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MMH treats first Midlander for West Nile

Patient is hospital's 4th recorded case this year; state saw 1,868 cases in 2012

By Tyler White
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A Midlander is being treated for West Nile virus at Midland Memorial Hospital, according to local health officials.

Sal Garcia, health manager with the city's Health and Senior Services, said the patient is the first person from Midland to contract the virus. The department knew about the person but did not have the virus diagnosis confirmed until a few days ago, Garcia said.

There have been 36 total cases of West Nile Virus in humans in Texas as of Sept. 10, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services website. Six people from Midland County were known to have contacted the virus last year out of 1,868 cases across the state, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

Val Sparks, infection preventionist at MMH, said the hospital has treated four cases of West Nile Virus this year.

To reduce the risk of contracting the virus, Garcia said people need to use mosquito repellent and wear long sleeves and pants.

Sparks said residents need to empty any standing water that may be left following last week's rainfall to prevent mosquito breeding.

Midland County has received just more than one-quarter of an inch of rain this month, according to the National Weather Service's website.

Those who have contracted West Nile Virus experience symptoms that include headaches, high fever and disorientation. About 80 percent of those who contract the virus will not have the symptoms, but 20 percent may develop a fever, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

There is no vaccine or cure for the virus.

PROJECT PROGRESSES

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

The Lamesa Road project continues Monday as workers smooth concrete for sidewalks and driveways near the intersection of Lamesa and Scharbauer Drive.

First Texas Shale Show slated for October

By John Mangalonzo
Abilene Reporter-News

SWEETWATER — George P. Bush, a candidate for commissioner of the Texas General Land Office, and Texas Railroad Commissioner Christi Craddick will be among the speakers at the first Shale Show planned for Oct. 1-2 at the Nolan County Coliseum Complex in Sweetwater.

Craddick will address attendees at 11 a.m. Oct. 2, and Bush will follow her speech at noon.

The event is being organized by the Cline Shale Alliance, a group that brings together regional leaders, industry experts, businesses, learning institutions and others involved in oil and natural gas to address issues that may arise dealing with an oil boom. It serves as an information exchange and business networking marketplace.

Greg Wortham of the Cline Shale Alliance said the shale show is a nationwide event with more than 150 exhibitors from across the nation, including Alaska, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Florida, Oklahoma, Missouri and New Mexico.

Texas will be represented by energy industry exhibitors from the Permian Basin and the Barnett and Eagle Ford shales.

Organizers said exhibitors from the oil and gas industry will show attendees the latest technologies and network with shale innovators. Seminars will update the magnitude, pace of drilling and production, and other issues common to Cline Shale, Eagle Ford Shale, Barnett Shale, Permian Basin initiatives, and other oil and natural gas shale activity in the country.

There will be trade show displays in two buildings, heavy equipment displays in the coliseum as well as in outdoor exhibits while the seminars will be inside the coliseum.

Public access to indoor and outdoor exhibits will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 1, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 2. Admission is free.

Wortham said after the maiden event, the Shale Show will take place every odd-numbered year and alternate with Odessa's even-numbered-year event, Permian Basin Oil Show.

There remain a imited number of indoor and outdoor display spaces. For more information including a schedule of the seminars, go to: www.shale-show.com.

County to pay off Horseshoe debt 11 years early

By Joseph Basco
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Midland County plans to completely pay off its 2004 bond for the construction of the Horseshoe 11 years early.

County commissioners approved a resolution Monday morning to make a one-time payment of $6.6 million — which includes the principal plus some interest — for the 2004 Certificate of Obligation Bond for the Horseshoe. The debt will be paid for by sales tax, a plentiful revenue source for the county as it continues to boom. As previously reported, the county accounted for the repayment in its fiscal year 2014 budget.

By making a one-time payment as opposed to 11 annual payments, the county saves about $1.8 million in other interest payments, according to County Auditor Veronica Morales.

"It's outstanding," said County Judge Mike Bradford. "But it's attributed to my colleagues. We set a goal and we stayed with it."

The payment also leaves the bond for the county jail — which Bradford remarked as voter approved — the only remaining outstanding debt the county has to pay off. The county owes about $19.9 million for the jail, as previously reported. Bradford said the jail debt will be discussed years away from now when payments can be made on it without penalty.

The decision to pay off the Horseshoe debt all at once may also help boost the county's bond ratings, Bradford said. In June, the county received a AAA bond rating from Fitch Ratings, a AA+ from Standard and Poor's and a Aa from Moody's.

Mike Dooley, president of Dooley Management Co., the company that manages the Horseshoe, said he has never witnessed an early payoff for a venue until now.

"It just never happens," Dooley said. "In fact, usually there's some restructuring to make things like refinanced debt."

The Horseshoe, one of the larger venues in Midland and Odessa, has housed special events in the area since 2006. Earlier this year, the county approved an expansion for the arena that will give the venue separate space for dirt and non-dirt events.

As of Monday, Dooley said concrete

Please see **HORSHOE**/2A

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The big number
On Monday, Apple sold
9 million iPhones,
which exceeded expectations of 6 million-8 million. More on 4A.

Online today
Coverage of Stephan Brown in front of City Council.

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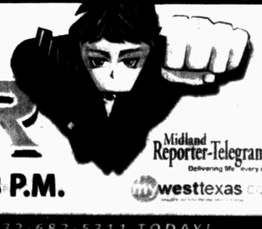

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Council Chambers City Hall
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Midland ISD town hall
7 p.m.
Lee High School

Community calendar

■ Free prostate cancer screenings are being offered 2:15-7 p.m. today at Allison Cancer Center, 400 Grover Parkway, Suite 100. The screenings will be available to men 40 and older and those with a family history of the disease.

To schedule an appointment, call Carmen Cross at 686-5722.

Support groups, club meetings today

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

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

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

■ Permian Basin Dance Club, 7:30 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church; cost is $5 for members, $6 for non-members; 520-4343.

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

Correction

Among those who attended the Summer Mummers Block Party on Sept. 14 was Samatha Spencer.

Her first name was misspelled in a photo caption in the Names & Faces section in Monday's edition.

The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

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Associated Press

Former first lady Laura Bush, left, leads Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., on a tour of the grounds at the George W. Presidential Center in Dallas, Monday. Boxer visited the Bush Center to present an award for the environmentally friendly design of the building and grounds.

Bush center in Dallas gets environmental award

Associated Press

DALLAS — U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer visited the George W. Presidential Center in Dallas on Monday to present an award for the environmentally friendly design of the building and grounds.

Former first lady Laura Bush, who led the center's design committee, accepted the framed certificate from Boxer on behalf of the center located on the campus of Southern Methodist University. Bush gave Boxer a tour of the center's green features, including the park behind the center that recreates a Texas prairie.

"I'm really excited to get to show her this and to show everyone this. I think it's important to have this kind of park on a college campus so young people can see how you can landscape in a very beautiful way with native plants that don't require much water," Bush said.

Boxer, a Democrat from California, announced last week that the inaugural Climate Hero Award from the U.S. Senate Climate Change Clearinghouse, which she co-chairs, is going to the Bush center and the William J. Clinton Presidential Center in Little Rock, Ark. Boxer plans to visit the Clinton center later this year.

Both libraries have achieved the highest certification — platinum — from the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, or LEED, program.

"This is a remarkable experience, to be here, to see what they have done and to look at how hard it really is, as the first lady was saying, to get this kind of a designation, this platinum. It's not easy," said Boxer, who chairs the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

The Bush center, which includes the Republican president's library and museum, in addition to his policy institute, was dedicated in April.

"I'm just thrilled to be here," Boxer said before her tour of the park. "At this point, when there's so much acrimony in Washington, I jumped at the chance to be here because when we informed the library that we were giving this award they were thrilled and they said 'Would you come out?'"

"When you pursue energy efficiency, it is such a win-win. It is not ideological. You save money on your building in the long run. Yes, there's upfront money, but then you get It back over time," Boxer said.

Man arrested for trying to hit officer with pickup, assault

From staff reports

Carrasco

A Midland man wanted for allegedly attempting to strike a police officer with his vehicle turned himself into police custody Monday afternoon.

Antonio Carrasco, 28, of Midland, was being held Monday on a $300,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of aggravated assault against a public servant, two second-degree felony charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and a state jail felony charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

Just before 2 a.m. Sunday, two Midland police officers were working off-duty at Woofers and Tweeters in the 3300 block of North Midkiff Road when one of the officers responded to an incident in the parking lot, according to a press release from the city's public information officer.

Two people had left the bar and saw the suspect, Carrasco, sitting on one of their motorcycles. An altercation occurred as Carrasco attempted to stab the two people. Carrasco chased after one of the alleged victims, who ran back into the bar to seek help from an officer, according to the arrest affidavit.

Carrasco got in a blue pickup and drove toward the officer. The officer fired three rounds toward the cab of the vehicle, according to the release.

Carrasco left the parking lot, engaging police in a chase during which speeds reached up to 140 mph. Carrasco drove east then south along Loop 250 before he was able to evade police.

The pickup was found later Sunday at a residence in the 2600 block of North County Road 1140. There wasn't any evidence to indicate that Carrasco was injured as a result of the shots fired by the police officer, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

When police contacted Carrasco by phone, he said he would turn himself in, according to the affidavit.

If convicted, Carrasco faces five to 99 years in prison for the first-degree felony charge, up to 20 years for each second-degree felony charge and up to two years for the state jail felony charge.

Woman is assaulted for skipping in bathroom line

By Tyler White
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Kelso

A woman allegedly was assaulted in the restroom at Rockin Rodeo Saturday because she cut in line.

Megan N. Kelso, 21, of Midland, was being held on a $50,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury. Kelso posted bond and was released on Saturday.

A Midland police officer responded to the incident at about 1:30 a.m. Saturday at Rockin Rodeo in the 4400 block of North Big Spring Street.

The alleged victim said she was in the restroom waiting to use a toilet stall when another woman told her she could go ahead of her. As the alleged victim started walking toward the stall, a third woman said, "Are you going to let that (expletive) go in front of you?"

The alleged victim said that two females grabbed her, pulled her to the floor and started punching, kicking and pulling her hair out. The woman's earrings were torn out during the assault, according to the arrest report.

Kelso, who was identified as one of the women involved in the assault, said she was trying to pull the other suspect off the alleged victim. She also claimed the alleged victim assaulted her first, but there were no marks on her body, according to the report. Kelso said the other woman involved fled the bar.

The other suspect's whereabouts are currently unknown, according to the report.

If convicted, Kelso faces up to 20 years in prison.

MISD closes enrollment at Bonham, Travis

From staff reports

Due to student enrollment increases, Midland ISD will close Bonham Elementary School, 909 Bonham St., and Travis Elementary School, 900 E. Gist Ave., to new enrollment for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year.

MISD currently teaches 13,634 students in pre-kindergarten through sixth-grade classes at 24 elementary schools. Bonham's current student enrollment is 821, and it is 764 at Travis.

New general education students in the Bonham district will instead attend Henderson Elementary School, 4800 Graceland Drive; new bilingual education students will instead attend Long Elementary School, 4200 Cedar Spring Drive.

New general education students in the Travis district will instead attend Crockett Elementary School, 401 E. Parker Ave.; new bilingual education students will instead attend DeZavala Elementary School, 705 N. Lee St.

Transportation to the alternate campuses will be provided. MISD will try, to the greatest extent possible, to allow students in the same family to attend school together.

Dallas serial rape suspect charged with 5th attack

Associated Press

DALLAS — A fifth aggravated sexual assault count has been filed against a Dallas crime-watch volunteer who police suspect in a string of nine rapes in his inner-city neighborhood.

The charge filed Thursday against Van Dixson is in addition to four aggravated assault counts filed previously against the 38-year-old suspect.

Dallas County jail records show Dixson remains in the Dallas County Jail on bail totaling $5 million. A message left Tuesday with his court-appointed defense attorney was not returned.

Investigators say nine sexual assaults had been reported since June in a neighborhood southeast of downtown Dallas near Fair Park.

A tip led police to interview Dixson on Sept. 4, and he provided a DNA sample. Dixson was released without being charged. When test results linked Dixson to attacks several days later, authorities began searching for him, eventually arresting him Sept. 10 at a motel in Baton Rouge, La. He was returned to Dallas on Thursday.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

DALLAS

Anti-social gorilla being shown door

There will be no rose ceremony for a 430-pound bachelor gorilla that failed to form any meaningful relationships with fellow apes during an 18-year stay at the Dallas Zoo.

Patrick, the 23-year-old Western lowland gorilla known for being gregarious with zoo staff and the public, while being ambivalent toward his female counterparts, has been handed his walking papers. The silverback will be transferred to the Riverbanks Zoo and Garden in Columbia, S.C. where he'll be allowed more solitude, according to a statement issued Monday by the Dallas Zoo.

"It's become clear that he prefers to live a solitary life," said Dr. Lynn Kramer, head veterinarian at the Dallas Zoo. "This move will allow Patrick to continue to thrive while creating an opportunity for our four remaining males to form a cohesive bachelor group."

Patrick was born at the Bronx Zoo in New York City in April 1990, but maternal neglect forced him to be moved to the Toronto Zoo where he was hand-raised with another male his own age. Both gorillas arrived in Dallas at age 5 and were integrated into a small troop of one silverback and two females, before being removed to form a bachelor group together.

Zoo officials said Patrick's reaction toward female apes has ranged from indifference to aggression.

SAN MARCOS

13 students charged in Texas State drumline hazing

Thirteen members of the Texas State University marching band have been charged with misdemeanor hazing after what campus police describe as an initiation involving alcohol.

The university's student affairs vice president, Joanne Smith, said the 13 also have been suspended from the band.

The case stems from an incident the night of Aug. 31, when campus police encountered a vehicle parked on campus with several students inside. Smith said further investigation determined that upper class band members had directed drumline freshmen to a nearby apartment where they were blindfolded and served alcohol.

Aside from those charged with hazing, two students have been charged with furnishing alcohol to a minor and one with giving a false report to a police officer in a vehicle parked on campus.

HORSESHOE

From 1A

is being poured on the expansion's slab, putting the project's estimated completion to September 2014.

The expansion is expected to cost the county $24 million. The Horseshoe will remain free of debt after the Horseshoe expansion is complete, Bradford said.

In other county news: County Commissioners gave their approval Monday for the formation of the Spaceport Development Corp. with the city of Midland.

The SDC, a group that allows the city to apply for state spaceport development grants, requires collaboration with two municipalities or a municipality and a county entity in order to form. The city first publicly discussed the SDC's formation on Aug. 10.

the county also appointed Precinct 2 Commissioner Robin Donnelly to be one of seven members on the SDC board.

Other than grant money, another benefit to the formation of the SDC is for the ability to ensure that property around the spaceport will be "compatible." Donnelly said developers have been buying land underneath the spaceport's proposed flight path and attempting to build residential housing in the area.

"The city's already had to take some evasive actions on some planning and zoning," Donnelly said. "We need to support the airport in any way we can."

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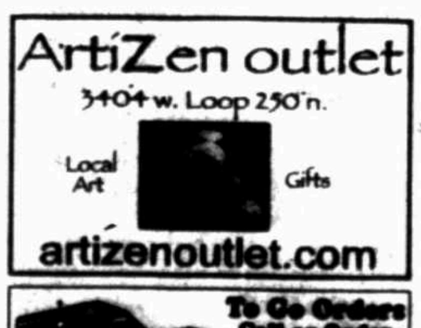


Court weighs if horses are vicious

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — After a horse named Scuppy bit a boy in the face, a Connecticut court came to a conclusion that threw animal lovers: Horses are a naturally vicious species.

Horse owners and farmers are mobilizing as the state Supreme Court hears an appeal in the case today. Such a classification — the nation's first, if it stands — would make owning horses uninsurable and jeopardize the state's sizable horse industry, farmers and horse owners said.

"You could not pair children and horses, the core equestrian business nationwide that it's all about," said Doug Dubitsky, a lawyer who represents farmers and horse businesses.

When the boy tried to pet the horse at Glendale Farms in Milford in 2006, according to court papers, the animal stuck his neck out from behind a fence and bit the child on his right cheek, "removing a large chunk of it."

In February 2012, the mid-level Appellate Court overturned a lower court ruling and said that testimony by Timothy Astriab, whose family owns the farm, demonstrated that Scuppy belongs to "a species naturally inclined to do mischief or be vicious."

Although he had no knowledge of Scuppy biting anyone before, Astriab testified that Scuppy was no different than other horses that would bite if a finger was put in front of him. "Significantly, Astriab acknowledged his concern that if someone made contact with Scuppy, whether to pet or feed him, they could get bit," the justices said.

The injury suffered by the boy was foreseeable and the owners of the farm had a duty to use reasonable care to restrain the animal to prevent injury, the Appellate Court ruled.

Astriab did not return a call on Monday seeking comment.

If allowed to stand, Connecticut would be the first state to consider horses as inherently dangerous, said Dubitsky.

Horse farmers and equine enthusiasts, who cite 2005 statistics saying that the horse industry contributes about $221 million a year to the state's economy in boarding, training, lessons and breeding businesses, are asking the state Supreme Court to overturn the Appellate Court's decision. The Connecticut Farm Bureau and Connecticut Horse Council filed a friend of the court brief saying that under common law viciousness generally is judged individually according to age, breed and gender, not as an entire species.

Fred Mastele, acting president of the state's horse council, said it is encouraging horse owners to attend the hearing today and support the Astriab family.

"In our opinion, horses are not vicious animals," he said. "They are certainly not attack animals."

Astriab had won at a lower court in 2010, when a New Haven judge sided with the horse's owner and ruled that the child's father, Anthony Vendrella Sr., failed to prove the owner knew of previous incidents of aggression by Scuppy.

The Superior Court judge said Astriab testified that neither he nor anyone else had ever seen Scuppy bite a person before and that in 28 years, none of the horses at the farm bit or injured anyone.

"Cats have a tendency to scratch and horses have a tendency to bite, but the plaintiffs have failed to show, as they must, that the defendants were on notice that Scuppy specifically, and not horses generally, had a tendency to bite people or other horses," Judge Robin Wilson ruled.

NATIONBRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CALIFORNIA

Disney changing line-jumping program for disabled

ANAHEIM — People with disabilities will no longer go straight to the front of lines at Disneyland and Walt Disney World after growing abuse of the system, park officials said.

Under the change, visitors will be issued tickets with a return time and a shorter wait similar to the FastPass system that's offered to everyone.

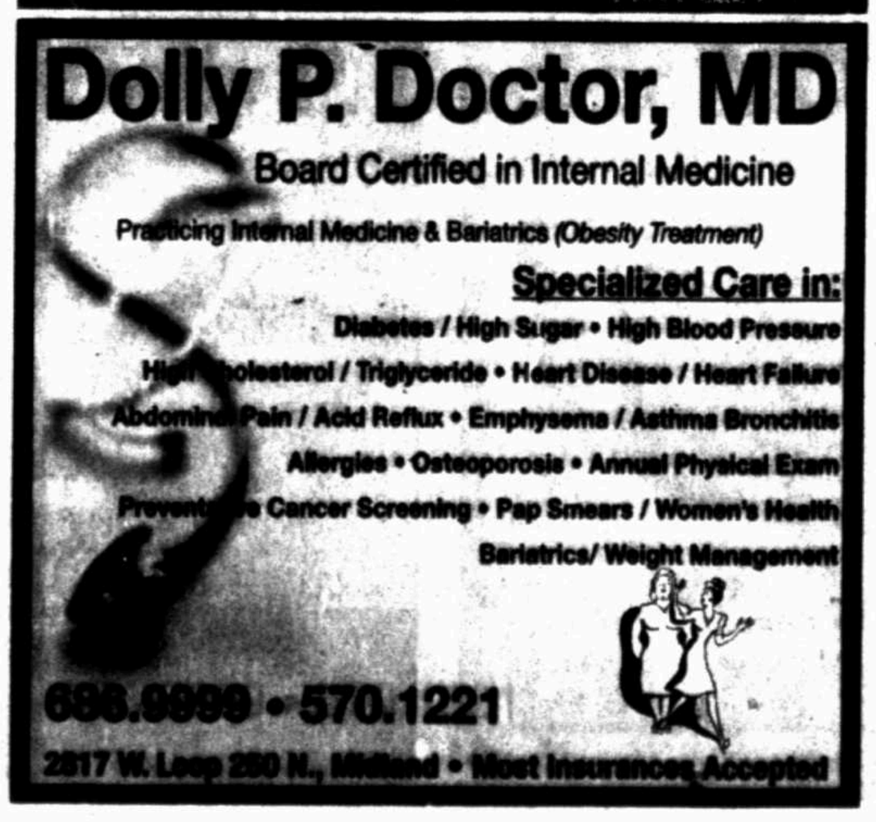
Currently, visitors unable to wait in the regular line can get backdoor access to rides or go through the exit and wait in a shorter line.

The system "certainly has been problematic, and we wanted to curb some of the abuse of this system," Disneyland Resort spokeswoman Suzi Brown told the Orange County Register.

The move was a response to the phenomenon of disabled "tour guides" who charge money, sometimes hundreds of dollars, to accompany able-bodied guests and allow them to avoid long lines. Others who don't have a disability have been able to get an assistance card since no proof of disability is required.

"Given the increasing volume of requests we receive for special access to our attractions, we are changing our process to create a more consistent experience for all our guests while providing accommodations for guests with disabilities," Brown said in a statement.

The change takes effect Oct. 9 for guests with park-issued disability cards. Disney officials said more details will be released after park employees are briefed on the new rules.



Report: Environmental chemicals a pregnancy risk

By Lauren Neergaard
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — From mercury to pesticides, Americans are exposed daily to environmental chemicals that could harm reproductive health, the nation's largest groups of obstetricians and fertility specialists said Monday.

The report urges doctors to push for stricter environmental policies to better identify and reduce exposure to chemicals that prove truly risky. But it's likely to scare pregnant women in the meantime.

That's because during the first prenatal visit, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists wants doctors to ask mothers-to-be about their exposure to different chemicals. They're also supposed to teach women how to avoid some considered most worrisome during pregnancy.

"What we're trying to get is the balance between awareness and alarmist," said Dr. Jeanne Conry, president of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Specialists with ACOG and the American Society for Reproductive Medicine examined research about industrial chemicals and pollutants that people can absorb from the air, water, food and everyday products. Few chemicals hit the market with good information about safe levels — something the groups hope to change. But certain chemicals are linked to infertility, miscarriages, birth defects and other problems, the committee said.

Risks are greatest for women with high on-the-job exposure. So doctors should ask about workplaces during that first prenatal visit, the committee advised.

But the report also cited research suggesting virtually every pregnant woman is exposed to at least 43 different chemicals. It's unclear how many matter, but some can reach the fetus. For example, mercury pollution builds up in certain fish, and when eaten by a mother-to-be, can damage her unborn baby's developing brain. Prenatal exposure to certain pesticides can increase the risk of childhood cancer, the report found.

Poor and minority populations are disproportionately exposed to various pollutants, urging doctors to be aware of concerns unique to where they live, the committee said.

It's not just about pregnancy. High enough pesticide exposure in adult men has been linked to sterility and prostate cancer, the report noted.

But the issues are controversial. For example, most Americans have traces of BPA, or bisphenol-A, in their urine because it's so widely used in plastics, consumer goods and to line metal food cans to prevent contamination and spoiling. Makers of baby bottles and sippy cups stopped using BPA several years ago because of consumer concern that it might harm young children's development, and the Food and Drug Administration won't let it return to those baby products. But the FDA allows BPA's use in other food containers.

For now, Conry said the consumer advice is common-sense: Choose fresh fruits and vegetables over processed foods when possible and thoroughly wash produce. Pregnant women and young children should eat certain seafood to get the nutritional benefits without the mercury risk. That means avoiding shark, swordfish, king mackerel and tilefish. Low-mercury examples are shrimp, canned light tuna, salmon and catfish. (The FDA advises pregnant women to eat no more than 6 ounces a week of white or albacore tuna, which has more mercury than the canned light kind.)

"There's only so much people can do as individuals and families to limit chemical exposures," said University of Washington public health dean Dr. Howard Frumkin, an environmental health specialist not involved in the report. But he called the statement "a very balanced, reasonable and evidence-based contribution."

10 killed in massacre near Mexican border city

Associated Press

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico — A gunman burst into a home east of the Mexican border city of Ciudad Juarez where people were celebrating a baseball victory and killed 10 people, authorities said Monday.

The killings occurred Sunday night in Loma Blanca, a town in the Juarez Valley. The dead included a 7-year-old girl, her mother, three teenage boys and five adult men, said Arturo Sandoval, spokesman for the Chihuahua state prosecutors' office.

The bodies were found scattered over a radius of about 12 yards around the home, suggesting some had tried to flee when they were gunned down. A trophy from the baseball game was also found at the home.

The manager of the local baseball team, the Cardinals, was present at the party and said a total of about 30 people attended, but the others were able to escape by running away. He said he saw only one gunman, who he described as a young man.

The manager, who asked not to be identified by name for fear of reprisals, said the killings could have been motivated by resentment over the team's victory; he said there is betting on games in the local league.

More than 30 shell casings found at the scene indicated that an assault rifle was used in the attack.

"It is premature to talk about a hypothesis or a line of investigation," said Jorge Gonzalez Nicolas, an assistant Chihuahua state prosecutor. He said witness statements cast doubt on a possible drug gang link.

"That fact it was a lone shooter, and that according to witnesses it was a young person, and that the characteristics don't match other cases in which criminal groups were involved," Gonzalez Nicolas said.

Chihuahua Gov. Cesar Duarte said "there is evidence that we will make public soon" in the case, which he said "will not stop us in the battle against impunity."

It was one of the biggest massacres in the area since the 2010 killing of 15 people in an attack on a birthday party in Villas de Salvarcar, a working-class neighborhood of Ciudad Juarez, across the border from El Paso.

Sandoval said there was no information yet on the possible motive in the Loma Blanca killings; The Villas de Salvarcar massacre was believed to have involved a case of mistaken identity, in which one drug gang attacked a party it mistakenly thought was attended by members of a rival gang.

The Juarez Valley, a largely agricultural region that stretches along the Rio Grande, has been the scene of frequent turf battles between gangs allied with the Sinaloa drug cartel, and gunmen of the local Juarez cartel.

However, violence in Ciudad Juarez and surrounding areas has dropped significantly in recent years.

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A sales person pulls out an iPhone 5s for a customer during the opening day of sales of the iPhone 5s and iPhone 5C, in Hialeah, Fla., on Friday. Shoppers snapped up 9 million of its newest iPhones since the devices were launched Friday, and that demand is exceeding supply.

Apple's iPhones sales off to fast start

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Gadget lovers still can't resist the iPhone's seductive call, even amid a bevy of enticing lower-priced alternatives that offer similar features.

In a Monday announcement, Apple Inc. said it sold 9 million units of its top-of-the-line iPhone 5S and less-expensive iPhone 5C during their first three days on sale. That trounced the performance of last year's model, the iPhone 5, which sold 5 million units in its opening weekend.

The initial sales figures for Apple's latest iPhone models provided the latest testament to the product's enduring appeal more than six years after the debut of the first iPhone triggered a mobile computing revolution.

The iPhone 5S and 5C's quick start also surpassed analyst forecasts that predicted Apple would sell between 6 million to 8 million models during the first weekend.

"The demand for the new iPhones has been incredible," Apple CEO Tim Cook said in a statement. As part of the company's effort to drum up interest in its most profitable product, Cook made an early-morning appearance at an Apple store in Palo Alto, Calif., on Friday when the new iPhones first went on sale.

Monday's positive news helped generate more interest in Apple's stock. The shares gained $23.23, or 5 percent, to close at $490.64.

Despite that rally, Apple's stock price remains slightly below where it stood before the Cupertino, Calif. company's Sept. 10 unveiling of its latest iPhones.

The downturn reflects concerns that the new phones won't be enough to reverse a slowdown in Apple's revenue growth that has been brought on by tougher competition from Samsung Electronics and others. Apple's rivals have been gaining market share by selling less expensive phones running on Google Inc.'s free Android software. Those nagging worries are the main reason that Apple's market value has sagged by about 30 percent, or $200 billion, since last year's release of the iPhone 5.

Part of this weekend's higher iPhone sales volume stemmed from Apple's decision to make the latest models available on a broader scale than in past years. For instance, this marked the first time that a new iPhone has gone on sale in China at the same time that the product also launched in the U.S.

But the opening sales numbers also served as "a powerful reminder of the strength of (Apple's) iPhone franchise," ISI Group analyst Brian Marshall wrote in a Monday research note.

In another sign of the intense interest in anything new from Apple, the company also said more than 200 million devices have already switched to its latest mobile operating system. The software, called iOS 7, is the most radical makeover of Apple's mobile operating system since the iPhone came out in 2007. Apple released iOS 7 as a free update last Wednesday for iPhone models dating back to 2010, iPads dating back to 2011 and the last iPod Touch that came out last year.

The downloads of iOS 7 during the first five days of the software's release roughly doubled the number of installations after Apple release iOS 6 last year.

Apple could have sold even more iPhones during the opening weekend if the company had been able to deliver more of the 5S model, which sells for $199 with a two-year wireless contract. A new gold-colored model introduced with the 5S line was in extremely short supply, much to the frustration of many shoppers who waited in long lines Friday to buy one.

"We appreciate everyone's patience and are working hard to build enough new iPhones for everyone," Cook assured consumers in his Monday statement.

Apple didn't provide individual sales figures for the 5C and 5S, but figures released by a mobile research and marketing firm indicated the more expensive model has been far more popular. Within the first two days of sales, Localytics found three times more 5S models were being activated than the 5C.

The new features in the 5S include a sensor that allows people to use fingerprints instead of a numeric code to secure their iPhone and a quicker processor. The iPhone 5C is nearly identical to last year's iPhone 5 except the new model comes in a variety of bright colors with a plastic casing instead of aluminum. The 5C sells for $99 with a two-year wireless contract, Apple's lowest price yet for a new iPhone.

An update to Apple's financial projections for its current quarter suggested that the higher-priced iPhone is accounting for most of the early sales. The company said it expects its revenue for the quarter ending this month to be about $37 billion. Management had previously predicted its revenue could be as low as $34 billion. Apple anticipates its profit margins be at the top end of earlier forecasts.

Apple rarely provides more insight about its quarter this late into the three-month reporting period, according to Barclays analyst Ben Reitzes. He interpreted the departure from company protocol as a sign that Apple is confident it will prove its skeptics wrong.

"It implies a message from management that the company is back on track," Reitzes wrote in a Monday research note.

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The benefit is that, in the event of a loss, this coverage will help restore your home with minimal financial interruption. Experts recommend you insure your home for 100 percent of its replacement cost.

The risk is that these costs change from year to year, especially if you have remodeled, so it is a good idea to re-evaluate them yearly.

Market value insurance covers your home for the price that a buyer would pay to purchase your home and land in its current condition. Market value is influenced by factors like proximity to schools and the local availability of similar homes.

This could be of benefit in the case of an older, ornate home, whose cost to replace such workmanship would be much higher in today's market than it was when it was built. A market value policy could allow the owner to save some money on premiums and still recoup at least the cost to build a somewhat similar home in the case of a loss.

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Pope doesn't shy away from controversy

■ Francis is prioritizing the mission, which is different than the liberalization some fear.

MICHAEL GERSON
Washington Post Writers Group

Pope Francis' blunt, conversational, subversive, disarming, humane, self-critical interview in the Jesuit publication America amounted to a sort of extemporaneous encyclical. He is clearly concerned that the message of Christianity has become obscured by ecclesiastical moralism. "The proclamation of the saving love of God," he explained, "comes before moral and religious imperatives."

Just as clearly, this pope intends to be a disruptive force; the Vicar of Christ as troublemaker. Rather than leaving his critique in the realm of vague admonition, Francis waded into controversy. "We cannot insist only on issues related to abortion, gay marriage and the use of contraceptive methods," he said. These should be raised "in a context" and not "all the time." While the pope's views on these topics are orthodox, his critique of legalism is radical and unsparing. The church must be more than the sum of "small-minded rules." "We have to find a new balance," he said, "otherwise even the moral edifice of the church is likely to fall like a house of cards."

Many casual observers of Christianity, particularly in the media, have found this surprising. They tend to view religion as identical to ethics. Remove the moral nagging and what remains?

But this betrays a very casual acquaintance with Christianity, which was founded by a subversive, troublemaking critic of ecclesiastical moralism. During three years wandering around southern Galilee and Jerusalem, Jesus managed to offend just about every cleric he encountered, whom he variously called "blind guides," "whitewashed tombs" and a "brood of vipers." True religion, he said, is not found in obedience to the letter of the law; it is an affair of the heart. And this friendship with God often comes easier to the simple, powerless and outcast — children, sinners, women, gentiles and the poor. It was a message calculated to offend legalists in every generation: Ethical religion without love is arid and misleading. Relationships — with God and your neighbor — come first. Ethics arise from a grateful and transformed heart.

Over the millennia, this strain of impatience with legalism has provided Christianity with an advantage. When the church becomes ossified, legalistic and hypocritical — as all institutions periodically do — it is the radical reformers who carry its most authentic tradition. This was true of the original Francis, the one from Assisi, who knew the power of a dramatic gesture (he once stripped naked in the public square to shame his materialistic father and begin a life of poverty). During his recent interview, Pope Francis was more modest but no less ambitious. Every time he speaks, you wonder what uncomfortable truth is about to be exposed.

Those who hope that the pope's reform agenda is identical to liberal Protestantism are likely to be disappointed. Many mainline churches have distanced themselves from legalism by throwing traditional moral views overboard and embracing progressive causes. In some cases, this has been a panting, unsuccessful search for relevance.

Francis is taking a different direction. Rather than surrendering the moral distinctiveness of the Catholic Church, he is prioritizing its mission. In the America interview, he vividly compares the church to "a field hospital after battle." When someone injured arrives, you don't treat his high cholesterol. "You have to heal his wounds. Then we can talk about everything else." The outreach of the church, in other words, does not start with ethical or political lectures. "The most important thing is the first proclamation: Jesus Christ has saved you."

There is a good Catholic theological term for this: the "hierarchy of truths." Not every true thing has equal weight or urgency.

But this does not adequately capture Francis' deeper insight: the priority of the person. This personalism is among the most radical implications of Christian faith. In every way that matters to God, human beings are completely equal and completely loved. They can't be reduced to ethical object lessons. Their dignity runs deeper than their failures. They matter more than any cause; they are the cause.

So Francis observed: "Tell me, when God looks at a gay person, does he endorse the existence of this person with love, or reject and condemn this person? We must always consider the person."

This teaching — to always consider the person — was disorienting from the beginning. The outsiders get invited to the party. The prodigal is given the place of honor. The pious complain about their shocking treatment. The gatekeepers find the gate shut to them. It is subversive to all respectable religious order, which is precisely the point. With Francis, the argument gains a new hearing.

OUR VIEW

Time for CAF's Brown to face the council

Today is a day anticipated by many who have followed the Commemorative Air Force saga. CAF Executive Director Stephan Brown will address the Midland City Council about potential funding for AirSho. There could be as much as $50,000 on the line. It is not an insignificant amount of money. Count us as among those interested in hearing what Brown has to say to the community he is trying to stab in the back.

