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XCOR expects relocation in summer of 2014

By Rachael Gleason
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Would-be space travelers must wait another six months before XCOR Aerospace officially relocates its headquarters to Midland.

The private aerospace company made a $10 million agreement with the Midland Development Corp. to move from Mojave, Calif., to the former AMI hangar at Midland International Airport.

But it has taken more than a year for the airport to clear a spaceport license with the Federal Aviation Administration and for XCOR to get two phases of hangar renovations off the ground.

"There's no one knocking walls down yet, but we're trying to get there as quickly as possible," said Andrew Nelson, chief operating officer of XCOR Aerospace, at a Midland City Council briefing session Tuesday.

Nelson expects the first and second phases of hangar renovations to be finished by May and July. He said XCOR will relocate after renovations after completed.

After narrowing down contractors to three finalists, the company has chosen a bidder and is negotiating a final contract, said Nelson, who also gave city officials a glimpse of taking a $95,000 ride on the Lynx spacecraft.

"We'll have plenty of space when the license is ready to go," he said.

Marv Esterly, the city's director of airports, said the environmental assessment stage of applying for a spaceport license is nearly complete, with attorneys at the Office of Commercial Space Transportation reviewing it.

Esterly expects the Federal Register to publish the assessment in January, followed by a public meeting. At that point, the airport's application is "substantially complete," he said.

"This whole process is complex," said Esterly, who met with FAA and airport officials last week in Washington, D.C., to discuss flight safety. "We're plowing new ground. There's never been a commercial launch site on a commercial service airport. You really have to do your due diligence and make sure all your bases are covered."

Even though the FAA has 180 days to approve the application, he doesn't expect it to take that long, he said.

"We're been working hand-in-hand through the whole process," Esterly said. "I think everyone is on the same page."

AWARDING THE VICTORS

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: The Midland Christian football team walks into the gym during a pep rally Tuesday celebrating a state championship victory for the Midland Christian football team. Midland Christian cheerleaders perform during the pep rally. State championship medals are displayed. Midland City Councilman and Mayor-elect Jerry Morales holds a proclamation declaring Dec. 17 as Midland Christian Football Day. **ONLINE:** See more photos at mrt.com.

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City Council approves higher water rates

■ MDC Building A finally sells after more than decade

By Rachael Gleason
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Midlanders will see a jump in water rates next month as the city attempts to close a $6 million Water and Sewer Fund deficit.

The Midland City Council approved the higher rates unanimously Tuesday and expects replenishment of the fund to take at least three years.

"We want to conserve our resources, but we need to make the fund stand on its own two feet," Mayor Wes Perry said previously.

According to the city, changes in monthly water rates include:

■ an increase in base charges, which include the first 2,000 gallons, of $2.79 for residential and commercial use and $2.30 for apartment use.

■ an increase in consumption charges of $1.45-$2.55, depending on use above 2,000 gallons.

■ a change in the top tier of use — subject to the five-time multipher rate for heavy water users — from 40,000 gallons at $31.00 to 50,000 gallons at $43.75.

Changes in monthly sewer rates include:

■ a 20-cent decrease in the base charge, which includes the first 2,000 gallons, to $17.65.

■ the establishment of a 71-cent consumption charge for every additional 1,000 gallons of use.

The new rates go into effect Jan. 1, 2014, but Midlanders likely will have to wait a month to see changes in their bills because residents are on different billing cycles, according to Sara Higgins, the city's public information officer.

In other business, the council:

■ approved the sale of a Midland Development Corp. building that has

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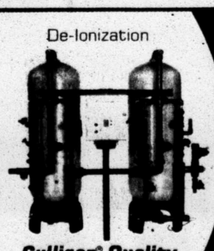

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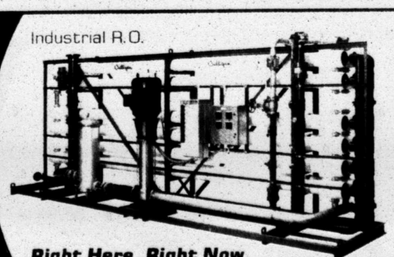

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CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

OPD: Mother wanted after children test positive for cocaine

Odessa police are looking for a mother whose deceased infant tested positive for cocaine, along with six other children, according to the department's communications officer.

OPD officers responded to Medical Center Hospital on Oct. 21 in reference to an infant who tested positive for cocaine. The child's mother, Talisha Redic, 30, also known as Talisha Tatia Cleveland, prematurely gave birth to the child, who died around the time that officers visited the hospital, said Cpl. Steve LeSueur, OPD communications officer.

Redic

LeSueur said Redic has six more children between the ages of 2 and 11, who all tested positive for cocaine.

Further investigation revealed that Redic intentionally engaged in conduct that placed all six of her children in imminent danger of death, bodily injury or physical impairment. Six felony warrants have been obtained for Redic for second-degree felony charges of endangering a child, LeSueur said.

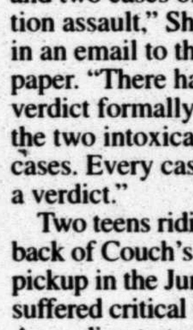
He said it is undetermined if the infant died as a result of cocaine and charges related to that death against Redic are pending.

Anyone with information regarding Redic's whereabouts is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 432-333-TIPS or OPD Det. Brad Cline at 432-333-3641.

MPD: Man arrested in sexual assault of family member

A Midland man was arrested Monday in the alleged sexual assault of a female family member that occurred earlier this month.

Antonio Hernandez Madrid, 24, was being held Tuesday on a $125,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of sexual assault and a third-degree felony charge of incest/prohibited sexual conduct.


Madrid

A woman contacted MPD at about 11:08 p.m. on Dec. 1, saying that a blood relative sexually assaulted her at a residence in the 1800 block of Griffin Avenue.

She said that earlier that day, she was heading to the restroom when Madrid came up from behind her, grabbed her by the neck and shoved her face down onto a foot stool. He then proceeded to sexually assault her. She said she told him to stop and that what he was doing was wrong, to which he replied "I know but it feels so good," according to the arrest affidavit.

The alleged victim underwent a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program to collect evidence of the incident. The SANE showed "no visible trauma," but the woman stated she was experiencing pain, according to the affidavit.

Investigators spoke with witnesses, who said the woman was crying and upset earlier that day.

If convicted, Madrid faces up to 20 years in prison for the second-degree felony charge and up to 10 years for the third-degree felony charge.

MPD: Man arrested for aggravated assault, public intoxication

A Buda man was arrested Friday for punching a man in the face, according to court documents.

Nicholas Haley Schrandt, 30, was being held on a $50,300 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury and a class C misdemeanor charge of public intoxication. He posted bond and was released on Saturday.

Schrandt

A Midland police officer responded to the assault at about 2:19 a.m. Friday in the 4400 block of Big Spring Street.

The officer found an unconscious man lying on the ground with blood coming from his mouth and nose. Emergency personnel responded to the scene and transported him to Midland Memorial Hospital, according to the arrest affidavit.

A witness at the scene said he and the alleged victim were walking toward a cab when Schrandt attacked him. He said he pushed Schrandt away, who then attacked the alleged victim by punching him in the face, causing him to fall to the ground and strike the back of his head on the concrete. The witness said he held Schrandt and detained him until the officer responded to the scene.

The arresting officer said Schrandt strongly smelled of alcohol.

If convicted, Schrandt faces up to 20 years in prison for the felony charge.

DPS: Midland man arrested for meth possession

A Midland man possessed about 5.2 grams of methamphetamine Sunday during a traffic stop, according to his arrest affidavit.

John Robert Caswell, 35, was being held Tuesday on a $100,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of manufacturing or delivering a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams.

A Department of Public Safety trooper stopped a vehicle Sunday afternoon on Business 20 near mile marker 314 for failing to stop at a designated point.

The driver, Caswell, was acting nervous during the traffic stop and kept hiding his hands from the trooper, who then asked Caswell to exit the vehicle. The trooper found a black and purple marijuana pipe in the driver-side floorboard, which Caswell claimed belonged to a friend.

The trooper continued searching the vehicle and found Caswell's silver lighter, which had a secret compartment that contained two plastic bags of 5.2 grams of meth. The trooper also found a digital scale, several crack pipes and more plastic bags. The trooper believed Caswell was involved in narcotics distribution and arrested him, according to the arrest affidavit.

If convicted, Caswell faces five to 99 years in prison.

DA tries again to put drunken teen in prison

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — North Texas prosecutors are trying a second time to imprison a teen who was sentenced last week to 10 years' probation for drunkenly driving his truck into four pedestrians, killing them all.

Tarrant County District Attorney Joe Shannon has asked a juvenile judge to put 16-year-old Ethan Couch behind bars on two cases of intoxication assault that he said are still pending before the court, The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Tuesday.

"During his recent trial, the 16-year-old admitted his guilt in four cases of intoxication manslaughter and two cases of intoxication assault," Shannon said in an email to the newspaper. "There has been no verdict formally entered in the two intoxication assault cases. Every case deserves a verdict."

Two teens riding in the back of Couch's Ford F-350 pickup in the June wreck suffered critical injuries. According to testimony, one of them, Sergio Molina, is paralyzed and can communicate only by blinking.

District Judge Jean Boyd gave Couch 10 years' probation last Tuesday after a sentencing hearing in which Couch's attorneys argued his wealthy parents coddled him into a sense of irresponsibility — an affliction one witness called "affluenza." Prosecutors had asked for a maximum prison sentence of 20 years.

Couch's blood-alcohol level was three times the legal limit and there were traces of Valium in his system when he lost control of his pickup, plowing into a group of people helping a woman whose car had stalled.

Seven passengers were riding in Couch's truck. In addition to Molina, Solimon Mohmand suffered numerous broken bones and internal injuries.

Defense attorneys had requested a lengthy probationary term at a costly rehabilitation facility in California, promising that Couch's parents would foot the bill. During sentencing, Boyd said he might not get the kind of intensive therapy in a state-run program that he could receive at the California facility.

If Couch violates the terms of his probation, he could be sent to prison for 10 years.

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Texas ice storm improved drought in least dire areas

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — The ice storm that immobilized the Dallas-Fort Worth area this month slightly improved drought conditions in parts of North Texas. But despite the extra moisture, watersheds that feed the Austin and San Antonio areas are still low.

"There hasn't been much runoff," Texas' state climatologist John Nielsen-Gammon said of water sources west of Interstate 35.

The Edwards Aquifer Authority returned to tighter limits Monday as the aquifer's level dipped again, and most suppliers who rely on water from Lake Travis and Lake Buchanan are in some stage of conservation as the lake levels flirt with record lows.

The late October rainfall and flooding in the Austin area missed the lakes' watersheds by about 10 miles, said Lower Colorado River Authority spokeswoman Clara Tuma.

"If that rain had fallen just a few miles upstream in the Highland Lakes, it could have made a significant difference," she said.

As of Tuesday, the two lakes combined were 37 percent full.

Fortunately, winter brings fewer water demands.

"It's not as hot, so evaporation is not the factor it is in the summer months, and people don't need to water their lawns as much," Tuma said.

Without good rains this winter, though, most rice farmers in Colorado, Wharton and Matagorda counties could go a third straight year without irrigation water from the two lakes for their crops. The Lower Colorado authority has asked the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for emergency drought relief if on March 1 there is not 1.1 million acre-feet in Travis and Buchanan combined. On Tuesday, the two lakes held 754,200 acre-feet.

The commission will rule early next year.

In San Antonio, the Edwards Aquifer Authority had eased pumping restrictions Nov. 6 after good rainfall in the region. But, as the San Antonio Express-News reported Monday, the authority has now returned to tighter restrictions.

The state's precipitation outlook through February calls for equal chances for precipitation that's above, below or near normal in most of Texas. In West Texas, though, the prediction is for below-normal rainfall.

The ice storm that pounded North Texas the first full weekend in December cancelled hundreds of flights and cut electricity to more than a quarter of a million homes and businesses.

The worst areas of drought — in extreme and exceptional categories — in the northern half of the state continue to be northwest of the Dallas-Fort Worth area, near Wichita Falls and Vernon.

The moisture that came to Dallas and Fort Worth improved drought conditions that weren't that dire beforehand. The ice took parts of four counties from severe to moderate drought. Other counties that had been in moderate drought are now abnormally dry, a one-category improvement.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HOUSTON

Former teacher sentenced in child porn case

An ex-kindergarten teacher already sentenced to 60 years in a Texas child pornography case has received an additional 30-year sentence following an international exploitation investigation.

Federal prosecutors announced Tuesday that the most recent sentence for 38-year-old Stephen Wayne Sudduth, of Sealy, follows his guilty plea in September to two counts of production of child pornography. The case involves images of children in a classroom when he taught in the Caribbean island of Curacao.

The two sentences will be served concurrently.

Sudduth last month pleaded guilty to Texas charges of child pornography promotion. Investigators in 2009 arrested Sudduth after finding more than 58,000 illicit images and videos on computers at his Houston-area home.

Sudduth also worked for the Hays consolidated school district near Austin and the Katy school district near Houston.

AUSTIN

UT regent facing possible ouster won't testify

An embattled University of Texas regent facing a rare threat of impeachment won't testify as expected this week to a House committee investigating his actions, lawmakers said Tuesday.

Regent Wallace Hall is accused of misusing his office in an attempt to force out Austin campus president Bill Powers, who received a cautious endorsement last week from the UT chancellor that keeps him running the 50,000-student campus.

Leaders of a House transparency committee that is scheduled to reconvene Wednesday expressed disappointed that Hall won't testify. It came after Hall's attorney told the committee Monday there remained "confusion" surrounding lawmakers' intentions.

"Our invitation to Regent Hall still stands. We are eager to hear from him, and are prepared to accommodate his testimony," Democrat Carol Alvarado and Republican Dan Flynn said in a statement.

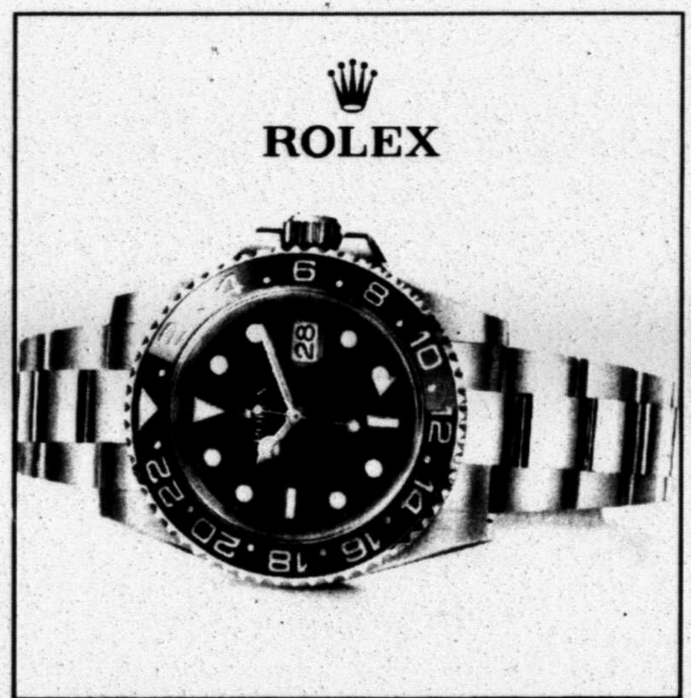
If the committee recommends impeachment, the matter would go to the full House and Hall could be removed from office.

Powers and UT Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa are expected to testify to the committee.

Lawmakers are investigating several allegations against Hall, including whether he withheld information on his application for appointment, abused open records laws with requests for more than 800,000 pages of documents and released private student or employee information.

Hall's lawyer, Allan Van Fleet, has said his client's efforts raised important questions about political influence over university admissions, fundraising and a law school loan program. He has denied Hall released any legally protected information to the public.

In October, Hall indicated that he was willing to testify — but he wanted to be subpoenaed. That could potentially give Hall some legal protections if he's asked to divulge confidential information.



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Flu vaccines

Midland Health & Senior Services is offering flu shots to adults and children 3 years of age or older. The price will range from $20 to $35. Medicare and Medicaid will be accepted as payment. No appointment is necessary. For more information, call 681-7613.

Midland Health & Senior Services is located at 3303 W. Illinois Ave. in space 22 of the Kingsway Mall. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to noon Friday.

H-E-B makes donation to food bank

H-E-B recently donated a 30,000-pound truck of corn flakes and instant potatoes to the West Texas Food Bank. The company's donation will be used to help those in need in this holiday season.

"We are grateful for this generous donation. Because of H-E-B's donation, we will be able to provide nearly 24,000 meals right here in West Texas," said Libby Campbell, Executive Director.

Water usage

■ **Monday total:** 11,473,000 gallons (CRWMD 9,140,000, Paul Davis fields 2,333,000)

■ **Dec. 9 total:** 13,113,000 gallons

Source: City of Midland

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital has partnered with Medical Center Hospital in Odessa on the telephone nurse triage program "68-NURSE," in order to bring the service to the entire Permian Basin.

The program is designed to help people determine whether or not their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 686-8773.

The program is free and available 24 hours a day-365 days a year. Local nurses are available to help you determine the best place to receive care for your situation. 68-NURSE can help you save time and money by directing you to the most appropriate healthcare option, whether it's a neighborhood clinic, urgent care center, emergency room ... or just staying home.

Know a troop

Military families can call 352-0785 or email Vickie Gomez (zemogv@cableone.net) when they know their member of the military is flying into Midland International Airpor so the Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee can be there to greet them.

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All or Nothing day: 1-2-4-7-8-9-13-15-17-18-20-22
All or Nothing evening: 3-4-9-12-14-15-18-19-20-21-23-24
All or Nothing night: 1-2-3-4-7-9-11-15-16-17-19-20

Today in history

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 18, the 352nd day of 2013. There are 13 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Dec. 18, 1865, the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, abolishing slavery, was declared in effect by Secretary of State William H. Seward.

On this date:

In 1892, Tchaikovsky's ballet "The Nutcracker" publicly premiered in St. Petersburg, Russia.

In 2011, the last convoy of heavily armored U.S. troops left Iraq, crossing into Kuwait in darkness in the final moments of a nine-year war.

AP file photo

Passengers spell out the word "HELP" aboard the disabled Carnival Lines cruise ship Triumph as it is towed to harbor off Mobile Bay, Ala., on Feb. 14. The ship with more than 4,200 passengers and crew members had been idled for nearly a week in the Gulf of Mexico following an engine room fire.

Lawsuit: Fire risk known before Carnival ship sailed

Associated Press

McALLEN — Carnival Cruise Lines knew about the risk of leaks from engine fuel hoses and recommended taking precautions on the ill-fated Carnival Triumph, which caught on fire at sea, according to documents filed in recent days.

A "compliance notice report" sent to the Triumph one month before it departed Galveston on Feb. 7 for what was planned as a four-day cruise recommended spray shields be installed on engines' flexible fuel hoses, according to documents filed Tuesday by Carnival Cruise Lines in federal court in Miami.

A leak from a hose on engine No. 6 led to a fire early on Feb. 10 as the ship returned from a stop in Cozumel, Mexico. No one was injured, but the fire disabled the ship. More than 4,000 people aboard endured a nightmarish tow to Mobile, Ala., that the plaintiffs' attorney called a "floating hell."

CNN first reported on the newly filed documents Tuesday. They are part of a lawsuit that was filed in February against Carnival Cruise Lines and its parent Carnival Corporation on behalf of dozens of the Triumph's passengers.

Frank Spagnoletti, a Houston attorney who represents some of the passengers, said Tuesday Carnival was negligent in maintaining the ship and allowed it to sail knowing there was a risk of fire.

Neither Carnival nor its legal team immediately returned calls after business hours Tuesday. But in a response filed Tuesday in Miami, Carnival said the ship's engines passed inspection before departing and its own recommendation to install spray shields on flexible fuel lines was beyond any required safety measures.

It was that recognition of the problem, which the company gave two months to fix, and decision to let the Triumph sail before it was corrected that galled Spagnoletti.

"You've got 4,000 souls on that ship. You know that there's a propensity for fire if these fuel hoses break and yet you give them two months to fix it?" he said.

Waste disposal wells raise Eagle Ford water concerns

By Jennifer Hiller
San Antonio Express-News

STOCKDALE — On the pecan-dotted, rolling ranch her family has owned since 1875, Odell Zarsky's wells ran dry this summer.

The wells rebounded after rains, but Zarsky blames the dip in her water table on the drought — as well as increased water pumping for hydraulic fracturing, which has boomed to the south.

What really has her concerned, though, is the disposal of oil-field wastewater.

Zarsky has protested disposal wells near her property and others, organizing letter-writing campaigns to try to stop the Texas Railroad Commission from granting permits. In one hearing, she said a state examiner asked her if she was "one of those people who's opposed to everything."

"We lost," she said.

Zarsky, the treasurer for the Republican Party in Wilson County, said she's not opposed to all of the oil and gas activity, or even disposal wells, as long as they aren't located near water supplies and people's homes.

"Up in Pennsylvania they won't permit them to do (disposal) wells," said Zarsky. "Everything has to be recycled. That's what we should do. We should be recycling."

Oil and gas companies have to get rid of water that returns after hydraulic fracturing, called flowback water, and the water that comes out the rock itself — production water.

While recycling and reuse are on the increase, often the wastewater gets trucked to a disposal well, where it's pumped underground far below freshwater aquifers.

Many South Texas communities have been fighting disposal well permits, but Frio County has been among the most vocal counties fighting. Alarmed by road damage from heavy trucks, county officials passed a resolution opposing future disposal wells.

Some academic studies have linked disposal wells in other regions to increased earthquake activity, but that link hasn't been made in the Eagle Ford. (However, a University of Texas at Austin research paper did link small South Texas earthquakes to a different part of the oil and gas process — increased oil extraction.)

Disposal wells aren't allowed within a quarter mile of unplugged, abandoned oil and gas wells, but Ron Green and Paul Bertetti, scientists with San Antonio's Southwest Research Institute, say geology doesn't work tidily.

They cite an example in Dimmit County, where briny water came up an abandoned well and killed vegetation two years after a disposal well opened nearby, just beyond the quarter-mile radius.

They said there hasn't been a good risk assessment for the increase in saltwater disposal and because the Texas Railroad Commission doesn't keep a single statewide database of reported problems, it's hard to evaluate. The Environmental Protection Agency is studying groundwater and oil and gas drilling, but not wastewater disposal.

"Let's understand more of what the risk might be," Green said.

Geologist Darrell Brownlow, a Wilson County resident who sits on the board of the San Antonio River Authority, said the regulations and technology are in place for safe disposal wells — the nuisance and safety risk of nonstop water truck traffic is the real problem.

"I do not want to have 200, 300, 500, 1,000 trucks a day coming by my property. That's the biggest thing," he said.

And not all waste goes down a disposal well.

Paul Baumann is fighting a proposed open-pit disposal facility that would accept drilling mud waste next to 36 acres that once belonged to his grandparents. The property includes a rental home and a hayfield and sits the edge of the city limits of Nordheim in western DeWitt County.

Baumann has a 140-foot-deep water well — shallow enough that he's concerned not just about surface runoff during heavy rains, but the possibility of underground migration of contaminants into his well. He doesn't trust that the lining at the waste facility would last decades.

"They said they'd put test wells in around them. But if it gets into those, it's too late," Baumann said.

The city of Nordheim, too, is worried about the health of its 307 residents, fumes and its municipal water wells. Creeks nearby feed the San Antonio River. Other property owners, including Baumann's brother and nephew, have stock tanks that are down hill from the facility.

The project is on hold for now, but Nordheim's mayor said a Railroad Commission hearing on it is likely in early 2014.

"I know they say that whatever they put down will last forever," Baumann said on a November afternoon at Nordheim's City Hall. "If it don't. ..."

"We're going to fight them," Mayor Kathy Payne said, and patted his shoulder.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Richard J. Catlin Jr., 36, of Midland, was charged Monday with assault on a family or household member with a previous conviction.

Jeffrey S. Farmer, 47, of Midland, was charged Monday with violation of parole.

Stephen L. Farris, 26, of Midland, was charged Monday with violation of probation.

Ronny R. Flores, 36, of Midland, was charged Monday with violation of probation.

Roberto E. Garcia, 18, of Midland, was charged Monday with possession of marijuana between 4 ounces and 5 pounds.

Trenton D. Lane, 19, of Midland, was charged Monday with burglary of a habitation with intent to commit another felony.

Antonio H. Madrid, 24, of Midland, was charged Monday with sexual assault and incest/prohibited sexual conduct.

Treon S. Majors, 21, of Odessa, was charged Monday with violation of parole.

Adam D. Mansfield, 37, of Midland, was charged Monday with driving while intoxicated three or more times.

Tysha L. Warren, 20, of Midland, was charged Monday with theft between $1,500 and $20,000.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

PBAF awards another $618K in grants

By Meredith Moriak
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A digital sign to increase visibility in the community and funding for two years worth of marketing expenses are just two of the projects that will be possible for local nonprofit organizations thanks to awards totaling $618,300 from the Permian Basin Area Foundation.

The foundation awarded grants to 25 area nonprofit organizations Tuesday during a ceremony at the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum.

Midland Need to Read received funding to purchase an outdoor sign so those traveling down Wall Street will be able to find the office more easily. The Aphasia Center of West Texas was provided monies to market their services and make educational training videos.

"The good work of nonprofit organizations is evident every day in our communities, and the Foundation is very grateful for each of you and your dedication and passion," said Andrea Goodson, a member of the Foundation's Grants Committee. "These nonprofits enrich the quality of life we enjoy here in the Permian Basin. The volunteers and staff of these nonprofits reflect the character and the caring nature of West Texans. It is an honor and privilege for the Foundation and its donors to partner with these organizations."

The PBAF has awarded nearly $55 million in grants and scholarships since it was established in 1989. Awards in 2013 exceeded $10 million, said President and CEO Guy McCrary.

"In the past two decades, thanks to the generosity of donors, your community foundation has grown to include 258 permanent funds, serving communities in a 22-county region," McCrary said.

Christmas in Action, a 41-year-old organization that repairs the homes of low-income or disabled homeowners, has received a grant from the foundation each year since its inception, said CIA Founder Bobby Trimble.

"We have been getting money for Christmas in Action ever since the foundation started," Trimble said. "We are grateful, not only for the money we get, but the volunteers who work to keep elderly people in their homes."

The Life Center, an organization that promotes sexual integrity, received funding for an additional educator in the prevention department.

"God blesses people, who bless organizations like the Permian Basin Area Foundation, who bless organizations like (The Life Center), and in turn we bless people. Isn't that fantastic?" said Randy Rouse, who serves as board chairman for The Life Center.

The foundation awards grants every fall and spring following an application and competitive review. Spring grant pre-applications are due to the foundation by April 1.

Fall 2013 PBAF grant recipients:

American Red Cross, Permian Basin Area Chapter, Aphasia Center of West Texas, Arts Council of Midland, Catholic Charities Community Services of Odessa, Christmas in Action, Midland, Christmas in Action, Odessa, Cook Children's Health Foundation, Family Promise of Odessa, Fort Davis Historical Society, Gladney Center for Adoption, Harmony Home Children's Advocacy Center, Marfa Education Foundation, McDonald Observatory, Midland Community Development Corp., Midland Community Theatre, Midland Habitat for Humanity, Midland Need to Read, Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale, Muscular Dystrophy Association, New Direction Ministry, Odessa Christian School, Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services, Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Southwest, The Life Center and The White-Pool House Friends.

Council

From 1A

remained empty for nearly a decade to a regional petroleum marketing company.

The MDC will sell Building A — located near Midland International Airport — for $1.4 million to Pro Terminal Operators LLC, which will trade the building with general contractor company N.C. Sturgeon in a tax-free exchange, the Reporter-Telegram reported Friday.

MDC board member Robert Rendall said previously the corporation has tried for years to clean the property of its rusted tanks.

"It's a long time coming," said one of the councilmen.

■ selected five engineering firms to provide services over the next three years for projects less than $50,000.

The firms include AMD Engineering, Dunaway Associates, Maverick Engineering, Parkhill, Smith & Cooper and Savant Group.

Possible projects include engineering and design services relating to drainage improvements, roadway and utility improvements, traffic analysis recommendations, real estate services and parks and recreation improvements.

Any projects exceeding $50,000 would require council approval, according to the city.

■ approved an agreement with Kimley-Horn Associates for the second phase of Doug Russell pool renovations.

The city voted to move forward with a full pool renovation and creation of a state-of-the-art aquatics facility after completion of the first phase — which included analyzing renovation options.

The second phase includes design and construction oversight services, and the city hopes to have the project completed by 2015.

■ authorized the Midland Fire Department to apply for a firefighters grant to purchase a command simulation program.

The federal government would provide 90 percent, or $315,000, of the grant, while the city matches 10 percent, or $35,000.

■ voted unanimously against selling 8 acres of a 48-acre tract of land near the Citizen Collection Station to the Midland Community Development Corp. for an affordable housing project.

The corporation announced its desire to apply for an Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs tax credit, which is awarded using criteria released in November and designed to eliminate concentrations of poverty.

The housing project must be located near a high-performing school district, and the MCDC identified suitable land owned by the city near Loop 250 and North Big Spring Street.

"It's very competitive," said David Diaz, executive director of the MCDC, on Tuesday afternoon. "Moving forward without a high-scoring application is probably not worth out effort."

The city councilmen said they supported efforts to create affordable housing but were reluctant to support the project because of the limited timeframe — the application must be submitted by March 1 — and questions about future development of the area.

"The land is very valuable," said Mayor-elect Jerry Morales. "Do we put something there not knowing what the future holds?"

NATION BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW JERSEY

'Mystery' safes contain extension cord

JERSEY CITY — The two large safes sat in an old vault turned storage closet, unopened for years, a footnote in the colorful, occasionally corrupt history of Jersey City city hall.

No one paid any attention to them — or wondered what was in them — until the city's new mayor, Steven Fulop, decided to hire a locksmith to open them.

Theories abounded. Was it a stash of money? Old documents? Human remains? Something sinister that legendary Mayor Frank "Boss" Hague stashed away decades ago?

The mystery was solved Tuesday, and it was a letdown. Inside was nothing but musty air and one power cord.

Fulop said he had imagined having a "Geraldo moment," referring to the 1986 TV special when Geraldo Rivera pumped up a viewing audience before opening a vault in Chicago's Lexington Hotel linked to Al Capone, only to reveal a few bottles and a sign.

Fulop imagined he would reveal — or not reveal — something for the cameras Tuesday. He even stuck his arm in each safe, making sure nothing was stashed deep inside or the safe didn't have a false back.

"If I put something in there, I wouldn't put an extension cord," Fulop said.

A locksmith estimated the safes were installed sometime between the late 1930s and early 1950s, and Fulop said he thought it would be fun to put the mystery to rest. He contacted Jersey City's surviving former mayors, but no one knew what was in the safe mainly because no one had bothered to ask.

"People would say they assumed there was money because of the nature of corruption here," Fulop said, noting that they were talking about the '40s and '50s and not his current administration.

A spokeswoman for Fulop said the city spent between $1,000 and $1,500 to hire a Long Island locksmith, one of the few people who knew how to open such old safes.

MIAMI

Man ticketed for trying to trade gator for beer

Florida wildlife officials say a man tried to trade a live alligator for beer at a Miami convenience store.

State Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission spokesman Jorge Pino said the man received a citation for illegally capturing and trying to sell the gator.

Pino told WTVJ-TV that the man trapped the 4-foot-long gator at a nearby park and brought it to the store Dec. 10. When he proposed to trade the animal for a 12-pack of beer, the store clerk called authorities.

Pino said the alligator was "pretty much in good shape." The animal was released back into the wild.

As food labels get closer look, ingredients vanish

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Take another look at that food label. An ingredient or two may have vanished.

As Americans pay closer attention to what they eat, food and beverage companies are learning that unfamiliar ingredients can invite criticism from online petitions and bloggers. The risk of damaging publicity has proven serious enough that some manufacturers have reformulated top-selling products to remove mysterious, unpronounceable components that could draw suspicion.

