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# Midland ranks first in state for job creation

## Tall City also boasts lowest unemployment rate for Texas

By Rye Druzin  
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Midland ranks No. 1 in Texas for the lowest unemployment rate and highest employment growth rate, according to a new report by the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M.

The Tall City showed a 2.5 percent

unemployment rate, while Odessa came in second statewide at 3 percent. But Midland's employment growth rate of 7.2 percent is the most impressive, as it is almost 3 percentage points higher than second-place Longview. The numbers continue to affirm Midland's place as the center of the Permian Basin's oil boom even as prices for West Texas Intermediate

crude have fallen.

The energy market has had some jitters because of a sharp fall in oil prices after the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries announced that it would maintain production levels. Many have said that Saudi Arabia, which leads the oil group, forced other members to maintain production so as to punish the shale oil

drillers in the U.S. and Canada.

But drillers and producers in Texas remained defiant. Pioneer Natural Resources CEO Scott Sheffield — speaking at the unveiling of the company's new regional headquarters in November — said that the Permian Basin "will work at \$60" a

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# A NIGHT OF NOEL



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lighting of Hodge Carillon Tower at the Holiday Evening event at Midland College on Thursday. The evening began at Allison Fine Arts Building with a Frito pie supper hosted by MC's Students in Philanthropy and continued with lighting of the tower, led by President Steve Thomas. The annual event included caroling by the Chap Singers and "Sounds of Christmas" concert featuring MC's Music Department student ensembles. Kids had the opportunity to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Also, there was the opening reception for the Fall Student Art Show at Allison's McCormick Gallery. Holiday treats, hot chocolate, coffee, punch and hot cider were served.

## Seven agencies involved in inter-county pursuit

■ Seven agencies give chase, apprehend four teens who allegedly stole vehicle

From staff reports

It took the collaboration of seven local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to locate, pursue and apprehend four suspects Thursday in a stolen vehicle incident that spanned two counties.

Marcus Duarte, 17, Nickolas Villanueva, 17, Caleb Hilcox, 18, and Zeandre Fowler, 17, are all facing felony theft charges from the Odessa Police Department and possible additional charges, according to a statement from OPD.

Additionally, MPD spokeswoman Geena Martinez said the Midland Police Department has charged Duarte, who was allegedly driving the stolen vehicle, with aggravated assault, felony evading, possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana. As of Thursday evening, the other teens had not been charged in Midland.

At approximately 7:17 a.m., OPD responded to the 2700 block of Center Avenue in Odessa in reference to a stolen tan 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe, according to an OPD statement. The Tahoe's owner had left the vehicle unattended with the keys in the ignition.

The Tahoe was later located by the U.S. Marshals Service in Midland, and though the marshals attempted a stop, the driver evaded detention.

Martinez said MPD received the call about the stolen vehicle at 11:39 a.m. and began pursuit at that time. Two officers attempted to get the driver to pull over, but Duarte "intentionally rammed" into one of the MPD vehicles and the officers backed off the pursuit at that time.

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## Bird's fate shapes energy development

By Matthew Brown & Mead Gruver  
Associated Press

SARATOGA, Wyo. — Efforts to conserve a struggling species of grouse that ranges across the Western U.S. are having far-reaching effects on the region's energy industry as the Obama administration decides whether the bird needs more protections.

Sales of leases on 8.1 million acres of federal oil and gas parcels — an area larger than Massachusetts and Rhode Is-

land combined — are on hold because of worries that drilling could harm greater sage grouse, according to government data obtained by The Associated Press.

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management's delay on the parcels underscores just how much is at stake for an industry that finds its future inextricably intertwined with a bird once known primarily for its elaborate mating display.

The grouse's huge range, covering portions of 11 states and an area more than four times as big as New England, includes vast oil, gas and coal reserves and the best type of windy, open country

for developing wind power.

"We're not real happy about it. It's not even an endangered species," said Rick Bailey, who runs an oil and gas lease brokerage, Nevada Leasing Services. He said he's had hundreds of thousands of acres of potential leases put on hold.

Those parcels are among 5 million acres the BLM has deferred in Nevada. Since 2008, millions more acres have been put on hold across Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and the Dakotas, according to data compiled by the AP from

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### Weather

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### Energy prices

WTI Futures	\$65.81	▼	\$0.57
WTI Posted	\$63.25	▼	\$0.75
WTS Posted	\$60.55	▼	\$0.75
Natural Gas	\$3.649	▼	\$0.156
Gasoline	\$2.820	▼	\$0.007

### The big number

Obama was awarded the bulk of \$6.2 billion to fight Ebola in Africa, according to a government official. Page 7A

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From 1A

BLM records and agency offices including in the West and Plains.

By comparison, about 26.6 million federal acres were under active oil and gas leases at the end of fiscal year 2013 in the seven states with deferrals. That figure is down more than 20 percent since 2008.

While some in the industry are concerned that the BLM's deferrals are going to dampen or curtail energy development, other developers are launching their own efforts to preserve sage grouse. Whether that's enough to avoid protections remains to be seen.

Sage grouse receive frequent comparisons to the Northern spotted owl, another imperiled bird that stirred a fight over logging in the Pacific Northwest. The sage grouse is more a hapless wild chicken, ducking futilely behind fence-posts as political and economic forces bear down upon its sagebrush range.

Croplands, home development, wildfires and oil and gas drilling consumed more than half that expansive habitat over the past century. Grouse numbers are down at least 30 percent to no more than 500,000 since 1985.

In 2010, federal biologists said protections were warranted, but didn't impose them citing other priorities and a shortage of funds. The September 2015 deadline to either offer protections or decide they're no longer needed resulted from settlements of lawsuits brought by environmentalists. Whether the sales of leases on the deferred parcels will proceed and drilling will occur could hinge on that decision.

Already the administration's timeline to craft conservation plans for the bird is slipping. Federal officials want the 11 sage-grouse states and multiple federal agencies to agree to long-term steps to protect the birds. The effort includes overhauling 99 federal land-use plans.

"It is a Rubik's Cube of conservation," said Deputy Assistant Interior Secretary Jim Lyons, referring to the vexing 3-D puzzle popular in the 1980s.

Just one of the 99 plans is complete, in a BLM field office in Wyoming, home to almost 40 percent of the birds. The BLM office for Montana and the Dakotas said

it's unlikely to meet the end-of-year target to complete some key environmental studies.

Wildlife and energy development advocates expressed doubt whether the Interior Department can meet its timeline. But Kathleen Sgamma with the oil and gas advocacy group Western Energy Alliance suggested it's becoming a moot point for some in the energy industry.

"You've got an industry that just wants to put its head down and get oil. The BLM is putting in place very onerous restrictions that will be with us whether or not there's (an endangered species) listing," Sgamma said.

Federal officials contend there's plenty of drilling opportunities beyond the deferred parcels. "The BLM has approved 6,000 (permits to drill) that are ready for industry to act on," said BLM assistant director Celia Boddington.

Complicating the conservation effort is that nobody knows the approximate number of greater sage grouse. Estimates range from 100,000 to 500,000. One reason they are difficult to count is they're spread across an immense, sparsely populated territory. Also, sage grouse rarely live longer than a year or two.

A tough winter, drought, wildfires or disease can knock a local sage grouse population on its tail feathers. Or abundant rain and snow can green up sagebrush, offering fresh forbs to females as they rear their chicks amid the fragrant shrubs.

At the largest proposed wind power project in the U.S. in Saratoga, Wyoming, developers are drawing from four years of sage grouse research to decide where to put service roads and turbines.

Consultants for the 1,000-turbine Chokecherry-Sierra Madre wind farm have been using transmitters to track hundreds of sage grouse. They want to figure out the birds' patterns, including where they gather for mating rituals that could be disrupted if construction comes too close.

"Knowing what those are for the population is hugely important for us to try to minimize those impacts," said Jon Kehmeier, an ecologist contracted for the research by the Power Company of Wyoming.

**Employment growth rate, October 2013 - October 2014**

Midland	7.2 percent
Longview	4.4 percent
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown	4.3 percent
Odessa	4.2 percent
Dallas-Plano-Irving	4.0 percent
Texas	3.9 percent

**Unemployment rate, October 2014**

Midland	2.5 percent
Odessa	3.0 percent
Amarillo	3.5 percent
College Station-Bryan	3.7 percent
Lubbock; San Angelo; Victoria	3.7 percent
Abilene	3.9 percent
Texas	4.6 percent

**UNEMPLOYMENT**

From 1A

barrel. Some say that the job market, which has been in a hiring frenzy for the last few years, will begin to slow down, but not cut back.

"If an oil company takes a wait-and-see attitude for a while until they get a little more clarity, what's likely to happen is that they're not going to necessarily lay off people; they're just not going to hire anymore," said Mark Dotzour, chief economist at the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M. "So if that happens, then the growth rate of employment in the energy sector drops closer to zero in the short term."

Dotzour said that many employers would be hesitant to start letting workers go, opting instead to reduce their hours so that they retain a capable work force that can pick up speed if and when oil prices increase.

"It's a big problem to find qualified workers, so if you let them go and somebody else picks them

up, it's going to be even harder for you if you need to scale back up again," Dotzour said.

The economist predicted that, in the coming months, highly leveraged companies that took out short-term bonds will file for bankruptcy because their revenue stream will shrink. He said that while these "headline risks" will look bad, the companies that did not balance their books well enough to survive a hiccup in the economy.

"In a capitalistic system, there are ups and downs. That's just part of it," Dotzour said. "It's not something to be afraid of; it's just a fact. It does that and ... you just have to be careful that even in the strongest of economies you have to be a little careful not to put too much debt on your business, whatever it might be, so that when you get these temporary downturns it doesn't take your company down in the process."

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# Jury sentences Midland man to 99 years in stabbing death

From staff reports

Midland County jurors on Wednesday sentenced a Midland man to 99 years in prison for the murder of his neighbor, according to a press release from the Midland County District Attorney's Office.

Alfonso Alonzo Rodriguez, 27, was convicted earlier in the day in the stabbing death of Ildefonso Galindo on Sept. 13, 2013. Rodriguez also was ordered to pay a \$10,000 fine.

Trial evidence indicated that Rodriguez believed Galindo, 23, owed him

\$20 in cash or drugs for a drug delivery. Galindo refused to pay or even to respond to text messages, which angered Rodriguez. The defendant lured Galindo home by texting that he had broken into the victim's home, stole property and was in the process of burning down the house.

When Galindo arrived home, a knife-wielding Rodriguez and his stepfather approached the house. Rodriguez stabbed Galindo three times; the third blow was delivered with such force that the knife penetrated the man's sternum and heart, accord-

ing to the release. Galindo bled to death outside his home, testimony showed.

After the crime, Rodriguez went home and fell asleep. He was in bed when police arrived to arrest him.

During the sentencing phase of the trial in 238th District Court, Rodriguez said he was "a little sad" that he was responsible for Galindo's death.

The case was prosecuted by Steve Stallings, first assistant district attorney, and Tim Flathers, assistant district attorney. Rodriguez was defended by local attorney Mark Dettman.

## STATE CRIME

FROM WIRE REPORTS

### MERKEL

#### Deputies question man in drug case

Deputies in West Texas are working to determine who mailed nearly a pound of marijuana to an Abilene-area man.

KTXS-TV reported that the Taylor County Sheriff's Office is investigating after the U.S. Postal Service contacted deputies this week. Deputies said the package was set to be delivered to the home of a 27-year-old Merkel man on Tuesday.

Deputies questioned the man and released him without charges. They said the marijuana has a street value of about \$4,000. The package's origin is unclear.

### TERLINGUA

#### Body found at home was missing mom

A body found under the floorboards of a West Texas home was the mother of a woman imprisoned for stealing her late father's federal benefits.

The body discovered Nov. 5 has been identified as 80-year-old Mary Elizabeth Broughton. Brewster County Sheriff Ronny Dodson said Thursday that authorities do not suspect foul play in the death of Judith Broughton's mother.

Broughton's father died in 1990 and the Terlingua woman leased a storage unit in Lexington, Kentucky. That's where his remains were discovered last January.

Broughton in July pleaded guilty to stealing benefits electronically deposited into an account she shared with her father.

### ALPINE

#### 2 arrested in death of Kilgore man

Two people have been charged with murder after the body of a Kilgore man was found under some rocks at a West Texas ranch.

The Brewster County Sheriff's Office said Keith McWilliams of Alpine and Rhonda Joy Bloom of Terlingua were being held without bond Thursday.

Sheriff Ronny Dodson says deputies are seeking a third suspect in the Oct. 31 fatal shooting of Trey Sands.

Dodson said Sands was staying with a friend in Terlingua and allegedly had an altercation with the suspects. Investigators want to know what sparked the argument.

Relatives on Nov. 14 contacted the sheriff's office after not hearing from Sands. His truck was located this week at McWilliams' home.

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## CRIME BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

#### Man arrested on burglary charge

A 43-year-old Midland man was arrested Nov. 28 for allegedly punching his arm through a window in an attempt to enter an apartment, according to court documents.

Abdoulaye Dia was charged with second-degree felony burglary of habitation and was being held Thursday on a \$75,000 bond.

Midland police officers were dispatched to an apartment complex in the 2300 block of North "A" Street at about 7:40 p.m. in reference to an individual, possibly armed with a knife, trying to get through an apartment window. An officer arrived on the scene and found another officer attempting to apprehend Dia, who was covered in blood, according to the arrest affidavit. The officers arrested Dia and searched the scene for a weapon but did not find a knife.

Dia told the officers that the apartment resident owed him money and when the woman did not open the door, Dia said he became angry and punched his arm through the westside bedroom window, according to the affidavit. It was at this time that Dia cut his hand on the open window. At one point Dia grabbed the woman through the broken window and cut her hand on the broken glass, according to the affidavit.

Officers transported Dia to Midland Memorial Hospital, where he was treated



Dia

and released to officers. If convicted, Dia faces up to 20 years in prison.

#### Man arrested for alleged drug possession, assault on police officer

A Midland man was arrested Monday on charges of possession and distribution of cocaine after he allegedly fought with a police officer and attempted to take the officer's weapon, according to court documents.

Jordan Brown, 23, was being held on a \$70,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of possession of a controlled substance between 4 grams and 200 grams, a third-degree felony charge of assault on a public servant, and a state jail felony charge of attempting to take a weapon from an officer.

A pair of Midland police officers and a lone MPD officer were conducting surveillance at the 4400 block of West Storey Avenue at 3:40 a.m. because of possible narcotic activity when they noticed a car leaving the residence soon after it had arrived. The vehicle headed west on Storey and failed to signal 100 feet before making a turn at the intersection of Storey and Amigo Drive. The lone officer made a traffic stop of the vehicle, which was being driven by Brown. The officer, suspecting that Brown was involved in drug activity, asked him to step out of



Brown

the vehicle, according to the arrest affidavit.

Brown complied and the officer attempted to pat him down for weapons. Brown allegedly fled the scene, running northbound on Goliad Drive. The officer pursued Brown, who allegedly jumped two fences and ended up running on Alamo Drive, according to the affidavit. The officer caught up to Brown and tackled him in an attempt to arrest him.

Brown began trying to hit the officer in the face and upper body, according to the affidavit. The officer, who was unable to radio for backup because his mic had been ripped off, said Brown began reaching for his service pistol, according to the affidavit.

The officer said he hit Brown in the face multiple times to regain control of the situation. Brown then allegedly pushed the officer off him and attempted to flee, but the officer was able to restrain Brown again, according to the affidavit. The officer said Brown grabbed and trapped his hands and then he placed his elbow to Brown's face to release his grip. At that point other officers arrived to assist.

Officers found 12 individually wrapped baggies of powder cocaine at the scene. The baggies had blood on them, leading the officers believe that Brown had attempted to throw the drugs during the altercation, according to the affidavit. They also found more than \$3,000 in cash on Brown, according to the affidavit.

If convicted, Brown faces up to 20 years for the second-degree felony charge, 10 years for the third-degree felony charge, and two years for the state jail felony charge.

## Man found guilty of killing DA's wife

Associated Press

ROCKWALL — A North Texas jury convicted a former public official Thursday of capital murder in a revenge plot against a district attorney, his wife and a top assistant.

Eric Williams now faces a potential death sentence after he was convicted in the 2013 murder of Cynthia McLelland, the wife of slain Kaufman County District Attorney Mike McLelland. Testimony in the trial involved the deaths of both McLellands, and Williams also is indicted in the death of assistant prosecutor Mark Hasse.

Prosecutors took just three days to present their case against Williams, whom they called a "ruthless killing machine" in closing arguments. His defense lawyers only made a closing argument and did not

call witnesses.

"The case is so air tight, it sucked the oxygen, it sucked the energy out of any potential defense," prosecutor Bill Wirsky said in closing arguments.

After the verdict, Williams' brother-in-law, Zach Bellemare, said the defense team "was terrible." Defense attorneys and prosecutors declined to comment outside of court.

The McLellands' bodies were found inside their rural home east of Dallas in March 2013. The couple had already changed to go to bed when Williams charged into the home and opened fire. Prosecutors say Williams shot Cynthia McLelland in the head, and he then shot Mike McLelland and stood over his body, firing repeatedly.

Mike McLelland's mother, Wyvonne McLelland, wept as the verdict was read.

## TODAY IN MIDLAND

### Today in Midland history

On Dec. 5, 1929 the Yucca Theatre, the dream of oilman T.S. Hogan and architect of Wyatt C. Hedrick of Fort Worth, opened with a vaudeville show presented on stage, and on screen was Bebe Daniels and John Boles in "Rio Rita."

Source: cinematreaasures.org

### Today in Midland

- "The Polar Express" special story time, 7 p.m., Barnes and Noble Booksellers, barnesandnoble.com.
- "The Polar Express" film screening, 7:30 p.m., Ector Theatre in Odessa, ectortheatre.com.
- Warrant and L.A. Guns, 8 p.m., La Hacienda, haciendamidland.com.
- A Night at the Northpole at Midland Center, themidlandcenter.com.
- "Little Women: The Musical" at Permian Playhouse in Odessa, permianplayhouse.com.
- "A Christmas Story" at Midland Community Theatre, mcmidland.org.
- Bruce Robison & Kelly Willis Holiday Shindig at the Yucca Theatre talltownes.com.

### Coming later this month

- MOSC Sounds of the Season, Saturday, Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, wagnernoel.com.
- City of Midland annual Christmas Tree Lighting, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Centennial Plaza, midlandtexas.gov.
- City of Midland "Wild West Christmas Parade" Dec. 13 at downtown Midland, midlandtexas.gov
- Midland Storytelling Festival, Dec. 11-13 at Midland Center, themidlandcenter.com.
- "A Christmas Carol," Dec. 16 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, wagnernoel.com.

### New movies in Midland

At Tall City 14: "Nightcrawler," "The One I Wrote For You"

### Website for vets

Veterans now have another portal to the Texas job market through the newly launched Texas Wide Open for Veterans website — www.TexasWideOpenforVeterans.com. The site, which lists events and job opportunities, is a collaborative effort between the Texas Workforce Commission and the Texas Veterans Commission in partnership with Texas.gov.

The site includes interactive maps that show where different military bases, job centers and universities are located. Employers could receive up to a \$9,600 tax credit for each veteran hired, according to a press release.

### Medicare open enrollment

Open enrollment for Medicare Part D and Advantage Plans continues through Sunday. Area Agency on Aging will be assisting residents with the enrollment process.

For more information, call Raynetta Williams or Roman Alvarez at 563-1061.

### Gas prices in Midland

Cheapest gas in Midland: \$2.35 (San's Club, Tradewinds/191)  
 Cheapest gas at non-membership station: \$2.43 (Stripes, Midland Drive/Brianwood Avenue, Murphy USA, Midland/Brianwood)  
 Most expensive gas: \$2.95 (Spike's Corner, Garden City/Fairgrounds)

## CHASE

From IA Martinez said. The vehicle was then located again in Odessa near Faudree Road and Highway 191, so MPD rejoined the pursuit, Martinez said. According to OPD, the

Most common prices: \$2.55  
 Lowest prices in West Texas:  
 Lubbock \$2.24, San Angelo \$2.26,  
 Midland \$2.35, Abilene \$2.42,  
 Odessa \$2.45

	Midland-Odessa	Texas
Thursday	\$2.65	\$2.493
Last week	\$2.718	\$2.581
Last month	\$2.913	\$2.750
Last year	\$3.108	\$3.132

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

### Lake Levels

	2012	2013	2014
Thomas	0.91	1.70	45.94
Spence	5.65	4.23	2.35
Ivie	23.47	14.28	15.31

Source: CRRWD

### Community Calendar

Midland County Sheriff's Office and Midland County Sheriff's Association will be distributing National Child Identification Program fingerprint and DNA swab kits 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday and Dec. 13. The kits are free. For more information, call the Midland County Sheriff's Office, 688-4600.

### Correction

After the lighting of the city Christmas tree on Saturday, "The Santa Clause" starring Tim Allen will be shown.

A story in Thursday's Weekender had the wrong movie title. The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

### Lottery

- Pick 3 morning: 4-6-8
- Pick 3 day: 5-7-3
- Pick 3 evening: 9-3-1
- Pick 3 night: 8-5-1
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- Daily 4 evening: 3-7-5-9
- Daily 4 night: 0-1-1-0
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- All or Nothing evening: 2-3-4-6-13-14-15-16-20-21-23-24
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### Today in history

Today is Friday, Dec. 5, the 339th day of 2014. There are 26 days left in the year.

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 In 1932, German physicist Albert Einstein was granted a visa, making it possible for him to travel to the United States.

In 1933, national Prohibition came to an end as Utah became the 36th state to ratify the 21st Amendment to the Constitution, repealing the 18th Amendment.

In 1955, the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations merged to form the AFL-CIO under its first president, George Meany.

In 1974, the final episode of "Monty Python's Flying Circus" aired on BBC Television.

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**CORPUS CHRISTI  
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resigns over  
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The Nueces County District Attorney says an investigator who placed a woman in a chokehold outside of a fast food restaurant has resigned in order to avoid being fired. Mark Skurka said the district attorney investigator asked to resign Wednesday during the firing process, which stemmed from the off-duty incident. The investigator and a Corpus Christi police officer responded Aug. 16 to a fight at a Whataburger restaurant. Authorities said the investigator restrained Lanessa Espinosa after she refused to provide her ID. Espinosa recorded the incident and uploaded the video to YouTube last week. Police said the officer improperly asked Espinosa to delete the video. Police on Wednesday said the officer was disciplined for

doing so by having a note placed in his personnel record.

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Waco insurance  
company ordered to  
pay nearly \$47M**

A Waco-based provider of so-called "life settlements" has been fined nearly \$47 million for misleading investors about life insurance policies of terminally ill patients. The Securities and Exchange Commission alleged Life Partners Holdings Inc. of Waco misrepresented revenues and public information. A federal jury in Austin this year ruled against the company on some financial-related issues. Jurors found no insider trading. U.S. District Judge James Nowlin on Tuesday ordered penalties against the company, founder and CEO Brian Pardo and company attorney R. Scott Peden. The company didn't immediately respond to a message for comment Thursday.

**Feds detail cleanup changes  
at Los Alamos lab**

By Susan Montoya Bryan  
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Federal officials said Wednesday that they plan to issue a temporary contract for the removal of nuclear waste at Los Alamos National Laboratory to the same contractor that failed to meet previous cleanup goals. The officials said they made the decision to avoid any disruption while oversight of the cleanup work is shifted from the National Nuclear Security Administration to the Department of Energy's Office of Environmental Management. Earlier this year, Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz ordered the cleanup program moved from the National Nuclear Security Administration to the Energy Department division after a barrel of waste packed at Los Alamos leaked and forced the closure of the government's underground nuclear waste repository in southern New Mexico. On Wednesday, agency officials said they plan to award the short-term contract to lab manager Los Alamos National Security to maintain stability during the interim.

Watchdog groups quickly criticized the proposal, saying the Energy Department would essentially be rewarding the contractor for its previous failures to meet cleanup goals and for lapses that led to the leak at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant. Greg Mello, executive director of the Los Alamos Study Group, said it's "just a shame that DOE puts itself into tighter boxes while continuing with the same contractor." "It is a recipe for failure," Mello said. Don Hancock of the Southwest Research and Information Center in Albuquerque said the contract should have clear performance and incentive provisions and that Los Alamos National Security should receive less money than it gets under the current contract. Los Alamos National Security "has been making excessive profits, given its poor performance, from both its weapons and cleanup activities," Hancock said. "Any additional funding should be based only on excellent performance." The annual budget for legacy cleanup work at the lab is typically

around \$220 million, but it wasn't immediately clear how much the short-term contract would be worth. The Energy Department's Office of Environmental Management will oversee the contract. It could last more than two years, but that depends on how quickly the agency can prepare contracts for long-term cleanup requirements at the northern New Mexico lab. The top-secret Manhattan Project to build the atomic bomb was headquartered at Los Alamos, and decades of research and development resulted in a legacy of radioactive and hazardous waste. Under one of the most pressing deadlines imposed by the state, Los Alamos was ordered to remove thousands of barrels of toxic waste from outdoor storage before wildfire season peaked. The lab missed that deadline because shipments were halted following the leak at the West Isolation Pilot Plant. Mark Whitney, acting assistant secretary for Department of Energy's Office of Environmental Management, said the scope of the cleanup will not change under the short-term contract.

**Ebola task force  
recommends unit for kids**

By Jamie Stengle  
Associated Press

DALLAS — A Texas task force on Ebola released its full report Thursday, recommending the state create a bio-containment unit for children, identify quarantine facilities for potentially infected animals and stockpile personal protective equipment. In a 174-page report from the Texas Task Force on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response includes and builds on earlier recommendations it had made. Gov. Rick Perry assembled the task force after Texas became the first U.S. state where an Ebola case was diagnosed. Thomas Eric Duncan, who traveled from Liberia, died at a Dallas hospital Oct. 8. Two nurses who treated Duncan contracted Ebola but recovered. "We think this report is important because it really gives a road map, not just what to do, but the process on how to continually do it to be prepared," Dr. Brett Giroir, director of the task force and CEO of Texas A&M Health Science Center, told The Associated Press. The report reproaches federal health officials for a lack of information on experimental drugs, saying "at best, information — when available — was piecemeal, abstract, incomplete and contained little actionable information such as where and how to get the therapeutic." "It was very difficult for care providers and really almost impossible to have easy access to information about what experimental therapies could be used, what their side effects were, what the objective information was and we believe there's much work to be done in that regard," Giroir said.

**County officials say Ebola  
response cost \$384,000**

DALLAS — Officials say the emergency response to the Ebola crisis in Dallas cost the city about \$155,000, including nearly \$27,000 to care for the dog of a nurse infected with the virus. City officials released a statement Wednesday outlining the expenses incurred since Thomas Eric Duncan was admitted to Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in September. Duncan died about a week later. Two nurses who treated him became infected. Both recovered. Meanwhile, the Texas Department of State Health Services says it incurred about \$1.28 million in costs. Officials say the cost to care for the dog belonging to nurse Nina Pham will be offset by \$19,000 in grants and donations. The cost to Dallas County and Texas Health remain unclear.

Associated Press

The task force said it has received no reply yet to a letter it sent Oct. 17 to Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Dr. Margaret Hamburg asking for educational briefings on experimental Ebola therapies in areas of the U.S. that have been affected. An FDA spokeswoman on Thursday afternoon deferred comment until the report can be reviewed. The bio-containment unit for children is being established in collaboration with Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, where Giroir said it's expected to be built in about eight months. That comes after the task force in October announced the designation of two bio-containment facilities, one in Galveston and the other in the Dallas suburb of Richardson.

**2 dead, 7 hurt in wreck  
during immigration stop**

Associated Press

RICARDO — Investigators say two people have been killed and seven hurt when an SUV rolled after speeding away during a South Texas immigration stop. The Department of Public Safety said the accident happened Wednesday morning near Ricardo. Border Patrol spokesman Omar Zamora said the wreck apparently involved smugglers trying to elude agents. DPS Cpl. Charlie Ramirez said the

Chevy Tahoe was northbound on U.S. 77 and pulled over for an immigration traffic stop. The driver sped away, lost control and the SUV went into a ditch and rolled. Ramirez said one passenger died at the scene. Another passenger died at a hospital in Kingsville, where the driver and the six other injured people were taken. Their conditions weren't immediately available. Messages left for U.S. Customs and Border Protection weren't immediately returned.

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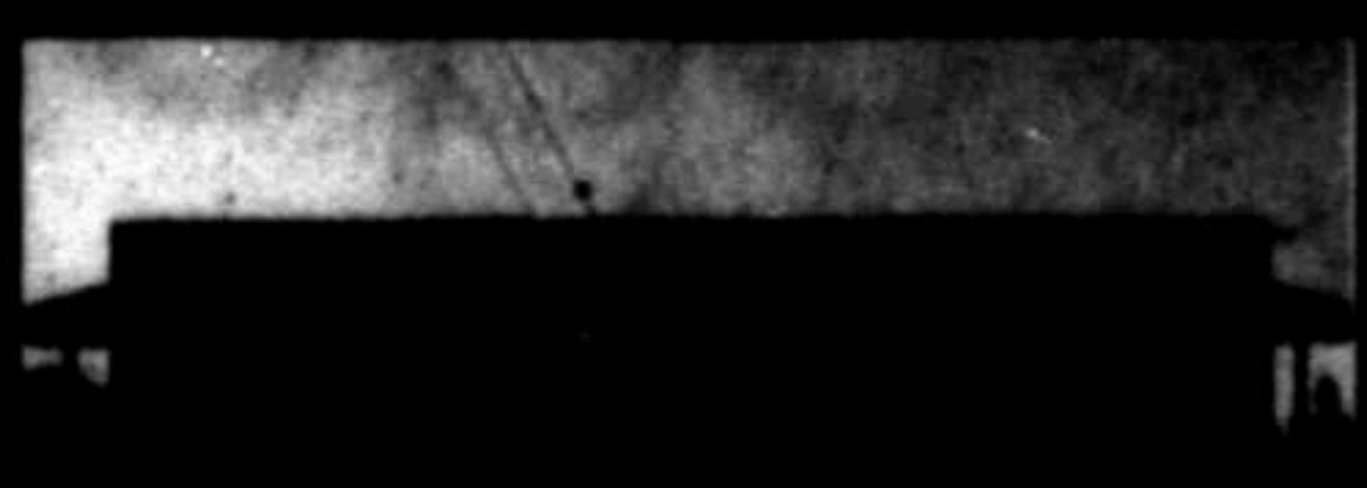
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# Next steps in chokehold death probe in NYC

Associated Press

NEW YORK — What happens next after a Staten Island grand jury's decision not to indict Officer Daniel Pantaleo in the chokehold death of Eric Garner:

### Federal civil-rights probe

Attorney General Eric Holder announced Wednesday the Justice Department would launch a criminal civil-rights investigation into Garner's death. U.S. Attorney Loretta Lynch, who has jurisdiction over Staten Island, will oversee the probe. President Barack Obama recently named her to succeed Holder as attorney general.

Lynch has experience with police brutality cases; she was one of the attorneys who prosecuted New York officers in the 1997 broom-handle assault on Abner Louima. "Since the death of Eric Garner in July, our office has monitored this case closely," she said in a statement. "The investigation will be fair and thorough, and it will be conducted as expeditiously as possible." It's not clear how long



Associated Press

Protesters stage a die-in on Thursday afternoon at Campus Martius park in downtown Detroit in a rally over the non-indictment of Daniel Pantaleo in the chokehold death of Eric Garner

it will take; an investigation is still pending into the death of Michael Brown, the 18-year-old who was shot dead by a police officer in Ferguson, Missouri.

Pantaleo could face federal criminal charges. In 1998, po-

lice officer Francis Livoti was convicted of violating Anthony Baez's civil rights in a 1994 chokehold case and sentenced to 7 1/2 years in prison. He had been acquitted of criminal charges by a state judge.

### Internal affairs investigation

The New York Police Department will conduct an internal investigation into the incident to determine whether Pantaleo violated policy. Commissioner William Bratton said interviews would begin Friday. The probe will be conducted simultaneously with the federal investigation.

Pantaleo's attorney and union have maintained that the officer used a takedown move taught by the police department, not a banned maneuver, because Garner was resisting arrest. They said Garner's poor health was the main reason he died. "You cannot resist arrest, that's a crime. Police officers do not have the option to walk away," said Patrick Lynch, president of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association.

