vanderpump Rules	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	The Profit	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Profit "Da Lobsta" (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront	A. Cooper 360		CNN Special Report		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		CNN Special Report	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Moonshiners	Moonshiners (N)		Moonshiners (N)		Gold Rush		Moonshiners		Gold Rush	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Austin	Liv Maddie	★★★ Brave Kelly Macdonald.		(:40) Jessie	Underc.	(:35) Bunk'd	Girl M.	Liv/Mad	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	Playoff	NCAA Basketball Maui Invitational (L)			Score.	NCAA Basketball Maui Invitational (L)				SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	SportsCenter	NCAA Basketball Legends Classic (L)				NCAA Basketball Hall of Fame Classic (L)				NFL Live	
FAMILY	53	63	34	42	33	(4:30) ★ Finding Nemo	Pretty Little Liars (N)		Young (N)	Pretty Little Liars		Young	The 700 Club		★ Jingle All the W...	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	On the Record	The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Chopped	Chopped Junior (N)		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Stars Inside (N)	Mavs Live Pregam (L)	NCAA Basketball Dallas Baptist University vs. Memphis (L)					Maverick-ks Live (L)	NCAA Big 12 No-Huddle TCU/Okl.		WPT Poker Borgata Classic
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(3:30) ★ Prisoners	★★★ Man of Steel ('13, Act) Amy Adams, Henry Cavill.						★★★ Man of Steel Henry Cavill.			
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	(5:00) ★ Christmas ...	★ Tis the Seasn for Love Gerry Chalk.						★ A Cookie Cutter Christmas Erin Krakow.		★ Love at the Tha...	
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		H.Hunt	House (N)	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	To Be Announced	Oak Island (N)		Curse/Oak Island (N)		Hunting Hitler (N)		(:05) Hunting Hitler		Curse of Oak Island	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	(3:00) ★ Holly's Holiday Claire Coffee.	★ The Santa Con (2014, Comedy) Melissa Sagemiller, Scott Grimes, Barry Watson.						★ On Strike for Christmas (2010, Family) David Sutcliffe, Victor Zinck Jr., Daphne Zuniga.		★ The Santa Con Barry Watson.	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball	All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				Mixed Martial Arts World Series of Fighting 23			MixedMartialArts World Series of Fighting 25				Blazers	Premier Review		Blazers
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Thunder	Thunder	iCarly 1/2	iCarly 2/2	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Sweat Inc. (N)	Cops	Cops
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:30) ★★★ The Fifth Element Bruce Willis.			★★ Men in Black II Will Smith.					★★ Land of the Lost Will Ferrell.		
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan Jason Segel, Ruby Rose, Jason Isbell	2 Broke Girls	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ Black Gold	★★★ Marie Antoinette ('38, Rom) Norma Shearer.						(:45) ★★★★ The Women ('39, Com) Norma Shearer.			
TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado		Celia		Bajo el mismo cielo		Señora acero		Al rojo	Titulares	Bajo el mismo cielo
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	7 Johnstons "Alex Has a Little Crush"		Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss (N)			Johnstons "Life's Too Short to Be Angry" (N)	(:05) Cake Boss		(:05) Johnstons "Life's Too Short to Be Angry"
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Castle "The Good, the Bad and the Baby"		NBA Basketball Boston Celtics at Atlanta Hawks Site Philips Arena -- Atlanta, Ga. (L)					NBA Basketball Los Angeles Clippers at Golden State Warriors Site: The Oracle -- Oakland, Calif. (L)			
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	FactsLife	FactsLife	FactsLife	(:50) Ray	(:25) Loves Ray	"Italy"	Gaffigan	Gaffigan	Gaffigan	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Chrisley Knows (N)	Donny! (N)	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family
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according to ASCD's website.

Wihebrink and Garcia said that the training, while geared toward math, could be applied to other disciplines such as English or science.

"I never would've used (the Popsicle stick method) if I hadn't gone to training," Garcia said. "The kids have been very attentive. I'll call out students randomly (drawing the sticks) so they feel compelled to work because they don't know if they're going to be called on or not. It kind of gives them that 'if' factor."

The days were organized around the key goal of the training: how best to teach material and prepare students for the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR) tests, as well as help students retain that information after the tests.

"It was a lot of stuff we already know, but how to implement it more effectively and in different ways as well," Lucero said.

The program was split into two sections: graphic organizers and assessment strategies. The Abell teachers described the latter section, designed to "increase students' understanding of concepts" and "provide feedback to the instructor on the cognitive process students use," as the section they believe will raise STAAR exam scores.

"The district and state says, 'It has to be rigorous. It has to be higher-order thinking question. You have to make them think.' And we've never received training," Wihebrink said. "The training kind of taught us, 'This is what you're asking for.'"

One tenet was utilizing vocabulary used on the STAAR exams in classroom activities by "scaffolding" questions with the terms — or putting them into context to increase student understanding. Another way to use Popsicle sticks was "echoing," or engaging students of all levels by having one student explain a concept, two students repeat it and a fourth student (usually considered on a higher-tier of learning) to expand on it, according to Wihebrink.



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Eric Lucero, Trazi Wihebrink and Jose Garcia attended two training sessions Oct. 7-8 and Nov. 16-17 geared toward helping students attain higher STAAR scores. Lucero, Wihebrink and Garcia teach 7th grade math and were the only team from MISD to attend the Texas ACSD-sponsored seminars.

"With the echoing I've always found myself doing it as well," said Lucero, who is an English-as-Second-Language teacher and who incorporates leading-by-example for students new to English. "A lot of these strategies, I've learned to implement more effectively and hopefully will yield better results."

As part of the training, teachers read about how checking for understanding is commonplace, but checking for higher understanding was less so, according to Wihebrink. The teachers believe it has already made an impact on classroom learning and will affect the STAAR exams for this year.

"We learned how to ask more open-ended questions and plan our questions ahead of time," Garcia said. "I think the ultimate goal of this training was to make our kids not just come, sit down in class and just look, but to have them actually think and want to learn. I think this training has done that."

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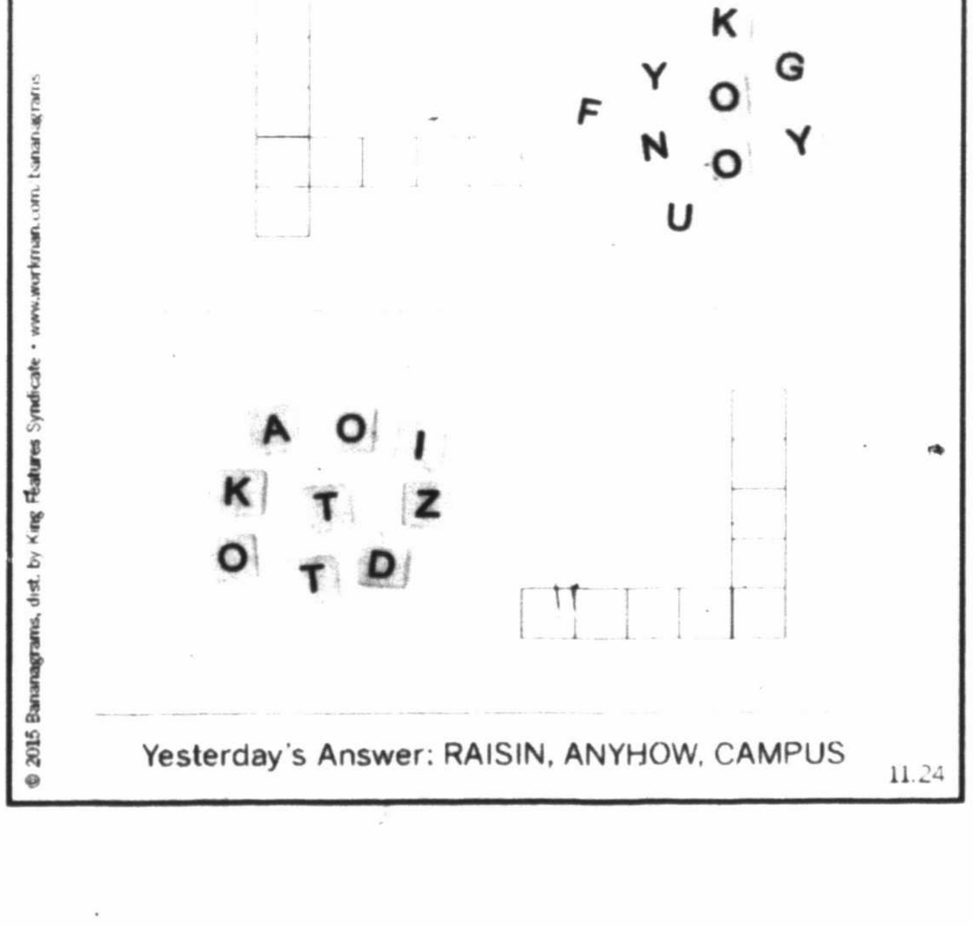
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Students gain perspective at walk-in globe

Cassidy Swanson
The Lowell Sun

TEWKSBURY, Mass. — Seventh-grade students at John W. Wynn Middle School got a unique view of their vast world on Friday — on a scale that fit inside their school gymnasium.

The students participated in Project EarthView, a geography education program hosted by Bridgewater State University and the Center for the Advancement of STEM Education. The program features a hand-painted, accurate scale, inflatable globe — 22 feet in diameter, depicting oceans, continents and topography. Participants are able to go inside the globe for a unique look at the entire earth, in its correct proportions, all at once.

There are two EarthView globes, said James Hayes-Bohanan, professor of geography at BSU.

They are brought to schools around the region to teach students about geography, which encompasses more than memorizing names of countries, Hayes-Bohanan said.

"It's really a dynamic discipline about the Earth and the real world, and how humans and the physical world interact," he said. "When you start to see where things are relative to each other, it creates a lot of curiosity, and people have a lot of questions about the connections between places."

When people don't have a proper understanding of geography, it can lead to, quite literally, a limited world view, Hayes-Bohanan said.

"We are in a country that is the biggest economic and military power on Earth, but the people in it don't really know much about the rest of the Earth, and what our connections are to other places," he said.

"To become responsible citizens, we really need to understand our place in the world."

A full-scale, globe-shaped map "demystifies" many of these issues, Hayes-Bohanan said.

"It's helping to make sense of the rest of the world, because if we can make sense of it, we can make better decisions about it," he said.

Rosalie Sokol, the official "Globe Lady" for EarthView, said students are often amazed to see how far spread apart different parts of the world are in relation to each other — especially 49th and 50th states from the rest of the continental United States.

"When you look at where Hawaii is compared to where we are, they never understand that it's as far away as it really is," Sokol said. "When they can 'actually see, and I trace it out a little bit, then that's something (very interesting to them). And how close Alaska is to Russia. Things like that really amaze them."

Sokol said the goal of EarthView is to make kids think more critically about the world around them.

"We try to foster that whole question-idea — why things are the way they are," she said. "They always think of the world as, 'It's here and it's static. It doesn't change.' Whereas (in reality), it's changing every day."

Once inside the globe, Sokol explained how shifting tectonic plates created the seven continents and thousands of islands dotting the Earth's oceans. She pointed to rivers and mountains, and showed how the Earth had evolved over billions of years.

Students were fascinated. Abigayle Perry called the experience "amazing."

GUEST VIEW

Excessive testing in Texas schools gets failing score

San Antonio Express-News

Testing is a valuable education accountability tool, but it can be overdone.

In the last decade, we have witnessed an overzealous focus on standardized testing in many of our nation's public school classrooms, and it is eating away at valuable instruction time.

President Barack Obama and Education Secretary Arne Duncan have wisely called for a limit on the amount of time public school students spend taking tests. They have pushed Congress to pass legislation limiting teachers from spending more than 2 percent of class time on testing.

A recent survey by the Council on Great City Schools, a group representing about 70 urban districts, found that students in the nation's largest urban school districts take an average of 112 standardized tests during their public school careers. Last school year, eighth-graders, the students who bear the brunt of the testing, spent a little over four days taking standardized tests; that's about 2.3 percent of total classroom time in a school year.

That's a lot of government-mandated testing, but that does not reflect the instruction time spent on preparation for testing. The classroom time dedicated to preparation wreaks havoc on teachers' plans.

When the No Child Left Behind Act was signed by President George W. Bush in 2002, the new regulations were supposed to close achievement gaps and instill some accountability on the nation's public schools, but they failed to live up to expectations.

Thirteen years later, the standardized testing promoted by NCLB has not produced the anticipated scores improvement on national assessments and many of the tests are not aligned with what are now considered college- and career-ready standards.

We need to rethink testing in public schools, but it would be ill-advised to swing the pendulum too far in the opposite direction. Testing has its place, but the emphasis should be on quality, not quantity.

Test scores are valuable in assessing learning successes and shortcomings, but the stakes have become too high.

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a public charter school. Burciaga has been attending RMA because of its pregnancy-related services program.

RMA has its own services, which include a baby book library and post-partum home visits for up to six weeks after a student gives birth. A state statute that governs teen pregnancy-related services dictates that if a student attends four hours of class a week, it qualifies as a five-day school week.

"It isn't that we bless the choice they've made," said Carol Kirke, program coordinator, "but what we do say is, 'You've made a life-changing choice. Don't let it be the life-altering choice. Stay in school.' That is the entire focus of our program."

MISD has a similar program but applies for a waiver in order for girls to visit campus for their post-partum education, as most girls want to come to campus, according to Kirke and MISD pregnancy-related services coordinator Bradi Simpson. Kirke said that RMA students are the opposite, typically wanting her to visit them at home for their work.

"They give you everything you need to know, even extra paperwork for you to keep to study," Burciaga said.

RMA meets for a half day and had 14 students enroll in its pregnancy-related services program this year, although Kirke said the number changes from month to month.

Burciaga raises her two oldest children without their father's help, but her youngest child's father is involved and has attended MARY meetings with her.

"When you have your first baby, you expect the dad to be there and you want it to be the way you want it to be, but sometimes you have to grow up and realize that you have to do it with or without them," Burciaga said. "It's not easym and it's not hard, especially when you just worry about the baby, about the kids."

Richard Milburn launched Fatherhood Engagement this year to draw in young dads. Martin Castaneda, coordinator of Fatherhood Engagement at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, leads the program at RMA.

"He grew up without a dad and he's young and so he can relate with these young men," Kirke said. "(He says) 'I missed my dad, and your child will always miss you if you're not there.' That type of thing is just so important."

Burciaga said that the combined efforts of MARY, The Life Center and RMA have made life "a lot easier," and provided her with information about resources such West Texas Opportunities. Her children now go to school with children of the girls she met at MARY or RMA; she still sometimes go to the MARY meetings, even though she is no longer a teen.

"Even if we don't have faith in ourselves, even if we don't believe in ourselves, they do," Burciaga said.

Follow Cassie on Twitter at @Cassie_Burton51

MAKINGTHEGRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Midland High School senior **Yanira Baldovinos** has been honored by the Midland Rotary Club. She is the daughter of Jose Baldovinos and Sandra Melgar.



Baldovinos

She is a member of the cross country team, National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society.

She volunteers with Midland Teen Court, Midland Habitat for Humanity and Keep Midland Beautiful.

Baldorinos plans to major in business.

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Several students at Early College High School@ Midland College were named to the "A" honor roll for the first six weeks.

They are: **Anabel Machuca, Erin Spence, Andrea Espinosa, Madelynn Feagan, Saya Nelson, Ashley Raudales, Anh Ho, Halima White and Eric Yang.**

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Midlanders **Betsy Faris** and **Kisha Samsel** were recently inducted into Phi Kappa Phi at Angelo State University. The honor society is for the top 10 percent of seniors, top 7.5 percent of juniors and top 10 percent of graduate students.



EDUCATIONBRIEFS

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

MC creative writing contest awards presented

The Midland College English Department hosted the Rebecca Watson Creative Writing Contest Awards Celebration on Thursday at the Allison Fine Arts Building McCormick Gallery. Awards were presented in nonfiction, fiction and poetry.

The first-place winners are: Alex Christian, nonfiction, "Princess Diana Papers Rhetorical Analysis;" Janeth Ruiz Garcia, fiction, "My Uncle's Funeral;" and Christin Covington, poetry, "The Paper Piano."

The second-place winners are Sebastian Walter, nonfiction, "How to Solve a Rubik's Cube;" Ashley Hearn, fiction, "Jailbird;" and Rebekka Wollaston, poetry, "Dear Society."

Other winners were Kathryn Herd, Victoria Hernandez, Kristina Herod, Lyric Jones, Marisol Mendoza and Amber Wood.

MC began the creative writing contest in 1975. It was renamed in honor of retired MC English Professor Rebecca T. Watson in 2012.

TSPE recognizes MC engineering club

The Midland College Engineering Club was recognized Nov. 13 as an official student affiliate of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers.

The club is one of only 10 student clubs to be recognized by TSPE and the only community college club in Texas to be recognized, according to a press release from MC.

"We are delighted to be able to honor the MC Engineering Club. Theprogram does a stellar job in preparing students for transfer to any engineering program not only across Texas, but also throughout the U.S.," said Eric West, TSPE regional vice president. "The college's Engineering Club adds to students' pre-engineering experience by providing guest speakers and field trips. Engineering Club members also coordinate study groups and participate in campus events."

Students and faculty from MC's Engineering program were special guests of TSPE, Permian Basin Chapter at its Nov. 13 meeting and ethics seminar at the Davidson Family Health Sciences Center Lecture Hall on the MC campus.

NEW YORK

Cornell University has Nuremberg transcripts

ITHACA — Cornell University is home to a major resource from the Nuremberg trials collected by the New York native who founded the forerunner of the CIA.

The landmark World War II war crimes trials of top Nazi leaders began 70 years ago Friday in the German city where Adolf Hitler held some of his biggest rallies. The chief prosecutor for the victorious Allies was U.S. Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson, an Albany Law School graduate from western New York.

Jackson's special assistant was Gen. William "Wild Bill" Donovan, of Buffalo, leader of the Office of Strategic Services during the war. Donovan compiled thousands of Nuremberg trial transcripts and documents that he kept at his Manhattan law office.

Attorney Henry Korn, a 1968 Cornell graduate, donated the Donovan collection to the Ivy League school in 1998.

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THE ULTIMATE FOOTBALL CONTEST

A 'GRAND PRIZE' WEEKLY IN POWER POINTS CONTEST

The Midland Reporter-Telegram will carry this season's POWER POINTS Football Contest, which features a weekly grand prize of $1,000.

Along with other newspapers in the South region, the Midland Reporter-Telegram will publish the contest for 17 weeks, beginning September 6th. Entry forms publish every Sunday and Monday in the sports section.

In addition to the $1,000 regional grand prize, a local prize of a $50 gift card from Domino's Pizza will be awarded each week.

In POWER POINTS, the object of the game is to amass as many of the 136 possible points each week as you can. Contestants select winners from each week's list of games – mostly NFL action but with a smattering of top regional college games. Contestants pick their winners and plot them along a weighted point scale according to their confidence in them. Your highest-confidence pick goes on the 16-point line, your lowest-confidence pick on the 1-point line.

The contestant regionally who tallies the most of the 136 points each week wins $1,000. The local contestant who tallies the most of the 136 points is the local winner.

To enter the contest, drop off your entries at Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, Texas.

Weekly deadline for entry is 2 p.m. on Thursdays.

TODAY: Mostly sunny High: 71 Low: 49

WEDNESDAY: Partly sunny High: 70 Low: 61

THURSDAY: Showers High: 71 Low: 48

FRIDAY: Showers High: 50 Low: 34

SATURDAY: Showers High: 41 Low: 34

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny High: 54 Low: 37

Local forecast

There is a 40 percent to 50 percent chance of showers Thanksgiving through Saturday, according to the National Weather Service. The forecast calls for highs in the 70s through Thanksgiving.

The high on Monday reached 63, while the low was 28. The record high for Nov. 23 is 84 set in1965. The record low is 17 set in 1938. On Nov. 23 of last year, the high was 73, and the low was 42.

Weather brief

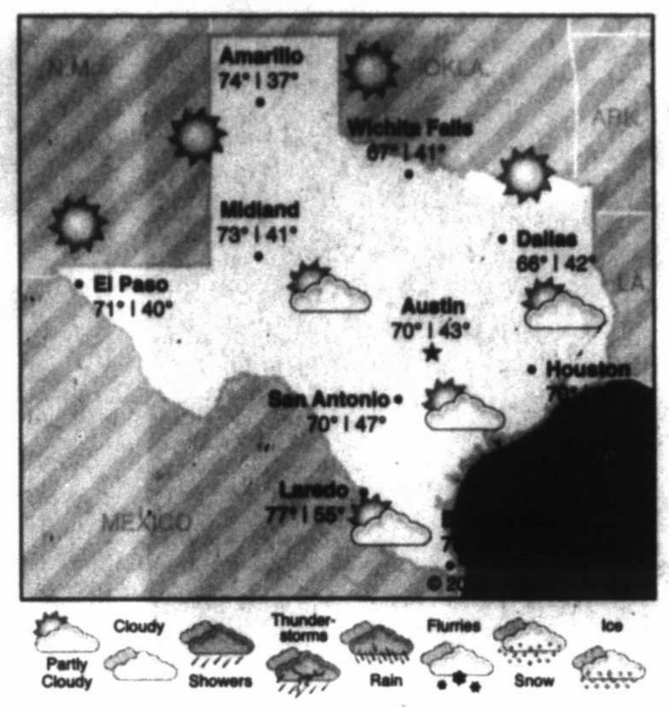
NEW JERSEY

Turnpike service area destroyed by Hurricane Sandy reopens

WOODBRIDGE — A familiar stop on the New Jersey Turnpike is back in business more than three years after it was destroyed by Superstorm Sandy.

Officials on Monday cut a ribbon to reopen the Grover Cleveland Service area in Woodbridge. It is located in the northbound lanes between interchanges 11 and 12.

The 15,000-square-foot building replaces the facility that was wiped out by Sandy.



Precipitation

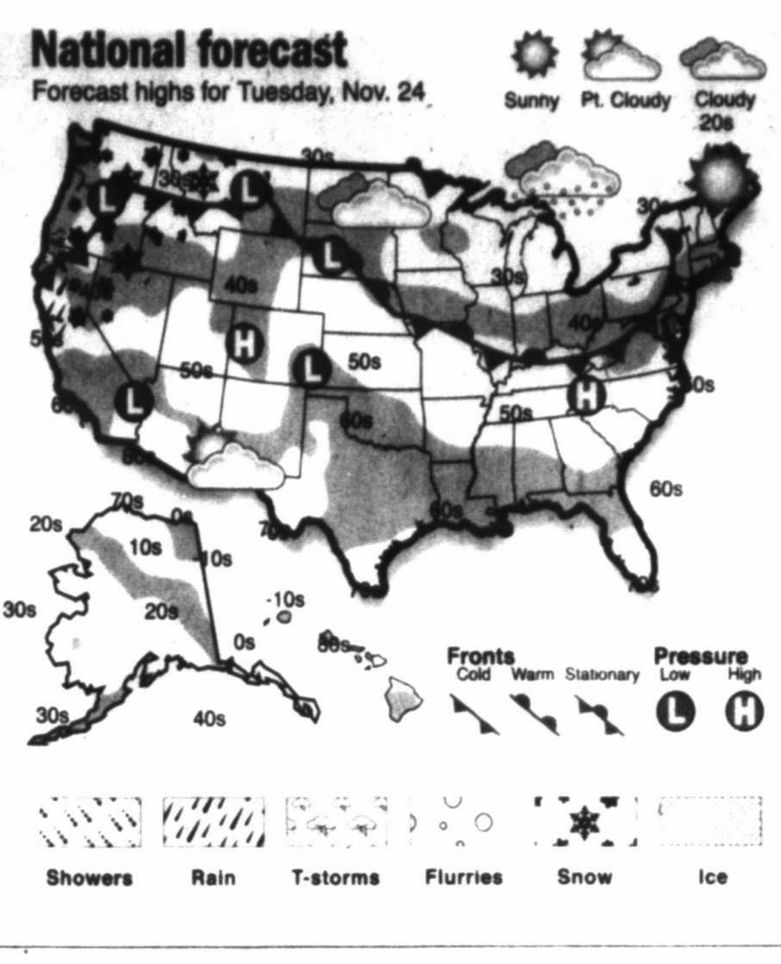
Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.17 in.
Year total	19.95 in.
Normal total (year to date)	15.85 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	63
Low	28
Normal high	64
Normal low	36
Sunrise	7:25 a.m.
Sunset	5:45 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Nov. 24



Jailed addict needs release from his low self-esteem

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'm 23 years old and currently in the county jail. I'm gay and also an addict, having battled a heroin addiction for the past five years.

