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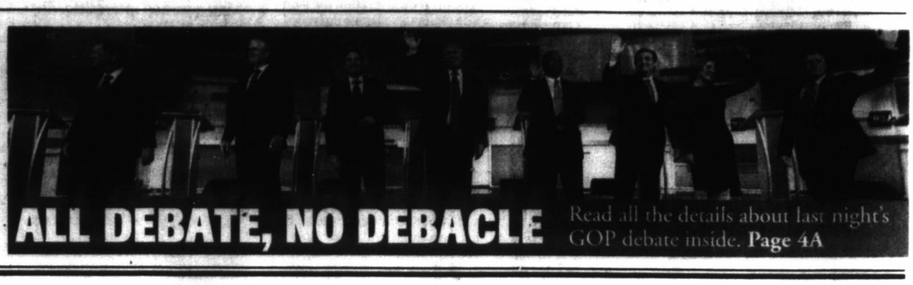

ALL DEBATE, NO DEBACLE

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RECAP: EXECUTIVE OIL CONFERENCE

Low oil prices didn't stop shale revolution

By Mella McEwen
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OPEC's decision last year to pursue a strategy of maintaining market share rather than upholding oil prices may have dented America's shale revolution but didn't stop it.

"The U.S. petroleum position has been transformed by shale," Tom Petrie, chairman of Petrie Partners LLC, told the audience at the Executive Oil Conference.

"We will meet our needs and have some degree of flexibility" in supplying liquids and natural gas to other countries, depending on decisions made by the next president, he said.

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Attendees at the Executive Oil Conference talk with oil and gas companies Tuesday during a break in the presentations.

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From left, Dave Pursell, managing director and head of securities with Tudor, Pickering, Holt & Co.; David Porter, chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission; and Matt Shirk, senior manager of transaction advisory services with Ernest & Young, speak during the Executive Oil Conference at the Midland County Horseshoe Pavilion.

Industry analysts offer different price outlooks for the future

By Mella McEwen
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Two of the speakers at the Executive Oil Conference on Tuesday at the Horseshoe Pavilion took opposing stances concerning the oil price outlook.

Addressing the audience at the Executive Oil Conference on Tuesday morning, Matt Shirk, senior manager, transaction services at Ernst & Young said, "A significantly lower oil price is now expected to remain for several years, creating substantial stress for exploration and production companies."

He was followed by Dave Pursell, managing director and head of securities at Tudor, Pickering and Holt, who took a more bullish position.

"I'm here to tell you why oil can and will be $80 in the second half of 2016," Pursell told those attending the conference presented by Hart Energy.

Pursell said his company believes the global oil market is closer to balance, pointing to the "missing barrels" or "Miscellaneous To Balance" used by the International Energy

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US' unconventional resources continue to reshape global picture

By Mella McEwen
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America's unconventional energy revolution has changed the nation's place in the world "and continues to shake up the world in ways we can't imagine."

That change is, in many ways, for the better, but it also challenges leadership, said Ken Hersh, chief executive officer of NGP Energy Capital management.

Addressing the Executive Oil Conference presented by Hart Energy, Hersh said the nation is transitioning from "a fear of scarcity that has governed our politics and economics."

That fear led the nation to work with other countries, despite their record on human rights or their feelings about the United States because those countries had resources the nation needed, he said. That fear prompted involvement in the Middle East and passing laws that limited the use of natural gas and banned the export of crude oil.

Today, that picture has flipped and the nation has what is essentially an infinite supply of natural gas and of crude oil.

"Well, about 200 years, which is infinity for us," Hersh said.

"Unconventional resources weren't brought to you by the major oil companies, it was brought by the people in this room," he said, referring to the independent operators in the audience.

It has given the nation a strong hand, yet "we don't know how to play a strong hand," he said, decrying opposition to lifting the 40-year-old ban on exporting domestic crude. He also criticized the recent agreement with Iran over its nuclear program and normalized relations with Cuba.

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A Starbucks cup has caused a **social media buzz** centered on the war on Christmas. Read more about it on Page 5A.

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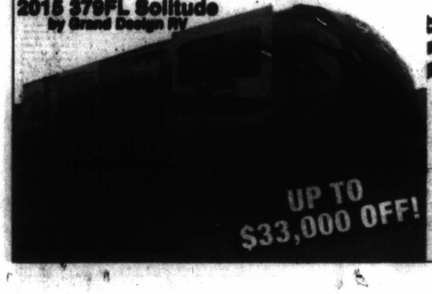

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CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Man arrested after children in diapers allegedly found in alley

A Midland man was arrested on several felony charges after three children in diapers were found in an alley, according to court documents.

Nacomas Eugene Sauls, 40, was arrested on four second-degree felony charges of abandoning or endangering a child and one third-degree felony charge for possession of a controlled substance less than one gram. He was being held Tuesday on several bonds totaling $95,000, according to court documents.

Sauls

Police received a call Sunday that three children were found in an alley in the 2000 block of West Michigan Avenue. The caller alleged that she found the children and they showed her where they lived. The woman saw a man asleep on a couch inside the residence and the door was open, leading her to call police, according to the arrest affidavit.

Police found a wallet in the alley close to the residence. The wallet contained identification for Sauls. The children's parents arrived at the house and, upon questioning, said they left the children under the care of Sauls while they ran errands, according to the affidavit. The oldest child was born in 2012, according to the affidavit.

Officers located Sauls inside the residence on the couch next to a cigarillo emptied of its original tobacco and replaced with marijuana.

Police observed that a front door and gated porch were open and led to the alley where the three children allegedly were found.

Sauls said that when he was in the bathroom the children opened the front door and left the residence. He denied consuming illegal substances or sleeping, according to the affidavit.

When police searched Sauls, they found a small, clear straw containing a white substance identified with a field test kit as cocaine, according to the affidavit.

If convicted, Sauls could face up to 20 years for each second-degree felony charge and up to 10 years for the third-degree felony charge.

Man arrested after allegedly injuring neighborhood child

A Midland man was arrested Saturday after allegedly chasing and injuring a child, according to court documents.

Sulton Lee Bradley, 33, was arrested on a state felony charge of reckless injury to a child. He was out on bond Tuesday morning, according to court documents.

Bradley

Police arrived at an apartment complex in the 600 block of East Interstate 20 in reference to a disturbance with weapons. Police dispersed a crowd of children and adults having a verbal disturbance and found that the disturbance was in reference to an earlier injury of a child in the parking lot, according to a police affidavit.

The allegedly injured child's mother told police that her son and another child were playing in the parking lot. The two children engaged in a small fight consisting of "minor pushing and shoving, but neither child incurred any injury," according to the affidavit.

Bradley, who was a household member of the second child, allegedly became "irate and physically aggressive" because of the fight. The alleged victim said that Bradley chased him through the parking lot of the residence, tore his shirt and strangled him around the neck. The child said he "felt pain, was unable to speak and could not breath" while Bradley physically detained him, according to the affidavit.

Bradley said that he acted out of "extreme emotion brought by the potential assault" of the second child and had no intention of causing bodily injury, according to the affidavit.

The alleged victim had labored speech, a torn shirt and red marks on his neck, according to the affidavit.

If found guilty of a state felony, Bradley could face up to two years in jail.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SPRING

Terminally ill man who saw new 'Star Wars' film dies

A terminally ill "Star Wars" fan who requested an advance screening of "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" has died less than a week after watching the movie.

Daniel Fleetwood, who had cancer, had a private screening at his home in Spring, Texas, Nov. 5.

His wife, Ashley, posted on Facebook that he died in his sleep early Tuesday and "is now one with God and with the force."

Diagnosed with spindle cell carcinoma and told he had just months to live, the 31-year-old Fleetwood lobbied online to be allowed to see an early version of the movie, due out Dec. 18. He saw an unfinished version, thanks to the film's producers and director, J.J. Abrams.

Cason Monk-Metcalf Funeral Directors said a celebration of Fleetwood's life is scheduled Nov. 21 in Nacogdoches.

EL PASO

Texan blamed for 3 traffic deaths gets prison in DWI case

A West Texas man awaiting trial over three deaths in an alcohol-related accident must serve a year in prison in an earlier drunken driving case.

The El Paso Times reported 25-year-old Joel Garcia Jr. was sentenced Monday in a plea deal on a misdemeanor DWI count.

Prosecutors said Garcia was arrested in April 2014 and his blood alcohol level was about twice the legal limit for driving.

A 2014 Christmas Eve wreck in El Paso killed two brothers and a woman whose car was struck by a vehicle that ran a red light. Both vehicles burst into flames.

Police said Garcia was driving one of the vehicles and was charged with three counts of intoxicated manslaughter.

The victims were Joshua and Isaiah Deal and Shannon Del Rio.

AMARILLO

Air Force B-52 returns to Oklahoma base after days in Texas

A B-52 bomber with mechanical trouble that made a safe emergency landing in Texas has been fixed and returned to Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma.

An Air Force spokesman on Tuesday said the bomber, which spent several days at Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport, flew back to the base on Saturday.

The plane was doing a flight check last Wednesday, following maintenance at the base in Oklahoma City, when a hydraulic problem developed. The B-52 crew declared an emergency and landed in Amarillo.

The three-person crew wasn't hurt. No cargo was on board.

PASADENA

Houston-area family settles for $60K over school beating

A Houston-area teenager who says he was beaten by a school district police officer has received $60,000 to settle his lawsuit seeking $1 million.

The Houston Chronicle reported Monday that the deal involves a student who no longer enrolled in the Pasadena Independent School District.

The student's parents sued earlier this year, alleging the then-16-year-old boy was severely beaten in May 2014 while trying to retrieve his confiscated cellphone.

The teen allegedly uttered a profanity while being escorted from the school.

Governor: Stop exploring gambling expansion

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott has told Texas lottery officials to stop efforts to explore the expansion of sports betting lottery games and other types of gambling that are prohibited under state law.

The Dallas Morning News reported Abbott told Texas Lottery Commission Chairman J. Winston Krause in a letter Monday that he does not want the agency to continue its exploration of the games that other states have launched. Abbott wrote that the executive director and staff should be notified that any request to travel to gather information about gaming opportunities should be denied.

Such an expansion would require approval of the Legislature, where efforts failed during the 2015 session. Texas currently has lottery drawings, such as Powerball and Lotto Texas, and scratch-off tickets.

The instructions from the governor come after letters obtained by the newspaper between the commission executive director Gary Grief and his Delaware counterpart Vernon Kirk indicate the agency's interest in the expansion of Internet betting and other games. Griek thanked Kirk for the hospitality shown when the director and his staff visited Delaware to learn about that state's operations in October.

Texas Lottery Commission spokeswoman Kelly Cripe said in an email on Monday that "We will adhere to what has been expressed in the Governor's letter."

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Appeals court rules against Obama immigration plan

By Kevin Mcgill
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — President Barack Obama's plan to protect from deportation an estimated 5 million people living in the United States illegally suffered another setback Monday in a ruling from a New Orleans-based federal appeals court.

In a 2-1 decision, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a Texas-based federal judge's injunction blocking the administration's immigration initiative.

Republicans had criticized the plan as an illegal executive overreach when Obama announced it last November. Twenty-six states challenged the plan in court.

The administration argued that the executive branch was within its rights in deciding to defer deportation of selected groups of immigrants, including children who were brought to the U.S. illegally.

Gov. Greg Abbott praised the ruling.

"Although there are approximately 11.3 million removable aliens in this country today, for the last several years Congress has provided the Department of Homeland Security with only enough resources to remove approximately 400,000 of those aliens per year."

Judge Carolyn Dineen King, in a 53-page dissent

"President Obama should abandon his lawless executive amnesty program and start enforcing the law today," Abbott said in a news release.

The ruling further dims prospects of implementation of the executive action before Obama leaves office in 2017. Appeals over the injunction could take months and, depending on how the case unfolds, it could go back to the Texas federal court for more proceedings.

The administration could ask for a re-hearing by the full 5th Circuit but the National Immigration Law Center, and advocacy group, urged an immediate Supreme Court appeal.

Justice Department spokesman Patrick Rodenbush said in a statement they were reviewing the opinion to determine how best to proceed.

"The department is committed to taking steps that will resolve the immigration litigation as quickly as possible in order to allow DHS (Department of Homeland Security) to bring greater accountability to our immigration system by prioritizing the removal of the worst offenders, not people who have long ties to the United States and who are raising American children," he said.

Part of the initiative included expansion of a program called Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, protecting young immigrants from deportation if they were brought to the U.S. illegally as children. The other major part, Deferred Action for Parents of Americans, would extend deportation protections to parents of U.S. citizens and permanent residents who have been in the country for years.

The 70-page majority opinion by Judge Jerry Smith, joined by Jennifer Walker Elrod, rejected administration arguments that the district judge abused his discretion with a nationwide order and that the states lacked standing to challenge Obama's executive orders.

They acknowledged an argument that an adverse ruling would discourage potential beneficiaries of the plan from cooperating with law enforcement authorities or paying taxes. "But those are burdens that Congress knowingly created, and it is not our place to second-guess those decisions," Smith wrote.

In a 53-page dissent, Judge Carolyn Dineen King said the administration was within the law, casting the decision to defer action on some deportations as "quintessential exercises of prosecutorial discretion," and noting that the Department of Homeland Security has limited resources.

"Although there are approximately 11.3 million removable aliens in this country today, for the last several years Congress has provided the Department of Homeland Security with only enough resources to remove approximately 400,000 of those aliens per year," King wrote.

Midland ISD Veterans Day events

From staff reports

Rusk Elementary isn't the only Midland ISD school planning to honor veterans this year. Other participating schools are:

■ **Bowie Fine Arts Academy, 805 Elk Ave.**
Students will present a Veterans Day program at 10 a.m. today in the gym.

■ **Bonham Elementary School, 909 Bonham St.**
Students will host a Veterans Day luncheon today and will wear red, white and blue.

■ **Burnet Elementary School, 900 Raymond Road**
Students will present a Veterans Day music program at 2:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Thursday. Students will present the same program at 10 a.m. Nov. 19 at Manor Park and at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 19 at First Baptist Church fellowship hall, 2104 W. Louisiana Ave.

■ **Bush Elementary School, 5001 Preston Drive**
A Veterans Day is planned for 9 a.m. today.

■ **Carver Center, 1300 E. Wall St.**
Students will present a Veterans Day program at 8:30 a.m. today and will wear red, white and blue.

■ **Lamar Elementary School, 3200 Kessler Ave.**
Students will present a play at 1:45 p.m. today. A Wall of Heroes and a "Historical Picture and Informational Gallery of American Wars" will be on display at the school.

■ **Goddard Junior High School, 2500 Haynes Ave.**
Students will wear red, white and blue today and raise funds for the organization Honor Our Troops.

■ **Henderson Elementary School, 4800 Graceland Drive**
Third-graders will perform "Let's Sing America" at 6 p.m. Thursday in the cafeteria. A "Veterans Wall" with photos and names of loved ones who have served, or who currently serve, will be on display.

■ **Milam Elementary School, 301 E. Dormard Ave.**
The school will host a lunch to honor veterans from 11 a.m. to noon today.

■ **Pease Communication & Technology Academy, 1700 E. Magnolia Ave.**
Students will participate in a ceremony at 8:30 a.m. today.

■ **Santa Rita Elementary School, 5306 Whitman Drive**
Fourth-graders will present a Veterans Day program at 8:30 a.m. today.

■ **Travis Elementary School, 900 E. Gist Ave.**
Fourth-graders will present a Veterans Day program at 2 p.m. today in the cafeteria. Members of the Midland High ROTC will present the colors. Mike Kaufman, a U.S. Air Force veteran, will be the guest speaker.

Police: Person of interest in judge's attack held in slaying

Associated Press

AUSTIN — A man being investigated in the shooting and wounding of a Texas judge last week was charged Tuesday with murder in an unrelated Houston slaying, police said.

Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo said Chimene Hamilton Onyeri, 28, is being held in Houston. A criminal complaint filed by the Harris County district attorney's office shows he's accused in the May 18 fatal shooting of 31-year-old Jacobi Demon Alexander.

Authorities say Alexander was walking through a common area of a Houston apartment complex when two men approached him and shot him several times. No motive was given for the slaying and the complaint didn't specify how Onyeri may be linked to it.

Onyeri has a preliminary court appearance on the murder charge scheduled for Thursday. His lawyer, Michaela Cuellar, didn't respond to a message seeking comment.

Acevedo said Onyeri is being investigated but isn't considered a formal suspect yet in Friday's "cowardly" attack on state District Judge Julie Kocurek, who was shot and wounded as she arrived at her Austin home. Her injuries were not considered life-threatening, but she remained hospitalized Tuesday.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Today is Veterans Day

In the USA, Veterans Day annually falls on Nov. 11. This day is the anniversary of the signing of the armistice, which ended World War I hostilities between the Allied nations and Germany in 1918. Veterans are thanked for their services to the United States on Veterans Day.

Source: www.timeanddate.com

Veterans events

■ The University of Texas of the Permian Basin's annual Veterans Day Recognition Celebration is 9 a.m. today at the flagpoles on the main campus.The event will feature a keynote address from Tony Cucolo, associate vice chancellor of the UT System.

The ceremony will include presentation of colors by students from Odessa and Permian high schools, performances by UTPB University Choir and Falcon Wind Band and a balloon release by students from the UTPB STEM Academy.

■ Rusk Elementary School's 16th annual Veterans Day USO Show at 10:15 a.m. Nov. 13 at the Commemorative Air Force Hangar, 9600 Wright Drive. The presentation includes song, dance and skits.About 1,250 area veterans have been invited.

Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter is the guest speaker and H-E-B will provide sack lunches, cake and coffee for veterans.

■ For a list of other MISD schools honoring veterans, see 3A.

Legal aid for vets

Veterans Legal Aid Week continues through Friday, and during this time, civil legal services will be provided for qualified Texas veterans.

For more information, call March Scribner at 686-0647 or Cassandra Champion at 512-853-0374.

The Texas Legal Services Center also will provide online chats 10 a.m.-3 p.m. through Friday for those veterans unable to attend the clinic. For more information, call 800-622-2520, option 2.

League of Women Voters forum

The Midland League of Women Voters is hosting a forum, "Money in Politics," 7 p.m. Monday at the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. Speakers will be David Rosen and James Beauchamp, with the county Democratic and Republican parties, respectively.

Conaway at Republican Women

Midland County Republican Women will meet 11:15 a.m. today at Midland Country Club. Guest speaker will be U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway, who also will install officers for 2016. Tickets are $20 in advance and $25 at the door.

To RSVP, call 520-3500 or email mcrwomwn@mcrw.us. For more information, go to www.mcrw.us.

Thing to do

Today

■ Storytime for preschool, 10:30 a.m., Barnes and Noble Booksellers, barnesandnoble.com.

Support groups today

■ The Knot Adoption Support Group, 11:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, Kathy Hagler, Kathy@WTIE.net.

■ Midland Downtown Lions Club meets at noon to 1 p.m., 200 Plaza St.

■ Uptown Midland BPW, noon, Petroleum Club, Glenda Knox, 686-2819.

■ Overeaters Anonymous, noon, B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D, 553-1031.

■ Midland Quilters Guild, 1 p.m., Alamo Heights Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. For more information call 694-0561.

Bike Rodeo on Saturday

Midland Pediatric Associates will have its annual Bike Rodeo from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the office located at 4214 Marnies Circle.

Free helmets will be provided. police officers will discuss bicycle safety, face painting will take place and all wheel toys are welcome.

Lottery

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Pick 3 day: 1-3-3
Pick 3 evening: 9-7-1
Pick 3 night: 3-0-7
Daily 4 morning: 0-9-5-7
Daily 4 day: 5-2-4-0
Daily 4 evening: 8-7-1-3
Daily 4 night: 5-1-1-4
Cash Five: 10-11-14-24-32
Mega Millions: 8-17-20-45-71 MB: 4 **Megaplier:** 4
All or Nothing morning: 1-2-7-8-9-10-12-15-17-21-22-23
All or Nothing day: 1-2-3-4-6-7-10-12-16-20-21-22
All or Nothing evening: 5-6-7-8-9-10-13-14-16-17-19-22
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Today in history

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 11, the 315th day of 2015. There are 50 days left in the year. This is Veterans Day in the U.S., Remembrance Day in Canada.

Today's highlight:

On Nov. 11, 1918, fighting in World War I came to an end with the signing of an armistice between the Allies and Germany.

On this date:

In 1921, the remains of an unidentified American service member were interred in a Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in a ceremony presided over by President Warren G. Harding.

In 1942, during World War II, Germany completed its occupation of France.

Takeaways: Candidates dive into immigration, spending

By Julie Bykowicz and Scott Bauer
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — The fourth Republican debate of the 2016 presidential election had the distinct feel of, well, a real debate.

After Republicans widely panned the moderators at the previous debate for creating a circus-like atmosphere, the candidates —eight, the smallest group yet — had far deeper discussions about their policy plans, particularly on taxes, military spending and immigration.

Taking the stage in Milwaukee were celebrity businessman Donald Trump and retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson, the leaders of most recent polls, and Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida, Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky, former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina, Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas and Ohio Gov. John Kasich.

As he has in other recent debates, Trump seemed to fade from the spotlight at times. He also seemed to embrace a role as a referee of sorts, complaining that Kasich was taking too much time from Bush and exclaiming about Fiorina: "Why does she keep interrupting?"

Here are some other takeaways from the Milwaukee matchup.

A split on what to do about immigration

This debate showcased a significant policy debate within the Republican Party when it comes to immigration. Trump and Cruz advocated vociferously for deporting an estimated 11 million immigrants who are in the country illegally, while Kasich and Bush called that impractical.

Cruz said Republicans will lose the presidential race if they offer "amnesty" to illegal immigrants. "We can embrace legal immigration while believing in the rule of law," he said. Earlier Trump had reiterated his promise to build a secure wall along the U.S. border with Mexico. "We are a country of laws," he said. "We need borders. We will build a wall."

While a popular position with some of the most conservative Republican primary voters, Kasich and Bush argued that's not a practical position for the GOP nominee to take into the general election next November.

"For the 11 million people, c'mon folks. We all know you can't pick them up and ship them across the border," Kasich said — a line that drew enthusiastic applause from the audience. Bush put it in more stark terms: "They're doing high fives in the Clinton campaign when they're hearing this."

Indeed, Democratic front-runner Hillary Rodham Clinton's spokesman Brian Fallon wrote on Twitter about the exchange, "We actually are doing high-fives right now."

One person who wasn't asked to weigh in — and didn't insert himself into the discussion — was Rubio, who has had to walk back his involvement in a failed Senate plan to dramatically overhaul the country's immigration policies with a plan that included a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants, which some Republicans decried as unfair amnesty.

Associated Press

Republican presidential candidates John Kasich, Jeb Bush, Marco Rubio, Donald Trump, Ben Carson, Ted Cruz, Carly Fiorina and Rand Paul appear during a Republican presidential debate at Milwaukee Theatre on Tuesday in Milwaukee.

Spending differences

Rubio has been attacked by Bush and Trump in the past as an absentee lawmaker, yet it was Paul who hit the Florida senator the hardest during the debate.

Paul slammed Rubio's plan to expand tax credits for families with children, which Paul said amounts to a new expensive welfare program. "We have to decide what is conservative and what isn't," Paul said.

And a Paul-Rubio exchange about military spending highlighted another policy divide within the party. "Can you be a conservative and be liberal in military spending?" Paul asked, pointing to Rubio's plans to expand the military.

Rubio fired back: "I know that Rand is a committed isolationist. I'm not."

Cruz interjected that there's a way to "split the difference." He said, to audience applause, "you think defending this nation is expensive? Try not defending it."

But Cruz said he would offset any increase in military spending by cutting in other areas, offering up the federal subsidy for the sugar industry as a specific example. Cruz didn't say it on the debate stage, but Rubio has defended that subsidy — which greatly benefits the Florida-based industry.

Kasich and Bush take advantage of longer format

Kasich elbowed his way into the debate again and again, saying at one point, "Look, I hate to crash the party." Kasich and Cruz had a testy exchange late in the debate on whether big banks should be propped up with federal help as they fail. Cruz said flatly that he would not give the Bank of America, as an example, bailout money even if it were teetering on the brink.

Kasich took another approach, saying he wouldn't ignore people who have their life savings in these banks. He argued that "on- the-job training for president of the United States doesn't work."

Bush noted early on that he only had four minutes of speaking time in the last debate. Although he still wasn't the chattiest candidate on stage, he did make use of the longer response times moderators allowed this time and called out Clinton as out of touch on the economy.

Wind helps bring in free night-time electricity for utility customers

By Brandon Mulder
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Thanks in part to West Texas' proliferating wind farms, some residents are enjoying free electricity. As the wind industry has blossomed over the last few years, electrical utilities have ramped up marketing efforts for energy-use plans that allow customers to use electricity free of charge overnight, on weekends or in mornings and evenings.

It's an ongoing experiment to change consumer behavior from using electricity during peak hours, which is generally between 3 and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. The ultimate goal is to adapt to the many wind projects that enter the fold while providing customers with rate options.

"Any plan that creates an incentive for a customer to shift a load off peak (hours) is helpful to grid operations. It's a better use of the system," said Paul Wattles, the Electrical Reliability Council of Texas' senior market design analyst.

Wind facilities in West Texas generate the bulk of their productivity at night, injecting intermittent surges of electricity into the ERCOT grid.

"There's more wind (turbines) being built all the time, so we're looking to the future, and we want to make sure we have the right tool set for dealing with a lot of intermittent renewables on the grid," Wattles said. "But our system is designed to serve the load under all conditions."

Through rate plans like TXU Energy's Free Nights, Free Mornings and Evenings, or Free Weekends, customers can sign up for slightly higher electricity rates during peak hours, while enjoying free energy within specific time windows. Under a Free Nights plan, customers pay 11.9 cents per kilowatt hour during the day while paying nothing between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. — compared to 7.5 cents per kilowatt hour under conventional rate plans.

Customers can then set timers for air conditioning, dishwashers and laundry appliances between set hours.

"The idea is to give customers another choice — something that fits their lifestyles and preferences — and shifts away from peak hours when there's so much demand on the grid," TXU Energy spokesman Juan Elizondo said. "So it delivers a benefit to the customer, the grid, and of course the business."

The nature of night-time wind currents in West Texas doesn't fit into those peak hours and could be further utilized by such Free Nights rate plans.

"All the wind helps, but the wind blows when the wind blows," Elizondo said.

These plans aren't wholly dependent on wind generation, "so you also have to have that baseline of generation from other sources that are more controllable," such as natural gas and coal, he said.

Wind power's dominance in Texas grew to 10.6 percent of the state's total energy generation in 2014, according to ERCOT figures. And that number is poised to rise as more facilities spring up across West Texas, the Panhandle, and along the south Texas coast. Currently, wind farms produce 14 megawatts of electricity in Texas.

As of September 2014, roughly 290,000 Texans had signed up for "right time pricing plans," up from 130,000 the year before, according to ERCOT. But while these numbers suggest a positive response by the market, the percentage of electricity customers remains low, and studies have not been conducted on how consumer behavior affects peak demand.

"We're kind of doing this (studying behavioral changes) on our spare time out of pure interest," Wattles said. "There's a lot of interest on our part and on the part of the market, so we hope maybe someday for this to be a real grown-up sort of process.

"We hope to get some idea eventually about what kind of load shifting is going on," he said. "Are they moving certain processes and functions in their household to off-peak hours? If so, what's the net impact on the grid in terms of megawatts?"

Bush says he'd kill 'baby Hitler' if he could travel in time

By Thomas Beaumont
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Presidential candidate Jeb Bush says he once got an email asking if he would go back in time, if it were possible, and kill the baby Adolf Hitler.

"It said, 'If you could go back in time and kill baby Hitler, would you? I need to know,'" Bush told a Huffington Post reporter on the Bush campaign bus in New Hampshire last week.

Bush's answer, according to the video clip: "Hell, yeah, I would. Look, you gotta step up man."

Bush wryly tweeted Monday: "Gotta do it," referring to the Huffington Post item.

The typically dry-humored Bush, labeled by rival Donald Trump as "low energy," has shown a more carefree side lately.

Earthquake detected near Monahans

From staff reports

A magnitude 3.2 earthquake took place 19 miles south/southwest of Monahans on Tuesday, according to the U.S. Geological Survey on its website.

The earthquake took place around 3:43 p.m., according to the USGS, which also lists Midland as being 73 miles northeast of the earthquake site.

ANALYSTS

From 1A

Agency when changes to global supply and demand don't add up to measured changes in inventory.

"A bullish/bearish 2016 outlook is driven by understanding those missing barrels," Pursell said.

"It's more important to focus on inventory in these uncertain times," he said.

He noted that production in the Lower 48 is on the decline and that producers need $85 oil prices to significantly grow production.

He showed a forecast that indicated the global oil market could actually be undersupplied in the second half of 2016 as low oil prices have prompted producers to delay investments and cut exploration budgets. Global demand also continues to grow, particularly in developing countries, he said.

"As long as demand grows, 2016 will be fine," he said.

Shirk said various factors could push oil prices back up to $100 a barrel.

What the decision by members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, prompted by Saudi Arabia, did was push marginal wells out of the market and created pricing havoc, Shirk said.

"Saudi Arabia's primary goal was to cancel the high-cost development projects in the pipeline that are not economic at current prices. I don't see a scenario where OPEC will allow prices to stay over $80 a barrel for an extended period of time and allow those projects back online," he said.

But OPEC's move also reveals the power of the U.S. shale revolution, in that producers promptly squeezed costs out of their projects and made more shale plays economic at lower prices, he said.

"There's a $45 to $60 equilibrium that has made available abundant reserves at break-even costs," he said.