Pantaleo could face a departmental trial that could result in administrative charges like loss of vacation days or suspension, or dismissal. Regardless of the administrative judge's finding,

the police commissioner has the final say on the officer's future with the force. The officers involved in the shooting death of Sean Bell, killed in hail of bullets on his wedding day, were fired after an internal affairs investigation. They had been acquitted at a bench trial of criminal charges.

### Civil Lawsuit

Garner's family filed a notice of claim in October, the first step in filing a civil suit against the city. Attorneys said the family will seek \$75 million in damages alleging wrongful death, assault, emotional distress and negligent training.

Civil cases generally require a lower standard of proof than criminal cases. Jurors must find a preponderance of evidence, not proof beyond a reasonable doubt needed to convict in a criminal trial.

The family of Amadou Diallo, an unarmed man was killed by police in 1999, settled with the city for \$3 million in 2004 after filing a \$60 million lawsuit. The city did not admit any wrongdoing.

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## Democratic Party has real intraparty civil war

■ Don't think all problems are with Republicans

Old habits die hard. The media are so enamored of the continuing (and largely contrived) story about the great Republican civil war that they fail to appreciate that the real internecine fight is being waged on the other side of the aisle.

I grant that there's a lot of shouting today among Republicans. But it's a ritual skirmish over whether a government shutdown would force the president to withdraw a signature measure — last time, Obamacare; this time, executive amnesty.

And it will likely be resolved with the obvious expedient of funding the government through next year, except for a more short-term extension for homeland security. That way, defunding the executive order could be targeted to just the issue at hand, namely immigration, and would occur when the GOP holds the high ground — control of both houses of Congress.

It's a tempest in a teapot, and tactical at that. Meanwhile, on the other side, cannons are firing in every direction as the Democratic Party, dazed and disoriented, begins digging itself out of the shambles of six years of Barack Obama.

The fireworks began even before Election Day with pre-emptive backstabbing of Debbie Wasserman Schultz, chairwoman

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of the Democratic National Committee, by fellow Democrats. This was followed after the electoral debacle by bitter sniping between Obama and Harry Reid when Reid's chief of staff immediately — and on the record — blamed the results on Obama. In turn, Obama got his revenge last week by sabotaging a \$450 billion "tax extender" deal that Reid had painstakingly negotiated.

But the Democrats' civil war goes far beyond the petty and the personal. It's about fundamental strategy and ideology. The opening salvo was Sen. Chuck Schumer's National Press Club speech, an anti-Obama manifesto delivered three weeks after Election Day openly denouncing Obamaism, its policies and priorities. In essence: Elected with a mandate to restore the economy and address the anxieties of a stagnating and squeezed middle class, Obama instead attacked, restructured, reorganized and destabilized a health care system that was

servicing the middle class relatively well.

Eighty-five percent of Americans already had health insurance, argued Schumer. Yet millions have suffered dislocations for the sake of a minority constituency — the uninsured — barely 13 percent of whom vote.

This has alienated the Democrats' traditional middle-class constituency. Indeed, in a 2013 poll cited by The New York Times' Thomas Edsall, by a margin of 25 percent, people said Obamacare makes things better for the poor. But when the question was does it make things better "for people like you," Obamacare came out 16 points underwater. Moreover, for whites, whose support for Democrats hemorrhaged in 2014, 63 percent thought Obamacare made things worse for the middle class.

That's how you lose elections, Schumer argues and forfeit large chunks of the traditional Democratic coalition. Health care was not a crisis in 2009 (nor in 1993 when Hillarycare led to another Democratic electoral disaster); it was an ideological imperative for Barack Obama and the liberal elites in charge of Congress — their legacy contribution to the welfare state. As are Obama's current cherished causes — climate change and amnesty for illegal immigrants. These are hardly the top priorities of a working/middle class whose median income declined as much

during the Obama recovery as during the Great Recession.

The underlying Schumer challenge is that catering to coastal elites and select minorities is how you end up losing 64 percent of the white working class — which, though shrinking, is almost 50 percent larger in size than the black and Hispanic electorates combined.

While Schumer lobbed artillery at Obama's faculty-room liberalism, the left — through Elizabeth Warren's progressive populism — kept up its fire on the party center. Warren is looking beyond Obama to Hillary Clinton, cozy as Clinton is (Schumer, too) with Wall Street, the bete noire of the party base. Which is why Clinton actually said: "Don't let anybody tell you that, you know, it's corporations and businesses that create jobs" — a stupendously clumsy attempt to parry Warren by parroting her.

From opposite sides of the (Democratic) spectrum, Schumer and Warren are trying to remake and reorient the Democratic Party post-Obama. So while Republicans are debating the tactics of stopping presidential lawlessness — an inherently difficult congressional undertaking, particularly if you still control only a single house — Democrats are trying to figure out what they believe and who they represent.

Which do you think is the more serious problem?

### OPINION EXTRA

## Small-town lawmaker stands up for small Texas towns

I've got a favorite — so far — in the pile of measures pre-filed for the 2015 legislative session when the best and brightest of Texas — as selected by the voters — will gather to make laws.

I called Rep. James White, R-Woodville, to tell him he'd filed my early favorite: House Joint Resolution 44, a proposed constitutional amendment about

constitutional amendments. At the heart of this matter is the battle between urban and rural Texans — a battle urban interests now always win. White, a small-town East Texan, is standing up for the underdog rurals. Good luck with that.

Currently, proposed constitutional amendments get to the ballot if approved by two-thirds of the members in the House and Senate. It then takes a majority statewide vote to get amendments added to the Texas Constitution, which now has 484 amendments.

White's HJR 44 would require that, in addition to getting a majority of statewide votes, a constitutional amendment would only be approved if it also won a majority of votes in at least half of Texas' 254 counties.

It's a big change that would return more clout to rural Texans, who are greatly outnumbered by urban Texans. This, White said, can get particularly sensitive in decisions about four topics important in rural areas: "fuel, fiber, food and faith."

He also mentioned water and property rights as issues in which "there may be stark contrasts between rural and urban interests."

Let's review some recent constitutional amendment elections where we can imagine a rural-urban split:

Two involving water, in which rural Texans sometimes think urban Texans want to steal their water.

One involving highways, in which rural Texans sometimes think their money is being used to build roads for urban Texans.

Last month just under 80 percent of Texans approved an increase in highway funding. The proposition carried in all 254 counties. In November 2013, the creation of a state water implementation fund was approved by 73 percent of the voters. It carried in all but 19 counties. So White's idea would have had no impact in the outcome of either of those.

But in November 2011, we voted on the issuance of Texas Water Development Board bonds. It carried statewide, but it was close, with 51.5 percent of voters saying yes. Under White's system it would have failed miserably because, despite the majority statewide vote, it was approved by voters in only 80 of the 254 counties. A total of 678,368 votes were cast, with 339,060 of them in the state's eight most populous counties, all of which backed the proposed constitutional amendment.

White understands his constitutional amendment is a long shot to win legislative approval. And if it did, it would be on the ballot under the current rules which means urban voters, who control the outcome, would be asked to forfeit some of their clout.

Despite that reality, White says he wants his proposal to "start a conversation (to) encourage deliberation between urban and rural interests."

"When you look at the demographics of the state, if you run the table in six to 10 counties you can get constitutional amendments passed and you can get elected to statewide office," he said.

Sometimes, he said, "you have to get the discussion started."

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## Hillary lacks that 'new car' smell

■ There is nothing new about the Democrats' frontrunner in 2016

There was something in the air before Hillary Clinton addressed Georgetown University students Wednesday, but it definitely wasn't a new-car smell.

It was a faint but unmistakable whiff of indifference.

When the front-runner for the 2016 Democratic presidential nomination spoke in the same place a year ago, the room was reportedly packed. When she spoke in October, Gaston Hall again "was filled to capacity," the campus newspaper reported; some students lined up overnight and others were turned away.

But when it was time for Clinton's appearance to begin Wednesday morning, half of the 700 seats in the place were empty. After a half-hour "weather delay," diplomats and VIPs filled a few more chairs, but more than 300 remained vacant when the former secretary of state and first lady walked in wearing a robin's-egg-blue jacket and her signature pants.

Roughly half a dozen people rose to applaud, and for a terrifying moment it appeared they might be the only ones standing. But slowly, lazily, most of the others struggled to their feet.

Maybe it was just overexposure. Clinton began by joking that she'd been to Georgetown more in the last couple of years than her husband, who is an alumnus. This got a polite chuckle. A spokeswoman for the university said that this is the last week of classes, so students may be busy preparing for final exams.

But it has to be a worrisome sign for Clintonistas as they prepare to launch her 2016 juggernaut. President Obama, talking to ABC News' George Stephanopoulos last month about Clinton's efforts to distance herself from the unpopular president, said "the American people, you know, they're going to want that new-car smell." Doug Schoen, whose polling firm worked for Hillary Clinton's 2008 campaign and who now is a Fox News regular, contributed his view that his former client lacks that particular scent.

The students who did show up Wednesday did not seem dazzled. They gave another polite chuckle for her reference to Harvard as "that small university up in Cambridge, Massachusetts," but they were dead quiet during most of her speech. A few took photos with their phones; others fiddled with their hair. Several began trickling out before the 40-minute appearance was over. The main applause line Clinton generated was her reference to another woman joining her on the stage, Norwegian Defense Minister Ine Eriksen Sorlie, who,

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Clinton said, "belongs to a small but fierce club of women who are proving they can defend their countries as well as any man."

Those who bothered to listen could have heard the rationale for Clinton's candidacy as she spoke about the need for women to play a greater role around the world in war-fighting and diplomacy. "We know when women contribute in making and keeping peace, entire societies enjoy better outcomes," she said. "Women leaders, it has been found, are good at building coalitions across ethnic and sectarian lines and speaking up for other marginalized groups. ... They act more as mediators to help foster compromise and to try to organize, to create the changes they seek."

This is a smart way for Clinton to position herself. Last time, she largely avoided campaigning on her potential to be the first female president, until her famous "glass ceiling" concession speech. The bad news is she's now tied to Obama's foreign policy at a time when the world seems to be falling apart.

She has tried, haltingly, to draw distinctions between her hawkish views and Obama's dovish ways. But there was nothing new-car in Wednesday's appearance, where Clinton gave a brief exposition on her "smart power" theme and often lapsed into the bureaucratic and the banal.

"I'm a big believer in trying to make decisions based on evidence wherever possible," she reported. She also spoke, numbingly, of her "commitment to launch a series of practical discussions on the implementation of national action plans," and of her effort "to call for the institution of a representative to the secretary-general to begin at the U.N. level to try to implement what were the sentiments and the aspirations behind these actions."

There was supposed to have been a Q&A following Clinton's remarks, but the moderator, former Clinton adviser Melanne Verveer, said there was no time for that and instead read Clinton a single question about Syria and Ukraine. Clinton ventured her opinions that Ukraine will have to "rebuild its military forces" and that "Syria is now a multi-sided conflict."

The ride and handling were stable. The acceleration and braking were adequate. But this car was not new.

### From the Left | Doonesbury



### From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



# House rebukes Obama on immigration

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Emboldened House Republicans issued a stern but symbolic rebuke to President Barack Obama over immigration Thursday, passing a bill declaring his executive actions to curb deportations "null and void and without legal effect."

Outraged Democrats, immigrant advocates and the White House said the GOP was voting to tear families apart and eject parents.

"Rather than deport students and separate families and make it harder for law enforcement to do its job, I just want the Congress to work with us to pass a commonsense law to fix that broken immigration system," Obama said ahead of the vote.

Even supporters acknowledged that the bill by Rep. Ted Yoho, R-Fla., which says Obama was acting "without any constitutional or statutory basis," was mostly meant to send a message. It stands no chance in the Senate, which remains under Democratic control until January, and faces the veto threat from Obama.

For now, Republicans insisted they must go on record denouncing what they described on the House floor as an outrageous power grab by Obama.

"The president thinks he can just sit in the Oval Office and make up his own laws. That's not the way our system of government works," said Rep. Steve Scalise, R-La. "This legislation says you can't do that, Mr. President. There is a rule of law."

The vote was 219 to 197, with three Democratic "yes" votes and seven Republican "no" votes. Three Republicans voted "present."

Obama's executive actions last month will extend deportation relief and work permits to some 4 million immigrants here illegally, mostly those who have been in the country more than five years and have children who are U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents. He also reordered law enforcement priorities and expanded an existing deportation deferral program for immigrants brought illegally as kids.

Compounding the GOP's anger, Obama's executive action came barely two weeks after Republicans trounced Democrats in the midterm elections.

Democratic lawmakers rallied behind the president Thursday, and immigrant advocates warned Republicans would be alienating Latinos heading into 2016 presidential elections in which the Hispanic vote is expected to be significant.

"They should remember that this is not a fight between Republicans and the president," said Clarissa Martinez de Castro, of the National Council of La Raza. "They will be picking a fight with the millions of American families who will finally find some relief."

# Obama lights the national Christmas tree

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama kicked off the holiday season in Washington on Thursday with the lighting of the national Christmas tree.

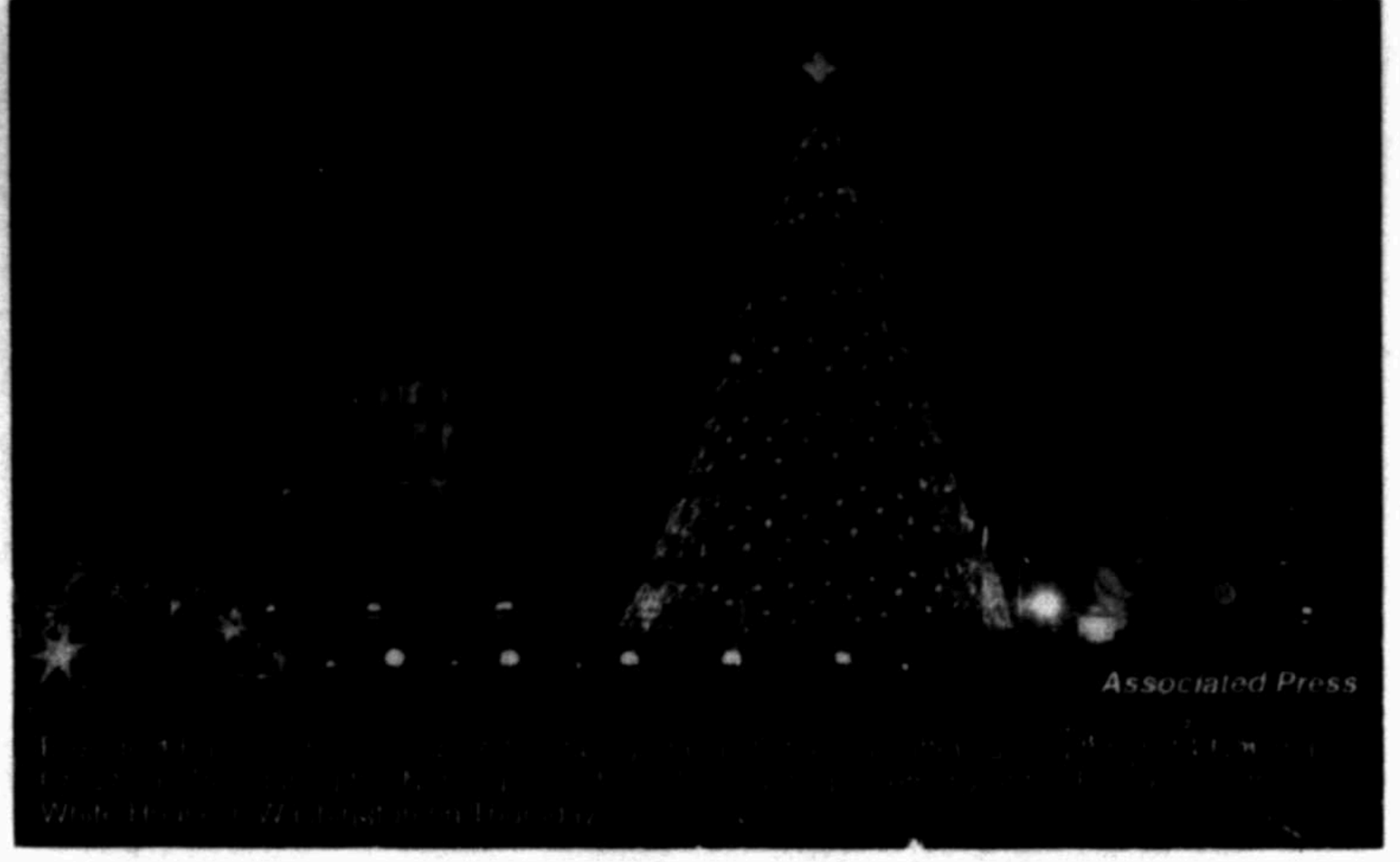
Obama joined hundreds of people for the annual event held just steps from the White House. First lady Michelle Obama, daughters Malia and Sasha, and Mrs. Obama's mother, Marian Robinson, also attended the event on a chilly night in the nation's capital.

Obama said the na-

tional tree is a "symbol of hope and holiday spirit." He urged Americans to remember members of the U.S. military serving overseas, as well as their families.

"As we hold our loved ones tight, let's remember the military families whose loved ones are far from home," Obama said. "They are our heroes."

This year's ceremony marks the 92nd annual lighting of the Christmas tree near the White House. The National Park Service says the tradition was started by President Calvin Coolidge in 1923.



Associated Press

# House OKs military campaign against extremists

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Republican-controlled House approved a \$585 billion defense policy bill that grants President Barack Obama the authority to expand the U.S. military campaign against Islamic militants in Iraq and Syria despite misgivings about a new American combat role after more than a decade of war.

The vote on Thursday was 300-119, a reflection of the popularity of the sweeping, bipartisan measure that authorizes funds for American troops as well as ships, planes and other war-fighting equipment built in congressional districts nationwide.

The measure heads to the Senate where passage is expected next week, although some GOP senators are angry over the bill's unrelated provisions to expand wilderness areas.

The legislation endorses Obama's latest request to Congress in the 4-month-old war against extremists who brutally rule large sections of Iraq and Syria. The bill provides \$5 billion

for the stepped-up operation of air strikes and the dispatch of up to 1,500 more American troops.

It also reauthorizes the Pentagon plan to train and equip moderate Syrian rebels battling the forces of President Bashar Assad, with that mandate expiring Dec. 11. The legislation would extend that authority for two years.

Still, war-weary lawmakers expressed considerable unease about a slippery slope for the American military after years of conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"We're getting more deeply involved in the war in Iraq and Syria," complained Rep. Jim McGovern, D-Mass.

The top Democrat on the House Armed Services Committee, Rep. Adam Smith of Washington, insisted that U.S. involvement was limited.

"The train and equip mission is just that," Smith said. "I don't want U.S. combat troops fighting this ground war.... By training and equipping the Syrians and Iraqis, we can empower them to fight their own ground war with our

support from the air."

Unity on a new legal justification for U.S. military operations against the extremists remains elusive in Congress, underscored by the divisions displayed across the Capitol.

Democrats on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee sought to push through a measure defining how Obama can use military force in Iraq and Syria. But Republicans, who are generally supportive of the war, rebelled. They objected to a lack of debate and legislative maneuvering.

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, reiterated his call for Obama to submit a proposal to Congress for a new authorization.

This year, work on the defense bill has added poignancy as the chairmen of the Armed Services committees in the Senate and House are retiring. Democrat Carl Levin is leaving after representing Michigan for 36 years in the Senate; California Republican Howard "Buck" McKeon is stepping down after a 22-year career in the House.

# Obama to get most of \$6.2B request to fight Ebola

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama will be awarded the bulk of his \$6.2 billion request to fight Ebola in Africa, a senior member of the Senate Appropriations Committee said Thursday.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said Thursday that Obama won't get the full \$1.5 billion he requested for a contingency fund but he's getting the green light for other portions of the request.

Graham is the lead Senate GOP negotiator on the foreign aid budget as lawmakers wrap up talks on a \$1 trillion-plus omnibus spending bill in advance of a likely vote next week.

Obama asked for \$2 billion for the United States Agency for International Development and \$2.4 billion for the Department of Health and Human Services.

That money would be used to strengthen the public health system in the U.S., combat the epidemic in West Africa and speed up the development of vaccines and other therapies. The money also would be used to help vulnerable foreign countries detect and respond to the disease.

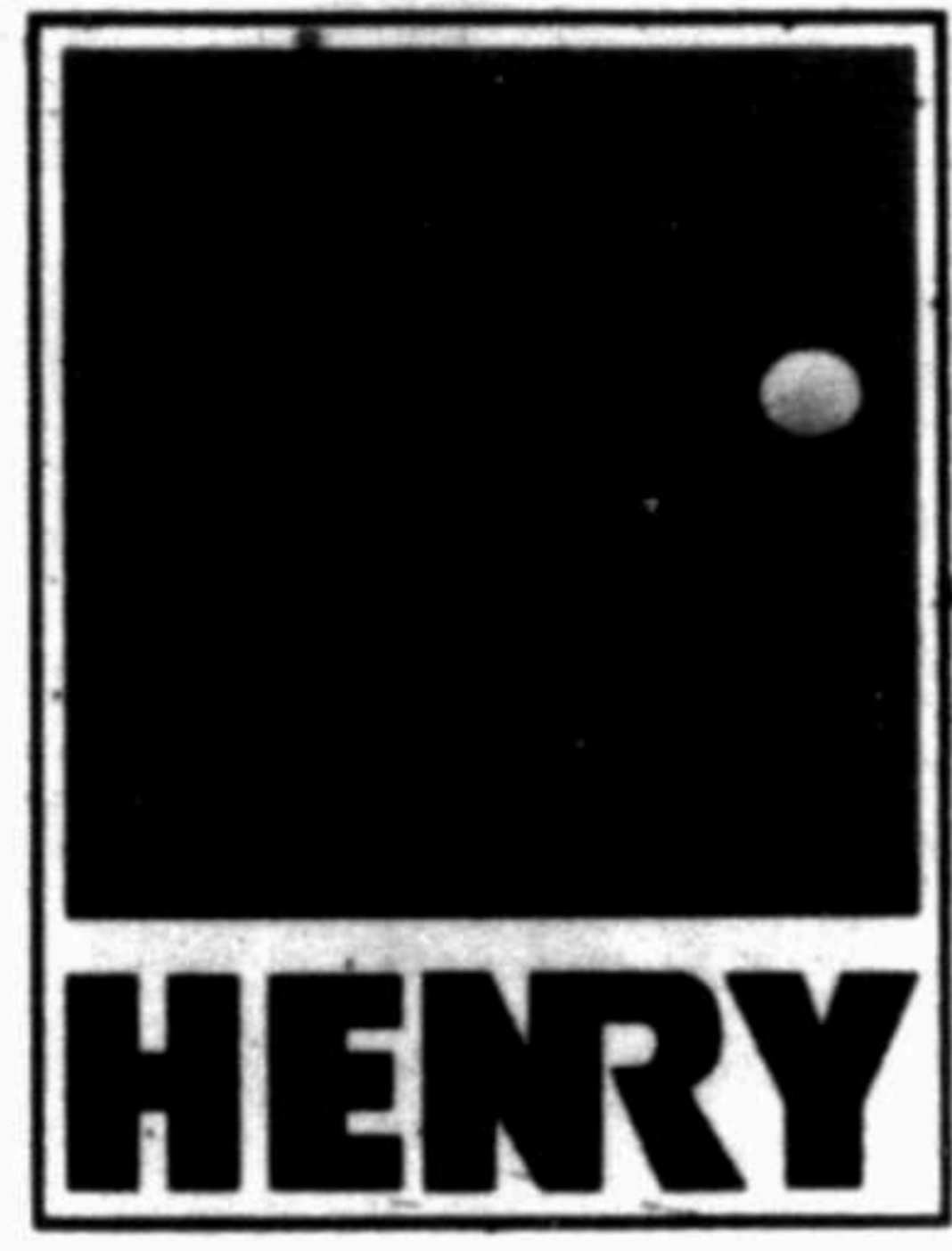
The administration would establish more than 50 Ebola treatment centers throughout the U.S., buy safety suits and more strictly monitor travelers upon their arrival in the country.

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# Flu vaccine may be less effective this winter

By Mike Stobbe  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The flu vaccine may not be very effective this winter, according to U.S. health officials who worry this may lead to more serious illnesses and deaths.

Flu season has begun to ramp up, and officials say the vaccine does not protect well against the dominant strain seen most commonly so far this year. That strain tends to cause more deaths and hospitalizations, especially in the elderly.

"Though we cannot predict what will happen the rest of this flu season, it's possible we may have a season that's more severe than most," said Dr. Tom Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, at a news conference Thursday.

CDC officials think the vaccine should provide some protection and still are urging people to get vaccinated. But it probably won't be as good as if the vaccine strain was a match.

Flu vaccine effectiveness tends to vary from year to year. Last winter, flu vaccine was 50 to 55 percent effective overall, which experts consider relatively good.

The CDC issued an advisory to doctors about the situation Wednesday evening.

CDC officials said doctors should be on the look-out for patients who may be at higher risk for flu complications, including children younger than 2, adults 65 and older, and people with asthma, heart disease, weakened immune systems or certain other chronic conditions.

Such patients should be seen promptly, and perhaps treated immediately with antiviral medications, the CDC advised. If a patient is very sick or at high risk, a doctor shouldn't wait for a positive flu test result to prescribe the drugs — especially this year, CDC officials said.

The medicines are most effective if taken within two days of the onset of symptoms. They won't immediately cure the illness, but can lessen its severity and shorten suffering by about a day, Frieden said.

He was echoed by Dr. Richard Zimmerman, a University of Pittsburgh flu vaccine researcher. Some doctors may hesitate, reasoning that flu season usually doesn't hit hard until around February. But it appears to have arrived in many parts of the country already and "it's time to use them," Zimmerman said.

Among infectious diseases, flu is considered one of the nation's leading killers. On average, about 24,000 Americans die each flu season, according to the CDC.

Nearly 150 million doses of flu vaccine have been distributed for this winter's flu season.

Current flu vaccines are built to protect against three or four different kinds of flu virus, depending on the product. The ingredients are selected very early in the year, based on predictions of what strains will circulate the following winter.

The ingredients always include a Type A H3N2 flu virus. The most severe flu seasons tend to be dominated by some version of that kind of flu bug. The three most deadly flu seasons of the last 10 years — in the winters of 2003-2004, 2007-2008, and 2012-2013 — were H3N2 seasons.

In March, after the H3N2 vaccine strain was vaccine production was underway, health officials noted the appearance new and different strain of H3N2. "This is not something that's been around before," Frieden said.

But health officials weren't sure if the new strain would become a significant problem in the United States this winter until recently, they said. Lab specimens from patients have shown that the most commonly seen flu bug so far is the new strain of H3N2. Specifically, about 48 percent of the H3N2 samples seen so far were well matched to what's in the vaccine, but 52 percent were not, the CDC said.

An official with one vaccine manufacturer — GlaxoSmithKline — emphasized that about half the samples do match the strain in the vaccine. He also noted flu seasons can sometimes involve a second wave of illnesses caused by a different strain.

"We're at the very beginning of flu season, and it's quite possible different strains will predominate," said Dr. Leonard Friedland, director of scientific affairs for GSK's vaccines business.

Thursday's news follows another problem recently identified by CDC officials, involving the nasal spray version of flu vaccine.

At a scientific meeting at the CDC in October, vaccine experts were told of preliminary results from three studies that found AstraZeneca's FluMist nasal spray had little or no effect in children against the swine flu strain that was the most common bug making people sick last winter.

Because this year's version of FluMist is the same formulation, experts said it's possible the spray vaccine won't work for swine flu this season, either.

However, CDC officials believe H3N2 will be the most common flu bug this winter.

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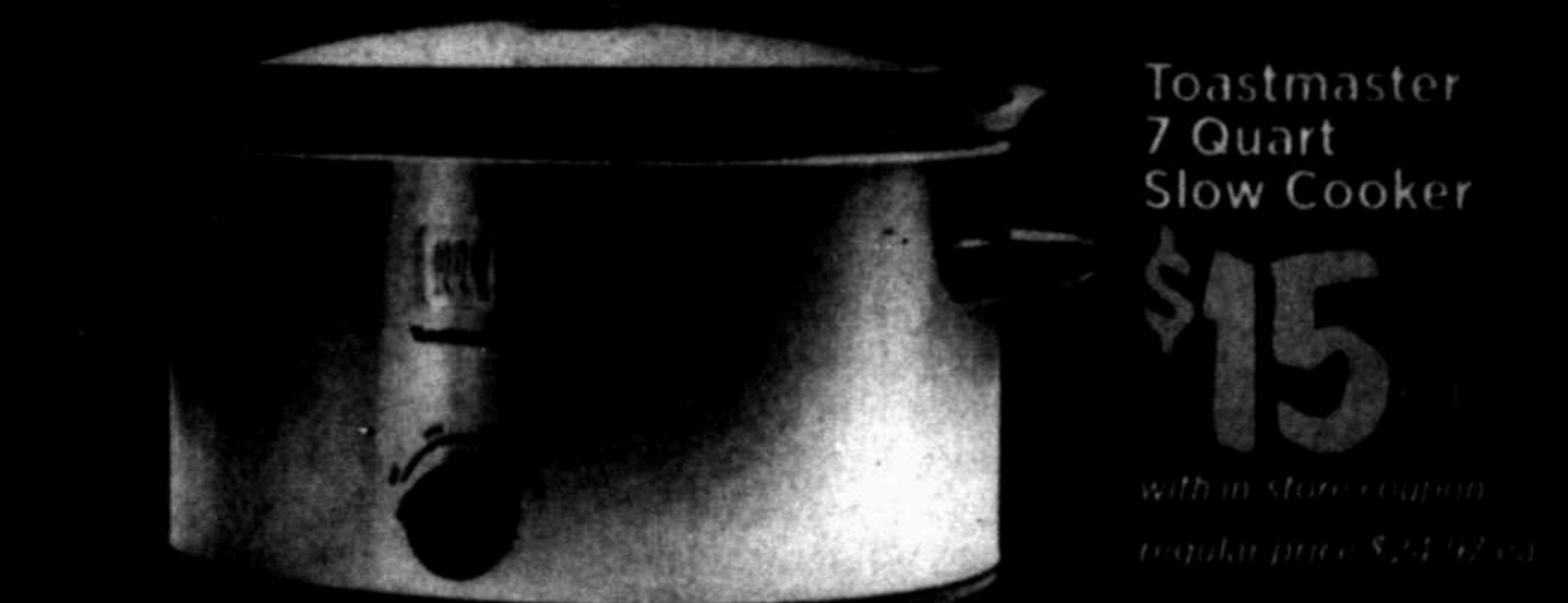
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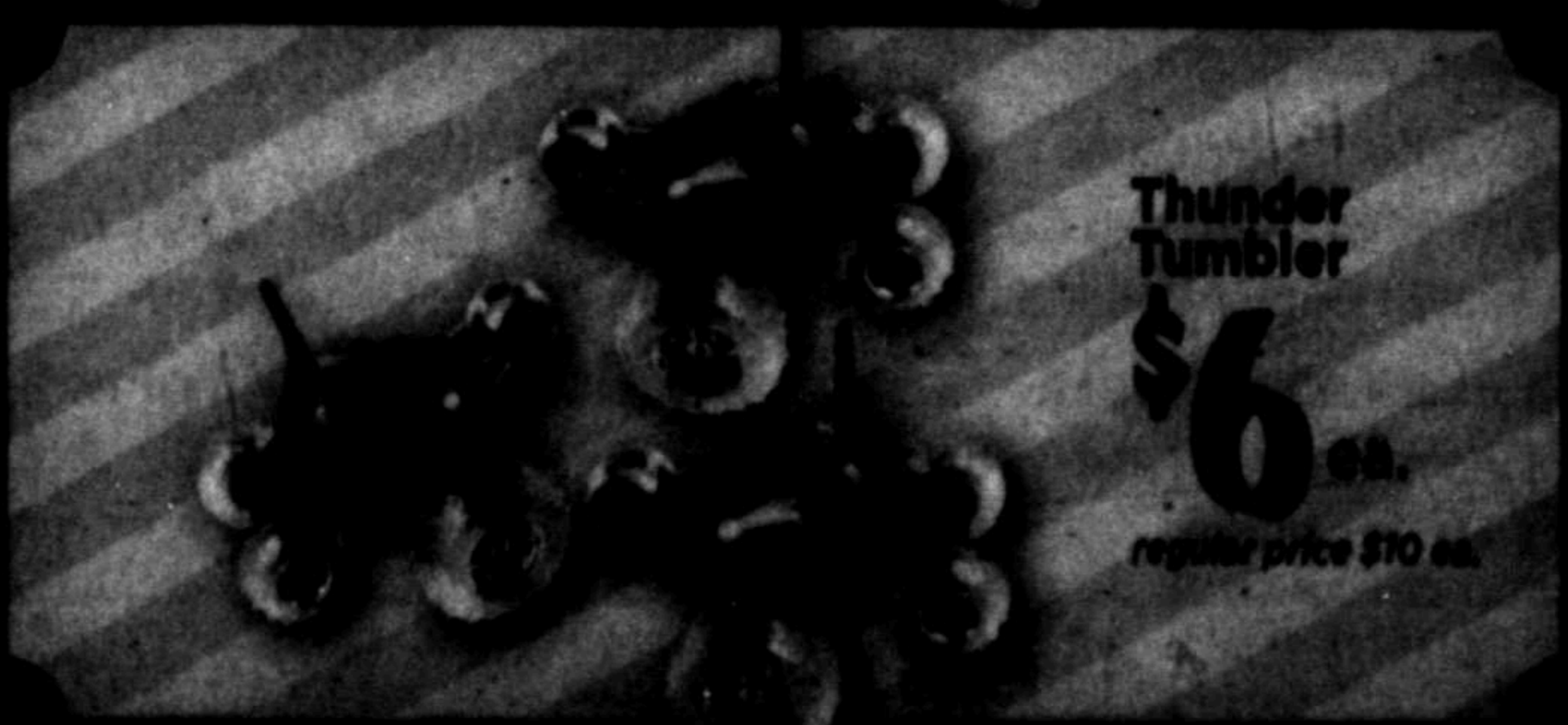
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# FAITH & PHILANTHROPY

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## THIS WEEK TODAY



**RACE:** Junior Achievement's Jingle Bell Run takes off Saturday morning at Centennial Plaza.

**TOY DRIVE:** Ellen Noel Art Museum is hosting a Holiday Open House and Toy Drive this week.

## COMING SOON

**ADVENT SEASON:** Send us your church's holiday events and services to include in our calendar. Email mbuck@mrt.com.

See more calendar items inside on Page 4B.