I managed to stay clean for almost two years. During that time, I enrolled in college, got engaged, regained the respect of my family and started to have a normal life. Things were going very well for me, and then I relapsed. I threw everything away.

Abby, I need to know why, when things go well for me, I feel as if I don't deserve to be happy, so I self-destruct. I have absolutely no self-confidence. I'm very unhappy. Even when I seem to get what I want, it turns out to be not exactly what I wanted in the end. How can I fix this? I really do want to be happy; I just don't know how. — UNHAPPY MAN IN INDIANA, PA.

DEAR UNHAPPY: Your arrest may have been a blessing in disguise. It has given you time to think clearly about why you are in this situation. Because you now recognize what your issues are, you have already started on a path to healing.

You say you dislike yourself and your self-esteem is very low. This may be the reason you sabotage yourself when things start going well for you. After your release, a licensed psychotherapist can help you find the answers you're looking for. Your nearest LGBT community center would be a good place to start.

Because you slipped up once doesn't mean you will do it again, so stop beating yourself up and try to think positive. I wish you luck and a successful future.

DEAR ABBY: I met "Gil" a year ago. He was one of the nicest men I'd ever met. At the time, I didn't realize he was a mama's boy. But after we started to talk, I noticed he would repeat everything to his mother. We discussed it and it stopped, but that's when his mom started treating me differently. I'm pretty sure he told her what I had said.

Gil loves my cooking and has told me I cook like she does. I don't know if that's so good. I really like him, but I don't know if I can handle his being such a mama's boy. If he could cut the apron strings, we could have a great relationship. He treats me like a queen. He respects me, never says an unkind word and compliments me often. But if I plan a meal for him and then his mom decides she wants him at her house, he cancels on me because he doesn't want to hurt her feelings.

Gil is 51 and hasn't been in a serious relationship in several years. I'm falling in love with him and don't want to lose him. What do I do, and how do I handle this? — COMING IN SECOND IN MISSOURI

DEAR COMING IN SECOND: Your mistake is trying to compete with Gil's mother because you can't win. The woman who snags Gil will have to accept that they are a package deal. Not many women these days are willing to accept that, which may be why Gil hasn't had a serious relationship in years.

However, if you are the exception, the way to handle this would be to cultivate (and ingratiate yourself with) his mother. Find out what her favorite flowers are and send them with a sweet note, invite her to join you and Gil for dinner and movies — and if she offers suggestions about your cooking, accept them gracefully. I wish you luck.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Power of pre-emption

East-West vulnerable. East deals.

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♣ K J 7

WEST
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♣ Q 10

EAST
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A 9 4
♣ A 9 8 6 5 3 2

SOUTH
♠ K J 6 4 3
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♣ 4

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
Pass	1♠	Pass	1NT*
3♣	Pass	Pass	4♣
Pass	4♠	All pass	

*Game-forcing spade raise, at least four-card support

Opening lead: Queen of ♣

Today's deal is another from the recent European Youth Teams. This is from a match between England and Finland. We only know that South's name was Myllaeri, a young player from Finland.

The queen of clubs lead was covered by the king and ace. East returned a club and declarer shed a diamond as dummy won with the jack. South now cashed the ace and king of spades, followed by the ace and king of hearts, and a heart ruff on the table. South returned to his hand by ruffing a club. West should have over-ruffed and led a heart, but he discarded a heart instead.

Declarer saw what West didn't see — that he couldn't ruff another heart right away or he would be forced to lead a diamond away from dummy's king-jack. South had to make a diamond play from his hand right now, so he led a low one toward the dummy. When West played low, South knew that his only chance was to insert dummy's jack. Had West held the ace of diamonds, he would have played it, drawn dummy's last trump, and cashed a heart trick. When the jack forced the ace from East, South had plenty of time to ruff his last heart and make his contract. Well done!

In the replay, the English player sitting East chose to open his hand with three clubs. This led to a double by South and a three no-trump bid by North, down four!

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2015:

This year you might be more methodical than you have been in a long time. You are able to organize, create and complete projects without a hitch. This determination is evident in nearly everything you do. If you are single, you will meet potential suitors in your daily travels. Question what you want from a dating situation before getting involved; you will make better choices that way. If you are attached, the two of you tend to work well together when involved in a mutual hobby. You enjoy taking your significant other out on the town. TAURUS can hold you back, but usually he or she has a rational reason for this behavior.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Someone might be critical of your actions, but if you take his or her words with humor and understanding, you won't be offended. Use your instincts with your finances. Lady Luck will show up when dealing with a routine matter, and you'll be all smiles. Tonight: Indulge a little.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You could feel pressured by someone at a distance. As a result, you might become unresponsive for a while. Try not to be so serious with this person right now. Reach out to others who are feeling the same pressure — you'll be glad you did. Tonight: Do your own thing!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ You might need to heed your own counsel and play it low-key, despite a need to act on a creative idea. You can take action, but you don't need to make a public announcement. Avoid having a heavy discussion. Think through a decision. Tonight: Follow your sixth sense.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Zero in on what you want from a loved one. You might be witnessing this person's transformation, and want to let him or her know how you feel. Remain upbeat, no matter what occurs. Your words could change a situation for the better. Tonight: Hang with your pals.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Assume the role of leader. You might want to approach a work-related situation quite differently from how many others have. This originality makes you highly desirable in projects, as it tends to add to your success. Tonight: Tap into someone else's imaginative ideas.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Look at the big picture before making any decisions. You might change your opinion as a result of having more insight. It wouldn't hurt to confirm what you think you are seeing with a friend in order to get some feedback. Tonight: A serious one-on-one talk pays off.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You could be in a position where you want to change course in a financial matter. Give this idea some hard thought. Recognize that what originally was a good idea might not work for you now. Be graceful in a discussion. Tonight: Connecting with others might be difficult.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You'll want to make a close friend or associate feel valued. Understand that this person might be surprised by your actions and could have difficulty responding gracefully. Try not to take his or her response personally. Tonight: Accept an offer without making any comments.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You might be saturated with options that you are not comfortable with. A boss is likely to congratulate you on pursuing your present course. You could be in line for a pay raise or promotion. You seem to have difficulty relaxing. Tonight: Listen to your intuition.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Relate to an authority figure directly. You might want to express an idea that you believe is helpful, even if you feel less than confident about it. A child or loved one appears to be somewhat difficult and touchy. Tonight: Let go of stress. Be more child-like.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You could be in a position where you have to stay close to home or deal with a family member directly. Plans might need to be adjusted accordingly. Reach out to a trusted friend or loved one. You will gain a better perspective as a result. Tonight: Avoid complications.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Don't hesitate to speak your mind. How you deal with others defines who you are. Be ready to head in a new direction, even if you don't want to. Ultimately, you will see the wisdom of letting go of what doesn't work. Tonight: At a favorite place with favorite people.

BORN TODAY

Author William F. Buckley Jr. (1925), former U.S. President Zachary Taylor (1784), actress Katherine Heigl (1978)

DAILY CROSSWORD

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14 Bring under control
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24 Ballot markings
25 Not strict at all
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34 Antianxiety drug
36 Relationship __ Facebook feature
38 Tired janitors?
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43 Refuge in a desert
44 Physics particle
45 It's pitched at camp
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53 Cooler in a cooler
55 Lucy of "Elementary"
56 Tired groupies?
60 Plastic alternative
62 Give kudos to
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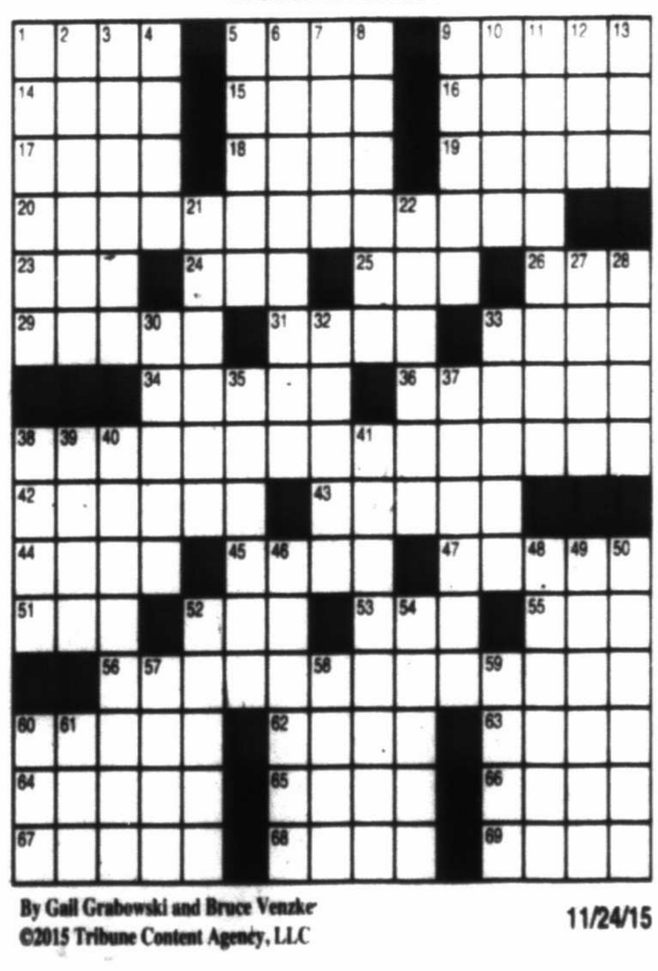
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9 Sitting Bull's tribe
10 Hard-to-resist impulse
11 Republican-voting area, on an election map
12 Peona-to-Detroit dir.
13 Neurotic toon dog
21 Not destroyed or lost, as an old document
22 Fuels (up)
27 France's Cote d'__
28 Zooey's "New Girl" role
30 Geometric truth
32 Prior prisoner, for short
33 Pastor's abode
35 Lipton rival
37 Kept tabs on from behind
38 Hardly eye-catching
39 Repetitive learning technique
40 Better than expected
41 North-south coordinate
46 Rejoices
48 Post-rehab support group
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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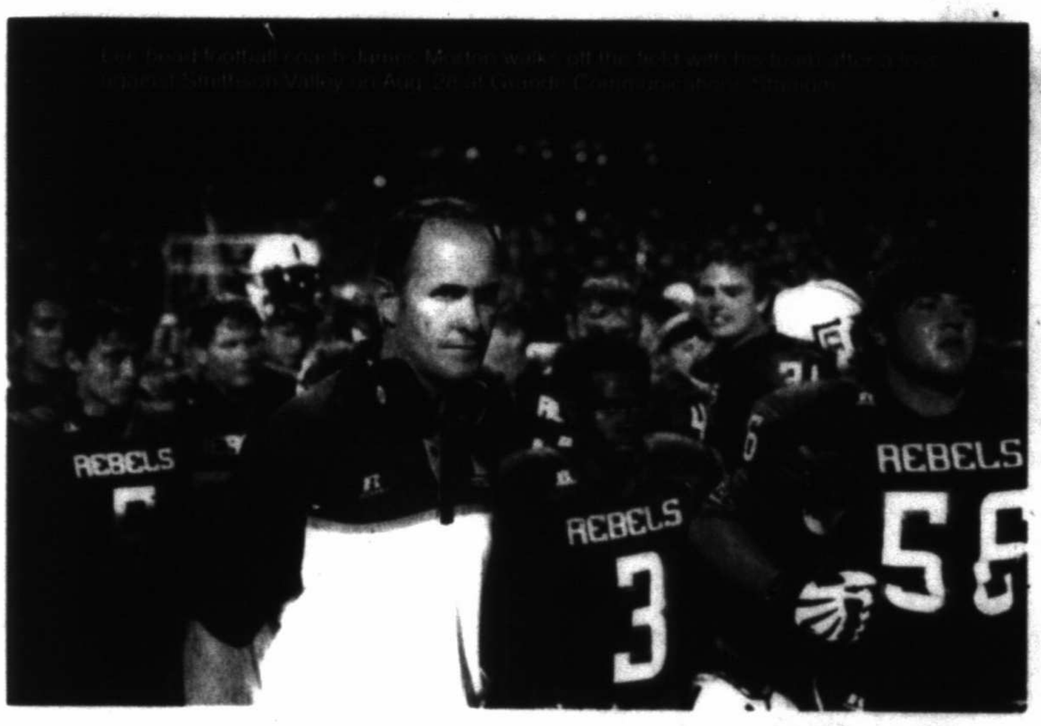


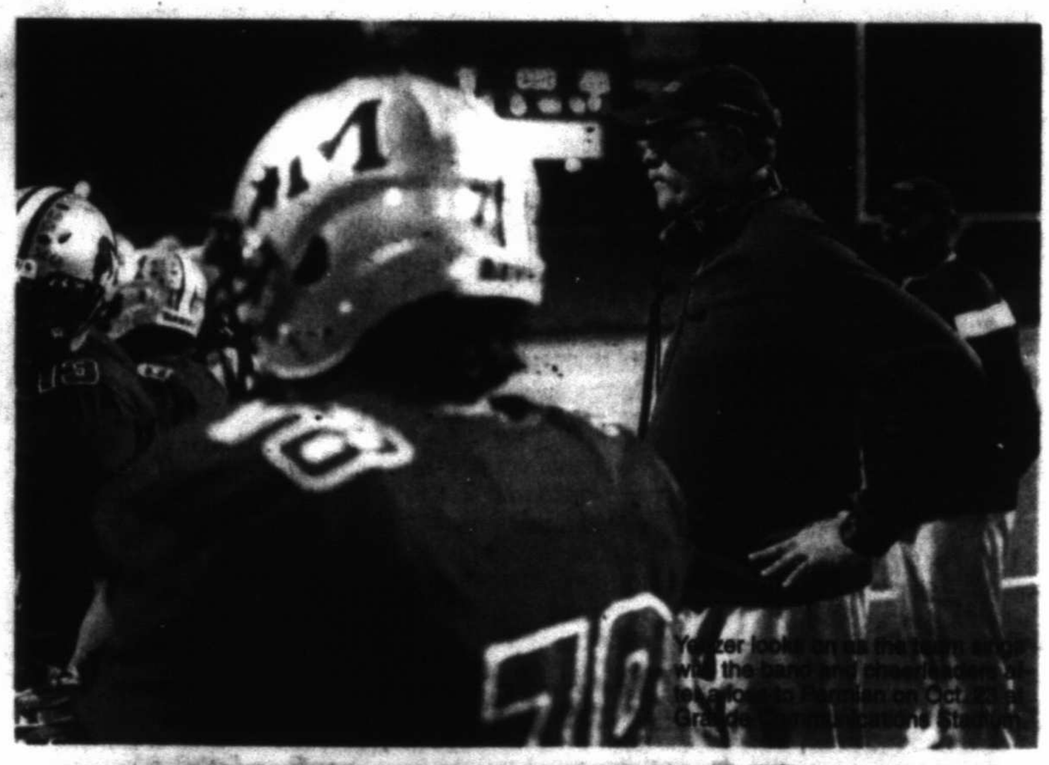
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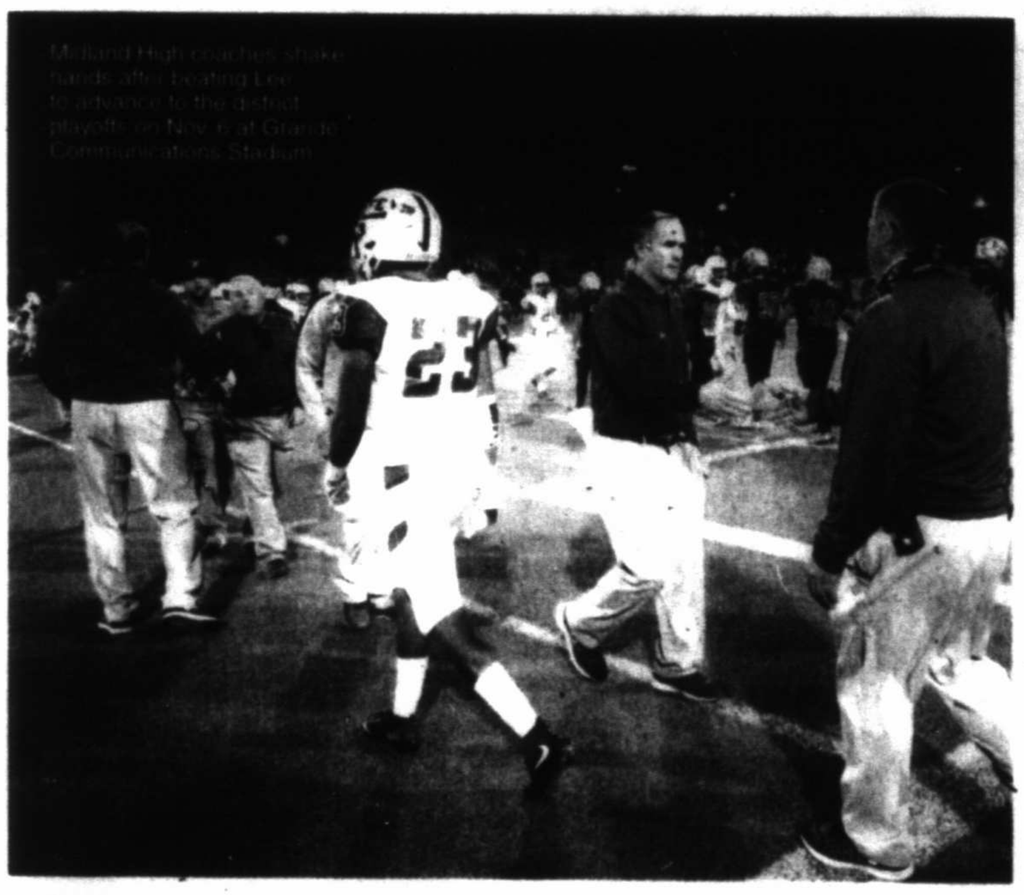