Operators are increasing activity under their new, smaller capital structure to generate cash flow, he said.

The industry used the standard playbook in reacting to falling oil prices: cutting costs, reducing activity and eliminating jobs, Shirk said.

What is new this time is increased scrutiny of oil and gas loan portfolios by bank regulators, he said.

"By next spring, banks believe their hands will be tied by regulators, and producers will have to make sure reduced determinations don't hurt their balance sheet," he said.

REVOLUTION

From 1A

At a time of low oil prices, he said such an upbeat scenario might seem difficult to those in the industry because of decisions made by President Obama, who still has a year in office.

He predicted that OPEC will restate its November 2014 decision to maintain production levels, though "it's unlikely the ability or inclination to stay the course will remain in place throughout 2016."

The Eastern Hemisphere has become more dynamic, and 2015 and 2016 are and will be "the year of living dangerously," he said.

Next year will be challenging as global oil and gas producers cope with questions of supply and demand, he said.

"The world now faces a much-heightened potential to trigger unintended consequences from misguided reactions to a variety of supply and chaotic geopolitical developments," he said, pointing to similar consequences in the past.

Testing lower oil price levels will be self-correcting, he said. "Will $30 oil beget $60 oil?"

He offered another prediction: Resuming exports of U.S. crudes would be "initially contentious with Saudi Arabia and other Eastern Hemisphere exporters" but, ironically, should provide more flexibility and a more stable longer-term market structure.

"Markets will welcome it more quickly than believed," he said.

The industry is facing a "darkest before the dawn scenario," he said.

"I'm optimistic going into 2016, though it's been bumpy throughout 2015," he said.

RESHAPING

From 1A

"The prescription for success is simple: Embrace change. (The shale revolution) has given the U.S. the edge in shaping the next 50 years. This is the time to stay strong and stay optimistic. Get the message out that we're blessed with energy resources, keep up the good fight and set a good example," he said.

War on Christmas? Starbucks cups cause social media outcry

By Mae Anderson
Associated Press

NEW YORK — It's as red as Santa's suit, a poinsettia or your neighbor's ugly Christmas sweater. Yet Starbucks' stark new holiday coffee cup has set off complaints that the chain is making war on Christmas.

The outcry — which gained in intensity after Donald Trump suggested boycotting the coffee chain — illustrates the fine line companies must walk during the all-important holiday season: They want to stand out from their competitors, but not go so far as to offend or unsettle.

"The challenge is that the holiday language is same for everything," said Allen Adamson, founder of BrandSimple Consulting. "Everyone does it, so how do you do it in a way that's distinctive? If you push too far with distinctiveness, you might end up ruffling feathers."

Since 1997, Starbucks has offered holiday drinks in a festive red cup, adorned with such things as Christmas ornaments, reindeer and snowflakes. This year's design is minimalist: vivid red, with nothing but the familiar green Starbucks logo.

Starbucks executives said they wanted to embrace "simplicity and quietness" and show that the coffee shops are a "sanctuary" during the holidays. The company also reminded customers that it is selling its Christmas Blend of coffee as usual this year.

But some religious conservatives saw the new cup as an affront to tradition and yet another example of what some have called the "war on Christmas" — the taking of religion out of the Yuletide season by doing such things as greeting customers with "Happy holidays" instead of "Merry Christmas."

On Twitter, where the topic became a sensation, some people were upset over the cup, while others said they didn't understand what the big deal was.

Trump weighed in on Monday by saying, "Maybe we should boycott Starbucks." He added: "If I become president, we're all going to be saying, 'Merry Christmas' again. That I can tell you."

And a group called Faith Driven Consumer urged people to go to Dunkin' Donuts or Krispy Kreme instead.

At a Starbucks in downtown Los Angeles that was decked out with decorations touting the Christmas Blend, customer Ray Velasco said he doesn't give much thought to how companies market during the holidays, especially when it's barely November.

"There's so much stuff going on in the world, I just can't pay attention to every controversy," he said.

Lara Reynolds sipped the Christmas Blend and dismissed the social-media furor with a wave: "It's ridiculous. I've been trying to ignore it."

Kit Yarrow, a professor of psychology and marketing at Golden Gate University in San Francisco, said some people seized on the cup for the same reason many Americans have been captivated by Trump's "anti-PC" stance.

"A lot of people are really just constantly on the lookout for some vehicle to express anger and dissatisfaction, and this is the vehicle du jour," she said.

In part, the outcry has to do with the unexpectedly plain design, which proved to be too much change for some people, said marketing consultant Laura Ries.

"Over the years, they had some whimsical holiday designs, and that's what people got accustomed to seeing," she said. "They chose a modernistic, blank, stark look to the cup that was such a departure it got people anxious."

She likened the flap to a similarly stark redesign by Tropicana in 2009, when the company gave its leafy orange packaging a more abstract look. The change made Tropicana juice almost unrecognizable, sales plummeted, and Tropicana went back to the original design.

It's not the first time Starbucks has caused a flap with its cup.

In March, Starbucks asked baristas to write "Race Together" on customers' cups to spark conversation about race. But many didn't want a debate with their brew, and Starbucks abandoned the campaign quickly.

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

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

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

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

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

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Brilliant Dr. Carson tries hard to be ordinary

■ Perhaps, burden of perfection led him to reveal someone less so

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In the annals of presidential politics, it's hard to recall anyone who has tried so hard to be so ordinary.

The fascinating story of Dr. Ben Carson's attempts to ungild his lily by telling awful stories about himself — he tried to stab a classmate, later identified as a "close relative," and hit his mother with a hammer? — will be its own chapter someday, if not in a collection of strange campaigns then perhaps in a catalog of psychological classifications.

Masochistic/Narcissistic Conflation Syndrome? (I made that up.)

The illustrious Carson seems to have found his own too-good-to-be-true life story too good to be true — or to bear. 'Tis a mystery: Why would this amazing man serially seek to belittle himself in the eyes of his admirers?

It is one thing to try to connect with people by sharing stories of common challenges or suffering. Al Gore talked of his sister's cancer; George W. Bush was candid about his drinking problem. But it is something else to disperse wildly discordant anecdotes for the sake of unpainting a portrait. Is Carson a closet iconoclast?

Or, is it just too much being amazing?

Words like "amazing" and "remarkable" have followed Carson around all his life. Born to a teen mother, abandoned by his father, he somehow — miraculously — grew up to become a storybook pediatric neurosurgeon. The subject of a movie, he also authored a book that home-schooled children read as part of their curriculum.

Handsome, widely recognized as a superior physician, unexcitable and thoughtful, one could hardly imagine a more impeccable example of The Good Man. But perhaps the burden of perfection and the expectations that have stalked him led him to reveal a less-perfect being.

Maybe Ben Carson is just trying to be human.

The problem with "bad" Ben Carson is that hardly any of his stories can be verified by reporters, leading to doubts about their veracity. If most people fib or exaggerate their resumes to get their dream job, what kind of man diminishes a story beloved by all? Why not just tell us Ronald Reagan was a pessimist?

On the one hand, one might say, who cares? On the other, people naturally would be curious to know more about histories that conflict so dramatically with the persona of a man they thought they knew.

Is he telling the truth? Does his memory not serve? Stories also have changed in the tellings, which isn't unusual among storytellers. It's when you decide to run for president that they become problematic. Rather than offering clarity, Carson has defaulted to blaming the media for unfair, disproportionate vetting.

Nonsense. Why bait a hook if you don't want a fish?

Yet another odd tale has surfaced concerning a paternity claim Carson says was brought against him several years ago. Writing about it in a 2014 op-ed, he apparently was trying to make a case against "Chicago-style" politics and "how the blackmail threat operates" by reciting his personal experience. By his telling, he received a call in the operating room from the legal department at Johns Hopkins University informing him that the state of Florida was trying to garnish his wages for child support for a son he had fathered.

Carson wrote that he refused to provide a DNA sample, saying that he distrusted the government to handle things properly and feared that his DNA might show up at some murder scene. Seriously? What is he suggesting? The case closed as mysteriously as it opened.

About 50 questions come immediately to mind, starting with: Who calls a doctor in the operating room to discuss ... *anything*? Who was the woman? Who was the boy? Was there ever a woman, a boy or a call?

While these and other puzzles continue to animate the media, as they should, Carson has indeed revealed himself to be a strategic iconoclast, successfully signaling to the Republican base the following targeted messages: He distrusts government; he was imperfect before faith corrected his course; the media are the enemy of the people; he's been faithful to his wife.

Most important, he's nothing like that other "Chicago-style" black male who happens to be president. Translation: I am not a superhero; I am you.

Except of course, he's not like anyone else on the planet, which is why so many have found him so appealing. He's a man of a higher order, unless he's not. In which case, one is left to wonder: Who is Dr. Ben Carson?

OPINION EXTRA

Decision on Keystone pipeline is no cure for climate change

CHRIS TOMLINSON
Houston Chronicle

Rejecting the Keystone XL pipeline will do nothing to help fight climate change.

President Barack Obama said last week he was sending a signal about his commitment to fighting climate change when he chose to reject the pipeline, but that's all he did. Companies will continue to extract oil from Canadian tar sands, they will continue to ship it to Texas refineries, and global consumers — including environmentalists —will burn that fuel.

My colleague Robert Grattan writes that oil from tar sands is not profitable at current prices, and that has led many companies including Shell and Statoil to suspend projects in Alberta. But that is a temporary lull that will end as soon as prices rise again. And they will rise again when supply tightens, prompting reconsideration of those projects.

Oil remains the world's main transportation fuel, and no other source of transportable energy can compete with it at current prices. Even high-priced Canadian crude is far cheaper than energy from a battery, natural gas or a fuel cell, when all costs are included.

Until an alternative form of affordable and accessible transportation fuel is on the market, the world will continue to consume more than 90 million barrels a day of crude. And demand is growing.

The only thing that Obama got right on Friday was that the Keystone XL pipeline had taken on far greater significance that it deserved. It was never a large source of employment, and it was never a major threat to the climate. Politicians were using a steel pipe, intended to deliver crude safely to a refinery, to bludgeon each other.

Placed in this political situation, Obama took a political decision. He made his supporters happy and eliminated an issue that Republican candidates had hoped to use against the 2016 Democratic nominee.

But that's all he did. He did not approve a safe method for transporting Canadian crude. He did not stop the mining of tar sands. He did not stop tar sands from arriving in the U.S. by rail or barge. He did not stop the refining of tar sands oil. All he did was require companies to use more dangerous and costly forms of transportation.

If you want to do something about climate change, then use public transportation and spend a little more money to buy a less-polluting vehicle. But don't think for a moment that defeating a pipeline made the planet a better place to live. It most definitely did not.

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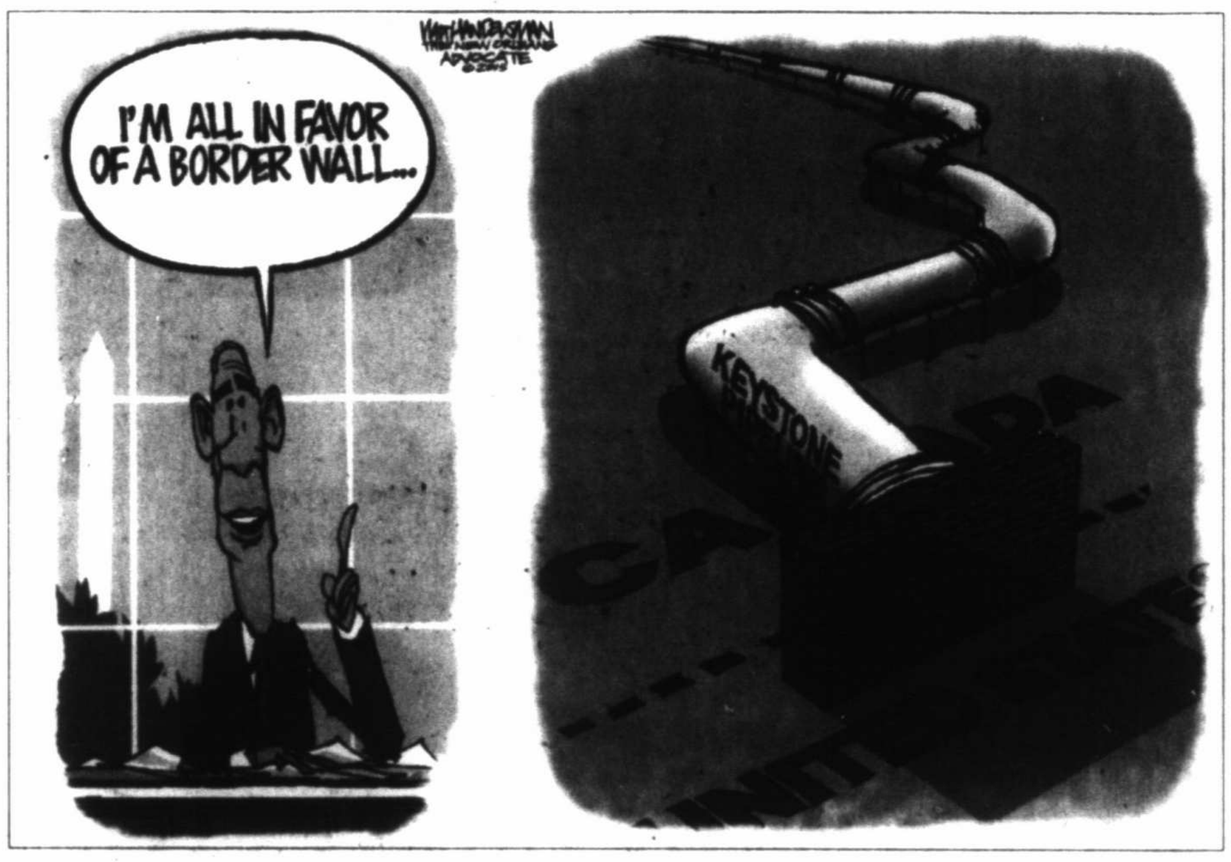

Political correctness plays role in Mizzou meltdown

■ Once the grievance machinery got going, there was no right way to respond

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

It was doubtful that the University of Missouri would stand up to a left-wing pressure campaign targeting its president, but when the football team joined the campaign, it was all over.

Missouri is an SEC school, where even a mediocre football program — Mizzou is 1-5 against the rest of the conference — has formidable financial and cultural power.

If anyone running the university had any guts, the school would have told the team, "Come back and talk to us when you can beat sad sack Vanderbilt, or at least score more than three points against them." Given the team's performance, the proper rejoinder to its threatened boycott should have been, "How would anyone notice?"

Instead, Tim Wolfe, the president of the University of Missouri system, is out in one of the most parodic PC meltdowns on a college campus to date. The Missouri episode shows how the political climate on campus falls somewhere between a Tom Wolfe novel, a Monty Python skit and the French Terror.

A reasonable person will find it difficult to identify what Tim Wolfe stood accused of. The fact of the matter is that Missouri's social-justice warriors forced him out simply because they could.

There were a few alleged racial incidents on campus, all involving racial slurs or symbols, including one where a drunken student verbally harassed a group of black students (he has been removed from campus, pending disciplinary procedures). Even if Missouri had a president straight out of an episode of "Portlandia" — the show lampooning exquisite progressive sensibilities — it would be beyond his power to prevent all rudeness on campus, especially drunken rudeness.

Nonetheless, the administration in general and Tim Wolfe in particular were held responsible. The list of supposed offenses was long (and very vague).

The Missouri Student Association complained that there wasn't enough hand-holding after Michael Brown was shot and killed in Ferguson (when he attacked a police officer, but that's always left out). "In the following months," a statement whined, "our students were left stranded, forced to face an increase in tension and inequality with no systemic support."

To read the association's indictment, you'd think that the University of Missouri exists in a small enclave of Klan-dominated, Reconstruction-era Mississippi: "The academic careers of our students are suffering. The mental health of our campus is under constant attack. Our students are being ignored. We have asked the University to create spaces of healing and it failed to do so."

This is the insatiable voice of children who object at the insufficiency of their coddling. In another outrage, no one powders the bottoms of Mizzou students after they go potty.

Once the grievance machinery got going, there was no right way for Tim Wolfe to respond. When he ignored protesters at the school's homecoming parade, he had to grovel and ask for forgiveness: "I am sorry, and my apology is long overdue." When he tried to engage protesters at another event, they asked him what "systematic oppression" means and, when he ventured an answer, screeched at him that he was blaming blacks for their own oppression.

An activist group came up with a list of demands. The first was that Wolfe write "a handwritten apology" to be read aloud at a press conference, and that it "must acknowledge his white male privilege." The second demand was that he be fired. So they were merely demanding a rote confession of guilt before execution, a nice totalitarian touch.

Wolfe is lucky he got away with merely quitting, without having to agree to go through an arduous program of re-education. After decades of mockery, political correctness is stronger than ever on campus and has to strike fear into the hearts of every professor and administrator, who are potential victims no matter how much they kowtow to the children. It is an ongoing cultural revolution, and common sense and rationality are its natural enemies.

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Congress OKs bill banning Guantanamo detainees from US

By Deb Riechmann
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress sent President Barack Obama a $607 billion defense policy bill that he is expected to sign even though he adamantly opposes its ban on moving some Guantanamo Bay detainees to U.S. prisons.

The Senate overwhelmingly approved the bill, 91-3, on Tuesday just days after the House passed the bipartisan measure, 370-58. The legislation authorizes Pentagon spending on military personnel, ships, aircraft and other war-fighting equipment.

The president plans to send Congress a blueprint for fulfilling his campaign pledge to close the U.S. prison in Cuba. But the plan is widely expected to be dead on arrival on Capitol Hill, with Republicans and some Democrats opposed to any move to detain some of the terror subjects on U.S. soil.

The congressional decision to retain a ban on transferring detainees to the U.S. has prompted debate on whether the president will try to bypass Congress and close the prison through executive action. "We know he's contemplating it," said Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.

White House press secretary Josh Earnest said Obama would sign the bill because it includes provisions critical to protecting the United States. But he said the president's signature does not change his position about the need to close the prison.

To do so, however, Obama would have to ignore the will of Congress.

Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R-N.H., said if Obama issued an executive order on Guantanamo it "clearly would violate the law."

"This is not something the American people want to see happen with Guantanamo, and so the president needs to follow the law and the law is very clear on this," she said.

The bill imposes restrictions on transferring any of the 112 remaining detainees to the United States or a foreign country. Loudest in congressional opposition have been the Republican senators from Colorado, Kansas and South Carolina — three states which have facilities reviewed by a Pentagon assessment team.

Pentagon press secretary Peter Cook said, "Let's wait to see what the plan finally looks like. The folks who are crafting that plan have been working very hard on this for months. ... This is not going to deter the department from moving forward."

The Senate also passed legislation by 93-0 that provides money to the Defense Department for military construction, military family housing, base closures and the Department of Veterans Affairs. Like the defense bill, the measure prohibits the administration from renovating, expanding or constructing facilities in the United States to house detainees from Guantanamo Bay.

The facilities reviewed by a Pentagon assessment team were the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks and Midwest Joint Regional Corrections Facility at Leavenworth, Kansas; the Consolidated Naval Brig, Charleston, South Carolina; the Federal Correctional Complex, which includes the medium, maximum and supermax facilities in Florence, Colorado; and the Colorado State Penitentiary II in Canon City, Colorado, also known as the Centennial Correctional Facility.

Obama vetoed an earlier version of the defense policy bill over a dispute, later resolved, about whether defense spending increases should be accompanied by boosts in domestic programs.

Among other things, the revised bill:

- Provides a 1.3 percent pay increase to service members and a new retirement option for troops.
- Authorizes $300 million for Ukraine forces fighting Russian-backed rebels, including $50 million for lethal assistance and counter-artillery radars.
- Extends a ban on torture to the CIA.
- Authorizes the president's request of $715 million to help Iraqi forces fight Islamic State militants.
- Identifies $11 billion in unnecessary spending and reinvests it in fighter aircraft, shipbuilding and strengthening cyber defense.
- Authorizes $3.8 billion for the Afghan national security forces.

Three senators — Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden, both Democrats from Oregon, and Bernie Sanders, an independent from Vermont — voted against the defense bill.

GOP Sens. David Vitter of Louisiana and Dean Heller of Nevada and Republican presidential candidates Marco Rubio of Florida, Rand Paul of Kentucky, Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and Ted Cruz did not vote.

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Toys have best year in a decade

By Anne D'innocenzio
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Toys are staging a comeback.

The U.S. toy industry is expected to have its strongest year in at least a decade after several years of kids choosing videogames and mobile apps over Barbie and stuffed bears.

Annual toy sales are projected to rise 6.2 percent to $19.9 billion in 2015, according to The NPD Group Inc., a market research firm that tracks about 80 percent of the U.S. toy market. That's up from a 4 percent increase last year, and the biggest increase in at least 10 years since the group has tracked toys using its current system.

The increase factors in brisk sales during the final quarter of this year, when sales are expected to be up 5 percent to $9.6 billion, a stronger pace than last year's 3.6 percent gain.

The growth is being fueled by increasing popularity of collectibles, toys based on Hollywood blockbuster films and better technology that allows toys to do things like talk back to children. It comes after sales slowed and sometimes declined in the past 10 years as children — much like their parents — became more enthralled with technology.

Now, toymakers are using chip technology, which is getting cheaper and more powerful, in toys. They're also focusing on grabbing the attention of the long-ignored but increasingly influential preteen crowd.

"The selection is much greater than in the past," said Jim Silver, editor-in-chief of TTPM, an online toy review site. "Technology is much better in the toy aisle, and it's really inspiring young kids to play but also bringing older kids to things like radio control and role play items."

What's giving toys a boost?

Hollywood

Surging demand for all things "Frozen" helped the toy industry achieve a rare gain last year. Toys related to the blockbuster about a princess who sets off to find her sister with icy powers were popular. In fact, "Frozen" was the top toy brand last year, reaching $531 million in sales, according to NPD.

And the Hollywood infatuation is expected to continue with the release of the "Star Wars" movie on Dec. 18: Hundreds of products, from puzzles to action figures related to "Star Wars," are expected to exceed Frozen's success.

Marty Brochstein, who's with the International Licensing Industry Merchandisers Association, said the $199.99 LightSaber from Hasbro, which features motion sensor-controlled sound effects, already are on backorder. She said "Star Wars" appeals to both kids and adults.

"It's multi-generational," Brochstein said.

Hasbro, the nation's second largest toy company, reported a jump in second-quarter profit last month, helped by toys related to "Star Wars."

Hasbro has the major merchandising licensing rights to make Star Wars toys from now until 2020. It's also teaming up with Walt Disney Co.'s consumer products division to make "Frozen" dolls in 2016. That deal froze out Mattel, which sells the dolls based on "Frozen" characters.

Toys R Us' new CEO David Brandon said the retailer is placing big bets this holiday season on brands like "Star Wars" to help boost sluggish U.S. sales.

"It will be very interesting to see at the end of the holiday season where the growth comes from. And how much growth there is," Brandon said.

Better technology

Toy companies are pushing remote controlled cars and droids controlled by smartphones. And robotic creatures are becoming more life-like with voice recognition features.

Hasbro's StarLily My Magical Unicorn, for example, responds to voice and touch with more than 100 sound and motion combinations. Mattel, the nation's largest toy company, also is hoping technology will help it reverse years of slumping sales.

"You want to make sure that you give them enough that they're going to want to walk away from their iPads and phones," said Mattel's executive vice president Geoff Walker.

Mattel's new Barbie features speech recognition and can have a two-way conversation with girls. And its Fisher-Price brand has "Smart Bear," an interactive plush bear marketed as having the brains of a computer without the screen — and is linked to a smartphone app. Fisher-Price also is pushing a robotic dinosaur.

"The best thing about it is that it shoots from the front and it shoots from the back," said Matthew Fic, a 6-year-old who recently played with the toy.

Targeting the preteen set

The 8- to 12-year old group accounts for 22 percent of toy sales, according to NPD, but has been ignored because they're the biggest users of mobile devices.

Now, toy makers believe they can keep older kids' attention because features like voice recognition are more affordable.

For example, Spin Master's Meccano Meccanoid G15 allows kids to build and program their own personal four-foot-tall robot that records and plays back audio and it learns from them. It has more than 1,200 parts and features 64 megabytes of memory.

And Hasbro spiffed up its Nerf gun to cater to the 14-plus crowd. Nerf Rival shoots balls 100 feet per second. Think paint ball meets Nerf.

Still, it could be a hard sell.

"It's fun. But I don't know how long I would play with this until I got bored," said Jackson Roberts, 14, from Manhattan, referring to Nerf Rival. On Roberts' holiday wish list: a 3-D printer and a droid that takes pictures.

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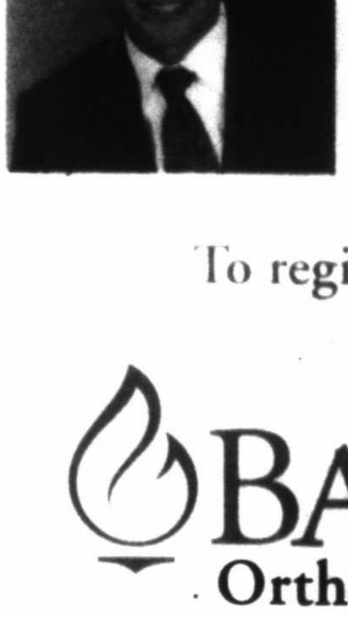
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Palliative care team deals with end-of-life issues

■ Goal is to relieve suffering, improve quality of life

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Midland Memorial Hospital

We would like to start this piece with a story about a patient. Mr. X is a very pleasant 56-year-old gentleman who started noticing he was losing weight and was more short of breath than usual. He was active, a healthy eater and had never smoked a day in his life. He went to his primary medical provider and was sent to the emergency room. He then got a CT scan that showed he has a mass in his abdomen. The most likely explanation: He had cancer. After four days of tests, the worst was confirmed. He had an advanced cancer that cannot be cured. He started treatment and chemotherapy. With treatment, his life expectancy is possibly two or three years. But that is an average figure. When it comes to certain diseases, modern medicine is still in its infancy and there aren't any guarantees.

Put yourself in Mr. X's place for a minute. Think of how you would react and what you would need the most. Being diagnosed with a disease that is progressive or chronic can be devastating for patients and their families. Examples of these are new strokes, cancer, multiple sclerosis, and congestive heart failure. While these are not terminal diagnoses, they may represent life-limiting changes requiring not only physical adaptation but also mental, emotional, social, spiritual and lifestyle changes.

Patients with these conditions are usually hospitalized more frequently and often require more than one specialist to manage their conditions. They may also be depressed and stressed about their illness, especially around the time of initial diagnosis. The appropriate management of these conditions requires more than just medication for the physical symptoms. Management involves equipping the patient and family with tools to cope emotionally, socially and spiritually. Management also takes into account personal and family preferences. The appropriate management of these conditions is important for patients and families to have the ability to control their care. Palliative care was born to fulfill this need and to provide holistic care in an age where standard medical care can be disconnected, impersonal and focused on the disease instead of the person.

Another distressing factor might be the quantity of life. The conditions might not be immediately life-threatening, but they can reduce a patient's life expectancy from decades to a few years, especially if the disease is progressive. This might not be consistent across all patients and disease; however, it is definitely a question that might create significant anxiety and uncertainty. Openly discussing the illness and its effects on the patient and family creates an opportunity to prepare and deal with issues related to end of life.

When patients and families openly discuss advanced-care planning, including end-of-life issues and advanced directives, they are less distressed and more at peace when a crisis hits that may signal end-of-life. This does not diminish

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The Midland CycloCross 2015 — Mud, Sweat & Gears event will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Beal Park. The event features a 1.6-mile course and is about one-third single track dirt, one-third grass and one-third pavement. The course spends a lot of time on a berm about 30-feet high and in a semi-concrete stage, so there is a rapid elevation change. It is called a fun course, easily ridden on a CX bike, but you don't give away any time on a mountain bike. There are multiple divisions for riders of all ages and skill levels. Register at www.raceit.com/register/?event=35052. Contact dleary@midlandYMCA.org for more information, or go to the Midland YMCA Facebook page for more details.

Source: Midland Y

Free screenings offered in recognition of National Diabetes month

By Brandon Mulder
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Midland Memorial Hospital and Market Street are offering free diabetes screenings in recognition of National Diabetes Month.

MMH, which offers free screenings year round, will provide educational opportunities — as well as screenings — with staff dietitians 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday.

The hospital's clinical dietitian and diabetes educator, Jessica Theimer, said that in the five years MMH has been offering the walk-in screenings, the number of people diagnosed with diabetes or pre-diabetes has been on the rise. "About 5 percent to 7 percent of the 80 to 100 patients screened each year are diagnosed, she said.

"I absolutely think it's due to our community and its health right now. We aren't moving much anymore, and as obesity is increasing, so is diabetes," Theimer said.

Of the 29 million Americans with diabetes, about 8 million are undiagnosed, according to statistics from the American Diabetes Association, and 86 million Americans have pre-diabetes, a condition in which blood sugar is high, but below the level of Type 2 diabetes.

"We've had a patient come in and their blood sugar was 260, which is really high. We sent them to a physician the next day with a diabetes diagnosis, and they left with insulin," Theimer said. "If someone does have diabetes, we can get them to resources as soon as possible."

Screening takes as little as two minutes. After a simple pin prick, blood is drawn, and patients receive results immediately.

"We recommend it, especially if you're over 45, but we're starting to see 12-year-olds with Type 2 diabetes now. If you have a parent or a sibling in your family that has diabetes, you run the risk of genetic inheritance," Theimer said.

The primary warning signs of Type 2 diabetes are frequent urination, weight loss, lack of energy and excessive thirst.