We called on Midland leaders to speak out against the move of the headquarters to another area. And we are seeing it.

This past weekend Joe and Van Mabee added their names to the list of prominent Midlanders who are speaking out against what Brown is doing. They join state Rep. Tom Craddick, Abell-Hanger Executive Director David Smith and City Councilman Scott Dufford.

Today, Brown speaks to the council about the potential move in order to save funding for AirSho. We expect that Midland city leaders will get him on the record for why he is treating the CAF like a piece of property Midland has flipped — financially and in stature — only to see him move the CAF to the highest bidder.

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OUR VIEW

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The Midland Reporter-Telegram will celebrate that spirit of giving in a November special section we call "Midland Giving."

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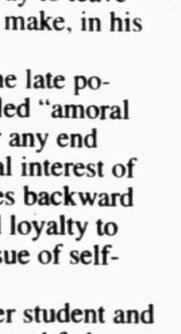
'Breaking Bad' offers glimpse of the highway to hell

■ As Walter White's TV life comes to a close, it's hard to ignore the moral chaos we associate with his story.



RICH LOWRY
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When Walter White makes his exit upon the series finale of "Breaking Bad," TV will lose its most compelling depiction of evil.

The brilliant high-school chemistry teacher turned crystal-meth kingpin, played by actor Bryan Cranston, is transformed into a loathsome killer before our eyes. Series creator Vince Gilligan says he set out to make Mr. Chips into Scarface. In Walt's steady descent, the self-styled family man unleashes a moral chaos that has a destructive logic as stark as the show's New Mexico setting.

When the unassuming Walt — a nonsmoker — is diagnosed with lung cancer, his family is already straining to make ends meet. He has a teenage son with cerebral palsy and a baby on the way. How will he pay for top-notch treatment? Will he die and leave his family with nothing? His brother-in-law, a Drug Enforcement Administration agent, inadvertently gives him the idea of producing meth for easy cash, and it turns out that he is exceptionally good at it.

From the bloody fallout from his first "cook," Walt gets a glimpse at the howling hell that beckons. He enters the world of drugs anyway, in the illusory belief that he can keep the furies at bay through force of will and intellect.

When we first meet Walt, he embodies a workaday goodness. He's the high-school teacher in front of a bored classroom. He's the father helping hike up his disabled son's pants. He's the breadwinner working a part-time job at the carwash to help make ends meet.

By the end, he's the basis of an international meth network. He's capable of having multiple potential witnesses against him killed simultaneously. He's a prodigious and talented liar.

The sin that undergirds it all is pride and a related thirst for power. Walt could have accepted help with his medical bills from an old college roommate who achieved great business success, but he's offended at accepting charity. He will maintain control through his own meth-fueled earning power. In so doing, he becomes a cash-addled slave to greed.

In the final season, we see him rolling a barrelful of his cash through the desert, in a Sisyphean march under the sun to save some of his millions. Even as his cancer returns after a remission, he is at war against the old adage that "you can't take it with you." He schemes to find a way to leave his ill-gotten riches to his family, to make, in his mind, all his crimes worthwhile.

He is a classic example of what the late political scientist Edward Banfield called "amoral familism," the inability to work "for any end transcending the immediate, material interest of the nuclear family" that characterizes backward societies and the mob. His supposed loyalty to his family, though, is only a thin tissue of self-justification.

Walt is a father figure to his former student and meth partner Jesse Pinkman and the real father to his teenage son Walt Jr. — both of whom he unhesitatingly manipulates for his own ends. His truest loyalty is to his own swollen ego. It tells him he is finally getting the riches he deserves and that he is smarter than everyone trying to compete with or catch him. His selfish choices will rip apart his family and put it in mortal danger.

One reason that "Breaking Bad" is so gripping is that the viewer can't help rooting for Walt even when he's at his most odious because the memory of the put-upon underdog still lingers. Walt is a reminder of Alexander Solzhenitsyn's axiom that the line between good and evil runs through every man. But once he decides he can be his own moral arbiter, as National Review's Jonah Goldberg notes, there's no stopping his downward slide.

The critics call "Breaking Bad" the best show on television. Some other series will claim that honor soon enough. But there may never be a character who better illustrates the way to perdition.

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New signs point to rising illegal immigration into US

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The number of immigrants crossing the border illegally into the U.S. appears to be on the rise again after dropping during the recession.

The total number of immigrants living in this country unlawfully edged up from 11.3 million in 2009 to 11.7 million last year, with those from countries other than Mexico at an apparent all-time high, according to a report released Monday by the Pew Research Center's Hispanic Trends Project.

The change is within the margin of error, and there will be a more precise census measure released later this year. Still, based in part on other factors such as increased U.S. border apprehensions, the sharp decline in illegal immigration from 2007-2009 has clearly bottomed out, with signs the numbers are now rising, Pew said.

Pew said that among the six states with the largest numbers of immigrants here illegally, only Texas had a consistent increase in illegal immigration from 2007 to 2011, due in part to its stronger economy. Its number was unchanged from 2011 to 2012. Two states — Florida and New Jersey — had an initial drop but then increases during the same 2007-2011 period. Three states — California, Illinois and New York — showed only declines.

"As a whole, with the recession ending, the decrease in illegal immigration has stopped," said Jeffrey Passel, a senior demographer at Pew.

Passel noted that historically the level of illegal immigration has been closely tied to the strength of the U.S. economy and availability of jobs. Since 2009, the average U.S. unemployment rate has dropped from 9.3 percent to 8.1 percent last year, with signs of strength in the construction industry, which yields jobs generally attractive to newly arrived Latino immigrants.

The Pew analysis is based on census data through March 2012. Because the Census Bureau does not ask people about their immigration status, the estimate on illegal immigrants is derived largely by subtracting the estimated legal immigrant population from the total foreign-born population. It is a method that has been used by the government and Pew for many years and is generally accepted.

Analysts said it was hard to predict whether immigrants in the country illegally could eventually exceed the record total of 12.2 million in 2007. Continued modest increases are possible, but another big surge like the one seen in the late 1990s and early 2000s isn't likely, due in part to demographic factors such as Mexico's aging workforce.

"Labor demand in the U.S. is still slack and wages are eroding, whereas there are jobs in Mexico and wages are slowly rising as labor force growth there decelerates," said Douglas Massey, a professor of sociology and public affairs at Princeton University who is co-director of the Mexican Migration Project. "The pressures for mass migration are diminishing for now, but who knows what kind of disasters lie ahead?"

Analyses of census data from the U.S. and Mexican governments show that the number of immigrants here illegally peaked at 12.2 million in 2007, during the U.S. housing boom, and before the recession hit. It then dropped roughly 7 percent to 11.3 million in 2009, the first two-year decline in two decades, due to the weak U.S. economy that shrank construction and service-sector jobs. Much of the decline came as many Mexican workers who already were here saw diminishing job opportunities and returned home.

Since then, the U.S. economy has shown some improvement, while public opinion regarding immigrants has shifted in some cases in favor of granting legal rights. For instance, some state legislatures this year have passed immigrant-friendly measures such as college tuition breaks and rights to driver's licenses, even as others enacted laws aimed at tightening the system.

A look at some immigration details, by the numbers:

■ In all, the number of Mexicans here illegally stood at roughly 6 million last year, down from the 2007 peak of 6.9 million and largely unchanged since 2010. Mexicans now make up 52 percent of immigrants in the U.S. illegally, down from 57 percent in 2007.

■ The level of illegal immigration from countries other than Mexico rose to a record 5.65 million, higher than the 5 million in 2009 and apparently surpassing the 2007 peak of 5.25 million. The record number in 2012 is a preliminary determination because of margins of error in the surveys.

■ In past surveys, non-Mexican immigrants here illegally have come primarily from Central America, at roughly 15 percent; followed by South America, the Caribbean and other parts of Latin America at 12 percent; and Asia, at roughly 10 percent. The Obama administration has recently said that unrest and poverty in many Central American nations are a large factor behind illegal immigration into the U.S.

■ Separately, U.S. Border Patrol data show a modest increase in the number of apprehensions at the Mexican border from 2011 to 2012, increasing to 365,000. That was because of growing apprehensions of non-Mexicans, as opposed to Mexicans, which declined. Historically, increases in border apprehensions have tended to coincide with increases in illegal immigration.

■ In particular, analysts have said that immigrants are shifting their migration paths from Arizona to deep southern Texas, due in part to that state's stronger economy, as well as increases in Central American immigrants who seek a more direct route to the U.S. Agents from the Border Patrol in Texas' Rio Grande Valley have apprehended nearly 150,000 so far this fiscal year, a 58 percent increase over 2012. About 94,000 of those border crossers arrested have been from countries other than Mexico.

The latest numbers on illegal immigration come as prospects for passage of a comprehensive U.S. immigration bill appear dim. A bill passed by the Democratic-controlled Senate and backed by the White House includes billions for border security as well as a 13-year path to citizenship for the 11 million immigrants already here illegally.

But most House Republicans have rejected this comprehensive approach, and the House Judiciary Committee has moved forward with individual, single-issue immigration bills that could come to the floor sometime later this year or next. It's unclear whether the GOP-dominated House will ever pass legislation that could form the basis for a final deal with the Democratic-controlled Senate.

Steve A. Camarota, director of research at the Center for Immigration Studies, a Washington group that advocates tighter immigration policies, said the immigration issue will be tough to resolve.

"The numbers remind us the problem of illegal immigration isn't going away anytime soon," he said, "unless we take steps to enforce the laws or have legalization of those here illegally."

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U.S. Border Patrol agent Jerry Conlin looks out over Tijuana, Mexico, on June 13. Behind him is the old wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, where it ends at the base of a hill in San Diego. After dropping during the recession, the number of immigrants crossing the border illegally into the U.S. appears to be on the rise, according to a report released Monday by Pew Research Center's Hispanic Trends Project.

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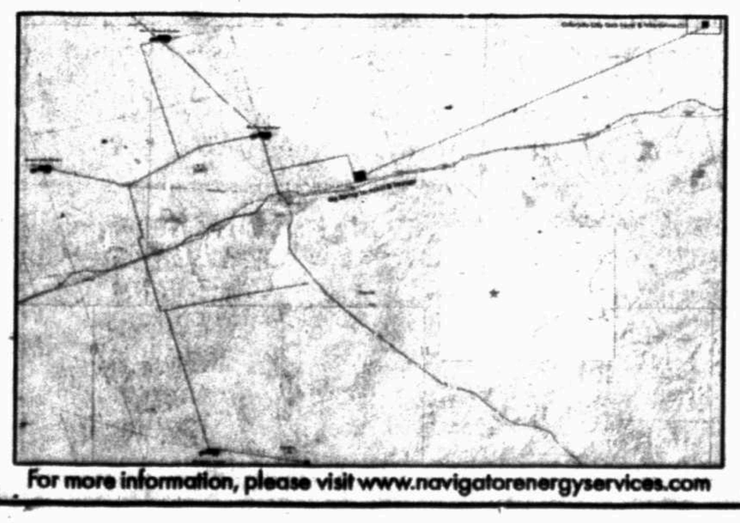
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Parenting psychologist to speak on privilege

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Success isn't all about good grades, high test scores or prominent college acceptances, according to author and psychologist Madeline Levine.

"While we all hope our children do well in school, we hope with even greater fervor they will do well in life," said Levine, who has traveled around the country for the past six years speaking about raising children in a world often ruled by report cards and standardized tests.

She is the author of "The Price of Privilege" and "Teach Your Children Well: Parenting for Authentic Success."

Levine will speak at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and 11:30 a.m. Thursday at First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave. Lunch will be provided Thursday; reservations are required at 432-684-7821. Admission is free.

Want to go?

Seminars by Madeline Levine, author and psychologist
- First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave.
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Susan Atchison, chairman of the speakers committee at First Presbyterian Church, said the church decided to bring Levine because she speaks specifically about the excessive expectations of wealthy, educated parents for their children.

"Knowing our economy right now and the affluence in Midland, we thought it would be a good service for the parents — all the wealth here and what it could do for our children," Atchison said. "Our kids are college-age or slightly above, and we fell into that trap; we saw the negative results. We're trying to help the next generation of parents don't do what we did."

Levine said some of the biggest problems facing today's children are escalating rates of emotional illness, depression, anxiety, substance abuse, cutting and eating disorders, which are partly because of a narrow definition of success — good grades, the best schools and a high-paying job.

That's a very limited notion of success, and ultimately will leave children feeling unhappy and unfulfilled, Levine said. She encourages parents, counselors and teachers to expand their definition of success to include friends, character and integrity.

Levine said doing well in school does matter but the emphasis is often wrongly placed on achieving high scores rather than retaining the material and being able to collaborate and communicate effectively with others — skills that employers look for.

Both events are open to the public, but Thursday's luncheon will be geared toward counselors and psychologists. Levine, a practicing psychologist, will discuss best practices in education and mental health.

"I think one of the problems parents have is that all of us are really nervous," she said. "It's a bad economy. We're very concerned about giving our kids a leg up. Unfortunately, the way many of us do it works against making kids more capable and more resilient. That will be the focus of the talk."

Madeline Levine: Parenting psychologist is author of "The Price of Privilege" and "Teach Your Children Well: Parenting for Authentic Success." She will speak in Midland this week.

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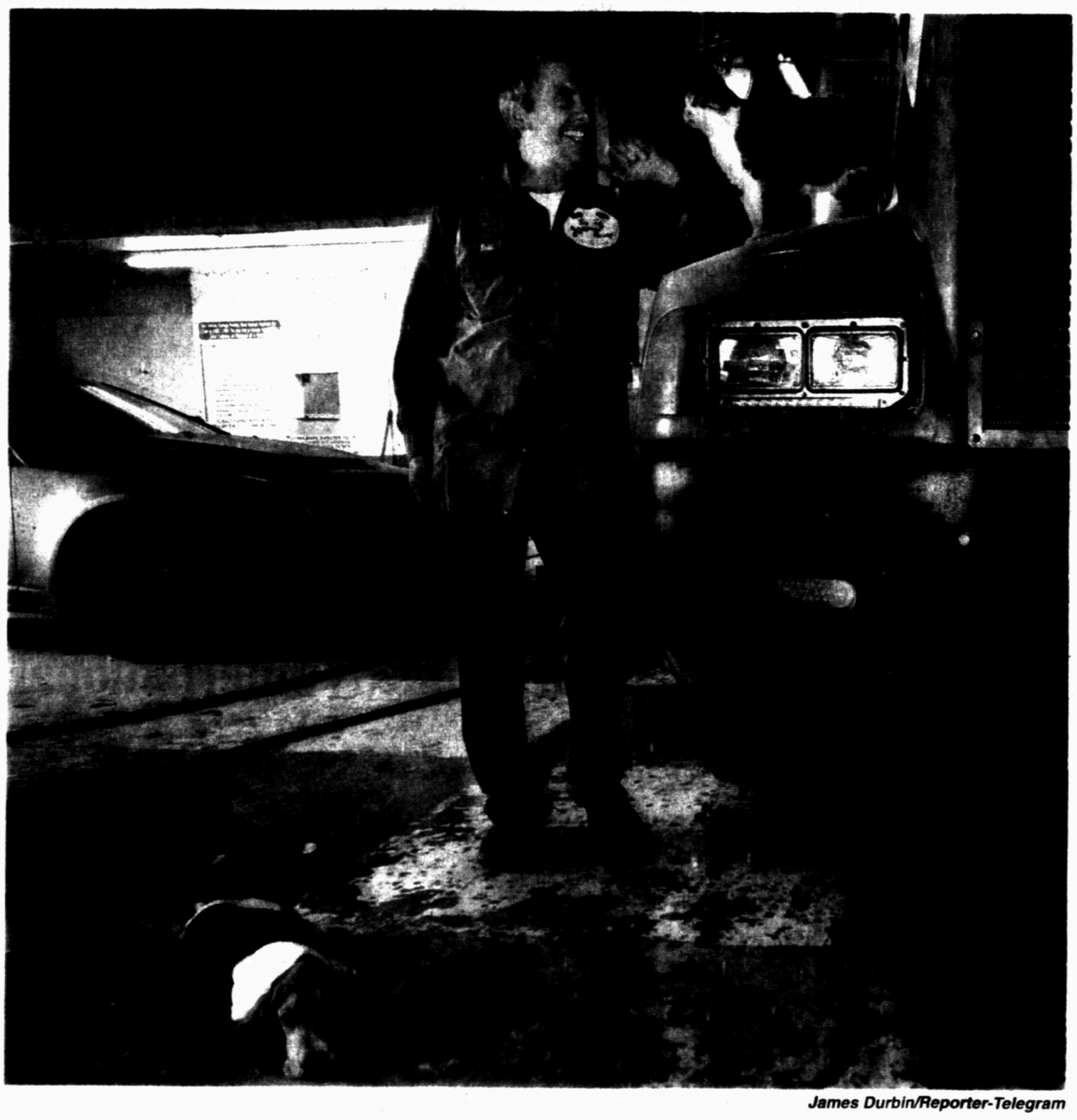

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Todd Turner, owner of Big Sky Towing, stands with his 16-year-old cat Nibbles and a basset hound puppy, named Fred, in his shop with a Kenworth T600 towing rig and his supercharged Cadillac CTS-V coupe on Wednesday.

Odessa man heartened by best friend once doomed as road-kill

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Todd Turner's "best friend" is his ever-loving "security guard," his affectionate Nibbles, perennial lover.

"All he does is eat and drink and gets fat," Turner said of the 16-year-old tabby cat, once an instant road-kill candidate who today mostly loves on him, really, if he does anything at all.

Their relationship is a love affair that almost didn't blossom.

Sixteen years ago, Turner and his "pretty Yankee wife," Julie, and their then-baby son, Travis, were heading home about dusk by way of his Big Sky Towing business that fronts the old U.S. Highway 80 between Midland and Odessa when a kitten appeared in middle of the roadway.

His blue-eyed Julie was driving their Chevrolet Tahoe.

"I told her, 'Run over that cat,'" the plain-spoken Turner, 47, said.

The wife heeded not.

She refused and straddled the kitten under the car, Turner recalled. "She didn't want him to get run over."

Turner said he "would have squashed" the kitten had he been driving the SUV.

Their son, now 17 years old, had cried "Uh, uh, uh" as if to say, "I want the kitten."

Julie immediately stopped the SUV.

"Leave that cat (alone)," Turner insisted. "Don't get that cat."

Instead, she rescued the kitten, took him home and cleaned him up. The kitten was nurtured into cat-hood and dispatched to Turner's base and workplace, now the cat's home amid the powerhouse might of Turner's fleet of International, Kenworth and Peterbilt tow trucks, a Kenworth tractor and a service truck for light work.

Somehow, in the wonder of love's tenderheartedness, Turner's attitude changed. He "fell in love" with Nibbles just as he had with heavy-duty tow trucks and their powerful utilitarian service to help others in distress or otherwise in need of a tow. Towing became his livelihood and passion.

"I wouldn't (take) a million dollars for that cat right now," Turner affirmed recently at his business, the former Turner Garage. "I love him. This is his home."

The cat is named Nibbles for good cause. With finesse and great affection, Nibbles gently bites Turner on the forehead, scalp, chin, cheek, ear, name it, wherever he pleases, nibbling not to break skin or to draw blood but to love on Turner, who is smitten by Nibbles' affection, tenderness, civility and loyalty. Turner smiles and surely coos.

Nibbles is Turner's companion in the shop-garage whenever Turner is not out on towing jobs. Nibbles follows him around, watching him at work on, in or under trucks and their rigging, which are fit for rescuing Volkswagen Beetles, Greyhound buses or massive oilfield rigs such as work-over units.

Nibbles is Turner's delight.

But Fred is not. Fred is the shop-garage's young basset hound, Julie's favorite and her darling pup that was named after the long-and-low-profiled hound featured in the 1977 film comedy "Smokey and the Bandit."

Fred is pretty well ignored by Turner, who observed that basset hounds "don't get tall, (but) they just get long."

Nibbles seems to adore and pamper Turner and certainly loves on him just as Turner loves his genteel feline companion and pampers him.

"Fred wants to be his (Turner's) best friend," Julie said of her pet puppy. "But he (Turner) doesn't want nothing to do with Fred," a pup who projects that sadly forlorn hound-dog look, seeking kindly attention.

Turner is "a good provider and a good lover" who loves and adores his fam-

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Agencies offer resources for Alzheimer's, dementia caregivers

■ Several workshops and support groups are available in the Permain Basin.

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Imagine the things you care about most in life. Family, friends, pets, career, hobbies, faith — the list goes on and on. Now, imagine you're slowly losing your memories of all these things — you don't know why, and you have no way to stop it.

This is what it feels like for someone with dementia or Alzheimer's disease, said Maggie Babb, a client care coordinator with Home Instead Senior Care. Babb periodically leads workshops in Midland to teach caregivers how to care for people with Alzheimer's, including how to find support groups and home assistance.

Denial is often the first reaction people have when told they have Alzheimer's, Babb said. The disease is progressive, with patients' memories slowly deteriorating over time. Certain conditions, such as dehydration, infections and thyroid trouble, can affect the intensity of the disease.

Along with memory loss, major indicators of Alzheimer's include repetitiveness, irritation and changes in personality and appetite. People suffering from Alzheimer's need a daily routine with minimal changes and respond best to softspoken, clear voices. But most importantly, patience is a must, Babb said.

"Trying to push somebody who has dementia is, nine times out of 10, not going to get you anywhere," she said.

Home Instead's workshops are held twice a year. The company also offers non-medical care — including help with bathing, dressing, transport, meals, games, cooking and laundry — in the patient's home, assisted living community or even the hospital. For more information, visit www.homeinstead.com/midlandtx.

Other resources in Midland include the Area Agency on Aging of the Permian Basin and the West Texas chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. These two organizations work together to conduct two support groups a week for caregivers in Midland. For days and times, visit www.alz.org/westtexas.

The Alzheimer's Association has a 24/7 hotline — 1-800-272-3900 — that caregivers can use to speak with counselors, said Janet Cross, program coordinator of the West Texas chapter.

The Area Agency on Aging of the Permian Basin provides free services for people over 60, said Susan Frederickson, caregiver program specialist. Services include respite care, health maintenance supplies, dietary supplements, medication dispensing machines, benefits counseling, minor home modifications, emergency response buttons, obtaining medical power of attorney rights and more. For more information, visit www.aaapb.com.

Both organizations periodically offer workshops and training for caregivers and can offer assistance on where to find other resources.

Save the date

2013 Caregiver Conference, held by the Area Agency on Aging of the Permian Basin
- 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 29
- Carrasco Room, Midland College
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FAMILY FEUD ALL IN FUN

Bailey Bingham, 10, and Daniel Bingham, 5, play on an inflatable attraction during the Fiesta on the Plaza on Saturday at Centennial Plaza.

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ily, especially the children, sons Travis, Trevor, 13, and 20-month-old daughter, Taylor, attested his wife of 20 years.

Being with his children is "a dream," Turner said.

"Mother and Daddy have to come first and then your children to make a stable marriage," Julie said. "God really comes first."

Turner seems to take on the persona of a maverick.

At Odessa's Permian High School in the early-to-mid 1980s, Turner said he did "as little as I had to do."

But he took on a bit of mischief with fellow teens by stealing a roadside bullet-riddled blue-and-orange Gulf circular emblem now posted in his shop garage. As if setting a record to earn Boy Scout merit badges, which they weren't, Turner and pals removed the transmission from an abandoned pickup truck in about 10 minutes. He repented.

After school, he worked afternoons in his grandfather Jack Turner's auto-parts store and studied automobile mechanics at night at Odessa College.

By age 19, he was in business after securing a $10,000 bank loan backed by his grandfather's good name and credit.

"I paid it back," Turner said. "Of course, I had to go back and get more money at different times, get more trucks and more money, and more trucks over the years" to operate his million-dollar enterprise.

Turner noted he was out of debt until recently when he brought a high-performance 700-horsepower Cadillac CTS-V, secured by Nibbles, of course, and fit for exceeding 200 miles per hour, which speedster Turner said he can clock in "about a shake or two" or about three seconds to reach 60-mph and quickly get "so far ahead" of pursuit vehicles to be virtually uncatchable.

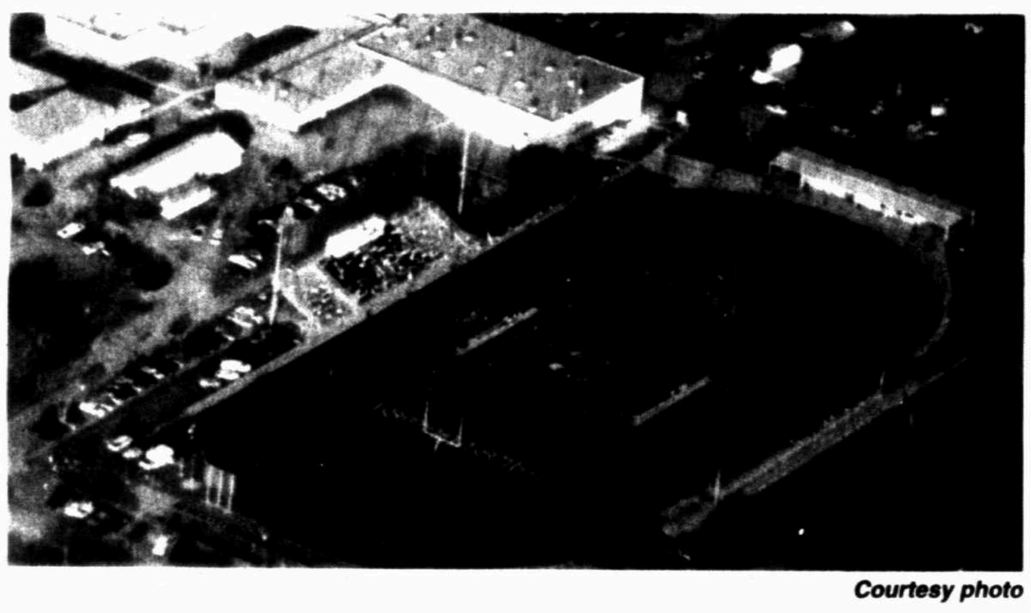
As time advances, Turner said he hopes to be remembered as a good father and a fiercely independent, honest and dependable businessman no longer given to youthful misadventures.

"You don't last in business being a thief and a liar. Nobody will trade with you. You've got to show respect and give respect," he said.

Meanwhile, Turner, 28 years in business, is nurturing a dream.

"I am going to be in Hollywood one day before I die," he said, perhaps through his quest to get on reality TV. "I am going to do my best. If I don't make it, I don't make it."

Perhaps his best friend Nibbles will give him a boost.



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The new stadium in Robert Lee is seen in this undated aerial photo.

Robert Lee hosts Wyo. team for 1st game at new stadium

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Big Spring storyteller

Meeteetse is a town of about 400 people in northwestern Wyoming. Robert Lee is a town of about 1,000 people in the center of Coke County, Texas. The likelihood of these two towns playing each other in a high school football game is extremely remote. But it happened.

Last May, the people of Robert Lee passed a $3 million bond issue to build a new stadium. Construction started almost immediately, and work was competed just a few days before the first varsity game. "People were real excited about the stadium," said athletic director and football coach Shay Avants.

All during construction, people would drive by to get a look. The new facility seats 1,800 and is big enough to have the track inside the stadium instead of it running outside around the bleachers as it did in the old one. The playing surface is state-of-the-art artificial turf.

"With water restrictions due to the drought, the last two years it was nothing but dirt out there for the kids to play on," said Avants. "It's a welcome change from what we had."

The first game was originally scheduled to be between Robert Lee and Eden, but the Eden coach said his team was low on players and very young and asked Avants if Robert Lee could find another opponent for its inaugural game in the new stadium.

"I had been invited to a coaches' clinic in Meeteetse," said Avants. "I just took a shot in the dark and called the coach up there and invited him to play us. We spent a couple of months figuring out how to do it, then we decided it was a go." The team and coaches would fly from Billings, Mon., change planes in Denver and land in Midland where they would be picked up in vans and driven to Robert Lee.

Meeteetse had several fundraisers for the kids. One rancher donated $10,000 toward the cost of plane fare. The only catch was the football players had to build a mile of fence. Robert Lee folks donated about $6,000 to the cause. On arrival, the visiting players attended a barbecue in the Robert Lee high school cafeteria that was crowded with fans. When they entered, they got a standing ovation. The Meeteetse team members stayed in homes of Robert Lee players and went to school with them the day of the game.

"They're going to be playing with mixed emotions, because some of them developed a bond between them. When the game starts, they're gonna strap it on and hate each other for a couple of hours," Avants said.

The stadium was filled at game time. Because the contest had some media coverage, people came from all over the state. Some parents of players drove down from Wyoming. Neither team had ever played before a larger crowd. At halftime the Longhorns from Wyoming were ahead of the Robert Lee Steers by a score of 25 to 24. For a halftime activity, a 30-member community band played.

The Robert Lee players were a hospitable bunch, but they wanted to win the game and fought hard. The final score was Robert Lee 68, Meeteetse 50.

"This was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for both teams," said Avants.

Tumbleweed Smith, of Big Spring, is a folklorist, humorist, public speaker and producer of "The Sound of Texas" radio series. Contact him at tumbleweedsmith.com.

Obituaries

Magnus Edward Mertz Jr.

Mr. Magnus Edward Mertz Jr. (M.E.) passed away peacefully on Sunday September 22, 2013. He was born in Hallettsville, Texas on February 21, 1928 to parents Magnus E. Mertz Sr. And Annie Krause Mertz. He grew up in Hallettsvilie and after graduating from high school he attended Southwest Texas State University. While serving in the Air Force from 1946 to 1949 he spent time mapping the islands of the South Pacific as an aerial photographer.

In 1952 he met and married Carolyn Marie Tolleson in Palacios, Texas. They enjoyed 61 years together sharing their mutual love of the outdoors including ranching, fishing and all types of hunting. In 1963, while working for Rogers Exploration, he moved his family to Midland, Texas where he worked in the seismograph business until retiring in 1987 as vice-president of GeoSeismic Services.

He is survived by his wife Carolyn and four children; Wade Alan Mertz and wife Cheryl, Sandra Elaine Ruddock and husband Alvin, Robin Kay Holland and husband Craig all of Midland and daughter Susan Mertz Jung and husband Kiech of San Antonio. He was preceded in death by a son, Randall Edward Mertz and a grandson Matthew Ray Ruddock. He is also survived by sister Delores Hutchings of Dallas, sister Myrtle Hessler of Hallettsville and brother Roger Mertz also of Hallettsville, Texas. He was preceded in death by a brother, Harvey Mertz.

He has 5 grandchildren; Christopher Wade Mertz and Jacob Trevor Ruddock of Midland. Gretchen Victoria Jung of Denver, Lindsay Carolyn Jung of San Antonio, Madalyn Marie Laqua of San Angelo and Camber Allison Holland of Midland.

He has five great-grand children; Paris Ruth Mertz, Jett Christopher Mertz, Ramsey Kay Ruddock, Harper Sue Ruddock and Monroe Charlotte Ruddock.

Services are scheduled for 1:00 pm Tuesday September 24th at Resthaven Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be sent to Lamun, Lusk, Sanchez T.S.V.H., 1809 N. Hwy 87, Big Spring, Texas 79720. Attn: Memory Support 2. Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Robert F. Castillo

"My suffering has ended on Earth but my life has begun in heaven. Some may say my time was short, but my journey with the Lord is timeless." On Saturday, September 21, 2013, Robert F. Castillo, 56, of Midland, TX was called home to be with the Lord. Robert was born to Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Castillo on June 12, 1957, full of life and with so many hobbies such as hunting, garage selling, trading and collecting antiques, but the way he will be remembered the most is in the kitchen or in front of a barbeque pit. He is truly loved and will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his father, Manuel Castillo; wife Elisa; his children, Bernandine Mendoza and husband; Robert Castillo Jr. and wife, Joshua Castillo and wife; step-children, Felicia Tapley, Michelle, Felisa, Deborah, Yvette Ochoa, Eric Prieto; sisters, Rosie C. Brito, Angie Byrd, Margie Rangel, and Mary Helen Silva; Brothers, Mario Castillo, Ramon Castillo, George Romero; his 39 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Mary R. Castillo, his son Juan Pedro Castillo, and nephew Victor Brito Jr.

Pallbearers will be: Isaiah Castillo, Danny Marquez, Neil Mendoza, Juan Gabriel Natividad, Steven Velez, Carlos Velez.

Services for Robert are as follows: Rosary Tuesday September, 24, 2013 at Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Hwy, Midland, TX at 7:00 pm, service at 10:00 am Wednesday September 24, 2013 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Midland TX. Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com

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Death Notices

Robert Lincoln Jr.

Robert Lincoln Jr., 80 of Midland, passed away on Saturday, September 21, 2013.

A Memorial Service will be held Thursday September 26, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Services under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife Jeanette Lincoln and A brother Steven Lincoln; A sister Barbara Jean Lantz; and numerous step-children, step-grandchildren, step-great-great grandchildren, Nephews; Nieces; Cousins.

Children with autism practice travel at Kennedy International

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Tom and Zsuzsa Price arrived at Kennedy International Airport, their four young children in tow, full of anxiety. Four-year-old Callum has autism, and the whole family had never been on a plane together.

They checked in, went through airport security and boarded JetBlue Flight 001, with sandy-haired Callum at times whimpering, yelling and fidgeting.

This time, though, it was just practice.

JetBlue Airways and the nonprofit Autism Speaks set up an air travel practice session Saturday for families who have children with the disorder. JetBlue officials said it was the first such event at JFK, one of the nation's busiest airports.

"We had no idea what to expect; we didn't know whether we'd have to turn around and go home," said Zsuzsa Price, of Bayshore, N.Y. "We're grateful to have the chance to try it out."

Autism spectrum disorders are a group of developmental disabilities that can cause significant social, communication and behavioral challenges and now affects one in 88 children, according to Autism Speaks, which offers support and aims to raise awareness of the disorder. JetBlue officials said they wanted to teach their employees tools to help make travel comfortable for people with autism — who represent a growing number of customers.

"The more tools we supply to our crew members, the better we can serve our customers," said JetBlue spokeswoman Kate Wetzel.

JetBlue workers volunteered their time, and the airline absorbed the cost of using the plane for the afternoon. About 300 parents and children attended. The Airbus 320 departed the gate and taxied around the tarmac for 20 minutes before returning.

Parents said they appreciated the ability to practice with their children, who ranged on the spectrum from mild to severe and in age from toddler to adult.

"They should do this at all airports. It's awesome," said Ryan Young, of Brooklyn, sitting next to his 8-year-old daughter, Rachel, who quietly read "Diary of Wimpy Kid."

"Having a situation where they can get to experience what it's like, it makes it so much easier, for them and for us," Young said.

Many of the children had never been on a plane before. Parents were anxious about tantrums sparked by the pilot's request to turn off electronic devices. Some kids wept, others laughed and some slept during the brief taxi. Many shied away from agents touching them. One boy opened the emergency exit door twice in the gate area, setting off a blaring alarm, triggering more tears.