Earlier this year, for example, PepsiCo Inc. said it would stop using brominated vegetable oil in Gatorade and find a another way to evenly distribute color in the sports drink. Last year, Starbucks said it would stop using a red dye made of crushed bugs based on comments it received "through a variety of means," including an online petition, and switch to a tomato-based extract. Kraft Foods plans to replace artificial dyes with colors derived from natural spices in select varieties of its macaroni and cheese, a nod to the feedback it's hearing from parents.

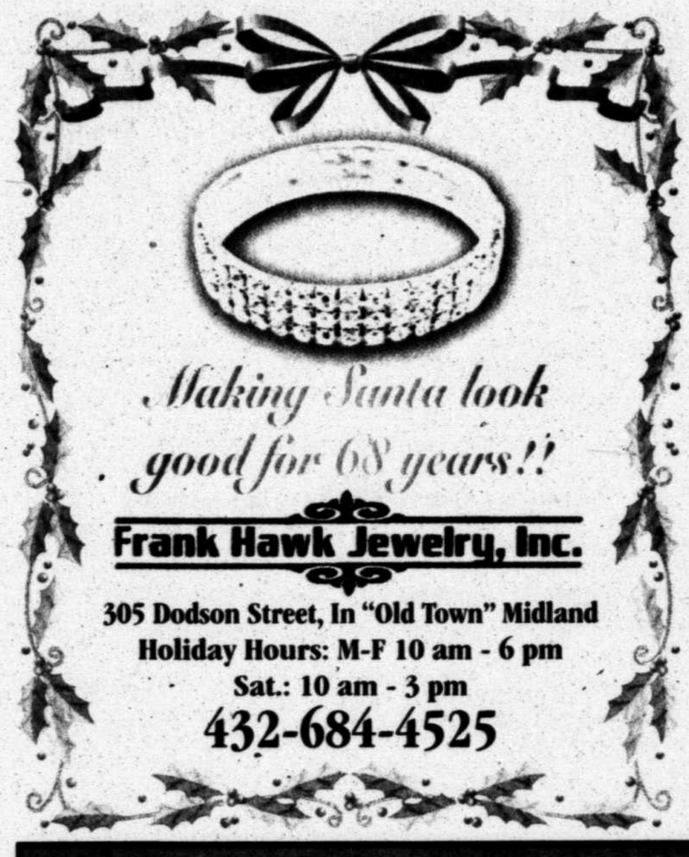
Ali Dibadj, a Bernstein analyst who covers the packaged food and beverage industry, says the changes reflect a shift from "democratization to activism" by consumers.

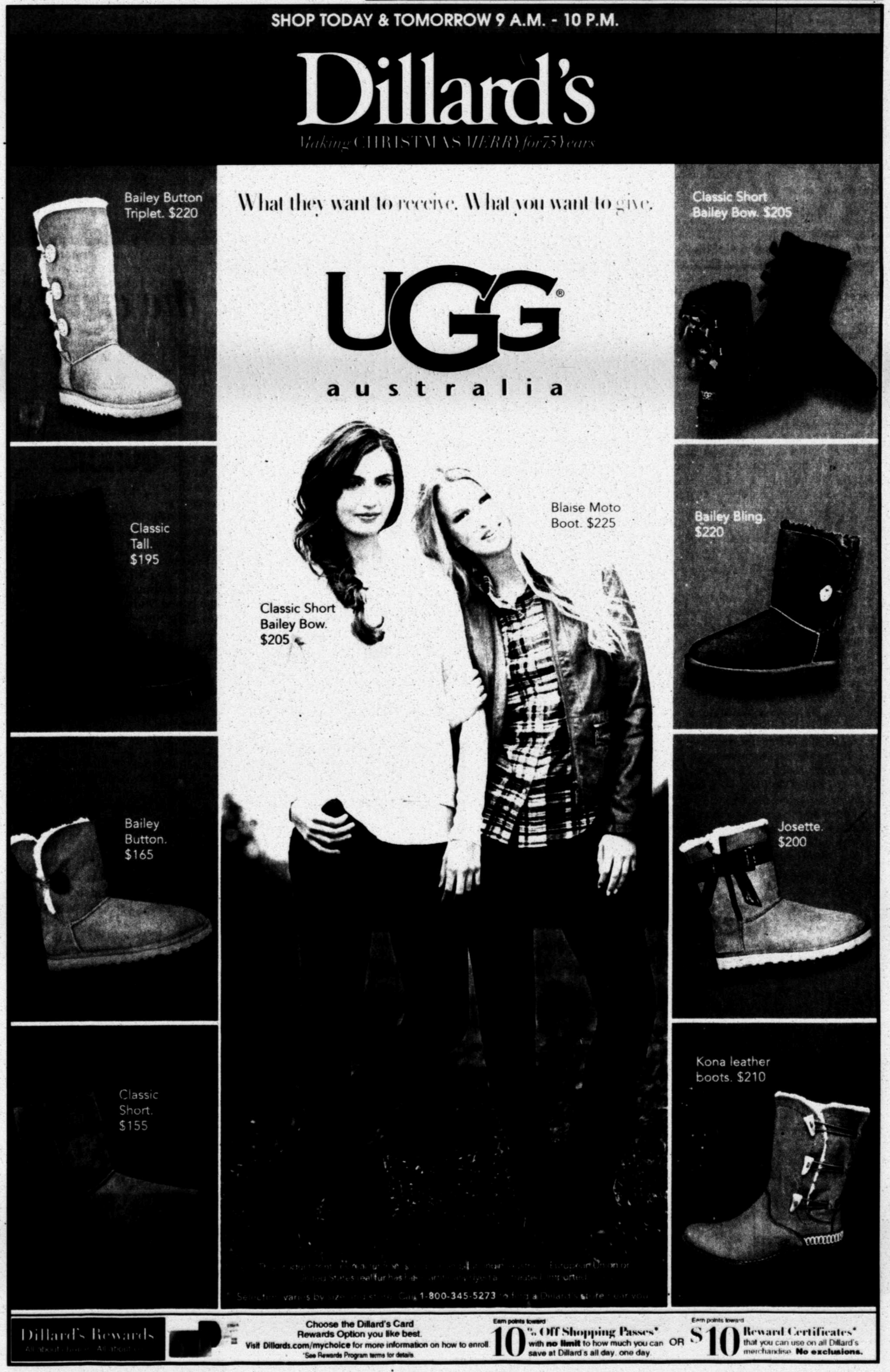
"It used to be that people would just decide not to buy the product. Now they're actually agitating for change," Dibadj said. "There's a bullhorn — which is the Internet — so you can get a lot of people involved very quickly."

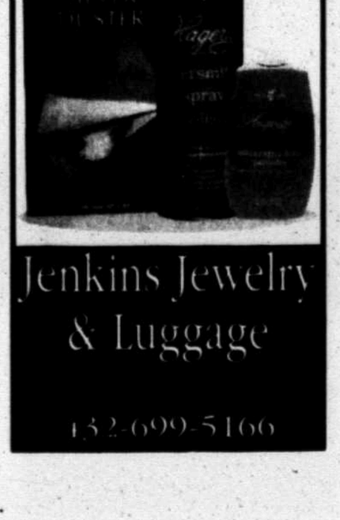
Companies stand by the safety of their old recipes. Although they don't typically provide details on production decisions, their reasons for using certain ingredients can include cost and manufacturing efficiencies.

Still, food and beverage makers can be sensitive about broadcasting any changes. Chick-fil-A, for instance, has been removing artificial dyes and high-fructose corn syrup from its dressings and sauces. The Atlanta-based chain is also testing a "clean ingredient bun" but has not alerted customers.

"The reason companies don't publicize it is that they don't want to bring attention to these ingredients. They want to slowly start to remove them until they're all gone," said Vani Hari, who runs the site FoodBabe.com and has pressured companies to remove artificial dyes and other ingredients.

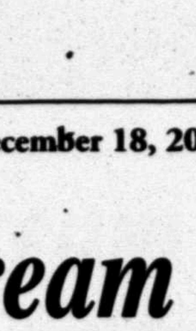






Why can't people dream of a penguin Christmas?

■ Fox News' Megyn Kelly stirred up things when saying Santa, like Jesus, is white



KATHLEEN PARKER
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When, what to my wondering eyes should appear, but a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer.

And a penguin?

In case you missed the most pressing issue of the season — Santa's race — Fox News' Megyn Kelly reaped a whirlwind when she recently declared that not only is Santa white but so was Jesus.

"Santa is what he is," she said. "Just because it makes you feel uncomfortable doesn't mean it has to change. You know, I mean, Jesus was a white man, too."

Kelly was directing her verdict to Slate blogger Aisha Harris, who wrote that Santa should be a penguin instead of a "fat white guy." Harris recounted growing up with two Santas, one black and one white, but felt ashamed that her Santa was overshadowed by the more broadly accepted, default white Santa.

Not surprisingly, Kelly's commentary earned her ridicule, mockery and a full-scale national debate (at least on cable TV, where time must be filled) and absurd charges of racism. Where is Chris Crocker when you need him: *"Leave Megyn alone! She's a human!"*

Had Kelly ignored the article, we might not be engaged in this consequential conversation. No one but Kelly even mentioned Jesus. Instead, she has learned the lesson once articulated by P.J. O'Rourke: "Just as some things are too strange for fiction, others are too true for journalism."

*Ob*viously, Santa has always been white — at least in white households. And Jesus *has* to be white. Haven't you seen all those stained-glass windows?

Except, seriously, he probably wasn't. A Jew living in the Middle East 2,000 years ago — pre-sunscreen, not to mention at least 40 days wandering in the desert — Jesus probably wasn't the light-skinned, brown-haired, sometimes blue-eyed lad most Americans of a certain age thought they knew.

As a child I often wondered how black people felt about Jesus and, therefore, God being white. There was a lovely little African-American church on the corner of Gervais and Millwood in Columbia, S.C., where I visited family during the summer, that featured the familiar image of Jesus kneeling in Gethsemane. He was beautiful in a Brad Pitt Legends-of-the-Fall kind of way, so I had a little crush. But I never passed that church without also thinking about the worshipers inside. Didn't they want a Jesus who looked like them?

And, by extrapolation, a Santa?

Well, yes, it turns out that many did and do, including Harris.

This story would have no flippers if it didn't hint at a larger issue that isn't really about race. The skin color of magical elves who fly around in reindeer-drawn sleighs is a far easier conversation than the broader iconoclasm that is really at the root of what Kelly perhaps intuited but failed to convey. But then cable TV, tethered as it is to hits, blips and buzz, doesn't often lend itself to deep reflection.

It should be no surprise that, as demographics shift, so do cultural icons. It is also understandable that such challenges would be unsettling to many, but there are more sophisticated ways of discussing them without resorting to "The War on (fill in the blank)."

Among other reasons, war demands victory rather than understanding.

At first glance, Santa, the most innocent of icons, seems a gratuitous target for revision. Looking closer, however, diversifying Santa in a nation that elected a black president seems appropriate. When you make up stuff, you can make it up again.

Besides, very young children are oblivious to race. Assuming no racial animus at home, most children would as eagerly climb on the lap of a jolly black Santa as a white one (or any other race/ethnicity). They only want the thrill of the gift and the reassurance (note to New York's brawling Santas) that all is right with the world.

This is the true gift of Santa. He is a gentle grandfather — a benevolent figure to whom all impossibilities can be presented and conquered. As such, he is a human gesture of kindness to children whose innocence will be ravaged soon enough.

Myths transcend race and serve purposes beyond the material. They elevate our spirits, impart hope and convey values: *It is better to give than to receive.* Such lessons are more pleasantly absorbed when visions of sugar plums are dancing in our heads.

Which is probably what Kelly meant to say, and might have added: Just because something makes you comfortable doesn't mean you shouldn't change it.

GUEST VIEW

Help us to use this oil boom to help the young

Houston Chronicle

Texas, praise be, is once again enjoying an oil boom. In September, our state hit its highest monthly production rate ever, pumping 2.7 million barrels of crude each day. Thanks largely to shale oil, we now produce more than twice as much oil as we did only three years ago. Driving through downtown Houston or the Energy Corridor, you can practically feel the skyscrapers thrumming with profits.

It's a heady moment. But booms never last forever, and Texas, of all states, should know that. Remember the bumper stickers from our 1980s oil bust? "Please God," said one version, "send me one more oil boom. I promise not to blow this one."

We can't afford to waste this boom. It's our chance to make our state stronger and better prepared for whatever the future brings.

The single-best boom-time investment Texas can make is in our state's children and young people: to make sure that all Texas kids are adequately fed and have decent medical care; to expand early-childhood education, one of the best antidotes to poverty; to ensure that all public-school students attend strong schools; and to see that a would-be college student doesn't have to take on enormous debt in order to get an education.

Most Texas kids face an uphill slog. Over the past decade, the number of Texas kids growing up in poor households has exploded. According to a recent study by the Center for Public Policy Priorities, an astounding 66 percent of kids in our state's public schools qualify for free or reduced-price lunches. More than a quarter of Texas kids are in families below the poverty line — the poorest of the poor.

Even as oil money rolls in, it's growing harder for those poor kids to get ahead. Early childhood education jump-starts an underprivileged kid's schooling, but in the last five years, though demand has grown, the number of kids in Head Start and Early Head Start dropped last year. The demand was there. The funding wasn't.

The picture doesn't improve once a child starts kindergarten. Since it costs more to educate poor kids than middle-class or wealthy ones, you'd expect Texas to spend more on public schools than the average state. Instead, according to CPPP, we rank 43rd in per-pupil spending.

And after high school? It's more difficult for this generation of Texans to afford college than for any generation that's gone before it. Since 2003, when the state deregulated tuition at public universities, students have covered a skyrocketing share of higher-education costs. While the state's median income has hardly budged in the last decade, the average cost to attend a public university has almost doubled. The average student borrower now graduates owing $24,000 in loans — a burden heavier than any previous generation of Texans has had to bear. Though higher education matters more to our state's future than ever, Texas has been shifting its costs to students and their families. Too many of them can't afford it. And where will that leave Texas?

We should thank God for sending another oil boom. And we should make sure, this time, not to blow it.

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Don't expect the criticism to stop

■ When will some stop complaining about Obamacare. Judging by the auto bailout, don't hold your breath

DANA MILBANK
Washington Post Writers Group

When will the criticism of Obamacare finally end?

I've done some research on the question, and by my calculations, judging from current trends, this will happen approximately ... never.

I base this on the criticism of the auto bailout of early 2009. Almost five years later, the industry is healthy again and large swaths of the Midwest have been spared what would have been certain economic devastation. All this was achieved for a relatively modest sum: When the government's last shares of General Motors were sold last week, the total cost to save GM and Chrysler came to about $12 billion. It would seem that the argument against the bailout has been settled. Yet opponents continue to argue their case — if anybody will listen.

On Monday, I resolved to listen. I went to the National Press Club, where the National Legal and Policy Center, a conservative group, was arguing that the GM bailout was a big mistake. When I arrived two minutes before the start of the news conference, I was the only reporter in the room; eventually, two others joined me.

Peter Flaherty, the group's president, stared into a lone camera. "At its most fundamental level, the auto bailout is a failure," he proclaimed. "There's only been a modest culture change" at GM, he said, and "the bailout did not save jobs." What's more, he said, GM's reorganization "was government-orchestrated theft."

When Flaherty finished speaking, he asked for questions. Nobody stirred. Feeling pity, I asked if he really thought the auto bailout had no impact on U.S. employment.

"Yes," he replied.

And the Troubled Assets Relief Program — which the auto bailout was part of — that returned a profit to taxpayers of $11 billion overall?

"I think it was a mistake," he said.

Flaherty was offering a pre-buttal to GM's chief executive, Dan Akerson, who spoke at the press club two hours later. Unlike Flaherty, Akerson had some concrete evidence to show why the bailout had been worth the cost: a $21.3 billion initial public offering for GM, 15 profitable quarters and total profits of nearly $30 billion, $10 billion invested in U.S. facilities (including $1.3 billion announced Monday), a return to an investment-grade rating for its bonds, and 26,000 jobs preserved.

Akerson — who is soon to be replaced by Mary Barra, GM's chief of product development and the first woman to run a major automobile company — was a private-equity guy who joined the company after the bailout. But asked his opinion of the bailout decision, he cited a study by the Center for Automotive Research that concluded that overall it saved the government $36 billion to $38 billion in costs such as unemployment benefits, and that didn't include $26 billion in pension liabilities that would have been dumped on taxpayers.

"The automotive industry in this country is somewhere between 3.5 and 4 percent of total GDP," he said. "To have ceded that to foreign competition — in my opinion, as an American — would have been a serious mistake."

The study Akerson cited calculated that the bailout saved 1.2 million to 2.6 million jobs in 2009 alone. But the National Legal and Policy Center's Flaherty offered a breezy dismissal of that report: "Not surprising, in light of the fact that the center is substantially funded by the government." (The Center for Automotive Research reports that 16 percent of its money comes from the government.)

Few people have heard of Flaherty or are likely to care what he thinks of the bailout. But his undiminished opposition to it, a position many conservatives share, is worth examining because there is apparently no pattern of facts that would change it. This, I suspect, is what Obamacare is up against.

Flaherty was sure the bailout didn't work because his theory says it couldn't work. "The massive misallocation of capital to an inefficient market purchase can only cost jobs in the long run," he argued.

But in the long run, we're all dead. And the dramatic, and rapid, collapse of the American automotive industry in 2009 could have rippled across the economy, setting off panic and perhaps a depression. Again, Flaherty scoffed. "These dire stories ... about a depression being triggered or the economy of the Midwest collapsing were just totally overblown and wrong," he said.

We will never know for sure. But we can believe either opponents of the bailout, or our lying eyes.

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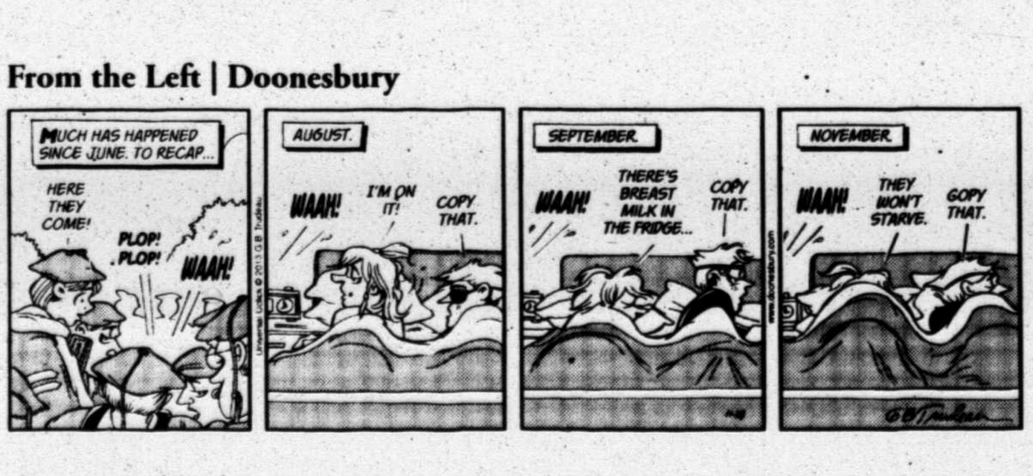

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IRS vendor owed $525 million in back taxes

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service has been doing business with nearly 1,200 vendors that owe back taxes, including one unnamed contractor that owed a whopping $525 million, a new inspector general's report says.

Altogether, 1,168 IRS vendors owed back taxes totaling $589 million as of July 2012, according to the report released Tuesday. Only 50 were in a payment plan to pay off their debt.

"When the IRS conducts business with vendors that do not comply with federal tax laws, it conveys a contradictory message in relation to its mission to ensure compliance with the tax laws," said J. Russell George, Treasury inspector general for tax administration.

The IRS checks whether vendors owe back taxes when the agency awards contracts, the IRS said. But the IRS doesn't continuously monitor whether vendors are current in their tax bills after contracts are awarded, the report said.

George has recommended the IRS require an annual tax check for all contractors, but the agency says federal acquisition regulations don't authorize them.

The inspector general's office is prohibited by law from revealing the name of any delinquent vendors, including the one that owed $525 million. The report says most of the back taxes, including the biggest, were delinquent for less than a year.

About 7 percent of IRS vendors owed back taxes, the report said. However, it suggested the IRS may have been an unwilling business partner with most of them.

For example, the IRS must routinely pay fees to banks and other financial institutions when it orders them to turn over records about taxpayers, the report said. The agency also has to pay filing fees to state and county governments to file tax liens.

"Thus, even if these entities have unpaid tax debt, the IRS must still use their services," the report said.

Budget deal splits GOP leaders in House, Senate

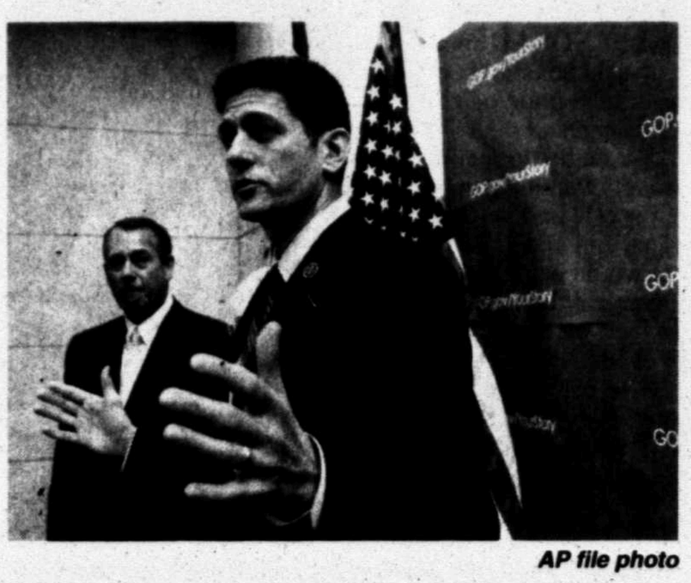
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Republican leaders are criticizing a bipartisan budget deal, parting ways with their House counterparts who shepherded the measure through that chamber last week.

The split makes it harder for the Republican Party to present a united front as it approaches the midterm election year. And it shows that even modest tweaks in tax and spending policies trigger strong reactions in conservative circles.

The Senate's top four Republican leaders voted Tuesday to block consideration of the budget bill. Their effort failed, however, and the measure appears headed for final passage and President Barack Obama's signature into law later this week.

Some GOP activists play down the House-Senate divide's implications, saying it's driven by internal congressional politics more than by serious philosophical splits. The Senate Republican leaders, they say, knew the bill would succeed without their votes, and they made no real effort to recruit colleagues to kill it.



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House Budget Committee Chairman Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., right, accompanied by House Speaker John Boehner, of Ohio, speaking during a news conference Dec. 11 on Capitol Hill.

"Our leadership gets along pretty well, and coordinates pretty well with each other," said Terry Holt, a longtime Republican strategist and former congressional staffer with close ties to House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio.

Holt said it's not unusual for the minority party in the House or Senate to force the other party to provide the overwhelming majority of votes for contentious legislation.

Republicans control the House, and they provided more than half the "yes" votes when the budget deal passed the House 332 to 94. But Republicans hold only 45 of the Senate's 100 seats.

Republicans note that a Democratic senator from Illinois, Barack Obama, voted in 2006 against raising the federal debt ceiling, when Republican George W. Bush was president. When Obama became president, he chided Republicans for opposing the same type of debt ceiling increases.

The bipartisan budget bill would restore about $63 billion in across-the-board spending cuts scheduled to take effect over the next two years. It calls for $85 billion in budget savings over the next decade. Among other things, it would extend existing cuts to Medicare providers, raise airline security fees and require federal civilian employees to pay more of their pension costs.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, of Kentucky, was among the 37 Republicans who voted Tuesday to keep the bill from moving forward. Joining him were the next three ranking Republican leaders: John Cornyn, of Texas; John Thune, of South Dakota; and John Barrasso, of Wyoming.

But several senior Republicans who lack leadership positions support the budget measure. It's imperfect, said Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, "but sometimes the answer has to be yes."

"Ultimately, this agreement upholds the principles conservatives stand for," Hatch said. "And with Democrats controlling the White House and the Senate, it is the best we could hope for."

McConnell and Cornyn face tea party-backed Republican primary challengers in their re-election bids next year. These challengers and their donors sharply criticize the bipartisan bill because it eases scheduled spending cuts.

White House, news groups discuss access to Obama

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House and news media representatives agreed Tuesday to work toward expanding access to President Barack Obama's public duties to give photo journalists a less restricted view of the president at work.

Participants in a White House meeting said the session did not resolve the coverage issues recently raised by a group of news organizations and media associations but said they were hopeful the discussion marked progress.

Associated Press Senior Managing Editor Mike Oreskes said the media representatives were encouraged by the commitment expressed by White House press secretary Jay Carney. "The proof will be in the outcome," Oreskes said.

Carney called it a "constructive meeting" and said he is interested in finding ways to address the concerns raised by photographers.

Dozens of leading news organizations have complained about restrictions that at times have kept journalists from taking pictures and video of Obama performing official duties while the White House releases pictures taken by the president's staff.

"We asked that they have the presumption that they will grant access every time the president does something of public interest so that there's always a need to find some reason to exclude us rather than finding a reason to include us," said Steve Thomma, the president of the White House Correspondents' Association.

Protests about access to presidents are not unique to this White House. The press and past presidential press secretaries have clashed over similar disputes. But journalists say the current restrictions run counter to Obama's promise to lead the most transparent administration in history.

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NASA orders urgent spacewalk repairs

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA has ordered up a series of urgent spacewalks to fix a broken cooling line at the International Space Station.

Station managers decided Tuesday to send two American astronauts out as soon as possible to replace a pump with a bad valve. It's a major job that will require three spacewalks.

"The next week will be busy with space walks so not much tweeting from here," NASA astronaut Rick Mastracchio tweeted from space soon after the decision was announced.

The spacewalks are taking priority over the launch of a supply ship from Virginia. The commercial delivery had been scheduled for this week but is now delayed until at least mid-January.

Half of the station's cooling system shut down Dec. 11, forcing the six-man crew to turn off all nonessential equipment, including some science experiments. Because of the valve failure, one of the two cooling lines became too cold.

The space station cooling system, which runs ammonia through the lines, is critical for dispelling heat generated by on-board equipment.

While the astronauts are safe and comfortable, NASA wants the system back up to full strength, in case of another failure that could leave the orbiting outpost even more vulnerable than it is right now.

This is the same pump that was replaced by a pair of spacewalking astronauts in 2010. Three spacewalks were needed then.

Mastracchio and astronaut Michael Hopkins trained for just such a repair before rocketing into orbit. They have been prepping all week, just in case of just such a decision.

As NORAD tracks Santa, critics track NORAD

Associated Press

DENVER — The U.S. and Canadian military will entertain millions of kids again this Christmas Eve with second-by-second updates on Santa's global whereabouts. But there's something new this year: public criticism.

A children's advocacy group said an animated video on the NORAD Tracks Santa website injects militarism into Christmas by showing fighter jets escorting Santa's sleigh. It's a rare swipe at the popular program, which last year attracted a record 22.3 million unique visitors from around the world to its website.

NORAD defends the video as nonthreatening and safe for kids.

The kerfuffle erupted two weeks ago over a 39-second video on noradsanta.org called "NORAD Tracks Santa Trailer Video 2013."

A 5-second segment of the video shows two fighter jets flanking Santa.

The Boston-based Campaign for a Commercial Free Childhood said the video brings violence and militarism to a beloved tradition. Others had similar criticism. Blogs and Twitter lit up with volleys from both sides.

Josh Golin, the coalition's associate director, reiterated his criticism in an interview with The Associated Press — but he called the brouhaha "a media-manufactured controversy." The coalition hadn't known about the fighter jet video until reporters called, he said.

"Nobody in my organization was out there protesting," he said.

U.S. Navy Capt. Jeff Davis, a NORAD spokesman, said he understands the critics' point of view but disagrees.

"We really do feel strongly that it's something that is safe and non-threatening, and not something that would negatively impact children," he said. "In fact, we think that it's a lot of fun."

Davis said the fighter escort is nothing new. NORAD began depicting jets accompanying Santa and his reindeer in the 1960s, he said.

And he insisted the fighters in the video are unarmed: They're Canadian Air Force CF-18s, with a large external fuel tank under the belly that might look like a bomb. The wing racks that would carry bombs or missiles are empty, he explained.

The flap has driven lots of viewers to the video — nearly 265,000 on YouTube by midday Monday.

"That's way off the charts for any other videos we've done before," Davis said.

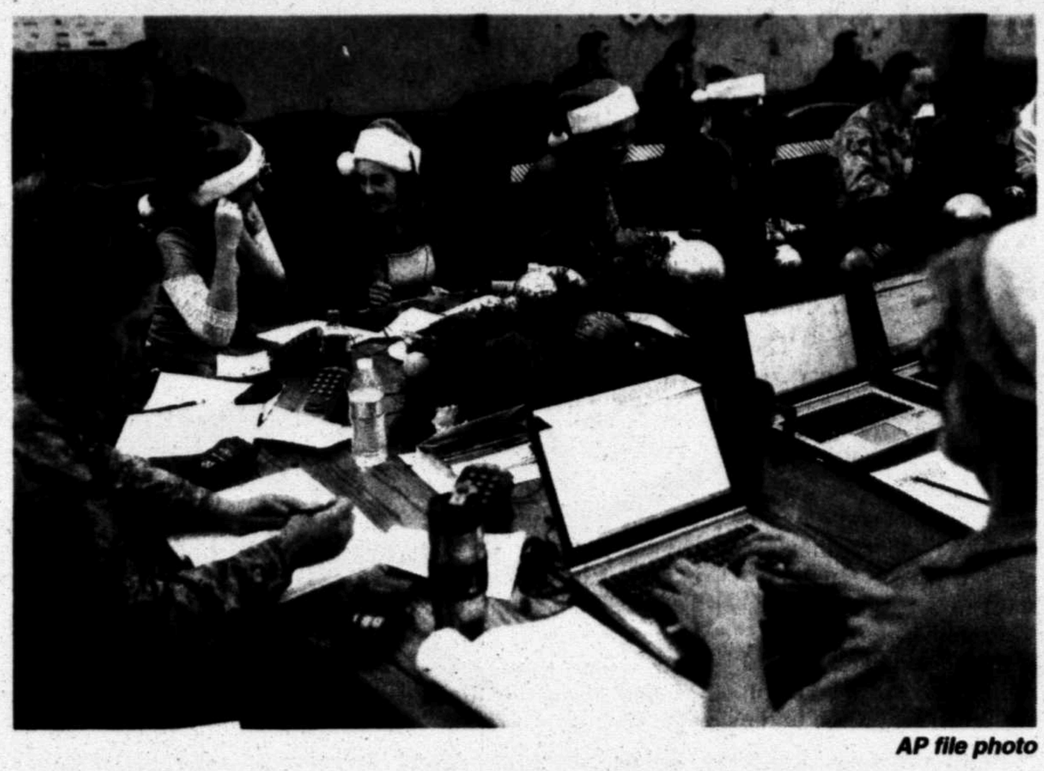
A second video on noradsanta.org and on YouTube, "NORAD Tracks Santa Command Video 2013," has drawn nearly 122,000 views. It's a longer, fast-paced mix of animation and real-life footage billed as a test flight for Santa, who gets the military tag "Big Red One."

"This is very much a fun and safe and nonviolent site that children of all ages can visit," Davis said. "Parents can be confident their children will walk away (and) have had fun and potentially have learned something, too."

NORAD is a U.S.-Canadian operation based at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colo. It's charged with defending the skies over both nations and monitoring sea approaches.

The Santa program began in 1955 when a typo in a local newspaper advertisement had children calling the hotline of NORAD's predecessor, asking to talk to Santa.

It's now a Christmas tradition that thrills millions of kids, and parents. Last year, global monitoring of Santa's voyage logged 114,000 phone calls to NORAD, 1.2 million Facebook followers and 129,000 Twitter followers.



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Lizzie Solano, center, and her sister, Sarah, take phone calls Dec. 24, 2012, from children asking where Santa is and when he will deliver presents to their house, during the annual NORAD Tracks Santa Operation at Peterson Air Force Base, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

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Trinity students award $3,000 in grants

By Meredith Moriak
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Christmas came early for eight nonprofit organizations that received a combined $3,000 in grants from students in Trinity School's Servant Leadership and Philanthropy class.