Meanwhile, throughout the month of November, Market Street will provide the screenings in conjunction with dietitian-led store tours that can teach participants "easy diabetes shopping" to illustrate the impact of their food choices, according to a Market Street spokesperson

Doctors say 'white coat hypertension' is no joke

By Markian Hawryluk
Houston Chronicle

Doctors long have known that for certain patients, the stress of a doctor's visit can cause a spike in blood pressure — a phenomenon known as "white coat hypertension," after the doctor's traditional garb. When those patients are tested at home, their blood pressure is just fine.

Traditionally, doctors have believed that patients with white coat hypertension didn't need to be treated. But a study published online Monday by researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas found that those patients may have twice the risk of a heart attack, stroke or other cardiovascular event compared to people with normal blood pressure.

More on stress

Stress can have negative effects on mental, physical well-being.

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"Previous studies on white coat hypertension have shown conflicting results," said Dr. Wanpen Vongpatanasin, professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern and senior author of the study. "Many in the medical community have viewed it as a benign condition. But our research suggests that white coat hypertension is associated with an increase in heart and vascular disease."

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Obituaries

Dennis Cadra

Born in Lubbock, Texas, Dennis Cadra found peace in heaven on November 5, 2015 at the age of 68.

A beloved husband, father, grandpa and brother, he is survived by his caring wife of 47 years, Yvonne Cadra; sons, Stefan (Hillary) Cadra and Daniel Cadra; daughter, Kirsten (Stephen) White; grandchildren, Camille Cadra, Molly Cadra, Kylie White and Samantha White; and brother, Mike (Lynn) Barbian.

Dennis is preceded in death by his parents, Godfrey and Marie Cadra.

While in their late teens, Dennis and Yvonne met at Camp Lone Star in La Grange, Texas. After exchanging letters for several years, they wed on August 24, 1968. Dennis earned his law degree from Texas Tech University in 1972 and was a prosecutor for 29 years, serving as past County & District Attorney for Andrews County and First Assistant District Attorney for Ector County. He dedicated his life to prosecuting criminals and bringing justice for victims. He was particularly passionate about advocating for and defending children who had been abused. He was held in high regard by his colleagues for his knowledge of the law, his ability to cite specific cases and his unwavering ethics. In his spare time, Dennis enjoyed telling detailed stories about his many life experiences, cracking jokes, reading books about historical events, the vastness and mysteries of outer space and political conservatives. He could often be heard "coaching" and "refereeing" Texas Tech games from the comfort of his recliner.

Visitation will be from 6:00-8:00 PM, Thursday, November 12, 2015 at Sunset Funeral Home in Odessa, 6801 E. Business 20 (Highway 80).

A Memorial Service will be at 2:00 PM, Friday, November 13, 2015 at Grace Lutheran Church in Midland, 3000 W. Golf Course Road.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of the Permian Basin Area in Odessa and Lutheran Hour Ministries.

Arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home. To send family condolences please sign the guest registry at *www.sunsetodessa.com.*

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Midland Reporter-Telegram

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

Jimmie Lou Garner Bradley

Jimmie Lou Garner Bradley, age 89, died at Manor Park in Midland, Texas, at 2:15 p.m. Monday, November 9, 2015.

She was born Oct. 30, 1926, in Everton, Arkansas. She was the daughter of Mettie Jane and Charles Clifton Garner. She was the youngest of eight children. Her siblings Johnnie Chitwood, Conrad Garner and Faye Mathis survive her.

Jimmie Lou was 20 years old when she met the love of her life, A. B. Bradley, a retired World War II Navy Lieutenant. The couple were married less than 6 months later on Groundhog's Day, 1947. They loved dancing, golf and traveling together. They had three children: Edna Jane, Garner Burt and Cathy Jo. Jimmie Lou and A.B. celebrated their 58th anniversary just before his death on March 10, 2005.

She was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother; and a great friend to many. She was a true Southern lady, hospitable and gracious to all; the last of the Southern Belles. She enjoyed laughter, always spoke her mind and nearly always wore a hat.

She was a Christian and deeply loved the Lord. She attended church at First Presbyterian Church of Midland. She served the Denton, Texas, community as a Pink Lady at Denton Memorial Hospital and as a member of the Denton Benefit League. She attended the University of Arkansas and Arkansas Tech.

She especially loved her husband and her children; and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who affectionately call her "Gein".

Jimmie Lou is survived by her three children: Jane Bradley Livingstone and Jane's husband, John, of Jacksonville; Dr. Burt Bradley and his wife, Terry, of Lubbock; and Cathy Bradley Burgess and her husband, Ken, of Midland.

Jane has three children: Katie Calavan and her husband, Matt; John Livingstone III and his wife, Jordan; and Bradley Burt Livingstone and his wife, Jennifer.

Burt has four children: Ruth Haesemeyer and her husband, Matt; Beth Parrish and her husband, Ben; Abbie Gibson and her husband, Blake; and Anselm Bradley.

Cathy has three children: Kenneth Burgess and his wife, Crystal; Brittany Livingston and her husband, Brian; and William Burgess.

Jimmie Lou also has 14 great-grandchildren.

She gave her husband, A.B., a wonderful gift by going to be with the Lord on what would have been A.B.'s 95th birthday.

A Memorial Service will be held at Manor Park Chapel, in the Wallace building, 5212 Sinclair Ave, Midland, Texas in Midland, Texas on Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. There will be a Graveside Service on Saturday, November 14, 2015 in Harrison, Arkansas at Maplewood Cemetery at 10:00 a.m.

Memorials may be made to Star Hospice of Odessa, 620 N Grant Ave, Suite 100,Odessa, Texas 79761, Manor Park of Midland, 2208 North Loop 250 West, Midland, Texas 79707 and to First Presbyterian Church of Midland, 800 W. Texas Avenue, Midland, Texas 79701.

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Kevin Lee Woodard

Kevin Lee Woodard, named after his father, of Bay Harbor Island, Florida, formerly of Midland, Texas, passed away on November 5, 2015.

Kevin was born on January 14, 1960, in Midland, Texas to Lee Roy and Clara Joyce Woodard. Kevin attended Midland public schools and graduated in 1978 from Midland Lee High School. He was a charter member of the Golf Course Road Church of Christ where he participated in many youth activities and made lifelong friends.

Kevin attended Abilene Christian University and Texas Tech University where he pursued his interests in engineering, art, and the Bible. Of these interests, his creative side won and pursued art for the rest of his life. Kevin was an avid artist whose paintings adorn the walls of his entire family. He had an eye to see beauty in the ordinary and the uncommon in the common. This is depicted in his paintings, which include: landscapes, abstracts, and surrealisms.

He enjoyed family and special times, especially spending time with his three nieces and one nephew. Always a practical joker, Kevin made them laugh and created many special memories for them.

Kevin was an entrepreneur at heart and started a business which led him from Midland to San Antonio, Memphis, Atlanta and ultimately Bay Harbor Island, Florida. Kevin was a leader and a real friend to his employees. Many of his enduring friendships are with those who worked with him and came to admire him for his decency and concern for them.

Kevin leaves behind many friends from all the places he has lived, all of whom were touched by his warm smile, practical jokes, and deep sense of friendship.

Kevin was preceded in death by his father, Lee Roy Woodard. He is survived by his mother, Clara Joyce Woodard and his two sisters, Jana Sanders and her husband Donny, and Tammy Carhart and her husband Peter. He also leaves behind three much loved nieces, Melanie and Madison Carhart and Meredith Sanders, and a favorite nephew, Britton Sanders.

Most of all, Kevin will be remembered for his rich, full, and tender heart, and a life lived in a sweet and loving way.

A Memorial Service will be held Friday, November 13, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Golf Course Road Church of Christ, 3500 Golf Course Road, Midland, Texas.

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Larry Lasley

Larry M. Lasley of Midland went to his heavenly home on November 9th while surrounded by his loving family.

The family will receive friends from 5:00-7:00pm on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Funeral Services will be held at 1:00pm, Thursday, November 12, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel, 3800 N Big Spring St., Midland, TX. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Larry was born on September 6, 1945 in Cardwell, Missouri to Roy and Alma Lasley. He was committed to his chosen career as a Life Insurance Salesman and always loved seeing them in the community. He enjoyed having coffee with friends and had a great sense of humor; telling jokes and pulling pranks.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Kathy Lasley; children, Kelli Whigham and husband Steve and their daughter Lauren; Tamara Willis and husband Dale and their children Amanda, Chance, and Dillon; Jeff and wife Myranda and their children Tristan and Gavin; Brian Lasley; his brother Roy Lasley Jr. and Larry's beloved dog, Major; as well as many other relatives, and a host of friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Sandra Ybarra.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made in his name to the SPCA, Lonestar Sanctuary, or Humane Coalition at PetSmart.

Pallbearers are Chance Willis, Dillon Willis, Jimmy Thornton, Jayson Thornton, Oscar Chavez and Don Bradford.

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Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory (432) 550-5800

Patsy Hall

Patsy Darlene Hall, 73, of Midland, passed away on November 8, 2015. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 am, Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Patsy Darlene Hall was born on September 25, 1942 in Midland, Texas to Floyd and Jewell Hall. Patsy attended schools in Midland. She loved to be outside and work in her yard and garden. Patsy had a love for all animals, especially for rescuing stray animals. She was a kind and caring person and will be greatly missed by everyone that knew her.

She is survived by her sister, Peggy Hall.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Floyd and Jewell Hall.

The family would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support during her illness, especially to Luisa, Bill and Bobbie.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to local animal shelters in her name.

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G.A. Magee

Rev. G.A. Magee, 86, of Midland passed away on November 9, 2015 when the Lord called home one of His most faithful servants. The family will be accepting friends and family at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 from 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM. Graveside services will be held at Resthaven Memorial Park on Thursday, November 12th, 2015 at 3:00 PM with the memorial service following at 4:00 PM at the First Baptist Church Worship Center with Pastor David Johnson officiating.

G.A. was born on October 9, 1929 in Mendoza, Texas to Rev. Hugh and Lena Magee. He graduated from Buda High School in 1947 and on September 30, 1949, G.A. married his high school sweetheart and love of his life, June Keesee. June worked and made it possible for G.A. to complete his Bachelor's degree from Hardin-Simmons University in 2 1/2 years. He then went on to do graduate studies at Hardin-Simmons and Southwestern Theological Seminary. G.A. had two student pastorates (Buffalo Gap and Loraine) and pastored for 43 years in Happy Union, San Angelo, Eunice, NM, Odessa and Midland. He retired in 1993 from Bellview Baptist Church in Midland and continued to serve as interim pastor around West Texas and New Mexico. He served in the following capacities for the New Mexico Baptist Convention: Chairman of State Executive Board, Chairman of Finance Committee, Associational Sunday School Director, Secretary of State Executive Board and Vice-President of Convention. For the Texas Baptist Convention, he served as member of the Texas Baptist Administrative Committee, member of the Texas Baptist Executive Board, member of the Texas Baptist Christian Life Convention and Chairman of the Midland Baptist Associational Finance Committee. He also served on the Baptist Sunday School Board and as a deacon at First Baptist Church in Midland. He had several recognitions: listed in the 12th Edition of Who's Who in the West, New Mexico State President of the Southwestern Baptist Seminary Alumni Association and President of Hardin-Simmons University Alumni in New Mexico. He was very active in mission work including Indian reservations in New Mexico and the River Ministry in Presidio, TX.

G.A.'s enjoyable past times were riding his horses, attending all events for his kids and grandkids and anything sports related as he was an avid Texas Longhorns fan (although he would do an occasional guns up for his Red Raider grandkids). He planted the Christian seed in all of his children and grandchildren by teaching scripture and baptizing each of them.

G.A. is survived by his daughter, Charlotte Webb and husband Mike; grandchildren, Wesley, Allison and Derek; son Rodney Magee and wife Lee Ann; grandchildren, Keith and wife Alyson (great-grandchild, Adelynn); Natalie (great-grandchildren, Devin and Aubrey); Monica and husband Jake (great-grandchildren, Dillon, Scarlett and Sterling); Lindsay and husband Jonathan (great-grandchild, Reese); Chelsea and husband Eric (great-grandchild, Cooper and Ellie); and Brooke and husband Derek; son Gaines Magee and wife Gigi; grandchildren Patrick and Blair; brother-in-law Everett Keesee; numerous cousins.

He is preceded in death by his wife, June Magee and parents, Rev. Hugh and Lena Magee.

The family would like to express their gratitude towards the staff at Orchard Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Baptist Church Mission Fund, 2104 W. Louisiana, Midland, Texas 79701 or Baptist Crisis Center, 806 South Baird Street, Midland, Texas 79701.

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Death Notices

Dobie Oran Bomar

Dobie Oran Bomar, of Midland Texas, rode into the sunset of his eternal home on Monday, November 9, 2015. The family will be accepting guests from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Thursday, November 12, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm on Friday, November 13, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel.

Survivors include his sons, Deven and Dillon Bomar; and sister, Cindy Bomar Hellinger.

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

James Bennett Dozier

James Bennett Dozier, 74, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Sunday, November 8, 2015 in Midland, Texas. He is survived by his two daughters, Tara French and Patricia Crisp; three brothers.

A burial will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2015 at Garden City Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery & Funeral Home, 4100 N. FM-1788, Midland, Texas, 79707.

Helmut Schmidt, ex-chancellor of Germany, dies at 96

Associated Press

BERLIN — Helmut Schmidt, the chancellor who guided West Germany through economic turbulence and Cold War tensions, stood firm against a wave of homegrown terrorism and became a respected elder statesman, died Tuesday. He was 96.

Schmidt

Schmidt died at his house in Hamburg, according to German weekly Die Zeit, of which Schmidt was a co-publisher.

"We have lost a sharp-witted adviser, a trusted companion and a good friend," Die Zeit said in a statement. "Until recently he contributed to the editorial team with his analyses, his commentaries and his interviews about current affairs."

Schmidt's friend and doctor Heiner Greten told Bild newspaper the former chancellor died with partner Ruth Loah and daughter Susanne at home with him.

"He died the way he wanted: in his bed at home and fully without pain," Greten said.

Schmidt, a center-left Social Democrat, led West Germany from 1974 to 1982. He was elected chancellor by lawmakers in May 1974 after the resignation of fellow Social Democrat Willy Brandt, triggered when a top aide to Brandt was unmasked as an East German agent.

Sigmar Gabriel, chairman of the Social Democrats and Germany's vice chancellor, recalled Schmidt delivering his last big speech at an SPD party convention in 2011.

Gabriel said he reminded party members that Germany has "a responsibility to hold Europe together."

"I think that in these days and weeks, where some are disappointed by the developments in Europe, these words will stay in our memory," he told reporters outside the SPD's Parliamentary offices.

"He was someone who, I believe, will remain for generations of Germans one of the most significant statesmen of our country."

In Washington, the White House issued a statement saying Schmidt "was widely admired for his principled approach to advancing detente while also standing firmly against aggression and violations of fundamental freedoms and human rights." Secretary of State John Kerry said Schmidt led the Federal Republic "through some of its most pivotal years," helping "to transform Germany into a confident political and economic power at the heart of Europe."

As a new leader, Schmidt brought a sometimes abrasive self-confidence and his experience as West Germany's defense, finance and economy ministers to the job, which he took during the economic downturn that followed the 1973 oil crisis.

Schmidt's chancellorship coincided with a tense period in the Cold War, including the Soviet Union's 1979 invasion of Afghanistan.

He went along the following year with the U.S.-led boycott of the Moscow Olympics, although he later said that it "brought nothing." Schmidt later said he had disputes with the United States under President Jimmy Carter over financial and defense issues at the time and concluded "that we Germans could not afford an extra conflict with America," West Germany's protector against the Soviets.

Amid efforts to ward off a global recession, Schmidt was among the movers behind the first economic summit of leading industrial powers at Rambouillet, France, in 1975, which later turned into the annual Group of Seven meeting.

Stress can have negative effects on mental, physical well-being

KIT BOYD
Centers for Children and Families

Stress is a part of life, and a certain amount of stress from time to time can be motivating. Short-term stress can be a survival tactic enabling us to stay alert and avoid or flee from danger. But we need a break from stressors in order to recharge. When there is too much stress and your plate is too full, there is the danger the plate might drop. If this happens, we often cannot handle even the smallest amount of additional stress. Chronic stress can cause damage to our body and have negative effects on our emotions, mental functioning and behaviors.

Some of the physical problems connected to stress include headaches, heart problems, insomnia, respiratory problems and chronic fatigue. Some people might even experience chest pains or stomach problems as a result of chronic stress. There is also a relationship between stress and the reproductive system because chronic stress might make it more difficult for a couple to conceive a child.

Hypertension might also be a product of chronic stress. When your body is flooded with stress hormones, it causes your heart to work harder and constricts blood vessels. This might cause your heart to pound and raise your blood pressure. While short-term stress can strengthen your immune system, chronic stress can lower your immune system, making you more vulnerable to infection and diseases.

Between 75 percent and 90 percent of doctor's visits are the result of stress-related complaints, and 43 percent of all adults suffer from stress-related health issues, according to an article on WebMD.

In addition to physical ailments, stress can cause a variety of emotional issues. Too much stress for too long might create or increase anxiety. The Mayo Clinic found that in addition to anxiety, stress might also increase depression, anger or irritability and restlessness. Stress hormones in large amounts might add to depression and a sense of helplessness, according to an article on the Mental Help website.

Negative effects of stress on memory and cognitive functioning have been documented. High levels of stress over time can increase our vulnerability in those areas. There is a relationship between emotional stress and focusing, concentrating and the ability to remember.

But if your plate is too full, there are a variety of activities that can help you handle stress: deep, relaxation breathing; exercise; yoga; listening to music; journaling; and something to make you laugh.

HYPERTENSION

From 1B

Results of the study take on added significance with the release of another blood pressure study Monday suggesting patients would benefit if doctors used a lower target for ideal blood pressure. About 30 percent of Americans have high blood pressure, although many have never been diagnosed. It is the primary cause or a contributing factor in some 362,000 deaths each year.

Home monitoring

The UT researchers tracked some 3,000 people who had their blood pressure taken both at home and in a doctor's office from 2000 to 2002 as part of the Dallas Heart Study, following up with them between 2007 and 2009. The study also considered the reverse effect, known as masked hypertension, when patients had normal blood pressure at the doctor's office but high at home.

The researchers found about 12 percent of the patients had high blood pressure in both settings, 3.3 percent had white coat hypertension and 18 percent had masked hypertension.

Seven years later, about one in 300 patients with normal blood pressure had experienced a cardiovascular event such as a heart attack or stroke. Those events were more frequent among those with any high blood pressure readings — about 1 in 100 for those with white coat or masked hypertension , and 1 in 50 for people with sustained high blood pressure.

After accounting for other risk factors, having either white coat or masked hypertension doubled a patient's risk of an adverse cardiac event.

"Actually more surprising was that the prevalence of masked hypertension is 18 percent," Vongpatanasin said. "That's almost one out of five adults in the community, and they would not know it unless they tested their blood pressure at home."

Someone might have higher blood pressure at home than in a clinical setting, Vongpatanasin said, due to changes in behaviors in the days leading up to a doctor's appointment.

"Before you go to the dentist, you brush your teeth a little more," Vongpatanasin said. "With high blood pressure, it might not be well-controlled because they don't always eat healthfully or exercise, or take the medicine consistently. But right before the doctor's appointment, they do (all the right things) and take the medicine regularly so that the doctor thinks everything is fine."

While white coat hypertension is well-known, it's unclear why such patients might be at higher risk even when their blood pressures at home seem normal.

"It may tell us something about the reaction of their body to stress, and conceivably, people who have more stress in their lives could sustain higher blood pressures than others," said Dr. William Zoghbi, director of cardiovascular imaging at the Houston Methodist DeBakey Heart & Vascular Center. "I think the message is clear that home blood pressure monitoring is definitely a worthwhile investment."

People can lower blood pressure through lifestyle changes such as diet or exercise, reducing alcohol and tobacco use, or taking blood pressure medications. But after lifestyle changes, Zoghbi's number one recommendation for patients with suspected or diagnosed high blood pressure is to get a blood pressure monitor at home.

"If we don't measure blood pressure in different situations, at home and otherwise, we're really completely in the dark as to whether blood presstire control is good ... and what you need to do about it."

'Really tricky'

Doctors at Kelsey-Seybold Clinic in Houston started using 24-hour blood pressure monitoring devices in 2012 to get a better idea of which patients needed treatment.

"High blood pressure is a really tricky disease to treat," said Dr. Jonathan Aliota, a cardiologist with the clinic. "It's up and down moment to moment during the day. It's up with salt. It's up with stress. It's down with caffeine. It's down with sleep. ... What does that one point in time really mean to you?"

"I think it's a very strong study, and it does suggest that when you see white coat hypertension, you do need to look one step further," Aliota said. "You're getting a signal; the signal is saying the blood pressure is abnormally high. Sure, it may be anxiety, or it could be anxiety on top of an underlying condition that needs to be evaluated."

Texas Recycles Day - 11/14/15
(Saturday)
Midland College Chaparral Center Parking Lot
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Electronics, tires and more! This is your one-stop drop for regular and unusual recyclables in Midland!
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HEALTHBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Support groups this week

■ The Knot Adoption Support Group, 11:30 a.m., today at First Presbyterian Church; Kathy Hagler, Kathy@WTIE.net

■ Chronic fatigue fibro-myalgia syndromes support group, noon, Thursday at Rays of Hope Grief Centre; 520-3500.

■ Permian Basin Community Service Organization (for individuals, organizations or businesses that provide services to improve quality of life), 11:45 a.m., Thursday at Mi Piaci Italian Restaurant, 2607 N. Grandview Ave., Odessa; 432-240-4234.

■ Midland Odessa Chapter of the United Ostomy Association, 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus.

■ The Helping Hand Metastatic Cancer Support Group meets noon Tuesday at Texas Tech Physicians of the Permian Basin Clinic, Room 210B. Lunch will be served. To RSVP , call Amber Chavez at 620-1023.

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

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

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

■ Bariatric Support Group, 11:30 a.m., Nov. 18, ACT Counseling Center, 2445 E. 11th St., Odessa; 272-4333.

Also

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

■ Overeaters Anonymous; noon Wednesdays and 4:30 p.m. Sundays; B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-1031.

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

'PlantPure Nation' release

The film "PlantPure Nation" — about plant-based nutrition — is being shown 7 p.m. Nov. 21 at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center.

A question-and-answer session with Nelson Campbell, the film's creator, will follow. Tickets are available at plantpurenation.com.

MMH events

■ Becoming a Mom: Class 4, 6:30-7:30 p.m. today, Midland Memorial West Campus, 4214 Andrews Highway.

This one-hour class covers things to avoid during pregnancy. No charge for this class. Priority is given to women who are enrolled in the Hope Chest incentives program. To learn more or to enroll in Hope Chest, call 221-1150.

■ Screening and Treatment: Breast Cancer in the Elderly, noon Thursday, MMH Conference Center- Rooms B & C.

■ Becoming a Mom: Class 4, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Nov. 18, Midland Memorial West Campus, 4214 Andrews Highway.

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital is offering a nurse triage program "68-NURSE."

The program is designed to help people determine whether 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.

Contact your hospital district representative

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Issues

From 1B

the pain of losing a loved one, but being prepared for end-of-life emotionally and spiritually allows the wishes of the patient to be respected. This discussion is part of the role of our palliative care team.

Palliative care is comprehensive care aimed to relieve suffering and improve the quality of life for patients with serious chronic illnesses. Palliative care gives you a chance to live your life comfortably and includes the family in all discussions. Palliative care does not replace your primary care treatment plan or your medical provider. The palliative care team works alongside your medical provider. Palliative care is not hospice care. A patient can receive palliative care for years. It can be offered simultaneously with all other appropriate medical treatment plans.

The palliative care program provides symptom management for comfort; open discussion about a patient's illness and treatment choices; coordination of care with all the medical providers; emotional and spiritual support for the patient and their family; and open discussion about end-of-life concerns. Most importantly it gives the patient a sense of control over their illness.

Midland Memorial Hospital implemented the palliative care program in October 2012. The team consists of Dr. Zeeba Mathews, who specializes is internal medicine and who has a certification in palliative care; Lenora Sevcik, who has a nursing doctorate and is the palliative care coordinator; and a nurse practitioner. Since we have implemented the program, we have had 1,268 palliative care consults and 5,159 follow up visits with patients on our service. We also see patients with palliative care needs in our outpatient clinic on Thursday afternoons. A medical provider referral is required for the outpatient clinic.

Studies have shown there are many patients in the hospital with unmet palliative care needs. For this reason, the Midland Memorial Hospital palliative care team has started to use palliative care triggers to assist in identifying these patients. A trigger is a reminder for the nurse or medical provider to evaluate the palliative care needs of the patient. Triggers include cardiac arrest, a stroke that has affected function, pain and symptom management to identify patients who may need extra support to understand their illness and the choices they have.

For more information, call MMH's palliative care team at 221-4212.

Zeeba Mathews is an internal medicine doctor with certification in palliative care. Lenora Sevcik, who has a nursing doctorate, is Midland Memorial Hospital's palliative care coordinator. Bob Dent is senior vice president and chief operating officer of MMH.

Better sleep can improve athletic performance

By Pam LeBlanc
Austin
Americart-Statesman

Most athletes know the importance of focused training. They're not likely to down lots of junk food, either. Too often, though, they don't worry enough about sleep.

And quality and amount of sleep, it turns out, can make a difference in athletic performance.

Researchers have long known that sleep deprivation can cause everything from irritability and cognitive impairment to slower reaction times and an impaired immune system. But studies now show that getting extended sleep can help swimmers dive off the starting blocks more quickly, tennis players hit balls more accurately, basketball players make the hoop more often and football players run faster.

Those studies of elite collegiate athletes, by sleep researcher Cheri Mah at the University of California-San Francisco's Human Performance Center, should serve as a reminder to recreational athletes that getting enough sleep is a crucial part of race readiness.

"The underlying message is sleep is foundational and should be considered a priority along with other aspects of a training program," Mah said by phone from California last week.

According to the latest recommendations, released this year, healthy adults need at least seven hours of sleep to prevent health risks, Mah says. Many of us don't get that. According to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly 30 percent of adults reported an average of less than six hours of sleep per day.

That's a bad thing, especially for athletes, because recovery happens during the restorative phase of sleep, which usually occurs early in the night. That's when the body releases human growth hormone, which helps rebuild muscle broken down during exercise.

"Many athletes are chronically sleep deprived, and many don't get what they need," Mah says. "Over time, that can build up as a sleep debt, and we're starting to recognize that with reducing that debt there may be performance advantages."

The good news? You can pay back sleep debt. The bad news? Studies suggest that it might take more than a single night or weekend to do that. Mah is still trying to understand exactly how long it might take, but says it depends on everything from how much sleep you've been getting to the quality of that sleep.

"It's not as easy as do it for one week and it's fully eliminated," she says. "But if you build up a sleep debt, you can pay it back, even a little bit at a time."

At Intelligent Sleep on Burnet Road in Austin, owner Bruce Wayne Meleski, who has a doctorate degree in human biology from the University of Texas, works with clients to improve their sleep. He sells mattresses, but also offers treatments on what's called a sound bed, where music with specially synchronized beats is transmitted through a table as well as a set of earphones, so you can feel it as well as hear it. It's used to promote relaxation and recovery.

"Athletes need to recover from training," Meleski says. "You train hard, you recover. If you don't get restorative sleep, your next

Please see SLEEP/8B

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Ephesians 3:20-21
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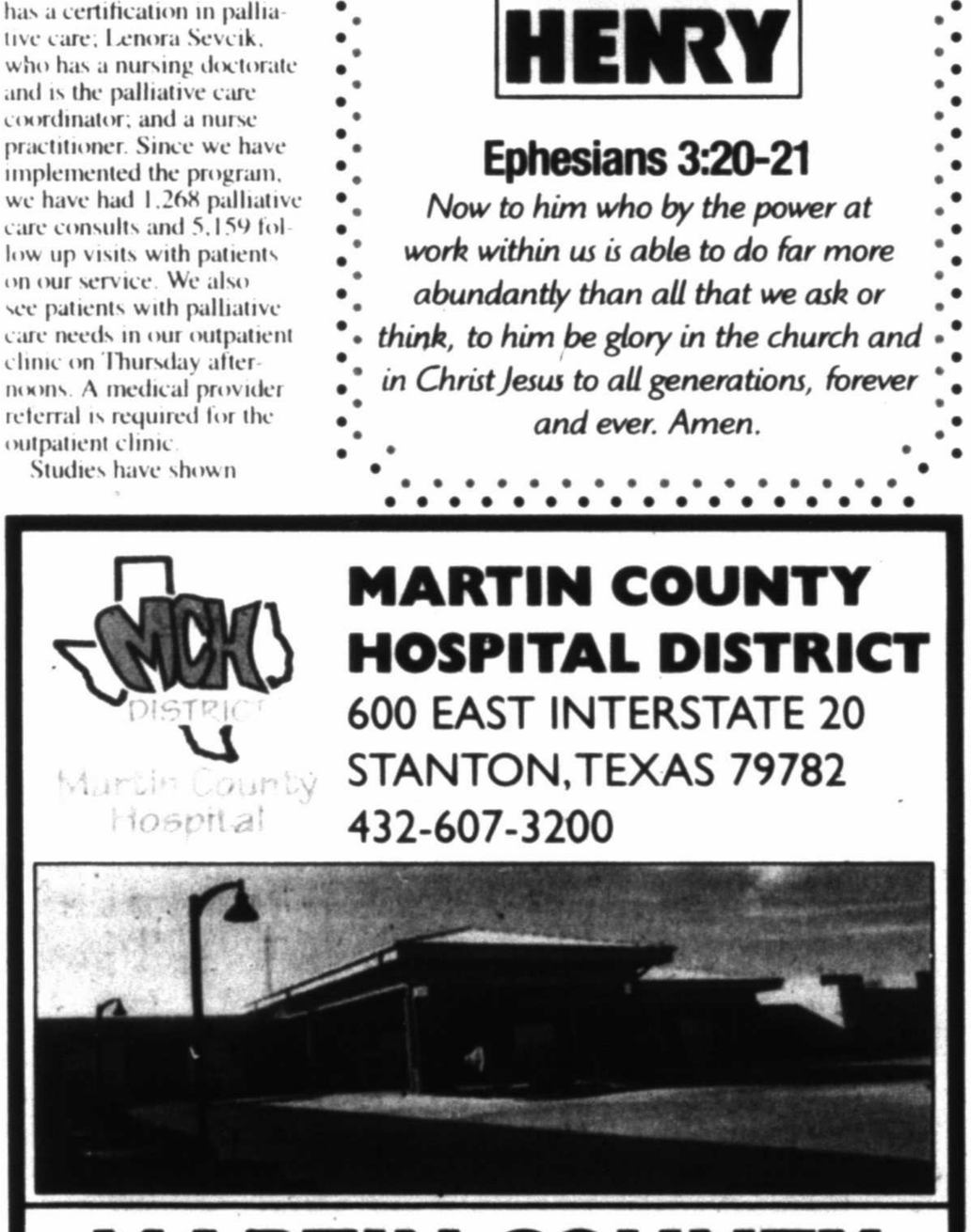


TODAY: Sunny High: 68 Low: 38

THURSDAY: Sunny High: 66 Low: 40

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 63 Low: 44

SATURDAY: Partly sunny High: 62 Low: 46

SUNDAY: Partly sunny High: 66 Low: 50

MONDAY: Mostly sunny High: 71 Low: 49

Local forecast

Expect blowing dust after the noon hour, according to the National Weather Service. Gusts could reach 35 mph. A front will drop temperatures tonight as close to March 2, the date of the last freeze at Midland International. Below-average temperatures are expected through Sunday. The NWS also expects a chance of rain this weekend.

