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PLOWING THROUGH

The Midland Christian football team put up 56 points in a record-setting shutout win Friday in the TAPPS playoffs. But can the Mustangs keep their momentum going into this week's contest?

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BUSH BOOK SIGNING

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

George W. Bush signs copies of his book "41" and greets patrons who purchased a copy Monday at Sam's Club.

People line up to see hometown president

By Joseph Basco
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George W. Bush, the 43rd president of the United States, came home on Monday, attracting Midlanders and Odessans to Sam's Club for a signing of the book he wrote about his father, the 41st president of the United States.

Bush greeted hundreds of people who bought one or multiple copies of "41: A Portrait of My Father," a series of anecdotes about George H.W. Bush. Those lucky enough to buy a book early were able to secure a copy autographed by George W. Bush. Those who bought a copy shortly before the event may not have had the book signed.

Gwen Guidoy, an Odessan who took a chance in the non-guaranteed line, wanted to get two copies to give as Christmas presents for her son and son-in-law. Guidoy said she came out for the book signing because she voted for both Bushes as presidents and admires them.

Online

See more photos of former President George W. Bush's book signing at mrt.com.

"His wife (Laura Bush) comes in to Midland, too, and speaks at different events," Guidoy said. "And I think that's really nice that they care enough about Texas to stay with us."

Though the store instructed customers to start lining up at noon, people began the waiting game before then. By 1:30 p.m., the line began moving and people were briskly greeting George W. Bush in a secluded location within the store and moving right out to get their autographed copy or copies.

The book, according to reviews, encompass George H.W. Bush's family life such as the bond between father and son, his political career, particularly his single term as U.S. president and policies. The Washington Post review notes that George W. Bush states in the beginning of the book that "41: A Portrait of My Father" is not objective, but rather a love story.

"I think that speaks well of him (George W. Bush,)" Guidoy said. "I think the whole family has to be admired because they have respect for each other."

One veteran who waited multiple hours to see George W. Bush said he really wanted the book because it was George H.W. Bush who sent him to war.

"I'm interested to read about his (George W. Bush) dad's wartime stuff, and his dad is a contemporary of my grandpa, and my grandpa was a Navy officer who fought in Pearl Harbor," said Midlander Daniel Allen, who noted that he was able to shake George W. Bush's hand, which was something that not everyone was able to do.

P&Z approves master planned community

■ Project will provide mixed residential, retail, office space

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The city's Planning and Zoning Commission approved a zone change that paves the way for the building of a master planned community that will take shape on the western edge of Midland off Andrews Highway and Avalon.

The project, which is being pushed for by Denver-based Continuum Partners, would bring more than 1 million square feet of new residential, office and retail space to the Tall City. It could take four to five years to build the entire neighborhood, according to the developers. The development would bring retail, restaurants, office space and residential apartments. But developers emphasized that the neighborhood would create a good walking and biking environment for residents.

"What people value in neighborhoods like this is the availability to walk to their amenities," said Continuum Partners CEO Mark Falcone. "So the homes have to be higher density, they have to be more compact because people walk a quarter of a mile, they don't regularly walk further than that."

The project is located just north of the $100 million campus being built by Chevron. The development will include a small hotel, and Falcone said his company was already in talks with multiple national hotel chains. Continuum is also in talks with retailers. He said that big box stores in their traditional layouts would not be included because these businesses and their large parking lots would not be conducive to the small-neighborhood feel.

Despite the long building process that Falcone predicted and the continuing fall in oil prices, the CEO said he believed that the development would be successful in the Midland market.

"Midland has been here when oil was $20 a barrel, and it's been here when oil has been $100 a barrel. Our evaluation of the Midland market was this is a pretty extraordinary community and it's got a lot of extraordinary people in it," he said. "And I know that many of those people are here because of the oil and gas industry, but I think a lot of those people are here when oil is high and they're also here when oil is low."

The land that Continuum is seeking to develop was previously being considered by Leon Capital Group, which envisioned a similar mixed-use of retail, residential, and office space, according to a page on the company's website. According to the online post, Leon Capital had received multiple offers from groups to purchase parts of the property. Neither Leon Capital nor Continuum Partners were able to be reached to confirm that

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Halliburton to buy rival Baker Hughes for $35 billion

Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — A public fight and threats of a corporate coup nearly upended the $35 billion deal announced Monday to tie up the world's second- and third-biggest oilfield service companies.

"The stars have to align for these things to happen," Halliburton CEO Dave Lesar told the Houston Chronicle in an interview, not long after his company struck a deal to buy Baker Hughes. Just last Friday, his company was threatening a hostile takeover.

But turning a battle into a deal may have been the easy part. The two companies, both headquartered in Houston with 15,000 local employees, now face a problem as old as the U.S. oil industry itself — an echo of the days when 19th-century government trust-busters took action against John D. Rockefeller's market-dominating Standard Oil.

With $52 billion in combined global revenues and a tangle of overlapping businesses in shale and deep-water oilfields, a merged Halliburton and Baker Hughes, along with their bigger rival Schlumberger, would control too much of the oil-tool market for regulators' tastes, analysts and legal experts say.

The Department of Justice will take an especially hard look at where the merged companies overlap with Schlumberger's businesses, said Bruce McDonald, an antitrust lawyer with Jones Day.

"One of the most important factors in the DOJ's decision-making will be whether customers think there's insufficient competition after the merger."

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Baker Hughes employees concerned about layoffs

Ryan Holeywell
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — News that two of Houston's energy icons had reached a merger deal made for an anxious start to the work week for employees facing well-founded fears that a projected $2 billion in related efficiencies will include job cuts.

Neither company has revealed details about how many or what kinds of jobs might be eliminated, leaving room for speculation among nervous workers and analysts.

"There's going to be some overlap in responsibilities," said Kurt Hallead, an analyst at RBC Capital Markets. "You don't need two people to have one role."

Together, Halliburton and Baker Hughes have about 15,000 employees in Houston and 136,000 employees worldwide.

The companies haven't said how much of the $2 billion in what they call "cost synergies" would come from job cuts.

"Basically, the mood is nobody knows what's going on," said one Baker Hughes

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Energy prices

WTI Futures	$75.64	▼ $0.18
WTI Posted	$72.20	– $0.00
WTS Posted	$66.20	– $0.00
Natural Gas	$4.541	▲ $0.321
Gasoline	$2.776	▼ $0.039

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ Spanish Storytime and Tesoro Playgroup, 10:30 a.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us

■ George Carden Circus at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org

Meetings today

City Council
10 a.m.
City Hall Council Chambers
301 N. Loraine St.

Midland College
4 p.m.
Gibson boardroom, Administration Building
Midland College campus

MISD
5:30 p.m.
First floor boardroom
615 W. Missouri Ave.

Community calendar

■ A small business expo is planned for from 8-10:30 a.m. today at the Carrasco Room in the Scharbauer Student Center at Midland College. More than 20 local vendors will be represented. The holiday shopping event is free and open to public.

The event is hosted by the Midland College Business & Economic Development Center, The Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the University of Texas of the Permian Basin Small Business Development Center.

For more information, comtact Amber Vandennieuwenhof at 682-2960 or amber@midlandhcc.com.

■ Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at the Permian Basin's monthly Lunch 'n Learn is noon Wednesday at 800 W. Fourth St., Odessa.

Melanie Gordon-Sheets, Ph.D., associate professor and clinical psychologist at Texas Tech University, will be speaking on self-destructive behaviors.

The presentation is free and lunch will be served. To register, call 620-1023 or visit www.eventbrite.com/e/mental-munchies-tickets-13615503337.

■ Midland Health & Senior Services, 3303 W. Illinois Ave. at Kingsway, mall, is offering the flu vaccine. Cost is $35; insurance and Medicare are accepted. For more information, call 681-7613.

Club meetings, support groups

■ Survivors of sexual abuse, interactive Bible study to help deal with the consequences of sexual abuse, meets Tuesdays. Child care available. House of Hope, 570 S935.

■ The Helping Hand Metastatic Cancer Support Group meets noon Texas Tech Physicians of the Permian Basin Clinic, Room 2108. Lunch will be served. To RSVP, call Amber Chavez at 620-1023.

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

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

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

■ Classic Movie Club, 7 p.m., Cigar Frog's, 216 N. Main St., 687-1671.

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

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

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

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

■ Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1303 E. Taylor, bingo games 7 p.m.

■ National Active & Retired Federal Employees meet 6 p.m., Jack E. Brown Dining Hall at Midland College. For information, call 634-7826.

■ Pop-Up Toasters Toastmasters Club, 6:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church's Family Life Center - Room 228, 800 W. Texas Ave., 432-242-2061 or popuptoasters@gmail.com.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 7-9-4
Pick 3 day: 7-3-9
Pick 3 evening: 0-9-3
Pick 3 night: 6-7-1
Daily 4 morning: 8-9-2-6
Daily 4 day: 1-4-2-5
Daily 4 evening: 3-6-0-5
Daily 4 night: 4-9-1-0
Cash Five: 7-9-22-29-36
Texas Two Step: 1-10-17-28 BB: 24
All or Nothing morning: 2-3-6-8-9-11-12-13-17-18-19-22
All or Nothing day: 1-5-6-7-8-11-13-16-17-20-23-24
All or Nothing evening: 1-3-5-7-10-11-13-16-18-19-21-22
All or Nothing night: x1-3-4-5-6-10-13-14-15-17-20-24

Today in history

In 1883, the United States and Canada adopted a system of Standard Time zones.

In 1928, Walt Disney's first sound-synchronized animated cartoon, "Steamboat Willie" starring Mickey Mouse, premiered in New York.

In 1966, U.S. Roman Catholic bishops did away with the rule against eating meat on Fridays outside of Lent.

In 1999, 12 people were killed when a bonfire under construction at Texas A&M University collapsed. A jury in Jasper convicted Shawn Allen Berry of murder for his role in the dragging death of James Byrd Jr., but spared him the death penalty.

MOTOR focuses on I-20 in 25-year plan

■ Total cost of funds close to $217 million

By Joseph Basco
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The MOTOR board on Monday approved a 25-year plan that identifies Interstate 20 as a corridor in need of funding for improvements.

Some of the projects in need of state and federal funding include a $11.8 million reconstruction of the Interstate 20 and West Loop 250 interchange, a $25.5 million reconstruction of the I-20 and Lamesa Road interchange, and a $13.2 million reconstruction of the I-20 and Farm-to-Market 1788 interchange. Regarding the latter intersection, MOTOR executive director Cameron Walker said there likely is 75 percent industrial traffic in this congested intersection.

"I-20 is a very important corridor within our metropolitan area boundary," Walker said. "It carries a lot of truck traffic, and there's two-way frontage roads on it that are outdated at this time, so we're looking to improve the intersections."

Other than I-20 interchanges, some of the top priorities include Loop 338 at U.S. Highway 285 North, FM 1788 at State Highway 191, and a Loop 250 extension from Fairgrounds Road to Todd Road.

The funding for these projects and others listed in the MOTOR "Vision 2040 Plan" is estimated to be in the $217 million range which would come from various federal and state methods including the Texas voter approved Proposition 1 (the state oil and gas production tax). Walker said the actual funding that may be received could be more or less than 20 percent of that $217 million.

"No one knows how much Proposition 1 money is going to pass through the Legislature into Texas Department of Transportation's hands and into our metropolitan area boundary," Walker said. "We have estimated that it'll be $6 million per year of additional funding for a minimum of a six- year period."

The projects initially had definitive construction dates attached to them, but the MOTOR board suggested that the dates become "soft targets" in case funding veers off course from current estimates.

The last time MOTOR completed a long-term plan was 2009. The board is required to make a long-term plan every five years to ensure it qualifies for transportation funding.

Walker did not rule out the possibility that the board, comprised of city and county officials from Midland and Odessa, may identify more projects within the next five years.

LAYOFFS

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employee who works in equipment manufacturing and requested anonymity for fear of repercussions. "We all know the CEO's going to be taken care of ... but for the people that make Baker run and go, we are worried about our jobs and what this means."

In a private interview on Facebook, he said Baker Hughes sent an internal memo to workers notifying them of the deal, but it didn't address concerns about employment.

Another Baker Hughes employee, who also asked not to be identified, said via private message on Twitter that Monday brought "a lot of questions and uncertainty" at work.

Other workers also took to social media to express their worry about what the transaction means for their careers.

"Great — now I get to worry about layoffs for the next year or so while we merge," wrote one person who identified himself as a Baker Hughes employee on the Internet forum Reddit.

The companies have said they don't expect the deal to close until the second half of 2015.

Layoffs are common in the wake of corporate mergers when companies work to boost earnings of newly combined businesses by scrapping overlapping positions.

When Chevron and Texaco merged in 2000, the companies announced 4,000 layoffs. Exxon and Mobil announced 9,000 layoffs when they merged in 1998.

Employee 'churn' possible

Hallead said it's too early to know the prospects for employees of the two companies. In addition to job cuts, the businesses are likely to face some employee "churn" over the next year, as workers seek new jobs rather than risk getting laid off.

The deal could have "significant ramifications" across the area's employment landscape with hundreds or thousands of skilled workers open to career moves, said Keith Wolf, managing director of Murray Resources, a Houston recruiting and staffing firm. He said some employees already might be in recruiters' cross-hairs.

"In the short term, the newly combined company will need to placate employees who are suddenly nervous about losing their jobs," Wolf wrote in an email. "Many of these folks have probably anticipated as close to lifetime employment as you can hope for in this day and age. You don't expect to wake up one day to learn that your Fortune 150, 100-year-old employer has been sold."

Anthony Love, an independent accountant who previously worked for Baker Hughes and lost his job in 2009 when oil prices sank, said he's contacting Baker Hughes employees to offer his services in helping them establish themselves as independent consultants.

"The handwriting is on the wall," Love said. "They know it's coming."

Cuts likely to start in Houston

Workers most likely to suffer job losses are those in back-office functions, said Bill Gilmer, director of the Institute for Regional Forecasting at the University of Houston. Those cuts could be especially pronounced here in Houston. "It's two Houston-based companies merging, so whatever efficiencies they talk about are obviously going to start here in the Houston area," Gilmer said.

Jobs that support the corporate infrastructure — including investor relations, accounting and human resources — are at risk of elimination because the merging companies both have people in these functions.

"You don't need two HR functions, you don't need two accounting functions, and you don't need two marketing functions," said Patrick Jankowski, vice president of research at the Greater Houston Partnership.

Workers in field operations at the core of both businesses, like those who manufacture equipment or work on hydraulic fracturing crews, aren't as likely to lose their jobs as those who work in corporate functions, he said.

Jankowski said immediate job cuts aren't likely, but the companies might slow their hiring as the transaction proceeds. "If they know they're getting ready to merge, they're probably going to reevaluate their current hiring needs," Jankowski said.

Halliburton's top man dismissed that notion. "Remember, both companies are growing, and growing companies always create opportunities for good talent," CEO David Lesar said on a conference call with analysts Monday. He added that Halliburton alone is looking to hire 21,000 workers this year.