Community and Senior Services, Casa de Amigos, Habitat for Humanity, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Bynum School, Aphasia Center of West Texas, Centers for Children and Families and High Sky Children's Ranch received grants to help sustain programs and purchase new items.

Trinity initiated the Servant Leadership and Philanthropy class this year as a way to teach students about the role philanthropy plays in the community, said Kobi Lincoln, who is Trinity's development director and teaches the class.

The one-semester class exposes students to a variety of local nonprofits, teaches them about grant writing, grant funding and provides them with extensive volunteer opportunities, Lincoln said.

It is based on the Abell-Hanger Foundation's Students in Philanthropy program and also incorporates servant leadership — one of Trinity's five pillars — Lincoln said.

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Meredith Moriak/Reporter-Telegram

Representatives from Community and Senior Services, Casa de Amigos, Habitat for Humanity, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Bynum School, Aphasia Center of West Texas, Centers for Children and Families and High Sky Children's Ranch stand with members of Trinity School's Servant Leadership and Philanthropy class Dec. 11 following a grant ceremony. Juniors and seniors in Trinity's SLP class raised $3,000 and awarded grants to eight local nonprofits.

CHRIS BUCK

Midland College adjunct professor

Changes to curriculum bring need for interim courses

Historically, a college degree took most students four years to complete. Students would attend classes in the spring and fall semesters. After eight semesters and roughly 120 course-hours of class, they would graduate with a baccalaureate degree in their chosen field. Over the last 15 years, numerous factors have caused students to be unable to complete their degree programs in four years, and not all of these changes directly benefit the students. In the interest of fairness, it should be noted there has been a push in the past several years to get back to the 120 course-hours degree program.

Many universities allow students to be considered full-time students if they take 12 hours of course work in a given semester. This allows students to qualify for financial aid on a full-time basis, rather than having that amount prorated because they were taking fewer than the traditional 15 hours of instruction. Many students have a difficult time completing all of their course work while taking 15 hours, and if they took the extra course only to meet the requirements of the school they are less likely to succeed in their courses. Another reason for the change from 15-hour full-time load to a 12-hour full-time load was to allow the same number of professors to serve more students or to allow time in their schedules to pursue publication or research. While this change added an extra semester to some students' degree programs, it cannot be wholly to blame for the extended time frame for graduation.

Another issue that has affected student graduation time is many degree programs actually require more course work to attain the same degree. A psychology degree, when I was attending college, required 132 hours of course work. That equates to an extra semester of college, for a student taking 12 hours per semester. The reason the degree in psychology was extended is twofold.

The first reason was an increase in the core curriculum requirements for every student at the university. This was a result of state legislators pushing for a broader education base for every student. While it is an admirable goal, and in my opinion a good idea, the math and science departments of universities were required to have their students attend more liberal arts courses. If they did not add to the number of required hours for their degrees, they would have been forced to take previously required courses for the department and make them take electives for the students under their advisement.

The second reason for the increase was that advances in the individual fields required further instruction to adequately explain and test on. In every academic

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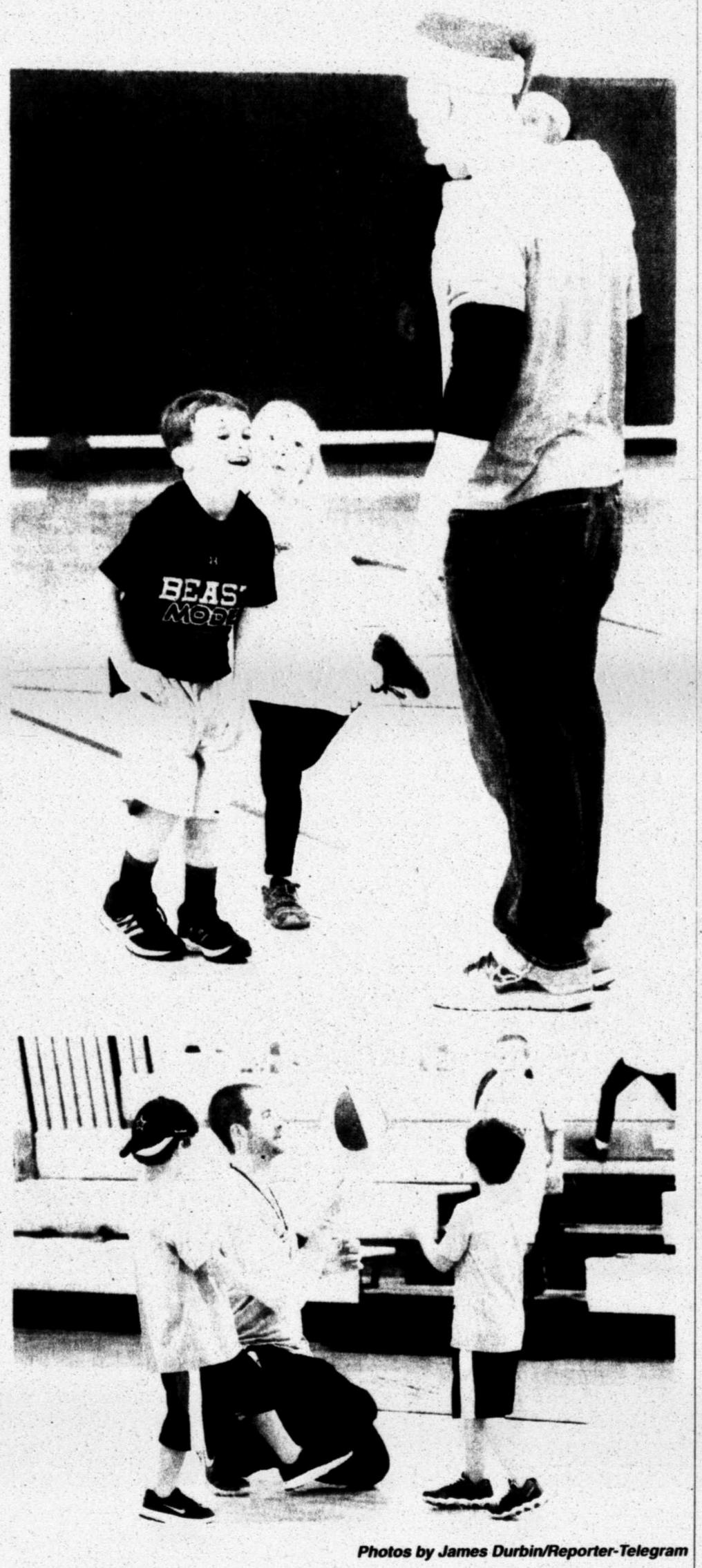

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TOP: Midland College's Stan Wier plays with kids during a Christmas basketball camp Saturday at Midland College. **ABOVE:** MC men's basketball head coach Jordan Dreiling plays with kids. MC basketball players played host to dozens of children during Saturday's Christmas basketball camp. Players and coaches on the MC men's basketball team lead participants in supervised games, sports and a movie so parents were able to complete Christmas shopping.

SHANNA KLUTTS

South Elementary teacher

Take ownership of challenging work known as parenting

Today I am taking off my teacher's hat and speaking as a parent. I am growing increasingly frustrated with the environment I find my children in. The world is changing, growing. The world that my children will grow up in is smaller than the world that I grew up in, with technology and social networking making the gigantic leaps across oceans, mountains and other barriers that have hindered communication, experience and learning in the past.

While these technological advancements are astounding and can lead to a more global outlook and understanding, there are several drawbacks, as well. If we are not careful, then the only language our children will be literate in is the technological one.

Parents today have so many demands on our time. We have the home life, the school life, the workplace, and if we are involved in other groups or organizations, these take precedence over our lives, as well. We are as multifaceted as our children are, sometimes feeling as if we are nothing more than a transit unit carting kids from one activity to another. Because of the business of life, we are beginning to outsource our children, making others responsible for their education, both of their academic and their character. We as parents need to step it up and start asserting ourselves more in both areas of our child's life.

If we truly want our children to be successful, then we need to start with one of the hardest for our children to learn — communication. The success of a student in the real world depends on the development and retention of positive relationships and interactions. How can we expect our children to be able to do this if we do not make the time to show them what those look like?

In a world where it is socially acceptable to be on our devices, constantly plugged in to the media of our choice, the art of communication, ironically, is being lost. Our children would rather have online conversations with their friends instead of face-to-face interactions. They live their lives from status update to status update, awash in the immediacy of their black and white jargon without having to interpret the nuances of the spoken and properly written word.

Limiting the amount of time that they spend on their devices helps, yes, but we also need to be providing them with opportunities to see effective communication in action. School helps to direct what they should already know about communication, particularly to help them succeed in the workplace, but we as parents need to be providing the foundation of that communication. Manners go a long way in this world, as does knowing when you

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Obituaries

George Thomas Harris

George Thomas Harris, 78, of Midland, passed away on Friday, December 13, 2013. He was born on November 30, 1935, in Eastland, Texas to Charles Bost and Gladys Marjorie (Johnson) Harris. George graduated from Eastland High School in 1954, attended Tarleton State College and finished with a Bachelor's Degree from University of North Texas. He continued his studies until he received his Master's Degree in Counseling.

George married Sarah Layn Jennings on April 21, 1962 at the First Baptist Church in Grapevine, Texas. He began his career in education at Alamo Junior High in 1959 and later joined the original staff at Robert E. Lee High School in 1961 as a math and physical science teacher. After receiving his Master's Degree he became a student counselor. He served 15 years at San Jacinto Junior High and moved on as a senior counselor at Robert E. Lee High School. He spent his entire 35 year career in education with Midland ISD and retired in 1994.

He served his country in the Marine Reserves obtaining certification as a Biological and Chemical Specialist and Nuclear Biological Specialist. He was honorably discharged in March, 1964.

George was a faithful servant of First Baptist Church of Midland where he worked in the audio taping of services, made costumes for church productions, participated in the annual nativity presentation and led his Sunday School Class, the Daniel Department, in their ministry of providing support to our servicemen and women.

He was an Eagle Scout and was the 52nd individual to earn the Mountain Man Award at Philmont Scout Ranch. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed boating, hunting and fishing. He attended various youth basketball and youth football games, and was a member of the Midland Gem and Mineral Association where he served as a board member, teacher, and shop chairman. George was also a member of the Wood Carvers Association and specialized in carving hiking sticks.

George was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Sarah. He is survived by his brother, Dick Harris of Midland; daughters, Kathy Ivy of Cypress, Texas, and Suzette Moser and husband Jim of Brenham, Texas; and grandchildren, Sarah and Charlie Moser.

He leaves behind longtime friend and companion Connie Staton of Midland and he will be greatly missed by her family; children, Kyle and Leslie Kitto of Midland, David and Bonnie Bevens of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and grandchildren, Kayleigh and Kevin Kitto.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 20th at First Baptist Church of Midland, 2104 West Louisiana Avenue, Midland, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations please be made to one of George's favorite charities: Midland Baptist Crisis Center, P. O. Box 2382, Midland, Texas 79702 or H.O.T. (Honor Our Troops), 4044 Pennbrook, Odessa, Texas 79762.

Juanita "Nita" Wells

Nita Wells, 89, of Midland passed away on December 15, 2013. She was born to Juanita (Goodwin) and Jacob Wyatt on October 24, 1924 in San Angelo, Texas. Nita married Bill W. Wells on June 16, 1946, and after college moved to Midland where they were active members of First Christian Church. Nita's love for First Christian Church continued after Bill's death in 1984. She treasured her church family and the members of the Fellowship Class. Nita was a devout wife and mother, a good friend to many, and touched the lives of countless children while working as the school secretary of West Elementary and teaching Sunday School. She is preceded in death by her husband, Bill; her parents and three brothers.

Nita is survived by her son Jeff and wife Darlene of Odessa; her daughter, Jane Shelley and husband Pat of Shawnee, Kansas; her grandsons: Taylor, Micah, Jake and wife Nichole; and her five great grandchildren.

A Memorial service will be held on Wednesday, December 18 at 2:00pm at 1st Christian in Midland. Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Funeral services for Pastor Lenard E. Jones, are 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 18, 2013, at Mt. Rose Baptist Church, 211 N. Tyler, Midland, Texas, under the direction of Jackie Warren Funeral Home, 702 S. Terrell, Midland, Texas 79701. Interment: Serenity Memorial Gardens.

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Margaret H. "Maggie" Kull

Margaret H. "Maggie" Kull, 78, of Odessa, passed away Sunday, December 15, 2013 in Odessa, Texas. She was born March 4, 1935 to Jack & Helen Hampton in Ballinger, Texas.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

She graduated from Ballinger High School. She married Ed Kull in September 1974.

She worked for and retired from the City of Odessa from 1959 to 1974 as an executive secretary in the Public Works Department. She served a number of years as Executive Secretary for Rocky Mountain Pipeline Contractors Association. She was a member of the Board of Directors for CKC Testing Company as well as Pan American Oilfield Service Company and C.E. Kull and Associates.

She loved travelling with Ed throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico. She loved golf, hunting and camping.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Jack Hampton; sister and brother-in-law, Sue and Troy Lee; and daughter, Hopie Hancock.

She is survived by her husband, Ed Kull of Odessa; daughter, Carol "Josie" Swain Wilson of Midland; son, Lou Swain of Midland; sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Lewis Robison of Ft. Stockton; and sister, Donna Rogers of San Angelo.

She also had 9 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and 3 great great-grandchildren, as well as one special nephew, Mitch Lee and numerous other nieces and nephews.

It is suggested in lieu of flowers that donations be made to Hospice (Home Hospice Field Office, 516 N. Texas, Odessa, TX 79761) or your favorite charity.

There will be a graveside service at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at Sunset Memorial Gardens with Pastor Ron Colwell officiating.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Memorial Gardens & Funeral Home. To sign the guestbook, go to our website at www.sunsetodessa.com

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Maria Rodriguez Diaz

On December 15, 2013, the Lord finally granted Maria's wish and sent angels to escort her Home where she is rejoicing with the Lord Jesus Christ and her beloved family. Maria Rodriguez Diaz, age 87, was born to late Pedro, Sr. and Alifonsa Rodriguez on April 9, 1926. During WWII she met and married the love of her life, the late Dr./Rev. Gilberto Diaz and they were blessed with a beautiful adoptive daughter who preceded her, the late Olga Arsiaga Vidal. She was also preceded in death by her six brothers, Pedro, Jr., Ramon (the late Elva), Alberto, Sammy, Sr., Luis (Eva) Rodriguez and Pedro III (the late Rosa), three sisters, Consuelo Rodriguez, Francisca Casarez and Juana Arsiaga (the late Jorge), nieces, Lupe Arsiaga, RosaLinda Rodriguez, Alexis Bella Arsiaga-Reeves, MariaLuisa (the late Ernest) Molinar and Leticia Molinar, nephews, Donavan B. Arsiaga-Gallegos, Sammy, Jr., Ramon, Jr., Calib, Rodriguez, Gilbert, Rudy (the late Berta), Sgt. Robert Arsiaga, and Jesse "J" Noel Valles.

Left to cherish her memory is son-in-law, Joe Vidal, grandson, Jeffrey (Amy) Vidal, granddaughter, Marissa (Ray) Fuentez, great-grandchildren, Nathan and Kaitlin Vidal, Jordan Vidal and Isabella Fuentez, four sisters, Sylvia (the late Felipe) Galan, Sela (Pastor Jesse) Valles, Precila (Silberio "Chevy") Martinez and Olivia (Tony) Salazar and over 200 nieces and nephews to the 4th generation.

Maria was a loving wife, mother and homemaker and member of the Latin Free Methodist Church. When her husband joined the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ she followed willingly and became a pastor's wife. They worked together for years building churches in Midland, Hereford, Tulia, Odessa and other cities in Texas. When the Lord called her husband home, she continued to work in the church as Sunday School teacher and worked as a caregiver to the elderly until she retired.

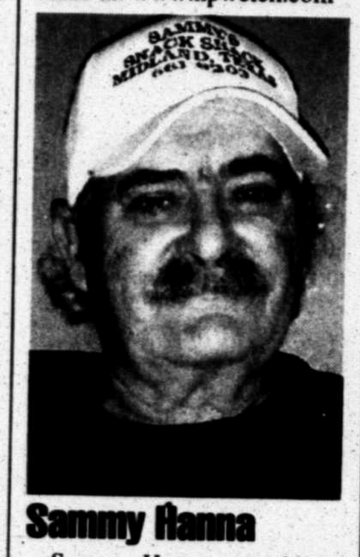
She thoroughly loved being the family "patriarch" and enjoyed all the attention she received at family reunions and gatherings. She will be greatly missed but we know she is now where she wanted to be and the Lord has welcomed her as a "good and faithful Servant".

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 7:00 pm, Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at the funeral home under the direction of Pastor Jesse Valles. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am, Thursday, December 19, 2013 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be Jordan Vidal, Nathan Vidal, Richard Galan, Jesse F. Valles, Michael Martinez, Mooney Martinez, Ricky Salazar and Mark Salazar. Honorary pallbearers will be Isabella Fuentez and Kaitlin Vidal.

The family wishes to express their most sincere appreciation to Dr. Slaughter, nurses and caregivers at Legion Senior Care Center and Compass Hospice for their loving care of our beloved Maria.

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



Sammy Hanna

Sammy Hanna, age 64, of Midland, passed away on December 14, 2013 at a local hospital. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 from 6:00-8:00PM, but he can be viewed anytime between 8am and 9pm at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral services will be on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at 1:00PM at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland with Pastor Aaron Wills officiating.

Sammy was born on August 12, 1949 to Frances antl Ocie Meryl Hanna in Rotan, Texas. He graduated from Midland High School in 1968. After graduation he was enlisted in the United States Air Force and served our Country for 4 years. The things he enjoyed in life were: Making snow-cones for the children at the flea-market and running security at the flea-market. He was a mechanic for most of his life but retired and opened Sammy's Snack Shack which he owned and operated until his passing.

Sammy is survived by his children, Samson Massingill of Austin, TX; Shayla Love of Dalhart, TX; and Lorene Anderson of Shawnee, OK; dad, Daniel Labowski of Midland; stepmother, JoAnn Schiffbauer of Conroe, TX; sisters, Mary Pate of Flowermound, TX; Helen Barker of Appleton, WI; Debra Dickens of Midland; Paulet Casey of Hamilton MT; Margaret Diaz of Midland; Ronda Hanna Ramey of Conroe, TX; and Suzanne Hanna Garcia of Conroe, TX; brothers, Doug Hanna and Daniel Labowski both of Midland and Ronnie Hanna of Conroe, TX; grandchildren, Austin Shipley, Wesley Massingill, Ella Johnson, Ashton Massingill, Cheyenne Massingill, Krista Massingill, Lynzi Massingill, and Tyler Massingill; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

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

Death Notices

Alex Torres

Alex Torres, 57, of Big Spring passed away on Sunday, December 15, 2013.

Vigil Services will be at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Coahoma Cemetery. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He is survived by his mother: Juana "Jane" Torres; one sister: Beatrice Padron; three brothers: Eddie Torres and his wife Micki, Henry Torres and his wife Nell, and Albert Torres and his wife Leticia; and thirteen nieces and nephews.

Curtis Earl Wallace

Curtis Earl Wallace of Midland passed away on Monday, December 16, 2013.

A wake will be held at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory from 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m. on Friday, December 20, 2013. Funeral services will be held at Lee Street Church of Christ on Saturday, December 21, 2013 at 1:00p.m. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Curtis is survived by his wife Pauline Wallace; sons, Ron Shaw and Don Michael Wallace; daughter, Valencia Taylor and husband, Rodney; eleven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three brothers, three sisters, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Don Hector Miller

Don Hector Miller, 87, of Midland passed away on December 16, 2013.

Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, December 18 at 2:00p.m. in the Chapel at Ellis Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park North.

Don is survived by his wife, Doris Jean Miller; his son, Jerry Miller and wife Donna; his daughter, Donna Minnick and husband Edwin; his son, Steve Miller and wife Sheila; and his grandchildren: Joshua Miller, Garrett Miller, Hayden Miller, Collins Miller, Nathan Maples, Amanda Bruton, John Minnick and wife Tamara; and numerous, much loved, nieces and nephews.

Joyce C. Hunt

Joyce C. Hunt, 82, of Midland passed away on Sunday, December 15, 2013.

Family will receive friends on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 between the hours of 6:00p.m. and 8:00p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home. Funeral service will be held on Thursday, December 19, 2013 at 1:00p.m. in the Chapel at Ellis Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Joyce is survived by her son, James Hunt and wife Belinda; her daughters: Phyllis Williamson, Nelda Briggs and husband Paul, and Melinda Brown; and her sister, Joy Pechusick; twelve grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Randell "Randy" Keith Ford

Randell "Randy" Keith Ford of Midland passed away on December 14, 2013.

A viewing will be held from 6-8:00p.m. Wednesday at the Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home in Midland, TX. A memorial service will be held at 10:00a.m. Thursday at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel. Randy's final resting place will be at the lake he loved so much.

He is survived by his son Colbey Keith Ford, and his daughter Courtney Marie Bandsma. Randy is also survived by his sister Judy Ann Wood; two nephews and many friends that he considered family.

GRANTS

From 1B

Cookie Wetendorf, who works as a development officer at Centers for Children and Families, expressed her gratitude to Trinity students for their efforts fundraising and awarding grants.

"I am very thankful the servant leadership part has been added to the program and grateful of the skills you are learning and the work you do," Wetendorf said. "It's important to remember how valued philanthropy is, because we can all be a person in need at some point in time."

The 14 juniors and seniors enrolled in the class held multiple fundraisers to raise the $3,000 and have volunteered more than 400 community service hours this semester, Lincoln said.

"You are learning so much more than you can even begin to fathom right now," Habitat for Humanity of Midland Executive Director Alynda Best said. "We are so grateful to be honored with this gift."

Employees from more than 20 nonprofits visited Trinity this semester to share information about their organization's programs, services and clients.

Students accepted grant applications, reviewed them and conducted site visits before selecting which organizations to award funds to.

Grant funds will help Community and Senior Services pay for operating expenses associated with the daily meal delivery program for home-bound Midlanders. Big Brothers Big Sisters will use the funds to help sustain a high school mentoring program.

The Aphasia Center of West Texas will be able to offer caregivers a night of respite, through a newly implemented family night out program, and High Sky Children's Ranch can provide children staying in the Abell-Hanger Emergency Shelter toys to play with.

Funds for a compost bin and gardening supplies were awarded to Bynum School, and Centers for Children and Families received a grant to purchase camcorders for use during supervised family visits.

A new television for the education station program at Casa de Amigos and a roof for Habitat for Humanity were also granted.

High Sky Children's Ranch Development Director Amanda Evridge said she was truly impressed with the genuine interest Trinity students took in High Sky and the clients it serves.

"These toys are more than just fun. They help kids learn how to form healthy relationships and play skills," Evridge said.

KLUTTS

From 1B

world, as does knowing when you are speaking appropriately. This foundation cannot come from the classroom. It should be reinforced in the classroom, but these skills come from the home. Let's stop outsourcing our jobs as parents and truly take ownership of this wonderful and challenging work known as parenting.

I challenge each of you to create opportunities this holiday season to demonstrate and practice spoken communication with your child, both with the family and with total strangers. Have them visit a nursing home and listen to the wealth of knowledge you can find there, discuss their favorite book with the downtown librarians, go device-free for 24 hours (or longer if possible) and spend that time as a family.

There are myriad other options out there, but the important thing is to spend more time communicating with one another. The benefits of this far outweigh the slight inconvenience of not staying "plugged in," and you will become a closer family while putting your child on the path to success.

Shanna Klutts teaches fifth-grade English language arts at South Elementary in Midland ISD.

Meredith Moriak/Reporter-Telegram

Students at St. Ann's School watch as third-grade teacher Mira Menzel kisses a pig Dec. 11 in the school's gymnasium. Students raised $7,607.69 for the American Heart Association through Jump Rope for Heart. The class that raised the greatest amount selected a teacher to kiss a pig. Cory Contreras, pictured in the back, and her family raise pigs for the stock show.

BUCK

From 1B

field, people continue to do research, publish and change the established ideas to coincide with the newest advances in ideology and technique. One example of this in the field of history is the push to include more social history in the course work. Social history focuses on previously ignored groups, such as minorities and women. While these groups have always had an impact on society, they have historiographically been relegated to the margins.

As a result of these changes, students have been forced to take courses during summer sessions, spring interim and winter interim. These courses were originally filled with secondary-level educators looking to broaden their knowledge base, traditional students looking to graduate early and students looking to retake a course they performed poorly in.

The primary appeal of short-semester courses is that students can receive credit for an entire course in a two-week or four-week period. This is the goal that drives most students into interim courses. However, many students do not consider the possible complications of taking a course in such a short period of time. Poor performance in these courses can damage a student's GPA, force him or her to retake a course or even cause the student to lose his or her job in some instances.

In an interim term, the only change to the course is the length of time students have to complete the objectives of the course. Students are expected to teach themselves in just a couple weeks, and in many cases online, all of the material that students would have 16 weeks to complete in a traditional semester.

Many of the courses offered during the interim are core curriculum courses every student is required to take. Students take these courses during the short semesters so that they are free in the spring and fall to take their required major or minor courses. Students sign up for interim courses to meet the prerequisite requirements of courses they intend on taking later in the year. Interim courses are a valuable tool for these students, but they must exercise caution when picking the course they intend on taking in the interim sessions.

If a student takes English 1301, composition and rhetoric, they will still write all of the papers expected of a student in a traditional semester, but they must do so in significantly less time. These students spends several hours each day writing and studying because the course's length. Many non-traditional students, those who work and provide for their families, have a difficult time keeping up, because they also must work take care of their financial obligations. These students must attempt to complete hours of course work in the limited time they have at home. This puts the student at an extreme disadvantage over their traditional counterparts, and he or she will likely perform on a lower level as a result.

Students are often confused when they see my syllabus that states they must read between 40 and 60 pages from a textbook daily. Many of them grumble and complain that it is not fair that I essentially take away their social life for the duration of the course, but they do like the fact that they can "get my class out of the way" in just a couple of weeks. While I do expect a great deal from my students, I cannot grasp how many of the people taking college-level algebra, or similar exercise-based courses, can succeed without suffering a mental breakdown.

My best advice to my students is that interim courses are useful tools to complete your degree plan on time, but they should only take courses in which they have a strong background. Interim courses can be useful, but you should not take a course that you would struggle with in a traditional setting. It is simply not enough time to train your brain to perform entirely foreign tasks. An interim course is like a hammer. It may be an invaluable tool in the right hands, but it may also harm you if you are not experienced in its use and function.

Christopher Buck is an adjunct faculty member and history professor at Midland College. He is also a Certified Professional Landman.

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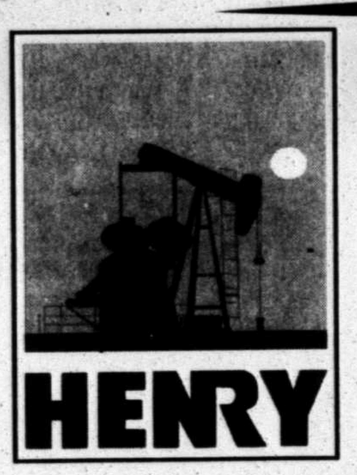

HENRY

Luke 1:29-30

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God."

EDUCATIONBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Texas A&M student to visit Carver today

Texas A&M University student Cadet Major Reed C. Gerhart will speak with Carver Center students about the importance of attending college and pursing one's goals at 2 p.m. today.

Gerhart was one of many Carver alumni who received a "Flat Hornet," much like Flat Stanley, from Carver Counselor Cynthia Brooks. Alumni were asked to take photos with the hornet and send them back to Carver.

MISD grant recipients to honor Henry Foundation

Midland ISD will recognize The Henry Foundation for its grant of $1 million, allocated to the assist the support staff of MISD with housing-related costs.

A reception will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the School Plant Services Office, 801 S. Moran St., Building 4. Grantees will be in attendance.

"Midland ISD is forever indebted to The Henry Foundation for assisting our support staff," said MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren.

ECHS@MC to begin recruitment, application process

Early College High School at Midland College, a joint venture between Midland ISD and Midland College, will begin the recruitment and application process for students in the class of 2018 in January.

The school serves students in ninth through 12th grades and allows them to simultaneously earn their high school diploma and associate's degree.

Program flyers will be sent to eighth-grade students and their parents in early January and recruitment presentations will be made at each campus.

Five parent information meetings will be held in the Allison Fine Arts Building at Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield St.

Meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 23, Jan. 24, Jan. 27 and Jan. 28. An open meeting will be held at 2 p.m. Jan. 25.

Applications for ECHS@MC are due by 5 p.m. Feb. 7 to the ECHS@MC office.

Carver wins $500 for phone book recycling

More than 2 tons of old phone book directories were collected by eight elementary schools during the annual Permian Basin Area Wide Phone Book Recycling Contest.

Participating schools collected old phone books and competed for cash prizes. Students at Carver Center collected the greatest number of phone books and earned $500. Students at Travis Elementary came in second and secured $300 for their school. Fannin Elementary students received $200.

Sponsored by Permian Basin Area Wide Phone Book, the contest was co-sponsored by the city of Midland, Butts Recycling and Keep Midland Beautiful as a way to keep phone books out of city landfill and reduce waste by recycling.

KMB gives recycling totes to seven schools

Keep Midland Beautiful has presented seven Midland ISD elementary schools with recycling totes purchased with a $3,000 grant from H-E-B.

The schools — Bush, Crockett, DeZavala, Emerson, Fannin, Henderson and Santa Rita — received the totes on Thursday.

The Green Bag grant awarded to KMB is funded by the purchase of reusable shopping bags. For every bag bought at H-E-B, 5 cents is donated to the grant that Keep Texas Beautiful oversees, according to a press release from KMB.

MC pins new class of nurses

Midland College hosted a pinning ceremony last week to celebrate the accomplishments of the 16 students who completed the college's Associate Degree Nursing program.

The ADN program is a two-year nursing program leading to the degree of Associate in Applied Science. The 16 students completing the program are prepared to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN-CAT) for licensure as a registered nurse.

ADN graduates are: Erick A. Baeza, Tracy L. Builta, Erica D. Cadena, Amanda L. Collier, Jessica I. Navarro Corchado, Hannah C. Corson, Amanda N. Daly, Joana Guerra, Jasmin Lacy, Halie C. McQuistion, Karimen Sanchez, Amanda N. Seidenberger, Brittany D. Soliz, Maida Terrazas, Alexandra M. Truswell and Brittaney A. Wilkerson.

The Associate Degree Nursing Program is one of MC's most valuable programs for the community. Since its inception in 1982, more than 1,500 students have graduated from the Associate Degree Nursing Program ready to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) for licensure as a registered nurse.

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Sarah Green/Trinity School

Students in Terry Miller's first-grade class at Trinity School helped load more than 177 shoe boxes for Operation Bless the Children Friday afternoon. Trinity students and families participated in the annual Hope Box Project by filling a pre-wrapped shoe box with gifts for a child in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

MAKING THE GRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Abalos

Lee High School senior **Cain Abalos** has been honored by the Midland West Rotary Club. He is the son of Joaquin Abalos.

He is a member of the football team, National Honor Society and PALS and is an academic letterman.

He attends Stonegate Fellowship.

Abalos plans to attend Texas Christian University and major in aerospace engineering.

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White

Chante'sean White graduated Saturday from Texas State University with a degree in applied sociology.

She is a graduate of Lee High School and the daughter of Bryan White and Felicia White and the granddaughter of Loretta Cottrell.

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Midlander **Thomas Richardson** has been inducted into Phi Kappa Phi at Eastern Kentucky University.

The top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for the honor society.

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NORTHFIELD, Minn. — Midlander **Holland Hardie** recently performed at St. Olaf College's annual Christmas Festival. Hardie is a member of the Manitou Singers and a theater major.

She is the daughter of William and Karen Hardie and a graduate of Trinity School.

MC names new director at Fort Stockton campus

From staff reports

George Matt Tarpley has been named as the new director of Midland College's Williams Regional Technical Training Center in Fort Stockton.