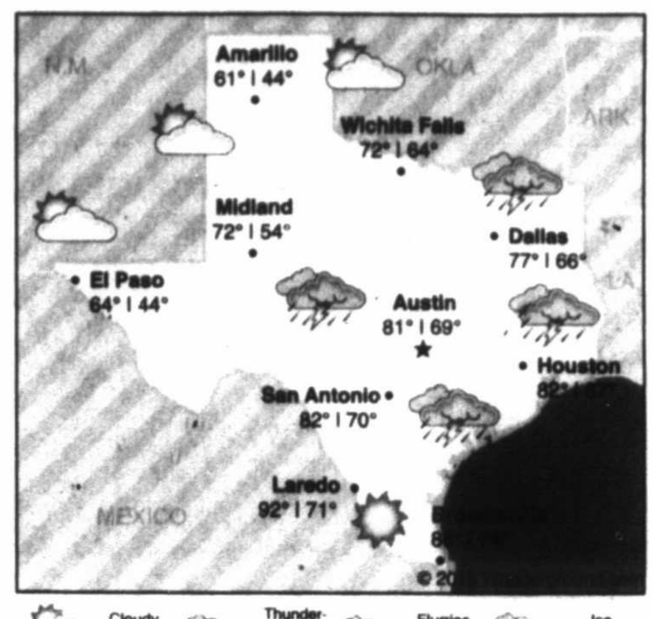
The record high for Nov. 10 was 85, set in 1964. The record low was 20, set in 1950. On Nov. 10 of last year, the high was 82 and the low was 51.

Weather brief

MIAMI — Tropical Storm Kate is moving away from the Bahamas and is expected to remain well offshore of the East Coast.

The storm's maximum sustained winds Tuesday were 70 mph. The U.S. National Hurricane Center says some strengthening is forecast and Kate could become a hurricane by Tuesday night.

The storm is expected to pass north of Bermuda. It was centered about 260 miles southeast of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina.



Precipitation

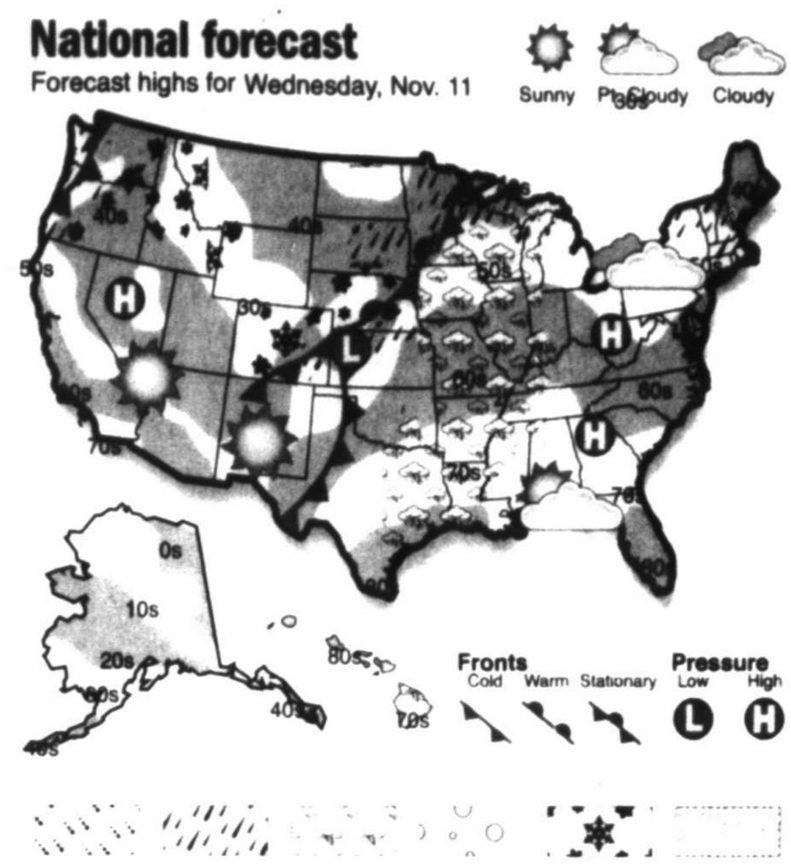
Monday	0.00 in.
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	19.78 in.
Normal total (year to date)	13.57 in.

Tuesday's temperatures

High	76
Low	54
Normal high	69
Normal low	42
Sunrise	7:14 a.m.
Sunset	5:52 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, Nov. 11



Husband upset by wife who wears heart on her sleeve

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: I'm a mostly happily married wife and mother. I love tattoos. When I was younger, I was engaged to my soul mate. His name is tattooed on my wrists in honor of the love we shared. Unfortunately, he was killed in a car accident.

Several years later, I met and married my husband, "Brett." When we fight, he brings up the tattoos. He says they're "disrespectful" of him and I should get rid of them. It upsets me because I got the tattoos before I ever met Brett, so how can they be disrespectful? Am I being unreasonable, or should my husband back off? — ILLUSTRATED WOMAN IN COLORADO

DEAR ILLUSTRATED WOMAN: The tattoos are in no way disrespectful to your husband. They are the same body art you had when he married you, and if he didn't complain back then, he shouldn't now. When you're fighting and Brett tells you to get rid of them, he's doing it to hurt you because he knows they are meaningful and he's trying to get under your skin. Insist on dealing with the subject at hand and don't take the bait.

DEAR ABBY: I'd like to know if there's any way to stop my mother-in-law from inviting herself to every birthday party and graduation our children have. They are pre-teen and teenagers now. She has done this for years, and it often doesn't end well. Because they are older, they prefer to hang out with their friends, do sleepovers, etc.

Because she insists on staying the night, it's hard to have room for sleepovers. She complains if she has to sleep on the couch, and she also has a fit if she's not getting enough attention from the kids because they'd rather be with their friends and not her the whole time.

I have tried explaining that she should come the weekend before or after, but she shows up on the birthday anyway. Her complaints ruin their birthdays, to the point that I no longer look forward to them. Any advice, because another birthday is right around the corner? (Maybe she'll read this and have a change of heart.) — MISERABLE MOM IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR MISERABLE MOM: Your mother-in-law sounds like a handful. However, I do believe that grandparents should be invited to milestones like graduations, where family is important.

It's hard to imagine Grandma would simply show up at the kids' party after being asked to stay away, but you can't slam the door in her face. When she barges in, for your own sake, tune her complaining out. Walk away if you must. As to altering the sleeping arrangements to suit an uninvited guest — don't do it.

Where is your husband in all of this? She's his mother; if you can't make her see reason, then he should. It's normal for teens to want to celebrate with their contemporaries — and Grandma had better get used to it before they turn tail and run whenever they see her coming.

DEAR VETERANS: I salute each and every one of you for your service to this country. My heartfelt thanks as well to the brave and dedicated men and women who are still on active duty. You are the personification of patriotism and self-sacrifice for your dedication to our country. — Love, ABBY

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

An easy one

East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ K 7 5
♥ A 5
♦ J 7 6 4
♣ A Q 4 2

WEST
♠ A J 10
♥ J 10 9 8 3
♦ 8
♣ 10 8 6 3

EAST
♠ 9 6 4 2
♥ Q 7 4 2
♦ A 10 9 5
♣ 7

SOUTH
♠ Q 8 3
♥ K 6
♦ K Q 3 2
♣ K J 9 5

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♦	Pass
3NT	All pass		

Opening lead: Jack of ♥

South won the opening heart lead in dummy with the ace and led a low diamond. East played low, and declarer's king won the trick. Relying on a normal 3-2 split in the diamond suit, South led a low diamond to dummy's jack and East's ace. Curtains! East cleared the hearts and the contract was lost. West rose with his ace on the first round of spades and cashed his hearts, defeating the contract by one trick.

The contract failed despite a combined holding of 28 high-card points. What went wrong? Declarer got careless, that's what! No player is blessed to have his suits split favorably all the time. A little precaution against bad splits is a hallmark of good play.

South didn't need three diamond tricks to fulfill his contract. After a diamond to the king held, South should have re-entered dummy with a club and led another low diamond toward his hand. East would have to duck again, or declarer would have three diamond tricks and his contract. The queen of diamonds would be declarer's eighth trick, and a low spade toward dummy's king would guarantee a ninth. Really, this should have been an easy one.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2015:

This year the Force is with you. You can wish upon a star and manifest that which you desire. Friends play a big role in making a long-term goal a reality. If you are single, you could meet someone significant to your life's history. However, don't commit until you 100 percent sure that this is it. You will have many potential suitors. If you are attached, be aware of a tendency to become too me-oriented this year. Remember that a bond consists of two people. Nevertheless, your sweetie can't say "no" to you. Other SCORPIOS often present control issues.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ A close relationship with a co-worker or partner will help you make the right decision at the right time. You will have to acknowledge the power of saying what is on your mind. Your sixth sense guides you. The success you experience will be the result of teamwork. Tonight: Be a duo.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You might not want to defer to someone else, but it would be wise to let this person have the control he or she desires. On some level, you could feel challenged by others. Refusing to get involved is probably the best solution. Tonight: Listen to others' feedback.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Pace yourself, and don't lose your sense of direction. You could be very keen on completing a project, but you might not be able to clear your schedule. Stay on top of your responsibilities, and you will find some time. Tonight: Rethink a health idea.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Your creativity knows the path to get you where you want to be, even if you don't know the step-by-step plan. Much of what you do will be spontaneous. You could experience a new beginning with a child or loved one. Tonight: Wherever you are, there is a party.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Stay close to home. You'll find that a lot is going on around your home life. You are likely to hear news that could force you to rethink your position. Your creativity might surge unexpectedly. Tonight: Don't allow someone's attempt at a guilt trip get to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Speak your mind, but listen carefully to feedback. You could find a key person to be very sensitive and caring in his or her response. You might be taken aback by the possibilities that others present. Discussions will allow a new beginning. Tonight: Get a second opinion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ You seem so lighthearted that it is difficult to imagine you any other way. However, you can become quite intense about a money matter. Others might be stunned by your atypical behavior. A new beginning will become possible. Tonight: The party goes on and on.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Today's New Moon in your sign promises a new beginning, and you are likely to embrace it. You'll have a rare opportunity, and others will support you in your choices. Your charisma soars. Don't hesitate to ask for what you want. Tonight: The call is yours.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Know when to step back and not get involved. Today's New Moon marks a new beginning for you, but just in your private world. Some of you might decide to do some volunteer work, while others sign up for a yoga class. Tonight: Get some much needed personal time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ A meeting will open up your mind, as you look at the different possibilities. A friend could make an offer that you can't seem to refuse, but weigh the pros and cons first. Understand your options more clearly. Don't sell yourself short. Tonight: Go for what you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Take charge of the moment. Others might be too unsure of themselves to take on a leadership role. You intuitively know what to do, and will follow that path. Use caution around money; it seems to slip through your hands like water. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Evaluate an idea that seems exciting and unique. You could opt to test it out on others first, but don't take too long. A decision made at this moment can produce long-term positive results. Be willing to break a pattern and see a situation differently. Tonight: Watch some TV.

BORN TODAY

Actor Leonardo DiCaprio (1974), military commander George Patton (1885), U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer (1940)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Inaugural ball, e.g.
5 Calcium source
9 Open, as toothpaste
14 Very dry
15 Down to business
16 Former Cleveland oil company acquired by BP
17 San ___, Italy
18 "Of course"
19 Match with bishops
20 Access to 54-Across
23 Catalina, e.g.
24 Houston-based scandal subject
25 Wood-shaping tools
27 Phone button trio
30 Badminton barrier
31 Short-legged dog
32 Emotionally out of control
34 "Mad" social in 54-Across
37 Spud
38 Benefit
39 Butte relative
40 Like 2016
41 Antacid choice
42 Deteriorate
43 34-Across napper in 54-Across
45 Remove pieces from?
46 Fencing defense
47 Keep out
48 Mao ___-tung
49 Shortening brand
51 Divided country
53 Wild West weapon
54 Setting for a novel originally published 11/11/1865
59 Loafs
61 Some intersections
62 Slushy treat
63 Approaches
64 Bond girl Kurylenko
65 Facial area under a soul patch
66 Prickly shrub
67 Corset stiffener
68 Fish caught in pots

DOWN

1 Ten of "Tootsie"
2 Neck of the woods
3 Common perch
4 Acrobat creator
5 Restaurant host
6 Soup server's caution
7 Use, as a chaise
8 "As seen on TV" record co.
9 Pac-12 powerhouse
10 Baseball rarities
11 Critter who kept disappearing in 54-Across
12 It may be graded in an auditorium
13 Plays to the camera
21 Deep-seated
22 Online money source
26 Alsatian dadaist
27 Took steps
28 "Top Chef" network
29 Hookah smoker in 54-Across
31 Bus. brass
33 Highly respected Buddhists
34 Improvised booster seat for a tot, maybe
35 Romanov royals
36 Self-congratulatory cheer
38 Active
41 "The Burden of Proof" author
42 Restaurant visitor
44 Hobbit enemy
45 Venture to express
47 Barnes food store
49 Keeping in the loop, briefly
50 Wild West show
51 Lowered oneself?
52 Visitor to 54-Across
55 Plains people
56 Overexertion aftermath
57 Diamond of music
58 Man caves, maybe
60 Nottingham-to-London dir.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

A	L	Y		A	P	L	O	M	B		A	G	H	A
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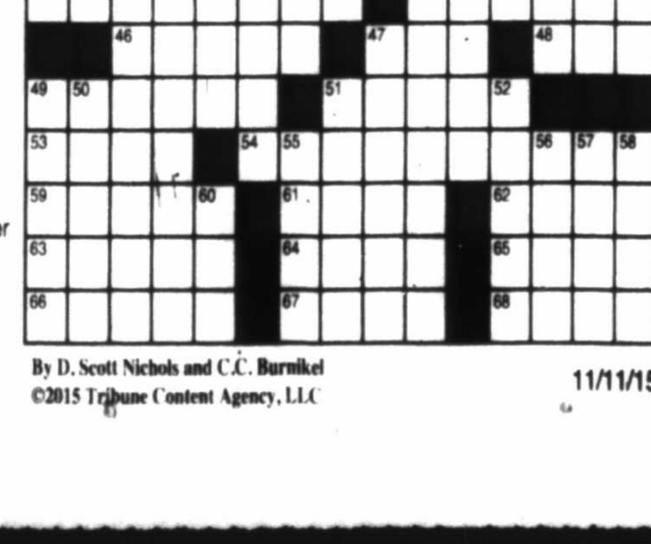

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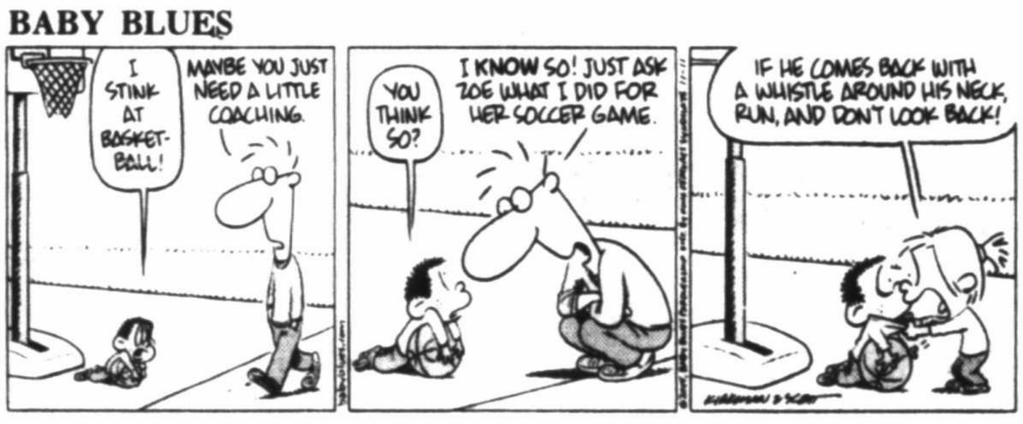

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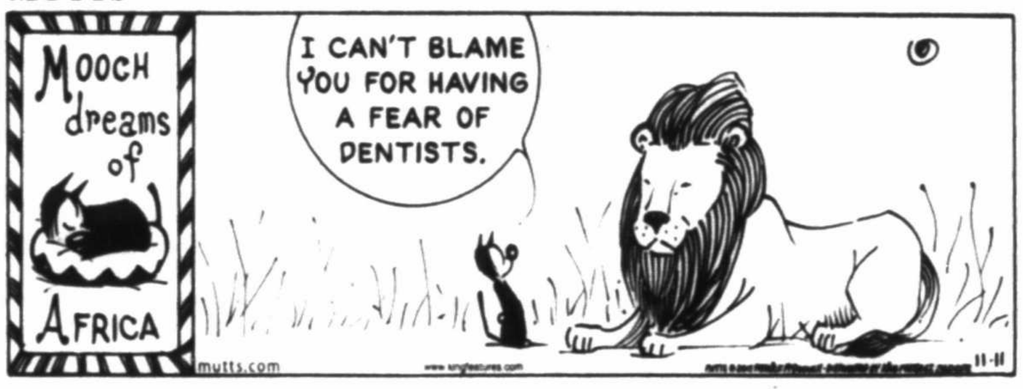

CLOSE TO HOME

"OK, um, hand me your gun...no, wait, I have the gun. Uh, hands up!..."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"OL' MARGARET IS GOOD EVEN WHEN CHRISTMAS IS A LONG WAY OFF."

LOCKHORNS

"THEY HAVEN'T MADE A MOVE IN OVER TWO HOURS ... THEY CAN'T REMEMBER WHOSE TURN IT IS."

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"I've never been so quiet in school. Both the kids that sit next to me were absent."

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		6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Middle (N)	Goldberg (N)	Modern Family (N)	Black-ish (N)	Nashville (N)		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: Second Chances - Cambodia		Criminal Minds "Target Rich" (N)		Code Black "Buen Arbol" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) Stephen Colbert		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H "Goodbye, Farewell and Amen" Despite reports that the war is almost over, the 4077th is full of refugees.						Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Manon "The Case of the Singular Double"		Columbo
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	9	3	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Rosewood (N)		Empire "Friend or Foe" (N)		TMZ	2 Broke Girls	Modern Family	Two and Half Men	Met Your Mother	Hot in Cleveland
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Mam Erlan	House Call	Update News	Israel Inspired	Southwest "Part 1" Pt.1 of 2 cont'd next		Eight of Southwest "Part 2" Pt. 2 of 2		Walking	Somebody Cares	Marvin Wilson	Biblical
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		The Voice "Live Playoffs, Results" (N)		SVU "Melancholy Pursuit" (N)		Chicago P.D. "Forget My Name" (N)		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Natural "Wonders of Water" (N)		Nova "Making North America: Life " (N)		The Brain "Why Do I Need You?" (N)		Charlie Rose (N)		World News	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Muchacha Italiana viene a casarse		Antes muerta que lichita		Pasion y poder		Yo no creo en los hombres		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Fam.Feud	Fam. Feud	Closer "Blue Blood"		The Closer		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Office	Tosh.0
FLIX	340	575			165	(5:00)	★★ The Plague	★★★ The General's Daughter				★★ The Watcher			(:40)	★★ Arachnophobia	
HBO	300	550	14	14		(:10)	★★★★ Unbroken ('14, Bio) Jack O'Connell.			Get On		The Leftovers		Fight (N)	Kareem: Minority of One		
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(5:45)	★ Dawn of the Planet of the Apes					★★★★ Let's Be Cops	1stLook	★ The Pyramid Denis O'Hare.		Movie	
HBO5	304	552	16	102		(:05)	★★★ Draft Day Kevin Costner.			LastWeek		★ This Is Where I Leave You		(:15)	★★★ Little Miss Sunshine		
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	Movie	(:25)	★ Good Night & Good Luck.		The Knick		★★★ Windtalkers Nicolas Cage.			(:15) Forbidden		
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(:35)	★★★ Jarhead Jake Gyllenhaal.					★★ Waist Deep		(:40)	★★ Turistas	(:15)	★ Robocop 3
PLEX			96			(5:20)	★ The Last Patrol	★★ K-9 James Belushi.			(:45)	★ The Chosen One Rob Schneider.			★ Robin Cook's Terminal		
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(:55)	★★★ The Jackal Bruce Willis.			Homeland		The Affair		Inside the NFL		NotreD.	Movie
TMC	336	579	22	155	26	(9:00)	★ The Last Keep...	(:10)	★★★ Dragonheart Dennis Quaid.			★ The Giver Brenton Thwaites.		(:40)	★ Wolves Lucas Till.		
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(4:00)	★ Independenc...	★★★ The Karate Kid ('84, Dra) Pat Morita, Ralph Macchio.							★★ The Karate Kid Part II		
BET	58	-		40		Martin	Martin	★ Sister Code ('15, Com) Amber Rose.				#TheWestbrooks (N)		#TheWestbrooks		Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	76		41		Million Dollar List		Million Dollar List		Million Listing (N)		Untying the Knot (N)		Watch (N)	Million Dollar List		Atlanta
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Profit "Blues Jean Bar"		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Jay Leno Garage (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		This Is Life (N)		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		This Is Life	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Bush "Never Give Up"		Alaskan Bush People		Alaskan Bush People		Men, Women (N)		(:05) Bush People		(:05) Men, Women	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	(5:30)	★ Descendants			Set It Off		Bunk'd	Friends	Austin	Jessie	So Raven	So Raven
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	(5:00)	SprtC	Count		NBA Basketball L.A. Clippers vs Dallas (L)					NBA Basketball San Antonio vs Portland (L)		
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	Ftsy FB	SportsC.	NCAA Football (L)							SportsCenter	SportsCenter	
FAMILY	53	63	34	42	33	(4:30)	★ Pretty Woman...	★★★ The Notebook ('04, Rom) Rachel McAdams, Ryan Gosling.							The 700 Club	★ Another Cinderell...	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity			The O'Reilly Factor	The Kelly File	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	A Hero's Welcome		Cutthroat Kitchen		Cutthroat (N)		Diners (N)	M. Diners	M. Diners	M. Diners	Cutthroat Kitchen	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Big 12 (N)	Mavs Live Pregam (L)	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Clippers at Dallas Site: American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)				Mavericks	Maverick-ks Live (L)	NCAA Big 12 No-Huddle		Instant Replay	R&N Fish (N)
FX	31	56	59	64	69	★ Fast and Furious 6 ('13, Act) Paul Walker, Vin Diesel.								Amer. Horror (N)		AHSHotel "Room 33"	Bastard Executioner
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	(5:00)	★ Hats Off to Ch...	★ Matchmaker Santa Lacey Chabert.							★ Tis the Season for Love Garry Chalk.		★ The Christmas Spi...
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Property Brothers (N)		H.Hunt	House (N)	Property Brothers		Property Brothers	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		(:05) Amer. Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	(5:00)	★★ Guess Who? Bernie Mac.	★★ Daddy's Little Girls (2007, Romance) Idris Elba, Tasha Smith, Gabrielle Union.				★★ The Family That Preys ('08, Com) Sanaa Lathan, Alfre Woodard.					★★ Daddy's Little Girls
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				NHL Live!	NHL Hockey	Montréal Canadiens at Pittsburgh Penguins (L)				Overtime	NFLTP (N)	Football	Boxing Premier Champions		
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Sponge	Nicky	Thunder	Bella (N)	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Movie	★★ The Expendables ('10, Act) Eric Roberts, Jet Li.							★★★ The Expendables 2 ('12, Act) Sylvester Stallone.			Movie
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(3:30)	★★ Orphan ('09, Hor) Vera Farmiga.			Ghost Hunters (N)		Para. Witness (N)		Ghost Hunters		Paranormal Witness	
TBS	25	33	44	68	41	Sein. "The Airport"	Seinfeld "The Pick"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan Crawford, Billy Eichner	Conan Cindy	The Office	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:30)	★ China Clipper	★★★ Night of the Hunter					(:45)	★★ Wise Blood Brad Dourif.		(:45)	★ To Kill a Mockingbird
TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado		Celia		Bajo el mismo cielo		Señora acero		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	Bajo el mismo cielo	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Coach Charming	Coach Charming	My Big Life (N)		Big Fat Fab. (N)	Big Fat Fab. (N)	Charming (N)	(:35) Charming	(:05) Late Joy (N)	(:35) Big Fat Fab.	(:05) Big Fat Fab.	(:35) Charming
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Castle "The Human Factor"	★★★★ The Town A career criminal juggles his feelings for a bank manager from a previous robbery.							★★ Ransom Mel Gibson. A millionaire offers a bounty of $2 million for the safe return of his kidnapped son.			
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	FactsLife	FactsLife	FactsLife	(:50) Ray	(:25) Ray "Good Girls"		Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	NCIS "In the Zone"		NCIS "Twenty Clicks"		NCIS "Kill the Messenger"		NCIS "So It Goes"		Modern Family	Modern Family	Chrisley Knows	Donny!
WGN	19	85				Person of Interest "The High Road"		Person of Interest "Critical"		Person of Interest "Til Death"		Person of Interest "C.O.D."		Manhattan "The World of Tomorrow"		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother

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Study: Nearly half of US pregnant women gain too much weight

By Mike Stobbe
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Nearly half of U.S. moms gain too much weight during pregnancy, according to a government study released Thursday.

Putting on too many extra pounds during pregnancy can harm the mom, and might cause a range of problems for the child, experts said.

The study found only about a third of women gain the recommended amount of weight, and about a fifth gained too little.

Overweight and obese women most commonly exceeded the guidelines.

Women need to eat extra calories during pregnancy, although not that much — only about 350 to 450 extra calories during the second and third trimester, said Andrea Sharma, one of the study's authors from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"It's not about eating twice as much. It's eating twice as healthy," she said.

How much moms should gain depends on their weight when they become pregnant.

Experts said women of normal weight should add 25 to 35 pounds. Overweight women should gain 15 to 25, and obese women should only add 10 to 20. For unusually thin women, weight gain should be about 30 to 40 pounds.

Gaining too little weight increases the risk that the baby will be born very small. Too much weight can lead to obesity and other health problems for the mom. It can lead to dangerous complications during labor and delivery. And it raises the risk the baby will become obese, diabetic and have other problems later in life.

The study involved more than 3 million U.S. pregnant women during 2012 and 2013. In most of the 46 states included, birth certificates now also record pre-pregnancy weights.

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Patient sues to get medical marijuana ID card

By Holly Ramer
Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — A New Hampshire woman with late-stage lung cancer filed a lawsuit against the state health commissioner Thursday in hopes of getting a medical marijuana identification card before dispensaries open.

Under a state law passed more than two years ago, people suffering from a limited number of diseases and medical conditions can purchase marijuana with approval from their doctors. The Department of Health and Human Services started accepting applications this week from patients and their caregivers, but identification cards won't be issued until the Alternative Treatment Centers get authorization to start dispensing marijuana.

Four centers are expected to open early next year, but Linda Horan of Alstead wants her card now so she can obtain marijuana in Maine, which serves patients who have registry cards in their home states.

Horan, who filed her lawsuit in Merrimack County Superior Court, was diagnosed in July with advanced lung cancer. She said she and other seriously ill people are suffering every day they go without the cards.

According to her lawsuit, all five of her doctors have determined she qualifies for medical marijuana to help with anxiety, lack of sleep and nausea that has led to her weight dropping to under 100 pounds.

"This is my final crusade," said Horan, a retired telephone company worker and longtime labor activist. "I'm asking them to provide compassion and care and do the right thing: make medical marijuana available to patients who qualify and who will benefit."

Her lawyer said Horan would initially try to ingest the marijuana via a vaporizer that is less harmful than if it's smoked, but because of her lung cancer, she would likely take it via edible pot products.