Another girl made it down the boarding bridge but refused, screaming, to get onboard.

"I'm really glad we had this experience because I know he's not quite ready for the real thing yet," said Shantrise Keller, whose 2-year-old son, Trevor, is being evaluated for the disorder.

Twelve-year-old Nicholas Giangregorio doesn't speak and doesn't like to walk, so his parents Michael and Alison practiced walking down the boarding bridge. He walked slowly, his hands over his ears. The couple travels once a year and calls ahead, reserving the bulkhead seats and asking for priority boarding.

The only problem with the practice run, some parents said, is that people were too nice. Fellow passengers — and workers — aren't often so supportive during real travel.

"This was just great. We are so grateful, but in reality it is not going to be this easy," said Cathy Russo, of Brooklyn. In line, her 6-year-old, Anthony, had buried his head in her stomach, covering his ears, but fell asleep on board.

The Price family is planning a trip to Disney World in Florida in December, and they now feel more comfortable.

"He loved it," Zsuzsa Price said of Callum, who jumped up and down and laughed. "We are ready for our next trip."

Library to host Family Tree Day

From staff reports

Midland County Public Library's Redfern Genealogical Research Center is partnering with Midland Family History Center to host Family Tree Day from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 North.

Free research assistance will be available.

The library's research center recently became an affiliate of FamilySearch, a collection of genealogical records containing billions of birth, marriage, death, census, land and court documents from more than 130 countries. The documents are stored on microfilm, which is available for a $7.50 fee. Libary patrons may use the microfilm readers at the Centennial branch.

FOOD ETC.

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Get creative when packing school lunches

Do your kids open their lunch boxes and find sandwiches that have been turned into animal shapes or some other imaginative meal? School has been in session for about a month, so by now kids may be getting a little bored when they open their box each day to the same kind of sandwich. Sometimes it's difficult to be creative when sending food to school that must pack well or stay cool or warm. Here are a few suggestions that might get you out of a rut.

Purchase small containers that will fit in the lunchbox. This will allow you to separate foods such as grapes, carrot sticks, pretzels; or if you send lettuce, they could hold all of the salad toppings. You can send foods such as taco meat, grated cheese, salsa, lettuce and tortillas for making a burrito. Include your child in trying to fill each container with healthy foods. Quick, deli-style chicken with sides of cucumbers, carrot sticks and pretzels make a delicious easy meal. Sub sandwiches are a great choice with a side of celery stuffed with peanut butter or cheese. You can also take advantage of small, prepackaged servings of fruit, raisins, yogurt, crackers, granola bars and cheese. Send leftovers that your child enjoys. Use frozen drink boxes to keep foods cold or include insulated containers for serving warm dishes.

Lunch can be fun, healthy and just as delicious as a home-cooked meal with a minimal amount of effort. Plan ahead and purchase foods you know your child will enjoy. And for a final touch, you might add a coupon every now and then for a treat after school such as a trip to get yogurt or just a note from you that lets your child know you are thinking about him or her during the school day.

Roast Beef Wrap
From "Allrecipes, 30 Minutes to Cook"

1 (10-inch) flour tortilla
4 slices roast beef
1/2 cup shredded Cheddar/Monterey Jack cheese blend
1/2 cup shredded lettuce
1/2 cup chopped tomatoes
1/4 cup chopped onion
4 black olives
2 Tablespoons Italian style salad dressing

Place tortilla on a plate. Top with roast beef and cheese. Microwave if you would like it warm. Otherwise, sprinkle with lettuce, tomato, onion and olives. Top with Italian dressing. Roll up. This may make more than one depending on how full you want it to be.

Chicken Salad Croissants
From "Gooseberry Patch, Christmas 10th Anniversary"

2 cups cooked chicken, cubed
2/3 cup mayonnaise
1/3 cup celery, diced
1/4 cup raisins
1/4 cup sweetened, dried cranberries
1/4 cup slivered almonds
1 Tablespoon fresh parsley, minced
1 Tablespoon lemon juice
1 teaspoon mustard
1/8 teaspoon pepper
4 to 6 lettuce leaves
4 to 6 croissants, split in half horizontally

Combine the first 10 ingredients in a large bowl; mix well. Cover and refrigerate for 2 to 3 hours. Place a lettuce leaf on the bottom half of each croissant; top with about 1/2 cup chicken mixture. Add the top of croissant. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Peanut Butter Banana Boats
From "The Magic of Peanut Butter"

1/4 cup peanut butter
1 Tablespoon honey, optional
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon, optional
2 hot dog buns, toasted if desired
1 medium banana, halved lengthwise or sliced

In a small bowl, blend peanut butter, honey and cinnamon. Evenly spread peanut butter mixture in hot dog buns, then top with banana.

Creamy Pineapple and Turkey Rollups
From "Busy Mom's Weeknight Favorites"

10 thin white bread slices, crusts removed
1 (8-ounce) container soft pineapple cream cheese
1 cup pre-shredded carrot
10 ounces thinly sliced smoked turkey or ham

Roll bread slices with a rolling pin to 1/8-inch thickness. Spread cream cheese evenly on 1 side of each bread slice. Sprinkle with carrots. Top evenly with turkey slices. Roll up slices tightly, jelly-roll fashion. Cut each roll in half, if desired.

Easy Pocket Pizzas
From "Easy Weeknight Favorites"

1 cup commercial pizza sauce
4 (6 or 7-inch) pita bread rounds, cut in half
1 (3 1/2-ounce) package sliced pepperoni
1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
2 Tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

Spread 2 tablespoons pizza sauce inside each pita half. Arrange 6 slices pepperoni inside each half. Sprinkle cheese evenly in pockets. Place pockets on a baking sheet. Bake at 400 for 8 to 10 minutes or serve as a cold pita sandwich.

Fruit and Cheese Kabobs
From "Soccer Moms Cookbook"

8 ounces mozzarella cheese, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
8 ounces cheddar cheese cut into 1/2-inch cubes
3 apples, cut into bite-sized cubes, skin on (dipped in lemon juice)
3 oranges, peeled, sectioned, with each section halved
1 cup red grapes
1 cup green grapes
Long 6-inch toothpicks

On each toothpick, place 1 cube of each cheese, apple cube, orange section, red and green grape.

Macaroni & Cheese
From "Luby's Recipes and Memories"

2 cups (8-ounces) dry elbow macaroni
4 Tablespoons nonfat dry milk
2 Tablespoons all purpose flour
1 Tablespoon butter or margarine, melted
1 1/4 cups boiling water
3 cups shredded American cheese
1/4 cup kosher salt

Preheat oven to 350. Cook macaroni 1 to 2 minutes longer than package directs so pasta is soft but not mushy. Drain. In large mixing bowl, combine dry milk, flour and butter. Whisking constantly, gradually add in boiling water. Add 1 cup of cheese and continue whisking until smooth and creamy, about 2 to 3 minutes. Fold in macaroni, 1 more cup of cheese and salt. Transfer to a lightly greased 11x7-inch casserole dish and cover with foil. Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until sauce in center of casserole is thick and creamy. Remove foil and sprinkle with remaining 1 cup of cheese evenly over the top. Return to oven until cheese melts.

Creamy Chicken Alfredo Bake
From "The Dean Bros. Take it Easy"

8 ounces penne pasta
One (10-ounce) package frozen peas
4 cups shredded cooked chicken
One (15-ounce) jar Alfredo sauce
1 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 375. Butter a 9x13-inch baking dish. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Cook the penne for 7 to 9 minutes. When the penne is almost done, (firm but no longer crunchy), add the peas and continue cooking for 1 minute more. Reserve 1/4 cup of the cooking water and drain the penne and peas. In a large bowl, combine the penne, peas and chicken, Alfredo sauce, and the reserved 1/4 cup pasta cooking water. Transfer the mixture to the prepared baking dish and top with the Parmesan cheese. Bake for 20 minutes or until the cheese is melted and browned at the edges.

Halloween fare

What is your favorite recipe to make for Halloween? Send your recipe to foodetcmrt@aol.com or mail to the Reporter-Telegram, 201 East Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701, attention: Food Etc./Joan Huff or fax to 570-7650. Please include your name, phone number and source of the recipe. Deadline is Wednesday.

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Light color, deep flavor — a healthy white chili

By Sara Moulton
Associated Press

The first time I ate white chicken chili, it was wrapped in a burrito. And I fell instantly in love.

Of course, I'd always been a fan of tomato-based red chili, but the white version — flavored with green chili peppers and thickened with sour cream — struck me as cleaner. And I didn't miss the sometimes cloying sweetness that tomatoes bring to red chili.

So here is my lightened-up version of white chicken chili. It can be eaten straight up by the bowl, over rice (preferably brown), or spooned into a whole-wheat tortilla. To make this dish creamy without any cream, I thickened it by mashing up some of the white beans. Combined with a tiny bit of reduced-fat sour cream, the mashed beans provide this impeccably slimmed-down chili with an unexpectedly luxurious texture.

Good flavor and thickening ability aside, white beans also happen to be a powerhouse of good nutrition. They're a terrific source of fiber — which means this chili will fill you up — and a very good source of folate and manganese.

The list of ingredients in this recipe is longish, but good chili requires a fair amount of flavors. On the other hand, this version, unlike the traditional one, doesn't need to simmer for hours, which makes it quite do-able on a weeknight. Then again, if you happened to cook it on a weekend and didn't serve it until a few days later, the flavors would only improve.

The base of this chili is ground chicken and white beans, both of which are affordable. If you can't find ground chicken, use ground turkey. And if you're not a fan of either, you're welcome to swap in lean ground beef.

As written, this recipe isn't especially spicy. To save time, I call for canned green chili peppers (which are quite mild) and generic chili powder (a blend of ground chili peppers and spices, often oregano and cumin).

But if you wanted to heat it up, you can lose the canned chilies in favor of fresh ones. Poblanos — roasted, peeled and chopped — would be perfect, as would chopped and sauteed jalapenos and serranos. Or you can use pure chili powder made from ground dried chilies, such as chipotles. Or just finish the dish with your favorite hot sauce.

And please don't forget the garnishes. Even though they require extra work, I can't recommend them highly enough. They add so many layers of flavor and texture to the finished bowl of chili.

White Chicken Chili with Lime

Start to finish: 1 hour (30 minutes active)
Servings: 6

1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1 cup finely chopped yellow onion
1 red bell pepper, cored and chopped
1 pound ground chicken or turkey
1 tablespoon minced garlic
1 1/2 tablespoons chili powder
1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon dried oregano
1/2 cup white wine (optional)
1 1/2 cups low-sodium chicken broth (use 2 cups if not using the wine)
Two 15 1/2-ounce cans white beans, drained and rinsed
4 1/2 -ounce can chopped green chilies (use less if you prefer a very mild chili)
1/2 cup reduced-fat sour cream
Salt and ground black pepper
To serve:
Chopped scallions
Chopped fresh cilantro
Grated low-fat Monterey Jack cheese
Lime wedges

In a large nonstick or stick-resistant skillet over medium, heat the oil. Reduce the heat to medium-low, add the onion and red pepper, then cook for 5 minutes, or until the onion is softened. Add the chicken and cook, breaking up the any large pieces, until the chicken is no longer pink, about 5 minutes.

Add the garlic, chili powder, flour, cumin and oregano and cook, stirring, for 2 minutes. Add the white wine, if using, and the broth in a stream, whisking. Bring the mixture to boil and simmer for 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, use a fork to mash 1 cup of the beans. Add both the whole and mashed beans and the chilies to the chili and simmer for 10 minutes. Stir in the sour cream and cook until hot. Season with salt and pepper.

Ladle the chili into bowls and accompany at the table with scallions, cilantro, cheese and lime wedges.

Nutrition information per serving: 410 calories; 120 calories from fat (29 percent of total calories); 13 g fat (4.5 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 75 mg cholesterol; 41 g carbohydrate; 9 g fiber; 3 g sugar; 29 g protein; 430 mg

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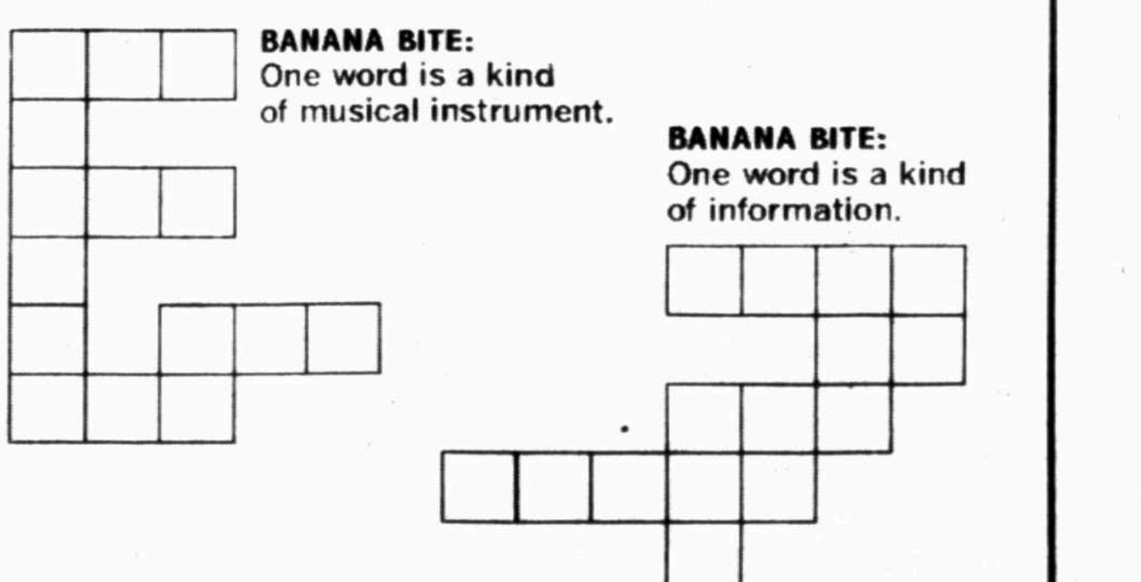

BANANA BITE: One word is a kind of musical instrument.

BANANA BITE: One word is a kind of information.

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Family of Big Tex artist remembers how it began

By Eric Aasen
The Dallas Morning News

Even a year after Big Tex burned down, it's tough for Elisabeth Bridges to think about what happened to the beloved icon that her grandfather built.

"I felt like one of our family had died," she said.

She cried.

"I was just really glad that my grandfather didn't get to see that."

In 1952, Jack Bridges created a gigantic cowboy that would welcome crowds to the State Fair of Texas.

Big Tex became a big hit.

Bridges, who died in 2001, gave the State Fair a treasured character that's now woven into the fabric of North Texas. Through the years, fairgoers would make it a point to stop and look up to admire the 52-foot-tall talking cowboy. When they got lost, they would meet at Big Tex.

The Dallas Morning News reported Big Tex would become the backdrop of countless family pictures — the backdrop of the State Fair, the backdrop of fall in Dallas.

Bridges was a colorful, quirky artist known for telling tall tales. He was Big Tex's caretaker, helping to install him and take him down at Fair Park each fall.

After Jack Bridges' creation went up in flames last October, the fair hired a Texas-based company to build the new Big Tex. Fair officials have remained tight-lipped about his reconstruction, but they say he will look similar when he is unveiled on Friday, the opening day of this year's fair.

"The artist is still Jack Bridges, in a way," the State Fair president, Errol McKoy, said soon after the fire. "His likeness will still be the same."

But it will be hard for Elisabeth Bridges.

"To me, it will be Big Tex and it will be the new Big Tex, but it won't ever be the Tex that Jack built," she said.

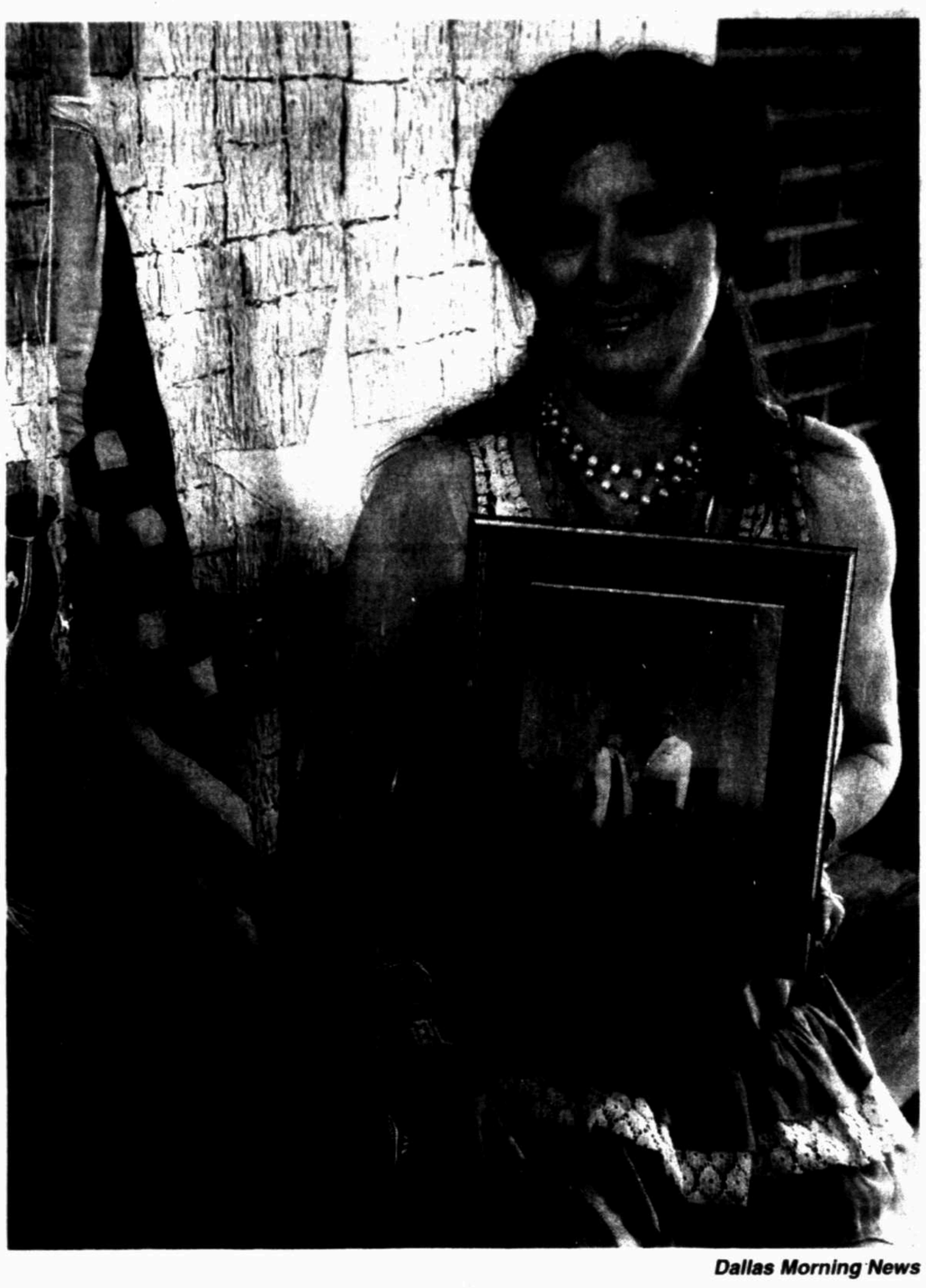
Before Big Tex debuted at Fair Park, he was the world's biggest Santa Claus in Kerens in Navarro County in 1949.

In 1951, the town sold Ol' Saint Nick to the State Fair for $750. Fair officials first thought about placing Santa in Fair Park for the holidays. Then they decided on a cowboy.

State Fair officials have long credited R.L. "Bob" Thornton, the State Fair president who later became Dallas mayor, with the Big Tex concept.

Thornton loved Dallas and was one of the city's greatest promoters, said his granddaughter, Mary Brinegar, president and CEO of the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden.

"He was quick to see opportunities, so I can only imagine his enthusiasm in first seeing the gigantic Santa Claus for sale," she said.



Dallas Morning News

Elisabeth Bridges, granddaughter of Jack Bridges, who created Big Tex for the State Fair of Texas in 1952, poses with a photo of her grandfather and his grandmother and Big Tex in Fort Worth on Aug. 30.

Big Tex's smiling face, Bridges once said, was vaguely inspired by the beloved character Old Man Texas, created by Dallas Morning News cartoonist John Knott, whose illustrations appeared in the newspaper for more than 50 years.

But Thornton wanted a younger cowboy.

The fair hired Bridges, a local artist and set designer.

Bridges once said that Tex's facial features were modeled after three people: "Me, Will Rogers and Doc Simmons, a rancher from Bell County. I took the worst features from all three of us."

He had three weeks to do the job. He worked frantically day and night.

Just weeks before the 1952 fair opened, The News caught up with a beret-wearing Bridges in his barn-sized studio as he worked on Tex's papier-mâché head and his steel, wood and chicken-wire frame.

The paint was still wet when Big Tex was installed at Fair Park.

At first, Big Tex looked kind of evil, said Nancy Wiley, the State Fair historian and retired spokeswoman. His nose was long and hooked. He winked — his right eye was shut.

So after the '52 fair, Bridges gave him a nose job and opened his eye. And he worked to give him a voice in time for the 1953 fair.

From then on, Bridges would have a lifelong connection to the tallest talkin' Texan.

"I made a paper doll, and I'm known all over the world just for that," Bridges said in 1962 during Big Tex's 10th anniversary.

Eventually, Bridges replaced his papier-mache head with fiberglass, something he often tinkered with.

"We were always asking him to watch what he was doing because he'd come home and all his eyebrows were singed off," said Elisabeth Bridges, 48, who said her grandfather inspired her to become an artist.

He even gave Big Tex a faint gold tooth in the '70s.

"Cowboys always get their teeth knocked out either in a bar or on a bucking bull," Bridges once told The News.

For a guy who was known for stretching the truth, the first report of Jack Bridges' death was the ultimate tall tale.

His death was announced prematurely in a letter to the editor in The News in the fall of 2000.

"Tell 'em the truth!" Bridges told The News soon after. "I can't stand up anymore. I've lost the sight in one eye. I had a hip replacement with 143 sutures, and it hurt like hell. But I'm not dead."

Six months later, in 2001, Bridges passed away. He was 91.

Last October, when Elisabeth Bridges heard that Big Tex was on fire, she raced over to Fair Park. At Big Tex Circle, she saw a boy about 5 or 6. He was in tears.

His mom explained that he had been crying in the car on the way to the fair because he knew that Big Tex had burned down.

Bridges showed him some pictures of Big Tex during happier times.

"Don't worry," she told him. "It will be OK. They will rebuild him."

He stopped crying.

"It's OK," he declared. "I'll ride the rides."

Elisabeth Bridges said: "It will be cool for that little boy to go to the fair this year and know that Big Tex is back."

Story distributed by The Associated Press

Texas: Prada Marfa is illegal roadside ad

Associated Press

EL PASO — The Prada Marfa art installation has stood alone in the West Texas plains for eight years, its high-end Italian fashion goods available to no one.

Now, state officials say the shack-sized building along a rural U.S. highway near Marfa is an illegal roadside advertisement, and they're considering what to do about a structure that's a must-see for passing tourists and a must-hit for vandals.

Artists Michael Elmgreen and Ingar Dragset designed the piece to resemble a Prada storefront and slowly disintegrate. It went up in 2005 on private land in Valentine.

But it wasn't in the sights of the Texas Department of Transportation until Playboy this summer installed a 40-foot neon bunny along the same highway.

TxDOT spokeswoman Veronica Beyer said both the Prada Marfa and the Playboy bunny are considered signs under Texas law, meaning it's something intended to advertise, including logos. The bunny sculpture is the magazine's iconic logo, while the fake store has the Prada logo on its awnings. Under federal law, a permit is needed to display signs along a U.S. highway.

"We know it's illegal. They don't have licenses; they don't have permits," Beyer said. And both displays sit on land that does not qualify for obtaining permits.

Boyd Elder, a local artist and Prada Marfa site representative, disagrees.

"It's not advertisement, it's not a store, no one is selling anything there. It's an art installation," he said.

The state ordered the bunny to be removed by late October, though it gave the company a 60-day extension to allow them to find a solution.

TxDOT hasn't yet determined whether to take similar action against the Prada Marfa.

If the state and the artists do not find a way around the law that prohibits signs on public highways, TxDOT stands to lose federal funds at a time when budget constraints made it consider asking cities to take over the maintenance of some state roads.

"If Texas did not effectively control outdoor advertising, it would be subject to losing 10 percent of its federal-aid highway funds," Beyer said.

PR Consulting, a public relation firm representing Playboy, said the TxDOT issued the removal notice but then immediately extended the deadline, "reflecting our mutual desire to keep the discourse open."

Houston-based attorney Dick Deguerin was involved in discussions with TxDOT to try to find a solution for the Playboy bunny and the Prada storefront, Elder said. Deguerin didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Elder said the idea was originally to place the installation along a highway that leads to Las Vegas.

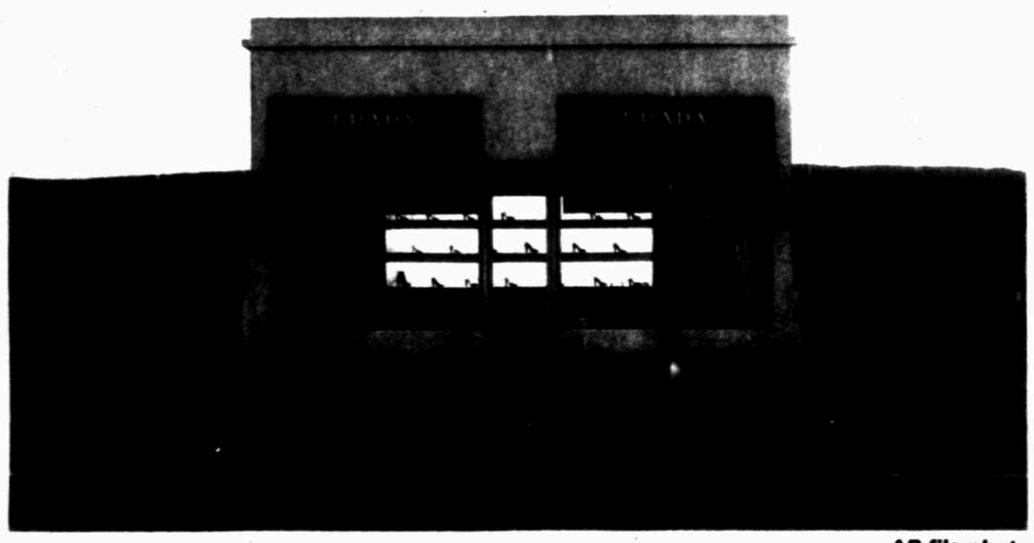
"It was going to be called Prada Nevada, but then someone suggested we put it in Valentine, and we all laughed," he recalls. "It was a joke to put it in the middle of nowhere."

Since it opened, vandals have hit the store numerous times, including a break-in where thieves discovered the bags — which sell for hundreds of dollars — had the bottoms removed and only the right shoe of each pair was on display. The window panes were eventually replaced with bullet-resistant polycarbonate.

Elmgreen and Dragset didn't immediately respond to an email request for comment.

The artists "want people's reaction to their art," Elder said. " ... Maybe this (TxDOT decision) is the ultimate reaction to the art itself."

But Beyer offered an olive branch, saying: "We want to find a solution to this, we know people want to see art in this great state, but it has to be legal."



AP file photo

Texas officials said the Prada Marfa, seen here in 2006, is an illegal roadside advertisement and is considering what to do about the iconic West Texas structure. The Prada Marfa was installed in 2005 in Valentine, but it only came under scrutiny this summer after Playboy installed a 40-foot sign with a neon-lit bunny not far from the famous building. The state ordered Playboy to remove its sign within the next month.

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Spy Museum considers move to historic DC library

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The International Spy Museum, one of the most popular attractions in the nation's capital over the past decade, is considering a move to a historic library that would give it more space for exhibits and a link to the city's convention center.

Museum officials told The Associated Press on Monday they will propose a redevelopment of Washington's historic Carnegie Library with the city's convention center authority, Events DC. The project would include new 40,000-square-foot underground space for exhibits and a new glass pavilion to house a District of Columbia visitors center, cafe and museum store.

Peter Earnest, the museum's executive director and a former CIA agent, said the Spy Museum has outgrown its space since opening in 2002 in downtown Washington.

"We're looking long term. By moving to a new location, we will get more space," which is especially needed for temporary and changing exhibits, Earnest said. "That's actually one of the reasons people go back to museums because there's an exhibit for usually a limited period of time for something interesting."

The Spy Museum holds the largest collection of international espionage artifacts ever placed on public display, according to museum officials. It broke the mold for Washington museums by charging admission fees of $19.95 in a city accustomed to free admission at the Smithsonian Institution museums on the National Mall.

Since opening, the Spy Museum has drawn 600,000 to 700,000 visitors per year, with crowds sometimes lining up outside, waiting to get a glimpse of spy gear and once-secret stories from the CIA, Russia and elsewhere.

Museum Founder Milton Maltz would fund much of the redevelopment cost for the historic library site. In a statement Monday, he said the Spy Museum represents his family's history as the children of immigrants.

"Wars have historically been won or lost because of intelligence, and this museum enlightens the American public on the activities conducted by the brave men and women who serve in the various intelligence agencies," he said.

The new museum site would serve as an anchor for a growing entertainment and cultural district, said Gregory O'Dell, president and CEO of Events DC. The area is close to a new convention hotel under construction and the massive City Center retail, office and housing development being built in downtown Washington.

The museum would share the building with the Historical Society of Washington.

Two previous attempts to make the former library a museum have failed. The historical society opened the City Museum at the site in 2003, exploring the city's history, but it closed less than two years later because of funding shortfalls. Later plans called for a National Music Center museum at the site, but that idea fell through in 2008.

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TODAY: Sunny High: 87 Low: 64

WEDNESDAY: Sunny High: 90 Low: 68

THURSDAY: Sunny High: 92 Low: 69

Local forecast

Expect sunny skies today, a high around 87 and a low around 64 and east winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday and Thursday, look for sunny skies with highs in the lower 90s and lows in the upper 60s.

Friday will be mostly sunny with a high near 89.

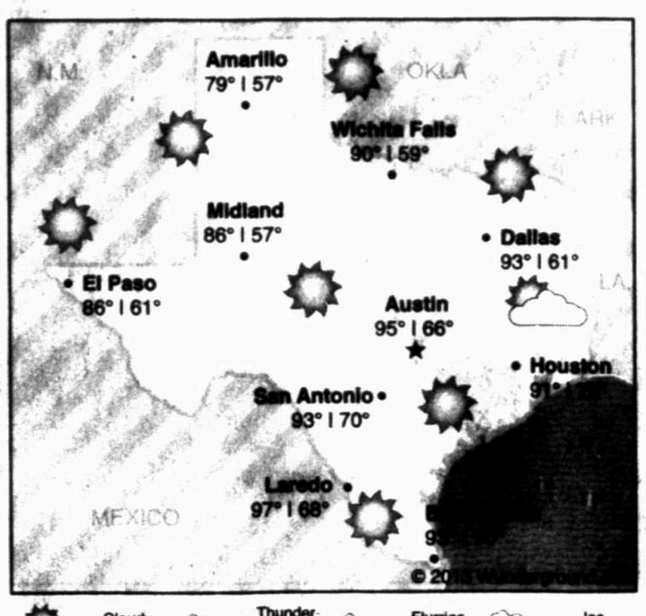
The only rain in the forecast is a slight chance of showers on Saturday.

The high on Monday reached 92, while the low dropped to 61. The record high for Sept. 23 is 99 set in 1933. The record low is 45 set in 1994 and 1995.

Weather Why

Q: What does the dew point tell us about current weather conditions?

"The dew point is the temperature to which the air would have to cool in order to reach saturation," said Brent McRoberts, of Texas A&M University. "The dew point tells us the amount of water vapor in the air. The higher the dew point, the higher the water vapor content. In other words, dry air has a low dew point, whereas moist air has a higher dew point."



Precipitation

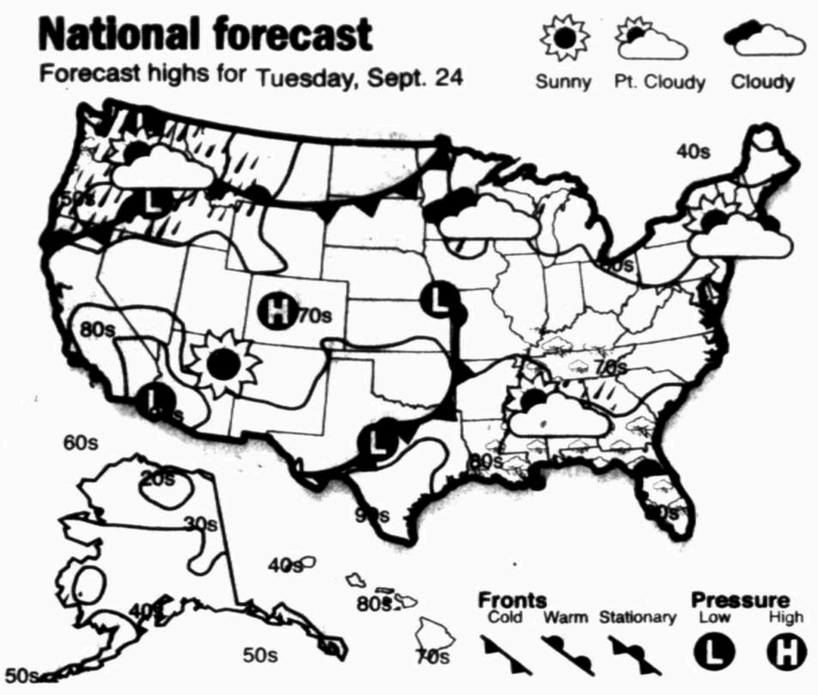
Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	1.17 in.
Year total	4.56 in.
Normal total (year to date)	9.66 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	97
Low	69
Normal high	92
Normal low	67
Sunrise	7:24 a.m.
Sunset	8:14 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Sept. 24



Overproductive parents are driving daughter out the door

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 23-year-old woman who still lives at home. I have been working for the last five years and have saved enough to live comfortably on my own. Unfortunately, my parents have forbidden me to do it because they think I'm being manipulated into it by my boyfriend, that I just want to "do whatever I want" and be out until late (although I'm rarely up past 9 p.m. and they know it), and because I "can't stand them" anymore.

I have no privacy! My mail is opened "mistakenly," and my calls are listened in on even when I politely — and sometimes angrily — ask them not to. They have even imposed a rule that I must show them my bank balance weekly.

They have told me I will not leave the house without being married first. I would like to live on my own before I actually marry so I can experience what it's like. This is something I have always wanted to do. If I do move out, they say I'll "bring shame and embarrassment" to the family.

There seems to be a double standard going on here because my older brother has his girlfriend sleep over. How can I accommodate my parents without being disowned? — FEELING HELPLESS IN ILLINOIS

DEAR FEELING HELPLESS: Your parents have chosen to ignore that you are an adult, self-supporting and entitled to make your own choices. They may be well-meaning, but they are extremely heavy-handed. Their hyper-vigilance — opening your mail, eavesdropping on your phone calls and insisting on checking your bank balance weekly — is over the top. They would like you to be "safely" married before you leave their protection.