Tarpley brings with him 29 years of experience as a Texas A&M Agrilife Extension program specialist. He was employed 20 years by the Pecos County Agrilife Extension agency and previously worked in Palo Pinto County (Mineral Wells) and Williamson County.

"I'm looking forward to serving the people of Pecos County and continuing the cooperative efforts established between Midland College and Pecos County," Tarpley said.

During his tenure with the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension program, Tarpley served as a faculty member in the 4-H and Youth Development Program Unit. He implemented several youth programs including robotics training, science camps and junior leadership activities. In addition, he was instrumental in coordinating sponsorships from corporate and foundation sources.

For the past three months, Tarpley has been employed by the Fort Stockton Independent School District as an Agriculture Science teacher.

"We are delighted to have Matt join Midland College as the new director of the WRTTC. His background and talents will enable him to further develop the great programming that has already been established at the WRTTC," MC President Steve Thomas said. "I know he will effectively coordinate and lead educational and workforce training programs that will continue to advance education and economic development in Pecos County."

MC established the WRTTC in 1996 as a branch campus. In 2011, Pecos County voters approved a branch maintenance tax for the WRTTC in order to provide funding for increased technology and campus infrastructure so that it can remain a state-of-the-art facility providing education and training that enhances quality of life and supports Pecos County's economic development efforts.

The WRTTC serves its students through university parallel courses, career/technical associate degree and certificate programs, continuing education opportunities and workforce training. In addition, the campus offers a wide variety of programs in collaboration with the Fort Stockton Independent School District. WRTTC courses are supported by advanced instructional technology, interactive television and computerized distance learning technology, which link to the main Midland College campus.

UTPB announces fall graduates

From staff reports

UT Permian Basin awarded 292 diplomas to graduates during fall commencement ceremonies Saturday at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center.

The commencement address was delivered by Midlander David Arrington, president of David H. Arrington Oil & Gas Inc.

The following is a list of Midland-area graduates. A asterisk (*) designates the student as a candidate for honors.

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Science: *Bryan Wayne Gentry

Bachelor of Arts in Art: *Lyne V. Brown and *Sue Ann Vyda Daniel

Bachelor of Arts in Child and Family Studies: Jennifer Leigh Daniel, *Sally Quintanilla Dominguez, Jessica Renee James, *Alexa Jo Luck, Elsie Pallanes and Christie Michelle Williams

Bachelor of Arts in Communication: Orlando Leshawn Rule and Benjamin Paul Spencer

Bachelor of Arts in Criminology: Jessi Raylene Montez

Bachelor of Arts in Economics: Thomas Alan Pitt

Bachelor of Arts in English: Kody Shane Morris and *Rae Xenophon Piazza

Bachelor of Arts in History: *Iris Leigh Minor and Rueben Rodriguez Ochoa

Bachelor of Arts in Multidisciplinary Studies: Alejandra Galindo, Aimee Louise Herman, *Shannon McNamara Huston, Ileana Alexandra Meraz Bravo, *Heather Diane Overmiller, Alyssia Danielle Simmons, *Kelsie Ann Taylor and *Amanda Renee Welsh

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science: Robert Shane Griego and Raymond Oliver Williams

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology: *Hally Renee Fonseca-Bell, Caitlyn Cheyenne Macias and *Crystal Dawn Peters

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology: Tracy Marie Hernandez

Bachelor of Arts in Spanish: *Trancito M. Morrison, Lorena Pacheco Ochoa and Maira A. Sifuentes

Bachelor of Business Administration in Accountancy: *Charlotte Ann Boyd, William Dayton Harris, Madeleine Bea Hopkins, Lauren Jerrice Johnston, Krysta Nicole Kennedy, Stephanie Bolivar Martinez, Mauro Montoya, Tissie Jeanae Perez, Miriam Madrid Vasquez and *Mariana Venegas

Bachelor of Business Administration with a Major in Finance: Thomas James Candelaria

Bachelor of Business Administration in Management: James Randall Brooks and Cody Lynn King

Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing: *Jamie Lynne Roberts

Bachelor of Science in Biology: *Michael Aaron Berdoza, Yadira Bustamante, Alan G. Ramirez and Jose Antonio Ramirez-Bravo

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science: Luciano Adan Mireles

Bachelor of Science in Geology: *Clair Rae Gonzales

Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology: Leigh Ann Fierro, Analiesé Rose Herrera and Victoria Marie Ramirez

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics: Teresa Holly Byrom

Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology: Ryan Raphael Martinez and *Alan Eduardo Quiñonez

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering: Jack Meredith Murphy, III

Bachelor of Science with a Major in Petroleum Engineering: David Elijah Baccus, Brandie Eudora Biffle, Jeremy Dean Braden, Kimberly Marie Burgess, Kevin Michael Burns, *Matthew Craig Dickson, *Kevin William Jumper, Chad Allen Rice and *Sam Sidney Robbins

Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology: Lyndsay Anne Freeman and LaUrsha Marnell White

Master of Arts in Educational Leadership: Haley M'Lee Goodman

Master of Arts in History: Judy Beth Madison

Master of Arts in Mathematics: John W. Williams

Master of Arts in Professional Education: Jay Dee Burns, Milagros Gonzalez Carrasco and Linda Burrus Hill

Master of Arts in Special Education: Ruth A. Merino

Master of Business Administration: Ashley Lynn Abbott, Daniel Malachi Bernal, Brandi Raschel Burkart, Case Bryan Gilliam, Tyler Alan Milam, Amy Marie Ricks, Elizabeth Solis and Bailie Ann Summers

Master of Professional Accountancy: Seth Thomas Boles, Charlotte Ann Boyd, Nathan Daniel Gomez, Jovi Anthony Paniagua and Purnmala Ramkissoon

Master of Public Administration with an emphasis in Leadership: Luis D. Sanchez and Johnny Evan Womack

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Order in the classroom isn't optional

■ Teachers need instruction on solid classroom-management instruction

ESTHER CEPEDA
Cox Newspapers

In my first full-time teaching job, a supervisor disabused me of the classroom-management silliness my teacher-preparation program had drilled into me.

A battle-hardened veteran devoid of educational mumbo jumbo, she gave it to me straight: Be firm, show 'em who's in charge.

My teacher-education program had sporadically and ineffectively preached what I called the mommy/best friend philosophy of classroom management. The idea was to coddle and entertain students into engagement, creating a bordering-on-party atmosphere.

Traditional methods of conveying authority in the classroom — such as arranging desks in rows with assigned seating instead of in peer pods or giant circles — were frowned upon. A classroom was not a teacher's to run, we were told; it was ideally a collective of learners wherein everyone had equal standing.

That works well in doses, sure, but "learners" get used to the unconventional very quickly. Consistent order is ultimately the only thing that keeps teachers from being eaten alive by their students.

A month into my first school year, the supervisor observed my classroom technique and then wrote up a simple two-page analysis of my morning's teaching with very upbeat and specific tips for keeping my students on task. "Describe good behavior as a model," "Make everyone 'freeze' during instructions" and many others I'd simply never been exposed to.

The only solid piece of "advice" on the topic of classroom management I can recall from my teacher-training program was to ignore the old high-school teacher rule-of-thumb to never smile until Christmas. Not exactly a wealth of effective techniques, but the prevailing attitude was that trial and error in the trenches was simply how classroom management was learned.

According to a new report by the National Council on Teacher Quality, an analysis of 122 teacher-prep programs found that while effective research-based classroom management strategies exist, most programs don't draw on or share this research with prospective teachers.

"Most programs can correctly claim to cover classroom management," the report notes. "However, instruction and practice on classroom management strategies are often scattered throughout the curriculum, rarely receiving the connected and concentrated focus they deserve."

Is it any surprise, then, that so many teachers flame out after their first, harrowing year? They're sent in to tackle what is a tough job, even under the best of circumstances, with few tools for managing the most fundamental prerequisite for student engagement and learning.

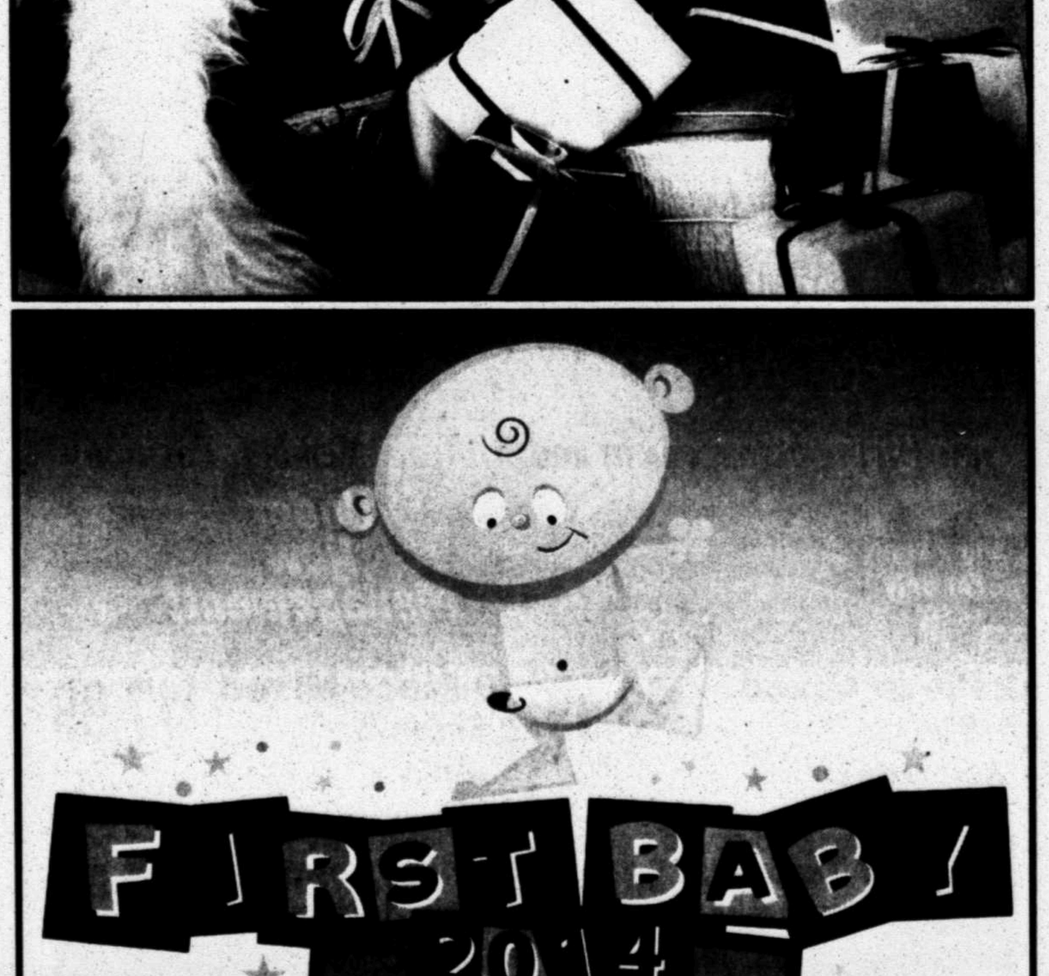
Part of the reason is the deeply ingrained belief that teaching is an art, a craft and, above all, a calling that can't be reduced to agreed-upon techniques and strategies. It is a passion that is supposed to separate good teachers from bad.

What other profession can you think of that, effectively, tells its graduates that they can "live on love"?

Just as with so many other aspects of education standards, there's little consensus among policymakers about whether and how classroom management should be practiced or taught. What's worse is that, according to NCTQ, even the programs that do train candidates on specific strategies often focus on those with *less* research support, such as using proximity or eye contact to re-engage students.

"Regrettably, while we found some programs which did quite well on certain aspects of classroom management, we did not find any one program that did well across the board: teaching the … most proven strategies and creating opportunities for practicing them with plenty of strong feedback," said Kate Walsh, president of NCTQ. "The field's leadership continues to send strong signals that teachers who can deliver a sufficiently engaging lesson will never have a behavior problem they have to solve. Any teacher can tell you that just isn't the case."

The only way this dilemma will be solved swiftly is if current and prospective teacher candidates start insisting that education programs clearly articulate their methods of teaching classroom management.



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TODAY: Mostly sunny High: 64 Low: 47

THURSDAY: Mostly sunny High: 72 Low: 41

FRIDAY: Partly sunny High: 56 Low: 41

Local forecast

Expect mostly sunny skies today, a high around 64 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions, a low around 47 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph.

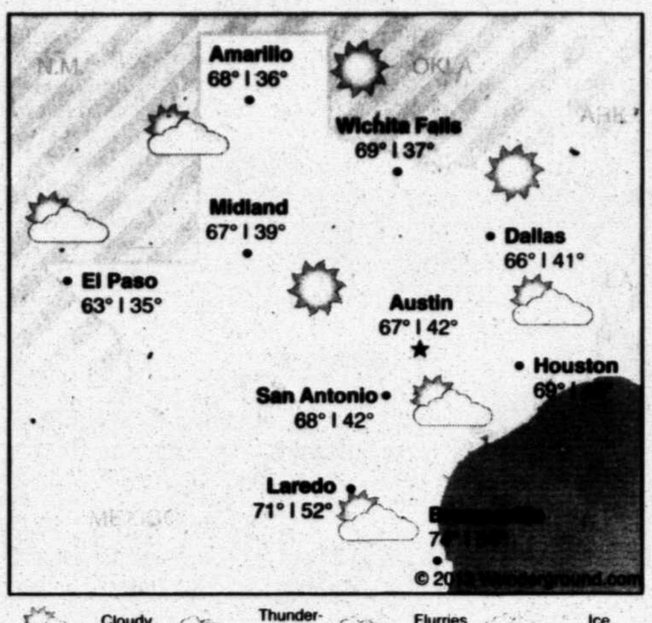
Thursday, look for mostly sunny skies, a high around 72 and southwest winds between 10 and 15 mph. Expect mostly cloudy conditions at night and a low around 41.

Friday, the forecast calls for partly sunny skies during the day, mostly cloudy skies at night, a high around 56 and a low around 41. There is a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms during the day and a 40 percent chance at night.

The high on Tuesday reached 69, while the low dropped to 29. The record high for Dec. 17 is 78 set in 2002. The record low is 17 set in 1996.

National forecast

A snowstorm will slowly move away from eastern and northern New England today. In the wake of the storm, brisk and cold conditions will continue over the Northeast. As a weak disturbance moves southeast over the Upper Midwest, snow will reach from New York state to northern Michigan.



Precipitation

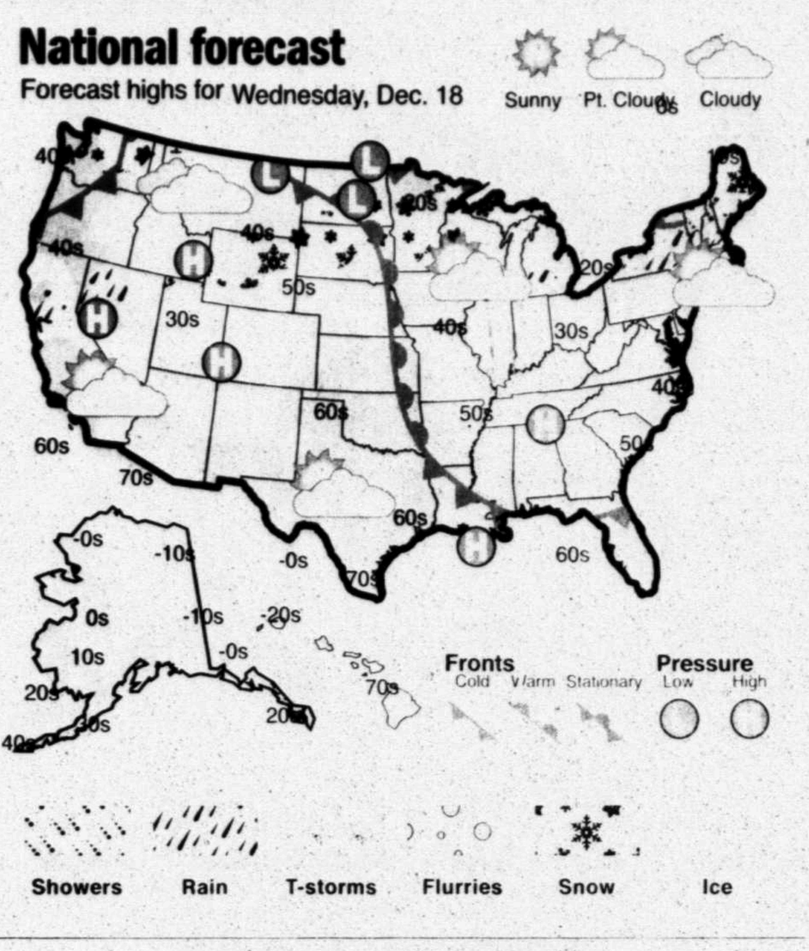
Monday	0.00 in.
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.31 in.
Year total	7.38 in.
Normal total (year to date)	14.54 in.

Tuesday's temperatures

High	69
Low	29
Normal high	58
Normal low	30
Sunrise	7:44 a.m.
Sunset	5:47 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, Dec. 18



Don't wait until tomorrow to tell the people you love

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: My sister faced various life-threatening illnesses. She always said, "Never put off telling the people you love how you feel about them because you might not have a tomorrow." She practiced what she preached, and we all knew that she loved us. When she passed away eight years ago, it was a painful loss, especially for our mother.

Last week Mom finally succeeded in talking Dad into opening a stuck drawer in a cabinet. Inside she found a letter from my sister that had been put away and forgotten years ago. In the letter my sister wrote how blessed she felt she was to have a mother like ours, how all the sacrifices Mom made for her had been appreciated and how much she loved her.

That long-forgotten letter is now my mother's most prized possession. Please remind your readers not to take tomorrow for granted, and to tell those they love how they feel TODAY. — JULIE'S SISTER IN LOUISVILLE, KY.

DEAR SISTER: The loving message your sister wrote has conveyed her feelings from beyond the grave, and it is understandable that it is even more meaningful now than when it was written. I'm glad to remind readers to verbalize their affection for each other. But the written word is something that can be savored over and over.

DEAR ABBY: My brother mocks everything I do, the friends I spend time with and my politics. When we're together, he is often condescending and confrontational. I'm tired of arguing when I go to his home and he asks me what's going on. I have started to answer, "Nothing." So now he tells me how "boring" I am, in addition to his other criticisms.

Abby, his comments are hurtful and I try to stay away from him, but I love my little nieces and want to be around them as they grow up. I don't have problems with anyone but him. Our other brother stopped talking to him years ago, but I don't think I can do anything that extreme.

How can I change the dynamic in our relationship? It doesn't seem to have progressed since we were kids. — UNDER ATTACK IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR UNDER ATTACK: The dynamic in your relationship hasn't changed since you were kids because your brother never stopped being a bully. He calls you boring when you don't take the bait because he considers belittling you to be a form of entertainment. You can't change him. If you point out what he's doing, he will deny it and blame you for being "too sensitive."

You can, however, understand his childish motivation. Ignore him as much as possible and focus your attention on your nieces since that's your only reason for going over there anyway.

DEAR ABBY: I have been with my partner for six years. She is 14 years older than I am. We get along great and have a wonderful relationship.

"Marsha" and I live in a small Southern city. She is well-known and politically active. While everyone knows she is gay, they rarely realize I'm her partner because I look much younger. We are often approached with, "Oh, is this your daughter?"

How are we supposed to respond? Marsha and I work in the same place, so it happens there, too. It's awkward. Any ideas? — AIN'T MY MAMA

DEAR AIN'T: Because Marsha is a public person and it's no secret she's gay, when the two of you are asked if you are mother and daughter, Marsha should reply, "No, she is my partner." (And ask them to spread the word.)

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2013:

This year excitement and the unexpected will prevent you from being bored. Your ability to flex will be critical to your success and happiness. Look at the next 12 months as an adventure in your life. If you are single, don't commit until summer, at the earliest, even if you feel you have met your Romeo or Juliet. If you are attached, you will act like newfound lovers. Enjoy every moment! CANCER often demonstrates his or her caring for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You might need a shake-up to get going. The alternative of a slow, lazy morning also could hold unusual appeal. How you choose to live is your call. Don't get involved in a partner's controlling attitude. Pull back if you see a power play evolving. Tonight: Mosey on home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Your morning provides an insight that energizes communication. You'll want to clear up a problem before you have a collision of wills. How you perceive someone could change as a result. Understand how controlling an individual is. Tonight: Don't cut off communication.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ You might not be aware of all the assets you possess. An unpredictable person could make you feel as if a mini-revolution is about to begin. Try to suppress the drama king or queen within yourself. Your clarity counts. Tonight: Your treat; be careful if shopping.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ No one can squelch your energy, regardless of how hard others might try. Your flexibility comes from the strength of your feelings and from your ability to process them. A loved one could display a need for more control. Tonight: Count on your lucky rabbit's foot.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Take your time and consider your options if you witness someone acting unusual. Question how much you are coloring the moment with a bias before taking action. Be willing to adapt your schedule to the moment. Tonight: Listen to your inner voice.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Know that you can't manipulate someone to do what you want. It might look like you will succeed for a short period of time, but just wait for the rebellion that is likely to ensue. You'll want to present a case for following your suggestion. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★ Take a stand, and know your limits. Avoid getting into a contest of wills. Let others be and do what they want. Let experience be their teacher. A surprise heads your way. Tonight: Make sure you don't find yourself standing under the mistletoe with someone who is bad news.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Forget about having a steady, scheduled day. The unexpected blows its winds in your direction, no matter how hard you try to dodge it. Once you can identify with someone, you will understand his or her actions. Tonight: Someone might think that you are being aloof.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Your strength comes from detaching when the unexpected occurs around a loved one. Initiate discussions on an individual level. Someone will radiate once he or she is back on his or her feet. This person can't seem to thank you enough. Tonight: Relax over dinner, then talk.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Others continue to run with the ball, which allows you to have more time for last-minute holiday details. You value tradition, so when a new idea or untried recipe comes your way, you might nix it. Newness adds excitement, though. Go for it! Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Recognize that you must deal with the more boring yet important aspects of your life. Temptations will point to fun happenings, but say "no" for now. At the end of the day, you will feel great about what you have done. Tonight: Get some R and R — you're going to need it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You might wonder why someone always seems to trigger you. Decide to be impervious to this person's actions. Maintain a sense of humor. This person simply expresses a mischievous quality every so often. Tonight: Find the mistletoe, then find the apple of your eye.

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BORN TODAY

Painter Paul Klee (1879), film director Steven Spielberg (1946), actress Betty Grable (1916)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Clever play?

Neither vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH
♠ J 7 6
♥ 10 8
♦ A 10 8 7 2
♣ K Q 10

WEST
♠ Void
♥ K J 9 4 2
♦ K J 5 4 3
♣ A 7 2

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

SOUTH
♠ A Q 10 9 8 2
♥ 6 5 3
♦ Void
♣ K 6 4 3

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	2 ♣
3 ♦	Pass	4 ♦	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Dbl	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Four of ♦

East won the opening heart lead and continued with the queen. Next came a diamond, which declarer won in dummy while discarding his remaining heart. South, who knew where all the spades were from the auction, now cleverly ran the six of spades. Declarer next led the jack of spades from dummy, letting it run when East played low. One more spade finesse followed by the ace and [illegible] of the trumps. South [illegible] a club. West hopped up with his ace and played a diamond. South ruffed and cashed dummy's two high clubs. When that suit split 3-3, he had his contract. He ruffed a diamond back to his hand and played the long club for 10 tricks.

Did you spot any errors?

East should have played a third round of hearts, forcing dummy to ruff and assuming himself of a trump trick. Then, West should have played low on the first club, allowing dummy's king to win. Declarer would have to ruff a diamond back to his hand to lead a second club. West plays his ace at this point and then another diamond, forcing South to ruff with his last trump. Now when South cashes the good club in dummy, he has no way back to his hand to enjoy the long club.

South could always have made his contract after the diamond play at trick three. He should have overtaken dummy's six of spades with the eight and led a club to dummy's king. Assuming West ducks, South draws trumps as before and leads a second club.

Should West hop up with the ace and play a diamond, South can ruff but still has a trump remaining. Now, when he cashes the good club in dummy, he can ruff back to his hand and play the long [illegible]

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Poet whose work was read in "Four Weddings and a Funeral"
6 Animal skin
10 Zantac target
14 Mowing the lawn, e.g.
15 Venerated one
16 Ritual heap
17 Andrea ___, ill-fated ocean liner
18 Harp constellation
19 Assist in a bad way
20 "Oh, baby, that's what I like!" oldie
23 Dramatist Coward
24 Beat rapidly
27 Barrier with built-in footholds
32 "Cut me some ___!"
33 Corp. bigwig
34 Seventh Greek letter
35 Puts the past in the past
38 Lhasa native
41 Ingested
42 Romance
44 They're pulled by coachmen
45 Site of the first Winter Olympics
50 1950s conflict zone
51 Showy perennial
52 What a long shot has, and, literally, what 20-, 27- and 45-Across each has
59 Something extra
61 Acting award
62 Net receipts?
63 "Great" dog
64 Make fun of
65 Tells the cops everything
66 Tacked on: Abbr.
67 Arboretum growth
68 Make fun of

DOWN

1 Outlet letters
2 "Here comes trouble!"
3 The first Mrs. Copperfield
4 The Auld Sod
5 Fastidious folk
6 Early Talmudic sage
7 Charmingly rustic
8 Small fishing boat
9 Tel Aviv airline
10 Geronimo's tribe
11 Like the Borg, race in "Star Trek" spin-offs
12 Explosive state
13 City of Lions and Tigers: Abbr.
21 Lithium battery
22 Explosives regulating org.
25 Fuel number
26 Vegan protein source
27 Thread-spinning Fate
28 Keep available
29 Pitcher you can count on
30 Angler's scoop
31 Ornamental fish
32 Suggest the presence (of)
36 Take responsibility for
37 "I don't ___" denial
39 Most impertinent
40 Yet, to the Bard
43 Get rusty
46 Outfielder Bob of the 1920s Yankees "Murderers' Row"
47 Muffin grain
48 Citrus grower's concern
49 Guitarist Ocasek
53 Variety
54 Construction beam
55 Gallic girlfriend
56 The Darlings' dog
57 Short smokes
58 "When all ___ fails"
59 High-tech organizer, briefly
60 Shaver

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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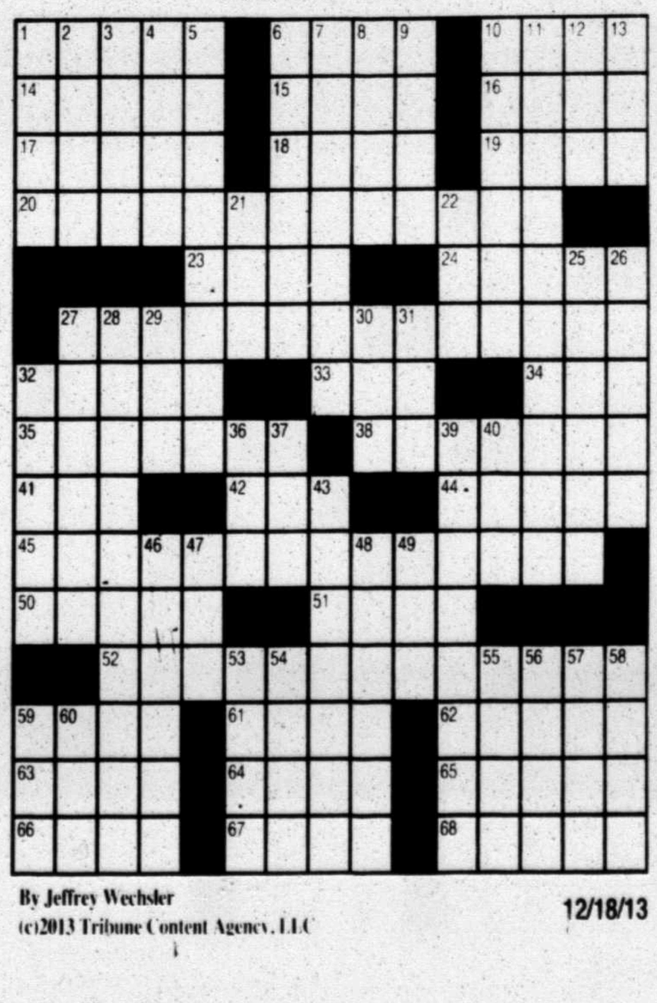

By Jeffrey Wechsler
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Dayton Martinez, 11, looks on during a planetarium demonstration inside the Space Bubble at the Space Escape Family Science Night on Thursday at the Petroleum Museum. Families participated in free, hands-on science experiments and creative projects. The next Family Science Night, Science Sensation, will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Feb. 6.

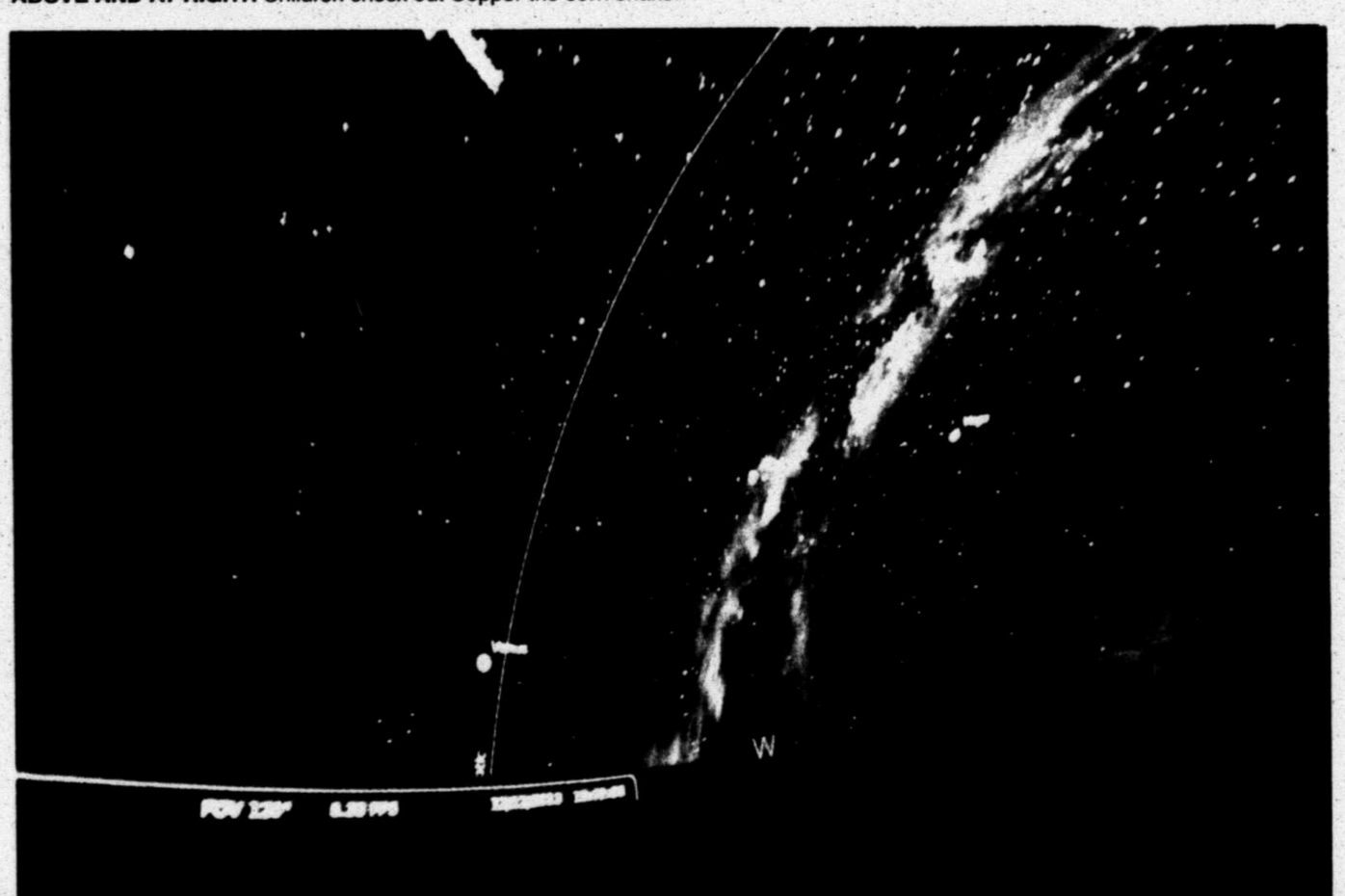
Space Escape at the museum

Photos by James Durbin | Reporter-Telegram

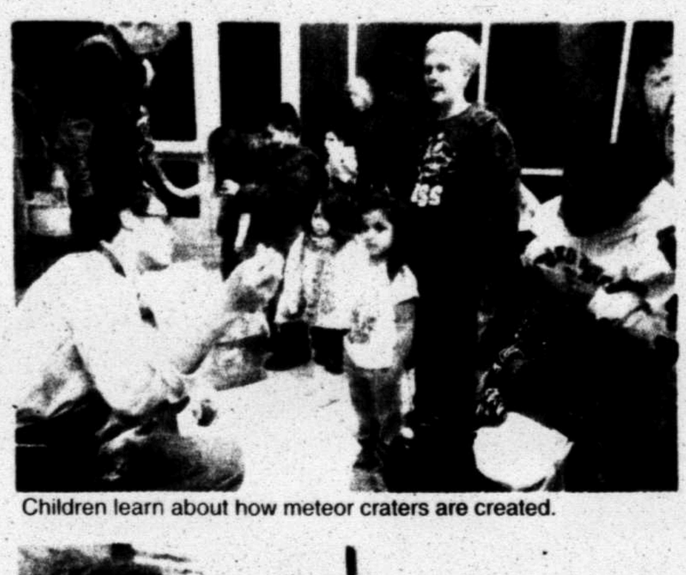
Jaxon Griffin, 4, checks out Copper the corn snake.