Horan argues in the lawsuit that nothing in the law mandates registry cards to be withheld until dispensaries are open and that the department's administrative rules require applications to be processed within 15 days.

"What we have here is someone who spent her whole life fighting for justice and dignity for working people, and she's at a point in her life where she's suffering from a debilitating disease, and should have access to medical marijuana as the state Legislature decided would be the policy in New Hampshire two and a half years ago," said state Rep. Renny Cushing, one of the sponsors of the 2013 law. "It's outrageous that at this point in time, 28 months after the legislation was passed, not a single card has been issued by the Department of Health and Human Services."

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Cases tie e-cigarettes to lung injuries, pneumonia

By Raquel Rutledge
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

MILWAUKEE — A 31-year-old West Virginia woman with no prior lung disease contracted what doctors say is a rare form of pneumonia after inhaling vapor from electronic cigarettes.

The woman had been vaping for about three months before being admitted to a hospital this year with a chronic cough. Soon after, she went into respiratory failure and was put on a ventilator, according to the doctors who treated her.

In Vermont, a 60-year-old man suffered an acute lung injury and was diagnosed with hypersensitivity pneumonitis last year after vaping "red hot cinnamon" flavored e-cigarettes.

The two cases are among the first to surface highlighting severe lung injuries that physicians say are related to the use of e-cigarettes and other vaping devices.

"We are all very curious about this," said Frank Drescher, the doctor who treated the man at the White River Junction VA Hospital in Vermont. "I am certain this is an underreported diagnosis."

A Milwaukee Journal Sentinel investigation in September found high levels of diacetyl and a second chemical known to cause permanent and sometimes fatal lung disease in locally made e-liquids and exposed inadequate testing that results in manufacturers claiming their products are diacetyl-free when sometimes they are not. There are no requirements that manufacturers test e-liquids, nor are there any standards to meet.

Known for its links to injuries and deaths of microwave popcorn workers, diacetyl destroys the lungs' tiniest airways, leading to scar tissue buildup that blocks airflow. An earlier Journal Sentinel investigation found potentially dangerous levels of the chemical in coffee roasting facilities and exposed cases of lung disease in commercial coffee roasters and grinders.

Drescher and his colleague, Graham Atkins, who was also involved with the Vermont case, said they believe diacetyl may have played a role in their patient's illness. They said the man first came to the hospital with weakness, chills and a cough. He was treated with antibiotics and went home three days later feeling normal.

He returned a month later with the same symptoms, this time with a fever. A CT scan showed an injury to the lungs that appeared to be related to a chemical exposure. When doctors asked the man what he had been doing, he said he had been vaping strongly flavored e-cigarettes — on both occasions before his illness.

Doctors diagnosed him with a severe allergic reaction called hypersensitivity pneumonitis — more commonly known as "farmers' lung."

The disease was prevalent among farmers in Wisconsin in the 1970s and '80s. It is often triggered by inhalation of dust with fungus spores from moldy hay, bird droppings or other decomposing organic compounds. It's treatable when caught early but can cause permanent scarring and damage if exposures continue over time.

"Inhaling chemicals of different sorts can cause all kind of lung diseases," Drescher said, noting the lungs are a delicate organ with a strong immune response.

The man stopped vaping and recovered within several days. A follow-up three months later showed normal pulmonary functioning.

The case was documented in a recent issue of the journal CHEST.

A flavor called Hawaiian Blast made by Maryland-based MaddCatt was the likely culprit that sickened the woman in West Virginia, according to doctors at West Virginia University Health Sciences Center.

In an interview, the doctors said the woman had started vaping the flavor — described as a "tropical fruity mix with a touch of creaminess" — a few months earlier in an effort to quit smoking conventional cigarettes.

She arrived at the hospital and was quickly transported to the intensive care unit, her lungs failing. Her symptoms were similar to those of hypersensitivity pneumonitis: shortness of breath, cough, weight loss and labored breathing.

But after seeing stains on her photo imaging indicating she had inhaled something fatty or oil-based, they diagnosed her with lipoid pneumonia. She remained on a ventilator for several days.

"We can't say with absolute certainty that her illness was from the e-cigarettes, but it sure seems causal," said John E. Parker, a pulmonary critical care physician who helped treat the woman. The woman recovered within about a week and was sent home with supplemental oxygen. She stopped vaping. Tests three months later showed normal pulmonary functioning.

Parker said he was aware of just one previously documented case of lipoid pneumonia related to e-cigarettes. In 2012, a 42-year-old woman was diagnosed with the illness after seven months of using e-cigarettes. Doctors suspected the vegetable glycerin in the e-liquid was to blame.

"We don't know if this is the tip of the iceberg," Parker said. "Maybe it's going to be toxic to lots of people or maybe there is going to be a host factor that leads to individual people getting these diseases."

Parker, an expert on diacetyl who studied cases of occupational exposure to the chemical in microwave popcorn workers in the early 2000s, said he couldn't be sure what role diacetyl might have played in his patient's case. A study of more than 150 sweet-flavored e-liquids last year found nearly 70 percent contained diacetyl.

"It always takes a broad public health approach with epidemiologists, toxicologists, pulmonologists and industrial hygienists to really tease out the (causal) agent," he said.

Parker said he and the other doctors involved in the case plan to have their case study published in a trade journal in the coming months.

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SLEEP

From 4B

workout is not going to be as strong."

Among the athletes Meleski has worked with is Ryan Hess, a former collegiate runner who now co-owns the Ready to Run store on Far West Boulevard. Hess says he needs eight or nine hours of sleep — sometimes more. He set a personal record in the 5-mile and half marathon distances when he was working with Meleski, although he's not sure how much was due to the treatments and how much was the placebo effect. Regardless, he knows solid sleep is key to a good performance.

"I tell people all the time training is only a third of it," Hess says. "The other is nutrition and sleep habits. If you're not doing all three and mastering them, you're not going to get the best out of yourself and it's going to show on race day."

Lying on the sound bed feels a bit like listening to soothing music while lounging on the hood of a pickup truck with the engine running, but it does help distract from the usual "monkey mind" jumble of thoughts that swirl around some people. Meleski says this type of relaxation training on an athlete's rest day can take away anxiety and edginess, which can translate into an advantage at the starting line.

Meleski can also send clients home with a kit to see how they sleep at night. (I tried this, dutifully sticking a pair of electrodes to my chest before hitting the hay. When Meleski crunched the data, he found that I'm not getting enough restorative sleep, which surprised me.)

He offers some basic tips for sleeping better, many of which revolve around unplugging from electronic devices, dimming the lights and slowing things down. Mah, the California sleep researcher, also notes that if you need more sleep, it's easier to back up your bedtime than it is to sleep later.

Slow breathing and meditation can help. So can "sleep phones," soft headbands with built in speakers that can be worn in bed. You can even get special music that uses what's called binaural beats synced to frequencies to train the brain to go from hyper to calming mode.

It just might pay off at the next race.

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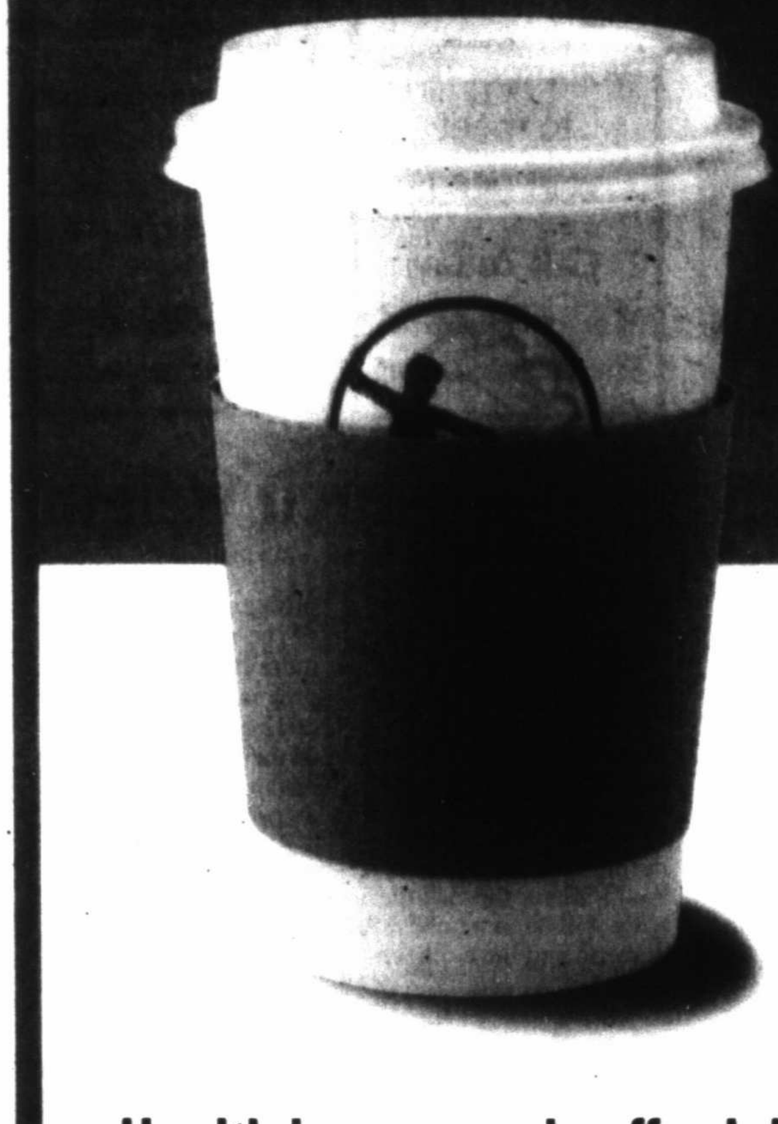

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Teamwork helps MC roll past Cisco College

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Midland College women's basketball coach Ron Jones said his team is just like every other team in the country that is still trying to figure things out this early in the season.

After Tuesday's performance against Cisco College, it looks like the No. 20-ranked Lady Chaparrals took a step toward being the kind of team Jones wants.

MC held Cisco to 26 percent shooting and got 17 points and 12 rebounds by Teneshia Dixon to race past the Lady Wranglers, 83-57, at Chaparral Center.

While MC has gotten off to a 5-1 start this season, Jones said he saw a much better overall performance out of the Lady Chaps on Tuesday night than he had seen in the previous five games.

"I told the team that I liked the fact that it looked like we were all fighting for the same thing, we're working together," Jones said. "We haven't done that in our first five games even close to what we did tonight, so that was good to see."

MC sophomore post Walnatia Wright, who had 10 points and seven rebounds despite battling a shoulder injury, agreed that the game was an improvement, especially coming off a 62-58 loss to Air Force Prep on Saturday.

"From the last game we had to step it up, we had to play as a team," Wright said. "We also had to play with more energy than the other team. We did a good job of talking, plus playing at home gave us more confidence."

It was a tight game early and MC only led 21-17 after the first quarter. But the Lady Chaps slowly began to separate and took a 38-25 lead at the half as they were paced by Dixon's 11 points.

"I thought she did a really good job," said Jones of Dixon. "She's one of the ones who hasn't been playing like that but has been doing a better job in the last few days since we had a heart-to-heart, let's put it that way. But she did a good job."

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Midland College's Tae'lor Hodge passes to a teammate during the game against Cisco on Tuesday at Chaparral Center.

Greenwood riding high

MRT file photo

Greenwood's Tyler Ellison tries to get away from San Angelo Lake View's Ty Norris on Sept. 16 at J.M. King Memorial Stadium in Greenwood.

Rangers head into playoffs with momentum

By Oscar LeRoy
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GREENWOOD REPORT

Going into last week's game at Pecos, the Greenwood football team wanted to secure the No. 3 seed, and in the process, gain momentum for the playoffs.

With a 48-19 victory over the Eagles, the Rangers (6-4, 3-2 in District 2-4A Division II) got what they wanted as they head into the Class 4A Division I bi-district playoff game against Perryton (5-5) at 7 p.m. Friday in Muleshoe.

"We just didn't need to have another letdown," Greenwood coach Shad Hanna said. "We just needed to do lot of good things. Everything we needed to get out of Pecos, we got out of it. It just gives a lot confidence going into Perryton."

Most importantly for the Rangers, they wanted to get their offense back on track after sputtering in a 34-7 loss going up against a talented Monahans defense the week before.

Greenwood got a balanced attack against the Eagles with 302 yards on the ground and 204 yards passing from quarterback Ben Brockman.

"We played really well, we played with a lot of confidence," Hanna said. "The two times that our offense has

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No. 13 TCU still has big goals despite unlikely playoffs

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — With TCU undefeated no more and its playoff chances likely done, coach Gary Patterson is reminding everyone of the significant goals still in reach.

"Perception is reality. The last ball game, we didn't play the way we needed to," coach Gary Patterson said Tuesday. "Obviously in these next few ball games, we've got to play a lot better to get noticed again. But there are a lot of goals set."

The 13th-ranked Horned Frogs (8-1, 5-1 Big 12) could still get a share of second consecutive conference title and get in position for another appearance in one of the six games on Jan. 1 set by the College Football Playoff.

Patterson even pointed out the outside chance for a playoff spot, then added: "You just go forward. Stranger things have happened."

After the 49-29 loss at No. 5 Oklahoma State that snapped their school-record 16-game winning streak, the Frogs are back home Saturday as a more than six-touchdown favorite over winless Kansas (0-9, 0-6).

Not only did TCU suffer its first loss in more than a year, star receiver Josh Doctson never returned after rolling over his left wrist in the first half. Doctson has 78 catches for 1,315 yards and 14 touchdowns this season, and is TCU's

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Irish break into top 4 in College Football Playoff rankings

By Eric Olson
Associated Press

Notre Dame moved into the top four in the second College Football Playoff selection committee rankings of the season Tuesday night.

Clemson remained No. 1, with Alabama moving up two spots to No. 2, Ohio State staying at No. 3 and the Fighting Irish up a spot to No. 4.

Notre Dame and Alabama each has one loss.

Unbeaten Iowa received an eye-catching promotion, rising four spots to No. 5. Baylor is the highest-ranked Big 12 team at No. 6.

Two previously unbeaten teams tumbled. LSU, No. 2 last week, dropped to No. 9 after losing at Alabama, and Michigan State, which was No. 7, dropped to No. 13.

Takeaways from the second playoff rankings:

Eye on Hawkeyes

One of the biggest surprises was Iowa's rise to No. 5 after winning 35-27 on the road against an Indiana team that is 0-5 in Big Ten play. Committee chairman Jeff Long pointed out the Hawkeyes have beaten two top 25 teams on the road (Wisconsin and Northwestern), and Iowa's strength of schedule is No. 2 behind Clemson among the six remaining unbeaten teams.

"It's a recognition by the committee that they were increasingly impressed by Iowa and their body of work," Long said. "Three teams lost ahead of them, so we felt they needed to move up."

Last week Long said the committee had concerns about Iowa's offense.

Big 12 blues

Barring upsets, Notre Dame's promotion to No. 4 would cause the Big 12 to

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CFB playoff rankings

	Record
1. Clemson	9-0
2. Alabama	8-1
3. Ohio St.	9-0
4. Notre Dame	8-1
5. Iowa	9-0
6. Baylor	8-0
7. Stanford	8-1
8. Oklahoma St.	9-1
9. LSU	7-2
10. Utah	8-1
11. Florida	8-1
12. Oklahoma	8-1
13. Michigan St.	8-1
14. Michigan	7-2
15. TCU	8-1
16. Florida St.	7-2
17. Mississippi St.	7-2
18. Northwestern	7-2
19. UCLA	7-2
20. Navy	7-2
21. Memphis	8-1
22. Temple	8-1
23. North Carolina	8-1
24. Houston	8-0
25. Wisconsin	8-2

The College Football Playoff Selection Committee will issue weekly rankings each Tuesday, with the final rankings being announced Sunday, Dec. 6 (Noon EST). The playoff semifinals will match the No. 1 seed vs. the No. 4 seed, and No. 2 will face No. 3. The semifinals will be hosted at the Orange Bowl and Cotton Bowl on Dec. 31, 2015. The championship game will be on Jan. 11, 2016 at Glendale, Ariz.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Bowling Green at Western Michigan, 7 p.m., ESPN2

Northern Illinois at Buffalo, 7 p.m., ESPNU

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Texas Fall Game, 6 p.m., LHN

GOLF

European PGA: BMW Masters, 1st Round, 9 p.m., GOLF

MEN'S SOCCER

Liga MX: Club Atlas vs CD Guadalajara, 8:20 p.m., AZTECA

NBA

LA Clippers at Dallas, 7 p.m., ESPN/ESPNDEP/FSSW

San Antonio at Portland, 9:30 p.m., ESPN/ESPNDEP/FSSW+/FSSWSA

NHL

Montreal at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN

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

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

TCU at Baylor, 7 p.m., FSSW+/FCSA

Oklahoma at Kansas State, 7 p.m., FCSC

LSU at Arkansas, 7 p.m., SEC

Oregon at USC, 9:30 p.m., P12/P12 LA/P12 OR

ON RADIO

NBA

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

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BOSTON RED SOX — Named Gordon Edes strategic communications advisor for Fenway Sports Group and Red Sox team historian.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Named Rick Renteria bench coach and Greg Sparks assistant hitting coach.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Assigned 2B Ryan Jackson outright to Salt Lake (PCL).

MINNESOTA TWINS — Traded C Chris Herrmann to Arizona for OF Daniel Palka.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Named Manny Acta third base coach.

American Association

GRAND PRAIRIE AIR HOGS — Released RHP TJ Bozeman.

LAREDO LEMURS — Released RHP Leondy Perez.

SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Traded LHP Miguel Pena to Laredo for INF Frank Martinez.

ST. PAUL SAINTS — Released INF Steve Nikorak.

Frontier League

EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Traded C Mike Jurgella to River City.

LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS — Sent INF Trevor Stevens to Gary SouthShore (AA) to complete an earlier trade. Sent C Yuki Okazaki to Alpine (Pecos) to complete an earlier trade. Signed SS Jonathan Hotta.

RIVER CITY RASCALS — Signed RHP Clint Wright.

WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Traded INF Christian Ibarra to Lincoln (AA) for future considerations.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

MIAMI HEAT — Traded G Mario Chalmers and F James Ennis to Memphis for G Beno Udrih and F Jarnell Stokes.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NFL — Suspended RB Joseph Randle four games for a violation of the league's personal conduct policy and Chicago OT Tayo Fabuluje four games for violating the league's policy on performance-enhancing substances.

CHICAGO BEARS — Signed WR Deonte Thompson from the practice squad and OT Martin Wallace to the practice squad.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Waived RB Robert Turbin. Signed OL Daman Miller from the practice squad. Activated CB Charles Gaines from injured reserve and RB Glenn Winston from the reserve/non-football injury list.

DETROIT LIONS — Released RB Manon Grice from the practice squad. Claimed DT C.J. Wilson off waivers from Oakland. Signed OT Tyrus Thompson to the practice squad.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Released DT Justin Hamilton. Signed DT Eric Crume to the practice squad.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Released OT Tyrus Thompson from the practice squad. Signed G Kadeem Edwards to the practice squad.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Waived WR Frankie Hammond.

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Waived RB Jonas Gray. Re-signed Sam Brenner.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Placed LB Audie Cole on injured reserve. Signed LB Jason Trusnik.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Released WR Austin Hill and DB Floyd Raven, Sr. from the practice squad. Signed OL Keavon Milton and OL Tornan Wilson to the practice squad.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Placed DT Johnathan Hankins on injured reserve. Signed DT Montori Hughes from the practice squad and DT Louis Nix and LB Nico Johnson to the practice squad.

NEW YORK JETS — Placed PK Nick Folk on injured reserve. Signed PK Randy Bullock.

ST. LOUIS RAMS — Signed WR Wes Welker.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Released RB Pierre Thomas. Signed RB Travaris Cadet to a one-year contract.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Released TE RaShaun Allen and DT Robert Thomas from the practice squad. Signed TE Harold Spears and DE Julius Warmsley Renton, Wash. - The Seattle Seahawks have released tight end RaShaun Allen and defensive tackle Robert Thomas and signed tight end Harold Spears and defensive end Julius Warmsley to the 10-man practice squad, the team announced this afternoon.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Placed C Kory Lichtensteiger on injured reserve-designated for return. Signed C Brian de la Puente.

Canadian Football League

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Announced the contract of offensive coordinator Marcel Bellefeuille will not be renewed.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ANAHEIM DUCKS — Assigned F Kenton Helgeson from San Diego (AHL) to Utah (ECHL).

DALLAS COWBOYS — Waived QB Kellen Moore.

NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Placed G Carter Hutton on injured reserve. Recalled F Colton Sissons from Milwaukee (AHL).

American Hockey League

AHL — Suspended San Antonio LW Patrick Bordeleau three games, Syracuse C Tanner Richard two games and Albany C Blake Coleman and Providence D Tommy Cross one game.

CHARLOTTE CHECKERS — Assigned D Justin Agosta to Florida (ECHL).

HARTFORD WOLF PACK — Assigned G Jeff Malcolm to Greenville (ECHL).

FORT WAYNE KOMETS — Signed F Nikita Kashirsky.

HERSHEY BEARS — Assigned F Austin Fyten to South Carolina (ECHL).

ONTARIO REIGN — Returned F Kenton Miller to Wichita (ECHL).

PROVIDENCE BRUINS — Signed F Garry Nunn to a professional tryout agreement. Recalled F Eric Neiley from Atlanta (ECHL).

SYRACUSE CRUNCH — Recalled D Charlie Dodero from Greenville (ECHL).

UTICA COMETS — Assigned G Clay Witt to Kalamazoo (ECHL).

ECHL

INDY FUEL — Released D Dave Pszenyczny.

KALAMAZOO WINGS — Released G Ryan DeMelo.

ORLANDO SOLAR BEARS — Released G Matt Grogan. Added G Bobby Fowler as emergency backup.

UTAH GRIZZLIES — Released F Alexander MacMillan.

SOCCER

National Women's Soccer League

CHICAGO RED STARS — Traded D Abby Erceg, M Adrian Leon and the ninth overall selection in the 2016 draft to Western New York for D Whitney Engen and a 2017 fourth-round draft pick.

North American Soccer League

NASL — Added a club in Oklahoma City, named Rayo OKC, to being play in 2016.

COLLEGE

NCAA — Granted a sixth year of eligibility to Northwestern OL Shane Mertz and DL C.J. Robbins.

CHOWAN — Added men's lacrosse for the 2016-17 academic year and named Jim Griffin coach.

COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON — Named Ishmael Turner men's basketball video coordinator.

GEORGE MASON — Suspended men's basketball G Patrick Holloway six games.

UTICA — Named Eric Parker interim track and field and cross country coach and James Lemieux interim associate head track and field and cross country coach.

MC GOLF BRIEF

CHAPS CONTINUE TO ROLL, WIN OC FALL INVITATIONAL

SEMINOLE — The Midland College men's golf team won its third tournament of the season after finishing first during Monday's Odessa College Fall Invitational at Gaines County Golf Course.

The Chaparrals shot a 275-283—558 to defeat their rival Wranglers (276-284—560) by two strokes.

Xander Basson, the sophomore from South Africa, shot a 67-69—136 to card Midland College's top score and finish in a second-place tie with Odessa College's Adam Blomme.

According to head coach Delnor Poss, the Chaparrals lead the nation in scoring average through Monday's tournament.

Odessa College Fall Invitational
At Gaines County Golf Course, Seminole
Par: 72; Yards: 6,685
Monday's final results

Team standings — 1. Midland College 275-283—558; 2. Odessa College 276-284—560; 3. Western Texas College 287-286—573; 4. New Mexico Jr. College 292-292—584; 5. New Mexico Military 308-297—605; 6. Ranger College 308-316—624.

Top 5 individuals — 1. Augustin Hole, Odessa College, 67-68—135; 2. (tie) Xander Basson, Midland College, 67-69—136; Adam Blomme, Odessa College, 68-68—136; 4. Fullalove, West Texas College, 68-69—137; 5. Dominick Haskins, Midland College, 69-69—138.

Midland College (275-283—558) — Basson 67-69—136; Haskins 69-69—138; Ben Murray 70-71—141; Stefan Cronje 69-74—143; Tom Bailey 75-74—149.

DALLAS STARS

GARDINER'S GOAL LIFTS MAPLE LEAFS OVER STARS 3-2

DALLAS — Jake Gardiner scored the tiebreaking goal late in the third period as the Toronto Maple Leafs rallied for a 3-2 win over the Dallas Stars on Tuesday night.

P.A. Parenteau tied it earlier in the third, and Peter Holland scored late in the first period for Toronto. James Reimer finished with 36 saves.

Patrick Sharp had the tying goal for Dallas in the second period, and Vernon Fiddler gave the Stars the lead early in the third. Antti Niemi had 27 saves.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	16	13	2	1	27	59	29
Detroit	15	8	6	1	17	34	36
Ottawa	15	7	5	3	17	47	49
Tampa Bay	17	7	8	2	16	39	42
Boston	14	7	6	1	15	47	45
Florida	15	6	6	3	15	41	38
Buffalo	15	7	8	0	14	36	42
Toronto	15	3	8	4	10	32	47

Metropolitan Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	15	11	2	2	24	45	25
Washington	14	10	4	0	20	43	32
Pittsburgh	14	9	5	0	18	31	28
N.Y. Islanders	15	7	5	3	17	40	37
New Jersey	15	8	6	1	17	37	38
Philadelphia	15	5	7	3	13	28	43
Carolina	15	6	9	0	12	30	43
Columbus	16	4	12	0	8	38	59

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	16	12	4	0	24	56	42
St. Louis	15	11	3	1	23	42	31
Minnesota	14	9	3	2	20	43	38
Nashville	14	9	3	2	20	42	36
Winnipeg	16	8	6	2	18	45	46
Chicago	15	8	6	1	17	39	38
Colorado	15	5	9	1	11	40	42

Pacific Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	16	7	4	5	19	48	39
Los Angeles	14	9	5	0	18	35	29
Arizona	14	7	6	1	15	39	41
San Jose	14	7	7	0	14	38	36
Anaheim	15	5	7	3	13	25	37
Calgary	16	5	10	1	11	40	63
Edmonton	15	5	10	0	10	39	47

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

Tuesday's Scores

St. Louis 2, New Jersey 0
N.Y. Rangers 3, Carolina 0
Colorado 4, Philadelphia 0
Vancouver 5, Columbus 3
Detroit 1, Washington 0
Buffalo 4, Tampa Bay 1
Florida 4, Calgary 3
Nashville 7, Ottawa 5
Minnesota 5, Winnipeg 3
Toronto 3, Dallas 2
Arizona at Los Angeles, late
N.Y. Islanders at San Jose, late

Today's Games

Montreal at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

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HIGHSCHOOLBASKETBALLROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Girls

**LUBBOCK COOPER 55
LEE 54**

LUBBOCK — Lubbock Cooper made a game-winning shot in the final seconds to spoil Lee's season opener.

Senior Kyra Lewis led the Lady Rebels with 16 points, while senior teammate Yaritza Rivas chipped in with 11.

Lee (0-1) heads to Colleyville from Thursday through Saturday to participate in a tournament at Colleyville Heritage High.

LUBBOCK COOPER 55, LEE 54

Lee (0-1) — Allison Valdez 4, Alaysha Green 7, Karysa Edwards 5, Kristyn Velasquez 1, Yaritza Rivas 11, Madison Leavitt 2, Kyra Lewis 16, Braydyn Hill 8.

Lubbock Cooper (1-0) — Chisum 2, Douglas 10, Spears 3, Hise 15, Windham 5, Frazier 2, Doherty 10, Hill 2, Gregory 6.

Lee	12	13	11	18	—54
Cooper	12	8	17	18	—55

Free throws — Lee 15-24, Cooper 15-29. 3-point goals — Lee 2 (Edwards 1, Hill), Cooper 6 (Douglas 1, Spears 1, Hise 1, Doherty 3). Total fouls — Lee 22, Cooper 19. Fouled out — Edwards.

Next game: Lee in the Colleyville Heritage Tournament, TBA

**TRINITY 41
MIDESSA 14**

ODESSA — Leading 21-12 at halftime, the Lady Chargers pulled away from the Lady Warriors behind an 18-2 run in the third quarter.

Rebecca Young spearheaded Trinity's triumph with 22 points, 12 rebounds and six assists. Lady Chargers sophomore Reagan Long contributed with 15 points and six steals.

TRINITY 41, MIDESSA 14

Trinity (1-0) — Reagan Long 15, Rebecca Young 22, Karoline Watson 2, Isabella Garriga 2.

Midessa (0-1) — Werlman 2, Pierce 6, Salgado 4, Garner 2.

Trinity	8	13	18	2	—41
Midessa	4	8	2	0	—14

Free throws — Trinity 3-11, Midessa 2-8. 3-point goals — Trinity 2 (Long 1, Young 1. Midessa 2 (Pierce2). Total fouls — Trinity 10, Midessa 9.

Records: Trinity 1-0; Midessa 0-1.

Next: Trinity at Klondike, 6 p.m., Nov. 17

Boys

**TRINITY 52
MIDESSA WARRIORS 21**

ODESSA — Behind a game-high 18 points from Benjamin Witt, the Trinity boys basketball team raced to a 52-21 win against the Midessa Warriors on Tuesday in the two teams' season opener.

Trinity (1-0) also got nine points from Anthony Dragun and seven points from Evan Witt in the victory. The Chargers held Midessa to just to nine points in the first half.

TRINITY 52, MIDESSA 21

Trinity (1-0) — Benjamin Witt 18, Anthony Dragun 9, Luke Hartzler 7, Evan Witt 7, Greg Shipkey 5, Devin Scott 4, Graden Beal 2.