Is their problem that they disapprove of your boyfriend? If you get a place of your own, do you plan on moving him in? If that's not the case, there is no reason why your living independently might shame or embarrass them.

Not knowing your parents, I can't judge whether their threat to disown you is serious or not. However, if it is, realize it's a form of blackmail, and you will have to decide which is more important — your freedom or their support.

DEAR ABBY: "Lights Out in Federal Way, Wash." (Aug. 13) asked if it was a "sign" that her deceased parents were watching over her when streetlights would go out as she drove under them on her way home.

I understand your desire to give encouragement to someone who has lost her loved ones, but don't you know that many streetlights are light-activated so that after headlights hit them in just the right way they will turn off? After you pass under them, it becomes dark enough again, and they will turn back on within a few minutes.

While I'm sure that given the opportunity this girl's parents would watch over her, the streetlights she described have nothing to do with the paranormal but have a scientific and logical explanation. — SOMEONE'S WATCHING IN GUILFORD, MO.

DEAR WATCHING: While many readers shared similar experiences, the majority had a logical explanation as you did. However, I still feel that if what she's experiencing brings her comfort, the important thing is what she chooses to believe.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Both vulnerable. South deals.

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♡ 9 7 2
♢ J 3
♣ Q 10 7 2

WEST
♠ 10 6 4 3
♡ K 10 4
♢ 10 6
♣ K J 9 3

EAST
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♣ A 6 4

SOUTH
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♢ A Q
♣ 8 5

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1	Pass	2	Pass
4	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Ten of ♢

Different strokes for different folks can be found in many auctions.

Consider us among those who believe that East's three diamonds serves no purpose. It is unlikely that partner has enough to suggest a sacrifice should the opponents bid on, and there is no guarantee that a diamond is what you want led. Had East stayed out of the auction, West would probably have led a club. Given the auction, though, for West to lead anything but a diamond would have been a gross dereliction of duty and declarer, a player of international repute, made the most of the chance offered on this deal from a major championship.

The opening lead was probably from a doubleton, so East held seven diamonds. Declarer decided to play East for trump shortness and West to hold exactly three trumps along with three or more spades.

At trick one declarer captured East's king of diamonds with the ace, cashed the ace of hearts and then started on spades. When East discarded on the third spade, it was perfectly safe to cash the fourth spade for a club discard. The defenders had to be content with two hearts and a club.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2013:

This year you see the big picture more easily. Some of you will opt to travel more and visit different cultures, others will go back to school, and many will become more interested in spiritual studies. If you are single, you naturally could start meeting a very different type of person. Come summer 2014, your dating life could revolve around someone quite special. If you are attached, as a couple, the two of you benefit from making a public commitment to each other. Get out more, and you will be happier. GEMINI knows how to appeal to you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You might awaken thinking about a dream. By the time you are done with breakfast, you will find a way to integrate an idea from this reverie into your life. Others will express their interest when you share your thoughts with them. Tonight: Friends delight in your originality.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You might feel like heading in a different direction in order to achieve better results. You might believe that you are able to tackle a financial risk, as you live and act on your innate optimism. Tonight: Make sure that your checkbook is balanced before you walk out the door.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You'll feel as if you have many opportunities, but you want to choose the right one. Know that there is an element of confusion around you. To see what you want with clarity might not be possible right now. Let friends play devil's advocate. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ You might sense that there is much more going on than meets the eye. You'll want to proceed in a different direction from others, yet choose not to express your concerns. Go with the moment. Tonight: Where the gang is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You project a strong, magnetic personality. In fact, a secret admirer might reveal him- or herself as a result. Take notice of who comes forward, as well as this person's expressions. You could be just as taken with this individual as he or she is with you. Tonight: Go with the flow.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ You assume responsibility naturally, and others count on that fact. A loved one has a way of wrapping you around his or her finger and making you think a lot about him or her. Make plans to get together soon. Tonight: Discussions about a situation in vague terms might irritate you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You can see what others don't today. Detach, and you will gain a new perspective. You'll be able to see what is muddying the waters and find a solution. If your associates can't see the situation as you do, how can they see the answer? Tonight: Go with the unexpected option.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Someone might seek you out for what he or she believes is an important decision. You could view this issue far differently from how this person does. You might opt to keep your thoughts to yourself. Your caring is deep and intense. Tonight: Opt for an old-fashioned date.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Be ready to adjust to others' requests. They might not be handling matters as you would like, but they come close with some creative touches. Let these people try out their concepts. They always are challenging you, so give them a chance. Tonight: Accept an invitation out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ You might be eager to jump into the fray and lead the way out. You clearly see how to get the outcome you desire. You will need to work hard and listen to what is being shared. You can work with an idea and make it practical so that others will see its value. Tonight: Take it easy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You might think that others understand more than they do. Most people base their concepts on a conventional model. You could have a lot of ideas that you'll need to translate in a way that others will grasp them. Tonight: A love interest is batting his or her eyelashes at you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You will feel centered and ready to run with the ball. When you see a situation from someone else's perspective, your first reaction might be confusion. Try to clear up what is confusing you in order to come to a more positive decision. Tonight: Stay close to home.

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BORN TODAY

Puppeteer Jim Henson (1936), author F. Scott Fitzgerald (1896), actor Kevin Sorbo (1958)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Babbling waterway
6 Pillow covers
11 Healthful facility
14 Nocturnal primate with a ringed tail
15 Squiggle in "piñata"
16 Make a mistake
17 "1972 hit with the line "The day the music died"
19 Feel sick
20 Sharp turn
21 Auction cry
22 "I'm innocent!"
24 Pennsylvanie, par exemple
26 "County fair prize
29 Receding tide
31 On edge
32 Sambuca flavoring
35 Place for a polar bear
37 Street shaders
40 "Home-based business
43 __ II razor
44 Tells in a bad way
45 Biblical beasts
46 Blue gem, for short
48 "I __ you one"
49 "Beef-braised-with-tomatoes dish
53 Jones with a locker
57 Cagney's TV partner
58 Spring bloomer
60 Go head-to-head
61 Prefix for the birds
62 Green Bay Packer fans ... and a hint to the answers to starred clues
66 Pince-__ glasses
67 Prefix meaning "sun"
68 Krupp Works city
69 Afternoon ora
70 Bagel flavoring
71 "Star Wars" surname?

DOWN
1 Burn brightly
2 Send a money order, say
3 Alpha's opposite
4 "__ Man in Havana" Graham Greene novel
5 Barbra's "A Star Is Born" co-star
6 Delay on purpose
7 Many an Indian, religiously
8 The Eiger, e.g.
9 Start of the 16th century
10 Greeted and seated
11 Vehicle safety devices
12 First-class
13 Former senator Specter
18 __ salad
23 Excessively preoccupied
25 Precedent setter
27 Boarding school jackets
28 Bassoon vibrator
30 "But I don't wanna __ pirate!" "Seinfeld"
32 Do some film work
33 Partner of neither
34 Highlight in print, in a way
35 Banquet
36 Put a match to
38 G I grub
39 Part of TBS: Abbr.
41 Pinot
42 Detroit labor org.
47 Film with a classic shower scene
48 Sooner State migrant
49 Bias
50 Have second thoughts
51 Five-letter song refrain
52 Felonious fire
54 Salt's "Halt!"
55 Audio counterpart
56 Like "Will you marry me?" questionwise
59 Storage building
63 Clucker
64 Yale alum
65 Suffix with Brooklyn

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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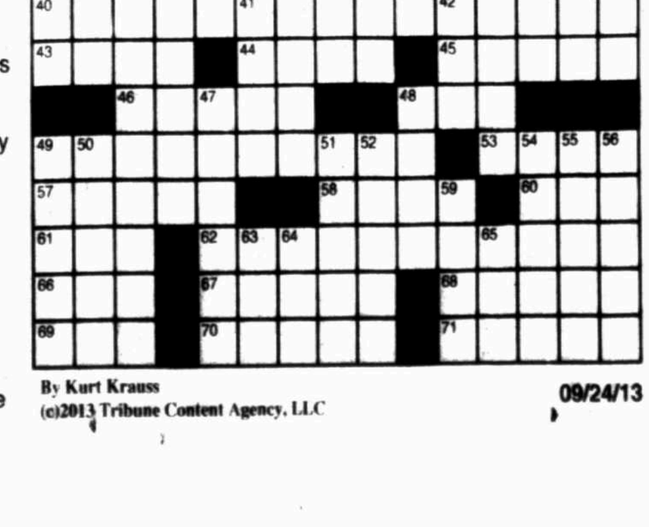

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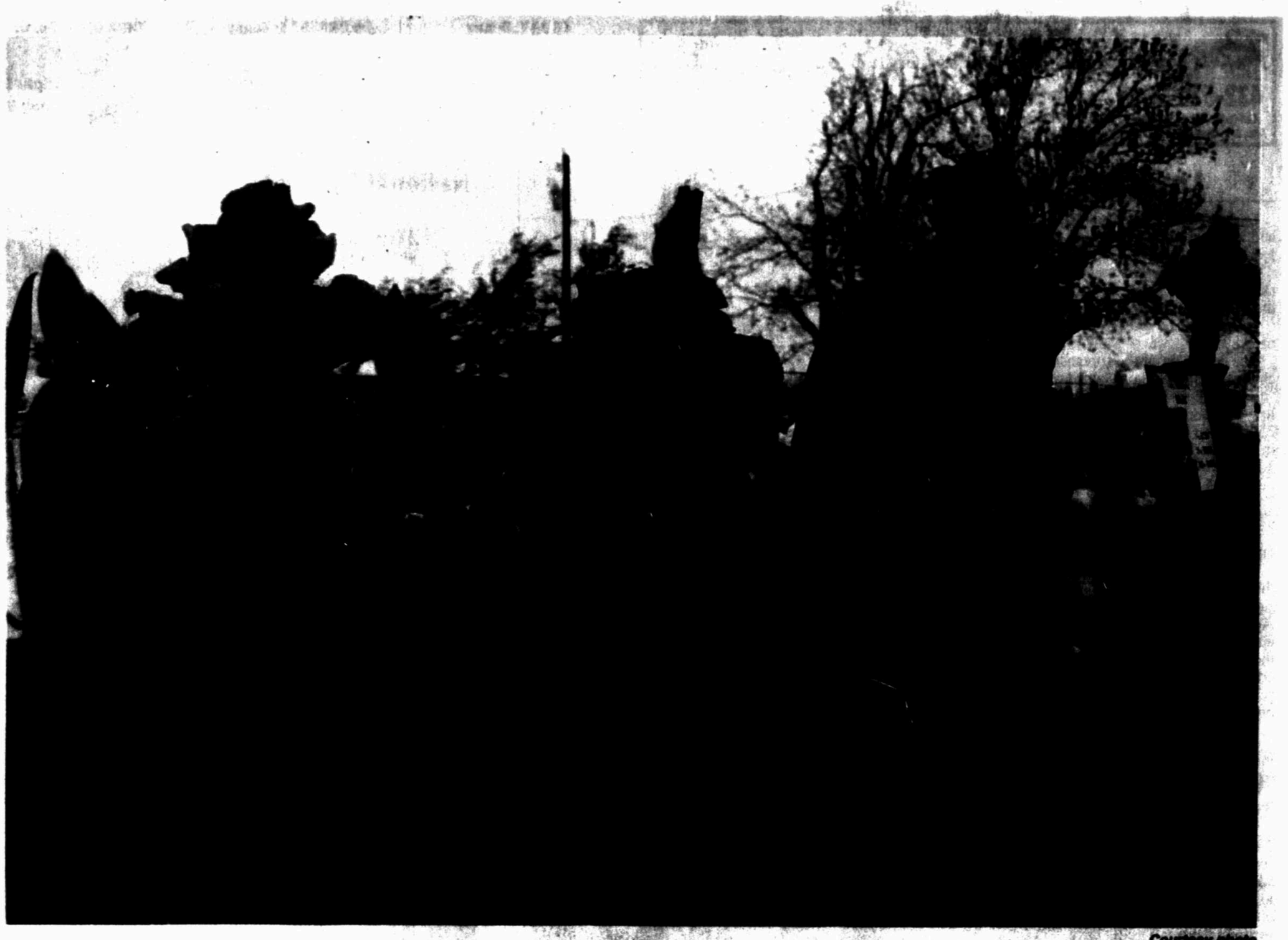

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Plant propagation is a fun and productive fall activity. Propogation can be done with several plants, including irises, pictured above.

Re-Leaf by Debbie Frost

Some moisture, lower temperatures and better growing conditions make it an ideal time to take cuttings or divisions of plants. More plants means you save money and make a greater impact of a particular plant. Plants can be mass-planted for a greater impact or repeated throughout the landscape to create a thread of color or form that pulls the viewer's eye through the landscape. Mass planting and plant repetition are two very effective landscape design techniques. And plant propagation is a horticulture technique that can help you achieve the look.

Here's how to take a cutting and foster a new plant. An excellent landscape plant is an artemisia called Powis Castle. Powis Castle artemisia (Artemisia X "Powis Castle") is a perennial foliage plant that looks great, grows in full sun or partial shade and tolerates low, but regular water. It has finely cut, silvery blue leaves. It grows 2 feet tall and 3 feet wide. Start a new plant from a 5- to 6-inch cutting. Strip the lower one-third of leaves off the stem and stick it in a pot of good potting soil or in good soil in the garden. Keep moist, and it will begin to develop roots in just a week or so. Keep the soil evenly moist for the next several weeks and before the holidays, you will have new plants.

The technique described above is a tip cutting and will work with several plants, such as purple heart, gray or green santolina, lavender, rosemary and roses. Regardless of whether you stick them in potting soil or garden soil, protect them from strong sun, high winds and drying out. Rooting hormone is helpful but not absolutely necessary as long as rooting medium has good drainage. Use this technique during the rest of September and October. Roses can be propagated through November.

Plant division is another good and easy way to propagate certain plants. This amounts to digging up a plant that has formed a clump, dividing the clump and replanting the individual sections. Bearded iris is a good example of a clump-forming plant. Lift the clump and choose a healthy fan of leaves and keeping a healthy fleshy rhizome, detach it from the mother plant with a clean, sharp knife. Plant this out into prepared soil at the same depth it grew before, but not too deep. Keep the soil moist and add mulch to promote new root development.

Shasta daisy, daylilies, canna lilies, garden phlox and yarrow are just a few plants that are very easy to lift, divide and replant. Each plant requires a slightly different method of division, but they are easy to do and the success rate is very high for even novice gardeners.

Find re-leaf for your garden, design and budget by taking advantage of fall conditions that are so good for plant propagation.

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Neighbor's vine causes havoc for shrubs, flower beds

Neil Sperry

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Dear Neil: Our neighbor's trumpetvine has made its way into our yard. It has invaded shrubs and beds. We have found it impossible to dig up. We try to keep it cut off at ground line, but it continues to spread. What can we do?

Answer: Perhaps your neighbor is having the same chaos, and maybe the two of you could team up to eliminate the mother plant that is giving rise to all the root sprouts. Cut the main plant off at ground line, drill holes 1/4-inch wide and 1 inch deep into the stump, and use an eyedropper to fill each of the holes with a broadleafed weedkiller (containing 2,4-D) at full strength. It will soak into the stump, and it will be carried out to all of the roots. It should stop them from growing. Any that do continue to grow can easily enough be controlled by mowing and occasionally by hand-digging the worst of them. If your neighbors are not interested in doing this, your only recourse would be to dig a trench 15 or 18 inches deep and install a heavy vinyl pond liner barrier to stop the roots at the property line. You would still have to cope with all the sprouts, but they would gradually fade away.

Dear Neil: I cannot get anything to grow on this site. It's clay and gravel. A huge oak sucks up lots of moisture and drops leaves and acorns all over the ground. I'm considering leveling this off and adding gravel to use as a parking spot. What are your thoughts?

Answer: It's difficult to reach a really helpful decision for you without standing on-site looking at it. But that seems really extreme. I would suggest you work with a landscape contractor and ask about layering it into terraces, then using mondograss, Asian jasmine or purple wintercreeper euonymus as your groundcover. With just a bit of bed preparation before planting and a reasonable regularity of watering, it could be really handsome — much more appealing than a parking place. But perhaps I'm missing something.

Dear Neil: We are new to Texas from Utah and Nevada. I am trying lettuce in containers on my back patio this fall. Can I simply cover my rolling containers with frost cloth or a sheet when I know a frost is coming later this fall? Can I keep the lettuce through the winter? I plan to roll the plants out for six hours of sunlight, then into the shade as needed. Any advice?

Answer: Hopefully you're growing leaf lettuce. If so, you will probably have completed your harvests by the time a killing freeze comes in. Leaf lettuce is one of our fastest vegetables from planting until harvest. In the event winter comes really early, lettuce can stand frosts (above freezing), but you wouldn't want to let it be exposed to temperatures below freezing. The frost cloth could work, but it sounds like you could also wheel the plants into the garage overnight. Honestly, my bet is that you'll have harvested your last lettuce leaves long before the first freeze.

Dear Neil: How can I get rid of ants? I've tried vinegar, hot water and corn meal, but they keep coming back. What can I do?

Answer: I'm just not the advocate for those remedies. I've had way too many reports that sound just like yours. Please go to a Texas Master Certified Nursery Professional and ask for help in choosing the best product. Stick with legally labeled insecticides. There are many fine products that will control ant populations effectively and efficiently. To some degree, it will depend on the type of ants involved.

Dear Neil: I planted a 1-foot Mexican sycamore in early July. I watered it well in July, but I may have let it get too dry at some point in August. It lost lots of leaves, so I resumed my watering three times per week. Do you think it will recover, or do you think that I've lost it?

Answer: Only time can tell. Newly planted trees are especially vulnerable. If it's going to survive, you should be seeing at least modest bursts of new growth this fall. Sit tight and watch for now.

Dear Neil: I have a lovely double pink hibiscus that has, after five years, become unruly. When can it be trimmed and reshaped?

Answer: Obviously it hasn't been exposed to any hard freezes, perhaps because you have it in a large pot that you can bring into protection when it's really cold. In any event, the best time to prune it would be in February, before it begins its spring growth. Try not to remove more than one-third of its top growth. Extreme pruning produces strong vegetative regrowth at the expense of flowers.

Keep those leaves! Fallen foliage adds life to landscape

Jeff Floyd

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It is official: Autumn has arrived. At last we can look forward to shorter days and a much-anticipated respite from the heat of summer. Like most people in the United States, West Texans call this time of year fall, so-named for the abundance of leaves that most landscape perennials will shed as part of their winter survival strategy.

While the shedding of leaves means that deciduous plants are about to go on an involuntary winter diet, a veritable buffet will befall a few trillion hungry soil-borne bacteria and fungi. As this windfall of detritus enriches the soil with a population explosion of microscopic creatures, a host of other small animals such as mites, sowbugs and beetles will move in to clean up. Birds recognize this as an opportunity to unearth a steady supply of beetle protein tucked away under the decomposing organic matter.

In an effort to maintain a tidy lawn, we often rake up everything and haul it off to an already overburdened landfill. This removal of leaves robs your landscape of valuable organic matter.

While 3 to 5 percent can be expected in the eastern part of Texas, most urban soils on the Llano Estacado contain around 1 percent of soil organic matter by volume. Composted organic matter aerates the soil, increases its capacity to hold water and nutrients and creates a rich environment for plant root growth.

Increasing the amount of organic matter in your soil is easily accomplished. Rather than raking up all of your leaves this fall, use a mower with a mulching blade to chop them into tiny pieces. The force of a properly set up mower will literally inject new life into your soil.

If there are too many leaves for your mower to contend with, put them in your compost bin or rake them into a corner of the lawn. Place an old piece of carpet or plywood on top of the mass of leaves, occasionally adding water and turning the pile to speed up decomposition. Do not place the composting material against plant stems, fences or the side of your home.

Hewn leaf litter can be used as topdressing that will slowly decompose and feed nearby plant roots. So when you plant your violas, ornamental cabbages and snapdragons for a little fall color, I recommend that you plant them in a bed of chopped up leaves.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Permian Basin Master Gardeners will be hosting an irrigation efficiency class 6:30-8:30 p.m. today at the Midland County Extension office, 2445 E. Highway 80. Call 498-4071 or 686-4700 to register.

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service provides private applicator training weekdays by appointment in the Ector County Extension office, 1010 E. Eighth St. in Odessa. Registration is required.

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Makeshift defensive line no problem for Marinelli

By Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

IRVING — Walking alone and somewhat hobbled after two hip replacements, Rod Marinelli slowly made his way to the locker room after the Cowboys' 31-7 demolition of the Rams.

Dressed simply in slacks, a short-sleeve blue shirt and an old-school Cowboys baseball cap with the 'D' emblazoned on the front, the 64-year-old defensive line coach could have easily been mistaken for a grizzled, old equipment manager.

While the Vietnam veteran and former Detroit Lions head coach is perfectly content staying out of the spotlight, it's going to be harder for him to remain in the shadows after he transformed an area of weakness into one of strength.

"Coach Marinelli does a great job," defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin, 73, said of his right-hand man. "He's an icon. He's the best."

The defensive line was riddled with injuries at the start of the season. Anthony Spencer, Jay Ratliff, Tyrone Crawford and Ben Bass are either done for the season or struggling to return after going down in training camp or the preseason. With so many injuries, five of the 10 defensive linemen currently on the roster weren't with the team at the start of camp in July.

But rather than sit in self pity, Martinelli has been the maestro of a makeshift line that has played a key role in the Cowboys starting 2-1.

With linchpin end DeMarcus Ware (a team-high 4.0 sacks) and veteran tackle Jason Hatcher (3.0 sacks) performing at a high level and journeymen George Selvie and Nick Hayden filling in nicely while Spencer and Ratliff rehab in hopes of returning to full strength this season, Dallas has been dominant up front.

"Give credit to their pass rush," said the Rams' Sam Bradford, who was sacked six times Sunday, including twice by Ware and once each by Selvie, Hatcher, backup end Kyle Wilber and cornerback Orlando Scandrick.

"They did a good job. They were running a lot of games with their down linemen…Those guys played well."

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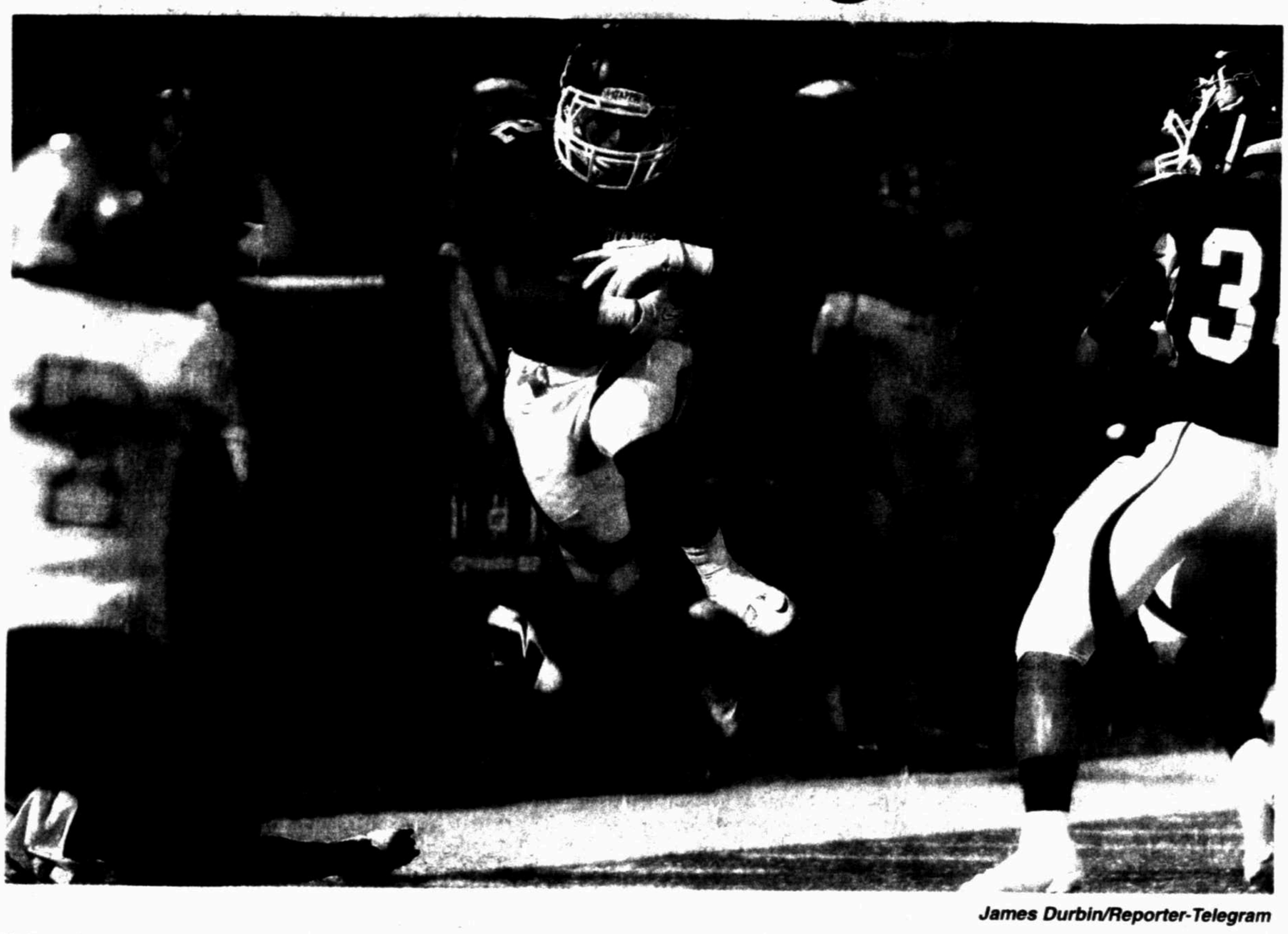
Jose Yau/Waco Herald-Tribune

St. Louis Rams quarterback Sam Bradford (8) is sacked by Dallas Cowboys defensive tackle Jason Hatcher (97) during the first half of Sunday's game in Arlington.

SMALL/PRIVATE SCHOOL REPORT

Smooth running so far



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Midland Christian's Davis Fender jumps over a Big Spring defender Sept. 6 at Mustang Field.

Midland Christian keeping focus on ultimate goals

By Len Hayward
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Midland Christian has left little doubt over the last four weeks of how well the Mustangs have played against a quartet of Class 3A teams that could be in the postseason later this year.

But even though the Mustangs outscored those four opponents 198-17 and averaged 463 yards of offense in those games, the wins don't mean anything when it comes to Midland Christian winning another TAPPS Division II title.

Those games start this week when the Mustangs head to the Metroplex to open the TAPPS Division II, District 1 campaign against Fort Worth Southwest Christian on Friday.

The Mustangs have certainly been rolling lately, and coach Greg McClendon said this year's team has also kept everything in focus, knowing that the ultimate prize is still out there.

"They won't have any trouble refocusing because this team wants to be the best team we've ever had at Midland Christian," McClendon said. "I see that in the kids and know that with our coaches. We talk about keeping things simple and working on continuing the fundamentals."

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MRT AREA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Big Spring's Hill has huge Friday with 5 touchdowns

By Oscar LeRoy
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Big Spring junior running back and linebacker Hunter Hill admitted that after his team's wild and wacky 61-48 victory over Andrews on Friday night, he couldn't feel his legs while he was taking off his game pants.

Who could blame him?

Hill had just been in a crazy track meet against his team's rival with moments of heart-stopping action. Hill had also played a big part in that victory as he rushed for 151 yards and five touchdowns on 15 carries, while also contributing four tackles from his outside linebacker position. Hill estimates he played about 80-90 percent of the snaps from this close to 3 1/2-hour game.

Hill

"I didn't want to move at all," said Hill about being exhausted after the game. "But I was excited to play and I got to run again."

Run he did and thanks to that performance, Hill is the Reporter-Telegram's Area Player of the Week.

"Before the game, we were talking about trying to rush for 200 yards, and I just tried my best to do it," Hill said. "My line did a great job for me. It helps running behind that amazing line. I just read the daylight they gave me and tried to score. Plus, I had other people blocking for me. That's the main reason I was able to score that many touchdowns."

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Out of league been tougher than usual for Big 12

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

Mack Brown's team at Texas is feeling much better after getting into Big 12 play.

After ugly non-conference losses to BYU and Mississippi, a win over Kansas State in their league opener provided a fresh start for the Longhorns.

"I do feel a different sense," Brown said Monday. "Everybody has got new hope, so it's really like two different seasons."

Once the Big 12 gets through this last weekend in September, there will be no more non-conference games in the regular season. Then at least league teams will be beating up on each other.

There have already been eight non-conference losses, twice as many as the Big 12 had throughout the regular season last year. Big 12 teams are 19-8 against non-conference opponents with three such games left to play this weekend.

"Not only the Big 12, but across the country, there's a very huge amount of parity and I've mentioned that over the last three or four years," Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy said during the weekly Big 12 coaches teleconference. "It's great for the fans, it's great for everybody other than the coaches. There will be challenges week to week."

Last year, the Big 12 was 26-4 in its non-conference games played during the regular season — the mark was 27-3 in 2011, the league's first season with 10 teams and a round-robin schedule. Even in 2010, when the league still had 12 teams and each played four non-conference games instead of three, the Big 12 was 40-8 in the regular season against outside competition.

No. 11 Oklahoma State, coming off an open date after winning its three non-conference games, plays its Big 12 opener Saturday at West Virginia (2-2).

West Virginia suffered its first shutout loss since 2001, losing, 37-0, last weekend to Maryland when the Mountaineers had only 175 total yards. West Virginia lost its Big 12 opener at Oklahoma more than two weeks ago and will be the first to play two conference games already.

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HSVOLLEYBALLCAPSULES

BY LEN HAYWARD

DISTRICT 2-5A
ODESSA HIGH
AT MIDLAND HIGH

When/where: 6 p.m. today, MHS Gymnasium

Records: Midland High 21-11, 3-3 in District 2-5A; Odessa High 2-17, 0-6

Last district match: Amarillo Tascosa def. Midland High, 25-18, 25-20, 25-22; San Angelo Central def. Odessa High, 25-7, 25-14, 25-12

Last meeting: Midland High def. Odessa High, 25-11, 25-11, 25-14 on Sept. 3

The scoop: The Lady Bulldogs will have a chance to return to the win column today against winless Odessa High, but will have to avoid looking ahead to Friday's showdown with a resurgent Odessa Permian squad. ... Midland High suffered a three-set loss to league-leading Amarillo Tascosa last Friday, and now are back in the middle of the pack in the District 2-5A standings. The Lady Bulldogs are tied for fifth in the standings with Abilene High, one match behind San Angelo Central and Lubbock Coronado, who are tied for third place. ... Odessa High has yet to win a set in District 2-5A, being swept in all six matches, including MHS sweeping them.

Next: Odessa Permian at Midland High, 5 p.m. Friday; Abilene Cooper at Odessa High, 5 p.m. Friday

District 2-5A volleyball

	District		Overall	
Team	W	L	W	L
Amarillo Tascosa	7	0	17	13
Odessa Permian	5	1	20	8
San Angelo Central	4	2	21	8
Lubbock Coronado	4	3	19	12
Midland High	3	3	21	11
Abilene High	3	3	20	8
Lee	2	4	14	13
Abilene Cooper	0	6	10	20
Odessa High	0	6	2	17

Friday's Scores

AAmarillo Tascosa def. Midland High, 25-18, 25-20, 25-22; San Angelo Central def. Odessa High, 25-7, 25-14, 25-12; Lubbock Coronado def. Abilene Cooper, 26-24, 25-15, 25-15; Abilene High def. Odessa Permian 25-21, 19-25, 25-21, 25-19.

Saturday's Score

Amarillo Tascosa def. Lee 25-21, 25-17, 25-10

Today's Matches

Odessa High at Midland High, 6 p.m.; Lee at Odessa Permian, 6 p.m.; Abilene Cooper at San Angelo Central, 6 p.m.; Amarillo Tascosa at Lubbock Coronado, 7 p.m.

LEE AT ODESSA PERMIAN

When/where: 6 p.m. today, Permian Fieldhouse, Odessa

Records: Lee 14-13, 2-4 in District 2-5A; Odessa Permian 20-8, 5-1

Last district match: Amarillo Tascosa def. Lee, 25-21, 25-17, 25-10; Abilene High def. Odessa Permian, 25-21, 19-25, 25-21, 25-19

Last meeting: Odessa Permian def. Lee, 25-21, 17-25, 26-24, 13-25, 15-8 on Sept. 3

The scoop: Lee enters today's rematch with Permian looking up at nearly everyone in the district standings. The Lady Rebels are sitting in seventh place, one match behind Midland High and Abilene High. ... Lee returned to action last Saturday after a week off and fell to Amarillo Tascosa in three sets. ... In the last match between these two teams, Permian rallied for a fifth-set victory after Lee won the fourth set convincingly. ... After today, Lee begins a tough stretch of matches with Lubbock Coronado on Friday and San Angelo Central on Oct. 1.

Next: Lee at Lubbock Coronado, 5 p.m. Friday; Odessa Permian at Midland High, 5 p.m.

TAPPS 1-4A
LUBBOCK TRINITY
AT MIDLAND CHRISTIAN

When/where: 7 p.m. today, McGraw Special Events Center

Records: Midland Christian 24-4, 3-1 in TAPPS 1-4A; Lubbock Trinity 17-10-1, 3-1

Last district match: Arlington Grace Prep def. Midland Christian, 25-22, 16-25, 25-27, 25-20, 16-14

The scoop: The Lady Mustangs suffered their first district loss of the season, falling to league-leading Arlington Grace Prep in five sets. Before that loss, the Lady Mustangs had won 12 straight matches. ... Who wins this match tonight will likely have the inside track to second place in the district and keep pace with Grace Prep.

Next: Fort Worth Christian at Midland Christian, 7 p.m. Friday

TODAY'S OTHER MATCHES

Midland Classical at Andrews, 6 p.m.

Wink at Greenwood, 7 p.m.

Lubbock Trinity at Midland Christian, 7 p.m.

WEEKENDROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

LEE GRAD POE EARNS CSFL HONOR

Wayland Baptist sophomore linebacker Jon-Lucas Poe, a Lee grad, was named the Central States Football League Defensive Player of the Week for this past week.

Poe recorded a team-high 12 tackles, including seven solo tackles, in a 38-34 loss to Howard Payne. Poe also had 2.5 tackles for loss.

Overall this season, Poe leads the Pioneers with 31 tackles, and had three tackles for loss and a forced fumble.

JACKS FINISH 2-2 AT NAHL SHOWCASE

BLAINE, MINN. — The Odessa Jackalopes finished the annual North American Hockey League Showcase with a 2-2 record after finishing with a pair of victories.

The Jackalopes (2-5-0, 4 points) beat Brookings, 5-2, and the Minnesota Magicians, 5-3. Odessa fell to the Minnesota Wilderness, 4-1, and Springfield 4-0.