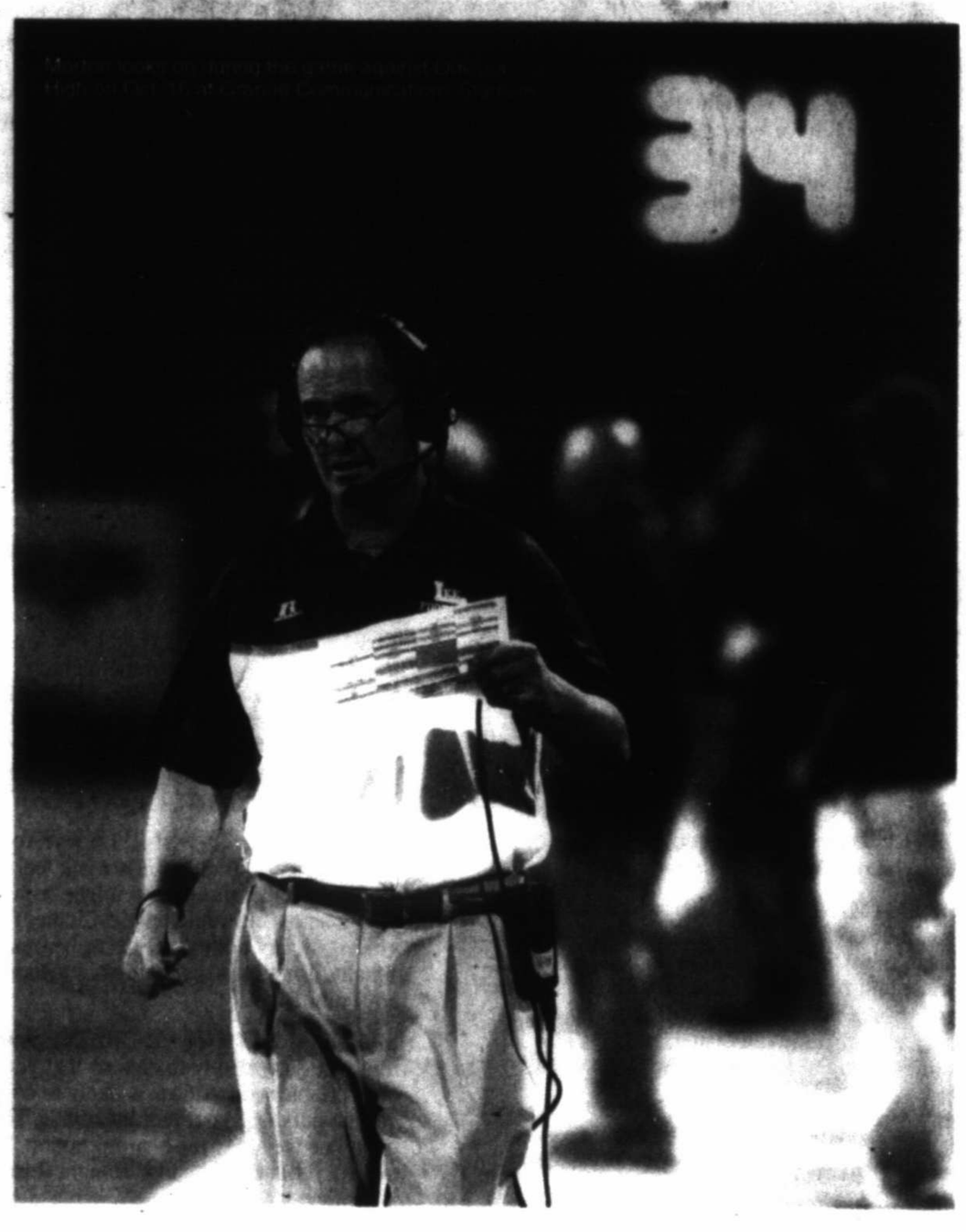


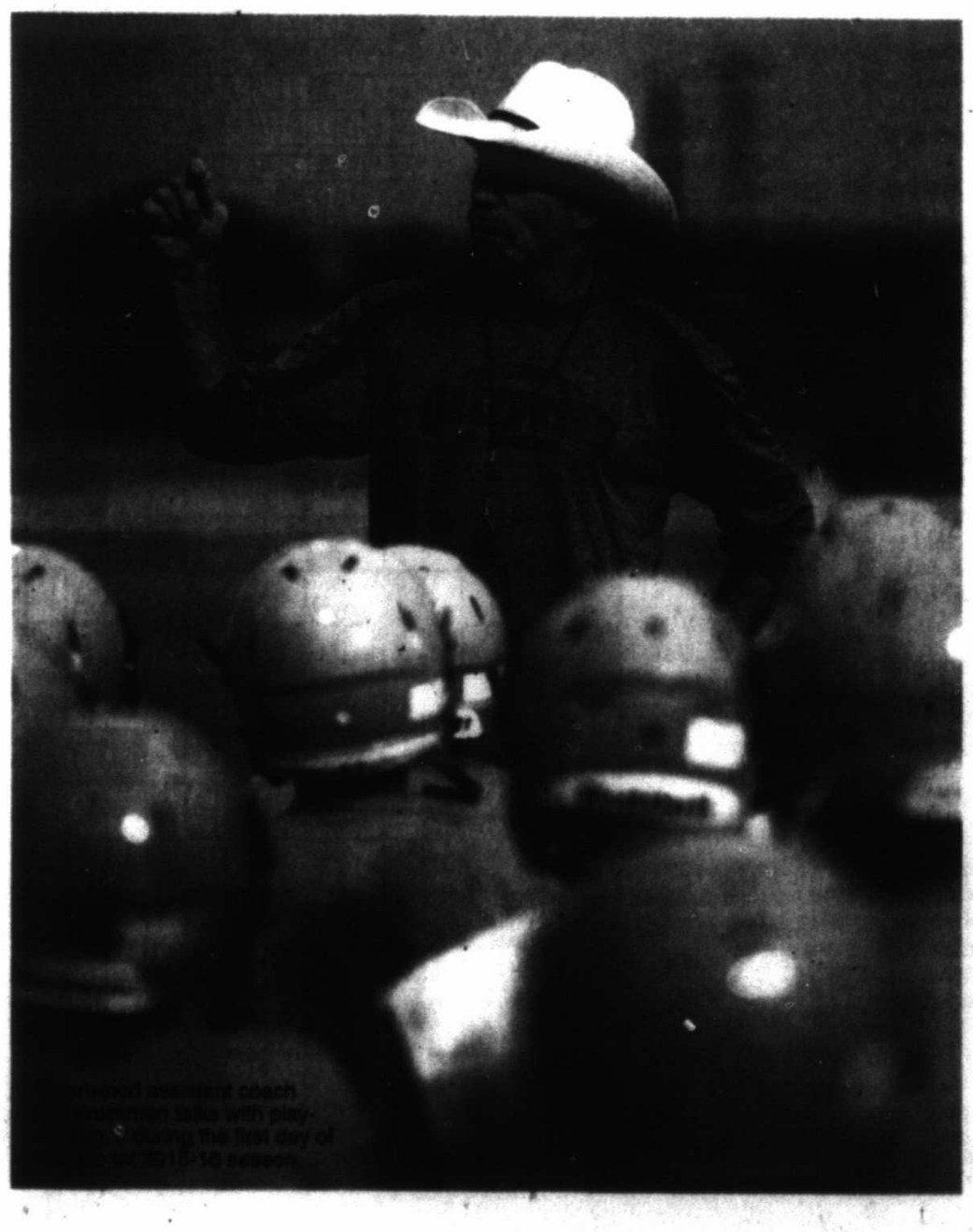
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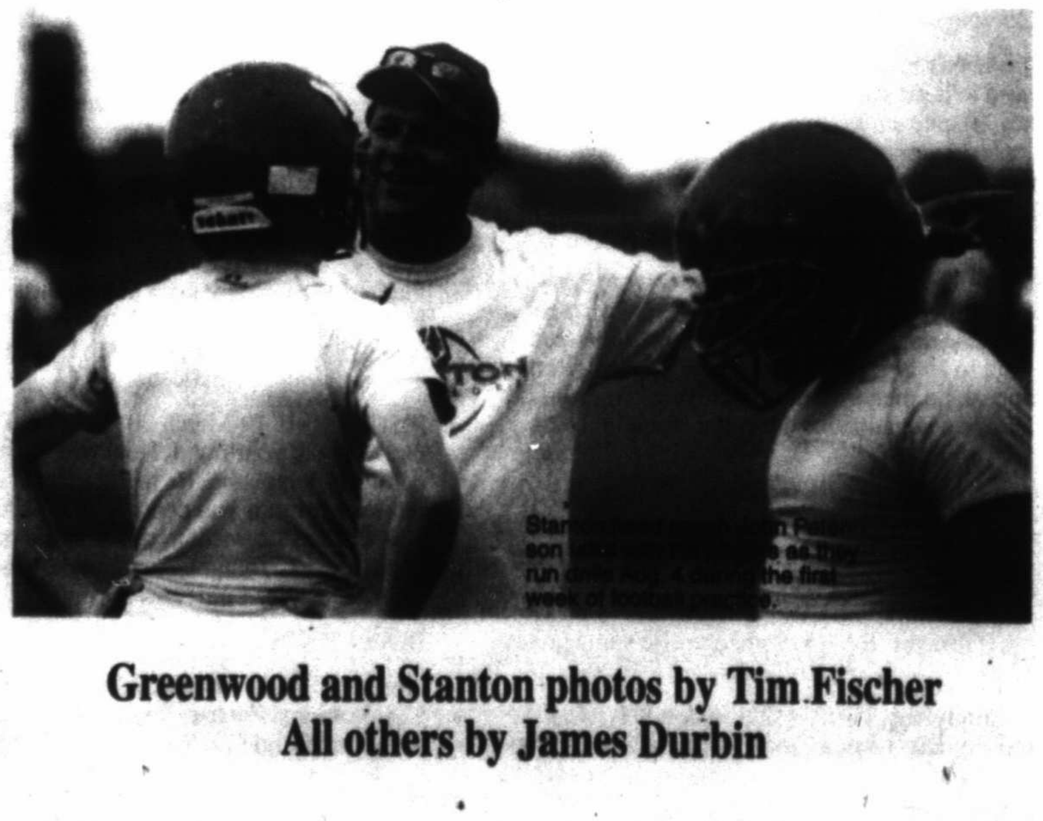












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All others by James Durbin

'Boys face Carolina knowing this: They're 3-0 with Romo

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

IRVING — Even safety Barry Church felt a boost from the return of Tony Romo as the Dallas Cowboys ended a losing streak that covered all seven games their Pro Bowl quarterback missed.

And maybe it's not a coincidence that a defense struggling to make big plays while Romo sat with a broken left collarbone got its first touchdown of the season on Rolando McClain's interception return for the first points in a 24-14 win at Miami on Sunday.

This much is true as Dallas (3-7) prepares to face unbeaten Carolina at home on Thanksgiving: The Cowboys can say they haven't lost a game that Romo started this year.

"I just feel like we had one of our best players back in Romo," Church said after Dallas improved to 3-0 in Romo starts. "That had a heck of a lot of difference. So, our defense was very hungry, but Romo was out there. He did a heck of a job. I'm just glad to have him back."

The Cowboys are still alive because the NFC East is mediocre. The New York Giants (5-5) lead the division by a game over Washington and Philadelphia, with both those teams getting blown out while Dallas was winning for the first time in two months.

The problem for the defending NFC East champion is the long losing streak means the playoffs have basically started. And not only are the Panthers (10-0) visiting four days after a long-awaited victory, but the Cowboys face December road games against Green Bay and Buffalo.

"It feels good. At the same time we have to work," Dez Bryant said after his 50th touchdown catch from Romo, topping the franchise record of 49 connections between Hall of Famers Troy Aikman and Michael Irvin. "Nobody is going to be jumping for joy around here."

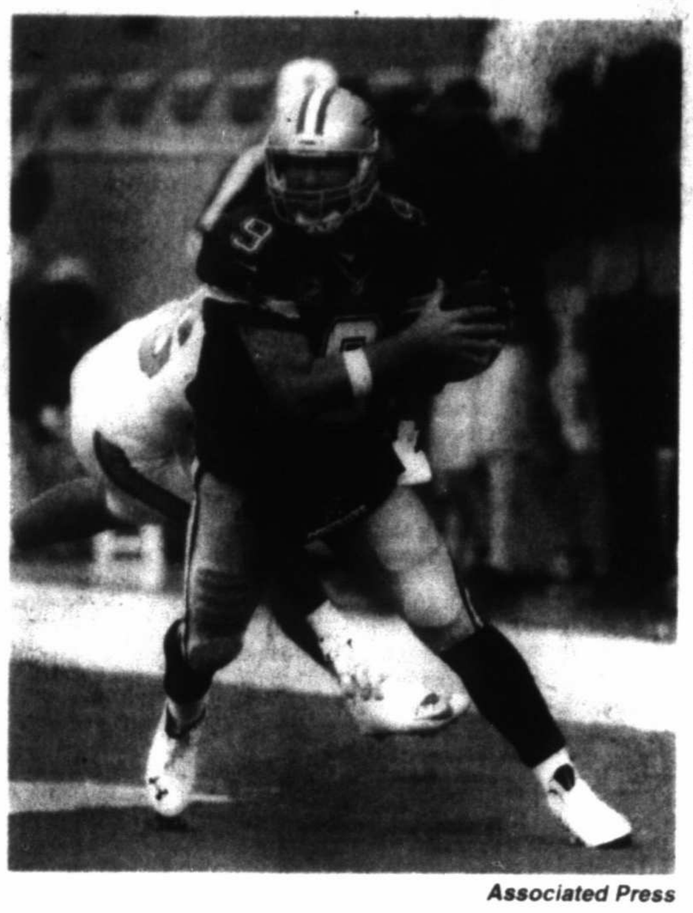
But the Cowboys were clearly a different team with Romo after Brandon Weeden went 0-3 and Matt Cassel finished 0-4 filling in for him.

Case in point, the drive after the Dolphins wiped out a 14-0 deficit and pulled even with a touchdown in the third quarter. Romo completed all four of his passes, the last a 16-yarder to Bryant in the end zone when he threw well out in front of his All-Pro receiver and between a pair of defenders on a crossing route.

It was just the kind of precise downfield throw the Cowboys lacked with Romo sidelined, and helped overcome two interceptions on bad decisions with pressure coming.

"There are a couple of plays he would like to have back, but again, his demeanor was out-

Please see **ROMO**/2C



Associated Press

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo (9) prepares to throw with his left hand as he scrambles in the end zone during the first half Miami Dolphins on Sunday in Miami Gardens, Fla. The Cowboys defeated the Dolphins 24-14

PROWESS AND PRESSURE



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Christian's Megan Ashton, left, drives the lane as Midland Classical's Makenna Beattie (35) is called for a block as Alissa Beattie (10) helps defend Monday at the McGraw Events Center on the Midland Christian campus

Classical uses 2nd-half surge to beat MCS

By Christopher Hadorn
chadorn@mrt.com

Monday night was an opportunity for two girls basketball programs with TAPPS state tournament aspirations to see where they stood early in the season.

Early on, Midland Christian and Midland Classical appeared headed to an exciting game as both clashed in a hotly contested affair during the first half.

However, the visiting Lady Knights took control in the third quarter and never looked back as they sailed to a 48-33 victory over the Lady Mustangs at McGraw Events Center.

Trailing 17-16 at halftime, MCA (3-1) outscored MCS (4-4) 12-2 in the third quarter and finished with a 32-16 advantage in the second half.

The Lady Knights' defense played an integral part of the second-half surge as athletic guards Delanie Griffin and Alissa Beattie forced the issue with their defense.

Griffin led MCA with four steals, while Beattie chipped in with three as the Lady Mustangs were beset by 23 turnovers in the loss.

Both Beattie (15 points) and Griffin (11 points) scored in double figures, showing the speed and dribbling ability to take the ball to the hoop and finish in transition.

"At halftime, our coach kind of got onto us because we weren't really giving it our full effort and we definitely could have come out and played a little harder and that's what we did," Beattie said.

Please see **SURGE**/3C

A's announce Christenson will return as RockHounds manager

From staff reports

The Oakland Athletics announced Monday that Ryan Christenson will return for his second season as the manager of the Midland RockHounds, Oakland's Double-A affiliate minor league club.

Oakland also announced the return of pitching coach John Wasdin, former hitting coach Brian McArn, athletic trainer Justin Whitehouse and strength and conditioning coach Henry Torres to Midland's field staff for the 2016 season.



Christenson

In his first year with the club last season, Christenson managed the RockHounds to the 2015 Texas League Championship, sweeping Northwest Arkansas, 3-0 in the TLCS. Under Christenson's guidance, Midland put together a spectacular 48-22 run in the season's second half to qualify for the postseason. Last season's overall record of 83-57 also set a franchise record for most wins in a season.

Christenson, 41, had spent the previous two seasons managing the Beloit Snappers, Oakland's Single-A affiliate and the Stockton Ports, the A's Single-A Advanced club in 2014.

In his three seasons in Oakland's system, Christenson has compiled a managerial record of 254-174 and has taken his team to the postseason in all three years.

Returning to join Christenson as Midland's pitching coach is John Wasdin who served in the same role last season. Wasdin, a Florida State University alumni who was drafted 25th overall by Oakland in the 1993 draft, mentored a RockHounds pitching staff that led the TL in innings pitched in 2015 despite several injuries throughout the season.

Making his way back to the club after a two-year hiatus is hitting coach Brian McArn. McArn had previously served as the RockHounds' hitting coach in the 2004 and 2013 seasons. McArn is replacing Midland's outgoing hitting coach Eric Martins.

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Gundy: 1-loss Big 12 champ deserves strong playoff look

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy figures there is no reason to be lobbying for a playoff spot if his No. 9 Cowboys rebound from their lone loss to beat Oklahoma for a possible Big 12 title.

"Somebody else is going to make that decision. People ask me, and I don't know that it even matters what I say, just from a standpoint of the people in that room on that committee know how I feel about my team," Gundy said Monday. "I think coaches who are politicking for leverage are just wasting time."

Gundy was then asked during the weekly Big 12 coaches teleconference if an 11-1 team with an outright Big 12 title should get strong consideration for a playoff spot.

"There's teams definitely that are good enough to get in there and compete and win, so I would agree with what you're saying," Gundy responded.

The Cowboys (10-1, 7-1) play at No. 5 Oklahoma (10-1, 7-1) on Saturday, a night after No. 7 Baylor (9-1, 6-1) — the only other team still in Big 12 contention — plays at No. 15 TCU (9-2, 6-2).

With the Big 12 no longer declaring co-champions and instead using a tiebreaker, Oklahoma State can claim the title with a win in Bedlam and a loss by Baylor in one of its last two games. After TCU, the Bears end their regular season Dec. 5 at home against Texas.

Chris Johnson is likely to become Baylor's third starting quarterback of the season Friday against TCU, which played without star quarterback Trevone Boykin (right ankle) and center Joey Hunt in Saturday's 30-29 loss at Oklahoma.

TCU coach Gary Patterson said Hunt was having surgery and wouldn't play, though the coach wouldn't disclose what the injury was. Boykin practiced Sunday with the Frogs.

"He's not 100 percent yet, but every day obviously was far better than he was when we made the decision Friday or Saturday for him not to play," Patterson said on the teleconference. "Hopefully, he'll just

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Associated Press

Baylor coach Art Briles, left, talks with Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy before their game in Stillwater, Okla., on Saturday.

DAILY ROUNDUP

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TV

College Football

Ohio at Northern Illinois, 6:30 p.m., ESPNU

Men's College Basketball

Maui Invitational Consolation, 1 p.m., ESPN2

Maui Invitational Consolation, 3:30 p.m., ESPN2

Legends Classic 3rd Place, 4:30 p.m., ESPNU

TCU vs Rhode Island, 5 p.m., CBSSN

Radford at Penn State, 5 p.m., BTN

Army West Point at Tennessee, 6 p.m., SEC

Maui Invitational Semifinal, 6:30 p.m., ESPN

Legends Classic Championship, 7 p.m., ESPN2

Louisiana Tech at Ohio State, 7 p.m., BTN

UNF at St. Louis, 7 p.m., FCSA/SNY

Illinois State vs Maryland, 7:30 p.m., CBSSN

Valparaiso at Oregon State, 8 p.m., P12/P12 OR

Robert Morris at New Mexico State, 8:30 p.m., FCSP

Maui Invitational Semifinal, 9 p.m., ESPN

CBE Classic Championship, 9 p.m., ESPN2

Cal State Los Angeles at Washington State, 10 p.m., P12/P12 WA

Men's Soccer

UEFA Champions: BATE Borisov vs Bayer Leverkusen, 10:40 a.m., FS1/FXDEP

UEFA Champions: Zenit St. Petersburg vs Valencia, 10:40 a.m., FS2/ESPNDEP

UEFA Champions: Arsenal vs Dinamo Zagreb, 1:30 p.m., FS1

UEFA Champions: Barcelona vs Roma, 1:30 p.m., FS2/ESPNDEP

UEFA Champions: Maccabi Tel Aviv vs Chelsea, 1:30 p.m., FSN (FSSW)

UEFA Champions: Bayern Munich vs Olympiacos, 1:30 p.m., FXDEP

UEFA Champions: Multimatch 90, 1:30 p.m., FSP

National Basketball Association

Boston at Atlanta, 7 p.m., TNT

Dallas at Memphis, 7 p.m., FSSW

L.A. Lakers at Golden State, 9:30 p.m., TNT

National Hockey League

Ottawa at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW+

Calgary at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m., NHL

Women's College Basketball

Utah State at BYU, Noon, BYUtv

LSU-Shreveport at Stephen F. Austin, 7 p.m., ESPN3

Women's College Volleyball

Pepperdine at BYU, 8 p.m., BYUtv

RADIO

National Basketball Association

Dallas at Memphis, 7 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

BOYS BASKETBALL

Lee at Amarillo High, 6 p.m.

Andrews at Sweetwater, 7:30 p.m.

San Angelo Central at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m.

Stanton at Kermit, 8 p.m.

Abilene High at Greenwood, 8 p.m.

Forsan at Grady, 8 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lubbock Coronado at Lee, 6:30 p.m. with art

Andrews at Slaton, 6:30 p.m.

Forsan at Grady, 6:30 p.m.

Miles at Coahoma, 6:30 p.m.

Stanton at Kermit, 6:30 p.m.

Greenwood vs. Lubbock Titans, 7:30 p.m., Lubbock's Rip Griffin Center

Junior college

MEN'S BASKETBALL

MC at Pima College, Tucson, Ariz., 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Midland College at Wayland Baptist University JV, 5 p.m.

Andrews loads up All-District 2-4A team

From staff reports

Andrews junior quarterback Triston Williams was named as the District MVP, while teammate and senior linebacker Keegan Gray was named as the Defensive MVP in the District 2-4A Division I All-District Team just released.

Mustangs head coach Ralph Mason and his staff also were named coach/staff of the year by the district's coaches.

Andrews, the district champion for the second year in a row, dominated the first team all-district selections with 15 total.

Three Mustang wide receivers were named to the first team: Eddie Gabaldon, Keegan Thompson and Devon Fitzgerald. Offensive linemen Sam Robertson and Luis Valenzuela were also named to the first team offense, as well as punter Casey Buck.



Williams



Gray

Robertson was also a first team defensive lineman, while Azam also got first team defensive end honors. Buck and Jovi Lopez were first team linebackers, while Thompson was also a first team defensive back.

Dustin Vargas was named as part of the utility/special teams first team.

2015 District 2-4A Division I Football All-District Team

District MVP: Quarterback Triston Williams, Jr., Andrews

Offensive MVP: Running back Jetius Sr., Clint

Defensive MVP: Linebacker Keegan Gray, Sr., Andrews

Newcomer of the Year: Athlete Jacob Lopez, Fr., San Elizario

Coach/Staff of the Year: Ralph Mason - Andrews

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

Quarterback — David Garcia, Sr., Fabens

Running backs — Jorge Martinez, Sr., Clint

Mountain View; Daniel Zacarias, Sr., Clint; Joseph Acuna, Sr., Clint; Robert Cameron, Sr., San Elizario

Wide receivers — Eddie Gabaldon, Sr., Andrews; Keegan Thompson, Jr., Andrews; Devon Fitzgerald, Sr., Andrews; Josh Ochoa, Jr., Fabens

Tight end — Victor Vargas, Jr., Clint

Center — Ethan Azam, Sr., Andrews

Offensive linemen — Victor Morado, Sr., Fabens; Gabe Gonzales, Sr., Mountain View; Jose Hernandez, Sr., Clint; Sam Robertson, Sr., Andrews; Luis Valenzuela, Sr., Andrews

Punter — Casey Buck, So., Andrews

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

Defensive linemen — Sam Robertson, Sr., Andrews; Brayan Estrada, Sr., Mountain View; Luis Olivarez, Sr., Clint

Defensive ends — Brandon Ware, Jr., Clint; Ethan Azam, Sr., Andrews

Linebackers — Casey Buck, So., Andrews; Jovi Lopez, Jr., Andrews; Brandon Gonzalez, Sr., Fabens; Ricky Lopez, Sr., Mountain View; Miguel Soto, So., Clint

Secondary — Keegan Thompson, Jr., Andrews; Jeffrey Sranick, Jr., Fabens; Jesse Almanza, Sr., Clint

Kicker — Daniel Zacarias, Sr., Clint

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Quarterback — Saul Mesa, Sr., Clint; Omar Salcedo, Sr., San Elizario

Running backs — Trinidad Leal, Sr., Andrews; Joe Castillo, Sr., Mountain View; Clifton Molina, Sr., Mountain View

Wide receivers — Esteban Garcia, Sr., Mountain View; Danny Amezaga, Sr., San Elizario; Keagan Gray, Sr., Andrews; Hayden Rochell, Jr., Andrews; Jovi Lopez, Jr., Andrews

Tight end — Gio Ponce, Jr., Mountain View

Center — Andy Gomez, So., Clint

Offensive linemen — Luis Olivarez, Sr., Clint; Jose Velez, Sr., San Elizario; Fernie Alvarado, Sr., Mountain View; John Benavides, Jr., Andrews

Punter — Jose Chavez, Sr., Fabens

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Defensive linemen — Frankie Silva, Sr., Fabens; Jose Hernandez, Sr., Clint; John Benavides, Jr., Andrews

Defensive ends — Jon Rodriguez, Sr., Mountain View; Hayden Rochell, Jr., Andrews

Linebackers — Angel Torres, Sr., San Elizario; Ricky Morales, So., Fabens; Eric Rivera, Sr., Clint

Secondary — Beau Nemrel, So., Andrews; Angel Compoya, Sr., Clint; Damien Pena, Jr., Mountain View; Robert Carreon, Sr., San Elizario

Kicker — Miguel Hernandez, Jr., San Elizario

UTILITY/SPECIAL TEAMS

Dustin Vargas, Sr., Andrews; David Jasso, Jr., Clint; Juan Velasquez, So., Fabens; Noe Contreras, Sr., San Elario

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PAIRINGS

CLASS 6A DIVISION I

REGION I

Regional

Amarillo Tascosa (10-2) vs. Denton Ryan (12-0), 1 p.m. Saturday, Amarillo's Bivins Stadium

Arlington Martin (10-2) vs. Allen (12-0), 5:30 p.m. Friday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

Region II

Regional

Garland Rowlett (10-2) vs. Humble Atascosita (11-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Waco's McLane Stadium

North Mesquite (10-2) vs. Austin Westlake (11-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Waco ISD Stadium

REGION III

Regional

Cypress Falls (11-1) vs. Galena Park North Shore (9-3), 4 p.m. Friday, Houston's NRG Stadium

Houston Lamar (11-1) vs. Dickinson (11-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Houston's NRG Stadium

Region IV

Regional

Converse Judson (11-1) vs. Laredo United (10-2), 4 p.m. Friday, Converse

Smithson Valley (9-3) vs. Harlingen (10-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Corpus Christi's Buccaneer Stadium

CLASS 5A DIVISION II

REGION I

Regional

San Angelo Central (10-1) vs. Denton Guyer (9-3), 2 p.m. Friday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

Arlington Lamar (11-1) vs. Mansfield (10-2), 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

REGION II

Regional

Rockwall (9-3) vs. Spring (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Waco ISD Stadium

Waco Midway (9-3) vs. Lake Travis (12-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Temple

REGION III

Regional

Katy (12-0) vs. Friendswood (8-4), noon Friday, Houston's NRG Stadium

Houston Stroke Jesuit (8-4) vs. Manvel (10-2), 8 p.m. Friday, Houston's NRG Stadium

REGION IV

Regional

Cibolo Steele (12-0) vs. Del Rio (9-3), 8 p.m. Friday, San Marcos Bobcat Stadium

Schertz-Clemens (10-2) vs. San Benito (10-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Kingsville's Javelina Stadium

CLASS 5A DIVISION I

REGION I

Regional

Canyon Randall (11-1) vs. Burleson Centennial (9-3), 4 p.m. Saturday, Sweetwater

Abilene Cooper (7-5) vs. Aledo (11-1), 6 p.m. Friday, Aledo

REGION II

REGIONAL

Wylie (8-4) vs. Longview (10-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

Mesquite Poteet (9-3) vs. Mansfield Lake Ridge (12-0), 9 p.m. Saturday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

REGION III

Regional

Temple (11-1) vs. Richmond Foster (10-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Cypress' Berry Center

Bryan (9-3) vs. Richmond George Ranch (12-0), 4 p.m. Saturday, Houston's TDECU Stadium

REGION IV

Regional

Austin Vandegrift (10-2) vs. Edinburg Vela (12-0), 1:30 p.m. Friday, San Antonio's Alamo Stadium

Cedar Park Vista Ridge (10-2) vs. Victoria West (11-1), 6 p.m. Friday, San Antonio's Heroes Stadium

CLASS 5A DIVISION II

REGION I

Regional

Canyon (10-2) vs. Everman (8-4), 4 p.m. Saturday, Vernon

EP Eastlake (11-1) vs. Lake Dallas (10-2), 4 p.m. Friday, Midland's Grande Stadium

REGION II

Regional

Frisco Lone Star (11-1) vs. Marshall (11-1), 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

