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Lawyers inspect train signals at wreck site

Attorneys to use physical evidence to show 'cause of short warning' at crossing

By Joseph Basco
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A group of attorneys, data collectors and train employees converged Monday at the site of the Nov. 15 train-parade float wreck to inspect the railroad crossing's signal system.

Kevin Glasheen, a lawyer representing two military veterans and their wives who were in the Show of Support parade, organized a team of inspectors from various railroad industry backgrounds to collect data for the lawsuit he and attorney Robert L. Pottroff have filed against Union Pacific Railroad Co. and Smith Industries Inc.

Glasheen said a combination of the crossing plans, physical evidence and the test results will explain why the lights and gates gave a short warning the day of the crash.

Inspectors were at the scene between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. taking photographs, measuring distances and performing tests on the crossing's signal cabin.

"We know there were numerous unapproved modifications to the system since it was designed and approved in 1992," Glasheen said.

The inspectors discovered that the signal controller was replaced with a different make and model than the one

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Lawyers and their team of investigators take pictures and notes of train tracks Monday as they conduct their investigation of the fatal Nov. 15 train wreck that killed four and injured 14. Veterans from Indiana are visiting Midland make a donation to victims. Get the full story on Wednesday.

THEHOLIDAYRUSH



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Linda Bassham packs up a box of bread and goodies Monday afternoon as she and others wait in line at the Midland downtown post office to send packages. Monday reportedly was the busiest day of the year for the Postal Service.

Holiday season is busy for post offices

The busiest day

According to the U.S. Postal Service, Monday was the busiest mailing day of 2012. The Postal Service estimates 658 million pieces were processed. The average number of pieces processed in a day is 528 million.

Tips for shipping

Consumers are urged to use complete mailing addresses on holiday mail — including apartment numbers, directional indicators and zip codes. Officials say Thursday is the last recommended day to send mail expected to arrive before Christmas Eve. After that, they recommend the two-day Priority Mail service or overnight Express Mail.

Associated Press

Mail time

Dates for Christmas Eve delivery:

UPS
— Dec. 19 for Three-day select
— Dec. 20 for Two-day shipping
— Dec. 21 for Next day air

FedEx
— Dec. 22 for Express shipping
*Shipping deadlines vary for military bases. Go to fedex.com to find the transit time.

USPS
— Today for Parcel Post
— Dec. 20 for First-class mail
— Dec. 21 for Priority mail
— Dec. 22 for Express mail

When it's open

U.S. Postal Service
— Downtown, 100 E. Wall St.
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
— Village, 2315 W Louisiana Ave.
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
— Graves, 3304 W Wadley Ave.
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday
— ClayDesta, 612 Veterans Airpark Lane, and GMF Midland, 1000 Loop 40
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
*Note: According to USPS, post offices nationwide will be open Christmas Eve.

From staff reports

Report: Few states have bulk of executions

■ Texas carries out the most death penalty sentences, report says.

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Just four states carried out more than three-fourths of the executions in the United States this year, while another 23 states have not put an inmate to death in 10 years, an anti-capital punishment group reports.

The Death Penalty Information Center says in its annual report that Texas led the nation, as it does every year, with 15 executions. Arizona, Mississippi and Oklahoma had six each. Together, the four states accounted for 33 of the 43 executions in the United States in 2012.

The report also says that a handful of states were responsible for nearly two-thirds of death sentences imposed in 2012.

Both executions and new death sentences are far below their peaks since executions resumed in 1977 following a halt imposed by the Supreme Court. Texas' 492 executions since 1977 are the most, by far. No more executions are scheduled before the end of the year, the group says.

"By every count, the death penalty is declining and becoming less relevant. It's not turned to even in states that have been strong proponents of the death penalty. I'd even include Texas, which is sentencing many fewer people to death," said Richard Dieter, the center's executive director and author of the report.

Dieter singled out Georgia, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia for not carrying out an execution this year. And among those states, the only new death sentences were two in Georgia and one in Louisiana.

The exoneration of people wrongly convicted, the availability of prison terms

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78 Texas school districts lack mass shooting safety plans

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Seventy-eight Texas school districts either have failed to submit state-mandated safety plans in the event of a mass shooting or have filed ones that are too incomplete to be useful, Attorney General Greg Abbott said Monday.

His finding comes three days after Gov. Rick Perry ordered a statewide review to ensure Texas schools are prepared to handle attacks such as the one Friday in Newtown, Conn., that left 26 people dead, including 20 children.

"There's nothing we can do to bring back the loss of life of the school children in Connecticut," Abbott said at a news conference. "There is, however, something we can do to make sure schoolchildren in Texas will not meet a similar fate."

Abbott released a list of those failing to comply, which included Beaumont Independent School District. But many of the rest of the districts were small or very rural, or both.

Asked if $5.4 billion in cuts to public education and grant programs approved by the Texas Legislature last year might have made it more difficult for small districts to comply, Abbott noted: "I think the school in Connecticut was a smaller school."

"It doesn't matter if a school district is very small," he said. "The danger their students face is very large."

The state education code requires all of Texas' 1,025 total school districts to submit safety audits that must be updated every three years and include plans on what to do in case of a school shooter or other catastrophes. The list of districts that have failed to comply was compiled by the Texas School Safety Center, which was created in 1999 in the aftermath of the Columbine shootings in Colorado and promotes school safety.

Abbott said he issued a letter to the districts in violation explaining "the absolute necessity" to

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WTI Futures	$87.20	▲ $0.47
WTI Posted	$83.75	▲ $0.90
WTS Posted	$73.00	▲ $0.50
Natural Gas	$3.358	▲ $0.044
Gasoline	$2.188	▼ $0.029

The big number
On Sunday, Midland used
12.6 million gallons
of water. Learn more about the city's water usage on 2A.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ The Flying J Wranglers, 7 p.m., Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road, Odessa.

For more information on the Flying J Wranglers go to flyingjranch.com.

Meetings schedule

City Council
10 a.m. today
Council Chambers City Hall
300 N. Loraine St.

Community calendar

■ Enrique Excalante and the vocal group, Natices, will perform three local concerts:

— Christmas music, 7:30 p.m. Thursday at St. Stephen's Catholic Church. Tickets are $5.

— "Roots of Latin America," 7:30 p.m. Friday at Midland High School auditorium. Tickets are $15.

— "Touring the World of Music," 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $25 and $45.

For more information, call Gabriel Salgado, music director at St. Stephen's.

■ The George W. Bush Childhood Home monthly reading event is planned for 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday.

This month's featured book is "Priscilla and the Great Santa Search." Each child will receive a copy of the book. Refreshments will be served.

To make a reservation, call 685-1112.

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

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

Support groups, club meetings today

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

■ Midland Chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church (Koinonoa Room); Judith Craig, 683-3648.

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

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

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

■ American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 19, 6:30 p.m., 501 Veterans Airpark Lane; 682-5511.

■ Sons of Confederate Veterans, Dunn-Holt-Mid-kiff Camp No. 1441, 7 p.m., Fairmont Park Church of Christ Activities Annex; Tom Owens, tmowens44@juno.com or 697-6955.

■ 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.

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

On MyWestTexas and Facebook

The Reporter-Telegram is hosting 30 days of shopping at various businesses this week. Participants have a chance to win $500 in cash.

For more information go to MyWestTexas.com each day and click on the banner to find out which business is being featured that day.

Put your birthday or anniversary in the paper

If you would like to submit a birthday or anniversary for publication, please send the following information to news@mrt.com.

■ **Birthdays:** Name, age, birthday and place of residence.

■ **Anniversaries:** Names, years married, anniversary date and place of residence.

Water Worries

Based on limits set by the Colorado River Municipal Water District and the amount the city can take from the Paul Davis water fields, city officials expect water delivery to be limited to 18.5 million gallons.

Using more than that figure consistently could result in the city halting outdoor watering.

Friday's total: 13,404,000 gallons (CRMWD 10,319,000, Paul Davis fields 3,085,000)

Saturday's total: 13,432,000 gallons (CRMWD 10,379,000, Paul Davis fields 3,053,000)

Sunday's total: 12,644,000 (CRMWD 9,598,000, Paul Davis fields 3,046,000)

The current average delivery from the CRMWD for December is 9,700,125 gallons.

Source: City of Midland

Lottery

Pick 3 day: 4-8-3
Pick 3 night: 1-5-5
Daily 4 day: 8-6-9-7
Daily 4 night: 7-9-6-0
Cash Five: 15-17-20-21-30
Texas Two Step: 1-11-25-26 BB: 7
All or Nothing (morning): 3-5-6-9-10-11-13-17-18-22-23-24
All or Nothing (day): 2-4-6-8-11-13-15-17-18-21-22-23
All or Nothing (evening): 4-5-6-7-8-9-11-12-15-16-19-24
All or Nothing (night): 2-7-8-9-10-11-12-16-17-20-21-22

Senate mulls $60.4 billion Sandy aid package

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats on Monday began trying to push $60.4 billion in emergency spending for Superstorm Sandy victims. They hope the bill gets through Congress by Christmas, but the Republicans' response is: not so fast.

The Senate opened debate on the aid measure seven weeks after the storm swept up the East Coast, causing extensive damage in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut and killing more than 120 people.

Several Republicans say they're sympathetic to Sandy victims, but they favor a smaller aid package for the moment and suggest cutting other federal programs to pay for parts of it. They say some measures in the bill — including money for salmon fisheries in Alaska, new government cars and an Amtrak expansion project — smack more of congressional pork than disaster aid.

GOP Sens. John McCain, of Arizona, and Tom Coburn, of Oklahoma, released a list of what they called "questionable" spending in the bill, including $5.3 billion for the Army Corps of Engineers with no statement of priorities about how to spend the money, $125 million for the Department of Agriculture's emergency program for restoring watersheds damaged by wildfires and drought, and $50 million in subsidies for tree planting on private properties.

"Americans impacted by Hurricane Sandy deserve better than this," they said in a joint statement.



AP file photo

Robert Connolly, left, embraces his wife, Laura, on Oct. 30 as they survey the remains of the home owned by her parents that burned to the ground in the Breezy Point section of New York, during Superstorm Sandy.

The Club for Growth, an influential conservative group, urged senators to oppose the bill, saying it was overpriced, laden with pork and not paid for.

The bill faces a tough fight with time running short in a lame-duck session of Congress dominated by a standoff in negotiations between the White House and Republican lawmakers over how to avoid the "fiscal cliff." The combination of automatic spending cuts and tax increases will kick in next month unless lawmakers and the president act to stop them. The aid bill ultimately could be wrapped into a broader package as part of the "fiscal cliff" talks.

Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., the Senate's No. 3 Democrat, has said he's confident the bill has strong support from Democrats, who have a 53-47 majority, but supporters likely will need several GOP votes for the measure to clear procedural hurdles with the needed 60 votes. Democrats hope to win over New England Republicans and GOP senators from hurricane-prone Southern states.

House GOP leaders have not said how they plan to proceed.

House Appropriations Committee Chairman Hal Rogers, of Kentucky, has said Congress may want to begin with a smaller aid package for immediate recovery needs and wait until more data can be collected about storm damage before approving additional money next year.

The bill includes $188 million for an Amtrak project to curb rail bottlenecks in the Northeast. The project was on the table long before Sandy hit in late October, according to an analysis of the bill by the group Taxpayers for Common Sense.

"When you start playing fast and loose with federal coffers, it feeds public cynicism and undermines the real needs in the bill," said Stephen Ellis, vice president of the budget watchdog group.

Other proposed spending in the bill, according to Ellis:

■ $150 million for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for fisheries disasters in 2012 not related to Sandy; the money could go to New England states, Alaska, New York and Mississippi.

■ $821 million for dredging projects in areas hit by Sandy and other natural disasters.

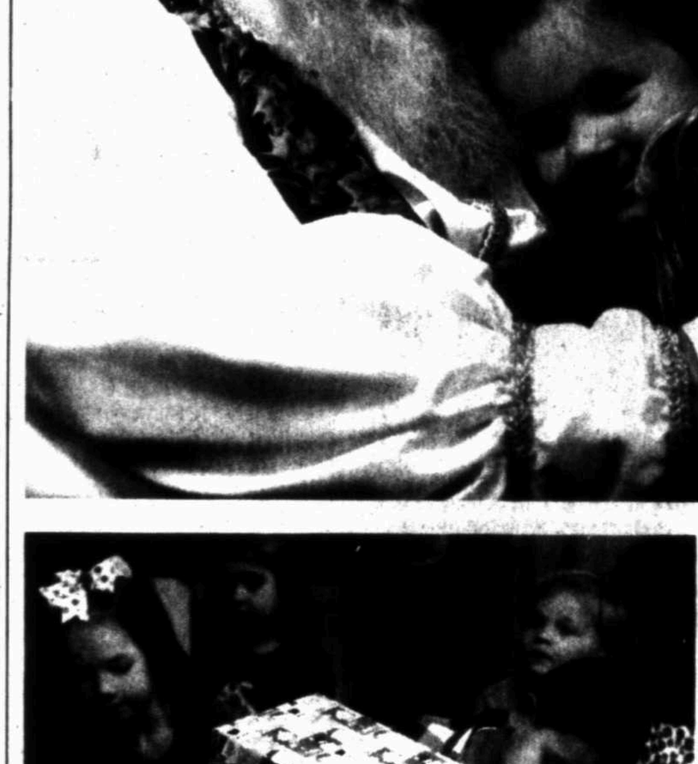
■ $20,000 to buy a new car for the Department of Justice's inspector general.

As with past natural disasters, the bill does not include offsetting spending cuts. Some tea party House Republicans and other fiscal conservatives favor cutting other federal programs to pay for some or all disaster costs.

The head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Craig Fugate, recently said the government's disaster relief fund still has $4.8 billion, enough to pay for recovery efforts into early spring.

A Christmas Story





ABOVE: Mark Reed, dressed as Santa Claus, hugs Kenzie Larey at Kids Castle in Texarkana, Ark., on Friday. Reed has been dressing as Santa at Christmas time for 16 years, and he grew a real beard for the part eight years ago to replace his false beard.

LEFT: Maycie Green, left, and Daniel Martinez look at a present from Santa.

PHOTOS BY DOUG STRICKLAND TEXARKANA GAZETTE

MPD: Midlander arrested for assaulting man with BB gun

From staff reports

A Midland man remained in custody Monday after being arrested Sunday for allegedly assaulting someore with a BB gun, according to his arrest affidavit.

Mandiaye Aw, 41, is being held on a $75,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Midland police were called about 6 a.m. Sunday in response to a disturbance at the Wash Em' Up Laundry at the 2100 block of North Midland Drive.

The alleged victim said he was washing his clothes when a man, later identified as Aw, came in and started asking him questions. Aw asked the man for narcotics, alcohol and lighters, but the man said he did not have any of those things and went to his car.

Aw followed the man outside and lifted up his shirt to show what the alleged victim thought was a real pistol, according to the report.

The man drove off and Aw followed him. The alleged victim said Aw tried to ram his car at least two times. Officers located the men and found in Aw's vehicle what they determined was a BB gun, according to the report.

Witnesses provided statements that match the alleged victim's story, and officers also had surveillance footage from the laundromat, according to the report.

If convicted, Aw could face up to 20 years in prison.

Executions

From 1A

of life without parole and the cost of capital trials and the appeals process all are factors in the decline, Dieter said.

The 43 executions equal the total in 2011 and were roughly half as many as in 2000. Ninety-eight prisoners were put to death in 1998, the busiest year for U.S. death chambers since 1977.

The other four states perform lethal-injection executions. Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Ohio and South Dakota were the others.

The steady, reduced pace of executions was similar to the persistent decline in new death sentences imposed in 2012.

Seventy-eight people convicted of murder have been sentenced to death so far, with another two such sentences possible, according to the report. Again, just four states accounted for nearly two-thirds of death sentences nationwide. Florida added 21 inmates to death row, California had 15 death sentences, Texas had nine and Alabama, seven.

Safety

From 1A

comply immediately.

The attorney general said he reviewed state law and had not found any mechanism whereby districts that fail to produce adequate safety plans could face sanctions, though he intends to keep looking. But he also said that he hoped simply calling attention to the issue would prompt those districts to act.

"As we have all observed, coming up with a plan in the midst of a shooting incident is a recipe for complete disaster," Abbott said. "The only way these schools can do everything possible to try to achieve the highest level of safety for their students is to have a detailed plan in place, and then practice that plan in the event that a shooter does come on campus."

On Friday, Perry asked Texas Education Commissioner Michael Williams to ensure that all Texas schools are prepared to execute plans to secure the safety of students and staff.

In a Monday letter to school districts statewide, Williams said Texas law requires them to have emergency plans that "address mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery," while including emergency-response training for district employees, mandatory school drills and exercises on how to respond to an emergency, and bolstering coordination with law enforcement and other first responders.

At his news conference, Abbot was asked if teachers or other school personnel should be permitted to carry guns, and he noted that some districts around the state — like Harrold Independent School District in North Texas — already allow that. But, he added, that would be a matter for the state Legislature when it reconvenes Jan. 8.

"You can be assured that, in the aftermath of what happened in Connecticut, these legislators care dearly about the lives of students at their schools," Abbott said, "and they will evaluate all possible measures that are necessary to protect those lives."

Signals

From 1A

originally installed, according to Glasheen.

"We will need to study the railroad maintenance records to determine what effect, if any, those modifications may have had on warning time," he said.

Raquel Espinoza, spokesperson for Union Pacific, said the signals are maintained and inspected on a monthly, quarterly and yearly basis. She said the last inspection was Oct. 18.

During the Monday inspection, three UP trains that were not part of the tests passed through the crossing, Espinoza said.

Also present was a UP locomotive that was placed at various distances. Glasheen said photographs were taken as the locomotive moved from place to place to determine the truck driver's and locomotive crew's visibility when the crash occurred.

Glasheen said his team will use the data collected to conduct computer modeling, which will be used to generate a report regarding the cause of the signal's short warning. The report will be complete in six to nine months, he said.

"Until all the evidence is in, our experts are not able to give a theory for the short warning," Glasheen said.

Espinoza said she is not sure why Glasheen and his team are going after UP and Smith Industries but no other party, such as the city of Midland.

"(Glasheen) and the community should allow the (National Transportation Safety Board) to do their investigation with the evidence provided so far," Espinoza said.

Glasheen said the families he represents do not blame Dale Hayden, the Smith Industries employee who was driving the parade float that was hit by the train.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Mandiaye Aw, 41, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Scott T. Bunting, 22, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of abandoning or endangering a child with criminal negligence.

Christopher N. Costilla, 32, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than one gram in a drug-free zone.

Roy Deleon, 47, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on four charges of violation of probation, three charges of theft and a charge of fugitive from justice.

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Top Mexican official: Security policy is failing

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — A top minister in Mexico's new government harshly criticized the country's U.S.-backed attack on drug cartel leaders for causing violence to surge, while officials offered only limited details about the adjusted security strategy they plan to introduce.

Interior Secretary Miguel Angel Osorio Chong opened a meeting of the National Security Council saying that under the strategy of former President Felipe Calderon, who left office Dec. 1, "financial resources dedicated to security have more than doubled but unfortunately crime has increased."

With the capture of dozens of drug capos, an achievement trumpeted by Calderon, "we have moved from a scheme of vertical leadership to a horizontal one that has made them more violent and much more dangerous," Osorio told the heads of the military and the governors of Mexico's 31 states.

"The rate of increase in homicides places us among the highest in the world," he said. "In recent years, because of the violence linked to organized crime, thousands of people have died and thousands of people have disappeared."

Calderon repeatedly said before leaving office that his forces had captured 25 of Mexico's 37 most-wanted drug lords, a strategy backed by the U.S. government with hundreds of millions in funding and close cooperation with American law-enforcement, military and intelligence agencies.

Osorio Chong and President Enrique Pena Nieto have promised to adjust Calderon's strategy in order to move away from a focus on killing and capturing cartel leaders and toward a focus on reducing crimes against ordinary citizens, most important homicides, kidnappings and extortion.

Nearly three weeks into their administration, they have offered few details on how they will actually do that. At Monday's meeting, they offered a few more specifics, but there was no indication of any grand readjustment in Mexico's security policy.

The administration said it would divide Mexico into five regions for the purposes of security planning, allowing them to design tactics specific to problems that vary widely across Mexico. It did not, however, say what those five regions would be.

Pena Nieto told the meeting that he would launch a new body of paramilitary police, based in large part on European forces known as gendarmerie, by enlisting 10,000 officers. He didn't offer a time line, nor indication of where those officers would be recruited from.

"I am convinced that we're opening a new path, a new route and a new way to address the security of the Mexican people," he said.

Alejandro Hope, a security analyst and former high-ranking official in Mexico's domestic intelligence agency, said that despite the federal government's new tone, there was little to indicate a break with Calderon's overall strategy, including the use of military and federal police-run operations and the hope of putting state and municipal police forces under single chains of command in each state.

"I see a lot of continuity despite the implicit and explicit criticism that was made," Hope said.

Feds: Mexican owl recovery could cost $42M by 2022

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The federal government estimates it will cost more than $42 million over the next decade to help get the Mexican spotted owl off the national list of threatened species.

The estimate is included in a new recovery plan for the owl that was released by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on Monday. The plan calls for a combination of more research and management that focuses on limiting the biggest threat: wildfires that burn hot enough to wipe out entire stands of trees.

Part of that management could include thinning projects to prevent more severe wildfires in owl habitat, and that has environmentalists concerned.

"The problem with this revised recovery plan is that it's got nearly no strong protections for the owl and gives the U.S. Forest Service a pass on the thinning and logging. It's fire hysteria rather than sound science," said Bryan Bird of the Santa Fe-based group WildEarth Guardians.

Federal officials argued the plan is based on the best available science.

"Areas currently occupied by owls require the greatest protection to ensure continued occupancy, reproduction and survival. By no means, however, does this translate to a hands-off approach," the plan states. "In some cases, protection of these areas requires active intervention."

The Fish and Wildlife Service has worked for more than a year to revamp the plan, which was initially adopted in 1995. Since then, federal biologists have learned more about the owl's biology, its distribution in the American Southwest and the shift of threats from timber harvesting to catastrophic wildfires.

The new plan states that the intensification of drought and more stress on the region's overgrown forests could result in more severe fires in owl habitat.

The owl was first listed as threatened in 1993. More than 8 million forested acres in four Western states — Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Colorado — have been set aside by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife as critical habitat. In the past two years, record-setting fires have burned in Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado.

In 2011, a single fire burned more than a third of all owl nesting sites in Arizona's Apache-Sitgreaves forest.

The plan estimates spending on recovery efforts to be around $3.7 million a year through 2017. The minimum cost for the next four years is estimated at more than $24 million.

Taylor McKinnon with the Center for Biological Diversity argued that the previous plan wasn't broken, but rather the federal government did not allocate the money needed to monitor the owls.

Key figure

The amount of land in Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Colorado that has been set aside as critical habitat by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:

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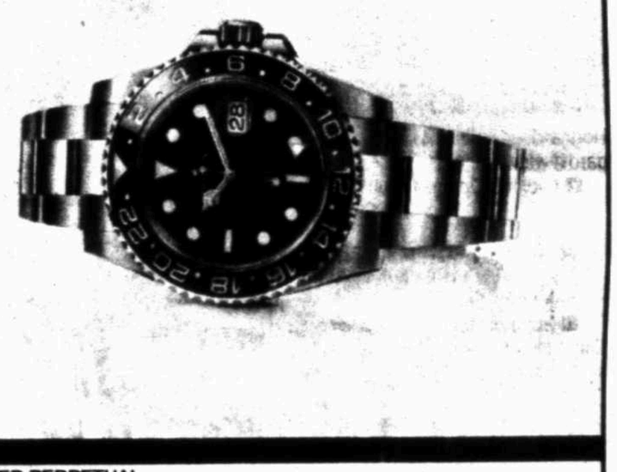
Guard chief criticized over secession email

Associated Press

EL PASO — The Texas State Guard has criticized a regiment commander for sending a scathing email to his subordinates after one of them posted a petition on the White House website asking that Texas be allowed to secede from the United States.

The email sent by Cmdr. Howard Palmer said that "any mention of secession better happen on a civilian venue, as private citizens registering an opinion, with no connection to Texas Military Forces. It's only talk, and rather ignorant talk at that. If you've already done something to call attention to yourself or our regiment in this matter, make it go away."

The email was sent on Nov. 14, five days after Texas guardsman Micah Hurd posted a petition on the White House's website asking that Texas be allowed to withdraw from the union.

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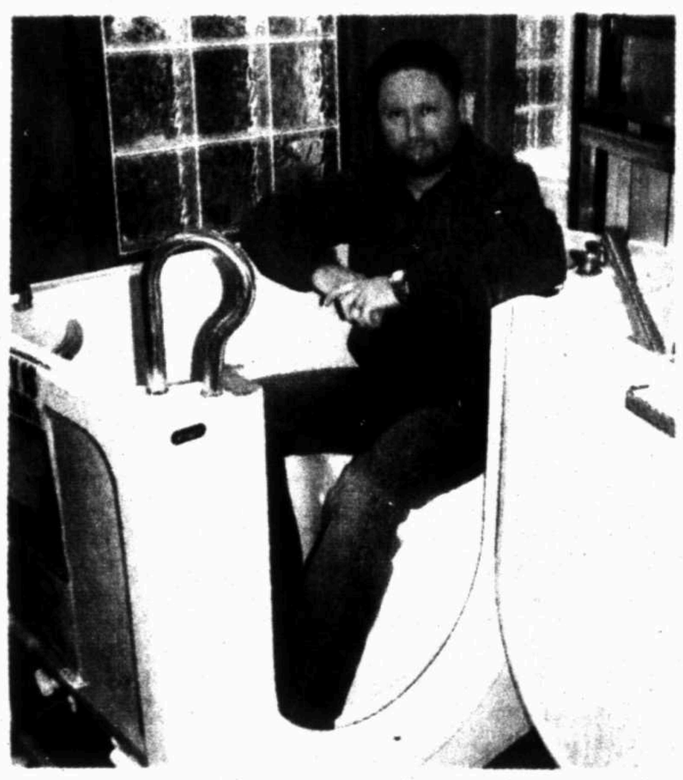
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1 Hang up garments immediately after wearing to allow wrinkles to fall out.



Fashion Cleaners' Philip McCain says following a few simple rules can make your clothes last longer.

2 Don't hang wet or moist garments in the closet (the moisture could cause mildew).

3 Mend all rips and tears before cleaning. Unmended rips only get bigger, not smaller.

4 Do not store dirty clothing from one season to another. This will make them very difficult to get clean.

5 Treat and remove all stains as soon as possible. The longer stains stay, the harder they are to remove.

6 Clean your clothes frequently. Soiled clothing invites insects and the damage they can inflict.

7 Follow care instructions on the label.

8 Inspect items of clothing after each time you wear them to determine if they need cleaning or repairs.

9 Do not allow perfumes, hair sprays or lotions to contact garments, because the alcohol in these substances may cause color loss.

10 Do not store or allow garments to be in prolonged artificial light or direct sunlight. Storing them away from light of any kind protects against fading.

While no one can guarantee stain removal or long life for your garments, Philip says following these guidelines can help you get the most for your clothing dollars.

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Electoral College vote affirms Obama re-election

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Tradition trumped suspense Monday as members of the Electoral College cast the official, final votes in the 2012 presidential election, a constitutional formality on President Barack Obama's march to a second term.

The rite playing in state capitols involved party luminaries and tireless activists carrying out the will of each state's voters. The popular vote from state-to-state dictates whether Democratic or Republican electors get the honor, but the outcome wasn't in doubt. Obama had well more than the 270 votes required to win the White House.

Obama was on course to get 332 votes to Republican Mitt Romney's 206, barring defectors known as "faithless electors." California's 55 electoral votes — the largest cache in any state — helped put the Democratic president over the top by late Monday afternoon. Electors also were affirming Joe Biden for another term as vice president.

"Everybody votes for president, but nobody gets a real vote except a presidential elector," said elector Mike Bohan of Oregon, which was in Obama's column.

Ceremonies around the country had their share of pomp and electors in red, white and blue ties. Wisconsin's electors donned pin-on buttons with headshots of the president. A bit of controversy erupted in Arizona, where a few electors voiced doubts that Obama was "properly vetted as a legitimate candidate for president" by raising debunked claims about his birth certificate.

In New Hampshire, electors supporting Obama signed their four ballots and then certificates that were sealed in envelopes with wax that has been in the secretary of state's office for more than 70 years.

"It's been a long haul for all of us," said state Secretary of State Bill Gardner, alluding to New Hampshire's first-in-the-nation primary that sparked intense campaigning there for more than a year.

Colorado elector Anthony Graves called his votes for Obama and Biden "one of the great honors of my life."

In a rotunda decked out for the holidays, Minnesota's 10 electors called out the name "Barack Obama" one after another in an exercise meant to avoid a miscue that left the state with an accidental faithless elector in 2004. Former legislator Al Patton, who was also an elector four years ago, acknowledged the historical magnitude was less than in 2008 when Obama was elected the nation's first black president. But Patton said he was still honored to be involved.

Vermont's meeting of three electors was witnessed by a fifth-grade class.

"It was an amazing teachable opportunity," said Cindy Tan, a teacher at Chamberlin School in South Burlington. "It only happens every four years."

Connecticut's electors convened in the state Senate chamber and solemnly remembered the victims of last week's school shooting before carrying out their task.

In Mississippi, which Romney carried comfortably, six men chosen earlier as electors met in a small committee room in the state Capitol and cast their votes for the GOP candidate. Well aware they were doing so in a lost cause, they opted for humor. The state's Republican governor, Phil Bryant, joked that Billy Mounger, an 86-year-old elector, probably wished to vote for Calvin Coolidge, a renowned small-government conservative president in the 1920s.

"I'd like to have Coolidge back," said Mounger, a Jackson businessman.

Next door in Alabama, Republicans were still bothered by the election outcome.

"I'm proud of our state. I think we got it right," said Romney elector Terry Lathan of Mobile. "I'm sad for our country."

Dissatisfaction was evident in Arkansas as well, where six votes were awarded to Romney.

"I would rather be here casting my vote for the next president of the United States, but Arkansas did all it could do to see that through and I'm proud to cast my vote as Arkansans wanted it cast," said state GOP Chairman Doyle Webb, one of the electors.

The certified tally sheets are on their way to Washington, where Congress will officially count them on Jan. 6. Obama is to be sworn in a couple of weeks later.

The 12th Amendment directs the electors chosen by the states to meet and vote for president and vice president. Each state gets its equivalent in the 435-member House and the 100-member Senate. The District of Columbia gets the other three electors.

With the Electoral College in focus, advocates for revamping the current system seized on the chance to argue for a change guaranteeing the national popular vote winner is elected president. The compact among states would award future electoral votes to the national vote leader regardless of how candidates perform in a particular state. The shift has been approved in nine places and is pending in many others, but it won't take effect unless states possessing a majority of electoral votes ratify it.

President won't go after marijuana use in 2 states

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama says the federal government won't go after recreational marijuana use in Washington state and Colorado, where voters have legalized it.

In a Barbara Walters interview airing Friday on ABC, Obama was asked whether he supports making pot legal.

"I wouldn't go that far," Obama replied. "But what I think is that, at this point, Washington and Colorado, you've seen the voters speak on this issue."

But the president said he won't pursue the issue in the two states where voters legalized the use of marijuana in the November elections. Marijuana remains illegal under federal law.

Marijuana officially became legal in Washington state and Colorado this month.

The Justice Department hasn't targeted recreational marijuana users for decades. With limited resources, its focus has been to go after major drug traffickers instead.

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OPINION

As we've seen in Connecticut, evil does exist

■ When evil is not controlled by inner compass, laws or cultural constraints, the result is Sandy Hook or other tragedies like it.



CAL THOMAS
Tribune Media Services

Trying to explain an evil act like the one that killed 20 children and six adults at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., is on a par with explaining how the universe was formed.

The natural human reaction after extending sympathy and prayers for the victims and their families is to ask what actions might have been taken to prevent the massacre. More gun laws? Connecticut already has some of the strictest gun laws in the nation. Those laws did not prevent a man with evil intent from carrying out his heinous act.

Some will blame TV and video game violence. Depictions of murder and other violent acts on TV and in the movies have grown in recent years, but people killed people long before TV and movies. Such explanations are too easy.

Would armed guards at Sandy Hook have helped? Possibly, but do we want guards at every elementary school, patrolling not only the halls, but playgrounds where kids ought to be able to play in an atmosphere of fun and freedom? That may be where we are headed.

What about locked doors? Sandy Hook's doors were reportedly secured, but the shooter still managed to somehow gain access.

As much as humans have tried for millennia to prevent evil acts, we have not succeeded. In the modern era, Woodrow Wilson believed his League of Nations would usher in peace on Earth, if not goodwill to men. The United Nations followed that aborted experiment. The U.N. has been equally unsuccessful in preventing the slaughter of innocents and other evil acts.

Political leaders not usually identified with spiritual concepts are making use of the word "evil' in accurately describing what happened in Newtown. We hear calls for prayers from politicians committed to the separation of church and state. Whether it is Columbine, Virginia Tech, Tucson, Aurora, Fort Hood, Oklahoma City or the 9/11 terrorist attacks, evil seems to have gained a foothold in America.

Not every parent with a child in public school has the option of home-schooling, but that is something they might want to consider if they want to create a completely safe environment. Even private schools can't offer full protection from a deranged mind hell-bent on carnage.

More information about the killer will surface in the days to come, but even if we learn he was psychotic and off his medication, that will not satisfy our communal anger or anguish. It will not explain evil. It will not explain why 26 innocent lives were lost.

The way to deal with evil is to first acknowledge that it exists and that we all possess the potential for it. We don't become evil by what we do, but because of who we are. We are human beings, not God. We are not "basically good," as some claim, we are imperfect and fall far short of any true standard of perfection.

Evil is a "pre-existing condition." In some it is controlled by an inner compass, or by laws and cultural constraints. When it is not, we get Sandy Hook and tragedies like it. We get what we do not understand and cannot begin to fathom.

There may be no greater expression of evil than the murder of children in their classrooms. In calling for prayers, officials have taken an important first step in combating evil, but a larger question should be asked. Perhaps theologians, pastors, priests and rabbis are the ones to ask it, but permit me a suggestion.

If there is a source of evil, is there also a source of good? And if there is, has that source for good been offended by all of the accumulated evil we are piling up, affording it an upper hand?

As a friend of mine says, "Not a sermon, just a thought."

OUR VIEW

Safety at schools must be a priority

Few of us are left untouched by the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre in Newtown, Conn., on Friday, and we now face the prospect that it will affect our lives far more than you now realize.

Little did we know that we entered a new era of school safety concerns on April 20, 1999, when Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold murdered a total of 12 students and one teacher at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo.

Since then we have had several tragic incidents unfold, including the blood bath at Virginia Tech University and now at the Connecticut school.