Lesar's job is secure, as the deal puts him at the head of the merged company.

Better outlook in long term

Robert Mackenzie, an analyst at Iberia Capital Partners, said that while cuts are coming, the new company may boost hiring long-term.

"This isn't your typical industrial merger, where two companies move to cut costs and save money by firing people," he said.

But for now, the companies will need to focus on keeping workers motivated as they face uncertainty. "That's a always a challenge when there's a risk of job cuts," he said. "It really taxes your management ability."

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McDonald said.

The deal would eliminate Halliburton's closest competitor and almost certainly will generate misgivings among antitrust regulators from around the globe, said Diana Moss, vice president of the American Antitrust Association.

"When companies face scrutiny in multiple jurisdictions, that's a high hurdle to get through," Moss said. "There's no reason to expect they will all fall in line."

Lesar said it's too early to speculate on what might happen with regulators but that the companies plan to engage U.S. authorities early: "We will make our first call to the DOJ this morning."

Deal in works for years

Over the weekend, Lesar and Martin Craighead, the CEO of Baker Hughes, met on Craighead's home turf at the company's office in downtown Houston to end decades of competition and to hammer out one of the oil industry's biggest corporate takeovers ever. It's a deal that leaders of Halliburton and Baker Hughes had talked about for years but could never clinch, Lesar said.

As pressure began to mount for both companies to avoid a drawn-out boardroom battle, the two broke news of the deal for $35 billion in cash and stock early Monday, just a few days after deal talks were disrupted by strife over the company's offering price.

"There's always a bit of theater involved," Lesar said. "But at the end of the day, it made sense."

Craighead didn't say whether he would stay on with the merged company but said he and his team of executives are committed to seeing the deal through to its end. He made $8.99 million last year. If he leaves the company, his final payday could be $26.5 million, according to a change-in-control agreement in the company's regulatory filings.

New entity, old name

The companies said Monday that the merged entity will be named Halliburton and headquartered in Houston. Both have Houston bases now, but Halliburton also has a headquarters in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Lesar, who will stay in his role to lead the company, said they haven't made specific determinations on combining office space.

The deal, Lesar said in a conference call with investors, will allow the company to make "an even larger franchise" of its extensive logistics network, which includes silos and rail cars that provide sand to U.S. hydraulic fracturing sites.

Antitrust experts say the companies, which together have 136,000 employees around the world, probably will unload some of the key assets that built their empires, possibly including Halliburton's well-cementing business and Baker Hughes' drill bits. That process may be painful in Houston, where much of the job market is tied to oilfield service companies.

"I expect it will take up to a year," said Kimberly Priest-Johnson, an antitrust attorney in Dallas. "Ultimately the deal will go through, but they might have to chip away at the business. It clearly could mean job cuts."

The deal is set to close in the second half of next year, most likely following intense scrutiny from regulators in the United States, Europe, Latin America and elsewhere. Priest-Johnson said the global businesses might not be able to merge in every market, so the companies might have to spin off operations in certain locations.

Combined, the merged entity and its biggest rival, Schlumberger, will have well over half the global market share in most of the oil-field tools used to harvest crude, according to Spears & Associates. Schlumberger will remain the world's largest oilfield services company.

Still, analysts noted that Halliburton is confident enough its antitrust lawyers will pull through that it agreed to pay Baker Hughes a $3.5 billion breakup fee if the deal doesn't work out.

In a news release announcing the deal, the companies said they could jettison businesses with sales of up to $7.5 billion if required by regulators.

Halliburton said Monday that in North America, the merger will boosts its finances by $620 million through a reduction in headcount and by running its businesses more efficiently. Globally, those same strategies will account for $2 billion.

Costly acquisition

But getting to that point is easier said than done. Selling off businesses at a time when oil prices have fallen dramatically means the companies will have to settle for lower price tags.

Indeed, that oil price slump that greased the wheels of the deal probably will hinder its profitability, said Praveen Kumar, a finance professor at the University of Texas.

"The disposition of assets is going to be a problem in this market," Kumar said. "That makes the acquisition even more costly."

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HOUSTON

Texas constable gets probation for diverting funds

A Harris County constable who's been in office more than 25 years has been sentenced to probation after pleading guilty to financial wrongdoing amid allegations that he spent charity funds on gambling.

Precinct 6 Constable Victor Trevino was sentenced to 10 years' probation Monday, one week after pleading guilty to misapplying fiduciary property. He also resigned when he entered his plea.

The 62-year-old Trevino could have been sentenced to up to 10 years in prison.

Prosecutors said Trevino, who was first elected in 1988, siphoned donations from an educational charity he started and spent the money at a casino or on lottery tickets. He also was accused of using deputies for non-county jobs.

FORT WORTH

Man gets long prison term for beating gay man

A federal judge has sentenced a North Texas man to more than 15 years in federal prison after he pleaded guilty to kidnapping and severely beat a gay man he met through an online service.

Brice Johnson could have received a life sentence for crime, even though prosecutors dropped a hate crime count against the 19-year-old Springtown man in return for his June 20 plea.

However, in assessing the 183-month sentence on Monday, U.S. District Judge Reed O'Connor concluded Johnson kidnapped the man because of his sexual orientation.

AUSTIN

Fugitive sex offender's skull found by dog ID'd

Federal marshals say DNA tests have confirmed that a human skull found by a dog in southeastern Austin belonged to a fugitive sex offender who vanished after escaping a halfway house a year ago.

Kevin Patrick Stoeser escaped the Austin Transitional Center in October 2013 while serving a 13-year sentenced for child sexual assault and possession of child pornography. He had pleaded guilty to the charged in 2003.

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the property had been purchased from Leon Capital by Continuum Partners.

A debate over billboards that flared up at the last Planning and Zoning meeting continued as commission members, residents and advertisers debated the ordinances and quality-of-life issues. Residents complained that one sign, which was to be placed near the intersection of North Big Spring Street and West. Oak Avenue, was in danger of distracting drivers in an area with a school, and that accidents were already prevalent at the intersection. Many people also voiced concerns that such a billboard would be detrimental to their property values.

Also at Monday's meeting, the commission approved a zone change from Planned District for a Shopping Center (PD) and One-Family Dwelling District (1F-1) to Multiple-Family Dwelling District (MF-1) for the Sinclair Village located between Andrews Highway and Sinclair Avenue. The development will have 10 one-story buildings with eight living units; one-, two- and three-bedroom rental units will be available.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Lionel Del Rio, 30, of Midland was charged Sunday with theft between $1,500 and $20,000.

Ramon D. Hernandez, 25, of Midland was charged Sunday with possession of a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams.

Dustin D. Lappen, 25, of Midland was charged Sunday with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Robert Owens, 21, of Midland was charged Sunday with tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

Isaac D. Provencio, 19, of Midland was charged Sunday with possession of a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams.

Pavlen R. Ramos, 29, of Midland was charged Sunday with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon on a date, family or household member.

Marco Rincon, 22, (no place of residence listed), was charged Sunday with burglary of a habitation.

Guillermo O. Soto, 23, of Midland was charged Sunday with racing on a highway with two previous convictions.

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Greenwood ISD closes on trailer park purchase

By Tessa Duvall
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Greenwood ISD has officially closed the deal on a 5.89 acre trailer park located at 10708 Farm-to-Market Road 307 adjacent to the district and behind the Greenwood Country Store, Superintendent Ariel Elliott said.

The purchase was finalized Thursday, Elliott said.

The board of trustees approved the $187,500 deal for employee housing at its September meeting.

The district will not rent out trailers, just the spots for employees to put trailers, Elliott said. There is room for approximately 20 trailers.

The rental rate for a spot has yet to be determined, but Elliott said he believes the board will decide at its December meeting. It will be "an affordable alternative to most other places," he said.

"We're not trying to make money off of it," Elliott said.

The district hopes the purchase will allow its employees to find more affordable housing and act as a recruiting tool to bring in new employees who may otherwise struggle to find a place to live.

There are currently five district employees living on the property, Elliott said.

Grid operator says EPA rule would be costly

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — The electric distribution grid operator for most of Texas said Monday that a federal mandate to slash carbon emissions nationwide would challenge power reliability in Texas and raise consumer electricity costs by as much as 20 percent as half the state's coal-fired power plants shut down.

The state would have to invest billions in new transmission lines, and reliability might be jeopardized at peak times around cities if the plan is implemented as quickly as the federal agency has proposed, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas said in a report Monday.

Under the plan unveiled in June, Texas, the biggest emitter of greenhouse gases and industrial pollution in the nation, would need to cut emissions by 39 percent. The EPA's broader plan calls for a 30 percent nationwide reduction by 2030.

In the short-term, ERCOT planner Warren Lasher said, retail electricity prices would increase because of more expensive energy supplies.

Prices could rise as much as 20 percent, without accounting for the cost of investments in transmission lines and other infrastructure.

"The ability to implement this plan or one like it is a good distance away," Lasher said.

However, EPA spokesman David Gray said the agency offers "a large toolbox is available to planners," to ensure states and regions have adequate energy supplies.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality spokeswoman Andrea Morrow says the agency that regulates the state's underground resources — including coal — will file its comments to the EPA by a Dec. 1 deadline. The EPA must issue a final rule by June 2015.

Texas Gov.-elect Greg Abbott has repeatedly sued the EPA and has said the recent proposal is part of a "job-killing agenda" that threatens the state's booming energy industry.

The EPA is relying heavily on governors to help develop an emission-cutting strategy within three years but can create its own plan for states that refuse. But it is unclear how the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency would force Texas to comply with its new standards.

AP file photo

Shift supervisor Greg Moore works at the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, or ERCOT, in Austin in 2010. The operator of the electric distribution grid for most of Texas says a federal mandate to slash carbon emissions nationwide would jeopardize power reliability in Texas and raise costs for consumers.

Chemical plant had violations

Associated Press

LA PORTE — State records show dozens of minor or moderate state environmental violations since 2009 at a Houston-area DuPont chemical plant where four people died from toxic fumes over the weekend.

The plant, however, which covers 600 acres along the Houston Ship Channel in LaPorte and has operated since 1956, has received a satisfactory rating from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, according to the agency's records. The plant holds more than 150 environmental permits covering air, water and handling of hazardous material.

A team of investigators from the U.S. Chemical Safety Board began work at the plant Monday, two days after the four employees died in the release of methyl mercaptan — a chemical used in the manufacture of insecticide and fungicide and also used to provide odor to natural gas.

LOCAL BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Man allegedly chokes woman with her own hair

A 29-year-old Midland man was arrested Sunday for allegedly choking a woman with her own hair and breaking her nose with a laptop, according to court documents.

Favian Rodriguez Ramos was being held Monday on a $5,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon on a date, family or household member.

A Midland police officer responded to a disturbance at about 12:45 a.m. Sunday in the 1200 block of West Washington Avenue.

The woman said that Ramos was upset because of a conversation he read on her cellphone. An argument ensued and Ramos grabbed her hair and started choking her with her hair, according to the arrest affidavit.

Ramos left the residence and the woman began searching for her phone, which she could not find following the altercation. Ramos then came back and punched her, slapped her and threw a laptop at her face according to the affidavit. Her nose was broken in the incident, according to the affidavit.

Ramos left the residence, and when the officer found him, he denied involvement in the assault, according to the affidavit.

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

Man accused of robbing 7-Eleven at gunpoint

A 17-year-old man was arrested Monday for allegedly robbing a convenience store at gunpoint and stuffing the money in his sock, according to court documents.

Tevionn Yamontrell Coffield was being held Monday on a $50,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of aggravated robbery.

A Midland police officer responded to the robbery at about 1:25 a.m. Monday at the 7-Eleven convenience store at 3200 North Garfield Street.

The suspect was last seen riding a bicycle away from the scene after wielding a pistol and obtaining cash from the store.

The officer traveled west and saw the suspect running through an intersection. He detained the man, identified as Coffield, and took a large "wad of cash" from the suspect's sock, according to the arrest affidavit.

Coffield told the officer that he had been hanging out with his girlfriend and that he knew nothing about the robbery. Coffield asked if the officer had found the gun. When the officer said they found a gun, Coffield asked what kind of gun it was but wouldn't elaborate on why he wanted to know about the gun, according to the affidavit.

Coffield later told the officer that $120 of the money found in his sock was from the convenience store, the affidavit states.

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

Man accused of wielding pocket knife during altercation

A 25-year-old Midland man was arrested Sunday for allegedly wielding a pocket knife during an altercation, according to court documents.

Dustin Dale Lappen was being held Monday on a $20,500 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and a class B misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

A Midland police officer responded at about 12:40 a.m. Sunday to a disturbance in the 200 block of North Dewberry Drive.

The officer heard a man yelling angrily inside the home and could see a woman standing next to the front door. The officer entered the home and detained the man, identified as Lappen, who at one point tried to charge at a woman inside the home, according to the arrest affidavit. He also kicked off one of his boots in an attempt to hit a man inside the home, according to the affidavit.

Lappen allegedly pulled out a pocket knife during an altercation, and was later found with a small bag of marijuana, the affidavit states.

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

City spokeswoman: SUV hits man in motorized wheelchair

A man using a motorized wheelchair was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital with minor injuries Monday afternoon after he was hit by an SUV.

The man had just gotten off an EZ Rider bus at an eastbound stop on Wall Street. He then crossed in front of the bus, attempted to cross Wall Street and was struck by an eastbound Toyota SUV, said Sara Bustilloz, the city's spokeswoman.

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By Michael Melson
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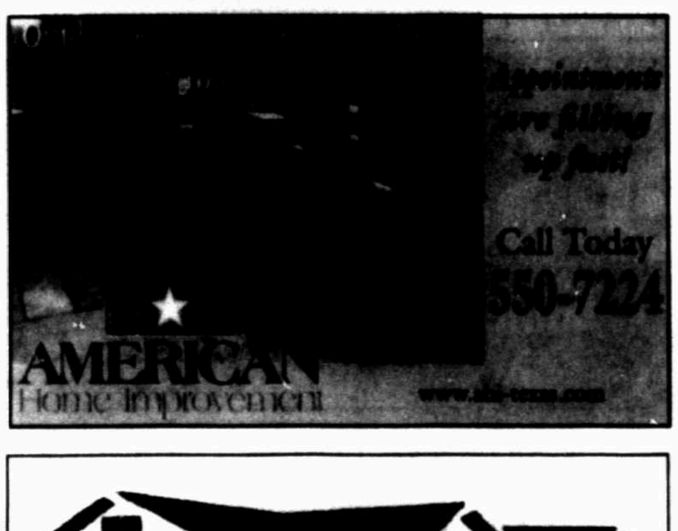

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Study lifts cloud over heart drugs Zetia, Vytorin

Associated Press

CHICAGO — A major study lifts a cloud around Zetia and Vytorin, blockbuster drugs for lowering cholesterol. The study found that these pills modestly lower the risk of heart attacks and other problems in people at high risk for them — evidence that's been missing for more than a decade as the drugs racked up billions in sales.