Trinity	17	16	13	6	—52
Midessa	7	2	5	7	—21

Free throws — Trinity 4-12. 3-point goals — Trinity 4 (B. Witt 2, E. Witt, Shipkey). Total fouls — Trinity 9. Fouled out — none.

Next: Trinity at Klondike, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 17

LADY CHAPS

From 1C

Cisco's shooting woes continued in the second half and Jones said his team took advantage of that by scoring in transition and getting into a good rhythm.

MC only had two players score in double figures, but Bayli Bowles added nine points.

Cisco (1-4) was led by A'Lachanon King with 16 points and Charmaa DeJean with 11. Former Lee standout Bri'An Washington made her return to Chaparral Center but only had two points before fouling out.

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MIDLAND COLLEGE 83, CISCO COLLEGE 57

Cisco College (1-4) — Bianca Hampton 3-5 0-0 8, Erin 0-5 1-4 1, Lyndsey Downing 2-11 0-0 5, A'Lachanon King 6-18 1-4 16, Charma DeJean 4-12 0-0 11, Brielle McGruder 0-2 2-6 2, Bri'An Washington 0-6 2-4 2, Taylor Hayes 1-3 0-0 2, Chamira Cockerham 3-10 0-0 6, Alexian Collie 2-6 0-0 6, Keirra Cole 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 21-80 6-18 57.

Midland College (5-1) — Morgan Ashton 2-3 0-2 5, Tae'lor Hodge 4-6 0-0 9, Sierra Dixon 2-3 0-0 5, Toni Taylor 1-2 0-2 2, Valentine Zambelli 1-6 2-2 4, Tichina Coleman 1-3 2-4 4, Walnatia Wright 3-8 4-10 10, Bayli Bowles 4-7 1-2 9, Kayla Bretherton 3-5 0-3 7, Mareshah Farmer 1-5 1-2 4, Teneshia Dixon 6-10 5-10 17, Lisa Kaemph 3-7 1-2 7. Totals 31-65 16-39 83.

Cisco College	17	18	12	20	—57
Midland College	21	17	24	21	—83

3-point goals — Cisco 9-32 (King 3-9, DeJean 3-7, Hampton 2-3, Downing 1-7, Washington 0-2, Cockerham 0-2, Hayes 0-1, Collie 0-1), MC 5-13 (Ashton 1-1, Hodge 1-2, S. Dixon 1-2, Farmer 1-1, Bretherton 1-2, Taylor 0-1, Zambelli 0-3, Bowles 0-1). Total fouls — Cisco 27, MC 14. Fouled out — Washington. Rebounds — Cisco 48 (Hayes 7), MC 61 (T. Dixon 12). Turnovers — Cisco 17, MC 17.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

**MAVERICKS 120
PELICANS 105**

NEW ORLEANS — Anthony Davis scored 17 points before leaving at halftime with a bruised right hip, and the New Orleans Pelicans beat the Dallas Mavericks 120-105 on Tuesday night for their first victory of the season.

Davis helped the Pelicans (1-6) build an 18-point halftime lead that never dipped below 14 points even after he left.

Team officials said X-rays on the All-Star forward's hip were negative, but they were holding him out as a precaution.

**CAVALIERS 118
JAZZ 114**

CLEVELAND — LeBron James flexed his muscle Tuesday night. Then he led the Cleveland Cavaliers to their seventh straight win.

James tied a season high with 31 points, including 17 to spark a fourth-quarter comeback, and Cleveland rallied for a 118-114 victory over the Utah Jazz.

"Bron is the greatest player in the game," Cavaliers coach David Blatt said. "I don't think there's anyone with a higher basketball IQ or a better understanding of the moment."

**THUNDER 125
WIZARDS 101**

WASHINGTON — Kevin Durant drove toward the basket late in the first half Tuesday night, elevated and got fouled. When the play was over, the 2013-14 NBA MVP limped a bit around the court and clutched at his strained left hamstring.

"I came down a little awkward," Durant said, speaking softly in a hallway outside the locker room, "and landed on it a little harder than I wanted to and I pulled it."

After Durant left at halftime Tuesday night because of his injury, Thunder teammate Russell Westbrook took over, compiling a triple-double with 22 points, 11 assists and 11 rebounds to lead Oklahoma City to a 125-101 victory over the struggling Washington Wizards.

Durant missed most of last season with a broken right foot that needed three operations, and Westbrook emerged as the league's scoring champion. A similar scenario played out Tuesday, as Westbrook had 10 points, five assists and three rebounds in the third quarter to build a comfortable lead, then rested in the fourth.

"With Kevin not coming out of the locker room in the second half," Thunder coach Billy Donovan said, "I thought our guys came out with great focus."

**HEAT 101
LAKERS 88**

MIAMI — Moments after the game was over, Dwyane Wade and his son Zaire walked to midcourt to meet Kobe Bryant for some hugs, handshakes and photos.

It was an image the Wade family won't forget.

The numbers Chris Bosh put up in the game were more important for the Miami Heat.

Bosh scored a season-high 30 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, Hassan Whiteside had 19 points and 15 rebounds in only 27 minutes of work, and the Heat pulled away in the second half to beat the Los Angeles Lakers 101-88 on Tuesday night.

**HORNETS 104
TIMBERWOLVES 95**

MINNEAPOLIS — Jeremy Lin scored 19 points and Jeremy Lamb added 18 to lead the Charlotte Hornets to a 104-95 victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves on Tuesday night.

Nicolas Batum added 17 points for the Hornets, who overcame a combined 7-for-21 shooting from Al Jefferson and Kemba Walker to beat the depleted Timberwolves.

Karl-Anthony Towns had 19 points, 13 rebounds and three blocks for the Timberwolves, who played without starters Andrew Wiggins (sore right knee), Ricky Rubio (sore left knee) and Kevin Garnett (rest). Zach LaVine added 20 points, eight rebounds and five assists.

The Hornets were outrebounded 48-34, but outscored Minnesota's bench 57-23. Cody Zeller added 14 points and six rebounds.

Lamb hit eight of his 10 shots, including 2 for 3 from 3-point land, and Lin hit a tough fallaway jumper over Towns' outstretched hand with under four minutes to play that helped turn back the Wolves.

The Timberwolves turned the ball over 22 times, which led to 22 Hornets points. LaVine turned it over eight times.

**CELTICS 99
BUCKS 83**

MILWAUKEE — Isaiah Thomas scored 20 points to lead the Boston Celtics to a 99-83 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks on Tuesday night.

David Lee and Evan Turner each added 13 points, and Jared Sullinger finished with 11 points and 10 rebounds for Boston.

Boston's Avery Bradley sat out the second half with a bruised lower left leg. The starting guard was 1 of 6 from the floor for two points.

The Celtics scored 18 of the final 20 points in the third quarter to win consecutive games after losing three in a row.

**KNICKS 111
RAPTORS 109**

TORONTO — Carmelo Anthony scored 25 points and Lance Thomas added 17 off the bench as the New York Knicks beat Toronto 111-109 on Tuesday night to hand the Raptors their first home loss of the season.

DeMar DeRozan had a season-high 29 points for Toronto, while Kyle Lowry had 23 points and nine rebounds.

The victory was New York's third on the road this season after winning just seven times away from Madison Square Garden last year.

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	5	3	.625	—
New York	4	4	.500	1
Boston	3	3	.500	1
Brooklyn	0	7	.000	4½
Philadelphia	0	7	.000	4½

Southeast Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	7	2	.778	—
Miami	5	3	.625	1½
Washington	3	4	.429	3
Charlotte	3	4	.429	3
Orlando	3	5	.375	3½

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	7	1	.875	—
Detroit	5	2	.714	1½
Chicago	5	3	.625	2
Indiana	4	4	.500	3
Milwaukee	4	4	.500	3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	5	2	.714	—
Houston	4	3	.571	1
Dallas	3	4	.429	2
Memphis	3	5	.375	2½
New Orleans	1	6	.143	4

Northwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	5	3	.625	—
Minnesota	4	3	.571	½
Utah	4	3	.571	½
Portland	4	4	.500	1
Denver	3	4	.429	1½

Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	8	0	1.000	—
L.A. Clippers	5	2	.714	2½
Phoenix	3	4	.429	4½
L.A. Lakers	1	6	.143	6½
Sacramento	1	7	.125	7

Tuesday's Scores

Cleveland 118, Utah 114
Oklahoma City 125, Washington 101
New York 111, Toronto 109
Miami 101, L.A. Lakers 88
Charlotte 104, Minnesota 95
New Orleans 120, Dallas 105
Boston 99, Milwaukee 83

Today's Games

Toronto at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Orlando, 6 p.m.
New York at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Indiana at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Golden State at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn at Houston, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Denver, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
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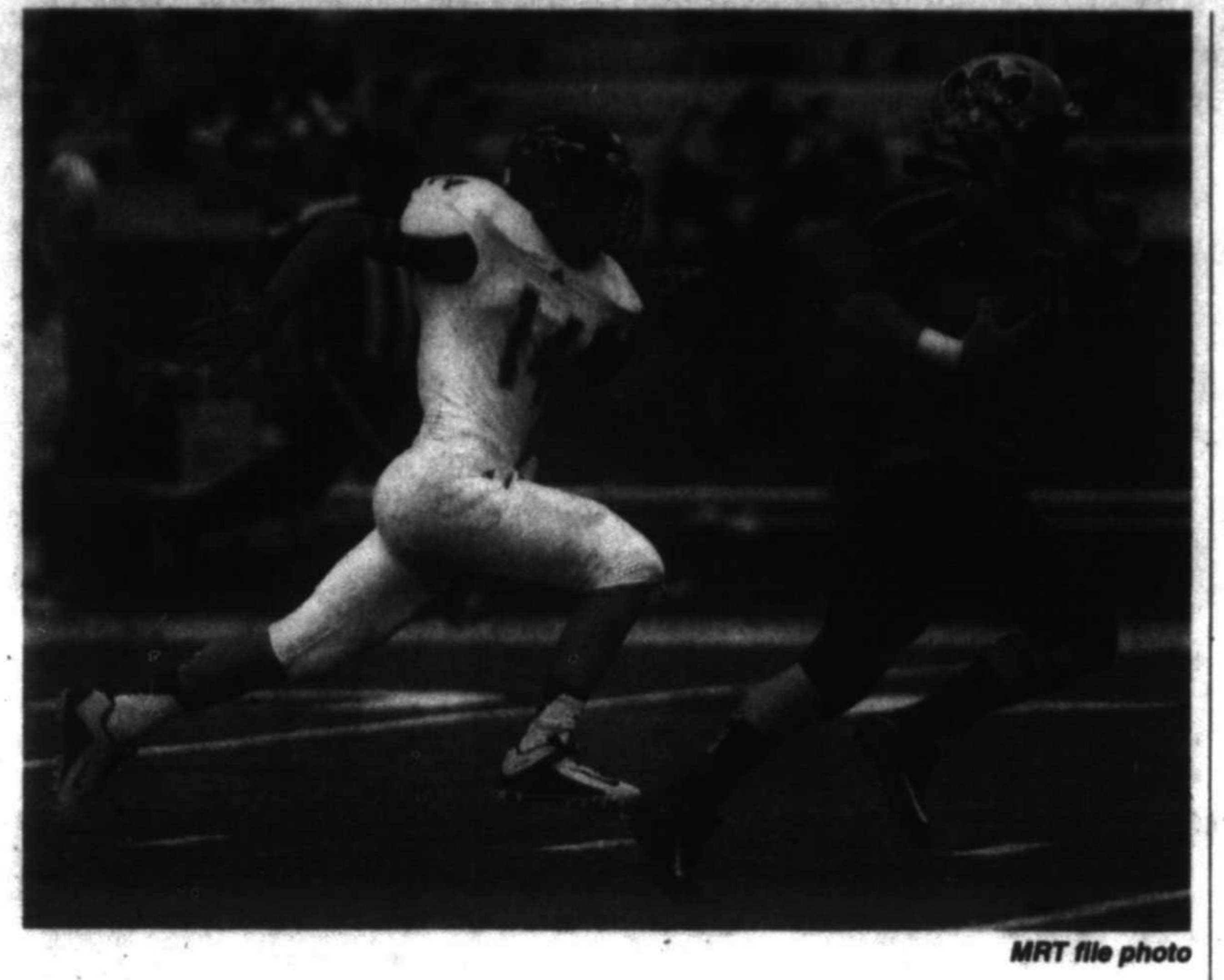

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Greenwood's Stace Bell races away from Seminole's Johnathan Knelson for the first touchdown on Aug. 28 at J.M. King Memorial Stadium in Greenwood.

Ex-Dallas RB Joseph Randle gets 4-game suspension from NFL

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press

IRVING — Running back Joseph Randle was suspended four games by the NFL under the league's personal conduct policy Tuesday, one week after he was released by the Dallas Cowboys.

The suspension begins immediately even though Randle is not on an active roster.

Randle was already away from the team to deal with unspecified personal issues when he was released by the Cowboys last Tuesday. As a third-year player in Dallas, Randle started the first six games this season.

AP file photo

On Sept. 27, Dallas Cowboys' Joseph Randle stands in the team bench area during a game against the Atlanta Falcons, in Arlington. Running back Joseph Randle was suspended four games by the NFL under the league's personal conduct policy Tuesday, one week after he was released by the Dallas Cowboys. The suspension begins immediately even though Randle is not on an active roster.

The NFL had investigated Randle's arrest in February in his hometown of Wichita, Kansas, though police declined to pursue charges against the running back after a domestic disturbance complaint.

It was the second arrest in four months for Randle, who was detained on a shoplifting charge at a Dallas-area mall when police said he tried to take a bottle of cologne and a pack of underwear from a department store.

He got deferred adjudication in the case from October 2014, and the misdemeanor could be dismissed if he stays out of trouble for the next two months.

Randle, who cleared waivers and can sign with any team, backed up DeMarco Murray for two years and was the Cowboys' first choice to replace the 2014 NFL rushing champion when Murray left for NFC East rival Philadelphia in free agency.

After averaging 6.7 yards per carry in limited duty behind Murray last season, Randle rushed for 315 yards with a much-lower 4.1 average as the lead running back this year.

Randle left the team's facility Oct. 28 after coach Jason Garrett announced Darren McFadden as the starter following the team's first 100-yard game of the season against the New York Giants. Garrett said Randle's absence was excused, and Randle didn't return to the team before he was released almost a week later.

A fifth-round pick out of Oklahoma State in 2013, Randle ran afoul of the coaches in the offseason when he said "there was a lot of meat on the bone," a suggestion that Murray could have done more despite breaking Emmitt Smith's franchise record with 1,845 yards rushing last season.

Randle has 822 career yards with nine touchdowns in 35 games, including eight starts.

RANGERS

From 1C

kinda struggled has been really due to a lot to the teams we played. I thought Monahan's and Sweetwater are really good. I think we overcompensated for each other against Monahans. Against Pecos, something we talked about is, 'just do your job. If you do your job, all the guys around you will do their job and we'll be a lot better.' And that's what they did."

Hanna pointed out Brockman for being steady at quarterback against Pecos. In addition to throwing for 204 yards, he completed 13 of 25 passes, with three touchdowns and one interception, plus he also ran for a score.

"He read the defense very well and got us into some good situations," Hanna said.

While the offense clicked, the defense continued its solid play as it held an explosive Eagle offense to 378 yards and came up with five turnovers.

"I think Pecos is really talented," Hanna said. "I think we took some things away from them, they struggled to run the football against us and our secondary did a good job of covering up their receivers. The defense was also able to put a lot of pressure on (Pecos quarterback Bubba Henson) and he had to throw off balance a few times. One of the touchdowns late was because of an interception, and that was our fault, but for the most part we made them earn every bit of the 13 points they got. The defense is playing very good right now and that's what we need."

FAMILIAR OPPONENT: The Rangers will face an opponent they have faced before in the playoffs.

Greenwood and Perryton met in the 2012 Class 3A Division II playoff and the Rangers walked away with a 35-0 win in the area round.

While many of the current Greenwood players weren't even in high school the last time the teams met, Hanna is very familiar with what the other Rangers can do under head coach David Flowers.

"I've known him for a long time and he's a really good guy," said Hanna about Flowers. "We basically run the same offense. They're very talented offensively and they're very similar defensively to what Sweetwater does. We just have to play well."

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2015 GREENWOOD STATISTICS
(6-4, 3-2)

Opponents	60	76	67	58	0	—261
Greenwood	83	96	58	75	3	—315

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Stace Bell	114	791	6.9	4
Ben Brockman	109	434	4.0	11
Josh Reyes	28	190	6.8	2
Samuel Shaw	33	153	4.6	2
Jake Rogers	31	244	7.9	5
Justice Thompson	27	232	8.6	4
Fabian Madrid	8	10	1.3	1
Eric Rojas	5	26	5.2	1
Daniel Sanchez	2	13	6.5	0
Josh Swopes	1	4	4.0	0
Lane Gonzalez	1	(-1)	-0.5	0
Totals	**362**	**2,107**	**5.8**	**31**

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
B. Brockman	113	217	8	1,521	11
Justice Thompson	12	21	3	167	2
J. Reyes	3	8	47	1	1
Tino Madrid	1	1	0	17	0
Totals	**129**	**247**	**1,752**	**14**	**11**

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Eric Rojas	46	732	15.9	9
Tyler Ellison	22	207	9.4	1
Fab. Madrid	20	314	15.7	4
T. Madrid	15	205	13.7	0
S. Bell	7	109	15.6	0
S. Shaw	4	53	13.3	0
Josh Urias	2	21	10.5	0
Daniel Sanchez	2	6	3.0	0
L. Gonzalez	1	17	17.0	0
J. Reyes	1	17	17.0	0
Jake Rogers	1	0	0.0	0
Totals	**126**	**1,752**	**13.9**	**15**

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	2PT	FG	TP
B. Brockman	11	0	1	0	68
E. Rojas	10	0	0	0	60
S. Bell	4	30	0	1	57
J. Rogers	6	0	0	0	36
F. Madrid	5	0	1	0	32
J. Thompson	2	0	0	0	24
J. Reyes	2	0	0	0	12
S. Shaw	2	0	0	0	12
T. Ellison	1	0	0	0	6
T. Madrid	0	0	2	0	2
Totals	**46**	**30**	**3**	**1**	**315**

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	ST	AT	TT	TFL	FR	INT
Jake Rogers	47	62	109	10	2	0
J. Thompson	42	47	89	3	1	3
Josh Swopes	36	44	80	17	2	0
Fab. Madrid	28	44	72	7	0	0
J. Reyes	29	35	64	0	0	1
Brian Ramos	31	28	59	15	2	0
T. Madrid	21	34	55	10	1	2
Jesus Rodriguez	3	47	50	5	1	0
Luke Cowan	12	27	39	3	2	0
J. Rodriquez	1	33	34	3	0	0
Luis Quintana	6	26	32	2	0	0
E. Rojas	8	19	27	0	0	0
Felix Rodriguez	0	25	25	2	1	0
Lane Gonzales	10	12	22	2	1	2
J. Urias	5	13	18	1	1	1
B. Brockman	5	12	17	2	0	1
H. Wigington	5	9	14	0	0	1
Fidencio Soto	9	4	13	0	1	0
Nick Medrano	1	14	15	3	0	0
Samuel Shaw	7	6	13	0	0	0
Connor Kendall	1	10	11	1	0	0
K. Andrews	5	5	10	2	0	0
T. Ellison	6	2	8	0	0	0
D. Sanchez	3	4	7	0	0	0
P. Wiggington	0	6	6	0	0	0
S. Bell	4	2	6	0	0	0
Jared Nail	0	3	3	0	0	0
JB Rogers	1	1	2	0	0	0

Key: ST - solo tackle; AT - assisted tackle; TT - total tackles; TFL - tackle for loss; FR - fumble recovery; INT - interceptions

Colts QB Luck out 2-6 weeks with kidney, muscle injuries

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Two days after celebrating their biggest win of the season, the Indianapolis Colts dealt with their biggest loss.

Franchise quarterback Andrew Luck is expected to miss at least two to six weeks with a lacerated kidney and a partially torn abdominal muscle, injuries he sustained late in Sunday's victory over Denver.

"When you take a hit to a franchise quarterback, it is a tough blow," coach Chuck Pagano said Tuesday. "We've been through a lot in this 2015 season, but I know this will galvanize us even more."

Pagano said he believed Luck was injured in the first minute of the fourth quarter when he tried to scramble for a first down near the Denver goal line. Linebacker Danny Trevathan squared up on Luck from the front while defensive end Vance Walker hit Luck hard on the side of his left shoulder, bending him over awkwardly.

The hit drew immediately drew gasps inside Lucas Oil Stadium. But Luck broke the 17-17 tie on the next play with an 8-yard pass to Ahmad Bradshaw, his second TD throw of the game. He never came out and continued to take some big hits.

Afterward, Pagano said, Luck complained of soreness. When he arrived at the team complex Monday feeling worse, Luck was sent for additional tests that revealed the injuries. Luck is not expected to need surgery. He was not available in the locker room Monday and did not mention any potential injury in his postgame news conference.

The six-week timetable could be aggressive because the Colts will be cautious about bringing Luck back.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

CLASS 6A DIVISION I
Region I
Bidistrict

EP El Dorado (7-3) vs. Amarillo Tascosa (8-2), 8:30 p.m. Friday, El Paso's Socorro ISD Center

Odessa Permian (9-1) vs. Arlington Bowie (6-4), 7 p.m. Friday, Odessa's Ratliff Stadium

Denton Ryan (10-0) vs. Plano East (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Denton's Collins Complex

Euless Trinity (10-0) vs. South Grand Prairie (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bedford's Pennington Field

Amarillo High (8-2) vs. EP Montwood (6-3), 6 p.m. Friday, Amarillo's Bivins Stadium

Arlington Martin (8-2) vs. Midland (4-6), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Arlington's Maverick Stadium

Allen (10-0) vs. Trophy Club Nelson (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Allen

DeSoto (5-5) vs. Coppell (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, DeSoto

CLASS 4A DIVISION I
Region I
Bidistrict

Pampa (7-3) vs. Clint Mountain View (4-6), 7 p.m. Friday, Denver City

Mineral Wells (8-2) vs. Snyder (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium

Andrews (9-1) vs. Lubbock Estacado (2-7), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Snyder

Brownwood (8-2) vs. Graham (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Glen Rose

Abilene Wylie (8-2) vs. Burkburnett (4-6), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Graham

Clint (6-4) vs. Borger (4-6), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Midland's Grande Stadium

Decatur (9-1) vs. Stephenville (3-6), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aledo

Levelland (5-4) vs. Fabens (2-8), 7 p.m. Friday, Fort Stockton

CLASS 4A DIVISION II
Region I
Bidistrict

Iowa Park (6-4) vs. Pecos (5-5), 7 p.m. Thursday, Snyder

Godley (4-6) vs. Krum (5-5), 7 p.m. Saturday, Fort Worth's Chisholm Trail Stadium

Sweetwater (10-0) vs. Dalhart (6-4), 7 p.m. Thursday, Lubbock's Lowery Field

Aubrey (6-4) vs. Ferris (3-7), 7:30 p.m. Friday, NRH's Birdville Complex

Celina (10-0) vs. Venus (3-7), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Frisco's Memorial Stadium

Monahans (6-4) vs. Bushland (4-6), 7 p.m. Thursday, Levelland

Dallas Madison (8-2) vs. Anna (2-8), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Wylie

Perryton (5-5) vs. Greenwood (6-4), 7 p.m. Friday, Muleshoe

CLASS 2A DIVISION I
Region I
Bidistrict

Canadian (10-0) vs. Hale Center (5-5), 7 p.m. Thursday, Amarillo's Bivins Stadium

Stamford (9-1) vs. Ozona (4-6), 2 p.m. Saturday, San Angelo Stadium

New Deal (10-0) vs. Panhandle (6-4), 7 p.m. Friday, Canyon's Kimbrough Stadium

Christoval (4-6) vs. Anson (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Brownwood

Forsan (8-2) vs. Windthorst (5-5), 7 p.m. Thursday, Cisco

Abernathy (6-4) vs. Wellington (5-5), 7 p.m. Friday, Canyon Randall HS

Hawley (9-1) vs. Anthony (4-6), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Pecos

Stratford (9-1) vs. Floydada (4-6), 7 p.m. Friday, Bushland

CLASS 1A SIX-MAN DIVISION I
Region II
Bidistrict

Garden City (9-1) vs. Robert Lee (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Robert Lee

Hermleigh vs. Aspermont, 7 p.m. Thursday, Trent

Crowell (6-3) vs. Ira (9-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Jayton

Sterling City (9-1) vs. Rankin (4-6), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Garden City

RANKINGS

From 1C

root for the Pac-12's Stanford to knock off the Irish on Nov. 28. That could create room in the top four for the Big 12 champion, whoever it is.

Baylor is the highest-ranked Big 12 team at No. 6 for the second straight week, with Oklahoma State No. 8 after being No. 14 in the first rankings.

Some analysts thought Oklahoma State would overtake Baylor, and maybe even move into the top four, after an impressive 49-29 win at home over previously unbeaten TCU.

The committee still likes Baylor more, even though the Bears are yet to beat a team with a winning record.

"Oklahoma State had a good win," Long said. "That's the first piece of real strength we've seen from them, with that win over TCU."

The Cowboys' fate is in their own hands. They host Baylor on Nov. 21. The Bears play their next three games against teams with a combined 25-2 record.

The Navy what-if

CFP executive director Bill Hancock said the committee would delay announcing one of the New Year's Six bowls if Navy — the highest-ranked Group of Five member at No. 20— is still in contention to be the G5 representative on Selection Day Dec. 6. That's because the Midshipmen's regular season doesn't end until the Army game on Dec. 12.

If Navy is in the mix, the committee would announce the pairing for one of the New Year's Six bowls — either the Fiesta or Peach — and one participant in the other New Year's Six bowl, holding the other spot in that game for the Group of Five rep.

The committee would hold a teleconference on Dec. 12, after the Army-Navy game, and determine if it's necessary to revise the Dec. 6 rankings relative to Navy.

Navy's only loss is to Notre Dame, and the Midshipmen would remain a factor if they win at Houston and win the American Athletic Conference championship game before finishing against Army.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

UIL State Volleyball Playoffs
Region I
Class 6A
Bi-district

Arlington Lamar (40-6, W4) def. Odessa Permian, 3-0

El Paso Franklin (34-9, R1) def. Lubbock Coronado (17-8, T2), 3-0

Arlington (24-21, F4) def. Abilene High 3-1

Amarillo Tascosa (11-11, R2) def. El Paso El Dorado3-1

Colleyville Heritage (21-22, F7) def. South Grand Prairie (10-15, W8), 3-0

McKinney Boyd (23-12, T6) def. Keller Central, 3-0

Southlake Carroll (40-3, W7) def. DeSoto, 3-0

Allen (38-5, R6) def. Keller, 3-0

Amarillo High (34-7, W2) def. El Paso Eastwood, 3-0

Midland High (22-14, R3) def. North Crowley, 3-0

El Paso Coronado (28-6, W1) def. Wolfforth Frenship, 3-0

San Angelo Central (27-14, T3) def. Arlington Martin, 3-2

Hebron (37-5, W6) def. Trophy Club Byron Nelson, 3-0

Coppell (32-10, R7) def. Mansfield (T8), n/s

Plano (32-9, F6) def. Denton Guyer, 3-1

Midlothian (27-15, R8) def. Euless Trinity 3-2

Area

Arlington Lamar (41-6, W4) def. El Paso Franklin (34-10, R1), 3-0

Arlington High (25-21, F1) def. Amarillo Tascosa (30-14, R2), 3-2

McKinney Boyd (24-12, T6) def. Midlothian (27-16, R8), 3-0

Southlake Carroll (41-3, W7) vs. Allen (38-6, R6), 3-1

Amarillo High (35-7, W2) def. Midland High (22-15, R3), 3-0

El Paso Coronado (29-6, W1) def. San Angelo Central (27-15, T3), 3-0

Hebron (38-5, W6) def. Coppell (32-11, R7), 3-1

Plano (33-9, F6) vs. Colleyville Heritage (21-23, F7), 3-0

Regional quarterfinals

Arlington Lamar (42-6, W4) def. Arlington High (25-21, F1), 3-1

McKinney Boyd (25-12, T6) def. Southlake Carroll (41-4, W7), 3-2

Amarillo High (36-7, W2) vs. El Paso Coronado (29-7, W1), 3-0

Hebron (39-5, W6) def. Plano (33-10, F6), 3-1

Regional Semifinals

Arlington Lamar (42-6, W4) vs. McKinney Boyd (25-12, T6), TBA

Amarillo High (36-7, W2) vs. Hebron (39-5, W6), 8 p.m. Friday, Glen Rose

Class 4A
Bi-district

Monahans (W4) def. Clint Mountain View (F3), 3-0

Borger (R1, 25-16) def. Snyder, 3-0

Fort Stockton (F4) def. Fabens (W3, 14-17)

Pampa (T1) def. Sweetwater, 3-2

Decatur (W8, 20-19) def. Alvarado, 3-0

Graham (T6) def. Burkburnett (R5), 3-1

Kennedale (W7, 30-13) def. Bridgeport, 3-0

Abilene Wylie (R6, 16-15) def. Iowa Park, 3-0

Levelland (W2, 16-7) def. Dalhart (F1), 3-1

Andrews (T4) def. Clint (R3), 3-0

Bushland (W1, 35-6) def. Big Spring, 3-0

Seminole (R4, 11-11) def. San Elizario, 3-0

Stephenville (W6, 25-18) def. Wichita Falls Hirschi, 3-0

Godley (R7, 28-11) def. Castleberry, 3-0

Vernon (W5, 18-9) def. Brownwood, 3-0

Springtown (R8, 20-14) vs. Midlothian Heritage (T7, 24-11), late

Area

Monahans (W4) def. Borger (25-17, R1),

Andrews (T4) def. Pampa (15-24, T1), 3-2

Decatur (21-19, W8) def. Graham (T6), 3-0

Abilene Wylie (17-15, R6) def. Kennedale (30-14, W7), 3-1

Levelland (16-7, W2) vs. Fort Stockton (F4), 3-2

Bushland (36-6, W1) def. Seminole (11-12, R4), 3-0

Stephenville (25-18, W6) def. Godley (28-11, R7), 3-0

Vernon (19-9, W5) def. Springtown (20-15, R8), 3-1

Regional quarterfinals

Monahans (W4) def. Andrews (T4), 3-1

Decatur (22-19, W8) def. Abilene Wylie (17-16, R6), 3-0

Bushland (36-6, W1) def. Levelland (17-8, W2), 3-0

Stephenville (26-18, W6) def. Vernon (19-10 W5), 3-0

Regional Semifinal

Monahans (W4) vs. Decatur (22-19, W8), TBA

Bushland (36-6, W1) vs. Stephenville (26-18 W6), TBA

Class 3A
Bi-district

Alpine (W4) def. Brownfield, 3-0

Sanford-Fritch (R1, 21-9-2) def. Dimmitt, 3-0

Denver City (W3, 35-5) vs. Kermit (F4), late

Tulia (R2, 13-8-1) vs. Childress (T1), late

Breckenridge (W8) def. Early, 3-0

Crane (R5) def. San Angelo Grape Creek, 3-2

Dublin (W7) def. Eastland (F8), 3-0

Sonora (R6, 15-8) def. Reagan County (T5), 3-0

Friona (W2) vs. Amarillo River Road (F1), TBA

Shallowater (R3) vs. Presidio (T4), late

Littlefield (F2, 11-14) def. Highland Park, 3-0

Kermit (R4) def. Post (T3, 5-10), 3-1

Wall (W6, 31-11) def. Coahoma (F5), 3-0

Bangs (R7) def. Clyde (T8, 25-15), 3-1

Colorado City (W5) def. San Angelo Texas Leadership Charter Academy, 3-0

Jim Ned (R8) def. Comanche (T7), 3-0

Area

Sanford-Fritch (22-9-2, R1) def. Alpine (W4), 3-1

Denver City (36-5, W3) def. Tulia (14-9-1, R2), 3-0

Breckenridge (W8) def. Crane (R5), 3-1

Sonora (16-8, R6) def. Dublin (W7), 3-2

Shallowater (R3) def. Friona

Littlefield (12-14, F2) def. Kermit (R4), 3-2

Wall (32-11, W6) vs. Bangs (R7), 3-2

Jim Ned (R8) def. Colorado City, 3-1

Regional quarterfinals

Denver City (37-5, W3) def. Sanford-Fritch (22-9-2, R1), 3-0

Breckenridge (W8) def. Sonora (16-9, R6), 3-1

Shallowater (R3) vs. Littlefield (12-14, F2), TBA

Wall (32-11, W6) vs. Jim Ned (R8), TBA

Regional Semifinals

Denver City (37-5, W3) vs. Breckenridge (W8), noon, Friday, Abilene Christian University

Shallowater (R3) vs. Jim Ned (R8), TBA

TCU

From 1C

career leader for receiving yardage and touchdowns.