The Sandy Hook killing rampage took the lives of 26 people, including 20 children who were 6 or 7. It's a heartbreaking scene and one we hope we never see again.

However, the frequency of these types of incidents on school campuses seems to be increasing and should remain a cause of concern.

The Columbine killings sparked debate over gun control laws, the availability of firearms within the United States and gun violence and drug use involving youths. Much discussion also centered on the nature of high school cliques, subcultures and bullying, in addition to the influence of violent movies and video games in American society. The shooting also resulted in an increased emphasis on school security.

Now it appears that talk will resume. Already, MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren has initiated discussion on how to better protect our schools from such incidents. We think this is a wise move and urge administrators to maintain a rigorous approach to school safety.

President Barack Obama told Newtown mourners that the nation is failing to keep its children safe. He said he would use "whatever power this office holds" to engage with law enforcement, mental health professionals, parents and educators in an effort to prevent more tragedies like Newtown. He promised to lead a national effort but left unclear what it would be and how much it would address the explosive issue of gun control.

In our opinion, the focus on guns probably will do little to prevent tragedies like the one in Newtown. Connecticut's gun control laws have been called some of the strictest in the United States. Does that mean we should delay a conversation about some controls, including high-capacity ammunition clips? Absolutely not.

Still, preventive measures instituted by school campuses appear to be much more effective than any gun control measure.

We must revisit safety measures employed by school systems everywhere, and law enforcement must work diligently with schools to ensure quick response times and proper training to face such challenges.

There are no magic pills to make these types of incidents go away, but that should never stop us from using every safety precaution available to protect our children the best we can. We can, and we must, save lives by planning for the new challenges presented to safety at school. Our kids deserve that.

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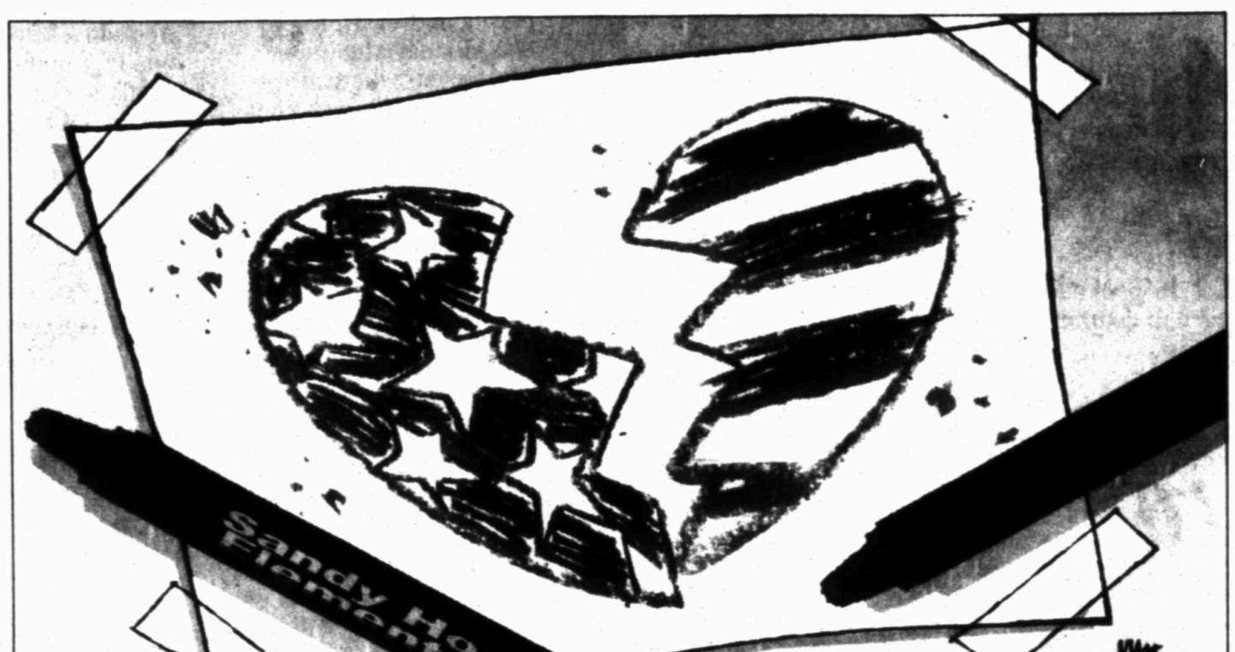
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Why aren't guns regulated like cars?



NICHOLAS KRISTOF
New York Times News Service

In the harrowing aftermath of the school shooting in Connecticut, one thought wells in my mind: Why can't we regulate guns as seriously as we do cars?

The fundamental reason kids are dying in massacres like this one is not that we have lunatics or criminals — all countries have them — but that we suffer from a political failure to regulate guns.

Children ages 5 to 14 in the United States are 13 times as likely to be killed with guns as children in other industrialized countries, according to David Hemenway, a public health specialist at Harvard who has written an excellent book on gun violence.

So let's treat firearms rationally as the center of a public health crisis that claims one life every 20 minutes. The U.S. realistically isn't going to ban guns, but we can take steps to reduce the carnage.

American schoolchildren are protected by building codes that govern stairways and windows. School buses must meet safety standards, and the bus drivers have to pass tests. Cafeteria food is regulated for safety. The only things we seem lax about are the things most likely to kill.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration has five pages of regulations about ladders, while federal authorities shrug at serious curbs on firearms. Ladders kill around 300 Americans a year, and guns 30,000.

We even regulate toy guns, by requiring orange tips — but lawmakers don't have the gumption to stand up to National Rifle Association extremists and regulate real guns as carefully as we do toys.

As one of my Facebook followers wrote after I posted about the shooting, "It is more difficult to adopt a pet than it is to buy a gun."

Look, I grew up on an Oregon farm where guns were a part of life; and my dad gave me a .22 rifle for my 12th birthday. I understand: Shooting is fun! But so is driving, and we accept that we must wear seat belts, use headlights at night and fill out forms to buy a car. Why can't we be equally adult about regulating guns?

And don't say that it won't make a difference because crazies will always be able to get a gun. We're not going to eliminate gun deaths, any more than we have eliminated auto accidents. But if we could reduce gun deaths by one-third, that would be 10,000 lives saved annually.

Likewise, don't bother with the argument that if more people carried guns, they would deter shooters or interrupt them. Mass shooters typically kill themselves or are promptly caught, so it's hard to see what deterrence would be added by having more people pack heat. There have been few if any cases in the United States in which an ordinary citizen with a gun stopped a mass shooting.

The tragedy isn't one school shooting, it's the unceasing toll across our country. More Americans die in gun homicides and suicides in six months than have died in the last 25 years in every terrorist attack and the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq combined.

So what can we do? A starting point would be to limit gun purchases to one a month, to curb gun traffickers. Likewise, we should restrict the sale of high-capacity magazines so that a shooter can't kill as many people without reloading.

We should impose a universal background check for gun buyers, even with private sales. Let's make serial numbers more difficult to erase, and back California in its effort to require that new handguns imprint a microstamp on each shell so that it can be traced back to a particular gun.

"We've endured too many of these tragedies in the past few years," President Barack Obama noted in a tearful statement on television. He's right, but the solution isn't just to mourn the victims — it's to change our policies. Let's see leadership on this issue, not just moving speeches.

Other countries offer a road map. In Australia in 1996, a mass killing of 35 people galvanized the nation's conservative prime minister to ban certain rapid-fire long guns. The "national firearms agreement," as it was known, led to the buyback of 650,000 guns and to tighter rules for licensing and safe storage of those remaining in public hands.

The law did not end gun ownership in Australia. It reduced the number of firearms in private hands by one-fifth, and they were the kinds most likely to be used in mass shootings.

In the 18 years before the law, Australia suffered 13 mass shootings — but not one in the 14 years after the law took full effect. The murder rate with firearms has dropped by more than 40 percent, according to data compiled by the Harvard Injury Control Research Center, and the suicide rate with firearms has dropped by more than half.

Or we can look north to Canada. It now requires a 28-day waiting period to buy a handgun, and it imposes a clever safeguard: Gun buyers should have the support of two people vouching for them.

For that matter, we can look for inspiration at our own history on auto safety. As with guns, some auto deaths are caused by people who break laws or behave irresponsibly. But we don't shrug and say, "Cars don't kill people, drunks do."

Instead, we have required seat belts, air bags, child seats and crash safety standards. We have introduced limited licenses for young drivers and tried to curb the use of mobile phones while driving. All this has reduced the U.S. traffic fatality rate per mile driven by nearly 90 percent since the 1950s.

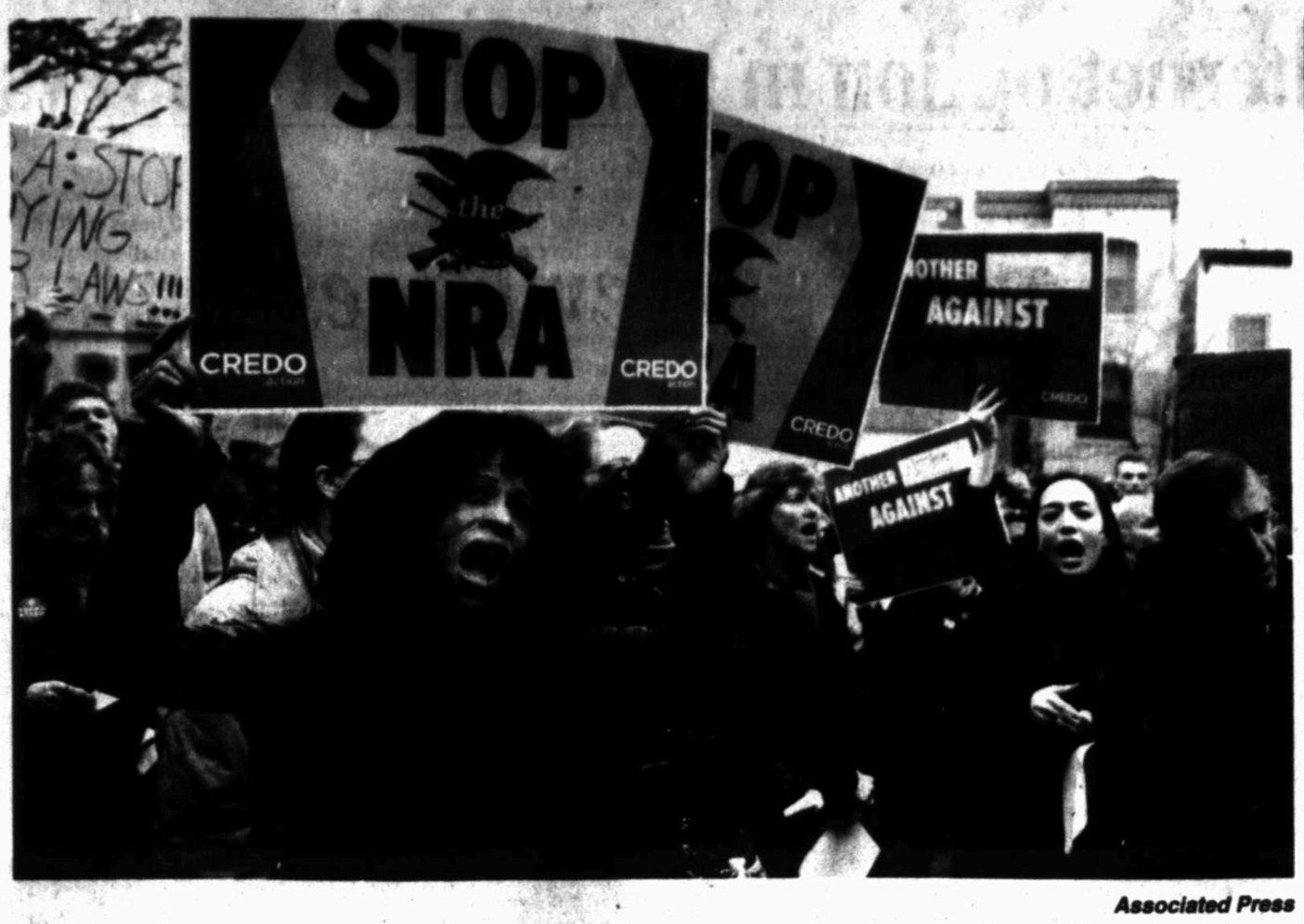
Some of you are alive today because of those auto safety regulations. And if we don't treat guns in the same serious way, some of you and some of your children will die because of our failure.

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From the Right | Mallard Fillmore





Associated Press

Tasha Devoe, left, of Lawrence, Mass., joins a march to the National Rifle Association headquarters on Capitol Hill in Washington Monday. Curbing gun violence will be a top priority of President Barack Obama's second term, aides say, but exactly what he'll pursue and how quickly are still evolving.

Capitol Hill ground may be shifting on gun control

By Dan Freedman and Richard S. Dunham
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Advocates of stricter gun legislation, emboldened by a shift in public opinion following last week's school shootings in Newtown, Conn., pushed Monday for a renewed assault weapons ban and other gun control measures that have failed to gain traction over the past decade.

Three days after a gunman took the lives of 20 children and seven adults before killing himself with a Bushmaster .223 semi-automatic rifle, several pro-gun lawmakers — including Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev. — said they were willing to consider new firearms legislation.

"We need to accept the reality that we are not doing enough to protect our citizens," said Reid said in a statement on the Senate floor. "In the coming days and weeks, we will engage in a meaningful conversation and thoughtful debate about how to change laws and culture that allow violence to grow."

Even Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., a longtime NRA member with an A-rating from the powerful gun lobbying organization, said "everything should be on the table."

Appearing on MSNBC, he added that Second Amendment rights would not necessarily be violated by controls on high-capacity magazines. "I've never had more than three shells in a clip," said Manchin. "I'm a proud outdoorsman and hunter, but this doesn't make sense."

Statements from Democrats such as Reid, Manchin and Sen. Mark Warner, D-Va., — who said Monday "the status quo isn't acceptable" — are a key measure of strength for gun control because even though the party is generally sympathetic to restraints on firearms, these senators and others with significant pro-gun rural constituencies have insulated themselves in Republican-leaning states in part by championing gun rights. But it wasn't just lawmakers who were reassessing their views. Support for stricter gun control measures has reached a five-year high in the aftermath of the Connecticut school massacre, according to a new ABC News/Washington Post poll released today.

Fifty-four percent of Americans back new controls on guns — and 59 percent back curbs on the high-capacity ammunition clips used in many of the recent shooting rampages.

Another shift: Gun control supporters now have more intensity than opponents of stricter controls. Forty-four percent of Americans say they "strongly" favor stricter action while 32 percent say they oppose new controls "strongly."

Gun control advocates — led by New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and backed by Connecticut Gov. Dan Malloy — pushed for swift action in Washington.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., said she would introduce an "updated" assault weapons ban that would outlaw 100 specifically named firearms, weapons that can accept detachable magazines as well as certain semiautomatic rifles, handguns and shotguns that can accept a detachable magazine and semiautomatic rifles and handguns with a fixed magazine that can accept more than 10 rounds.

Feinstein is the author of the assault weapons ban that became law in 1994 but expired in 2004 when Congress refused to renew it.

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., also is likely to re-introduce legislation to require universal background checks on all weapons transactions. Current law requires background checks on weapons sold by federally licensed firearms dealers. Schumer's measure, along with a similar bill by Rep. Carolyn McCarthy, D-N.Y., in the House, would also require background checks on transactions between private parties, with a few exceptions.

Nevertheless, members of Congress who favor gun control face what may prove to be an insurmountable barrier of lawmakers from both parties who are not likely to change their support for gun rights.

For the most part, pro-gun Republicans who control the House remained conspicuously silent Monday. "One indisputable call to action from the Connecticut tragedy — SECURE YOUR GUNS IF YOU OWN THEM," Rep. John Carter, R-Texas, said via Twitter.

But opposition to new laws nevertheless percolated from a few House members such as Rep. Gene Green, D-Texas. "Instead of saying we need to outlaw certain types of weapons, we need to find better ways to enforce current law," Green said in an interview. "The kneejerk approach of those who want to control firearms may not be the solution."

He predicted that neither the proposed assault weapons ban nor the expanded background-checks proposal "would move in the House."

Gun control advocates acknowledge the climb may be steep to get gun-control legislation through Congress. But they say that unlike previous incidents such as the one at a movie theater in Aurora, Colo., in July, in which a shooter, James Holmes, took the lives of 12 and wounded 57, the drumbeat for change in gun laws is much stronger in the wake of the Connecticut shootings.

Gov. Rick Perry: Ease limits on weapons permit holders

NORTH RICHLAND HILLS — Gov. Rick Perry says concealed-handgun permit holders should be able to carry their weapons in any public place.

Perry's comment came in response to the Connecticut school shootings. His voice broke and he stopped for several seconds during his remarks Monday before a tea party meeting in the Fort Worth suburb of North Richland Hills.

He began his speech by addressing the Friday massacre in Newtown, Conn.

Asked by an audience member what he thought of passing new gun control laws, Perry said he's heard of one school district considering allowing teachers or administrators to carry concealed weapons. He also said mental health issues should be considered.

Perry said the thought of parents dropping off their children at school, never to see them again, "is not right."

Associated Press

First funerals are held for Newtown victims

By John Burgeson and John Pirro
Hearst Newspapers

NEWTOWN, Conn. — The first funerals for victims of the Newtown school shootings were held Monday for two 6-year-old boys. Noah Samuel Pozner, was described by his uncle Alexis Haller as "smart as a whip," while the other, Jack Pinto, was a first grader who loved wrestling.

Noah's twin sister, Arielle, was also in the school Friday morning, but in a different classroom. She survived.

"They were always playing together, they loved to do things together," Haller said. "When his mother, a nurse, would tell him she loved him, he would answer, "Not as much as I love you, Mom."

In his eulogy, Haller said that Noah would have been a great man, had he lived.

"He was already a very good reader and had just bought a Ninjago book at a book fair that he was really excited about reading," Haller said. "He was also very excited about going to a birthday party he had been invited to. It was to take place on Saturday, Dec. 15."

Noah was said to be the youngest of the victims.

Gov. Dannel P. Malloy, Sen. Richard Blumenthal and Sen.-elect Christopher Murphy attended the service.

Some of the mourners said afterward the fact that there were many there who had no connection to Noah brought at least some measure of comfort to the devastated family.

The boy was also movingly eulogized by his mom, Veronique, those who were at the service said. He's also survived by his father, Lenny, as well as his brothers and sisters Danielle, Michael, Sophia and his twin, Arielle.

"It was a very touching and very moving ceremony," said Rabbi Yehoshua S. Hecht, the spiritual leader of Beth Israel of Westport and Norwalk. "It was good to see that there were so many people who did not know the family came and participated."

Hecht said that Noah was celebrated as a "pure, innocent child" who brought joy to all who knew him.

"As his older brother said, 'He could have been anything had he had the chance to grow,' " he said.

Among mourners at Jack Pinto's service were friends from the Newtown Youth Wrestling Association — Jack was one of the youngest members wearing gray jerseys, and football teammates clad on dark blue uniform tops.

Jack's parents, Dean and Tricia Pinto, and both sets of grandparents choked back sobs as clergyman said prayers. Others, including the boy's former baseball coach, delivered brief eulogies.

"Jack was the boy that everybody wanted on their team," said Shari Butler, who helped coach his baseball and basketball squads for the past two years.

He could make every catch, hit every ball, and "put his heart into every throw," Butler said.

The first-grader idolized New York Giants wide receiver Victor Cruz. Jack was buried at the Newtown Village Cemetery, wearing a white Giants jersey bearing the red number 80, the same number worn by Cruz, and with a gray-and-white stuffed fish nestled in his left arm.

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Census to offer Internet option in government surveys

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For the first time, the Census Bureau is giving U.S. households a chance to respond to government surveys over the Internet, part of a bid to save costs and boost sagging response rates in a digital age.

The new online option will supplement the traditional census mail-out operation. It is a major shift for the agency, which has relied almost exclusively on paper forms since 1970 but is now moving toward a more Internet-based system after spending a record $13 billion on the 2010 census.

"The online response option is part of an ongoing digital transformation at the Census Bureau," said Thomas Mesenbourg, the Census Bureau's acting director. "The Census Bureau is transforming to make responding to surveys more convenient, conducting surveys more cost-effective and America's statistics more accessible on digital and mobile devices."

Beginning this week, more than 3.5 million U.S. households that are randomly selected each year to participate in the American Community Survey will be sent letters asking them to respond online.

The ACS questionnaire, formerly known as the census "long form," asks households for wide-ranging details from education and income to disabilities, language use and commute times.

The Census Bureau also will add to the survey a new series of questions on computer and Internet usage. Data gathered will become available beginning in 2014.

If households don't respond within two weeks, the Census Bureau will send out copies of paper surveys and follow up with interviews by phone or in person.

The Census Bureau said it is hoping to tap into the changing information habits of Americans, especially younger adults, who are increasingly turning to computers, tablets and smartphones for their communications. Over the last two censuses, the government has struggled with decreasing response rates, due to a combination of perceived inconvenience and concerns about revealing personal information in surveys.

Perhaps equally important, the Census Bureau believes higher response rates could eventually reduce costs, mainly by decreasing the need to mail out voluminous forms or dispatch hundreds of thousands of survey-takers each month to individual homes. At least initially, officials estimate the switch could shave $3 million off the price of conducting the American Community Survey, which cost taxpayers roughly $250 million in 2012.

The American Community Survey is used to distribute more than $400 billion in federal funds for hospitals, roads and schools.

The ACS surveys being distributed this week mark the first time the government will offer an Internet option on such a wide scale to U.S. households, according to Frank Vitrano, the Census Bureau's associate director for the 2020 census.

He said it currently offers the option in smaller surveys for more niche audiences, such as businesses.

An Internet option also previously was provided on a limited basis in 2000, but only a small fraction of households participated. By 2010, census officials had backed away from an Internet-based survey, citing concerns of hacking and other security breaches.

Key figures

The amount of money the U.S. Census Bureau spent on the 2010 census:

$13 billion

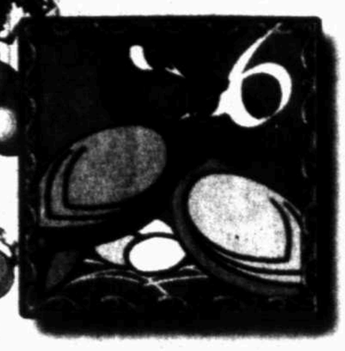
The estimated amount of money to be shaved off the price to conduct the American Community Survey:

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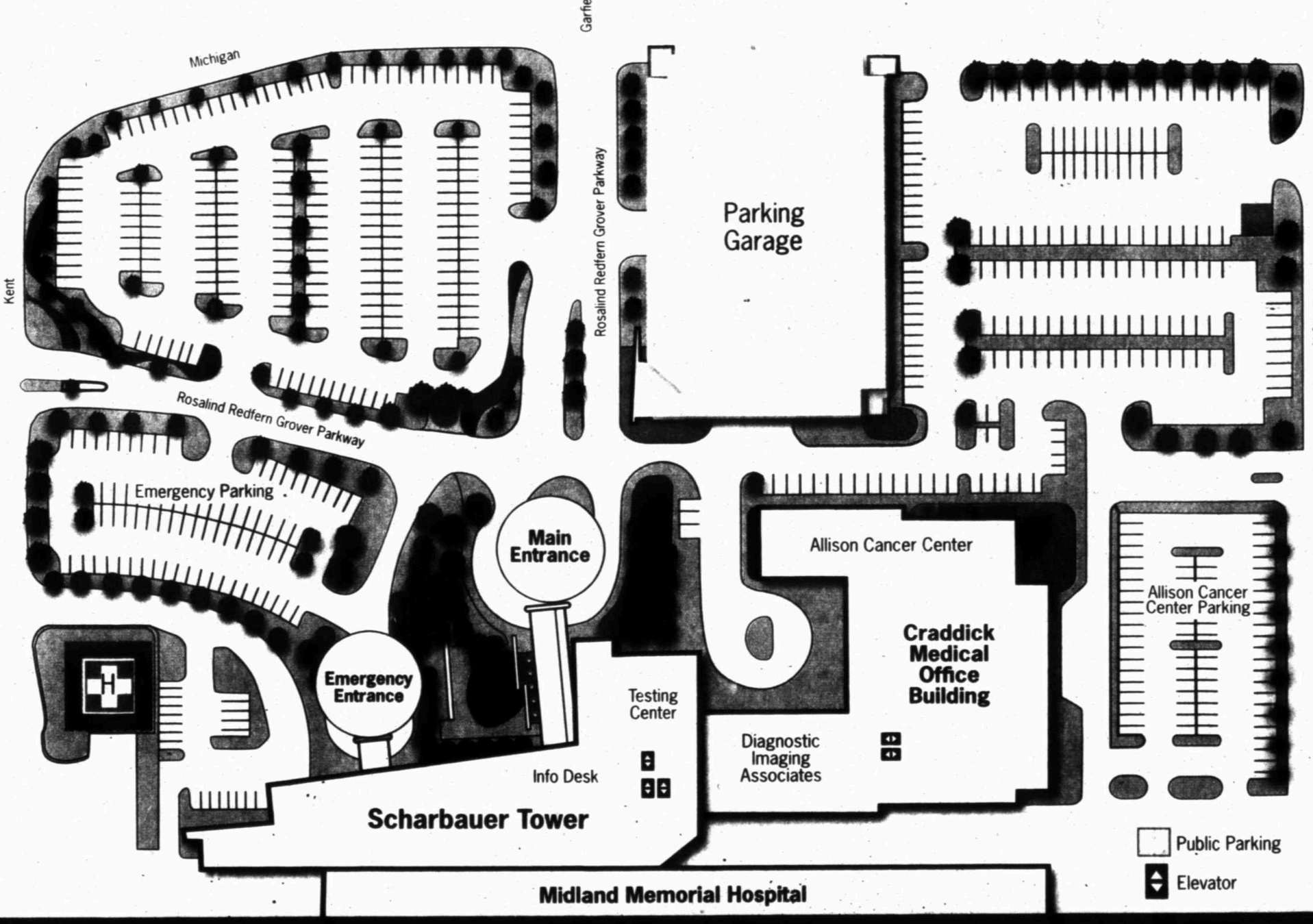
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ECHS seniors provide extra resource

Students work during 'volunteer' week at elementary schools

By Meredith Moriak
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With college finals complete and all their academic coursework done for the semester, seniors from Early College High School have headed back to their roots — elementary school.

Seniors from ECHS @ Midland College have been assigned to different elementary campuses for the week to help with everything from shelving books to helping open food packages in the lunchroom and reading to students during classes.

Students at ECHS take both college and high school courses during their freshmen, sophomore and junior years, but only college courses during their senior year, said ECHS Principal Jeanette McNeely. As a result, the seniors were done with their college courses when Midland College completed classes last week, though they must still attend school for another week as Texas high school students, she said.

"This is a way for them to provide an instructional program and help at the elementary schools," McNeely said.

At Washington Math and Science Institute, Principal Jennifer Seybert has five seniors who will be helping in kindergarten classes and with the math and science labs.

"Our 5-year-old kindergartners are just so happy to have a big kid in the classroom with them, helping out," Seybert said. "Having them here is great. I wish I could have the extra hands every day of the year."

Rusk Elementary Assistant Principal Robyn Jackson said having the extra hands in the classroom really helps teachers provide better instruction.

"With an ECHS student in there, if there's a kid that's struggling or needs some extra help, the high school student can work with them one-on-one and help them out," Jackson said. "It's a good opportunity for the teacher and the students."

Additionally the older students can act as positive role models for elementary students, Jackson said.

"Any time that we can get students to come in and model our character traits, it's absolutely great for our elementary kids," Jackson said.

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PARTY TIME AT SAN JACINTO







Multiple schools in Midland ISD spread Christmas spirit through gift collections and events during the past few weeks. Classes at San Jacinto Junior High coordinated parties and purchased gifts for pre-kindergarten students from Milam Elementary.
Midland High students adopted 78 students and purchased Christmas gifts for them through the annual Angel Tree program, and Lee High students threw classroom parties for Rusk Elementary students. **ABOVE:** Seventh-grade teacher Jodi Lander helps Elise Galindo, 4, pick some snacks Friday at a San Jacinto's Santa Pal Christmas parties. **LEFT:** San Jacinto seventh-grader B'Asha Spirling helps Elise unwrap some of the gifts. **FAR LEFT:** San Jacinto seventh-graderTyeler Stephens helps Elise unwrap gifts.

Photos by Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram

Professor files free speech lawsuit against Texas Tech

From staff reports

LUBBOCK — A professor at Texas Tech University's Rawls College of Business has filed a federal lawsuit based on claims that school officials violated his First Amendment right to freedom of speech by blocking him from two high-profile promotions in retaliation for his views in opposition to tenure.

James C. Wetherbe, Ph.D., said his opinions on tenure caused Texas Tech Provost Bob Smith to drop him from a short list of four finalists to become dean of the Rawls College, according to a press release. In addition, the provost and former Texas Tech President Guy Bailey actively blocked Wetherbe's nomination for a faculty honor known as a Horn Professorship, according to the lawsuit filed by Midland attorney Holly Williams of the Williams Law Firm.

Wetherbe, a Texas Tech alumnus, holds the Robert G. Stevenson Chaired Professor in Information Technology and is the founding director of the Institute of Internet Buyer Behavior at Texas Tech. He voluntarily resigned tenure at the University of Minnesota more than 20 years ago based on his principled belief that tenure's job-for-life protections for professors are a detriment to higher education. He declined subsequent tenure offers at the University of Memphis as the FedEx Chaired Professor of Excellence, and again when he joined the Texas Tech faculty in 2000.

"As a keynote speaker and consultant to business leaders, I found resigning tenure enhanced my professional credibility when offering strategic advice to corporations, where there is no guarantee of having a job or a customer tomorrow," Wetherbe said.

Neither the dean's position nor the Horn honor require tenure, according to the press release.

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RYDER WARREN
MISD Superintendent



Imperatives for Excellence begin with support of teachers

■ Appropriate class size and teacher salaries part of the district's ambitious plan.

Editor's note: The Reporter-Telegram ran the first past of Warren's report in Sunday's edition. In that report he provided a timeline of elementary school improvements Midlanders could expect in the next 2 1/2 years.

The second report I gave to school board members last Tuesday also focused on our future. For those in the community who sat through any of my speeches during the bond process, the Midland ISD board has devised a four-point plan for excellence, in which a facility plan is just one part.

The three other drivers to MISD excellence are retaining and recruiting the very best staff members, with an emphasis on our classroom teachers, to Midland; providing programs of excellence to our educators for their support; and creating a "Midland voice" in Austin, so our legislators will make substantial changes in our current educational system.

Now that the bond has been approved, the MISD administration has been in much discussion to make sure we have plans in place to address these district imperatives, so we can conquer these other goals. We feel we must address these particular imperatives in order to create a system based on excellence outlined by the four-point plan. As you read through these issues below, you will see that many of these call for direct support of our classroom teachers. Any academic gains we will make will be the direct result of teaching excellence, so this plan must be grounded in the notion of significant classroom teacher support to give them a true fighting chance to create positive teaching / learning opportunities for our kids.

The MISD Imperatives for Excellence are as follows:

1. Create a Chapter 41 Plan of Action: Beginning this next school year (2013-14), MISD officially becomes a "Property Wealthy" school district as outlined by Chapter 41 in the Texas Education Code. Because our local taxable values have risen so much in the last couple of years, MISD will be included in the "Robin Hood" provisions of the Texas school finance system and according to the formulas the state uses to calculate these payments, MISD could see as much as $15 million local tax dollars leave the community next year to be redistributed elsewhere in the state. Because most of the district's imperatives have costs

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School today is about so much more than the three Rs

MARK LACROIX
Social studies chairman, Midland Freshman High



'Twas the week before Christmas, and all through the school
Some kids were learning, some acting the fool.
Projects were hung in the hallway with care.
Some with tape that pulled loose so they flapped in the air.
The children were nestled all snug in their chairs,
While the teachers wearily peddled their wares
"Blah, blah, blah, blah" is all many kids heard,
From Black Ops all night, their vision was blurred.
"One day left to cover all you need for your tests!"
"If he thinks I am listening, surely he jests!"
When out in the hall there arose such a clatter,
Teachers raced to the hall to see what was the matter.
To the door each one flew, and each door it sprung open.
Could it be my Secret Santa? Each teacher was hopin'.
Alas it was not, but what they saw made them smile.
The custodian was sweeping the hall Gangnam Style.
The projector gave out with a sickening pop!
This had the kids thinking that all teaching might stop.
Without missing a beat, old school chalk it did flow.
So much dust hit the air one might think it was snow.
"Open your textbook to page 207!"
To some students the thought of the break was like heaven.
In one room it was exponents and multiplication.
In the next conjugations just brought added frustration.
Yet another preached essays and a good thesis statement,
While in science, cell structure brought little abatement.
Soon the bell rang and the school day was done.
Only semester exams delayed Christmas break fun.
Without a moment of study for the typical teen,
The next day brought the same old testing routine.
Well-dressed and well-groomed most

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Obituaries



Enedina Villasenor Martinez

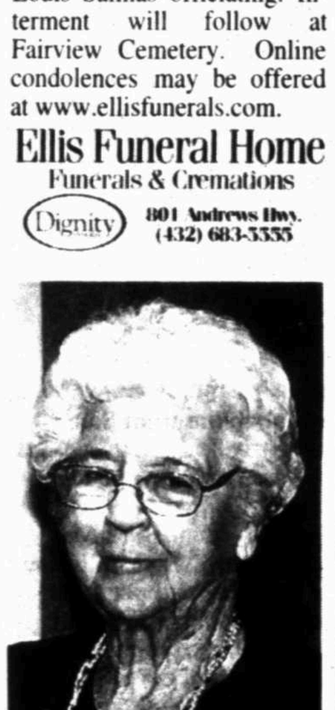
Enedina Martinez, 66, of Midland passed away on Friday, December 14, 2012. She was born on May 13, 1946 to Manuel Villasenor and Ofelia Rodriguez in Tepic Nayarit, Mexico. She owned and operated a family restaurant for several years. Enedina left a lot of happy footprints in many lives.

She is preceded in death by her parents; a son, Louis Sanchez Jr. and one brother.

Those left behind to honor and cherish her memory is her husband, Luis Edmundo Guerra; sons, Mario Gonzales of Austin and Sergio Martinez of Midland; daughters: Maricela Gonzales, Elva Lozano, and Mary Ann Lopez and husband Franco all of Midland; several stepchildren; four sisters; one brother; nine grandchildren and twenty-eight great grandchildren. She also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews.

Family will receive friends on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 between the hours of 6:00-8:00pm at Ellis Funeral Home. A funeral service has been scheduled at 10:00am for Wednesday, December 19, 2012 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Louis Salinas officiating. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery. Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Zena McAfee

Zena Christine McAfee, 89, went to be with her Lord on December 16, 2012 in Andrews TX. Funeral services will be at McNett Funeral Home in Andrews on Tuesday December 18, 2012 at 2:00 pm. Burial will follow at Andrews County Cemetery.