Temple (11-1) vs. Lancaster (8-3), 6 p.m. Friday, Grand Prairie's Gopher-Warrior Bowl

REGION III

Regional

A&M Consolidated (9-3) vs. Fort Bend Ridge Point (9-3), 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Houston's NRG Stadium

College Station (10-2) vs. Angleton (7-5), 7 p.m. Friday, Shenandoah's Woodforest Stadium

REGION IV

Regional

Cedar Park (12-0) vs. Edcouch-Elsa (8-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Antonio's Alamo Stadium

Boerne Champion (9-3) vs. CC Calallen (10-2), 1:30 p.m. Friday, Corpus Christi's Buccaneer Stadium

CLASS 4A DIVISION I

REGION I

Regional

Mingus Wells (10-2) vs. Brownwood (10-2), 1 p.m. Friday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium

Abilene Wylie (10-2) vs. Levelland (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Midland's Grande Stadium

REGION II

Regional

Kennedale (12-0) vs. Argyle (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dallas' Ford Stadium

Texarkana Liberty-Eylau (11-1) vs. Kaufman (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Royse City

REGION III

Regional

El Campo (9-3) vs. Silsbee (10-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Conroe's Moorhead Stadium

Navasota (12-0) vs. Carthage (9-3), 6 p.m. Friday, Beaumont's Umphrey Stadium

REGION IV

Regional

Waco La Vega (12-0) vs. Liberty Hill (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Killeen's Buckley Stadium

Gatesville (6-6) vs. China Spring (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Hewitt

CLASS 4A DIVISION II

REGION I

Regional

Krum (7-5) vs. Sweetwater (12-0), 2 p.m. Friday, Sweetwater

Celina (12-0) vs. Perryton (7-5), 7 p.m. Friday, Vernon

REGION II

Regional

Gilmer (12-0) vs. Center (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Tyler's Rose Stadium

Lorena (9-3) vs. Atlanta (8-4), 7 p.m. Friday, Mesquite's Memorial Stadium

REGION III

Regional

West Orange-Stark (11-1) vs. Caldwell (8-4), 7 p.m. Friday, Porter

Giddings (12-0) vs. Bellville (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bryan's Green Stadium

REGION IV

Regional

Geronimo Navarro (11-0) vs. Cuero (7-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Antonio's Gustafson Stadium

Sinton (11-0) vs. Wimberley (5-7), 2 p.m. Saturday, San Antonio's Alamo Stadium

CLASS 3A DIVISION I

REGION I

Regional

Muleshoe (11-1) vs. Shallowater (9-2), 6 p.m. Friday, Levelland

Wall (12-0) vs. Brock (12-0), 8 p.m. Friday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium

REGION II

Regional

White Oak (10-2) vs. Sunnyvale (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Van

Callisburg (10-2) vs. Mineola (12-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Royse City

REGION III

Regional

Grandview (11-0) vs. Cameron Yoe (11-1), 1 p.m. Friday, Waco ISD Stadium

Teague (10-1) vs. West (11-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Midlothian

REGION IV

Regional

Goliad (8-4) vs. Mathis (10-2), 2 p.m. Friday, San Marcos' Bobcat Stadium

Hitchcock (12-0) vs. Alice Price (6-6), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Rosenberg

CLASS 3A DIVISION II

REGION I

Regional

Idalou (11-0) vs. Coleman (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sweetwater

Henrietta (11-1) vs. Eastland (10-2), 6 p.m. Friday, Graham

REGION II

Regional

New London West Rusk (11-1) vs. Omaha Pewitt (8-4), 6 p.m. Thursday, Longview's Lobo Stadium

Arp (7-5) vs. Waskom (12-0), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Longview's Pirate Stadium

REGION III

Regional

Corrigan-Camden (8-4) vs. Crockett (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lufkin

Newton (8-4) vs. Franklin (12-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Henderson

REGION IV

Regional

East Bernard (10-2) vs. Blanco (12-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Bastrop

Odem (12-0) vs. Boling (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Seguin

CLASS 2A DIVISION I

REGION I

Regional

Canadian (12-0) vs. Anson (7-5), 2 p.m. Friday, Plainview

Wellington (7-5) vs. Stratford (11-1), 2 p.m. Friday, Amarillo's Bivins Stadium

REGION II

Regional

Tolar (8-4) vs. Bosqueville (8-4), 6 p.m. Friday, Venus

Goldthwaite (10-2) vs. Crawford (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Copperas Cove

REGION III

Regional

Centerville (6-6) vs. Shelbyville (11-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Bullard

Bedville (11-1) vs. Lovelady (12-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Tyler's Rose Stadium

REGION IV

Regional

Weimar (9-3) vs. Refugio (10-2), 6 p.m. Friday, Victoria

Shiner (12-0) vs. Flatonia (7-5), 7 p.m. Friday, El Campo

CLASS 2A DIVISION II

REGION I

Regional

Memphis (6-6) vs. Crosbyton (11-1), 2 p.m. Friday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field

Quanah (8-4) vs. Seagraves (11-1), 3 p.m. Friday, Sweetwater

REGION II

Regional

Iraan (12-0) vs. Roscoe (8-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Angelo Stadium

Seymour (10-2) vs. Albany (11-1), 1 p.m. Friday, Graham

REGION III

Regional

Muenster (11-1) vs. Hubbard 10-2), 6 p.m. Friday, Mansfield's Newsom Stadium

Tenaha (7-5) vs. Normangee (10-2), 2 p.m. Friday, Pflugerville

REGION IV

Regional

Bremond (12-0) vs. Falls City (12-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Lago Vista

Yoakum (10-2) vs. Bruni (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, CC Flour Bluff

CLASS 1A SIX-MAN DIVISION I

REGION I

State Quarterfinals

Happy (12-0) vs. Bordan County (12-0), 6 p.m. Saturday, Wolfforth

REGION II

State Quarterfinals

Garden City (11-1) vs. Crowell (8-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Abilene's Moore Stadium

REGION III

State Quarterfinals

Zephyr (10-2) vs. Rochelle (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Saba

REGION IV

State Quarterfinals

Abbott (10-2) vs. Milford (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Hillsboro

CLASS 1A SIX-MAN DIVISION II

REGION I

State Quarterfinals

Follett (10-1) vs. Southland (11-1), TBD

REGION II

State Quarterfinals

Balmorhea (11-1) vs. Imperial Buena Vista (12-0), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Port Stockton

REGION III

State Quarterfinals

Matador Motley County 62, Forestburg 16

Guthrie (10-2) vs. Matador Motley County (10-2), 6 p.m. Friday, Childress

REGION IV

State Quarterfinals

Richland Springs (12-0) vs. Jonesboro (12-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Early

YOUTH SPORTS

Diving

PUMP JACK CLASSIC

Here are results from the Pump Jack Classic held over the weekend at the City of Midland Aquatics Center.

COM winners are listed only.

Girls

9 & under

FC platform — 1 Landree Townsend .59.50

FC 1 meter — 1 Landree Townsend .100.50

Elite 1 meter — 1 Ella Warsaw .108.15

FC 3 meter — 1 Trinity .84.00

FC Black 3 meter — 1 Madyson Haynie .95.25

Elite 3 meter — 1 Ella Warsaw .105.00

10-11

Novice 1 meter — 1 Ashley Mamer .129.75

11 & under

Elite 1 meter — 1 Georgia Austin .172.35

Elite platform — 1 Georgia Austin .163.10

12-13

1 meter — 1 Meemarie Mckown .99.70

12-13

Elite 1 meter — 1 Averi Mcquitty .217.75

13-up

1 meter — 1 Hannah Fulton .89.00

FC Yellow 3 meter — 1 Hannah Fulton .81.00

14-15

Elite 1 meter — 1 Toree Eastwood .281.85

Elite platform — 1 Toree Easterwood .238.05

Elite 3 meter — 1 Toree Eastwood .299.45

16 & up

Elite 1 meter — 1 Tana Gilliland .402.40

Elite platform — 1 Tana Gilliland .510.55

Elite 3 meter — 1 Tana Gilliland .477.65

Boys

9 & under

FC platform — 1 Elijah Hood .64.00

3 meters — 1 Dominic Coppo .94.50

Novice platform — 1 Cody Munoz .71.50

FC Yellow 1 meter — 1 Levi Gaines .98.00

FC Black 1 meter — 1 Keagan Hickabay .105.20

11 & under

Elite 1 meter — 1 Quinton Klingensmith .158.50

16 & up

Elite 3 meter — 1 Garrett Martin .425.10

Mixed

13 & up

Elite synchro 1 meter springboard — 1 Nicholas Stone-Aven Mcquitty .240.90

Elite synchro platform — 1 Barrett Jacoby Chloe McKnight .163.40

14 & up

Elite synchro platform — 1 Sophia Mcaltee-Tann Gilliland .328.35

Elite 3 meter springboard — 1 Sophia Mcaltee-Tann Gilliland .310.20

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Named Aaron Howard minor league outfield and base running instructor.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Named Gil Patterson minor league pitching coordinator, Jim Eppard minor league hitting coordinator, Juan Navarrete minor league defensive coordinator, Rick Rodriguez pitching coach and Eric Martins hitting coach for Nashville (PCL), Brian McAnn hitting coach and Henry Torres strength and conditioning coach for Midland (Texas), Steve Connelly pitching coach, Tommy Everidge hitting coach and Sean Doran strength and conditioning coach for Stockton (Cal). Don Schulze pitching coach, Juan Dilone hitting coach and Matt Rutledge strength and conditioning coach for Beloit (MWL), and Ruben Escalera hitting coach for the Arizona Rookie League team.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Named Casey Candaele first base coach and Mike Hampton bullpen coach. Signed C Chris Ianetta to a one-year contract. Designated C John Hicks for assignment.

National League

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Named Dave Roberts manager.

International League

TOLEDO MUD HENS — Named Lloyd McClendon manager.

American Association

LAREDO LEMURS — Traded RHP Greg Hoile, INF Ty Forney and RHP BJ Hyatt to Sussex County (Can-Am) for LHP Joe Testa and RHP Rett Varner.

WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Signed INF Casey Hamilton.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NBA — Fined Atlanta coach Mike Budenholzer $25,000 for making incidental contact with a game official during a Nov. 21 game at Cleveland.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CHICAGO BEARS — Waived QB Jimmy Clausen. Signed QB David Fales from the practice squad. Terminated the practice squad contract of CB Terrance Mitchell.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Signed LB James Morris and CB Tramain Jacobs to the practice squad.

NEW YORK JETS — Waived LB Quinton Copies. Signed S Ronald Martin to the practice squad.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed TE Je Ron Hamm from the practice squad. Waived TE Anthony McCoy. Signed DBs Derrick Mathews and Lynden Trail to the practice squad. Released CB Deveron Carr from the practice squad.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ARIZONA COYOTES — Recalled G Louis Domingue from Springfield (AHL). Assigned G Marek Langhamer to Rapid City (ECHL).

American Hockey League

SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Reassigned G Spencer Martin to Fort Wayne (ECHL).

ECHL

READING ROYALS — Acquired G Adam Morrison from Fort Wayne for future considerations. Released G Alex Vazzano.

SOCCER

National Women's Soccer League

CHICAGO RED STARS — Acquired G Alyssa Naeher and a 2016 third-round draft pick from Boston for D Whitney Engen and 2016 and 2017 second-round draft picks.

COLLEGE

AUSTIN PEAY — Fired football coach Kirby Cannon.

FAYETTEVILLE STATE — Announced the retirement of women's basketball coach Eva Patterson-Heath. Named Walter Mebane women's interim basketball coach.

FELICIAN — Announced it will add men's lacrosse in spring of 2017. Named John Giunta men's lacrosse coach.

MONTANA STATE — Fired football coach Rob Ash.

SOUTH DAKOTA — Announced the retirement of football coach Joe Glenn.

SYRACUSE — Fired football coach Scott Shafer, effective at the end of the season.

NFL GLANCE

Patriots 20
Bills 13

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — James White scored the first two touchdowns of his career, one running and one receiving, and the New England Patriots improved to 10-0 on Monday night with a 20-13 victory over the Buffalo Bills.

Tom Brady completed 20 of 39 passes for 277 yards, and the defending Super Bowl champions remained on course for their second perfect regular season in nine years. The Bills (5-5) snapped a two-game winning streak and lost to Brady for the 25th time in 28 games.

The game was filled with mistakes, penalties, injuries and turnovers — including two fumbles on a single punt and an inadvertent whistle that led to one of many lengthy conferences among the officials.

Monday's box score

PATRIOTS 30, BILLS 13

Buffalo	0	3	7	3—13
New England	3	7	10	0—20

First Quarter

NE—FG Gostkowski 35, 7:29

Second Quarter

Buf—FG Carpenter 52, 9:27

NE—White 20 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), :13

Third Quarter

Buf—McCoy 27 run (Carpenter kick), 10:29

NE—White 6 run (Gostkowski kick), 5:56

NE—FG Gostkowski 35, :47

Fourth Quarter

Buf—FG Carpenter 33, 3:30

A—66,829.

	Buf	NE
First downs	16	18
Total Net Yards	319	356
Rushes-yards	30-94	22-85
Passing	225	271
Punt Returns	4-8	3-34
Kickoff Returns	2-30	2-10
Interceptions Ret	1-4	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	20-36-0	20-39-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-8	1-6
Punts	7-45.6	7-41.1
Fumbles-Lost	4-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	5-44	5-61
Time of Possession	32:55	27:05

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Buffalo, McCoy 20-82. Ku.Williams 6-11. Taylor 4-1. New England, Blount 16-56. Bolden 4-15. White 2-14.

PASSING—Buffalo, Taylor 20-36-0-233. New England, Brady 20-39-1-277.

RECEIVING—Buffalo, Hogan 6-95. McCoy 6-41. Woods 4-44. Watkins 3-39. Clay 1-14.

New England, Amendola 9-117. LaFell 4-66. Gronkowski 2-37. White 2-32. Dobson 1-17. Blount 1-5. Chandler 1-3.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Buffalo, Carpenter 48 (WR). New England, Gostkowski 54 (WR).

Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	10	0	0	1.000	323	182
Buffalo	5	5	0	.500	244	227
N.Y. Jets	5	5	0	.500	234	208
Miami	4	6	0	.400	205	249
South						
Indianapolis	5	5	0	.500	224	248
Houston	5	5	0	.500	208	228
Jacksonville	4	6	0	.400	211	268
Tennessee	2	8	0	.200	182	233
North						
Cincinnati	8	2	0	.800	266	186
Pittsburgh	6	4	0	.600	236	191
Baltimore	3	7	0	.300	226	249
Cleveland	2	8	0	.200	186	277
West						
Denver	8	2	0	.800	222	183
Kansas City	5	5	0	.500	257	198
Oakland	4	6	0	.400	240	259
San Diego	2	8	0	.200	213	282

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	5	5	0	.500	273	253
Washington	4	6	0	.400	221	253
Philadelphia	4	6	0	.400	229	229
Dallas	3	7	0	.300	190	228
South						
Carolina	10	0	0	1.000	299	191
Atlanta	6	4	0	.600	250	214
Tampa Bay	5	5	0	.500	236	254
New Orleans	4	6	0	.400	255	315
North						
Green Bay	7	3	0	.700	249	198
Minnesota	7	3	0	.700	211	184
Chicago	4	6	0	.400	214	251
Detroit	3	7	0	.300	185	274
West						
Arizona	8	2	0	.800	336	216
Seattle	5	5	0	.500	228	192
St. Louis	4	6	0	.400	179	199
San Francisco	3	7	0	.300	139	252

Scores & schedule

Monday's Game

New England 20, Buffalo 13

Thursday, Nov. 26

Philadelphia at Detroit, 11:30 a.m.

Carolina at Dallas, 3:30 p.m.

Chicago at Green Bay, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 29

New Orleans at Houston, noon

Buffalo at Kansas City, noon

Oakland at Tennessee, noon

St. Louis at Cincinnati, noon

Minnesota at Atlanta, noon

N.Y. Giants at Washington, noon

Tampa Bay at Indianapolis, noon

San Diego at Jacksonville, noon

Miami at N.Y. Jets, noon

Arizona at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.

Pittsburgh at Seattle, 3:25 p.m.

New England at Denver, 8:30 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 30

Baltimore at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.

ROMO

From 1C

standing and he responded to the adversity throughout the game," said coach Jason Garrett, who tied Jimmy Johnson for second with 44 victories behind Tom Landry. "I think the guys really feed off of that."

Now comes the tricky part: the short week for a 35-year-old quarterback who must maintain his surgically repaired back and is likely to be sore after getting knocked around a few times by Miami's defensive line.

Romo's worst game last year was a Thanksgiving loss to Philadelphia, and he admitted that he wasn't at his best physically without the normal rest and rehab for his back. This time, however, he doesn't have two months of wear and tear since he's been sitting.

"Oh, I don't know," Romo said when asked about the challenge of getting ready on a short week with Carolina looming. "It could be fun."

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	22	16	4	2	34	78	50
Ottawa	20	10	5	5	25	61	57
Detroit	21	11	8	2	24	49	52
Boston	20	11	8	1	23	66	58
Tampa Bay	22	10	9	3	23	53	50
Florida	21	8	9	4	20	55	56
Toronto	22	7	10	5	19	51	62
Buffalo	21	8	11	2	18	44	57

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	21	16	3	2	34	66	38
Washington	20	14	5	1	29	62	44
Pittsburgh	20	12	6	0	24	45	46
New Jersey	20	11	8	1	23	50	50
N.Y. Islanders	21	10	8	3	23	59	53
Philadelphia	21	7	9	5	19	38	60
Carolina	21	7	10	4	18	40	61
Columbus	22	8	14	0	16	55	71

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	21	17	4	0	34	74	50
St. Louis	22	14	6	2	30	59	53
Minnesota	19	11	5	3	25	57	51
Nashville	20	11	6	3	25	53	51
Chicago	21	11	9	2	24	57	55
Winnipeg	22	10	10	2	22	58	69
Colorado	21	8	12	1	17	60	82

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	21	13	4	4	30	54	46
San Jose	21	13	8	0	26	59	51
Vancouver	22	8	8	6	22	64	60
Arizona	20	10	9	1	21	55	59
Anaheim	21	7	10	4	18	38	55
Calgary	21	8	12	1	17	50	75
Edmonton	21	7	13	1	15	55	64

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

Scores & schedule

Monday's Scores

Boston 4, Toronto 3, SO

St. Louis 2, Buffalo 1

N.Y. Rangers 3, Nashville 0

Philadelphia 3, Carolina 2, OT

Washington 1, Edmonton 0

Los Angeles 3, Florida 1

Colorado 4, Winnipeg 1

Today's Games

Ottawa at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

Calgary at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Nashville at Buffalo, 6 p.m.

Columbus at New Jersey, 6 p.m.

Montreal at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.

St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.

Winnipeg at Washington, 6 p.m.

Edmonton at Carolina, 6 p.m.

Vancouver at Minnesota, 6 p.m.

Philadelphia at N.Y. Islanders, 6:30 p.m.

Boston at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.

Los Angeles at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.

Anaheim at Arizona, 8 p.m.

Ottawa at Colorado, 8:30 p.m.

Chicago at San Jose, 9 p.m.

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Kentucky is No. 1 in men's AP poll after UNC loss

By Gary B. Graves
Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Kentucky is back in a very familiar spot — on top of The Associated Press college basketball poll.

It only took a couple of weeks.

The Wildcats, who were No. 1 every week last season, moved up one spot Monday following North Carolina's loss to Northern Iowa. Kentucky (4-0) beat then-No. 5 Duke in the Champions Classic last week and received 59 first-place votes from the 65-member national media panel.

Though the ranking speaks volumes about the early success of Kentucky's latest talented freshman class, junior forward Marcus Lee said the team still has a lot to learn about themselves. Coach John Calipari even criticized his team for uneven play after Friday's 78-63 win over Wright State.

The Wildcats can't afford many more shaky efforts now that the target is on their backs — again.

"We know we're not where we're meant to be right now," Lee said. "We have a really far way to go to be the best team in the country."

And as Kentucky assistant coach John Robic noted, the goal remains being on top in April. Not that this Wildcats squad will dismiss any recognition after replacing seven players that entered the NBA draft.

"It's kind of a neat thing to be honest with you, for each team that we've had here to have a grasp of it (No. 1)," Robic said. "But knowing it's November, it doesn't mean a whole lot. I'm proud of it and I think our team will be proud of it. ... It's what you shoot for."

Maryland (3-0) moved up one spot to second and received the other six first-place votes.

Michigan State, which beat then-No. 4 Kansas in the Champions Classic, jumped from 13th to third. The Spartans were followed in the top 10 by Iowa State, Kansas, Duke, Oklahoma, Villanova, North Carolina and Gonzaga.

BASKETBALL POLLS

NCAA men

The top 25 teams in the USA Today men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 22, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Kentucky (28)	4-0	772	2
2. Maryland (3)	3-0	736	3
3. Duke	4-1	623	4
4. Michigan State	3-0	614	13
5. Iowa State	2-0	610	7
6. Oklahoma	2-0	561	8
7. Kansas	1-1	555	5
8. North Carolina	3-1	554	1
9. Villanova	4-0	552	8
10. Arizona	4-0	530	10
11. Gonzaga	2-0	492	12
12. Virginia	4-1	488	6
13. California	3-0	377	14
14. Indiana	3-0	327	15
15. Purdue	5-0	282	23
16. Vanderbilt	3-0	260	17
17. LSU	4-0	220	19
18. Notre Dame	3-0	218	18
19. Miami	5-0	216	—
20. Wichita State	2-1	200	11
21. UConn	3-0	164	24
22. West Virginia	3-0	145	22
23. Oregon	4-0	124	—
24. Cincinnati	4-0	82	—
25. Baylor	2-1	77	21

Others receiving votes: Utah 73, Louisville 51, Butler 47, Xavier 44, Texas A&M 41, Michigan 15, George Washington 12, Dayton 10, Tulsa 6, Davidson 3, Iowa 3, New Mexico 3, Northern Iowa 3, Washington 3, Colorado State 1, Georgetown 1.

Women

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 22, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. UConn (32)	1-0	800	1
2. South Carolina	4-0	759	2
3. Notre Dame	3-0	702	3
4. Tennessee	3-0	702	4
5. Baylor	4-0	665	5
6. Maryland	3-0	609	6
7. Oregon St.	3-0	585	7
8. Mississippi St.	2-0	527	10
9. Texas	3-0	527	11
10. Texas A&M	4-0	518	12
11. Ohio St.	2-2	452	7
12. Kentucky	4-0	439	13
13. Stanford	3-0	433	15
14. Florida St.	2-1	378	9
15. Duke	3-1	341	14
16. Arizona St.	1-1	288	18
17. California	3-0	288	21
18. South Florida	2-1	257	19
19. Northwestern	3-0	251	20
20. Michigan St.	2-0	184	23
21. Oklahoma	3-1	114	17
22. Louisville	0-2	108	16
23. Syracuse	1-1	103	25
24. George Washington	2-1	83	22
25. Iowa	4-0	74	—

Others receiving votes: DePaul 58, Seton Hall 58, UCLA 41, Dayton 11, Princeton 11, Arkansas 6, Nebraska 6, Oklahoma St. 7, Florida 6, Missouri 5, Creighton 5, NC State 4, W. Kentucky 4, Penn St. 3, Miami 1, Washington 1.

HSBASKETBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Boys

AMARILLO PALO DURO 61 LEE 48

AMARILLO — Amarillo Palo outscored Lee, 32-13, in the first quarter en route to a 33-point victory on Monday.

James Lydia led Lee (0-3) with 13 points. Taye Britt finished second on the Rebels with nine points, all coming on 3s.

Palo Duro's Jaqualyn Gilbreath scored a game-high 19 points, while his teammate Tre'vanh Fillmore added 17.

Lee will stay in the Panhandle overnight and visit Amarillo High today for a 6 p.m. tipoff.