In the victory against Brookings, Lukas Laub, Jake Kreutzer, Austin Murray, Derek Brown and Mathieu Briand each tallied goals. Jacks goaltender Yoshihiro Kuroiwa stopped 31 of 33 shots in the win.

Against the Magicians, the Jacks scored four third-period goals to take the victory. Razmuz Waxin-Engback, Chad Guderian, Laub and Robb Stautz all had goals in the final period. Brown scored Odessa's other goal, which came in the second period.

Odessa will return to South Division action this week with a pair of games against Amarillo on the road, with the first game scheduled for 7:05 p.m. Friday.

MC VOLLEYBALL MATCHES SWITCHED

Midland College and Clarendon College have switched the venues for their two conference matches in October.

The Lady Chaps will now face the Lady Bulldogs on Oct. 2 in Clarendon, and then the return match is scheduled for Oct. 23 at Chaparral Center.

Midland College will take on New Mexico Military Institute in a WJCAC match at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Chap Center.

HS TENNIS
GREENWOOD FALLS TO SNYDER

Greenwood dropped a dual match to Snyder on Saturday, 15-4.

Payden Merryman and Lane Richardson each won matches in boys singles. Merryman beat Corbin Shaw, 6-4, 7-5, and Richardson topped Johnathan Louis, 4-6, 6-0, 10-7.

The Rangers also won two matches in boys doubles. Brandon Elliott and Kevin Campbell combined to beat Gabe Benitez and Shaw, 9-7, and Timmy Knapp and Blake Elliott won their match, 8-5.

Rios hits for cycle as Rangers rout Astros

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

Rangers	12
Astros	0

ARLINGTON — Alex Rios stood in front of an empty bottle of champagne while he answered questions about the first cycle of his career.

He's hoping there might be a few more bottles in the near future for the Texas Rangers.

Rios hit for the cycle, Derek Holland struck out nine in his second shutout of the season and the Rangers started their final push for a playoff spot with a 12-0 victory over the Houston Astros on Monday night.

The Rangers pulled within a game of idle Cleveland for the second AL wild-card berth with six games remaining. They are two games behind wild-card leader Tampa Bay, which beat Baltimore 5-4 on Monday.

If they want to celebrate a fourth straight season in the playoffs, the Rangers will have to keep it up in the final two games against the Astros and a four-game finishing series against the Los Angeles Angels — all at home.

"We have to focus on the things that we have to do to win a game at a time," said Rios, who completed the cycle in his only four at-bats and drove in four runs. "It doesn't do any good for us to look at what's happening around us."

Rios finished the cycle with a triple to right-center field in the sixth inning, pulling into third standing up without a throw and later scoring to put Texas up 11-0. He doubled in the first inning, had an infield single in the third and hit his 18th homer for a 9-0 lead in the fourth.

He didn't get a chance for a fifth hit. Engel Beltre replaced him in right field in the seventh as one of the mass substitutions in a game that was out of hand early. Both teams used 14 players.

"You wish that in your career that you could have done that," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "It worked out perfectly for him. He hit it in the perfect part of the field and with his speed he was able to do it."

Holland (10-9) got his 10th win in his ninth try since his last victory on Aug. 4. The left-hander won at home for the first time since May 31.

Houston starter Jordan Lyles (7-9) gave up seven hits and seven runs with three walks in three innings.

Rios looked like he wanted to get the triple of the way in the first inning, going about 25 feet beyond the bag at second before pulling up on a two-run double. He had his fourth RBI on the triple, bringing home Elvis Andrus.

The first cycle of Rios' career was the seventh in Rangers' history. Adrian Beltre was the last to do it, last Aug. 24 against Seattle.

It was the third cycle in the majors this year — Mike Trout of the Los Angeles Angels on May 21 and the Astros' Brandon Barnes on July 19, both against Seattle.

Tony Gutierrez/AP

Texas' Alex Rios follows through on an RBI triple in the sixth inning of Monday's game in Arlington, Texas. Rios hit for the cycle in the Rangers' 12-0 win.

"Just a good night at the plate," Rios said. "But the most important thing is that we won tonight."

Three of the six singles allowed by Holland didn't leave the infield. He's a 10-game winner for the third straight season. His other shutout was a two-hitter in a 2-0 win over the New York Yankees on June 27.

Lyles was gone after a four-run third that ended on a three-run double by Leonys Martin, who was thrown out trying to go to third on a ball that went to the wall near the 407-foot sign in right-center field.

"We always joke about how I don't get much run support," Holland said. "It was good to see those guys do everything they did."

The Astros pushed their season strikeout total to 1,477 — more than 100 ahead of No. 2 Minnesota on that list. Houston locked up its third straight season of at least 106 losses and needs one more to match last year's franchise record.

"We've had some rough games," Astros manager Bo Porter said. "They took it to us."

TMS planning largest high-definition video board

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Texas Motor Speedway is planning to have the world's largest highest-definition video board in place before the NASCAR Sprint Cup race there next spring.

TMS officials announced plans Monday night for the nearly half-acre display board dubbed "Big Hoss TV." The screen will be 218 feet wide and about 95 feet high, and placed about 125 feet above ground in the middle of the backstretch at the 1 1/2-mile track.

Construction of the 108-ton board will begin after the Sprint Cup race in November and is scheduled for completion in March.

The board will be larger than the 200-foot-wide, 80-foot-tall screen at Charlotte Motor Speedway, another Bruton Smith-owned track that currently has the biggest such screen. Both video boards are a partnership with Panasonic.

Also Monday night, TMS released its 2014 racing schedule. The Sprint Cup race will be on April 6, on a Sunday afternoon instead of its normal Saturday night slot for the spring so as to not conflict with the NCAA Final Four games going on at the Dallas Cowboys' stadium in nearby Arlington.

The other 2014 Sprint Cup race at Texas will be Nov. 2, the eighth of 10 Chase races.

The board at TMS will feature 20,634 square feet of HD display, about 79 percent larger than each of the twin video boards with 11,520 square feet of display hanging over the field at the Cowboys' stadium.

About 373 Sprint Cup cars could fit within the borders of the upcoming TMS boards.

Smith said TMS president Eddie Gossage "always tells me everything is bigger in Texas, so I wanted to make this video board fit his motto."

The track did not disclose the cost of the project.

NASCAR Nationwide races will be run April 4 and Nov. 1, on the same weekends as Cup races.

The IndyCar/NASCAR Truck Series doubleheader stayed in its traditional slot two weeks after the Indianapolis 500. The trucks will run June 6 and the IndyCar race on June 7 will be longer than last year, with an additional 32 miles to make it a 373-mile race — or 600 kilometers to match the race name.

The Camping World Truck Series will return to the track Oct. 31 as part of a NASCAR tripleheader weekend.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

RAYS 5
ORIOLES 4

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Wil Myers tied it with a two-run single on a jarring play in the seventh inning then pinch-hitter James Loney stunned the Orioles with a leadoff homer in the ninth, and the Tampa Bay Rays completed a four-game sweep that put a serious damper in Baltimore's wild-card hopes with a 5-4 victory Monday.

The Orioles lost All-Star third baseman Manny Machado to a leg injury in the top of the seventh.

The win pushed the Rays a full game ahead of idle Cleveland for the top AL wild card. Baltimore fell five games behind the Indians with six games to go for both teams.

With the bases loaded, two outs and trailing 4-2 in the seventh, Myers sent a flare behind second base. Second baseman Alexi Casilla, who entered the game in the eighth, made a fully extended diving catch but he collided with Nick Markakis, racing in toward the ball from right field. The ball came loose and two runs scored.

Hitting for Sean Rodriguez, Loney lined an 0-1 pitch from Tommy Hunter (6-5) down the right field line.

Joel Peralta (3-8) pitched a perfect ninth for the Rays, who have won nine of 12.

Chris Davis hit his major league-best 52nd homer for Baltimore.

WHITE SOX 3
BLUE JAYS 2

CHICAGO — Jose Quintana pitched into the eighth inning and rookie Marcus Semien hit his first major league homer to lead Chicago.

Quintana (9-6), who entered the game with the most no-decisions in the American League at 17, allowed two runs and five hits in 7 1/3 innings. Addison Reed pitched the ninth inning to record his 39th save.

Toronto starter J.A. Happ (4-7) threw 110 pitches in his five innings, allowing three runs and eight hits.

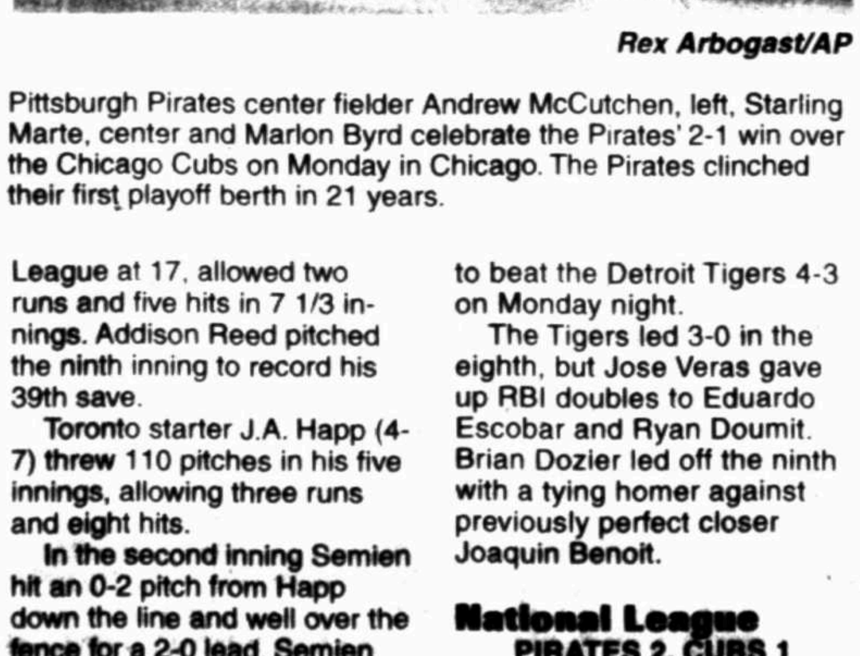
In the second inning Semien hit an 0-2 pitch from Happ down the line and well over the fence for a 2-0 lead. Semien was called up on Sept. 4.

The Blue Jays cut the lead in half as catcher J.P. Arencibia led off the fifth inning with his 21st homer, but the White Sox got the run back in the bottom of the inning when Avisail Garcia led off with a homer to make it 3-1.

TWINS 4
TIGERS 3, 11 INNINGS

MINNEAPOLIS — Josmil Pinto hit an RBI single in the 11th inning and the Minnesota Twins overcame 12 strikeouts by Justin Verlander to beat the Detroit Tigers 4-3 on Monday night.

The Tigers led 3-0 in the eighth, but Jose Veras gave up RBI doubles to Eduardo Escobar and Ryan Doumit. Brian Dozier led off the ninth with a tying homer against previously perfect closer Joaquin Benoit.



Rex Arbogast/AP

Pittsburgh Pirates center fielder Andrew McCutchen, left, Starling Marte, center and Marlon Byrd celebrate the Pirates' 2-1 win over the Chicago Cubs on Monday in Chicago. The Pirates clinched their first playoff berth in 21 years.

National League

PIRATES 2, CUBS 1

CHICAGO — The Pittsburgh Pirates are headed to the playoffs for the first time in 21 years, clinching at least a National League wild card Monday night when they beat the Chicago Cubs 2-1 and the Washington Nationals lost to St. Louis.

It will be Pittsburgh's first trip to the postseason since Barry Bonds, Jim Leyland and Co. won three straight NL East titles from 1990-92. Bonds then left for San Francisco as a free agent, and the small-budget Pirates piled up 20 consecutive losing seasons — the longest streak in major professional sports.

REDS 3
METS 2, 10 INNINGS

CINCINNATI — Shin-Soo Choo drove in the winning run with a single off the wall in the 10th inning, and Cincinnati secured a playoff spot after beating New York.

The second-place Reds clinched at least an NL wild card when Washington lost to St. Louis. Cincinnati manager Dusty Baker said there would be no celebration yet, not with a second straight NL Central title still in play.

CARDINALS 4
NATIONALS 3

ST. LOUIS — Carlos Beltran homered, Adam Wainwright earned his 18th win and St. Louis eliminated Washington from playoff contention.

Looking for their first NL Central title since 2009, the Cardinals maintained a two-game lead over Cincinnati and Pittsburgh with five to play.

BREWERS 5
BRAVES 0

ATLANTA — Marco Estrada pitched two-hit ball for seven innings and Milwaukee belted three homers against Atlanta.

The NL East champion Braves are a half-game ahead of St. Louis for the best record in the National League.

MARLINS 4
PHILLIES 0

MIAMI — Nathan Eovaldi pitched into the eighth inning to help Miami blank Philadelphia.

Justin Ruggiano drew a bases-loaded walk in the first inning and the Marlins scored three runs in the eighth on RBI singles by Donovan Solano and Ed Lucas and a sacrifice fly by Christian Yelich.

Mercury beat Sparks on Griner's late basket

By Beth Harris
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Brittney Griner hit a turnaround jumper with 4.9 seconds left, lifting the Phoenix Mercury to a 78-77 victory over the Los Angeles Sparks on Tuesday night in the deciding Game 3 of their WNBA playoff series.

Candice Dupree scored 22 points, Dewanna Bonner added 19, and Diana Taurasi had 18 points and 10 assists while improving to 6-0 in career elimination games with the Mercury.

Phoenix advanced to the Western Conference finals against top-seeded Minnesota. Game 1 is Thursday.

Kristi Toliver led the Sparks with 22 points. WNBA MVP Candace Parker added 18 points, and Nneka Ogwumike had 13 points and 10 rebounds.

After Parker gave the Sparks just their second lead of the fourth on a layup with 7 seconds to go, Griner responded with the winning basket for the Mercury.

Parker missed a fling from the wing after getting trapped in the right corner as time expired, dashing her hopes of adding her first WNBA championship to her collection of NCAA titles and Olympic gold medals.

Both teams shot poorly in the fourth quarter, when they each went more than 2 minutes without scoring.

Taurasi found Jasmine James down low for a layin that extended the Mercury's lead to 76-73 with 1:15 left. Lindsey Harding got fouled and made both to draw the Sparks within one point.

Bonner missed a 3-pointer and after a timeout, Parker's layup put the Sparks ahead 77-76.

The Mercury clinched their fifth conference finals appearance and fourth in the last five years.

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	3	0	0	1.000	59	34
Miami	3	0	0	1.000	74	53
N.Y. Jets	2	1	0	.667	55	50
Buffalo	1	2	0	.333	65	73
South						
Houston	2	1	0	.667	70	82
Indianapolis	2	1	0	.667	68	48
Tennessee	2	1	0	.667	60	56
Jacksonville	0	3	0	.000	28	92
North						
Cincinnati	2	1	0	.667	75	64
Baltimore	2	1	0	.667	71	64
Cleveland	1	2	0	.333	47	64
Pittsburgh	0	3	0	.000	42	76
West						
Denver	3	0	0	1.000	127	71
Kansas City	3	0	0	1.000	71	34
Oakland	1	2	0	.333	57	67
San Diego	1	2	0	.333	78	81

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	2	1	0	.667	83	55
Philadelphia	1	2	0	.333	79	86
N.Y. Giants	0	3	0	.000	54	115
Washington	0	3	0	.000	67	98
South						
New Orleans	3	0	0	1.000	70	38
Carolina	1	2	0	.333	68	36
Atlanta	1	2	0	.333	71	74
Tampa Bay	0	3	0	.000	34	57
North						
Chicago	3	0	0	1.000	95	74
Detroit	2	1	0	.667	82	69
Green Bay	1	2	0	.333	96	88
Minnesota	0	3	0	.000	81	96
West						
Seattle	3	0	0	1.000	86	27
St. Louis	1	2	0	.333	58	86
San Francisco	1	2	0	.333	44	84
Arizona	1	2	0	.333	56	79

Thursday, Sept. 19
Kansas City 26, Philadelphia 16

Sunday's Scores
Tennessee 20, San Diego 17
New Orleans 31, Arizona 7
Dallas 31, St. Louis 7
Cleveland 31, Minnesota 27
Baltimore 30, Houston 9
Carolina 38, N.Y. Giants 0
Detroit 27, Washington 20
New England 23, Tampa Bay 3
Cincinnati 34, Green Bay 30
Miami 27, Atlanta 23
Indianapolis 27, San Francisco 7
Seattle 45, Jacksonville 17
N.Y. Jets 27, Buffalo 20
Chicago 40, Pittsburgh 23

Monday's Score
Denver 37, Oakland 21

Thursday's Game
San Francisco at St. Louis, 7:25 p.m.

Sunday, Sep. 29
N.Y. Giants at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Houston, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota at London, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Tennessee, 4:05 p.m.
Washington at Oakland, 4:25 p.m.
Dallas at San Diego, 4:25 p.m.
Philadelphia at Denver, 4:25 p.m.
New England at Atlanta, 8:30 p.m.
Open: Carolina, Green Bay

Monday, Sep. 30
Miami at New Orleans, 8:40 p.m.

MONDAY'S BOX SCORE
BRONCOS 37, RAIDERS 21

	1	2	3	4	F
Oakland	0	7	7	7	—21
Denver	10	17	3	7	—37

First Quarter
Den—Decker 2 pass from Manning (Prater kick), 10:28.
Den—FG Prater 53, :47.
Second Quarter
Den—Welker 12 pass from Manning (Prater kick), 7:27.
Oak—D.Moore 73 pass from Pryor (Janikowski kick), 5:57.
Den—J.Thomas 13 pass from Manning (Prater kick), 3:40.
Den—FG Prater 41, :19.
Third Quarter
Den—FG Prater 40, 8:41.
Oak—Reece 16 pass from McFadden (Janikowski kick), :17.
Fourth Quarter
Den—Hillman 1 run (Prater kick), 11:27.
Oak—McFadden 1 run (Janikowski kick), 1:15.
A—76,978.

	Oak	Den
First downs	13	31
Total Net Yards	342	536
Rushes-yards	17-49	35-164
Passing	293	372
Comp-Att-Int	21-31-0	32-37-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-23	1-2
Punts	6-52.5	1-37.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-2
Penalties-Yards	8-77	5-40
Time of Possession	24:36	35:24

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Oakland, Pryor 4-36, McFadden 12-9, Ford 1-4. Denver, Hillman 9-66, Ball 11-61, Moreno 12-39, Manning 3-(minus 2).
PASSING—Oakland, Pryor 19-28-0-281, Flynn 1-2-0-19, McFadden 1-1-0-16. Denver, Manning 32-37-0-374.
RECEIVING—Oakland, D.Moore 6-124, Reece 4-45, Butler 3-54, Streater 3-42, Rivera 2-21, Jennings 2-15, Ford 1-15. Denver, D.Thomas 10-94, Decker 8-133, Welker 7-84, J.Thomas 3-37, Hillman 1-12, Moreno 1-6, Tamme 1-5, Green 1-3.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

Auto Racing

NASCAR Sprint Cup Points Leaders
Through Sept. 22
1. Matt Kenseth 2,111
2. Kyle Busch 2,097
3. Jimmie Johnson 2,093
4. Carl Edwards 2,075
5. Greg Biffle 2,073
6. Kevin Harvick 2,072
7. Kurt Busch 2,071
8. Jeff Gordon 2,069
9. Ryan Newman 2,064
10. Clint Bowyer 2,063
11. Dale Earnhardt Jr. 2,049
12. Joey Logano 2,042
13. Kasey Kahne 2,040

NASCAR Nationwide Points Leaders
Through Sept. 21
1. Sam Hornish Jr. 962
2. Austin Dillon 947
3. Regan Smith 917
4. Elliott Sadler 908
5. Brian Vickers 902
6. Justin Allgaier 887
7. Brian Scott 883
8. Trevor Bayne 868
9. Kyle Larson 822
10. Parker Kligerman 783

Formula One Points Leaders
Through Sept. 22
1. Sebastian Vettel 247
2. Fernando Alonso 187
3. Lewis Hamilton 151
4. Kimi Raikkonen 149
5. Mark Webber 130
6. Nico Rosberg 116
7. Felipe Massa 87
8. Romain Grosjean 57
9. Jenson Button 54
10. Paul di Resta 36

NHRA Standings
Through Sept. 22
TOP FUEL
1 (tie), Doug Kalitta and Shawn Langdon, 2,251. 3, Spencer Massey, 2,249. 4, Morgan Lucas, 2,216. 5, Tony Schumacher, 2,163. 6, Clay Millican, 2,140. 7, Bob Vandergriff, 2,103. 8, Antron Brown, 2,101. 9, Khalid alBalooshi, 2,097. 10, Steve Torrence, 2,080.
FUNNY CAR
1. Matt Hagan, 2,272. 2, Cruz Pedregon, 2,221. 3, Robert Hight, 2,209. 4, John Force, 2,208. 5, Jack Beckman, 2,196. 6, Ron Capps, 2,170. 7, Johnny Gray, 2,155. 8, Courtney Force, 2,141. 9, Tim Wilkerson, 2,089. 10, Del Worsham, 2,088.
PRO STOCK
1. Jason Line, 2,264. 2, Jeg Coughlin, 2,258. 3, Mike Edwards, 2,230. 4, Shane Gray, 2,207. 5, Allen Johnson, 2,190. 6 (tie), Erica Enders-Stevens and V. Gaines, 2,146. 8, Vincent Nobile, 2,128. 9, Greg Anderson, 2,116. 10, Rodger Brogdon, 2,083.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Boston	95	62	.605	—
Tampa Bay	87	69	.558	7 1/2
New York	82	74	.526	12 1/2
Baltimore	81	75	.519	13 1/2
Toronto	71	85	.455	23 1/2
Central Division				
Detroit	91	65	.583	—
Cleveland	86	70	.551	5
Kansas City	82	73	.529	8 1/2
Minnesota	65	90	.419	25 1/2
Chicago	62	94	.397	29
West Division				
x-Oakland	93	63	.596	—
Texas	85	71	.545	8
Los Angeles	76	79	.490	16 1/2
Seattle	68	88	.436	25
Houston	51	106	.325	42 1/2

x-clinched division

Monday's Scores
Tampa Bay 5, Baltimore 4
Texas 12, Houston 0
Chicago White Sox 3, Toronto 2
Detroit at Minnesota, late
Oakland at L.A. Angels, late
Kansas City at Seattle, late

Today's Games
Chicago White Sox (H.Santiago 4-9) at Cleveland (U.Jimenez 12-9), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (M.Moore 15-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 11-12), 6:05 p.m.
Toronto (Redmond 4-2) at Baltimore (Tillman 16-7), 6:05 p.m.
Houston (Peacock 5-5) at Texas (Darvish 13-9), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Fister 13-9) at Minnesota (Diamond 6-11), 7:10 p.m.
Boston (Lackey 10-12) at Colorado (Chatwood 7-5), 7:40 p.m.
Oakland (Griffin 14-9) at L.A. Angels (Vargas 8-7), 9:05 p.m.
Kansas City (B.Chen 8-3) at Seattle (Paxton 2-0), 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Atlanta	92	64	.590	—
Washington	84	73	.535	8 1/2
New York	71	85	.455	21
Philadelphia	71	85	.455	21
Miami	58	99	.369	34 1/2
Central Division				
z-St. Louis	92	65	.586	—
z-Cincinnati	90	67	.573	2
z-Pittsburgh	90	67	.573	2
Milwaukee	70	86	.449	21 1/2
Chicago	65	92	.414	27
West Division				
x-Los Angeles	90	66	.577	—
Arizona	79	76	.510	10 1/2
San Diego	72	83	.465	17 1/2
San Francisco	72	84	.462	18
Colorado	71	86	.452	19 1/2

z-clinched playoff berth
x-clinched division

Monday's Scores
Milwaukee 5, Atlanta 0
Cincinnati 3, N.Y. Mets 2, 10 innings
Miami 4, Philadelphia 0
Pittsburgh 2, Chicago Cubs 1
St. Louis 4, Washington 3
Arizona at San Diego, late

Today's Games
Milwaukee (Thornburg 3-1) at Atlanta (F.Garcia 1-2), 6:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Niese 7-8) at Cincinnati (Leake 14-6), 6:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Miner 0-1) at Miami (H.Alvarez 4-5), 6:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Cole 9-7) at Chicago Cubs (Rusin 2-5), 7:05 p.m.
Washington (G.Gonzalez 11-7) at St. Louis (Wacha 3-1), 7:15 p.m.
Boston (Lackey 10-12) at Colorado (Chatwood 7-5), 7:40 p.m.
Arizona (Miley 10-10) at San Diego (T.Ross 3-8), 9:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 13-7) at San Francisco (M.Cain 8-9), 9:15 p.m.

WILD CARD
AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	WCGB
Tampa Bay	87	69	.558	—
Cleveland	86	70	.551	—
Texas	85	71	.545	1
Kansas City	82	73	.529	3 1/2
New York	82	74	.526	4
Baltimore	81	75	.519	5

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	WCGB
x-Cincinnati	90	67	.573	—
x-Pittsburgh	90	67	.573	—

x-clinched playoff berth

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Monday's Scores
Tampa Bay 5, Baltimore 4
Texas 12, Houston 0
Kansas City at Seattle, late
Today's Games
Chicago White Sox at Cleveland, 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees, 6:05 p.m.
Toront at Baltimore, 6:05 p.m.
Houston at Texas, 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Seattle, 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Monday's Scores
Cincinnati 3, N.Y. Mets 2, 10 innings
Pittsburgh 2, Chicago Cubs 1
St. Louis 4, Washington 3
Today's Games
N.Y. Mets at Cincinnati, 6:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs, 7:05 p.m.
Washington at St. Louis, 7:15 p.m.

MONDAY'S AL WEST BOX SCORE
RANGERS 12, ASTROS 0

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Villar ss	4	0	0	0	Kinsler 2b	4	2	2	1
Altuve 2b	3	0	1	0	Profar 2b-ss	1	0	0	0
Elmore 2b	1	0	0	0	Andrus ss	4	2	3	1
MDmn 3b	3	0	1	0	Adduci 1b	0	0	0	0
MGnzlz 3b	1	0	0	0	Rios rf	4	3	4	4
Carter dh	2	0	0	0	EBeltre rf	1	0	0	0
JDMrtn ph-dh	2	0	1	0	ABeltre 3b	3	0	0	1
B.Laird 1b	4	0	0	0	Rosales 3b-2b	1	0	0	0
Hoes rf-lf	4	0	0	0	Przyns c	5	2	2	0
Crowe lf-cf	2	0	2	0	Morlnd 1b	2	1	1	1
Corprn c	2	0	1	0	Chirins 3b	1	0	0	0
Stassi c	1	0	0	0	Gentry lf	3	1	0	0
BBarns cf	2	0	0	0	DvMrp dh	3	1	1	1
Pareds rf	1	0	0	0	LMartn cf	4	0	1	3
Totals	32	0	6	0	Totals	36	12	14	12

Houston	000	000	000	— 0
Texas	214	203	00x	— 12

E—M.Dominguez (15), Villar (14). DP—Texas 1. LOB—Houston 6, Texas 6. 2B—Kinsler (30), Rios (30), Pierzynski (23), L.Martin (19). 3B—Rios (4). HR—Rios (18). SB—Gentry (19). SF—A.Beltre, Moreland.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Lyles L,7-9	3	7	7	7	3	2
D.Martinez	3	7	5	4	0	2
Lo	1	0	0	0	0	0
Fields	1	0	0	0	1	2
Texas						
D.Holland W,10-9	9	6	0	0	1	9

WP—D.Martinez.
T—2:39. A—33,743 (48,114).

MONDAY'S LINESCORES
AMERICAN LEAGUE

RAYS 5, ORIOLES 4
Baltimore ....000 310 000 —4 10 0
Tampa Bay ....010 100 201 —5 9 0
W.Chen, Stinson (5), Matusz (7), O'Day (7), Tom.Hunter (8) and Wieters; Archer, W.Wright (5), B.Gomes (5), Al.Torres (5), McGee (7), J.Wright (8), Jo.Peralta (9) and J.Molina, Lobaton. W—Jo.Peralta 3-8. L—Tom.Hunter 6-5. HRs—Baltimore, C.Davis (52), B.Roberts (6). Tampa Bay, Loney (13).

CUBS 3, BLUE JAYS 2
Toronto ....000 010 010 —2 6 1
Chicago ....020 010 00x —3 8 0
Happ, Jeffress (6), Delabar (8) and Arencibia. Quintana, Lindstrom (8), Veal (8), N.Jones (8), A.Reed (9) and Phegley. W—Quintana 9-6. L—Happ 4-7. Sv—A.Reed (39). HRs—Toronto, Arencibia (21). Chicago, Semien (1), A.Garcia (6).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

MARLINS 4, PHILLIES 0
Philadelphia ....000 000 000 —0 4 0
Miami ....100 000 03x —4 9 0
Halladay, Lu.Garcia (1), Savery (4), De Fratus (5), E.Martin (7), Rosenberg (8), C.Jimenez (8) and Ruiz; Eovaldi, M.Dunn (8), Cishek (9) and Mathis. W—Eovaldi 4-6. L—Halladay 4-5.

BREWERS 5, BRAVES 0
Milwaukee ....100 020 020 —5 11 0
Atlanta ....000 000 000 —0 3 1
Estrada, Wooten (8), Blazek (9) and Lucroy; Minor, Varvaro (8), Loe (9) and Gattis. W—Estrada 7-4. L—Minor 13-8. HRs—Milwaukee, C.Gomez (22), Lucroy (18), Ar.Ramirez (12).

REDS 3, METS 2, 10 INNINGS
New York ....001 001 000 0 —2 6 0
Cincinnati ....020 000 000 1 —3 10 1
Harang, Germen (7), Feliciano (7), F.Francisco (8), Byrdak (9), Aardsma (9), Burke (10), Henn (10) and T.d'Arnaud; Cueto, LeCure (8), S.Marshall (8), A.Chapman (9), M.Parra (10) and Hanigan, Mesoraco. W—M.Parra 2-3. L—Burke 0-3. HRs—New York, Duda (15).

PIRATES 2, CUBS 1
Pittsburgh ....100 000 001 —2 6 0
Chicago ....000 000 010 —1 6 1
Morton, Melancon (8), Watson (9), Grilli (9) and R.Martin; Samardzija, Villanueva (7), H.Rondon (8), Gregg (9) and D.Navarro. W—Melancon 3-2. L—Gregg 2-6. Sv—Grilli (32). HRs—Pittsburgh, N.Walker (14), S.Marte (12).

CARDINALS 4, NATIONALS 3
Washington ....200 000 010 —3 7 0
St. Louis ....100 120 00x —4 11 0
Roark, Abad (6), Mattheus (8) and W.Ramos; Wainwright, Choate (8), Ca.Martinez (8), Siegrist (9), Rosenthal (9) and Y.Molina. W—Wainwright 18-9. L—Roark 7-1. Sv—Rosenthal (1). HRs—Washington, Werth (24). St. Louis, Beltran (24).