Doctors have long focused on lowering LDL, or bad cholesterol, to prevent heart disease. Statins like Lipitor, Crestor and Zocor are the main medicines for this, and a lot of research shows they work.

Merck & Co.'s ezetimibe, which went on sale in 2002, lowers cholesterol in a different way. It's sold as Zetia and, as a combo pill with Zocor, as Vytorin. The drug won Food and Drug Administration approval for lowering LDL, but some studies suggested that might not translate to fewer heart attacks and strokes. One study even questioned whether it raised the chance of cancer.

The new study found that people at high risk of heart problems who took Vytorin for seven years cut their risk of suffering one by 6 percent — by 8 percent if they took the drug most faithfully — compared to others taking just Zocor. Vytorin also proved safe.

"We've answered all the questions. Now we know that with this different way of lowering cholesterol, you can in fact prevent heart attacks and strokes," said one study leader, Dr. Christopher Cannon of Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

"This is the first time that something added to statins has been shown to be beneficial," he added.

Results were revealed Monday at an American Heart Association conference in Chicago.

"I'm impressed" that a non-statin can help, said Dr. Sidney C. Smith Jr., a former Heart Association president from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

"It expands the options," especially for the many people who can't tolerate a statin or get their cholesterol low enough on one, said Dr. Neil Stone, a Northwestern University cardiologist.

Even a longtime Vytorin critic, the Cleveland Clinic's Dr. Steven Nissen, said the study gave "a solid result" and evidence that very low cholesterol cuts heart risks.

To be clear: The study doesn't mean that Zetia and Vytorin can help people who have not yet suffered a heart problem. The 18,000 study participants either had a recent heart attack or worsening chest pain from a severely clogged artery. About 1.1 million people face this situation in the United States alone each year.

Half were given Vytorin and the rest were given Zocor alone.

Average LDL levels went from 95 at the start of the study to 70 with the combo pill Vytorin. About 15 percent of Zocor users had a heart attack versus 13 percent of those on Vytorin. Other heart-related problems also were less common with Vytorin.

For every 56 people taking Vytorin for seven years, one additional heart attack, stroke or heart-related death would be prevented.

The study was sponsored by Merck and many doctors involved in it consult for the company or other heart drug makers.

Zetia and Vytorin had global sales of $4.25 billion in 2013. They cost about $6.50 per pill, and generic versions will be available in about two years.

High-dose statins may be a cheaper way to get LDL very low, but studies haven't compared that option to adding Zetia or Vytorin.

One study leader who takes Zetia — Duke University's Dr. Robert Califf — said many on it are like him, unable to tolerate a high enough dose of a statin to drop LDL low enough.

The results also boost the prospects for newer drugs many companies are developing to lower cholesterol even more. They block PCSK9, a substance that interferes with the liver's ability to remove cholesterol from the blood.

"It's a bit of a limbo dance," said Dr. Lori Mosca, a cardiologist from Columbia University and New York-Presbyterian Hospital, and an American Heart spokeswoman. "How low can you go before you get no more benefit?"

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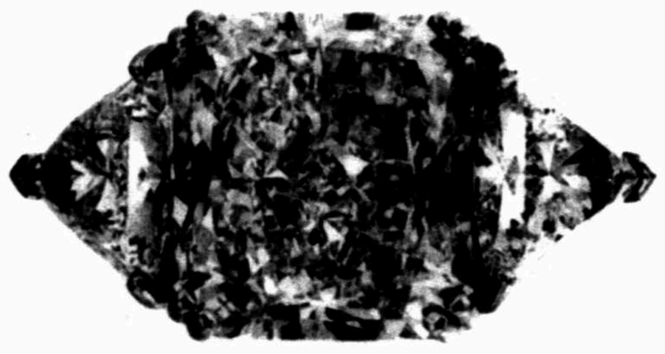

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Hellmann's tweaks site in 'mayonnaise' spat

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Hellmann's mayonnaise has some egg on its face.

After suing a small California company for calling its eggless product "Just Mayo," Hellman's maker Unilever tweaked references on its websites to products that aren't exactly mayonnaise either.

Unilever's suit accuses Hampton Creek, the maker of Just Mayo, of false advertising because its product has no eggs and therefore doesn't meet the definition for mayonnaise. The suit says the word mayo implies the product is mayonnaise, and that Just Mayo is "stealing market share from Hellmann's."

Michele Simon, a public health lawyer, said she was discussing the case with Hampton Creek's founder this Friday when they noticed customer reviews on Unilever's websites for Hellmann's and Best Foods were being changed to describe some products as "mayonnaise dressing" rather than "mayonnaise."

The Unilever products in question do not have enough vegetable oil to qualify as mayonnaise.

"They were changing right before our eyes," Simon said.

Mike Faherty, vice president of foods for Unilever North America, said the company decided to make the changes after the issues were raised in a letter from Hampton Creek on Nov. 4. In retrospect, Faherty said Unilever should've taken down the customer comments in question, rather than editing them.

The page for the company's balsamic mayonnaise dressing was taken down because the product was discontinued, he said.

The sites had also been changed several months ago to rename "Canola Cholesterol Free Mayonnaise" as "Canola Cholesterol Free Mayonnaise Dressing." Faherty said the company didn't have to add the word "dressing" since the "cholesterol free" modifier already signals to people the product is not mayonnaise. He said Unilever decided to "provide even more of a qualifier than we need to."

A Unilever representative, Anita Larsen, later clarified that the company added the word "dressing" to "Canola Cholesterol Free Mayonnaise" to prepare for an upcoming reformulation of the product. She did not have details on what the changes would entail.

Faherty said Unilever's website changes were a "side issue" to the real problem — Just Mayo's labeling. In addition to the name, Faherty called out the image of a giant egg with a pea shoot inside it on Just Mayo's jars, which he said makes people think there's egg in the product.

"My mom and your mom are shopping for Thanksgiving right now, and there's a false label in the mayonnaise category," Faherty said. "Their label right now should be 'Just Not Mayo.'"

He said Unilever, based in the United Kingdom and the Netherlands, is open to settling the matter through talks, but that the company hasn't heard back from Hampton Creek.

Josh Tetrick, founder Hampton Creek, said he is open to talks with Unilever and has been in discussions with the Food and Drug Administration over the situation. He said he's confident Just Mayo won't have to change its name since the FDA's standard of identity is for "mayonnaise" and not "mayo." That's why Hampton Creek called its product "Just Mayo" to begin with, he said.

The label for Just Mayo also states the product is egg-free, Tetrick said.

Tetrick founded Hampton Creek to make foods that use plant proteins instead of eggs so that they're healthier and better for the environment. The company also sells a cookie that is made without eggs, and is developing other products, such as pasta.

Tetrick said Unilever's lawsuit has resulted in enormous publicity for Hampton Creek, which is based in San Francisco. A petition on Change.org asking Unilever to "stop bullying sustainable food companies" had more than 38,000 supporters on Monday afternoon.

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MICHAEL GERSON
Washington Post Writers Group

Pope Francis' American honeymoon is over (though the whole idea of a papal honeymoon smacks of Borgia-era excess).

At first, some political conservatives complained that Francis was showing insufficient respect for distinguished Catholic theologians such as Adam Smith and Milton Friedman. But now, more thoughtful Catholic writers wonder if the pope (who conspicuously marries cohabiting couples) is laying the groundwork for more substantive changes on the sacrament of marriage and access to the Eucharist for the divorced and remarried. This, argues Ross Douthat of The New York Times would "sow confusion among the church's orthodox adherents" and raise the (undesired) prospect of "schism."

The event occasioning these concerns was the recent Extraordinary Synod on the Family, which lived up to its billing. The pope invited participants to speak their mind "without fear," which revealed a series of divisions between the theological left and right, as well as between the developed and the developing worlds. "Francis," says journalist Christina Odone, "achieved miracles with his compassionate, off-the-cuff comments that detoxified the Catholic brand. He personifies optimism — but when he tries to turn this into policy he isn't in command of the procedures or the details. The result is confusion."

This seems to be the main concern of Catholic traditionalists: confusion. Francis is cultivating debate within the church about an essential social institution — and the value of relationships outside it — even as that institution is under assault by the world (at least in parts of the world where the sexual revolution continues its relentless march). In the middle of an important cultural conflict, Francis sounds an uncertain trumpet.

The pope himself seems unconcerned, continuing his unpredictable riff. He embraces the Big Bang. He appears in selfies. He criticizes euthanasia. He invites Patti Smith, the godmother of punk, to perform at the Vatican. He cashiers opponents. He calls the Kingdom of God "a party" (which is precisely how the founder of the Christian faith referred to it). He is a man, by his own account, with no patience for "sourpusses."

As a Protestant, I have no particular insight into the internal theological debates of Catholicism. But the participants seem to inhabit different universes. One side (understandably) wants to shore up the certainties of an institution under siege. Francis begins from a different point: a pastoral passion to meet people where they are — to recognize some good, even in their brokenness, and to call them to something better. That something better is not membership in a stable institution, or even the comforts of ethical religion; it is a relationship with Jesus, from which all else follows.

Instead of being a participant in a cultural battle, Francis says, "I see the church as a field hospital after battle." First you sew up the suffering (which, incidentally, includes all of us). "Then we can talk about everything else. Heal the wounds." The temptation, in his view, is to turn faith into ideology. "The faith passes," he recently said, "through a distiller and becomes ideology. And ideology does not beckon [people]. In ideologies there is not Jesus; in his tenderness, his love, his meekness. And ideologies are rigid, always. ... The knowledge of Jesus is transformed into an ideological and also moralistic knowledge, because these close the door with many requirements."

The message seems simple. It actually highlights a complexity at the heart of Christianity. Its founder coupled a call for ethical heroism (don't even lust in your heart) with a disdain for institutional religion and self-righteous clericalism. And this has been disorienting to institutionalists from the start.

Francis has devoted serious attention to reforming the institutional expression — particularly the finances — of the Catholic Church. But he has chosen to emphasize the most subversive and challenging aspects of Christian faith. He really does view rigidity, clericalism and hypocrisy as just as (or more) damaging as sexual matters. Liberals want to incorporate this into their agenda. But the pope has his own, quite different agenda — which has nothing to do with our forgettable ideological debates. It is always revolutionary, and confusing to the faithful, when a religious leader believes that the Sabbath (including all the rules and institutions of religion) was made for man, and not the other way around.

Perhaps Francis is destined to be a divisive force within his church and an inspiration outside it (a theory that may be tested during his upcoming American visit). But I am inclined to defend his influence with all the zeal of a non-convert. While popes may or may not be infallible, this one is marvelously wise and human.

OUR VIEW

Pioneer's grand opening is more than another ribbon cutting

The Reporter-Telegram will be there Wednesday as Pioneer Natural Resources celebrates the grand opening of its Permian Basin headquarters.

For some workers the building will provide a bigger office, a more convenient location or the little extras (child care and workout facilities and cafeteria) that improve the employees' quality of life.

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Without saying a word, those energy companies are speaking volumes about what we as community should expect. It is the same message that industry leaders, such as Pioneer CEO Scott Sheffield, emphasized during the 2012 school bond election: There is plenty of work for Midlanders for decades and don't be afraid to make the investment that is needed.

Sheffield also told us Midland's population would be more than 150,000 by the end of the decade. At the time, some people rolled their eyes. No one is rolling their eyes now.

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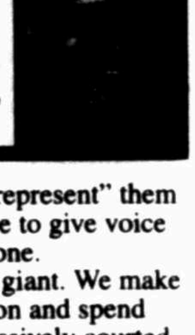

RUBEN NAVARRETTE
Washington Post Writers Group

Lately, the question-and-answer portions of my speaking engagements have become a contact sport.

People show up not to hear what I have to say from the podium but to scold me for something I've already said in print. They enter the room with prepared remarks. They don't ask questions as much as give speeches of their own. And from the tone, it sounds like they're not interested in a response because they're just happy to have told me off.

When you're a Latino commentator, audiences made up of fellow Latinos can be a tough crowd. A lot of people seem eager to lecture me on how to do my job. They're also laying out their expectations, and explaining what they think my role should be.

A couple of months ago, after a speech in Sacramento, Calif., a Latino attorney stood up and identified himself as a longtime reader who often disagreed with me. He scolded me for a scathing column I'd written about a Latino state senator who was arrested for drunken driving. The politician had professed innocence, then begged for forgiveness. I wrote that he had failed the leadership test, embarrassed himself and tarnished the office.

I explained to my critic that it isn't my job to baby-sit politicians and protect them from poor decisions and bad behavior. I also said that, if the lawmaker's reputation had been sullied, it wasn't my doing. Next time, I said, he shouldn't have one for the road.

More recently, after a speech in San Francisco, an older man told me I was too quick to hammer Latinos for things they do wrong — like loyally supporting a president who has deported 2 million people in five years, most of them Latino, just because he's a Democrat. The man wanted to know why I don't go after powerful white people with the same zeal.

Obviously, this gentleman is not reading enough columns. The folks I target come in all colors. For instance, the immigration debate divides Latinos and whites. From the mail I get, I can see that my columns unite them — in a mutual distaste for my point of view.

As one of too few Latino opinion writers in the country, this kind of criticism comes with the territory. Other Latinos expect me to "represent" them — by that, they mean they want me to give voice to a community that doesn't have one.

I get it. Latinos are the invisible giant. We make up 17 percent of the U.S. population and spend $1.4 trillion annually. We're aggressively courted by corporations that want to sell us stuff. And every four years, we're told that we'll decide the presidential election.

Yet, every week, we have to stomach the indignity of watching Sunday morning talk shows where commentators — almost all of them white or black — have no qualms opining on the Latino vote, whether they understand the subject or not. We let the political parties pick our leaders for us. We act as bystanders as the media decide what our agenda should be, and even tell us how and when we should go about pursuing it.

Of course, Latinos need a voice. They also need a leader. But that's not me. It's not in my job description for me to be a spokesman, or a shepherd.

In that case, people ask, what am I trying to accomplish? What good is a critic who tears things down without building anything in its place?

It's a fair question. After doing this for nearly 25 years, I've just about figured it out. It's not my job to persuade or petition or do public relations. I'm not a trial attorney arguing a case, a politician asking for votes, or an educator teaching a class. I'm an old school "journo" who still clings to the quaint notion that we ought to cover the story but not become part of it, and that we're not supposed to serve either political party because we're busy serving up truth. I'm not here to tell you what to think; I'm just happy if you think at all. My job is to provoke you to challenge your beliefs and assumptions, even when doing so ticks you off.

I clear the fog. And if it is advocacy you crave or you want to build something, by all means, feel free to take it from there.

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POLITICS BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

WASHINGTON

Keystone Pipeline vote on today

On the eve of a showdown, Maine independent Sen. Angus King left open the possibility on Monday that he would support legislation to approve the controversial Keystone XL Pipeline, which appears just shy of the 60 votes needed to advance.

"I'm a probable no," King told reporters. Yet he several times refused to rule out voting for the legislation, which has the public support of all 45 of the Senate's Republicans and 14 of its Democrats.