AMARILLO PALO DURO 81, LEE 48
Lee (0-3) — Jacob Marquez 4, Taye Britt 9, Avery Chambers 9, Cory Sutton 3, Brady Cain 8, James Lydia 13, Rhequan Strambler 2
Palo Duro — Gilbreath 19, Aragon 8, Blount 3, White 6, Mohamed 13, Camp 3, Fillmore 17, May 8, Burns 6

Lee	13	10	10	7 —48
Palo Duro	32	18	14	19 —81

Free throws — Lee 2-4, Palo Duro 21-26. 3-point goals — Lee 6 (Britt 3, Chambers 2, Sutton), Palo Duro 10 (Gilbreath 5, Aragon, Blount, Fillmore 9). Total fouls — Lee 29, Palo Duro 11. Next: Lee at Amarillo High, 6 p.m. today

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 89 FORT STOCKTON 56

FORT STOCKTON — Daniel Venzant torched Fort Stockton for a game-high 45 points as the Midland Christian boys basketball team rolled to an 89-56 win on Monday in non-district action.

Venzant hit six of the Mustangs' 11 3-pointers in the win. Bryce Waters and Colton Snively each added 12 points for MCS (4-3), which led, 57-29 at halftime.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 89, FORT STOCKTON 56
MCS (4-3) — Daniel Venzant 45, Ryne Rogers 2, Bryce Waters 12, Evan McKinney 4, Jordan Riley 10, Colton Snively 12, Brett Thomason 2, Joel Contreras 2
Fort Stockton — Shorter 9, Rios 3, Garcia 3, Acosta 10, Hernandez 16, Herrera 10, Guerra 2

MCS	30	27	23	9 —89
Fort Stockton	11	18	10	17 —56

Free throws — MCS 20-25, Fort Stockton 13-23. 3-point goals — MCS 11 (Venzant 6, Waters 4, Snively), Fort Stockton 5 (Rios, Garcia, Hernandez 2, Herrera). Total fouls — MCS 20, Fort Stockton 22. Fouled out — Shorter, Acosta

MIDLAND CLASSICAL 58, LUBBOCK ALL SAINTS 54

The Gladson brothers each scored in double figures to propel the Knights past the Patriots on Monday at MCA.

Blake Gladson led MCA with 19 points, while his sibling Heath chipped in with 16 points. Blake Gladson drained four 3s in the triumph.

Marshall McCray also scored in double digits for the Knights with 10 points.

After Thanksgiving weekend, MCA resumes play with an 8 p.m. road date at Forsan on Tuesday, Dec. 1.

MIDLAND CLASSICAL 58, LUBBOCK ALL SAINTS 54
All-Saints — Stewart 22, Tipton 3, Harper 3, Berger 5, Hickle 14, Nix 3, Sharp 2, Cate 2
Midland Classical (3-2) — Garrett Sparks 7, Heath Gladson 16, Blake Gladson 19, Marshall McCray 10, Cannon Echols 4, Josh Rabe 2

All-Saints	13	14	11	16 —54
Midland Classical	27	8	7	16 —58

Free throws — All-Saints 9-12, MCA 15-27. 3- point goals — All-Saints 5 (Stewart 1, Harper 1, Hickle 2, Nix 1), MCA 7 — (Sparks 1, H. Gladson 2, B. Gladson 4). Total fouls — All-Saints 20, MCA 14.

Next: MCA at Forsan, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1

Girls

BIG SPRING 72 COAHOMA 36

BIG SPRING — The Big Spring girls basketball team used a 34-17 run in the first half to race past Coahoma, 72-36 on Monday in a non-district game.

The Lady Steers won easily despite missing all six of their 3-point attempts and converting just 12 of their 26 free throws.

Coahoma individual and team stats were unavailable.

BIG SPRING 72, COAHOMA 36
Big Spring — Overton 7, Striegler 1, Simer 5, Hollgerson 2, Martinez 12, Grant 3, Grant 4, Castilaw 8
Coahoma

Coahoma	6	11	11	8 —36
Big Spring	12	22	19	19 —72

Free throws — Big Spring 12-26. 3-point goals — Big Spring 0. Total fouls — Big Spring 22. Fouled out — Martinez.
Next: Big Spring at Pecos, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 1. Grady at Coahoma, 6:30 p.m. Dec. 1

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SPURS 96 SUNS 84

SAN ANTONIO — Kawhi Leonard had 24 points and 13 rebounds and the San Antonio Spurs held the Phoenix Suns to season-low production in a 98-84 victory on Monday night.

Phoenix was averaging 106.5 points per game, but was held to season-lows in the first half (34) and total points and committed a season-high 28 turnovers.

Tony Parker had 20 points and eight assists and Danny Green added 18 points on 4-for-9 shooting on 3-pointers for San Antonio, which is off to an 11-3 start.

Markieff Morris had 28 points and Brandon Knight added 18 points for Phoenix.

LaMarcus Aldridge missed his second straight game with a mild sprain of his left ankle, but the Spurs were able to collect their second victory without their major offseason acquisition.

CAVALIERS 117 MAGIC 110

CLEVELAND — LeBron James joined Oscar Robertson on an exclusive NBA list and Kevin Love scored a season-high 35 points as the Cleveland Cavaliers remained unbeaten at home with a 117-103 win over the Orlando Magic on Monday night.

James had 15 points and 13 assists and joined Robertson, the legendary "Big O," as the only players in league history to rank in the top 25 in career points and assists.

With his fifth assist, James moved past Norm Nixon (6,386) into 25th place and moved alongside Robertson, who finished his Hall of Fame career with 26,710 points and 9,887 assists. James will soon eclipse Robertson's scoring total and the unselfish superstar is a good bet to pass the guard on the assist list as well.

Love scored 27 in the first half for the Cavs, now 8-0 at home and an Eastern Conference-leading 11-3.

Andrew Nicholson scored 18 and Evan Fournier had 13 points for the Magic. Orlando has dropped 11 straight to Cleveland.

HEAT 95 KNICKS 78

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh each scored 16 points, and Miami snapped New York's four-game winning streak.

Goran Dragic had 13 points and nine assists for the Heat, who went on a 36-8 run in the first half. Tyler Johnson scored 12, and Hassan Whiteside had 11 points and 11 rebounds.

Miami would eventually lead by as many as 26, both its biggest advantage and the Knicks' biggest deficit so far this season. The Knicks hadn't even trailed by double figures in any of their last eight games.

Carmelo Anthony scored 21 points for New York, which has lost 13 of its last 16 games in Miami. Rookie Kristaps Porzingis had 20 points and 14 rebounds.

HORNETS 127 KINGS 122, OT

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Kemba Walker scored 39 points, and Charlotte battled back from 22 points down in the second half to beat Sacramento in overtime.

Nicolas Batum had 18 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists for the Hornets, who have won four of their last five games. Jeremy Lin had seven of his 14 points in overtime.

It was the second-largest comeback in franchise history.

DeMarcus Cousins had 30 points and 11 rebounds for Sacramento, and Rudy Gay had 28 points and 10 boards. Rajon Rondo had 14 points and 20 assists.

BUCKS 109 PISTONS 88

MILWAUKEE — Greg Monroe had 20 points and 13 rebounds in his first game against his former team, leading the Milwaukee Bucks to a 109-88 victory over the Detroit Pistons on Monday night.

Milwaukee had seven players score in double figures, including each of its starters. Giannis Antetokounmpo had 17 points, Khris Middleton scored 16 and Jerryd Bayless had 14 points.

The Bucks had lost three straight and five of six.

Andre Drummond had 15 points and 15 rebounds for Detroit, but appeared to hurt himself late in the second quarter. He walked slowly up the court holding his left side after trying to defend Monroe.

TIMBERWOLVES 100 76ERS 95

MINNEAPOLIS — Andrew Wiggins scored 17 of his 32 points in the fourth quarter to help the Minnesota Timberwolves keep Philadelphia winless on the season with a 100-95 victory over the 76ers on Monday night.

Kevin Garnett had eight points and 10 rebounds and the Timberwolves (6-8) won at home for the first time in seven games this season. They dropped Philadelphia to 0-15 and avoided another embarrassing home loss to the Sixers, who snapped an 0-17 start to last season with a win at Target Center.

Jahlil Okafor had 25 points, 12 rebounds and two blocks for Philadelphia and thoroughly outplayed No. 1 overall pick Karl-Anthony Towns, who played just 19 minutes because of foul trouble. The Sixers led by 13 in the first half and by five with 2:30 to play but once again couldn't hold on.

THUNDER 111 JAZZ 89

SALT LAKE CITY — Kevin Durant had 27 points and six rebounds in his return from a hamstring injury, and the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the Utah Jazz 111-89 on Monday night.

Durant was 10 for 13 from the field in his first game since he got hurt Nov. 10 at Washington. Russell Westbrook narrowly missed his third triple-double of the season with 20 points, seven rebounds and nine assists.

The Thunder ran away with the game in the second quarter, outscoring the Jazz 40-26 and shooting 14 for 19 from the field.

Gordon Hayward led the Jazz with 19 points. Derrick Favors had 11 points, seven rebounds and two blocks, and Rudy Gobert finished with 10 points.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	9	6	.600	—
Boston	7	6	.538	1
New York	8	7	.533	1
Brooklyn	3	11	.214	5½
Philadelphia	0	15	.000	9

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	10	4	.692	—
Atlanta	9	6	.600	1
Washington	6	4	.600	1½
Charlotte	8	6	.571	1½
Orlando	6	8	.429	3½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	11	3	.786	—
Chicago	8	4	.667	2
Indiana	8	5	.615	2½
Detroit	7	7	.500	4
Milwaukee	6	8	.429	5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	11	3	.786	—
Dallas	9	5	.643	2
Memphis	7	7	.500	4
Houston	5	9	.357	6
New Orleans	3	11	.214	8

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	9	6	.600	—
Utah	7	6	.462	2
Minnesota	6	8	.429	2½
Denver	6	8	.429	2½
Portland	6	9	.400	3

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	15	0	1.000	—
Phoenix	7	7	.500	7½
L.A. Clippers	6	7	.462	8
Sacramento	5	10	.333	10
L.A. Lakers	2	11	.154	12

Scores & schedule

Monday's Scores
Cleveland 117, Orlando 103
Charlotte 127, Sacramento 122, OT
Miami 95, New York 78
Minnesota 100, Philadelphia 95
Milwaukee 109, Detroit 88
San Antonio 98, Phoenix 84
Oklahoma City 111, Utah 89

Today's Games
Indiana at Washington, 6 p.m.
Dallas at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Boston at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Denver, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Portland, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

SURGE

From 1C

"We got fired up in the locker room and came out and started to take it to the basket a little more. We definitely came out with a little more fire so that definitely helped us."

Lady Knights freshman center Lizabelle Russell brought an added dimension to her team's athleticism in the backcourt.

The 5-foot-11 paint presence scored eight points, exhibiting nifty post moves near the hoop. Russell grabbed a team-high seven rebounds and registered two blocks despite not starting the game.

"She was big on the boards," MCA co-head coach Carla Cuneen said. "She was actually the only one rebounding in the first half offensively. We gave her a start there in the second half and I think she provides a nice big body down low that we've never had at MCA."

The Lady Knights' second-half dominance overshadowed a fine performance by Midland Christian sophomore Blaire Neatherlin, who recorded a double-double with 15 points and 13 rebounds.

MCS guard Megan Ashton did a splendid job on the glass as well, notching 10 rebounds.

"They do a great job of (rebounding)," Midland Christian head coach Amy Daniels said of the pair. "They know how to get to the rim after they rebound. We worked on that. I appreciate the fact that they have been coachable in that area."

Despite the success in rebounding, MCS had difficulty generating turnovers on the Lady Knights' ball handlers, registering only three steals in the entire game.

Furthermore, the Lady Mustangs struggled to make field goals in the second half as they were held to one in the third quarter.

"We were just too up and down in the third quarter," said Daniels, whose team only suited seven girls on Monday night. "A team like Classical, you can't give an inch and we gave an inch and they took advantage of it."

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MIDLAND CLASSICAL 48
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 33
Midland Classical (3-1) — Alissa Beattie 15, Delanie Griffin 11, Ellen Haass 2, Morgen Jones 4, Lizabelle Russell 8, Makenna Beattie 8
Midland Christian 4-4 — McKenzie Fryar 4, Megan Ashton 5, Kayla Ackerman 6, Daniella Arratia 2, Blaire Neatherlin 15, Avery McKinley 1

MCA	9	7	12	20 —48
MCS	10	7	2	14 —33

Free throws — MCA 5-7, MCS 10-19. 3-point goals — MCA 3 (A. Beattie 2, M. Beattie), MCS 1 (Fryar 1). Total fouls — MCA 15, MCS 9. Fouled out — M. Beattie

Next: MCA at Forsan, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1
MCS at Wall, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1

COLLEGEBASKETBALLROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Texas teams

BAYLOR 100 SAVANNAH STATE 61

WACO — Johnathan Motley had 21 points and 10 rebounds, and Baylor beat Savannah State 100-61 on Monday night.

Taurean Prince added 20 points, including 5 of 9 3-pointers, and had nine assists for the Bears (3-1).

On the same day the Bears fell out of the AP Top 25, they hit the 100-point mark against a Division I opponent for the first time since a 112-66 win over Long Beach State on March 20, 2013.

Lenjo Kilo had 13 points and Chris Martin 11 for Savannah State (3-2), which turned it over 20 times.

Rico Gathers had 16 points for Baylor.

Top 25

NO. 3 MICHIGAN ST. 89 EASTERN MICHIGAN 65

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Javon Bess scored nine of his 13 points in the first half and matched a season high with six rebounds to help No. 3 Michigan State pull away to beat Eastern Michigan 89-65 on Monday night.

The Spartans (4-0) were sluggish early in the game. But they led 40-25 at halftime and were ahead by 28 midway through the second half.

The Eagles (2-2) were led by Ty Toney' 18 points and Willie Mangum, who scored 10.

Michigan State's Denzel Valentine had 12 points, nine rebounds and seven assists. Deyonta Davis scored 16 points and blocked five shots. Bryn Forbes scored 12 and Eron Harris added 10 points for the Spartans.

NO. 4 IOWA STATE 83 CHATTANOOGA 63

AMES, Iowa — Naz Mitrou-Long scored 24 points, Georges Niang added 19 and Iowa State beat Chattanooga for its third straight win.

Monte Morris had 14 points and 10 assists for his second career double-double with the Cyclones (3-0). They celebrated their highest ranking since the 1996-97 season by hitting a season-high 14 3s — including six from Mitrou-Long.

NO. 5 KANSAS 123 CHAMINADE 72

LAHAINA, Hawaii — Wayne Selden Jr. and Sviatoslav Mykhailiuk both scored 18 points to lead seven Kansas players in double figures and the fifth-ranked Jayhawks cruised past Chaminade in the opening round of the Maui Jim Maui Invitational.

Devonte Graham had 15 points, Frank Mason III had 14, Landen Lucas had 13 and Hunter Mickelson and Perry Ellis both had 11 for the Jayhawks, who shot 64.4 percent from the field (47 for 73).

WAKE FOREST 82 NO. 13 INDIANA 78

LAHAINA, Hawaii (AP) — Bryant Crawford's driving layup with 3.2 seconds to play gave Wake Forest the lead and the Demon Deacons beat Indiana in the opening round of the Maui Jim Maui Invitational.

Crawford had the ball at the head of the key for about eight seconds before he put his down and drove to the basket to give Wake Forest (3-1) the lead for good. After Indiana turned the ball over on a long pass, John Collins made two free throws with .7 seconds left for the final margin.

NO. 19 VANDERBILT 92 ST. JOHN'S 55

LAHAINA, Hawaii (AP) — Jeff Roberson had 11 points and 13 rebounds for Vanderbilt, which opened the game with a 27-4 run en route to a victory over St. John's in the opening round of the Maui Invitational.

The Commodores (4-0) will meet Wake Forest, who beat No. 13 Indiana 82-78, in the semifinals today.

MARQUETTE 81 NO. 22 LSU 80

NEW YORK — Jajuan Johnson hit the winning free throws with 10.8 seconds remaining and Marquette survived a frenetic finish to defeat No. 22 LSU 81-80 on Monday night in the semifinals of the Legends Classic.

Marquette will face the winner of North Carolina State and Arizona State in today's championship game.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL GLANCE

Scores

SOUTHWEST
Baylor 100, Savannah St. 61
Idaho 85, North Texas 63
Samford 83, Troy 79
Texas A&M-CC 78, St. Edward's 50
MIDWEST
Augustana (SD) 94, Wayne (Neb.) 69
Detroit 122, Michigan-Dearborn 70
Grand Valley St. 83, Grace Bible 57
Illinois St. 82, Chicago St. 79
Iowa St. 83, Chattanooga 63
Michigan St. 89, E. Michigan 65
Minot St. 77, Maryville St. 59
Montana St.-Billings 98, Mary 92, OT
W. Michigan 85, Rochester (Mich.) 73
Xavier 76, N. Kentucky 66
EAST
Cornell 76, Penn St.-Harrisburg 47
La Salle 83, Lafayette 75
Providence 83, NJIT 76
Susquehanna 97, Lycoming 86
Thiel 81, La Roche 66
West Virginia 97, Bethune-Cookman 44
SOUTH
Asbury 65, Salem International 45
Belmont 86, South Alabama 85
Bowling Green 82, Florida Gulf Coast 77
Centre 81, Transylvania 46
Crayon St. 82, Chestnut Hill 75
Davidson 77, Mercer 71
Jacksonville 92, Thomas (Ga.) 64
Kennesaw St. 71, IUPUI 63
Morgan St. 68, Goldey Beacom 60
Shaw 84, Bluefield St. 60
Stetson 101, Fort Valley St. 72
Texas-Arlington 68, Memphis 64
William Carey 84, Southern Miss. 78
Youngstown St. 79, North Dakota 69
TOURNAMENT
CBE HALL OF FAME CLASSIC
First Round
Kansas St. 66, Missouri 42
North Carolina 80, Northwestern 69
FANDUEL LEGENDS CLASSIC
First Round
Marquette 81, LSU 80
GULF COAST SHOWCASE
First Round
Michigan St. 89, E. Michigan 65
Minot St. 77, Maryville St. 59
Montana St.-Billings 98, Mary 92, OT
W. Michigan 85, Rochester (Mich.) 73
Xavier 76, N. Kentucky 66
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Cornell 76, Penn St.-Harrisburg 47
La Salle 83, Lafayette 75
Providence 83, NJIT 76
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West Virginia 97, Bethune-Cookman 44
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Morgan St. 68, Goldey Beacom 60
Shaw 84, Bluefield St. 60
Berea 70, Boyce 63

Schedule

TODAY
SOUTHWEST
Troy vs. Idaho at the Super Pit, Denton, Texas, 5 p.m.
Incarnate Word at Oklahoma, 7 p.m.
SE Missouri at Texas Rio Grande Valley, 7 p.m.
Samford at North Texas, 7:30 p.m.
Florida A&M at UTEP, 8:05 p.m.
MIDWEST
SE Louisiana at Cincinnati, 6 p.m.
IPFW at Miami (Ohio), 6 p.m.
Mount St. Joseph at Wright St., 6 p.m.
Akron at Green Bay, 7 p.m.
Roosevelt at Ill.-Chicago, 7 p.m.
Ark.-Pine Bluff at Nebraska, 7 p.m.
Louisiana Tech at Ohio St., 7 p.m.
Oakland at S. Illinois, 7 p.m.
Campbell at SIU-Edwardsville, 7 p.m.
North Florida at Saint Louis, 7 p.m.
S. Dakota Mines at South Dakota, 7 p.m.
St. Francis (Pa.) at Kent St., 7:30 p.m.
EAST
Gardner-Webb at George Washington, 10 a.m.
Wheelock at Mass.-Lowell, 3 p.m.
Radford at Penn St., 5 p.m.
New Hampshire at Brown, 6 p.m.
Siena at Bucknell, 6 p.m.
Binghamton at CCSU, 6 p.m.
St. Bonaventure at Canisius, 6 p.m.
Wofford at Columbia, 6 p.m.
Fairleigh Dickinson at Delaware, 6 p.m.
Niagara at Hartford, 6 p.m.
Stony Brook at Loyola (Md.), 6:30 p.m.
NC Central at Quinnipiac, 6:30 p.m.
Colgate at Fordham, 7 p.m.
SOUTH
Fairfield at Md.-Eastern Shore, 4:30 p.m.
Coastal Carolina at Coll. of Charleston, 6 p.m.
E. Mennonite at James Madison, 6 p.m.
St. Francis Brooklyn at Louisville, 6 p.m.
Marshall at Morehead St., 6 p.m.
Winthrop at SC-Upstate, 6 p.m.
Albany (NY) at South Florida, 6 p.m.
Army at Tennessee, 6 p.m.
Jackson St. at Tennessee Tech, 6 p.m.
Presbyterian at VMI, 6 p.m.
NC A&T at Virginia Tech, 6 p.m.
ETSU at Charleston Southern, 6:30 p.m.
Hawassee at W. Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
Dillard at Southern U., 7 p.m.
Reinhardt at Tennessee St., 7 p.m.
Alabama A&M at Jacksonville St., 8 p.m.
Boston U. at Kentucky, 8 p.m.
FAR WEST
Abilene Christian at Colorado St., 8 p.m.
Valparaiso at Oregon St., 8 p.m.
Cal St.-Fullerton at S. Utah, 8 p.m.
Utah Valley at Utah St., 8 p.m.
Robert Morris at New Mexico St., 8:30 p.m.
Alcorn St. at Portland, 9 p.m.
Delaware St. at UC Riverside, 9 p.m.
UC Davis at Sacramento St., 9:05 p.m.
Cal State-LA at Washington St., 10 p.m.
TOURNAMENT
CBE Hall of Fame Classic
At Kansas City, Mo.
Third Place, 6:30 p.m.
Championship, 9 p.m.
Cancun Challenge
At Puerto Aventuras, Mexico
First Round
Mayan Division
Rider vs. Cleveland St., 11:30 a.m.
S. Dakota St. vs. Houston Baptist, 2 p.m.
Riviera Division
TCU vs. Rhode Island, 5 p.m.
Maryland vs. Illinois St., 7:30 p.m.
FanDuel Legends Classic
At Brooklyn, N.Y.
Third Place, 4:30 p.m.
Championship, 6 p.m.
Gulf Coast Showcase
At Fort Myers, Fla.
Semifinals
Milwaukee-Murray St. winner vs. Duquesne-Pepperdine winner, 5 p.m.
Drake-W. Kentucky winner vs. Weber St.-Cent Michigan winner, 7:30 p.m.
Consolation Semifinals
Milwaukee-Murray St. loser vs. Duquesne-Pepperdine loser, 11 a.m.
Drake-W. Kentucky loser vs. Weber St.-Cent Michigan loser, 1:30 p.m.
Maui Jim Maui Invitational
At Lahaina, Hawaii
Semifinals
St. John's-Vanderbilt winner vs. Wake Forest-Indiana winner, 6:30 p.m.
Kansas-Chaminade winner vs. UNLV-UCLA winner, 9 p.m.
Consolation Semifinals
St. John's-Vanderbilt loser vs. Wake Forest-Indiana loser, 1 p.m.
Kansas-Chaminade loser vs. UNLV-UCLA loser, 3:30 p.m.

Strong on Miami job opening: 'I don't run from anything'

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Charlie Strong has spent weeks dismissing rumors he might leave Texas to chase the open job at Miami.

He tried to shut that down once and for all Monday, saying he's staying, adding: "I don't run from anything."

Despite a 10-13 record at Texas, Strong's name first surfaced weeks ago as a potential candidate for Miami after the school fired Al Golden. Previous denials didn't seem to stop the speculation.

Texas interim athletic director Mike Perrin said last week Strong isn't leaving, and the coach used his weekly news conference to again dismiss rumors and give assurances he isn't chasing another job.

"I told our players I'm not going anywhere," Strong said. "I made a commitment here. We're going to see this program through."

Texas (4-6, 3-4 Big 12) hosts Texas Tech (6-5, 3-5) on Thanksgiving. The Longhorns need to win their final two games to avoid a second-consecutive losing season. Texas hasn't had consecutive losing seasons since 1988-89.

Strong still has three seasons left on a five-year contract that pays him more than $5 million per year. But his tenure has dogged by a losing record, shuffles on his coaching staff, administrative turmoil and some blowout losses that earlier this season raised questions about whether he could be fired.

By late October, Strong was facing questions about the Miami job. He tried to laugh them off at first but they kept coming.