## GOOD NEIGHBORS



**CHARITY RIDE:** Former NASCAR driver Kyle Petty and 225 other motorcyclists stopped in Midland on the 20th Anniversary Kyle Petty Charity Ride Across America. Riders traveled 2,800 miles and raised \$1.1 million for Victory Junction, a camp created to enrich the lives of children with chronic illnesses.

**HOME BUILD:** Wolsley Industrial Group will be spending time on a Habitat for Humanity construction site Saturday, helping Habitat build homes for low-income families in Midland.

## IN NEED

**SANTA BUCKS:** Albertsons Market locations in Midland-Odessa are generating awareness and financial support for local food banks leading with the Santa Bucks promotion, which runs through Dec. 16 and allows guests to add a cash donation to their purchase.

**SHOE DRIVE:** Members Financial Federal Credit Union is collecting new women's and children's tennis shoes to benefit The Genesis Center. Please bring donations to 3100 Sunburst Drive or 3100 N. Big Spring St. until Dec. 31.

**FOOD BANK:** Because of increased holiday demand, West Texas Food Bank is seeking monetary and canned food donations and volunteers. WTFB also encourages churches, businesses and groups to volunteer to help sort and process donated food. Call 580-6333 or go to wtxfoodbank.org.

**MENTORS NEEDED:** Big Brothers Big Sisters is in need of school-based mentors. Volunteers meet with a child for one hour a week at an elementary school. Last year, 51 students had mentors. This year only 12 students are matched with a mentor. The nonprofit is having to ask school counselors not to refer children to the program because of a lack of volunteers. For more information, call 687-0195.

**HOLIDAY VOLUNTEERS:** Meals on Wheels is in need of volunteers for the holiday season. Call 689-6493 or go to eastmidland.org.

# THE SEASON OF GENEROSITY



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

**Above:** Members of the Greater Ideal Baptist Church choir sing Christmas carols before they turn on the lights for Miracle on Tyler Street on Monday evening across from the Greater Ideal Family Life Center. **Right:** Greater Ideal Baptist Church turns on the lights or their Christmas tree. The church is adopting 300 families this holiday season.

## Greater Ideal to adopt 300 families this Christmas

By Steve Kuhlmann

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Greater Ideal Baptist Church is once again hosting the Miracle on Tyler Street this Christmas season, doing its part to make the holiday special for families that may need a little extra help. While in the past the church has held a give-away featuring bicycles, toys, food and more, this year it will instead be adopting 300 families.

"What we want to do is focus in on meeting the needs of everyone in each of those families," said Darlene Mays, director of special ministries at Greater Ideal. "If it's blankets that they need, if there are toys that they need or maybe a meal, we're going to go the whole nine yards to experience the true meaning of Christmas as a family, together."

The church is accepting applications now, with the forms available in the Greater Ideal Family Life Center. Selection for the applications will be on a first-come first-serve basis as decided by a selection committee at the church.

"(Our motivation) is to spread the good news that they are loved and that no matter what state you might be in right now there is always hope," Mays said.

Mays said there will not be any income requirements and anyone in need is welcomed to submit an application for the family adoption. "It is just come as you are," Mays said. "We're not going back and doing background research on how much they make, it's for people from all walks of life."

After several years of holding the gift give-away, Mays said the time had come to make a change so the church could seek to impact families in a new way.

"God is always giving our pastor a vision, and for the past six years we have been giving away vehicles, appliances, TVs, toys, bicycles and so much more," Mays said. "God has given our pastor another vision and we have shifted (away from) the gifts because we figure that even though we saw a different group of kids coming each year, there were still a lot of other kids that had gotten bicycles in the past years. We wanted to do a little something

more and that's where the adoption of the families came in."

While the church is looking to focus more on meeting the needs of the family as a whole, it is still looking to leave a positive impact on the children this holiday season.

"We want to make Christmas come alive for the kids especially, making sure that their dreams come true to let them know that there is a God," Mays said. "It can be an amazing Christmas and that all they have to do is believe. Just because you don't have now doesn't mean that there isn't someone always out there looking to be a blessing to others."

In addition to the adoptions, Greater Ideal will also be hosting a Christmas dinner in its family life center on Christmas Day.

"Last year we didn't do the Christmas dinner on Christmas Day, but on Christmas morning this year we will be preparing a full-course meal for anyone that wants to come by and have Christmas dinner," Mays said. "It

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## Church to display Nativities, collection of historic Bibles

By Steve Kuhlmann

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Midland will host Share the Spirit, the church's fifth annual Nativity exhibit beginning this evening and continuing through Sunday. In addition to the Nativities — which numbered as many as 400 at last year's event — there will also be a live Nativity, music and a private collection of Bibles from the last seven centuries.

"The title of the event is Share the Spirit and my hope is that we can help all of us take a break from the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season — the shopping, the busy-ness — and take time to remember the real meaning of Christmas and the birth of Jesus," said Chris Vore, president of the Odessa Texas Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. "I think it'll be a great community event, just a chance to give people an option to feel the true meaning of Christmas."

A notable new addition to the nativity exhibit, the private collection of Bibles will provide an added sense of history to the event.

"The thought (for the exhibit) is to have a Bible from every century back into the 1400s," Vore said.

One of several books representing the 1800s, Vore said a prayer book once owned by famous French military and political leader Napoleon Bonaparte is part of the collection.

"It's a Catholic prayer book written in French and Latin," Vore said. "It has the seal of Napoleon on the front and the seal of Josephine, his wife, on the back. That's



Courtesy photo

A nativity scene, such as the ones that will be displayed at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Midland. The exhibit will also feature a private collection of Bibles from the last seven centuries.

a very fun piece, it's a beautiful little book. It's probably the coolest book that will be shown."

Another notable Bible on display will be a 20-inch-tall King James Version of the Bible owned by King George II that was published in 1753.

Other Bibles on display will include a 1608 Geneva Bible that Vore said would have been similar to those the Pilgrims would have brought over to the Americas, a Latin Bible printed in Venice in 1492 and several family Bibles from the 1800s.

Affairs Representative Jennifer Langford said organizers are hoping to see more than 400 Nativities at the event.

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## Casa de Amigos partners with library for tree exhibit

By Steve Kuhlmann

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Casa de Amigos is partnering with the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch to present the inaugural Festival of Trees. The trees will be unveiled at an event Saturday afternoon, featuring refreshments and the Mariachi band Viva Chihuahua providing music inside the library.

The forest of trees will include 15 fully decorated Christmas trees donated by various organizations, individuals and businesses from the community.

"They'll be Christmas trees decorated with different themes," said Judith Motyka, community development manager at Casa de Amigos. "For example, the Midland Texas A&M Club will be decorating one with ornaments reflecting A&M, so that should be a fun one. We also have another done by a woman named Holly (Franks) who will be doing one on recycling materials."

Others who donated and decorated trees for the event include Kid's Art of Midland, Agrilife, the Spanish Honor Society of Trinity School, the Girl Scouts of Trinity School and Basin PBS.

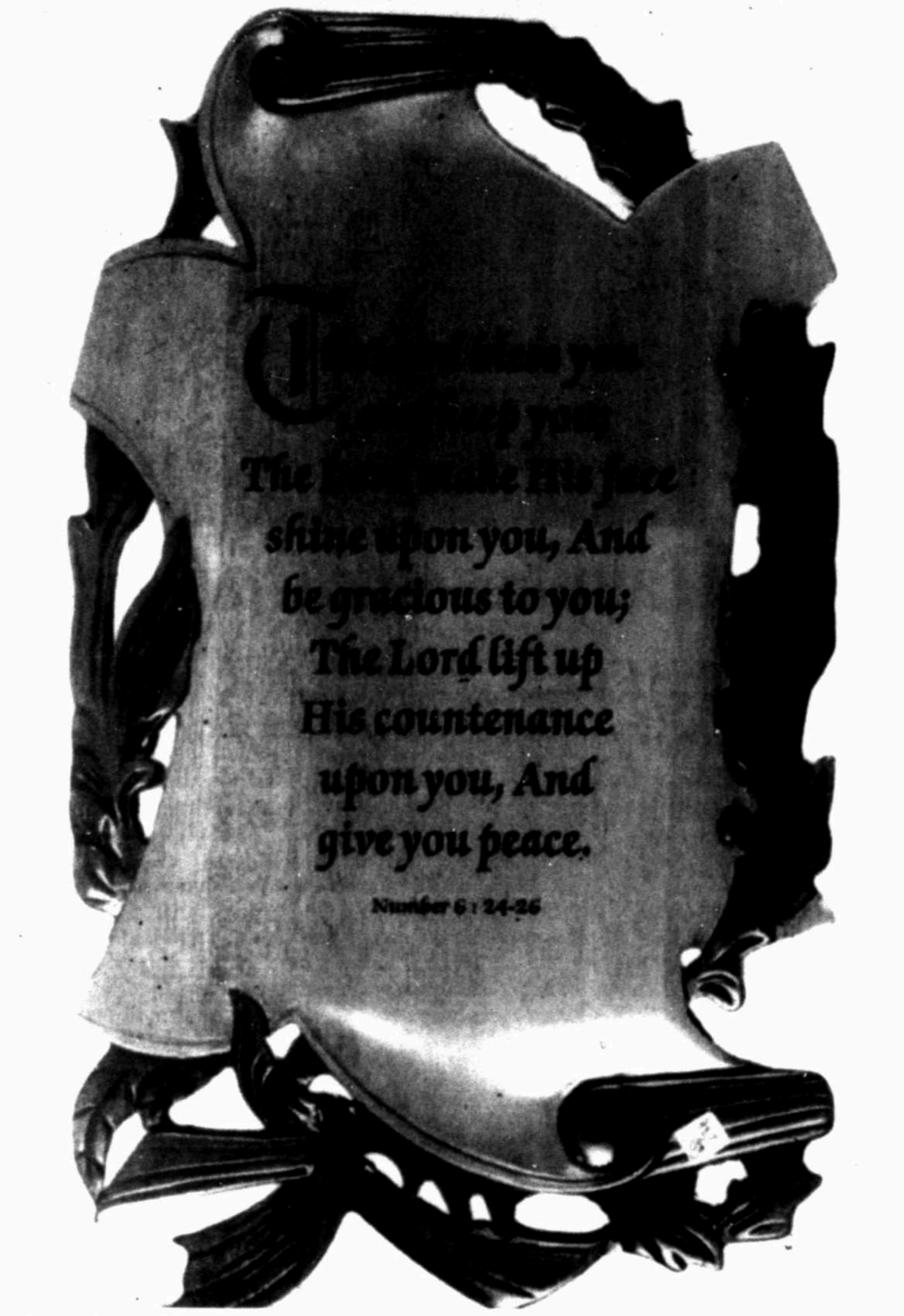
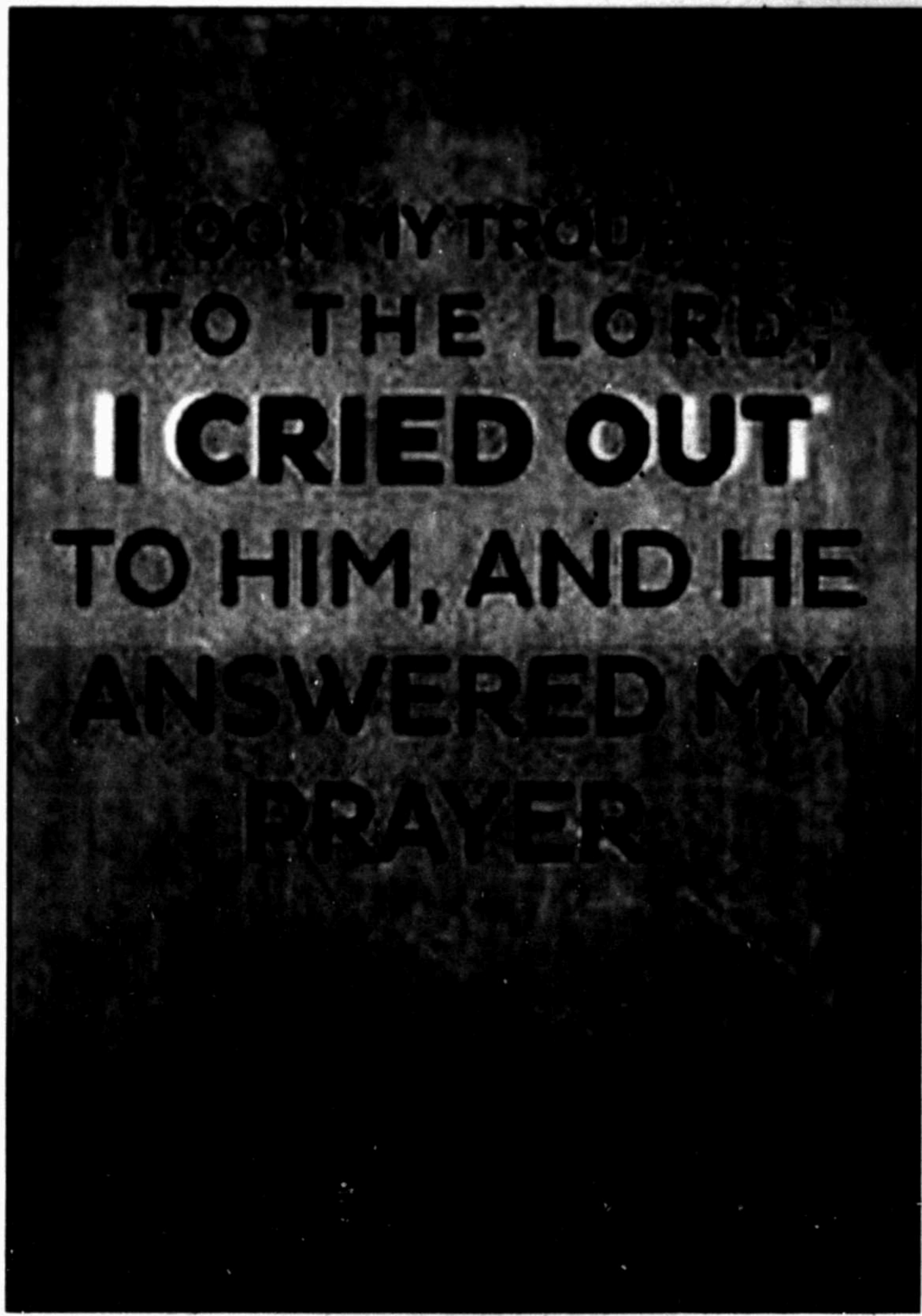
Motyka said in addition to providing a chance for the community to learn a little more about what Casa de Amigos does, it also gives the nonprofit the opportunity to grow its relationships in the community.

"We want to form more alliances with other organizations and companies within the community," she said. "Getting to do (the event) at the Centennial library was a really good deal."

Attendees will also be treated to light refreshments including lemonade, coffee and cookies.

"We're really excited about it," Motyka said. "I think that we could do this another year, this is the first year so we're starting a tradition."

The opening event will take place at the Centennial library 4-6 p.m. Saturday. The trees will remain in the library until Dec. 20 when they will be donated to Casa de Amigos' client families.



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432-694-5321
- Christian and Missionary**  
Alliance Fellowship Community Church  
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432-699-6068
- Christian Science**  
Christian Science Church  
1001 W. Tennessee  
432-682-8197
- Christian Science Reading Room**  
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St. Ste. A-10  
432-682-8476
- Church of Christ**  
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4603 Andrews Hwy.  
432-694-2394
- Church of Christ in Greenwood**  
9501 FM 307  
432-685-1249
- Eastside Church of Christ**  
611 S. Webster  
432-684-4733
- Fairmont Park Church of Christ**  
3813 N. Midland Dr.  
432-699-7064
- Iglesia de Cristo**  
1501 E. Cherry Lane  
661-3233, 634-1948
- Iglesia de Cristo (En Espanol)**  
902 Midkiff Road  
432-272-3724, 432-262-3969
- Golf Course Road Church of Christ**  
3500 W. Golf Course Rd.  
432-694-8836
- Lamesa Rd. Church of Christ**  
3409 N. Lamesa Rd.  
432-685-0885
- Lee Street Church of Christ**  
101 N. Lee Street  
432-684-4786
- Main Street Church of Christ**  
101 W. Parker  
(432) 570-1212
- North "A" Church of Christ**  
505 San Angelo St.  
432-682-8653
- Northside Church of Christ**  
1511 N. Fort Worth St.  
432-682-1553
- Westway Church of Christ**  
1701 Hughes St.  
432-889-6987
- Westside Church of Christ**  
4410 W. Illinois Ave.  
432-694-3614
- Woodcrest Church of Christ**  
1401 Woodcrest Drive  
432-689-0955
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Communidad Alabara, Community of Praise  
1100 Dayton Rd.  
432-682-8433
- Midland Christian Fellowship**  
(The Joyful Church)  
2301 W. Indiana
- Redeemer Christian Fellowship**  
3000 Franklin Street  
432-683-1370
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Church of God  
5300 Thomason Dr.  
432-694-7586
- Church of God in Christ**  
Alexander Temple Church of God in Christ  
200 N. Tyler  
432-684-5466
- Faith Temple Church of God in Christ**  
1605 N. Terrell  
432-684-5253
- Holy Trinity Church of God in Christ**  
1301 E. Cowden  
432-682-9271
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints**  
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4805 Gateway St. & 2101 Tarleton St.  
432-694-4716
- Episcopal**  
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432-352-9524

## Full Gospel

**Living Hope Church**  
2911 CR 1140  
432-693-6398

**Voice of Victory - A Word Church**  
1508 S. Main St.  
432-686-7566

**Redeemer Christian Fellowship**  
3000 Franklin Street  
432-683-1370

## Hindu

**Hindu Association of West (HAWT)**  
4401 Cardinal Lane  
432-520-4298

## Inter-denominational

**Midland Center for Spiritual Living**  
1908 W. Wall, Ste. D-Midland, Texas  
432-684-4230

**Sovereign Grace Church**  
(formerly Christian Life Center)  
2901 W. Kansas  
432-683-4506

**West Texas Cowboy Church**  
12144 E. Hwy 158, Gardendale, TX  
432-488-8588

## Jewish

**Temple Beth El**  
1501 N. Grandview, Odessa, TX  
432-550-5111

## Lutheran

**Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
3800 Bluebird Lane  
432-694-4971

**Grace Lutheran Church**  
3000 W. Golf Course Rd.  
432-697-3221

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church**  
5110 N. Garfield  
432-570-8149

**Hope Lutheran Church (ECLA)**  
2003 N. A St.  
432-683-1936

**Lutheran Church of the Risen Lord**  
1603 N. Grandview, Odessa, TX  
432-362-2549

**Midland Lutheran Church**  
2705 W. Michigan  
432-694-1373

**Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
3309 Neely  
432-694-4517

## Moslem

**Beth Haderekh**  
13370 Hwy 191, Odessa, TX  
432-264-8976

## Methodist United

**Resurrection United Methodist Church**  
9541 W. 57th St.: Odessa, TX  
432-385-1212

**St. Mark's United Methodist**  
1701 N. Main  
432-683-3339

**First United Methodist Church**  
Main & Ohio St.  
432-682-3701

**First United Methodist Church**  
600 N. Goldsmith St., Goldsmith, TX  
432-385-1212

**St. Luke's United Methodist Church**  
3011 W. Kansas  
432-694-2571

**St. Paul's United Methodist Church**  
4501 Thomason Drive  
432-694-2544

**Visionsary Hollowell Community UMC**  
400 S. Marshall St.  
432-682-1574

## Muslim

**Muslim Association of West**  
1200 S. Midland Dr.  
432-262-6226

**Islamic Center of the Permian Basin**  
5010 W. Loop 250 N. Apt 10E  
432-520-3751

## Non-Denominational

**The Gathering @ Midland (A Church of the Nazarene)**  
3303 W. Illinois, Space #2  
432-689-9178

**The Potters' House**  
4411 W. Illinois, #B5  
432-279-0198

**Renew Life Church**  
Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.  
432-689-7284

**Abiding in Christ Ministries**  
1208 A County Road 138 West Midland  
432-699-4513

**Christian Faith Ministry**  
2215 N. Midland Dr., #5A  
432-218-6412

**Church of God 7th Day**  
609 N. Dallas  
432-218-8595

**Church of New Beginnings**  
4309 W. Illinois, Suite A  
432-553-1400

**Cornerstone Christian Fellowship**  
901 N. Midland Dr.  
432-689-8898

**CrossRoads Fellowship**  
6901 East State Hwy. 191, Odessa, TX  
432-368-2500

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7909 Hwy. 307  
432-686-9468

**Inner City Tabernacle of Life Ministries**  
3607 N. Dixie, Odessa, TX  
432-272-2544

**LifeHouse Fellowship**  
3300 Thomas Avenue  
432-262-LIFE

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432-221-4072

**Mid-Cities Community Church**  
8700 W. Hwy 191  
432-522-1330

**New Harvest Fellowship Church**  
4010 North County Road 1130  
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3900 N. FM 1788  
432-563-0028

**Apostolic Assembly in the Faith Christ Jesus**  
2309 S. Fort Worth  
432-686-8526

**Beacon Light Outreach Ministries**  
410 S. Lee  
432-599-0793

**Christian Motorcyclists Association**  
4632 Conley Ave., Odessa, TX  
432-978-1986

**Christian Tabernacle Church**  
10807 W. CR 145  
432-262-5072

**Church in the Wind**  
1001 Austin St.  
432-556-2062

**Crossway Church Adult**  
1000 Upland  
432-528-8541

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3303 S. Hwy 349  
432-556-6638

**Faith Apostolic Church**  
4001 W. Illinois Ave.  
432-520-5371

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432-458-3580

**Footprints Redemption Church**  
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432-664-9113

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432-563-5683

**Heart of Worship Baptist Fellowship**  
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432-337-9372

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405 E. Stokes  
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**Inner City Tabernacle of Life Ministries**  
3607 N. Dixie Blvd., Odessa, TX  
432-272-2544

**New Day Christian Fellowship**  
4200 W. Illinois, Suite 280  
432-694-4233

**New Harvest Fellowship**  
4010 NCR 1130  
432-699-5821, 432-853-9830

**Rock Fellowship Church**  
410 S. Pecos  
432-685-3856

**Salvation Army Church**  
3500 Park Lane  
432-683-3614

**Solid Rock Fellowship Outwest**  
4601 W. Interstate 20 (South Service Road Between Midkiff and Loop 250)  
432-664-4279

**St. Paul C.M.C. Church**  
409 S. Lee Street  
432-682-0010

**Teen Challenge Services**  
6901 S. CR 1200  
432-687-0348

**Teen Flow Service**  
711 S. Main  
432-686-2525

**Templo Jerusalem**  
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432-683-4806

**The World Wide Church of God Bible**  
1207 W. 10th St., Odessa, TX  
432-381-8352

**True Life Christian Fellowship Church**  
3001 N. A St.  
432-687-3077

**Wings of Mighty Prophecy Church**  
5005 ECR 73, Midland  
432-559-5018

## Orthodox

**Holy Cross Orthodox Church**  
Currently meeting at St. Stephen's Catholic Church (Parish Hall Rooms 1&2), 4601 Neely, Midland, Texas For more information please call (432) 741-1040

**Pentecostal Assembly of the World Jesus Name United Pentecostal Church**  
3110 W. C. R. 116  
432-694-8702

**Lighthouse Pentecostal Church**  
200 N. Lincoln  
432-682-7186

**Templo Gloriosa Mañana**  
511 S. Stonewall  
432-664-0803

**The Pentecostals**  
5110 W. Illinois Ave  
432-697-4007

**This Generation UPC (United Pentecostal Church)**  
409 W. Ping  
432-685-3919

**Presbyterian**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
800 W. Texas  
432-684-7821

**Grace Presbyterian Church**  
2801 N. Garfield  
432-684-6542

**Providence Presbyterian Church (PCA)**  
2900 Princeton  
432-520-5255

**Seventh Day Adventist**  
**Seventh Day Adventist Church**  
3114 Travis  
432-694-2746

**Midland Spanish Seventh Day Adventist Church**  
110 W. Pennsylvania  
432-620-0882

**Southern Baptist**  
**Iglesia Bautista El Buen Pastor**  
4712 Shadylane  
432-684-5490

**Grace Covenant Church**  
5711 Whitman  
432-553-1053

**Unitarian Universalist**  
**Unitarian Universalist Church of Midland**  
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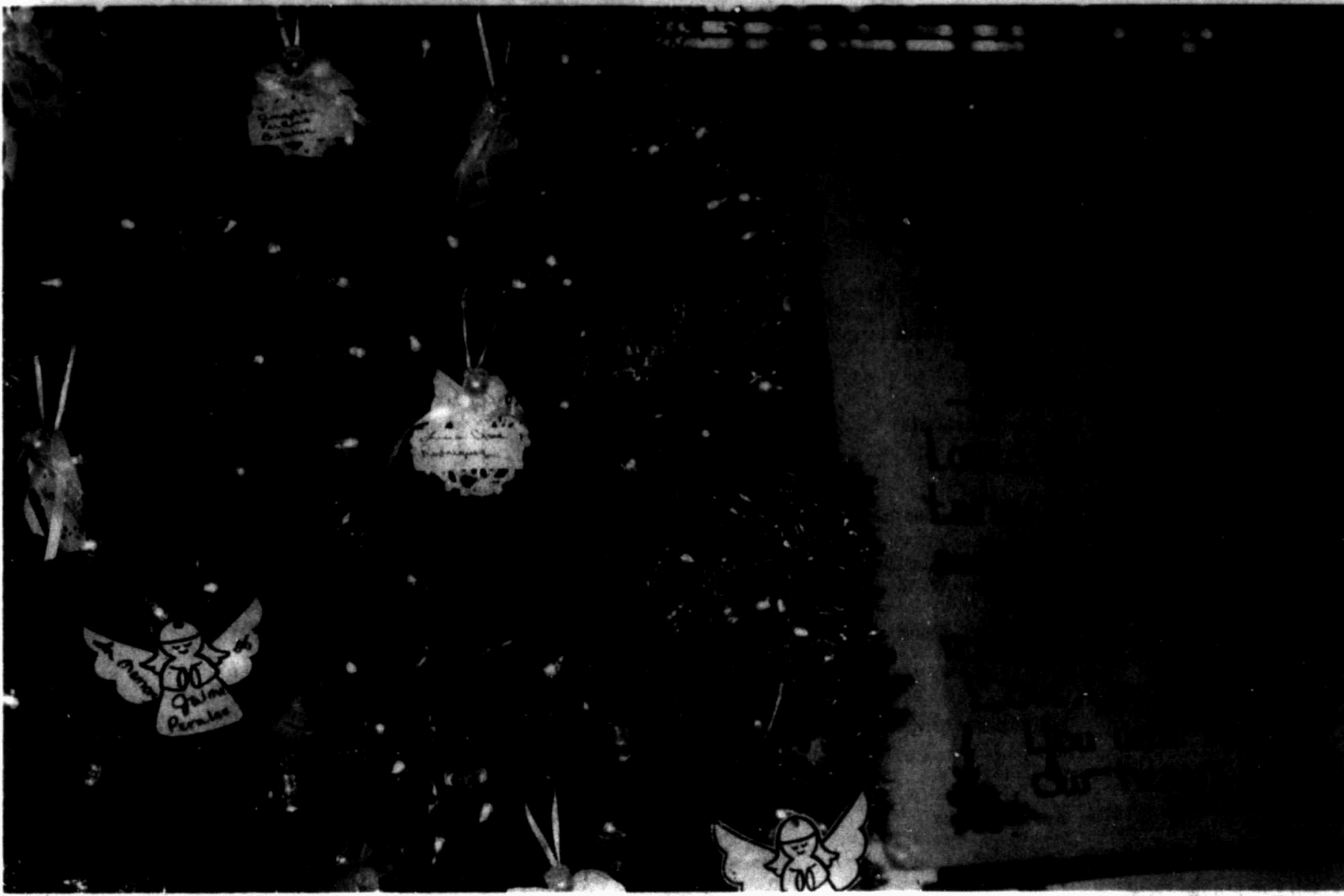
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# A CHRISTMAS TREE OF HOPE



Steve Kuhlmann/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Victims Coalition put up its annual Victims Memorial Christmas Tree this week at the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. The tree features cloth angel ornaments donated by Ellis Funeral Home with the names of victims of violent crime. The tree will be updated throughout the month with additional ornaments. Families of victims may leave names with the library to be added to ornaments on the tree.

## FAMILIES

From 1B

will be a meal fit for kings and queens and they will be served. I guarantee you, when they eat that meal, they'll say that they want to come back for some more."

Mays added that the church is also accepting monetary donations from those who wish to help support its mission to adopt the 300 families this Christmas.

The Christmas dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 25 and will be free and open to the community.

For more information or to apply for adoption, call 683-0838 or visit the Greater Ideal Family Life Center.

## NATIVITIES

From 1B

"Some of them are ones that you would see everywhere and some of them are just really unique Nativities from all over the world," said Langford, adding that on Saturday there will also be a live Nativity acted out throughout the day.

The event will also have Christmas music performed by "different congregations and schools in the community." In addition, children will have an area to themselves featuring child-oriented Nativities, crafts and a scavenger hunt.

"It's just a neat way to start the Christmas season and a reminder of why we celebrate Christmas and where the holiday came from," Langford said. "It's free to the public and it's a gift to the community from the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints."

The exhibit will be open 6-9 p.m. today, 4-9 p.m. Saturday and 2-7 p.m. Sunday. The event will conclude Sunday with a broadcast featuring the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

For more information visit [midlandnativity.blogspot.com](http://midlandnativity.blogspot.com).

# CALENDAR

### Today

**Community meal** H-E-B Feast of Sharing, 4-8 p.m. at Ector County Coliseum. [ector-countycoliseum.org](http://ector-countycoliseum.org).