King made his comments as Louisiana Sen. Mary Landrieu, the bill's chief Democratic supporter, claimed anew the measure has the 60 votes necessary. The Republican leading the campaign for the bill, Sen. John Hoeven of North Dakota, was more cautious. "I think we'll get there," he said, although he added he so far has counted only 59 firm supporters.

The bill has fallen victim to Senate gridlock in the recent past, but Landrieu, with her political career at stake, launched an effort last week to find enough Democratic converts for passage. She trails Rep. Bill Cassidy, R-La., in the polls in advance of a Dec. 6 runoff election in Louisiana, but is campaigning as a skilled and seasoned lawmaker with the ability to pass bipartisan legislation vital to her oil-rich state.

The House passed legislation last week to allow construction to proceed, with Cassidy claiming much of the credit.

WASHINGTON

Bipartisan bill to revamp federal child care aid

Congress sent President Barack Obama compromise legislation on Monday revamping the government's chief child care program for the first time in nearly two decades, including a requirement that federally subsidized providers conduct criminal background checks on their workers.

The Democratic-led Senate voted 88-1 to give final congressional approval to the measure, with Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, the only no vote, two months after the Republican-controlled House passed it. In each chamber, it was endorsed by leading members of both parties, making it a rare instance of bipartisan cooperation in a Congress dominated by partisan strife.

The bill compels states to conduct at least one inspection annually of day-care centers and to make sure workers are trained in first aid and other safety needs.

Obama is firm but vague on immigration

■ ANALYSIS

By Alicia A. Caldwell
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama says he plans to help immigrants living illegally in the United States "get legal" without any action from Congress. And he promises to curb a system that he describes as deporting immigrants improperly. But the White House is vague about the changes the president is expected to announce soon.

What can Obama actually do without the cooperation of Capitol Hill?

Under current law, the president can direct immigration authorities to temporarily shield particular immigrants from deportation and give them permission to work in the country legally.

But the president cannot give immigrants living in the country illegally green cards, visas or just about any other path to a permanent legal immigration status. Only Congress has that authority, and so far lawmakers have shown little interest in remodeling the country's complex legal immigration system.

Still, Obama's hands are not tied. Two years ago, he launched the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, program that lets young immigrants who came to the U.S. as children stay in the country without fear of deportation for two years. So far, more than 610,000 have benefited from that program.

The president can also allow some people living in the country illegally to "parole in place," during which time they can apply to live in the country legally. Once they receive permission to stay, they can later apply to change their immigration status and possibly win a green card. An immigrant who holds a green card is a legal permanent resident and can eventually apply to become a U.S. citizen.

AP file photo

President Barack Obama speaks to the media in the White House Cabinet Room of the White House in Washington on Nov. 7. President Barack Obama talks about helping immigrants living illegally in the US "get legal" without any action from Congress, and promises to curb a system he says deports improperly. But the White House is vague about exactly what he has in mind. Just what can Obama do on his own?

In the past, the "parole in place" designation has been limited to helping very small numbers of immigrants stay in the United States, including spouses, parents and children of U.S. military personnel.

A U.S. official who has been briefed on parts of the president's executive action plan said the administration estimates that as many as 7 million immigrants currently living in the country illegally could benefit. That group includes parents of U.S. citizens and those young immigrants already protected from deportation.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to discuss the plan before the president's announcement.

Obama's descriptions of what he plans came in a news conference and separate television interview in September as the White House announced that he would not roll out any executive immigration actions until after the midterm elections.

The White House has declined to say what Obama meant by "be legal" or "get legal."

The president earlier this month, on CBS' Face the Nation, said that he intended to "do what I can do through executive action," but he added, "It's not going to be everything that needs to get done."

The president said the current immigration system doesn't work and "we're deporting people that shouldn't be deported. We're not deporting folks that are dangerous and need to be deported."

Yet those comments undermine statements of his own immigration enforcement agency, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which routinely highlights its efforts to find and deport criminal immigrants.

Internal ICE documents obtained by The Associated Press describe an agency effort that "prioritizes identifying and removing criminal" immigrants. The report notes that about 56 percent of the 315,943 immigrants sent home during the 2014 budget year that ended in September were criminals.

Obama has not always made a case for broad executive action, arguing in the past that his ability to act on his own was limited.

In a February 2013 Google Hangout session, he was asked what he would do to ensure that more people were not deported. "The problem is that I'm president of the United States; I'm not the emperor of the United States," he said. "My job is to execute laws that are passed."

But on Sunday, during a news conference in Brisbane, Australia, he defended his decision to take matters into his own hands in the face of inaction in Congress.

"I can't wait in perpetuity when I have authorities that, at least for the next two years, can improve the system, can allow us to shift more resources to the border rather than separating families, improve the legal immigration system. I would be derelict in my duties if I did not try to improve the system that everybody acknowledges is broken."

The Homeland Security Department's No. 2 official, Alejandro Mayorkas, has said previously that the president can help immigrants in the country illegally "get legal" with a program similar to the one now providing protection from deportations for young immigrants.

Mayorkas previously ran U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, which manages immigration benefits cases and programs including DACA. He said that program didn't give young immigrants legal status, but it provides a "lawful presence" and allowed them to legally work.

"Legal status" in immigration is a specific phrase that means immigrants have visas or green cards that allow them to live and work legally. "Lawful presence" can mean someone has a visa, but it can also extend to other immigrants who have temporary permission to stay, even though they either overstayed their visa or entered the country illegally.

US pension insurer ran record $62B deficit in 2014

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The deficit run up by the federal agency that insures pensions for about 41 million Americans has nearly doubled, to $62 billion. And the agency says that without changes, its program for pension plans covering 10 million of those workers will be insolvent within 10 to 15 years.

It was the widest deficit in the 40-year history of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp., which has now run shortfalls for 12 straight years. The gap grew wider in recent years because the weak economy triggered more corporate bankruptcies and failed pension plans. If the trend continues, the agency could need an infusion of taxpayer funds to pay retirees, who are guaranteed their pensions by law.

The PBGC said Monday that the increased deficit was due to worsening finances of some multi-employer pension plans, which are pension agreements between labor unions and a group of companies, usually in the same industry. The $62 billion deficit reported for the year ended Sept. 30 compared with $36 billion in the previous fiscal year.

Labor Secretary Thomas Perez said fixing the problem is vital to the retirement security of the nation's middle-class. Agency officials called for Congress to enact legislation submitted by President Barack Obama designed to shore up the program's finances.

The PBGC was created in 1974 as a government insurance program for traditional employer-paid pension plans, which have become much less common in recent decades as most employers turn to retirement accounts such as 401(k)s. The traditional plans are most prevalent in industries such as auto manufacturing, steel and airlines.

If an employer can no longer support its pension plan, the PBGC takes over the assets and liabilities, and pays promised benefits to retirees up to certain limits.

The agency didn't name the multi-employer plans that it expects to run out of money or how many are involved. It said they represent a minority of the total 1,400 or so multi-employer pension plans, which cover about 10 million workers.

"Plans covering over 1 million participants are substantially underfunded, and without legislative changes, many of these plans are likely to fail," PBGC Acting Director Alice Maroni said in a statement. The agency said in its annual report that it has "sufficient liquidity to meet its obligations for a number of years."

The agency said the deficit in its multi-employer insurance program jumped to $42.4 billion in the budget year that ended on Sept. 30, from $8.3 billion in 2013. By contrast, the deficit in the single-employer program shrank to $19.3 billion from $27.4 billion as the economy strengthened.

The PBGC reported that its pension obligations grew by $30.9 billion in fiscal 2014, to $151.5 billion. Assets used to cover those obligations increased by only $4.9 billion, to $89.8 billion.

Rep. John Kline, R-Minn., chairman of the House Education and Workforce Committee, called the multi-employer insurance program "a ticking time bomb that will inflict a lot of pain on workers, employers, taxpayers and retirees if Congress fails to act."

He said congressional leaders have been trying to reach consensus on a package for months so far to no avail.

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Charles Manson gets marriage license

Associated Press

CORCORAN, Calif. — Mass murderer Charles Manson plans to marry a 26-year-old woman who left her Midwestern home and spent the past nine years trying to help exonerate him.

Afton Elaine Burton, the raven-haired bride-to-be, said she loves the man convicted in the notorious murders of seven people, including pregnant actress Sharon Tate.

No date has been set, but a wedding coordinator has been assigned by the prison to handle the nuptials, and the couple has until early February to get married before they would have to reapply.

The prospective bride and groom have near-matching carvings on their foreheads. Hers is an "X" and his is an "X" that was turned into a swastika after he carved it during his trial to show he was "X'ed out of society."

The Kings County marriage license, viewed Monday by The Associated Press, was issued Nov. 7 for the 80-year-old Manson and Burton, who lives in Corcoran — the site of the prison — and maintains several websites advocating his innocence.

Burton, who goes by the name "Star," told the AP that she and Manson will be married next month.

"Y'all can know that it's true," she said. "It's going to happen."

"I love him," she added. "I'm with him. There's all kinds of things."

However, as a life prisoner with no parole date, Manson is not entitled to family visits, a euphemism for conjugal visits.

Burton said she is interested in working on his case, and marrying him would allow her to get information not available to nonrelatives.

"There's certain things next of kin can do," she said without elaborating.

Burton gave an interview a year ago to Rolling Stone magazine in which she said she and Manson planned to marry. But Manson, who became notorious in 1969 as the leader of a roving "family" of young killers, was less certain about tying the knot.

Manson

"That's a bunch of garbage," Manson said in the December 2013 interview. "That's trash. We're playing that for public consumption."

Asked Monday about those comments, Burton said, "None of that's true," adding that they're waiting for the prison to complete their paperwork.

California Department of Corrections spokeswoman Terry Thornton confirmed to the AP that the license had been transmitted to the prison.

Thornton said each California prison designates an employee to be a marriage coordinator who processes paperwork for an inmate's request to be wed. In most cases, she said, the Department of Corrections approves of such weddings as "a tool of family reunification and social development." But Manson is a unique case.

Man, 79, charged in pot bust challenges search

Associated Press

BOSTON — When police in Junction City, Kansas, stopped a beat-up pickup truck for speeding in June 2013, the driver got a lot more than a traffic ticket: The stop led authorities to Massachusetts and Arizona, where they said they found about $15 million in cash, almost 400 pounds of marijuana and ledgers detailing drug deals going back to 1992.

The driver, Marshall Dion, told police he was a retiree from Tucson who was living off his $690-per-month Social Security check. He also said he had left his drug-dealing days behind, but federal authorities say he was still going strong at age 78 as a key player in a large marijuana operation. In his truck, police found $828,220 in cash.

Now, Dion's lawyer is arguing that the police stop and search of his truck were illegal, and everything found as a result cannot be used against him. His lawyer, Henry Brennan, plans to argue in Boston federal court today that the evidence should be thrown out.

Much of Dion's life is a mystery. Public records show he has lived in Boston; Portland, Maine; Grand Junction, Colorado; and Tucson, Arizona. He told police who stopped him in Kansas that he was headed home to Tucson from Pennsylvania, where he had met with his accountant.

Dion

Dion, now 79, appeared to live frugally, despite the millions authorities found and two homes he owned in Arizona. When he was stopped in Kansas, he was driving a 2002 GMC Sierra with an old refrigerator and other junk in the truck bed.

His legal troubles date back decades.

In 1985, Dion crashed a single-engine plane he was piloting in Kenosha County, Wisconsin, and Dion broke both his ankles. When sheriff's deputies arrived, he was crawling along a muddy field as bills floated in the air, said Cathy Baxter, then a deputy sheriff.

"This guy didn't even admit there was any money on the plane. He said, 'That's not my money. I don't know where that money came from,'" Baxter said.

The government was allowed to keep nearly $112,000 recovered from the crash scene after a judge found it was likely drug proceeds. Dion was not charged criminally.

In 1989, after Boston police found more than 100 pounds of marijuana in his car, Dion was convicted of trafficking charges.

John Coffey, who prosecuted Dion in that case, said Dion wore a suit and bowtie and looked like a college professor. Conrad Beltzer Jr., Dion's attorney in the case, said: "He wasn't a flashy guy at all. He didn't appear to have money."

When Dion was stopped for speeding on Interstate 70 in Kansas, he allegedly told the officer he could look in his truck. "I am telling you I am clean. I've been out of the business. That was 23 years ago," he said, according to a court filing by prosecutors.

Police used a GPS device inside Dion's truck to re-trace his movements to a self-storage facility in North Reading, Massachusetts, where they said they found $11.5 million cash, more than 168 pounds of marijuana and records of customers, amounts of marijuana sold and cash balances.

Dion's records showed he "had been trafficking in large amounts of marijuana since at least 1992," prosecutors said in a court filing.

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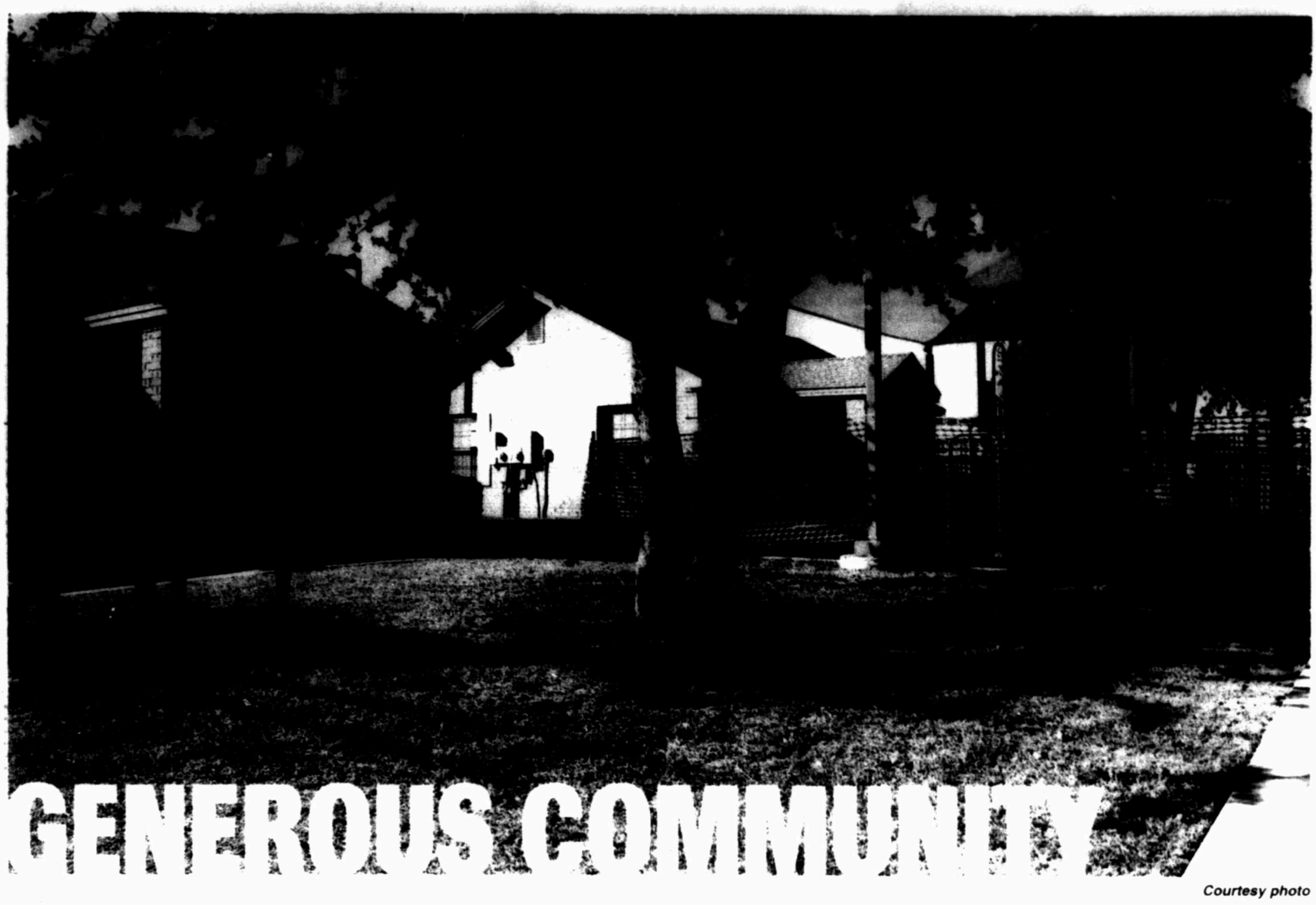

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Buckner Family Place is shown in this undated photo. The facility will hold a ribbon-cutting and open house this morning as two new families move in. The additions to the nonprofit's living space include an activity center and one new duplex featuring two three-bedroom apartments.