ABOVE AND AT RIGHT: Children check out Copper the corn snake.

Children of all ages look at a demonstration by the Permian High School science club.



A planetarium demonstration was held inside the Space Bubble.



Children learn about how meteor craters are created.

Gloribelle Castellon, 6, and Martin Castellon, 11, learn about moon phases using Oreo cookies.

Kimber Mack, age 6, checks out Copper.

Brown resignation accompanied by rumors

Roy Bragg
San Antonio Express-News

■ COMMENTARY

SAN ANTONIO — As the Texas Longhorns search for a new head football coach, it might be useful to keep an open mind. Remember: One man's whacky conspiracy theory is another man's logical extrapolation of fact.

Take, for example, last week's Orangebloods.com report that Mack Brown was going to step down as Longhorns head coach, even though Brown said repeatedly he was staying.

The Internet took the story and filled in the blanks:

Mack had privately agreed to hit the road if the Horns didn't win 10 games this season.

A cabal of rich alumni wanted Brown gone and had already lined up Crimson Tide coach Nick Saban to replace him.

Even though the Tide didn't even make the SEC championship game, Alabama brass suddenly offered him a lucrative contract extension

Brown denied the report, as did UT, Alabama and Saban. It seemed like a perfect storm of web-based bologna, with Orangebloods left to twist in the wind.

Then, a bunch of weird events took place.

Brown came home from a recruiting trip, ate dinner with his team Friday night, and quit the next day. Over in the Heart of Dixie, Saban agreed to his new deal sometime between the salad and the entrée being served in Austin on Friday night.

Ahem. I think several million people owe Orangebloods an apology.

Chip Brown, the Orangebloods writer who broke the original story, surmised in a Saturday piece that Brown was mad that his resignation leaked. He wanted to keep his dignity and quit when he was good and ready. And, in the process, he wanted to spite the Big Cigars who wanted Saban. It all seems very petty, but it definitely makes sense.

Texas is now searching for a new coach. The big list reads like who's who of successful coaches. Folks who got their degrees in College Station, Lubbock and Waco are having a good laugh about that list, but it's a nervous laugh.

The Internet got the resignation story right, so now that rumor mill is a lot more believable. When Horn operatives take to the Web to throw famous names against the wall — i.e., feed them to Orangebloods' Brown and others — a wise person will at least give those names a chance to stick.

Chip Kelly of the Philadelphia Eagles, the sticky wall tells us, has been approached.

Here's what Kelly said, denying reports about listening to the job pitch:

"It's a special place with special people. They accepted me six years ago when I was at New Hampshire. Not many people knew about me. Gave me an opportunity to come here. It really means a lot."

Oops. My mistake. That was Kelly talking in early January about how he turned down the Eagles and was staying at Oregon.

A week later, Kelly was announced as Philly's head coach.

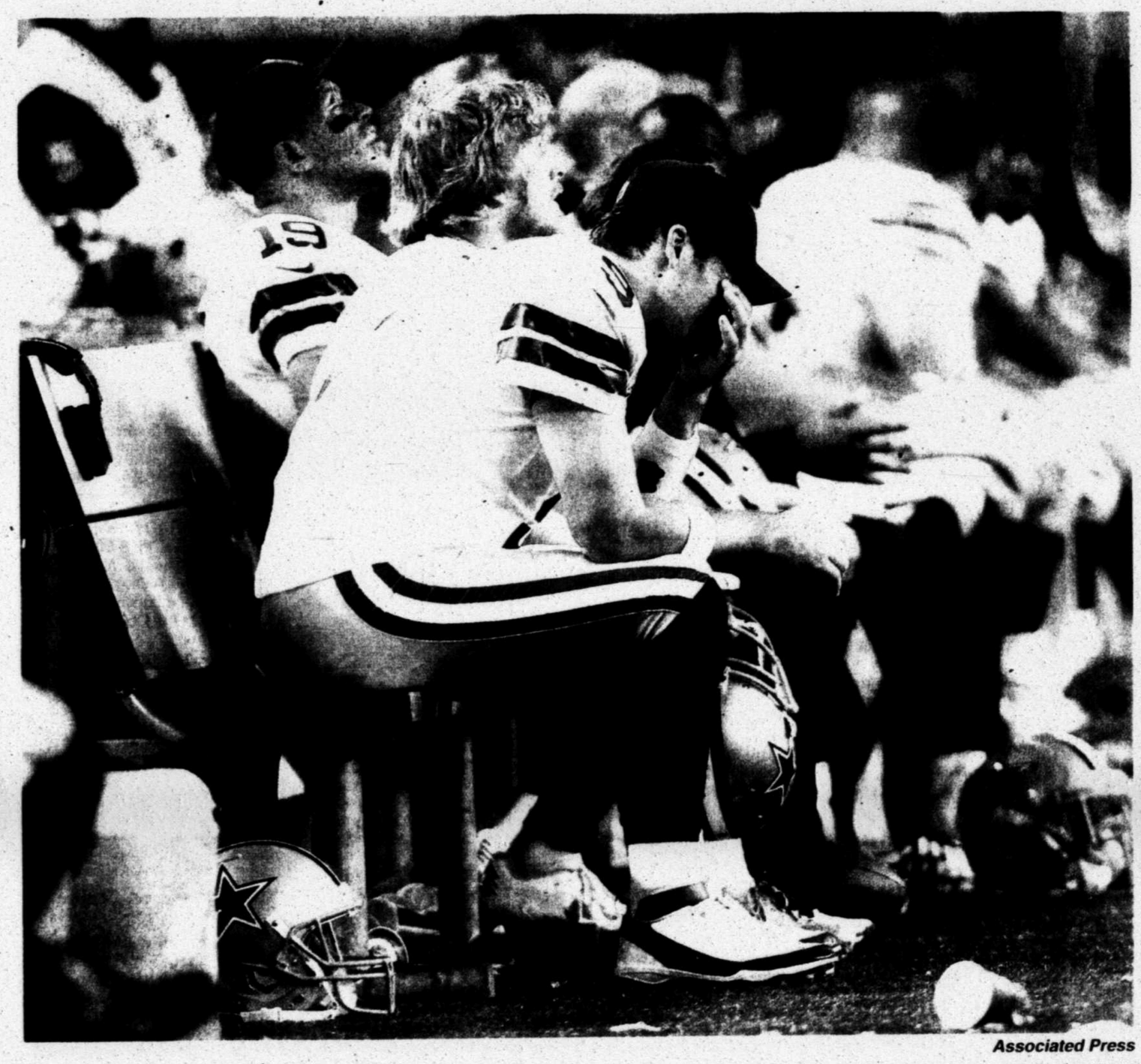
Here's this week's Kelly denial:

"I understand you have to ask the question, but I'm not involved in any jobs. I'm the coach of the Philadelphia Eagles, and I plan to be here for a while."

Sure. Name a coach who has changed jobs and I'll show you a coach who lied about it to someone before he left. Mack Brown lied about leaving North Carolina in 1997.

Given that, as well as the garage-sized leaks and the warehouse of spending cash up in Austin, whacky names that pop up from the Internet may not be whacky after all.

BACK TO THE BASICS



Associated Press

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo (9) sits on the bench wiping his face in the final minutes of the second half of Sunday's game against the Green Bay Packers in Arlington.

Following loss, Jones turns to former coach

By Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

DALLAS — With his team in the midst of a demoralizing two-game losing streak and injuries continuing to mount on defense, Jerry Jones has turned to one of his former coaches for inspiration.

"Barry Switzer used to tell the team, 'I'm your wagon master,'" Jones said. "We're back in the covered-wagon days, and we're going to California. We've got to cross the Mississippi to get there. A lot of you are going to die. We're going to have new faces along the way. We're going to burn some of these wagons for firewood and float the Mississippi with the others. (But) this train is going to get to California. I'm going to try to be on it. I hope you are on it.

"And so that's kind of the nature of the challenge of an NFL season. It's right here in front of everybody to look at, and that's how it should be. How we get there, what we do and how we adjust."

With two games left, the Cowboys (7-7) can salvage their season and make the playoffs with wins over Washington (3-11) and Philadelphia (8-6). But Dallas faces a multitude of challenges, including a linebacker corps seriously depleted by injuries.

Sean Lee missed Sunday's excruciating 37-36 loss to Green Bay with a neck injury he sustained in the 17-point loss to Chicago two weeks ago, and Jones said he's "very concerned" the middle linebacker could be out for the rest of the season.

The Cowboys on Tuesday placed Lee's backup, Justin Durant, on injured reserve after he reinjured a hamstring against the Packers. That leaves rookie DeVonte Holloman to man the middle. Dallas is also without weakside linebacker Bruce Carter (hamstring).

"(Lee) is our quarterback (on defense) and it's glaring when he's not out there, and it has been glaring the last two ballgames," Jones said on his weekly radio show Tuesday with KRLD-FM."

The Cowboys have allowed 82 points and 923 yards during their losing streak. Dallas ranks last in the NFL in total defense and pass defense and is 28th in rush defense.

How bad is it defensively for the Cowboys? Even with Packers Pro Bowl quarterback Aaron Rodgers out with a broken collarbone, Dallas entered the game thinking its opponent's offense would be unstoppable.

"We weren't going to count on getting any stops as we went into the ballgame," Jones revealed. "That's not being negative. That's just a strategy."

After falling behind 26-3 in the first half, Packers backup quarterback Matt Flynn directed five straight touchdown drives in the second half for the improbable comeback.

With the Packers in the midst of a rally and the defense unable to stop them, the Cowboys abandoned the running game that had worked so well in the first half when DeMarco Murray gained 93 yards on 11 carries. Murray finished with 134 yards, but he had just seven carries in the second half.

Critics slammed Jason Garrett for shelving the running game after

Please see **JONES**/4C

After accidents, World Cup organizers defend record

By John Leicester
Associated Press

SAO PAULO — Days after the latest death by a World Cup worker, organizers insisted Tuesday they aren't sacrificing safety in a rush to complete stadiums for next year's tournament.

A laborer fell 115 feet Saturday in the jungle city of Manaus at the Arena Amazonia, one of Brazil's stadiums that is behind schedule. That was the second death there in less than a year, and the fifth at a World Cup venue in the past two years.

Ron DelMont, the managing director of FIFA's World Cup Brazil office, and Deputy Sports Minister Luis Fernandes said safety isn't being compromised for speed.

"There is never a discussion that says you have to cut any corners to make sure that you deliver the stadium," DelMont said.

DelMont said FIFA has "at no point" suggested loosening its safety requirements and "everything that we ask for is within the legislation and the guidelines of the government."

"I have to say it's a bit frustrating to make that kind of suggestion that the event is much more important than the safety of the workers because it's not only the safety of the workers, it's the safety of the spectators," he said. "So we don't compromise at all."

Fernandes, speaking in the same interview with a small group of reporters, said he's "pretty sure" accident rates on World Cup venues are "well under" those in other sectors of Brazilian construction.

"It's a tragedy for all of us but I would not credit that to any undue pressure," Fernandes said, referring to the death in

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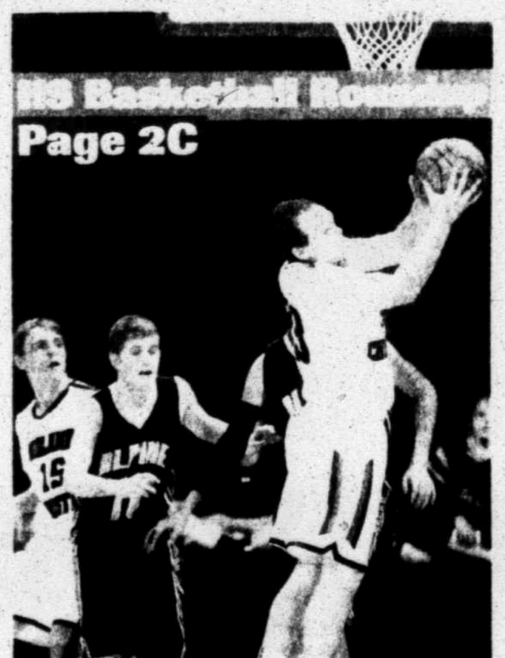

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DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

WHAT'S ON TV

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Texas at North Carolina, 6 p.m., ESPN2

USF at St. John's, 7 p.m., FS1

Stanford at UConn, 8 p.m., ESPN2

Northwestern St. at Baylor, 8:30 p.m., FSN

NBA

Indiana at Miami, 6 p.m., ESPN

Chicago at Houston, 7:30 p.m., ESPN

NHL

Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m., NBCSN

SOCCER

FIFA, Club World Cup, semifinal, team TBD vs. Atletico Mineiro, 1:30 p.m., FS1

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Mississippi at Baylor, 6 p.m., FSN

WHAT'S ON DECK

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Midwestern State at UTPB, 5:30 p.m.

GLANTZ-CULVER LINE

		Dec. 21		
		New Mexico Bowl		
		At Albuquerque, N.M.		
Washington St.	4½	3½	(64½)	Colorado St.
		Las Vegas Bowl		
Southern Cal	4½	6	(62½)	Fresno St.
		Famous Idaho Potato Bowl		
		At Boise, Idaho		
Buffalo	1½	2½	(52)	San Diego St.
		New Orleans Bowl		
at Tulane	OFF	OFF	(OFF)	La.-Lafayette
		Dec. 23		
		Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl		
		At St. Petersburg, Fla.		
East Carolina	12½	13	(63½)	Ohio
		Dec. 24		
		Hawaii Bowl		
		At Honolulu		
Oregon St.	1½	2½	(63)	Boise St.
		Dec. 26		
		Little Caesars Pizza Bowl		
		At Detroit		
Bowling Green	5½	6	(48½)	Pittsburgh
		Poinsettia Bowl		
		At San Diego		
N. Illinois	2	1½	(57)	Utah St.
		Dec. 27		
		Military Bowl		
		At Annapolis, Md.		
Marshall	1	2½	(63)	Maryland
		Texas Bowl		
		At Houston		
Minnesota	4½	4½	(45½)	Syracuse
		Fight Hunger Bowl		
		At San Francisco		
Washington	3	3	(57½)	BYU
		Dec. 28		
		Pinstripe Bowl		
		At New York		
Notre Dame	15½	15½	(51)	Rutgers
Off Key				
La.-Lafayette QB questionable				

		NFL		
		TODAY		
		SUNDAY		
FAVORITE	**OPEN**		**O/U**	**UNDERDOG**
Miami	2½	2½	(43)	at Buffalo
at Carolina	3	3	(46½)	New Orleans
Dallas	2½	3	(53½)	at Washington
at St. Louis	5½	5½	(42½)	Tampa Bay
at Philadelphia	4	3	(56)	Chicago
at N.Y. Jets	1	2½	(40½)	Cleveland
at Kansas City	6½	6½	(44)	Indianapolis
at Cincinnati	7	7	(48½)	Minnesota
Denver	9½	10½	(52)	at Houston
Tennessee	5½	5½	(44)	at Jacksonville
at Seattle	9½	10½	(44)	Arizona
at Detroit	9½	9	(48½)	N.Y. Giants
at San Diego	7½	10	(50½)	Oakland
at Green Bay	OFF	OFF	(OFF)	Pittsburgh
at Baltimore	2	2½	(45)	New England
		MONDAY		
at San Francisco	10½	12	(45)	Atlanta
Off Key				
Green Bay QB questionable				

NJCAA POLLS

NJCAA DIVISION I MEN'S BASKETBALL POLL

First place votes in parentheses

Rank	College	Record	Pts.	Pvs.
1.	Indian Hills CC (15)	14-0	399	1
2	South Plains College (1)	12-0	383	2
3.	Kilgore College	11-0	349	3
4.	Northwest Florida State	13-1	334	4
5.	Chipola College	12-1	324	5
6.	North Platte CC	12-0	306	8
7.	New Mexico JC	14-1	295	11
8.	Odessa College	13-1	273	10
9.	Vincennes University	9-1	248	11
10.	Columbia State CC	11-0	240	13
11.	Howard College	11-1	236	12
12.	Monroe College	10-0	224	15
13.	Iowa Western CC	13-2	191	6
14.	Salt Lake CC	12-1	188	14
15.	Coll. of Southern Idaho	12-2	151	7
16.	College of Eastern Utah	13-1	143	24
17.	Hutchinson CC	13-2	139	18
18.	McLennan CC	15-0	116	NR
19.	Jones County JC	8-0	98	25
20.	Coll. of Central Florida	12-3	54	19
21.	Northeastern JC	13-2	39	17
22.	Daytona State College	13-2	34	RV
23.	Gillette College	13-2	32	RV
24.	Moberly Area CC	12-3	29	NR
25.	Connors State	12-2	24	21

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BOSTON RED SOX — Signed RHP Shunsuke Watanabe to a minor league contract. Released the contract of RHP Chris Carpenter to Iabuli (Nippon) for cash.

HOUSTON ASTROS — Agreed to terms with RHP Matt Albers on a one-year contract.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Agreed to terms with INF Steve Tolleson on a minor league contract.

National League

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Named Willie Fraser and Gary Pellant advance scouts. Chris Smith, Ron Mahay, Peter Bergeron and Greg Booker scouts, and special assistants, player personnel Josh Bard and Aaron Sele will expand their duties to include pro scouting. Named Hideron Sueyoshi senior manager, international scouting operations; Rafael Colon special advisor, international player performance and Juan Garcia-Puig as a scout for Spain.

American Association

GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Traded RHP Tim Verthein to Florence (Frontier) for 1B Jeremy Hamilton.

WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Signed LHP Brendan Lafferty.

Can-Am League

NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Released OF Willie Cabrera.

Frontier League

ROCKFORD AVIATORS — Signed INF Brian Bistagne, OF Michael Hur and INF Elvin Rodriguez to contract extensions.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NEW YORK KNICKS — Recalled G Chris Smith from Erie (NBADL).

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CHICAGO BEARS — Waived S Sean Cattouse.

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Placed P Kevin Huber on injured reserve. Signed P Shawn Powell.

DALLAS COWBOYS — Placed LB Justin Durant on injured reserve. Released RB George Wilen from the practice squad. Re-signed LB Orie Lemon from the practice squad.

DENVER BRONCOS — Agreed to terms with DE Jeremy Mincy.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Placed LB Pat Angerer on injured reserve. Agreed to terms with RB Shaun Draughn. Signed G Zach Allen to the practice squad.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Placed WR Cecil Shorts and G Will Rackley on injured reserve. Signed C Patrick Lewis from Cleveland's practice squad. Signed G Drew Nowak from the practice squad. Signed DE D'Aundre Reed to the practice squad.

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Released S D.J. Campbell. Claimed DB Jalil Brown off waivers from Indianapolis.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Released RB Joe Banyard.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Released K Garrett Hartley.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Placed CB Corey Webster on injured reserve. Signed WR Julian Talley from the practice squad. Signed RB Kendall Gaskins to the practice squad.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Placed LB LaMarr Woodley on injured reserve. Signed LB Jamaal Westerman.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Released QB John Skelton. Signed QB Tyler Wilson.

Canadian Football League

EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Signed CB Joe Burnett and RB Hugh Charles to contract extensions through 2015.

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Named Marcel Bellefeuille offensive coordinator.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

BUFFALO SABRES — Assigned F Luke Adam and D Mark Pysyk and Brayden McNabb to Rochester (AHL). Recalled F Kevin Porter and D Chad Ruhwedel from Rochester.

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Recalled F Jack Skille from Springfield (AHL). Sent G Jeremy Smith to Springfield.

DALLAS STARS — Placed F Vernon Fiddler on injured reserve, retroactive to Dec. 7. Recalled D Cameron Gaunce from Texas (AHL).

NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Recalled G Magnus Hellberg from Milwaukee (AHL).

WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Recalled C Casey Wellman from Hershey (AHL).

American Hockey League

AHL — Suspended Bridgeport D Mike Comeil two games for receiving a match penalty for an illegal check to the head of an opponent in a Dec. 15 game at Manchester.

HARTFORD WOLF PACK — Reassigned F Josh Nicholls to Greenville (ECHL). Signed F Akim Aliu to a professional tryout agreement.

MILWAUKEE ADMIRALS — Recalled F Josh Shalls from Cincinnati (ECHL).

SPRINGFIELD FALCONS — Reassigned D Ilari Melart to Ugra (KHL). Signed LW Jean-Francois Jacques to a standard contract. Recalled D Thomas Larkin from Evansville (ECHL).

ECHL

ECHL — Fined Reading F Dustin Gazley an undisclosed amount.

FLORIDA EVERBLADES — Announced F Carl Nielsen was reassigned to the team by Syracuse (AHL).

GWINNETT GLADIATORS — Signed G Paul Karpowich. Acquired G Brad Phillips from Stockton for future considerations.

READING ROYALS — Announced G Brandon Anderson was recalled by Hershey (AHL). Signed G Josh Watson. Placed D Ryan Kavanagh on team suspension.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

PORTLAND TIMBERS — Acquired a 2014 fourth-round SuperDraft pick from Houston for the rights to D David Horst.

SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES — Traded D Justin Morrow to Toronto FC for allocation money.

SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC — Traded F Eddie Johnson to D.C. United for allocationmoney.

COLLEGE

BENTLEY — Named Rick Edelmann men's and women's tennis coach.

FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON — Announced the resignation of women's soccer coach Rick Stanton to take the same position at Seton Hall.

HAMPTON — Named Connell Maynor football coach.

MIAMI (OHIO) — Named George Barnett offensive co-coordinator and offensive line coach. Eric Koehler offensive co-coordinator and quarterbacks coach and Pat Welsh tight ends coach.

NORTH GREENVILLE — Named Corey Struss men's lacrosse coach.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	34	23	9	2	48	94	70
Montreal	36	21	12	3	45	91	76
Tampa Bay	34	20	11	3	43	93	82
Detroit	35	15	12	9	39	91	99
Toronto	36	17	16	3	37	99	105
Ottawa	35	14	15	6	34	99	113
Florida	35	13	17	5	31	81	110
Buffalo	34	8	23	3	19	59	98

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	35	24	10	1	49	108	75
Washington	34	18	13	3	39	107	102
Carolina	34	14	13	7	35	79	94
Philadelphia	34	15	15	4	34	81	93
N.Y. Rangers	34	16	17	1	33	76	91
New Jersey	34	13	15	6	32	78	85
Columbus	34	14	16	4	32	87	95
N.Y. Islanders	35	9	19	7	25	85	121

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	37	25	7	5	55	138	102
St. Louis	33	22	7	4	48	114	80
Colorado	33	22	10	1	45	96	78
Minnesota	36	20	11	5	45	84	83
Dallas	33	16	12	5	37	95	101
Nashville	34	16	15	3	35	78	95
Winnipeg	36	15	16	5	35	95	106

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	36	24	7	5	53	116	91
San Jose	34	21	7	6	48	112	84
Los Angeles	34	22	8	4	48	94	68
Vancouver	36	20	10	6	46	100	86
Phoenix	33	18	10	5	41	105	103
Calgary	34	13	16	5	31	86	108
Edmonton	35	11	21	3	25	93	120

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

Tuesday's Scores

Tampa Bay 3, N.Y. Islanders 2, SO

Minnesota 3, Vancouver 2, SO

Boston 2, Calgary 0

Buffalo 4, Winnipeg 2

Florida 3, Toronto 1

Montreal 3, Phoenix 1

Anaheim 5, Detroit 2

Philadelphia 5, Washington 2

San Jose 4, St. Louis 2

Chicago 3, Nashville 1

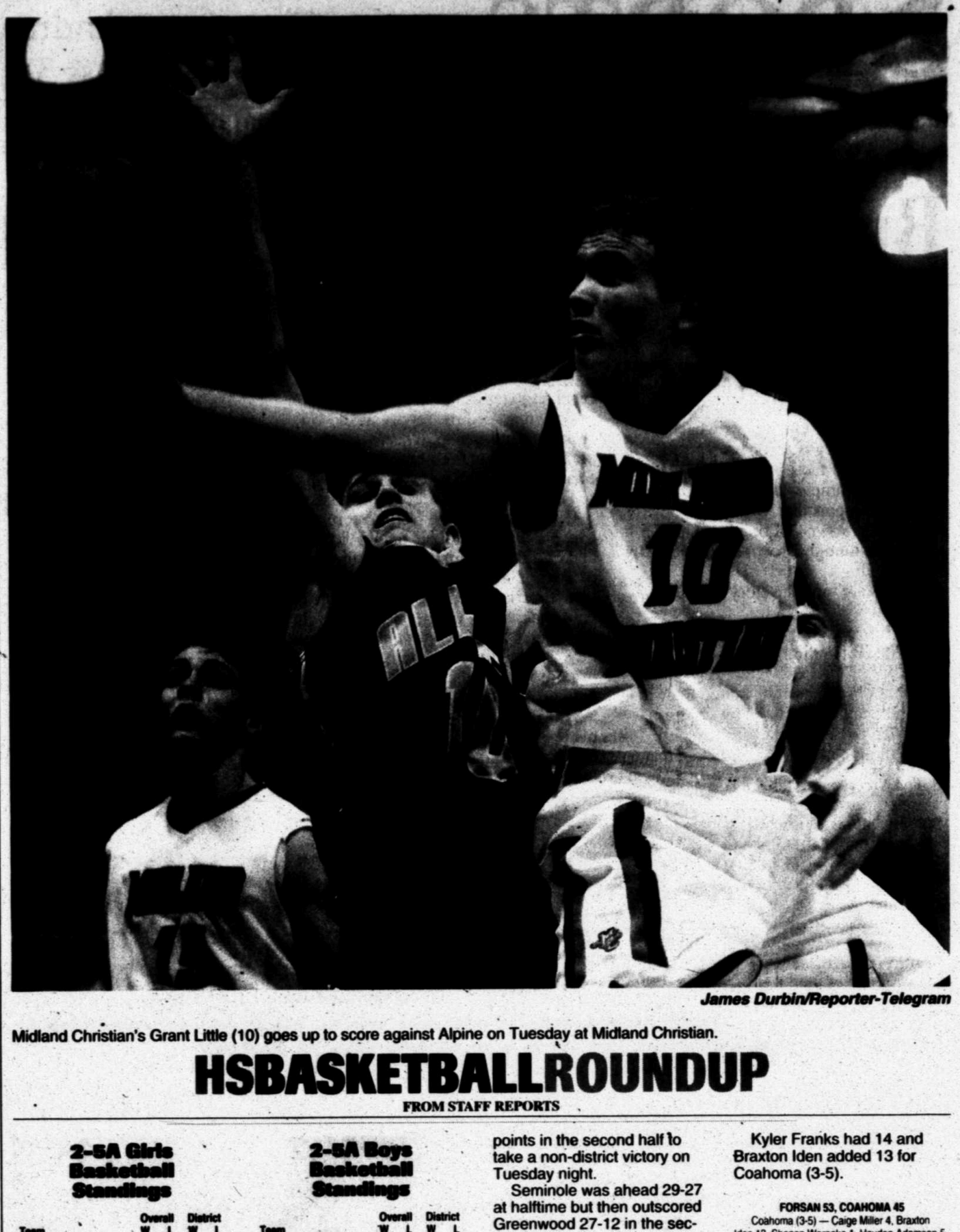
Dallas 3, Colorado 2

Edmonton at Los Angeles, late

Wednesday's Games

Ottawa at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.

Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.



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Midland Christian's Grant Little (10) goes up to score against Alpine on Tuesday at Midland Christian.

HSBASKETBALL ROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

2-5A Girls Basketball Standings

Team	Overall W	Overall L	District W	District L
Lubbock Coronado	5	1	11	0
Midland High	4	1	8	0
Lee	3	2	11	5
Amarillo Tascosa	3	2	5	9
San Angelo Central	3	2	5	9
Abilene High	2	3	9	7
Odessa Permian	3	3	6	5
Abilene Cooper	1	4	4	13
Odessa High	0	5	0	9

Today's Score

San Angelo Central 63, Abilene Cooper 60

Friday's Games

Midland High at Amarillo Tascosa, 5 p.m.

San Angelo Central at Lee, 6 p.m., Lee High School

Odessa High at Lubbock Coronado, 6 p.m.

Abilene Cooper at Abilene High, 6 p.m.

2-5A Boys Basketball Standings

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

Today's Scores

San Angelo Central 66, Abilene Cooper 61

Lubbock Monterey 61, Abilene High 49

Friday's Games

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

Odessa High at Lubbock Coronado, 7:30 p.m.

Midland High at Amarillo Tascosa, 7:30 p.m.

Abilene Cooper at Abilene High, 7:30 p.m.

Girls

NO. 16 BIG SPRING 55 STANTON 22

STANTON — Big Spring held Stanton to single digits in all four quarters in a decisive non-district victory on Tuesday.

Julianna Rodriguez and Stefanie Diaz each had nine points to lead the Lady Steers (14-2).

Stanton was led by Baili Barnhill with six points.

NO. 16 BIG SPRING 55, STANTON 22

Big Spring (10-2) — Autumn Minter 7, Shawntee Lacy 6, Alexis Casino 3, Julianna Rodriguez 9, Dyrshae Vanderbilt 6, Stefanie Diaz 9, Diamonique Mayes 8, Jackie Castillo 7

Stanton (7-5) — Pailyn Grable 2, Shelby Hollins 1, Baili Barnhill 6, Amber Peterson 1, Miranda Myrick 2, Kaitlyn Nichols 4, Skyler Church 2, Hannah Franklin 2, Mansol Escamilla 2

Big Spring	**15**	**10**	**16**	**14** — **55**
Stanton	**8**	**4**	**4**	**6** — **22**

Free throws — BSHS 6-9, SHS 8-15. 3-point goals — BSHS 5 (Diaz 3, Rodriguez 2). Total fouls — BSHS 13, SHS 6. Fouled out — None.

Next: Stanton vs. Sands at Sands Tournament. 9 a.m. Dec. 27; Big Spring at Caprock Tournament, Dec. 26

SEMINOLE 64 GREENWOOD 25

SEMINOLE — The Maidens overwhelmed Greenwood in a non-district game on Tuesday night.

Seminole (8-4) jumped out to a 28-14 halftime lead and then outscored the Rangerettes 36-11 in the second for the convincing victory.

Amanda Bell led Greenwood with nine points.

SEMINOLE 64, GREENWOOD 25

Greenwood — Weber 3, Zimmerman 2, Bell 9, Mebane 4, Sunderland 5, Gilbert 2.