RODEO LEADERS

Through Sept. 22
All-around
1. Trevor Brazile, Decatur $210,942
2. Tuf Cooper, Decatur $122,599
3. Jade Corkill, Fallon, Nev. $114,848
4. Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah $95,182
5. Shane Proctor, Grand Coulee, Wash. $85,384
6. Caleb Smidt, Yorktown $81,824
7. Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb. $80,253
8. Landon McClaugherty, Tilden $76,419
9. Ryan Jarrett, Comanche, Okla. $70,557
10. Stetson Vest, Childress $65,405
11. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo. $62,751
12. Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev. $55,667
13. Jake Cooper, Monument, N.M. $54,732
14. JoJo LeMond, Andrews $52,449
15. Clayton Hass, Terrell $49,433
16. Ryle Smith, Oakdale, Calif. $48,429
17. Morgan Grant, New Waverly $48,222
18. Paul David Tierney, Oral, S.D. $43,953
19. Trell Etbauer, Goodwell, Okla. $43,721
20. Curtis Cassidy, Donalda, Alberta $43,702

Bareback Riding
1. Bobby Mote, Stephenville $116,326
2. Kaycee Feild, Payson, Utah $114,553
3. Ryan Gray, Cheney, Wash. $100,592
4. Will Lowe, Canyon $99,738
5. Wes Stevenson, Lubbock $88,409
6. J.R. Vezain, Cowley, Wyo. $84,236
7. Ty Breuer, Mandan, N.D. $82,545
8. Steven Peebles, Redmond, Ore. $81,800
9. Jessy Davis, Power, Mont. $74,997
10. Clint Cannon, Waller $72,882
11. Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb. $69,146
12. Austin Foss, Terrebonne, Ore. $68,167
13. Jared Smith, Cross Plains $68,026
14. Casey Colletti, Pueblo, Colo. $67,788
15. Caleb Bennett, Morgan, Utah $63,392

Steer Wrestling
1. Casey Martin, Sulphur, La. $91,031
2. Trevor Knowles, Mount Vernon, Ore. $90,197
3. Matt Reeves, Cross Plains $87,642
4. K.C. Jones, Decatur $69,207
5. Hunter Cure, Holliday $63,724
6. Stan Branco, Chowchilla, Calif. $62,585
7. Dean Gorsuch, Gering, Neb. $62,575
8. Jason Miller, Lance Creek, Wyo. $62,495
9. Tyler Pearson, Louisville, Miss. $59,651
10. Jule Hazen, Ashland, Kan. $59,383
11. Wade Sumpter, Fowler, Colo. $58,154
12. Straws Milan, Cochrane, Alberta $58,151
13. Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif. $57,045
14. Bray Armes, Ponder $54,696
15. Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev. $50,806

Team Roping (header)
1. Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont. $108,803
2. Kaleb Driggers, Albany, Ga. $98,886
3. Brandon Beers, Powell Butte, Ore. $97,373
4. Erich Rogers, Round Rock, Ariz. $93,693
5. Luke Brown, Stephenville $76,562
6. Riley Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. $69,298
7. Nick Sartain, Dover, Okla. $68,083
8. Drew Horner, Plano $66,961
9. Dustin Bird, Cut Bank, Mont. $66,706
10. Turtle Powell, Stephenville $64,742
11. Derrick Begay, Seba Dalkai, Ariz. $64,640
12. Trevor Brazile, Decatur $64,256
13. Charly Crawford, Prineville, Ore. $63,923
14. Justin Van Davis, Madisonville $60,936

Team Roping (heeler)
1. Jade Corkill, Fallon, Nev. $108,883
2. Jim Ross Cooper, Monument, N.M. $105,195
3. Travis Graves, Jay, Okla. $100,708
4. Cory Petska, Marana, Ariz. $93,592
5. Kollin VonAhn, Blanchard, Okla. $74,494
6. Brady Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. $69,298
7. Rich Skelton, Llano $68,136
8. Ryan Motes, Weatherford $66,490
9. Buddy Hawkins II, Columbus, Kan. $66,000
10. Paul Eaves, Lonedell, Mo. $65,882
11. Patrick Smith, Lipan $64,256
12. Cesar de la Cruz, Tucson, Ariz. $63,903
13. Dugan Kelly, Paso Robles, Calif. $63,048
14. Clay O'Brien Cooper, Gardnerville, Nev. $61,973
15. Jake Long, Coffeyville, Kan. $60,745

Saddle Bronc Riding
1. Cody Wright, Milford, Utah $120,156
2. Jesse Wright, Milford, Utah $106,121
3. Tyler Corrington, Hastings, Minn. $94,042
4. Jacobs Crawley, Stephenville $93,926
5. Chad Ferley, Oelrichs, S.D. $89,384
6. Cort Scheer, Elsmere, Neb. $82,396
7. Jake Wright, Milford, Utah $79,800
8. Wade Sundell, Boxholm, Iowa $79,742
9. Cole Elshere, Faith, S.D. $77,984
10. Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M. $74,214
11. Isaac Diaz, Desdemona $73,979
12. Chet Johnson, Sheridan, Wyo. $59,553
13. Bradley Harter, Weatherford $58,928
14. Sterling Crawley, Stephenville $54,767

Tie-down Roping
1. Tuf Cooper, Decatur $124,739
2. Tyson Durfey, Colbert, Wash. $97,985
3. Scott Kormos, Teague $93,520
4. Trevor Brazile, Decatur $89,820
5. Cody Ohl, Hico $78,043
6. Sterling Smith, Stephenville $76,524
7. Justin Maass, Giddings $75,813
8. Timber Moore, Aubrey $72,986
9. Caleb Smidt, Yorktown $71,062
10. Clif Cooper, Decatur $66,195
11. Shane Hanchey, Sulphur, La. $65,038
12. Shane Slack, Idabel, Okla. $64,688
13. Ryan Jarrett, Comanche, Okla. $62,899
14. Stetson Vest, Childress $62,371
15. Randall Carlisle, Castor, La. $59,760

Steer Roping
1. Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan. $67,006
2. Trevor Brazile, Decatur $57,759
3. Cody Lee, Gatesville $54,224
4. Chet Herren, Pawhuska, Okla. $53,522
5. Vin Fisher Jr., Andrews $46,494
6. JoJo LeMond, Andrews $43,433
7. J.Tom Fisher, Andrews $43,053
8. Dan Fisher, Andrews $42,439
9. Scott Snedecor, Fredericksburg $41,497
10. Joe Wells, Cisco $34,450
11. J.P. Wickett, Sallisaw, Okla. $33,446
12. Bryce Davis, Ovalo $32,560
13. Tony Reina, Wharton $31,988
14. Jess Tierney, Hermosa, S.D. $29,457
15. Mike Chase, McAlester, Okla. $27,375

Bull Riding
1. J.W. Harris, Mullin $113,973
2. Tyler Smith, Fruita, Colo. $97,654
3. Cole Echols, Elm Grove, La. $95,585
4. Cody Teel, Kountze $89,166
5. Cody Campbell, Summerville, Ore. $82,391
6. Josh Koschel, Nunn, Colo. $82,293
7. Parker Breding, Edgar, Mont. $81,991
8. Trevor Kastner, Ardmore, Okla. $81,207
9. Cooper Davis, Jasper $78,958
10. Shane Proctor, Grand Coulee, Wash. $75,859
11. Chandler Bownds, Lubbock $75,065
12. Tyler Willis, Wheatland, Wyo. $75,039
13. Trey Benton III, Rock Island $73,329
14. Elliot Jacoby, Fredricksburg $71,740
15. Steve Woolsey, Payson, Utah $68,291
16. Clayton Foltyn, Winnie $65,523
17. Bobby Welsh, Gillette, Wyo. $64,218
18. Chris Roundy, Spanish Fork, Utah $63,367
19. Scottie Knapp, Albuquerque, N.M. $59,189
20. Jeff Askey, Martin, Tenn. $50,144

Barrel Racing
1. Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz. $147,025
2. Mary Walker, Ennis $133,692
3. Christy Loflin, Franktown, Colo. $104,841
4. Michele McLeod, Whitesboro $102,838
5. Fallon Taylor, Whitesboro $99,016
6. Sabrina Ketcham, Yeso, N.M. $95,141
7. Brittany Pozzi, Victoria $94,225
8. Kaley Bass, Kissimmee, Fla. $87,274
9. Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D. $82,037
10. Taylor Jacob, Carmine $78,538
11. Jane Melby, Burneyville, Okla. $70,937
12. Jean Winters, Texline $69,107
13. Shada Brazile, Decatur $67,513
14. Sydni Blanchard, Albuquerque, N.M. $66,216
15. Trula Churchill, Valentine, Neb. $65,565

GOLF

PGA Tour

Money Leaders
Through Sept. 22

Rank Player	Trn	YTD Money
1. Tiger Woods	16	$8,553,439
2. Henrik Stenson	18	$6,388,230
3. Matt Kuchar	23	$5,616,808
4. Phil Mickelson	21	$5,495,793
5. Brandt Snedeker	23	$5,318,087
6. Adam Scott	16	$4,892,611
7. Steve Stricker	13	$4,440,532
8. Justin Rose	17	$4,146,148
9. Zach Johnson	24	$4,044,509
10. Jordan Spieth	23	$3,879,820
11. Keegan Bradley	25	$3,636,813
12. Jason Day	21	$3,625,030
13. Billy Horschel	26	$3,501,703
14. Bill Haas	25	$3,475,563
15. Jim Furyk	22	$3,204,779
16. Jason Dufner	22	$3,132,268
17. Kevin Streelman	25	$3,088,284
18. Hunter Mahan	25	$3,036,164
19. Dustin Johnson	22	$2,963,214
20. Webb Simpson	25	$2,957,582
21. Graham DeLaet	26	$2,834,900
22. Boo Weekley	27	$2,786,662
23. D.A. Points	28	$2,658,887
24. Nick Watney	26	$2,477,639
25. Charl Schwartzel	19	$2,256,723
26. Sergio Garcia	17	$2,251,139
27. Harris English	26	$2,201,167
28. Graeme McDowell	16	$2,174,595
29. Roberto Castro	29	$2,154,898
30. Jimmy Walker	24	$2,117,570
31. Lee Westwood	19	$2,081,731
32. Jonas Blixt	24	$2,027,517
33. Russell Henley	24	$2,008,026
34. John Merrick	23	$1,969,478
35. Patrick Reed	26	$1,961,519
36. Luke Donald	17	$1,930,646
37. Gary Woodland	26	$1,915,732
38. Charles Howell III	26	$1,877,389
39. Scott Piercy	24	$1,830,084
40. Rickie Fowler	22	$1,816,742
41. Rory McIlroy	16	$1,802,443
42. Brendon de Jonge	30	$1,795,244
43. Angel Cabrera	21	$1,791,183
44. Bubba Watson	21	$1,759,276
45. Martin Laird	21	$1,755,393
46. David Lingmerth	23	$1,748,109
47. Chris Kirk	24	$1,728,616
48. Matt Jones	24	$1,724,707
49. Ian Poulter	16	$1,723,463
50. Ken Duke	28	$1,722,583

FedExCup Leaders
Final

Rank Player	Points	Bonus Money
1. Henrik Stenson	4,750	$10,000,000
2. Tiger Woods	2,743	$3,000,000
3. Steve Stricker	2,650	$2,000,000
4. Adam Scott	2,278	$1,500,000
5. Zach Johnson	2,238	$1,000,000
6. Matt Kuchar	1,823	$800,000
7. Jordan Spieth	1,690	$700,000
8. Graham DeLaet	1,415	$600,000
9. Phil Mickelson	1,313	$550,000
10. Justin Rose	1,300	$500,000
11. Webb Simpson	1,050	$300,000
12. Brandt Snedeker	853	$290,000
13. Dustin Johnson	760	$280,000
14. Jim Furyk	758	$270,000
15. Nick Watney	738	$250,000
16. Billy Horschel	728	$245,000
17. Jason Day	698	$240,000
18. Keegan Bradley	693	$235,000
19. Jason Dufner	685	$230,000
20. Hunter Mahan	653	$225,000
21. Roberto Castro	645	$220,000
22. Sergio Garcia	635	$215,000
23. Gary Woodland	603	$210,000
24. Bill Haas	573	$205,000
25. Kevin Streelman	553	$200,000

LPGA

Money Leaders
Through Sept. 15

Rank Player	Trn	Money
1. Inbee Park	18	$2,186,601
2. Suzann Pettersen	18	$1,721,342
3. Stacy Lewis	21	$1,548,799
4. So Yeon Ryu	18	$1,083,901
5. I.K. Kim	19	$1,056,507
6. Beatriz Recari	19	$876,541
7. Na Yeon Choi	19	$765,114
8. Paula Creamer	18	$752,626
9. Angela Stanford	20	$743,469
10. Hee Young Park	20	$741,287
11. Lizette Salas	19	$701,058
12. Lexi Thompson	19	$644,631
13. Karrie Webb	17	$643,674
14. Karine Icher	19	$633,852
15. Cristie Kerr	17	$624,121
16. Catriona Matthew	16	$577,146
17. Shanshan Feng	15	$533,135
18. Jessica Korda	16	$528,012
19. Jiyai Shin	17	$523,205
20. Caroline Hedwall	17	$522,184
21. Anna Nordqvist	20	$520,698
22. Ai Miyazato	17	$487,621
23. Chella Choi	21	$453,935
24. Jodi Ewart Shadoff	19	$419,300
25. Morgan Pressel	19	$419,099

Champions Tour

Charles Schwab Cup Leaders
Through Sept. 22

Rank Player	Points	Money
1. Kenny Perry	2,760	$1,783,372
2. Bernhard Langer	2,033	$1,833,895
3. David Frost	1,786	$1,512,716
4. Fred Couples	1,545	$1,230,721
5. Duffy Waldorf	1,524	$1,218,300
6. Corey Pavin	1,222	$1,037,307
7. Michael Allen	1,208	$1,048,641
8. John Cook	1,125	$1,183,110
9. Esteban Toledo	1,110	$1,157,182
10. Tom Pernice Jr.	1,107	$1,262,027
11. Rocco Mediate	1,073	$1,189,577
12. Russ Cochran	911	$919,417
13. Mark Wiebe	902	$758,055
14. Kirk Triplett	876	$828,992
15. Fred Funk	868	$873,433
16. Jeff Sluman	845	$941,876
17. Jay Haas	787	$766,942
18. Kohki Idoki	756	$458,097
19. Gene Sauers	667	$830,641
20. Peter Senior	662	$827,258
21. Bart Bryant	617	$818,391
22. Tom Lehman	597	$688,812
23. Mark O'Meara	585	$693,698
24. Mark Calcavecchia	511	$586,806

Web.com Tour

Money Leaders
Through Sept. 15

Rank Player	Trn	Money
1. Michael Putnam	22	$512,309
2. Ben Martin	21	$504,702
3. Edward Loar	18	$423,193
4. Chesson Hadley	21	$355,432
5. Andrew Svoboda	10	$327,007
6. John Peterson	17	$298,569
7. Bronson La'Cassie	22	$288,300
8. Kevin Tway	17	$266,766
9. Alex Aragon	21	$255,867
10. Will Wilcox	17	$248,372
11. Tim Wilkinson	18	$246,540
12. Patrick Cantlay	9	$243,105
13. Kevin Kisner	21	$235,116
14. Mark Anderson	19	$228,718
15. Will MacKenzie	20	$225,411
16. Alex Prugh	21	$220,533
17. Brice Garnett	22	$217,785
18. Seung-Yul Noh	3	$210,125
19. Peter Malnati	11	$192,963
20. Danny Lee	22	$185,820
21. Jamie Lovemark	20	$184,021
22. Brendon Todd	9	$181,948
23. Trevor Immelman	3	$180,000
24. Chad Collins	23	$168,294
25. Wes Roach	20	$167,429

DAILYRUNDOWN

ON THE AIR

WHAT'S ON TV
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
Houston at Texas, 7 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

SAILING
America's Cup, race 17 and race 18, 3 p.m., NBC Sports Network

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY
COLLEGE SOCCER
Women, West Texas A&M at UTPB, 6 p.m.
HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS
Odessa Permian at Midland High, 4 p.m.
Odessa High at Lee, 4 p.m., Bush Tennis Center
HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL
Midland Classical at Andrews, 6 p.m.
Lee at Odessa Permian, 6 p.m.
Odessa High at Midland High, 6 p.m.
Wink at Greenwood, 7 p.m.
Lubbock Trinity at Midland Christian, 7 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
TAMPA BAY RAYS—Designated RHP J.D. Martin for assignment. Reinstated RHP Jesse Crain from the 60-day DL.
National League
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Placed RHP Kyle Kendrick on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Sept. 14.
American Association
EL PASO DIABLOS—Traded INF Maikol Gonzalez, C Sergio Burruel and RHP Jake Meiers to Lincoln for cash.
ST. PAUL SAINTS—Released RHP Mike Koons and C Chris Manning.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS—Signed C Dewayne Dedmon and G Cameron Jones.
MIAMI HEAT—Signed G Larry Drew II.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS—Placed LBs Sam Acho and Lorenzo Alexander on injured reserve. Signed LB Dontay Moch from the practice squad.
BUFFALO BILLS—Placed DE Alex Carrington on injured reserve.
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Released WR Jeremy Ross.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed G Jacques McClendon. Waived WR Jeremy Ebert.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Placed FB Zach Line on injured reserve.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed DE Rob Ninkovich to a three-year contract extension through 2016.
OAKLAND RAIDERS—Promoted G Lamar Mady from the practice squad. Placed TE David Ausberry on injured reserve.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed WR Will Murphy to the practice squad. Released OL Isaac Remington from the practice squad.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Placed T Russell Okung on the injured reserve/designated to return list. Signed T Caylin Hauptmann from the Cleveland practice squad.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Placed TE Luke Stocker on injured reserve. Activated RB Jeff Demps from the exempt/commissioner's permission list.
Arena Football League
LA KISS—Named Schuyler Hoversten president.
Ultimate Indoor Football League
FLORIDA TARPONS—Signed WR Carlos Singleton.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHL—Suspended Vancouver F Dale Weise for the final three preseason game for an illegal check to the head of Edmonton F Taylor Hall during a game on Saturday, Sept. 21. Suspended Vancouver F Zack Kassian for the final three preseason games and for five regular season games for high-sticking Edmonton F Sam Gagner during a game on Saturday, Sept. 21. Suspended Toronto F David Clarkson for 10 regular season games, without pay, for receiving a game misconduct for leaving the bench on an illegal line change to join an altercation during a game on Sunday, Sept. 22.
BUFFALO SABRES—Assigned Fs Mike Zigomanis and Matt Ellis, D Brayden McNabb, Chad Ruhwedel and Drew Bagnall; and G Matt Hackett to Rochester (AHL).
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Assigned Fs Mark McNeill, Garret Ross and Alex Broadhurst; D Dylan Olsen, Klas Dahlbeck and Adam Clendening; and G Kent Simpson to Rockford (AHL). Returned F Teuvo Teravainen to Jokerit (SM-liiga-Finland) and F Ryan Hartman to Plymouth (OHL). Released D Viktor Svedberg.
DALLAS STARS—Assigned G Jack Campbell to Texas (AHL).
DETROIT RED WINGS—Assigned Cs Riley Sheahan, Landon Ferraro and Louis-Marc Aubry, LW Triston Grant; RWs Luke Glendening and Teemu Pulkkinen; D Nathan Paetsch and Alexey Marchenko; and G Jared Coreau to Grand Rapids (AHL).
FLORIDA PANTHERS—Loaned F Eric Selleck to San Antonio (AHL).
NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Assigned RWs Patrick Cehlin, Teemu Pulkkinen and Miikka Salomaki; Cs Joonas Rask and Colton Sissons, D Joonas Jarvinen; and LW Austin Watson to Milwaukee (AHL).
ST. LOUIS BLUES—Signed F Brenden Morrow to a one-year contract.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Signed LW Mason Raymond to a one-year contract.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Signed D Connor Carrick to a three-year, entry-level contract.
COLLEGE
AKRON—Signed men's basketball coach Keith Dambrot to a one-year contract extension through the 2022-23 season.
BRIDGEWATER (VA.)—Announced the retirement of softball coach Donnie Fulk, effective at the end of the 2014 season.
CHARLESTON SOUTHERN—Named Roosevelt Lofton men's track and field coach.
CLEMSON—Named Robert Weir track and field assistant coach.
HOLY CROSS—Announced the retirement of director of athletic facilities Bob Neville. Promoted Nic Ryan to director of athletic facilities and Jessica Liebner to assistant director of athletic facilities.
KANSAS—Announced junior DL Marquel Combs was granted a release to transfer to schools outside of the Big 12 Conference.
WINTHROP—Named Steve Yang women's basketball director of operations.

GLANTZ-CULVER LINE

NCAA FOOTBALL

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	UNDERDOG
THURSDAY			
at Georgia Tech	7 1/2	7 1/2	Virginia Tech
at Tulsa	4	3	Iowa St
FRIDAY			
at BYU	22	20 1/2	Middle Tenn.
Utah St	10	8 1/2	at San Jose St
SATURDAY			
at Pittsburgh	6 1/2	7	Virginia
N. Illinois	2 1/2	3 1/2	at Purdue
at Duke	9 1/2	10 1/2	Troy
UConn	2 1/2	2	at Buffalo
at Ball St.	Pk	3	Toledo
at NC State	24	23 1/2	Cent. Michigan
at W. Michigan	Pk	3	Kent St.
at North Carolina	10	11	East Carolina
Florida St	23	21 1/2	at Boston College
at Vanderbilt	23	20	UAB
at Illinois	24	24	Miami (Ohio)
at TCU	19 1/2	19 1/2	SMU
at Missouri	21	21	Arkansas St.
Iowa	+3 1/2	1	at Minnesota
at Colorado St	11	13	UTEP
at Georgia	3	3	LSU
at Washington	7	8	Arizona
at Alabama	13 1/2	16 1/2	Mississippi
at Oregon	31	36	California
at Arizona St.	5	6 1/2	Southern Cal
Louisiana Tech-x	1	1 1/2	Army
at Arkansas	OFF	OFF	Texas A&M
Oklahoma	2 1/2	3 1/2	at Notre Dame
at Boise St.	28 1/2	26	Southern Miss.
at South Florida	OFF	OFF	Miami
at Clemson	28 1/2	28	Wake Forest
Temple	10 1/2	7	at Idaho
at Louisiana-Monroe	10 1/2	12 1/2	Tulane
Houston	3	2 1/2	at UTSA
at Bowling Green	14	15 1/2	Akron
at Oregon St.	10 1/2	10	Colorado
South Carolina	8 1/2	7	at UCF
Florida	12 1/2	13	at Kentucky
Stanford-y	10	10 1/2	Washington St.
Wyoming	10 1/2	11	at Texas St.
Navy	Pk	3	at W. Kentucky
at Rice	14	12 1/2	FAU
at Tennessee	21	20	South Alabama
at Nevada	OFF	OFF	Air Force
Oklahoma St.	17	21	at West Virginia
at Ohio St.	7 1/2	7	Wisconsin
UNLV	Pk	2 1/2	at New Mexico
San Diego St.	17	17 1/2	at New Mexico St.
at Hawaii	OFF	OFF	Fresno St.

x-at Dallas
y-at Seattle Off Key
Arkansas QB questionable
Miami QB questionable
Nevada QB questionable
Hawaii QB questionable

NFL

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
THURSDAY				
San Francisco	3	3	(42)	at St. Louis
SUNDAY				
Minnesota-x	Pk	Pk	(43 1/2)	Pittsburgh
Baltimore	3 1/2	3 1/2	(43 1/2)	at Buffalo
Cincinnati	6	5	(41 1/2)	at Cleveland
Indianapolis	7 1/2	9	(43)	at Jacksonville
Seattle	3	3	(43)	at Houston
at Tampa Bay	3	2 1/2	(40 1/2)	Arizona
at Detroit	2	3	(47 1/2)	Chicago
at Kansas City	4 1/2	3 1/2	(44)	N.Y. Giants
at Tennessee	5	4 1/2	(38 1/2)	N.Y. Jets
Dallas	2 1/2	1	(45 1/2)	at San Diego
at Oakland	OFF	OFF	(OFF)	Washington
at Denver	OFF	OFF	(OFF)	Philadelphia
at Atlanta	1 1/2	Pk	(49)	New England
MONDAY				
at New Orleans	5 1/2	6	(47)	Miami

x-at London Off Key
Oakland played Sept. 23
Denver played Sept. 23

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

TOP 25 SCHEDULE
Saturday
No. 1 Alabama vs. No. 21 Mississippi, 5:30 p.m.
No. 2 Oregon vs. California, 9:30 p.m.
No. 3 Clemson vs. Wake Forest, 2:30 p.m.
No. 4 Ohio State vs. No. 24 Wisconsin, 7 p.m.
No. 5 Stanford at Washington State, 8 p.m.
No. 6 LSU at No. 9 Georgia, 2:30 p.m.
No. 8 Florida State at Boston College, 2:30 p.m.
No. 10 Texas A&M at Arkansas, 6 p.m.
No. 11 Oklahoma State at West Virginia, 11 a.m.
No. 12 South Carolina at UCF, 11 a.m.
No. 14 Oklahoma at No. 22 Notre Dame, 2:30 p.m.
No. 15 Miami at South Florida, 11 a.m.
No. 16 Washington vs. Arizona, 6 p.m.
No. 20 Florida at Kentucky, 6 p.m.
No. 25 Fresno State at Hawaii, 11 p.m.

AFCA DIVISION II COACHES POLL
Through Sept. 22

Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Valdosta State (Ga.) (29)	2-0	793	1
2. Minnesota State-Mankato (2)	3-0	766	2
3. Northwest Missouri State	3-0	723	3
4. West Texas A&M	**3-0**	**692**	**4**
5. Colorado State-Pueblo (1)	3-0	676	5
6. Missouri Western State	3-0	647	6
7. Indiana (Pa.)	3-0	581	8
8. Henderson State (Ark.)	3-0	553	9
9. Grand Valley State (Mich.)	3-0	544	10
10. Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	3-0	493	11
11. Bloomsburg (Pa.)	3-0	450	13
12. Pittsburg State (Kan.)	3-0	449	14
13. Minnesota-Duluth	2-1	400	7
14. Shepherd (W.Va.)	3-0	370	15
15. West Alabama	2-1	321	16
16. North Carolina-Pembroke	3-0	315	18
17. Winston-Salem State (N.C.)	2-1	256	19
18. Washburn (Kan.)	3-0	232	22
19. West Chester (Pa.)	3-0	227	20
20. St. Cloud State (Minn.)	3-0	172	23
21. Chadron State (Neb.)	2-1	149	21
22. Indianapolis (Ind.)	2-1	146	12
23. Midwestern State	1-1	88	25
24. Emporia State (Kan.)	3-0	72	—
25. Tarleton State (Texas)	2-0	58	—

Other notable performances from the week

Roberson

Tannehill

Dolgener

Lopez

McClendon

Glaspie

Castillo

J. Rodriguez

E. Rodriguez

■ Hunter Hill's Big Spring teammate Devin Roberson was also huge in the 61-48 victory over Andrews. Roberson threw a 34-yard touchdown pass, caught seven passes for 139 yards and two touchdowns, was credited with 13 total tackles and also had an interception on defense. Also Big Spring QB Tobyn Tannehill added 258 yards on 15-of-24 passing with two touchdowns and two interceptions, plus 124 yards rushing and a TD on 11 carries.

■ Andrews QB Shane Dolgener tried his best to keep Andrews in the game against Big Spring as he was 24-of-32 passing for 287 yards with two interceptions and also rushed for 73 yards and two TDs on 19 carries. Teammate and senior WR Coy Lopez caught four passes for 138 yards with one touchdown and also returned a punt 88 yards for a TD.

■ Midland Christian QB Mason McClendon helped the Mustangs roll to a 62-0 victory over Seminole by completing 14 of 24 passes for 281 yards with four touchdowns and two interceptions.

■ Stanton QB K.J. Glaspie completed 12 of 20 passes for 139 yards, one TD, one interception, plus three rushing touchdowns in the Buffaloes' 42-20 victory.

■ The Rankin duo of Aaron Castillo and JR Rodriguez helped the Red Devils to a 64-32 victory over Meadow. Castillo rushed for 182 yards and two touchdowns on 14 carries, while Rodriguez added 113 yards and four TDs on eight carries.

■ Grady's E.J. Rodriguez helped Grady to 64-16 victory over Trinity with 163 yards rushing and one TD to go with 153 yards on 9-of-12 passing with three touchdowns, and also caught a 10-yard TD pass.

Compiled by Oscar LeRoy

HILL

From 1C

Hill said that's the first time he's ever had a five-touchdown game. It looks like the 3-1 Steers needed every one of those scores as Andrews tried to come back from a 47-14 deficit in the third quarter. Hill said there was an uneasy feeling at times knowing that the Mustangs could make that comeback.

"It was very intense," he said. "Once they started coming back, I just tried even harder to score more."

Hill scored on runs of 4 and 10 yards in the fourth quarter to help secure the win for the Steers.

Hill's emergence at running back adds to the Steers' offensive firepower and helps to take pressure off junior quarterback Tobyn Tannehill in the backfield.

"He's added a new dimension to our offense," Big Spring head coach Phillip Ritchey said. "He brings something we haven't had since (former running back Monte Anderson). He brings speed, great vision, the ability to change direction and the ability to turn bad plays into big-time plays. He definitely takes pressure off Tobyn but we have other players this year who also help to take pressure off Tobyn."

Hill said Tannehill has been a great help to his progress as a running back.

"It's great to have Tobyn Tannehill in the backfield with me," he said. "If I don't know some plays, he helps me out, plus running behind this line makes it easier. I also want to thank the coaches because they did a great job calling plays and helping us when we're down and helping us push through when we're tired."

For a player who was the starting quarterback on the Big Spring junior varsity last year, Hill has come a long way, and said he's ready to help the Steers win some more games.

The Steers will play at Seminole (2-2) on Friday.

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REPORT

From 1C

Midland Christian's offense has been piling up numbers, but what has McClendon pleased is that the Mustangs' defense has been playing well since the opening game of the season.

The Mustangs defense has not only allowed 17 points, but is giving up 168 total yards a game. Midland Christian's defense also has a chance to find its place in the school's record book.

The other big year for defense was in 2001, which was Midland Christian's second 11-man state title. That team allowed 124 points all season, and allowed a total of 2,297 total yards, which comes to averages of 9.5 points and 176.7 yards a game.

"This defense has a chance to be the best defense we've ever had," McClendon said. "It's a lot different than 2001 when everyone ran the Wing-T and all you had to do was stop the run. They are prideful in not giving up yards and points."

REALIGNMENT TIME IN TAPPS

Both Trinity and Midland Christian will find out their realignment fates on Wednesday when TAPPS announces alignments for 2014-2016.

McClendon said he has heard one of two scenarios for the Mustangs: 1. That football would move to Division I and the other sports would remain in Class 4A; and 2. the school would remain in Division II.

McClendon said it doesn't matter where the football team ends up, but said he would like for the rest of the programs to remain in Class 4A.

"We are not afraid to go Division I, but I'm not beating the drum that I want to go Division I, either," McClendon said. "Tell us where we are going to play and let's go."

Meanwhile, Trinity could be on the bubble on whether it stays in six-man football in TAPPS. Trinity athletic director Jeff Young said he is not quite sure where the numbers will fall, but Young said they have contingency plans in place for different scenarios, including remaining at six-man and moving back to 11-man. He said the school would prefer to remain in TAPPS.

"Once Wednesday comes, then we'll have to go and meet with the board and find out what the decisions are and position of the school," Young said.

QUICK HITS

■ Grady coach Chris Kuykendall said he saw a better overall effort from his team during Friday's 64-16 victory against Trinity. The Wildcats (2-2) allowed 67 total yards in the victory, including minus-6 yards rushing.

"We still need some polishing but the effort was a lot better than it had been," Kuykendall said. "We are much more satisfied."

■ The Chargers will have a bye this week, and will take on Fort Davis on Oct. 4 at home.

■ Midland Christian cracked the top 25 in MaxPreps Texas state rankings this week, coming in at No. 25.

■ Rankin remained at No. 6 in sixmanfootball.com's Division I rankings this week, and Garden City actually moved up to No. 8 in the same rankings after coming in at No. 9 last week.

■ Teams in 5-A Division II finished 2-2 last week in their final tune-ups before double round-robin district play begins this week. Iraan and Wink won, while McCamey and Van Horn lost.

THE WEEK AHEAD

■ Midland Christian at Fort Worth Southwest Christian, 7:30 p.m. Friday: The Mustangs should keep rolling, but the first district road trip can be interesting.

■ Crane at Forsan, 7:30 p.m. Friday: The Buffaloes (2-2) face another stiff Class 2A test.

■ Wink at Iraan, 7:30 p.m. Friday: These two rivals enter this game playing well, and expect a tight battle in the first of two meetings this season.

■ Van Horn at McCamey, 7:30 p.m. Friday: The Badgers will try to rebound in district play after last week's loss to Stanton.

■ New Home at Grady, 7:30 p.m. Friday: The Wildcats hope to carry on the momentum after last week's victory.

■ Ropes at Garden City, 7:30 p.m. Friday: The Bearkats will take on another tough six-man opponent in Ropes, but will do it at home.

■ Rankin at Sanderson, 7:30 p.m. Friday: The Red Devils will be looking to move to 5-0.

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STATISTICS

Midland Christian statistics (4-0)

Midland Christian	39	61	66	32—198
Opponent	3	14	0	0—17

Team Statistics

	MCS	Opponent
First Downs	89	36
Rushes-Yards	117-733	137-348
Passing Yards	1,120	324
Comp-Att-Int	69-104-4	23-51-3
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	8-8
Penalties-Yards	14-111	14-127

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
J. Fender	48	313	6.5	4
Gilbert	25	177	7.1	2
Mannix	10	89	8.9	1
Aguirre	8	83	10.4	1
D. Fender	8	34	4.3	0
Eddison	4	10	2.5	0
Glossop	4	7	1.8	0
McClendon	7	13	-1.9	0
Angel	1	4	4.0	0
Little	2	3	1.5	0
Totals	117	733	6.3	8

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
McClendon	66	99	4	1,090	18
Little	3	5	0	30	0
Totals	69	104	4	1,120	18

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Aguirre	18	352	19.6	6
Koym	14	225	16.1	7
Little	13	182	14.0	2
Brown	10	181	18.1	2
Mannix	10	146	14.6	1
D. Fender	1	18	18.0	0
Lawrence	1	10	10.0	0
Jones	1	4	4.0	0
McClendon	1	2	2.0	0
Totals	69	1,120	16.2	18

KICKOFF RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
J. Fender	2	64	32.0	0
Aguirre	2	53	26.5	0
Little	1	40	40.0	0
J. Tucker	1	0	0.0	0
Gilbert	1	0	0.0	0
Totals	7	157	22.4	0

PUNT RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Little	6	13	2.2	0
Totals	6	13	2.2	0

INTERCEPTIONS

Player	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD
Koym	1	24	24.0	0
Mannix	1	5	5.0	0
Aguirre	1	1	1.0	0
Totals	3	30	10.0	0

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	FG	2PT	TP
Aguirre	7	0	0	1	44
Koym	7	0	0	0	42
Causey	0	20	1	0	36
J. Fender	4	0	0	1	26
Mannix	2	1	0	0	13
Brown	2	0	0	0	12
Gilbert	2	0	0	0	12
Little	2	0	0	0	12
Talley	1	0	0	0	6
Baquirin	1	0	0	0	6
Team	0	0	0	1	2
Totals	28	21	1	3	198

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	T	S	TFL	FC	FR	PBU
Warren	46	0	3	0	0	0
J. Fender	30	!	2	1	0	0
Baquirin	28	1	9	2	1	0
Glossop	25	2	2	2	1	0
Sanford	24	0	1	0	2	1
Talley	21	1	1	0	1	0
Jones	19	1	1	0	0	0
B. Hooper	16	0	1	0	0	0
Aguirre	16	0	1	1	0	3
Brown	15	0	1	0	0	1
Koym	12	0	1	0	1	2
D. Nguyen	12	0	0	0	0	1
Mannix	11	0	0	0	0	0
D. Fender	7	0	1	0	0	1
Harris	7	0	0	0	0	1
Lawrence	6	0	0	1	0	1
Gilbert	5	0	0	0	0	0
Eddison	5	0	1	0	0	1
Wolfe	4	0	0	0	0	0
B. Thomason	3	0	0	0	0	0
N. Hooper	3	0	0	0	1	0
Munguia	2	0	0	0	0	0
Galindo	2	3	0	0	0	0
Wilson	2	0	0	0	0	0
McKinney	2	0	0	0	0	0
H. Reeger-North	1	0	0	0	0	0
Garnett	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tankersley	0	0	0	0	1	0
Tucker	1	0	0	0	0	0

Note: Tackle total includes solo and assisted tackle

AREA STANDINGS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

District 2-3A
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Shallowater	4	0	221	88	1.000
Levelland	3	1	106	93	.750
Lub. Cooper	3	1	129	110	.750
Estacado	2	1	88	75	.667
Andrews	2	2	166	158	.500
Seminole	2	2	60	97	.500

Last week's scores
Big Spring 61, Andrews 48; Lubbock Cooper 39, Perryton 37; Lubbock Estacado 35, Snyder 31; Levelland 40, Brownfield 34, OT; Midland Christian 62, Seminole 0; Shallowater 48, Dalhart 7

This week's games
Lubbock Cooper at Hereford; Abilene Wylie at Lubbock Estacado; Levelland at Fort Stockton; Big Spring at Seminole; Shallowater at Idalou; Andrews at Lubbock High (Saturday)

District 4-3A
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Big Spring	3	1	161	86	.750
Sweetwater	2	2	148	152	.500
Monahans	2	1	55	54	.667
Greenwood	1	3	101	143	.250
Wylie	2	2	90	95	.500
Snyder	0	4	132	141	.000

Last week's scores
San Angelo Lake View 52, Greenwood 27; Big Spring 61, Andrews 48; Lubbock Estacado 35, Snyder 31; Wall 42, Sweetwater 28, Midland Christian 62, Seminole 0; Abilene Wylie 38, Brownwood 16; Monahans 27, Fort Stockton 0

This week's games
Greenwood at Lamesa; Big Spring at Seminole; Monahans at Kermit; Snyder at San Angelo Lake View; Wall at Sweetwater; Abilene Wylie at Lubbock Estacado

District 3-2A Division II
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Crane	4	0	150	35	1.000
Sonora	3	1	116	90	.750
Stanton	3	1	136	66	.750
Reagan Co.	2	2	61	88	.500
Alpine	2	2	110	53	.500
Coahoma	0	4	34	146	.000

Last week's scores
Stanton 42, McCamey 20; Denver City 47, Coahoma 0; Crane 28, Pecos 13; Alpine 60, Anthony 0; Sonora 35, Harper 7; Iraan 32, Reagan County 0

This week's games
Stanton at Seagraves; Ozona at Sonora; Crane at Forsan; Coahoma at Ballinger; Colorado City at Reagan County; Alpine vs. Muleshoe at Odessa (Saturday)

District 4-A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Anson	3	0	173	85	1.000
Stamford	3	0	135	33	1.000
Forsan	2	1	51	49	.667
Haskell	1	2	53	88	.333
Winters	1	2	63	95	.333

Last week's scores
Stanton 35, Forsan 6; Stamford 34, Merkel 20; Anson 61, Jim Ned 33; Haskell 26, Baird 25; Winters 42, Bronte 6

This week's games
Forsan at Jim Ned; Stamford at Colorado City; Hamlin at Winters; Miles at Anson; Electra at Haskell

District 5-A Division II
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Iraan	4	0	141	60	1.000
Wink	3	1	91	80	.750
McCamey	1	3	59	117	.250
Van Horn	0	4	18	141	.000

Last week's scores
Stanton 42, McCamey 20; Iraan 32, Reagan County 0; Tornillo 18, Van Horn 0; Wink 28, Seagraves 15

This week's games
Wink at Iraan; Van Horn at McCamey

District 4 Six-man Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Grady	2	2	194	192	.500
Klondike	2	2	107	99	.500
O'Donnell	2	2	187	223	.500
Borden Co.	1	3	114	228	.250

Last week's scores
Grady 64, Trinity 16; Borden County 50, Hermleigh 38; Klondike 54, Wellman-Union 6; O'Donnell 88, Odessa Latter Rain 53

This week's games
New Home at Grady; Klondike at Ira; Borden County at Dawson; Sands at O'Donnell

District 5 Six-man Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Garden City	3	1	201	68	.750
Rankin	4	0	196	66	1.000
Fort Davis	0	3	37	164	.000
Marfa	0	4	105	231	.000

Last week's scores
Ira 48, Garden City 28; Sanderson 40, Fort Davis 23; Rankin 64, Meadow 32; Sierra Blanca 42, Marfa 36

This week's games
Ropes at Garden City; Rankin at Sanderson; Fort Davis at Balmorhea; Marfa at Imperial Buena Vista

TAPPS Division II District 1
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Mid. Christ.	4	0	198	17	1.000
FWSW Christian	2	2	103	111	.500
Grapevine Faith	2	2	77	89	.500
FW Christian	1	2	59	88	.333
Waco Reicher	1	2	62	107	.333
Grace Prep	0	4	43	162	.000

Last week's scores
Midland Christian 62, Seminole 0; Fort Worth Christian 30, Gainesville State School 14; Argyle Liberty Christian 40, Arlington Grace Prep 0; Grapevine Faith Christian 33, Clarksville 6; Fort Worth Southwest Christian 52, Legacy Christian 21, Waco Reicher was open

This week's games
Midland Christian at Fort Worth Southwest Christian; Fort Worth Christian at Arlington Grace Prep; Arlington Pantego at Waco Reicher

TAPPS Six-man Division I District 1
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Dal. Lakehill	3	0	198	94	1.000
Canyon Creek	3	1	145	47	.750
Abilene Christ.	2	2	180	160	.500
Car. Christian	2	2	135	162	.500
Trinity	1	3	90	209	.250

Last week's scores
Grady 64, Trinity 16; Richardson Canyon Creek 27, Irving Universal Academy 7; Water Valley 60, Abilene Christian 24; Dallas Lakehill 109, Campbell 73; Rockwall Heritage 52, Carrollton Christian 18

This week's games
Watauga Harvest at Abilene Christian; Dallas Lakehill at Lakeland Christian; Carrollton Christian at Lucas Christian (Saturday) Trinity and Richardson Canyon Creek are open

TEXAS HSPOLLS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Class 5A

School		Total Points	Prv
1. Allen (16)	(4-0)	237	1
2. Katy (4)	(4-0)	224	2
3. DeSoto (5)	(4-0)	213	3
4. Galena Park North Shore	(4-0)	158	4
5. Houston Lamar	(3-0)	138	5
6. Coppell	(3-0)	129	6
7. Cibolo Steele	(3-1)	88	8
8. Smithson Valley	(4-0)	52	NR
9. Southlake Carroll	(2-1)	51	10
10. Pflugerville Hendrickson	(4-0)	34	NR

Others receiving votes: 11, Pearland 8. 12, Mesquite Horn 7. 13, Cedar Hill 5. 13, SA Madison 5. 15, Spring Westfield 4. 15, Arlington Lamar 4. 15, Mansfield Timberview 4. 18, Denton Ryan 3. 18, SA Northside O'Connor 3. 18, San Angelo Central 3. 21, Arlington Martin 2. 22, Longview 1. 22, Euless Trinity 1. 22, Arlington Bowie 1.