### Saturday

**Race** Junior Achievement's Jingle Bell Run, 8:30 a.m. at Centennial Plaza. [pbrunningclub.com](http://pbrunningclub.com).

**Family event** Crawl Over Hunger with 4x4s and fire engines benefiting West Texas Food Bank, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 3100 N. Loop 250 next to Discount Tire.

### Sunday

**Priest anniversary** Celebration of The Rev. Dave Huxley's 10th anniversary of ordination with visit from Bishop J. Scott Mayer and Confirmation service, 9:30 a.m. at St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church. [stnicksmf.org](http://stnicksmf.org).

### Tuesday

**Toy drive** Holiday Open House and Toy Drive, 4-7 p.m. at Ellen Noel Art Museum. [noelartmuseum.org](http://noelartmuseum.org).

### December

**Christmas program** One Night in Bethlehem, 4-6 p.m. Dec. 13-14 at First United Methodist Church. [firstmethodistmidland.com](http://firstmethodistmidland.com).

**Christmas concert** Go Tell it on the Mountain with Lakesha Jones, 6:30 p.m. Dec. 14 at First United Methodist Church. [firstmethodistmidland.com](http://firstmethodistmidland.com).

**Holiday music** Service of Lessons and Carols, 6:30 p.m. Dec. 14 at St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church. [stnicksmf.org](http://stnicksmf.org).

**Holiday event** Christmas-time in the City Hayrides, Dec. 19-21 at Stonegate Fellowship Church. [stonegatefellowship.com](http://stonegatefellowship.com).

**Worship** Christmas services, 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Dec. 19-21 at Stonegate Fellowship Church. [stonegatefellowship.com](http://stonegatefellowship.com).

**Christmas concert** Christmas with Plumb, 6:30 p.m. Dec. 21 at First United Methodist Church. [firstmethodistmidland.com](http://firstmethodistmidland.com).

**Christmas Eve service** Carols and Candles, noon Dec. 24 in the chapel at First United Methodist Church. [firstmethodistmidland.com](http://firstmethodistmidland.com).

**Christmas Eve service**, 3 p.m. Dec. 24 at The Village at Manor Park. [firstmethodistmidland.com](http://firstmethodistmidland.com).

**Christmas Eve service** Noche Buena Spanish Speaking Service, 3 p.m. Dec. 24 in the chapel at First United Methodist Church. [firstmethodistmidland.com](http://firstmethodistmidland.com).

**Christmas Eve services** Family service at 5:30 p.m. and Carols, Candles and Communion at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 24 in the sanctuary at First United Methodist Church. [firstmethodistmidland.com](http://firstmethodistmidland.com).

**Christmas Dinner** Free to the community, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 25 at Greater Ideal Family Life Center. 683-0838.

**Celebration** PDAP Annual Family New Year's Eve Celebration, 7 p.m.-midnight Dec. 31 at Midland Center. [pdapmidland.org](http://pdapmidland.org).

To include your event on this calendar, email Megan Buck at [mbuck@mrt.com](mailto:mbuck@mrt.com).

## Michigan House approves 'religious freedom' bill

By David Eggert  
Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. — The Republican-led state House approved legislation Thursday that supporters said would protect people's religious beliefs from government overreach and opponents charged would permit discrimination against gays and others.

On a party-line 59-50 vote, the House sent the GOP-controlled Senate a proposed Michigan version of the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act. It would provide a claim or defense to people who say their exercise of religion has been substantially burdened by the government. Majority Republicans also passed bills letting faith-based agencies refuse to participate in adoptions that violate their beliefs.

GOP House Speaker

Jase Bolger of Marshall, the sponsor of the Michigan version of the federal law, introduced it last month to coincide with a GOP bill that would amend the state's civil rights act to bar discrimination based on sexual orientation. But that measure is dead because Republicans and Democrats disagree on specifically banning discrimination against transgender residents.

"This bill should remain on this separate path because it is worth pursuing," Bolger said, saying the federal law doesn't apply to government action at the state or local level.

The measure would create no new religious rights, he said, and "simply restores the long-established standard of review that has worked well for many years" in which courts weigh religious liberty against government's interests.

But Rep. Jeff Irwin, an Ann Arbor Democrat, warned it would "open the door to discrimination and the types of behavior that otherwise violates the laws of the state of Michigan."

He said while legislators may think the bill is about safeguarding a baker from having to make a wedding cake for a same-sex couple, it's "much broader." Democrats warned that government workers with sincere religious beliefs could be allowed to show bias against someone from another faith, mentioning that pharmacists could deny birth control to women.

Republicans denied that the legislation would provide a "license to discriminate" and that critics' hypotheticals were far-fetched or had been dismissed by judges in real-life cases.

At least 19 states have

approved laws mirroring the federal law, which prohibits the government from imposing a substantial burden on the exercise of religion for anything other than a compelling government interest pursued in the least restrictive way.

Amber McCann, spokeswoman for Senate Majority Leader Randy Richardville, said the majority GOP caucus hadn't yet discussed the religious freedom or anti-discrimination bills.

Legislators have two

weeks left to enact legislation before bills die and must be reintroduced in the next two-year session.

The adoption bills also were passed along party lines. Advocates say they would codify existing practice and preemptively protect religious child-placing organizations from repercussions if Michigan ever legalizes gay marriage or civil unions. Critics say the bills would authorize discrimination by agencies receiving state funding for child placements.

## Rome's Jewish Museum shows how Ghetto was in 1880s

Associated Press

ROME — Visitors to Rome's Jewish Museum can now "walk" streets as they were before the Ghetto neighborhood's demolition in the 1880s.

Researchers studied watercolor landscapes from the times, city property records as well as photographs taken before the district was demolished during Rome's makeover to be modern Italy's capital.

## Pope's financial czar: Vatican has millions extra

By Nicole Winfield  
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican's economy czar says the Holy See's finances are in better shape than he thought, revealing that hundreds of millions of euros were kept off the balance sheet and that reforms are forging ahead to make the Vatican "boringly successful."

In a frank essay published Thursday in Britain's The Catholic Herald, Cardinal George Pell outlined his vision for a Vatican that follows international accounting standards, is transparent and audited externally, and uses its proceeds to help the poor.

Pope Francis was elected in 2013 on a mandate to get the Vatican's finances in order after years of scandal at its bank and waste in its administration. Pell was among the most vocal in calling for reform, and was named by Francis to head the new Secretariat for the Economy to oversee the process.

In the essay, Pell disparaged the Vati-

can's past practices of financial secrecy, defending fiefdoms and dragging its feet in implementing international anti-money-laundering norms.

He resurrected two of the most recent scandals — the "sacking" of the Vatican bank president and the leaks of documents by the papal butler — which he said had "severely" damaged the Holy See's reputation.

In saying they were a "heavy cross" for Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI to bear, Pell suggested that Benedict's resignation was indeed linked to the scandals. The reforms, however, are going ahead to make the Vatican "boringly successful," Pell said.

He said his team had discovered that the financial situation was "much healthier" than it seemed, because some hundreds of millions of euros were tucked away in particular sectional accounts and did not appear on the balance sheet.

Pell didn't say that the euros were unknown to Vatican authorities, just that they didn't feature into the balance sheet.

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Obituaries



**Bill "Billy Joe" Waller**

Bill "Billy Joe" Waller passed away on November 23, 2014 at the age of 87. He was married 61 years to Valerie Stout Waller, until her death in 2009.

A longtime resident of Midland, Bill was the father to Roberta Wilson and Lalah Ash, the Grandfather to Lindsay, Leslie, Morgan, Elliott, Ryan and Emily and the Great-Grandfather to Jackson, Andrew, Macey and Crosby.

Bill was born on June 16, 1927, and was raised as a proud West Texan in Crane, Texas. He was the son of Sanders and Lalah Mae Waller and brother to Frank. Bill was a Navy veteran and worked until retirement as a jet mechanic for Continental Airlines.

He was an avid rock hound and an active member of the Midland Gem and Mineral Society for many years. Bill was a creative jewelry designer, an artist, a golfer, a hunter, a bee keeper and a country and classical music lover. He was a man of many talents and interests and a good friend to many. Bill's passing will leave a void, but also many memories for those who knew and loved him.

Funeral services for Bill Waller will be held at Ellis Funeral Home on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 11:00 A.M. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. The family will be available to receive friends a half hour prior to the service to meet and share memories of Bill's remarkable life.

Online condolences may be offered at [www.ellisfunerals.com](http://www.ellisfunerals.com).

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**Charles B. Coston**

1932-2014  
Charles B. Coston went home to be with the Lord Monday, December 1, 2014. The family will hold a memorial service in Hamilton, Texas at a later date.

Charles was born in Hamilton County, Texas on April 24, 1932 to Michael Coston and Alice Bynum Coston. He joined the Army in 1950 and served in Korea, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. Upon completion of his military service, he moved to Albany, Texas and married Dubrois Robinson. After graduating from Ranger Junior College, he moved his family to the Permian Basin to work in the oilfield. He retired from the Pioneer Corporation in 1986 after 30 years of service.

In May of 1988, Charles married Judi Repman. They went into business together as Abraxas Bookkeeping and Tax Service. Charles loved to travel, square dance, go to Lee Rebel football games, and be with his grandchildren. Charles was a friend to everyone and always had a

great smile.

Charles was preceded in death by Judi earlier this year.

Charles is survived by children, Freddy Coston and wife Felicia of Fort Worth, Texas, Coy Coston of Hamilton, Texas, stepdaughter and son-in-law, Pam and Randy Friday of Midland, Texas, stepdaughter and son-in-law, Leslie and Michael Northcut of Pennsylvania, stepdaughter and son-in-law, Tina and Papa Fuata of El Paso, Texas, and stepson and daughter-in-law, Scott and Lisa Repman of Glendale, Arizona; 22 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and many other family members who loved him dearly.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorial donations to Hospice Midland, PO Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences may be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).



**Cheryl Gaye Dawson**

Cheryl Gaye Dawson, 67, sadly and unexpectedly passed away on Monday, December 2, 2014, with her family by her side.

Cheryl was born in Midland, Texas on June 14, 1947. She graduated from Colorado City High School in 1965. Then went on to Business School in Fort Worth where she met and married Charles Henry Dawson III. They had one son together, Carter Dawson. Cheryl moved back to Midland in 1974, where she worked in the Petroleum Industry up till the mid 90's. Cheryl worked at Midland Map Company up until her last days with us.

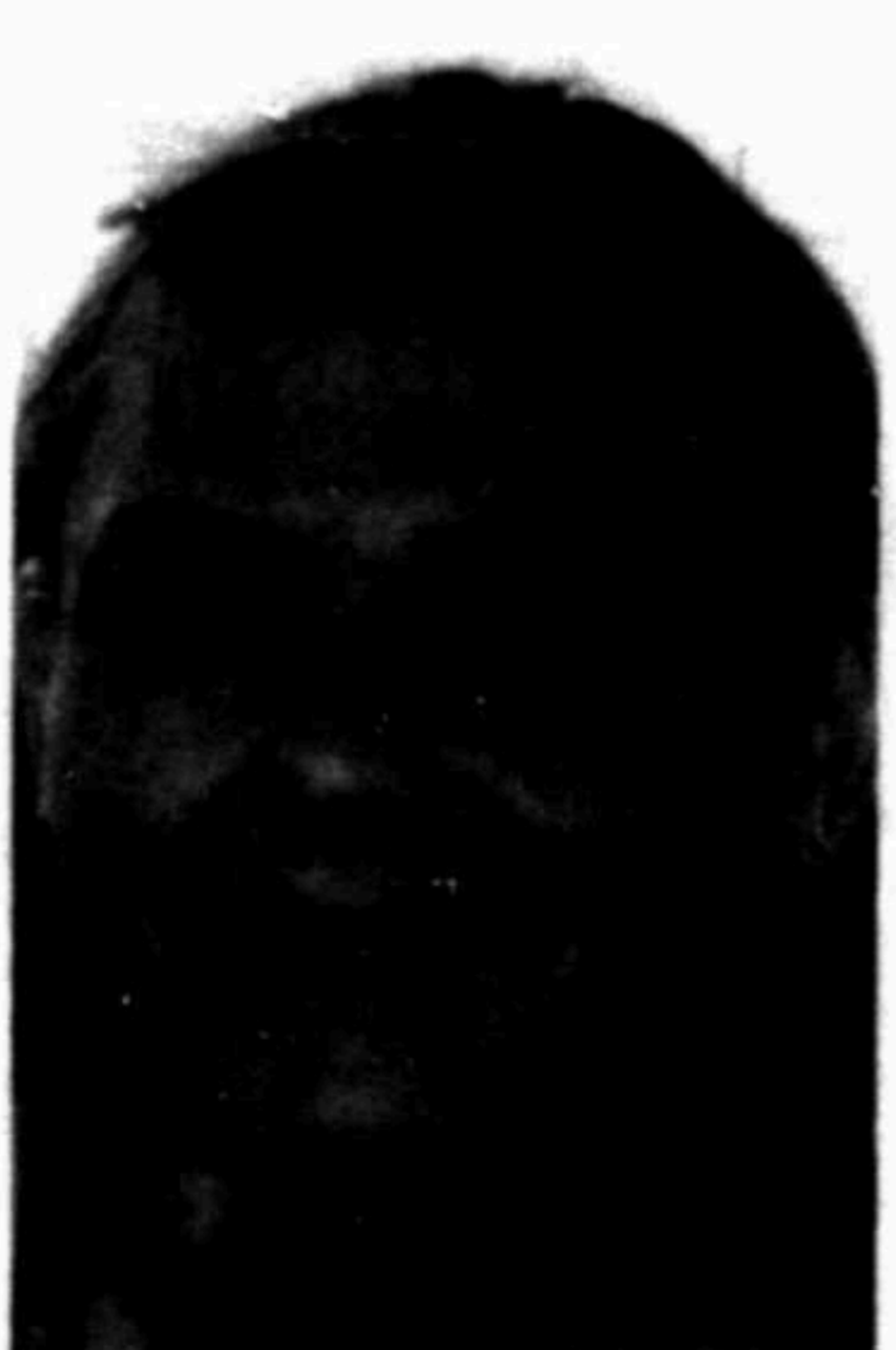
Cheryl is preceded in death by her father, B.J. Nunley; grandparents, Jim and Earnestine Hayes, Porter Dean and Ethel Nunley; uncle, Joe Hayes; aunt, Nell Carter; and many more family and friends.

She is survived by her mother, Jean Nunley; aunt and uncle, James and Jimmie Currie of Garden City, Texas; aunt, Maxine of California; son, Carter Dawson and wife Tina; three grandchildren, Hailey Dawson, Casey Dawson, and Ethan Dawson.

A visitation will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, December 5, 2014 at Ellis Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 6, 2014 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Online condolences may be offered at [www.ellisfunerals.com](http://www.ellisfunerals.com)

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**Crystal Michelle Paulins**

Crystal Michelle Paulins, 29, of Midland passed away

on November 28, 2014. Her family will be holding private services in her memory.

Crystal was born on January 8, 1985 in Midland, Texas. She was the loving wife of Scott Paulins and an incredible mother to her two children, Evan and Jasmine. Crystal married the love of her life on January 25, 2008. She took great pride in caring for her children and considered them the greatest accomplishments of her life. She had a very outgoing personality, lighting up the room to make sure there was never a dull moment. She enjoyed spending time with her family and loved anything and everything outdoors.

She is survived by her husband, Scott Paulins; children, Evan and Jasmine Paulins; mother, Linda Pitcock; grandmother, Margie Pitcock; sister, Shauna Knittel; as well as nieces, nephews, and other family. She is preceded in death by her grandfather, Harrell Pitcock.

Crystal will be forever remembered by her entire family and all that knew her. She will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorials or donations of blood be made to the American Red Cross.

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



**James Miles Barkes**

James Miles Barkes was born September 9, 1927, in Columbus, Ohio. He died November 26, 2014.

In 1951 he was among the earliest group of students to receive the B.S. degree in geology from KSU. Jim has had a highly successful career in the petroleum industry. After graduation, at a time when few firms were adding to their geological staff, he worked for Good-year in R & D for a few years and then spent a year in graduate school at Ohio State. At the end of his first year at OSU, Continental Oil interviewed there and hired Jim. During his 24 years with Conoco (1954-1978), as District Geologist and then Supervising Geologist, he worked in Casper WY, Bakersfield CA, Ventura CA, Carlsbad NM, Lake Charles LA, Midland TX, and Colombia, South America. During this period he was involved with all facets of the industry including reservoir evaluation, seismic exploration, field mapping, offshore and onshore well supervision, prospect evaluation, and wildcat-well supervision. Jim oversaw 130 wells during this period.

During 1978-79, he served as Division Manager and Chief Geologist in the Midland TX office for NFC Petroleum Corp. until a well blowout (which burned for a month!) put the firm out of business. He then became Operations Geologist for Moran Exploration (1979-81) and was responsible for geologic recommendations, planning, and supervision of all the company's exploratory and development wells in TX, NM, AR, OK, LA, and ND. Wellsite work with both firms involved another 37 wells.

During 1981-89, Jim was a Consulting Geologist providing geologic well supervision in all areas of the Permian Basin. In this period, he participated in the drilling and completion of 145 wells in West Texas and SE New

Mexico. When the petroleum industry went into recession in 1987-88, while still working as a Petroleum Geologist he attended evening classes in the Midland College Nursing School and became an EMT (1987), a Paramedic (1988), and an ER Nurse (2000) - oldest to graduate from Midland's Nursing School! After working in the medical field for the last 18 years, he retired at age 80. Jim says: "This is the first time I've been unemployed in 67 years!!"

Jim and Eunice Langley Mobley married November 23, 1956, and live in Midland TX where Eunice, an anthropologist/archaeologist, worked part-time at the Museum of the Southwest. They have two children, Nancy Louise Bergeron from Twenty-nine Palms CA, and Andrew Alan Barkes from Greenwood TX. Between the two, Jim and Eunice have three grandchildren: James Bergeron, Sarah Bergeron and Clayton Andrew Barkes.

Memorial service for Mr. Barkes will be Saturday, December 6, 2014 at 2:00 pm at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel. Father Lorenzo Hatch will officiate.

Memorial service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: [pipkin@nts-online.net](mailto:pipkin@nts-online.net) or you can visit our website at [www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com](http://www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com).



**Ella Lee Feldman Ledbetter**

Ella Lee Feldman Ledbetter was born in Fowler, Kansas on June 7, 1928. She was the second of 10 children. She attended all grades in Fowler and graduated in June 1946. She was sponsored by a local doctor, Doctor Robby, in Fowler and became a student nurse at Wesley Methodist School of Nursing in Wichita, Kansas. She attended nursing school until she met Harold Lloyd Ledbetter there on a blind date. They met in June 1947 and were married on October 18, 1947. They moved to Hobbs, New Mexico and later to Midland, Texas.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Emma and Ruby; and one brother, Harry. She is succeeded in death by five sisters, Donna, Laura, Reba, Leona, and Mary; and one brother, Lawrence.

She is succeeded in death by her husband, Lloyd; and four children, Sandra, Jimmie, Deborah, and Larry; also succeeded by five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

She was always very active in everything that concerned her children. She was a Brownie Scout Leader, a Senior Girl Scout Leader. She was a Sponsor and official Score Keeper as Chaperone for Deborah's team. She was a Cub Scout leader for Jimmie. She was a dedicated follower of all the children's High School sporting events. She was a very gifted seamstress and quilter. She made baby quilts for her nieces and nephews as long as her health allowed. An excellent cook, she was very adventurous to try new things. Lee was always gracious and accommodating to everyone she met. She will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Services will be 2:00 p.m. Sunday in Kimbrough Funeral Home Chapel in Cisco; burial will be in Scranton Cemetery.

Questions about death notices or online Guest Books? Email: [obits@mrt.com](mailto:obits@mrt.com)



**Manek Rustom Panthaky**

Manek Panthaky of Midland passed away from an apparent stroke at the age of 74.

He is survived by his sisters and their families: Arnavaz & Jimmy Havewalla and Zenobia & Berham Havewalla of India; and Dinoo & Pilo Medhora of London, England; and his son Scott Panthaky & wife Kelli, his grandchildren Holden and Jonathan of Midland, as well as multiple nieces, nephews, cousins and friends that he has influenced and enjoyed life with throughout the world.

Manek had said, "When your mind wants to do it, you can do it. There's no two ways about it. You have to say 'I will do a better job, and I can do it.'" Beginning in the small village of Nargol in India, to operating the Rolls Royce dealership in Midland, and even when starting successful businesses in Dallas; he kept this philosophy while living life to the fullest. He also earned an MD from St. Xavier's in Mumbai, practiced medicine in London, and earned two Eagles for sales at IBM along the way. Manek was always a man interested in people, life, love, and the stories and lives connecting it all. Manek will be missed for his resilient happiness, his brilliance, and his always joyful wisdom.

The family will receive friends at 2102 North N St. in Midland from 2 until 6, Saturday, December 6, 2014. In lieu of flowers his family requests donations be made to help feed hungry children at [www.feedthechildren.org](http://www.feedthechildren.org).



**Rosendo Gino Rodriguez**

Rosendo Gino Rodriguez, born and raised in Midland, passed away at his home on Monday, December 1, 2014 at the age of 49. He attended Midland High School and served in the Army National Guard.

He married his first wife Yolanda in July of 1987. Their union brought forth three beautiful daughters, Vanessa Torres, Gabriella Rodriguez and Amanda Rodriguez, and one grandson, Julian Torres.

Gino is preceded in death by his second wife, Mary Ann Garcia Rodriguez, his grandparents Mateo and Paulina Sotelo and Nicolas and Dominga Rodriguez.

He is survived by his three daughters and grandson, his parents, Rosendo and

Angelita (Angie) Rodriguez, his brother Raymond Rodriguez, his sisters, Sylvia Rendón, Yolanda Reyes, Malisa Berry, Christina Davis and Lorena Venegas, and numerous uncles, aunts, nephews and cousins.

Rosary will be held Friday, December 5th at 7:00 pm at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home & Chapel. A funeral mass will be at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church at 10:00 am on Saturday, December 6th. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

Palbearers will be Raymond Rodriguez, Lee Sanchez Jr., Willard Davis, Slade Berry, Joel Venegas, Steven Rodriguez, Lee Sanchez Sr. and Albert Espinoza.

Gino will be remembered as a kind, loving and humble person who enjoyed being with his family and friends. He loved the outdoors especially fishing. He was the ultimate craftsman and was always willing to give a helping hand.

Let Me Go, By Anonymous  
We've known lots of pleasure, at times endured pain; we've lived in the sunshine and walked in the rain. But now we're separated and for a time apart, but I am not alone- You're forever in my heart. Death always seems so sudden, and it is always sure, but what is off forgotten-It is not without a cure. I'm walking now with someone, and I know He'll always stay, I know He's walking with you too, giving comfort everyday.

There may be times you miss me, I sort of hope you do, but smile when you think of me, for I'll be waiting for you. Now there's many things for you to do, and lots of ways to grow, so get busy, be happy, and live your life, miss me, but let me go.

Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: [pipkin@nts-online.net](mailto:pipkin@nts-online.net) or you can visit our website at [www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com](http://www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com).

Death Notices

**Donald Michael Hellinghausen**

Donald Michael Hellinghausen, 86, was born on April 24, 1928 in Breckinridge, Texas and passed away on December 3, 2014 in Midland, Texas.

A rosary will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, December 5, 2014 at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 6, 2014 at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 8, 2014 at Fairview Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

**Willie Grace Rankin**

Willie Grace Rankin, 87, was born in Wichita Falls, Texas on January 15, 1927 and passed away in Midland, Texas on Tuesday, December 2, 2014.

A visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 7, 2014 at Ellis Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 8, 2014 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, December 8, 2014 at Colorado City Cemetery, 1901 W. I-20 Business Colorado City, TX 79512.

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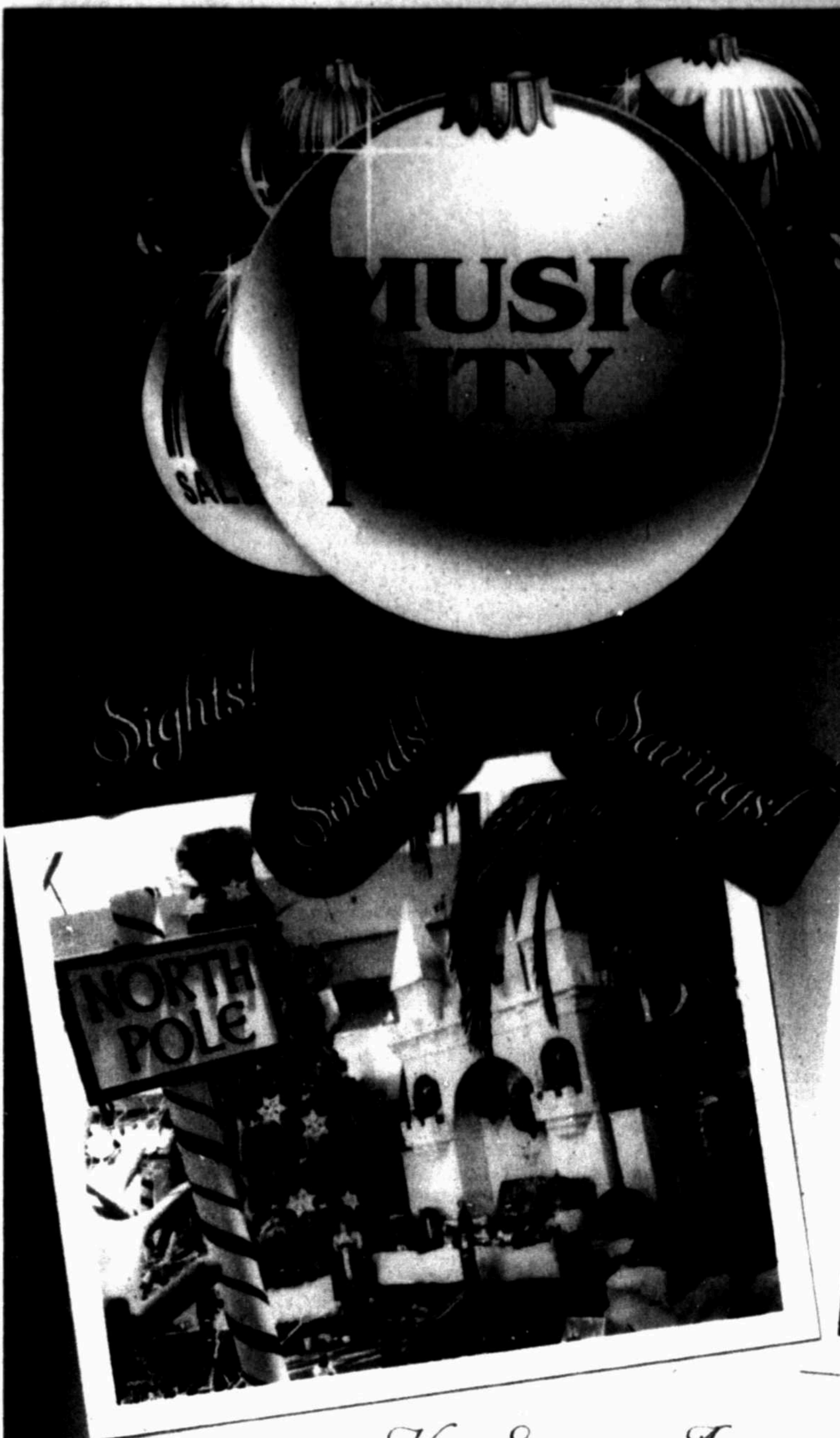
**Jim Swink, star TCU running back of the '50s, dies**

**Associated Press**  
RUSK — Jim Swink, a star TCU running back and College Football Hall of Fame inductee who bypassed a professional football career to become a doctor, died Wednesday. He was 78.  
Swink died at his home in Rusk on Wednesday afternoon because of complications of lymphoma, said his wife, Jeanie Swink.  
The 6-foot-1, 180-pound "Rusk

Rambler" was the nation's leading scorer and second-leading rusher in his junior year with the Horned Frogs in 1955, scoring 125 points and carrying for 1,283 yards, according to the College Football Hall of Fame website.  
His best game came during TCU's epic encounter with arch-rival Texas in 1955. Swink ran for 235 yards on just 15 carries for a 15.7 yard per carry average and scored a school-record 26 points

as the Horned Frogs romped past the Longhorns in Austin, 47-20.  
That season, he finished second to Ohio State's Howard "Hopalong" Cassidy in the Heisman Trophy voting.  
TCU athletic director Chris Del Conte called Swink "a true TCU legend and one of the faces of our proud football tradition."  
Serving in the U.S. Army from 1966-68, Swink was a surgeon at the 12th Evacuation Hospital in

Ku Chi, South Vietnam, during the Vietnam War, about 40 miles from Saigon. He was awarded a Purple Heart, Air Medal and Bronze Star.  
He returned to Fort Worth and set up an orthopedic surgery practice in 1971 and was elected into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1980.  
In 2007, he and his wife returned to his hometown of Rusk and practiced medicine there until he became ill, Jeanie Swink said.



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## Playoff scenarios: Who's in if things get weird?

By Ralph D. Russo  
Associated Press

The 12-member College Football Playoff selection committee will gather Saturday in Texas to watch the final weekend of the season play out and then rank the top 25 teams in the country. The top four will compete for the national championship in the sport's first ever playoff.

How difficult the committee's job will be depends on the outcome of about a half dozen games to be played Friday and Saturday.

"At that point, we will have had a season long body of work to evaluate, in addition to knowing who the conference champions are," committee chairman Jeff Long said.

The top four heading into the

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weekend are in order: Alabama, Oregon, TCU and Florida State. If they all take care of business, there is a good chance that will be the top four on Sunday, too. Probably. Maybe?.

But what happens if things don't go as expected? Let's dive into the possibilities.

What happens if ...

#### Missouri beats Alabama?

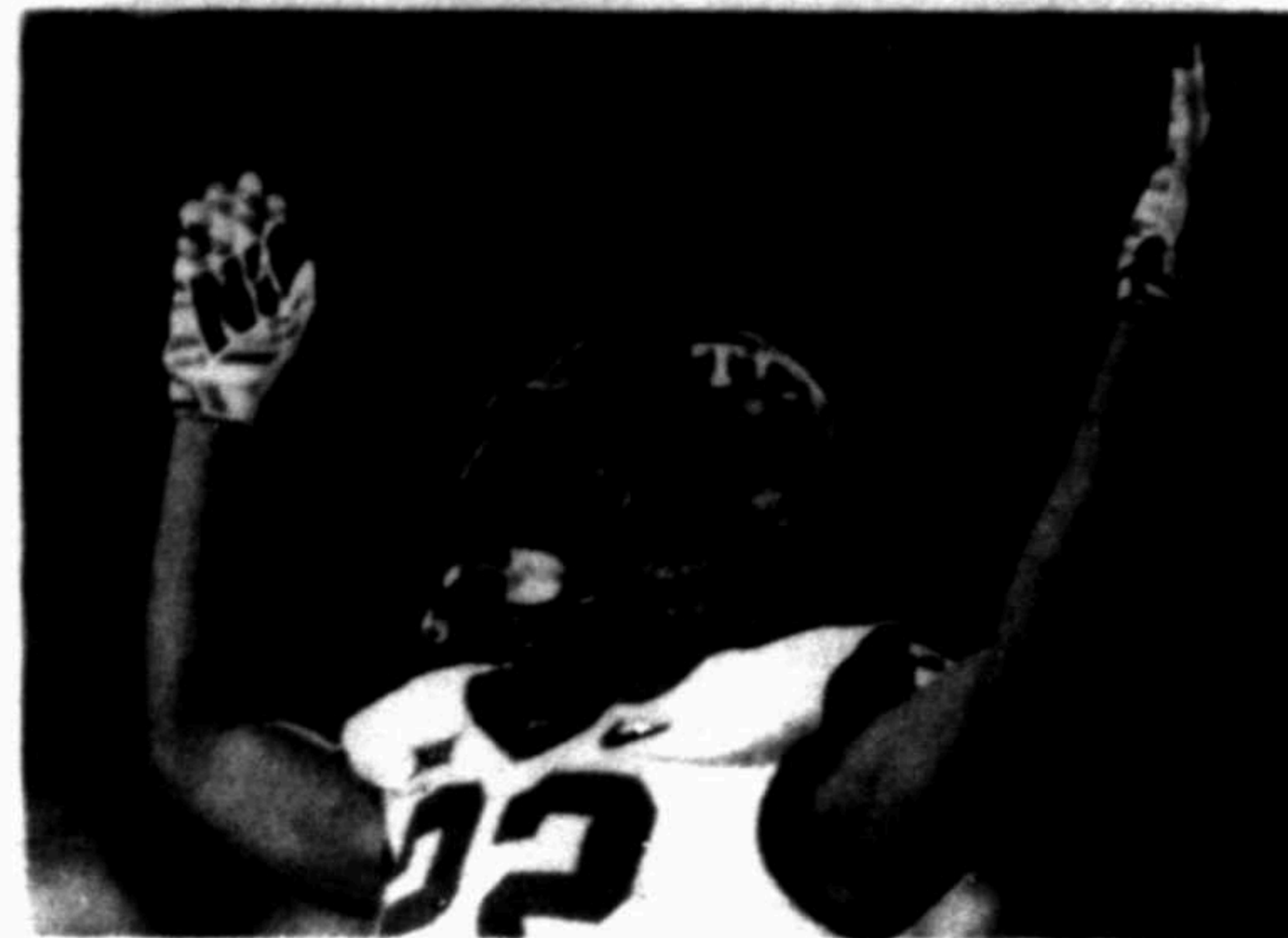
The unthinkable — at least for many down South. There is a very real possibility the Southeastern Conference would be left out of the playoff. Missouri is ranked 16th in the latest playoff rankings. That's a long way to go to get in the four-

team field. The committee clearly is not loving Missouri's ugly losses (at home against Indiana and 34-0 to Georgia), so it's doubtful it will forgive Alabama for losing to the Tigers and allow the Crimson Tide to back into the field. If the Tigers pull an upset, the SEC is going to need a lot of help. The Crimson Tide is favored by 14.5.