His answers didn't change, but by last week, they were consistent enough that he had to talk to his players to assure them he would not leave.

"I don't run from anything," said Strong, the first black head football coach at Texas. "When you work so hard to place yourself in this position ... you grind it out."

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keep getting better every day. He's doing his best to try to get back."

Some other notes from the Big 12 call:

■ West Virginia (6-4), which opened Big 12 play with four consecutive losses to the league's four ranked teams, got bowl eligible with its third win in a row since, 49-0 Saturday at Kansas. Coach Dana Holgorsen gives the credit to the Mountaineers seniors, the group that helped transition the team into the league.

"This is their fourth season in the Big 12, and they understand that it's all about," Holgorsen said. "Really, we wanted to do a good job of finishing this year strong, which we've done up until this point."

■ Kansas coach David Beaty will make his Sunshine State rivalry debut when the Jayhawks (0-11, 0-8) play at Kansas State (4-6, 1-6) on Saturday, their last chance to avoid a winless season. Beaty is hoping to end his first season with a win that would give the program a momentum boost heading into spring practice. "We never said it was going to be easy. We said it was going to be worth it," he said.



Associated Press

Baylor quarterback Chris Johnson looks for a receiver during the fourth quarter against Oklahoma St. in Stillwater, Okla., on Saturday. Baylor won 45-35.

No. 7 Baylor still in chase for Big 12 title

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

WACO — While needing some help and probably about to use its third different starting quarterback, No. 7 Baylor still has a chance to win its third consecutive Big 12 title.

A win over previously undefeated Oklahoma State kept the Bears (9-1, 6-1) in the Big 12 race, and depending on the outcome of other games around the nation, maybe still in position for a playoff spot.

"We do like the fact that it's late in the season, and we're still in the hunts — with an s," coach Art Briles said Monday. "We know it's hard for everybody to look at you and you to deliver week after week after week. ... Of course, we haven't done anything yet and haven't finished. But at least up to this point, we're still standing pretty solid."

The Bears first have to win Friday night at No. 15 TCU (9-2, 6-2), when sophomore Chris Johnson likely gets his first career start for Baylor after throwing two touchdowns in relief of injured freshman starter Jarrett Stidham in a 45-35 win at Oklahoma State last Saturday.

Because a tiebreaker will be used and no more co-champions are declared in the Big 12, Baylor could become the champ again by winning its last two games — against TCU, then Dec. 5 at home against Texas — and if No. 9 Oklahoma State (10-1, 7-1) wins Saturday night at home over No. 5 Oklahoma (10-1, 7-1), the team that gave Baylor its only loss less than two weeks ago.

"After that OU game, we felt a lot of people were writing us off as a team and a contender," senior linebacker and leading tackler Grant Campbell said. "We wanted to prove people wrong this past week taking down an undefeated team in Stillwater. Our goals have not changed."

Stidham was already dealing with a sore back before the Oklahoma State game. He banged his throwing (right) hand early Saturday, then right before halftime had his leg rolled up on in what was initially described as an ankle injury.

Briles said Monday that it was more an issue of the bone in his lower leg and termed Stidham as "very questionable" to play against TCU. The coach also said he was uncertain about Big 12 rushing leader Shock Linwood because of a knee and ankle issue.

Stidham has started Baylor's three games since junior Seth Russell, then the top-rated FBS passer, got hurt Oct. 24 and had season-ending neck surgery.

Johnson, who had been working as a receiver since before the season, was then moved back to quarterback to prepare as Stidham's backup. Johnson was 5 of 10 for 138 yards and the two TDs against Oklahoma State, even though his practice reps before that had been with the second-teamers and not the regular starters.

Briles said the Bears were starting the week preparing for Johnson to start Friday, and that they had options for backups.

"It's an opportunity to get more in-sync with those guys," Johnson said. "It's a little different having to just jump in there in the middle of a game with those guys without having practiced with them much. Getting some time with them will help out a lot."



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Dodgers hire Roberts as team's 1st minority manager

By Beth Harris
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Dave Roberts overcame long odds during his playing days in the major leagues and survived a bout with cancer in recent years. He had no managerial experience when he went after the vacant Los Angeles Dodgers' job.

Fittingly, the personable Roberts beat the odds again, impressing the front office with his energy, enthusiasm and knowledge to become the Dodgers' first minority manager.



Roberts

Los Angeles said Monday it plans to introduce the 43-year-old at a news conference on Dec. 1.

"When I put on this uniform as a player, I understood the special responsibility to honor those that played before me as well as the amazing bond between the Dodgers and their fans," Roberts said in a statement. "I feel that I have now come full circle in my career and there is plenty of unfinished business left in LA."

He called the franchise "groundbreaking" for having such players as Jackie Robinson, Roy Campanella, Sandy Koufax, Maury Wills, Fernando Valenzuela and Hideo Nomo.

Roberts' father is black and his mother is Japanese. Roberts was born in Okinawa, Japan, where his father served in the U.S. Marines. He becomes the third minority manager in the majors, joining the Washington Nationals' Dusty Baker and the Atlanta Braves' Fredi Gonzalez.

Roberts said his hiring is "the opportunity of a lifetime."

The widely perceived front-runner for the job was former major leaguer Gabe Kapler, the team's director of player development. He played for Tampa Bay when Andrew Friedman, the Dodgers president of baseball operations, was there.

But Roberts made an indelible impression during the interview process.

"His energy is infectious and he has the rare ability to make a genuine connection with every person he comes across," Friedman said. "He has developed strong leadership qualities and accumulated a breadth of baseball experience over his career as both a player and coach. He is a 'baseball man' and 'people person' in the truest sense of those words. We feel fully confident that he will effectively lead our team in pursuit of its ultimate goal — bringing a world championship back to the city of Los Angeles."

The Dodgers haven't appeared in the World Series since winning the title in 1988.

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McArn, who enjoyed a distinguished career at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, is entering his 18th season with Oakland's organization. He spent the 2014 campaign with Stockton.

In addition, athletic trainer Justin Whitehouse will also be returning to the RockHounds next season. Now entering his ninth season with the club, Whitehouse has been a part of all three of the team's TL Championships in 2009, 2014 and 2015.

And Henry Torres, the club's strength and conditioning coach, is also set to return to Midland for the 2016 season. Torres, a graduate of the University of Texas at San Antonio, held the same position with Stockton in 2014. He is now in his third season with Oakland's organization.



Miami Herald/TNS

NASCAR driver Kyle Busch performs burnout after winning the NASCAR Sprint Series Ford EcoBoost 400 race and championship Sunday at the Homestead Miami Speedway in Homestead, Fla.

Maturity helps Kyle Busch finally win 1st Cup title

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — There was a time early in Kyle Busch's career that his talent could not save his job.

Wrecked race cars and temper tantrums helped wear out his welcome with Rick Hendrick, who let Busch go knowing the young driver would probably beat Hendrick Motorsports in a championship battle down the road.

That's exactly what happened, too, as Busch finally won his first Sprint Cup title on Sunday. He won the season finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway to lock up the crown and deny former Hendrick teammate Jeff Gordon a fifth title in the final race of his career.

The title-winning drive also dethroned reigning champion Kevin Harvick and stopped Martin Truex Jr. from winning his first Cup title in a four-man race to the trophy. It came in the most turbulent season of Busch's career, and showed just how much he's matured since Hendrick let him go eight years ago.

Busch was in a horrible accident in February when he crashed into a concrete wall at Daytona and broke his right leg and left foot. It happened the day before the Daytona 500 and put both his season and his career in jeopardy.

But he worked harder than he's ever worked in his life at anything to recover, and he was back in the race car a mere three months later. NASCAR gave him a waiver to race in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship should he qualify, and Busch made it his mission to earn one of the coveted playoff positions.

In the days after his return to racing, Busch turned 30 and celebrated the birth of his son. During the 11 races he missed, he'd spent time with his wife and developed a perspective on life that he'd never had before. His rivals saw the difference in him on the track.

"I see a changed Kyle," Gordon said. "When he came back, not only was he driven and just inspired by it, but you can tell he was racing smarter, with more patience, just being more deliberate. Between having a baby, the thing that happened to him at Daytona, the time with his wife ... he had a lot of time to think about a lot of things, and I don't know what he did, but he came out of it even better than he was before.

"I think he showed it right away when he came back that there was a pretty good chance he was destined to win this championship."

Indeed, Busch won in his sixth race back, on the road course at Sonoma, a week after he finished last at Michigan. He crashed two cars in his first five races back as he pushed too hard to try to earn a spot in the Chase.

It was after that last-place finish at Michigan that he recognized he had to be a more patient driver if he had any shot at all at making the playoffs.

"When we went and finished 43rd at Michigan, that's when I was just like, 'All right, forget it. Just race the race car. Don't worry about running up front and winning and being fast. Just let it come to you,'" Busch said. "And I played the whole rest of the season that way all the way to the end — just let everything be. Whatever it was going to be, it was going to be."

Busch was never capable of thinking like that during the early part of his career and it hurt him down the stretch every season.

When Hendrick let him go, he moved to Joe Gibbs Racing and drove hell-bent on making Hendrick regret his decision. Busch won eight races that year, but faltered down the stretch and finished 10th in the 2008 Chase.

There were four wins the next year, but a 13th-place finish in the final standings. A three-win season in 2010 still only got him to eighth in points, and on and on the cycle went as Busch just couldn't race smart or safe enough in the Chase.

Before Sunday's season finale, he'd never even won a race in the Chase and he'd never remained in title contention down the final stretch.

But after winning at Sonoma, he recognized his new strategy might be the right one and Busch reeled off four wins in five weeks. He earned his spot in the Chase and then raced fairly error-free to make it into the final four.

Busch didn't relentlessly chase victories in this year's Chase; he just tried to be steady to put himself in a position to race for the title.

Harvick, who overcame his own self-inflicted issues to win his first title a year ago, lauded the improvements in Busch. It's high praise coming from Harvick, who has sparred with Busch repeatedly throughout his career.

Harvick mellowed after he had a child, and he thinks the birth of Busch's son six months ago played a huge role in him winning a championship.

"I think you see that little guy that he holds in his arms, it puts things in a different perspective," he said. "It used to be you didn't want to have kids because it took the fire out of you from driving the car, and now it seems to have calmed a lot of us down to the point where we can focus and do the things that we need to do to concentrate on our jobs. He's overcome a lot, but man, he's still pretty young."

AUTO RACING GLANCE

Sprint Cup

FINAL
Points Leaders
Through Nov. 22

1. Kyle Busch, 5,043
2. Kevin Harvick, 5,042
3. Jeff Gordon, 5,038
4. Martin Truex Jr., 5,032
5. Carl Edwards, 2,368
6. Joey Logano, 2,360
7. Brad Keselowski, 2,347
8. Kurt Busch, 2,333
9. Denny Hamlin, 2,327
10. Jimmie Johnson, 2,315
11. Ryan Newman, 2,314
12. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 2,310
13. Jamie McMurray, 2,295
14. Paul Menard, 2,262
15. Matt Kenseth, 2,234
16. Clint Bowyer, 2,175
17. Aric Almirola, 940
18. Kasey Kahne, 939
19. Kyle Larson, 872
20. Greg Biffle, 866
21. Austin Dillon, 832
22. AJ Allmendinger, 758
23. Casey Mears, 754
24. Danica Patrick, 716
25. Ricky Stenhouse Jr., 712
26. Sam Hornish Jr., 709
27. David Ragan, 701
28. Tony Stewart, 695
29. Trevor Bayne, 655
30. Justin Allgaier, 588
31. Cole Whitt, 553
32. David Gilliland, 533
33. Alex Bowman, 437
34. Brett Moffitt, 422
35. Matt DiBenedetto, 399
36. Michael Annett, 398
37. Josh Wise, 254
38. Jeb Burton, 216
39. Michael McDowell, 213
40. Alex Kennedy, 120
41. Reed Sorenson, 74
42. Bobby Labonte, 60
43. Michael Waltrip, 58
44. Ryan Preece, 35
45. Brian Vickers, 32
46. Will Kimmel, 11
47. Mike Wallace, 8
48. T.J. Bell, 7
49. Eddie MacDonald, 7
50. Kyle Fowler, 3

Xfinity Series

FINAL
Points Leaders
Through Nov. 21

1. Chris Buescher, 1,190
2. Chase Elliott, 1,175
3. Ty Dillon, 1,172
4. Regan Smith, 1,168
5. Daniel Suarez, 1,078
6. Elliott Sadler, 1,075
7. Darrell Wallace Jr., 1,071
8. Brian Scott, 1,032
9. Brendan Gaughan, 1,012
10. Ryan Reed, 902
11. Ryan Sieg, 827
12. J.J. Yeley, 803
13. Dakoda Armstrong, 803
14. Jeremy Clements, 801
15. Ross Chastain, 785
16. David Starr, 713
17. Blake Koch, 646
18. Landon Cassill, 637
19. Eric McClure, 565
20. Cale Conley, 561
21. Joey Gase, 545
22. Ryan Blaney, 461
23. Brennan Poole, 433
24. Harrison Rhodes, 430
25. Mike Harmon, 315
26. Derrike Cope, 309
27. Peyton Sellers, 238
28. Ben Rhodes, 230
29. Mario Gosselin, 182
30. Dylan Lupton, 178
31. Mike Bliss, 166
32. Boris Said, 157
33. Josh Reaume, 147
34. Morgan Shepherd, 134
35. Jeffrey Earnhardt, 128
36. Derek White, 126
37. Martin Roy, 125
38. Jeff Green, 119
39. Jimmy Weiler, 117
40. Michael Self, 108
41. Carl Long, 107
42. Dylan Kwasniewski, 89
43. Ryan Truex, 80
44. Todd Bodine, 80
45. Justin Marks, 76
46. Jamie Dick, 68
47. Stanton Barrett, 67
48. Brandon Gdovic, 63
49. Kenny Habul, 61
50. Benny Gordon, 60

Camping World Truck Series

FINAL
Points Leaders
Through Nov. 20

1. Erik Jones, 899
2. Tyler Reddick, 884
3. Matt Crafton, 877
4. Johnny Sauter, 809
5. Timothy Peters, 804
6. Cameron Hayley, 796
7. Daniel Hemric, 733
8. John Wes Townley, 730
9. Ben Kennedy, 690
10. Spencer Gallagher, 677
11. Ray Black Jr., 647
12. John Hunter Nemechek, 644
13. Tyler Young, 629
14. Manor Mingus, 626
15. Brandon Jones, 625
16. Travis Kvapil, 577
17. Jennifer Jo Cobb, 574
18. Korbin Forrister, 561
19. Jordan Anderson, 559
20. Norm Benning, 547
21. Matt Tifft, 546
22. Cole Custer, 497
23. Timmy Hill, 494
24. Austin Theriault, 479
25. Justin Boston, 470
26. Justin Jennings, 467
27. Christopher Bell, 435
28. Jeffrey Abbey, 431
29. Ryan Ellis, 192
30. Caleb Holman, 184
31. Wendell Chavous, 183
32. B.J. McLeod, 168
33. Joe Nemechek, 124
34. Troy Gaudreau, 115
35. Dalton Sargeant, 111
36. James Buescher, 110
37. Garrett Smithley, 108
38. Chad Boat, 99
39. Bobby Pierce, 91
40. Brandon Brown, 91
41. Caleb Roark, 90

Formula One

Points Leaders
Through Nov. 15

1. Lewis Hamilton, 347
2. Nico Rosberg, 322
3. Sebastian Vettel, 249
4. Kimi Raikkonen, 186
5. Daniel Ricciardo, 178
6. Valtteri Bottas, 85
7. Felipe Massa, 70
8. Max Verstappen, 49
9. Sergio Perez, 38
10. Nico Hulkenberg, 37
11. Carlos Sainz Jr., 30
12. Romain Grosjean, 8
13. Pastor Maldonado, 4
14. Jenson Button, 4
15. Marcus Ericsson, 1

JACKALOPESROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

JACKS EDGE AMARILLO

AMARILLO — Odessa's Zach Zech scored the game-winning goal late in the third period on a re-direct from Drew McLean to give the Jackalopes a 2-1 road victory over the Amarillo Bulls on Sunday.

Zech's goal, which came at the 17:15 mark of the third period, gave the Jacks (10-7-1) their first win in Amarillo since the 2011 postseason.

Odessa goaltender Dean Shatzer, who earned his fourth win of the season, stopped 42 of the 43 Amarillo shots he faced in the victory.

The Jacks will next host Wichita Falls at 7:05 p.m. Friday at Ector County Colisseum.

FORMER JACKS GOALIE HELLEBUYCK GETS CALL TO THE NHL

The Jackalopes announced Sunday that former Odessa goaltender Connor Hellebuyck has been called up to the Winnipeg Jets of the National Hockey League.

Hellebuyck spent 53 games with the Jacks during the 2011-12 season. He posted a 26-21-8 record, a 2.49 goals against average, as well as a .930 save percentage in his brief time with Odessa.

Hellebuyck then went on to play two seasons at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell and was drafted by Winnipeg in the fifth round of the 2012 NHL Entry Draft. As a sophomore at Umass-Lowell, he registered an 18-9-2 record and a .941 save percentage.

This past offseason, Helleybuyck was named the NHL's top goalie prospect by InGoal Magazine.

GOLF GLANCE

PGA

World Golf Rankings
Through Nov. 22

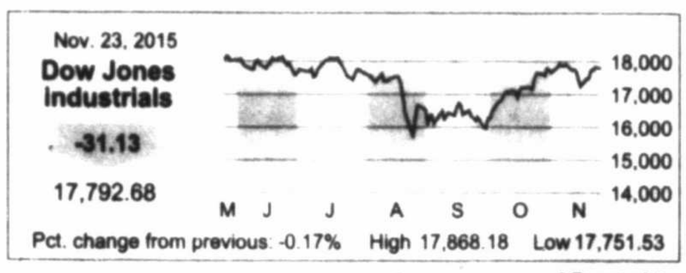
1. Jordan Spieth	USA	11.80
2. Jason Day	AUS	11.76
3. Rory McIlroy	NIR	11.32
4. Bubba Watson	USA	7.65
5. Justin Rose	ENG	7.47
6. Rickie Fowler	USA	7.37
7. Henrik Stenson	SWE	7.24
8. Dustin Johnson	USA	6.54
9. Jim Furyk	USA	6.10
10. Zach Johnson	USA	4.64
11. Sergio Garcia	ESP	4.51
12. Adam Scott	AUS	4.44
13. Patrick Reed	USA	4.37
14. Hideki Matsuyama	JPN	4.30
15. Louis Oosthuizen	SAF	4.21
16. Brooks Koepka	USA	4.16
17. Kevin Kisner	USA	4.14
18. Branden Grace	SAF	4.12
19. Matt Kuchar	USA	3.99
20. Danny Willett	ENG	3.89
21. Shane Lowry	IRL	3.84
22. Kevin Na	USA	3.71
23. J.B. Holmes	USA	3.69
24. Jimmy Walker	USA	3.56
25. Paul Casey	ENG	3.53
26. Martin Kaymer	GER	3.46
27. Phil Mickelson	USA	3.20
28. Russell Knox	SCO	3.18
29. Thongchai Jaidee	THA	3.18
30. Bernd Wiesberger	AUT	3.14
31. Byeong-Hun An	KOR	2.97
32. Justin Thomas	USA	2.97
33. Billy Horschel	USA	2.94
34. Emiliano Grillo	ARG	2.80
35. Victor Dubuisson	FRA	2.80
36. Andy Sullivan	ENG	2.80
37. Brandt Snedeker	USA	2.80
38. Chris Kirk	USA	2.80
39. Kiradech Aphibarnrat	THA	2.79
40. Bill Haas	USA	2.77
41. Anirban Lahiri	IND	2.77
42. Robert Streb	USA	2.76
43. Danny Lee	NZL	2.76
44. Marc Leishman	AUS	2.75
45. Soren Kjeldsen	DEN	2.74
46. Scott Piercy	USA	2.73
47. Matthew Fitzpatrick	ENG	2.65
48. Charley Hoffman	USA	2.65
49. Daniel Berger	USA	2.55
50. Charl Schwartzel	SAF	2.54
51. Ryan Palmer	USA	2.52
52. Chris Wood	ENG	2.47
53. Graeme McDowell	NIR	2.45
54. Ian Poulter	ENG	2.44
55. David Lingmerth	SWE	2.42
56. Lee Westwood	ENG	2.40
57. K.T. Kim	KOR	2.33
58. Ryan Moore	USA	2.32
59. Gary Woodland	USA	2.32
60. Russell Henley	USA	2.32
61. Jason Bohn	USA	2.28
62. Francesco Molinari	ITA	2.27
63. Hunter Mahan	USA	2.26
64. Jamie Donaldson	WAL	2.20
65. Kristoffer Broberg	SWE	2.18
66. Marc Warren	SCO	2.13
67. Cameron Tringale	USA	2.12
68. Keegan Bradley	USA	2.12
69. Brendon Todd	USA	2.06
70. Webb Simpson	USA	2.06
71. Steven Bowditch	AUS	2.04
72. Luke Donald	ENG	2.02
73. Shingo Katayama	JPN	2.01
74. John Senden	AUS	2.01
75. Patton Kizzire	USA	1.98

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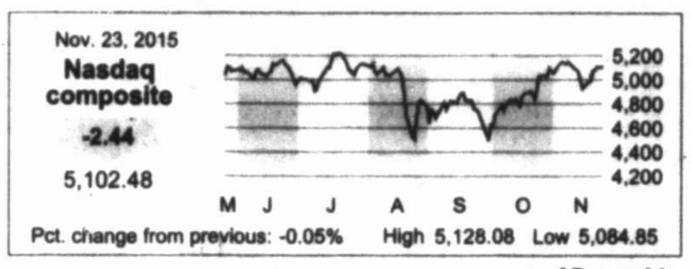
Money Leaders
Through Nov. 22

	Trn	Money
1. Lydia Ko	24	$2,800,802
2. Inbee Park	25	$2,630,011
3. Stacy Lewis	26	$1,893,423
4. Sei Young Kim	27	$1,820,056
5. Lee Thompson	24	$1,763,304
6. Amy Yang	24	$1,438,312
7. Cristie Kerr	25	$1,294,101
8. So Yeon Ryu	25	$1,292,395
9. Shanshan Feng	21	$1,086,138
10. Anna Nordqvist	25	$977,743
11. Morgan Pressel	27	$963,764
12. Brittany Lincicome	26	$933,552
13. Hyo-Joo Kim	25	$923,221
14. Suzann Pettersen	23	$912,603
15. Ha Na Jang	23	$883,032
16. Mirjam Lee	29	$821,121
17. Na Yeon Choi	22	$808,566
18. Gerina Piller	26	$727,681
19. Mirim Lee	25	$681,842
20. Chella Choi	31	$663,576
21. Yani Tseng	27	$648,400
22. Mi Hyang Lee	29	$647,865
23. Alison Lee	23	$628,676
24. Ilhee Lee	28	$619,647
25. Brittany Lang	25	$616,094
26. Jenny Shin	29	$607,956
27. Jessica Korda	24	$594,306
28. Mika Miyazato	24	$583,141
29. Candie Kung	25	$582,640
30. Sandra Gal	27	$531,961
31. Lizette Salas	24	$531,096
32. Azahara Munoz	25	$504,100
33. Austin Ernst	24	$503,116
34. Angela Stanford	27	$491,177
35. Anya Jutanugarn	29	$482,527
36. Eun-Hee Ji	29	$474,706
37. Karine Icher	29	$467,867
38. Pornanong Phatlum	29	$445,380
39. Xiyu Lin	25	$432,751
40. Pernilla Lindberg	29	$417,225
41. Kris Tamulis	25	$407,086
42. Carlota Ciganda	25	$404,849
43. Karne Webb	22	$394,497
44. Sakura Yokomine	26	$382,891
45. Kim Kaufman	28	$372,945
46. Lee-Anne Pace	24	$367,231
47. Paula Creamer	25	$363,485
48. Charley Hull	19	$359,929
49. Michelle Wie	24	$348,918
50. Jane Park	26	$348,673

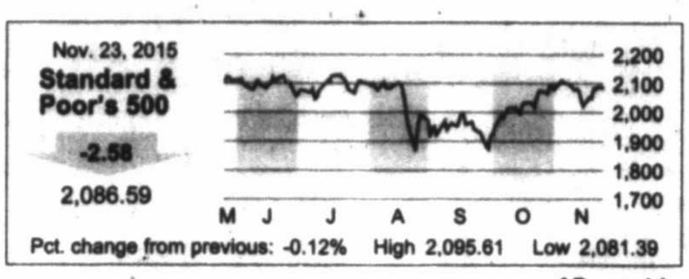
A DAY ON WALL STREET



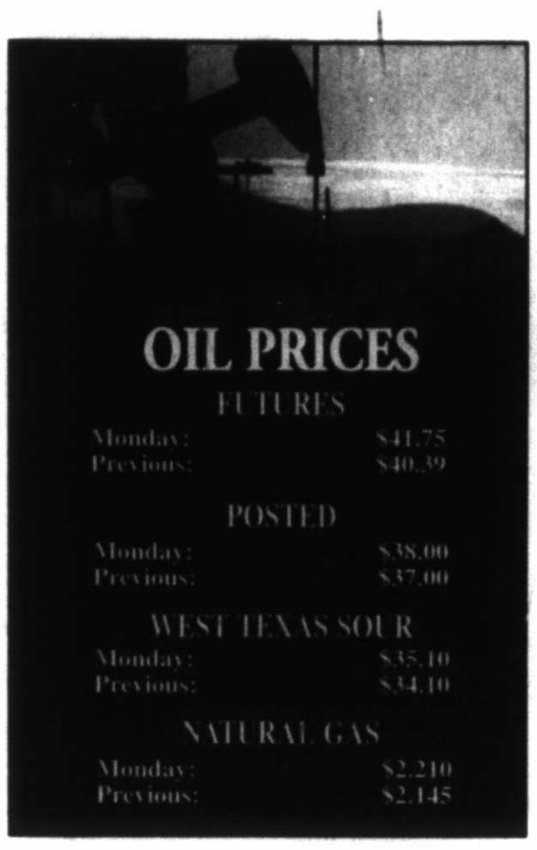
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$160B deal to combine Pfizer and Allergan raises outcry

Associated Press

A $160 billion deal announced Monday to merge Pfizer and Allergan and create the world's biggest drug company renewed the outcry in Washington over "inversions," in which U.S. corporations combine with companies overseas to lower their tax bill.