Buckner Family Place hosts open house for new activity center, duplex

By Steve Kuhlmann
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Buckner Family Place will hold a ribbon-cutting and open house for its new facilities this morning as two new families move in. The additions to the nonprofit's living space include an activity center and one new duplex featuring two three-bedroom apartments.

"We're just thrilled that this stage is coming to a close and that it can be completed and fully up and running," said Myndi Easter, Buckner gift officer. "Midland is such a generous community. We would not be able to serve these families and these ladies without the community standing behind us and this program."

Easter said while all of the previously-built apartments on the site are two-bedroom, it had become clear the average family size of clients was more suited to a three-bedroom set-up.

"A lot of the women coming in had more children and just needed more space," Easter said.

Anna Rodriguez, program director for Buckner Family Place, said the "reality is that many times they don't have just one or two kids."

In addition to the larger apartments, the new activity center and two new playgrounds will seek to provide the most benefit to the families as possible.

While also intended as a classroom of sorts to be used for various adult training courses, the activity center will act as a common social area and an extension of the families' living spaces.

"It has a common area, a kitchen (and) a covered patio that will have furniture and overlooks (one of) our new playgrounds that we built," Easter said. "The moms can even go out there and work on their homework while their kids play. We just really view the activity center as their space that they can use and come and go from. It will be exciting."

Rodriguez said over time the families have become a cohesive community that acts much like one big family in itself.

"The families here have bonded well, they help each other out and they're all in the same situation," Rodriguez said. "They're all full-time students, they're all single parents and they're all working toward those same goals. They look out for each other."

Buckner Family Place, according to a recent press release, began in 2003 as a "residential program for single mothers pursuing a college or vocational training degree" with an objective to "strengthen and support these families by encouraging higher education as a way to empower women to break their cycle of poverty and achieve self-sufficiency."

The ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house for the new facilities will begin at 10:30 a.m. today.

Photo courtesy Sweetie's Cakery

Decorated cookies are among the offerings of Sweetie's Cakery, a home bakery through which Kaci Chambers also offers custom cakes, cupcakes, cake truffles and individual desserts for any occasion.

Local baker shares recipe for her holiday dessert

The holidays are Kaci Chambers' favorite time of the year, and if we had to guess, we'd say November and December are pretty good months for her friends and family, too. Chambers, a land tech by day, spends much of her free time trying out new dessert recipes, and letting her friends and family act as taste testers.

She runs Sweetie's Cakery, a home bakery through which she offers custom cakes, decorated cookies, cupcakes, cake truffles and individual desserts for any occasion. The Colorado City native said she's always enjoyed baking, and credits a family Christmas tradition of making cut-out sugar cookies decorated with buttercream. Chambers enjoys making individual desserts and she loves cheesecakes, but she can't sell them — or any baked goods requiring refrigeration — because of the Texas Cottage Law.

Excited about an opportunity to make cheesecakes, she shared with us a holiday-worthy recipe for Cinnamon Cheesecake with Pumpkin Frosting. Check out more of Chambers' creations at www.facebook.com/SweetiesCakeryTx.

KNIFE & FORK

This week's columnist is Megan Lea Buck. mbuck@mrt.com

Cinnamon Cheesecake with Pumpkin Frosting

The cinnamon cheesecake with pumpkin frosting is a perfect fall dessert, and because they bake so well in the mason jars, I love to use them as individual centerpieces for a table setting; dressing them up with a name placeholder or ribbon. — Kaci Chambers

Gingersnap Crust:
1 cup gingersnap cookie crumbs
1/4 cup (half stick) unsalted butter, melted
pinch of salt

Cheesecake:
2 bars of cream cheese (8 oz each), room temperature

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Midland couple officially welcomes daughter on National Adoption Day

By Steve Kuhlmann
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While first-time parents may go through growing pangs with their newborn, it is not so often that parents are thrust into their new role with a 10-month-old child.

Reed and Jenny Townsend officially welcomed 2-year-old Alexis into their family Friday when their adoption was finalized on National Adoption Day at First Baptist Church in Odessa.

"It feels great to have the adoption finalized," Jenny Townsend said. "It's definitely a relief and it's almost a little surreal."

Although the idea of one day adopting a child had been a topic of conversation, the couple hadn't seriously thought about pursuing it until they began to struggle with conceiving a child, she said.

"It took a little longer to get pregnant than we had expected and that really spurred us to look into it more," Jenny Townsend said. "We prayed about it and felt that it had been long enough, that it was time for us to look into adoption."

The couple learned about Buckner International's foster and adoption programs through their church, where representatives from the nonprofit had gone to share its mission and to search for potential foster parents.

After learning more about the program and what their options for adoption would be, the Townsends decided to begin fulfilling the necessary steps to become foster parents and, hopefully, to adopt a child.

Courtesy photo

Reed and Jenny Townsend pose with their son Nehemiah and daughter Alexis.

While getting certified for the foster-to-adopt program, the Townsends discovered that they were expecting a child. The news, however, did not sway them from continuing with adoption process.

"We still felt like God had made it clear that he wanted us to pursue this," Jenny Townsend said. "We continued with the process of getting certified because we felt like it was the right thing to do."

Finished with the certification process by September 2012, the Townsends were placed with 10-month-old Alexis the following month.

In February 2013, the couple's son Nehemiah was born, much to the delight of his big sister-to-be Alexis.

"She loves (being a big sister), it's probably her favorite thing in life," Jenny Townsend said. "She has tons of baby dolls all over that house that she is always carrying around and caring for. When baby brother came along she just couldn't stand the excitement. Any time her little brother is willing to play with her and have fun with her she

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Carl Schlesinger, who helped usher out hot type, dies

N.Y. Times News Service

Carl Schlesinger, a former typesetter at The New York Times who helped make an award-winning film about one particularly memorable night on the job — July 1, 1978 — the last time the newspaper was made using hot-metal type, died Nov. 9 in Paramus, New Jersey. He was 88.

His daughter Laura Minor confirmed his death, at an assisted living center. He had lived in Rutherford, New Jersey.

Schlesinger spent 35 years at The Times, much of it working the graveyard shift in the composing room at the paper's former building on West 43rd Street. He was in his early 50s when The Times switched from using Linotype, a hot-metal printing technique invented in the 1880s, to cold type, generated by computers. A loud century of men hammering out the news on big metal machines was giving way to the digital whisper of the future.

"Maybe it was just a night's work to them," Schlesinger once said of some of his colleagues. "But I was maybe more sensitive, and I could see that this was a story every night, the story of our lives, the story of the world's life."

On that last night, Schlesinger became one of the "stars" of "Farewell, Etaoin Shrdlu," a 29-minute documentary film with a title that Linotype operators would instantly recognize. It captured workers putting together the last papers made with the Linotype machine, the issue of July 2, 1978. Schlesinger also narrated the film, which was directed by David Loeb Weiss, a retired Times proofreader.

Invented by Ottmar Mergenthaler, a watchmaker who emigrated from Germany, the Linotype machine revolutionized publishing. It allowed for an entire "line of type" to be created at once, instead of requiring someone to piece words together metal letter by metal letter. For newspapers, the type, printed backward, was arranged in metal page forms that were used to make 40-pound page plates, called stereotypes, from which the paper was printed.

"Farewell, Etaoin Shrdlu" takes its name from the unusual key alignment on the Linotype. Striking the first 12 keys, which were in two columns at the left of the keyboard, "spelled" etaoin shrdlu. If a line of type contained mistakes, a composing room worker would strike those first 12 keys to indicate that the line should be discarded. Sometimes, "etaoin shrdlu" was overlooked and made its way into the paper. Times archives online show dozens of appearances, some more awkward than others.

In 1974, "etaoin shrdlu" appeared in the first paragraph of a story, ostensibly as a quotation from a letter by Irving Anker, then the chancellor of New York City schools, about discrepancies in the results of standardized reading tests. After computers took over typesetting, "etaoin shrdlu" appeared in print only as a reference to the technological imperfections of the past — and to the film.

Carl Tobias Schlesinger was born Oct. 12, 1926, in the New York. His father was a pants salesman who later became a pawnbroker. His mother was a milliner. As a boy, he used rubber stamps to print his own newspaper, The Eagle. Copies cost 1 cent (about 15 cents in today's pennies).

He became an apprentice printer with Fairchild Publications in 1946 and first joined The Times in 1952. Schlesinger, who was active in education programs run by the typographical union, left the paper to work elsewhere for periods, including in 1967, when he moved to Africa to help develop a printing training program in Nairobi. By 1975, he was back at The Times.

Besides his daughter Laura, his survivors include his wife of 61 years, the former Renée Blankfield; two other daughters, Tia Amdurer and Jeanne Buesser; five grandchildren; and a great-grandson. David Weiss died in 2005.

Obituaries

Doris Ann Keys Disney

Doris Ann Keys Disney, 84, passed away peacefully in Bedford on Thursday, Nov. 13, 2014.

Memorial service will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at First Christian Church of Arlington, 910 S. Collins, Arlington 76010. Dr. Andy Mangum, the Rev. Tommy Potter and the Rev. Ben Disney will officiate.

Doris, the daughter of Rex and Mae Bess Pate Keys, was born July 18, 1930, in Paducah. She graduated from Paducah High School in 1947 as valedictorian and football queen. She graduated from TCU in 1951 summa cum laude as the first to graduate with a degree in speech therapy. Doris and Jay were longtime residents of Midland, Texas. She was the niece of the famous Keys quadruplets.

Doris was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Nancy; and son, David.

Survivors are her husband, Jay; sons, Rick Disney and wife, Loretta, Ben Disney and wife, Stacey; grandchildren, Patrick, Leigh, Cameron and Laura Disney; and great-grandchildren, Bryan, Bailee and Alina Disney.

Lucas Funeral Home, 817-284-7271.

Fern O'Donnell

Fern Lillie McFarlin O'Donnell passed away on November 16, 2014 at the age of almost 93. She was born with her twin brother on December 3, 1921 in Woods County, Oklahoma. She was an outstanding student earning multiple awards including Ponca City Senior High School Valedictorian. Fern went to college for several years at Oklahoma A&M but was interrupted during WWII when she accepted a job as a censor for the US Government in San Antonio, Texas. She studied Spanish and could speak fluently. After the war she accepted a job in Dallas, Texas and was boarding the train when a mutual friend introduced her to the handsome, blue-eyed, Frank O'Donnell. The two spent the train ride becoming acquainted and coincidentally met at a bus stop later that same week in Dallas, Texas. They were married six weeks later. The young couple spent the next few years living in Tyler, Texas where their son Michael Alan was born. Frank was recalled to active duty in 1950 and he was stationed in San Diego, California where their daughter Kathy Kay was born. He was discharged in 1951 and they moved to Ft. Worth where their son Dennis Duane was born. In 1958 Frank was working for Texas State Optical and the family was transferred to Midland, Texas. After settling in, Fern began a career as a legal secretary for the Stubbeman, McRae, Sealy, Laughlin and Browder law firm and worked for Wm. F. Pennebaker for almost thirty years.

Frank and Fern were members of St. Paul United Methodist Church for many years. They were married for 58 years during which they were involved with several bowling teams. Fern continued to study and practice Spanish and was a voracious reader. In 2006 she moved to the Manor Park community where she resided until her death.

Fern was preceded in death by her parents Wm. and Bertha McFarlin; a stillborn son, Wm. Patrick; her husband, Frank in 2006; and her twin brother, Frank in 2011.

Fern is survived by a brother, Wm. Cecil McFarlin of California; daughter, Kathy and husband David Ham of Midland, Texas; sons, Dennis and wife Pat O. O'Donnell of Midland, Texas, Michael and wife Pat H. O'Donnell of Arlington, Texas; five grandchildren, Tracy Coan, Melissa Wood, Zachary Ham, Jessica Ham, Darby O'Donnell; step-grandson, Michael Hall; along with five great grandchildren, two nieces and a nephew.

A visitation will be held from 5:30p.m. to 7:00p.m. on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at Ellis Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held at 1:00p.m. on Thursday, November 20, 2014 at Resthaven Memorial Park, with Reverend Billy Billett officiating.

Online condolences may be offered at *www.ellisfunerals.com*

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Kenneth Wayne Ridgeway

Kenneth Wayne Ridgeway, 71, of Midland, went to be with his Heavenly Father November 15, 2014. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 from 6:00-8:00 PM at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Funeral services will be on Friday, November 21, 2014 at 1:00 PM at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland.

Kenneth was born December 21, 1942 to Carl Ridgeway and Martha Kincheloe in Priddy, TX. Kenneth was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, and uncle. Kenneth married the love of his life Cuba Armstrong on April 13, 1963 in Priddy, TX. He was in the US Navy and was stationed in San Diego, California before he boarded a ship and traveled to the Philippines working as a machinist on board the USS Ticonderoga CV A-14.

After serving his time in the Navy, Kenneth followed this career and moved to Midland in 1969 where he worked for Drilco and later worked for Mark Huggins Pump Unit Service for a number of years until he worked with his brother at Ridegway Machine Shop.

He enjoyed playing dominos, shuffle board and his oldies on his radio. He loved riding motorcycles, spending time with family and friends, telling jokes, and most of all sitting outside with his wife watching the squirrels, turtles, and doves that he fed.