#### Arizona beats Oregon?

The Wildcats are seventh in the rankings, heading into a rematch with Oregon Friday. Two wins away from home against the Ducks would be like holding a pair of aces: tough to beat. It could come down to a re-

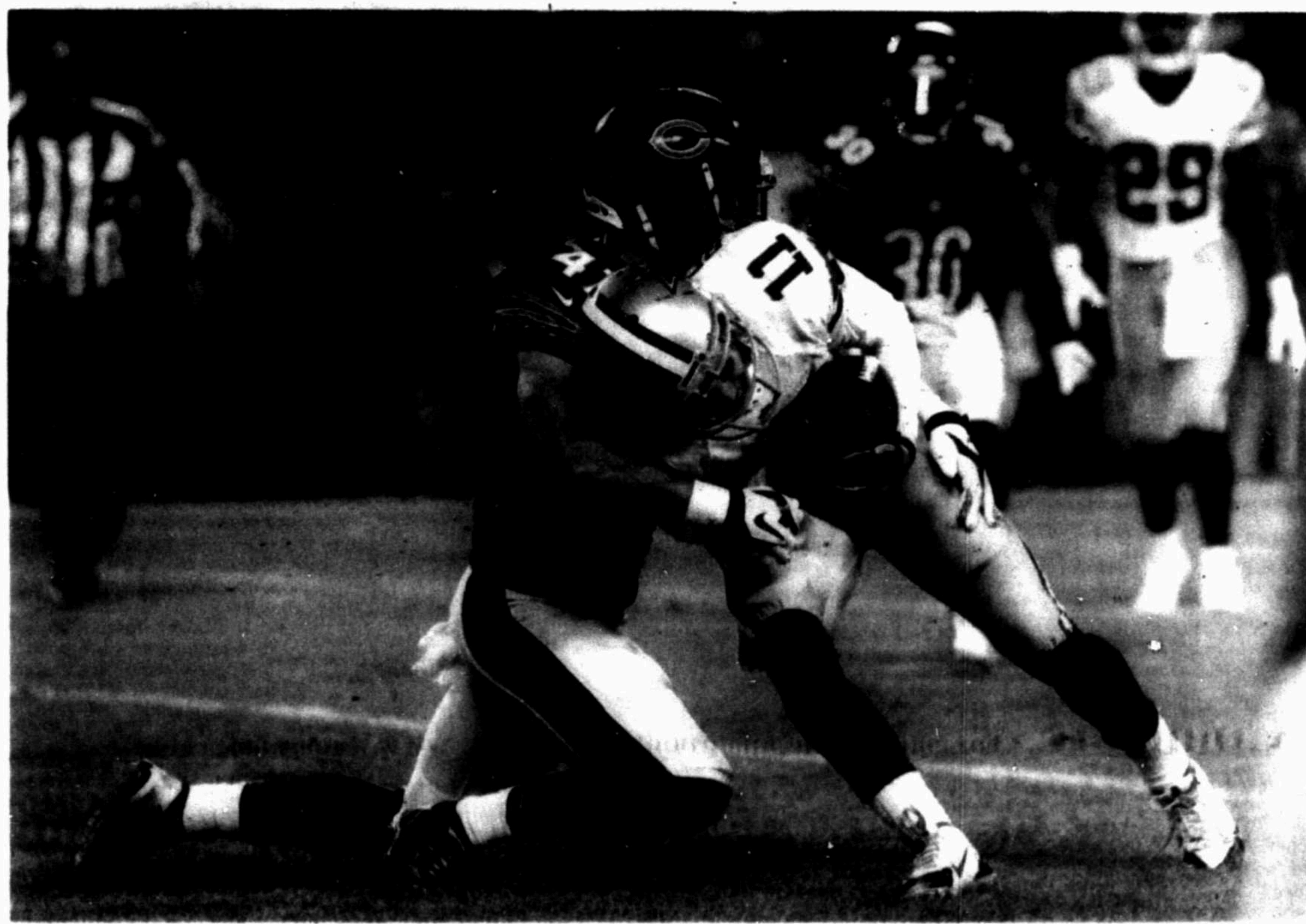
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Ashley Landis/AP

TCU's Aaron Green signals touchdown during a Nov. 27 game against Texas in Austin. The Horned Frogs currently sit in one of the top four spots for the college football playoffs.

## Defenseless Bears



Rex Arbogast/AP

Dallas' Cole Beasley (11) tries to get past Chicago's Chris Conte (47) for a touchdown during Thursday's game in Chicago. Beasley had two touchdown catches in the Cowboys' 41-28 win.

## Murray, Romo lead Dallas over Chicago

By Andrew Seligman  
Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Dallas Cowboys look like a team that's ready for another first-place showdown.

DeMarco Murray ran for a season-high 179 yards and a touchdown. Tony Romo threw for three scores and the Cowboys beat the Chicago Bears 41-28 on Thursday night.

The Cowboys (9-4) made it look easy for most of the night against a struggling team that lost star receiver Brandon Marshall to a rib injury. Dallas clinched

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its first winning season since 2009, but is looking for more, with an NFC East title and first playoff appearance in five years in sight.

Led by Romo and Murray, Dallas rebounded from a blowout loss to the Eagles on Thanksgiving and pulled within a half-game of them with another meeting in Philadelphia next week.

The Cowboys took a 14-7 halftime lead and scored 21 unanswered in the third quarter before the Bears (5-8) rallied in the fourth.

With that, the Cowboys improved to a league-best 6-0 on the road, where they have won seven straight since a blowout loss at Soldier Field on a bone-chilling night last December.

Romo, who has been bothered by a bad back, kept checking down and completed 21 of 26 passes for 205 after struggling against the Eagles.

Murray, the league's leading rusher, carried 32 times. He also had 49 yards receiving. Dez Bryant had six receptions for 82 yards and Cole Beasley caught two touchdowns.

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## Colby Lewis signs \$4M, one-year deal with Rangers

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Colby Lewis and his surgically replaced hip are staying in the Texas Rangers' rotation.

The Rangers on Thursday finalized a \$4 million, one-year deal with the 35-year-old right-hander who finished strong last season after his unprecedented hip surgery for a major league pitcher.

Lewis, their most successful postseason pitcher, had surgery in July 2012 to repair a torn flexor tendon in his right elbow. His comeback from that was thwarted by the troublesome hip that had bothered him for some time before he had a resurfacing procedure in August 2013 that was just short of a full hip replacement.

"I just feel like it's back to normal. There's no pain, there's no consciously thinking about it," Lewis said. "It kind of came together in the second half. I was able to go deeper in ball games, and a lot more quality starts. That's all I want to do this next year."

His return gives the Rangers three expected starters, with Lewis joining Japanese ace Yu Darvish and left-hander Derek Holland.

With baseball's winter meetings upcoming next week, general manager Jon Daniels would like to add another proven starter, through free agency or a trade. The fifth spot will be left open for competition among several young pitchers in the system, some who have already made a number of starts for the Rangers.

Lewis was 10-14 with a 5.18 ERA in 29 starts last season, but had a 3.86 ERA with two complete games while averaging 6.2-3 innings his last 13



Lewis

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## Quincey, Helm lift Red Wings over Stars

Associated Press

DETROIT, Mich. — Kyle Quincey fired in a long slap shot for his first goal of the season, and the Detroit Red Wings went on to beat the Dallas Stars 5-2 on Thursday night.

The drive beat goalie Jussi Rynnas 7:39 into the third period and gave Detroit a 4-2 lead. The Red Wings got back on track after a 4-3 loss to Florida on Tuesday snapped a four-game winning streak.

The third period belonged to the Red Wings, who scored two goals in the frame and held a 9-3 edge in shots.

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Darren Helm, who gave Detroit a 1-0 lead in the first, netted his second goal of the game with six minutes 6:53 left to complete the scoring.

Stephen Weiss and Pavel Datsyuk also scored for the Red Wings, and Jimmy Howard made 22 saves. Rynnas stopped 24 shots.

Detroit struck early when Helm dumped the puck toward the net from the red line, banking it in off of Rynnas' pads 3:58 in.

But just 15 seconds later, Dallas defenseman Jordie Benn led Colton

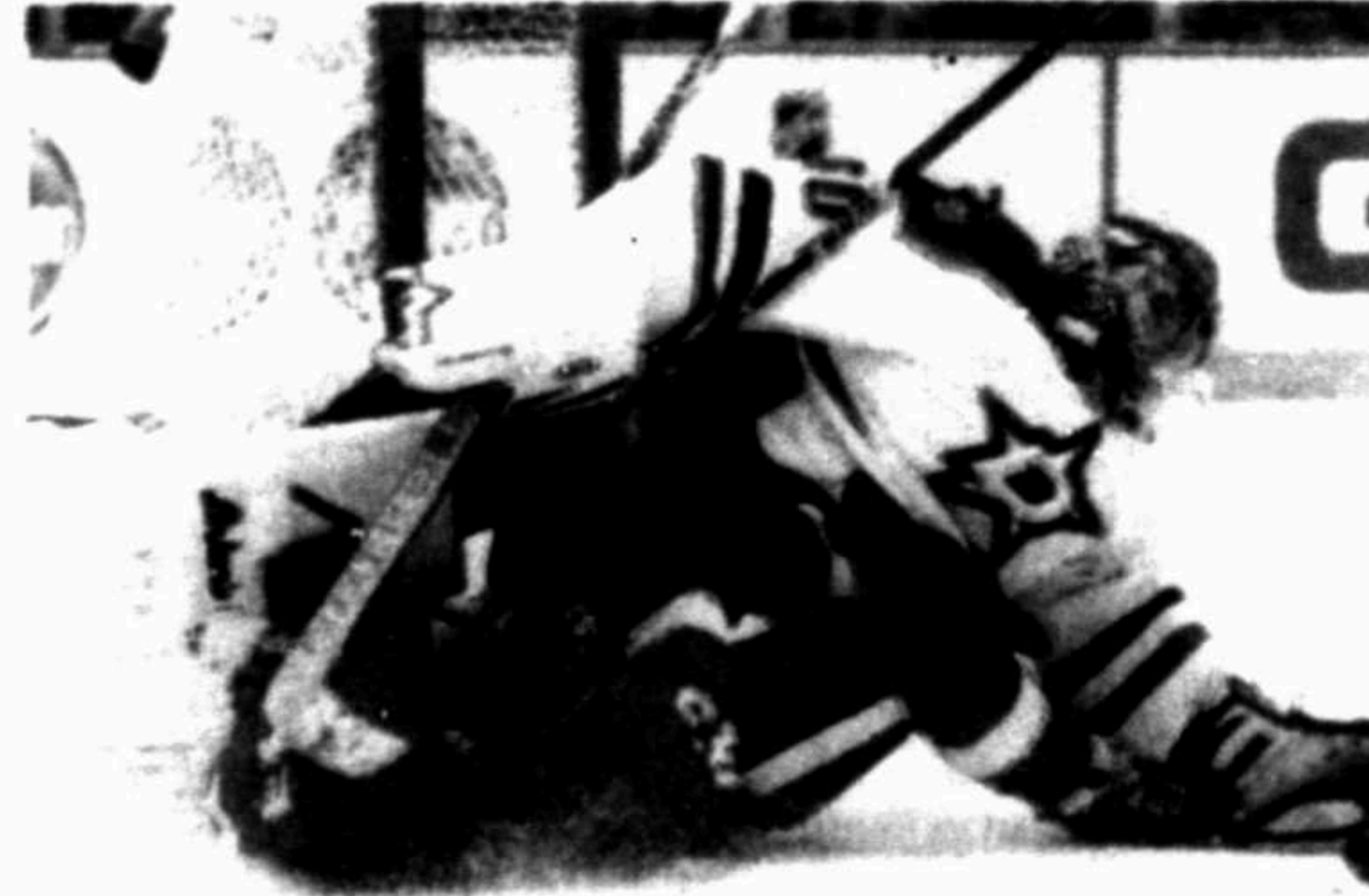
Seviour with a beautiful cross-ice pass. Seviour poked in the puck to tie it.

Midway through the period, Detroit struck again.

Rynnas got turned around following a quick pass from Riley Sheahan to Weiss, who slipped the puck in at 11:14.

The Red Wings controlled the puck and the pace of the game for the majority of the first period. With a minute to go, Datsyuk gave the Red Wings a 3-1 lead. It marked Detroit's sixth consecutive game with a

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Paul Sancya/AP

Detroit center Darren Helm (43) collides with Dallas goalie Jussi Rynnas (40) in the second period Thursday in Detroit. The Red Wings came away with a 5-2 victory.

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Boston U at Merrimack, 6 p.m., FCSA Minnesota at Michigan State, 6 p.m., FCSC Ohio State at Michigan, 6 p.m., BTN Nebraska-Omaha at Miami (OH), 6:30 p.m., FCSP Boston College at New Hampshire, 7 p.m., NBCSN Penn State at Wisconsin, 8 p.m., ESPN MEN'S SOCCER Scottish Premiership, Dundee United at Ross County, 1:30 p.m., FOXSOCP Italian Serie A, Juventus at ACF Fiorentina, 1:30 p.m., beINbeIN Bundesliga, 1899 Hoffenheim at Borussia Dortmund, 1:30 p.m., GoTV MIXED MARTIAL ARTS Resurrection Fighting Alliance 21, Zach Juusola vs. Mehdi Baghdad, Joe Murphy vs. Bruno Frazzato, 9 p.m., AXS NBA Denver at Washington, 6 p.m., NBAV San Antonio at Memphis, 7 p.m., FSSWSA Phoenix at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW Indiana at Sacramento, 9 p.m., NBAV OHL HOCKEY Peterborough at Guelph, 6:30 p.m., NHL WOMEN'S SOCCER College Cup Semifinal: Virginia vs. Texas A&M, 4 p.m., ESPN College Cup Semifinal: Florida State vs. Stanford, 6:30 p.m., ESPN

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL Grape Creek at Coahoma, 8 p.m. Lee at Garland Tournament Midland High at Kangaroo Classic, Weatherford Greenwood at Kennedale Tournament Midland Classical, Trinity at Rankin Tournament Big Spring at Lamesa Tournament Midland Christian at Levelland Tournament Garden City at Miles Tournament Stanton at Denver City Tournament HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL Midland High at Burleson Tournament Greenwood at Kennedale Tournament Trinity at Rankin Tournament Midland Classical at Coahoma, 6:30 p.m. Big Spring, Midland Christian at Monahans Tournament Andrews at Denver City Tournament Grady vs. Paducah, 6:30 p.m., Lubbock Trinity School Garden City at Abernathy Tournament Snyder at Stanton, 6:30 p.m. NORTH AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE Amarillo at Jackalopes, 7:05 p.m

LOCAL SPORTS

TECH BASEBALL TEAM TO PLAY ACU IN MIDLAND LUBBOCK — The Texas Tech baseball team announced its 2015 schedule, and the Red Raiders will be making a return to Security Bank Ballpark next spring. The Red Raiders, who are coming of the program's first trip to the College World Series in 2014, will take on Abilene Christian at 6:30 p.m. April 21 at Security Bank Ballpark. Texas Tech's 2015 season will begin on Feb. 13 against San Francisco at Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park. The Red Raiders will open Big 12 Conference play on March 20 against Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma, and it's conference home opener is scheduled for March 27 against Kansas.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL — Named Bob Bowman president of business and media Pat Courtney chief communications officer. Dan Haim chief legal officer Jonathan Warner chief investment officer Tony Pettit chief operating officer Bob Stankey chief financial officer and senior adviser and Joe Torre chief baseball officer. American League KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed to terms with RHP Luke Hochevar on a two-year contract SEATTLE MARINERS — Agreed to terms with OF Nelson Cruz on a four-year contract TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Colby Lewis on a one-year contract and LHP Michael Krumm on a minor league contract Named Jason Wood manager of Round Rock (PCL) Joe Maultsby manager of Frisco (TLC) Spike Owen manager and Bobby Roode hitting coach of high desert (CAL) Jose Hernandez hitting coach of Hockley (SAL) Dustin Vassinger manager of Spokane (NWL) and Salomon Marruquez hitting coach and Alex Rodriguez trainer of the AZL Rangers TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Agreed to terms with OF Ezequiel Carrera on a minor league contract National League ATLANTA BRAVES — Agreed to terms with RHP Michael Kohn on a minor league contract CHICAGO CUBS — Named Dave Martinez bench coach. Brandon Hyde first base coach and Henry Blanco major league quality assurance coach. Outfielded first base coach Doug Dasenro to reassigned and baserunning coordinator NEW YORK METS — Named Pat Roessler assistant hitting coach American Association ST PAUL SAINTS — Signed OF Willie Argo Frontier League SCHUMBURG BOOMERS — Signed INF Tyler Scatena to a contract extension SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS — Signed INF Frank Martinez to a contract extension BASKETBALL National Basketball Association NBA — Freed Orlando F. Kyle O'Quinn \$15,000 for making excessive contact above the shoulders with L.A. Clippers' Blake Griffin during Wednesday's game. NBA Development League IDAHO STAMPEDE — Released G Nick Covington WESTCHESTER KNICKS — Traded G Lewis Jackson to Idaho for a future draft pick FOOTBALL National Football League NFL — Suspending Baltimore DT Haloti Ngata four games for violating the league's policy on performance enhancing substances BALTIMORE RAVENS — Released TE Philip Ressler from the practice squad Signed TE Allen Supernaw to the practice squad CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed LB Chris Carrigan DALLAS COWBOYS — Released TE Jordan Nayser with an injury settlement HOUSTON TEXANS — Placed LB Max Bullough on injured reserve Signed TE Anthony Denham from the practice squad and WR Jake Deves to the practice squad INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed OT Andrew McDonald MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed WR Darnian Washington to the practice squad NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Placed WR Aaron Dobson on injured reserve NEW YORK GIANTS — Signed G Rishaw Johnson to the practice squad NEW YORK JETS — Placed WR Chris Owusu on injured reserve Signed WR Chris Owusu from the practice squad SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Placed G Ryan Miller on the reserve-non-football injury list Signed OL Jeff Baca from the practice squad Canadian Football League CFL — Named league chairman Jim Lawson interim commissioner effective Jan. 9 HOCKEY National Hockey League CAROLINA HURRICANES — Recalled G

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP Eastern Conference New England 4, New York 3 Lag 1 — Sunday, Nov. 23; New York 2, New York 1 Lag 2 — Saturday, Nov. 29; New York 2, New England 2 Western Conference Lag 1 — Sunday, Nov. 23; LA Galaxy 1, LA Galaxy advances on away goals MLS Cup Sunday, Dec. 7; New England at LA Galaxy, 2 p.m. Lag 1 — Sunday, Nov. 23; LA Galaxy 1, Seattle 0 Lag 2 — Sunday, Nov. 30; Seattle 2, LA Galaxy 1; LA Galaxy advances on away goals MLS Cup Sunday, Dec. 7; New England at LA Galaxy, 2 p.m.

HS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Girls

MHS GIRLS WIN ONE, LOSE ONE IN BURLESON BURLESON — The Midland High girls basketball team lost to Grapevine in the opening game of the Burleson Lady Elk Tournament, but then beat Dallas Texas Young Women's Leadership Academy in the second game. The Lady Bulldogs (9-4) lost to the Lady Mustangs, 59-54, in overtime. No score was reported for the second game against Dallas Texas Young Women's Leadership Academy. Midland High will take on Keller Fossil Ridge at 3 p.m. today and Fort Worth Lake Country Christian at 7:30 p.m.

MCS TAKES TWO AT SANDHILLS MONAHANS — The Midland Christian girls basketball team won two games during the first day of the Monahans Sandhills Tournament on Thursday. The Lady Mustangs rolled by Alpine, 58-19, in the first game, and then beat Big Spring, 44-40. Against Alpine, the Lady Mustangs (9-2) jumped out to a 36-12 lead at half time and then held the Lady Bucks to one point in the third quarter. Caroline Hammond led MCS with 21 points, and Blaire Neatherlin added 14 and Lindsey Mills 10. Against Big Spring, Megan Ashton scored 18 as the Lady Mustangs outscored the Lady Steers 14-6 in the final period to clinch the game. Midland Christian will take on Fort Stockton at 11 a.m. today to start bracket play at the tournament.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 58, ALPINE 19 Midland Christian (8-2) — Megan Ashton 1, Camryn Morrison 2, Skyler Bennett 8, Blaire Neatherlin 14, Lindsey Mills 10, Bailey Wright 2, Caroline Hammond 21. Alpine — Cano 2, Costabile 2, Miller 2, Furman 2, Medina 1, Leyva 6, Hernandez 2, Losoya 2. MCS 20 16 8 14-58 8 6 1 6-19 Free throws — MCS 11-16. Alpine 1-3. 3-point goals — MCS 1 (Mills). Alpine 0 Total fouls — MCS 10. Alpine 16. Fouled out — none. Next: Fort Stockton vs. Midland Christian, 11 a.m. today. Monahans Sandhills Tournament. Jerry Larned Sports Complex.

GREENWOOD SPLITS TWO IN KENNEDALE KENNEDALE — The Greenwood girls basketball team split a pair of games during the first day of the Kennedale Tournament. The Rangerettes began the day with a 48-41 victory against Keller Central as Amanda Bell led the way with 14 points with Natalie Karcher adding 10. Greenwood lost to host Kennedale, 51-50, in the second game as Caitly Payne had 18 points and Bell scored 13. The Rangerettes will take on Lake Worth at 12:30 p.m.

BOYS Rankin Red Devil Classic Rankin High School Thursday's Scores Pool A Midland Classical 47, Rankin 42 Midland Classical 61, Balmorhea 39 Balmorhea vs. Rankin, na. Reagan County 60, Wink 51 Odessa New Way 83, Reagan County 70 Odessa New Way vs. Wink, na. Pool B Irwin 84, Buena Vista 36 Trinity 48, Buena Vista 27 Pool C McCamy 32, Sanderson 29 Crane 66, McCamy 56 Today's Games Pool C 10 a.m. — Irwin vs. Trinity, Old Gym. Pool D 10 a.m. — Sanderson vs. Crane, New Gym. Championship Bracket Semifinals 4:15 p.m. — Pool A 2nd vs. Pool B 2nd. New Gym. Ninth-place Bracket Semifinals 12:30 p.m. — Pool A 3rd vs. Pool D 3rd. New Gym. 12:30 p.m. — Pool B 3rd vs. Pool C 3rd. Old Gym. Saturday's Games Championship Bracket Third-Place Game 11:30 a.m. — Semifinal losers, Old Gym. Consolation Final 10:15 a.m. — Semifinal winners, New Gym.

today and then begin bracket play later in the day.

TRINITY WINS POOL IN RANKIN RANKIN — Trinity beat Buena Vista and Irwin on Friday to win its pool at the Rankin Red Devil Classic on Thursday. The Lady Chargers (5-3) began the day with a 39-23 victory against the Lady Longhorns as Macy Essman scored a game-high 19 points. Trinity then beat Irwin, 48-43, in overtime as Essman scored 18 points. Trinity outscored the Lady Braves 11-6 in overtime to clinch the victory. The Lady Chargers will take on host Rankin at 6:45 p.m. today in a Championship Bracket semifinal.

TRINITY 38, BUENA VISTA 23 Buena Vista — Suba 5, L. Garcia 4. Trinity (4-3) — Macy Essman 19, Reagan Long 4, Ashley Stroup 6, Rebecca Young 6, Kaye Glaspie 4. Buena Vista 6 7 0 10-23 Trinity 12 13 6 5-39 Free throws — BV 14-16, Trinity 2-9. 3-point goals — BV 1 (L. Garcia), Trinity 1 (Essman). Total fouls — BV 7, Trinity 12. Fouled out — none. TRINITY 48, IRWIN 43, OT Trinity (5-3) — Macy Essman 18, Katie Pack 4, Reagan Long 9, Ashley Stroup 9, Rebecca Young 8. Irwin — Callows 13, Santana 2, Covington 3, Beal 17, Chaney 6. Trinity 17 14 10 6 11-48 Irwin 12 10 8 7 6-43 Free throws — Trinity 7-19, Irwin 8-12. 3-point goals — Trinity 3 (Essman, Long, Young), Irwin 3 (Callows, Beal 2). Total fouls — Trinity 11, Irwin 20. Fouled out — Irwin, Covington, Beal. Next: Trinity vs. Rankin, 6:45 p.m. today, Rankin Red Devil Classic.

Boys

MHS BOYS BEAT BURLESON, WESTERN HILLS WEATHERFORD — The Midland High boys basketball team won its first two games of the season on Thursday, beating Burleson and Fort Worth Western Hills during the first day of the Kangaroo Classic. The Bulldogs (2-2) began the day with a 77-61 victory against Burleson, and then followed with a 75-67 victory against Fort Worth Western Hills. Against Burleson, A.D. Johnson and Nate Rogers each scored 15 points, and Gary Ringo added 14 and Justin LeClear 10. Against Western Hills, the Bulldogs jumped out to a 41-20 halftime lead and held on in the fourth quarter as the Cougars outscored MHS 32-21. Shawn Rivers led MHS with 19 points, and Ringo added 17 and Rogers 12. Midland High will take on host Weatherford at 2 p.m. today during the second day of the tournament.

MIDLAND HIGH 77, BURLESON 61 Burleson — Sperry 22, Bonham 16, Mann 8, Myers 5, Dechert 4, Brankin 4, Paden 2, Staley 2. Midland High (1-2) — Jamal Jones 8, A.D. Johnson 15, Gary Ringo 14, Brandon Sanchez 4, Justin LeClear 10, Andrew Nonow 8, Ty Kendrick 2, Courtney McLaryon 1, Nate Rogers 15. Burleson 12 18 16 14-61 MHS 27 15 15 20-77 Free throws — Burleson 13-19, MHS 13-20. 3-point goals — Burleson 8 (Spradley 4, Brankin, Bonham 2, Myers), MHS 6 (Johnson 3, Ringo 2, Rogers). Total fouls — Burleson 18, MHS 19. Fouled out — Burleson, Brankin.

MIDLAND HIGH 75, FW WESTERN HILLS 67 Midland High (2-2) — Jamal Jones 2, Shawn Rivers 19, A.D. Johnson 2, Gary Ringo 17, Brandon Sanchez 5, Justin LeClear 7, Andrew Nonow 2, Ty Kendrick 9, Nate Rogers 12, FW Western Hills 9, Bryce 20, Wayne 13, Mons 9. MHS 10 22 13 21-75 FW Western Hills 11 9 15 32-67 Free throws — MHS 21-28, FW Western Hills 15-21. 3-point goals — MHS 3 (Rings, Sanchez, Rogers), FW Western Hills 8 (Bryce 5, Wayne 3). Total fouls — MHS 22, FW Western Hills 19. Fouled out — None. Next: Midland High vs. Weatherford, 2 p.m., Kangaroo Invitational, Weatherford.

MIDLAND CLASSICAL 47, RANKIN 43 Midland Classical (6-1) — Garrett Sparks 13, Heath Gladson 14, Blake Gladson 5, Will Telschow 10, Kevin Griffin 5. Rankin — S. Esum 24, J. Stone 1, M. Rodriguez 2, K. Ray 4, D. Cuna 12. Rankin 8 9 8 19-43 MCA 17 15 10 14-47 Free throws — MCA 7-16, Rankin 4-9. 3-point goals — MCA 2 (Gladson, Telschow), Rankin 7 (Esum 3, Cuna 4). Total fouls — MCA 14, Rankin 18. Fouled out — Rankin, M. Rodriguez.

MIDLAND CLASSICAL 61, BALMORHEA 39 Midland Classical (7-1) — Garrett Sparks 8, Heath Gladson 13, Blake Gladson 14, Will Telschow 3, Marshall McCray 17, Kevin Griffin 2, Caleb Bailey 2, Josh Rabe 2. Balmorhea — Garcia 3, Iniguez 27, Guebara 4, Carrasco 2, Garcia 3. MCA 13 23 18 7-81 Balmorhea 7 9 10 13-39 Free throws — MCA 9-14, Balmorhea 8-10. 3-point goals — MCA 6 (H. Gladson, B. Gladson, McCray), Balmorhea 3 (Iniguez 3). Total fouls — MCA 8, Balmorhea 9. Fouled out — none. Technical foul — MCA, McCray. Next: Midland Classical vs. TBA, 6:45 p.m., Rankin Red Devil Classic.

TRINITY 48, BUENA VISTA 27 RANKIN — Trinity jumped out to a 25-11 lead in the first half and took a victory against Buena Vista during the first day of the Rankin Red Devil Classic. Philip Beal led the Chargers with 12 points on the night. Trinity will take on Irwin at 10 a.m. today in its second pool play game.

TRINITY 48, BUENA VISTA 27 Buena Vista — Suba 3, Castro 2, Gomez 3, D. Bustamantes 17, V. Bustamantes 2. Trinity (4-3) — Philip Beal 12, Jacob Webb 4, Peter Rodenas 3, Boomer Soliman 5, Benjamin Wis 2, Anthony Dragun 6, Jonah Starck 7. Buena Vista 5 6 7 9-27 Trinity 14 11 9 14-48 Free throws — BV 12-20, Trinity 11-19. 3-point goals — BV 1 (D. Bustamantes), Trinity 3.

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(Beal 2, Soliman). Total fouls — BV 14, Trinity 14. Fouled out — BV, Negras. Next: Trinity vs. Irwin, 10 a.m., today, Rankin Red Devil Classic.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 96, LEVELLAND 87 LEVELLAND — Midland Christian's Grant Little scored 36 points and knocked down seven 3-pointers as the Mustangs took a wild 96-87 victory against Levelland on the first day of the Levelland Tournament. Midland Christian (2-2) held a slim 42-41 lead after the first half but then outscored the Lobos 54-43 over the final two quarters to take the victory. Daniel Venzant scored 26 points and Bryce Waters added 19 in the victory. Midland Christian will take on Dalhart at 10 a.m. today during the second day of the tournament.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 96, LEVELLAND 87 Midland Christian (2-2) — Daniel Venzant 26, Sam Gilbert 5, Blake Letcher 1, Bryce Waters 19, Daniel Parthasar 5, Grant Little 36, Garry Powell 4. Levelland — Jones 3, Duran 1, Durrett 19, Williams 32, Elliot 4, Gerber 16, Shanaset 5, McKay 2, Miller 2, Borntreger 3. MCS 22 19 30 24-96 Levelland 24 17 23 20-87 Free throws — MCS 18-25, Levelland 29-33. 3-point goals — MCS 15 (Venzant, Gilbert, Waters 5, Parthasar, Little 7), Levelland 6 (Durrett, Williams 4, Borntreger). Total fouls — MCS 27, Levelland 17. Fouled out — MCS, Powell. Next: Midland Christian vs. Dalhart, 10 a.m. today, Levelland Tournament.