The combination — the second-largest merger in history — could have ramifications around the globe, pushing up drug prices and spurring more such deals in the fast-consolidating health care sector and other fields.

It is also increasing the election-year backlash from U.S. politicians who have been blasting drugmakers recently over medicine prices that can exceed $100,000 a year.

In what would be the biggest inversion ever, New York-based Pfizer could save hundreds of millions in U.S. taxes annually because it would move its tax headquarters to Ireland, where Allergan is based. That would enable Pfizer to slash its tax rate from around 25 percent this year to about 18 percent.

Inversions have long been attacked by some politicians as a tax dodge, and Hillary Rodham Clinton and Bernie Sanders, the leading Democratic presidential contenders, criticized the deal.

Clinton said it will leave "U.S. taxpayers holding the bag," while Sanders said it will be a "disaster" for Americans already paying high prescription drug costs.

Asked if the deal was designed to avoid taxes, Pfizer CEO Ian Read said only that company executives' obligation is to shareholders and patients.

The merger is subject to approval from regulators in the U.S., European Union and elsewhere. It also needs the go-ahead from shareholders of both companies.

Pfizer makes such drugs as Viagra, cholesterol-lowering Lipitor and the clot-preventer Eliquis. Allergan produces the wrinkle treatment Botox and Restasis for dry eyes, and also has a superior pipeline of medicines in development.

If it goes through, the merger will return Pfizer to the top spot in the pharmaceutical industry, after years in which competition from cheaper generics cut into its revenue from some of its blockbuster drugs.

The combination will essentially be Pfizer "but with a lower tax rate," wrote Bernstein analyst Tim Anderson.

Despite attempts by Congress and the Treasury Department to thwart the practice, about 50 U.S. companies have inverted in the past decade, and more are considering it, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service. Treasury said it had no comment Monday.

Ireland's lower corporate tax rate would have saved Pfizer nearly $1 billion of the $3.1 billion in U.S. taxes it paid in 2014.

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., a member of the Senate Finance Committee, called Pfizer's move "truly disturbing," given how the company has benefited from federally funded research and infrastructure. He and other politicians said Congress needs to reform tax laws, such as by lowering corporate rates, to prevent more inversions.

The health care sector has been the hottest in U.S. mergers this year and last, with deals worth $451 billion, according to Dealogic.

Drugmakers, insurers and pharmacy chains are combining to boost revenue, cut costs and increase their clout in negotiating prices and contracts. Each new deal puts pressure on smaller rivals to bulk up.

John Colley, a professor at Warwick Business School in Britain, predicted even bigger deals as "industry players become concerned about being left behind in the race for scale."

For consumers, however, such combinations could lead to higher drug prices, as well as higher taxes to cover the lost tax revenue, said Jerry Reisman, a New York merger expert.

"We're all going to feel this," he said.

The deal will enable the combined company to pour around $9 billion a year into research on new treatments, Read said in an interview. That includes work on cures for Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's, cancer and other difficult-to-treat illnesses. It costs upwards of $1.5 billion to get a new drug approved.

"The impact for patients is great, both short term and long term," said Read, who will be chairman and CEO of the combined company, to be called Pfizer Plc.

Executives wouldn't discuss any layoffs, but they are considered inevitable, given that the companies predict annual savings of about $2 billion within three years of closing the deal. Pfizer has about 95,000 employees, Allergan 15,000.

Investors didn't much like the deal. Allergan stock fell 3.4 percent, to $301.72, while Pfizer dropped 2.6 percent, to $31.33.

Currently No. 2 among drugmakers globally, Pfizer posted revenue of $49.6 billion in 2014, when Allergan reported $13.1 billion. Switzerland's Novartis, the No. 1 drugmaker for the last few years, reported $58 billion in 2014 revenue.

Several U.S. drugmakers have performed inversions through acquisitions in the past several years, including generic drugmaker Mylan. Allergan itself is the product of an inversion.

Last year, the Treasury Department issued new regulations to curb the financial benefits of inversions. Amid political backlash over the looming Pfizer-Allergan announcement, Treasury rushed out new rules Thursday, but they focus on deals in which the overseas company's shareholders end up with 20 to 40 percent of the combined corporation.

Under the agreement announced Monday, Allergan's shareholders will own 44 percent of the stock, and Pfizer's 56 percent.

Ford stops using Takata airbags

Ford Motor Co. will not be using air bag inflators made by Takata Corp. in future vehicles, another blow to the troubled Japanese parts supplier as the auto industry continues to shun its product.

Ford joins Honda, Toyota and Nissan is deciding against putting the inflators in cars, trucks and SUVs now under development.

Takata inflators can explode with too much force, sending shrapnel into drivers and passengers. At least eight people have been killed worldwide and hundreds injured. The inflators have led to the recall of 19.2 million vehicles in the U.S., and government regulators are investigating the possibility of millions more.

Ford has recalled more than 1.5 million older Mustangs, Ford GTs and North American-built Ranger pickups to replace the inflators. Spokeswoman Kelli Felker would not say if other models have Takata inflators, but said the company has recalled all vehicles with inflators that Takata has determined are defective.

Metals prices in slump

Metals prices are mired in a slump that has taken them to their lowest prices in six years. That continued Monday, as gold fell $9.50, or 0.9 percent, to $1,066.80 an ounce and silver lost six cents, or 0.5 percent, to $14.03 an ounce.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $57.80 Down 1.86

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $109.50 Up 0.79

Dawson Operating (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.15 Up 0.31

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $79.74 Up 2.27

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $3.14 Down 0.05

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $2.43 Down 0.32

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $22.12 Down 0.10

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $28.07 Down 0.69

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $9.54 Up 0.34

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $15.39 Up 0.23

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
GenElec	1235418	30.59	-.07
Pfizer	1138026	31.33	-.85
S&P500ETF	605367	209.07	-.24
SunEdison	591196	3.00	+.18
BkofAm	490975	17.47	-.18

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AmberRd	4.59	+.90	+24.4
LehTOY21	5.85	+.96	+19.6
Univ Insur	21.47	+3.00	+16.2
ArcosDor	3.83	+.53	+16.1
EKodak wt	3.45	+.45	+15.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AtlasR pfE	9.16	-2.70	-22.8
PampaEng	21.66	-4.56	-17.4
ScorpioB19	12.83	-1.72	-11.8
Edenor	17.78	-1.97	-10.0
DianaSh20	16.65	-1.78	-9.7

DIARY

Advanced	1,605
Declined	1,502
Unchanged	117
Total issues	3,224
New Highs	81
New Lows	119
Volume	3,462,745,940

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Can-Fite	131132	3.39	+.75
BarcGSOil	37172	7.59	+.05
NwGold g	29694	2.06	+.01
Globalstar	27878	2.09	+.09
ChenereEn	27339	48.44	-1.80

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CornSec	2.36	+.30	+14.4
AtlasrAst	13.35	+1.35	+11.3
SynthBiol	2.83	+.28	+11.0
Majesco n	5.20	+.49	+10.4

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
YumaE pfA	4.03	-1.12	-21.7
ParPetrol	24.07	-3.85	-13.8
MexcoEn	2.43	-.32	-11.6
VirnetX	2.62	-.29	-10.0
StrPathCm	7.82	-.80	-9.3

DIARY

Advanced	177
Declined	195
Unchanged	25
Total issues	397
New Highs	2
New Lows	17
Volume	76,846,859

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Apple Inc	307565	117.75	-1.55
Microsoft	275299	54.19	
Cisco	243742	27.43	-.14
CSVixSh rs	204788	6.02	-.34
PwShs QQQ	199287	114.15	-.33

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
KaloBio rs	39.50	+21.25	+116.4
AEtern g rs	8.52	+4.29	+101.4
e-Future	11.57	+5.00	+76.1
GeneticT rs	3.19	+.81	+34.0
Eco-StimE	4.29	+1.03	+31.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ApldDNA	3.18	-1.09	-25.5
ProQRTher	9.85	-3.24	-24.8
IntrntGold	10.33	-1.76	-14.6
Qumu Cp	3.49	-.51	-12.8
EducDevel	11.60	-1.67	-12.6

DIARY

Advanced	1,558
Declined	1,229
Unchanged	165
Total issues	2,952
New Highs	75
New Lows	81
Volume	1,630,676,097

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.88	36	33.46	-.20	-.4
Abraxas	...	7	1.32	-.02	-55.1
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	12.96	+.04	-5.3
Alcoa	12	14	9.07	+.38	-42.6
Alibaba		51	81.31	+1.36	-21.8
Allergan			301.72	-10.74	+17.2
AlonUSA	.60	11	17.59	+.24	+38.8
Ambev	.45e		5.06	-.11	-18.0
Amedica h			.13	+.01	-84.3
Amgen	3.16	19	162.47	+2.56	+2.0
Anadarko	1.08	...	60.35	+1.61	-26.8
Apache	1.00	...	48.85	-.25	-22.1
Apple Inc	2.08	13	117.75	-1.55	+6.7
ApldMatl	.40	16	18.13	-.05	-27.2
Archrock	.60	32	10.48		-46.9
ATMOS	1.68f	20	62.36	-.13	+11.9
AutoData	2.12f	28	87.35	+.06	+4.8
BP PLC	2.40	...	34.42	-.01	-9.7
BabsCCInv	1.20		17.22	-.14	+8.4
BakrHu	.68		51.42	+.41	-8.3
BcoBrad s	.44e		6.10	-.34	-45.3
BkofAm	.20	13	17.47	-.18	-2.3
B iPVixST			18.90	-.53	-40.0
BasicEnSv			3.79	+.16	-45.9
BerkHe A	...	19203779	203,820.99		-9.8
BlkHillsCp	1.62	28	42.77	+.46	-19.4
BostonSci		...	18.10	+.23	+36.6
BrilhySq	1.48	66	67.99	+.17	+15.2
BrownFA	1.36f	36	115.75	+.81	+31.9
BrownFB	1.36f	32	106.57	+.21	+20.2
CVS Health	1.40	21	91.56	-.37	-4.9
Cameron		17	67.90	+.03	+35.9
Can-Fite			3.39	+.75	-3.1
Caterpillar	3.08	14	71.02	-.12	-22.4
Celestic g		14	11.49	+.10	-2.1
CntryLink	2.16	20	27.31	+.08	-31.0
ChesEng			5.14	+.06	-73.7
Chevron	4.28	20	90.01	+1.00	-19.8
Chicos	.31	25	12.18	-.32	-24.9
Cimarex	.64		118.58	+3.58	+11.9
Cisco	.84	15	27.43	-.14	-.7
Citigroup	.20	12	54.28	-.47	+.3
ClayEng	...	...	57.80	-1.86	-9.4
CocaCola	1.32	26	42.96	+.53	+1.8
ColgPalm	1.52	25	66.89	+.79	-3.3
ConAgra	1.00	27	41.59	+.74	+14.6
ConchoRes	...	65	109.50	+.79	+9.8
ConocoPhil	2.96	59	53.28	+.35	-22.8
CrackerB	4.40a	20	138.86	+1.18	-1.3
CSVLgNG rs			2.92	+.10	-85.3
CSVLgCrd rs				5.94	+.14
-85.8					
CSVelIVST			29.73	+.79	-4.5
CSVixSh rs			6.02	-.34	-78.2
CrosTim	1.55e	8	15.44	-.16	-10.9
DCP Mid	3.12	13	25.17	-.05	-44.6
DTE	2.92f	15	80.53	-.85	-6.8
Dataram			1.10	-.01	-35.3
DenburyR			3.39	+.10	-58.3
DevonE	.96	...	44.93	-.32	-26.6
Disney	1.32f	23	119.42	-.65	+26.8
DowChm	1.84f	14	53.00	-.32	+16.2
EMC Cp	.46	21	25.27	-.06	-15.0
EOG Resrc	.67	...	82.57	-.06	-10.3
ElectArts		28	68.98	-3.44	+46.7
EmpDist	1.04	17	22.86	-.13	-23.8
EnCana g	.28	...	7.98	+.24	-42.5
Energen	.08		57.67	+1.23	-9.6
EngyTsfr	4.22f		37.91	-.75	-41.7
EnPro	.80	...	49.74	+.85	-20.7
EntProdPt	1.54f	20	25.42	-.12	-29.6
Ericsson	.39e		9.47	-.10	-21.7
ExxonMbl	2.92	17	80.28	+.49	-13.2
Facebook			106.95	-.37	+37.1
FordM	.60	12	14.55	-.05	-6.1
FreeSea hrs			.03	+.00	-99.9
FrptMcM	.20a		8.00	-.25	-65.8
FrontierCm	.42		4.96	+.04	-25.6
GATX	1.52	9	44.98	-.37	-21.8
GabbltlIT	1.05e	...	9.13	+.04	-18.8
GameStop	1.44	10	37.61	-1.65	+11.3
GAInv	1.15e	...	32.16	+.11	-8.1
GenElec	.92	...	30.59	-.07	+21.1
Gerdau	.07e	...	1.56	-.02	-56.1
GoPro		14	18.99	-1.46	-70.0
GtPlainEn	1.06f	20	27.28	-.26	-4.0
HP Inc	.50	...	14.23	+.17	-21.9
HalconRes			.61	+.02	-66.0
Halliburtn	.72	47	38.35	+.35	-2.5
HP Ent n	.22		13.85	-.36	-16.3
iShBrazil	1.03e		24.85	-.63	-32.0
iShJapan	.13e		12.56	-.06	+11.7
iShChinaLC	.76e		38.05	-.42	-8.6
iShEMkts	.84e		34.79	-.33	-11.5
iS Eafe	1.70e		60.54	-.38	-.5
iShR2K	1.68e		117.39	+.58	-1.9
Intel	.96	15	34.48	-.18	-5.0
InterDig	.80	20	53.12	+.67	+.4
ItauUnibH	.40e		7.80	-.32	-34.0
JD.com			30.68	+.69	+32.6
JohnJn	3.00	19	102.77	+.29	-1.7
KaloBio rs			39.50	+21.25	+185.4
KimbClk	3.52	65	121.59	+1.36	+5.2
KindMorg	2.04f	45	23.67	+.28	-44.1
LegacyRes	60m		3.14	-.05	-72.5
Lubys			4.95		+8.8
MktVGold	.12e		13.33	-.07	-27.5
McDnlds	3.56f	24	114.47	+.56	+22.2
Merck	1.80	14	54.01	-.09	-4.9
MerltMed		31	18.64	+.20	+7.6
MexcoEn			2.43	-.32	-55.2
MicronT		6	15.62	-.11	-56.2
Microsoft	1.44f	36	54.19		+16.7
Nabors	.24		9.45	+.47	-27.2
NBGreece			.25	+.06	-86.0
NatGrid	3.35e		71.08	-1.13	+.6
NOilVarco	1.84	10	37.33	+.07	-43.0
Netflix s			125.03	+1.19	+156.2
NvMAd	.79e		13.40	+.07	-1.9
NvPMI	.78e		13.20	+.06	-5.5
NuvPI	.82e		13.89	+.04	-1.9
NSTPI3	.55e		14.12	+.04	-.8
NTXQI	.65e		13.86	+.06	-4.1
OcclPet	3.00	32	74.10	+.01	-8.1
ParTech			6.82	-.22	+6.0
ParkDri			2.54		-17.3
PattUTI	.40		15.61	+.26	-5.9
Penney			8.11	+.32	+25.2
PennaRE	.84	...	21.48	-.19	-8.4
Prmian	.40e	9	5.91	-.04	-36.1
Petrobras			5.24	+.10	-28.2
Pfizer	1.12	24	31.33	-.85	+.6
PioNtrl	.08	28	143.60	+2.39	-3.5
PlainsAAP	2.80f	14	24.05	+.15	-53.1
PwShs QQQ	1.52e		114.15	-.33	+10.6
Praxair	2.86	21	114.58	-.47	-11.6
PrmEgy	...	25	53.59		-26.3
PUVixST rs			27.34	-1.55	-78.3
ProctGam	2.65	27	75.97	+.15	-16.6
Qualcom	1.92	15	48.97	-.66	-34.1
RangeRs	.16	19	30.82	+.41	-42.3
RiteAid		30	7.71		+2.5
Rowan	.40		19.19	-.02	-17.7
RoyDShlA	3.76	12	49.23	-.45	-26.5
SpdrOilA	3.77e		177.74	-.32	-.1
S&P500ETF	4.13e		209.07	-.24	+1.7
SabnR	3.24e	9	31.17	-.33	-12.9
SanderFm	.88e	6	71.77	+2.69	-14.6
SandRidge	...	...	.31	+.01	-82.7
Schlmbrg	2.00	26	77.22	+.07	-9.6
SiriusXM		41	4.15	-.05	+18.4
Smucker	2.68	35	122.54	+.15	+21.4
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Sprint			3.79	-.04	-8.7
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SPDR Fncl	.44e		24.57	-.10	-.8
SP Util	1.55e		42.99	-.40	-9.0
SunEdison			3.00	+.18	-84.6
SunocoLog	1.83f		28.25	-.14	-32.4
Synchrony		12	31.55	+.20	+6.1
TiCmSys		38	4.94	+.55	+58.3
TelefEsp	1.03e	...	12.11	-.34	-14.8
Tesoro	2.00f	9	117.59	+3.15	+58.2
3M Co	4.10	21	158.65	-.30	-3.5
Torchmark	.54	15	60.46	-.07	+11.6
TriContl	.80e	...	20.41	-.05	-4.7
Twitter		...	25.20	-1.07	-29.7
TylerTech	...	82	171.86	-2.34	+57.0
Tyson	.40	15	48.09	+4.44	+20.0
UBSI	1.32f	21	41.96	+.25	+12.0
US OilFd		...	13.02	+.09	-36.1
USSteel	.20	...	8.00	-.70	-70.1
Vale SA	.29e		3.79	-.01	-53.7
ValeantPh		50	87.41	-3.59	-38.9
ValeroE	2.00f	8	72.68	+.70	+46.8
VangEmg	1.10e	...	34.93	-.29	-12.7
Vipshop		44	16.87	+.52	-13.7
VulcanM	.40	80	105.52	-.16	+60.5
WEC Engy	1.83	19	49.92	-.59	-5.3
WalgBoots	1.44	25	81.91	+.08	+7.5
WstnRefin	1.52f	8	44.74	+.04	+18.4
WhitingPet		...	15.89	-.48	-51.8
WmsCos	2.56	67	36.65	-.17	-18.4
XcelEngy	1.28	19	35.57	-.29	-1.0
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18,351.36	15,370.33	Dow Jones Industrials	17,792.68	-31.13	-.17	-.17	-.14
9,310.22	7,452.70	Dow Jones Transportation	8,226.87	-74.93	-.90	-9.99	-10.25
657.17	539.96	Dow Jones Utilities	585.82	-5.27	-.92	-8.46	-4.29
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5,231.94	4,292.14	Nasdaq Composite	5,102.48	-2.44	-.05	+7.74	+7.31
2,134.72	1,867.01	S&P 500	2,086.59	-2.58	-.12	+1.34	+.83
1,561.28	1,344.80	S&P Midcap	1,451.21	+4.16	+.29	-.08	- -.19
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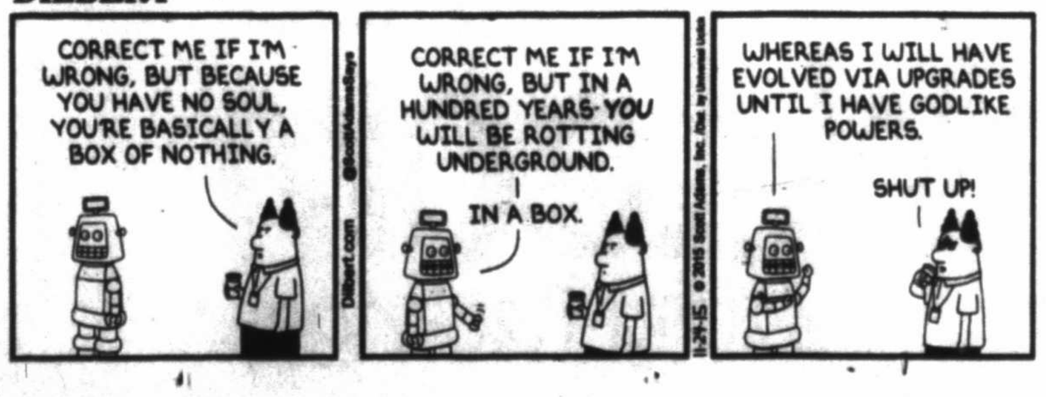
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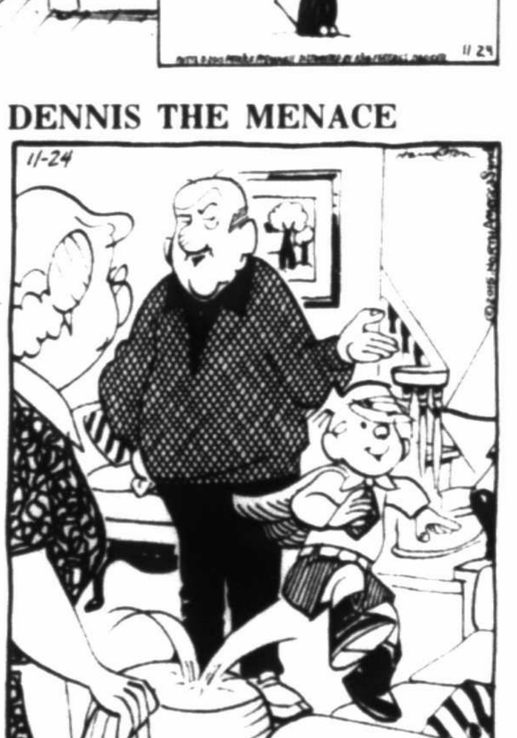