Christine was born December 24, 1942 to Sanford and Ludie McElroy. She moved to Andrews, TX with her family in 1940 where she met and fell in love with Roy Lee McAfee. The couple was married on February 15, 1941. She was a member of 1st Assembly of God Church in Andrews where she taught Sunday School for many years. She went to work for Andrews ISD in 1966 in the school cafeteria and retired 22 years later in 1988.

Christine and Roy Lee's marriage was based on a deep and unwavering love. When their home began to fill with children, they raised them with a love for each other and for God. This love has been passed down for 5 generations. She was a great example of the Proverbs 31 woman and her children truly rise up and call her blessed. We rejoice that she is no longer in pain, yet grieve for the hole her absence has left in our hearts as we look forward to the day when we will see her again.

Christine is preceded in death by her loving husband Roy Lee and by her beloved son Albert Wayne. She is survived by 1 sister: Joyce Lorraine McAfee of Odessa Tx; 3 children: Patsy Joyce Eaves (Willie) of Midland TX, Lonnie Truman McAfee (ElWanda) of Wylie TX, Archie Earl McAfee (Sharon) of Austin TX; 8 grandchildren: Pamela Swierc (Matt) of Midland TX, Rebecca Wohl (Mark) of Tulsa OK, Darlene Rotan (Derek) of Midland TX, Clark McAfee (Carmen) of Heartland TX, Dana Todd of Blossom TX, Donnie McAfee (Julie) of Ballinger TX, Kelli Morse (Steven) of Aubrey TX, Lindsey McAfee of Houston TX; 20 great grandchildren; 7 great great grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Pallbearers will be: Clark McAfee, Donnie McAfee, Aaron Rotan, Taylor Dunn, Cameron Dunn and Steven Morse.

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Asuzena "Suzie" Subia

Asuzena "Suzie" Subia was born February 25, 1920 in Ft. Worth Texas. She went to be with the Lord on December 14, 2012 in Midland. A devoted member of Our Lady of Guadalupe all of her life.

She was a Curssillita for a number of years and a member of the Guadalupanas. She retired from Midland Memorial Hospital after 47 years of service.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Jose Subia, her sons Gabriel Subia, Joe Subia Jr., her parents Jose and Francisca Robledo, and her brothers Hipolito "Paul" Romero and Carmelito Robledo.

She leaves to cherish her memory her daughter, Lupe Subia Dominguez, her sisters, Mary Carrasco, Hortencia Robledo, Lucy Raphael, Josie Davis (Ernie) Chona Rodriguez, Linda Guzman (Gonzalo) her brothers Jesus Robledo, Carmen "Pino" Robledo, and Joe Robledo (Gloria).

Pallbearers will be Willard Davis, Robert Guzman Joseph Granado, Mark Subia, Nick Davis, and Santana Subia.

Funeral Mass was Monday 10 am at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

Thomas Funeral Home
Funerals & Cremations
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Richard E. Henderson

Richard E. Henderson (Rick), a Midland resident, died Saturday December 15th after a brief illness. Services will be held on Tuesday, December 18th at First Presbyterian Church at 3:00. Steve Schorr will officiate.

Rick was born on March 3, 1950 in Houston, TX. He moved to Midland just in time to start first grade at Sam Houston Elementary. His years in Midland provided him with his large collection of life-long friends.

Rick graduated from Kemper Military Institute in Boonville, MO in 1968. He attended TCU and after several semesters of simply enjoying college life, he graduated from the University of Texas at Austin.

For many years as an adult, Rick lived in Ennis, Montana where he created the Beaverhead Estates property development. He later joined his father at Rich-Air Co, a fixed-based operation at Midland International Airport and most recently was active in Rich-Air Properties.

Rick especially loved Mexico, its people and its culture. After making his mark on the Montana community, Rick headed south of the border where he built a home in Creel, Chihuahua. He loved the Copper Canyon Mountains and would frequently call home to his Midland friends and family asking "how hot is it there?" and then to his friends in Ennis to ask "how cool is it there?" Just to rub it in. Rick developed his own version of Spanish and entertained locals with his mastery of the new language.

To say Rick was larger than life would be an understatement. Rick was an avid reader and a vivacious debater, and could always turn a bad situation into a memorable story filled with humor. Rick talked to his sister, Susan, every single day, regardless of where he was.

Rick was preceded in death by his father, Richard L. Henderson, his step-mother Elma Jean Henderson and his compadre and majordomo, Manuel Diaz. He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Beth and Charles Priddy; sister, Susan Askins; his niece, Kendall Smith and her husband Rusty and their children, Elizabeth and Collins; his nephew Mason Askins and his daughter Presley Miller, all of Midland; his nephew Cooper Askins and his wife Stephanie and their son Elliot of Austin; and step-sisters Susan Jarrett and June Jarrett; step-sister Barbara Clark and husband John Clark; Walter Priddy and wife Kim Priddy, and Charles Priddy Jr.. His extended family includes life-long friends like Mark, Jan, Fred, Mike, Bob, Paul, Mike and his second family, Margarita and Alberto of Creel, Mexico.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Hospice of Midland, Deputy Ed at the Midland Sheriff Department, Alex with the Texas Border Patrol, Dr. Sanchez of Alpine, the staff of Medical Center Hospital, the staff of Midland Memorial Hospital all who helped with "Operation Gringo Rescue" to bring Rick to Midland.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Hospice of Midland or First Presbyterian Church of Midland.

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

Death Notices

Charles Buckles

Charles Terry Buckles, 57, passed away on Thursday, December 13, 2012.

Family will be receiving friends Wednesday, December 19, 2012 from 5:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. at 7100 Airline Road #202, Midland, Texas. Arrangements were made with Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Buckles; his son, Tony Buckles and his daughter, Calli Buckles. Charles is also survived by two brothers, Allen Buckles and Michael Buckles; two sisters, Carmen St. Claire and Debbie Buckles and five grandchildren.

Dorothy Harris

Dorothy Brown Harris passed away Dec 10, 2012 in Fort Worth Texas.

Funeral Services will be Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. at the Thomas Chapel, burial in Fairview Cemetery, under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

She is survived by her husband, Leonard Harris, son Leonard Harris Jr., brothers Jerry Johnson, Lee Brown, Richard Cook, Roy Wright, and sister Paula Cushionberry.

Gerardo Sanchez

Gerardo "Jerry" Sanchez, 28 of Midland, passed away on Friday, December 14, 2012.

A prayer services will be held today at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home at 7:00 p.m. and the funeral mass will be Wednesday, December 19th at 2:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

He leaves behind his beautiful kids Isaiah and Natalie Sanchez; his wife Nayeli Sanchez; one brothers; four sisters; his parents Gerardo and Martha Sanchez, Sr. and his mother Rebecca Martinez; one uncle, one aunt; three grandparents, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Ira Lee Lenard

Ira Lee Lenard, 60, passed away on Saturday, December 15, 2012 at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Services are pending with Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

Louise Terry

Louise Terry, 92, of Big Spring passed away on Friday, December 14, 2012, in Lubbock.

Graveside services will be at 1:00 PM Tuesday at Trinity Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She is survived by two daughters: Karen Stevens and her husband Howard, and Shirley Edwards and her husband Benny; one son: Roger Terry; one sister: Margaret Ray, TX; twelve grandchildren; sixteen great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren.

Opal D. Anglin

Opal D. Anglin, 92, of Odessa, passed away on Friday, December 14, 2012.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 19, 2012 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. until service time at the Rosewood Chapel.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Opal Robertson and her husband, W. R. and Rose Ann Bokelman and husband, William H.; eight grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

William King

William "Pop" King, 92, of Coahoma, passed away Saturday, December 15, 2012. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at the Coahoma Church of Christ. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Survivors include one son, Billy King and wife, Ginger; two daughters, Rose Thomas and Judy Thomas and husband, Darren of Round Rock; nine grandchildren; fifteen great grandchildren; three brothers, J.R. King, E.F. King, and Calvin King; two sisters, Thelma and Katherine; and several nieces and nephews.

All Obituaries must be submited by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.

Warren

From 2B

associated with them, we have to make sure we have a plan in place to not only attain these goals, but to also comply with the Robin Hood provisions.

2. Re-establish Appropriate Class Sizes on Campuses: As I have reported in the past couple of years because of our student enrollment growth and because of cuts in funding from our state Legislature last session, we had to increase classroom student to teacher ratios. In order to create better classroom learning environments, we are devising plans to re-establish what we call "proper" classroom ratios. All kindergarten-fourth-grade classrooms will be capped at 22 students, all fifth-and sixth-grade classrooms will be capped at 25 students, and all secondary core classes will be capped at 30 students. The financial challenges to attain this consist of money spent to lease new portable classrooms (until the building project is completed) and an increase in the number of classroom teachers throughout the district.

3. Design and implement MISD Salary Initiative: Because of the predominant need for the best district staff members to remain in Midland and need to recruit the best into Midland, we will be working on a multi-year salary initiative that will provide monetary incentives for our staff members, especially as we combat the cost of living increases we've experienced over the last several years. The salary initiative will tentatively consist of the following provisions: A. direct raises to all staff members, with an emphasis on our classroom teachers; B. fixing the current mid-year salary "gap" we have for current mid-level teachers; C. providing some teachers with special stipends for critical subject-area certifications; D. establishing signing bonuses for applicants in critical subject/grade level areas; and E. researching merit pay programs for teachers who display true excellence.

4. Research current secondary grade configurations: Two major instructional needs we have right now consist of being able to better serve our students and staff members at the sixth-grade and ninth-grade levels. Because of curriculum and program necessities, we have to look at more ways to include sixth-graders (currently housed at our elementary schools) into secondary instructional programs, because they are secondary students in the eyes of the state. Additionally, we will look for more ways of including ninth-grade students in the high school experience. Ninth-graders are high school students even though we have them separated from other high school students and programs.

I totally understand these are very ambitious goals, especially with the budget challenges we will see over the next several years, but we must address them to move forward. If anyone has suggestions and/or questions concerning these issues, I would absolutely look forward to seeing any feedback. We will be working very hard as a school district to provide the very best services to our students.

Everyone have a wonderful (and very safe) holiday season and thank you for your support.

LaCroix

From 1B

kids took their seats.

Others shivered and sniffled, for their homes have no heat.

Exams in all subjects, a jumble of thoughts.

Some kids tried really hard, others simply filled dots.

On some minds, grade points and college admission.

One boy wished his mom's cancer would go into remission.

Some daydreamed of gifts and travel and cheer.

One girl closed the test and wished her dad was still here.

Some tested while thinking of soon skiing in Vail.

Yet others hoped they might see their dad who's in jail.

Some thought only of presents and food to be eaten.

For others Christmas meant just one more day to be beaten.

While most approached break with a crescendo of zeal.

Others saw days on end without a single hot meal.

When the last test day ended and kids hurried away,

As always some tarried and wished they could stay.

And I think I heard said from one who rarely speaks,

"Merry Christmas, sir. Me? I hate these two weeks."

This poem started out as a light-hearted attempt at finals-week educator humor. What it turned into is the reality of education. Some people opine liberally about "dismal test scores" or "failing schools." The reality is, school today is about so much more than the three Rs. For some Midland kids, school is their only lifeline, their only normalcy, their only haven. For many in our schools and our community at large the holidays are particularly difficult.

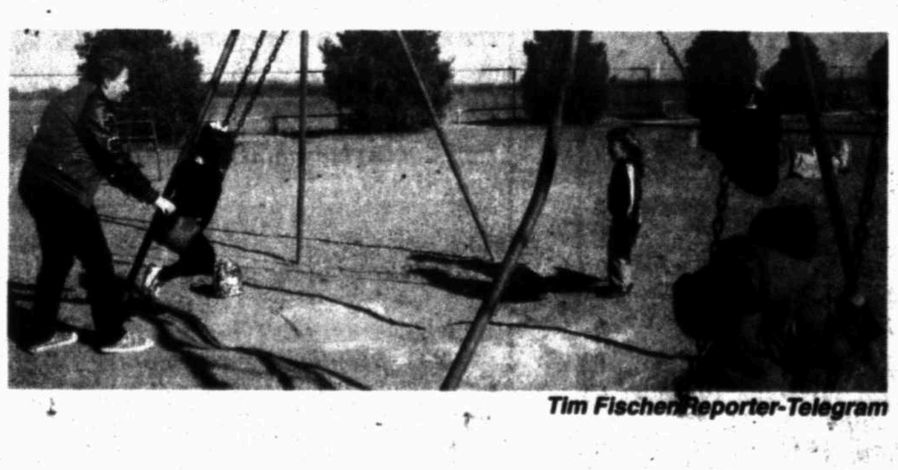
Amid all of our celebration and festivities I pray we remember those folks. Perhaps the best gift you could give your child this year is the opportunity to accompany you to volunteer at a soup kitchen or to visit with elderly folks in the neighborhood or in a local nursing home whose family members have seemingly forgotten about them. Perhaps one less gift under the tree could mean the ability to help your child's classmate to have a heated home for the next month. Or are there new neighbors who you could make a part of your family for Christmas Day festivities? Having been a part of the community for more than 14 years I know one thing to be true: there are no more giving and caring people in the world than there are right here in Midland. Yet the suffering and hopelessness is very real for many in the community. May we each find some small way to help all Midlanders to have a very Merry Christmas this year.

ECHS

From 1B

Houston Elementary Principal Sharla Butler said having the high schoolers on campus this week will help keep kids focused before the holidays.

"The kids are a little jazzed, it being the week before Christmas and having the high school students here will keep them focused," Butler said. "They love big kids and like the extra attention."



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Michaela Blair, Early College High School senior, pushes kindergartners on the swings Monday as she and other ECHS students volunteer at area schools for the week after they finish their semester in class. Seniors from ECHS @ Midland College have been assigned to different elementary campuses for the week to help with everything from shelving books to helping open food packages in the lunchroom and reading to students during classes.

Lawsuit

From 1B

Smith admitted under oath his belief that Wetherbe's views on tenure made him unfit for either position, according to the lawsuit. Smith has said that he thinks the professor's contract is invalid based on the rejection of tenure and has threatened to strip Wetherbe of the title he has held for 30 years, according to the lawsuit, which seeks a judgment to enforce the contract going forward.

MAKINGTHEGRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Midland High School senior **Thomas E. Jones** has been honored by the Midland Morning Lions Club. He is the son of Thomas and Sally Jones.



Jones

He is a member of the National Honor Society, Parent Teacher Student Organization, Model Organization of American States team, is co-founder and president of Midland High Frisbee Golf Club and is an academic letterman.

He is a member First United Methodist Church and Young Life and volunteers at Christmas in Action.

Jones plans to major in business or engineering.

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Greenwood High School senior **Timothy Kyle Murphey** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. He is the son of Terry and Kim Murphey.



Murphey

He is a member of the football and basketball teams, is vice present of Student Council and National Honor Society and is a member of Students in Philanthropy. He is a member of the Academic All-District team in football and the All-State and All-District team in football.

He is a member of Fellowship Baptist Church and the church's youth group.

Murphey plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in environmental design.

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Midland High School senior **Barrett Hinson** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. He is the son of Ellen and Bob Hinson.



Hinson

He is a member of the football and robotics teams, National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society.

He attends First Methodist Church and is involved in the church's youth group and volunteers with Toys for Tots and Meals on Wheels.

Hinson plans to major in computer science.

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Midland Christian School senior **Kaylea Kilgore** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. She is the daughter of Alan and Staci Kilgore.



Kilgore

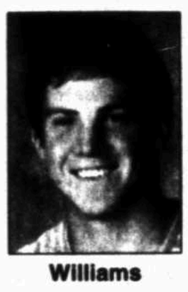
She is vice president of National Honor Society.

She is a member of Fairmont Park Church of Christ youth group.

Kilgore plans to attend Midland College and Abilene Christian University and major in psychology.

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Greenwood High School senior **Kam Williams** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. He is the son of Kelsey Williams and BranDee Williams.



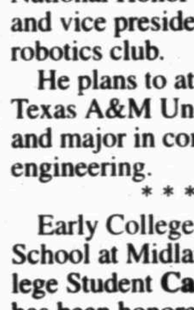
Williams

He is a member of PALS and the football and basketball teams. He is a member of the All-District teams and Academic All-District teams in football and basketball.

Williams plans to major in petroleum engineering.

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Midland High School senior **Marcus Salinas** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. He is the son of Mahira Salinas and Arturo Salinas.



Salinas

He is a member of National Honor Society and vice president of the robotics club.

He plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in computer engineering.

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Early College High School at Midland College Student **Casey Perez** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. She is the daughter of Stephen Martinez and Joni Quintanilla.

She is a member of National Honor Society, Students in Philanthropy and Fellowship of Christian Students.

She is a member of Permian Basin Youth Health Corps.

Perez plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in biology.

GUEST VIEW

San Antonio Express-News

Expanding pre-K program has merit

With all the time and energy focused on improving student success and lowering the high school dropout rates, it makes sense to expand the education provided to students eligible for the state's pre-kindergarten programs.

Research shows investment in pre-kindergarten improves students' academic and social outcomes, but Texas is failing to take advantage of that. Enrollment in state-funded free pre-K programs is limited to 4-year-olds who do not speak English, come from low-income families, have been in the foster care system or who have parents on active duty in the military.

Most of those who qualify are given access only to half-day programs because that is all the state finances. Some school districts bolster the programs using local and federal funds to underwrite full-day programs. Some districts can't afford to do more.

State Rep. Mike Villarreal, D-San Antonio, has prefiled legislation for the 2013 session to provide for full-day voluntary pre-K for eligible 4-year-olds.

His proposal merits bipartisan support.

The city of San Antonio recently took the unusual step of asking voters for approval of an eighth-of-a-cent sales tax increase to expand the pre-kindergarten programs in our community. Allowing disadvantaged children to begin their public school education on a level playing field will benefit the state's economy.

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	BET	58	26		40		106 & Park	★ The Last Fall ('12, Dra) Nicole Beharie, Lance Gross.					Vindicat	SoulMan	Vindicat	SoulMan	Wendy Williams	
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	TNT	24	23	40	26	50	The Mentalist "Ring Around the Rosie"		Rizzoli & Isles "Virtual Love"		Rizzoli & Isles "Over/Under" (N)		Leverage "The Toy Job"		Rizzoli & Isles "Over/Under" (N)		Leverage "The Toy Job"	
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HPU's Mustache Wheel of Doom raises money for missions

The Brownwood Bulletin

Howard Payne University's Baptist Student Ministry recently completed the fall 2012 semester with the annual Mustache Wheel of Doom fundraiser. The popular event raised $3,513 for missions and left several HPU men with attention-getting facial hair throughout final exams week.

Teams of students, along with faculty and staff sponsors, spent the month of November growing beards while collecting money for the Baptist General Convention of Texas' Go Now Missions. Go Now sends students from universities across Texas, including HPU, to mission fields around the world.

The teams that raised the least amount of money spun the "Mustache Wheel of Doom" and shaved in whichever style the wheel determined. The choices included stripes, half-beards, "No-Tee Goatees" and more.

"One of the great things about the Mustache Wheel of Doom is that, as an event that is seen by many people on campus, it is also generating interest about the opportunity for our students to take part in Go Now Missions," said Keith Platte, BSM director. "In growing beards, collecting money and shaving, we generate a lot of interest from people who are curious about what the money goes toward and that interest gives an opportunity to either sign up for Go Now Missions as a summer missionary or for our students to share the gospel with them."

The winning team collected $2,226 and avoided spinning the wheel. Team members were Corgan Andrews, a junior from Paradise; Michael Ballejo, a sophomore from Brownwood; Luke Brown, a freshman from Center; Kyle Hamlin, a senior from Palacios; Javier Luna, a freshman from El Paso; Lawrence Martinez, a freshman from Pflugerville; Anthony McCarson, a freshman from San Angelo; Quinton Poe, a junior from Dripping Springs; Paul Warren, a junior from Salado; Jared Weaver, a junior from Comanche; and Zach White, a freshman from Georgetown.

Other participating students included Bracken Bean, a junior from Brady; Carl Bromley, a junior from Tomball; Reid Burkett, a December graduate from Georgetown; Carson Burns, a sophomore from Abilene; Ryan Colvin, a senior from Austin; Colton Curry, a senior from Lubbock; Dillon Doty, a sophomore from Balch Springs; Timmy Emery, a freshman from Brady; Ben Finlayson, a sophomore from Lubbock; Trent Gainey, a junior from Kermit; Gabe Garza, a sophomore from San Antonio; Rick Henderson, a freshman from Boyd; Philip Jorgensen, a December graduate from Richardson; Xavier McFalls, a freshman from Amarillo; Sam Powers, a junior from Brownwood; Zach Quinteros, a sophomore from Early; Cole Rhoades, a senior from Sweetwater; Louis Robles, a freshman from Florence; Garrett Sadler, a junior from Stephenville; Josh Snow, a senior from Waxahachie; Chris Thompson, a senior from Roanoke; and James Timmons, a senior from Universal City.

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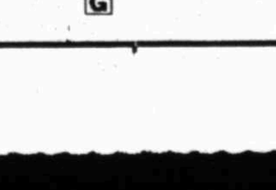
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GIVE PEASE A CHANCE



ABOVE: Pease Communication and Technology Academy students collected 4,491 cans, which they delivered to the Memorial Food Pantry on Thursday. **LEFT:** Pease third-grader Adrianna Beaty carries canned goods into pantry.

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EDUCATIONINBRIEF

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MISD teachers are 'highly qualified'

Following a personnel audit, 100 percent of applicable MISD teachers are considered "highly qualified" under No Child Left Behind guidelines, according to a press release. The 2012-2013 school year is the second year in which staff members have accomplished this.

The subject areas in which teachers are required to be "highly qualified" are math, science, English, social studies, foreign languages and fine arts. Each teacher of these subjects must have at least a bachelor's degree, a state teaching certification, and a demonstrated competency in subject area(s).

Additionally, teacher assistants in these areas must meet requirements to be considered "highly qualified."

Lee, ECHS students participate in Youth and Government meet

YMCA Youth and Government held their annual district conference Dec. 8 at First Presbyterian Church. Seventy-seven students from Lee High School and Early College High School at Midland College participated in the legislative, judicial, print, broadcast and cyber media, state affairs forum and Model United Nations sections.

The following students were chosen as Distinguished Delegates: Legislative - Palvasha Deme and Emery Ives; Judicial: Attorney - Gloria Patrick; witness - Sydney Allen; Media: Broadcast - Giovanna Pantoja, Print - Kelsi Curtin; State Affairs Forum - Janette Medina and Nataly Escudero and in Model United Nations - Brittany Rolston and Rachel Forga.

Volunteers who helped with the conference are Natasha Brooks, Miguel Bustilloz, J. Ross Lacy, Eric Church and Karen Murdoch. Classroom advisors are Janet Reed, LHS, and Melissa Wright, ECHS. The District 1 director is Jan Van Eman.

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Parent says tracking system makes school district the Antichrist

By Francisco Vara-Orta
San Antonio Express-News

Because she has a religious objection to Northside Independent School District's new student tracking system, Andrea Hernandez and her father testified in federal court Monday, she should not be transferred to another school for refusing to carry a student ID badge.

Hernandez, 15, a sophomore at a science and engineering magnet program at John Jay High School, and her father, Steven Hernandez, each testified that they believe the tracking system — which uses radio frequency identification tags inserted in student badges — is a sign of submission to the Antichrist as described in the biblical Book of Revelation.

Northside, in San Antonio, began trying out the RFID technology at two schools this fall. It allows an attendance monitor to locate students at specific areas on campus in real time.

It's a way to maximize state funding, which is partly based on daily attendance, to cope with budget cuts, Northside Superintendent Brian Woods told U.S. District Judge Orlando Garcia. The system allows a more accurate count of which students are at school and could help locate individuals quickly in case of emergencies, Woods said.

> *"There are some students who are friends that are behind me 110 percent, and there are some who don't agree with me"*
> **Angel Hernandez,** student

Appearing composed and forthright, Andrea testified that wearing the badge would be tantamount to "accepting the Mark of the Beast," which Revelation predicted the Antichrist would try to make people do.

After Andrea refused Northside's offer to remove the RFID chip from her badge, the district ordered her transferred to Taft High School, her regular neighborhood campus. Northside officials said Monday she will be allowed to finish the fall semester at Jay regardless of Garcia's ruling.

Students have generally complied with the requirement to wear their badges and parental opposition has been limited, officials have said. Andrea said she has not faced much antagonism from classmates for her protest.

"There are some students who are friends that are behind me 110 percent, and there are some who don't agree with me," she said.

Steven Hernandez teared up on the stand after reading a passage from the Bible and explaining how deeply he holds his faith on the issue. He said supporting the program "would compromise our salvation for NISD to make some money."

Andrea told the judge that her educational goals would be harmed if she goes to Taft because she wouldn't be able to take certain classes in pursuit of a career as an interface web designer. Garcia repeatedly asked Andrea and her father why she could not wear the badge with the chip removed. That would be "falling in line with the rest and showing support for the program," Steven Hernandez testified.

After the hearing, asked who he thought was assuming the role of the Antichrist, Steven Hernandez replied, "In this case, Northside is the Antichrist."

Garcia said he would decide this week on Andrea's request for a permanent injunction to keep her at Jay. The case focuses only on her situation and not the RFID program as a whole, attorneys said.

In reading, the experience counts

■ While diversity is important, people shouldn't be worried about pairing up educational materials with ethnicities.



ESTHER J. CEPEDA
Washington Post Writers Group

It's "Too Many Tamales" season in selected classrooms across the country. The book, a contemporary classic written by Gary Soto and illustrated by Ed Martinez, tells the story of Maria, a young girl who loses her mother's diamond ring as she and her family prepare tamales for their big holiday feast.

I discovered it with my class of first-graders when I taught English-language learners in a local elementary school. Unfortunately, though every grade level in our school reads many of the same books to create a shared culture, only my class experienced "Too Many Tamales." As the holidays approached, the rest of the school read more "traditional" holiday books. Those students lost out.

Sort of like how my students would have missed out on most of the themes the rest of their grade was involved in had I not insisted that the bilingual students be included in the general curriculum. The "mainstream" teachers thought this was bizarre. "Why are you teaching your class about Flat Stanley, Junie B. Jones, Hanukkah and Chinese New Year?" they'd ask incredulously. As if Hispanic students couldn't possibly be expected to learn about the same topics as the other first-graders without a mountain of "culturally correct" learning materials.

And that's my beef with the handwringing and op-eds inspired by a recent Page One story in The New York Times, "For Young Latino Readers, an Image Is Missing." The premise was that Hispanic students, who make up about a quarter of the public school population in America, are being short-changed because they don't "see" themselves in books written for young readers.

Well-meaning as this article was — who could possibly argue that all children shouldn't feel included in their school materials? — it rang alarms about some misguided yet prevailing attitudes in education when it comes to reading, diversity and inclusion, and minority students.

First, why aren't we equally worried that non-Hispanic students get little exposure to books written by Hispanic — or Asian, black and Native American — authors or including such characters? Aren't they as harmed by not reading the types of books the Times' article suggests Latino students need?

And why, exactly, is this notion that "cultural relevance" is the key to reading progress so prevalent, especially when the conversation centers on Hispanics, when there's really no evidence to support it?

As Brice Particelli, director of the Student Press Initiative at Teachers College, Columbia University, told me, "This problem is real — there is not a great enough diversity of texts in schools, and ethnicity is one of those pieces that's absolutely lacking.

"But it's misstated: The problem is not a lack of Latino texts in Latino classrooms, it's a lack of diversity — of culture, gender, ethnicity, economy, geography, genre, perspective and challenge to familiarity — in all books in all classrooms."

I contacted Particelli after reading his letter to the editor of the Times making the same point I feel so strongly about. "Suggesting the pairing of Latino characters to Latino students is deeply problematic," he said. "Further, posing the issue as one solely about ethnicity suggests that Latino readers need Latino writers more than white or Asian readers do. We all need a diversity of texts."

Amen!

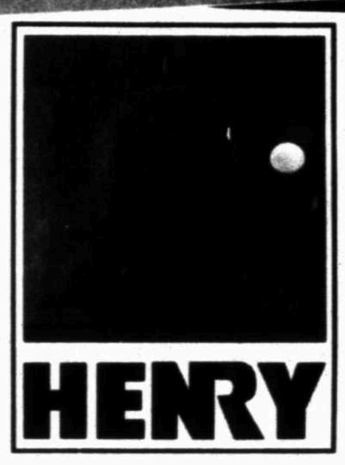
Other reactions have been just as strong. Some have been from Latino authors of children's books such as Maya Christina Smith-Gonzalez, who warns educators not to fall prey to the stereotyping that leads to an overabundance of "fiesta and tamale books."

I thought of this when I read a teeth-grinding quote from a teacher in the Times' article: "It would be more helpful as a teacher," she said, "to have these go-to books where I can say, 'I think you are going to like this book. This book reminds me of you.'"

If a teacher gave me a tamale book and said that to me, I'd be crushed. You see, as much as my parents enjoyed them (bought from a store on special occasions), I don't eat tamales and I've never even come close to making them. Frankly, I don't want anyone to look at me and think of ethnic food. We are all far more than pierogies, tacos or fried rice.

Losing valuables such as a ring, though — who hasn't done that? If a teacher tried to relate to me with a book about such a universal experience, it would be downright human. And isn't this how all children want to be treated?

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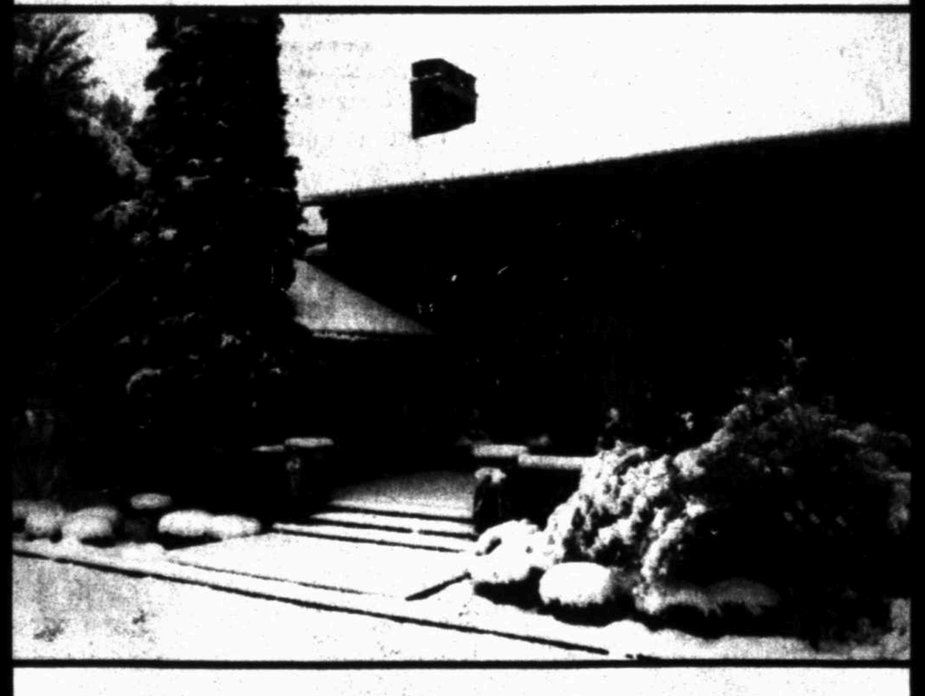
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FOR NEWTOWN

Midlanders come together outside the MISD Administration Building on Friday night for a candlelight vigil to honor the families and victims at a Connecticut school shooting.

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Lady Dawgs make short work of Odessa High

By Jonathan Hull
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Lady Dawgs	63
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The Midland High girls basketball team has established its identity and it's on the defensive end of the court.

The Lady Bulldogs put together their most dominant performance of the season in a 63-17 victory against Odessa High in a District 2-5A game at Chaparral Center on Monday. It's the 15th consecutive loss for Odessa High, while MHS has won 12 of its last 14 games.

Midland High (12-7, 4-1 in 2-5A) shut out Odessa High (3-18, 0-6) in the first period, and the Lady Dawgs never led by less than 13 points after the 5:01 mark in the second quarter.

"The defense is pouring on right now," MHS coach Ron Berry said. "I can't say enough about our defense. We have played unbelievable on defense the last two games. I'm so proud of what they're doing. We're 12-2 in our last 14 games and it's just because of our defense."

Midland High scored the first 17 points of the game with senior guard Rebecca Gallegos starting the scoring with a 3-pointer from the left wing with 6:14 left in the opening period. Junior forward Desare' Allen then had a steal and took it the length of the court for a layup to put MHS up 5-0.

On its next possession, Allen found senior post Catarina Rendon cutting to the basket, and Rendon hit the shot and drew a foul inside, converting the ensuing free throw for a three-point play.

Freshman guard Miranda Mast hit the first of her three 3-pointers on the night with 1:50 to play in the first. Mast then found senior guard London Edwards underneath the basket on an inbounds play for an easy layup with two seconds left in the period for a 15-0 advantage.

Rendon opened the second period with a driving layup, giving MHS a 17-0 lead, but the shutout finally ended with 7:19 left in the first half. Odessa High's LaTanya McMaryion banked in a 17-foot jumper, giving the Lady Bronchos their first points of the game.