Seminole (8-4) — Freeman 15, McCormick 3, Wershuhn 19, Burtch 2, Hicks 3, Lopez 14, Pool 8.

Greenwood	**7**	**7**	**9**	**2** — **25**
Seminole	**16**	**12**	**22**	**14** — **64**

Free throws — Greenwood 5-12, Seminole 10-14. 3-Point goals — Seminole 6 (Freeman 5, McCormick). Total fouls — Greenwood 12; Seminole 14. Fouled out — Greenwood, Zimmerman.

Next: Levelland at Greenwood, 5 p.m.

NO. 6 GARDEN CITY 76 WATER VALLEY 15

GARDEN CITY — Garden City remained perfect in District 14-A Division II play on Tuesday night after defeating Water Valley.

For the Lady Bearkats (12-1, 3-0), Kamie Halfmann and Hannah Halfmann each had 15 points while Holly Halfmann and Brylie Schaefer each had 11.

The Wildcats (0-3 in district) couldn't get much offense and managed only five points in the second half to remain winless in district play.

GARDEN CITY 76, WATER VALLEY 15

Water Valley (0-3 in District 14-A Division II) — Long 10, Burmester 3, McCoy 2

Garden City (12-1, 3-0) — Kamie Halfmann 15, Hannah Halfmann 15, Holly Halfmann 11, Brylie Schaefer 11, Lexie Schaefer 9, Ashlyn Koenning 9, Hope Halfmann 3, Carlie Holingsworth 2

Water Valley	**3**	**7**	**4**	**1** — **15**
Garden City	**20**	**13**	**24**	**13** — **76**

Free throws — WV 6-10, GC 9-14. 3-point goals — WVHS 1 (Long) GCHS 10 (K. Halfman 2, Riley Shafer 2, Ho. Halfman 3, Ashlyn Koenning 3). Total fouls — WVHS 11, GCHS 14. Fouled out — None.

Next: Garden City at Veribest, 3 p.m. Friday

FORSAN 47 COAHOMA 28

FORSAN — Forsan earned its sixth victory of the season on Tuesday night in a non-district game against Coahoma.

Reagan Haggard scored a game-high 16 points and Mary-Ashley McDaniel had 13 to lead the Lady Buffaloes (6-4) over the Bulldogettes.

Kaeli Yager and Lauren Simer each scored seven points for Coahoma.

FORSAN 47, COAHOMA 28

Coahoma — Kaeli Yager 7, Lauren Simer 7, Savannah Nett 3, Kyla Clanton 3, McClayne Holgerson 5, Julia Castilaw 3

Forsan (6-4) — Britney Hergert 8, Jahnia Willard 2, Reagan Haggard 16, Rachel Haggard 2, Mary-Ashley McDaniel 13, Kendall Phillips 2, Maria Ortiz 4

Coahoma	**7**	**3**	**9**	**9** — **28**
Forsan	**6**	**9**	**14**	**18** — **47**

Free throws — CHS 9-22, FHS 10-16. 3-point goals — CHS 1 (Holgerson), FHS 3 (McDaniel 3).Total fouls — FHS 19, CHS 16.

Next: Forsan at Colorado City, 6:30 p.m. Friday

GRADY 64 KLONDIKE 22

LAMESA — Grady remained perfect in distrcit play on Tuesday defating Klondike.

Lupita Jimenez had a game high 11 points to help the Lady Wildcats (6-4, 3-0 in District 6-A Division II) to victory.

The Cougars (2-1 in district) couldn't keep up and droped their first district game of the season.

GRADY 64, KLONDIKE 22

Grady (6-4, 3-0) — Karlie Richards 9, Jenny Fields 13, Kristen Brocker 6, Lupita Jimenez 11, Brittney Garza 6, Lara Ramirez 4, Faith Hunt 15

Klondike (2-1 in district) — Kearney 4, Cooper 8, Cude 2, Sherrill 4, Howard 5

Grady	**19**	**11**	**24**	**10** — **64**
Klondike	**6**	**6**	**7**	**3** — **22**

Free throws — GHS 2-11, KHS 3-7. 3-point goals — GHS 6 (Hunt 2, Garza 1 , Jimnez, Fields, Richards), KHS 1 (cooper). Total fouls — GHS 15, KHS 9. Fouled out — None.

Next: Grady vs. O'Donnel at Grady 6:30 p.m. Friday.

Boys

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 54 ALPINE 33

Grant Little had a game-high 35 points to lead Midland Christian to a non-district victory over Alpine at the McGraw Events Center.

Little hit seven 3-pointer en route to his big night. Daniel Venzant added 14 points for the Mustangs.

MCS defensively held Alpine to single digits in the first three quarter as the Mustangs built a 39-15 lead.

MCS next plays in the Caprock Tournament in Lubbock against Borger on Dec. 26.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 54, ALPINE 33

Alpine — A. Ontiveros 2, M. Chavez 7, Gimons 4, R. Ordivera 2, Gonzales 4, J. Chavez 12, Brakata 2

Midland Christian (6-4) — Daniel Venzant 14, Sam Gilbert 2, Grant Little 35, Kaleb Warren 4, Devin Nguyen 2, Jeremy Bailey 3, Luke McComic 4

Alpine	**4**	**4**	**7**	**18** — **33**
MCS	**14**	**10**	**15**	**25** — **64**

Free throws — AHS 19-24, MCS 13-18. 3-point goals — MCS 7 (Little 7). Total fouls — AHS 16, MCS 22. Fouled out — None.

Next: Midland Christian vs Borger at Caprock Tournament, 9 a.m. Dec. 26

SEMINOLE 56 GREENWOOD 39

SEMINOLE — The Indians outscored the Rangers by 15 points in the second half to take a non-district victory on Tuesday night.

Seminole was ahead 29-27 at halftime but then outscored Greenwood 27-12 in the second half to clinch the victory. Alex Jacobs-Montes and Josh Tuala each scored 10 points for the Rangers.

Rockey Loewen led the Indians (7-2) with 23 points.

SEMINOLE 56, GREENWOOD 39

Greenwood — C. Wall 2, J. Strickland 3, A. Alcala 1, A. Jacobs-Montes 10, R. Rocha 5, J. Tuala 10, L. Knapp 2, B. Elliott 6.

Seminole (7-2) — Ty Froman 2, Michael Garza 14, Chris Delay 7, Sabraun Adams 2, Dakota Crump 1, Blue Franklin 5, Rocky Loewen 23, Blayne Childers 2.

Greenwood	**14**	**13**	**4**	**8** — **39**
Seminole	**16**	**13**	**14**	**13** — **56**

Free throws — Greenwood 6-21, Seminole 19-36. 3-point goals — Greenwood 5 (Montez 2, Strickland 1, Rocha 1, Tuala 1), Seminole 5 (Garza 4, Franklin 1). Total fouls — Greenwood 25, Seminole 23. Fouled out — Greenwood: Elliott.

Next: Levelland at Greenwood, 6:30 p.m.

BIG SPRING 52 STANTON 41

STANTON — Ty Sealy scored a game-high 18 points to lead Big Spring to a non-district victory over Stanton.

Big Spring had a strong first half and led 25-14 at the break.

Tyler Wigington added 11 for the Steers.

Stanton (3-4), who played with out leading scorer Jonathon Ramos because of injury, was led by Drew Snellgrove and K.J. Glaspie with 15 points each.

BIG SPRING 52, STANTON 41

Big Spring — Anthony Slate 2, Tavarris Walker 2, Tyler Wigington 11, Dee Parker 4, Tyler Bryan 9, Ty Sealy 18, Tate Kennedy 2.

Stanton (3-4) — Drew Snellgrove 15, Austin Byrd 3, Estevan Chavez 6, Joey Sanford 2, KJ Glaspie 15

Big Spring	**13**	**12**	**17**	**10** — **52**
Stanton	**10**	**4**	**21**	**6** — **41**

Free throws — BSHS 1-4, SHS 5-8. 3-point goals — BSHS 3 (Wigington), SHS 6 (Snellgrove 4, Glaspie 2). Total fouls — BSHS 11, SHS 10. Fouled out — NOne.

Next: Stanton at Crane, 3:30 p.m. Friday; Big Spring at Seminole, 7:30 p.m. Friday

FORSAN 53 COAHOMA 45

FORSAN — Forsan got off to a strong start in its victory over Coahoma in non-district action.

Forsan had a 16-4 lead after the first quarter and had a 29-13 advantage at the half.

Kade Fannin scored a game-high 18 points and Tyler Evans had 13 for Forsan.

Kyler Franks had 14 and Braxton Iden added 13 for Coahoma (3-5).

FORSAN 53, COAHOMA 45

Coahoma (3-5) — Caige Miller 4, Braxton Iden 13, Shanen Warneke 1, Hayden Adamson 5, Kyler Franks 14, Namen McCullough 8

Forsan — Ryan Pearson 2, JT Breyman 9, Tyler Evans 13, Mathew Mims 9, Clayton Galloway 2, Kade Fannin 18

Coahoma	**4**	**9**	**13**	**19** — **45**
Forsan	**16**	**13**	**14**	**10** — **53**

Free throws — CHS 4-6, FHS 7-11. 3-point goals — CHS 9 (Franks 3, Iden 3, McCullough 2, Adamson), FHS 2 (Evans, Mims). Total fouls — CHS 18, FHS 14. Fouled out — None.

Next: Coahoma at McCamey, 5:30 p.m. Friday

GRADY 69 KLONDIKE 50

LAMESA — The Wildcats opened the 6-A Division II season with a convincing victory against the Cougars on Tuesday night.

The Wildcats jumped out to a 26-10 lead after the first quarter and rolled from there.

Grady improved to 5-3 overall and 1-0 in district play.

GRADY 69, KLONDIKE 50

Grady (5-3, 1-0 6-A Division II) — Garza 8, Perez 5, Briseno 5, Rodriguez 24, Polson 5, Jimenez 6, Avery 12, Blocker

Klondike (0-1) — No information available.

Grady	**26**	**12**	**17**	**14** — **69**
Klondike	**10**	**11**	**13**	**16** — **50**

Free throws — Grady 14-29, Klondike 13-19. 3-point goals — Grady 5 (Rodriquez 4, Garza), Klondike 3 (Solis, Robles, Tidwell). Total fouls — Grady 16, Klondike 20. Fouled out — Klondike, Solis, Skiles.

Next: O'Donnell at Grady, 8 p.m. Friday

WATER VALLEY 60 GARDEN CITY 41

GARDEN CITY — Water Valley earned its first district win of the season Tuesday night over Garden City.

The Wildcats (1-0 in district 14-A Division II) were led by Cameron Copley who had a game high 24 points and Conner Copley who had 12.

The Bearkats (3-4, 0-1) were led by Sam Miller with 21 points and Juan Bustos with 10.

WATER VALLEY 60, GARDEN CITY 41

Water Valley (1-0 in district) — Cameron Copley 24, Conner Copley 12, Kirkland 10, Glass 5, Harris 3, York 2, Counts 2

GCHS (3-4, 0-1) — Sam Miller 21, Juan Bustos 10, Braeden Jones 9, Dillan Koenning 1.

Water Valley	**18**	**17**	**10**	**15** — **60**
Garden City	**12**	**7**	**7**	**15** — **41**

Free throws — WVHS 26-15, GCHS 17-8 3-point goals — WVHS 7 (Cameron Coply 5, Conner Coply 2), GCHS 2 (Braden Jones 1 Sam Miller 1). Total fouls — WVHS 14 GCHS 18. Fouled out — Bustos

Next: Garden City at Veribest, 4:30 p.m. Friday

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6 Steers earn 2013 Class 3A all-state honors

From staff and wire reports

Six Big Spring football players received all-state recognition on the 2013 Texas Associated Press Sports Editors Class 3A all-state high school football team released on Tuesday.

The Steers were led by senior defensive back Shaiem Menefield, who was a second team all-state selection and finished the year with 43 total tackles, seven interceptions and four caused fumbles.

Garnering honorable mention on offense were senior receiver Tate Kennedy and junior quarterback Tobyn Tannehill.

Andrews senior receiver Coy Lopez also was an honorable mention pick.

Garnering honorable mention recognition on defense from Big Spring were senior defensive lineman Chris Lindem, senior linebacker Tyler Wigington and senior safety and punter Devin Roberson.

Monahans senior punter Junior Morales was a first-team all-state pick, while Monahans defensive linemen Kristian Crozier was a second team all-state selection and Stephen Self was an honorable mention pick.

The 2013 Texas Associated Press Sports Editors Class 3A all-state high school football team, released Tuesday. Voting based on regular-season performance. Players are listed in alphabetical order at each position

FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE

Lineman

■ ADRIAN GOODACRE, Carthage, Sr. — Top blocker for an offense that averaged 508.6 yards per game

■ ANDREW GRANT, Fairfield, Sr. — 93 percent grade, team averaged 340 rushing yards and 500 total yards per game

■ MAX JONES, Stephenville, Sr. — Graded at 96 percent, 26 panackes, team averaged 45.4 points and 446 yards per game

■ ZACHARY LEDWIK, La Grange, Sr. — 54 pancakes, 99 knockdowns, team averaged 289 yards rushing per game

■ CROCKETT MOKRY, Pleasanton, Sr. — Graded at 98 percent, offense averaged 277 rushing yards per game

Receivers/ends

■ TEE GOREE, Carthage, Sr. — 64-1,265, 22 TDs receiving

■ YZERICK OLIVER, Houston Worthing, Sr. — 56-1,243, 17 TDs receiving; kickoff return for TD, punt return for TD

Quarterback:

■ BLAKE BOGENSCHUTZ, Carthage, Sr. — 167-279-2,882, 40 TDs passing, 3 INTs

Running backs

■ JAREK BLACK, Shallowater, Sr. — 214-2,203, 26 TDs rushing

■ ROBERT JOHNSON, Lubbock Estacado, Sr. — 239-2,232, 31 TDs rushing

■ LARRY ROSE, Fairfield, Sr. — 164-2,204, 40 TDs rushing

Kicker

■ COLE HEDLUND, Argyle, Sr. — 68-68 PATs, 14-20 FGs, long of 57, national record holder for career FGs

Offensive Player of the Year: Larry Rose, Fairfield

FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE

Linemen

■ DEDRICK GARNER, Fairfield, Jr. — 74 tackles, 20 tackles for loss, 11 sacks, 4 forced fumbles

■ JERAN KARBER, Perryton, Sr. — 112 tackles, 16 tackles for loss, 19 sacks, 11 forced fumbles, 4 fumble recoveries

■ ARMANDO MARTINEZ, Lytle, Sr. — 18 sacks, 115 tackles, 12 tackles for loss, 4 forced fumbles

■ JORDAN WELLS, Navasota, Sr. — 131 tackles, 37 tackles for loss, 9 sacks, 3 forced fumbles

Linebackers

■ DEVIN EGGINS, Fairfield, Jr — 150 tackles, 25 tackles for loss, 5 sacks, 3 fumble recoveries

■ CLAY JOHNSTON, Abilene Wylie, Jr. — 136 tackles, 31 tackles for loss, 6 sacks, 5 pass breakups

■ JON KOCH, Hondo, Jr. — 157 tackles, 17 tackles for loss, 5 sacks, 6 forced fumbles

Defensive backs

■ TRAVON FULLER, Athens, Soph. — 48 tackles, 7 INTs, 15 blocked PATs, 4 blocked FGs

■ KHALIL MCCATHERN, Smithville, Sr. — 97 tackles, 5 tackles for loss, 5 forced fumbles, 3 fumble recoveries, 3 TDs, 4 pass breakups

■ ALEX WARD, Fairfield, Sr. — 55 tackles, 12 tackles for loss, 6 INTs, 3 INTs returned for TDs

■ JARED WINDHAM, Pecos, Sr. — 98 tackles, 6 INTs, 3 pass breakups, 2 tackles for loss

■ **JUNIOR MORALES, Monahans, Sr. — 37 punts, 42.3 avg, 12 inside 10, 4 inside 5**

Defensive Player of the Year: Jordan Wells, Navasota

SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE

Lineman

■ Dylan Adkinson, Gilmer, Sr.; Terrence Cuney, Jasper, Sr.; Hayden Hood, Argyle, Sr., Jalen McQueen, Lubbock Estacado, Sr.; Brian Thiang, Palestine, Sr.

Receivers/ends

■ Daron Gray, Huffman Hargrave, Sr.; Ian Sadler, Argyle, Sr.

Quarterback:

■ Grayson Muehlstein, Decatur, Sr.

Running backs

■ Alyas Ramirez, Gonzales, So.; Juwan Washington, Kennedale, Jr.; Carl Wiley, Orangefield, Sr.

Kicker

■ Cameron Scott, Frisco Lone Star, Jr.

SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE

Linemen

■ Ladarrin Anthony, Kilgore, Sr.; Brice Borgeson, Van, Jr.; Micah Capra, Argyle, Sr.; **Kristian Crozier, Monahans, Sr.**

Linebackers

■ Derrell Rollins, Wimer-Hutchins, Sr.; Conner Smith, Dalhart, Soph. ; Damien Whaley, Madisonville, Sr.

Defensive backs

■ Sabraun Adams, Seminole, Jr.; Colton Cohea, Sinton, Soph.; **Shalem Menefield, Big Spring, Sr.**; Justus Parker, La Vernia, Jr.

Punter

■ Yovani Urbano, Navasota, Sr.

HONORABLE MENTION OFFENSE

LINEMEN: Mark Benavides, Port Isabel; Thad Bevis, Tyler Chapel Hill; Jacob Brown, Sinton; Jonathan Castillo, Perryton; Michael Castle, Argyle; Matt Diaz, Stephenville; Kolten Gatson, Fairfield; Chase Hering, Sinton; Lupe Islas, Shallowater; Jordan Johnson, Gonzales; John Miller, Gonzales; Jeoffrey Montalvo, Sweeny; Nick Natour, Frisco Lone Star; Johnathan Ramirez, Lytle; Austin Reese, Melissa; Josh Perez, Rockdale; Ryan Salinas, Lubbock Estacado; Wyatt Santos, Van; Stetson Smitherman, Lubbock Cooper; Victor Vilchez, Kennedale; Clay Wiley, Kilgore; Robert Young, Belville

RECEIVERS/ENDS: Bray Amos, Sweetwater; Jonathon Jackson, Caldwell; **Tate Kennedy, Big Spring**; Coy Lopez, Andrews; Pearce Loth, Rockdale; Cain Lowe, Decatur; Matthew Priddy, Orange Grove; Bryce Reeves, Graham

QUARTERBACKS: Jacob Arevalo, Pleasanton; Tanner Barr, Gilmer; Ben Causley, Jasper; Clayton Gibbs, Rockdale; Tyler Handson, Sinton; Patrick Reed, Sisbee; **Tobyn Tannehill, Big Spring**

RUNNING BACKS: D'Vincent Allison, Snyder; Cedric Battle, WF Hirschi; Dakarius Bell, Columbia; Guillermo Davila, Dalhart; Dorland Fields, Sweeny; Dillon Gonzales, Graham; D'Andrew Hopkins, Cuero; Tre'von Jackson, Sanger; Trey Jackson, Princeton; Kevin Justice, Kilgore; Tevin Pipkin, Carthage; Jake Whittenburg, Perryton

KICKERS: Michel Martinez, Navasota; Pablin Olivares, Gilmer

HONORABLE MENTION DEFENSE

LINEMEN: Danny Cockerell, Fairfield; Jacques Guillot, Port Isabel; Jarrett Janak, Sinton; **Chris Lindem, Big Spring**; Braylon Mack, Gladewater; Chase Mardis, Burnet; Mario McCain, Carthage; Keith Minor, Tyler Chapel Hill; Jonah Noah, Stephenville; Miguel Ramirez, Port Isabel; Chase Mardis, Burnet; **Stephen Self, Monahans**; Ricky Thompson, Robinson; Montana Vega, Lubbock Cooper; Aaron Young, Lubbock Estacado

LINEBACKERS: Kobe Beavers, Stephenville; Jake Brantley, Kilgore; Markeith Causley, Jasper; Jacob Covington, Liberty Hill; Jett Crider, Belville; James David, Rockdale; Israel Gonzales, Lubbock Estacado; Tanner Gowdy, Borger; Dan Hoddrick Hadnot, Jasper; Kody Hall, Burnet; Trenton Hambrick, Celina; Spur Hearne, Graham; Darius Heath, Carrollton Ranchview; Seth Hensley, Henderson; Coy Inmoff, Navasota; Cori Jones, La Grange; John Miller, Gonzales; Jared Moore, Shallowater; Ed Pena, Rio Hondo; Brickey Reed Paris; Landon Richter, La Vernia; Jeremiah Simpson, Fairfield; Sam Sizelove, Argyle; Josh Walker, Gilmer; **Tyler Wigington, Big Spring**; Jordan Williams, Paris; Jake Wright, Geronmo Navarro

DEFENSIVE BACKS: Moukee Carrie, Stephenville; Marco Colorado, Port Isabel; Gary Denson, Liberty Hill; Devondrick Dixon, Gilmer; Mike Freeze, Graham; Tre'Vontae Hights, Paulkum; Kaleb Hoover, Sweetwater; Jesse Hudson, Emory Rains; Darrance James, Gonzales; Jay Leal, Geronmo Navarro; Jerbrell Lipscomb, Navasota; Corne Luster, Vernon; Isaiah McGee, Sweetwater; Micah Nelson, Celina; **Devin Roberson, Big Spring**; Deonte Thompson, West Orange-Stark; Connor Wilson, Argyle

PUNTERS: Zane Boles, Henderson; Clayton Harp, El Campo; Cole Hedlund, Argyle; Austin Huff, Burnet; **Devin Roberson, Big Spring**.

MHS grad Hannon; MCS grad Burleson earn awards

Hannon

HANNON EARNS NSCAA ALL-REGION HONOR

WICHITA FALLS — Midland High grad and Midwestern State sophomore women's soccer player Morgan Hannon was named to the second team Natoinal Soccer Coaches of Association of America All-South Central Region team recently.

Hannon, a sophomore midfielder, finished the season with three goals and two assists and helped the Mustangs to a 13-5-3 record, along with a Lone Star Conference championship. Midwestern State also earned a berth in the NCAA Division II women's soccer tournament for the third time in school history.

BURLESON MAKES HONOR ROLL

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech junior infielder and Midland Christian grad Bryant Burleson has made it to the university's honor roll for the fifth consecutive year, the Tech athletic department announded on Tuesday.

Burleson has had at least a 3.0 GPA or better during each of his semesters as a Red Raider dating back to September 2011.

Mosley, Sutton, Carey repeat as AP All-Americans

Associated Press

Winston

NEW YORK — A tackle-machine linebacker, a tackle-busting running back and one of the most disruptive defensive tackles in the country made return appearances on The Associated Press All-America team.

Alabama linebacker C.J. Mosley, Arizona running back Ka'Deem Carey and Arizona State defensive tackle Will Sutton were selected to the first team for the second straight season.

The All-America teams were released Tuesday and selected by a panel of AP college football poll voters.

Heisman Trophy winner Jameis Winston from Florida State added All-American to his resume after a spectacular redshirt freshman season. Heisman finalists Andre Williams from Boston College and Northern Illinois' Jordan Lynch also made the first team. Williams joins Carey in the backfield and Lynch, the dual-threat quarterback, was chosen as an all-purpose player.

Carey, a junior, is second in the nation in rushing after leading last year, but said he thinks he's a better player now.

"I worked hard to improve my speed and strength in the offseason while keeping my speed," Carey said. "I put on 10 pounds of weight and I think that's helped my durability. I also wanted to be a better blocker away from the ball. Blocking for our quarterback and our receivers is key to our system and it's important that I do my part even when I'm not carrying the ball."

FIRST TEAM
OFFENSE

Quarterback — Jameis Winston, redshirt freshman, 6-foot-4, 229 pounds, Florida State.

Running backs — Andre Williams, senior, 6-0, 227, Boston College. Ka'Deem Carey, junior, 5-10, 196, Arizona.

Tackles — Jake Matthews, senior, 6-5, 305, Texas A&M. Cyrus Kouandjo, junior, 6-6, 310, Alabama.

Guards — Cyril Richardson, senior, 6-5, 342, Baylor. David Yankey, senior, 6-5, 313, Stanford.

Center — Bryan Stork, senior, 6-4, 300, Florida State.

Wide receivers — Brandin Cooks, junior, 5-10, 186, Oregon State; Mike Evans, sophomore, 6-5, 225, Texas A&M.

Tight end — Jace Amaro, junior, 6-5, 260, Texas Tech.

All-purpose player — Jordan Lynch, senior, 6-0, 216, Northern Illinois.

Kicker — Roberto Aguayo, redshirt freshman, 6-1, 203, Florida State.

DEFENSE

Ends — Michael Sam, senior, 6-2, 255, Missouri; Jackson Jeffcoat, senior, 6-5, 250, Texas.

Tackles — Aaron Donald, senior, 6-0, 285, Pittsburgh; Will Sutton, senior, 6-1, 288, Arizona State.

Linebackers — Anthony Barr, senior, 6-4, 248, UCLA; C.J. Mosley, senior, 6-2, 238, Alabama; Ryan Shazier, junior, 6-2, 230, Ohio State

Cornerbacks — Darqueze Dennard, senior, 5-11, 197, Michigan State; Lamarcus Joyner, senior, 5-8, 190, Florida State

Safeties — Cody Prewitt, junior, 6-2, 220, Mississippi; Deone Bucannon, senior, 6-1, 198, Washington State.

Punter — Tom Hornsey, senior, 6-3, 210, Memphis.

SECOND TEAM
OFFENSE

Quarterback — Johnny Manziel, sophomore, Texas A&M

Running backs — Tre' Mason, junior, Auburn; Bishop Sankey, junior, Washington

Tackles — Cameron Erving, junior, Florida State; Taylor Lewan, senior, Michigan

Guards — Gabe Jackson, senior, Mississippi State; Xavier Su'a-Filo, junior, UCLA

Center — Gabe Ikard, senior, Oklahoma

Wide receivers — Sammy Watkins, junior, Clemson; Davante Adams, sophomore, Fresno State

Tight end — Eric Ebron, junior, North Carolina.

All-purpose player — Ty Montgomery, junior, Stanford

Kicker — Anthony Fera, senior, Texas

DEFENSE

Ends — Vic Beasley, junior, Clemson; Shiquie Calhoun, sophomore, Michigan State

Tackles — Timmy Jernigan, junior, Florida State; Kelcy Quarles, junior, South Carolina.

Linebackers — Trent Murphy, senior, Stanford; Khalil Mack, senior, Buffalo; Chris Borland, senior, Wisconsin.

Cornerbacks — Justin Gilbert, senior, Oklahoma State; Jason Verrett, senior, TCU

Safeties — Ha Ha Clinton-Dix, junior, Alabama; Ahmad Dixon, senior, Baylor.

Punter — Drew Kaser, sophomore, Texas A&M

THIRD TEAM
OFFENSE

Quarterback — A.J. McCarron, senior, Alabama.

Running backs — Carlos Hyde, senior, Ohio State; Ameer Abdullah, junior, Nebraska

Tackles — Jack Mewhort, senior, Ohio State; Gregory Robinson, sophomore, Auburn

Guards — John Urschel, senior, Penn State; Ryan Groy, senior, Wisconsin

Center — Reese Dismukes, junior, Auburn

Wide receivers — Allen Robinson, junior, Penn State; Jordan Matthews, senior, Vanderbilt

Tight end — Austin Seferian-Jenkins, junior, Washington

All-purpose player — Odell Beckham Jr, junior, LSU

Kicker — Jeff Budzien, senior, Northwestern

DEFENSE

Ends — Marcus Smith, senior, Louisville; Jeremiah Attaochu, senior, Georgia Tech

Tackles — Ra'Shede Hageman, senior, Minnesota; Leonard Williams, sophomore, Southern California.

Linebackers — Shayne Skov, senior, Stanford; Max Bullough, senior, Michigan State; Dennis Allen, senior, Michigan State.

Cornerbacks — Ifo Ekpre-Olomu, junior, Oregon; Vernon Hargreaves III, freshman, Florida.

Safeties — Jimmie Ward, senior, Northern Illinois; Ty Zimmerman, senior, Kansas State.

Punter — Austin Rehkow, freshman, Idaho.

Saban: 'There were no talks' with Texas

Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Alabama coach Nick Saban and the football team are moving on.

Saban has put to rest the speculation that he would replace Mack Brown at Texas by striking a new deal with Alabama.

For the third-ranked Crimson Tide, the focus is on getting over the loss to Auburn and trying to finish the season strong in the Jan. 2 Sugar Bowl against No. 11 Oklahoma.

Saban had said Friday night after agreeing to a new contract reportedly worth about $7 million a year that he planned to retire at Alabama.

He said "there were no talks" between his representatives and Texas and pointed to comments on ESPN that he "never considered going to Texas."

"I think I've already made a reaction to that," Saban said. "Don't you watch ESPN? Didn't you see what they put down across the bottom line. That's my reaction to it.

"I don't have any more reactions to it. I think it's kind of over so why do we want to talk about that? We look forward. I'm looking forward. I made a commitment to our players that are here and I'm happy to be committed to them and I want them to make the same kind of commitment to the program and to their future success."

Brown announced his resignation at Texas on Saturday.

Several Texas regents and a former regent were involved in a meeting with Saban's agent last January to gauge the coach's interest in coming to Texas. Saban found the best way to quash that talk: Recupping with the Tide.

"I went home for the break or whatever, and everybody was basically talking about it," Norwood said. "And I was like, 'Coach Saban, is not going anywhere.' And whatever social media was saying, whatever was happening after that, I pretty much ignored it."

Alabama (11-1) returned to the practice field on Tuesday for the first time since the Iron Bowl.

The game was tied until Chris Davis returned a missed field goal 109 yards for a touchdown on the final play to effectively end Alabama's bid for a third straight national championship.

Now, the team is gearing up for a bowl trip that would be a prize for most teams, but could be viewed as a disappointment for the Tide.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

THUNDER 105
NUGGETS 93

DENVER — Kevin Durant scored 30 points and the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the Denver Nuggets 105-93 on Tuesday night for their seventh consecutive victory.

Durant had 30 or more points in a game for the 12th time this season, most in the NBA.

TRAIL BLAZERS 119
CAVALIERS 116

CLEVELAND — Damian Lillard made a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 0.4 seconds remaining, lifting the Portland Trail Blazers to a 119-116 win over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Tuesday night.

Lillard had a career-high eight 3-pointers while scoring 36 points. The 2013 NBA Rookie of the Year also had a fadeaway jumper as time expired to give Portland a 111-109 overtime victory over Detroit on Sunday.

Portland (22-4) has the best record in the NBA and is 11-0 against the Eastern Conference. The Blazers have won five straight and are 12-2 on the road.

BOBCATS 95
KINGS 87

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Kemba Walker scored 24 points and the Charlotte Bobcats beat the Sacramento Kings 95-87 on Tuesday night, snapping a three-game losing streak.

Gerald Henderson added 20 points and reserve Ramon Sessions scored 16 for the Bobcats, who went 8 for 17 from 3-point range. Walker also had five assists in his 10th game with at least 10 points.

LAKERS 96
GRIZZLIES 92

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Kobe Bryant scored 21 points in his sixth game of the season, and the Los Angeles Lakers closed out a four-game road trip with a 96-92 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies on Tuesday night.

Pau Gasol added 21 points and nine rebounds for the Lakers, who were coming off a 114-100 loss at Atlanta on Monday night. Nick Young had 18 points, and Jodie Meeks finished with 13.

Zach Randolph had 18 points and a season-high 16 rebounds for Memphis.