Class 4A

School		Total Points	Prv
1. Aledo (20)	(3-0)	231	1
2. SA Northside Brennan (2)	(4-0)	192	2
3. Whitehouse (1)	(4-0)	147	5
4. Humble Summer Creek	(3-0)	143	4
5. Denton Guyer (1)	(2-1)	127	3
6. Texas City	(3-0)	123	6
7. Cedar Park	(3-1)	93	7
8. Elgin	(4-0)	87	10
9. Pearland Dawson	(3-0)	62	9
10. Manor	(4-0)	34	NR

Others receiving votes: 11, CC Calallen 21. 12, Mesquite Poteet 14. 13, Wolfforth Frenship 11. 14, Huntsville 8. 15, Fort Bend Marshall 7. (tie) White Settlement Brewer 7. 17, Dallas South Oak Cliff 5. 18, WF Rider 3. 19, Georgetown 2. 20, Ennis 1. (tie) Crosby 1. (tie) Richmond George Ranch 1.

Class 3A

School		Total Points	Prv
1. Carthage (9)	(4-0)	207	1
2. Gilmer (5)	(4-0)	201	2
(tie) Navasota (6)	(4-0)	201	3
4. Argyle (3)	(4-0)	176	4
5. Kilgore	(3-0)	149	5
6. Graham (1)	(4-0)	111	6
7. Stephenville	(3-1)	93	7
8. Celina	(4-0)	58	8
9. Port Isabel	(4-0)	48	9
10. El Campo	(3-0)	32	10

Others receiving votes: 11, Shallowater 12. 12, Fairfield 8. (tie) Gainesville 8. 14, Bellville 4. 15, Coldspring-Oakhurst 3. (tie) West Orange-Stark 3. (tie) La Grange 3. 18, Sweetwater 2. 19, Robinson 1.

Class 2A

School		Total Points	Prv
1. Cameron Yoe (13)	(4-0)	220	1
2. Newton (7)	(3-0)	212	2
3. East Bernard (4)	(4-0)	202	3
4. New Boston	(4-0)	147	4
5. Wall	(4-0)	142	5
6. Tatum	(3-0)	116	6
7. Cisco	(4-0)	88	7
8. Franklin	(4-0)	59	8
9. Hallettsville	(4-0)	44	9
10. Refugio	(2-1)	28	10

Others receiving votes: 11, Hughes Springs 15. 12, Rogers 10. (tie) Centerville 10. 14, White Oak 7. 15, Canadian 6. 16, Corrigan-Camden 4. 17, Malakoff 3. 18, Lago Vista 2. (tie) Eastland 2. (tie) Cooper 2. 21, Garrison 1.

Class 1A

School		Total Points	Prv
1. Stamford (18)	(4-0)	231	1
2. Wellington (2)	(4-0)	190	2
3. Stratford (1)	(4-0)	165	3
4. Chilton (1)	(4-0)	146	5
5. Tenaha (1)	(2-1)	134	6
6. Anson	(4-0)	110	7
7. Mason	(2-1)	87	8
8. Falls City	(4-0)	76	9
9. Pineland West Sabine	(3-0)	56	10
10. Mart (1)	(2-2)	39	4

Others receiving votes: 11, Albany 31. 12, Muenster 21. 13, Bosqueville 12. 14, New Deal 11. 15, Hico 5. (tie) Bremond 5. 17, Gruver 1.

NASCAR has quickly been turned upside down in 2 months

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — These are strange times in NASCAR.

Michael Waltrip Racing is fighting for its survival and a driver who woke up two Mondays ago in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship is now looking for a job. Sponsors are taking a stand, too — against a team over ethics, maybe even against NASCAR for the perception that all teams are not treated equally.

A single-car team based in Colorado suddenly has the most desired seat in the garage, and when the music stops, a pair of respected veterans and the Nationwide Series championship leader may be left standing without rides because the youth movement has clearly taken over.

Maybe everything went haywire when Tony Stewart broke his leg Aug. 5. That's when co-owner Gene Haas went rogue, seizing the opportunity while Stewart was incapacitated to finalize a deal to hire the seemingly untouchable Kurt Busch.

Nothing else has made much sense since then.

Busch, whose talent had taken tiny Furniture Row Motorsports to the verge of a Chase berth, was suddenly headed back to a dream job. With Stewart sidelined for the rest of the season, defending Sprint Cup champion Brad Keselowski stuck in a slump and perpetual contender Danny Hamlin out of Chase contention, the field was open to roughly 10 drivers suddenly vying for a golden ticket into NASCAR's version of the playoffs.

As Furniture Row walked the fine line of courting a new driver — the team flew Juan Pablo Montoya to Colorado for a shop tour — while making last-minute preparations for Busch's Chase push, Michael Waltrip Racing was readying its fleet for the homestretch. MWR had a legitimate title contender in Clint Bowyer, ranked second or third in the standings for 10 consecutive weeks, and Martin Truex Jr. was on the Chase bubble.

So everything seemed somewhat normal headed into Richmond, where the Sept. 7 race would end with the top 12 drivers advancing into the Chase and Montoya probably taking the Furniture Row job.

Then came the late-race shenanigans by MWR to get Truex the final Chase berth. That's when things really spun out of control.

NASCAR came down hard with sanctions, including Truex's removal from the Chase field in favor of Stewart teammate Ryan Newman.

Longtime Waltrip sponsor NAPA Auto Sports, citing its belief in "fair play," then said it would pull its multimillion-dollar sponsorship from MWR at the end of the year. The NAPA decision could force MWR to lay off up to 100 employees and fold its No. 56 car.

So Truex went from driving his guts out in an effort to make the Chase to an unwitting participant in a team scandal to being potentially out of work eight weeks from now.

Bowyer, one of the most popular drivers in the garage, is now feeling the ire of fans for his role in the Richmond scandal and his promising season has fallen apart after two mediocre races to start the Chase, maybe because of all the pressure. He's 10th in the standings, essentially out of title contention, and sponsor 5-Hour Energy said it will decide after the season if it will continue its relationship with MWR.

Should 5-Hour bail at the end of the year, Bowyer will be in far worse shape than Truex. At least Truex has some time to look for a job. In December, there won't be any jobs to be had.

Currently leading the Nationwide championship race, Hornish is at another crossroads in his career. Penske is full at the Cup level with Keselowski and Logano, and it appears the team wants Hornish's Nationwide seat for 19-year-old Ryan Blaney, who grabbed his first career victory Saturday night at Kentucky.

That doesn't leave much hope for 46-year-old Jeff Burton, a 21-race winner, or former Cup champion Bobby Labonte, who turned 49 this year.

Both are looking for jobs. They may soon be joined by Truex and Hornish — and everyone is left speculating how this will all shake out.

Johnson's recovery key for Texans

Associated Press

HOUSTON — For the second straight week, all eyes will be on the recovery of Andre Johnson.

The Texans' star receiver recovered from a concussion suffered against the Titans to play in Sunday's 30-9 loss to the Ravens, only to be forced out of the game with a shin bruise in the first half.

Johnson

Johnson was examined Monday and is "OK," according to Texans coach Gary Kubiak, but Johnson will be day to day as the Texans prepare for the unbeaten Seahawks.

"He did come out OK," Kubiak said Monday. "All the X-rays are fine so it's just a matter of working him back through it. It's just the matter of a day-to-day process."

Having Johnson back would help Houston address some of issues that led to Sunday's sobering loss. The Texans were their own worst enemy as they set a franchise record for penalties (14 for 113), and allowed two non-offense touchdowns.

In the first half, Ravens linebacker Daryl Smith intercepted Matt Schaub and cashed in on a 37-yard touchdown return for a 10-6 lead. Less than two minutes later, Baltimore's Tandon Doss broke through Houston's special teams for an 82-yard punt return TD.

Fixing the mistakes and putting up big plays are points Kubiak is looking to work on. Eliminating penalties comes down to preparation and concentration.

"Somehow we've got to get some consistency, get rid of those mistakes and play the type of football game we want to play," Kubiak said. "We've got to find a way to make some bigger plays than what we're making."

Creating more big plays is a more complex task.

To do that, Kubiak pointed to giving Schaub more time. Against the Ravens, Houston was without Pro Bowl left tackle Duane Brown. With Derek Newton and Ryan Harris manning the edges, the Texans were under siege from Baltimore's defense throughout the game.

Kubiak said Brown was back on the field Monday, but is still day to day, meaning Harris and Newton could have to carry the load once again against the strong Seattle defense.

"They battled. They battled some good players there. We could help them," Kubiak said. "I think Ryan came in and battled his tail off. Ryan can play better. I know Newton can play better."

The issues were not all on the offensive line. The Texans' execution in the play-action passing game and the ability to be more balanced between run and pass also factor into the big-play equation.

All of this, however, leads to a tough reality. Three games into the season the Texans are working on the same issues heading into a tough portion of their schedule.

"I don't think we've played a good team game from start to finish," Kubiak said. "We've been inconsistent. We've turned the ball over. It's about consistency and finding a way to make plays.

"The biggest thing is if we're going to put ourselves in those situations, we're going to struggle."

Kubiak gave positive marks for Ed Reed's performance, saying the safety will continue to be the starter.

Emmert says change coming for NCAA

By Tommy Magelssen
Associated Press

GRAPEVINE — President Mark Emmert said Monday he expects "a lot of change" for the governance structure of Division I sports over the next year.

"I've said publicly on a number of occasions the only thing everybody agrees on with Division I governance is that it doesn't work," Emmert said during his opening remarks at a meeting of more than 100 Division I faculty athletics representatives. He later said NCAA directors are looking at the next six to eight months in particular.

"I think the board anticipates a lot of change," he said. "They're going into their October and January meetings expecting to look at a whole different governance model for Division I. So it will be significantly different."

The NCAA's annual convention is in January. The board hopes to adopt proposals at its meeting next April, and then have a special meeting for the full membership next summer.

The discussion focused on transparency and the public perception of the NCAA.

Emmert has received sharp criticism for months, for everything from the unprecedented sanctions handed to Penn State for the Jerry Sandusky child sex-abuse scandal to the botched investigation of alleged misconduct in University of Miami athletics. He, and the NCAA in general, have been singled out by conference commissioners, professional athletes and even current college football players.

Houston Texans running back Arian Foster, who says in an upcoming documentary he accepted money while at Tennessee, recently called the NCAA a bully. Some college players wore patches Saturday with the letters APU, standing for All Players United, to call for NCAA reform.

Additionally, SEC Commissioner Mike Slive suggested last week that the NCAA's rules on governing agents are part of the problem amid reports of possible problems at Alabama and Tennessee.

"I haven't talked to Mike about it, so I can't speak for him," Emmert said Monday.

The third-year president is fully aware of the public's perception of the NCAA. Emmert said the board and other NCAA officials have concerns about that. The public sees him as more of a commissioner of a professional sport, which Emmert said is not the case.

He said getting people to understand the NCAA is more than just him or the board of directors — decisions are driven by the hundreds of member schools — is a difficult task.

"To think that the president of the NCAA has ever been anything like the commissioner of baseball is ludicrous," Emmert said, "but yet that would be the most popular perception I suspect that people have of what my job is."

COWBOYS

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But Kiffin heaped praise mainly on Marinelli after the Cowboys registered their highest sack total since notching six in Week 2 of the 2011 season.

Through three games, the Cowboys have 13 sacks, putting them on pace to end the season with 56. They had only seven sacks after three games last year en route to finishing the season with just 34.

"When players get a chance to play for Coach Marinelli, it's an unbelievable experience," said Kiffin, who teamed with Marinelli in Tampa Bay when the Buccaneers defense was one of the NFL's best.

"He shows tapes and tapes and goes through every single move they can make and how to set it up, read blocks, the whole bit, and they went out and executed it."

It's a remarkable story, considering Selvie is playing for his fourth team in five years and Hayden was out of football last season.

"Selvie's really done a great job," Kiffin said. "He's a great example, again, of coach Marinelli taking a free agent and making something out of the guy. He did it with Greg Spires, who was cut twice by (Tampa Bay's) Super Bowl team in 2002. Simeon Rice was let go by the Cardinals. You just never know. And Nick is the example at nose tackle, playing his tail off.

"(Selvie, Hayden) are guys who were cut by other teams. One of them (Hayden) was home watching sitcoms or something on the couch. That's pretty exciting. I love coaching guys like that. Rod and I both do."

For years, Jerry Jones has talked about his belief that "coaching players up" would solve a lot of his team's ills. Unfortunately for Jones, a lot of his hires failed in that mission.

With Marinelli, though, it looks like Jones finally has an assistant capable of molding pedestrian pieces into powerful players.

"Rod has done a fantastic job," coach Jason Garrett said. "He's a great man, a great coach, great for our team.

BIG 12

From 1C

best foot forward when it comes to conference games, there's no question," WVU coach Dana Holgorsen said. "Last week against Maryland, that meant something too. Unfortunately we didn't play very good, I didn't coach very good. ... Now that we're in Big 12 play, each and every one of them count."

Iowa State (0-2) plays Thursday night at Tulsa to wrap up its non-conference slate. On Saturday, No. 14 Oklahoma (3-0) travels to No. 22 Notre Dame and TCU (1-2) is home against SMU.

No. 19 Baylor (3-0), the nation's highest-scoring team at 69.7 points a game, and No. 24 Texas Tech (4-0) have the weekend off. So do Texas, Kansas State and Kansas before it's all Big 12 games through the first weekend in December.

"It's really a lot more exciting now than in the preseason or out-of-conference games," Brown said.

This is the second open date in three weeks for the Bears, whose next game is Oct. 5 at home in its Big 12 opener against West Virginia in a rematch of that wild game last year the Mountaineers won, 70-63.

"We'd like to keep rolling along, but maybe on the flip side, we need a little down time and settle down and then get ready to get up and go into conference play," Baylor coach Art Briles.

The Bears have the league's longest winning streak at seven games. That includes their final three conference games last season, a bowl victory over UCLA and the three lopsided wins to start this year. They seem better prepared for conference play than a year ago, when they lost their first four Big 12 games.

"There's some validity to that, without question," Briles said. "I think our mindset is certainly different than it was a year ago going into Big 12 play."

TCU is in a 15-day gap between games following its 20-10 loss to Texas Tech in the Big 12 opener for both teams. The Horned Frogs opened their season with a 37-27 loss to sixth-ranked LSU.

"Everybody's talking about us being 1-2," TCU coach Gary Patterson said. "I don't think there's a situation where everybody should be panicking."

Manning's 3 TDs helps Broncos beat Raiders

Broncos	37
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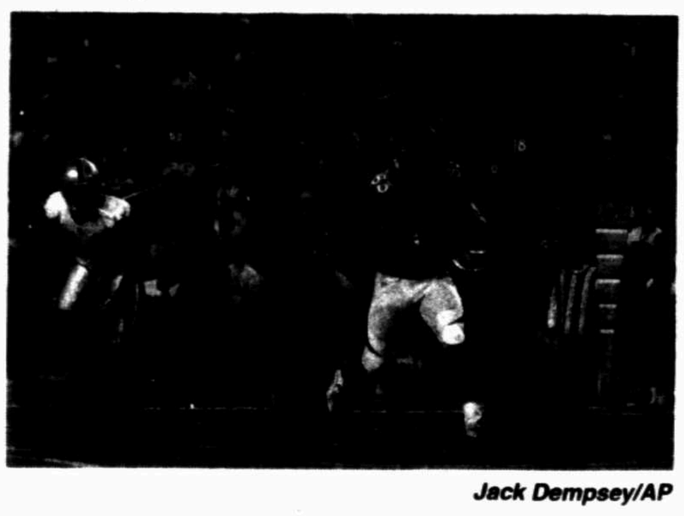
By Eddie Pells
Associated Press



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Denver Broncos wide receiver Wes Welker (83) comes down with a touchdown pass against Oakland Raiders free safety Charles Woodson (24) in the second quarter Monday in Denver.

DENVER — Peyton Manning clapped his hands four, five, six times and barked out the signals. A few seconds later, Wes Welker was all alone, cradling the quarterback's latest touchdown pass.

All part of another impeccably crafted victory for Manning and the Denver Broncos, who rolled over the Oakland Raiders 37-21 Monday night. Denver's 127 points lead the league and are 31 more than second-place Green Bay.

Manning went 32 for 37 for 374 yards and set a few more records while outwitting the overmatched Raiders (1-2).

His 12 touchdown passes are one more than Tom Brady's old record for the first three games, set in 2011. Manning still has yet to throw an interception, which matches a record held by Michael Vick, who also threw 12 touchdowns before his first pick in 2010.

As much as the numbers, it was Manning's deciphering of the Oakland defense that made jaws drop in this one.

His first touchdown, a 2-yard pass to Eric Decker, came after a subtle play action fake that froze the defense and left Decker wide open in the back of the end zone.

Manning's targets for the next two touchdowns — Welker and Julius Thomas — didn't have defenders within three steps of them. Wide open. A sure sign that Manning had diagnosed the defense he was looking at well before the snap and knew exactly where he wanted to go with the ball.

OK, so the evening wasn't perfect. There were the five incompletions, though two of them were flat-out drops and another two hit receivers in the hands, but would have been difficult catches. The Broncos settled for three field goals and had to punt once. Rookie Montee Ball lost another fumble. Denver came a field goal short of reaching 40 points for the third straight game.

And Manning's prediction that Chris Clark would be a seamless replacement for injured Ryan Clady as his blindside protector didn't exactly pan out. Lamarr Houston beat Denver's new starting left tackle badly in the third quarter for a sack and strip that halted a drive that had reached the Raiders 13.

But Denver was ahead 30-7 at that point.

And any complaints about Denver's offense seem like quibbling given what's gone on so far this season. The record for touchdown passes in a season is 50, set by Brady in 2007. If he keeps up this pace, Manning will throw 64.

As for Denver's biggest rival, the Raiders — since Manning arrived, the Broncos have outscored them 100-40 in three runaway wins.

The Raiders offense made one big play before the game got out of hand, when Terrelle Pryor (19 for 28 for 281 yards) hit Denarius Moore in the middle of the field and Broncos defensive backs Duke Ihenacho and Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie whiffed on the tackle. Moore went 73 yards to cut Oakland's deficit to 17-7 in the second quarter.

All of which simply gave Manning the ball back more quickly. On the first play of the next drive, he hit Decker, who spun away from his defender for a 61-yard gain. Three plays later, the Broncos were up 17 again after Manning found Thomas on an out route for a 13-yard score.

The Broncos defense, now halfway through Von Miller's suspension and playing again without injured Champ Bailey, allowed only 9 yards on the ground to Darren McFadden, who came into the game leading the league with 223 yards from scrimmage. McFadden did, however, throw a touchdown — a 16-yard connection to Marcel Reece on a halfback option — and get a late score on the ground.

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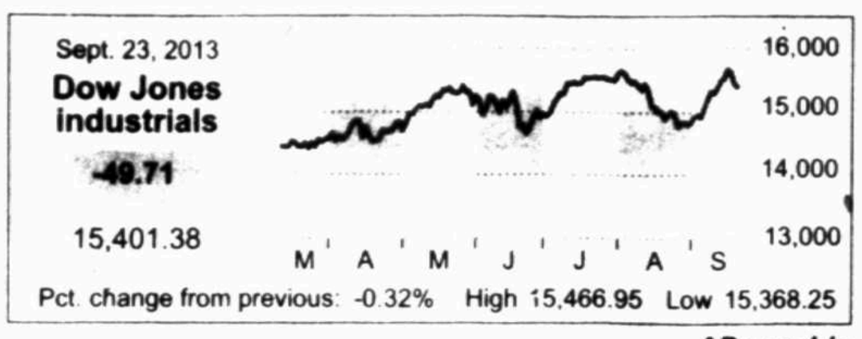

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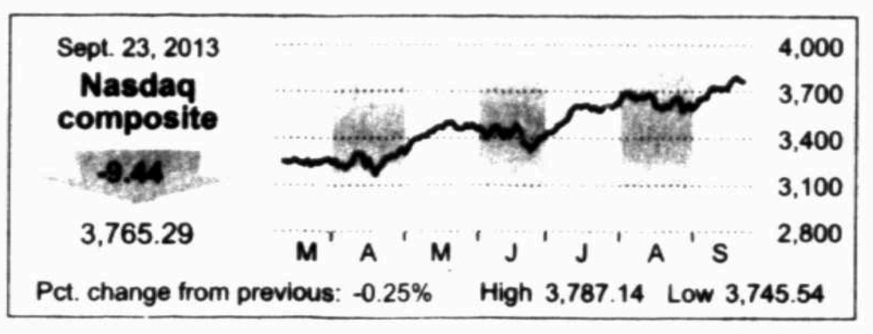

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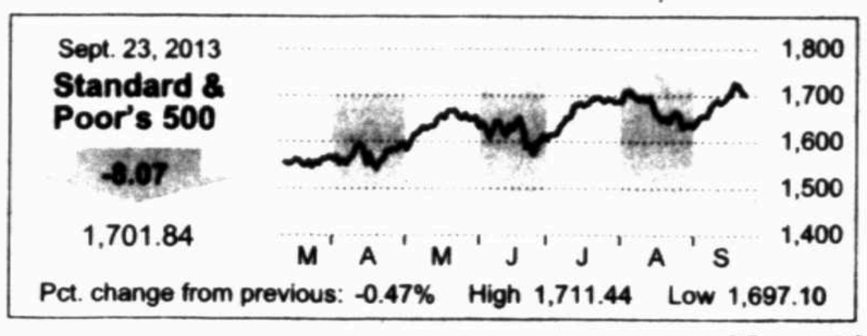

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES
Monday: $103.59
Previous: $104.67

POSTED
Monday: $99.75
Previous: $101.25

WEST TEXAS SOUR
Monday: $98.70
Previous: $100.20

NATURAL GAS
Monday: $3.602
Previous: $3.687

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1230729	14.14	-.30
S&P500ETF	908036	169.93	-.79
iShEMkts	597864	42.23	+.15
NokiaCp	497955	6.67	+.09
SPDR Fncl	496676	20.14	-.29

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Edenor	4.30	+.90	+26.5
AmiraNF n	13.32	+1.96	+17.3
ChinaGreen	4.10	+.29	+7.6
Entravisn	5.64	+.39	+7.4
TremorV n	10.49	+.69	+7.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DaqoNE rs	19.73	-2.37	-10.7
Pandora	24.26	-2.73	-10.1
McEwenM	2.41	-.24	-9.1
Barclay rt	5.18	-.43	-7.7
DxGldBll rs	50.90	-4.21	-7.6

DIARY

Advanced	1,289
Declined	1,760
Unchanged	111
Total issues	3,160
New Highs	81
New Lows	37
Volume	3,058,643,141

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
InovioPhm	70321	2.15	-.03
NwGold g	47629	6.10	-.18
AlldNevG	42542	4.58	-.07
CheniereEn	35147	31.50	+.68
FAB Univ	27736	7.80	+.44

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Medgen wt	2.94	+.30	+11.3
RareEle g	2.98	+.27	+10.0
MexcoEn	7.17	+.53	+8.0
Fibrocell rs	5.25	+.35	+7.1
FAB Univ	7.80	+.44	+6.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ASpecRlty	2.11	-.24	-10.2
RetractTc	2.79	-.30	-9.7
InstFnMkts	2.37	-.22	-8.5
AskanoG g	2.41	-.21	-8.0
Versar	4.41	-.37	-7.7

DIARY

Advanced	199
Declined	217
Unchanged	24
Total issues	440
New Highs	10
New Lows	4
Volume	90,611,179

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Facebook	733182	47.19	-.30
Microsoft	369634	32.74	-.05
SiriusXM	365015	3.86	-.08
Groupon	326572	11.94	-.71
BlackBerry	309454	8.82	+.10

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Omeros	9.18	+2.02	+28.2
GeronCp	3.17	+.70	+28.1
PTC Ther n	22.48	+4.60	+25.7
SkystarBio	3.94	+.61	+18.3
AratanaT n	17.36	+2.61	+17.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
WashFd wt	5.50	-.78	-12.4
Abiomed	18.88	-2.51	-11.7
CyclacelPh	4.23	-.52	-10.9
EuroTech	3.03	-.37	-10.9
Ambient If	2.59	-.31	-10.7

DIARY

Advanced	1,082
Declined	1,431
Unchanged	115
Total issues	2,628
New Highs	135
New Lows	27
Volume	1,574,509,934

Fairfax reaches tentative deal to buy BlackBerry

Associated Press

TORONTO — BlackBerry's largest shareholder has reached a tentative agreement to pay $4.7 billion for the troubled smartphone maker, even as many investors fret about its potential demise.

BlackBerry Ltd. said Monday that Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd. has signed a letter of intent to buy the company for $9 per share in cash and take it private. The tentative deal comes just days after the Canadian company announced plans to lay off 40 percent of its global workforce. The offer price is below what the company had been trading at before the layoff announcement.

Analysts said that although BlackBerry's hardware business is not worth anything, the company still owns valuable patents. Patents on wireless technologies have exploded in value in recent years, as makers of the iPhone and various Android devices sue each other. Having a strong portfolio of patents allows phone makers to defend themselves and work out deals.

BlackBerry is also strong in having total cash and investments of about $2.6 billion, with no debt.

The BlackBerry deal follows a $7.2 billion offer that Microsoft Corp. made this month for the phones and services business of another troubled phone maker, Nokia Corp. Last year, Google Inc. paid $12.4 billion for another fallen pioneer, Motorola Mobility, mostly for its patents.

The BlackBerry, pioneered in 1999, was once the dominant smartphone for on-the-go business people and other consumers. It could be so addictive that it was nicknamed "the CrackBerry." President Barack Obama couldn't bear to part with his BlackBerry. Oprah Winfrey declared it one of her "favorite things."

But then came a new generation of competing smartphones, starting with Apple's iPhone in 2007. The BlackBerry, that game-changing breakthrough in personal connectedness, suddenly looked ancient.

Although BlackBerry was once Canada's most valuable company with a market value of $83 billion in June 2008, the stock has plummeted from more than $140 a share to less than $9, giving it a market value of $4.6 billion, just short of Fairfax's offer.

BlackBerry shares plunged 17 percent Friday after the company announced a loss of nearly $1 billion and layoffs of 4,500 workers. It gained 9 cents, or 1.1 percent, to $8.82 Monday.

Fairfax head Prem Watsa, who owns 10 percent of BlackBerry, stepped down as a board member because of potential conflicts when BlackBerry announced it was considering a sale last month. Under the deal, the company would no longer be traded publicly once the sale goes through.

"We believe this transaction will open an exciting new private chapter for BlackBerry, its customers, carriers and employees," Watsa said in a statement. "We can deliver immediate value to shareholders, while we continue the execution of a long-term strategy in a private company."

Watsa is one of Canada's best-known investors and is the billionaire founder of Toronto-based Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd. BlackBerry founder Mike Lazaridis recruited Watsa to join the company's board when Lazaridis and Jim Balsillie stepped aside as its co-CEOs in January 2012. Mike Walkley, an analyst with Canaccord Genuity, said that because Watsa was on the board, he likely has the best information on the value of its patents and other assets.

BlackBerry said the general terms of the deal have been approved by its board and a special committee set up to look at options. The company said it will negotiate and execute a definitive transaction agreement with Fairfax by Nov. 4.

During that time, BlackBerry is entitled to continue to find other buyers, but if BlackBerry backs out of the deal, it would owe Fairfax about $157 million.

"The special committee is seeking the best available outcome for the company's constituents, including for shareholders," BlackBerry chairwoman Barbara Stymiest said in a statement.

Fairfax said it is seeking financing from Bank of America Merrill Lynch and BMO Capital Markets. The release didn't identify what other investors are involved.

Walkley believes the preliminary nature of the deal suggests his partners likely want to do due diligence with an option to back out. The announcement made no mention of any penalty should Fairfax back out.

The deal is hardly definitive at this stage, said Eric Kirzner, a professor of finance at the University of Toronto. "There are so many questions about it. It looks clever and it looks like it may set off a flurry of activity, maybe some other white knights are going to come along," Kirzner said. "Maybe that's the intent of this, or maybe the intent is for Mr. Watsa to acquire the company but I just don't know."

Watsa is likely to keep current CEO Thorsten Heins in the job should the deal happen. He said in April that he's a big supporter of Heins and has called his promotion the right decision. He also said he's excited about the company's new BlackBerry 10 operating system.

The decline of BlackBerry, formerly known as Research In Motion Ltd., is evoking memories of Nortel, another Canadian tech giant, which ended up declaring bankruptcy in 2009.

But BGC analyst Colin Gillis said taking BlackBerry private is the right move and said it's possible that BlackBerry could survive in a much smaller form. He noted that the $9-per-share offer is lower than the $12.32 average price that the stock traded over the past six months.

Oil drops

Metal and energy prices fell Monday as traders continued to digest the Federal Reserve's announcement last week that it plans to keep its economic stimulus in place.

Benchmark oil dropped $1.16, or 1.1 percent, to close at $103.59 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Wholesale gasoline fell five cents to $2.62 per gallon, natural gas was down 9 cents to $3.68 per 1,000 cubic feet and heating oil fell 5 cents to $2.96 per gallon.

Gold, other metals fall

Gold fell $5.50 to $1,327 an ounce Monday. Silver lost 7 cents to $21.857 an ounce.

Volatility hit the gold and silver markets last week after the Fed voted to keep up its $85 billion bond-buying program. The two metals had their biggest gains since the financial crisis on Wednesday and Thursday. Investors anticipated that the Fed's continuation of its program could cause inflation and weaken the dollar. Those trends tend to lift gold and silver prices.

But prices have dropped back since then.

"Things are starting to settle down a bit," said Sterling Smith, vice president at Citibank Institutional Client Group. "Gold prices spiked on the Fed announcement but they could not get any traction."