McMaryion actually played very well in the second period, scoring all of her team-high nine points in the frame. She pulled OHS within 21-8 after a driving layup with 4:20 left in the half. However, Midland High outscored OHS 17-4 for the

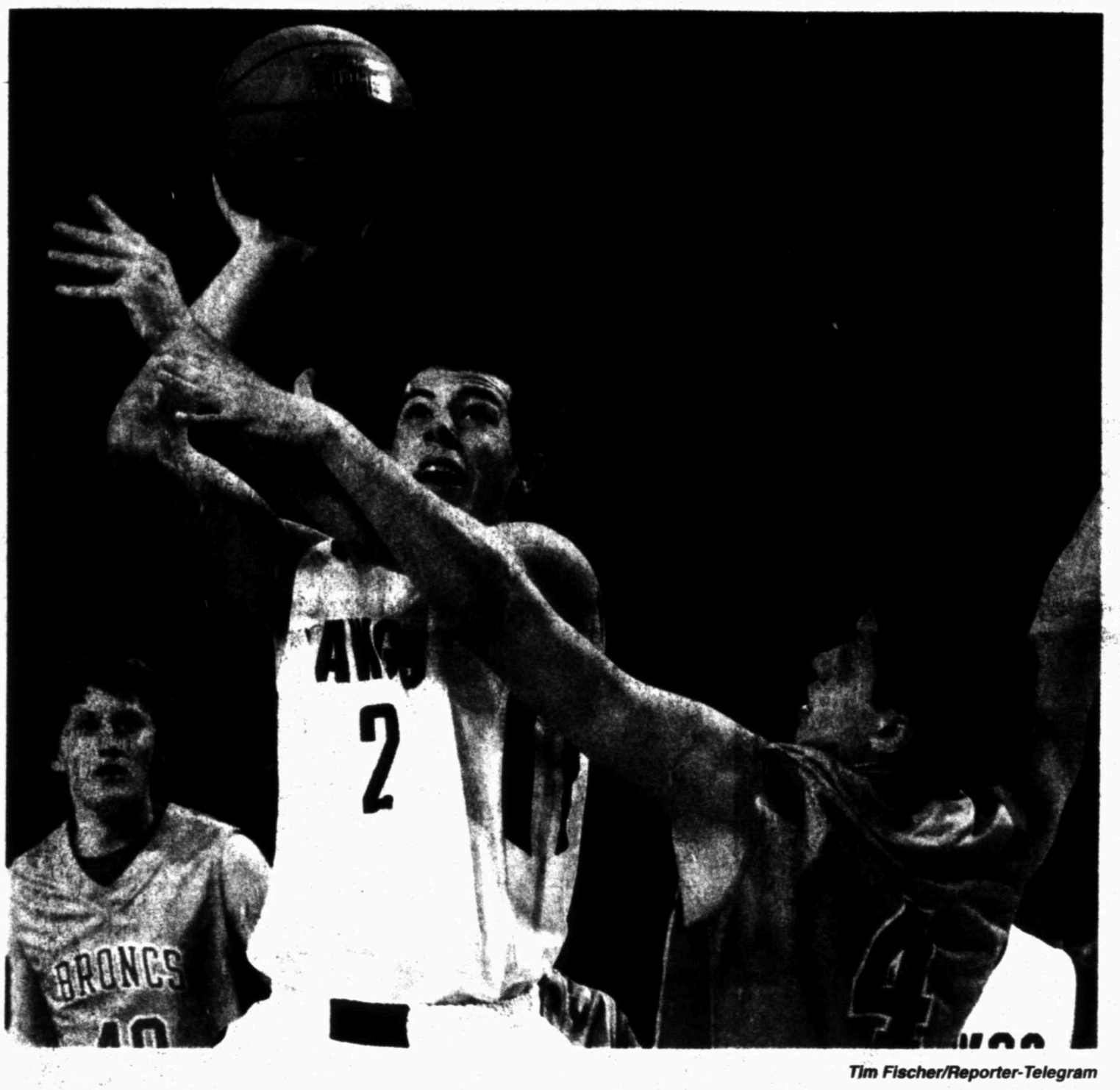
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Midland High's Desare' Allen, left, looks to go to the basket as Odessa Hgh's Gloria Almadova, right, defends Monday evening at Chaparral Center.

Dawgs downed



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Justin LeClear (2) gets fouled by Odessa High's Esteban Hernandez as he drives to the basket Monday night at Chaparral Center. The Bulldogs lost to the Bronchos, 66-52.

Turnovers doom Bulldogs in loss to Bronchos

By Jordan Mason
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Bronchos	66
Bulldogs	52

When Midland High and Odessa High combined for 12 turnovers in the first quarter Monday night, it was clear that whoever solved its opponents' halfcourt trap first was going to have a leg up in the game.

Unfortunately for Midland High, it was the Bronchos who did just that while 24 turnovers doomed the Bulldogs in a 66-52 loss at Chaparral Center.

"I talk all the time about minimize their runs, and try to extend ours, and we had a hard time doing that tonight," MHS coach Justin Hardin said. "We had a really hard time."

Odessa High (9-7, 2-2 in District 2-5A) crept out to a 14-8 lead at the end of the first quarter thanks to an Isaiah Deary 3-pointer in the final minute before coach James Johnson implored his team to move away from the ball.

"We prepared to move a lot more than what we did," Johnson said. "I didn't feel like we were moving and cutting into the open spots like we should have."

His players clearly received the message, going on a 12-0 run after a Justin LeClear 3-pointer cut the deficit to three.

The Bronchos capped the run with an Emilio Carrasco two-handed slam followed by a Jamey Johnson steal and layup that made it 26-11 at the 5:22 mark in the second.

Carrasco led Odessa High with a game-high 23 points and 12 rebounds after making an adjustment of his own.

Carrasco missed his first shot from the field on a double pump at the rim caus-

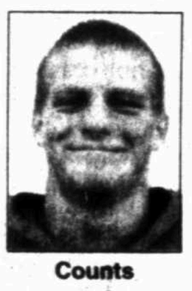
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Five Mustangs are first team all-state selections

From staff reports

Five players off of Midland Christian's state championship team were named to the first team of the TAPPS Division II All-State team, which was released on Monday.

The Mustangs had three offensive players, and two defensive players earn spots on the first team.



Counts

Sophomore defensive end Reid Talley, who missed the state title game with a knee injury, was a first-team selection as a defensive lineman, and senior linebacker Matt Counts was named one of the team's five linebackers. Counts led the Mustangs in tackles this season with 127 in 14 games.



McClendon

On offense, MCS junior quarterback Mason McClendon was the first-team quarterback after setting a school record for passing yards in a season with 2,683 yards, and he also tied his school record with 29 touchdowns in a season.



Koym

Sophomore Johnny Wilson was a first-team selection on the offensive line, and junior Jarrod Koym earned a spot on the team as a receiver. Koym led the Mustangs with 39 catches for 981 yards and 14 touchdowns this season.



Talley

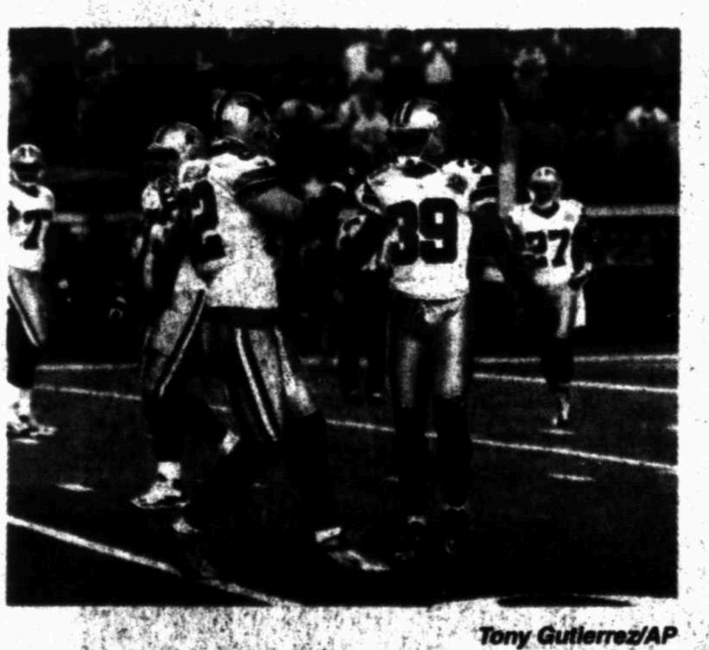
Koym also earned a slot on the second team as a defensive back and senior Caleb Thomas was honored as a second team offensive lineman.



Wilson

Senior Bryson Taylor was an honorable mention defensive lineman, and junior Elias Aguirre earned

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Dallas tight end Jason Witten (82) celebrates with cornerback Brandon Carr (39) after Carr's interception of Pittsburgh quarterback Ben Roethlisberger on Sunday in Arlington.

Cowboys poised for playoff berth with late surge

By Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

IRVING — A one-word mantra drove the Dallas Cowboys in the offseason.

"Finish, finish, finish — I'm telling you we heard that so much (from our coaches) it was unbelievable," wide receiver Dez Bryant said. "It stuck with us and we got it in our minds: 'We have to finish. We have to finish games better.' I feel like that's what we've been doing lately."

Boy, have they.

The surging Cowboys (8-6) are tied with Washington and the New York Giants for the NFC East lead and control their own playoff destiny in large part because they have finally mastered the art of closing games.

Dallas will claim the East for its first playoff berth since 2009 if it wins its final two games. The Cowboys host New Orleans (6-8) Sunday, in a game in which they can neither clinch a playoff berth or be eliminated, and the Redskins on Dec. 30 in Landover, Md.

Dallas blew fourth-quarter leads in five of its eight losses in 2011. This season, the Cowboys have notched five fourth-quarter comebacks, including beating Pittsburgh 27-24 in overtime Sunday after rallying from a seven-point deficit.

Dallas tied it 24-24 with 6:55 left in regulation on DeMarco Murray's 3-yard run and then won on Dan Bailey's chip-shot field goal just 39 second into OT and two plays after Brandon Carr returned an interception 36 yards to the 1.

The Cowboys also had fourth-quarter comebacks against Carolina (Oct. 21), Cleveland (Nov. 18 in OT), Philadelphia (Dec. 2) and Cincinnati (Dec. 9). And in a road win at the Eagles on Nov. 11, Dallas was tied 17-17 in the fourth.

"Our team has developed mental toughness," quarterback Tony Romo said. "No matter how bad it looks in the fourth, we have a shot to win the game."

The Cowboys have won three straight and five of their last six.

"You have to have a level of confidence, a level of poise, a level of composure to allow you to execute in those critical situations," coach Jason Garrett said. "You have to execute and play within the system, but you

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Stanford scores 25, Lady Rebs win 3rd straight

From staff reports

ABILENE — The Lee girls basketball team overcame a slow start Monday to rout Abilene Cooper for its third straight victory.

The Lady Rebels overcame an early deficit and cruised to a 75-46 victory as four different players scored in double figures in the District 2-5A game.


Stanford

Lee trailed 14-12 after the first period, but outscored Cooper 63-32 for the remainder of the game.

"I had to get after them a little bit after the first period and they woke up and decided to play," Lee coach Morgan Moylan-Fowler said. "When they want to play, they can be really good, but when they're not focused it can be really bad."

Lee was led by Daija Stanford's 25 points, while Cindy Benavides added 14 and Shay Ray and Jackie Rivas each scored 12. The Lady Rebels hit eight 3-pointers with Stanford and Benavides each sinking three, while Rivas added two from beyond the arc.

"We hit a lot of big time threes," Moylan-Fowler said. "Once things started rolling in the second period, it just kind of carried over for the rest of the game."

Lee plays host to Abilene High at 6 p.m. Friday at the Lee High gymnasium.

LEE 75, ABILENE COOPER 46

Lee (6-7, 4-1 in 2-5A) — Shay Ray,12, Daija Stanford 25, Tori Allee 2, Jackie Rivas 12, Cindy Benavides 14, Jaylaan Lee 1, Hannah Payne 7, Isha Rivas 2

Cooper (2-18, 0-5) — Madison Daniels 21, Kianni Mitchell 10, Briana Algantar 4, Becca Grissom 8, Jayci Byrks 3

Lee	12	21	25	17—75
Cooper	14	9	12	11—46

Free throws — Lee 11-20, AC 16-21, 3-point goals — Lee 8 (Stanford 3, J. Rivas 2, Benavides 3), AC 2 (Daniels 2). Total fouls — Lee 19, AC 13. Fouled out — None.

Next: Abilene High at Lee, 6 p.m. Friday, Lee High gymnasium

Rebels remain winless in 2-5A

From staff reports

Cougars	**62**
Rebels	**49**

ABILENE — The Lee boys basketball team remained winless in District 2-5A play with a loss to Abilene Cooper on Monday.

A strong fourth period allowed the Cougars to break open what was a close game to pull out a 62-49 victory in District 2-5A play. Lee (7-9, 0-4 in district) was up 11-4 after the first period, but was outscored 17-8 in the second and trailed 21-19 at half.

The Cougars (6-10, 1-3) still held a lead by that margin heading into the final period, but outscored the Rebels 26-15 in the fourth.

For the second straight game, a big difference in free throw attempts didn't favor Lee. The Rebels hit seven of a mere 11 attempts, while Cooper was 22 of 26 at the line.

Lee was led by Ian Johnson's 16 points with Anthony McCoy adding 10. The Rebels play host to Abilene High at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Lee High gymnasium.

ABILENE COOPER 62, LEE 49

Lee (7-9, 0-4 in 2-5A) — Ian Johnson 16, Takiaes Polk 1, Daniel Nelson 4, Grant Coffman 7, Talor Nunez 6, Anthony McCoy 10, Jordan Williams 5

Cooper (6-10, 1-3) — Gillard 9, Lowery 19, Joe 8, Walls 8, Nicholson 8, Banks 10

Lee	11	8	15	15—49
Cooper	4	17	15	26—62

Free throws — Lee 7-11, AC 22-26, 3-point goals — Lee 4 (McCoy 2, Johnson 2), AC 2 (Gillard, Walls). Total fouls — Lee 23, AC 10. Fouled out — None. Technical Fouls — Lee, bench.

Next: Abilene High at Lee, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lee High gymnasium; Midland High at Abilene Cooper, 7:30 p.m. Friday.

BULLDOGS

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ing Johnson to tell him to go up strong. Carrasco made 11 of his next 14 shots, all coming on second chances or finishes at the rim.

"I just saw open areas, and then I just took advantage of what they were giving me," Carrasco said.

Despite entering the half down 11, Midland High (4-13, 1-2) did its best to rally only for Odessa High to answer each time.

After falling behind 14, the Bulldogs cut the lead to 10 on a Mazelle Justice layup only for Jamey Johnson to respond with a 3-pointer that made it 44-31.

Moments later, Carrasco finished a nice feed from Jorri Brannon for a 3-point play and a 47-31 lead at the 4:11 mark in the third.

Aaron McMaryion, Brannon and Jamey Johnson also finished in double figures, but James Johnson was happy to see Carrasco lead the way.

"That's a big plus because we're looking for that next guy to step up and give us some big points," James Johnson said. "We've had two guys kind of carrying us and it was good to see (Carrasco) kind of step up tonight."

Justice led Midland High with 16 points as the Bulldogs were without starters Jacob Makowsky and Blake Canis for the second-straight game.

Yet despite trailing by as many as 18 in the fourth, Hardin was happy to see sophomores Gary Ringo and Trevor Abney step up as Ringo had eight points and a team-high seven rebounds and Abney added nine points.

Boys 2-5A Standings

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
San Angelo Central	3	0	9	4
Lubbock Coronado	3	1	13	3
Odessa Permian	2	1	10	5
Amarillo Tascosa	2	1	7	6
Odessa High	2	2	9	7
Abilene High	1	1	8	4
Midland High	1	2	4	13
Abilene Cooper	1	3	6	10
Lee	0	4	7	9

Monday's Scores

Abilene Cooper 62, Lee 49; Odessa High 66, Midland High 52; Odessa Permian 76, Lubbock Coronado 67; Amarillo Tascosa was idle.

Today's Game

San Angelo Central at Abilene High, 7:30 p.m.

Friday's Games

Abilene High at Lee; Midland High at Abilene Cooper; Odessa High at Amarillo Tascosa; Odessa Permian at San Angelo Central

"Since they don't have Jacob to rely on his shot or get to the bucket when times are tough, they're having to learn to do it themselves," Hardin said. "Not having Blake to rely on defensively to kind of cover up a few mistakes with his length and him getting defensive boards, it's just the same."

After winning its district opener against crosstown rival Lee, Midland High has now lost its last two district contests.

The Bulldogs will try to even their district record Friday when they take on Abilene Cooper at 7:30 p.m. in Abilene.

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ODESSA HIGH 66, MIDLAND HIGH 52

OHS (9-7, 2-2 in District 2-5A) — Emilio Carrasco 23, Aaron McMaryion 13, Jorri Brannon 12, Jamey Johnson 11, Isaiah Deary 5, Esteban Hernandez 2

MHS (4-13, 1-2) — Mazelle Justice 16, Trevor Abney 9, Gary Ringo 8, Justin LeClear 7, Austin Watson 6, Shawn Rivers 4, Wesley Don Juan 2

OHS	14	20	20	12—66
MHS	8	15	16	13—52

Free throws — OHS 9-14, MHS 7-14. 3-point goals — OHS 7 (Brannon 3, McMaryion 3, Johnson), MHS 5 (LeClear 2, Watson 2, Justice). Total fouls — OHS 13, MHS 13. Fouled out — None. Rebounds — OHS 31 (Carrasco 12), MHS 27 (Ringo 7). Assists — OHS 10 (Brannon), MHS 5 (Rivers 4). Turnovers — OHS 15, MHS 24.

Next: OHS at Amarillo Tascosa, 7:30 p.m. Friday; MHS at Abilene Cooper, 7:30 p.m. Friday

LADY DAWGS

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remainder of the period.

McMaryion and the Lady Bronchos wouldn't challenge MHS again.

"I thought we did a good job on McMaryion," Berry said. "I know she had nine at halftime, but for a player to be as good as she is, we did a nice job of holding her."

Much of the responsibility to slow down McMaryion in the second half fell on the shoulders of senior guard Kristyn Wilbanks. Wilbanks bottled up McMaryion in the third, and helped force the Lady Bronchos into multiple turnovers. As a result, OHS scored just one point in the third period.

"I just have to step it up and play harder than against most players," Wilbanks said. "Coach puts me on her because she's the best player on the team. I really like it. It kind of gets me going knowing I'm going to guard one of the toughest players."

Meanwhile, the Lady Dawgs were utilizing nice ball movement on the offensive end, recording 13 assists as a team in the game. Rendon led MHS with 12 points, while Wilbanks had 11 and Allen chipped in 10.

"We executed really well tonight," Wilbanks said. "We were more patient than normal and took smarter shots."

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Girls 2-5A Standings

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Lubbock Coronado	6	0	18	1
Abilene High	3	1	11	4
Midland High	4	1	12	7
Lee	4	1	8	7
San Angelo Central	3	2	4	9
Odessa Permian	2	3	9	7
Amarillo Tascosa	1	4	4	12
Abilene Cooper	0	5	2	10
Odessa High	0	6	3	10

Monday's Scores

Midland High 63, Odessa High 17; Lee 75, Abilene Cooper 46; Lubbock Coronado 81, Permian 42; Amarillo Tascosa is idle.

Today's Game

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

Friday's Games

Abilene High at Lee, Chaparral Center; Midland High at Abilene Cooper; Odessa High at Amarillo Tascosa.; Odessa Permian at San Angelo Central. All games at 6 p.m.

MIDLAND HIGH 63, ODESSA HIGH 17

Odessa High (3-18, 0-6 in 2-5A) — LaTanya McMaryion 9, Janessa Flores 4, Kali Cobos 2, Dee Carden 1, Destiny Mims 1

Midland High (12-7, 4-1) — Catanna Rendon 12, Kristyn Wilbanks 11, Dessarr Allen 10, Miranda Mast 9, Aubrie Elliott 6, Rebecca Gallegos 5, London Edwards 4, Alexandrea Washington 2, Alexis Washington 2, Claire Lancaster 2

Odessa High	0	12	1	4—17
Midland High	15	20	13	15—63

Free throws — OHS 5-9, MHS 5-9. 3-point goals — OHS 0, MHS 4 (Mast 3, Gallegos). Total fouls — OHS 10, MHS 8. Fouled out — None. Rebounds — OHS 34 (Mims 5), MHS 46 (Alexandrea Washington 9). Assists — OHS 0, MHS 13 (Alexis Washington 3, Wilbanks 3). Turnovers — OHS 26, MHS 8.

Next: Odessa High at Amarillo Tascosa, 6 p.m. Friday; Midland High at Abilene Cooper, 6 p.m.

HSBASKETBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Girls

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 42 STANTON 19

Midland Christian shut out Stanton in the first period and then found an offensive groove in the fourth on its way to a non-district victory at McGraw Special Events Center on Monday.

Tori Watson led MCS with 13 points, while Morgan Ashton chipped in 12. No one for Stanton scored in double figures with Pallyn Grable, Hannah Franklin and Jennifer Henley each scoring four points to lead the Lady Buffaloes.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 42, STANTON 19

Stanton — Pallyn Grable 4, Jennifer Henley 4, Hannah Franklin 4, Shelby Gordon 3, Holland 2, Bayli Barnhill 2.

MCS (11-6) — Tori Watson 13, Morgan Ashton 12, Bethany Roach 6, Bailey Wright 6, Brie Velarde 3, Rylee Machen 2.

Stanton	0	10	4	5—19
MCS	6	9	10	17—42

Free throws — SHS 4-6, MCS 11-15, 3-point goals — SHS 1 (Gordon), MCS 3 (Roach 2, Ashton). Total fouls — SHS 12, MCS 11. Fouled out — None.

Next: Midland Christian vs. Lubbock Estacado, Noon Thursday, Nov. 27, FiberMax Caprock Classic, Lubbock.

Boys

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 65 STANTON 34

Midland Christian coach Marks Lanham picked up his 500th career victory Monday as his Mustangs rolled past Stanton in a non-district game at the McGraw Special Events Center.

Stanton jumped out to a 12-9 lead in the first quarter before the Mustangs (4-7) scored 22 points in the second to take a 31-19 halftime lead.

Grant Little led MCS with 12 points, Zach Gilbert had 11 and Mason McClendon chipped in with 10.

Scott Smith led Stanton with 12 points.

The Mustangs are off until Thursday, Dec. 27 when they play in the FiberMax Caprock Classic in Lubbock.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 65, STANTON 34

Stanton — Scott Smith 12, K.J. Glasgie 6, Tim Anderson 6, Cole Shroyer 6, Drew Snellgrove 3, Mason Myrick 1.

Midland Christian (4-7) — Grant Little 12, Zach Gilbert 11, Mason McClendon 10, Jared Koym 8, Kaleb Warren 6, T.D. Moore 6, Reed Myers 4, Will Watson 4, Nate Rogers 4.

Stanton	12	7	10	5—34
Midland Christian	9	22	17	17—65

Free throws — SHS 3-10, MCS 4-14. 3-point goals — SHS 3 (Glasgie 2, Snellgrove), MCS 7 (Little 3, McClendon 3, Warren). Total fouls — SHS 15, MCS 15. Fouled out — None.

Next: Midland Christian vs. Water Valley at FiberMax Caprock Classic, Lubbock, Thursday, Dec. 27



Stanton, Coahoma players earn 3-2A Division II All-District honors

From staff reports

Six players from Stanton and four from Coahoma were honored as first team picks on the 2012 District 3-2A Division II All-District Football Team.

Being honored from Stanton were junior running back Tim Anderson, senior offensive lineman Logan Fryar, senior defensive tackle Luke Swiger, junior inside linebacker Ruben Cazares, senior defensive back Bryce Breeding and senior kicker Andres Chavez.

Coahoma had senior running back Tanner Ruiz, senior offensive lineman Morgan Luce, senior defensive end Peyton Rodriguez and sophomore defensive back Braxton Iden as first team all-district selections.

Crane had 10 first team selections, led by junior linebacker Gunner Tatum, who was named Defensive MVP.

Other Crane first team picks were quarterback Charles Tapia, receivers Jolson Cavazos and Austin Sandoval, tight end Devan Cavazos, offensive lineman and defensive end Trevor Davis, outside linebacker Tyler Sutherland, and Cavazos was also named as a first team defensive back.

The district's MVP was Alpine junior quarterback Evan Moore, Sonora's Darien Lopez was Offensive MVP, Sonora's Elijah Cross was Newcomer of the Year, and Alpine's Stacey Martin was Coach of the Year for leading the Fighting Bucks to a district title.

2012 District 3-2A Division II All-District

Football Team

MVP — Evan Moore, Jr., Alpine

Offensive MVP — Darien Lopez, Sr., Sonora

Defensive MVP — Gunner Tatum, Jr., Crane

Newcomer — Elijah Cross, Soph., Sonora

Coach of the Year — Stacey Martin, Alpine

First Team

Offense

Quarterback — Charles Tapia, Jr., Crane

Running Backs — **Tanner Ruiz, Sr., Coahoma; Tim Anderson, Jr., Stanton;** Cody Aguilar, Sr., Alpine; Victor Carrasco, Sr., Reagan County

Receivers — Jolson Cavazos, Sr., Crane; Oscar Trevino, Sr., Alpine; Hagen Kennedy, Sr., Sonora; Edgar Lopez, Sr., Reagan County; Austin Sandoval, Jr., Crane

Tight Ends — Kade Wimberly, Sr., Sonora

Devan Cavazos, Sr., Crane

Offensive Linemen — Cody Huelsberg, Sr., Alpine; Lino Villanueva, Sr., Sonora; **Logan Fryar, Sr., Stanton; Morgan Luce, Sr., Coahoma; Trevor Davis, Jr., Crane;** Trenton Gardner, Jr., Reagan County; Brandon Cano, Jr., Alpine; Lionel DeLeon, Soph., Sonora

Defense

Defensive Tackles — Damon Evans, Sr., **Sonora; Luke Swiger, Sr., Stanton;** Cody Huelsberg, Sr., Alpine

Defensive Ends — Jason Alaman, Sr., Sonora; **Peyton Rodriguez, Sr., Coahoma;** Trevor Davis, Jr., Crane

Inside Linebackers — Cody Aguilar, Sr., Alpine; Victor Carrasco, Sr., Reagan County; **Ruben Cazares, Jr., Stanton;** Sid Anderson, Soph., Sonora

Outside Linebackers — Hagen Kennedy, Sr., Sonora; Edgar Lopez, Sr., Reagan County; Abel Silvas, Jr., Alpine; Tyler Sutherland, Jr., Crane

Defensive Backs — Oscar Trevino, Sr., Alpine; Jolson Cavazos, Sr., Crane; **Bryce Breeding, Sr., Stanton;** Chance Campbell, Jr., Sonora; Brett Castillo, Soph., Sonora; Braxton Iden, Soph., Coahoma

Specialists

Kicker — **Andres Chavez, Sr., Stanton**

Punter — Andres Acevedo, Soph., Sonora

Kick Returners — Oscar Trevino, Sr., Alpine; Austin Sandoval, Jr., Crane

Second Team

Offense

Quarterback — Michael Rollert, Jr., Sonora

Running Backs — Damon Evans, Sr., Sonora; Steve Heredia, Sr., Crane; Steve Heredia, Sr., Crane; Laz Rodriguez, Sr., Reagan County; Chance Campbell, Jr., Sonora

Receivers — Jeremey Ontiveros, Sr., Alpine; Mykal Young, Jr., Crane; Drew Snellgrove, Jr., Stanton; **Armani Guillama, Jr., Coahoma**

Tight Ends — **Eddie Hagins, Sr., Coahoma;** Justin Pullig, Jr., Reagan County

Offensive Lineman — Michael Sanchez, Sr., Sonora; **Daniel Solis, Sr., Coahoma;** Cesar Gallegos, Soph., Alpine; Garrett Edwards, Jr., Crane; **Andrew Baldana, Jr., Stanton;** Angel Aguilera, Jr., Reagan County/ Dart Dodds, Jr., Alpine; RoyLee Heredia, Jr., Crane; Ethan Patton, Soph., Sonora

Defense

Defensive Tackles — Sam Powers, Sr., Sonora; Omar Velasco, Sr., Crane; Beryl Gutierrez, Jr., Reagan County; **Mason Myrick, Jr., Stanton**

Defensive Ends — Cody Stevens, Jr., Crane; Kevin Sweeney, Jr., Reagan County

Inside Linebackers — **Alex Hill, Sr., Coahoma;** Vince Molinar, Jr., Alpine; RoyLee Heredia, Jr., Crane

Outside Linebackers — Deven Cavazos, Sr., Crane; **T.J. White, Sr., Coahoma;** Mykal Young, Jr., Crane; Aaron Ontiveroz, Soph., Alpine; Jeremey Ontiveroz, Sr., Alpine; Ricky Martinez, Jr., Sonora; Justin Pullig, Jr., Reagan County

Specialists

Kicker — Kade Wimberly, Sr., Sonora

Punters — Ryan Rodriguez, Sr., Crane; Laz Rodriguez, Sr., Reagan County

Kick Returner — **Tanner Ruiz, Sr., Coahoma**

All-District Utility Team — Arturo Galindo, Sr., Alpine; Will Dutton, Jr., Sonora; Ramon Flores, Fresh., Crane; Jonathon Ramos, Jr., Stanton; Timothy Stark, Sr., Reagan County

Honorable Mention

Stanton — **QB K.J. Glasgie, Soph.; OL Robert Trevino, Jr.**

Cross; **Jack Thomas, Sr., Fort Bend Baptist; Statler Lewis, Sr., Tyler Grace Community;** Alex O'Neill, Sr., Waco Reicher

Tight End/Athlete

Andrew Meynig, Sr., Austin Regents

Kicker

Elliott Fry, Sr., Carrollton Prince of Peace

Defense

Lineman

Cody Cox, Sr., Austin Hyde Park Baptist; Alex Wright, Sr., Dallas Parish Episcopal; Brandon Bower, Jr., Houston Northland Christian; William Washington, Sr., Houston Westbury Christian; Grant McCarty, Sr., Tyler Grace Community

Linebacker

Enrique Brown-Spence, Sr., Arlington Pantego Christian; Preston Nix, Soph., Dallas Christian; Bobby Vance, Sr., Dallas Parish Episcopal; Austin Jenkins, Sr., Houston Northland Christian; Logan Waters, Jr., San Antonio Christian

Secondary

Myles Norwood, Sr., Arlington Grace Prep; Andrew Boyd, Sr., Dallas Parish Episcopal; **Jarrod Koym, Jr., Midland Christian;** Robert Chase Potter, Sr., San Antonio Christian; Kade Clayton, Jr., Tyler Grace Community

Punter

Chris Callahan, Sr., Houston Second Baptist

Honorable Mention

Midland Christian Only

Lineman: Bryson Taylor, Sr.

Receiver: Elias Aguirre, Jr.

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honorable mention as a receiver.

TAPPS Division II All-State Team

First Team

Offense

Lineman

Chase Robertson, Sr., Dallas Christian; Micah Adickes, Jr., Houston Second Baptist; **Johnny Wilson, Soph., Midland Christian;** Isaiah Montez, Jr., San Antonio Holy Cross; Josh Boylan, Sr., Tyler Grace Community

Quarterback

Mason McClendon, Jr., Midland Christian

Running back

D Cannon, Sr., Dallas Christian; Zachary Shelby, Sr., Dallas Parish Episcopal; Carter Henry Odenweller, Sr., Houston Northland Christian; Kyron Davis, Sr., San Antonio Holy Cross

Receiver

Justis Nelson, Sr., Dallas Christian; Jarrod Koym, Jr., Midland Christian; Corey Robinson, Sr., San Antonio Christian; Andrew Kaluza, Sr., Waco Reicher

Tight End/Athlete

Stephen Forester, Jr., Dallas Christian; Tyler Huff, Sr., Houston Northland Christian

Kicker

Chris Callahan, Sr., Houston Second Baptist

Defense

Lineman

Justin Hollins, Jr., Arlington Grace Prep; Will Bowers, Sr., Austin Regets; Stephen Forester, Jr., Dallas Christian; Carter Brown, Sr., Houston Second Baptist; **Reid Talley, Soph., Midland Christian**

Linebacker

Omar Gamba, Sr., Arlington Grace Prep; Donovan Owens, Sr., Dallas Parish Episcopal; Justin Arroyo, Sr., Houston Northland Christian; **Matt Counts, Sr., Midland Christian;** Estevan Gutierrez, Sr., San Marcos Academy

Secondary

Nathan Hodapp, Sr., Arlington Grace Prep; Tony Kwiatkowski, Sr., Austin Regents; Justin Nelson, Sr., Dallas Christian; TaQuan Rashad Wilson, Sr., Houston Northland Christian; Taylor Dick, Sr., Houston Second Baptist

Punter

Elliott Fry, Sr., Carrollton Prince of Peace

Second Team

Offense

Quarterback

Walker Wes Whitehorn, Sr., Houston Northland Christian

Running back

Sergio Gordon, Jr., Arlington Pantego Jerald Rogers, Sr. Fort Worth Southwest Christian; Robert Chase Potter, Sr., San Antonio Christian; Kade Clayton, Jr., Tyler Grace Community

Receiver

Zachary Fernandez, Sr., San Antonio Holy

A&M-Kingsville football coach Atterberry resigns

Associated Press

KINGSVILLE — Bo Atterberry is resigning as Texas A&M-Kingsville's football coach after leading the Javelinas to a 41-28 record in six seasons, including four winning seasons in a row.

In a statement issued by the university, Atterberry said: "This is simply an opportune time for me to pursue other career opportunities.

Defensive coordinator David Calloway has been promoted to be Atterberry's successor. It's his first head coaching position

Atterberry led the 2012 Javelinas to a third-place finish in the NCAA Division II Lone Star Conference, a Kanza Bowl bid and selection as conference co-coach of the year.

His 2009 team won the conference title, while his 2010 Javelinas achieved their first 10-win regular season in 21 years.

His resignation takes effect Dec. 31.







NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New England	10	4	0	.714	506	315
N.Y. Jets	6	8	0	.429	255	320
Miami	6	8	0	.429	264	279
Buffalo	5	9	0	.357	306	402
South						
y-Houston	12	2	0	.857	394	280
Indianapolis	9	5	0	.643	309	358
Tennessee	5	9	0	.357	285	396
Jacksonville	2	12	0	.143	219	383
North						
x-Baltimore	9	5	0	.643	348	307
Cincinnati	8	6	0	.571	355	293
Pittsburgh	7	7	0	.500	302	291
Cleveland	5	9	0	.357	280	310
West						
y-Denver	11	3	0	.786	409	274
San Diego	5	9	0	.357	299	312
Oakland	4	10	0	.286	263	402
Kansas City	2	12	0	.143	195	367

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	8	6	0	.571	381	350
Dallas	8	6	0	.571	327	338
N.Y. Giants	8	6	0	.571	373	304
Philadelphia	4	10	0	.286	253	375
South						
y-Atlanta	12	2	0	.857	371	259
New Orleans	6	8	0	.429	389	379
Tampa Bay	6	8	0	.429	354	349
Carolina	5	9	0	.357	296	319
North						
y-Green Bay	10	4	0	.714	344	292
Minnesota	8	6	0	.571	319	308
Chicago	8	6	0	.571	321	240
Detroit	4	10	0	.286	330	380
West						
x-San Francisco	10	3	1	.750	357	218
Seattle	9	5	0	.643	350	219
St. Louis	6	7	1	.464	258	315
Arizona	5	9	0	.357	224	302

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Monday's Score
Tennessee 14, N.Y. Jets 10

Saturday's Game
Atlanta at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Tennessee at Green Bay, Noon
Indianapolis at Kansas City, Noon
New Orleans at Dallas, Noon
Minnesota at Houston, Noon
Oakland at Carolina, Noon
Buffalo at Miami, Noon
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, Noon
New England at Jacksonville, Noon
Washington at Philadelphia, Noon
St. Louis at Tampa Bay, Noon
San Diego at N.Y. Jets, Noon
Cleveland at Denver, 3:05 p.m.
Chicago at Arizona, 3:25 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Baltimore, 3:25 p.m.
San Francisco at Seattle, 7:20 p.m.