Kenneth is survived by his wife of 51 years, Cuba Ridgeway; one son, Tim and wife, Kelly Ridgeway; one daughter, Tamara Ridgeway; six grandchildren, Bradly Ridgeway, Treyce Gray, Tara Gray, Braxton Ridgeway, Cody Ridenour (Kelsey), and Kayla Butler (Sam) all of Midland; ten great grandchildren, Arvanna Lackey, Jayden Lackey, Janiah Fennell, Chastidy Gray, Cayden Van Meter, Jaylon Van Meter, Hayden Butler, Kenslea Butler, Kolton Ridenour, and Cami Ridenour all of Midland; brother, Paul Ridgeway (Geneva) of Midland; numerous nieces, nephews, and his four legged companion, Precious.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Carl Ridgeway and Martha Kincheloe; two sisters, Mary Embrey and Bonnie Haile; and one grandson, Timothy Gray.

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

Rosario H. Dominguez

Rosario H. Dominguez, 66, went home to be with our Beloved Almighty Father in Heaven on November 14, 2014 at her home in Midland, Texas. She was born on May 23, 1948 in Jimenez Chihuahua, Mexico to Ernesto and Francisca Vazquez Hidalgo. At a young age she and her family moved to Ciudad Juarez Chihuahua, Mexico where she grew up and later met her husband.

Rosario married Lorenzo Dominguez in 1972 in Ciudad Juarez Chihuahua, Mexico and then moved to Midland, Texas shortly after. They were happily married for 42 years. Rosario was a devout Catholic and parishioner at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. She worked at MISD, Hospice of Midland, Nurses Unlimited, and as a private In Home caregiver. She enjoyed cooking for family and friends, dancing, gardening, and meeting new friends. Rosario loved life and lived it to the fullest. She didn't know a stranger and always lent a helping hand to everyone, from family to friends who were falling on hard times. Rosario loved to help others; so much so, that she received her certification as a Certified Nurse's Assistant and worked for Hospice of Midland for 10+ years. Rosario was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She will be greatly missed, but her legacy of helping others will continue to live through her loved ones.

Rosario is survived by her spouse Lorenzo Dominguez of Midland, Texas; her children: Lorenzo Jr. and Sally Dominguez of Midland, Texas, and Sonia and Scott Roeder of Edinburg, Texas; her grandchildren: Dwain, Devin, and Loren Dominguez of Midland, Texas and Henry Roeder of Edinburg, Texas; her siblings: Ernesto and Cruz Hidalgo and Antonio and Guadalupe (deceased) Hidalgo of Los Angeles, California, Guadalupe and Sergio Jimenez and Maria Hidalgo Martinez of El Paso, Texas, and Ramon and Maria Hidalgo of Ciudad Juarez Chihuahua, Mexico and numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Rosario was preceded in death by her parents, Ernesto and Francisca Vasquez Hidalgo.

A visitation will be held at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home 405 N. Terrell at 2:00p.m. for relatives and friends. The Rosary will be held Monday November 17, 2014 at 7:00p.m. at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home Chapel. A Funeral Service will be held Tuesday November 18, 2014 at 10:00a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

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 or you can visit our website at *lewallengarciapipkinfh.com*

Death Notices

Lupe Suchil

Lupe Suchil, 61 of Midland, passed away on Saturday, November 15, 2014.

A rosary will be held Wed, Nov. 19 at 7:00 pm at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Funeral mass is set for Thurs, Nov. 20 at 2:00 pm at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel.

She is survived by her three sons, Martin Suchil Jr., Jesse Suchil and Antonio Suchil; two brothers, and four sisters.

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

These recipes reveal beans are, indeed, magical

Addie Broyles

Addie Broyles is the food writer for the Austin American-Statesman. Her column is distributed by Cox Newspapers

Dried beans ain't no big thing for Chasity Gordon.

Gordon is a friend of mine who has taught me a lot about life in the past few years, and she's also helped me get over my fear of making beans from scratch.

I've tried all kinds of ways to make dried beans appealing: soaking them overnight and simmering with onions, spices and bay leaves; pressure cooking with a ham hock; slow cooking in a Crock Pot with a few cubes of chicken bouillon.

No matter what I do, my beans never taste as good as my friend's, so I decided to enroll in Chasity's School of Beans.

What qualifies her to give such an education? A three-year stint making the red beans at the now-closed Gene's Po'Boys and the ability to turn the cheapest form of protein you can buy in the grocery store into something her now 8-year-old son, Merle, will lap out of a bowl.

Red Beans and Sausage

1 bag dried red beans
4 links smoked sausage, quartered and sliced
1 small white onion, chopped
1 green bell pepper, seeded and chopped
Salt and pepper, to taste
1 Tbsp. sugar

Soak the beans in a pot of water overnight or at least six hours. Drain the water and pick out any shriveled beans or rocks you find.

Cover the beans with an inch of water and bring to a boil. Cook on medium high until soft, about two hours, adding water as needed to keep them just covered.

While the beans are cooking, saute the sausage pieces in a skillet over medium high heat. As the fat starts to render, add the onion and bell pepper. After the beans are soft, add the sausage, onion and pepper mixture. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Continue cooking the beans, adding water as needed, and stirring often for one to two hours. Add the sugar, stir well and serve with rice and/or cornbread and additional grilled sausages, if desired.

Black Beans

1 bag dried black beans
3 bell peppers, any color
2 poblano peppers
1 jalapeno
2 heads garlic
1 white onion, chopped
1 can roasted tomatoes
Salt and pepper, to taste

Soak the beans in a pot of water overnight. Drain the water and pick out any shriveled beans or rocks you find.

In a large pot over medium high heat, cover the beans with an inch of water and boil for two hours.

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil. Place peppers and garlic on top of the foil and spray with olive oil. Roast for 20 to 30 minutes. Place the peppers in a bowl and cover with a tea towel or plastic wrap, and do the same with the garlic in another bowl. Let cool for 30 minutes.

While the peppers and garlic are cooling, saute the onion until soft and set aside. Remove the skin and seeds of the peppers, taking care to reserve the juice in the bowl. Squeeze the garlic cloves out of their skin. Place the roasted peppers, juice and garlic in a food processor and puree.

When the beans are soft, add pureed peppers and garlic, sauteed onions and canned tomatoes, including juice. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Reduce heat and simmer for an hour or two, stirring often and adding water, if needed, more if you plan to serve it as a soup, less if serving as a thicker side dish.

Serve with cornbread, tortillas and/or shredded cheese, chopped onions or sour cream.

Borracho Beans

1 bag dried pinto beans
1 can Mexican beer
10 strips bacon, cut into pieces
1 onion, chopped
1 jalapeno, seeded and diced
Salt and pepper, to taste

Soak the beans in a pot of water overnight or at least six hours. Drain water and pick out any shriveled beans or rocks.

Cover beans with water in a large pot over medium high heat. Boil for two hours, adding beer (and more, if needed) as the water starts to evaporate. Add bacon, onion and jalapeno. Cook, stirring often, for another hour or two. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Serve with cornbread or tortillas.

Don't forget the cornbread

You might have strong feelings for or against cornbread, but for Chasity Gordon, it's a no-brainer. She's a fan of Jiffy cornbread mix, but I recently fell for Homestead Gristmill's stone-ground cornbread mix.

Knife & Fork

From 1B

1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
2 large eggs, room temperature
1/3 cup heavy cream
1/2 tablespoons pure vanilla extract
1 tablespoons ground cinnamon

Pumpkin Frosting (recommend cooking this first):
1 (15 ounce) can pumpkin puree
3/4 cup packed brown sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
2 eggs
1/2 cup evaporated milk
1/2 cup heavy cream

To make frosting:
Preheat oven to 425 degrees. In a mixing bowl, whisk together all ingredients until well blended. Pour into a greased 9-inch pie pan and bake for 30-40 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center of the pie comes out clean. Remove and let cool, then refrigerate.

To make crust:
Prepare 6 mason jars (4-ounce wide mouth) with cooking spray. In a separate bowl, whisk together the three crust ingredients until well blended. Scoop 1 packed tablespoon of crust into each mason jar, and press down to pack firm. Bake for 10 minutes at 350 degrees, then remove and set aside.

To make cheesecakes:
Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Begin to boil a large kettle or pot of water for the water bath.

In the bowl of your stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment, combine the cream cheese and sugar, then mix on medium-speed until smooth. Add eggs, one at a time, fully incorporating each before adding the next. Make sure to scrape down the bowl in between each egg. Add heavy cream, vanilla and cinnamon, and mix until smooth. Do not overmix. Pour batter into each crust-prepared jar until 3/4 full and place jars in large baking dish.

Once your kettle or pot of water is boiling, carefully place the baking dish on the lower rack of your oven and pull the rack out a few inches toward you, and then pour the water into it. This will create a water bath that will give off lots of steam while the cheesecake bakes.

Then place the cheesecake pan in the oven, and bake for about 25 minutes, or until the edges appear to be set and the center still has a slight jiggle to it. Turn off the oven and open the oven door slightly for 5 minutes. Then remove the pan and place on a cooling rack until completely cooled.

When ready to frost the cheesecakes, remove the pumpkin mixture and spoon the filling into a piping bag. Use as you would regular frosting.

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HBO		300	68	14	14		(3:15) The Legend...		The LEGO Movie Chris Pratt.				State of Play (N)		Fight (N)	Foo Fighters		Pacquiao
HBO2		302	69	15	101	23	(5:00) Olive Kitteridge		Jack the Giant Slayer Nicholas Hoult.				Bill Maher		The Concert for Valor (N)			
HBO5		304	70	16	102		(3:40) The Book Thief Sophie Nélisse.				Comeback!	Looking			Disconnect (13, Thrill) Jason Bateman.		Get On	Movie
MAX		380	71	17	120	24	(3:15) Endless Love		The Rite ('11, Dra) Colin O'Donoghue.						Pacific Rim (13, Act) Idris Elba.		Femme	Femme
MAX2		382	72	18	122		(:15) Blue Streak Martin Lawrence.				300: Rise of an Empire (:45) Lingerie						(:15) Rush Hour	
PLEX				96			(3:40) Sloppy & th...		Snow Queen 1/2			(:35)	Snow Queen 2/2		(:05) The Shortcut Dave Francis.		Movie	
SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	Homeland		The Affair		Inside the NFL		Homeland		Inside the NFL		Stop at Nothing	
TMC		336	67	22	155	26	(4:20) Sahara		Silver Linings Playbook					(:40)	Dead Poets Society		(:15) Small Tow...	
A&E		27	32	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	Shipping Wars (N)	Shipping Wars (N)	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
AMC		40	21	23	42	51	(4:30) Deja Vu		Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines						Predator II ('90, Act) Gary Busey, Danny Glover.			
BET		58	26		40		Husbands	Lottery Ticket ('10, Com) Ice Cube, Bow Wow.					Husbands	Husbands	Husbands	Husbands	Wendy Williams	
BRAVO		65	63		41		Beverly Hills		Beverly Hills		Beverly Hills (N)			People's Couch (N)	Watch (N)	Beverly Hills		
CNBC		46	45		39	72	The Profit		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Profit (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN		43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		CNN Report (N)		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		CNN Special Report	
DISC		50	20	31	24	42	Mnshiner "Shine On"		Moonshiners (N)		Moonshiners (N)		Gags to Riches (N)		Moonshiners		Gags to Riches	
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	Austin	Girl	Mickey &am		Ratatouille		(:05) Jessie	LivMad	Austin	I Didn't	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball Champions Classic (L)				NCAA Basketball Champions Classic Kan./Ken. (L)					SportsCenter		
ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	Playoff	NCAA Basketball Marquette vs. Ohio State (L)					NCAA Basketball Texas Tech vs LSU (L)			Experts	NBA	30 for 30
FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	Bruce Almighty Jim Carrey.								The 700 Club		Sister Act	
FNC		45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD		64	59	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped	
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	(5:30) Big 12	Stars Insider (N)	Stars Pre-game (L)	NHL Hockey American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)	Carolina Hurricanes at Dallas Stars Site:				Stars Live (L)	Instant Replay	NCAA Big 12 No-Huddle Okl./Tex. Tech	
FX		31	31	59	64	69	M&M	M&M	The Watch ('12, Com) Ben Stiller.						Sons of Anarchy "Suits of Woe" (N)			Anarchy
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	(5:00) A Cookie ...		The Nine Lives of Christmas						All I Want for Christmas		A Holiday Enga...	
HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	H.Hunt	House (N)	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop
HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	Curse of Oak Island		Curse of Oak Island		Curse/Oak Island (N)		(:05) Lost Giants (N)		(:05) Down E. Dicker.		Curse of Oak Island	
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	True Tori "Tale of Two Husbands"		True Tori "First Wives Club"		True Tori "He Said, She Said" (N)		Prison Wives Club "Friendly Fire" (N)		True Tori "He Said, She Said"		True Tori "First Wives Club"	
MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	39				NHL Live!	NHL Hockey	San Jose Sharks at Buffalo Sabres (L)				Overtime	Rivals	NHLTop10	Mecum Auctions "Anaheim"		
NICK		55	34	39	34	37	Thunder	Max (N)	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	Mother	Mother
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master		Tattoo	Tattoo	Ink Master	
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	(5:30) The Wolfman				Wild Wild West ('99, Act) Kevin Kline, Will Smith.				Spartacus (N)		(:05) Dracula 2000	
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	Sein. "The Susie"	Seinf. "The Pothole"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)		Childrens Hospital	Conan
TCM		41	61	24	63	66	(5:45) Fight for Y...		Casablanca Humphrey Bogart.				The Green Berets ('68, War) John Wayne.				Movie	
TELE		20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Reina de Corazones		Los miserables		Señora acero		Al rojo	(:35) Thular.	Los miserables	
TLC		51	33	32	38	52	19 Kids and Counting "Jessa's Engagement"		19 Kids & Count "DC Duggars Hit the Road"		19 Kids and Counting (N)		Risking It All "What the Frontier?" (N)		19 Kids and Counting		Risking It All "What the Frontier?"	
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	Bones "The Ghost in the Killer"		Bones "The Master in the Slop"		Bones "The Heiress in the Hill"		(:05) CSI: NY "Rain"		(:05) CSI: NY		(:05) CSI: NY "Officer Blue"	
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	Hogan	(:40) Hogan	(:20) Family Feud		Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Hot In	The Exes	Friends	Friends
USA		26	30	42	27	49	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Chrisley Knows (N)	Benched (N)	Chrisley Knows	Benched "Sell It"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Baby Killer"	
WGN		19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl A man teams up with a pirate to save a governor's daughter from a cursed band of pirates.						Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.

Storytellers relate funny Texas experiences on new CD

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Big Spring storyteller

Every few years I'll do a book or CD. I keep folders labeled "Next CD" or "Next Book" and when I think I have something worthy to include in either one or both, I put it in a folder. When a folder gets a proper amount of material, I get busy working with it and get it to a publisher or duplicator.