TUESDAY IN THE NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	12	14	.462	—
Toronto	9	13	.409	1
Brooklyn	9	15	.375	2
New York	7	17	.292	4
Philadelphia	7	19	.269	5

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	18	6	.750	—
Atlanta	13	12	.520	5½
Charlotte	11	14	.440	7½
Washington	10	13	.435	7½
Orlando	8	17	.320	10½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	20	4	.833	—
Detroit	12	14	.462	9
Chicago	9	14	.391	10½
Cleveland	9	15	.375	11
Milwaukee	5	19	.208	15

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	19	5	.792	—
Houston	16	9	.640	3½
Dallas	14	10	.583	5
New Orleans	11	11	.500	7
Memphis	10	14	.417	9

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	22	4	.846	—
Oklahoma City	20	4	.833	1
Denver	14	10	.583	7
Minnesota	12	13	.480	9½
Utah	6	21	.222	16½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	17	9	.654	—
Phoenix	14	9	.609	1½
Golden State	13	12	.520	3½
L.A. Lakers	12	13	.480	4½
Sacramento	7	16	.304	8½

Tuesday's Scores

Portland 119, Cleveland 116
Charlotte 95, Sacramento 87
L.A. Lakers 96, Memphis 92
Oklahoma City 105, Denver 93
New Orleans at Golden State, late

Today's Games

Utah at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Indiana at Miami, 6 p.m.
Charlotte at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.
Portland at Minnesota, 6 p.m.
New York at Milwaukee, 6 p.m.
Memphis at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
New Orleans at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

TUESDAY'S BOX SCORES

THUNDER 105, NUGGETS 93

OKLAHOMA CITY (105): Durant 11-23 6-7 30, Ibaka 7-11 3-4 17, Perkins 1-1 1-2 3, Westbrook 9-16 2-4 21, Sefolosha 1-4 0-0 2, Adams 0-1 1-2 1, Colleton 4-7 0-0 8, Jackson 4-10 0-0 8, Lamb 4-9 0-0 9, Fisher 2-5 1-1 6, Jones 0-1 0-0 0, Roberson 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals 43-88 14-20 105.**

DENVER (93): Chandler 6-15 0-1 13, Faried 6-12 1-2 13, Hickson 7-13 6-9 20, Lawson 6-11 4-5 17, Foye 1-5 1-1 3, Robinson 4-9 2-2 12, Morgan 2-5 0-0 4, Arthur 0-4 2-2 2, Hamilton 2-6 0-0 4, A.Miller 0-2 0-0 0, Fournier 2-5 0-0 5, O.Miller 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals 35-87 16-22 93.**

Oklahoma City	**29**	**23**	**23**	**30 — 105**
Denver	**24**	**20**	**21**	**28 — 93**

3-Point Goals—Oklahoma City 5-22 (Durant 2-4, Westbrook 1-4, Fisher 1-4, Lamb 1-5, Collison 0-1, Sefolosha 0-2, Jackson 0-2), Denver 5-19 (Robinson 2-6, Fournier 1-1, Lawson 1-2, Chandler 1-4, Hamilton 0-3, Foye 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Oklahoma City 63 (Westbrook 13), Denver 45 (Hickson 14). Assists—Oklahoma City 19 (Westbrook 8), Denver 25 (Lawson 13). Total Fouls—Oklahoma City 22, Denver 20. Technicals—Oklahoma City defensive three second. Flagrant Fouls—Hamilton. Ejected— Hamilton. A—17,035 (19,155).

BOBCATS 95, KINGS 87

SACRAMENTO (87): Gay 1-6 2-3 4, Thompson 4-8 1-2 9, Cousins 9-13 12-15 30, Thomas 8-23 3-3 21, McLemore 2-10 2-2 7, Outlaw 1-9 0-0 2, Williams 2-4 1-1 5, Ajy 2-2 1-1 5, Fredette 1-7 1-1 4. **Totals 30-80 23-29 87.**

CHARLOTTE (95): Taylor 3-9 0-0 6, McRoberts 2-5 0-0 5, Johnson 5-13 0-1 10, Walker 7-13 6-7 24, Henderson 7-13 6-8 20, Zeller 3-7 1-1 7, Sessions 6-11 4-5 16, Biyombo 0-1 0-2 0, Gordon 2-6 0-0 5. **Totals 35-78 17-24 95.**

Sacramento	**22**	**21**	**29**	**15 — 87**
Charlotte	**35**	**21**	**22**	**17 — 95**

3-Point Goals—Sacramento 4-15 (Thomas 2-6, Fredette 1-2, McLemore 1-5, Williams 0-1, Outlaw 0-1), Charlotte 8-17 (Walker 4-8, Taylor 2-4, Gordon 1-2, McRoberts 1-2, Sessions 0-1). Fouled Out—Thompson, Jefferson. Rebounds—Sacramento 52 (Cousins 17), Charlotte 53 (Biyombo, Jefferson 9). Assists—Sacramento 18 (Cousins 6), Charlotte 26 (Sessions 6). Total Fouls—Sacramento 23, Charlotte 26. Technicals—Sacramento defensive three second, Charlotte defensive three second. A—11,339 (19,077).

TRAIL BLAZERS 119, CAVALIERS 116

PORTLAND (119): Batum 3-13 6-6 14, Aldridge 11-22 4-6 26, Lopez 4-4 0-0 8, Lillard 11-23 6-7 36, Matthews 6-10 4-4 19, Williams 3-8 2-2 9, Freeland 0-0 0-0 0, Robinson 2-7 0-0 4, Wright 1-5 0-0 3. **Totals 41-92 22-25 119.**

CLEVELAND (116): Gee 1-2 2-2 5, Thompson 7-11 1-4 15, Bynum 6-12 1-2 13, Irving 9-22 4-4 25, Miles 4-8 0-0 8, Waiters 11-19 1-1 25, Varejao 2-7 1-2 5, Jack 5-14 1-1 12, Clark 1-4 0-0 3, Bennett 1-1 0-0 2, Dellavedova 1-2 0-0 3. **Totals 48-102 11-16 116.**

Portland	**26**	**29**	**37**	**27 — 119**
Cleveland	**28**	**31**	**29**	**28 — 116**

3-Point Goals—Portland 15-33 (Lillard 8-12, Matthews 3-6, Batum 2-8, Williams 1-3, Wright 1-4), Cleveland 9-17 (Irving 3-7, Waiters 2-2, Jack 1-1, Gee 1-1, Dellavedova 1-2, Clark 1-3, Miles 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Portland 62 (Aldridge 15), Cleveland 51 (Varejao, Bynum 9). Assists—Portland 26 (Lillard 10), Cleveland 26 (Irving 10). Total Fouls—Portland 16, Cleveland 17. Technicals—Portland defensive three second. A—15,689 (20,562).

LAKERS 96, GRIZZLIES 92

L.A. LAKERS (96): W.Johnson 3-8 1-1 7, Hill 1-2 0-0 2, P.Gasol 9-12 3-5 21, Bryant 9-18 2-2 21, Meeks 5-10 0-0 13, Williams 2-5 0-0 4, Young 6-11 3-3 18, Henry 2-8 1-2 5. **Totals 37-75 10-13 96.**

MEMPHIS (92): Prince 0-1 0-0 0, Randolph 7-22 4-4 18, Koufos 1-5 0-0 2, Bayless 6-13 1-1 13, Allen 6-13 4-6 16, Leuer 5-9 0-0 13, Franklin 0-5 0-0 0, Miller 4-10 0-0 9, Calathes 4-6 1-2 10, Davis 4-6 1-2 9, J.Johnson 0-1 2-2 2. **Totals 37-91 13-17 92.**

L.A. Lakers	**34**	**18**	**15**	**29 — 96**
Memphis	**26**	**22**	**20**	**24 — 92**

3-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 7-22 (Young 3-6, Meeks 3-8, Bryant 1-1, Williams 0-1, Henry 0-3, W.Johnson 0-3), Memphis 5-16 (Leuer 3-4, Calathes 1-1, Miller 1-5, Bayless 0-1, J.Johnson 0-1, Allen 0-2, Franklin 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Lakers 45 (P.Gasol 9), Memphis 55 (Randolph 16). Assists—L.A. Lakers 16 (W.Johnson 6), Memphis 20 (Miller, Randolph, Allen 5). Total Fouls—L.A. Lakers 18, Memphis 18. A—17,217 (18,119).

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday's Scores

MEN

SOUTHWEST

Abilene Christian 90, Bacone 63
Incarnate Word 98, Open Bible 53
North Texas 64, Cent. Arkansas 55
Oklahoma 91, Texas-Arlington 89
Oklahoma St. 75, Delaware St. 43
Toledo 78, Arkansas St. 65

MIDWEST

Cardinal Stritch 92, Trinity (Ill.) 71
Creighton 88, Ark.-Pine Bluff 51
Ferris St. 84, Tiffin 81
Grand Valley St. 67, Ohio Dominican 62
Green Bay 76, Tennessee Tech 49
Ill.-Chicago 88, Purdue-Calumet 61
Indiana-East 96, Indiana-Kokomo 78
Madonna 76, Taylor 66
Marquette 91, Ball St. 53
Michigan St. 76, North Florida 48
North Central (Minn.) 70, Macalester 59
Purdue 79, Md.-Eastern Shore 50
Winona St. 80, Viterbo 52
Wis.-Oshkosh 72, Silver Lake 62
Youngstown St. 71, Bethune-Cookman 59

SOUTH

Fayetteville St. 84, Virginia Union 81
Florida St. 106, Charlotte 62
Hanover 73, Thomas More 72
Jacksonville St. 82, Cent. Michigan 73
Liberty 77, Howard 59
Longwood 80, Va. Intermont 61
Louisiana Tech 64, McNeese St. 50
Louisiana-Lafayette 103, Centenary 69
Louisville 90, Missouri St. 60
Manhattan 86, South Carolina 68
Marshall 121, Alice Lloyd 57
Middle Tennessee 102, Tenn. Temple 52
Mississippi St. 78, Florida A&M 65
Mount Olive 72, Chowan 68
Murray St. 73, S. Illinois 65
Pikeville 113, Cincinnati-Clermont 55
SC State 83, Coastal Carolina 78
South Alabama 82, Dillard 72
South Florida 68, Florida Gulf Coast 66, 2OT
Stetson 64, FAU 62
Transylvania 98, Piedmont 94
UCF 104, Jacksonville 64
VCU 72, Wofford 57
Vanderbilt 58, Austin Peay 56
Wake Forest 77, St. Bonaventure 62
Washington 73, Tulane 62
Wichita St. 72, Alabama 67
Xavier (NO) 71, Spring Hill 66

EAST

Cincinnati 44, Pittsburgh 43
Duquesne 78, St. Francis (Pa.) 71
East Stroudsburg 76, Slippery Rock 64
Georgetown 85, Elon 76
Providence 76, Yale 74

FAR WEST

New Mexico St. 67, New Mexico 61

WOMEN

SOUTHWEST

Talladega 77, Ark.-Pine Bluff 75
Texas A&M 73, Nicholls St. 39

MIDWEST

Cincinnati 86, Akron 70
Drake 87, SIU-Edwardsville 71
Louisville 105, Ball St. 67
Mississippi St. 72, N. Dakota St. 62
Ohio St. 82, UT-Martin 60
S. Dakota St. 67, N. Illinois 50
UMass 69, Kent St. 61

SOUTH

Alabama 75, Jacksonville 52
Alabama A&M 81, SC State 78
Alabama St. 64, Florida A&M 63
East Carolina 81, Norfolk St. 61
Florida 105, St. Francis (Pa.) 71
Georgia 81, Lipscomb 46
Georgia Tech 104, Portland St. 54
LSU 69, Florida Gulf Coast 46
McNeese St. 63, Louisiana Tech 51
Mercer 60, Jacksonville St. 54
NC A&T 83, UNC Asheville 57
Northwestern St. 63, Ark.-Monticello 40
Stetson 83, Charlotte 81
Tennessee 94, Tennessee St. 43
UAB 58, High Point 43
UConn 83, Duke 61
Virginia 81, Md.-Eastern Shore 46

EAST

St. Bonaventure 76, Buffalo 71, OT

FAR WEST

E. Washington 80, Northwest College 48
Long Beach St. 76, Miami (Ohio) 61
North Texas 93, Denver 74
Wyoming 79, Montana 65

Today's schedule

MEN

SOUTHWEST

Open Bible at Abilene Christian, TBA
CS Bakersfield at UTSA, 7 p.m.
Grand Canyon at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.
Texas-Pan American at SMU, 7:30 p.m.
LSU at Texas Tech, 8 p.m.
Northwestern St. at Baylor, 8:30 p.m.

WOMEN

SOUTHWEST

Tennessee Tech at Arkansas St., noon
St. Thomas (Texas) at Incarnate Word, 5:30 p.m.
Mississippi at Baylor, 6 p.m.
Texas St. at Lamar, 6 p.m.
Abilene Christian at TCU, 7 p.m.
Texas-Arlington at Texas-Pan American, 7 p.m.

Kickoff rules have made returners restless

Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Trindon Holliday stands just 5-foot-5 and might tip the scales at 170 pounds if he wolfs down a big breakfast. Still, he figures he knows exactly how those big, beefy baseball sluggers must feel drawing intentional walks.

Holliday, the Denver Broncos' speedy kick returner, is flustered that he doesn't get the chance to showcase his skills all that much on kickoff returns, and he's not alone.

"You feel like it's time for you to spark your team and you get so anxious and you see the ball go over your head again and again and you get frustrated," said Holliday.

So, when the ball does land in his hands, even if it's very deep in the end zone, even if the wiser thing to do is take a knee, he wants desperately to bring it out.

Holliday has six special teams return touchdowns in 29 career games, including playoffs, one every 4.8 games, which ranks him first in the league since the 1970 merger. But he hasn't scored since a 105-yard kickoff return against Philadelphia in September, a career-long drought of eight games.

Restless returners are as much a part of the NFL nowadays as the aerial fireworks show that light up the scoreboards every week.

"I don't like taking a knee because I'm a defense guy," said Chiefs returner Quintin Demps, a safety. "So, I'm probably mad because it means they scored, and if they scored a touchdown, I want to score. Yeah, it gets frustrating sometimes. We're all competitors. We want the ball in our hands and we want to make a play."

It's not always up to the kick returner. Sometimes his coach or a teammate is the one giving him the green or the red light.

Sometimes it doesn't work out and the returner is smothered before he can reach the 20-yard line. The elite ones, though, can still change a game.

It just doesn't happen as often as it used to.

For the first time in NFL history, more than half of all kickoffs could end up as touchbacks this season, three years after the league moved the kickoff up from the 30-yard line to the 35 to reduce the number of returns and, therefore, the number of concussions.

The league says its studies show head injuries on special teams plays have gone down as a result of the change and the data shows a drastic rise in the number of footballs flying out of the back of the end zone and returners taking a knee rather than bringing it out.

According to STATS:

■ The season is tracking at 1,285 returns, which would be the lowest since the expansion to 32 teams in 2002. Not surprisingly, 2011 (1,375) and '12 (1,395) have been the next two lowest. Prior to that, 2009 had the lowest number of returns, at 2,004.

■ The touchback percentage is 49.4 percent. There's never been a season where more than half the kicks are touchbacks. Prior to '11, the highest percentage was in 1993, when 27 percent of kickoffs were downed.

■ The average kickoff return is now 23.5 yards. Over 2011 and '12, that number was 22.2.

However, a big return just isn't what it used to be.

■ The average starting position on kickoffs is now the 22-yard line. It was 26.8 in 2010, the year before the rule change.

For many teams, the risk/reward ratio for 2 extra yards just isn't worth it.

For teams with a dynamic returner, it is, but Chicago's Devin Hester, who has 19 return TDs in 124 career games, said he doesn't ever grow impatient and bring one out that he shouldn't.

"It's up to the coaches at the end of the day," Hester said. "When I bring those out 8, 9 deep, Coach will tell me beforehand, 'No matter how deep it is, bring it out.' So, it's really not up to me."

Sometimes, it's actually up to the opponent.

"It's pretty frustrating because you are back there for pretty much nothing, unless they want you to return. It's all up to them," Giants kick returner Jerrel Jernigan said.

"You have to control yourself. If you get antsy and try to bring one out that is eight yards deep, the kickoff coverage is already down there and it's probably going to get you inside the 15."

Twenty-one of the top 25 worst overall average starting field positions since 1991 have come after the 2011 rule change on kickoffs, according to STATS, including eight this season.

Vikings rookie Cordarrelle Patterson, who leads the league with a 33.3-yard kickoff return average and has two TD returns, said he's not bothered by kickoffs sailing over his head.

"Nah, it makes me feel good," he insisted. "It makes me feel like they're scared of me or they respect me back there."

Associated Press

Dallas Stars defenseman Kevin Connauton (23) handles the puck as Colorado Avalanche's Gabriel Landeskog (92) trails in the second period of a hockey game, Tuesday in Dallas.

Stars slip past Avalanche in heated contest

Associated Press

Stars	3
Avalanche	2

DALLAS — Colton Sceviour scored a tiebreaking goal at 17:08 of the third period and the Dallas Stars edged the Colorado Avalanche 3-2 Tuesday.

A rebound of a Colorado shot bounced out to Rich Peverley, who put a pass on Sceviour's stick for a breakaway against Avalanche goalie Jean-Sebastien Giguere, who made 25 saves.

Ray Whitney scored two goals for Dallas.

Matt Duchene put in a rebound of Erik Johnson's shot for a power-play goal just 2:37 into the game. Dallas' Ryan Garbutt was serving a double minor for high-sticking.

Johnson's goal at 10:20 of the second period came when the teams were skating 4 on 4, with the Stars' Antoine Roussel off for roughing and unsportsmanlike conduct.

Whitney's second-period goal that tied the game 2-2 was Dallas' second power-play goal at home in 49 opportunities this season.

The two teams played on Monday night in Denver and Colorado won 6-2.

On Colorado's first goal on Tuesday, Dallas goalie Dan Ellis stopped Johnson's drive from the point, but the rebound went off to the right and Duchene swatted the puck in for his 15th goal.

The Avalanche had failed to score on all five power plays in Monday's 6-2 home victory over the Stars. Colorado was successful on 1 of 6 man advantages Tuesday.

Dallas tied the score 1-1 at 7:31. Out of a scramble in front of the Avalanche goal the puck went to Whitney, and he knocked it past Giguere.

Colorado outshot the Stars 12-7 in the first period.

The Avalanche put just two shots on goal in the second, but one was Johnson's slap shot from the right faceoff circle that restored Colorado's one-goal lead.

Giguere saved 13 Stars shots in the period, but Whitney tied the score 2-2 at 17:19 with his second goal of the game. Alex Chiasson passed from behind the goal line to Whitney, who one-timed a shot from the right circle.

Dallas' previous goal with a man advantage at home was by Stephane Robidas Nov. 21 in a 3-2 loss to the New York Rangers.

Dallas had a 5-on-3 power play for 45 seconds early in the third period, but failed to score. Whitney had a chance for a third goal, but whiffed on a shot from left of the goal.

The Stars missed two shots at an open net when Colorado went with six skaters for a little more than a minute. The Avalanche swarmed around Ellis, but were unable to put the puck past him.

Each goalie finished with 25 saves.

Jones

From 1C

halftime, but Jones backed his coach.

"With us not being able to stop them, we didn't want to give them the ball back," Jones said. "Frankly, when they would score, I wanted to answer them. I was for the aggressiveness in the (second) half."

And the Packers were thankful for it.

"That's just who they are," cornerback Tramon Williams told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. "They run the ball really well against everybody they play, but they just never stick with it."

So can the Cowboys overcome and reach "California?"

Citing that he's "spent more money on the ball team than anybody in the NFL did this year," the "quality players" on the roster and coach Jason Garrett's "experience," Jones believes so.

"All these things can kick in and make us a winning combination," he said.

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	10	4	0	.714	369	311
Miami	8	6	0	.571	310	296
N.Y. Jets	6	8	0	.429	246	367
Buffalo	5	9	0	.357	300	354

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Indianapolis	9	5	0	.643	338	319
Tennessee	5	9	0	.357	326	355
Jacksonville	4	10	0	.286	221	399
Houston	2	12	0	.143	253	375

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	9	5	0	.643	354	274
Baltimore	8	6	0	.571	296	277
Pittsburgh	6	8	0	.429	321	332
Cleveland	4	10	0	.286	288	362

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Denver	11	3	0	.786	535	372
x-Kansas City	11	3	0	.786	399	255
San Diego	7	7	0	.500	343	311
Oakland	4	10	0	.286	295	393

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	8	6	0	.571	364	349
Dallas	7	7	0	.500	393	385
N.Y. Giants	5	9	0	.357	251	357
Washington	3	11	0	.214	305	434

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	10	4	0	.714	359	270
Carolina	10	4	0	.714	328	208
Tampa Bay	4	10	0	.286	258	324
Atlanta	4	10	0	.286	309	388

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	8	6	0	.571	406	391
Green Bay	7	6	1	.536	353	362
Detroit	7	7	0	.500	362	339
Minnesota	4	9	1	.321	363	425

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Seattle	12	2	0	.857	380	205
San Francisco	10	4	0	.714	349	228
Arizona	9	5	0	.643	342	291
St. Louis	6	8	0	.429	316	324

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Monday's Score

Baltimore 18, Detroit 16

Sunday's Games

Tampa Bay at St. Louis, noon
Indianapolis at Kansas City, noon
Denver at Houston, noon
Miami at Buffalo, noon
New Orleans at Carolina, noon
Dallas at Washington, noon
Cleveland at N.Y. Jets, noon
Minnesota at Cincinnati, noon
Tennessee at Jacksonville, noon
Arizona at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Detroit, 3:05 p.m.
Oakland at San Diego, 3:25 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Green Bay, 3:25 p.m.
New England at Baltimore, 3:25 p.m.
Chicago at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 23

Atlanta at San Francisco, 7:40 p.m.

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Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel gestures as he talks to reporters after winning the Heisman Trophy in New York in 2012.

No. 22 Duke to face 2nd straight Heisman winner

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Duke is facing quite a one-two punch to end its breakout season.

The 22nd-ranked Blue Devils struggled against eventual Heisman Trophy winner Jameis Winston and No. 1 Florida State in the ACC title game.

Now they must find a way to stop last year's Heisman winner, Johnny Manziel, and No. 20 Texas A&M (8-4) in the Chick-fil-A Bowl.

According to STATS, Duke (10-3) is the first team to play Heisman winners in consecutive games since the 2010 LSU team took on Alabama's Mark Ingram and Auburn's Cam Newton back to back.

"When we found out our matchup, we were all pumped about it because it's awesome to play against a guy that exciting and an offense that good," Duke linebacker Kelby Brown said Tuesday. "It's a chance to make a statement for ourselves, and it's just fun. It's the nature of a competitor."

There isn't a whole lot Duke can take from its preparations for Winston and the Seminoles that it can put to use against Manziel and the Aggies on Dec. 31 in Atlanta because they have different styles and run different offenses.

Duke linebacker David Helton, who has an ACC-leading 122 tackles, says Winston and Manziel are "two different quarterbacks."

Winston "is definitely a scrambler as well, but he's not as much of a scrambler as Manziel is," he added. "Manziel is built on scrambling. ... He likes to sit back there and kind of make magic happen, whereas Winston is more of a bigger guy and he likes to sit in the pocket a little bit more than Manziel does. Different mindsets for both of them."

But beating a Heisman winner would give Duke's big season another stamp of legitimacy.

The Blue Devils set a school record for wins, beat two Top 25 opponents, captured their first Coastal Division title and became the only team to shut out the Seminoles in the first quarter before losing 45-7 in the league title game.

"Once you play against the best and you play against somebody else, you can look at it and say, 'OK, we played against the best, so what (else) is there out there?'" freshman cornerback DeVon Edwards said. "If we do good against them, we should do good against anybody."

Duke quarterback Anthony Boone, whose first career loss as a starter came in the ACC title game, says there's no temptation to try to outduel Manziel because "that doesn't win football games.

"Guys like that are going to put up numbers. To try to go out there and compete with them is where I'll try to do too much and mistakes will happen," Boone said.

The Blue Devils are eager to get back on a big stage, atone for that performance and prove something to their doubters.

"What people are seeing right now is that we got beat really bad by Florida State, and maybe they're thinking, 'Well, Duke can hang in with most teams but not with that top tier,'" Brown said. "I think no one would argue that Texas A&M isn't one of those top-tier teams, so it's another chance for us to show that we belong up there."

ACCIDENTS

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Manaus. "There are accidents that are involved when you have so many thousands of workers."

He noted that the construction companies at nearly all stadiums are "very experienced" and global. He promised "full punishment under the rule of law" for any firm that violates Brazil's "very strict, rigid, firm, labor protection laws."

Two workers were killed when a crane collapsed on Nov. 27 as it was hoisting a 500-ton piece of roofing at the stadium in Sao Paulo that will host the World Cup opener. Last year, a worker died at the construction site of the stadium in Brasilia. The other death in Manaus happened in March.

The most delayed stadium is expected to be the one in Sao Paulo, where construction is to finish April 15, followed by test matches.

Among other venues, the west-central city of Cuiaba also stands out because so much supporting infrastructure is still being worked on. For now, travelers there land at an airport bustling with construction, take a road half ripped up for promised tramlines and arrive at a stadium where the roof and facades aren't finished. The muddy field was only recently seeded.

"Cuiaba is a construction site," Fernandes said. "But I think from the government perspective that's a very good situation because it won't be a construction site for the World Cup."

On other topics, Fernandes and DelMont said they don't expect the World Cup atmosphere to fall completely flat if Brazil's national team doesn't reach the final on July 13.

Citing brisk ticket sales, Fernandes also said "genuine enthusiasm" in Brazil for the World Cup will help reduce the risk of violent demonstrations like those that shook the Confederations Cup warmup tournament in June.

"There's been a change in public opinion," Fernandes said. "There's much less acceptance or tolerance in public opinion to these types of acts of violence."

As for Brazil's prospects of winning for a sixth time and for the first time at home, the minister noted that the path beyond the group stage for the national team looks "very difficult."

The last time Brazil hosted the World Cup was 1950 when it lost to Uruguay in the final. This time, world champion Spain or 2010 runner-up the Netherlands lurk as likely opponents for Brazil in the second round.

"How will people react if we lose along the way? I mean, they won't react well," Fernandes said.

"But they are also football fans," he said. "Interest will continue in the World Cup if Brazil is eliminated but that ghost (of 1950) will continue to haunt us."

WEDNESDAY PRIME TIME — DECEMBER 18, 2013

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

						6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
BROADCAST	KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Middle	Goldberg	Modern Family	Barbara Walters Presents: The 10 Most Fascinating People (N)			KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) News Nightline
	KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	Home Holiday "With Celine Dion" (N)		Criminal Minds "#6"		CSI: Crime Scene "Double Fault"		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman	(:35) Late Late
	KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	Sein. "The Opera"	Rules of Engage.	iHeartRadio Jingle Ball A star studded concert for the holidays. (N)				Rules of Engage.	Seinfeld "The Trip"	Commu-nity	Commu-nity	That '70s Show	That '70s Show
	KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The X Factor "Season Finale, Part 1" 1/2 cont'd Dec 19 (N)				Modern Family	Modern Family	The Arsenio Hall Show		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
	KMLM	IND	11	11	12	11	11	Mani Erfan	Jean-Claude	Update News	Dollars & Sense	Light of the Southwest				Dr. Rik Wadge	BAS Presents	Jean-Claude	Dr. William
	KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		The Sing-Off "Movie Night" Enjoy the songs performed by the remaining six groups. (N)			Michael Buble (N)			News-West 9	(:35) Tonight Show Christina Applegate (N)	(:35) LateNight
	KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Nature		Nova "Extreme Ice"		Life on Fire		Charlie Rose (N)	BBC News	Tavis Smiley	
	KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	Corazon Indomable		Por Siempre Mi Amor		Lo Que La Vida Me Robo		Mentir Para Vivir		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Una familia con suerte	
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PREMIUM	FLIX		340	65		165		(5:30) ★★ Top Dog		★★ D3: The Mighty Ducks		(:45) ★★ Cool Runnings John Candy.				★★ Captain Ron Kurt Russell.			
	HBO		300	68	14	14		(5:00) ★★ Won't Back ...		★★ Jack the Giant Slayer Nicholas Hoult.		Treme				24/7		Get On	Movie
	HBO2		302	69	15	101	23	Real Sports		★ Crossfire Hurricane ('12, Doc) Mick Jagger.		★★ The Five-Year Engagement					(:05) Ja'mie	Movie	
	HBOS		304	70	16	102		(4:55) ★★ EdTV		The Sopranos		★ Stoker (2013, Mystery)		Making		★★ Ted Mark Wahlberg.		Movie	
	MAX		380	71	17	120	24	(5:30) ★ Shaun of th...		(:15) ★★ Go ('99, Com) Sarah Polley.				★ Chronicle Dane Dehaan.		JumpOff	Guide	Movie	
	MAX2		382	72	18	122		(5:50) ★★★ Die Hard II: Die Harder				Banshee	(:45) ★★ Office Space			(:15) ★★ Big Momma's House 2			
	PLEX				96			(:20) ★ Steel ('97, Fant) Shaquille O'Neal.				★ Mortal Kombat II: Annihila...		(:40) ★ American Ninja 5: Little Ninja Man				Movie	
	SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	(:15) ★ Java Heat ('13, Act) Kellan Lutz.				Inside the NFL		Homeland "The Star"		Inside the NFL		★★ The Crow	
	TMC		336	67	22	155	26	(5:15) ★★★ JCVD		★ The Wild & Wonderful Whi...		★★★ White Lightnin'				(:05) ★ Jack the Reaper		Movie	
CABLE	A&E		27	32	28	35	47	Duck Dynasty "Aloha, Robertsons!"		Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dy "O Little Town of West Monroe"		Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Rodeo Girls		Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty
	AMC		40	21	23	42	51	(4:30) ★★ Miss Cong...		★★★ Home Alone ('90, Com) Macaulay Culkin.				★★★ Home Alone ('90, Com) Macaulay Culkin.					
	BET		58	26		40		106&Park	Husbands	Husbands	Husbands	Scandal		Scandal "YOLO"		Game	Game	Wendy Williams	
	BRAVO		65	63		41		Atlanta "Savann-no"		Kathy Griffin (N)		Top Chef		Top Chef (N)		Watch (N)	Top Chef		Top Chef
	CNBC		46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		Mob Money		American Greed		American Greed		Mad Money		American Greed	
	CNN		43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		AC360 Later		11th Hr	iCYMI	Piers Morgan Live	
	DISC		50	20	31	24	42	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
	DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	GoodLuck	Jessie	GoodLuck	★ Good Luck Charlie, It's Ch...			GoodLuck	Austin	Gravity	Jessie	Suite Life	McGuire
	ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	NBA Basketball Indiana Pacers vs. Miami Heat (L)						NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls vs. Houston Rockets (L)				SportsCenter	
	ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Holiday Hoops Tex./UNC (L)				NCAA Basketball Holiday Hoops Stnf./Con. (L)				SportsCenter		Olbermann (N)	
	FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	Winnie	Mickey	★★★★ Mary Poppins ('64, Mus) Dick Van Dyke, Julie Andrews.						The 700 Club		★★ Santa Baby	
	FNC		45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
	FOOD		64	59	27	68	54	Restaurant		Restaurant		Stakeout (N)		Restaurant (N)		Diners, Drive-Ins (N)		Restaurant Stakeout	
	FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	Big 12 Showcase	Cowboys Insider	Mavs Pre (L)	NBA Basketball Memphis Grizzlies vs. Dallas Mavericks Site: American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)					Maveric-ks Live (L)	Icons of Coaching	NCAA Basketball Mississippi vs Baylor	
	FX		31	31	59	64	69	(4:00) ★ Transformer...		★★★ Real Steel ('11, Sci-Fi) Evangeline Lilly, Hugh Jackman.						★★★ Real Steel Hugh Jackman.			
	HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	(5:00) ★ Christmas ...		★ Hats Off to Christmas! Haylie Duff.				★ The Santa Switch Ethan Erickson.				★ A Season for Mi...	
	HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	Buying and Selling		Property Brothers		Buying & Selling (N)		H.Hunter	House	Property Brothers		Buying and Selling	
	HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	Pickers "Cheap Pick"		American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		Bible Secrets (N)		Bible Secrets		American Pickers	
	LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	(5:00) ★ A Very Merry Daughter of the Bride		★ Christmas on the Bayou (2013, Romance) Hilarie Burton, Tyler Hilton, Markie Post.				★ Love at the Christmas Table ('12, Com) Lea Thompson, Danica McKeller.				★ Christmas on the Bayou Markie Post.	
	MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
	NBCSN		38	39				Rivals	NHL Live!	NHL Hockey Pittsburgh Penguins vs. New York Rangers (L)				Overtime		NFL Turning Point		Coach's	NFLTP
	NICK		55	34	39	34	37	Sam, Cat	Hathaway	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
	SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Jail	Jail
	SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	Haunted Highway		Haunted Highway		Haunted HWay (N)		Killer Contact (N)		Killer Contact (N)		Haunted Highway	
	TBS		25	11	44	66	41	Sein. "The Family Gum"	Family Guy "Road to the North Pole"		Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)		Trust Me I'm	Conan
	TCM		41	61	24	63	66	Movie	April	★★★ Broadway Melody of 1940				★★★★ Easter Parade Judy Garland				★ Royal Wedding	
	TELE		20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Marido en Alquiler		La Reina Del Sur		Santa Diabla		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	La Reina Del Sur	
	TLC		51	33	32	38	52	Bakery Boss "Friendly Bake Shop"		Bakery Boss "Violet's Bake Shop"		BakeBoss "Kristi G's Cupcakes and More"		Bakery Boss: Bigger "Oten's Italian Bakery"		BakeBoss "Kristi G's Cupcakes and More"		Bakery Boss: Bigger "Oten's Italian Bakery"	
	TNT		24	23	40	26	50	(4:00) ★★★ The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers ('02, Fant) Elijah Wood.				Mob City "Oxpecker/ Stay Down" A violent massacre leaves the LAPD at a loss.				(:05) Mob City "Oxpecker/ Stay Down" A violent massacre leaves the LAPD at a loss.			
	TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	Griffith	A. Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Kirstie (N)	The Exes	Kirstie	The Exes	Queens	Queens
	USA		26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Fat"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Criminal"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Monster's Legacy"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Secrets Exhumed"		Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family
	WGN		19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	WGN News		Met Your Mother	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	Parks and Rec

Golf in 2013: Sharing the wealth

Associated Press

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — Wanting to return among the elite in golf, Graeme McDowell mapped out a plan last fall. He figured out how many ranking points he would need to get back into the top five in the world.