MONDAY'S BOX
TITANS 14, JETS 10

N.Y. Jets	3	0	7	0	— 10
Tennessee	0	7	7	0	— 14

First Quarter
NYJ—FG Folk 22, 4:17.

Second Quarter
Ten—C.Johnson 94 run (Bironas kick), 8:53.

Third Quarter
NYJ—Cumberland 17 pass from Sanchez (Folk kick), 3:19.
Ten—Locker 13 run (Bironas kick), :20.
A—69,143.

	NYJ	Ten
First downs	20	12
Total Net Yards	253	294
Rushes-yards	30-146	30-167
Passing	107	127
Comp-Att-Int	13-29-4	13-22-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-24	4-22
Punts	6-42.3	10-39.1
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-23	14-111
Time of Possession	30:16	29:44

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—N.Y. Jets, Greene 13-68, McKnight 4-29, Powell 6-28, Tebow 3-15, Sanchez 4-6. Tennessee, C.Johnson 21-122, Locker 7-43, Q.Johnson 2-2.
PASSING—N.Y. Jets, Sanchez 13-28-4-131, Tebow 0-1-0-0. Tennessee, Locker 13-22-0-149.
RECEIVING—N.Y. Jets, Cumberland 4-53, Edwards 3-47, Powell 2-15, Greene 2-1, Kerley 1-11, Reuland 1-4. Tennessee, Washington 4-62, Wright 3-31, Preston 2-31, Stevens 2-16, Britt 1-7, Q.Johnson 1-2.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Tennessee, Bironas 46 (BK).

Tennis

2013 ATP World Tour Schedule
H-hard, C-clay, G-grass
Dec. 30-Jan. 6 — Brisbane International, Brisbane, Australia, HO
Dec. 31-Jan. 6 — Qatar ExxonMobil Open, Doha, Qatar, HO
Dec. 31-Jan. 6 — Aircel Chennai Open, Chennai, India, HO
Jan. 7-12 — Heineken Open, Auckland, New Zealand, HO
Jan. 7-13 — Apia International, Sydney, Australia, HO
Jan. 14-27 — Australian Open, Melbourne, Australia, HO
Feb. 1-Feb. 3 — Davis Cup I
Feb. 4-10 — Open Sud de France, Montpellier, France, HI
Feb. 4-10 — PBZ Zagreb Indoors, Zagreb, Croatia, HI
Feb. 4-10 — VTR Open, Vina del Mar, Chile, CO
Feb. 11-17 — Brasil Open, Sao Paolo, CO
Feb. 11-17 — SAP Open, San Jose, Calif., HI
Feb. 11-18 — ABN AMRO World Tournament, Rotterdam, Netherlands, HI
Feb. 18-24 — Open 13, Marseille, France, HI
Feb. 18-24 — Regions Morgan Keenan Championships, Memphis, Tenn., HI
Feb. 18-24 — Copa Claro, Buenos Aires, Argentina, CO
Feb. 25-March 2 — Abierto Mexico Telcel, Acapulco, Mexico, CO
Feb. 25-March 2 — Dubai Duty Free Championships, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, HO
Feb. 25-March 3 — Delray Beach International Championships, Delray Beach, Fla., HO
March 7-17 — BNP Paribas Open, Indian Wells, Calif., HO
March 20-31 — Sony Open, Key Biscayne, Fla., HO
April 5-7 — Davis Cup II
April 8-14 — U.S. Men's Clay Court Championships, Houston, CO
April 8-14 — Grand Prix Hassan II, Casablanca, Morocco, CO
April 14-21 — Monte-Carlo Rolex Masters, Monaco, CO
April 22-28 — Barcelona Open Banc-Sabadell, CO
April 22-28 — BRD Nastase Tiriac Trophy, Bucharest, Romania, CO
April 29-May 5 — Estoril Open, Estoril, Portugal, CO
April 29-May 5 — Serbia Open, Belgrade, Serbia, CO
April 29-May 5 — BMW Open, Munich, CO
May 6-12 — Mutua Madrid Open, Madrid, Spain, CO
May 12-19 — Internazionali BNL d'Italia, Rome, CO
May 19-25 — Open de Nice Cote d'Azur, Nice, France, CO
May 19-25 — Power Horse Cup, Duesseldorf, Germany, CO
May 26-June 9 — Roland Garros, Paris, CO
June 10-16 — Gerry Weber Open, Halle, Germany, GO
June 10-16 — AEGON Championships, London, GO
June 16-22 — UNICEF Open, den Bosch, Netherlands, GO
June 16-23 — AEGON International, Eastbourne, England, GO
June 24-July 7 — The Championships, Wimbledon, England, GO

WTA Schedule
H-hard, RC-red clay, GC-green clay, G-grass
Jan. 1-7 — Brisbane International, HO (Kaia Kanepi)
Jan. 2-7 — ASB Classic, HO (Zheng Jie)
Jan. 8-13 — Apia International, HO (Victoria Azarenka)
Jan. 8-14 — Moorilla Hobart International, HO (Mona Barthel)
Jan. 16-29 — Australian Open, HO (Victoria Azarenka)
Feb. 4-5 — Fed Cup I
Feb. 6-12 — Open GDF SUEZ, HI (Angelique Kerber)
Feb. 6-12 — PTT Pattaya Open, HO (Daniela Hantuchova)
Feb. 13-19 — Qatar Ladies Open, HO (Victoria Azarenka)
Feb. 13-19 — Copa BBVA Colsanitas, RCO (Lara Arruabarrena-Vecino)
Feb. 19-25 — Memphis International, HI (Sofia Arvidsson)
Feb. 20-25 — Dubai Tennis Championships, HO (Agnieszka Radwanska)
Feb. 20-26 — Whirlpool Monterrey Open, HO (Timea Babos)
Feb. 27-March 3 — Abierto Mexicano Telcel, RCO (Sara Errani)
Feb. 27-March 4 — BMW Malaysia Open, HO (Hsieh Su-wei)
March 7-18 — BNP Paribas Open, HO (Victoria Azarenka)
March 20-April 1 — Sony Ericsson Open, HO (Agnieszka Radwanska)

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	18	6	.750	—
Brooklyn	13	10	.565	4 1/2
Boston	12	11	.522	5 1/2
Philadelphia	12	12	.500	6
Toronto	6	19	.240	12 1/2
Southeast Division				
Miami	15	6	.714	—
Atlanta	14	7	.667	1
Orlando	11	13	.458	5 1/2
Charlotte	7	16	.304	9
Washington	3	18	.143	12
Central Division				
Chicago	13	10	.565	—
Milwaukee	12	10	.545	1/2
Indiana	13	11	.542	1/2
Detroit	7	20	.259	8
Cleveland	5	20	.200	9

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	19	7	.731	—
Memphis	16	6	.727	1
Houston	12	12	.500	6
Dallas	11	13	.458	7
New Orleans	5	18	.217	12 1/2
Northwest Division				
Oklahoma City	20	4	.833	—
Minnesota	12	10	.545	7
Denver	13	12	.520	7 1/2
Utah	13	12	.520	7 1/2
Portland	11	12	.478	8 1/2
Pacific Division				
L.A. Clippers	18	6	.750	—
Golden State	16	8	.667	2
L.A. Lakers	11	14	.440	7 1/2
Phoenix	10	15	.400	8 1/2
Sacramento	7	17	.292	11

Monday's Scores
Orlando 102, Minnesota 93
Houston 109, New York 96
L.A. Clippers 88, Detroit 76
Memphis 80, Chicago 71
Oklahoma City 107, San Antonio 93
Phoenix 101, Sacramento 90

Today's Games
Toronto at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Atlanta at Washington, 6 p.m.
Utah at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Denver, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Charlotte at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

MONDAY'S BOXES
THUNDER 107, SPURS 93
SAN ANTONIO (93): Green 2-5 0-0 5, Duncan 5-10 2-2 12, Splitter 5-7 0-2 10, Parker 4-11 6-7 14, Neal 3-11 0-0 8, S.Jackson 2-4 0-0 5, Diaw 2-5 2-4 6, De Colo 6-9 2-2 14, Anderson 3-9 0-0 7, Bonner 1-2 0-0 2, Blair 2-3 3-4 7, Mills 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 36-79 15-21 93.
OKLAHOMA CITY (107): Durant 6-13 7-7 19, Ibaka 10-16 5-6 25, Perkins 3-9 3-3 9, Westbrook 6-18 9-11 22, Sefolosha 1-8 0-0 2, Martin 7-10 3-3 20, Maynor 0-1 0-0 0, Collison 4-7 0-0 8, Thabeet 1-2 0-0 2, Lamb 0-0 0-0 0, R.Jackson 0-0 0-0 0, Liggins 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 38-85 27-30 107.

San Antonio	20	22	16	35	— 93
Oklahoma City	30	23	29	25	— 107

3-Point Goals—San Antonio 6-20 (Neal 2-5, Mills 1-2, S.Jackson 1-2, Anderson 1-3, Green 1-4, Parker 0-1, Bonner 0-1, De Colo 0-2), Oklahoma City 4-14 (Martin 3-5, Westbrook 1-2, Durant 0-2, Sefolosha 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—San Antonio 48 (Blair 6), Oklahoma City 51 (Ibaka 17). Assists—San Antonio 23 (Parker 7), Oklahoma City 22 (Westbrook 9). Total Fouls—San Antonio 19, Oklahoma City 21. Technicals—San Antonio Coach Popovich. A—18,203 (18,203).

ROCKETS 109, KNICKS 96
HOUSTON (109): Morris 4-7 3-4 13, Parsons 4-9 0-0 9, Asik 2-5 2-2 6, Lin 9-15 3-4 22, Harden 9-16 8-9 28, G.Smith 3-5 2-4 8, Delfino 6-9 0-0 16, Douglas 3-9 1-1 7, Cook 0-0 0-0 0, Jones 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 40-78 19-24 109.
NEW YORK (96): Brewer 1-3 0-2 2, Copeland 11-19 4-4 29, Chandler 3-7 2-4 8, Kidd 2-9 0-0 5, Felton 7-18 0-0 14, J.Smith 7-13 1-2 17, Novak 1-5 0-0 3, J.White 2-5 0-0 4, Prigioni 5-10 2-2 14, Thomas 0-1 0-2 0. Totals 39-90 9-16 96.

Houston	29	27	27	26	— 109
New York	31	11	18	36	— 96

3-Point Goals—Houston 10-29 (Delfino 4-7, Morris 2-3, Harden 2-6, Parsons 1-4, Lin 1-6, Jones 0-1, Douglas 0-2), New York 9-31 (Copeland 3-5, J.Smith 2-5, Prigioni 2-6, Novak 1-5, Kidd 1-5, Brewer 0-1, Felton 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Houston 50 (Harden 10), New York 51 (Chandler 18). Assists—Houston 18 (Lin 8), New York 15 (Prigioni 5). Total Fouls—Houston 16, New York 18. Flagrant Fouls—Chandler. A—19,033 (19,763).

MAGIC 102, TIMBERWOLVES 93
MINNESOTA (93): Kirilenko 5-13 3-4 13, Love 10-20 1-2 23, Pekovic 8-18 3-5 19, Ridnour 4-7 1-1 11, Shved 1-8 0-0 3, Rubio 0-3 0-0 0, Barea 4-13 0-0 10, Cunningham 5-10 0-0 10, Williams 2-3 0-0 4, Stiemsma 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 39-96 8-12 93.
ORLANDO (102): Harkless 2-3 0-0 5, Davis 13-17 2-2 28, Vucevic 7-13 0-0 14, Nelson 2-11 2-2 6, Afflalo 5-11 1-1 13, Redick 8-12 0-0 18, Ayon 3-3 3-3 9, McRoberts 2-5 0-0 4, Moore 1-3 0-0 3, Nicholson 0-3 0-0 0, O'Quinn 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 44-82 8-8 102.

Minnesota	29	32	17	15	— 93
Orlando	27	22	25	28	— 102

3-Point Goals—Minnesota 7-25 (Ridnour 2-3, Barea 2-5, Love 2-6, Shved 1-6, Rubio 0-1, Williams 0-1, Kirilenko 0-3), Orlando 6-14 (Afflalo 2-2, Redick 2-4, Harkless 1-1, Moore 1-2, McRoberts 0-2, Nelson 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Minnesota 52 (Love 15), Orlando 47 (Vucevic 11). Assists—Minnesota 25 (Kirilenko, Barea 6), Orlando 31 (Nelson 12). Total Fouls—Minnesota 15, Orlando 22. Technicals—Davis. A—16,992 (18,500).

CLIPPERS 88, PISTONS 76
L.A. CLIPPERS (88): Butler 2-6 6-9 11, Griffin 6-11 3-4 15, Jordan 3-6 0-0 6, Paul 6-12 2-2 14, Green 2-6 0-0 5, Crawford 7-17 0-0 15, Odom 2-4 2-2 6, Bledsoe 2-5 0-0 4, Barnes 4-10 0-0 10, Turiaf 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 35-78 13-17 88.
DETROIT (76): Prince 6-12 2-2 15, Maxiell 1-6 0-2 2, Monroe 4-7 3-6 11, Knight 5-16 3-5 16, Singler 5-10 0-0 11, Drummond 2-8 3-4 7, Bynum 3-5 0-0 6, Daye 1-2 0-0 2, Villanueva 2-5 0-0 6. Totals 29-71 11-19 76.

L.A. Clippers	21	21	21	25	— 88
Detroit	20	20	20	16	— 76

3-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers 5-22 (Barnes 2-5, Butler 1-3, Green 1-4, Crawford 1-5, Bledsoe 0-1, Odom 0-2, Paul 0-2), Detroit 7-20 (Knight 3-10, Villanueva 2-4, Singler 1-3, Prince 1-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Clippers 53 (Odom 11), Detroit 44 (Monroe, Prince 7). Assists—L.A. Clippers 19 (Paul 7), Detroit 15 (Monroe 6). Total Fouls—L.A. Clippers 15, Detroit 17. Technicals—Barnes. A—13,560 (22,076).

GRIZZLIES 80, BULLS 71
CHICAGO (71): Deng 4-17 3-6 11, Boozer 7-17 2-4 16, Noah 5-8 1-2 11, Hinrich 2-8 0-0 4, Belinelli 4-12 3-4 13, Robinson 2-5 0-0 4, Gibson 1-4 2-2 4, Butler 3-4 2-2 8. Totals 28-75 13-20 71.
MEMPHIS (80): Gay 5-13 2-4 12, Randolph 4-14 2-2 10, Gasol 1-7 2-2 4, Conley 6-12 4-5 17, Allen 2-6 2-2 6, Speights 2-7 0-0 4, Bayless 2-4 0-0 5, Pondexter 2-6 1-2 6, Ellington 4-7 0-0 11, Arthur 2-4 1-2 5. Totals 30-80 14-19 80.

Chicago	20	14	19	18	— 71
Memphis	11	28	22	19	— 80

3-Point Goals—Chicago 2-11 (Belinelli 2-3, Hinrich 0-4, Deng 0-4), Memphis 6-11 (Ellington 3-4, Bayless 1-1, Pondexter 1-1, Conley 1-4, Allen 0-1). Fouled Out—Hinrich. Rebounds—Chicago 48 (Boozer 13), Memphis 61 (Randolph 15). Assists—Chicago 14 (Hinrich 5), Memphis 16 (Conley 4). Total Fouls—Chicago 21, Memphis 19. A—17,305 (18,119).

SUNS 101, KINGS 90
SACRAMENTO (90): Salmons 2-7 2-4 6, Thompson 4-10 0-0 8, Cousins 1-10 7-8 9, Brooks 6-11 0-0 12, Garcia 2-6 2-3 6, Hayes 1-4 2-2 4, J.Johnson 5-6 1-2 11, Fredette 7-13 5-5 22, Robinson 3-6 0-0 6, Thomas 3-10 0-0 6. Totals 34-83 19-24 90.
PHOENIX (101): Dudley 5-11 6-7 20, Scola 7-11 0-1 14, Gortat 6-12 2-3 14, Dragic 3-11 2-2 8, Brown 10-13 0-0 22, Beasley 3-8 0-0 7, Morris 0-2 0-0 0, O'Neal 3-8 1-2 7, Tucker 3-4 0-0 6, Telfair 1-5 0-0 3, Garrett 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 41-85 11-15 101.

Sacramento	22	32	14	22	— 90
Phoenix	16	27	31	27	— 101

3-Point Goals—Sacramento 3-13 (Fredette 3-5, Garcia 0-2, Thomas 0-3, Brooks 0-3), Phoenix 8-22 (Dudley 4-8, Brown 2-4, Telfair 1-2, Beasley 1-3, Morris 0-1, Dragic 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Sacramento 58 (Cousins 10), Phoenix 44 (Gortat 13). Assists—Sacramento 15 (Thomas, Hayes, Brooks 3), Phoenix 29 (Scola 10). Total Fouls—Sacramento 17, Phoenix 17. Technicals—Gortat. A—13,068 (18,422).

Ski Report

New Mexico
Angel Fire — Mon 6:47 am 1 new packed powder machine groomed 10-20 base 4 of 77 trails 17% open, 3 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Pajarito — Opening Soon for Snow Sports
Red River — Sun 6:06 pm packed powder machine groomed 25-30 base 14 of 57 trails 35% open, 5 of 7 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Sandia Peak — Opening Soon for Snow Sports Wed-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Open Wed-Sun;
Sipapu — Sun 12:21 pm packed powder machine groomed 16-18 base 9 of 41 trails, 22% open 3 of 5 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Ski Apache — Sun 5:17 pm packed powder machine groomed 5-20 base 2 of 55 trails, 4% open 2 of 10 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Ski Santa Fe — Sun 12:47 pm powder machine groomed 25-40 base 21 of 77 trails 28% open, 4 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Taos — Sun 5:45 am powder machine groomed 25-28 base 11 of 113 trails, 10% open 7 of 14 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Enchanted Forest XC — Sun 8:12 am packed powder machine groomed 8-10 base 25 of 40 trails 30 miles Mon-Fri: 9a-4:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4:30p;

Colorado
Arapahoe Basin — Sun 5:38 am powder machine groomed 18-18 base 9 of 109 trails 12% open, 112 acres, 4 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Aspen Highlands — Sun 8:05 am packed powder 18-24 base 34 of 124 trails 28% open, 350 acres, 4 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;
Aspen Mountain — Sun 7:48 am packed powder 19-19 base 30 of 76 trails 40% open, 330 acres, 6 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;
Beaver Creek — Sun 7:21 am packed powder machine groomed 20-20 base 56 of 149 trails 41% open, 759 acres, 22 of 25 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-3:30p;
Breckenridge — Sun 7:28 am packed powder machine groomed 22-22 base 14 of 155 trails 15% open, 344 acres, 9 of 31 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Buttermilk — Sun 8:14 am packed powder 15-15 base 15 of 44 trails 35% open, 166 acres, 3 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;
Copper Mountain — Sun 5:05 am powder machine groomed 20-20 base 33 of 140 trails 23% open, 350 acres, 13 of 22 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Crested Butte — Sun 7:58 am powder machine groomed 34-34 base 26 of 121 trails 27% open, 172 acres, 7 of 16 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Eldora — Sun 9:02 am packed powder machine groomed 27-27 base 8 of 53 trails, 16% open 8 of 11 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Irwin — Sun 11:16 am powder machine groomed 30-30 base 50 of 100 trails, 50% open 3 miles, 550 acres Mon-Fri: 8a-5p; Sat/Sun: 8a-5p;
Kendall Mountain — Reopen 12/21 Fri 11a-4:30p Sat/Sun: 11a-4:30p, Open Fri-Sun;
Keystone — Sun 7:23 am packed powder machine groomed 20-20 base 22 of 135 trails, 9% open 288 acres, 17 of 20 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Loveland — Sun 5:11 am packed powder 20-20 base 12 of 93 trails, 12% open 204 acres, 4 of 9 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Monarch — Sun 12:45 pm powder machine groomed 27-27 base 35 of 62 trails 66% open, 4 of 6 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Powderhorn — Sun 8:57 am packed powder machine groomed 24-24 base 11 of 44 trails 35% open, 3 of 4 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Purgatory at Durango — Sun Reopen 12/21 packed powder machine groomed 23-28 base 12 of 88 trails, 13% open, 74 acres, 2 of 10 lifts, sm Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p Open Fri-Sun;
Silverton Mountain — Sun 6:09 am powder 18-34 base 24 of 69 trails, 40% open Mon-Fri: 9a-3p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3p;
Ski Cooper — Opening Soon for Snow Sports
Ski Granby Ranch — Sun 4:10 am packed powder 15-15 base 4 of 41 trails 15% open, 3 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat: 9a-4p, 5p-8p; Sun: 9a-4p;
Ski Hesperus — Opening Soon for Snow Sports
Snowmass — Sun 10:04 am packed powder machine groomed 20-26 base 41 of 91 trails 36% open, 998 acres, 10 of 21 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8a-4p;
Steamboat — Sun 1:47 pm variable machine groomed 27-31 base 59 of 165 trails 29% open, 869 acres, 9 of 18 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Sunlight — Sun 10:07 am powder machine groomed 21-28 base 19 of 67 trails 60% open, 3 of 3 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Telluride — Sun 5:39 am packed powder 19-19 base 7 of 125 trails, 6% open 5 of 18 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Vail — Sun 7:20 am packed powder machine groomed 18-18 base 75 of 193 trails, 18% open 950 acres, 16 of 31 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Winter Park — Sun 5:52 am powder machine groomed 30-30 base 38 of 143 trails 11% open, 362 acres, 11 of 26 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Wolf Creek — Sun 6:32 am powder 46-48 base 68 of 77 trails 90% open, 1400 acres, 6 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat-Sun: 9a-4p;
Ashcroft XC — Sun 5:55 am powder machine groomed 2-12 base 2 of 20 trails 5 miles Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Aspen/Snowmass XC — Sun 7:29 am packed powder machine groomed 2-4 base 3 of 15 trails 3 miles Mon-Fri: 7a-5p; Sat/Sun: 7a-5p;
Snow Mountain XC — Sun 11:16 am packed powder machine groomed 3-11 base 32 of 28 trails 26 miles Mon-Fri: 8:30a-5p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-5p;

Utah
Alta — Sun 7:33 am powder machine groomed 60-60 base 110 of 116 trails, 95% open 10 of 11 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9:15a-4:30p; Sat/Sun: 9:15a-4:30p;
Beaver Mountain — Plan to Open 12/20 Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Brian Head — Sun Reopen 12/21 packed powder machine groomed 22-22 base 15 of 65 trails 24% open, 4 of 9 lifts, Fri: 10a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9:30a-4:30p, Open Fri-Sun;
Brighton — Sun 4:51 am powder machine groomed 54-54 base 60 of 66 trails 91% open, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat: 9a-4p, Sun: 9a-4p;
Canyons — Sun 6:24 am powder machine groomed 38-45 base 36 of 182 trails 20% open, 8 of 19 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Deer Valley — Sun 5:17 am powder machine groomed 33-33 base 41 of 100 trails 41% open, 17 of 21 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4:15p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4:15p;
Park City — Sun 6:06 am packed powder machine groomed 34-47 base 58 of 116 trails 41% open, 11 of 16 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

ON THE AIR

What's on TV

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Richmond at Kansas, 6 p.m., ESPN2
W. Kentucky at VCU, NBCSN, 6 p.m.
Stanford at NC State, 8 p.m., ESPN2

NBA
Philadelphia at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSS

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Tennessee at Baylor, 7 p.m., ESPN

WHAT'S ON DECK

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL
Seminole at Greenwood, 6 p.m.
San Angelo Lake View at Big Spring, 6:30 p.m.
Garden City at Water Valley, 6:30 p.m.
Klondike at Grady, 6:30 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL
Seminole at Greenwood, 7:30 p.m.
Big Spring at Lamesa, 8 p.m.
Garden City at Water Valley, 8 p.m.
Klondike at Grady, 8 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Women, UTPB at Tarleton State, 6 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE — Suspended Tampa Bay minor league OF Cody Rogers 50 games for refusing to take an off-season drug test.

American League
DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Anibal Sanchez on a five-year contract.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Agreed to terms with DH Carlos Pena on a one-year contract.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Traded C John Buck, C Travis d'Arnaud, RHP Noah Syndergaard and OF Wuilmer Beccera to the N.Y. Mets for RHP R.A. Dickey, C Josh Thole and C Mike Nickeas. Agreed to terms with Dickey on a three-year contract.

National League
CHICAGO CUBS — Agreed to terms with 3B Ian Stewart on a one-year contract. Designated LHP Jeff Beliveau for assignment. Agreed to terms with RHP Chang-Yong Lim on a minor league contract.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Agreed to terms with INF Donnie Murphy on a minor league contract.

Frontier League
GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Signed INF Alex Guthrie to a contract extension.
LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS — Traded 3B Jason Taylor to River City for SS Max Casper, RHP Doug Shields and RHP Jason Sullivan.
WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Sold the contract of RHP Mike Recchia to the Baltimore Orioles.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Promoted Mike Bass to executive vice president, communications.
MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Assigned G Josh Selby to Reno (NBADL). Recalled G Tony Wroten from Reno.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
NFL — Suspended Washington T Jordan Black four games for violating the league's policy on performance-enhancing substances.
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Re-signed OL Mike Gibson. Released DT Ricky Lumpkin.
CHICAGO BEARS — Placed DT Matt Toeaina on injured reserve. Signed T Cory Brandon from the practice squad.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Released DB Dimitri Patterson.

Canadian Football League
HAMILTON TIGER-CATS — Named Kent Austin coach.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
DALLAS STARS — Reassigned D Hubert Labrie from Idaho (ECHL) to Texas (AHL).
DETROIT RED WINGS — Reassigned D Gleason Fournier and F Andrej Nestrasil from Toledo (ECHL) to Grand Rapids (AHL).

American Hockey League
GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS — Recalled F Luke Glendening from Toledo (ECHL).
SPRINGFIELD FALCONS — Released D Chris Reed from a professional tryout agreement and returned him to Cincinnati (ECHL).

ECHL
SOUTH CAROLINA STINGRAYS — Traded F Daniel Koger to Bakersfield for F Robby Dee.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
NEW YORK RED BULLS — Signed M Juninho.

COLLEGE
CINCINNATI — Announced QB Brendon Kay has been granted an extra year of eligibility by the NCAA.
SAN JOSE STATE — Named Ron Caragher football coach.
TEMPLE — Named Matt Rhule football coach.
UC DAVIS — Named Ron Gould football coach.
WEST VIRGINIA — Announced WR Stedman Bailey will enter the NFL draft.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

The Top Twenty Five
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 16, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Duke (62)	9-0	1,622	2
2. Michigan (3)	11-0	1,543	3
3. Syracuse	9-0	1,465	4
4. Arizona	8-0	1,371	8
5. Louisville	9-1	1,362	6
6. Indiana	9-1	1,321	1
7. Ohio St.	8-1	1,249	7
8. Florida	7-1	1,163	5
9. Kansas	8-1	1,110	9
10. Illinois	12-0	1,044	10
11. Cincinnati	10-0	967	11
12. Missouri	8-1	886	12
13. Minnesota	11-1	730	13
14. Gonzaga	10-1	710	14
15. Georgetown	9-1	579	15
16. New Mexico	11-0	548	17
17. Creighton	10-1	530	16
18. San Diego St.	8-1	493	18
19. Butler	8-2	361	—
20. Michigan St.	9-2	343	19
21. UNLV	8-1	315	20
22. Notre Dame	9-1	291	22
23. North Carolina	8-2	256	21
24. Oklahoma St.	8-1	244	24
25. NC State	7-2	198	25

Others receiving votes: Oregon 176, Pittsburgh 158, Kentucky 41, Wyoming 14, Marquette 8, VCU 7, Wichita St. 6, Murray St. 4, UConn 4, Miami 3, Maryland 2, Bucknell 1.

USA Today/ESPN Top 25 Poll
The top 25 teams in the USA Today-ESPN men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 16, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Duke (30)	9-0	774	2
2. Michigan (1)	11-0	743	3
3. Syracuse	11-0	695	4
4. Louisville	9-1	640	6
5. Arizona	8-0	632	8
6. Indiana	9-1	627	1
7. Ohio State	8-1	595	7
8. Kansas	8-1	552	9
9. Florida	7-1	532	5
10. Illinois	12-0	482	10
11. Cincinnati	10-0	460	12
12. Missouri	8-1	451	11
13. Creighton	10-1	351	13
14. Gonzaga	10-1	339	14
15. San Diego State	8-1	296	15
16. Minnesota	11-1	273	16
17. New Mexico	11-0	219	20
18. UNLV	8-1	216	17
19. North Carolina	8-2	187	18
19. Michigan State	9-2	187	19
21. Georgetown	9-1	180	21
22. Notre Dame	9-1	125	24
23. Kentucky	7-3	98	22
24. Oklahoma State	8-1	94	23
25. Butler	8-2	89	—

Others receiving votes: N.C. State 84, Pittsburgh 74, Oregon 45, VCU 11, Wyoming 8, UConn 6, Wichita State 5, Murray State 3, Oklahoma 2.

MONDAY'S SCORES
SOUTHWEST
Baylor 73, SC-Upstate 57
Concordia-Austin 108, Northwood (Texas) 81
Hardin-Simmons 76, Mississippi College 64
Louisiana Tech 75, UALR 73
UNLV 62, UTEP 60

MIDWEST
Bradley 62, Georgia Southern 43
Missouri 102, SC State 51
Northwestern 74, Texas St. 68
Notre Dame 74, IPFW 62
Oakland 70, Valparaiso 68
S. Illinois 74, New Orleans 61
SIU-Edwardsville 77, Eureka 74

FAR WEST
Colorado St. 83, North Florida 55
N. Arizona 87, Montana St. 80
N. Colorado 90, Tabor 62

SOUTH
Bethune-Cookman 102, Florida Christian 51
Florida St. 63, Louisiana-Monroe 48
Georgia Tech 75, Alabama St. 41
Vanderbilt 66, Cornell 55

MONDAY'S TEXAS BOXES
BAYLOR 73, SC-UPSTATE 57
SC-UPSTATE (4-6): Glenn 7-8 1-1 15, Craig 3-12 8-9 14, Elam 0-3 0-0 0, Greene 1-7 2-2 5, Blessing 3-6 0-0 7, Ford 0-0 0-0 0, Rodgers 4-12 1-2 10, Maxey 3-7 0-0 6, Olumuyiwa 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 21-55 12-14 57.
BAYLOR (7-3): Jefferson 6-8 5-7 17, Austin 6-10 0-1 12, Heslip 3-8 0-0 8, Walton 4-7 2-2 10, Jackson 6-13 1-1 15, Rose 0-1 0-0 0, Gathers 3-5 3-4 9, Franklin 0-5 0-0 0, Prince 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 29-59 11-15 73.
Halftime—Baylor 29-27. 3-Point Goals—SC-Upstate 3-12 (Blessing 1-2, Greene 1-3, Rodgers 1-3, Craig 0-4), Baylor 4-21 (Jackson 2-6, Heslip 2-7, Walton 0-1, Prince 0-1, Austin 0-1, Franklin 0-5). Fouled Out—Walton. Rebounds—SC-Upstate 36 (Glenn 10), Baylor 31 (Austin 10). Assists—SC-Upstate 13 (Blessing 3), Baylor 23 (Walton 8). Total Fouls—SC-Upstate 18, Baylor 13. A—6,639.

No. 21 UNLV 62, UTEP 60
UNLV (9-1): Thomas 2-3 0-0 4, Bennett 2-9 5-6 10, Marshall 3-5 3-4 11, Reinhardt 3-7 2-2 10, Dejean-Jones 5-14 0-2 12, Goodman 0-0 0-0 0, Birch 2-4 0-2 4, Cook 1-1 0-0 2, Lopez-Sosa 3-4 0-0 7, Hawkins 1-2 0-2 2. Totals 22-49 10-18 62.
UTEP (3-5): Lang 3-5 1-2 7, C. Washburn 2-7 1-1 5, Ragland 2-6 0-0 6, J. Washburn 5-16 3-3 13, Streeter 2-5 3-3 7, Cooper 0-0 1-2 1, Mc. Moore 0-1 0-0 0, Bohannon 3-4 2-5 9, Tucker 4-8 1-1 12. Totals 21-52 12-17 60.
Halftime—UNLV 31-22. 3-Point Goals—UNLV 8-17 (Marshall 2-2, Reinhardt 2-4, Dejean-Jones 2-5, Lopez-Sosa 1-1, Bennett 1-4, Hawkins 0-1), UTEP 6-18 (Tucker 3-6, Ragland 2-5, Bohannon 1-1, Streeter 0-1, Mc Moore 0-1, J. Washburn 0-4). Fouled Out—Lang. Rebounds—UNLV 34 (Dejean-Jones 6), UTEP 32 (J. Washburn 8). Assists—UNLV 13 (Dejean-Jones 5), UTEP 8 (Tucker, C. Washburn 2). Total Fouls—UNLV 20, UTEP 19. Technical—Dejean-Jones. A—9,027.

NORTHWESTERN 74, TEXAS ST. 68
TEXAS ST. (4-7): Staff 3-9 4-4 10, Wright 7-17 5-6 19, Stern 4-6 0-0 8, T. Jones 2-4 0-0 5, Davis 6-11 3-4 19, Hawkins 2-4 1-1 5, Koenen 1-3 0-0 2, Dorsey 0-0 0-0 0, Hinton 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 25-55 13-15 68.
NORTHWESTERN (8-3): Swopshire 3-7 2-4 10, Abrahamson 3-8 0-0 9, Olah 4-10 0-0 8, Hearn 5-12 4-6 15, Sobolewski 5-11 5-9 18, Turner 0-0 0-0 0, Demps 4-6 1-2 12, Lumpkin 0-1 0-0 0, Marcotullio 0-1 2-4 2. Totals 24-56 14-25 74.
Halftime—Texas St. 39-37. 3-Point Goals—Texas St. 5-13 (Davis 4-5, T. Jones 1-2, Hawkins 0-1, Hinton 0-1, Koenen 0-1, Wright 0-1, Staff 0-2), Northwestern 12-28 (Demps 3-4, Sobolewski 3-7, Abrahamson 3-7, Swopshire 2-6, Hearn 1-4). Fouled Out—Wright. Rebounds—Texas St. 39 (Staff 9), Northwestern 28 (Swopshire 5). Assists—Texas St. 16 (Staff 5), Northwestern 19 (Olah 7). Total Fouls—Texas St. 19, Northwestern 16. Technical—Stern. A—5,161.