EULA 68, GARDEN CITY 37 MILES — Eula scored 24 first-quarter points and rolled to a victory against Garden City during the first day of the Miles Tournament. Eula went up 43-14 at the half as the Barkats were playing their first game of the season. Tanner Davis led Garden City with 20 points. Garden City will take on Sterling City at 10:30 a.m. today.

EULA 68, GARDEN CITY 37 Eula — Valdez 31, Griggs 16, Willoughby 7, Wagner 5, Escobedo 5, Arcozo 2, Arcoz 2. Garden City (0-1) — Tanner Davis 20, Ethan Goodwin 8, Bailey Mateschek 4, Cadon Kofman 3, Riley Eggenmeyer 2. Eula 24 19 11 14-68 Garden City 19 4 18 13-37 Free throws — Eula 15-20, GC 5-11. 3-point goals — Eula 5 (Valdez 4, Escobedo), GC 0. Total fouls — Eula 12, GC 13. Fouled out — Eula, Griggs, GC, Goodwin. Next: Garden City vs. Sterling City, 10:30 a.m. Miles Tournament.

LAMESA 75, FORT STOCKTON 65 LAMESA — Dre Smiley scored 19 points and Darius Jackson added 11 for Lamesa in a 75-65 victory against Fort Stockton during the first day of the O.W. Follis Tournament at the Follis Gymnasium. The Golden Tornadoes (3-1) rallied from a two-point first-quarter deficit to outscore the Panthers 27-22 in the second quarter.

LAMESA 75, FORT STOCKTON 65 Fort Stockton — I. Acosta 13, Garrison 18, A. Acosta 8, C. Singh 2, Marley 4, Shorter 6, Fox 11, Duarte 3. Lamesa (3-1) — Dre Smiley 19, A.J. Hunter 7, Heath Derrington 8, Buddy Williams 10, Jaleel Edwards 2, Tyquan Maxwell 8, Keshawn Hunter 8, Adrian Cruz 2, Darius Jackson 11. Fort Stockton 12 22 12 19-65 Lamesa 10 27 19 19-75 Free throws — FS 17-32, Lamesa 15-33. 3-point goals — FS 6 (Garrison, C. Hunter, Fox), Lamesa 4 (Smiley, Derrington 2, K. Hunter). Total fouls — FS 25, Lamesa 28. Fouled out — FS, Fox. Lamesa: K.J. Hunter, J. Edwards, K. Hunter. Next: Lamesa vs. Amarillo, 8 p.m. today, OW Follis Tournament, Lamesa.

HS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

Ninth-place Bracket 11th Place Game 9 a.m. — Semifinal losers, Old Gym. 9th Place Game 2 p.m. — Semifinal winners, Old Gym. OW Follis Tournament OW Follis Gym at Lamesa Junior High Round Robin Thursday's Scores Andrews 71, Big Spring 63 Amarillo Caprock 47, Pecos 43 Lamesa 75, Fort Stockton 65 Today's Games Noon — Colorado City vs. Andrews. 2 p.m. — Amarillo Caprock vs. Big Spring. 4 p.m. — Pecos vs. Colorado City. 6 p.m. — Fort Stockton vs. Big Spring. 8 p.m. — Lamesa vs. Amarillo Caprock. Saturday's Games 10 a.m. — Amarillo Caprock vs. Fort Stockton. Noon — Lamesa vs. Pecos. 2 p.m. — El Paso Caprock vs. Andrews. 4 p.m. — Big Spring vs. Pecos. 6 p.m. — Colorado City vs. Fort Stockton. 8 p.m. — Lamesa vs. Andrews. GIRLS Monahans Sandhills Tournament Sports Complex Thursday's Scores Pool Play Midland Christian 58, Alpine 19 El Paso Austin 48, Big Spring 39 El Paso Del Valle 49, Bryanhas 42 Midland Christian 44, Big Spring 40 El Paso Del Valle 46, Alpine 29 El Paso Austin 57, Monahans 53, OT Monahans High School Plains 83, Pecos 42 El Paso Riverside 28 San Angelo Lake View 66, El Paso High 15 Today's Games Pool Play Jerry Larned Sports Complex Rankin High School Thursday's Scores Pool A Game 1 — El Paso High vs. Alpine, 9 a.m. Game 2 — Fort Stockton vs. Midland Christian, 11 a.m. Game 3 — Monahans vs. Game 1 winner. Pool B Game 5 — Monahans vs. Game 1 winner. Game 6 — Game 2 winner vs. El Paso Del Valle, 3 p.m. Monahans High School Round Robin Game 1 — Big Spring vs. Pecos, 9 a.m. Game 4 — Plains vs. El Paso Riverside, 11 a.m. Game 7 — El Paso Austin vs. Game 3 winner, 1 p.m. Game 8 — Game 4 winner vs. San Angelo Lake View, 3 p.m. White Bracket Jerry Larned Sports Complex Game 10 — Game 4 loser vs. Game 5 loser, 5 p.m. Game 9 — Game 3 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 7 p.m. Monahans High School Game 12 — Game 2 loser vs. Game 7 loser, 5 p.m. Game 11 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 8 loser, 7 p.m. Saturday's Games Green Bracket Jerry Larned Sports Complex Championship Semifinals Game 13 — Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 9 a.m. Game 14 — Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 11 a.m. Championship Game 20 — Game 13 winner vs. Game 14 winner, 3 p.m. White Bracket Monahans High School Semifinals Game 15 — Game 9 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 9 a.m. Game 16 — Game 11 winner vs. Game 12 winner, 11 a.m. Third-place Game Game 17 — Game 15 winner vs. Game 16 winner, 3 p.m. Rankin Red Devil Classic Rankin High School Thursday's Scores Pool A Game 1 — El Paso High vs. Alpine, 9 a.m. Game 2 — Fort Stockton vs. Midland Christian, 11 a.m. Game 3 — Monahans vs. Game 1 winner. Pool B Game 5 — Monahans vs. Game 1 winner. Game 6 — Game 2 winner vs. El Paso Del Valle, 3 p.m. Monahans High School Round Robin Game 1 — Big Spring vs. Pecos, 9 a.m. Game 4 — Plains vs. El Paso Riverside, 11 a.m. Game 7 — El Paso Austin vs. Game 3 winner, 1 p.m. Game 8 — Game 4 winner vs. San Angelo Lake View, 3 p.m. White Bracket Jerry Larned Sports Complex Game 10 — Game 4 loser vs. Game 5 loser, 5 p.m. Game 9 — Game 3 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 7 p.m. Monahans High School Game 12 — Game 2 loser vs. Game 7 loser, 5 p.m. Game 11 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 8 loser, 7 p.m. Saturday's Games Green Bracket Jerry Larned Sports Complex Championship Semifinals Game 13 — Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 9 a.m. Game 14 — Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 11 a.m. Championship Game 20 — Game 13 winner vs. Game 14 winner, 3 p.m. White Bracket Monahans High School Semifinals Game 15 — Game 9 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 9 a.m. Game 16 — Game 11 winner vs. Game 12 winner, 11 a.m. Third-place Game Game 17 — Game 15 winner vs. Game 16 winner, 3 p.m. Rankin Red Devil Classic Rankin High School Thursday's Scores Pool A

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# Judge halts Oklahoma semifinal pending protest

By Cliff Brunt  
Associated Press

**OKLAHOMA CITY** — There's still hope for Douglass High School. An Oklahoma judge says a high school football semifinal will not be played Friday so he can consider whether Douglass, which lost to Locust Grove in controversial fashion in the quarterfinals, is entitled to a replay. Locust Grove's Class 3A semifinal against Heritage Hall was postponed until next week at the earliest.

The state board that oversees high school athletics rejected a Douglass protest Wednesday, so the school district went to court on Douglass' behalf Thursday. Judge Bernard M. Jones said he wouldn't rule on Douglass' complaint until next Thursday.

"We've jumped one hurdle," Brandon Carey, general counsel for Oklahoma City Public Schools,

said. "We've got an even bigger hurdle coming up." The other 3A semifinal between Cushing and Kingfisher will be played this Friday as scheduled.

Locust Grove, a small school in northeastern Oklahoma, beat Oklahoma City's Douglass High last week after game officials misapplied a penalty with about a minute to go. The crew mistakenly erased a touchdown that had given Douglass a 25-20 lead.

Douglass wants to replay the entire game or the final 64 seconds, from the point of the touchdown.

Earlier in the day, Locust Grove football coach Matt Henney was confident the ruling would go his way.

"Football is football," he said. "You fight all kinds of conditions. You fight the weather, you fight injuries, you fight turnovers, you fight the officials and, at the end of the game, when the clock goes off, whatever the score is, is the score. And

we did everything we were supposed to do, we followed the rules and now we're moving on the next round."

Jones said during Thursday's proceedings that he was skeptical of being involved and he doesn't "know if this is the role for courts to play." He said making such a decision to replay all or part of the game would be "extraordinary."

"I know of no other court that has been asked to do what has been asked here," Jones said.

Jones said the burden of proof was with Oklahoma City Public Schools to prove there had been "irreparable harm" to Douglass' players.

Mark Grossman, attorney for the Oklahoma School Activities Association, said he is concerned about the ripple effects of replaying the game in any form — on time, money, convenience and the start of other seasons. He said

he felt for the kids at Locust Grove, who have been practicing all week to play Heritage Hall.

"I'm the father of three kids," he said. "They have a lot invested in certain activities, and they're very disappointed when they have to be delayed for whatever reason, whether it's weather, whether it's a situation like this. I would not want to be in that situation."

Oklahoma City school district athletic director Keith Sinor said in a statement that he understands others will be affected.

"Everyone can relate to the heartache that occurs when you try your best and it's rewarded with unfairness," he said. "Today's decision gives us another chance to make it right for students athletes and hopefully spark a broader conversation that will help to prevent similar situations from affecting student athletes in Oklahoma in the future."



Seattle's Nelson Cruz smiles as he talks to reporters after being introduced at a news conference Thursday in Seattle.

# Mariners finalize 4-year deal with Nelson Cruz

By Tim Booth  
Associated Press

**SEATTLE** — Had things come together last season, Nelson Cruz's introduction with the Seattle Mariners would have taken place a year ago.

Seattle pursued Cruz last year but when it didn't work out, he went on to lead the majors in home runs playing on a one-year deal in Baltimore. The Mariners were quick to try to find a deal that would work for both sides as soon as this offseason arrived.

"We were open and honest as we could possibly be and say, 'This is the guy that we want,'" Seattle general manager Jack Zduriencik said Thursday. "He was the guy we wanted to bring into this organization and it just came together."

Seattle landed the right-handed power bat that was a priority this offseason by signing Cruz to a four-year contract Thursday. The deal is reportedly worth \$58 million after Cruz played last season on an \$8 million deal with Baltimore.

Cruz parlayed that one-year contract into a long deal with the Mariners after hitting 40 homers and driving in 108 runs for the Orioles. Zduriencik said adding a fourth year to the contract — which will take Cruz to age 38 — was critical to getting the deal done.

"With Nelson, the fact that because he's such a power guy, and in our game today it's so difficult to find," Zduriencik said. "In our league he can be a DH which will preserve him somewhat, he's in great shape, he's a really good worker. He may age very well. We had to do that to get him here and we did it."

Cruz served a 50-game suspension in 2013 for violations of the major league drug agreement in relation to the sport's Biogenesis investigation. He again referred Thursday to making a mistake taking banned substances and said he's moved on from the suspension.

He'll likely hit behind fellow Dominican star Robinson Cano, who will be starting the second season of a \$240 million,

10-year contract, and will also reunite with Dominican teammate Fernando Rodney, the Mariners' closer.

"We've been pretty close," Cruz said of Cano. "He's also one of the reasons why I'm here. I think he was pulling for me the whole time. I was pulling for this right here, to be part of this."

The Mariners have among the top pitching staffs in the AL but missed the postseason by one game last season due to offensive shortcomings.

Cruz fits the need, even if he's never posted big numbers at Safeco Field. Cruz has hit at least 22 homers in every season since 2009 and has been an All-Star three times. Cruz's .271 batting average and .525 slugging percentage last season with Baltimore was his highest since 2010 with Texas.

Cruz has hit .240 with nine homers and 19 RBI in 52 games in Seattle — better than his .185 career average in Oakland and 218 in Anaheim.

"I just believe great players make players around them better and I think having Nelson in the middle of our lineup is not only going to give (Cano) a lot more pitches to hit, but whoever is hitting behind him will have an opportunity to drive in runs as well," Seattle manager Lloyd McClendon said. "Obviously, he's going to make guys better around him in that lineup."

The middle of Seattle's order is no longer filled with questions. With Cano, Cruz and All-Star Kyle Seager, the Mariners have a legitimate 3-4-5 to build around. McClendon said Cruz would be primarily a designated hitter but also would be used in the outfield. Cruz played 70 games in the outfield for Baltimore last season.

The Mariners would still like to add another offensive piece to further solidify that lineup and expect to be involved in a lot of conversations at the Winter Meetings. Zduriencik acknowledged that a few years ago Seattle may not have been a desirable place for free agents to consider.

## STATEWIDE HS FOOTBALL PAIRINGS

Complex	Time	Game
Austin LBJ (11-2) vs. Austin Vandegriff (11-2)	2 p.m.	Saturday, Cedar Park's Gupion Stadium
Longview's Lobo Stadium	7:30 p.m.	today, La Grange (13-0) vs. Orange-Stark (11-2) vs. La Grange (13-0); 7:30 p.m. today, Conroe's Moorhead Stadium; 7:30 p.m. today, Springtown (10-3) vs. Springtown (10-3); 7:30 p.m. today, SA's Farrm Stadium
Class 5A Division II	State Quarterfinals	Carrollton (12-1) vs. Everman (9-4), 4 p.m. Saturday, Midland's Grande Stadium
Class 3A Division I	State Quarterfinals	Shallowater (12-1) vs. Brook (12-1), 7:30 p.m. today; Abilene Wylie vs. Pottsboro (12-1) vs. Mineola (10-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Royce City
Class 3A Division II	State Quarterfinals	Cisco (13-0) vs. Sonora (10-2), 7:30 p.m. today; Big Spring vs. Gunter (12-1) vs. Waskom (12-1), 7:30 p.m. today; Van Rogers (11-2) vs. Newton (10-3), 7:30 p.m. today; Shenandoah's Woodforest Stadium; Blanco (13-0) vs. Odem (12-1), 7:30 p.m. today; SA's Comalander Stadium
Class 4A Division I	State Quarterfinals	Canadian (12-0) vs. Abertamy (12-0), 7:30 p.m. today

# Texas' Clowney out for season

By Kristie Rieken  
Associated Press

**HOUSTON** — Top overall pick Jadeveon Clowney will have a second surgery on his right knee, ending his rookie season for the Houston Texans after just three games.

Clowney visited Dr. James Andrews in Pensacola, Florida, on Wednesday to have the knee examined and coach Bill O'Brien announced the news on Thursday.

"This guy's been injured and it's time to clean it up and get him back to feeling good and get him back on the field as soon as we can," O'Brien said.

The outside linebacker was injured in Week 1 and had arthroscopic surgery Sept. 8. He has played three games since then, but has never completely recovered from the procedure and said last week that he's still in a lot of pain.

O'Brien lauded the 21-year-old for trying to fight through this injury and stay on the field. He saw his most extensive action of the season against the Bengals on Nov. 23 when he was in for about 50 plays and had three tackles, including one for a loss. But he experienced swelling in his knee after that and missed his eighth game of the year last week.

"He's a tough kid," O'Brien said. "He tried to go out there and play in the Cincinnati game. He came back in the first Tennessee game — he really wanted to play. He really wanted to be out there for his teammates. But at the end of the day he wasn't able to do the things that he really wants to do to be the player that he can be."

O'Brien wouldn't give details of Clowney's surgery or when it will be performed. Clowney didn't speak to the media on Thursday, but O'Brien talked about how he's dealing with his latest setback.

"He wants to play football. He wants to be good so I think he was disappointed right off the bat," O'Brien said. "But I think he understands what he has to do and why this is necessary and he knows that he has to rehab hard and get back out there."

# Cowboys

From 1C

For the Bears, Marshall's injury was another low in a disappointing season that will likely end with them missing the playoffs for the seventh time in eight years.

He was hurt taking a knee to the right side from the Cowboys' Barry Church following a reception in the second quarter. That happened moments after he made a spectacular 42-yard catch, juggling the ball with his right hand, to help set up a touchdown.

He stayed down for several minutes and gingerly walked off the field before heading to the locker room. TV cameras showed him leaving Soldier Field in an ambulance, and Marshall later posted on Twitter, "Thanks for the Prayers. I'm Good."

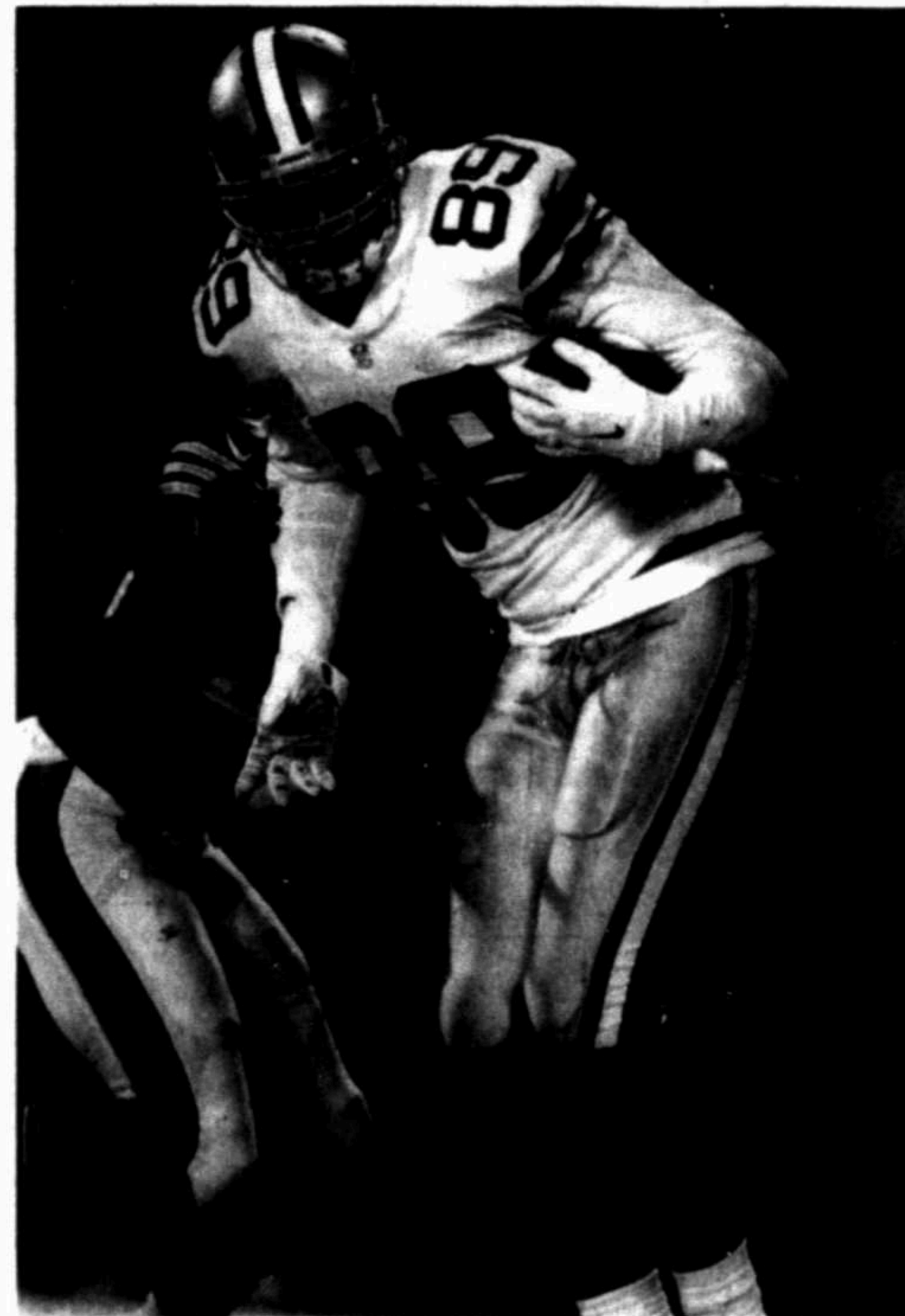
Jay Cutler was 32 of 46 for 341 yards and two touchdowns, but the Bears had trouble sustaining any drives or stopping the Cowboys.

They also did not get much from the run game, although they made a little more of an effort after managing just eight attempts in the loss at Detroit a week earlier.

Matt Forte had 13 carries for 26 yards after tying a career low with five rushes last week.

Murray accounted for 105 yards during a busy half as Dallas, running for 65 and a touchdown and adding 40 receiving. Romo kept checking down and completed 17 of 21 passes for 123 yards, including a 13-yarder to Beasley in the closing seconds.

That sent the Cowboys to the locker room with a 14-7



Dallas tight end Gavin Escobar (89) catches a touchdown pass in front of Chicago Bears free safety Brock Vereen (45) on Thursday in Chicago.

lead and they added to it in the third quarter.

Romo connected with a leaping Beasley for a 24-yard TD early in the quarter after Anthony Spencer stripped Forte near midfield following a screen pass.

Romo found Gavin Escobar in the back of the end zone, a 43-yard catch by Bryant setting up that score.

Joseph Randle added a 17-yard TD run late in the quarter to make it 35-7.

Cowboys defensive tackle Josh Brent played for the first time this season after serving a 10-game suspension for his intoxication manslaughter conviction.

He hadn't played since Dec. 2, 2012, six days before the drunken-driving crash that killed teammate Jerry Brown. He was suspended the first 10 games and was inactive for two more.

The Bears held out kicker Robbie Gould (right quadriceps) and defensive tackle Jeremiah Ratliff (knee).

## NFL STANDINGS AND BOX

STANDINGS					W L T Pct PF PA								
<b>AMERICAN CONFERENCE</b>													
AFC East					AFC West								
New England	9	3	0	.750	378	253	Arizona	9	3	0	.750	258	224
Miami	7	5	0	.583	301	232	Seattle	8	4	0	.667	298	221
Buffalo	7	5	0	.583	264	217	San Francisco	7	5	0	.583	231	244
N.Y. Jets	2	10	0	.167	190	319	St. Louis	5	7	0	.417	261	285
AFC South					AFC North								
Indianapolis	8	4	0	.667	362	283	Dallas	4	1	0	.286	207	267
Houston	6	6	0	.500	287	247	Detroit	3	7	0	.286	231	207
Tennessee	2	10	0	.167	213	338	Minnesota	5	7	0	.417	233	257
Jacksonville	2	10	0	.167	186	329	Chicago	5	8	0	.385	281	378
AFC West					AFC South								
Cincinnati	8	3	1	.708	260	247	Denver	9	3	0	.750	361	276
Baltimore	7	5	0	.583	328	242	San Diego	8	4	0	.667	279	249
Pittsburgh	7	5	0	.583	320	295	Kansas City	7	5	0	.583	277	224
Cleveland	7	5	0	.583	252	246	Oakland	1	11	0	.083	176	337
AFC East					AFC West								
Philadelphia	9	3	0	.750	375	285	Dallas	4	1	0	.286	207	267
Dallas	9	4	0	.692	343	301	Detroit	3	7	0	.286	231	207
N.Y. Giants	3	9	0	.250	257	319	Minnesota	5	7	0	.417	233	257
Washington	3	9	0	.250	244	322	Chicago	5	8	0	.385	281	378
AFC South					AFC North								
Atlanta	5	7	0	.417	291	289	Dallas	4	1	0	.286	207	267
New Orleans	5	7	0	.417	323	318	Chicago	5	7	0	.417	233	257
Carolina	3	8	1	.286	228	331	Atlanta	4	1	0	.286	207	267
Tampa Bay	2	10	0	.167	220	314	San Francisco	7	5	0	.583	231	244

# LEWIS

From 1C

starts after the All-Star break last summer.

"You saw what he did in the second half, pretty consistent to what he's always done when he's been here," Daniels said.

Lewis was a first-round supplemental choice of the Rangers during the 1999 draft and made his big league debut in 2002. He pitched for Detroit and Oakland and spent two years in Japan before returning to Texas in 2010. He posted a 3.72 ERA in 32 regular-season starts in his return, and won Game 6 of the AL championship game against the New York Yankees that sent Texas to the first of consecutive World Series. Lewis is 4-1 with a 2.34 ERA in eight postseason starts.

"I feel like I've always been a Ranger, even though I've bounced around a little bit," Lewis said. "This is home."

**NOTES:** New manager Jeff Banister had his first meeting with Darvish

and watched him work out Thursday. "Got to see some athleticism in a man that got after it pretty good," Banister said.

Darvish missed the last seven weeks of the season with inflammation in his right elbow. Darvish had an MRI and an exam by team physician Dr. Keith Meister last week.

... Slugger Prince Fielder played in only 42 games, and none after May 16, in his first season with Texas before a cervical fusion of two disks in his neck. Fielder is now working out five days a week in Orlando. "It's a full workout, it's not a rehab program," Daniels said. Fielder is expected to arrive at spring training in February with no limitations. ... LHP Michael Kirkman has signed a minor league contract that includes an invitation to major league spring training. Kirkman became a free agent after Texas didn't tender him a contract before Tuesday night's deadline.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

FROM WIRE REPORTS

TEXAS ROUNDUP

Men

BAYLOR 66 VANDERBILT 63 NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Royce O'Neale scored 22 points and Tarean Prince added 19, leading Baylor to a 66-63 win over Vanderbilt in the Big 12/SEC Challenge at Memorial Gym on Thursday night.

O'Neale made four 3-pointers and Prince added three. Baylor (6-1) made 10 of 18 shots from beyond the 3-point arc.

It was Baylor's first win over Vanderbilt (6-2) since 1949, but the first meeting between the schools since 1985.

Baylor has the Big 12's best record in conference challenge games at 5-1.

Vanderbilt's Damian Jones made two free throws to narrow the deficit to 65-63 with 15 seconds left.

Baylor's Lester Medford hit 1 of 2 free throws to increase the Bears' lead to 66-63 with 14.4 seconds left.

Vanderbilt's Riley LaChance missed a 3-pointer from the top of the key with 1 second left as the ball bounced off the glass.

TCU 66 MISSISSIPPI 54

OXFORD, Miss. — Karviar Shepherd scored 14 points as unbeatens TCU placed four players in double figures Thursday night and the Horned Frogs defeated Mississippi 66-54 in the SEC/Big 12 Challenge.

Brandon Parrish and Kyan Anderson had 11 points apiece with Amric Fields adding 10 for TCU (8-0). The Horned Frogs were 22 of 55 (40 percent) from the field and dominated the boards 43-33, including a game-high nine rebounds from Shepherd.

Stefan Moody led the Rebels (5-2) with 12 points. Ole Miss managed only 17 of 57 (29.8 percent) from the field. The Rebels were 16 of 18 (88.9 percent) from the free-throw line, but couldn't match TCU on the boards or overcome their poor shooting.



Joe S. Lee/The Tennessean

Baylor forward Deng Deng (45) dunks the ball over Vanderbilt forward Jeff Roberson during the first half Thursday in Nashville, Tenn.

TCU led 27-24 at halftime and used a 10-2 surge early in the second half, capped by a Shepherd jumper, to build a 37-28 lead with 15:15 left. Ole Miss never got closer than five again.

HOUSTON 72 TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN 58

HOUSTON — Cavan Baker scored 18 points on 6-of-14 shooting from the field to lead Houston to a 72-58 win against Texas-Pan American on Thursday night.

Eric Weary Jr. added 17 points for the Cougars (2-1), and Jherrod Stiggers finished with 12 points and a team high nine rebounds and seven

assists. Overall Houston shot just 40 percent from the field, but hit 11 3-pointers and were a perfect 9-of-9 at the free throw line.

Shaquille Hines scored 16 points and had six rebounds to lead Texas-Pan American (4-2). Dan Kimasa added 14 points and a team high nine rebounds, and Isaiah Hobbs and Janari Joesaar each hit three-pointers to open the second half, giving the Wildcats their largest lead of 17.

Sacramento State (4-2) trailed by double digits for most of the second half before cutting it to eight on Dylan Garrity's layup with 2:59 left. Wentz answered with a 3 and Abilene Christian sank 10 of its last 12 free throws to seal it.

Garity led the Hornets with 19 points and Mikh McKinney had 12.

INCARNATE WORD 85 ST EDWARDS 68

SAN ANTONIO — Denzel Livingston scored 23 points, pulled down 10 rebounds, and added six assists and four steals to lead Incarnate Word to a 85-68 win over St. Edwards on Thursday night.

Every starter finished in double-figures for the Cardinals (5-0), with Traylin Farris adding 15 points, Jontrell Walker and Mitchell Badillo finishing with 14 apiece, and Shawn Johnson scoring 12.

Overall Incarnate Word shot 47 percent from the field and dished out 18 total assists as a team compared to just nine for St. Edwards.

The Hilltoppers were led by Harley Nussman and Frankie Mgbolu, each scoring 16 points respectively. Trey Lindsey finished with 14 points for St. Edwards.

The Cardinals led by just three at the break, but opened the second half on a 13-3 run to extend their lead to double digits.

ABILENE CHRISTIAN 72 SACRAMENTO ST 61

ABILENE — LaDarrien Williams scored 24 points and Austin Cooke had 12 with 10 rebounds, pacing Abilene Christian past Sacramento State 72-61 on Thursday night.

Parker Wentz finished with 15 points and Jalen Little dished out seven assists for the Wildcats (3-3), who shot 51.1 percent from the field.

Abilene Christian pushed ahead with a 15-6 run sparked by Williams' three-point play and jumper to lead 31-17 at the 2:56 mark in the first half. Wentz and Williams each hit 3-pointers to open the second half, giving the Wildcats their largest lead of 17.

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Paul Sancya/AP

Dallas left wing Ryan Garbutt (16) and Detroit center Riley Sheahan (15) skate in the first period Thursday in Detroit.

STARS

From 1C

power-play goal. Tyler Seguin cut Dallas' deficit to 3-2 at 14:26 of the second with a slap shot that hopped over Howard's skate for a power-play goal.

At the other end, Rynnas settled in and stopped all 10 Detroit shots in the second period.

NOTES: Dallas RW Patrick Eaves missed his

first game after he broke his ankle while blocking a shot Tuesday in a loss to Toronto. Eaves is expected to be out 4-to-6 weeks. ... Detroit RW Justin Abdelkader missed his second game due to a shoulder injury sustained Sunday against Vancouver. ... Seguin played junior hockey with the suburban Detroit-based Plymouth Whalers of the Ontario Hockey League.

NHL NEWS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

PANTHERS ACQUIRE BLACKER, TRADE ROBAK TO DUCKS

SUNRISE, Fla. — The Florida Panthers acquired defenseman Jesse Blacker from the Anaheim Ducks on Thursday for defenseman Colby Robak.

Florida also will get the Ducks' fourth-round pick in 2016 or their sixth-round pick in 2017, depending on how many games Robak plays for Anaheim.

Blacker made his NHL debut last week with the Ducks before being sent back to the team's AHL affiliate in Norfolk. He has five assists in 15 AHL games this season and was Toronto's second-round pick in the 2009 draft.

Robak had three assists and 25 penalty minutes in 42 games with the Panthers over the past four seasons. He spent most of the previous four seasons in the AHL.

FORMER SENATORS CAPTAIN ALFREDSSON OFFICIALLY RETIRES

OTTAWA, Ontario — Former Senators captain Daniel Alfredsson has officially retired.

The 41-year-old Swedish forward made the announcement at Ottawa's Canadian Tire Centre, the rink he called home for most of his 18 seasons in the NHL.

The Senators have signed their longtime captain to a ceremonial one-day contract that will allow him to lace up his skates in his old stall and take part in pre-game warm-ups with his old team.