Other metals prices also fell. December copper dropped 2 cents to $3.30 a pound. October platinum fell $6.70 to $1,425.90 an ounce and December palladium fell$4 to $717.95 an ounce.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $53.33 Up 0.92

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $105.14 Up 1.15

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $31.43 Down 0.88

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $43.55 Up 0.77

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $26.95 Down 0.02

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $7.17 Up 0.53

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $27.70 Down 0.04

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $14.65 Up 0.19

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.80	26	34.22	-.10	+1.5
Abraxas	...	...	2.52	-.01	+15.1
AdamsEx	.67e	...	12.54	-.07	+18.4
AMD	...	...	3.79	-.04	+57.9
Alcoa	.12	31	8.28	-.01	-4.6
AlonUSA	.24a	5	10.40	+.02	-42.5
Amgen	1.88	19	115.05	-1.80	+33.5
Anadarko	.72f	28	94.11	+.42	+26.6
Annaly	1.65e	4	12.07	+.14	-14.0
Apache	.80	14	87.37	-.48	+11.3
Apple Inc	12.20	12	490.64	+23.23	-7.8
ApldMatl	.40	...	15.99	+.06	+39.8
ATMOS	1.40	16	42.61	+.88	+21.3
AutoData	1.74	25	73.13	-1.30	+28.5
BP PLC	2.16	10	42.27	-.19	+1.5
BabsCCInv	1.20a	...	15.73	+.06	+2.9
BakrHu	.60	21	49.24	-.60	+20.5
BkofAm	.04	25	14.14	-.30	+21.8
BariPVix rs	...	...	14.02	+.18	-55.9
BarrickG	.20m	...	18.35	-.26	-47.6
BasicEnSv	...	...	12.75	+.10	+11.7
BerkHa A	...	16	173540.00	-1460.00	+29.4
BerryPet	.32	15	42.60	+.04	+27.0
BlkHillsCp	1.52	17	49.91	+.87	+37.3
BlackBerry	...	...	8.82	+.10	-25.7
BrMySq	1.40	57	46.55	-.23	+44.4
BrownFA	1.02a	25	67.94	+.74	+10.5
BrownFB	1.02a	26	70.44	-.02	+11.4
CVS Care	.90	17	58.20	-.33	+20.4
Cameron	...	19	58.72	-1.49	+4.0
Caterpillar	2.40f	14	85.08	+.28	-5.1
Celestic g	...	24	10.97	+.08	+34.6
Cemex	.45t	...	11.71	-.04	+23.4
CntryLink	2.16	19	32.24	-.04	-17.6
ChesEng	.35	...	26.38	-.20	+58.7
Chevron	4.00	9	125.52	+.60	+16.1
Chicos	.22	16	16.93	...	-8.3
Cimarex	.56	20	93.27	+1.86	+61.6
Cisco	.68	13	24.28	-.24	+23.5
Citigroup	.04	13	49.57	-1.64	+25.3
[illegible]	...	...	53.33	+.92	+33.3
CocaCola	1.12	20	38.63	-.77	+6.6
ColgPalm s	1.36	25	60.20	-.24	+15.2
ConAgra	1.00	17	30.77	-.23	+4.3

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConchoRes	...	56	105.14	+1.15	+30.5
ConocoPhil	2.76f	12	70.58	-.42	+21.7
Corning	.40	11	14.82	+.15	+17.4
CrackerB	3.00f	21	102.88	+.44	+60.1
CrosTim	2.15e	14	29.70	+.32	+10.3
DCP Mid	2.84f	21	48.74	-.08	+16.7
DTE	2.62	18	67.60	+.42	+12.6
Dataram rs	...	...	3.05	+.13	+54.0
Dawson	...	18	31.43	-.88	+19.1
DevonE	.88	...	59.58	+.04	+14.5
DxSCBr rs	...	...	22.91	-.06	-57.6
Disney	.75f	19	64.75	-.26	+30.0
DowChm	1.28	43	39.24	-.46	+21.4
DryShips	...	...	3.46	-.04	+116.3
EMC Cp	.40	21	26.24	-.19	+3.7
EOG Res	.75	46	168.86	-.01	+39.8
EmpDist	1.00	16	22.14	+.44	+8.6
Energen	.58	22	75.57	+.64	+67.6
EngyTsfr	3.58	12	51.46	+.12	+19.9
EnPro	...	32	58.94	-.37	+44.1
EntPrPt	2.72f	22	60.67	-.70	+21.1
Ericsson	.43e	...	13.80	-.01	+36.6
ExterranH	...	11	27.97	-.50	+27.6
ExxonMbl	2.52	9	87.75	-.91	+1.4
Facebook	...	...	47.19	-.30	+77.3
FordM	.40	12	17.20	-.19	+32.8
ForestOil	...	19	6.21	-.18	-7.2
FMCG	1.25a	12	33.76	-.11	-1.3
GATX	1.24	18	47.77	-.30	+10.3
GabMultT	.80	...	9.91	+.07	+26.2
GAInv	2.00e	...	34.49	-.26	+24.0
GenElec	.76	18	24.28	+.27	+15.7
GenMotors	...	13	37.13	+.30	+28.8
GoldFLtd	.20r	...	4.75	+.04	-55.8
GtPlainEn	.87	15	22.63	+.40	+11.4
Groupon	...	...	11.94	-.71	+145.6
HalconRes	...	34	4.73	-.03	-31.6
Hallibrtn	.50	17	48.39	-.86	+39.5
HewlettP	.58	...	21.20	-.02	+48.8
HimaxTch	.25e	70	10.47	-.29	+336.3
iShBrazil	1.36e	...	49.00	+.48	-12.4
iShJapan	.15e	...	11.94	+.04	+22.4
iShChinaLC	.93e	...	38.65	+.22	-4.5
iShEMkts	.77e	...	42.23	+.15	-4.8

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iS Eafe	1.76e	...	64.25	-.01	+13.0
iShR2K	1.75e	...	106.60	+.01	+26.4
iShREst	2.49e	...	65.10	-.42	+.7
IntegrysE	2.72	14	56.63	+.64	+8.4
Intel	.90	13	23.62	-.15	+14.5
InterDig	.40a	7	38.17	+1.45	-7.1
ItauUnibH	.51r	...	14.32	+.16	-4.2
JPMorgCh	1.52	9	51.46	-1.34	+17.8
JohnJn	2.64	20	89.09	-.59	+27.1
Keycorp	.22	13	11.37	-.20	+35.0
KimbClk	3.24	20	95.79	-.41	+13.5
KindME	5.28f	29	79.42	-.61	-.5
KindMM	5.28t	47	74.52	-.24	-1.2
Kinross g	...	...	5.11	-.08	-47.4
LegacyRes	2.32f	...	26.95	-.02	+13.2
Lubys	...	32	7.28	-.01	+8.8
MktVGold	.46e	...	25.17	-.59	-45.7
MarvellT	.24	25	12.03	-.43	+65.7
McDnlds	3.24f	18	97.28	+.38	+10.3
Merck	1.72	26	47.68	-.33	+16.5
MeritMed	...	44	12.70	+.05	-8.6
MexcoEn	...	...	7.17	+.53	+11.4
MicronT	...	...	17.05	-.18	+168.9
Microsoft	1.12f	13	32.74	-.05	+22.6
MorgStan	.20	32	27.22	-.97	+42.4
Nabors	.16	38	16.15	-.21	+11.8
NatGrid	3.16e	...	60.17	-.21	+4.8
NOilVarco	1.04	15	78.50	-.31	+14.9
NwLead hlf	...	...	.10	+.01	-74.0
NokiaCp	...	...	6.67	+.09	+68.9
NvMAd	.80a	...	12.60	+.08	-17.2
NvPMI	.88	...	12.73	-.06	-14.7
NuvPI	.86	...	12.78	+.09	-14.6
NSTFI3	.63a	...	12.80	+.03	-12.4
NTXQI	.70	...	13.42	-.04	-15.3
OcciPet	2.56	17	91.37	-.19	+19.3
OfficeDpt	...	...	4.43	+.16	+35.1
Oracle	.48f	15	33.94	-.11	+1.9
Pandora	...	...	24.26	-2.73	+164.3
ParTech	...	...	4.73	-.17	-3.5
ParkDrl	...	...	6.02	-.05	+30.9
PattUTI	.20	16	21.71	-.23	+16.5
Penney	...	...	12.36	-.60	-37.3
PennaRE	.72	...	19.29	-.15	+9.4
Prmian	.84e	19	14.18	+.35	+15.7

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Petrobras	.27e	...	16.01	+.07	-17.8
Pfizer	.96	15	28.80	-.17	+14.8
PhilipMor	3.76f	17	89.75	-.72	+7.3
PioNtrl	.08	52	182.80	+.06	+71.5
PlainsAA s	2.35f	19	52.44	-1.18	+15.9
PwShs QQQ	.98e	...	78.83	-.16	+21.0
Praxair	2.40	22	120.85	-.88	+10.4
PrmEgy	...	11	49.70	+1.25	+116.1
ProctGam	2.41	21	79.28	-.11	+16.8
Qualcom	1.40	18	68.98	-.08	+11.5
RF MicD	...	...	5.79	+.29	+29.1
RangeRs	.16	...	78.19	-.49	+24.4
RegionsFn	.12	11	9.07	-.22	+27.2
RiteAid	...	81	4.83	+.16	+255.1
Rowan	...	22	37.10	+.20	+18.6
RoyDShllA	3.60	9	65.63	-.26	-4.8
SpdrDJIA	3.54e	...	153.71	-.59	+17.7
S&P500ETF	3.39e	...	169.93	-.79	+19.3
SabnR	3.69e	15	51.57	+.18	+29.6
SanderFm	.80f	16	67.20	-.80	+41.3
SandRdge	...	...	5.70	-.02	-10.2
Sapient	...	32	15.98	+.03	+51.3
Schlmbrg	1.25	18	87.04	-.40	+25.6
SigmaAld	.86	22	85.57	-.36	+16.3
SiriusXM	.05e	55	3.86	-.08	+33.5
Smucker	2.32f	21	106.56	-.58	+23.6

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SPDR Fncl	.32e	...	20.14	-.29	+22.8
SP Util	1.46e	...	37.99	+.46	+8.8
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TriContl	.70e	...	18.45	-.15	+15.0
TylerTech	...	77	86.69	+1.59	+79.0
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Vale SA	.78e	...	16.43	+.25	-21.6
ValeroE	.90f	8	34.11	-.33	...
VangEmg	1.38e	...	41.65	+.22	-6.5
VulcanM	.04	...	51.11	-.88	-1.8
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WstnRefin	.72f	6	28.88	-.13	+2.4
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6,754.81	4,838.10	Dow Jones Transportation	6,651.30	-40.96	-.61	+25.34	+34.08
537.86	435.57	Dow Jones Utilities	490.56	+5.23	+1.08	+8.27	+3.15
9,906.32	7,841.76	NYSE Composite	9,733.02	-36.71	-.38	+15.27	+16.47
2,509.57	2,186.97	Amex Index	2,378.21	+.88	+.04	+.96	-3.71
3,798.76	2,810.80	Nasdaq Composite	3,765.29	-9.44	-.25	+24.70	+19.13
1,729.86	1,343.35	S&P 500	1,701.84	-8.07	-.47	+19.33	+16.81
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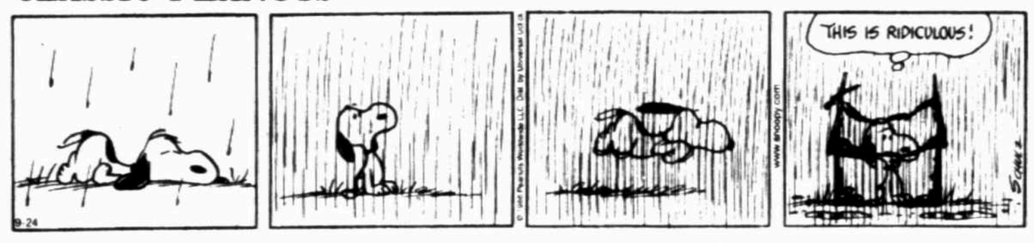

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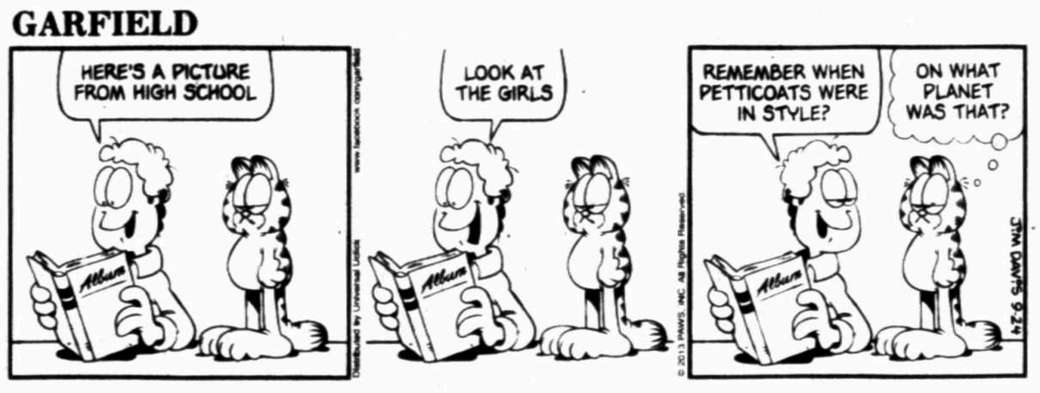

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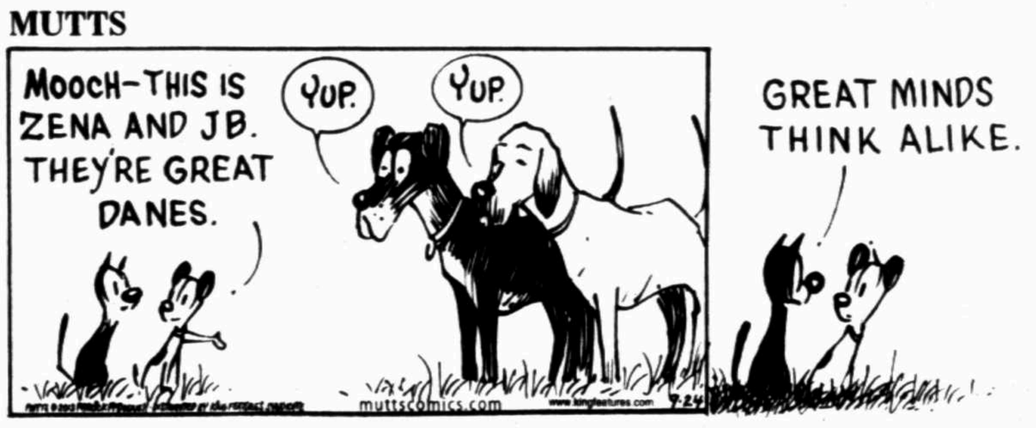

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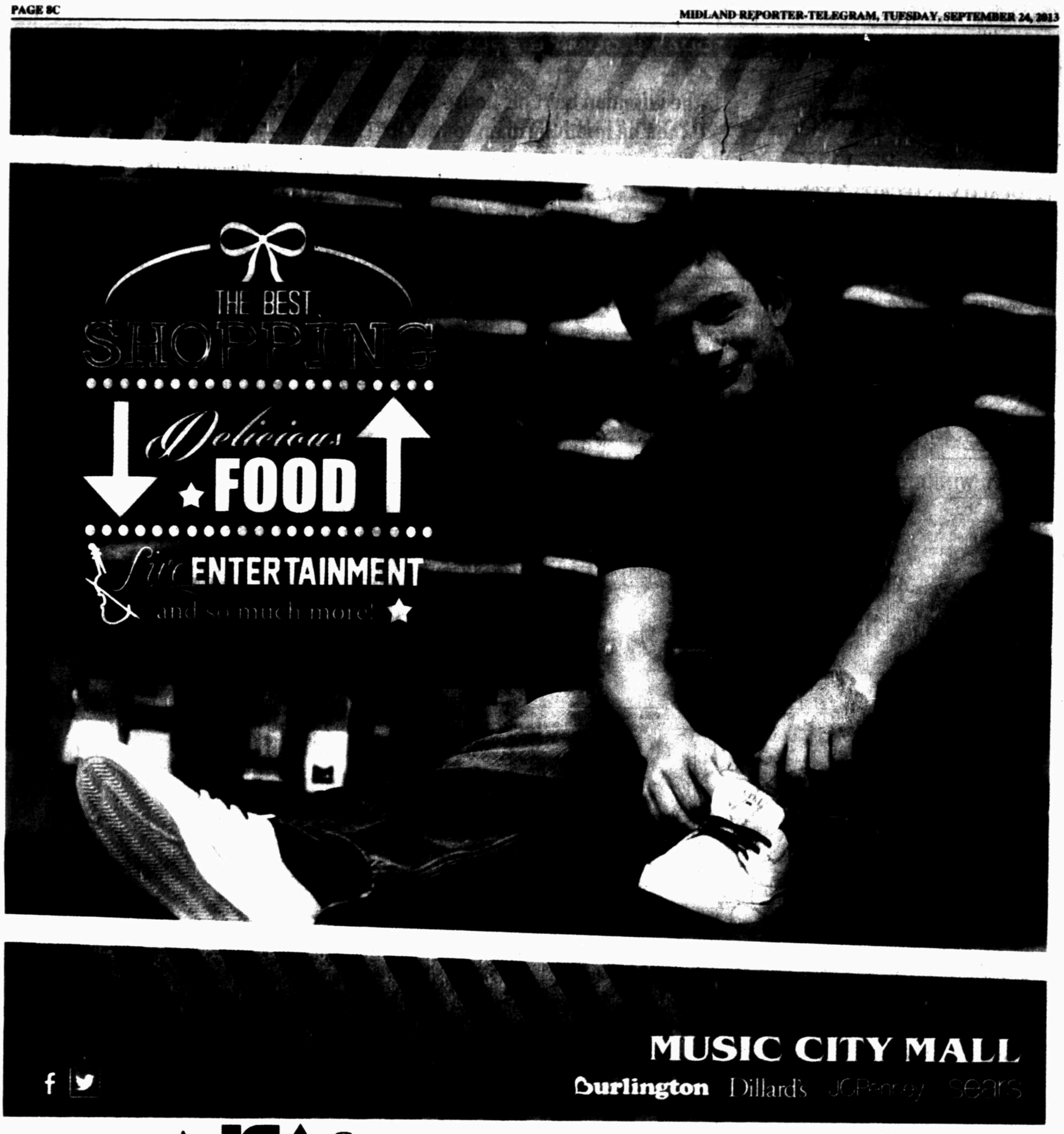

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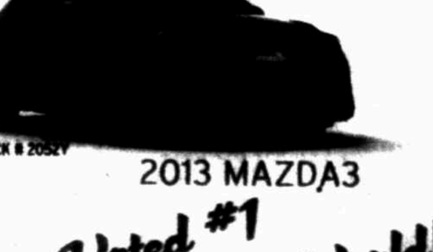

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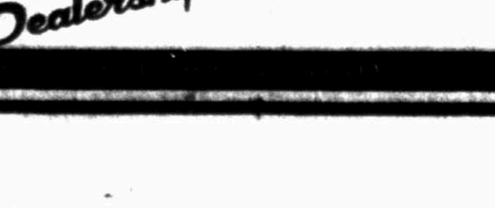

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Immediate opening with a Midland Architectural firm. Good communicator with good computer skills a must. Permanent position with growth potential. Responsibilities include heavy e-mail, word processing, phone, mail, and filing. Send resume to: vga@vandergriff-group.com

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Confidential FT
Midland, TX 79701
Office Administrator for oil and gas, excellent quick books, MS Office, and phone skills. Send resumes to job@transwaterenergy.com

Position
Confidential FT
Midland, TX 79701
Receptionist needed must be bilingual small office relaxed atomsphere good pay. Work Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:30pm apply at 1307 North Big Spring.

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Natural Gas Services Group FT
NGSG has an immediate opening for a Receptionist. Must have experience answering multi-line phone while providing administrative support. This individual must be detail oriented and have intermediate to advance skill in Microsoft Excel and Word. Excellent Salary and Benefit package. For more information or to submit resume contact employment@ngsgi.com or call 432-262-2700.

CONSTRUCTION & FACILITIES

Heavy Equipment Operators
Fretco, Inc. FT
Experienced Heavy Equipment Operators needed immediately for excavation contractor. Dozers, excavators, off-road articulated haul trucks. Experienced Oilers and diesel mechanics also needed for CAT heavy equipment. Call 660-656-9506. EOE

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West Texas Gas, Inc. FT
New Natural Gas Processing Plant taking applications and resumes for operators to operate a turbo expander cryo plant in the Big Lake and Rankin area. Some experience preferred. Please email resume to: resumes@wtggas.com or mail them to: Human Resources, 211 N. Colorado, Midland, TX 79701

Plant Operator
West Texas Gas, Inc. FT
Plant operator needed immediately. Experience preferred but not required. Location near Rankin, TX. Fax resume to (432) 693-2132 or mail to Benedum Gas Plant, HC 34, Box 63, Midkiff, TX 79755.

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MLC Operation is looking for experienced Roustabout & Pumper in the Iraan area. Pay based on experience with company benefits. Send resume to: rm4jconsulting2013@gmail.com

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Part-time for general dental office in Midland. Please respond to P-117 C/O Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Ave. Midland, Tx 79701

CNA
Confidential FT
Need a well experienced CNA for sitting with elderly woman. References required. Non-smoker. Please call Yadira at 432-741-9091 from 8am-8pm

Experienced MA
Pediatric Office looking for Experienced MA. Please fax resumes to 682-2284 or mail to Attn: Anita Routh, P.O. Box 5291, Midland, Texas 79704 PO#7160

Medical Business Office
Texas Surgical Center FT
Fast paced ambulatory surgery center is offering an exciting opportunity to be a part of an exceptional team in our medical business office. Candidate must be willing to cross train in scheduling, billing/collections, and insurance verification. Previous hospital or physician medical office experience is preferred. Organization and prioritizing skills are essential. Benefits include medical, dental, and vision health coverage, seven paid holidays, 401K and profit sharing.

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TEXAS SURGICAL CENTER
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MIDLAND, TX 79706
FAX: 432-699-8110
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Experienced Receptionist needed for busy medical office. Attractive salary and benefits. Please mail resume to: PO Box 8729, Midland, Tx 79708.

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OTHER JOBS

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN IT'S DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

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.

Pay 10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

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.

Apply in person at [illegible] • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email to [illegible]
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Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN IT'S DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

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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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Warehouse Manager
Natural Gas Service Group FT
NGSG, Inc. has an immediate opening for a **Warehouse Manager**. This position is responsible for materials, equipment, and supplies by directing, receiving, warehousing, inventory control, budget, distribution services and supervising staff. **The ideal candidate** must have the 5 years + as **Warehouse Manager Excellent Salary** and **Benefit package for the right person. For more information or to submit your resume contact employment@ngsgi.com or call (432) 262-2700.**

The Midland Reporter Telegram has an opening in its Production Department for the position of

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for our Harris N-1650 Printing presses. This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position, requires night shift, weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.

Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Production Director
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram
201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701
E-mail: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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come by 201 E. Illinois Street to fill out an application.

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Midland, TX 79701
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Duties for this position will include, but are not limited to selling advertising in all print publications of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and all online products, including mywesttexas.com.

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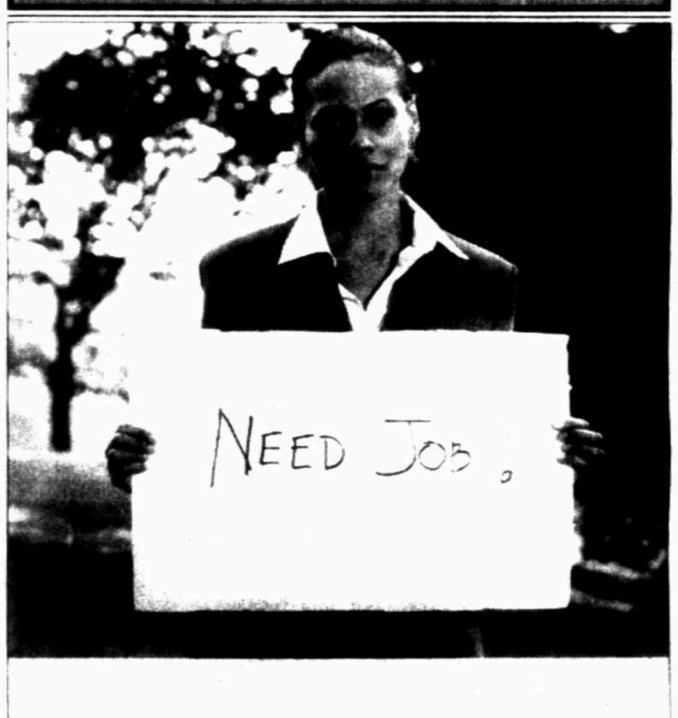

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Midland TX 79705

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An established environmental consulting company is currently looking to fill an AutoCAD position. The position is fulltime with benefits and may require some field work. Pay is DOE. Please send resumes to Becky via email to rha skell@novatraining.cc or by mail to 2057 Commerce Drive, Midland, Texas 79703.

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Estimator/Project Coordinator/Project Superintendent. Please send cover letter with resume to alan@midtexofmidland.com

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Natural Gas Services Group FT
NGSG has an immediate opening for a **Rebuild Technician** in our Rebuild Department. This position is responsible for the inspection, cleaning, processing, repair and paperwork processing for all items in Rebuild Services, including tools, parts and upgrades. The ideal candidate will have mechanical and engine rebuild experience, with technical school training preferred. Excellent Salary and Benefit package for the right person. For more information or to submit your resume contact

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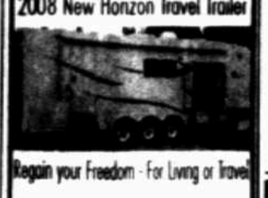

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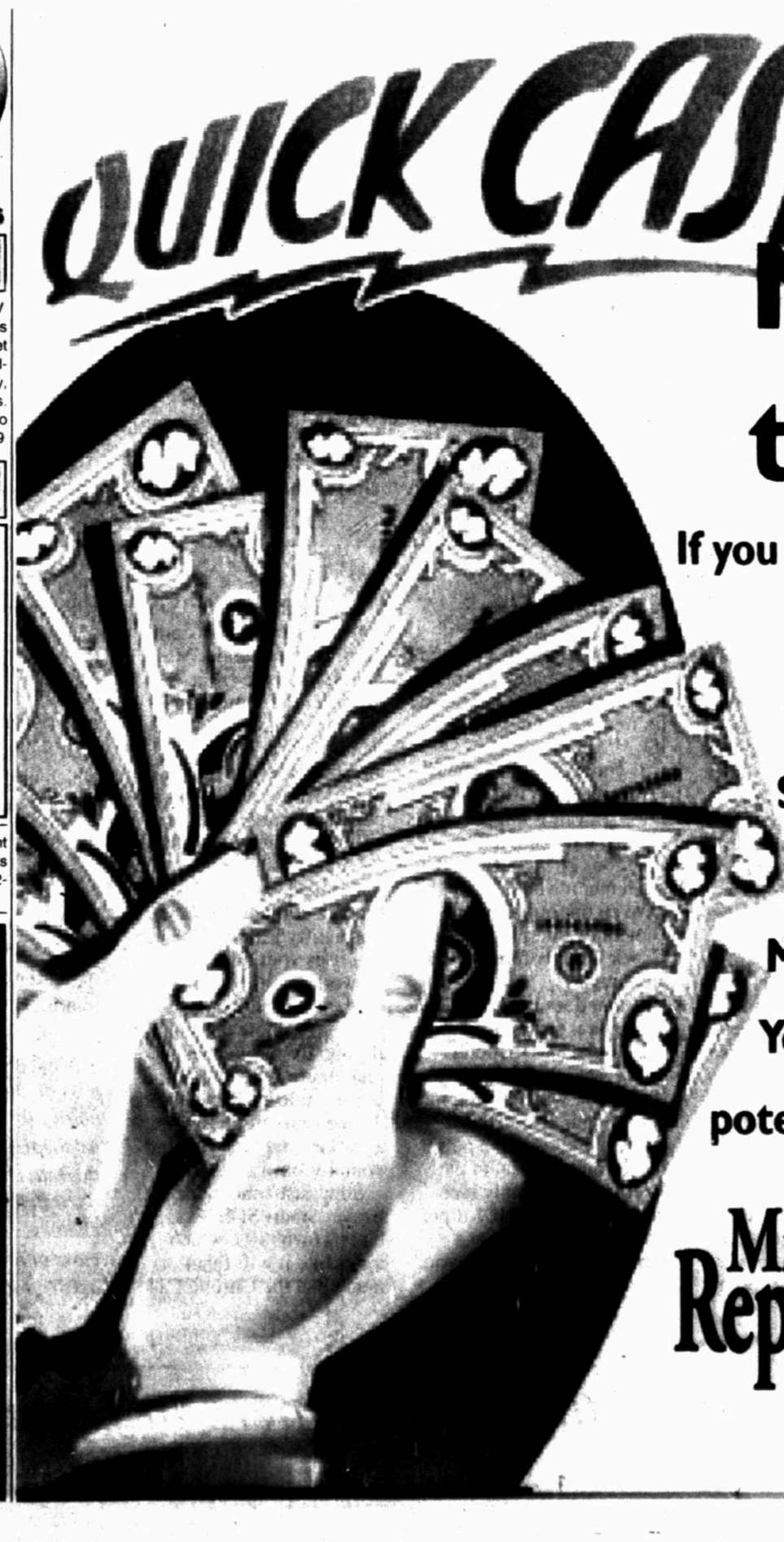

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Heavy equipment removes debris from a home destroyed by the May 20 tornado in the Plaza Towers neighborhood of Moore, Okla. In 2013, in the nation's heartland, tornadoes are flirting with a record for the fewest, with just a bit more than half the normal number of nearly 1,300 twisters reported by mid-September. A shift in the jet stream is credited.

MILD WEATHER

Quiet, not stormy, weather for US this year so far

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After a couple of years of wild, deadly and costly weather, the United States is mostly getting a lucky break this year. So far.

Summer is almost over, and the first hurricane of the year did not form until Sept. 11. Tornado activity in 2013 is also down around record low levels, while heat waves are fewer and milder than last year, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Meteorologists credit luck, shifts in the high-altitude jet stream, and African winds and dust.

"It's been great," said Deke Arndt, climate monitoring chief for NOAA's National Climatic Data Center in Asheville, N.C. "I hope that we ride this pattern out through this year and following years."

There have been eight tropical storms in the Atlantic. Not one reached the 74 mph wind threshold to become a hurricane, until Tropical Storm Humberto, off the coast of Africa, became a hurricane Sept. 11, one of the latest first hurricanes on record.

This year, overall storm activity in the Atlantic — an index that combines number and strength — is about one-fifth the average. That's despite warmer-than-normal seas, which usually fuel storms.

It has also been a record of nearly eight years since a major hurricane — one with winds of 110 mph — blew ashore in the United States. That was Hurricane Wilma, which hit Florida in October 2005.

Meteorologists say dry, stable and at times dusty air blowing from Africa is choking storms instead of allowing them to grow. On top of that, shifts in the jet stream — the same river of air some blame for wild weather in 2011 and 2012 — have caused dry air and wind shear, which interfere with storm formation, said Gerry Bell of NOAA's Climate Prediction Center.

Plain old random chance is also a big factor, said MIT meteorology professor Kerry Emanuel.

"Nobody's complaining," said former National Hurricane Center director Max Mayfield.

Bell and NOAA last month forecast a 70 percent chance of a busier-than-normal hurricane season, with six to nine hurricanes and 13 to 19 named storms. Bell said he is sticking with that forecast because it was just an unusually slow August, adding: "There's going to be more hurricanes; that's just a fact."

People shouldn't let their guard down because several past seasons have started off slow and ended quite busy and deadly — 1967, 1984, 1988, 1994 and 2002, said Ryan Maue, a meteorologist with the private firm Weather Bell. Hurricane season starts in June and runs through the end of November

"All it takes is one bad hurricane to ruin an otherwise quiet hurricane season," said Weather Underground meteorology director Jeff Masters, a former hurricane hunter. "Recall that last year's worst storm — Hurricane Sandy — didn't occur until the third week of October."

In the nation's heartland this year, tornadoes are flirting with a record for the fewest, with just a bit more than half the normal number of nearly 1,300 twisters reported by mid-September. A shift in the jet stream is credited.

While the West has seen heat waves and major wildfires, the summer heat overall hasn't been nearly as oppressive and extensive as last year's record-setter. Last year, weather stations around the U.S. set more than 59,000 heat-related records through Sept. 9. This year they have set 21,254.

In 2011, the U.S. had 14 weather disasters that cost at least $1 billion. Last year it was 11. While NOAA hasn't counted them yet this year, the number is far lower, but includes two terrible Oklahoma tornadoes, meteorologists said.

National Weather Service Director Louis Uccellini said climate change tends to push the world toward more extreme weather, but sometimes natural variability pulls the weather more back to normal, and this is one of those years for much of the U.S. However, China, Japan and Korea have had many extremes, especially heat waves, Masters said.

And Uccellini had one big warning: "This year is not over yet."

Online:
National Hurricane Center: www.nhc.noaa.gov

Add-on devices can make your TV 'smart'

Q: My son says my TV is stupid. I thought he was talking about what I was watching. Apparently not. Do I need a new TV?

A: First, for every episode of "Two and a Half Men" you watch, you need to spend at least an hour on lumosity.com just to break even. If your tastes run to "Here Comes Honey Boo Boo," I don't think there is much I can do to help.

Seriously, your son is probably talking about "Smart TVs." He is referring to TVs that are connected to the Internet and as a result can access subscription-based streaming content. Examples include Netflix, Amazon Video, Hulu+, Crackle, Vudo and others to watch movies, TV shows and the like. Most people who use Smart TVs end up subscribing to one or more of these services at about $8 a month for on-demand viewing or they purchase content via pay-per-view. You can read a bit more about streaming sites at http://bit.ly/WiWsVR.

There is also a lot of free content available to Smart TVs, including YouTube, weather, stock quotes, sports feeds and sometimes full browser access.

Smart TVs bring these Internet-based content services to your viewing because they can connect to your home Internet service with an Ethernet cable or wirelessly.

They've been around for about 5 years or so now. So if your TV is older, it may not be smart. Also, you can buy TVs today without Smart TV features to save a little money. There are a lot of TVs out there that do not have smart features.

So…what do you do if you have a "dumb TV" and you are not ready to replace it? Fear not, there is an easy fix to improving your TV's IQ.

If you have a fairly new DVD player or Blu-ray DVD player, it might already have Smart TV functions built-in. If so, the main menu would likely have an option for online content or Internet access. Check it out before you buy anything.

If that doesn't do it, there are several inexpensive add-on devices that will do a great job. Basically, these little widgets plug into one of your spare HDMI (HD) TV ports and a power source and connect to the Internet. You simply tune into the selected HDMI port and then typically use a remote to control what you view.

You might want to consider Roku (roku.com). They have a number of options that run from $50 to $100. The more expensive boxes have advanced features. The Roku boxes are about the size of a pack of cigarettes and are very popular because of their easy set-up and ease of use.

Google has recently introduced ChromeCast (google.com/chromecast). It is a nifty little $35 device that uses your wireless network to allow your PC, iPad, or Android device act as its remote control. If your TV has a USB plug, there is no need for a power outlet. Best of all, the device is about the size of a car key and hides behind your TV easily.

Sony just announced the Bravia Smart Stick (http://bit.ly/16wh9oR), which looks like it will function much like the ChromeCast with a picture-in-picture feature for Internet browsing while watching TV.

Samsung, one of the leaders in Smart TVs, offers their $299 Evolution device, which upgrades their older Smart TVs to Smarter TVs in a fast moving field.

I think that covers this subject pretty well. Just in time for me to watch "Wipe Out." It sure looks like those falls hurt. It's hilarious!

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