700 Coaching Victories Through Dec. 17, 2012
Coaches with 700 victories who have spent a minimum of 10 seasons in Division I with last school listed (x-active):

1. x-Mike Krzyzewski, Duke	936
2. Bob Knight, Texas Tech	902
3. x-Jim Boeheim, Syracuse	900
4. Dean Smith, North Carolina	879
5. Adolph Rupp, Kentucky	876
6. y-Jim Calhoun, Connecticut	877
7. Jim Phelan, Mt. St. Mary's, Md.	830
8. Eddie Sutton, San Francisco	804
9. Lefty Driesell, Georgia State	786
10. Lute Olson, Arizona	780
11. Lou Henson, New Mexico State	779
12. Henry Iba, Oklahoma State	764
13. Ed Diddle, Western Kentucky	759
14. Phog Allen, Kansas	746
15. John Chaney, Temple	741
16. Jerry Tarkanian, Fresno State	729
17. Norm Stewart, Missouri	728
18. Ray Meyer, DePaul	724
19. Don Haskins, UTEP	719

y-The NCAA's Committee on Infractions ruled Calhoun won't get credit for the 2-1 record his team compiled in 2011 while he was serving a suspension for recruiting violations.

Women

The Women's Top Twenty Five
The top 25 teams in the The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 16, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Stanford (22)	9-0	978	1
2. UConn (16)	8-0	967	2
3. Baylor (2)	**8-1**	**931**	**3**
4. Duke	8-0	884	4
5. Notre Dame	6-1	821	5
6. Georgia	11-0	789	6
7. Kentucky	8-1	773	7
8. California	7-1	663	10
9. Maryland	7-2	641	9
10. Tennessee	7-1	602	13
11. Penn St.	9-2	595	11
12. UCLA	7-1	539	14
13. Purdue	10-1	495	15
14. Louisville	9-2	491	8
15. Oklahoma St	7-0	440	16
16. Dayton	10-0	395	17
17. North Carolina	10-1	317	19
18. Oklahoma	8-2	285	12
19. Kansas	9-1	215	22
20. Texas	**7-2**	**197**	**18**
21. South Carolina	10-0	152	24
22. Texas A&M	**6-3**	**139**	**23**
23. Florida St.	8-1	126	—
24. West Virginia	7-2	101	25
25. Colorado	9-0	99	—

Others receiving votes: Arkansas 94, Miami 58, Nebraska 52, Iowa St. 41, Ohio St. 37, Delaware 15, Vanderbilt 15, Michigan 10, Michigan St. 9, Chattanooga 7, Duquesne 7, Syracuse 6, Iowa 5, Villanova 5, Toledo 2, Gonzaga 1, Rutgers 1.

MONDAY'S SCORES
SOUTHWEST
Arkansas St. 75, Austin Peay 44
Nebraska-Omaha 67, Ark.-Pine Bluff 63
SMU 76, Louisiana-Monroe 56

MIDWEST
California 71, Northwestern 65
Cent. Michigan 96, Robert Morris 56
Iowa St. 67, N. Iowa 59
W. Illinois 70, E. Illinois 68

FAR WEST
S. Utah 79, Houston Baptist 58

SOUTH
Liberty 95, Virginia Union 39
Presbyterian 53, UCF 49
Southern U. 59, SE Louisiana 56
UC Riverside 55, Louisiana-Lafayette 37
Wofford 58, Alabama 52

EAST
New Hampshire 77, Wagner 54
Sacred Heart 55, Manhattan 38

GLANTZ-CULVER

NCAA Football

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
		Thursday		
		Poinsettia Bowl		
BYU	2 1/2	2 1/2	(48 1/2)	at San Diego St.
		Friday		
		Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl		
		At St. Petersburg, Fla.		
UCF	7	7	(61 1/2)	Ball St
		Saturday		
		New Orleans Bowl		
La.-Lafayette	4 1/2	6	(65)	East Carolina
		Las Vegas Bowl		
Boise St.	7 1/2	5	(46)	Washington
		Monday		
		Hawaii Bowl		
		At Honolulu		
Fresno St.	11 1/2	12	(59)	SMU
		Dec. 26		
		Little Caesars Pizza Bowl		
		At Detroit		
W. Kentucky	6	5 1/2	(58)	Cent. Michigan
		Dec. 27		
		Military Bowl		
		At Washington		
San Jose St.	7 1/2	7	(46 1/2)	Bowling Green
		Belk Bowl		
		At Charlotte, N.C.		
Cincinnati	11	7 1/2	(60)	Duke
		Holiday Bowl		
		At San Diego		
Baylor	1	Pk	(79 1/2)	UCLA
		Dec. 28		
		Independence Bowl		
		At Shreveport, La.		
Louisiana-Monroe	6	7	(60)	Ohio
		Russell Athletic Bowl		
		At Orlando, Fla.		
Virginia Tech	1	2 1/2	(41 1/2)	Rutgers
		Meineke Car Care Bowl		
		At Houston		
Texas Tech	13	13	(57)	Minnesota
		Dec. 29		
		Armed Forces Bowl		
		At Fort Worth		
Air Force	+1	1	(61)	Rice
		Fight Hunger Bowl		
		At San Francisco		
Arizona St.	13	14 1/2	(56)	Navy
		Pinstripe Bowl		
		At New York		
West Virginia	3 1/2	4	(73 1/2)	Syracuse
		Alamo Bowl		
		At San Antonio		
Oregon St.	1	2	(57)	Texas
		Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl		
		At Tempe, Ariz.		
TCU	1	2 1/2	(41)	Michigan St.
		Dec. 31		
		Music City Bowl		
		At Nashville, Tenn.		
Vanderbilt	5	6 1/2	(52)	NC State
		Sun Bowl		
		At El Paso		
Southern Cal	10	10	(63 1/2)	Georgia Tech
		Liberty Bowl		
		At Memphis, Tenn.		
Tulsa	3	Pk	(51)	Iowa St.
		Chick-fil-A Bowl		
		At Atlanta		
LSU	3	4	(59)	Clemson
		Jan. 1		
		Heart of Dallas Bowl		
Oklahoma St.	18	17	(70)	Purdue
		Gator Bowl		
		At Jacksonville, Fla.		
Mississippi St.	2	2	(52)	Northwestern
		Outback Bowl		
		At Tampa, Fla.		
South Carolina	4	5 1/2	(48)	Michigan
		Capital One Bowl		
		At Orlando, Fla.		
Georgia	8	10	(60)	Nebraska
		Rose Bowl		
		At Pasadena, Calif.		
Stanford	6	6 1/2	(47 1/2)	Wisconsin
		Orange Bowl		
		At Miami		
Florida St.	15	13 1/2	(58 1/2)	N. Illinois
		Jan. 2		
		Sugar Bowl		
		At New Orleans		
Florida	13 1/2	14	(45 1/2)	Louisville
		Jan. 3		
		Fiesta Bowl		
		At Glendale, Ariz.		
Oregon	9 1/2	9	(75 1/2)	Kansas St.
		Jan. 4		
		Cotton Bowl		
		At Arlington		
Texas A&M	3	4 1/2	(72)	Oklahoma
		Jan. 5		
		Compass Bowl		
		At Birmingham, Ala.		
Mississippi	1 1/2	3 1/2	(52 1/2)	Pittsburgh
		Jan. 6		
		GoDaddy.com Bowl		
		At Mobile, Ala.		
Arkansas St.	+1	4	(61 1/2)	Kent St.
		Jan. 7		
		BCS National Championship		
		At Miami		
Alabama	7 1/2	10	(41 1/2)	Notre Dame

NFL

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
		Saturday		
Atlanta	3	3 1/2	(51)	at Detroit
		Sunday		
at Green Bay	10 1/2	12	(47)	Tennessee
at Carolina	8	9	(46)	Oakland
at Miami	5	4 1/2	(41 1/2)	Buffalo
at Pittsburgh	5	4 1/2	(43 1/2)	Cincinnati
New England	14	14	(48 1/2)	at Jacksonville
Indianapolis	6	6	(42 1/2)	at Kansas City
at Dallas	3	3	(51)	New Orleans
Washington	4	4 1/2	(44 1/2)	at Philadelphia
at Tampa Bay	3	3	(43 1/2)	St. Louis
N.Y. Giants	+1	1	(47)	at Baltimore
at Houston	7	8 1/2	(43 1/2)	Minnesota
at Denver	12	12 1/2	(44 1/2)	Cleveland
Chicago	5 1/2	5 1/2	(36 1/2)	at Arizona
at Seattle	2 1/2	1	(40 1/2)	San Francisco
at N.Y. Jets	3	3	(40 1/2)	San Diego

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Bowls

Subject to Change

Saturday, Dec. 15
New Mexico Bowl
At Albuquerque
Arizona 49, Nevada 48
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Utah State 41, Toledo 15

Thursday
Poinsettia Bowl
At San Diego
San Diego State (9-3) vs. BYU (7-5), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday
Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
Ball State (9-3) vs. UCF (9-4), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday
New Orleans Bowl
East Carolina (8-4) vs. Louisiana-Lafayette (7-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
MAACO Bowl
Las Vegas
Boise State (10-2) vs. Washington (7-5), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 24
Hawaii Bowl
At Honolulu
SMU (6-6) vs. Fresno State (9-3), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 26
Little Caesars Pizza Bowl
At Detroit
Central Michigan (6-6) vs. Western Kentucky (7-5), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 27
Military Bowl
At Washington
Bowling Green (8-4) vs. San Jose State (10-2), 2 p.m. (ESPN)
Belk Bowl
At Charlotte, N.C.
Duke (6-6) vs. Cincinnati (9-3), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Baylor (7-5) vs. UCLA (9-4), 8:45 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 28
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Louisiana-Monroe (8-4) vs. Ohio (8-4), 1 p.m. (ESPN)
Russell Athletic Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Virginia Tech (6-6) vs. Rutgers (9-3), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Meineke Car Care Bowl
At Houston
Minnesota (6-6) vs. Texas Tech (7-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 29
Armed Forces Bowl
At Fort Worth
Rice (6-6) vs. Air Force (6-6), 10:45 a.m. (ESPN)
Fight Hunger Bowl
At San Francisco
Arizona State (7-5) vs. Navy (8-4), 3 p.m. (ESPN2)
Pinstripe Bowl
At New York
Syracuse (7-5) vs. West Virginia (7-5), 2:15 p.m. (ESPN)
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Texas (8-4) vs. Orgeon State (9-3), 5:45 p.m. (ESPN)
Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Michigan State (6-6) vs. TCU (7-5), 9:15 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 31
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Vanderbilt (8-4) vs. N.C. State (7-5), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Sun Bowl
At El Paso
Georgia Tech (6-7) vs. Southern Cal (7-5), 1 p.m. (CBS)
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Iowa State (6-6) vs. Tulsa (10-3), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Chick-fil-A Bowl
At Atlanta
LSU (10-2) vs. Clemson (10-2), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Jan. 1
Heart of Dallas Bowl
At Dallas
Purdue (6-6) vs. Oklahoma State (7-5), 11 a.m. (ESPNU)
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Mississippi State (8-4) vs. Northwestern (9-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN2)
Capital One Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Georgia (11-2) vs. Nebraska (10-3), Noon (ABC)
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
South Carolina (10-2) vs. Michigan (8-4), Noon (ESPN)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Stanford (11-2) vs. Wisconsin (8-5), 4 p.m. (ESPN)
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Northern Illinois (12-1) vs. Florida State (11-2), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Jan. 2
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Florida (11-1) vs. Louisville (10-2), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Jan. 3
Fiesta Bowl
At Glendale, Ariz.
Kansas State (11-1) vs. Oregon (11-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Jan. 4
Cotton Bowl
At Arlington
Texas A&M (10-2) vs. Oklahoma (10-2), 7 p.m. (FOX)

Saturday, Jan. 5
BBVA Compass Bowl
At Birmingham, Ala.
Pittsburgh (6-6) vs. Mississippi (6-6), Noon (ESPN)

Sunday, Jan. 6
GoDaddy.com Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
Kent State (11-2) vs. Arkansas State (9-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Jan. 7
BCS National Championship
At Miami
Notre Dame (12-0) vs. Alabama (12-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Polls

AFCA Division II Coaches Poll
Final

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Valdosta State (Ga.) (30)	12-2	750	17
2. Winston-Salem St. (N.C.)	14-1	719	2
3. Minnesota State-Mankato	13-1	674	5
4. West Texas A&M	**12-3**	**596**	**16**
5. Missouri Western State	12-2	578	9
6. Colorado State-Pueblo	12-1	575	1
7. Indiana (Pa.)	12-2	545	11
8. New Haven (Conn.)	10-1	496	3
9. Ashland (Ohio)	11-1	480	4
10. Northwest Missouri State	10-3	446	13
11. Henderson State (Ark.)	10-1	408	6
12. Minnesota-Duluth	10-2	407	7
13. Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	9-3	406	22
14. Shippensburg (Pa.)	11-2	349	15
15. Indianapolis (Ind.)	10-3	288	18
16. Midwestern State	**9-2**	**284**	**8**
17. Bloomsburg (Pa.)	10-2	263	10
18. Chadron State (Neb.)	9-3	231	20
19. Harding (Ark.)	9-2	219	12
20. Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.)	9-3	195	—
21. West Alabama	9-4	189	—
22. Emporia State (Kan.)	10-2	110	24
23. Tuskegee (Ala.)	10-2	97	14
24. Missouri S&T	10-1	95	19
25. Shepherd (W.Va.)	8-3	84	25

AFCA Division III Coaches Poll
Final

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Mount Union (42)	15-0	1050	1
2. St. Thomas (Minn.)	14-1	997	3
3. Mary Hardin-Baylor	**13-1**	**974**	**2**
4. Wisconsin-Oshkosh	13-1	914	6
5. Linfield (Ore.)	11-1	876	4
6. Wesley (Del.)	10-2	855	5
7. Hobart (N.Y.)	12-1	765	7
8. Widener (Pa.)	11-1	647	9
9. Elmhurst (Ill.)	10-2	609	21
10. North Central (Ill.)	9-3	566	18
11. Wittenberg (Ohio)	10-2	551	13
12. Johns Hopkins (Md.)	10-2	474	15
13. California Lutheran	8-2	459	8
14. Salisbury (Md.)	9-3	444	14
15. Coe (Iowa)	10-1	421	10
16. Wisconsin-Platteville	8-2	381	12
17. Bethel (Minn.)	9-3	376	23
18. Franklin (Ind.)	9-3	355	20
19. Heidelberg (Ohio)	9-2	351	11
20. Cortland State (N.Y.)	9-2	327	17
21. Concordia (Ill.)	10-1	243	16
22. Wheaton (Ill.)	8-2	239	19
23. Concordia-Moorhead (Minn.)	8-2	163	22
24. Waynesburg (Pa.)	10-1	109	24
25. Pacific Lutheran (Wash.)	7-3	108	—

Playoffs

NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoff Championship
Saturday, Jan. 5
At FC Dallas Stadium
Frisco
North Dakota State (13-1) vs. Sam Houston State (11-3), Noon

CLASS2AALL-STATE

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Texas APSE Class 2A all-state football team

The 2012 Texas Associated Press Sports Editors Class 2A all-state high school football team, released Monday. Voting based on regular-season performance. Players are listed in alphabetical order at each position.

FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE

Linemen:

WESLEY HOLMES, New Boston, Jr. — Top lineman for 2,700-yard rusher

RYAN JOHNSON, Muleshoe, Sr. — Graded at 95 percent, 66 pancakes, 0 sacks allowed

NOAH PENNELL, Corsicana Mildred, Sr. — 98 percent grade, 0 sacks allowed in 186 pass attempts. team gained 4,800 yards

JOHN WESLEY SHIPP, Refugio, Sr. — 96 percent grade, 40 pancakes; blocked for team that averaged 530 yards, 64 ppg

TYLER VRAZEL, Cameron Yoe, Sr. — Blocked for team that averaged 27.6 points, 379.1 ypg, 31 pancakes, 13 knockdowns

Receivers/ends:

DALLAS SEWELL, Pottsboro, Sr. — 49-1,336 receiving, 14 TDs

MARCUS THOMPSON, Refugio, Sr. — 48-1,232 receiving, 20 TDs

Quarterback:

TRAVIS QUINTANILLA, Refugio, Jr. — 145-202 passing, 3,058 yards, 48 TDs, 6 INTs

Running backs:

DARIUS FLOYD, Franklin, Sr. — 171-2,342 rushing, 29 TDs

DAMIEN HASKINS, New Boston, Sr. — 197-2,700 rushing, 47 TDs

LUIS LOPEZ, San Diego, Sr. — 2,451 yards, 37 TDs rushing

Kicker:

CASEY CRENSHAW, Sunnyvale, Jr. — 8-11 FGs, long 46; 34 total PATs

Offensive Player of the Year: Damien Haskins, New Boston

FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE

Linemen:

DAMON EVANS, Sonora, Sr. — 101 tackles, 17 TFL, 9 sacks, 11 QB Hurries

ANTHONY HADNOT, Newton, Jr. — 75 tackles, 8 sacks, 14 TFL, 3 FF, 2 fumbles recovered, 1 blocked FG

DEVON LAFRANCE, Refugio, Jr. — 120 tackles, 26 TFL, 6 sacks, 30 QB pressures, 3 forced fumbles

JUSTIN LAWLER, Pottsboro, Sr. — 113 tackles, 24 tackles for loss, 13 QB sacks

JUSTIN SPURLIN, Waskom, Jr. — 108 tackles, 30 TFL, 11 sacks, 3 forced fumbles, 1 recovery

Linebackers:

BRADLEY DILLS, Leonard, Sr. — 166 total tackles, 56 solo, 3 FR, 12 PBU, 4 sacks, 26 TFL

TY TOLLESON, Lone Oak, Sr. — 147 tackles, 22 TFL, 10 sacks, 2 INTs, 5 FR, 3 FF, 3 defensive TDs

SOMARI WRIGHT, Cameron Yoe, Jr. — 174 total tackles, 5 TFL, 1.5 Sacks, 4 FF, 1 FR, 5 QB pressures

Defensive backs:

JEREMY BALLARD, Corsicana Mildred, Sr. — 42 tackles, 38 solo, 7 INTs, 1 INT retur for TD, 12 PBU, 1 FF

MARTIN CHAIRES, McGregor, Sr. — 104 tackles, 7 INTs, 3 FF, 2 FR, 4 tackles for loss

JAVOLICK GARRETT, Tatum, Sr. — 37 tackles, 8 INTs (2 returned for TD), 1 fumble recovery

DRAYLON STERLING, Corsicana Mildred, Jr. — 86 tackles, 66 solo, 2 INTs, 18 TFL, 2 sacks, 10 PBU, 5 FR, 4 FF

Punter

JACOB FELDEN, Big Sandy Harmony, Jr. — 19 punts, 43.8 average, 60 long, 7 punts inside 20

Defensive Player of the Year: Justin Lawler, Pottsboro

SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE

Linemen:

Jake Johnson, Colorado City, Sr.; Kyle Lester, Whitesboro, Sr.; Tony Molina, Muleshoe, Sr.; Anthony Norman, Edna, Jr.; Blake Washington, Godley, Sr.

Receivers/ends:

Edwin Mims, Daingerfield, Sr.; Aaron Mitchell, Teague, Soph.

Quarterback:

Austin Skinner, Teague, Soph

Running backs:

Tate Fenoglio, Nocona, Sr.; Collin Kilcrease, Whitesboro, Jr.; Jeffery Wilson, Elkhart, Jr.

Kicker:

Carlos Macias, Daingerfield, Sr.

SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE

Linemen:

Nathaniel Gill, Post, Sr.; Todd Glass, Lexington, Sr.; Edgar Luna, Cameron Yoe, Sr.; Aroldo Nandin, Gunter, Sr.; Isidrick Smith, Hallettsville, Sr.

Linebackers:

Calvin Bryant, Daingerfield, Jr.; Alex Corenado, Refugio, Jr.; Corey Jenkins, Newton, Sr.; Tyler Loven, White Oak, Sr.

Defensive backs:

Lorenzo Castilleja, Hearne, Sr.; B.J. Collins, Tolar, Sr.; Nick Forde, Red Oak Life School, Soph.; Kevin Johnson, Waskom, Soph.; Tim McCoy, Big Sandy Harmony, Jr.; Philip Vaughan, Karnes City, Sr.

Punter:

Mikey Pippins, Tuscola Jim Ned, Sr.

HONORABLE MENTION OFFENSE

LINEMEN: Shawn Atwood, Muleshoe; Corey Ayers, Arp; Dimitri Bowie, Arp; Trevor Davis, Crane; Tristan Duden, Tatum; Willie Evans, Daingerfield; Cody Francis, Wall; Tyler Heffington, Littlefield; Chase Hibbeler, Lexington; Jacob Hodnett, Littlefield; Heath Holt, Bogata Rivercrest; John Lawless, Rogers; Tom Lawless, Rogers; Alex Mayes, Van Alstyne; Derek Shaefer, Cisco; Charlie Thomas, Coleman; Michael Walling, Wall; Kipp Welch, Boling; Parker West, Hennetta; Darius Whiting, Tatum.

RECEIVERS/ENDS: Boston Hudson, Canadian; Marcus Irons, McGregor; Travis Jones, Howe; Colby Lee, Grandview; Jansen McCurdy, White Oak; Josh Quinn, Sunnyvale; Austin Ross, Muleshoe; Jacob Shmidt, San Angelo Grape Creek; Jason Washington, Lexington.

QUARTERBACKS: Ben Arbuckle, Canadian; Ryan Breton, Grandview; Kogan Garrett, Lexington; Jason Kopriva, Cameron Yoe; Evan Moore, Alpine; Nic Shimonek, Corsicana Mildred; Trevor Spear, Elysian Fields; Tyrone Swoopes, Whitewright; Caleb Wood, Muleshoe.

RUNNING BACKS: DJ Brown, Post; Jose Dominguez, Buffalo; Grant Eubank, Wall; Phillip Garza, Poth; Ragan Henderson, Rice; Koal Houchin, Idalou; Mason Reed, Cisco; Glenn Roberts, East Chambers; Kevin Shorter, Newton; Carson Skala, Rogers; Tedrick Smith, Hallettsville; Draylon Sterling, Corsicana Mildred.

KICKERS: Atticus Kilcrease, Whitesboro; Alex Lara, Schulenburg; Devin O'Sullivan, Corsicana Mildred.

HONORABLE MENTION DEFENSE

LINEMEN: Everett Baker, Pottsboro; Brett Boles, McGregor; Cole Campbell, Bushland; Cortez Crosby, Commerce; Thomas Finigmow, Corsicana Mildred; Todd Glass, Lexington; David Gonzales, Muleshoe; Garrett Hounsel, New Diana; Garrett Johnson, Jacksboro; Brody Jones, Crawford; Randle Lane, Cameron Yoe; Vontrea Mathis, Littlefield; Troy Murphy, Hallettsville; Ryan Rogers, Littlefield; Dra Ross, Palestine Westwood; Colton Schwartz, Lago Vista; Chris Thomas, Slaton; Jonathan Waddy, Boling; Darius Whiting, Tatum; Conrad Willett, Bowie; Riley Woodruff, Ballinger.

LINEBACKERS: Drew Benge, Godley; Adrian Cooper, Red Oak Life School; Austin Dooley, Breckenridge; Colby Cooper, Garrett Gibson, Gladewater Union Grove; John Hawkins, Arp; Devon Hoelscher, Ballinger; Garrett Hounsel, New Diana; Tod Jackson, Bushland; David John Kallus, Edna; Trevor Long, East Bernard; Kiano Lucas, Tatum; Dru Lust, Abernathy; Tyler Meyer, Lexington; Tanner Norman, Elysian Fields; Godswill Nweke, Sunnyvale; Austin Rain, Clyde; Jose Regalado, Muleshoe; David Riley, Bushland; Brazos Sepert, Maypearl; Sam Shirley, Holliday; Abel Silvas, Alpine; Bryan Smith, Post; Gunner Tatum, Crane; Shelton Zarate, Coleman.

DEFENSIVE BACKS: Grant Aschenbeck, East Bernard; Kaleb Bennett, Sonora; Brett Castillo, Sonora; Aaron Doddy, Hooks; Cort Harris, Centerville; Dalton Holley, Post; Devonte Mathis, Littlefield; Ray Martinez, Muleshoe; Logan Meuth, Lexington; Eriq Mitchell, Lexington; Zach Perez, Ballinger; Xavier Reyes, Muleshoe; Michael Roberson, Arp; Tyler Sapp, Cameron Yoe; Kelton Scales, Clarksville; Ty Stamma, East Bernard; Corey Smith, Daingerfield; Nathan Zapata, Jacksboro.

PUNTERS: Jason Kopriva, Cameron Yoe; Tyler Vornsand, Schulenburg

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

CLASS 5A DIVISION I
State Championship
Allen (14-1) vs. Houston Lamar (15-0), 8 p.m. Saturday, Arlington's Cowboys Stadium

CLASS 5A DIVISION II
State Championship
Cedar Hill (11-4) vs. Katy (15-0), 4 p.m. Saturday, Arlington's Cowboys Stadium

CLASS 4A DIVISION I
State Championship
Denton Guyer (13-2) vs. Georgetown (15-0), noon Saturday, Arlington's Cowboys Stadium

CLASS 4A DIVISION II
State Championship
Lancaster (14-1) vs. Cedar Park (13-2), 8 p.m. Friday, Arlington's Cowboys Stadium

CLASS 3A DIVISION II
State Championship
Gilmer (14-1) vs. Navasota (15-0), 4 p.m. Friday, Arlington's Cowboys Stadium

CLASS 2A DIVISION I
State Championship
Daingerfield (12-3) vs. Cameron Yoe (14-0), noon Friday, Arlington's Cowboys Stadium

CLASS 2A DIVISION II
State Championship
Corsicana Mildred (13-1) vs. East Bernard (14-0), 8 p.m. Thursday, Arlington's Cowboys Stadium

CLASS 1A DIVISION I
State Championship
Stamford (13-1) vs. Marfi (12-2), 4 p.m. Thursday, Arlington's Cowboys Stadium

CLASS 1A DIVISION II
State Championship
Munday (14-0) vs. Tenaha (10-4), noon Thursday, Arlington's Cowboys Stadium

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ROCKETS 109
KNICKS 96

NEW YORK — Jeremy Lin won again at Madison Square Garden — and for the first time this season, the New York Knicks didn't.

Lin had 22 points and eight assists in his return to New York, leading the Houston Rockets to a 109-96 victory Monday night that ended the Knicks' 10-game home winning streak to open the season.

Cheered then jeered, and later clobbered, Lin added another masterpiece to the ones he put together last season during the height of Linsanity. No longer the fan favorite he was when wearing the home uniform, Lin got a mixed reception when he left the game with 2:25 remaining and Houston leading by 16.

James Harden had 28 points and 10 rebounds for the Rockets, who blew out the Knicks for the second time this season. They have won the last seven meetings, including a 131-103 rout in Houston on Nov. 23.

Rookie Chris Copeland scored a career-high 29 points for the Knicks, who played without leading scorer Carmelo Anthony and had their four-game winning streak snapped.

THUNDER 107
SPURS 93

OKLAHOMA CITY —, Serge Ibaka tied his career best with 25 points and grabbed a season-high 17 rebounds, and Oklahoma City beat San Antonio for its 11th straight win.

The Thunder took control with a string of 11 straight points during the third quarter, punctuated by Nick Collison's putback that made it 71-56 with 4:27 remaining in the period.

GRIZZLIES 80
BULLS 71

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Mike Conley had 17 points, Zach Randolph added 10 points and 15 rebounds, and Memphis overcame a poor start to beat Chicago.

Conley was 6 of 12 from the field and had four assists. Rudy Gay scored 12 points for the Grizzlies but shot 5 of 13, continuing his slump. Wayne Ellington scored all 11 of his points in the second quarter, when the Grizzlies reserves provided a lift after Memphis shot poorly in the first period.

CLIPPERS 88
PISTONS 76

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Jamal Crawford scored 15 points and Chris Paul added 14 to lead Los Angeles past Detroit for its 10th straight win.

Blake Griffin had 15 points for the Clippers, who had five players in double figures. Griffin had two breakaway dunks in the last 30 seconds, one on a pass banked off the backboard by Crawford.

MAGIC 102
TIMBERWOLVES 93

ORLANDO, Fla. — Glen Davis scored 28 points and J.J. Redick had 18 points and seven assists as Orlando beat Minnesota.

The Magic won their third straight and stopped the Timberwolves' four-game winning streak. Nikola Vucevic had 14 points and 11 rebounds for his third consecutive double-double, and Arron Afflalo scored 13 points.

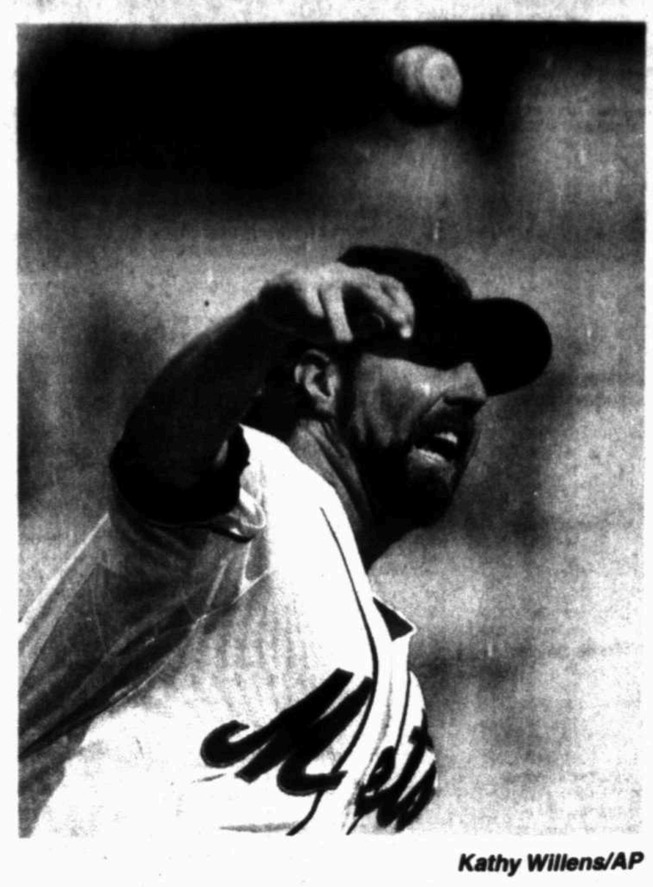
SUNS 101, KINGS 90

PHOENIX — Shannon Brown scored 14 of his 22 points in the third quarter, Jared Dudley added 20 points and the Phoenix Suns pulled off another big rally to beat the Sacramento Kings 101-90 Monday night.

The Suns were out of sorts throughout the first half, scoring 13 points while falling by up to 19. Brown helped them outscore Sacramento 31-14 in the third quarter and Dudley provided the cushion down the stretch to give Phoenix its first three-game winning streak of the season.

Mets trade Cy Young winner Dickey to Blue Jays

By Ben Walker
Associated Press



Kathy Willens/AP

R.A. Dickey, seen here throwing during a Sept. 27 game against the Pittsburgh Pirates in New York, has been traded from the Mets to Toronto.

NEW YORK — Eager for a new challenge and certainly a better chance to win, R.A. Dickey broke the news of his trade even before the Toronto Blue Jays and New York Mets.

A few minutes ahead of the teams announcing the seven-player swap Monday that sent the NL Cy Young winner to Toronto, he tweeted his thanks to Mets fans and added he was all set to pitch for the Blue Jays.

"Now that its official, I want to say that I don't have the words to express how grateful I am to you for the steadfast support," Dickey posted on Twitter. "Thank you for making me feel wanted."

"Looking forward to a new chapter with the Jays," he wrote.

Toronto acquired the 38-year-old knuckleballer and catchers Josh Thole and Mike Nickeas. The Mets got top catching prospect Travis d'Arnaud and catcher John Buck, plus minor league right-hander Noah Syndergaard and outfielder Wuilmer Becerra.

"It was an extraordinary privilege for us to be part of his career," Mets general manager Sandy Alderson said about Dickey on a conference call. "The final chapter has not been written."

Earlier in the day, Dickey and the busy Blue Jays agreed to a new contract, clearing the way for the Mets to send him to a team that's spending a lot of money trying to join baseball's elite. Toronto has now acquired All-Stars Jose Reyes, Josh Johnson, Mark Buehrle, Melky Cabrera and Dickey since the season ended.

Dickey was already signed for $5.25 million next year. His new contract adds two more seasons for $25 million — he will get $12 million in both 2014 and 2015, plus there's a club option for 2016 at $12 million with a $1 million buyout.

Dickey needed to pass a physical before the teams announced the deal. He became the fourth pitcher to win the Cy Young and be traded before the next season, joining David Cone, Pedro Martinez and Roger Clemens.

Alderson said the Mets' preference going into the offseason was to re-sign Dickey. But as the winter meetings approached in early December, Alderson said Dickey's value "in a possible trade was also skyrocketing. At some point, those lines crossed."

Several teams made runs at a deal for Dickey, with Texas and the Los Angeles Angels among those in the mix. Alderson said while some clubs popped in and out of trade talks, Toronto's interest remained steady.

Alderson said the Mets didn't completely decide to trade Dickey until they saw the final package that Toronto offered.

"This was a complicated deal," Alderson said.

The Blue Jays have missed the playoffs since winning their second straight World Series crown in 1993, and have boldly moved to reshape a team that went 73-89 last season in the rugged AL East.

Last month, they acquired a high-priced trio — Johnson and Buehrle on the mound, Reyes at shortstop — in a 12-player trade with the Miami Marlins.

Toronto later signed Cabrera, an All-Star outfielder with San Francisco whose season ended when he was suspended 50 games for a positive testosterone test.

Dickey was 20-6 with a 2.73 ERA last season, capping his rapid rise from the majors' scrap heap to an ace pitcher. He did it by perfecting a way to throw his floater faster than previous knuckleballers, and tossing it with exceptional control.

Dickey becomes part of a stellar rotation that includes Johnson, Buehrle and returning starters Ricky Romero and Brandon Morrow.

Thole gives the Blue Jays a catcher who is familiar with handling Dickey's knuckleball. He joined a lineup that features former home run champ Jose Bautista and Edwin Encarnacion, who hit 42 homers last season.

Despite a big spot in the rotation to fill minus Dickey, Alderson said the Mets were not giving up on next season.

"We certainly are not punting on 2013," he said.

D'Arnaud turns 24 in February. He hit .333 at Triple-A Las Vegas with 16 homers and 52 RBIs before tearing a knee ligament trying to break up a double play in June. He has been an All-Star at several levels during his climb through the minors.

Alderson called d'Arnaud the top catching prospect in the minors and predicted he could contribute on the major league level next year.

Popular with Mets fans, Dickey perturbed team management when he spoke about his contract situation last week during a club event at Citi Field for children displaced from their schools by Superstorm Sandy.

Titans end Jets' playoff hopes with 14-10 win

By Teresa M. Walker
Associated Press



Joe Howell/AP

Tennessee Titans safety Michael Griffin (33) intercepts a pass intended for New York Jets wide receiver Braylon Edwards (17) on Monday in the fourth quarter in Nashville, Tenn. The Titans won, 14-10. At right is Titans cornerback Jason McCourty (30).