My "Next CD" folder reached the point where I needed to do something about it, so I have a new CD. It's called "Tumbleweed Smith's Top Picks" and contains 28 tracks of Texans talking about funny experiences. It has a hefty price tag: $10 plus a couple of dollars for shipping. It's available at the Heritage Museum in Big Spring or at tumbleweed-smith.com.

This is my 17th commercial recording going back to 1972 when I did a record titled "The Sound of Texas." It's not always easy to choose which story or individual to use, since I've done nearly 12,000 interviews over the past 45 years or so. I'll mention some of the people on my new CD.

Jo Bird of Rockdale loves to laugh. Whatever she is talking about, it is laced with laughter. Here she talks about how water sprinklers seem to come on just when she gets near them and she hates to get her hair wet. Mutt Milford of Ladonia is one of the premier storytellers in Texas and he talks about a player being injured in a huddle during a Ladonia Rattlers football game. My friend Dodie Kettler of Gatesville tells about growing up in the country and calling the outhouse the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Woody Woodrow, a longtime barber in Pecos, demonstrates how he entertains his customers by playing the mandolin.

Kay Baby Epperson of Rusk has been in quite a few movies lately. Her first one was "Bernie." She tells about while in restroom stall in Shreveport, Louisiana, a lady kept banging on the door wanting her autograph. Oop Schrauner of Andrews tells about going to college as an adult, barely able to read or write, and graduating magna cum laude. Steve Larg of Alpine sings parodies of American songs using a Swedish accent. Kathy Davis of Seminole tells about an adventure with a fox while on a golf course. Artist Lonnie Edwards of Salado tells about creating chicken foot art by letting his chickens walk over a canvas with fresh paint on it. Jim Runge of Eldorado tells about creating a 30-acre rock outline of the state of Texas.

To my way of thinking, a textbook feature story is track number 10. The Dairy Queen in Goldthwaite used to sell tops. The story has interviews with the man who made the tops, the manager of the DQ and the sound of spinning tops.

A story from Big Spring is about a deer that ended up inside a house. Scott Willey of Winnie tells about smuggling some Chinese food into a movie theater by putting the to-go carton in his pants and it came apart. This is a great story. Jackie Bibby of Rising Star tells about holding rattlesnakes in his mouth, dangling them by their tails. Washtub Jerry of Fort Davis tells about playing his washtub bass all over the country. The CD is pure Texas fun.

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Native American museum opens in Cleburne

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — A museum devoted to Native American heritage has opened in Cleburne.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported the ribbon-cutting for the Big Bear Native American Museum was held Friday. The 2,000-square-foot museum houses artifacts showing how Native Americans lived throughout the U.S.

David Murdoch, chairman of the Johnson County Heritage Foundation, said it has artifacts dating as far back as 17,000 years ago, among them arrowheads and agricultural tools.

The museum, located on the grounds of the Chisholm Trail Outdoor Museum, came about in large part thanks to Leonard "Big Bear" Beal Sr., a Grandview man who died in 2012.

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For each of the word groups below, change one letter in the top word to one of the letters that appears in the bottom word, then rearrange the tiles as needed to form a new common word. Do the same with each new word until you arrive at the bottom word. For example, one path from BARK to PLUM is BARK, MARK, RAMP, RUMP, PLUM.

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Yesterday's Answer: ATTACH, CANOLA, ENGULF 11/18

ADOPTION

From 1B

just has a blast."

Jenny Townsend said they have been pleased with the work done by Buckner to make the process as smooth as possible.

"I felt like I could call (Buckner) at any time to ask a question, even when they were easy questions that I knew were written down somewhere else, and that if I dug I could find the answer. But I knew I could just call them and that they would be happy to help," she said. "Buckner has taken great care of us. We always felt really supported by (them)."

Sarah Hataway, the Buckner foster care and adoption case work manager, said in the two years since her placement, Alexis as integrated well into the Townsend family.

"They have done an amazing job with Alexis," Hataway said. "She is so incredibly smart and I think that it's because of the nurture that she gets from them."

Having visited with the family almost every month since the placement, Hataway said she has seen the relationship between them grow.

"They are very gentle and caring, for sure. She is also very loving toward them and you can tell the attachment there," Hataway said. "She really doesn't know any different because she was only about 10 months old when she was placed there. That is her mom and dad and her brother. Even grandma and grandpa on both sides are extremely close to her. They're a great family, they love each other and they love their kids and you can tell."

NEIL SPERRY

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Good autumn growing conditions prompt fall bloom

Dear Neil: Why did my pears, apple, wisteria and Carolina jessamine all have flowers this fall? Do I need to worry about spring blooms?

Answer: Those plants typically all bloom coming out of the winter dormant season. Summer also causes them to go essentially dormant for several months, so this fall bloom is prompted by the return to good growing conditions in the autumn. It will have no impact on their spring bloom.

Dear Neil: I'm having a hard time with big patches of our hybrid Bermuda lawn. I've tried adding soil, insecticide and fertilizer and the patches stay brown. I mow it with a hand mower, and I don't catch the clippings. Even after rains this fall, it still looked brown. What should I watch for next spring?

Answer: Brown patches can be caused by diseases such as Pythium or even take all patch. They can be because of shallow and poor soils, and they can result from accumulations of thatch (undecomposed organic matter between the runners and the soil surface). They can also be caused by mowing the grass too high. Many of the hybrid Bermudas need to be mowed at less than 1/2-inch. And, just because my dentist recently handed me samples from his own Bermuda, and because I could identify damage caused by Bermuda mites, that one's fresh on my mind. Before the grass goes any more dormant for the winter, measure the height at which you have been mowing it, and determine if that's consistent with the recommended mowing height for your type of hybrid Bermuda. Also, check the runners in the grass closely. If they are very shortened/compacted in the areas of the brown patches, that would suggest bermuda mites. The mites themselves are microscopic, so you'll only see their damage. Finally, I guess it's also possible that these large areas are getting too little direct sunlight during the growing season. Bermuda needs at least six or seven hours of hot, direct sunlight.

Dear Neil: I have a lovely bed of hardy red hibiscus. I've not grown it before. Should I cut it back now that the leaves have turned brown and the stems are bare?

Answer: Yes. Its stems have died back to the ground. I always cut mine back to about 3 inches, so I can see where they are planted. The garden looks a lot tidier, and that way I don't start rototilling right through them during the winter. As a forewarning, they will be one of the last perennials to send up new shoots come spring. Don't be impatient.

Dear Neil: I have a large bed (500 square feet) in a rock garden. I planted it to wildflowers for many years, then have sat out for a few years because of water restrictions. I've started planting seeds again, but filarees have invaded with a vengeance. What can I use to control them short of hand-weeding all winter? Or, are there cultural practices I might put to work to help reduce their population?

Answer: Hats off to you. I've never had anyone identify the weed by its proper name. It's a relative of geraniums, as evidenced by its flowers and especially by its fruit. If there is a way for you to spot-treat with a broadleafed weed-killer on a warmish (70 degrees) day, that would get them. It would be a product containing 2,4-D, and you would either need to use a piece of cardboard as a baffle or a foam rubber paintbrush to keep the herbicide from hitting desirable plants. As for cultural suggestions, mulching is always appropriate, although you'll run the risk of hindering growth of your wildflower seedlings at the same time. If you can break the cycle of seed production by the weeds, that would be your best shot.

Dear Neil: I have seen bay laurel trees grown outdoors in parts of Texas. What is their hardiness zone? I have one my mom raised from a 4-inch pot. She would have been 100 on the day that I'm writing this, and the plant (still in a pot) is getting very large I'd like to plant it outside if I can.

Answer: Bay laurel (Laurus nobilis) is winter-hardy to Zone 8 (southern half of the state, if you go by the new Zone map). That means that it's vulnerable to temperatures into the low teens, but I'd have protection available for it anytime it drops below 20. If you're planting it where it typically gets colder than that, be forewarned. Also, if possible, wait until spring, so it will have a full growing season to become acclimated.

Dear Neil: I am trying to grow episcias in a bright east window. I've tried three or four varieties and none has done well. What is the secret?

Answer: They are related to African violets. In fact, they're often referred to as "trailing African violets." However, they're not as picky. They need morning sun through an east window, a porous and well-draining potting soil and constant moisture and nutrition.

I have several growing in self-watering pots, and they have been thriving for a year or so. Just don't let them sit in hot sun in the summertime, and don't let the plants get dry to the point of wilting badly.

Dear Neil: We have a good crop of pecans this year. Is there anything we can do to deter the squirrels?

Answer: I face the same issues, as do commercial pecan producers. If a pecan tree is free-standing, that is, not touching other trees, power lines, etc., you can put a sheet metal collar in place around its trunk. Keep it loose so that it won't girdle the tree over time.

Much better yet, affix it so that you can put it in place in early summer and remove it after all of the pecans are down in late fall. Other than that, there is nothing legal that you can do. I personally don't do anything to harm my squirrels. We always have enough pecans to share. Things like reflective strips, fake owls, etc. may work for a short time, but eventually the squirrels catch on.

Courtesy photo

Gulf Coast Muhly (Muhlenbergia lindheimeri) is looking cold, but pretty in pink and will continue to look good through the fall and winter months. Wait until about mid-February to prune ornamental grasses and evaluate their condition.

RE-LEAF BY DEBBIE FROST

Ouch! When temperatures drop from the 40s to well below freezing it may leave a mark. Plants that visit 32 degrees a few times are better equipped to handle low temperatures.

It isn't the cold that does the damage, it is the extreme drop in temperatures that can damage plants that are not hardened and ready for winter temperatures. Temperate plants that are gradually exposed to cooler temperatures undergo physiological changes that allow them to survive cold weather. As with so many things, there are no short cuts. Plants that go from lows in the 40s to lows in the 20s are likely to have a few problems, suffer from dead wood or even death.

Temperature isn't the only factor that comes into play with winter hardiness, but it is a an important one. Photoperiod (day length or dark period), genetics, moisture, wind exposure, sun exposure, plant condition, carbohydrate reserves and temperature patterns all play into winter hardiness. The shorter days of fall and cooling temperatures no doubt had some influence in preparing plants for dormancy, but skipping at least a few visits at 32 degrees can't be good.

There are a few factors that may be to our favor. Late summer rain resulted in good plant condition going into the fall. Healthy plants are more likely to survive temperature extremes better than stressed plants. And there may have been a little bit of a cooling down period provided by the warmth of the ground and surroundings. This may have acted as a buffer between dropping temperatures and plants.

What to do now? Don't rush to prune trees. Most shrub pruning could wait until late winter, but spring-blooming shrubs can wait until flowers begin to fade. Wait until mid to late February to trim herbaceous plants. Water infrequently during the winter. Cool-season flowers and vegetables may need weekly irrigations, but established warm-season plants may only need water once a month or so. You'll need to check the soil moisture to make that determination. And as always, select plants that have a proven track record for West Texas hardiness.

Re-leaf is found in hoping for the best and being prepared to make needed updates next year.

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Pro chemical applicators must continue learning

JEFF FLOYD

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Weeds, bugs, diseases, rodents and spiders are just a few of the nuisances that licensed chemical applicators chase daily for our comfort and health. My lovely bride tries to place me in a nuisance category all to myself. Fortunately, I'm not the kind of pest these professional are paid to eradicate.

In our state, professional chemical applicators are licensed through the Texas Department of Agriculture. Most applicators first undergo a rigorous training period as an apprentice on the job. In addition to their practical training, applicators will spend hours hitting the books to increase their knowledge of Texas pesticide laws and regulations.

Professional applicators never stop learning. In fact, the state of Texas requires applicators to maintain a demanding training regimen by obtaining some number of continuing education units (CEUs) annually. The number and character of the CEUs licensed applicators must earn depends on the category of the license they have.

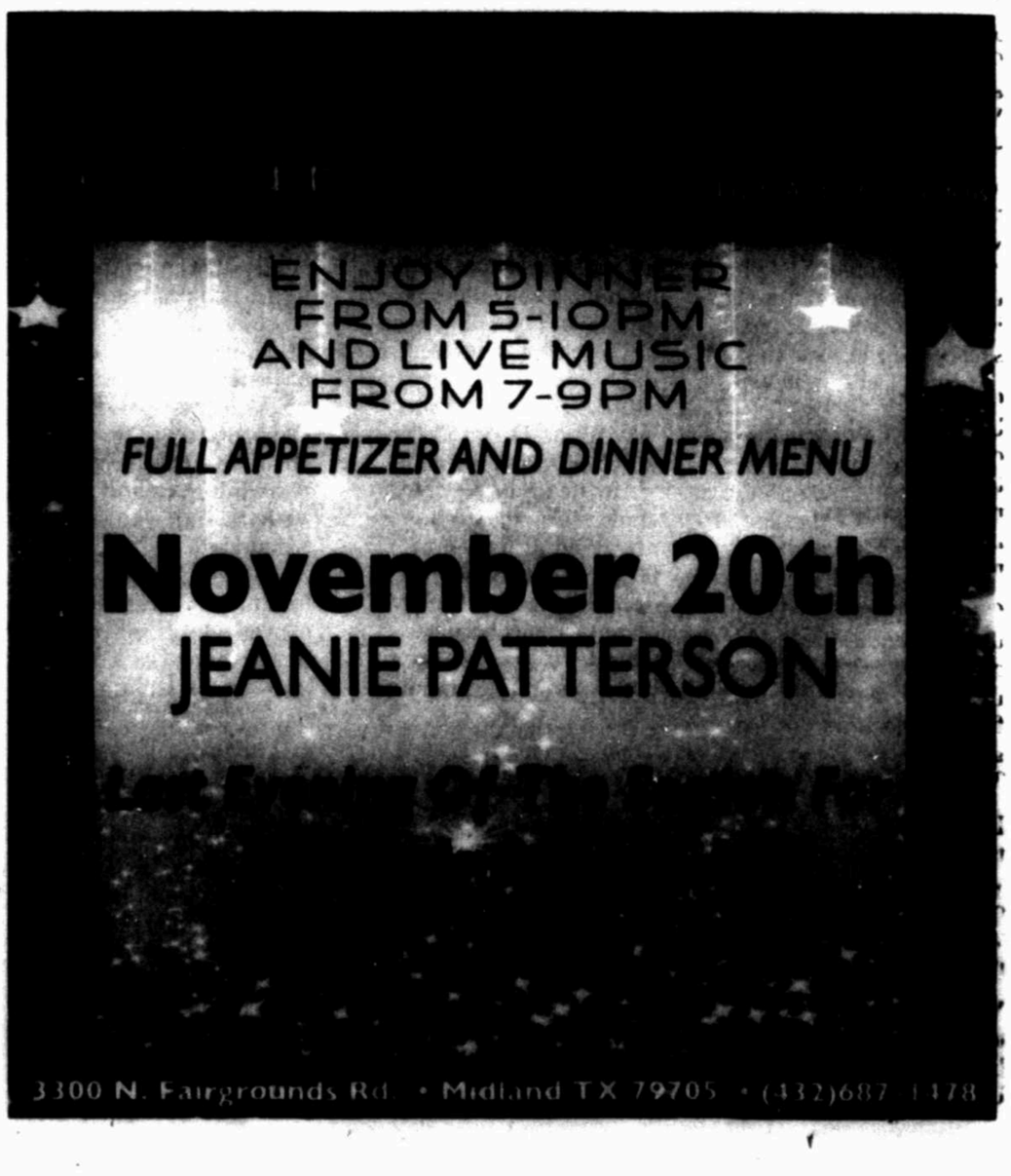
Private applicators are licensed to spray their own property with specially formulated chemicals that are sometimes more potent than over-the-counter products and may require special handling. Private applicators cannot apply chemicals on properties they do not own.