Alfredsson wore his No. 11 jersey at a news conference Thursday morning. The Senators' captain from 1999 to 2013, Alfredsson left last year to sign with the Detroit Red Wings.

NHL STANDINGS

Table showing NHL Standings for Eastern Conference, Metropolitan Division, and Western Conference. Columns include Team, GP, W, L, OT, Pts, GF, GA.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES

Men

Table of college basketball scores for men's teams, including Abilene Christian, Houston, Incarnate Word, Missouri State, and others.

Table of college basketball scores for women's teams, including George Washington, LSU, Monmouth, and others.

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Irving scores 37, Cavs edge Knicks

By Brian Mahoney Associated Press

NEW YORK — Kyrie Irving scored a season-high 37 points, including a layup with 10 seconds left after a timeout he didn't seem to want, and the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the New York Knicks 90-87 on Thursday night for their season-best fifth straight victory.

Irving carried the Cavs most of the game before LeBron James had five straight points late that helped Cleveland pull it out. James finished with 19 points and 12 assists.

Carmelo Anthony ended a 4-for-19 night by missing a 3-pointer in the final seconds as the Knicks dropped their sixth straight and fell to 4-16.

Tim Hardaway Jr. added 20 points and Amare Stoudemire had 18 points and nine rebounds for the Knicks, who were trying to surprise the Cavs for the second time this season.

But New York, which spoiled James' first game back in Cleveland with a 95-90 victory on Oct. 30, couldn't hold on after leading by seven in the final



Kathy Willens/AP

Cleveland Cavaliers guard Kyrie Irving (2) reacts while returning to the bench in the final minutes of the second half of Thursday's game against the New York Knicks in New York.

quarter. James, content to be a passer much of the game, nailed a 3-pointer for an 86-85 lead with 3:54 left, then helped force a turnover and turned it into a fast-break dunk for a three-point lead with 3:25 to go.

Stoudemire's basket cut it to one, and the teams traded misses until Cleveland had the ball with under a half-minute left and Irving dribbling in the frontcourt. Coach David Blatt called for a timeout.

and Irving appeared ready to slam the ball down in anger before walking back to the bench.

But the Cavs went right back to him after the timeout and he made a layup from the left side that made it 90-87.

Kevin Love had 11 points and 11 rebounds for the Cavs, who had averaged 109.8 points in the previous four victories but could never get their offense going in this one — except for Irving. He finished 12 of 18

Cavaliers.....90 Knicks.....87

from the field and bettered the 29 points per game he was scoring at Madison Square Garden, which was his best at any arena.

TIP-INS Cavaliers: Irving has scored 20 or more points in 10 straight games against the Knicks. ... Blatt was asked if he could learn anything by watching the first matchup, which was his first game as an NBA coach. "When I feel like being particularly masochistic, I go back and look at that game, yeah," he said. "Given my experience, I try to avoid that whenever I can."

Knicks: The Knicks changed their starting lineup again, with Quincy Acy starting at forward and Stoudemire moving to center. Coach Derek Fisher said Acy had some of the necessary skills to defend Love. ... Fisher walked all the way to the logo near center court to call a late timeout after he tried and failed to get one granted in the previous game. ... J.R. Smith was back after missing the last game and almost all the previous one with flu-like symptoms.

NBA STANDINGS & BOX

Table showing NBA Standings and Box Scores for various teams and games, including Eastern Conference, Western Conference, and Thursday's Scores.

Midland College Basketball advertisement for the 2014 WJCAC Home Opener on Saturday, December 6th. Features photos of players Zambelli and O'Field, and details for Clarendon College Lady Bulldogs vs Midland College Lady Chaps and Clarendon College Bulldogs vs Midland College Chaparrals.

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KWWT CW	5	14	5	14								
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3							
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11							
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9							
KPBT PBS	13	13	13	8								
KUPB UNI	4	4	4	16								
KOSA MNT	16	16	16									
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FOOD	64	59	27	68	54							
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**Woods stumbles with 77 in return**

**By Doug Ferguson Associated Press**

WINDERMERE, Fla. — Tiger Woods returned to competition Thursday and it was like he never left — except that he looked healthy.

Woods flubbed four chips around the green, only had four birdie chances inside 20 feet and stumbled to a 5-over 77 in the opening round of the Hero World Challenge at Isleworth, his home course for the first 16 years of his pro career.

He was in place among the 18-man field, already 11 shots behind Jordan Spieth, who is coming off a runaway win last week in the Australian Open.

"One of those days where nothing went my way," Woods said.

The score was not nearly as significant as his health in what has been a lost year for Woods because of back problems. He had surgery a week before the Masters that kept him out for three months. He had not played since Aug. 9 at the PGA Championship because of lingering back issues, and the need to build up his muscle structure.

Woods missed the cut at Congressional in June in his first tournament after back surgery. This time, he is coming back from injury and he is working with a new coach. In that respect, the score was not a surprise.

It was the 10th time in 12 rounds that he failed

to break par since his first return in June.

Even so, some of the shots were shocking, especially around the green.

He flubbed one chip behind the eighth green on his way to double bogey and a 41 on the front nine. After his lone birdie at No. 12 — a wedge that spun back to tap-in range — Woods blasted a driver and hit a long iron that came up just short of reaching the top ridge. Instead, it rolled off the green and into a steep collection area.

His first pitch was too soft and rolled back down toward his feet. Woods came in too steep on the next pitch and the ball moved only a few feet forward, leading to his second double bogey. And on the par-5 17th, he was in another swale pin-high in two and flubbed his fourth chip, angrily swinging the club and turning his back while the ball slowly rolled back to his feet. He had to make a 10-footer for par.

"It is surprising that I could hit chips that poorly," he said.

The 77 was his second-highest score of the year. He had a 79 on the South Course at Torrey Pines in January. What kept the day from being a total loss is that Woods reported feeling "zero pain."

"I haven't said that in a long time," Woods said. "It's very exciting to step up there and hit the drives I hit — especially on the back nine — and feel nothing."

The opening drive set the tone for the day —

and his return.

Woods was about to hit his first shot in nearly four months when he heard a loud click of a camera and backed off. Then, he tugged his 3-wood through the fairway, beyond an iron fence into someone's backyard and presumably into a swimming pool. He had to hit another from the tee and did well to escape with a bogey.

Any questions about his back were answered on the seventh hole when he hit a long iron from an awkward stance just beyond the lip of a steep bunker. He wound up in a bunker right of the green, and took two shots to reach the green.

Rust would seem to be an issue, but it certainly wasn't the case for Steve Stricker. He hasn't played since the PGA Championship, either, yet Stricker made five birdies in a bogey-free round of 67 and was one shot behind Spieth, along with Dubai World Tour Championship winner Henrik Stenson, Zach Johnson and Rickie Fowler.

Woods played with Jason Day, who last competed at the Tour Championship three months ago. Day shot a 71. FedEx Cup champion Billy Horschel and Patrick Reed, both at 73, were the only other players over par on a warm, breezy afternoon.

Woods felt as though he hit the ball, though certainly not as close as we would like.

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**GOLF SCORES**

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Thursday		Patrick Reed	36-37-73
At Isleworth Golf and Country Club		Tiger Woods	41-36-77
Windermere, Fla.		LPGA Qualifying Tournament Scores	
Purse: \$3.5 million		Thursday	
Yardage: 7,354; Par: 72 (36-36)		At LPGA International	
First Round		Daytona Beach, Fla.	
Jordan Spieth	31-35-66	Hills Course: 6,542 yards, par-72	
Zach Johnson	37-30-67	Jones Course: 6,441 yards, par-72	
Steve Stricker	34-33-67	Purse: \$80,000	
Rickie Fowler	36-31-67	Second Round	
Henrik Stenson	34-33-67	a-amateur	
Graeme McDowell	34-34-68	Ju Young Park	67-68-135
Hideki Matsuyama	36-32-68	Casey Grace	66-69-135
Jimmy Walker	34-34-68	Samantha Richards	71-66-137
Matt Kuchar	37-32-69	Sophia Popov	70-67-137
Bubba Watson	34-36-69	Elizabeth Nagel	68-69-137
Chris Kirk	37-33-70	Stephanie Meadow	72-66-138
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**BANANAGRAMS!**

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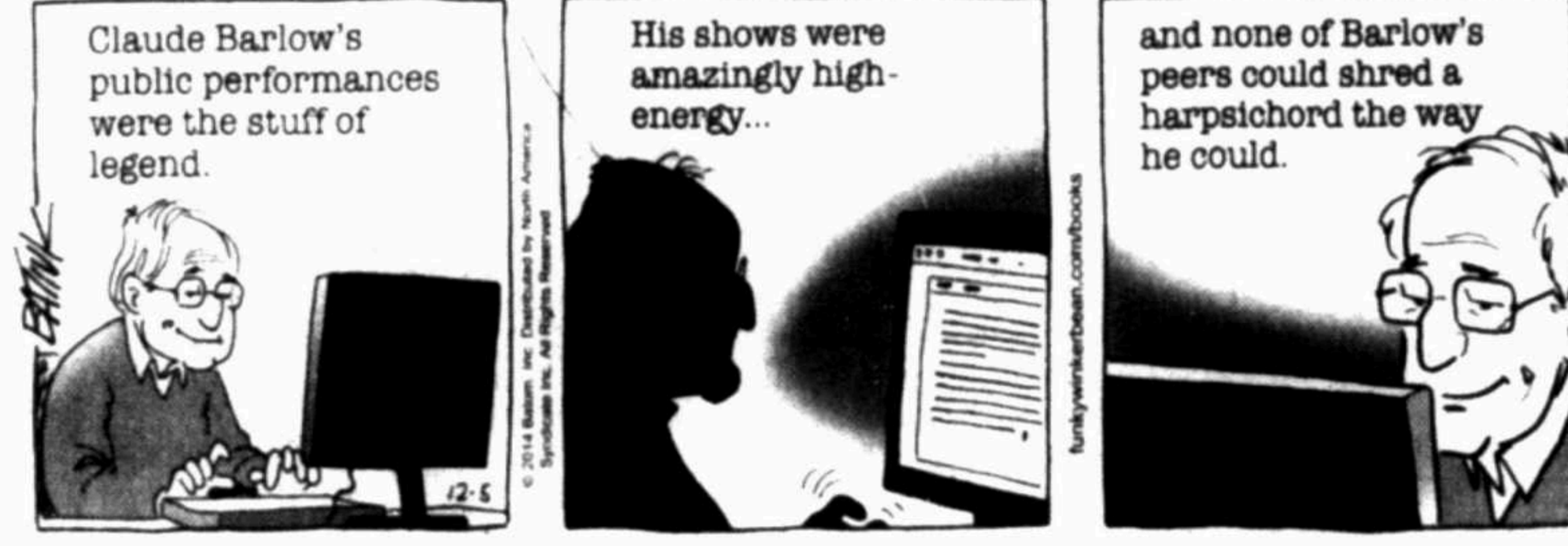
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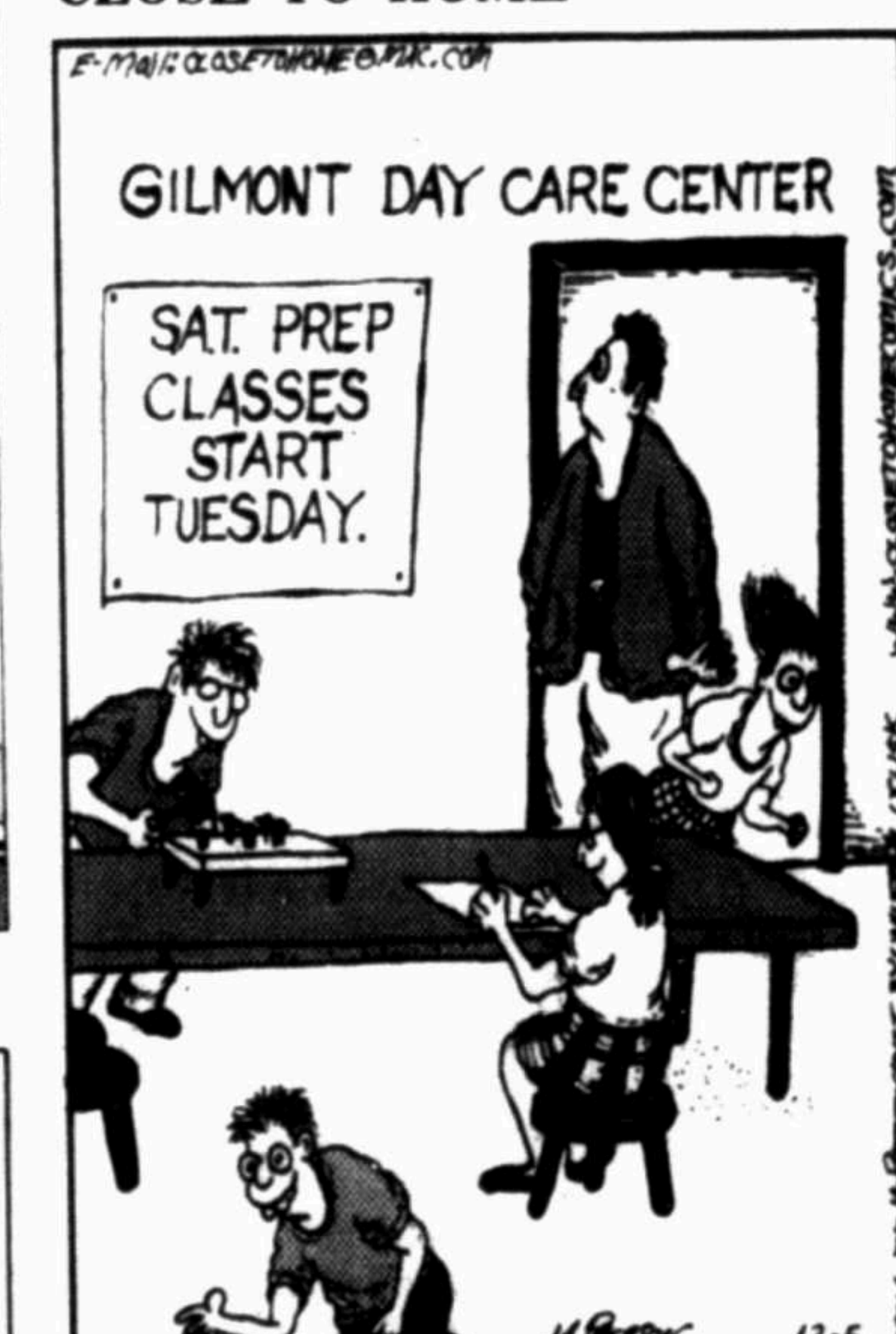
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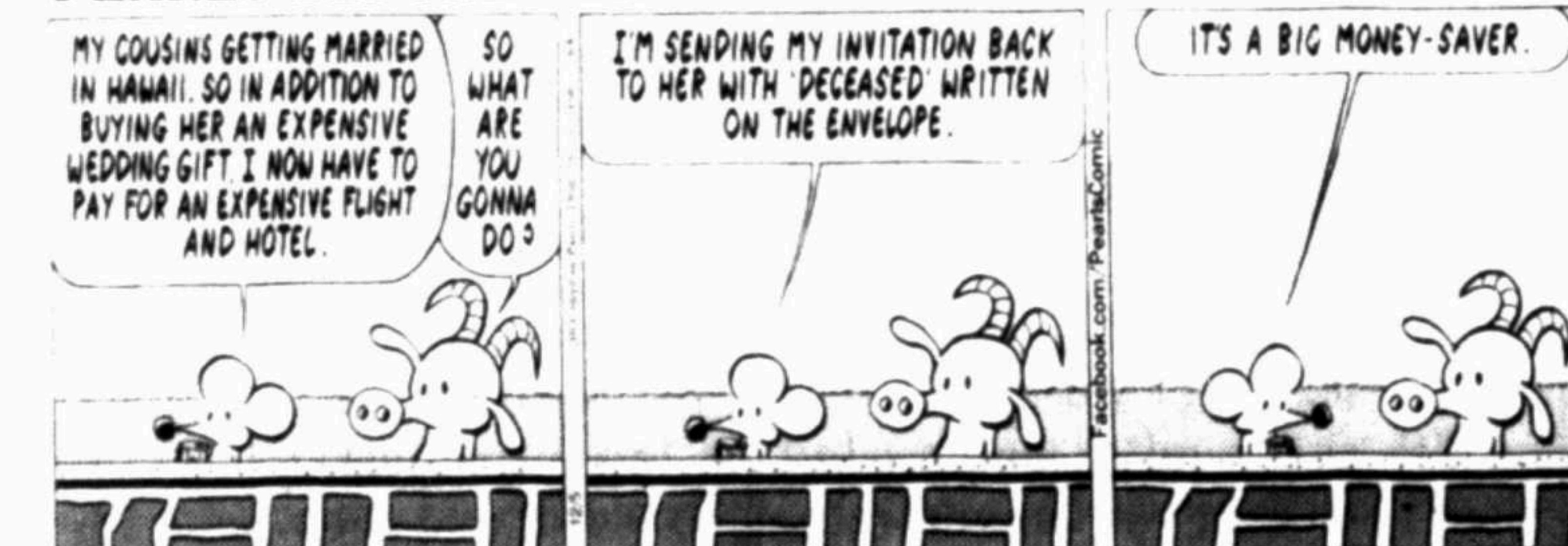
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**SUNDAY: Partly sunny** High: 66 Low: 43  
**MONDAY: Partly sunny** High: 61 Low: 46  
**TUESDAY: Partly sunny** High: 60 Low: 42  
**WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny** High: 62 Low: 40

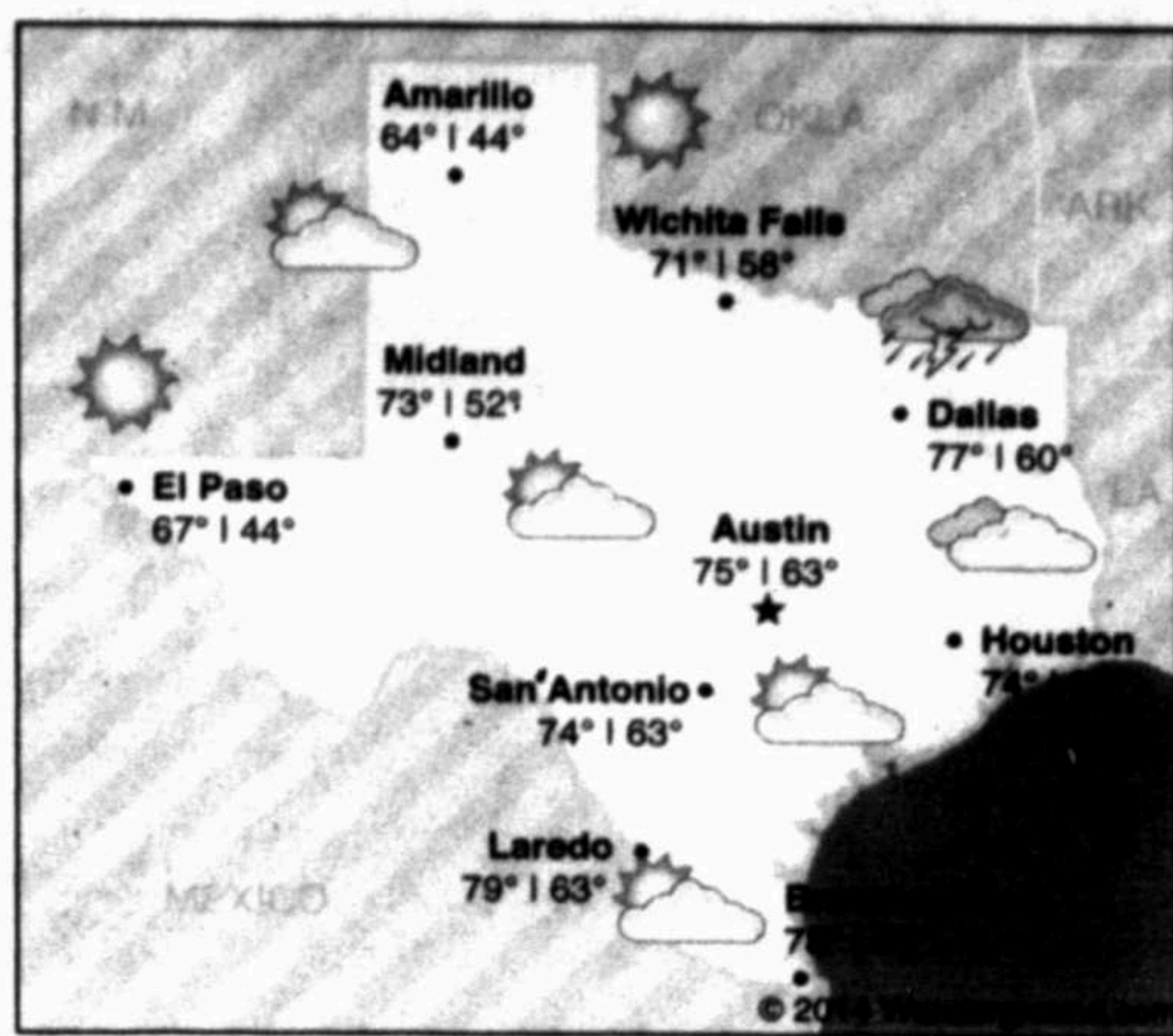
**Local almanac**

The high on Thursday reached 63 while the low dropped to 48. The record high for Dec. 4 is 85, set in 1954. The record low is 14 set in 2006.

**Weather Whys**

During a Virga, is the rain or snow evaporating before it reaches the ground? That's just what the ancient Greeks believed and what most modern textbooks say, but it's just not so a lot of the time," said John Nielsen-Gammon of Texas A&M University. "Recent research suggests that what appears to be the bottom of a shaft of precipitation might just be the level where the snow melts and changes to rain. Snow floats, but raindrops fall. It's sort of like a big traffic jam in the sky. When all of the snow is moving slowly, it's all bunched together and blocks the sky. But when the snow melts into rain and everything speeds up, there's suddenly a lot more space between the drops, and the whole shaft of precipitation becomes harder to see."

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**Precipitation**

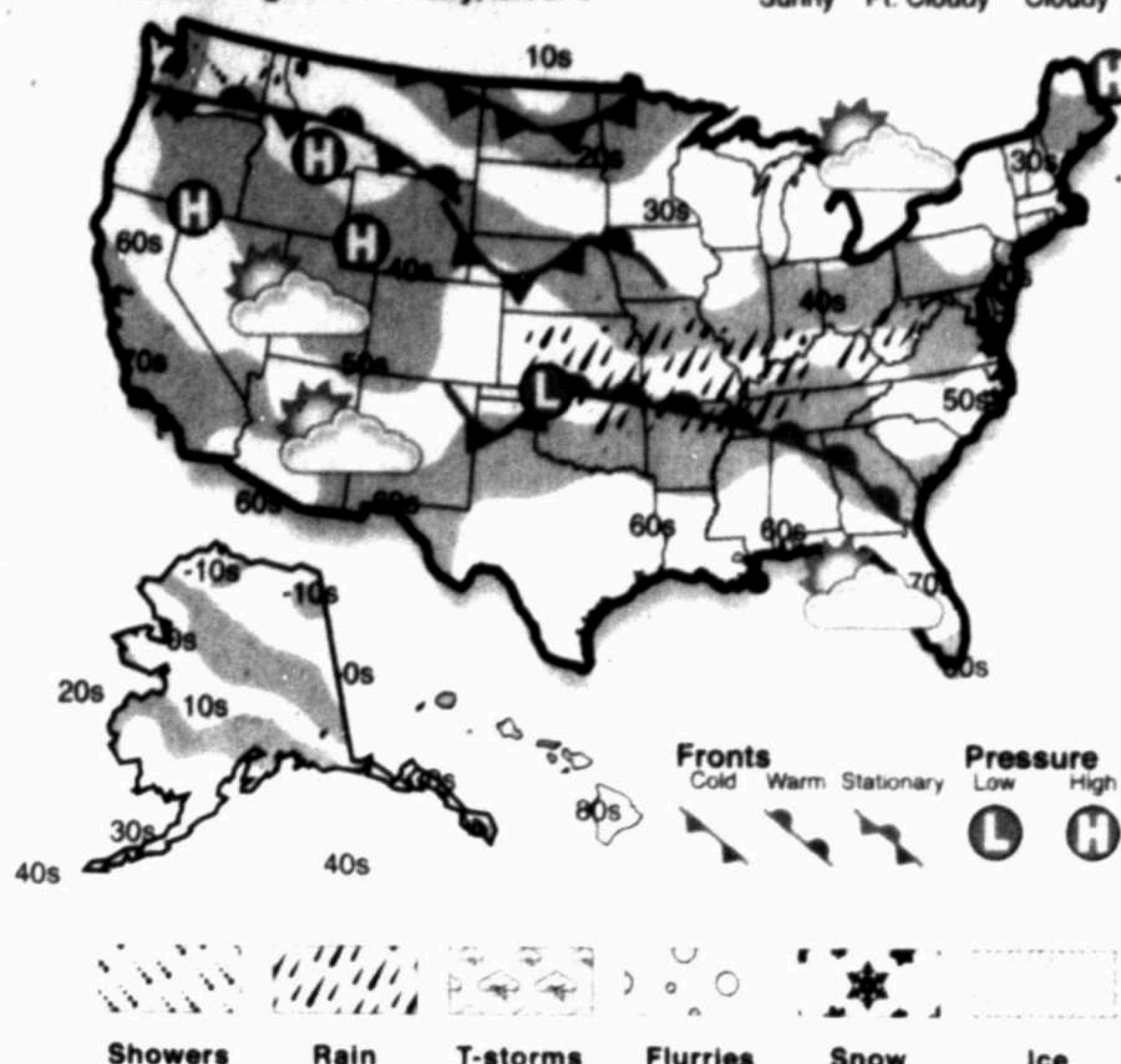
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Thursday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	7.45 in.
Normal total (year to date)	14.08 in.

**Thursday's temperatures**

High	63
Low	48
Normal high	60
Normal low	32
Sunrise	7:34 a.m.
Sunset	5:44 p.m.

**National forecast**

Forecast highs for Friday, Dec. 5



**Mom questions renting a room to her ex-husband**

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I divorced because of another woman. I took it hard, but after a year or so, I was OK.

Fast forward to 2013: He shows up on my doorstep, needing food and shelter, so I took him in (he's still the father of my children). Now I can't get rid of him!

He's trying to show me he's changed. If I didn't know him, I'd think he wasn't the same man at all. I need to know if this is an OK situation for me to be in, because well-meaning friends and family tell me he won't change; he'll leave again. (I say, "As long as he abides by the terms of the divorce, so what!")

I don't care if he sees other people; he's my EX. As far as I'm concerned, he's just renting a room in my house. But I need to know — am I hurting the kids by letting him stay? He seems to get along better with them now than he ever did, and I'd be renting that room to someone else if it wasn't him. As far as I'm concerned, better the devil you know than the one you don't.

Am I doing the right thing? And if so, how do I get well-meaning people to stop lecturing me? — LANDLADY IN CALIFORNIA

**DEAR LANDLADY:** I can't see how your ex living in the

house would hurt the children — unless he suddenly disappears from their lives again. His presence there, even as "only a renter," may lessen your chances of finding a serious romance again, because few if any men welcome courting a woman under these circumstances.

However, if you are happy with things just as they are, then when the unwelcome lectures start, all you have to do is tell the well-meaning lecturers that you know what you're doing and to please pipe down. The arrangement you have with your ex may work better for both of you than the marriage did because it appears he is always on his best behavior.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm pregnant with my first baby. I use Facebook to update my family in another country about my pregnancy and the little milestones that have happened. But when I do, my cousin "Rita" takes it upon herself to turn every status I post into something about her and her daughter. I

feel like she's trying to one-up me or divert attention away from my child. We come from a big, tight-knit family and until now, her daughter was the baby of the family.

Rita has been doing this for months now, and I'm starting to get annoyed. How can I tell her politely to please stop stealing my thunder and turning everything into something about her? — ANNOYED IN THE WEST

**DEAR ANNOYED:** Whether she's doing it consciously or not, it does appear that Cousin Rita is competitive with you. It would be interesting to know if she has always been this way.

You can't stop her from competing, but you can develop a sense of humor where she's concerned. Her bids for attention are really rather sad, and once your baby arrives, he or she will be the baby of the family — until Rita becomes pregnant again, that is. (I'm tempted to start the countdown now.)

**DEAR ABBY**

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**GOREN BRIDGE**

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

**Why that play?**

North-South vulnerable. West deals.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ A 10 7 6  
 ♥ A 8 7  
 ♦ 3  
 ♣ A J 7 5 2

**WEST**  
 ♠ Q J 8 5  
 ♥ Void  
 ♦ A Q 10 8 7  
 ♣ K Q 10 4

**EAST**  
 ♠ K 4 3 2  
 ♥ J 10 5 2  
 ♦ K 4  
 ♣ 9 8 3

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ 9  
 ♥ K Q 9 6 4 3  
 ♦ J 9 6 5 2  
 ♣ 6

The bidding:  
 WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH  
 1 Pass 1 Pass 1 Pass 4

Opening lead: King of ♠

Many players would have responded with the East hand. A bid of one heart might have kept North-South out of game. We'll never know.

South won the opening club lead in dummy and led a diamond to his nine and West's 10. West returned a diamond, ruffed in dummy as declarer noted the fall of the king from East

and ruffed a spade, then led a diamond, carefully ruffing with the ace of trumps. Declarer came back to his hand with another spade ruff and led a fourth round of diamonds, this time ruffing with dummy's last trump, the eight.

East over-ruffed with the 10 and made an excellent shift — a low trump. Had he led a black card, South would have ruffed and cashed a high trump, learning the bad news there. He would then have exited with his last diamond and sat back with the queen-nine of trumps, assured of winning the last two tricks. On the heart play, declarer had to guess the position right then. Should he play the king of hearts, he would not be able to reach a winning position. South was surprised to see a trump lead and asked himself the classic question — why that play? After some thought, he gave East credit for making an excellent play and made one of his own. He inserted the nine of trumps and claimed his contract when that held the trick. Well done!