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Chris Johnson went 94 yards for the longest touchdown run in the NFL since 2006 and the Tennessee Titans beat the Jets 14-10 on Monday night to eliminate New York from playoff contention.

Jake Locker's first touchdown run of the season put Tennessee ahead late in the third quarter and the Titans intercepted four passes by a struggling Mark Sanchez to snap a three-game skid.

After bumbling around all night, the Jets somehow still had a chance to win when they took over at the Tennessee 25 with 47 seconds left following a 19-yard punt by Brett Kern. But Sanchez fumbled a low shotgun snap, Bilal Powell inadvertently kicked the ball away and the Titans recovered to seal it.

It was a fitting end to an ugly game that left New York coach Rex Ryan cursing to himself as he walked off the field.

The Jets (6-8) needed to win their final three games and get help elsewhere to earn a playoff spot. Instead, the Titans sacked Sanchez three times and got a fourth on Tim Tebow. Jason McCourty and Michael Griffin each had two interceptions, keeping New York out of the playoffs for a second straight season after reaching consecutive AFC title games.

Johnson, with the names of the victims of Friday's shootings in Connecticut written on his cleats, ran a franchise-record 94 yards for a TD in the second quarter. Locker's 13-yard touchdown run at the end of the third put the Titans (5-9) ahead to stay.

The Jets took a 10-7 lead when Sanchez and Jeff Cumberland connected on a 17-yard touchdown pass with 3:19 to go in the third. The Titans responded on their next possession with Locker's quarterback keeper around left end, capping a seven-play, 64-yard drive.

On Cumberland's touchdown, the Jets' tight end caught a third-and-12 pass at about the 5-yard line after getting behind Titans linebacker Tim Shaw, starting in place of injured defensive captain Colin McCarthy. Cumberland headed into the end zone from there.

The Jets began that drive at the Titans 35 after Kern shaved a 30-yard punt. Kern had been one of the few steady performers this season for the Titans.

The Titans owned a 7-3 halftime lead after Johnson's long scamper in the second quarter. His touchdown run was the longest by any NFL player since Minnesota's Chester Taylor had a 95-yard TD in a 31-13 victory over the Seattle Seahawks on Oct. 22, 2006.

COWBOYS

From 1C

also have to make plays."

Carr did just that against the Steelers. His diving interception in OT was his second big theft in as many games.

But there also plenty of big plays in the fourth, including Victor Butler forcing a fumble during a punt return, sacks by Sean Lissemore and Anthony Spencer and a 17-yard pass from Romo to Dwayne Harris to set up Murray's TD.

"More than anything else, (closing games) is a team thing," Garrett said Monday. "Yesterday's fourth quarter was a great example – the defense coming up with stops, making sacks, special teams making plays, creating turnovers. Obviously, Brandon Carr's interception was the signature play."

Garrett believes the adversity the team has faced this season, including the Dec. 8 death of practice squad linebacker Jerry Brown in a drunk-driving wreck that resulted in manslaughter charges being filed against nose tackle Josh Brent, has stiffened the team's resolve and made it tougher mentally.

"Every team goes through adversity and how you handle it often brings you together or separates you," Garrett said. "We believe we have the right kind of guys and have handled these adversities well. That brings us together. And when you win games, it validates that."

Romo chalked up the club's newfound crunch-time grit to something simple.

"We just put our heads down and go to work," he said.

Sunday's win was Romo's fifth comeback victory of the season and 18th of his career, both club records.

"Whether we are tied, down three or down 10, we going to fight," Romo said. "By no means has it been pretty the last six or seven games, but I do know our team knows it can compete and win late."

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TODAY: Sunny High: 76 Low: 40

WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny High: 68 Low: 23

THURSDAY: Sunny High: 50 Low: 25

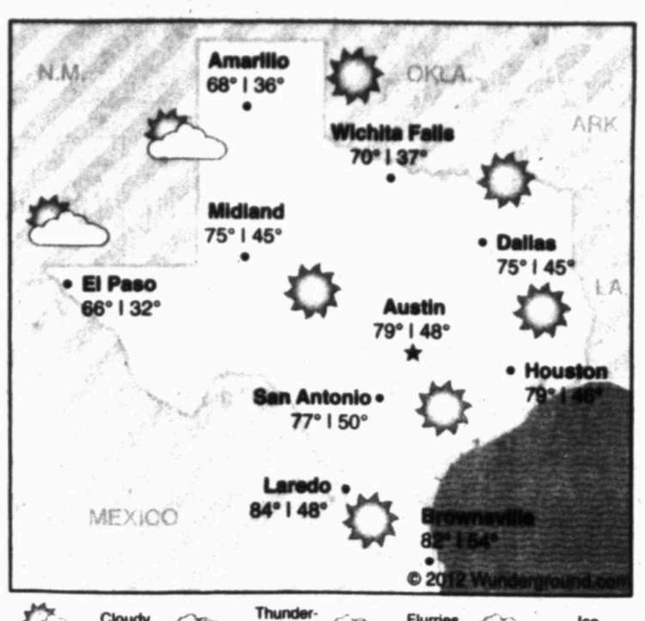
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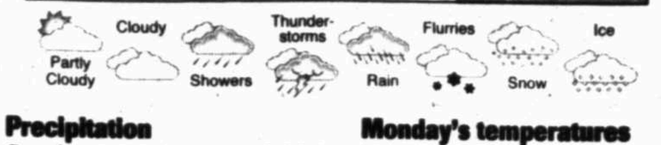
Expect sunny skies today with a high around 76 and a low near 40. On Wednesday, winds will get stronger as the forecast calls for gusts as high as 40 mph and blowing dust. The winds will bring in cooler weather with a low around 23. After below average temperatures on Thursday, expect highs in the 60s and lows in the 30s Friday through Sunday. The high on Monday reached 67, while the low dropped to 32. The record high for Dec. 17 is 78 set in 2002. The record low is 17 set in 1996.

Weather Q & A

Q: Can any weather change be a health problem?

Probably so, said Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M's Department of Atmospheric Sciences. Some people like rainy days, which can bring muscle misery to others and even breathing trouble, and some people may enjoy cool, dry days, which can also bring aches and pains for some people, including increased sniffing. "The affects of weather on human health have not been the subject of much research," says McRoberts. "But since it appears almost certain weather can and does affect how we feel, a relatively new field has emerged, called biometeorology — the study of how weather affects our bodies."





Precipitation

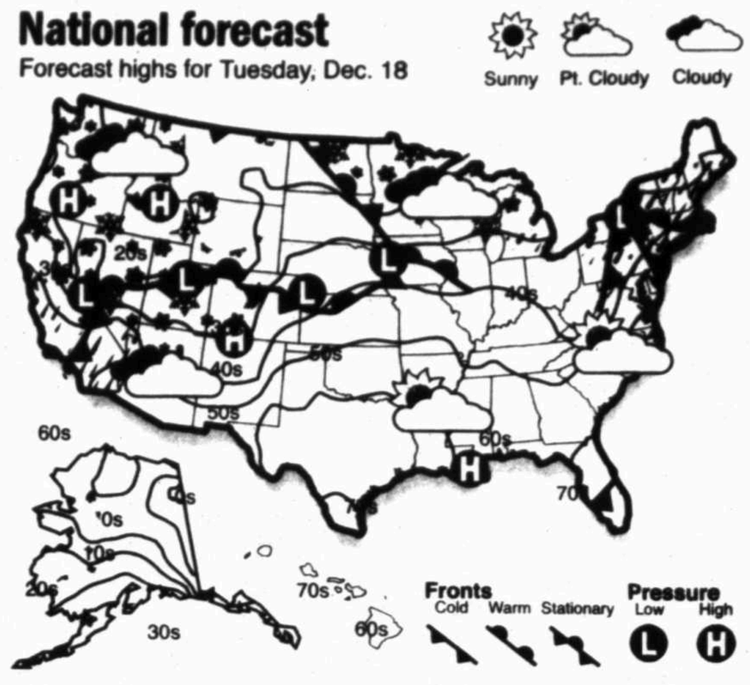
Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	12.72 in.
Normal total (year to date)	13.34 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	67
Low	32
Normal high	58
Normal low	30
Sunrise	7:44 a.m.
Sunset	5:48 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Dec. 18



Storm In East Exits, Pacific Storm Dives Through West

Woman wants boyfriend to adopt her view

DEAR ABBY



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

DEAR ABBY: I am 20 and have been with my boyfriend, "Griffin," for five years. He recently gave me a beautiful promise ring. I would like to spend the rest of my life with him, but I think I have a problem.

I am going to become an adoption professional, and I plan on adopting one day. Griffin knows I'm pursuing this career and that I want to adopt, but I don't think he understands how serious I am about it. We don't plan on being married until after college, when we'll both be 25.

How do I let him know I'm serious about this? I don't want to wait five more years and find he's not on the same page and that I wasted my time. When I try to discuss it, Griffin says we're "too young to think about it." What do I say to that? — MAPPING OUT MY FUTURE IN L.A.

DEAR MAPPING: It appears you are more mature than your boyfriend. Because you are determined to eventually adopt a child, I agree that it's important for you to know whether Griffin has any negative feelings about adoption because some people are unable to accept a child who is not their own. The next time he says you're too young to think about such things, explain that.

There is a vast difference between a "promise ring" and a little gold band.

Because Griffin presented you with a promise ring is no guarantee that in five years the two of you will make it to the altar together. You may need to be with someone who, like you, is more geared to mapping out a future and wants to settle down.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, "Annie," is a single mother, holds a full-time job and trains for triathlons. Her son, "Cooper," is 3. Annie has him enrolled in day care from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. every day while she's at work. Afterward, she picks up Cooper from day care and checks him into the gym's child care service while she works out.

I have offered to pick my grandson up from day care once a week and keep him until Annie finishes her workout. My other daughter has offered to pick him up twice a week so he can play with his cousin at her house.

Annie has become defensive. She says we're offering because we think she's neglecting him. Actually, I DO think so. It breaks my heart that my grandson spends 12 hours a day in day care. Do you agree with me? What should I do? — WORRIED GRANNY IN THE SOUTHWEST

DEAR WORRIED GRANNY: Annie may be defensive because she feels some guilt, or because you need to become a better actress and transmit less disapproval.

Apologize to her if that will smooth things over.

Explain that you would like Cooper to spend time with you because you love him and want him to develop warm childhood memories of his grandmother. Tell Annie that her sister wants him to spend time with his cousin so they will have a closer bond when they're older. Then cross your fingers and hope she'll accept the offers.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Count your losers too

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ K 10
♡ Q 5 3
♢ K Q 9 7
♣ K Q J 10

WEST
♠ A 8 7 5 4
♡ J
♢ 6 3 2
♣ 7 4 3 2

EAST
♠ 9 6 3 2
♡ K 9 4
♢ 8 5 4
♣ 9 6 5

SOUTH
♠ Q J
♡ A 10 8 7 6 2
♢ A J 10
♣ A 8

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♡	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♢	Pass
6♡	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Ace of ♠

After an aggressive auction, North-South reached an optimistic contract of six hearts. There are more than enough winners. The fly in the ointment is that there are two possible losers.

First, if West has the king of trumps, you have a certain trump loser in addition to the spade trick already lost. Therefore, give East that card. Your problem now is how to handle the jack of trumps. If trumps are 2-2, you have a certain trump loser. There is only one distribution that will allow you to get home — West must hold the knave singleton. So play for that distribution.

Win the spade continuation and lead the queen of trumps. If East follows with a low trump, run the queen and, when West drops the jack, repeat the finesse and claim the contract. If East covers the queen, win with the ace and cross to the table and the finesse for the nine. Six hearts bid and made with a slice of luck!

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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, Dec. 18, 2012:

This year you often encounter challenging people with very different ideas. Take the best of those suggestions and use them to strengthen your life. Use care with your finances, as you frequently are a risk-taker; otherwise, you could be unhappy with the results. Look to restructuring your life on a more regular basis. If you are single, from summer 2013 on, someone very special could enter your life. If you are attached, the two of you will enjoy each other even more. You socialize more with friends, yet you also enjoy private weekends together. PISCES often gets emotional.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Pull back, and new insights will emerge. Incorporate them once you are sure that they are applicable. With so much on your plate, tension could soar. The time has come to choose a stressbuster. A close associate suddenly might become controlling. Tonight: Get a nap first.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Zero in on your priorities. Others need to know them if you want to have their support. A respected person in your life might be cynical no matter what you say. Decide not to internalize his or her comments; however, do evaluate them. Tonight: Out among the crowds.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ A boss or older friend pushes you to such an extent that you might want to ditch him or her and leave the scene. A control game might be running amok because you are not OK with it. That decision honors who you are. The only way to win is not to play! Tonight: Start celebrating.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Savor the music, the people and even today's shopping frenzy. Remain optimistic and detached. Enjoy yourself and those around you. Trust your intuition, and you will make good decisions. Tonight: Out caroling with friends and loved ones!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You are encouraged to be kinder and more understanding in general by a key person in your life. Relate to each individual directly in order to achieve better results. Pressure comes from someone's attitude. Know when to let go. Tonight: Dinner with a special friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Others seek you out. You will enjoy this popularity, both professionally and personally. An opportunity enters your life, though you might want to review what is being offered first. Consider the circumstances and potential complications. Tonight: Go along with plans.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Your mind is full of creative ideas and solutions, but you might not be demonstrating and applying them. As a result, an opportunity could be lost. Listen to what is being shared. Refuse to be drawn into a grand drama. Tonight: Get some exercise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Allow your imagination to freely wander, but be careful. If you burst into laughter, everyone will want more information than you choose to give. Just smile instead, and let others be intrigued by the twinkle in your eye. Tonight: Pretend that it's the weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Comparing you with a stick in the mud generally does not apply, but today is different. When you're out, you want to be in. When you're in, you want to be curled up. When you're curled up, you want to take a nap. Adapt your schedule accordingly. Tonight: Play the role of couch potato.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ No one can say that you aren't expressive in letting others know what's on your mind. Nevertheless, someone just does not get it. Doing nothing might be more effective. You finally will get this person's attention. Tonight: Run an errand on the way to meet a friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Know that you aren't the only one trying to stretch a dollar. Talk to friends if you are in a jam, and get suggestions on how to complete your holiday shopping. You might love some of the ideas that come up. Tonight: Balance your checkbook.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You could be surfing the wave of life, as you feel content and valued. Take a second to enjoy these feelings. Remember these moments, and know that they can happen again. A family member demands attention. Make it your pleasure! Tonight: Your wish is someone's command!

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BORN TODAY

Singer/actress Betty Grable (1916), actor Brad Pitt (1963), actress Katie Holmes (1978)

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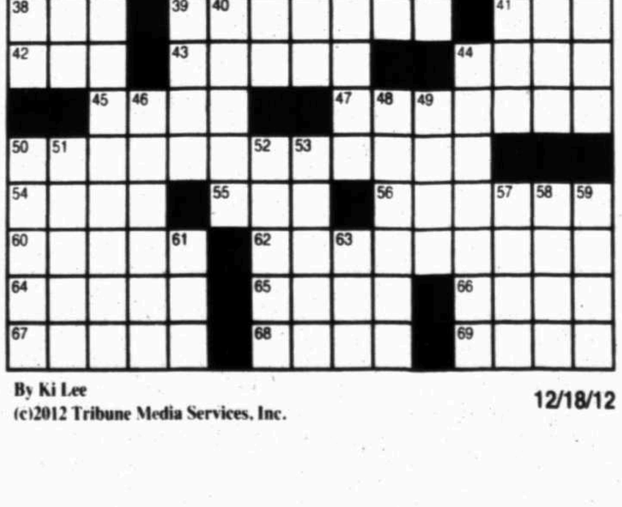
ACROSS
1 Butts (into)
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9 Ambition
14 "On the Waterfront" director Kazan
15 "A Death in the Family" author James
16 Big name in real estate
17 "Syndrome" that causes smartphone typos
19 Dangerous bacteria
20 Unbroken
21 "What's the __?" "Same thing"
23 Trying to break an NFL tie
24 Dorothy clicked their heels to return to Kansas
27 "Understood!"
30 "Milk's favorite cookie"
31 Vittles
32 Setting for many King novels
35 Big Pharma regulator
38 Big gun lobby: Abbr.
39 Word that can follow the first words of 17-, 24-, 50- and 62-Across
41 Casual greetings
42 Devious
43 "Tomorrow" musical
44 Tries to win
45 Math subj.
47 Temporary visit
50 Biker jacket material
54 Campus military prog.
55 PC key
56 Tyrant
60 First of 12
62 Evil genius's foe
64 Range
65 Boy or girl lead-in
66 Agenda unit
67 He's coming to town soon
68 Four quarters
69 Overtake

DOWN
1 Loan adjustment, for short
2 Arkin of "Argo"
3 Baseball glove
4 Jungle adventures
5 "Impossible!"
6 Sheepskin boots trademark
7 Garden plantings
8 Danger
9 Dr. of rap
10 Cooking instructions
11 Politician's "We have the same goals"
12 Bravery
13 Departures
18 Critical hosp. areas
22 Apple on iTunes?
25 Oman neighbor
26 Game to go after
27 Hankerings
28 British peer
29 Time off spent at home
33 "Just __ figured!"
34 Latin clarifier
36 Departure point
37 Homeowners' gp., e.g.
39 Discuss it
40 Mom's brother
44 Church activity
46 Receive willingly
48 "Mercy me!"
49 Heckle
50 Military bigwigs
51 "Bodas de Sangre" playwright Garcia __
52 College application part
53 Like some angles
57 Anti-fur org.
58 Loads from lodes
59 Alley prowlers
61 The Red or the Black
63 Mom-and-pop gp.

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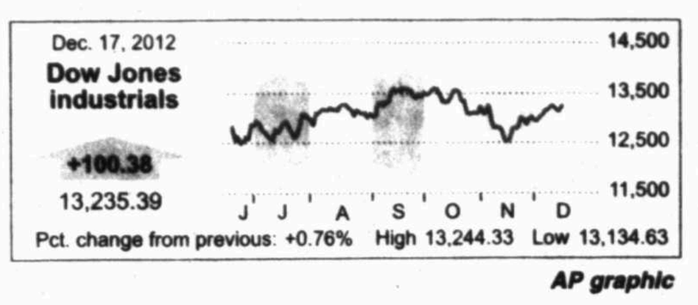
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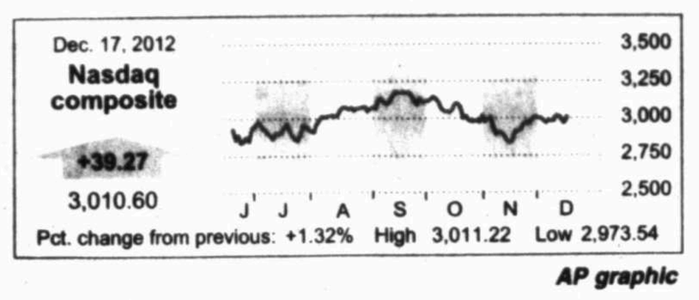


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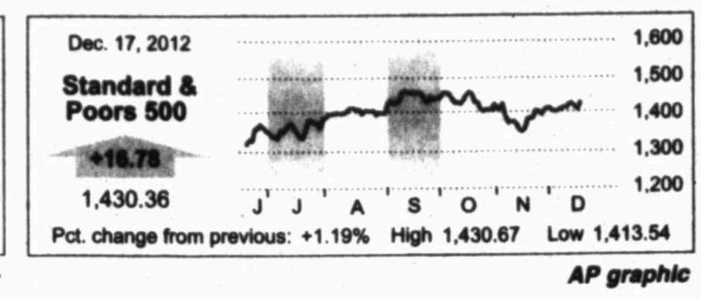
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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Monday: $87.20
Previous: $86.73

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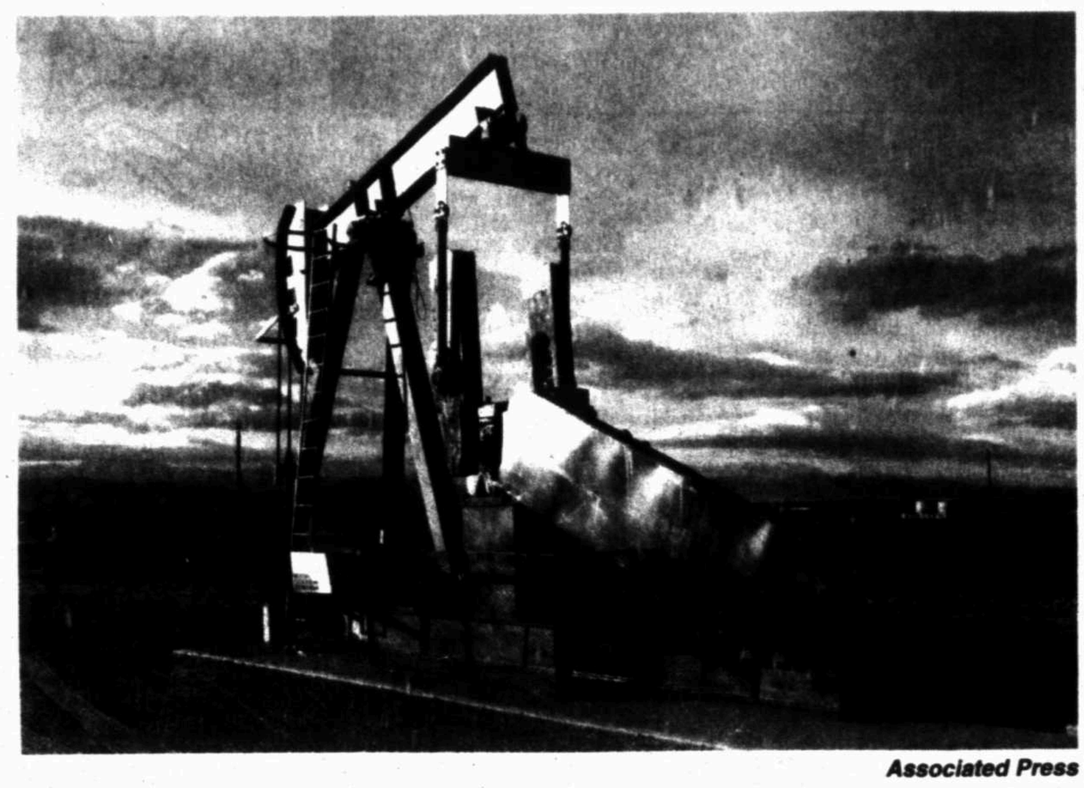
Monday: $83.75
Previous: $83.25

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Monday: $73.00
Previous: $72.50

NATURAL GAS

Monday: $3.358
Previous: $3.314



Associated Press

This Dec. 5 photo shows an oil pump jack in a field adjacent to a subdivision near Fredrick, Colo. Fears about hydraulic fracturing, a drilling procedure used to pry oil and gas from rock deep underground, have made the topic the hottest political question in Colorado. In November, residents in the Denver suburb of Longmont voted overwhelmingly to ban hydraulic fracturing despite heavy opposition from the oil and gas industry and warnings of lawsuits. Now the fracturing debate is rocking small local governments — and leaving the industry wondering how to proceed in a state that has long embraced the oil and gas industry.

Drilling riles West's embrace of energy

Associated Press

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — This used to be a land proud of its oil barons. Now the energy industry that has brought wealth and jobs across the interior West is prompting angry protests by residents sporting gas masks and using bullhorns at public hearings.

A generation after the fictional oil tycoons of the TV soap "Dynasty" gave Denver's oil and gas industry a glamorous sheen, the Rocky Mountain region appears to be questioning its romance with the industry. New drilling technology has moved oil and gas production from the sparsely populated plains, where oil rigs are embraced as job creators, closer to cities and suburbs. Now, conflicts are increasing along the populous eastern fringe of the Rockies.

Gas-mask-wearing protesters are confronting city and county officials considering whether to limit or ban hydraulic fracturing, a drilling procedure in which water, sand and chemicals are forced deep underground to pry oil and gas from rock. The procedure has led to an energy boom in areas previously unattractive to energy producers, but it is also raising concerns about air and water quality.

The protests in Colorado have gotten intense. At hearings across the state, shouting opponents harass oil and gas representatives. Even Colorado's governor, a Democrat and former geologist who said hydraulic fracturing is safe, has been mobbed by protesters. Leaving a suburban Denver meeting about drilling earlier this fall, Gov. John Hickenlooper ducked into an SUV and pulled away as a crowd of protesters, some of them children, chanted, "Dirty water, dirty air, we get sick and you don't care!"

Opposition to hydraulic fracturing has also surfaced in Idaho, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has probed whether the procedure may be responsible for groundwater contamination near the Wyoming town of Pavillion. State officials and others have disputed that claim.

The West's anti-hydraulic fracturing movement hit a watershed moment in a Denver suburb in this year's elections. Longmont, a town of about 85,000 located 30 miles from Denver, voted overwhelmingly to buck state law and prohibit 'fracking' in the city, setting up a legal showdown over whether individual communities can challenge the powerful Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission, which regulates the industry statewide.

The vote inspired other hydraulic fracturing opponents from Fort Collins to Colorado Springs — and underscores the energy industry's challenge as it looks to expand into new production areas.

"It's the classic case ... of where you stand depends on where you sit," said David Kennedy, head of the Bill Lane Center for the American West at Stanford University. "The historic battle in the West has been the cities and the farmers. Now it's the cities, farmers and the 'frackers,' all battling for water."

The battle is one hydraulic fracturing opponents say they can win, despite a legacy of pro-drilling policies across the state and region.

"We're an oil and gas state. We know that. We're going up against a huge industry," said Neshama Abraham, a freelance writer in Boulder who has helped lead hydraulic fracturing opposition in her county. "This is tremendously dangerous technology that is at our front door."

Oil price rises

The price of oil finished higher Monday as political leaders in Washington appear closer to a resolution in critical budget negotiations.

Benchmark crude rose 47 cents to close at $87.20 on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Brent crude, which is used to price international varieties of oil, fell 54 cents to $107.64 on the ICE Futures Exchange in London.

Prices at the pump dropped 4 cents over the weekend to an average of $3.25 a gallon, the lowest level this year. That's still a penny more than a year earlier, but 17 cents cheaper than a month ago.

In other trading on the Nymex:

- Heating oil fell 2 cents to $2.96 a gallon.
- Natural gas rose 4 cents to $3.36 per 1,000 cubic feet, its first gain in 8 trading sessions.
- Wholesale gasoline fell less than a penny to close at $2.65 a gallon.

Dollar jumps

The dollar jumped to a 20-month high against the yen Monday after Japan elected a new prime minister over the weekend.

Traders sent the yen lower on concerns that new Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will push for a change in monetary policy. Abe, Japan's seventh prime minister in just over six years, said before he was elected that he wanted the country's central bank to cut interest rates to zero or below to boost Japan's economy.

The dollar rose to 83.83 Japanese yen late Monday from 83.46 late Friday. The dollar rose as high as 84.207 Japanese yen earlier, its highest point against the yen since April 13, 2011.

Gold for February delivery rose $1.20 to end at $1,698.20 an ounce.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1584635	11.00	+.42
S&P500ETF	1218461	143.77	+1.67
NokiaCp	804741	3.95	+.13
SPDR Fncl	653198	16.33	+.33
Citigroup	511765	39.15	+1.55

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ETr2xSSD	20.19	+2.76	+15.8
FordM wt	2.44	+.30	+14.0
Quiksilvr	3.91	+.37	+10.5
Tronox s	17.37	+1.60	+10.1
HovnanE	5.80	+.50	+9.4

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CitizFT pfA	25.05	-5.45	-17.9
Endvrlntl	5.19	-1.11	-17.6
CSGlobWm	7.42	-1.05	-12.4
PMajSilv g	20.59	-2.33	-10.2
BarcShtC	15.90	-1.29	-7.5

DIARY

Advanced	2,055
Declined	1,002
Unchanged	102
Total issues	3,159
New Highs	96
New Lows	27
Volume	3,360,846,111

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CheriereEn	63366	17.75	+.66
Rentech	58834	2.72	-.12
YM Bio g	32099	2.87	-.01
GranTrra g	20401	5.93	+.08
NwGold g	18428	11.12	-.09

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Arrhythm	2.65	+.36	+15.7
SDgo pfC	24.20	+2.60	+12.0
GenMoly	4.14	+.31	+8.1
ImmunoCll	2.04	+.14	+7.4
UranumEn	2.48	+.15	+6.4

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Medgen wt	2.24	-.24	-9.6
RevettMin	2.89	-.30	-9.4
Univ Insur	4.03	-.29	-6.7
Crexendo	2.21	-.14	-6.0
Aerosonic	3.64	-.21	-5.4

DIARY

Advanced	192
Declined	247
Unchanged	32
Total issues	471
New Highs	6
New Lows	10
Volume	87,200,763

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	%Chg
Clearwire	1235862	2.91	-.46	LiveDeal
SiriusXM	809822	2.92	+.01	CaribouC
Facebook n	567733	26.75	-.06	Velti
Cisco	466298	20.11	+.25	DigtlAlly rs
RschMotn	430564	13.93	-.12	MTR Gam

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
LiveDeal	4.99	+1.44	+40.6
CaribouC	16.10	+3.78	+30.7
Velti	4.55	+.71	+18.5
DigtlAlly rs	3.60	+.54	+17.6
MTR Gam	3.35	+.44	+15.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Clearwire	2.91	-.46	-13.6
BOS Ltd rs	3.50	-.49	-12.3
Tufco	4.25	-.52	-10.9
MGC Diag	5.02	-.48	-8.7
Novogen rs	6.52	-.62	-8.7

DIARY

Advanced	1,711
Declined	761
Unchanged	126
Total issues	2,598
New Highs	57
New Lows	32
Volume	1,820,057,914