Patterson described the receiver was "probable" even before his scheduled visit to a specialist Tuesday night. The coach also indicated Doctson might not play or could see only limited action in Saturday's senior-day game.

"He's feeling better," Patterson said. "We've got to be careful to make sure. With all the injuries, we've been able to manage games by getting people out as soon as we could, and not playing them."

Even with Doctson out after six catches for 64 yards, the Frogs had 663 total yards against Oklahoma State. Trevone Boykin threw for 445 yards, but did have four interceptions.

It would certainly help to have Doctson back for the final two games of the regular season — at No. 12 Oklahoma and then a showdown with No. 4 Baylor. Those teams play each other this week.

The TCU-Oklahoma State game was the first of six November games in the Big 12 matching the league's top four playoff contenders. The league was snubbed for a spot in the inaugural four-team playoff last year even when the Frogs were ranked third before a 55-3 win over Iowa State in their regular season finale.

"To be honest with you, I'm not sure it's good for the conference that (the schedule is) back-loaded. Because people forget early losses," Patterson said. "I think it has to do with what people want their opinions to be. ... The four teams we're talking about, there's a chance everybody could have two losses. So how would that help us?"

TCU's loss at Baylor came in last season's fifth game. Patterson and the Frogs are just glad to be done with Oklahoma State, and able to put behind them the trip that was much longer than expected.

"From trouble with trying to get our pregame meal set up, to should have been home by 9 o'clock, to getting home at 3 or 4 in the morning, it wasn't a Frog day, I can promise you that," he said. "It was not a good day."

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Ryder Cup carrot dangled in front of Knox

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

SHANGHAI — Russell Knox was the center of attention after winning the HSBC Champions, and not just with the sponsors.

After his press conference, he posed with four flight attendants from Emirates Airlines. Next up was a photo with the owner and executive staff of Casillero del Diablo, which supplied the wine for the week.

When he sat back down to sign flags and caps for HSBC, another man approached whom Knox did not recognize.

"Hello, Russell. I'm Keith Waters with the European Tour."

Waters is the chief operating officer, and he was equipped with all the answers Knox did not know and was too overwhelmed to ask at the moment — mainly, the process of becoming a European Tour member and how that relates to the Ryder Cup.

Sensing that the 30-year-old from Scotland was still trying to digest his first big win — a World Golf Championship, no less — Waters gave him a business card with his mobile number and told him he would be available any time. And there was one more thing.

"Also just so you know, Darren Clarke is going to be calling you," Waters said.

Clarke is the European captain for the 2016 Ryder Cup at Hazeltine. Odds are, he has been on the phone with Matthew Fitzpatrick, Thomas Pieters and any other European who appears to have even a remote chance of qualifying.

To be realistic, Knox barely has that.

Is he interested in the Ryder Cup? Of course. Even though he has lived in Florida his entire professional life, he grew up in Inverness and is proud of his Scottish heritage. His sister, Diane, is a popular radio DJ in Scotland.

"Obviously, it's going to be a goal of mine to make the European Ryder Cup team, and this obviously springboards me to a place where ... I mean, yesterday I was nowhere near it," Knox said. "I have no idea where I stand on making the team or what I need to do. But I look forward to finding out and giving it a run, that's for sure."

Much will depend on what European Tour chief Keith Pelley announces next week in Dubai on a new membership policy.

One of the options is to require a minimum of five European Tour events (down from 13), but that number would not include the majors or WGCs. So it really would be no change at all, except for making it practical for players who have slipped out of the top 50 — such as Luke Donald and Graeme McDowell — and no longer are automatically eligible for the eight biggest events in world golf.

For Knox, that would mean adding four tournaments to what he already plays.

Knox is among dozens of Europeans who live in America and play the majority of their golf on the PGA Tour. But his career is more closely in line with the likes of Carl Pettersson and Martin Laird than with McDowell, Ian Poulter or a resurgent Paul Casey.

Pettersson was born in Sweden and moved to North Carolina when he was in high school. Laird is from Glasgow, played at Colorado State and never went back to Europe until he already had his PGA Tour card. One year he played the Scottish Open at Loch Lomond, and a local radio reporter aware only of his accent innocently asked Laird why it had taken so long for him to do well on his home soil.

"This is my first event," Laird said.

Knox played 99 times on either the PGA Tour or the Web.com Tour before making his European Tour debut last year in the Scottish Open at Castle Stuart, not far from where he grew up. He played his first British Open this year — he was the alternate who replaced Rory McIlroy when he tore up his ankle playing soccer.

Knox was the only player keeping the third round from being completed Saturday evening at Sheshan International because he thought it was too dark to play the final hole. That led some in the British press to jokingly refer to him as the "American" because of the minor inconvenience. When he returned the next morning and made birdie, and then never lost the lead on Sunday, he became a Scot again.

It was all in good fun, but to be fair, only the diligent golf press in the U.K. knew much about Knox, and for good reason. This was his first win on any of the six main tours around the world. Knox had never been remotely close to the top 50 in the world until he won the HSBC Champions and shot all the way up to No. 31. Now he's the 10th-highest European in the world ranking.

He is guaranteed two majors (Masters, PGA Championship) and a WGC, and he's likely to get in the other two WGCs. Whether he takes up European Tour membership and makes a run at the Ryder Cup, Knox ultimately concluded that "it's a great problem to have."

GOLF GLANCE

PGA TOUR
OHL CLASSIC
Site: Playa Del Carmen, Mexico.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: Mayakoba Resort, El Camaleon Golf Club (6,987 yards, par 71).
Purse: $6.2 million. Winner's share: $1,116,000.
Television: Golf Channel (Thursday, noon-3 p.m., 5:30-8:30 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 4-6 a.m., noon-3 p.m., 5:30-8:30 p.m.; Sunday, 4-6 a.m., noon-3 p.m., 8-9 p.m.; Monday, noon-3 a.m.).
Last year: Charley Hoffman won his third PGA Tour title, shooting 66-68-67-66 for a one-stroke victory over Steven Stelfers.
Last week: Scotland's Russell Knox won the HSBC Champions in Shanghai in his first World Golf Championship event. Kevin Kisner was second, a stroke back. Peter Malnati won the Sanderson Farms Championship in Mississippi for his first PGA Tour title, beating William McGirt and David Toms by a stroke in a Monday finish.
Notes: Knox and Malnati are in the field along with Matt Kuchar, U.S. Ryder Cup captain Davis Love III and Las Vegas winner Smylie Kaufman. Kuchar is the top-ranked player in the field at No. 16. He's coming off a victory last month in Fiji. Love won the Wyndham Championship in August at 51 years, 4 months, 10 days to become the third-oldest champion in tour history. Carlos Ortiz is the top Mexican player in the world at No. 222. Greg Norman designed the El Camaleon course. Mayakoba is 35 miles south of Cancun on the Caribbean coast. The RSM Classic is next week in Sea Island, Georgia.
Online: http://www.pgatour.com

LPGA TOUR
LORENA OCHOA INVITATIONAL
Site: Mexico City.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: Club de Golf Mexico (6,804 yards, par 72).
Purse: $1 million. Winner's share: $200,000.
Television: Golf Channel (Thursday, 3-5 p.m., Friday-Saturday, 2-4 a.m., 3-5 p.m.; Sunday, 2-4 a.m., 3-5 p.m., 9 p.m.-11 p.m.).
Last year: Christina Kim beat Shanshan Feng on the second hole off a playoff after losing a five-stroke lead in the final round.
Last week: Sun-Ju Ahn won the Toto Japan Classic for her first LPGA Tour victory and 20th Japan LPGA title. She beat fellow South Korean player Ji-Hee Lee and Angela Stanford with a birdie on the first hole of a playoff.
Notes: The tournament is in its second year in Mexico City after six in host Lorena Ochoa's hometown of Guadalajara. Ochoa won 27 LPGA Tour titles. She retired in 2010.... Top-ranked Lydia Ko is skipping the tournament to rest. Second-ranked Inbee Park is making her first start since withdrawing in Taiwan three weeks ago because of a cyst on her left middle finger.... Fourth-ranked Lexi Thompson is in the 36-player field. She won in 2013 in Guadalajara.... The season-ending CME Group Tour Championship is next week in Naples, Florida.
Online: http://www.lpga.com

EUROPEAN TOUR
BMW MASTERS
Site: Shanghai.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: Lake Malaren Golf Club, Masters Course (7,594 yards, par 72).
Purse: $7 million. Winner's share: $1,166,600.
Television: Golf Channel (Wednesday, 9 p.m.-6 a.m., Thursday-Saturday, 8 a.m.-11:30 a.m.; 9 p.m.-2 a.m., Sunday, 7 a.m.-11:30 a.m.).
Last year: Germany's Marcel Siem chipped in for birdie on the first hole of a playoff with France's Alexander Levy and England's Ross Fisher.
Last week: Scotland's Russell Knox won the HSBC Champions at Sheshan International in Shanghai in his first World Golf Championship event. American Kevin Kisner was second, a stroke back.
Notes: The event is the third of four in the Finals Series. The DP World Tour Championship is next week in Dubai. United Arab Emirates Race to Dubai leader Rory McIlroy is skipping the tournament. China's Li Haotong is coming off a seventh-place tie at Sheshan. Argentina's Emiliano Grillo, the winner of the PGA Tour opener last month at Silverado, is in the field along with Americans Patrick Reed and John Daly.
Online: http://www.europeantour.com

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More and earlier trade talk as MLB general managers gather

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Dave Dombrowski, Boston's new president of baseball operations, asked some of his staff to arrive by afternoon to get a head start on the annual general managers' meetings, which began with a dinner Monday night.

"By the time I sat down, they said, like, wow, we just got here and we're behind because we had had so many discussions already," he said.

Just eight days after the World Series, the offseason trade and signings season intensified with the start of the four-day session, usually a warmup to the larger winter meetings in December.

Since the start of August, new general managers have been appointed for Detroit, Milwaukee, Boston, Seattle, Atlanta, the Los Angeles Angels, Oakland, Cincinnati and Philadelphia, and Toronto has an interim baseball operations head. For all but the Athletics, Braves and Reds, a new top baseball decision-maker is in charge.

Combine the change with a free-agent class that includes starting pitchers Zack Greinke, David Price, Johnny Cueto, Jordan Zimmermann, Jeff Samardzija and Scott Kazmir, and executives schmoozing each other at the Boca Raton Resort & Club don't want to be left out of the marketplace for both signings and trades.

"I think part of it was the playoff teams were pretty well identified early, except for a couple, so that allowed a lot of other clubs to sort their planning," said Dombrowski, who was hired by the Red Sox just two weeks after he was fired by Detroit. "I think some agents are probably aggressive because they see there is a ... g number of pitchers out there. Some people speculated yesterday that perhaps it was a situation where a lot of new general managers means they're not tied to the players in their organization as much.

"I don't know if it's some or all of that or really what," he said, "but I've had many more conversations and more serious conversations early than normally would be the case."

After missing the playoffs in consecutive years and then losing in the AL wild-card game to Houston this year, New York Yankees GM Brian Cashman noticed a difference.

"It hasn't typically been busy GM meetings overall in years gone by, but it feels like the dialogue has been a lot more active throughout October than any year prior," Cashman said.

During the sessions, baseball officials are likely to discuss possible rules to protect middle infielders, similar to a rule enacted for 2014 that banned most home-plate collisions. The second-base issue has been in focus since the Los Angeles Dodgers' Chase Utley broke the leg of New York Mets shortstop Ruben Tejada with a takeout slide during the NL Division Series.

"We've already had discussions with MLB, certainly surrounding that event," Mets assistant general manager John Ricco said. "I think certainly we want to make sure we're protecting players, same way we talked about it with the collision rule."

Management also has started the process of preparing for labor negotiations, which are likely to start early next year ahead of the expiration of baseball's collective bargaining agreement on Dec. 1 next year.

Missing

Mets general manager Sandy Alderson will miss the meetings to undergo an unspecified medical procedure, a week after fainting during a news conference at Citi Field.

Dropping by

Dombrowski met with Hanley Ramirez, who is being asked to move from outfield to first base next season. Dombrowski said he would like to see Ramirez lose about 15 pounds, not because he is overweight, but to get more athletic.

Sabathia

Cashman would not commit to CC Sabathia being in the rotation following the left-hander's third straight subpar season. Sabathia left the team on the final weekend of the regular season for alcohol rehabilitation. "Certainly the hope is that he would be a viable member of that rotation," Cashman said. "So let's just see how the winter shakes out first. I'm not guaranteeing anybody anything."

Former Braves pitcher Tommy Hanson dead at 29

By David O'Brien
Atlanta Constitution-Journal

Former Braves pitcher Tommy Hanson, one of the most promising young talents in the game just five years ago, is dead at age 29.

Hanson died late Monday after suffering "catastrophic organ failure," a person familiar with the situation told WSB-TV sports director Zach Klein, who first reported that Hanson was in a coma and had been transferred to Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta.

Hanson

It was uncertain as to what brought on the condition, but Hanson had been hospitalized since Sunday morning after having difficulty breathing.

"I'm at a loss for words," former Braves teammate Freddie Freeman said. "He was a great teammate and an even better friend. You just always wanted to be around him because he had such a positive personality. He had a smile that would light up the room. Can't fully grasp that he's gone. I'm going to miss him a lot."

Royals pitcher Kris Medlen, a former Braves teammate, was broken up over the death of his friend and fellow Californian, calling it "the worst day of my life." Later in the day Tuesday, Medlen expressed his feelings in a text message.

"Anyone who knows me knows how much Thomas J. Hanson Jr. meant to me," he said. "I also feel bad for anyone who didn't get a chance to know the man. He was the kindest, most loyal person I've ever met. He loved his family more than anything in the world, and his friends felt like family when around them. He was not 'like' a brother to me, he was my brother and I'm going to miss him so much."

Rumors of Hanson's condition began to spread Monday afternoon, and a friend of his told the Journal-Constitution at 7:50 p.m. Monday that the situation was grave. Another former Braves teammate, Jordan Schafer, posted on his Twitter account at 11:06 p.m.: "This breaks my heart. RIP TH."

Hanson had a 49-35 record and 3.80 ERA in 123 games (121 starts) over five major league seasons, the first four of those with the Braves. Shoulder problems and a concussion stalled his career, and he last pitched in the majors in 2013 with the Los Angeles Angels after being traded by the Braves in December 2012.

"My condolences go out to his family and loved ones," Braves manager Fredi Gonzalez said. "I will always remember him as a great competitor and he will always be a Brave."

The 6-foot-6 redhead was known for his affable personality, and was one of the most popular Braves among teammates and fans during his years with the team. "Big Red" was 45-32 with a 3.61 ERA in 108 starts for the Braves, with at least 10 wins in each of his four seasons with them.

After being traded by the Braves, Hanson had a career-worst 5.42 ERA in 15 games for the Angels in 2013 and spent several weeks away from the team in two different stretches while dealing with the sudden death of his stepbrother.

Braves president John Schuerholz said in a statement released by the team Tuesday: "We are incredibly saddened to learn of Tommy's tragic passing. He was a favorite in the clubhouse and with our staff and he will truly be missed by everyone in Braves Country. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, family, former teammates and friends."

Shortstop Andrelton Simmons, a rookie in Hanson's final season with the Braves, tweeted just before 1 a.m. Tuesday: "Very sad to hear about Tommy Hanson. Wish his family and close friends a lot of strength. He was a really nice dude."

Legendary Braves third baseman Chipper Jones, whose last four seasons overlapped with Hanson's four seasons in Atlanta, said on Twitter: "My heart is broken today. Tommy Hanson was a great teammate, friend and pitcher. We all loved and pulled for him. We ALL will miss him."

Hanson finished third in the National League Rookie of the Year balloting in 2009, but Hanson's finest stretch of pitching came during the first half of the 2011 season, when he was 10-4 with a 2.44 ERA in 17 starts. He had 109 strikeouts in 1031/3 innings in that first half, including 14 strikeouts in seven innings at Houston on June 12, 2011.

Shoulder problems and a back strain plagued him after the All-Star break and Hanson was 1-3 with an 8.10 ERA in only five starts the rest of the season. After going 31-19 with a 2.99 ERA in 72 career starts through the 2011 All-Star break, Hanson was 18-16 with a 5.09 ERA in 51 games the rest of his major league career.

He pitched in Triple-A during parts of the past two seasons, in the White Sox organization in 2014 and the Giants organization in 2015.

Born in Tulsa, Okla., Hanson was raised in California and graduated from Redlands East Valley High School in 2004. He was a 22nd-round draft pick by the Braves in 2005 out of Riverside (Calif.) Community College.

He threw a 14-strikeout no-hitter for the Braves' Double-A Mississippi affiliate in 2008, and dominated the prospect-laden Arizona Fall League later that year, posting a 0.63 ERA and 49 strikeouts in 28 2/3 innings to become the first pitcher to win the league's MVP award.

In the 2009 NL Rookie of the Year balloting, Hanson finished behind Chris Coghlan and J.A. Happ and ahead of Andrew McCutchen. He was 11-4 with a 2.89 ERA in 21 starts that season, earning a June callup after producing a 1.49 ERA and 91 strikeouts in 661/3 innings during 11 starts at Triple-A Gwinnett.

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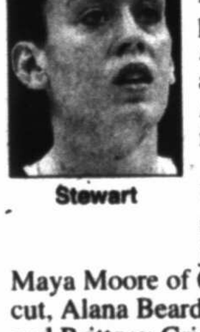
Stewart AP preseason All-American for third straight year

By Doug Feinberg
Associated Press

Breanna Stewart is now part of an elite group — just the fourth player to be chosen as a unanimous preseason Associated Press All-American twice.


Stewart

The UConn star senior joined Maya Moore of Connecticut, Alana Beard of Duke and Brittney Griner of Baylor.

"That's great company to be in," Stewart said. "To be named with those players is humbling since they've had so much success."

Stewart has already accomplished more than those three in college, winning national championships in her first three years. She'll try for an unprecedented fourth title this season.

Accompanying Stewart on the preseason All-America team Tuesday were teammate Moriah Jefferson, South Carolina's Tiffany Mitchell, Baylor's Nina Davis and Ohio State's Kelsey Mitchell. The five players were chosen by a 32-member national media panel.

It's the third straight year that two UConn players were on the preseason team. Stewart did it the last two years with Kaleena Mosqueda-Lewis. Stewart and Jefferson are the eighth set of teammates to be preseason All-Americans.

"It's awesome to be able to share the success with your teammate," Stewart said. "Individual awards are nice, but when you can share it with your teammate that's something that not a lot of people are able to do."

The 6-foot-4 senior, who averaged 17.6 points and 7.8 rebounds last year, became the seventh player to earn preseason All-America honors three times. Beard, Moore and Griner all did it as well as Tennessee's Chamique Holdsclaw and Tamika Catchings and Oklahoma's Courtney Paris.

Ohio State's Kelsey Mitchell may join that group in two years. The sophomore is coming off a stellar freshman season when she averaged 24.9 points for the Buckeyes, who are ranked sixth in the preseason poll.

"It's a great honor," Ohio State's playmaker said. "To be mentioned with the top players in the country is humbling. My teammates and I have high expectations for this season and they pushed me to work hard this summer. We can't wait to get the season started."

The Buckeyes have a tough schedule to open the season, playing at No. 2 South Carolina on Friday before hosting top-ranked UConn on Nov. 16.

Ohio State will have to figure out a way to slow down Tiffany Mitchell in the opener. The two-time preseason All-American is coming off a season when she averaged 14.4 points to help the Gamecocks reach the Final Four.

"It means a lot, growing up as a kid you want to put your best foot forward and take those steps in your career," the South Carolina senior said. "Knowing that some of the hard work is paying off is definitely a good feeling."

While it's Mitchell's second consecutive year as an All-American, Davis earned the honors for the first time. The Lady Bears junior forward averaged 21.1 points and 8.3 rebounds last season while shooting 58 percent from the field.

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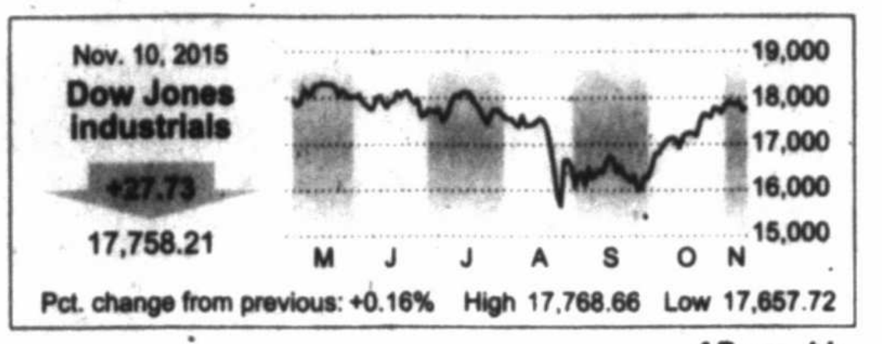

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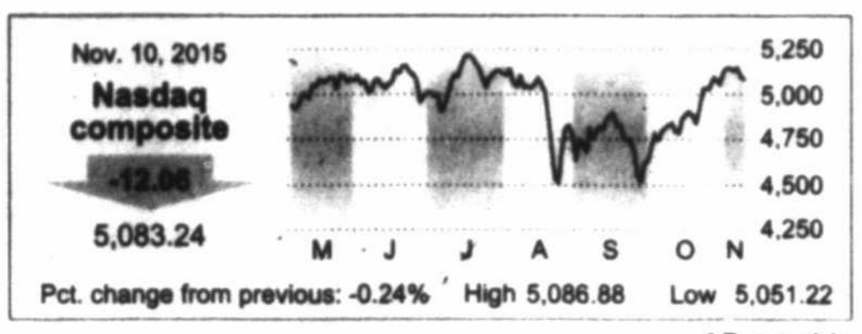

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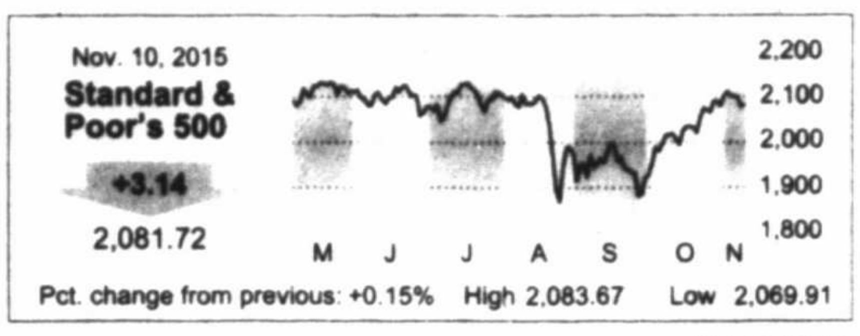

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MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
GenElec	2378055	30.12	+.37
SunEdison	1150815	5.77	-1.63
S&P500ETF	679828	208.56	+.48
BkofAm	579334	17.85	+.17
iShEMkts	518896	34.27	-.15

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
C1 Fincl	24.31	+3.66	+17.7
McDrmInt	5.94	+.69	+13.1
TetraTech	8.80	+.96	+12.2
Rackspace	30.33	+3.24	+12.0
StonegtMtg	5.41	+.53	+10.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Flotek	9.04	-5.56	-38.1
SafeBulk	2.24	-.77	-25.6
JGWntwth	3.07	-.98	-24.2
SunEdison	5.77	-1.63	-22.0
Textura	23.62	-5.81	-19.7

DIARY

Advanced	1,765
Declined	1,366
Unchanged	81
Total issues	3,212
New Highs	32
New Lows	92
Volume	3,751,875,778

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NwGold g	34134	2.35	-.04
ChenierEn	25326	46.94	+.75
StrPathCm	18580	10.89	-2.20
B2gold g	17302	1.04	-.05
iShIndia bt	14489	27.09	-.18

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
IDI rs	8.90	+.50	+6.0
Aerocntry	9.14	+.46	+5.3
VolitionRX	4.25	+.19	+4.7
Alcoa pf	85.91	+3.35	+4.1
NMOPI	15.18	+.59	+4.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MagHR pfC	2.07	-2.35	-53.2
StrPathCm	10.89	-2.20	-16.8
AltisrcAst	21.02	-2.83	-11.9
YumaE pfA	8.50	-1.14	-11.8
IssuerDir	7.25	-.74	-9.3

DIARY

Advanced	166
Declined	204
Unchanged	29
Total issues	399
New Highs	1
New Lows	15
Volume	57,726,663

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Apple Inc	561995	116.77	-3.80
Microsoft	541096	53.51	-.65
PwShs QQQ	337088	113.28	-.29
PayPal n	249921	37.00	+.40
Cisco	249788	27.98	-.20

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SophirisB h	2.90	+2.04	+236.8
OcataThera	8.44	+3.98	+89.2
SciClone lf	9.66	+1.67	+20.9
Bellicum n	19.84	+3.08	+18.4
GblDefens h	12.75	+1.87	+17.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
HercOffs n	9.50	-4.70	-33.1
Amaya g	15.99	-7.57	-32.1
Rentech rs	3.95	-1.78	-31.1
RigNet	22.80	-8.95	-28.2
BarrettB	38.47	-14.28	-27.1

DIARY

Advanced	1,367
Declined	1,420
Unchanged	150
Total issues	2,937
New Highs	83
New Lows	102
Volume	1,846,147,996

3 charged in cyberattacks against US finance companies

By Larry Neumeister
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Two men held in Israel and one U.S. citizen believed to be living in Moscow have been charged with stealing the contact information of more than 100 million customers of U.S. financial institutions to generate hundreds of millions of dollars in illegal profits, authorities said Tuesday.

The summer 2014 theft of data such as names, addresses, emails and phone numbers of more than 83 million customers of JPMorgan Chase & Co., the nation's biggest bank by assets, was described at a news conference by U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara as "the single largest theft of customer data from a U.S. financial institution ever."

An indictment unsealed in Manhattan federal court said identifying information on millions more customers was stolen in cyberattacks from 2012 to last summer against several other financial institutions, financial services corporations and financial news publishers.

Since 2007, one or more of the defendants also engaged in other criminal schemes, including U.S. securities market manipulation schemes and the operation of at least a dozen Internet casinos that violated U.S. laws, the indictment said.

"In our view, the conduct alleged in this case showcases a brave new world of hacking for profit," Bharara said.

The indictment said some of the massive computer hacks and cyberattacks occurred as the men sought to steal the customer base of competing Internet gambling businesses or to secretly review executives' emails in a quest to cripple rivals.