And he went about it the right way. It started with his win at the World Challenge a year ago. He won at Hilton Head on the PGA Tour. He won the World Match Play Championship and the French Open on the European Tour. He was third at World Golf Championships in Doral and Shanghai.

"I've got to say, I got pretty close to that target that I set myself," McDowell said.

Little did he know how much the target would be moving in an extraordinary year for golf.

McDowell ended last year at No. 15 in the world. Now he is all the way up to No. 12.

"I wasn't really factoring on how many great players around me were going to have incredible seasons," McDowell said. "So making an impact in that top 10 in the world has been very difficult to do this year because you just get so many guys playing incredibly well."

Call it bad timing for McDowell, and happy days for golf.

Rarely has the golf season — men and women — felt so rewarding for so many players. Perhaps that explains why Tiger Woods could win five times — more than any other player in the world — capture the PGA Tour money title and the Vardon Trophy for the lowest scoring average, and then listen to people discuss the definition of player of the year and whether he is worthy without having won a major.

Woods won the vote as the best player on the PGA Tour.

He is used to playing under a different set of standards, a victim of his own success. Anyone else with five trophies from the courses where he won — Torrey Pines, Doral, Bay Hill, TPC Sawgrass and Firestone — and there wouldn't be a debate.

But this wasn't just any other year.

Adam Scott became the first Australian to win the Masters, and along the way earned redemption from blowing the British Open nearly nine months earlier. He had the outright lead on the back nine at the British Open this year before faltering. A month later, he won The Barclays during the FedEx Cup playoffs, arguably one of the strongest fields of the year with the tour's top 125 players who are all on form.

Perhaps a better question: Did he have a better year than Phil Mickelson?

Lefty came within a cruel lip-out of shooting a 59 in the Phoenix Open, which he wound up winning. Showing off a short game like no other, his chip on the 18th hole at Castle Stuart gave him a victory in the Scottish Open. And his Sunday at Muirfield gets little debate over the best round of the year. Mickelson made four birdies on the last six holes for a 66 to capture the one major that not even he thought he could win.

Who won the most meaningful major this year? Mickelson or Scott? Best to save that argument for the bar.

Not to be forgotten is Henrik Stenson, who in April wasn't even eligible for the Masters. He finished one shot behind in the Shell Houston Open, which got him to Augusta National. But it was the summer when the Swede began to shine.

A tie for third in the Scottish Open. Runner-up at the British Open. Runner-up at Firestone (by seven shots to Woods), third at the PGA Championship. He won two FedEx Cup playoff events to win the $10 million FedEx Cup. And for good measure, he won the final event in Europe to become the first player to win the FedEx Cup and Race to Dubai in the same season.

Missing from the equation this year was the guy who started the year at No. 1 — McIlroy. He still had a good view.

"You've got Tiger with five wins this year. Adam breaks through for his first major. Phil wins the major he thinks he's never going to win. Henrik comes back," McIlroy said. "Yeah, it's deep. You've got to play really well to win. ... But I think golf is in great shape."

On the LPGA Tour, the points-based player of the year came down to the next to last week, even though Inbee Park had won three straight majors among her six titles. Suzann Pettersen and Stacy Lewis won the other majors. Lewis won the Vare Trophy for lowest scoring average. Pettersen had a chance to win the money title until she faltered in the Titleholders.

That's what inspired LPGA Commissioner Mike Whan to say, "Sports are at their absolute best ... when the best athletes in that sport are having the best years of their lives."

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There is one letter, that when added to all of the five-letter words below, can be used to form new six-letter words. Find the letter that works for all four words, add it to each word, and then rearrange each set of letters to form a new word.

ROUGE REUSE

SOARS LOANS

COMMON LETTER

Yesterday's Answer: REROUTE GUEST GLUE MORAL RUMOR STATURE

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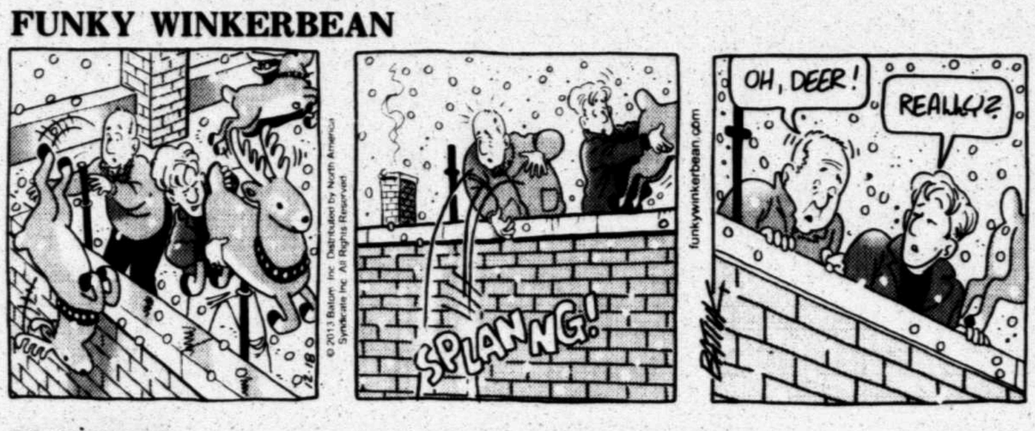

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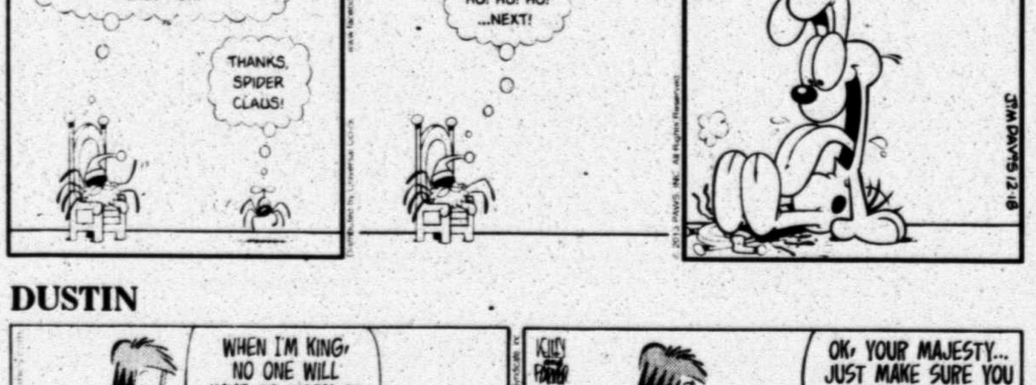

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MARY WORTH

ZITS

BABY BLUES

MUTTS

CLOSE TO HOME

"Last year, I totally copped out and hired 130 paperboys to deliver the toys while I played poker with the elves."

DENNIS THE MENACE

*MR. WILSON SAYS I'M ON *HIS* LIST, BUT IT SURE ISN'T HIS CHRISTMAS LIST."

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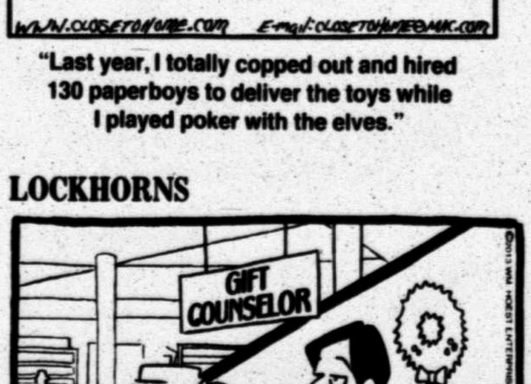


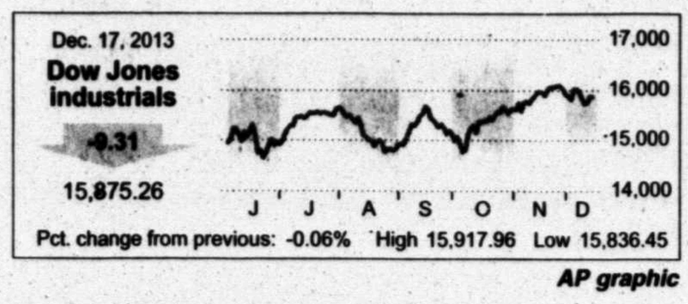
"WHAT DO YOU GET FOR THE WOMAN WHO WANTS EVERYTHING?"

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Which do you like best — the red stripes or the white stripes?"

BUSINESS & OIL

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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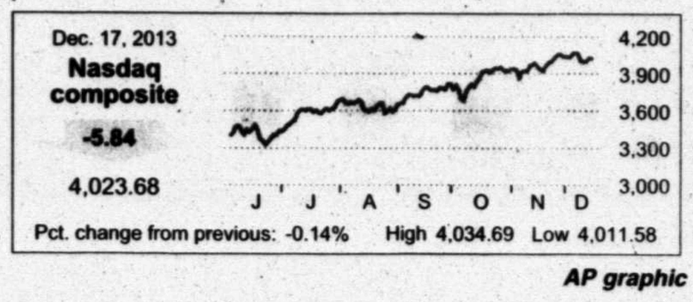

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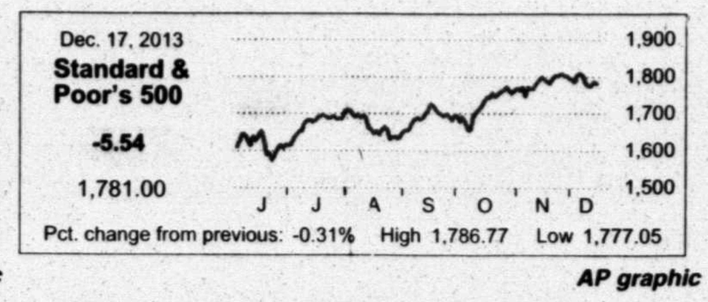

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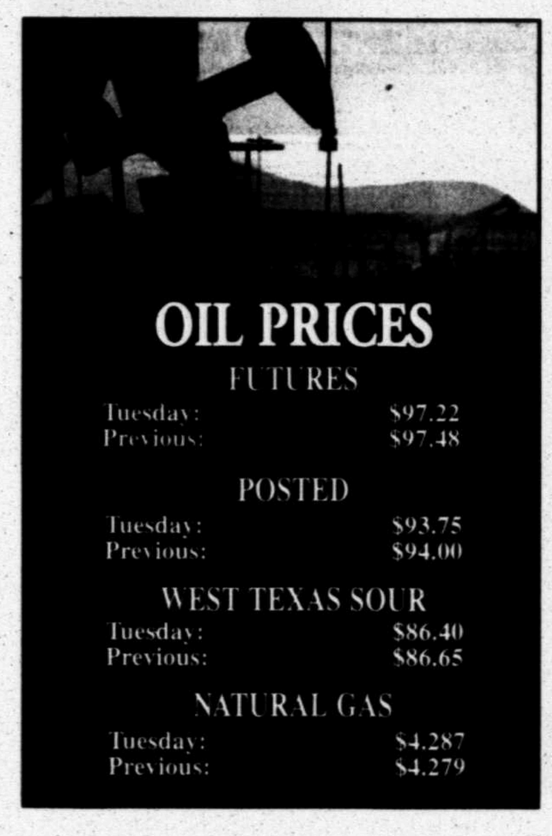

OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Tuesday: $97.22
Previous: $97.48

POSTED

Tuesday: $93.75
Previous: $94.00

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Tuesday: $86.40
Previous: $86.65

NATURAL GAS

Tuesday: $4.287
Previous: $4.279

AP survey: US income gap is holding back economy

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The growing gap between the richest Americans and everyone else isn't bad just for individuals.

It's hurting the U.S. economy.

So says a majority of more than three dozen economists surveyed last week by The Associated Press. Their concerns tap into a debate that's intensified as middle-class pay has stagnated while wealthier households have thrived.

A key source of the economists' concern: Higher pay and outsize stock market gains are flowing mainly to affluent Americans. Yet these households spend less of their money than do low- and middle-income consumers who make up most of the population and whose pay is barely rising.

"What you want is a broader spending base," says Scott Brown, chief economist at Raymond James, a financial advisory firm. "You want more people spending money."

Spending by wealthier Americans, given the weight of their dollars, does help drive the economy. But analysts say the economy would be better able to sustain its growth if the riches were more evenly dispersed. For one thing, a plunge in stock prices typically leads wealthier Americans to cut sharply back on their spending.

"The broader the improvement, the more likely it will be sustained," said Michael Niemira, chief economist at the International Council of Shopping Centers.

A wide gap in pay limits the ability of poorer and middle-income Americans to improve their living standards, the economists say. About 80 percent of stock market wealth is held by the richest 10 percent of Americans. That means the stock market's outsize gains this year have mostly benefited the already affluent.

Those trends have fueled an escalating political debate. In a speech this month, President Barack Obama called income inequality "the defining challenge of our time."

Obama also called for an increase in the federal minimum wage, now $7.25. Republican leaders in the House oppose an increase, arguing that it would slow hiring.

Several states are acting on their own. California, Connecticut and Rhode Island raised their minimum wages this year. Last month, voters in New Jersey approved an increase in the minimum to $8.25 an hour from $7.25.

Income inequality has steadily worsened in recent decades, according to government data and academic studies. The most recent census figures show that the average income for the wealthiest 5 percent of U.S. households, adjusted for inflation, has surged 17 percent in the past 20 years. By contrast, average income for the middle 20 percent of households has risen less than 5 percent.

The AP survey collected the views of private, corporate and academic economists on a range of issues. Among the topics were what policy decisions, if any, the Federal Reserve might announce after it ends a policy meeting today.

Three-quarters of the economists surveyed don't think the Fed is ready to announce a pullback in its economic stimulus. Speculation has been rising that the Fed will soon scale back its $85 billion in monthly bond purchases because of the economy's steady gains. The bond purchases have been intended to keep long-term loan rates low to induce people to borrow and spend.

Most of the economists think the Fed will begin slowing its bond buying in January or March.

As Janet Yellen prepares to succeed Ben Bernanke as chairman early next year, most of the economists expect the Fed to become more "dovish" — that is, more focused on fighting unemployment than on worrying about higher inflation that might result from the Fed's actions. The Senate could confirm Yellen as soon as this week.

The economists are also confident that U.S. growth is picking up. Three-quarters said the recovery, which officially began 4 1/2 years ago, has yet to reach its peak. And nearly all think the next recession is at least three years away; half think it's at least five years away.

A budget bill that passed a pivotal test in the Senate on Tuesday will reverse some of those spending cuts. That should add slightly to economic growth. The bill also removes the threat of another government shutdown next year.

Among the economists' other views:

■ The Obama administration's health care law will make little or no difference to the job market. About two-fifths said the law would cost jobs. None said it would increase hiring. The law has drawn fierce opposition from many small business owners, who say it will raise hiring costs by requiring companies with 50 or more employees to provide coverage starting in 2015.

■ The stock market isn't in a bubble. While the Dow Jones industrial average reached record highs earlier this year, most economists said that higher profits largely justified the gains.

■ Europe will keep growing and avoid a recession in 2014. But growth will remain so tepid that inflation will be nearly nonexistent. Nearly two-thirds of the economists forecast that inflation won't consistently reach the European Central Bank's inflation target of 2 percent until 2016.

■ Inflation in the United States will remain low for the long run. A majority of economists think consumer inflation won't consistently meet or exceed the Fed's 2 percent target level until 2015 or later.

Economists appear to be increasingly concerned about the effects of inequality on growth. Brown, the Raymond James economist, says that marks a shift from a few years ago, when many analysts were divided over whether pay inequality was worsening.

Oil prices drop

The price of oil edged lower Tuesday as investors wait to see whether or not the U.S. Federal Reserve will decide to start reducing its monetary stimulus this week.

Benchmark U.S. crude for January delivery slipped 26 cents to $97.22 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Some investors expect the Fed to start scaling back its $85 billion in asset purchases following the conclusion of its two-day meeting today, in light of some recent solid data on the U.S. economy. Such a pullback may result in the dollar strengthening, making commodities priced in dollars more costly for overseas investors.

Gold and other metals fall

Gold and silver fell moderately Tuesday following a report that showed U.S. inflation remains tame.

The price for gold fell $14.30, or 1 percent, to $1,230.10 an ounce, while silver fell 26 cents, or 1.3 percent, to $19.84 an ounce.

The Labor Department said consumer prices were flat in November. Over the past year, inflation is up just 1.2 percent.

One reason investors buy gold is to protect against inflation. But since inflation has remained low for last several years, gold's allure has diminished.

Other metals were also lower. High-grade copper for March delivery fell a penny, or 0.2 percent, to $3.322 a pound. March palladium fell $15.30, or 2 percent, to $701.05 an ounce and platinum fell $15.50, or 1 percent, to $1,344.60 an ounce.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	%Chg
S&P500ETF	783265178	65	-.57	
BkofAm	730576	15.18	-.06	
iShEMkts	494168	40.86	-.36	
iShJapan	412095	11.73	+.01	
FordM	402248	16.70	-.16	

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
KKR Fn	12.34	+2.89	+30.6
Nuverra rs	16.99	+1.85	+12.2
PumaBiotc	99.85	+10.68	+12.0
YingliGrn	4.83	+.51	+11.8
TrinaSolar	13.51	+1.18	+9.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CGG	16.69	-3.23	-16.2
Drdgold	3.82	-.41	-9.7
TC IMEDS	11.50	-.99	-7.9
OpkoHlth	8.40	-.69	-7.6
DB3xLgUST	27.98	-2.02	-6.7

DIARY

Advanced	1,436
Declined	1,642
Unchanged	125
Total issues	3,203
New Highs	81
New Lows	88
Volume	3,204,845,860

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CheniereEn	40815	41.31	+.60
NwGold g	32424	4.83	-.03
NavideaBio	32101	2.17	+.12
InovioPhm	27204	2.11	+.07
Organovo	25888	8.77	-.25

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DocuSec	2.00	+.16	+8.7
PyramidOil	5.19	+.38	+7.9
GlobT&T	7.00	+.44	+6.7
NavideaBio	2.17	+.12	+5.9
ComndSec	2.17	+.12	+5.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Medgen wt	2.11	-.39	-15.5
LiqTech	2.17	-.21	-8.8
Medgenics	5.56	-.28	-4.8
GormanR s	30.08	-1.38	-4.4
UQM Tech	2.11	-.08	-3.7

DIARY

Advanced	220
Declined	192
Unchanged	24
Total issues	436
New Highs	5
New Lows	15
Volume	94,757,623

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SiriusXM	949473	3.42	-.10
Facebook	750522	54.86	+1.05
LSI Corp	548444	10.92	-.04
FrontierCm	470421	4.78	+.38
Microsoft	449772	36.52	-.37

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MeithesEng	3.86	+1.35	+53.8
XTL Biph	2.71	+.47	+21.0
IdenixPh	5.24	+.79	+17.8
iRobot	36.71	+5.41	+17.3
IderaPhm	3.50	+.46	+15.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Targacept	3.91	-2.04	-34.3
RockwlMd	10.80	-2.67	-19.8
CombiMtx	2.30	-.55	-19.3
NwstBio wt	2.26	-.44	-16.3
Enzymot n	28.59	-4.36	-13.2

DIARY

Advanced	1,155
Declined	1,415
Unchanged	143
Total issues	2,713
New Highs	85
New Lows	34
Volume	1,807,989,349

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $81.84 Down 1.34

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $101.68 Up 0.96

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $31.88 Up 0.33

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $46.12 Up 0.63

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $26.91 Up 0.08

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $7.15 Up 0.27

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $28.13 Down 0.64

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $11.98 Up 0.28

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.84f	25	33.85	-.30	+.4
Abraxas	...	35	3.15	-.12	+43.8
AdamsEx	.84e	...	12.44	...	+17.5
AMD	...	...	3.65	+.06	+52.1
Alcoa	.12	28	9.70	+.13	+11.8
AlonUSA	.24a	18	14.96	-	-17.3
AmAirl n	...	...	26.10	-.51	+6.1
AmIntlGrp	.40	23	49.36	-.92	+39.8
Amgen	2.44f	18	111.00	-1.12	+28.8
Anadarko	.72	23	79.11	+.04	+6.5
Annaly	1.65e	3	10.09	+.27	-28.1
Apache	.80	13	85.28	-.86	+8.6
ApldMatl	.40	80	16.80	+.14	+46.9
AriadP	...	...	4.16	+.30	-78.3
ATMOS	1.48f	17	44.34	+.52	+26.3
AutoData	1.92f	26	77.25	-.26	+35.7
BP PLC	2.28f	11	45.52	-.51	+9.3
BabsCCInv	1.20a	...	14.59	-.14	-4.5
BakrHu	.60	21	52.66	-.57	+28.9
BkofAm	.04	20	15.18	-.06	+30.7
B iPVix rs	...	...	47.25	-.20	-62.9
BarrickG	.20	...	17.20	+.15	-50.9
BasicEnSv	...	...	14.65	-.02	+28.4
BerkHa A	...	16170420.00		-719.00	+27.1
BlkHillsCp	1.52	20	51.08	-.08	+40.6
BlackBerry	...	...	6.11	-.09	-48.6
BrillySq	1.40	31	51.10	+.22	+58.5
BrownFA	1.16f	26	72.21	-.27	+17.4
BrownFB	1.16f	26	73.21	-.62	+15.7
CVS Care	.90	19	66.81	-.98	+38.2
Cameron	...	20	58.68	+.94	+3.9
Caterpillar	2.40	17	86.92	-.46	-3.0
Celestic g	...	22	10.26	+.04	+25.9
CntryLink	2.16	...	31.44	+.49	-19.6
ChesEng	.35	20	26.36	-.41	+58.6
Chevron	4.00	10	118.74	-1.48	+9.8
Chicos	.30f	18	18.47	-.10	+.1
Cimarex	.56	22	99.89	+1.09	+73.0
Cisco	.68	11	20.92	+.24	+6.5
Citigroup	.04	13	50.69	-.21	+28.1
Citigp wtA	...	...	.61	-.01	+44.5
ClayEng	...	...	81.84	-1.34	+104.6
CocaCola	1.12	21	39.10	-.17	+7.9
ColgPalm s	1.36	26	63.58	-.46	+21.6
ConAgra	1.00	17	31.48	-.29	+6.7
ConchoRes	...	48	101.68	+.96	+26.2
ConocoPhil	2.76	11	69.06	-.73	+19.1
CrackerB	3.00	21	107.09	-.95	+66.7
CrosTim	2.24e	14	30.58	+.32	+13.6
DCP Mid	2.88f	21	47.39	+.10	+13.5
DTE	2.62	18	65.28	-.77	+8.7
Datarm rsh	...	...	3.05	+.09	+54.0
Dawson	...	16	31.88	+.33	+20.8
DeltaAir	.24	10	26.94	-.98	+127.0
DevonE	.88	...	59.65	-.75	+14.6
Disney	.86f	21	70.66	+.15	+41.9
DowChm	1.28	43	42.20	+.60	+30.5
eBay	...	25	52.58	-.53	+3.1
EMC Cp	.40	19	23.53	-.17	-7.0
EOG Res	.75	39	159.65	-.09	+32.2
Elan	...	...	17.92	+.19	+75.5
EmpDist	1.02f	17	22.74	+.03	+11.6
Energen	.58	25	66.32	+.01	+47.1
EngyTsfr	3.62f	10	51.99	-.28	+21.1
EnPro	...	35	55.03	+.23	+34.5
EntPrPt	2.76f	22	61.71	+.18	+23.2
Ericsson	.43e	...	11.69	-.06	+15.7
ExterranH	...	23	32.25	-.08	+47.1
ExxonMbl	2.52	10	96.75	-.47	+11.8
Facebook	...	...	54.86	+1.05	+106.1
FordM	.40	13	16.70	-.16	+29.0
ForestOil	...	12	3.51	-.14	-47.5
FrontierCm	.40	68	4.78	+.38	+11.7
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GATX	1.24	16	49.58	+.19	+14.5
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GAInv	2.70e	...	33.75	+.02	+21.3
GenElec	.88f	20	27.03	+.05	+28.8
GenMotors	...	17	41.53	+.09	+44.1
GileadSci s	...	38	70.08	-1.34	+90.8
GtPlainEn	.92f	16	24.17	+.15	+19.0
Groupon	...	...	10.67	+.31	+119.5
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Halliburtn	.60f	17	49.35	+.78	+42.3
HewlettP	.58	9	27.45	+.55	+92.6
HimaxTch	.25e	81	12.13	+.32	+405.4
HudsCity	.16	23	9.16	-.07	+12.7
iShBrazil	1.36e	...	44.54	+.06	-20.4
iShJapan	.15e	...	11.73	+.01	+20.3
iShChinaLC	1.02e	...	37.72	-.48	-6.7
iShEMkts	.77e	...	40.86	-.36	-7.9
iSEafe	1.76e	...	64.25	-.28	+13.0
iShR2K	1.70e	...	111.35	-.16	+32.1
IntegrysE	2.72	15	53.61	-.21	+2.7
Intel	.90	13	24.66	+.21	+19.6
InterDig	.40	34	31.92	-.31	-22.3
JPMorgCh	1.52	13	55.72	-.70	+27.6
JohnJn	2.64	20	90.66	-.71	+29.3
KKR	1.62e	14	24.79	-.29	+62.8
KKR Fn	.88f	9	12.34	+2.89	+16.9
Keycorp	.22	14	13.08	-.19	+55.3
KimbClk	3.24	21	102.75	-1.28	+21.7
KindME	5.40f	29	78.14	-.46	-2.1
KindMM	5.40f	46	72.32	-.87	-4.2
LSI Corp	.12	84	10.92	-.04	+54.5
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MGM Rsts	...	...	22.22	+.51	+90.9
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MexcoEn	...	...	7.15	+.27	+11.1
MicronT	...	23	22.92	+.15	+261.5
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NOilVarco	1.04	14	78.14	-.78	+14.3
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PattUTI	.20	15	24.21	-.01	+30.0
Penney	...	...	8.20	-.28	-58.4
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Prmian	.86e	16	13.33	-.22	+8.7
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TaiwSemi	.50e	...	17.08	-.03	-.5
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Tesoro	1.00	17	56.98	-1.39	+29.4
3M Co	3.42f	20	131.39	+3.73	+41.5
Torchmark	.58	14	76.08	-.06	+47.7
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16,174.51	12,883.89	Dow Jones Industrials	15,875.26	-9.31	-.06	+21.15	+18.91
7,304.49	5,187.17	Dow Jones Transportation	7,119.53	-31.63	-.44	+34.16	+34.06
537.86	443.69	Dow Jones Utilities	481.35	+.28	+.06	+6.24	+4.34
10,229.57	8,298.36	NYSE Composite	9,989.07	-35.90	-.36	+18.30	+17.53
2,471.19	2,186.97	Amex Index	2,337.92	-8.15	-.35	-.75	-1.71
4,081.78	2,951.04	Nasdaq Composite	4,023.68	-5.84	-.14	+33.26	+31.73
1,813.55	1,398.11	S&P 500	1,781.00	-5.54	-.31	+24.88	+23.10
19,276.43	14,700.70	Wilshire 5000	18,971.62	-43.22	-.23	+26.52	+25.11
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a density exceptiog 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. 34, Bk. 37 T3S, T&P RR CO/ROE, C Survey, A-981, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 18 miles SE direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

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Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	241.0	
Lease Lines :	10246.0 F NORTH L.	2395.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines :	342.0 F SOUTH L.	2395.0 F EAST L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 10246.0 F NORTH L
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Terminus Location
BH County: MIDLAND
Section: 46 Block: 37 T-3-S Abstract: 928
Survey: T&P RR CO / HASELDEN, J
Lease Lines: 90.0 F SOUTH L
2395.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines: 1420.0 F SOUTH L
2395.0 F EAST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 46"/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 8500 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative. MANDY HEDGPETH, at (972) 969-3873.

Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 — Rule 38 Case No. 08-0285890
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Nov 26, 2013 — Status/Permit No. 773541
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Dec 17, 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

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. 40, Bk. 39 T2S, T&P RR CO / WALCOTT, E S Survey, A-846, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 8.5 miles S direction from MIDLAND, 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, YOU MUST FILL OUT, SIGN AND MAIL, FAX, E-MAIL OR DELIVER TO THE AUSTIN OFFICE OF THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS THE ENCLOSED NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST. A COPY OF THE INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST ALSO BE MAILED, DELIVERED, FAXED OR E-MAILED ON THE SAME DATE TO THE APPLICANT AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN ON THE SERVICE LIST. THIS 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 NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM ON:

Dec 17, 2013

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Lease/Unit Well No. :	1	
Lease/Unit Acres :	1297.3	
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	660.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	2678.0	
Lease Lines :	660.0 F NORTH L.	660.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines :	660.0 F NORTH L.	660.0 F EAST L

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 2 additional fields: (1) BRANFORD RANCH (STRAWN), (2) PARKS (ATOKA, LOWER). 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.

BRADFORD RANCH (STRAWN) : OIL Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

PARKS (ATOKA, LOWER) : OIL Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

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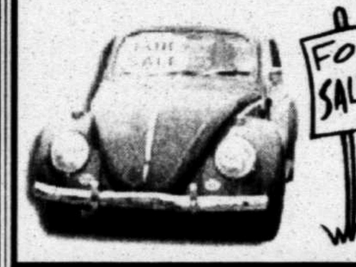
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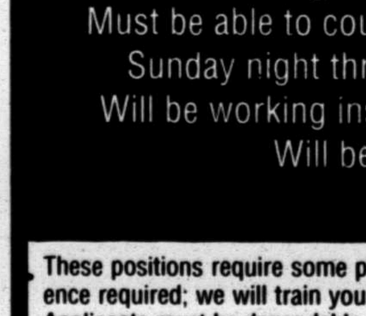

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Human Resources Assistant

Natural Gas Services Group FT

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c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram
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Salesperson needed for mattress store in Midland. Are you tired of working furniture store hours from dawn to dark? Personable, energetic individual needed for full time position. Should be good with people and have a professional appearance. Job description includes both sales and clerical/administrative duties. Compensation includes full commission (no tiers, minimums or holdbacks), plus spiffs, vacation, and 401k. No late hours or Sundays. Mail resume to Sleep Shop, 3303 W. Illinois, Midland, TX. 79703

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