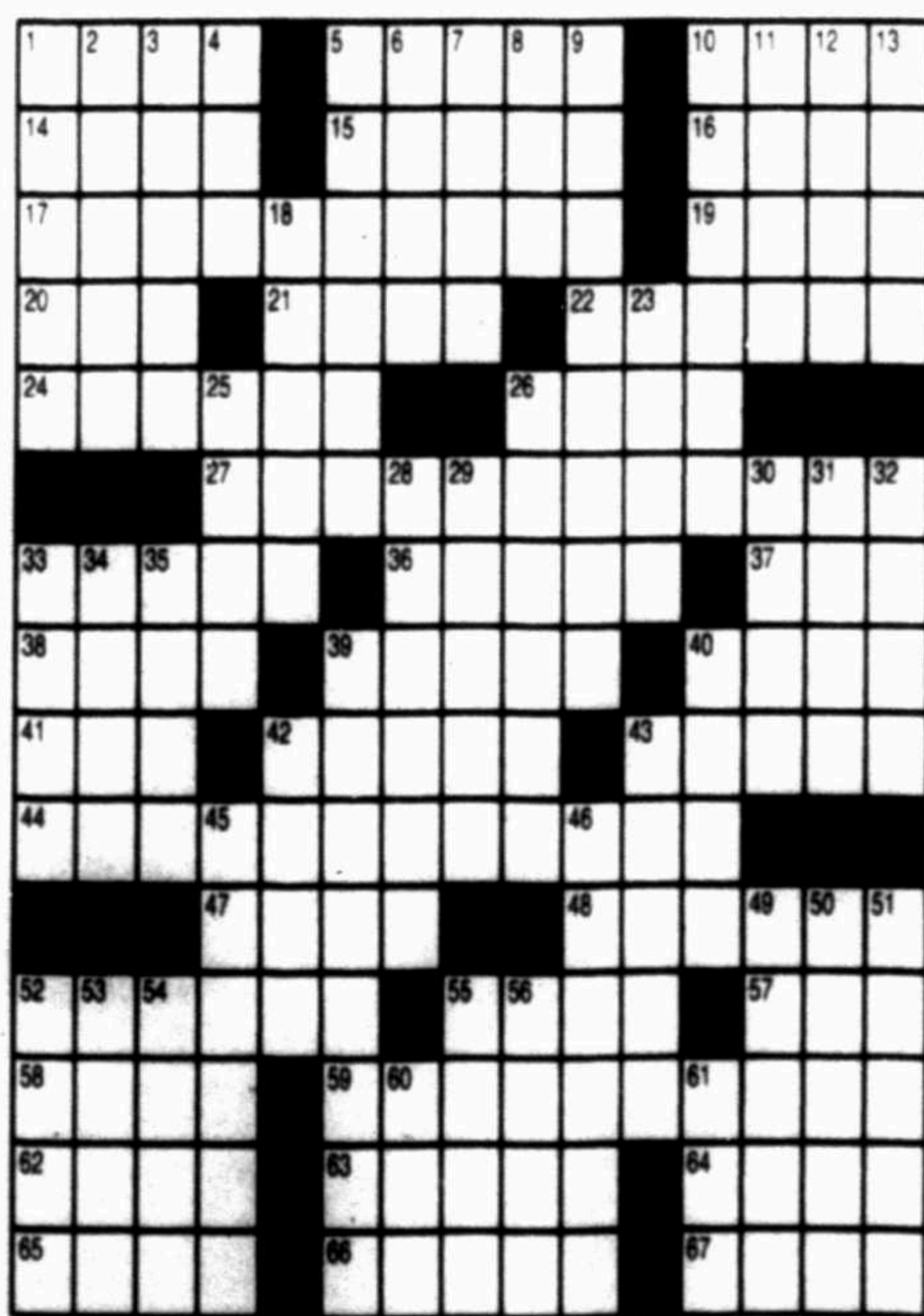
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| 5 Seating choice   | 2 Love abroad                    | 39 Easily moved                  | 53 "Rhapsody" Brahms vocal work |
| 10 Skills  | 3 Auto attachment?               | 40 Part of MIT Abbr              | 54 Many CEOs have them          |
| 14 Islamic leader  | 4 "___ being unreasonable?"      | 42 Yom Kippur War prime minister | 55 Stone of "The Help"          |
| 15 What recon may provide                                | 5 Like some rescues              | 43 Film with Manny the Mammoth   | 56 Miffed, with "in"            |
| 16 Familie member  | 6 "Picnic" playwright            | 46 Complete                      | 60 Flier with Chicago H.Q.      |
| 17 Baseball, vis-à-vis jai alai?                         | 7 Mus. direction                 | 49 "Heart of Georgia"            | 61 Kelly Clarkson label         |
| 19 Award for Jessica Tandy                               | 8 10-Down vehicle                | 50 Sign into law                 |                                 |
| 20 Poetic preposition                                    | 9 Ins                            |                                  |                                 |
| 21 Short time, shortly                                   | 10 Mission program               |                                  |                                 |
| 22 Wood shop tool  | 11 Self-named sitcom             |                                  |                                 |
| 24 Scoff at  | 12 Cut                           |                                  |                                 |
| 26 "Hooked on Bach" company                              | 13 Percolate                     |                                  |                                 |
| 27 GE range, vis-à-vis an Easy-Bake toy?                 | 18 Fund                          |                                  |                                 |
| 33 Spread  | 23 Large Hadron Collider acronym |                                  |                                 |
| 36 "A Challenge for the Actor" author                    | 25 It's checked when it's done   |                                  |                                 |
| 37 Commercial ending?                                    | 26 Capital of Rwanda             |                                  |                                 |
| 38 Appear dramatically                                   | 28 Inferior                      |                                  |                                 |
| 39 Hemingway and others                                  | 29 Piglike animal                |                                  |                                 |
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| 41 Tulsa sch.  | 31 Poet friend of T.S.           |                                  |                                 |
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| 43 Ryan of "Bones"                                       | 33 Challenging roommate          |                                  |                                 |
| 44 SpongeBob's underwear, vis-à-vis Mickey's?            |                                  |                                  |                                 |
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| 58 "Sin City" actress                                    |                                  |                                  |                                 |
| 59 Jeep, vis-à-vis a Cadillac?                           |                                  |                                  |                                 |
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**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

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**JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS**

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Friday, Dec. 5, 2014:

This year you seem to go back and forth a lot with weighing the pros and con of certain situations, decisions and actions. You are passionate about your opinions; therefore, detachment takes some skill. If you are single, you might not believe the choices you have available to you. The person you choose could be quite different from who you're used to dating. If you are attached, you might not always admit to being able to identify with your significant other, but you do. Use this skill to bond this relationship even more closely together. GEMINI provides many facts and information that you put to good use.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ You'll say what is on your mind, and others will give you a quick response. Confusion could be the outcome if they haven't thought through their responses. Be spontaneous and open-minded. Tonight: Chat with a friend.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You might be swallowing some anger over a personal issue. Don't use shopping as an outlet, because doing so would end in regret. You also are likely to change your mind about your choices, so be sure to keep your receipts. Tonight: Pay bills, then decide what you can afford.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ After a few difficult days, you might feel as if you finally are back in the swing of things with your daily routine. A friend or loved one could shock you with his or her news. Absorb what you are hearing, but don't take his or her words as being written in stone. Tonight: TGIF!

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★★ You have accomplished a lot this week, and you could feel yourself slowing down. A problem with a loved one could result in his or her creating some distance between you. Express your gratitude if he or she decides to open up and share with you. Tonight: Indulge yourself.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You might feel pushed by an associate, but understand that a cold shoulder doesn't explain where you are coming from. A flirtation also could cause you a problem. Do your best not to mix business with pleasure. Tonight: Do what you want — just don't be alone.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Clearly an interaction with someone you respect could put

you on edge; you might not know why until you speak with a loved one about it. Indulge this person, as he or she is consistently there for you. Make time for a spontaneous get-together. Tonight: A force to behold.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Honor a change of pace. You can intellectualize to your heart's content yet still have plenty of time for a fun conversation. The combination will help you relax as your weekend begins. A loved one could be unpredictable. Strap on your seat belt. Tonight: Take off!

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Try not to color someone else's day as somber; projecting your mood onto others can cause a lot of problems. Fortunately, you will be able to turn this attitude around. Anger could build on the homefront, but you will know what to do. Tonight: Your home is your castle.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You might want to see what is happening with some associates before you decide that a project isn't likely to work out. Get the full story, and then make a decision. Avoid actively communicating while doing anything that requires your attention. Tonight: Remain anchored.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You will want to have a long-overdue discussion with a co-worker whom you see almost daily. You might even be exercise buddies! You'll discover how much you have in common, and you'll wish you had more time together. Why not make plans? Tonight: Surprises surround you.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Be more forthright with a loved one. Try to be gentle in your choice of words and attitude; otherwise, you could come across as being harsh. Understand what is happening within you. Perhaps you need to plan a vacation. Tonight: Let off some steam.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Keep your own counsel, if possible. You might be taken aback by what is going on behind the scenes. Touch base with a family member or a loved one to get more information. Curb an impulse to go spending for now. Tonight: Make it your treat.

**BORN TODAY**  
 Business magnate Walt Disney (1901), singer/songwriter Little Richard (1932), comedian Margaret Cho (1968)

# Florida hires McElwain as coach

By Mark Long  
Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida athletic director Jeremy Foley wanted a coach with an offensive track record of success. Foley even agreed to pay extra to get him. After working through a sticky buyout issue, Jim McElwain left Colorado State on Thursday to become Florida's next head coach. The Gators announced the hiring at the same time McElwain started a team meeting with players and assistants. Reporters heard a loud ovation before McElwain exited the room in tears.

McElwain agreed to a six-year deal at Florida that will average \$3.5 million annually. He made \$1.5 million this season at Colorado State. "Coach McElwain was someone we targeted from the beginning of the search," Foley said. "The more we worked through the process and did our due diligence, coupled with our meeting and conversations with him and those around him, it was obvious he is the right person to lead the Florida Gator football program."

McElwain accepted the job after working with Colorado State to reduce his \$7.5 million buyout. Florida will pay the Rams \$3 million over six years. McElwain will pay \$2 million over time. The Gators also guaranteed Colorado State \$2 million for a game in Gainesville between 2017 and 2020.

The Gators traveled to Colorado with the belief that the buyout could and would be whittled down. But Colorado State President Tony Frank initially stood firm on \$7.5 million, and the financial roadblock prompted Foley to leave Colorado without an agreement Wednesday.

# Pac-12's longest-tenured coach leaves for Huskers

By Anne M. Peterson  
Associated Press

Mike Riley said his goodbyes to the Oregon State Beavers at an emotional team meeting on Thursday morning.

Riley, who is the longest-tenured coach in the Pac-12 and has coached at Oregon State for 14 seasons, will be introduced as Nebraska's head coach on Friday morning. He replaces Bo Pelini, who was dismissed after the Huskers finished the regular season 9-3.

In a statement, Riley called the Nebraska job a "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunity, but the move stunned many in Corvallis, where Riley's ties to the community date back to when his father, Bud, was an assistant coach under Dee Andros.

"Didn't see that coming," Oregon State freshman cornerback Kevin Hayes posted to Twitter. Sophomore offensive lineman Sean Harlow posted simply, "It's a business."

Riley, 61, is credited with turning around an Oregon State team that had 26 straight losing seasons when he first became head coach in 1997. He left for the San Diego Chargers in 1999, and Dennis Erickson coached the Beavers for four seasons from 1999-2002. Riley returned to Oregon State in 2003.

Riley took the Beavers to eight bowl appearances, compiling a 6-2 record.

Riley was under contract with Oregon State through 2021. He was the lowest-paid coach in the Pac-12, making a reported \$1.5 million this year. The university did not immediately announce its plans moving forward on Thursday.

Oregon State finished this season 5-7 and some called for Riley's dismissal. The Beavers had just two conference wins, but one came at home against then-No. 7 Arizona State.



Jerry Larson/AP

Baylor head coach Art Briles, right and TCU head coach Gary Patterson talk before their Oct. 11 game in Waco.

# 'Body of work' gap significant for TCU, Baylor in playoff chase

By Stephen Hawkins  
Associated Press

There is a significant gap between TCU and Baylor, even with their identical 10-1 records and both in position to share the Big 12 title.

With one game left before the playoff selection committee sets the matchups Sunday for the new four-team playoff, the Horned Frogs are ranked third. Baylor is sixth, even with a 61-58 victory over the Horned Frogs.

Chairman Jeff Long has repeatedly said that the committee looks weekly at each team's "body of work" to that point. "The committee is increasingly impressed by TCU's résumé," Long, the Arkansas AD, said after the release of this week's rankings, when the Frogs jumped two spots and ahead of undefeated defending national champion Florida State.

TCU has won six in a row since that loss at Baylor on Oct. 11, when the Frogs blew a 21-point lead in the fourth quarter. Baylor lost by two touchdowns at West Virginia the following week, but has

won its last four games. Here is a look at some of each team's "body of work":

**WHAT'S LEFT:** TCU is a big favorite at home Saturday against last-place Iowa State. Baylor plays at home that night against ninth-ranked Kansas State, which is tied with the Bears and Frogs for the Big 12 lead.

**VS. RANKED TEAMS:** TCU is 4-1 against AP Top 25 teams, the lone loss to Baylor. The Bears have won both games against ranked teams, their only wins against teams currently with winning records.

"That's certainly discussed. That's part of their strength of schedule," Long said. "It's part of their body of work, and the committee is certainly aware that (the Bears) have two top-20 victories, and those are the only teams that they've beaten with winning records."

Baylor's Top 25 wins are against TCU and 48-14 at Oklahoma, which was ranked fourth before that in a 37-33 loss at TCU.

The Horned Frogs beat Kansas State by three touchdowns in their last

home game. The other ranked teams they beat were Oklahoma State and West Virginia, both unranked when they lost to Baylor.

**TECH DISPARITY:** TCU and Baylor both beat Texas Tech, but the games were drastically different.

TCU had the Big 12's highest-scoring conference game ever, and Trevone Boykin threw a school-record seven touchdowns in an 82-27 victory over the Red Raiders on Oct. 25.

Baylor held on for a 48-46 win in the season finale Saturday over 4-8 Tech. The Red Raiders erased almost all of a 25-point deficit before a failed two-point conversion after their fourth consecutive TD pass of at least 40 yards with 1:42 left.

**OUT OF CONFERENCE:** Much has been made of Baylor's non-conference schedule, but TCU also had a lopsided shutout against winless SMU and beat an FCS team.

The difference is TCU's 30-7 win over Minnesota, a Big Ten team with eight wins. Baylor won 63-21 at Buffalo, a Mid-American team that finished 5-6 and changed coaches.

# CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Saturday, Nov. 29  
Southern U. 62, Granddang St. 45

BIG 12 CONFERENCE				
Conference	All Games	W	L	PF
Baylor	10-1	370	238	10
TCU	10-1	290	16	10
Kansas St.	7-4	276	159	9
Oklahoma	6-5	296	226	8
West Virginia	5-4	281	244	7
Texas	5-4	259	211	6
Oklahoma St.	3-5	177	276	5
Texas Tech	2-7	286	385	4
Kansas	1-8	153	320	3
Iowa St.	0-8	204	330	2

Saturday, Nov. 29

SUN BELT CONFERENCE				
Conference	All Games	W	L	PF
Ga. South	8-0	305	154	9
La.-Lafayette	7-1	278	191	8
Appalachian St.	6-2	280	250	7
Arkansas St.	5-3	238	254	7
Texas St.	5-3	248	221	7
South Alabama	5-3	187	183	6
La.-Monroe	3-5	194	205	4
Troy	3-5	200	248	3
New Mexico St.	1-7	200	316	2
Idaho	1-7	197	294	1
Georgia St.	0-8	162	362	1

Saturday, Nov. 29

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE				
Conference	All Games	W	L	PF
Missouri	7-1	191	153	10
Georgia	6-2	210	195	9
Florida	4-4	199	206	6
South Carolina	3-5	272	294	6
Tennessee	3-5	204	217	6
Kentucky	2-6	183	300	5
Vanderbilt	0-8	102	283	3

Saturday, Nov. 29

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE				
Conference	All Games	W	L	PF
Memphis	7-1	279	122	9
UCF	7-1	232	120	9
Cincinnati	6-2	236	127	8
Houston	5-2	195	122	7
East Carolina	5-3	273	206	8
Temple	3-4	134	139	5
South Florida	3-5	126	193	4
Tulane	2-6	114	195	3
Tulsa	2-6	217	290	2
UConn	1-6	95	207	2
SMU	0-7	84	467	0

Saturday, Nov. 29

CONFERENCE USA				
Conference	All Games	W	L	PF
Marshall	7-1	378	183	11
Middle Tenn.	5-3	270	273	6
W. Kentucky	4-4	347	347	7
Old Dominion	4-4	272	337	6
LAB	4-4	258	243	6
FIU	3-5	202	295	6
FAU	2-6	212	276	3

Saturday, Nov. 29

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE				
Conference	All Games	W	L	PF
SE Louisiana	7-1	378	183	11
Sam Houston	7-1	341	182	9
S.F. Austin	6-3	326	235	8
Lamar	5-3	302	247	8
Cent. Arkansas	5-3	363	264	6
McNeese	4-4	223	196	6
Ablene Christn.	4-4	241	211	6
Northwestern St.	4-4	271	220	6
Incarnate Word	7-1	151	311	2
Houston Baptist	7-1	191	464	2
Nicholls St.	0-8	127	381	0

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MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE				
Conference	All Games	W	L	PF
Louisiana Tech	7-1	357	159	8
Rice	5-3	248	243	7
UTEP	5-3	213	208	7
UTSA	3-5	133	214	4
North Texas	2-6	175	262	8
Southern Miss	1-7	169	284	3

Saturday, Nov. 29

PACIFIC-12 CONFERENCE				
Conference	All Games	W	L	PF
Oregon	8-1	395	225	11
Stanford	5-4	214	175	7
Washington	4-5	236	216	8
California	3-6	338	287	5
Oregon St.	2-7	213	328	5
Washington St.	2-7	272	377	3

Saturday, Nov. 29

NCAA Division I Quarterfinals				
Game	Time	Location		
Liberty (9-4) at Villanova (10-2)	3:30 p.m.	Liberty		
Bloomington (11-1) at Concord (W Va.) (12-0)	11 a.m.	Bloomington		
West Georgia (11-2) at Valdosta State (10-2)	11 a.m.	West Georgia		
Minnesota-Duluth (13-0) at Minnesota State (Marquette) (12-0)	Noon	Marquette		
Ohio Dominican (11-1) at Colorado State-Pueblo (11-1)	1 p.m.	Pueblo		

# SCENARIOS

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sumé contest between Baylor and/or Ohio State and Arizona. Don't bet against the Wildcats making the big jump. The Pac-12 and commissioner Larry Scott are touting their championship as a playoff play-in game. They might be right. Despite losing the first game, Oregon is favored by 14.5.

## Georgia Tech beats Florida State?

Considering the fourth-place and unbeaten Seminoles have been dropping when they win, there's no doubt they'd be done with a loss. Georgia Tech is 11th and beating Florida State would mean finishing the season with three straight wins against ranked teams. The Yellow Jackets would probably need Baylor (vs. Kansas State) and Ohio State (vs. Wisconsin) to lose to reach the top four, but considering who those teams are playing, that doesn't seem so like such a stretch. Florida State is favored by 4.

## TCU struggles to beat Iowa State?

The Horned Frogs got a pass for squeaking by at Kansas last month. That can't happen again against a 30-point underdog at home. If it does, it would open the door for either Baylor or Ohio State to replace the Frogs in the top four. With the Bears and



Tim Sharp/AP

Baylor wide receiver and Midland High grad Antwan Goodley, right, runs the ball against Texas Tech defensive back Austin Stewart, left, Saturday in Arlington.

Buckeyes in position to add marquee wins to their résumés, the third-ranked Horned Frogs better exert some serious game control against the Cyclones.

## Three of the top four teams lose?

Assuming it won't be TCU, the Big 12 would be looking good to get two teams in the field. TCU, Baylor, Ohio State and Arizona sounds about right in this scenario. If Baylor were to lose to K-State, the ninth-ranked Wildcats could become a viable option, though that scenario probably allows Georgia Tech to squeeze through.

## Alabama, Ohio State and Baylor lose?

This is how Missouri could get in. Assuming Arizona and Georgia Tech also lose, the final spot with Florida State, TCU

# Coaches say walk-ons are treated well

By Seve Megargee  
Associated Press

Coaches and players say the old stereotype of walk-ons as tackling dummies used to help their more highly recruited teammates prepare for games is far from reality.

Walk-ons like Ohio State's Kosta Karageorge — who was found dead Sunday after complaining about concussions — are often treated just as well as players on scholarship.

"Those (walk-on) kids love every second of it or they wouldn't do it," Buckeyes coach Urban Meyer said. Meyer said he had dinner with Karageorge a couple of times and got the sense the player enjoyed the walk-on experience.

But a former walk-on who wrote a book about his experiences said there's a caste system in place with walk-ons treated like second-class citizens.

Tim Lavin wrote a book last year titled "Walk-On U: The Shocking Truth Behind Football's Unsung Underdogs." He also has a Web site (www.walk-onu.com) with news stories on walk-ons and recently circulated a petition calling for better treatment of walk-ons. Lavin said he drew on his own experiences plus conversations with hundreds of current and former walk-ons throughout the country.

"Five years ago, I started poking around and investigating this stuff and I realized that nothing had really changed," said Lavin, who played for Southern California from 1988-91 and was on scholarship his final two years. "The walk-ons I spoke to were still suffering two decades later the same stuff that I went through."

Meyer and Wisconsin coach Gary Andersen, both former walk-ons, believe things have gotten better for walk-ons since their own playing careers. Andersen said he tries to make sure walk-ons are treated the same as his scholarship players.

"My goal (is) if I was to poll 115 kids in a room and said 'OK, mark every (player) that's on scholarship, or tell me who the walk-ons are,' I don't want them to know," Andersen said. Meyer and Andersen cited the NCAA rule change permitting schools to give walk-ons unlimited meals and snacks. Before the change this year, walk-ons eating at the training table had to pay the rate deducted from a scholarship player's board allowance for each meal. Meyer said Ohio State walk-on linebacker Joe Burger told him the rule change was saving him \$3,000 per semester.

There were some tough times there where I was scraping change together for some dollar-menu items," said Brock Collier, a walk-on offensive lineman at Tennessee from 2010-12. "That was all part of it then. Now that they've got the rule that you can feed walk-ons, that's awesome. It's something that's well deserved for those guys."

Colleges still can decide whether to provide those meals and snacks to walk-ons for free. Lavin said he knows of at least four major programs that still require walk-ons to pay for training-table privileges.

His petition calls for all student-athletes to have free training-table rights and asks that schools cover the medical insurance for all athletes. He also wants walk-ons to be allowed to transfer without sitting out a year of competition.

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Austin, Texas  
 November 12, 2014

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
 ON THE APPLICATION OF TABULA RASA ENERGY, LLC PURSUANT TO STATEWIDE RULE 36 TO OBTAIN PERMIT FOR THE INJECTION OF SALT WATER, NATURAL GAS, CARBON DIOXIDE GAS AND HYDROGEN SULFIDE GAS INTO THE SAN ANDRES FORMATION IN THE EMMA/SAN ANDRES UNIT FOR VARIOUS WELLS AND FOR APPROVAL OF THE SECONDARY/TERTIARY RECOVERY OPERATIONS IN THE EMMA (SAN ANDRES) UNIT

EMMA FIELD  
 ANDREWS COUNTY, TEXAS

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**APPLICATION HAS been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Mixed Beverage Permit, a Mixed Beverage Late Hours Permit, and a Food and Beverage Certificate by Margarita La Bodega, Inc. dba La Bodega Mexican Restaurant, to be located at 2700 N. Big Spring Street, Midland, Midland County, Texas 79705. Officers of said corporation are Margarit Morales - President, and Filiberto, aka Enrique, Espinoza - Vice-President.**

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**NOTICE**

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF DANIEL LABOWSKI, SR., DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of August, 2014, Letters Testamentary were issued to Daniel Labowski, Jr., as Independent Executor in proceedings in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, in Probate, styled "In the Matter of the Estate of Daniel Labowski, Sr., Deceased," being No. P-17954 in that Court, and which proceedings are still pending. All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to present the same to Daniel Labowski, Jr., 5100 South State Highway 349, Midland, Texas 79706, within the time prescribed by law.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public and to all interested persons that under the legal authority and jurisdiction of Title 3, Oil and Gas, Subtitles A, B, and C of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapters 26, 27 and 29 of the Texas Water Code, and TEX. GOVT CODE ANN. art. §§ 2001 et seq. (2013), the RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS will hold a hearing on DECEMBER 12, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. This hearing will be conducted in conformity with the TEX. GOVT CODE ANN. §§ 2001 et seq. (2013). For room assignment, on the date of the hearing please check the bulletin board in the 1st floor lobby. Persons planning to attend this hearing are urged to contact the applicant (see service list) immediately prior to the hearing date to be sure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date.

This hearing will be held to consider the application of Tabula Rasa Energy, LLC ("TRE") for a permit authorizing injection of salt water, natural gas, carbon dioxide and hydrogen sulfide into the San Andres formation in the Emma /San Andres/ Unit (Lessee # 08-19374) Well Nos. 1021, 1038, EM1, EM15, EM16, 1011, 1007W, 1061, 1049W, 1014, 1050, 1070, 1102, 1103, 1104, 1105, 1114, 1107, 1115, 1064, 900, 904, 1004W, 1006, 1065, 1009W, 707W, 710W, 701, 705, 708W, 706 and 504, and for approval of the Secondary/Tertiary Recovery Operations in said Emma (San Andres) Unit in the Emma Field in Andrews County Texas, pursuant to authority of 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 3.36 (Oil, Gas or Geothermal Resource Operation in Hydrogen Sulfide Areas).

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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Detailed bid packages will be available December 5, 2014. Questions will be accepted through December 15, 2014. Responses to this proposal, fully completed, are due no later than December 29, 2014. The winning bidder will be notified by 5 pm January 2, 2014 and will be expected to provide services beginning January 10, 2014.

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This Unit is located approximately 12 1/2 miles SSW of Andrews, TX. The unit comprises approximately 2390 acres. TRE is also requesting authority be granted for any replacement well within 200 feet of existing wells as specified in the application. These replacement wells will be designated with the letter "R" at the end of the above listed numbers. TRE further seeks Commission approval of secondary/tertiary recovery operations by carbon dioxide (CO2) with Hydrogen Sulfide (H2S), saltwater and natural gas injection in the Unintegrated Formation that is part of the Emma Field (Field No. 28899001) as recognized by the Railroad Commission.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Philip (Flip) Whitworth, at (512) 495-6300. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Railroad Commission at (512) 463-6848.

IF A CONTINUATION IS NECESSARY, this hearing will proceed at the William B. Travis State Office Building, Austin, Texas, and to the extent possible, on subsequent working days. The room number and exact time of the continuation will be announced on the record in this proceeding and recorded with Docket Services, Railroad Commission of Texas.

PURSUANT TO SAID HEARING, the Commission will enter such rules, regulations, and orders as in its judgment the evidence presented may justify.

ANY REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT of this hearing must be received no later than five (5) working days prior to the scheduled date shown above. Copies of such request must be forwarded to all parties shown on the service list.

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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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**Midland Reporter-Telegram**  
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**Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE**  
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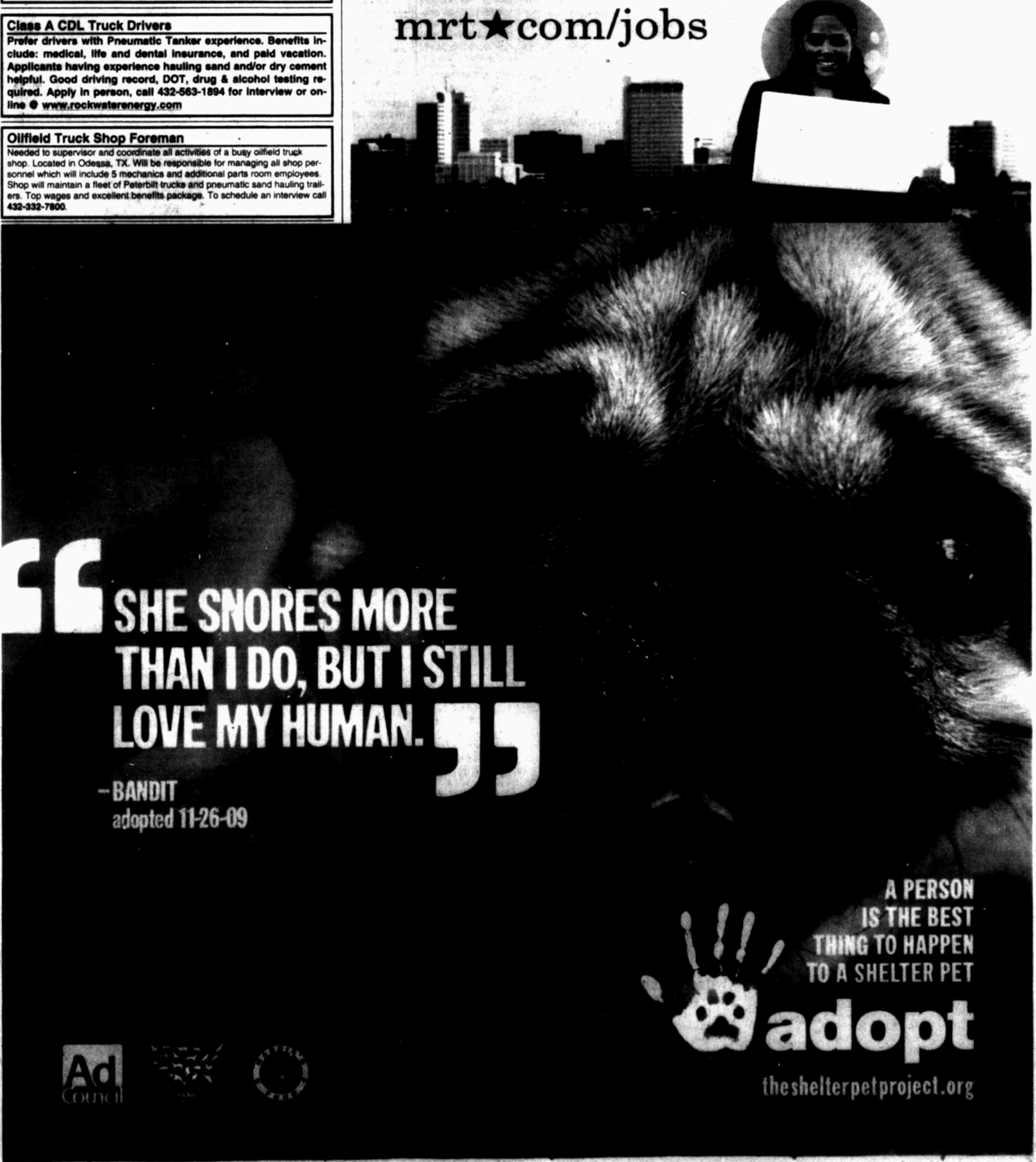
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**Furniture:** Rattan sofa, 2 chairs, ottoman, and 3 tables; several storage cabinets; leather chair & ottoman; Duncan Phyllis dresser, bench & chest; occasional tables; king-size bed complete; full-size bed complete; elegant display table; 5 file cabinets; several display cases  
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Look for our next sale starting on Friday December 12th with a 30 X 40 barn full of tools, motors, car parts, mowers, chainsaws and more. A home full of collectibles including a massive Dale Earnhardt collection. Will possibly take 3 days to sell it all.  
By: Linda L. Biden

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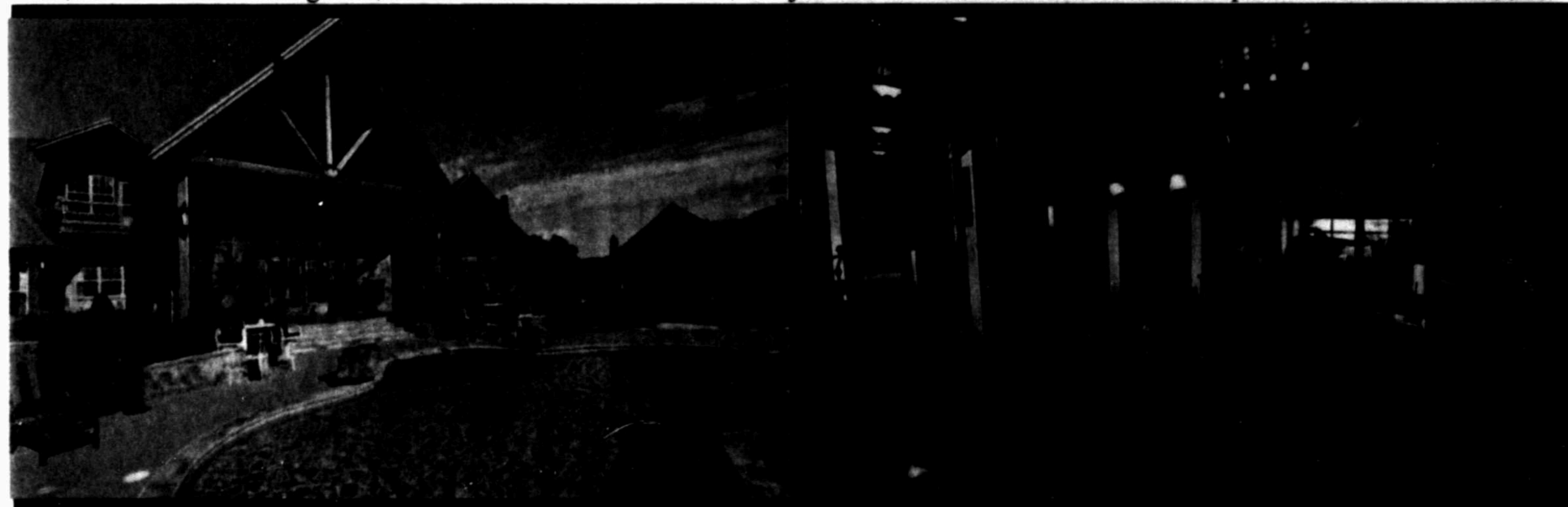
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