Authorities said they used about 200 fake identity documents, including over 30 fake passports supposedly issued by the United States and at least 16 other countries, as they operated their criminal schemes and laundered the proceeds through at least 75 shell companies and bank and brokerage accounts worldwide.

Charged in the indictment were Gery Shalon, 31, of Savyon, Israel; Ziv Orenstein, 40, of Bat Hefer, Israel; and Joshua Samuel Aaron, 31, a U.S. citizen living in Moscow and Tel Aviv, Israel. All three men were charged in July with related crimes, though the hacking crimes were not specified then. Aaron was labeled a fugitive while Orenstein and Shalon were arrested in Israel in July. Bharara said the U.S. was seeking their extradition.

US sues over a proposed deal between United, Delta at Newark

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The federal government wants to block a deal that would further strengthen United Airlines' control over Newark Liberty International Airport, saying that it would drive up fares that are already high.

The Justice Department on Tuesday sued to block a deal that would let United acquire 24 takeoff and landing slots at Newark from Delta Air Lines. Federal officials said United already controls 73 percent of the slots at the airport, which serves 35 million passengers a year.

Newark had the highest average fares of the largest U.S. airports at the start of 2015, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics.

Assistant Attorney General Bill Baer, the head of the Justice Departmen's antitrust division, said if his agency allowed United to acquire even more slots, it would "fortify United's monopoly position and weaken the ability of other airlines to compete."

United responded that with three major airports, the New York City area is the most competitive airline market in the country.

"We firmly believe this transaction benefits our customers and the region by enabling us to enhance service at our Newark hub and manage congestion at the airport," said United spokesman Rahsaan Johnson.

The government filed the lawsuit in federal court in Newark, New Jersey. The Justice Department said that United already controls 902 out of the 1,233 Newark slots allocated by the Federal Aviation Administration — over 10 times more than its closest competitor.

In June, United sold its remaining slots at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport to Delta while getting slots from Delta at Newark, which is closer to Lower Manhattan.

United expected the deal to win regulatory approval. It ran its last JFK flight on Oct. 25.

The Justice Department charged that United is intentionally limiting Newark flights and not fully using its current slots. United operates 386 daily roundtrip flights at Newark even though it could operate 451, according to the government. Airlines sometimes don't use slots at off-hours if ticket demand isn't strong enough. United said it complied with FAA regulations on use of its Newark slots.

Stocks end higher

Stocks reversed course and moved mostly higher Tuesday, breaking a four-day losing streak.

The gainers included retailers and media companies. Strong quarterly results from D.R. Horton boosted shares of homebuilders.

Health care stocks including drug companies also made gains, while Apple dragged down the technology sector.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 27.73 points, or 0.2 percent, to 17,758.21. The Standard & Poor's 500 index added 3.14 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,081.72. The tech-heavy Nasdaq composite gave up 12.06 points, or 0.2 percent, to 5,083.24.

Stocks spent most of Tuesday in the red, then turned positive in the last hour and a half of trading. The S&P 500 had fallen 1.5 over the previous four trading days. Most of that loss came on Monday, when the index took its biggest dive in six weeks.

Botox maker Allergan was one of the biggest gainers in health care. The Irish company, which has held talks with competitor Pfizer about a potential sale, rose $9.88, or 3.3 percent, to $306.70. Drugmakers Perrigo, Endo and Mallinckrodt all traded higher.

Metals end mixed

Gold inched up 40 cents to $1,088.50 an ounce. Silver fell 5.7 cents to $14.36 an ounce. Copper fell 1.25 cents to $2.2175 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $60.92 Up 0.45

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $111.34 Down 0.19

Dawson Operating (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.63 Up 0.22

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $79.60 Down 0.02

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $3.67 Down 0.09

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $2.70 Down 0.05

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $23.41 Up 0.29

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $28.46 Up 0.57

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $10.63 Up 0.34

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $15.93 Down 0.14

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.88	36	32.79	-.05	-2.4
Abraxas	...	3	1.45	-.04	-50.7
AdaDvsEq	1.17g	...	13.67	+.07	-.1
AEtern g h	...	...	.06	-.00	-90.5
Alcoa	.12	13	8.35	-.26	-47.1
Alibaba	...	51	81.43	+.05	-21.7
AlonUSA	.60	11	17.36	+.12	+37.0
Ambev	.45e	...	4.92	+.09	-20.3
Amgen	3.16	19	158.37	-1.26	-.6
Anadarko	1.08	...	63.42	-4.48	-23.1
Anavex rs	...	...	5.44	-.76	+615.8
Apache	1.00	...	53.31	-.63	-14.9
Apple Inc	2.08	13	116.77	-3.80	+5.8
ApldMatl	.40	16	16.76	-.05	-32.7
Archrock	.60	35	11.71	+.37	-40.6
Atmel	.16	...	7.52	-.14	-10.4
ATMOS	1.68f	19	60.94	+1.45	+9.3
AutoData	2.12f	28	86.95	+.19	+4.3
BP PLC	2.40	...	34.77	-.11	-8.8
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	17.02	+.17	+7.1
BakrHu	.68	...	49.83	-1.83	-11.1
BcoBrad s	.44e	...	5.65	+.05	-49.3
BkofAm	.20	13	17.85	+.17	-.2
B iPVixST	...	...	18.49	-.54	-41.3
BasicEnSv	...	...	4.19	-.17	-40.2
BerkHa A	...	18	201754.00	+754.00	-10.7
BlkHillsCp	1.62	30	45.33	+.88	-14.5
BrMySq	1.48	63	65.05	+.06	+10.2
Broadcom	.56	22	51.45	-1.74	+18.7
BrownFA	1.26	36	114.58	+.16	+30.6
BrownFB	1.26	32	104.11	+.27	+18.5
CVS Health	1.40	22	97.84	-.15	+1.6
CallonPet	...	...	8.89	-.26	+63.1
Cameron	...	18	68.52	+.60	+37.2
Caterpillar	3.08	14	72.43	+.54	-20.9
Celestic g	...	14	11.05	-.23	-5.9
Cemex	.40t	...	5.96	-.02	-39.2
CntryLink	2.16	21	28.60	-.21	-27.7
ChesEng	...	...	7.06	-.21	-63.9
Chevron	4.28	20	93.23	+.91	-16.9
Chicos	.31	28	13.68	+.39	-15.6
Cimarex	.64	...	117.62	+.27	+11.0
Cisco	.84	16	27.98	-.20	+1.3
Citigroup	.20	13	55.80	+.09	+3.1

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
CitizFincl	.40	17	26.00	+.13	+4.6
ClayEng	...	...	60.92	+.45	-4.5
CocaCola	1.32	27	41.77	+.23	-1.1
ColgPalm	1.52	25	66.38	+.61	-4.1
ConAgra	1.00	27	41.15	-.17	+13.4
ConchoRes	...	66	111.34	-.19	+11.6
ConocoPhil	2.96	61	54.65	+.01	-20.9
CrackerB	4.40a	20	136.01	+.49	-3.4
CSVLgCrd rs	...	...	...	8.95	+.06
-81.7					
CSVelIVST	...	...	31.32	+.78	+.6
CSVixSh rs	...	...	5.94	-.34	-78.5
CrosTim	1.59e	9	17.66	+.25	+2.0
DCP Mid	3.12	15	27.83	+.13	-38.7
DR Horton	.32f	17	31.15	+2.38	+23.2
DTE	2.92f	15	80.20	+.90	-7.1
Dataram	...	...	1.32	+.04	-22.4
DevonE	.96	...	47.76	+.78	-22.0
Disney	1.32f	23	117.42	+1.00	+24.7
DowChm	1.84f	14	51.71	+.01	+13.4
eBay s	...	16	29.14	-.04	+24.9
EMC Cp	.46	21	25.25	-.58	-15.1
EOG Rescs	.67	...	86.58	+1.21	-6.0
EmpDist	1.04	17	22.12	+.42	-25.6
Energen	.08	...	61.08	+1.98	-4.2
EngyTsfr	4.22f	...	41.55	+.33	-36.1
EnPro	.80	...	51.25	+.17	-18.3
EntProdPt	1.54f	21	26.75	+.11	-25.9
Ericsson	.39e	...	9.36	-.63	-22.6
ExxonMbl	2.92	17	82.35	+.40	-10.9
Facebook	...	...	107.91	+1.42	+38.3
Flotek	...	...	9.04	-5.56	-51.7
FordM	.60	12	14.28	-.05	-7.9
FrptMcM	.20a	...	9.83	-.66	-57.9
FrontierCm	.42	...	4.74	-.10	-28.9
GATX	1.52	9	45.61	-.39	-20.7
GabMultT	1.05e	...	8.10	-.02	-19.1
GAInv	1.15e	...	33.39	-.14	-4.6
GenElec	.92	...	30.12	+.37	+19.2
GtPlainEn	1.05f	20	26.68	+.62	-6.1
HP Inc	...	...	14.12	+.25	-22.5
HalconRes	...	...	.72	-.01	-59.6
Hallibrtn	.72	48	38.91	-.19	-1.1
Hertz	...	...	16.37	-.07	-34.4

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
HP Ent n	...	...	14.41	+.21	-12.9
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	23.78	+.42	-35.0
iShJapan	.13e	...	12.48	+.13	+11.0
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	37.91	-.26	-8.9
iShEMkts	.84e	...	34.27	-.15	-12.8
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	60.27	-.04	-.9
iShR2K	1.68e	...	118.17	+.35	-1.2
Intel	.96	14	33.21	-.14	-8.5
InterDig	.80	20	53.94	+.39	+2.0
ItauUnibH	.40e	...	7.33	+.11	-38.0
JPMorgCh	1.76	12	67.68	+.29	+8.8
JohnJn	3.00	18	101.45	+.61	-3.0
Keycorp	.30	12	13.22	+.05	-4.9
KimbClk	3.52	63	118.92	+.90	+2.9
KindMorg	2.04f	48	25.45	-.11	-39.8
LegacyRes	.60m	...	3.67	-.09	-67.9
Lubys	...	...	4.91	+.04	+7.9
Mallinckdt	...	...	62.58	+4.57	-36.8
MktVGold	.12e	...	13.47	-.36	-26.7
McDnlds	3.56f	24	113.22	+.29	+20.8
Merck	1.80	15	54.43	+.19	-4.2
MeritMed	...	32	18.91	+.29	+9.1
MexcoEn	...	...	2.70	-.05	-50.3
MicronT	...	6	15.55	-.29	-55.6
Microsoft	1.44f	36	53.51	-.65	+15.2
Nabors	.24	...	10.18	+.03	-21.6
NatGrid	3.35e	...	68.92	+1.04	-2.5
NOilVarco	1.84	11	38.82	-.11	-40.8
NvMAd	.79a	...	13.24	+.06	-3.1
NvPMI	.78a	...	12.98	+.02	-7.1
NuvPI	.82a	...	13.43	+.14	-3.1
NSTFI3	.55a	...	13.97	+.04	-1.9
NTXQI	.65a	...	13.92	+.10	-3.7
Nvidia	.46f	25	30.81	-.60	+53.7
OcciPet	3.00	33	76.26	+1.05	-5.4
ParTech	...	...	6.69	+.30	+8.8
ParkDrl	...	...	2.80	+.02	-8.8
PattUTI	.40	...	16.24	+.07	-2.1
PayPal n	...	...	37.00	+.40	+.8
PennaRE	.84	...	22.00	+.40	-6.2
Prmian	.42e	10	6.44	-.19	-32.6
Petrobras	...	...	4.93	+.04	-32.5
Pfizer	1.12	25	33.79	+.14	+8.5
PioNtrl	.08	28	146.86	+1.00	-1.3
PlainsAAP	2.80f	16	27.91	-.24	-45.6

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	113.28	-.29	+9.7
Praxair	2.86	21	111.60	-.90	-13.9
PrmEgy	...	11	66.50	...	-8.6
PUVixST rs	...	...	26.80	-1.60	-78.7
ProctGam	2.65	27	75.77	+.37	-16.8
RangeRs	.16	19	32.14	-1.15	-39.9
RegionsFn	.24	15	10.07	+.08	-4.6
RiteAid	...	30	7.80	-.03	+3.7
Rowan	.40	...	20.61	-.28	-11.6
RoyDShllA	3.76	12	50.54	-.43	-24.5
SpdrDJIA	3.77e	...	177.78	+.36	-.1
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	208.56	+.48	+1.5
SpdrLehHY	2.12	...	35.85	-.11	-7.1
SabnR	3.24e	9	31.78	-.02	-11.2
SanderFm	.88a	6	70.78	+.43	-15.8
SandRdge	...	...	.37	-.03	-79.7
Schlmbrg	2.00	27	78.77	+.86	-7.8
SigmaAld	.92	34	139.91	+.38	+1.9
SiriusXM	...	41	4.14	+.03	+18.3
Smucker	2.68	32	114.72	+.48	+13.6
SophirisB h	...	...	2.90	+2.04	+437.0
Sprint	...	...	4.08	-.20	-1.7
SPDR Fncl	.44e	...	24.57	+.11	-.6
SP Inds	1.12e	...	54.43	-.01	-3.8
SP Tech	.78e	...	43.62	-.29	+5.5
SunEdison	...	...	5.77	-1.63	-70.4

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
SunocoLog	1.83f	...	29.33	+.22	-29.8
Synchrony	...	12	31.08	-1.44	+4.5
SynchFn wi	...	...	30.90	-1.06	+.4
TelefEsp	1.03e	...	12.88	+.08	-9.4
Tesoro	2.00f	9	115.10	+2.42	+54.8
3M Co	4.10	20	157.59	+.12	-4.1
Torchmark	.54	14	60.05	+.70	+10.9
TriContl	.80e	...	20.51	...	-4.2
Twitter	...	...	27.05	-.04	-24.6
TylerTech	...	82	172.12	+1.55	+57.3
UBWV	1.32f	21	41.65	-1.14	+11.2
US OilFd	...	...	14.09	+.01	-30.8
Vale SA	.29e	...	4.11	+.06	-49.8
Vale SA pf	.29e	...	3.38	-.02	-53.4
ValeantPh	...	48	83.68	-1.73	-41.5
ValeroE	2.00f	7	71.32	+.83	+44.1
VangEmg	1.10e	...	34.47	-.09	-13.9
VulcanM	.40	76	100.09	-.54	+52.3
WEC Engy	1.83	19	49.57	+.84	-6.0
WalgBoots	1.44	26	83.53	+.05	+9.6
WellsFargo	1.50	14	55.91	+.44	+2.0
WstnRefin	1.52f	8	46.81	+.67	+23.9
WhitingPet	...	...	18.04	-.27	-45.3
WmsCos	2.56f	67	36.81	-.14	-18.1
XcelEngy	1.28	19	35.58	+.57	-.9
Xerox	.28	33	9.62	-.06	-30.6

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
18,351.36	15,370.33	Dow Jones Industrials	17,758.21	+27.73	+.16	-.36	+.81
9,310.22	7,452.70	Dow Jones Transportation	8,217.49	+2.31	+.03	-10.09	-9.31
657.17	539.96	Dow Jones Utilities	561.98	+3.53	+.63	-9.08	-7.04
11,254.87	9,509.59	NYSE Composite	10,432.35	+17.16	+.16	-3.75	-4.36
5,231.94	4,292.14	Nasdaq Composite	5,083.24	-12.06	-.24	+7.33	+9.07
2,134.72	1,867.01	S&P 500	2,081.72	+3.14	+.15	+1.11	+2.06
1,551.28	1,344.80	S&P Midcap	1,457.24	+6.91	+.48	+.33	+1.55
22,537.15	19,619.26	Wilshire 5000	21,678.63	+33.59	+.16	+.04	+1.01
1,296.00	1,078.63	Russell 2000	1,187.69	+3.26	+.28	-1.41	+.66

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GE Oil & Gas

Role Summary/Purpose: The Automation Technician will service and maintain Lufkin Automation equipment under the direct supervision of the Field Services leader.

Essential Responsibilities: In the role of Automation Technician you will:

- Troubleshoot and diagnose electrical / electronic equipment
- Perform on-site installation of electrical / electronic equipment, conduit, etc
- Use various electronic equipment and tolls including auto cranes, stud guns, etc.
- Recognize and assess a variety of well optimization issues, either on own or by calling other technical specialists

Qualifications/Requirements:

- High School Diploma / GED from an accredited school or institution
- Journeyman Electrician License
- Minimum 1 year of experience as automation, electronic or field service technician

Desired Characteristics:

- Troubleshooting skills, basic computer skills such as experience with MS Office Suite (Excel, Word, Outlook, etc.)
- Ability to work independently Oilfield experience
- Experience working with variable speed drives, automation and instrumentation experience
- Experience working with SAP

Contact Terry Doliner (832) 353-2065
Job Number 2292399

Cryogenic Plant Lead Operators

Accepting applications for Cryogenic Plant Lead Operators with 3 years minimum experience of Cryogenic Plant operating experience for the Coyanosa/Monahans area. Must be able to supervise, direct, train, and assist B operators performing daily plant operations and maintenance activities on plant processing and/or compressor equipment for a 200 mmcfd Cryogenic processing plant and associated treating equipment. Interested candidates should submit their resume to **ashleigh.polotko@vaqueromidstream.com**. Vaquero Midstream offers a competitive wage and benefits package.

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Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person

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These positions require some physical lifiting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

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Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person

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ENERGY & UTILITIES

BUFFALO OILFIELD SUPPLY

Sales Representative

Buffalo Oilfield Supply has a full time position available for a Sales Representative in the West TX, Pecos area. This position is responsible for establishing new customer accounts and maintaining customer relationships/existing accounts. Knowledge of oilfield supplies and production equipment is required. Must be detailed oriented and be able to work with minimal supervision and meet deadlines. A high school diploma or equivalent is required. Oilfield related experience is preferred. Additional qualifications are excellent communication skills (verbal & written) and organizational skills. Also must be proficient in MS-Office applications (Excel, Word & Outlook). Must be at least 21 years of age and able to pass a drug screening, background check and meet vehicle insurance requirements.

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ENDURANCE RESOURCES, LLC. An independent oil & gas exploration and production company.
Position: Engineering Technician **Industry:** Oil & Gas
Experience: 5+ years **Location:** Midland, TX

Job Description
As an Engineering Technician at Endurance Resources, LLC, you will play a key role in the operations department providing your technical support and expertise, supporting VP of Operations. The role will work closely with geology, facilities, drilling and completions to manage drilling permitting process and required engineering support.

Position Description
- Work closely in a team environment with managers, engineers and field personnel
- Manage the drilling permitting, staking and approval process
- Knowledge and experience of Oil & Gas Software
- Provide administrative and technical support to the engineering department
- Construct, maintain and distribute facilities, drilling & completion reports
- Generate detailed reports regarding operational activity
- Compile production information and data in support of future developments
- Load, verify and analyze data for various engineering applications
- Research latest developments and advancements in our core areas
- Responsible for maintaining all engineering documentation and archives

Qualifications
- 5 + years of oil and gas experience as an engineering technician required
- Experienced with Microsoft Excel & Word & Access
- Software experienced -Phdwin, Drilling Info, Petra, Spotfire,
- AFE preparation
- Permitting experience
- Ability to organize, prioritize and make time-sensitive decisions
- Excellent Project Management skills a plus
- Ability to work in a team environment and possess the ability to adapt and be flexible
- Be self-sufficient and take initiative
- Strong computer, analytical and problem solving skills
- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Willing to learn and grow both professionally and personally

Required experience:
- Engineering Technician: 5 years

Required education:
- Bachelor's degree, preferable Earth Sciences, Math, Engineering

Submit resumes to:
recruiting@enduranceresourcesllc.com

Job Fair - Tuesday. November 17th, 2015

Blattner Energy, Inc. will be hosting a job fair in Odessa for our solar project in Crane, TX. We are looking for safety conscious personnel with experience or interest in the following positions:

- General Laborers
- Equipment Operators (Telehandler/Skid Steer, PD-10 Operators)
- Electricians
- Individuals with experience in wiring and terminations

All job offers are contingent upon receiving a negative drug/alcohol test result and a satisfactory physical examination designed solely to determine your physical ability to perform the duties of the position being offered to you. Field employees are subject to random drug testing.

Must have transportation to and from the jobsite. Some positions may require a valid driver's license and acceptable motor vehicle driving record (MVR).

Interested parties are encouraged to stop by Workforce Solutions Permian Basin 2826 JBS Parkway Building D, Odessa, TX 79761 from 9am - 3pm on Tuesday, November 17th, 2015.

If unable to attend the job fair please complete an application on-line at www.blattnerenergy.com (please specify if willing to travel); or call 1-888-356-2307 to request an application.

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The H2S Safety Specialist is responsible for installing and maintaining the quality of United Safety's breathing air and gas detection systems on client production, drilling and service sites throughout the Southern United States. The incumbent will also provide safety supervision and training to onsite personnel while serving as a key client liaison.

- **Must be available to work long hours (7-14) in the outdoor elements (heat, rain, sleet, snow, etc.)**
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This is a full time position with benefits. Qualified candidates must be 18 years of age with a HS diploma, a clean driving record, willingness to travel and ability to pass our fitness and background screening processes. Previous experience in the oil field is preferred.

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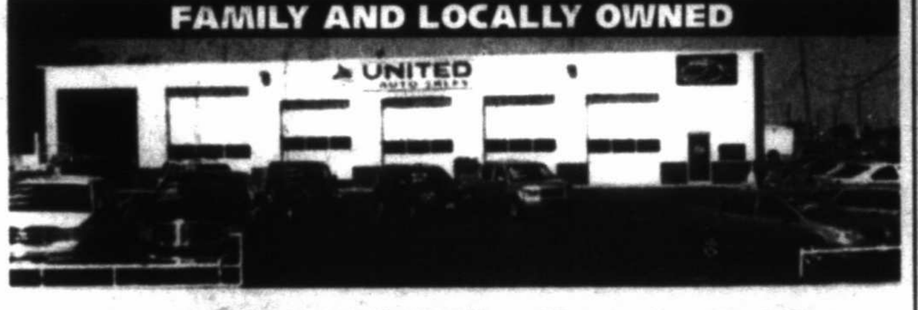

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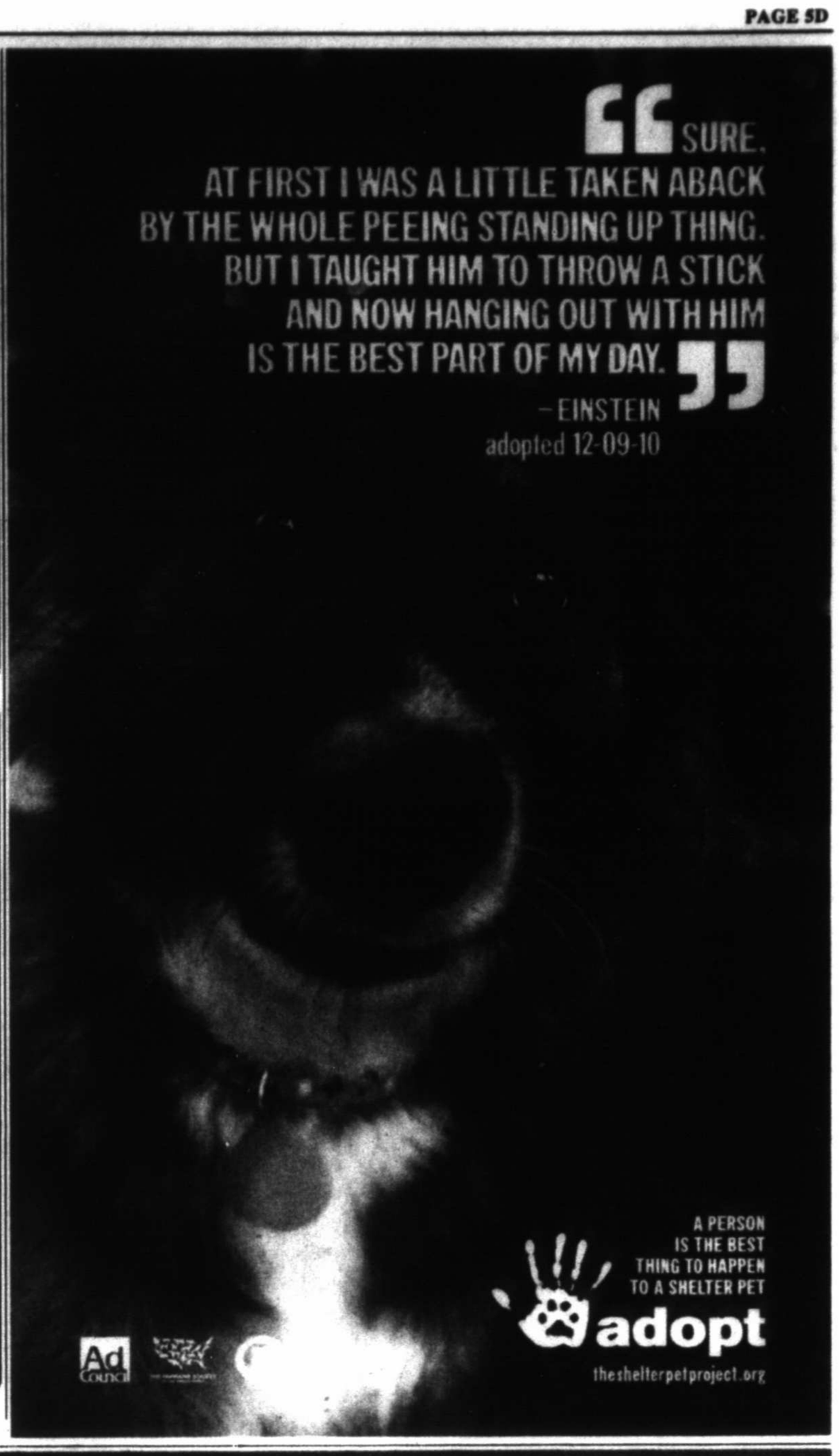

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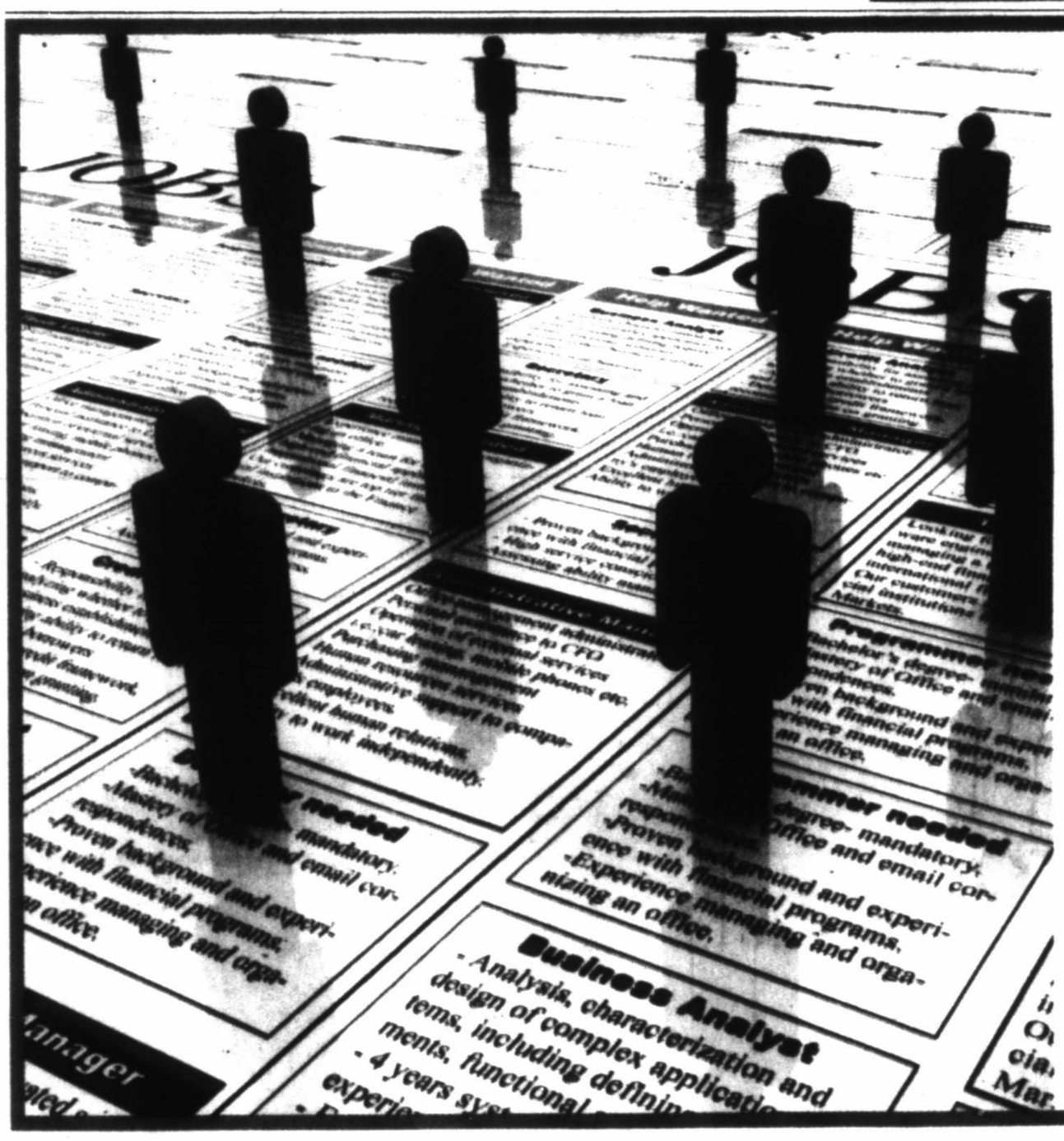

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