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $39.92 Up 0.20

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $82.69 Up 0.30

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $24.80 Up 0.94

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $17.98 Up 0.41

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $22.60 Down 0.23

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.15 Down 0.08

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $16.50 Up 0.08

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.80f	44	34.23	+.22	+13.2
Abraxas	...	...	**1.87**	**+.04**	**-43.3**
AdamsEx	**.67e**	...	**10.53**	**+.05**	**+9.2**
AMD	...	...	2.46	+.07	-54.4
AlcatelLuc	...	...	1.32	+.08	-15.4
Alcoa	.12	55	8.75	+.01	+1.2
AlonUSA	.16	24	14.22	+.21	+63.3
AlphaNRs	...	...	9.47	-.21	-53.6
AmIntlGrp	...	2	34.95	+1.01	+50.6
Amgen	**1.88f**	**16**	**89.50**	**+.30**	**+39.4**
Anadarko	**.36**	...	**74.88**	**+.29**	**-1.9**
Apache	**.68**	**12**	**77.46**	**+.44**	**-14.5**
Apple Inc	10.60	12	518.83	+9.04	+28.1
ApldMatl	**.36**	**85**	**11.11**	**+.03**	**+3.7**
ATMOS	**1.40f**	**15**	**36.21**	**+.84**	**+8.5**
AutoData	1.74f	20	57.95	+.55	+7.3
BP PLC	**1.92a**	**6**	**41.71**	**+.32**	**-2.4**
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	15.86	+.01	-11.8
BakrHu	.60	12	40.64	-.45	-16.4
BkofAm	.04	29	11.00	+.42	+97.8
BariPVix rs	...	...	29.29	-1.04	-79.4
BasicEnSv	...	7	10.59	+.32	-46.2
BerkHa A	**...**	**1**	**173438**	**50.00+1055.00**	**+17.5**
BerryPet	**.32**	...	**33.22**	**+.39**	**-20.9**
BlkHillsCp	**1.48**	**16**	**36.39**	**+.55**	**+8.4**
BrMySq	**1.40f**	**29**	**32.80**	**+.07**	**-6.9**
BrownFA s	**1.02a**	**23**	**60.71**	**-.05**	**+14.9**
BrownFB s	**1.02a**	**24**	**63.59**	**+.31**	**+18.5**
CVS Care	.90f	17	48.04	+.20	+20.3
Cameron		21	54.36	+1.15	+10.5
Caterpillar	2.08	9	89.64	+.64	-1.1
Celesftc g	...	8	7.84	+.04	+7.0
Cemex	.32t	...	9.66	+.47	+86.4
CntryLink	2.90	36	39.47	+.41	+6.1
ChesEng	.35	...	16.74	+.18	-24.9
Chevron	**3.60**	**9**	**108.68**	**+.86**	**+2.1**
Chicos	.21	18	18.41	+.45	+65.3
Cimarex	.48	13	56.89	+.63	-8.1
Cisco	.56	13	20.11	+.25	+11.6
Citigroup	.04	12	39.15	+1.55	+48.8
ClayEng	**...**	**27**	**39.92**	**+.20**	**-47.4**
Clearwire	...	...	2.91	-.46	+50.0
CocaCola s	**1.02**	**20**	**37.50**	**-.16**	**+7.2**
ColgPal	**2.48**	**21**	**106.21**	**+.37**	**+15.0**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Comcast	.65	20	37.54	+.00	+58.3
Compuwre	...	34	10.76	+1.23	+29.3
ConAgra	**1.00**	**21**	**30.32**	**+.17**	**+14.8**
ConchoRes	...	**18**	**82.69**	**+.30**	**-11.8**
ConocPhil s	**2.64**	**7**	**58.28**	**+.59**	**+4.9**
CrackerB	2.00	15	64.00	+.53	+27.0
CrosTim	**2.37e**	**9**	**24.28**	**+.38**	**-50.3**
DCP Mid	2.72f	...	38.96	+.36	-17.9
DTE	2.48	15	61.21	+1.28	+12.4
Dataram h	...	...	40	-.04	-50.6
Dawson	...	**18**	**24.80**	**+.94**	**-37.3**
Dell Inc	.32	7	10.26	-.18	-29.9
DeltaAir	...	5	11.23	+.01	+38.8
DevonE	**.80**	**33**	**52.13**	**+.21**	**-15.9**
DirSCBear	...	...	14.36	-.57	-45.8
Disney	**.75f**	**16**	**49.28**	**+.61**	**+31.4**
DowChm	**1.28**	**24**	**31.82**	**+.40**	**+10.6**
EMC Cp	...	21	25.27	+.55	+17.3
EOG Res	**.68**	**27**	**120.97**	**+1.98**	**+22.8**
EmpDist	**1.00**	**16**	**20.56**	**+.52**	**-2.5**
Energen	.56	13	44.60	+.23	-10.8
EngyTsfr	3.58	9	42.89	+.02	-6.5
EnPro	...	**20**	**40.32**	**+.56**	**+22.3**
EntPrPt	2.60f	18	48.99	+.17	+5.6
Ericsson	.35e	...	9.85	+.01	-2.8
ExterranH	...	...	**21.75**	**+.51**	**+139.0**
ExxonMbl	**2.28**	**11**	**88.87**	**+.79**	**+4.8**
Facebook n	...	...	26.75	-.06	-30.0
FordM	.20	9	11.39	+.29	+5.9
ForestOil	...	10	6.54	+.10	-51.7
FMCG	1.25	11	33.64	-.14	-8.6
FrontierCm	.40	22	4.61	+.01	-10.4
FrozenFd	...	...	**.86**	**-.01**	**-33.3**
GATX	**1.20**	**17**	**42.67**	**+.47**	**-2.3**
GabMultT	**.80**	...	**7.79**	**+.07**	**+25.0**
GAInv	**2.00e**	...	**28.26**	**-.16**	**+13.4**
GenElec	**.76f**	**16**	**21.93**	**+.31**	**+22.4**
GtPlainEn	**.87f**	**16**	**20.47**	**+.49**	**-6.0**
Groupon	...	...	4.79	-.14	-76.8
HalconR rs	...	...	7.25	+.14	-22.8
Halliblrtn	.36	10	33.54	+.15	-2.8
Heinz	**2.06**	**19**	**59.86**	**+.74**	**+10.8**
HewlettP	**.53**	...	14.21	-.54	-44.8
HovnanE	...	...	5.80	+.50	+300.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iShJapn	.20e	...	9.48	+.09	+4.0
iShEMkts	.82e	...	43.50	+.12	+14.6
iS Eafe	1.72e	...	56.31	+.24	+13.7
iShR2K	1.32e	...	83.52	+1.16	+13.2
IntegrysE	2.72	17	53.92	+1.05	-.5
Intel	**.90**	**9**	**20.57**	**+.04**	**-15.2**
InterDig	.40a	7	42.62	-.18	-2.2
JPMorgCh	1.20	9	43.48	+.67	+30.8
JohnJn	**2.44**	**23**	**70.94**	**+.25**	**+8.2**
KimbClk	**2.96**	**18**	**85.52**	**+.47**	**+16.3**
KindME	5.04f	...	78.87	+.31	-7.2
KindMM	5.04f	...	74.55	+.50	-5.1
LegacyRes	2.26f	...	22.60	-.23	-20.0
Lowes	.64	21	35.85	+1.39	+41.3
Lubys	...	**25**	**6.75**	**+.09**	**+49.7**
McDnlds	3.08f	17	89.91	+1.03	-10.4
Merck	1.72f	20	43.63	+.09	+15.7
MeritMed	...	**24**	**13.54**	**+.27**	**+1.2**
MetLife	.74	21	32.03	+.19	+2.7
MexcoEn	...	...	5.15	-.08	-26.4
MicronT	...	...	6.61	-.25	+5.0
Microsoft	.92	15	27.09	+.29	+4.4
Mondelez	.52	...	26.05	+.01	+6.6
MorgStan	.20	...	18.53	+.48	+22.5
NRG Egy	.36	...	23.45	+.45	+29.4
Nabors	...	...	13.73	+.02	-20.8
NatGrid	**3.17e**	...	**57.30**	**+.32**	**+18.2**
NOilVarco	.52f	12	66.30	+1.43	-2.5
NewsCpA	.17	23	25.06	+.62	+40.4
Nexen g	.20	...	26.75	-.03	+68.1
NokiaCp	.26e	...	3.95	+.13	-18.0
NvMAd	**.85e**	...	**15.06**	**-.07**	**+2.6**
NvPMI	**.88**	...	**14.97**	**-.14**	**+1.1**
NuvPI	**.86**	...	**14.88**	**-.26**	**+2.8**
NSTFI3	**.66e**	...	**14.72**	**-.18**	**+2.9**
NTXQI	**.73**	...	**16.14**	**-.12**	**-1.2**
OcciPet	**2.16**	**11**	**76.52**	**+.35**	**-18.3**
Oracle	.24	16	32.32	+.36	+26.0
ParTech	...	**15**	**4.96**	**+.05**	**+25.9**
ParkDrl	...	...	**4.36**	**+.04**	**-39.2**
PattUTI	**.20**	**8**	**17.74**	**+.31**	**-11.2**
PennaRE	**.64**	...	**17.41**	**+.34**	**+66.8**
Prmian	1.21e	10	12.51	+.09	-38.6
Petrobras	.46e	...	19.43	-.08	-21.8
Pfizer	**.88**	**16**	**25.36**	**+.18**	**+17.2**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PioNtrl	.08	...	104.52	+1.57	+16.8
PlainsAA s	**2.17f**	**19**	**44.66**	**-.15**	**+21.6**
PwShs QQQ	.61e	...	65.55	+.86	+17.4
Praxair	**2.20**	**19**	**107.72**	**+.76**	**+.8**
PrmEgy	...	**8**	**26.06**	**-.24**	**+15.4**
ProctGam	**2.25**	**18**	**69.93**	...	**+4.8**
PulteGrp	...	43	18.04	+.90	+185.9
Qualcom	1.00	18	62.04	+2.21	+13.4
RangeRs	.16	...	63.52	+1.40	+2.6
RschMotn	...	8	13.93	-.12	-4.0
Rowan	...	23	31.44	-.03	+3.7
RoyDShllA	3.44	9	68.89	+.28	-5.7
SpdrDJIA	3.30e	...	132.44	+.98	+8.7
S&P500ETF	2.85e	...	143.77	+1.67	+14.6
SabnR	3.70e	12	43.47	-.41	-31.1
SanderFm	**.68**	**52**	**49.77**	**+.03**	**-.7**
SandRdge	...	...	**6.42**	**-.28**	**-21.3**
Sapient	...	**21**	**10.49**	**+.29**	**-16.7**
Schlmbrg	1.10	17	69.68	+.77	+2.0
SigmaAld	**.80**	**20**	**73.00**	**+.40**	**+16.9**
SiriusXM	.05e	5	2.92	+.01	+60.4
SmithWes	...	10	8.65	-.48	+98.5
Smucker	2.08	20	87.52	+.56	+12.0
SprintNex	...	...	5.56	+.01	+137.6
SPDR Fncl	.25e	...	16.33	+.33	+25.6
SunocoLog	2.07f	12	48.43	-.46	+22.9

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Synovus	.04	...	2.46	+.07	+74.5
TelefEsp	...	...	**13.23**	**-.09**	**-23.0**
Tesoro	.60f	11	44.69	+1.03	+91.3
3M Co	2.36	15	93.03	+.75	+13.8
Torchmark	**.60**	**10**	**51.81**	**+1.23**	**+19.4**
TriContl	**.61e**	...	**15.97**	**+.17**	**+12.2**
TylerTech	...	**48**	**47.75**	**+.55**	**+58.6**
UBWV	**1.24**	**16**	**25.14**	**+.50**	**-11.1**
US Bancrp	.78	11	32.09	+.89	+18.6
Vale SA	1.15e	...	20.00	+.30	-6.8
ValeroE	.70	9	34.04	+.67	+61.7
VangEmg	1.44e	...	43.84	+.11	+14.7
VerizonCm	2.06	41	44.12	-.09	+10.0
Vivus	...	...	13.08	+1.60	+34.1
VulcanM	**.04**	...	**52.71**	**+1.11**	**+34.0**
Walgrn	**1.10**	**15**	**37.14**	**+.38**	**+12.3**
WeatherIntl	...	...	10.65	-.03	-27.3
WellsFargo	.88	11	34.38	+1.23	+24.7
WstnRefin	.32a	15	31.04	+1.20	+133.6
WhitingPet	...	11	42.40	+.49	-9.2
WmsCos	1.30f	21	31.89	+.40	+18.3
XcelEngy	**1.08**	**15**	**27.34**	**+.40**	**-1.1**
Xerox	**.17**	**8**	**8.94**	**-.03**	**-12.8**
Yahoo	...	6	19.69	+.05	+22.1
Zynga n	...	...	2.44	-.10	-74.1

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
13,661.72	11,735.19	Dow Jones Industrials	13,235.39	+100.38	+.76	+8.33	+12.49
5,390.11	4,750.12	Dow Jones Transportation	5,226.71	+39.76	+.77	+4.12	+9.02
499.82	435.57	Dow Jones Utilities	457.19	+6.09	+1.35	-1.61	+3.44
8,515.80	7,129.84	NYSE Composite	8,407.01	+73.28	+.88	+12.44	+17.70
2,509.57	2,164.87	Amex Index	2,381.65	-14.55	-.61	+4.53	+9.11
3,196.93	2,518.01	Nasdaq Composite	3,010.60	+39.27	+1.32	+15.56	+19.32
1,474.51	1,202.37	S&P 500	1,430.36	+16.78	+1.19	+13.74	+18.67
15,482.54	12,618.11	Wilshire 5000	14,985.05	+168.36	+1.14	+13.61	+18.49
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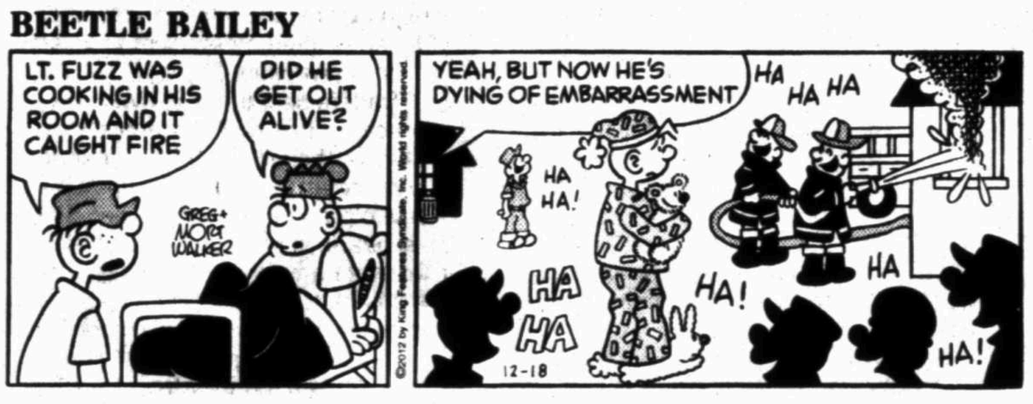
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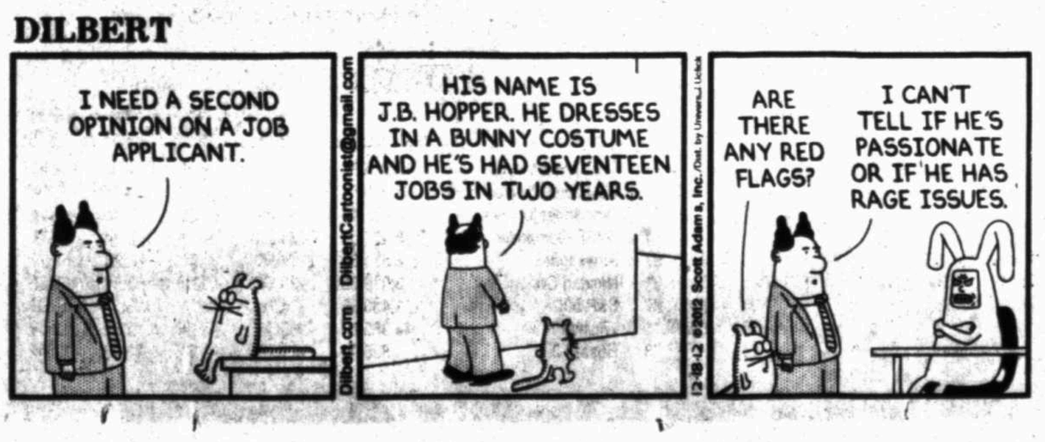
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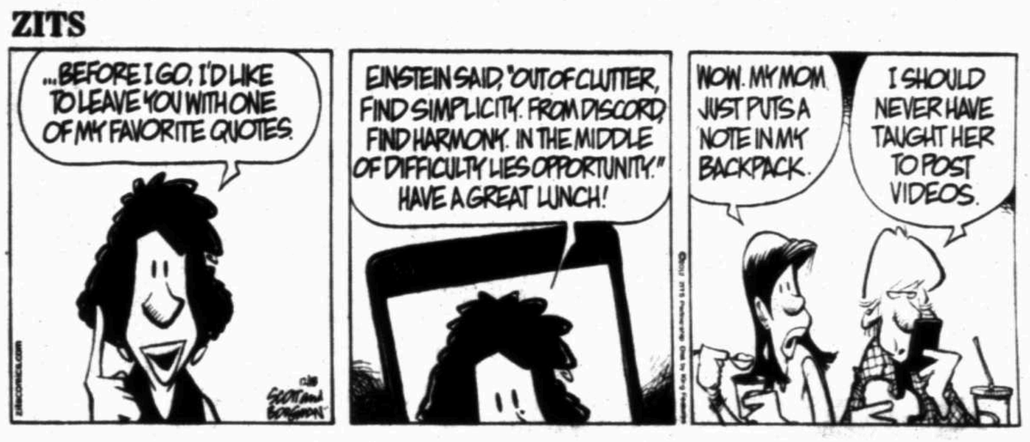
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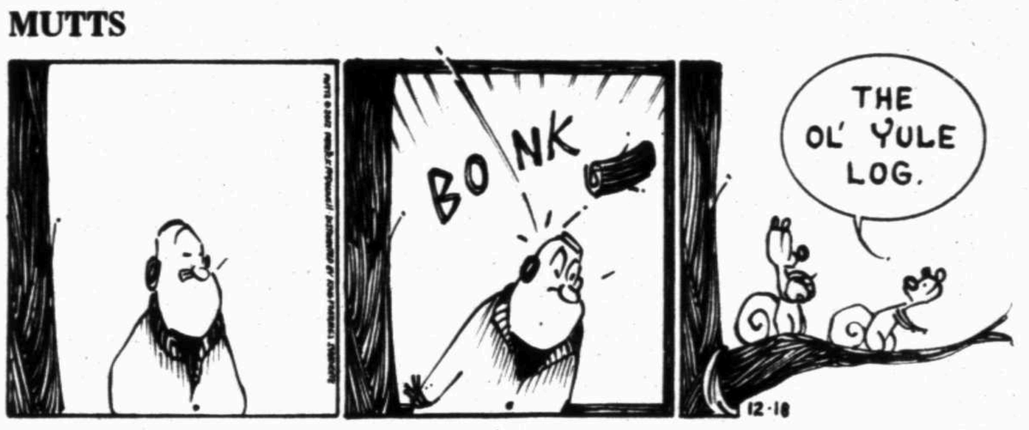
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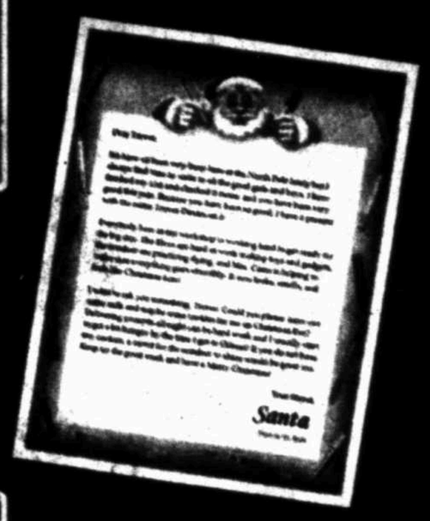
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Lost & Found

FOUND Chihuahua mix, blk, male, collar no tags, Illinois/Midkiff 212-1329.

FOUND SHIH-TZU, Sun. 12/16 in Midland, 432-352-6895.

TAN MALE Chihuahua found in HEB parking lot. Call 978-3836 to indentify, after 3:30 pm please



$500 REWARD
Missing Black and Tan Miniature Yorkie answers to Sam, went missing from Saddle Club Estate in Midland over 2 wks ago. 817-714-5661

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8 YEAR old black & white Siberian Husky. Needs medication. Reward offered. 432-770-9278.

LOST CHILD'S prescription glasses in its case on Mon. Dec. 10 in McAllister's parking lot on Wadley. Call 432-697-4036.

LOST PUG brindle color, female on Saturday night, near CVS Pharmacy on Illinois. Call 432-638-9159.

LOST WHITE Lhasa Apso, lost last Thurs. near Midland/Illinois, lost from the pet store, 432-559-0485 or 432-570-9858.

LOST YOUNG male Yorkie, micro chipped. Went missing Thurs. evening, Bluebird and Whitman Dr. area, 325-669-5623.

MISSING SINCE 11/29 dark gray cat from A & Neely area. Call 770-3003.

DON'T MISS OUT!
The deadline for a Saturday Garage Sale ad is Friday at 12 noon
Please be sure to call 682-6222, by 11:30 am, to ensure your ad will be in Saturday's paper.

Legal & Public Notices

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a mixed beverage late hours permit by David Alldredge dba Alldredge Gardens, 3300 North Fairgrounds Rd. Midland, Midland, TX 79705. David Alldredge and Kristi Alldredge are President and Vice-president.

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Communications
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432-853-1273
Stated Meetings
Acacia Lodge #1414
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@ 7:30pm,
Midland Lodge #623
2nd & 4th Thurs.
7:30pm
Centennial Lodge #1448
1st & 3rd Sat.
8:30am
Did you know Buffalo Bill' William Cody was a Master Mason?

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Dec 3, 2012
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jan 7, 2013
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

Rule 38 Case No. 08-0279467
Status/Permit No. 751899

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 25, Bk. 37 T2N, T&P RR CO Survey, A-248, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MARTIN County, being 15.6 miles NW direction from STANTON, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512) 463-6848.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Jan 7, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name :	HOWARD '25'
Lease/Unit Well No. :	5
Lease/Unit Acres :	160.4
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	661.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	1329.0

Lease Lines :	666.0 F North L	661.0 F East L
Survey Lines :	1980.0 F South L	1980.0 F West L

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 2 additional fields: (1) MON BAK (STRAWN), (2) LOWE (ATOKA). No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for these fields.

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) :	Special Rules 467/0, 80.0 acres.
MON BAK (STRAWN) :	OIL Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.
LOWE (ATOKA) :	Special Rules 467/0, 320.0 acres. Optional Rules 467/0, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11800 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, JEAN TILLERY, at (972) 969-3963.

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Passenger Cars

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DODGE 2010 Charger SXT, 38,000 miles, very nice. We finance. B&B Auto 683-6222.

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Blue/Gray
1 owner, Cloth Seats
44k miles

2009 BMW 750i
Plat Bronze/Beige
Night Vision, NAV,
Lux Seats, 24k miles

2010 Cadillac Escalade
Silver/Beige
NAV, DVD, 21" wheels,
AC Seats, Capt Chairs
47k miles

2010 128i
Cashmere Silver/Tan
Coupe, Auto,
SAT, Htd Seats
19k miles

2010 Honda CRV EX
White/Gray
Sunroof, Aux, Cruise
26k miles

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Titanium/Black
MSport, Nav, Premium
Pkg, Warranty
25k miles

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Black/Black
Premium 2 Pkg
Factory Warranty
19k miles

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Gray/Black
TRX 4x4, NAV, Roof,
DVD, Leather, SAT
12k miles

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P.O. Box 3759
Midland TX 79702
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The Kids Place FT

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Dental Assistant

We are looking for a rock star dental assistant to join our team. If you: Actively seek growth and learning, Enjoy connecting with people to move them toward health, Demonstrate integrity and commitment and display emotional maturity, Desire a place where you can use your entrepreneurial spirit, Value details and seeing things through to completion,We would like to get to know you. We invite you to send your resume to lisa@allisonwattsdds.com or fax to 432-682-0199.

RN Case Manager

Calvert Home Health Care, Ltd. FT

RN CASE MANAGER NEEDED FOR HOME HEALTH. Calvert Home Health Care, Ltd. has an immediate opening for a RN Case Manager in our Midland office. Experience in case mgmt. & employee mgmt. in home health required. Must be computer proficient. Competitive salary & benefits. Hours are 8 am to 5 pm with on-call and some weekend duties. You may email your resume to dmadison@chhci.com, or fax it to 806-762-0905. EOE.

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Midland Addiction Treatment Center PT

Monday-Friday 8:00am-10:00am

Treatment planning/Case management. Personal days/CEU days. Paid holidays. Fax resume to 800-671-8364.

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LVN needed for busy Physician's Office. Great Benefit Package. Please fax resumes to 682-2284 or mail to Premier Physicians, Attn: Arita Routh, PO Box 5291, Midland, Texas 79704.

LVN or MA

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All Positions

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Midland's Premier Country Club FT

Midland's Premier Club is looking to fill a House keeping position for evening hours 2-10pm. We hire personality and enthusiasm over experience. Good wages, benefits, and 401K available for full time. Please apply in person at 6101 Hwy 349, Monday through Friday 8a-5p.

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Confidential PT

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RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

Banquet Manager

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TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

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TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

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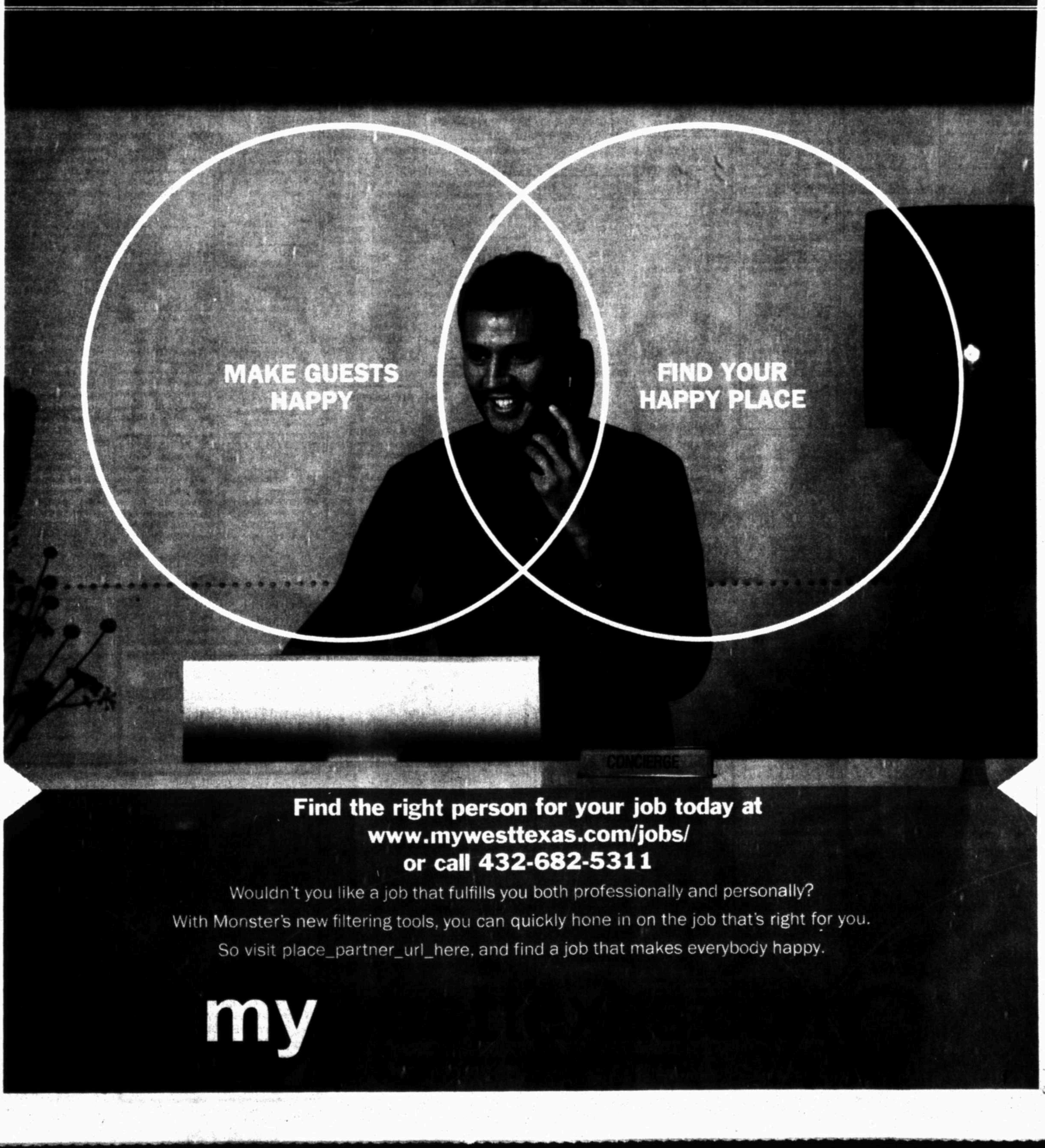
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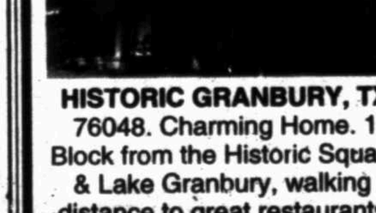
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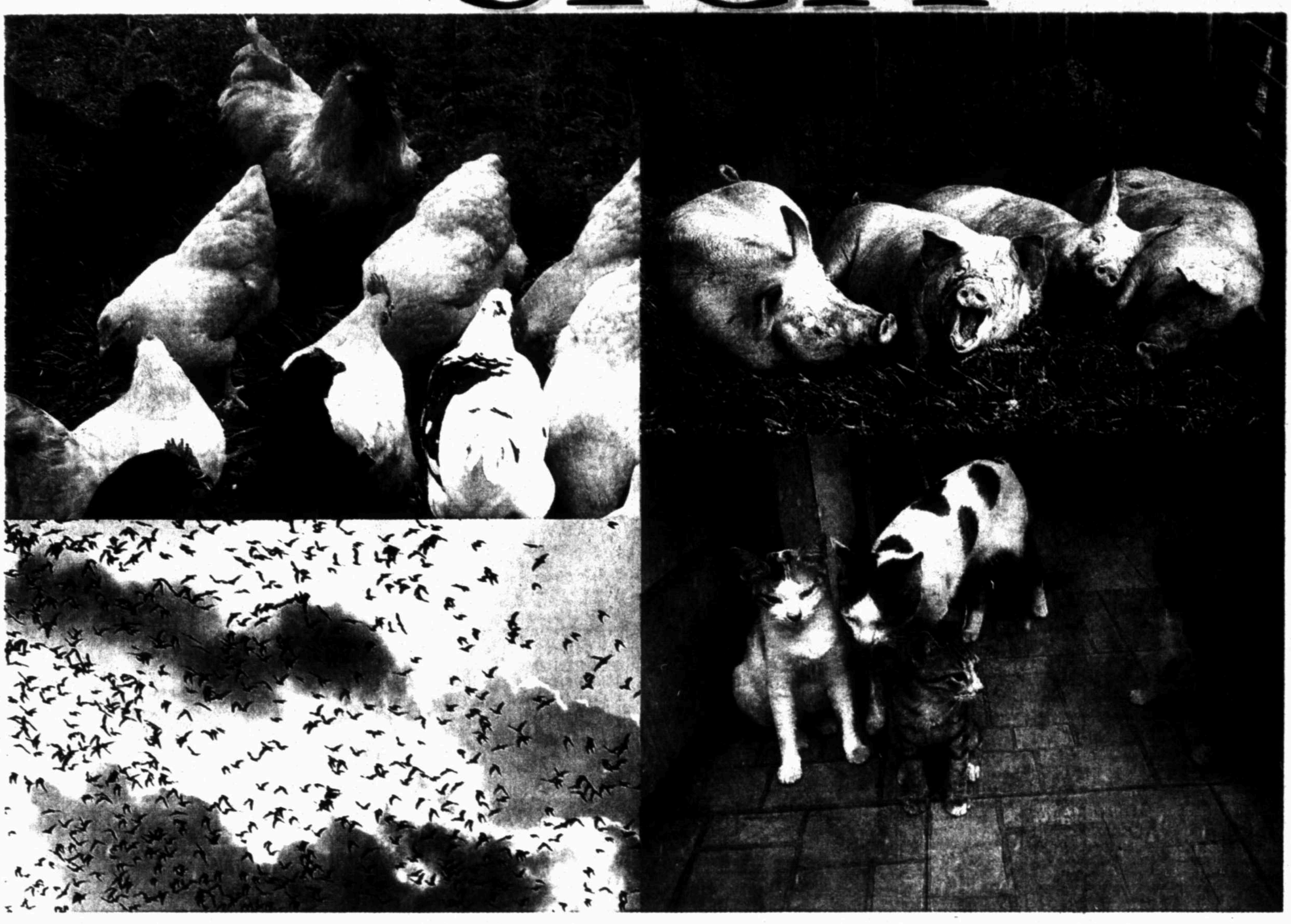
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More often than not, newly discovered infectious diseases come from animals

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"Everybody knows that pestilences have a way of recurring in the world; yet somehow we find it hard to believe in ones that crash down on our heads from a blue sky."
— Albert Camus, "The Plague"

In May, 1997, a 3-year-old boy was admitted to an ICU in Hong Kong after suffering from influenza for a week. Two days later, the boy died of pneumonia. His case would have been merely a curiosity if it weren't for 17 more patients who came down with the illness months later. In all, six people died from a strain of influenza that had never been seen in humans before, dubbed H5N1.

However, H5N1 wasn't really "new." It had caused outbreaks in Scottish chickens in 1959 and British turkeys in 1991. It had killed geese in Guangdong, China, in 1996. But these bird outbreaks weren't considered important by physicians or researchers on human disease — this was an avian strain of influenza, and it was thought that humans had little to be concerned about.

That changed abruptly in 1997, when the human cases led to the destruction of 1.3 million chickens in Hong Kong to stop the outbreak. That strategy seemed to work in the short term, but H5N1 has since surfaced in more than two dozen countries and caused more than 600 human infections since 1997 — almost half of them fatal.

While scientists were closely following the movements of H5N1, another influenza virus — H1N1 — snuck up on us in 2009 and spread around the world in a matter of weeks. This was the first influenza pandemic of the 21st century, and like H5N1, it moved to humans from animals — in this case, from pigs.

When new infectious diseases are discovered, one of the first questions is "where did this come from?" More often than not, the answer is one of our animal friends — a kind of disease called a zoonosis. Studies have shown that about 75 percent of emerging infectious diseases (diseases that are newly discovered, are increasing in frequency or have moved into a new geographic area) are of animal origin, as are 60 percent of all known pathogens. Even diseases that have spread freely in the human population, such as tuberculosis, HIV, measles and smallpox, have their roots in infections carried by animals.

Which animals are the most likely to harbor zoonotic pathogens?

Bats

For reasons that are not currently understood, bats are able to be infected with a huge variety of viruses. They pass these viruses to other animal species via bites or guano. The classic bat-origin virus is rabies, but bats have also been implicated as possible reservoir species for the Ebola and Marburg viruses, Nipah, Hendra and others. Even influenza has recently been found in bats. Bats also appear to be the reservoir for the SARS coronavirus, which surfaced in 2002 in Asia. SARS eventually infected more than 8,000 individuals around the world and killed almost 800 of them between November 2002 and July 2003, spreading to at least 37 countries. A new SARS-related virus has recently surfaced in Saudi Arabia, and speculation is that it's also from bats.

Other Wild Animals

While bats appear to be responsible for a disproportionate amount of novel pathogens, every animal species carries its own unique microbiota — the collection of microbes that live on and in an animal's body. Some of those can also spread to humans. As mentioned above, birds can spread many different types of influenza viruses. In fact, wild waterfowl serve as the ultimate reservoir for all known types of influenza viruses. Birds also can transmit a number of encephalitis viruses, such as West Nile. Because many migrate long distances, birds may be particularly efficient at introducing pathogens into new areas.

Primates also harbor a number of pathogens that have crossed over into human populations, often an easy jump since we are so closely related. HIV is the result of multiple species jumps from nonhuman primates into human populations, likely due to butchering of infected animals. Research carried out by Nathan Wolfe and others has shown that bushmeat hunters in Africa are still being infected with viruses from our primate relatives.

Rats and mice, of course, have long been associated with disease. Plague-infected fleas on rats spread Yersinia pestis, the bacterium responsible for the Black Death. We know today that other species can also transmit this pathogen — including much cuter prairie dogs in the southwestern United States. Mice have recently been implicated in an outbreak of hantavirus pulmonary syndrome in Yosemite National Park that has killed three and sickened at least 10 campers. Mice carry this virus without showing symptoms and spread it to humans via urine and feces.

Livestock and Pets

The domestication of livestock and the taming of animals for pets certainly marked a turning point in human history. Having these animals on hand to provide food and milk, as well as companionship and assistance with hunting, gave humans a more ready food supply and meant less time had to be spent gathering food. However, it also put us in regular contact with germs that these animals carried. Human measles virus infections may have evolved from a similar cattle virus, rinderpest. Cattle can also be a source of tuberculosis in humans, even today. Industrial livestock production means that it's not just a farm family that may be sickened by pathogens from a pig or cow, but potentially hundreds or thousands who consume meat or other products from those animals. Foodborne illnesses are estimated to sicken 76 million people yearly in the United States and kill approximately 5,000. Economic costs from these food-borne illnesses alone are estimated at approximately $77 billion per year

Finally, our smaller domesticated friends can expose us to their own pathogens, including the parasite Toxoplasma gondii in cats (which is particularly dangerous to pregnant women), and they can also bring along unintended visitors and their pathogens into the home in the form of fleas and ticks. Even "pocket pets" such as hamsters and guinea pigs can bring along potentially deadly viruses and infect their owners.

So, Why Aren't We All Dead?

With so many potentially deadly organisms lurking in the animal species we share the Earth with, the question becomes not if we'll have another novel pandemic, but when. However, these events — the new influenzas, the SARS coronaviruses, the HIV outbreaks — are actually relatively rare. "Spillover" events — an individual becoming infected with a zoonotic pathogen — are common, but typically the infected host is a dead end. He or she doesn't spread the germ to a second person, which is necessary for an epidemic (which is a localized outbreak) or a pandemic (a worldwide infection) to occur. Going back to H5N1 influenza versus H1N1, that's why the former has caused only sporadic outbreaks and the latter has become pandemic. H1N1 is readily transmissible between people, and H5N1 (so far) is not. This is also why there was so much concern earlier this year when a genetically modified H5N1 was created in a laboratory setting. This modified virus was able to spread readily between ferrets, a common animal model for human influenza research. The work caused worry that such a virus may escape from a lab and spread in the wild — "The Stand" come to life.

This controversy also highlights the difficulty in studying potential zoonotic pathogens. Many of these organisms have adapted to their hosts and do not always cause symptoms in their "natural" species. As such, it's difficult to anticipate which microbes will 1) make the species jump successfully; 2) cause illness in the new host species (for example, in humans); and 3) transmit efficiently among members of the new host species. Prediction right now is very foggy, though we're beginning to better understand the diversity of organisms out there, and with that, hopefully gain understanding into why some spill over and others do not.

One final note — while we often consider humans the victims of such pandemic events, that's not always the case. Zoonoses are a two-way street, and humans can also spread our own native microbes to other species. Recent studies have shown that humans have spread antibiotic-resistant strains of Staphylococcus aureus to many different species, including domestic chickens, pigs and even chimpanzees and dolphins. We, too, are a walking biohazard.

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