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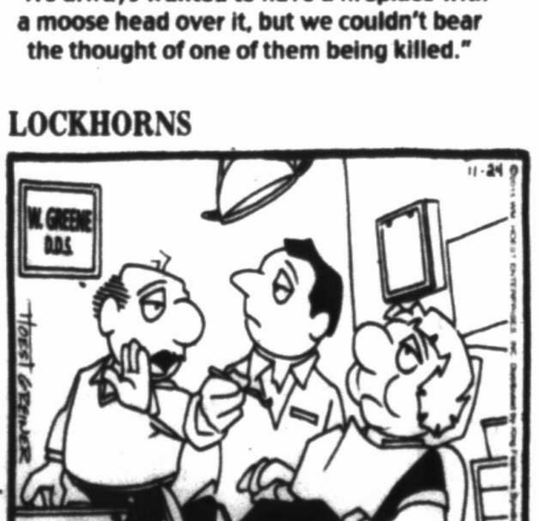
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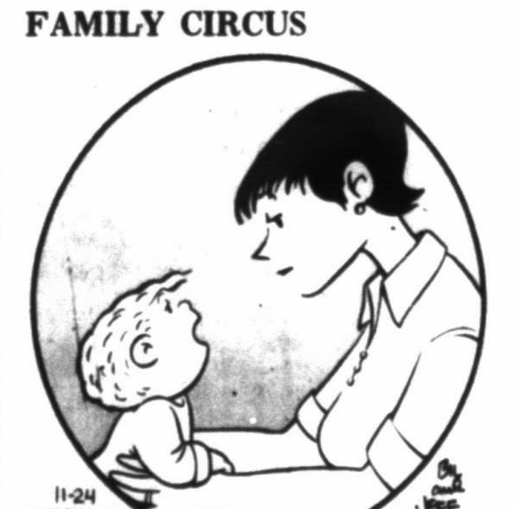
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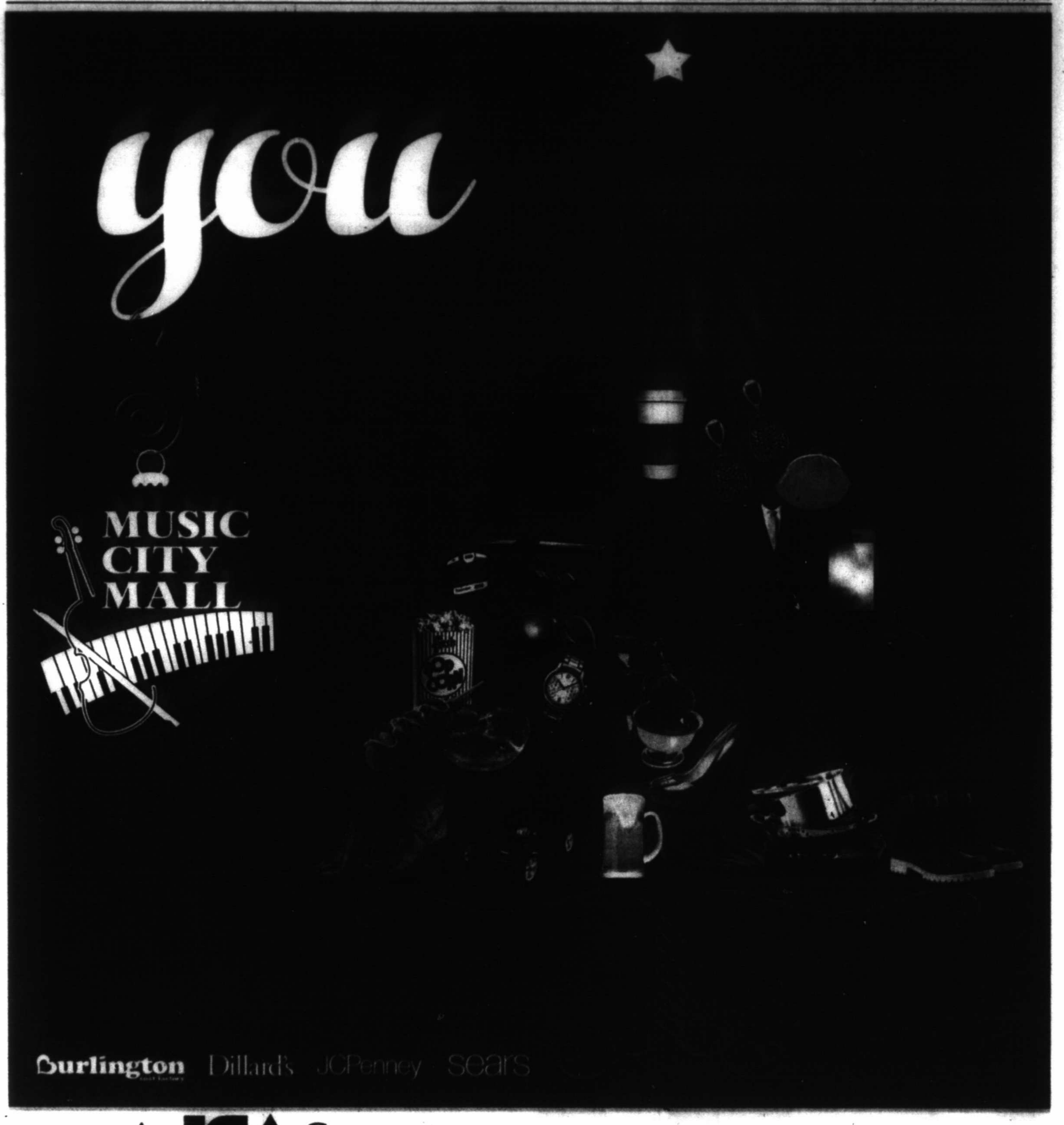


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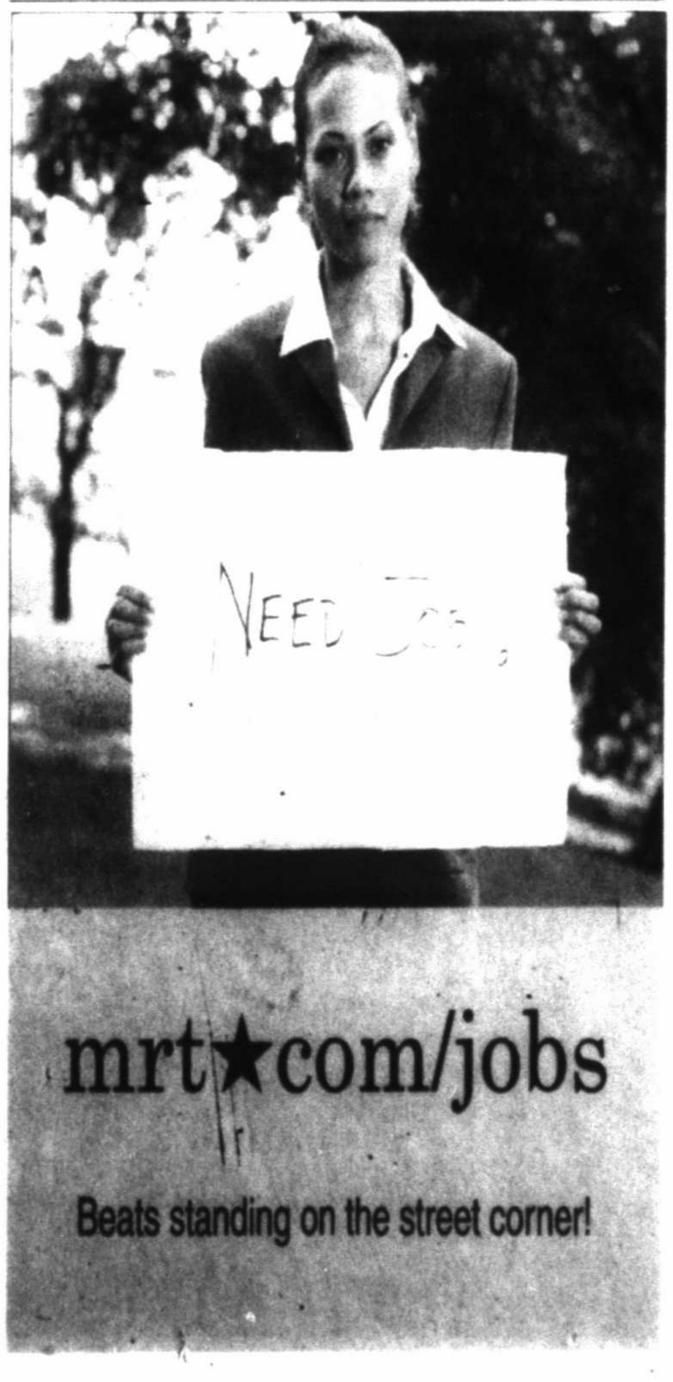
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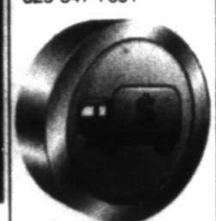
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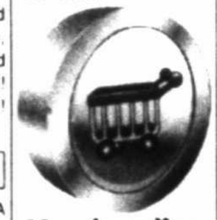
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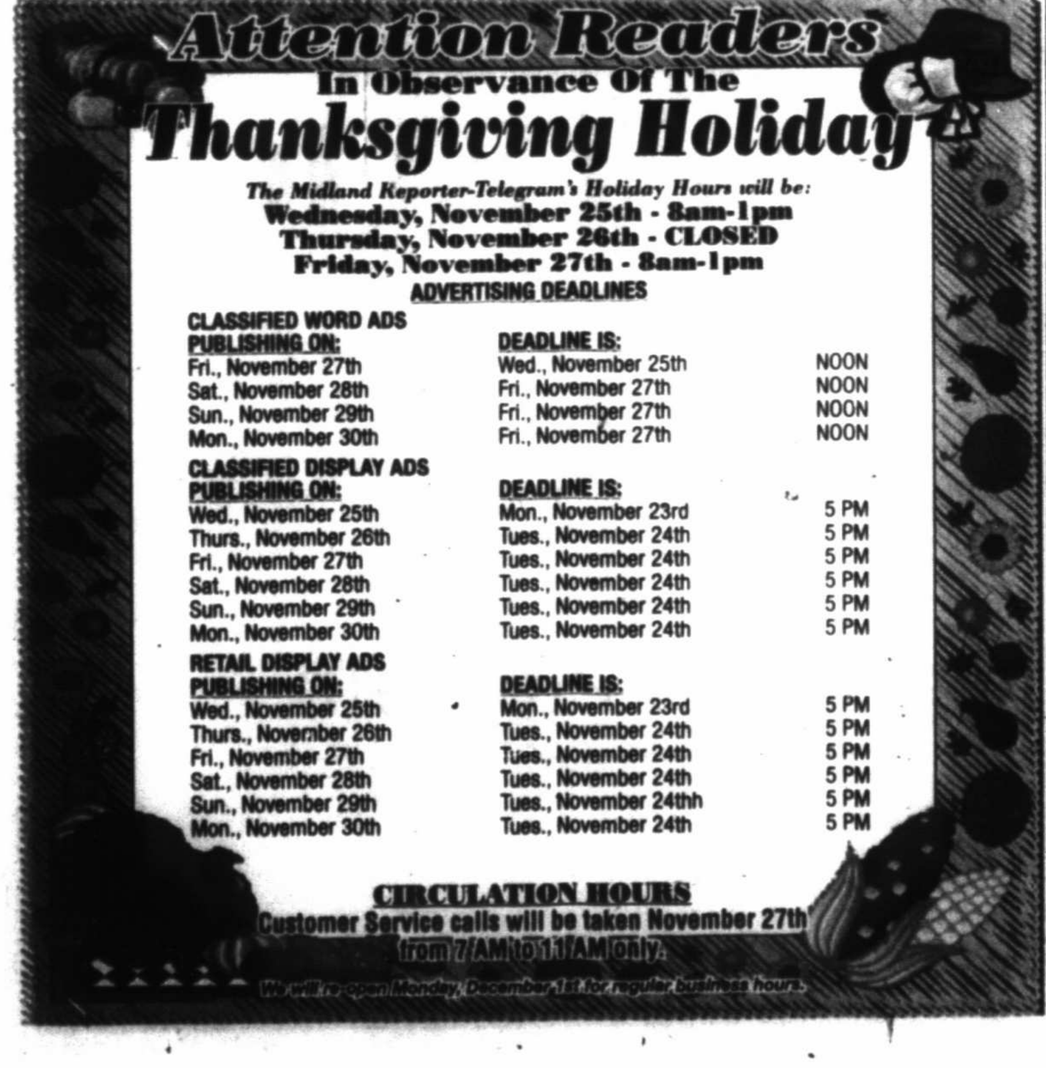
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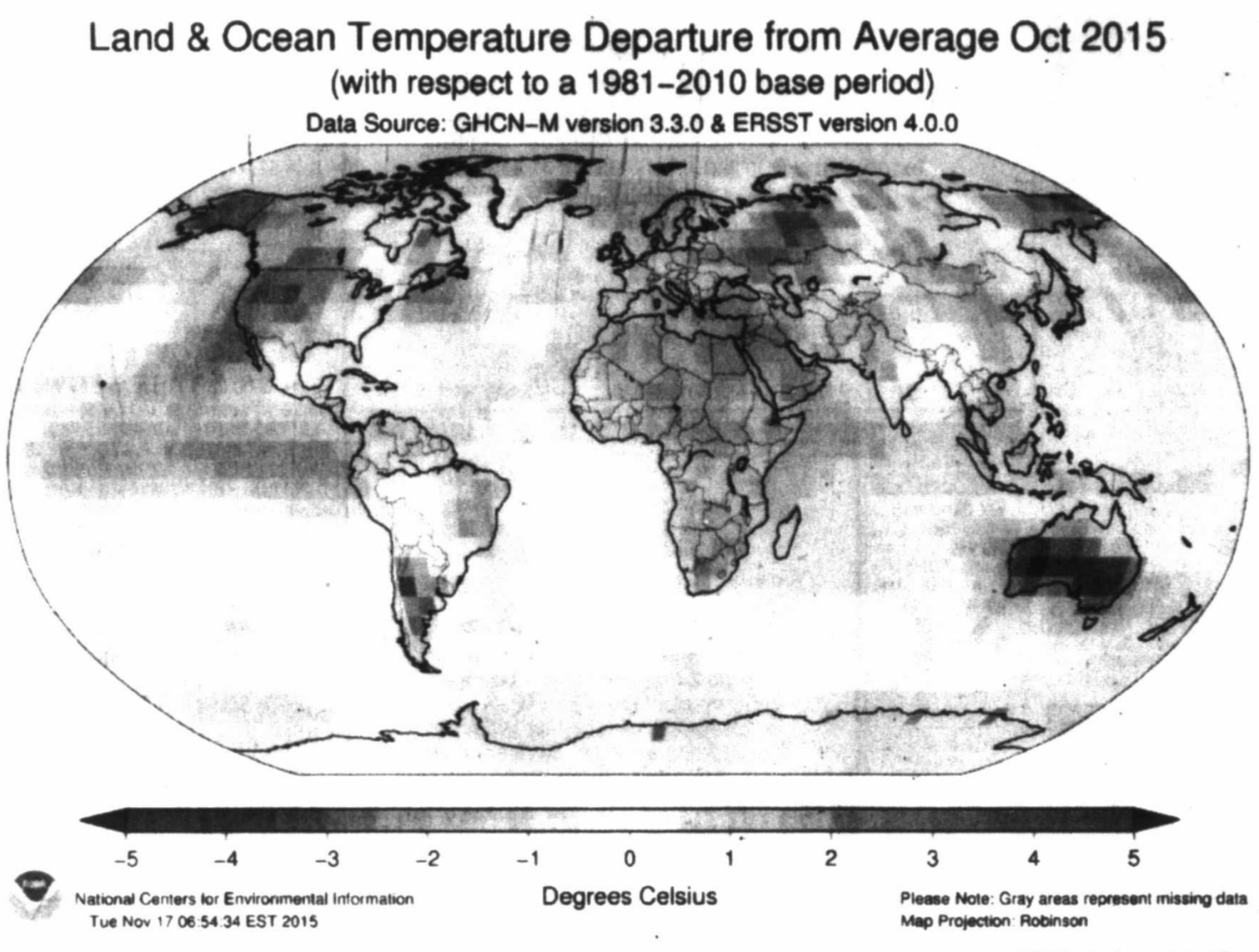
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This graphic provided by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) shows land and ocean temperatures for October 2015. Even for a record-breaking hot year for Earth, October stood out as absurdly warm. The hottest October on record by a third of a degree over the old mark, a large margin for weather records.

Earth sets 8th heat record this year

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Even in a record-breaking hot year for Earth, October stood out as absurdly warm.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said that last month globally was 58.86 degrees. That's the hottest October on record by a third of a degree over the old mark, "an incredible amount" for weather records, said NOAA climate scientist Jessica Blunden.

October's temperature was the most above-normal month in history. It was 1.76 degrees Fahrenheit above the 20th-century average.

"A complete blowout," said Jeffrey Sachs, director of Columbia University's Earth Institute. "This year is going to be an all-time record-breaker."

This was the eighth month this year when a heat record was set, with only January and April not setting records. That's a record number of broken records in any year. Records go back to 1880.

Blunden and other scientists blame a potent and strengthening El Nino on top of accelerating man-made global warming.

"This is just a new normal," Blunden said. "I don't know what really else to call it."

Nearly every team that measures temperatures found that October 2015 was a record, including NASA, the Japanese Meteorological Agency, University of California at Berkeley and University of Alabama at Huntsville, which measures the upper air using satellites, Blunden said.

Scientists spy multiple planets in the process of being born

By Karen Kaplan
Los Angeles Times

For the first time, scientists have witnessed planets being born.

The two — or possibly three — protoplanets are in orbit around a young sun-like star that is about 430 light-years from Earth. Their discovery could give scientists new insight on how planets come to be and what they are like in their formative years.

"We are unambiguously witnessing planet formation," a team of astronomers and astrophysicists wrote in a study published Wednesday in the journal Nature.

Nearly 1,900 planets have been found in orbit around distant stars, but all of them are grown up, like the eight planets in our own solar system. Mature planets can be detected when they pass in front of the stars they orbit, causing their light to dim.

But infant planets are too small — and too volatile — to make themselves known this way. So astronomers have tried to observe them directly, pointing their powerful telescopes toward young stars and the relatively empty space around them, a region called the disk cavity.

Observations by the Large Binocular Telescope and the Magellan Adaptive Optics System reveal multiple objects that appear to be planets in the process of forming around a very young star known as LkCa 15.

In late 2011, two of them finally found a possible protoplanet in the area around LkCa 15, a star estimated to be a mere 2 million years old.

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6 quintillion gallons of water are hiding in the Earth's crust

By Deborah Netburn
Los Angeles Times

Most of us think of the water cycle as something that occurs above ground — water falls from the sky, evaporates back into the atmosphere and then condenses into rain once again.

But above-ground water is just a fraction of our planet's water story.

Hidden in the Earth's crust are vast stores of what is known as "groundwater" — water that fell from the sky and then trickled into the cracks and crevices between the sand, gravel and rocks beneath our feet.

We can't see this groundwater, but more than 2 billion people across the globe rely on it for drinking water every day. In arid areas it is pumped out of the ground to grow crops, and it also plays an important environmental role, keeping streams and rivers running in times of drought.

Back in the 1970s a team of scientists estimated how much of the planet's water lies buried beneath the ground, but that calculation had not been updated for 40 years — until now.

In a new study in Nature Geoscience, researchers took another stab at estimating how much water is stored in our planet's crust, this time with tens of thousands more data points. They also looked at the age of that water, or how long it had been underground, to understand how quickly it can be replenished as humans keep pulling it out.

"Our maps and estimates show where the groundwater is quickly being renewed and where it is old and stagnant and non-renewable," said Tom Gleeson, a hydrogeologist at the University of Victoria in Canada who led the study.

To derive that number, the scientists used computer models that take into account 40,000 distinct measurements of how much water can be stored in various types of rocks across the planet.

The researchers were also interested in the age distribution of that underground water. Previous studies have shown that water that has made its way into the ground could have fallen from the sky as little as a day ago, or as long as millions — even billions — of years ago.

In particular, the scientists wanted to know how much of the Earth's groundwater was "modern," meaning it had entered the ground system less than 50 years ago.

Quantifying the amount of young groundwater is crucial for a variety reasons, they write. It is a more renewable groundwater resource than older "fossil" ground water, and is also more vulnerable to industrial or agricultural contamination.

To see how much of groundwater is "modern," they decided to look at how much tritium had been found in groundwater across the globe. Tritium is a radioactive isotope of hydrogen that spiked in rain water approximately 50 years ago as a result of above-ground thermonuclear testing.

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Obamacare website's problems are actually fairly common

Dear PropellerHeads: I might be shopping for health insurance through "Obamacare" in the near future. Did they ever get that website fixed?

"Fixed" is a funny word — it means one thing when you're talking about a website, but something entirely different when you're talking about a dog. So the answer is, "Yes!"

But seriously, yes, the site has been working for quite a while now. Head over to healthcare.gov when you're ready to get started.

More interesting to us is how the site was fixed, because managing website projects (and keeping them from failing in the first place) is part of our jobs. The Atlantic has a good write-up at theatln.tc/1kjWeAm — it's a case study in mismanagement, lack of oversight, and bureaucratic inefficiencies. But those qualities aren't limited to government websites; plenty of private-sector technology projects suffer similar fates, if on a much smaller scale.

The solution was to import talent and techniques from successful private companies with a track record of delivering on large projects. One such technique is known as "agile project management," which puts "people over processes." In other words, it cuts through red tape so that programmers and designers can just get the work done without requiring a thousand signatures.



And one of the people they brought in to fix everything was Mikey Dickerson, who had previously been a site reliability engineer at Google. See his talk at bit.ly/1PxKRjr on the challenges his team faced.

The new approach worked. The login system, arguably the most broken part of the original site, had originally cost $250 million to build and was projected to cost $70 million annually to maintain. The new version was built for just $4 million, and ongoing maintenance will likely run under $1 million per year.

In fairness to the original system's programmers, many of the site's requirements were in flux right up until product launch. And because there was no crisis until the site went live, they didn't have the luxury of pushing aside all the red tape that the "fixers" got to cut through.

But the bigger problem was that modern approaches to big IT projects — in management styles, technologies, and skill sets — had not made their way to the government sector. Google, Facebook, and Amazon have years of experience maintaining sites used by the entire country (if not the world), whereas government IT contractors were more accustomed to creating systems used internally by government agencies like the Social Security Administration.

And so, Dickerson's next big project was to change how the federal government handles such projects. He's now head of the US Digital Service (USDS, 1.usa.gov/1M25i5J), which is charged with improving other high-profile initiatives through the use of technology. They've published a "playbook" describing their approach at playbook.cio.gov.

After news broke last year that veterans were dying while waiting for care from the Veterans Health Administration, the USDS was tasked with streamlining how claims were processed (bit.ly/1iO83gs). Now, they're modernizing the immigrant visa application process (bit.ly/20Hblim) and making it possible to renew or replace a green card online (bit.ly/1Qe1eDp).

Assisting the USDS in all this is a consulting group of designers, programmers, and managers embedded in the General Services Administration (GSA) known as 18F (18f.gsa.gov/). While the USDS works on large, high-profile projects, 18F sends teams to help other agencies complete their IT projects using best practices.

The College Scorecard (collegescorecard.ed.gov) helps people find schools thanks to 18F's partnership with the Department of Education, and they worked with the Treasury Department to create the MyRA (myra.gov) website for retirement accounts. 18F is also streamlining Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests and simplifying access to data from the Federal Elections Commission (FEC).

And just like the USDS, 18F is all about improving the process for everyone. They recently published a set of visual design standards at 1.usa.gov/1WMoLKz, aimed at promoting a consistent look-and-feel across federal government sites.

They also recently experimented with "micro-purchases," opening up a small project to make data entry more efficient for a tool the government uses to estimate hourly rates on professional services contracts. Since projects under $3500 are easier to get approved, a "reverse auction" was created with the project going to the lowest bidder. In less than a week, a programmer and former Etsy employee had delivered a successful solution for $1 (1.usa.gov/1Mknvt8). Not bad for a government that once paid over $600 for airplane toilet seats!

By the way, both the USDS and 18F are looking for citizens willing to help. The USDS specializes in short, one- or two-year stints focused on specific projects, and 18F will likely have another "micro-purchase" project in the near future. So stop complaining about the government and go fix something yourself — but stay away from the dog.

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