Commercial applicators are authorized to apply certain state limited and restricted use pesticides for profit. These professional applicators often perform application services as a primary means of making of their living. They provide a valuable service in and around our homes, restaurants, hotels and other locations.

Non-commercial applicators work for cities, school districts, counties and other agencies that offer not-for-profit services to the public. These applicators may or may not perform these services as their primary duties. All applicators are trained to use integrated methods that pose the least toxic threat to the environment.

Texas A&M AgriLife will host the annual Professional Applicators Conference 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 9 at Barn G in the Ector County Coliseum. Early registration for the program is $45 and includes lunch, snacks and a certificate of completion for attendees. Registration at the door is $65. To register, call 686-4700 or email travis.cooper@ag.tamu.edu. Anyone can register, however, this is not a training session for non-certified applicators.

Become a Master Gardeners to learn more about horticulture in the Permian Basin. An informational session for those interested in becoming a Texas Master Gardener will be held 9 a.m.-noon Jan. 10 at the Ector County Annex, 1010 E. 8 St. in Odessa. Master Gardener training classes will be held on Saturdays in 2015 to accommodate both retired and working volunteers. Cost is $250 and covers the Master Gardener training manual, speaker fees and printing of class material. For more information, contact the Midland County Extension office at 686-4700 or email at jeff.floyd@ag.tamu.edu.



TODAY: Sunny	WEDNESDAY: Sunny	THURSDAY: Sunny	FRIDAY: Sunny	SATURDAY: Mostly sunny	SUNDAY: Sunny
High: 80 Low: 31	High: 81 Low: 36	High: 84 Low: 39	High: 82 Low: 45	High: 84 Low: 45	High: 86 Low: 40

Local forecast

Expect sunny skies today with a warmer high temperature of 50. The highs will warm into the 60s — the mid 60s are average for this time of year — reaching the mid 60s this weekend.

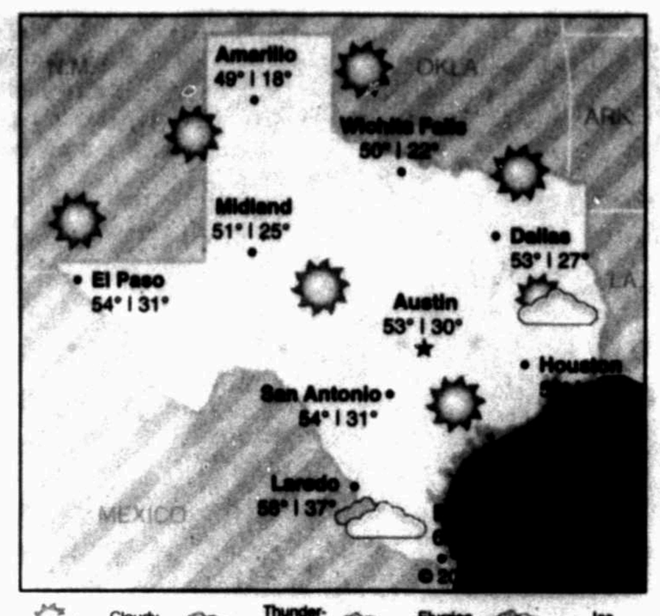
Other than a slight chance of rain on Friday, there isn't any precipitation in the seven-day forecast.

The high on Monday reached 44, while the low dropped to 22. The record high for Nov. 17 is 84 set in 1933 and 1981. The record low is 18 set in 1959.

National forecast

Q: What is a lunar rainbow?

A: It's a rainbow that has been formed by moonlight instead of sunlight, said Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "A lunar rainbow is sometimes called a moonbow, but they're the same thing," he explained. "Lunar rainbows are fairly rare. They are usually whitish in color and occur only during a full moon, and as is the case with a rainbow, the light source must be behind you. Lunar rainbows tend to be much fainter than normal rainbows because our eyes don't see color as well at night, plus moonlight produces less color than sunlight."



Precipitation

Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	1.01 in.
Year total	7.44 in.
Normal total (year to date)	13.73 in.

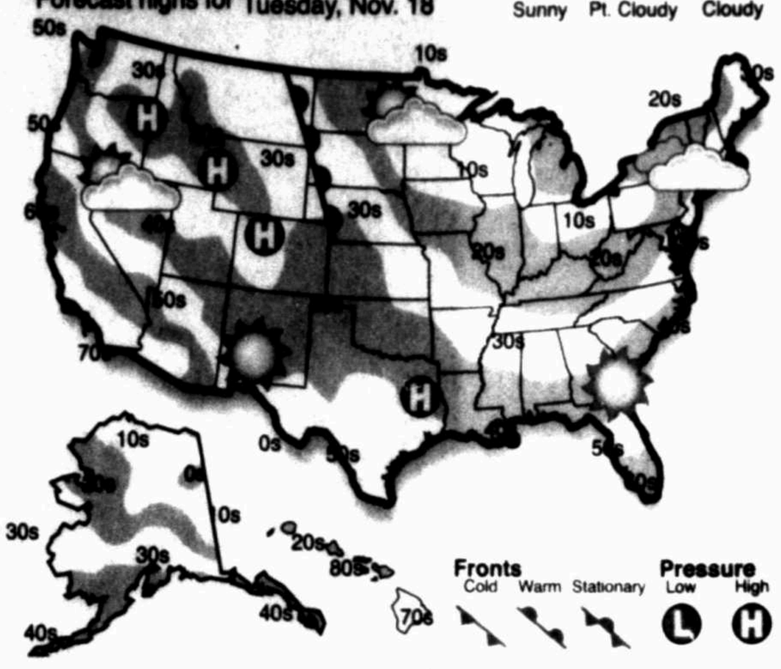
Monday's temperatures

High	44
Low	22
Normal high	66
Normal low	38
Sunrise	7:20 a.m.
Sunset	5:44 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Nov. 18

Sunny Pt. Cloudy Cloudy



Widow with younger lover is uneasy about their future

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: I am a widow who has fallen in love with a wonderful man who is almost 30 years my junior. He proclaims his love for me every day, and I know it's real. I have been warned by others to be aware of "devious males on the make for comfortably situated widows." After discussing it with the man, I have determined this is not his motive.

Right now, we're good friends who love each other's company. If marriage is in the future for us, I'm afraid of the age factor. He is not. Could you comment and give me some guidance? — CAUTIOUS IN KANSAS

DEAR CAUTIOUS: Everyone knows there are devious males — and females — out there, but not all men are predators. If your friend is financially independent, then it's unlikely he's looking for a sugar mama. While it is unusual, I know several couples in which the wife is considerably older than the husband, and they seem very happy together.

If and when you plan to marry, it makes sense to discuss this with your attorney and have a prenuptial agreement created. If your friend has no ulterior motives, he will understand it's for the protection of both of you and sign it. You have only one life to live — so live it without worrying about what others may think.

DEAR ABBY: I just opened my social media account and saw a friend had posted her daughter's report card — all A's. She then went on to say how proud she was of her because she is also co-captain of her school's volleyball team, and mentoring other students, etc. You get the picture.

My son is suffering from depression and social anxiety, and we are fighting to keep him from failing all his classes. He's going to therapy and is on medication.

Abby, isn't it in poor taste to publicly show your child's report card? My son used to get straight A's before his depression, and I would have never posted his grades. Now I am becoming resentful of friends whose kids are doing well. What advice can you give me besides not opening up my social media account again? — BAD FEELINGS

DEAR BAD FEELINGS: I hope you realize that what this friend is doing is the same as parents who plaster bumper stickers on their vehicles that read "MY CHILD IS AN HONOR STUDENT." If this woman's posts upset you because of the challenges your son is dealing with, customize your social media feed to omit posts from her. That way, you won't have to cut yourself off from social media entirely.

DEAR ABBY: Have you ever — out of the blue — thought of someone you hadn't seen, heard from or thought of in a long time, and later discovered they died around that time? This has happened to me more times than I can count. No one I have spoken with — friends or family — has experienced this. Have you ever heard of this phenomenon, and is there a name for it? — MISS J. IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR MISS J.: I have never had that experience, but I have heard of the phenomenon. It's called either ESP or coincidence, depending upon which psychic plane you dwell. However, I HAVE had friends "pop into my head" and thought I should give them a call, only to hear from them a few days later.

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 Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2014:

When you make a commitment this year, it is as good as done. Be careful, as you could become overburdened as a result. You might want to look at your daily life and ask yourself whether it is reasonable to have so much going on each day. If you are single, you'll want to make time for some romance. It might take a conscious effort on your part to free up some time to enjoy your life more. After mid-August, you will start to see the results in your social life. If you are attached, your significant other will be thrilled to have more one-on-one time with you. LIBRA sees right through you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Today you'll demonstrate a propensity to walk right into controversial discussions. If you don't want to get caught up in this type of uproar, it would be wise to hightail it out of the situation. Tonight: Go along with someone else's choice.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You might want to run away from several people in your life who are adding only chaos to various situations. A meeting could highlight a general awkwardness between you and others. Know that you are coming from a different premise. Tonight: Choose a stressbuster.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You could be tired of pushing so hard to get to the bottom of a problem. A friend is likely to add his or her two cents, which could point you toward the correct path to a solution. It also might open several new doors for you. Tonight: Make the most of the moment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Your emotional nature will permit you to launch into action and handle a domestic problem. Stay detached from other personal issues. A partner could be difficult. Keep an eye on the big picture, and you'll gain an understanding of what ails this person. Tonight: At home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You could be taken aback by a situation that forces you to deal with a unique issue. Ask questions, and you'll help center the people involved. Someone you deal with on a daily basis could be argumentative. Try not to get involved. Tonight: Out and about.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Buy a little token of affection for someone in your daily life. This person probably needs to feel valued. Unexpected developments are likely when dealing with money. Count your change twice. Be sure that you are on the same page as others. Tonight: Keep it intimate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You might want to rush through a situation that makes you uncomfortable. You could get an unexpected reaction from someone who could stop you dead in your tracks. You might feel as if this person is taking advantage of your good nature. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ You easily could feel out of sorts, which could color what otherwise would be a wonderful, exciting day. Take a walk, schedule a massage or go to the gym — do whatever you can to change your mood. A talk with a friend might help, too. Tonight: Not to be found.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Expect to be busy, and you won't be disappointed. Whether you're eating lunch or doing research, it will seem as if friends want to find you to get some feedback. Make it your pleasure, as long as you have time. Tonight: Out on the town with friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Your ability to take a stand and command a situation with ease marks your personality. You might want to recognize how much friction this could cause on the homefront. Recognize that your priorities will define your limitations; follow them. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Assess the cost of a plan you are in the process of hatching. You could be taken aback by the financial implications, and you might want to back off. Be aware that you are sensitive to someone's mood, but he or she might not be tuned in to yours. Tonight: Around good music.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ A partner will push you beyond your limits. You might need to take a stand to let this person know that you have reached your boiling point. On the other hand, if you ignore him or her, ultimately the game will end — just not immediately. Tonight: Make nice.

BORN TODAY

First female chief of the Cherokee Nation Wilma Mankiller (1945), baseball player David Ortiz (1975), actor Owen Wilson (1968)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Dump the nine!

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 9 7
♡ K 7 3
♢ Q 8 2
♣ A 10 8 7 3

WEST
♠ K Q 10 8 6 4
♡ 10 9 2
♢ A 7
♣ J 6

EAST
♠ 2
♡ J 8 6 5
♢ K 6 5 3
♣ Q 9 5 4

SOUTH
♠ A J 5 3
♡ A Q 4
♢ J 10 9 4
♣ K 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	2♣	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠

The lead of the king against three no-trump asks partner to unblock an honor, if he has one. When the king of spades was allowed to hold the first trick, West knew not to continue the suit. He shifted to the 10 of hearts, won by South with the ace. Declarer went after his diamond tricks by leading low to dummy's queen and East's king. Hearts were continued, confirming that West started with six spades.

West won the second diamond and reverted to hearts. South won and cashed the 10 of diamonds, noting West's spade discard. Declarer took a moment to consider his next move. It looked like West started with six spades, three hearts and two diamonds, ergo two clubs. After extracting his clubs, West could be put on lead with a low spade and forced to return a spade into South's ace-jack.

Following this plan, declarer led a club to the ace and another club back to his king. A low spade at this point would allow West to make a spectacular play — he could play low and allow dummy's nine to win! Dummy would be forced to give East the last two club tricks. This declarer was having none of that. He cashed his last diamond, dumping the nine of spades from dummy, and then continued with a low spade. Contract made! Well done!

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Italian scooter
6 Weird
11 "This is so frustrating!"
14 Sharon of Israel
15 Old-timey "Yikes!"
16 Coventry bathroom
17 Like a fajita pan
19 Perner, to Pierre
20 Casual Friday top
21 FAO Schwarz specialty
22 Turn away
24 __ vivant
25 Tiny bit
27 Daisy-plucking words
33 Farm or home ending
34 Troubles
35 "Now __ me down to sleep..."
37 James of "The Godfather"
38 Count Chocula wear
39 Turn on a pivot
40 Start of many Internet addresses
41 Actor Thicke
42 "I can take __!"
43 To the point
46 Bonny girl
47 Owned
48 Hangout for some 38-Down
51 Word spoken while pointing
53 Short change?
56 Month after avril
57 Not a likely chance, and, literally, a hidden feature of 17-, 27- and 43-Across
61 Pre-holiday time
62 Part of USNA
63 "Keen!"
64 Twin of Bert Bobbsey
65 Picket fence parts
66 Barbershop band?

DOWN

1 Like outer space
2 Weird-sounding lake
3 Clothing label number
4 Candy in a collectible dispenser
5 With everything accounted for
6 Choosing word
7 Omelet base
8 Cheering syllable
9 Binding words
10 Real
11 Delight
12 Crowd cacophony
13 Defeat decisively
18 Prefix with sphere
23 Disappeared
24 Skinny sort
25 Hawaii component
26 Siberian city
27 Box score numbers
28 Moor
29 Luxurious homes
30 Online finance company
31 Stan's partner
32 Gibe
33 UCLA or USC
36 To this point
38 Some strays
42 Rouses from bed
44 Synthetic fibers
45 In pumps, say
48 "So be it!"
49 Volcano output
50 Burden for some debtors
51 Future atty's exam
52 Many Manets
53 Blacken on the grill
54 Four-legged Emerald City visitor
55 Halt
58 "Friendly Skies" co
59 New Deal energy prog
60 Put in rollers

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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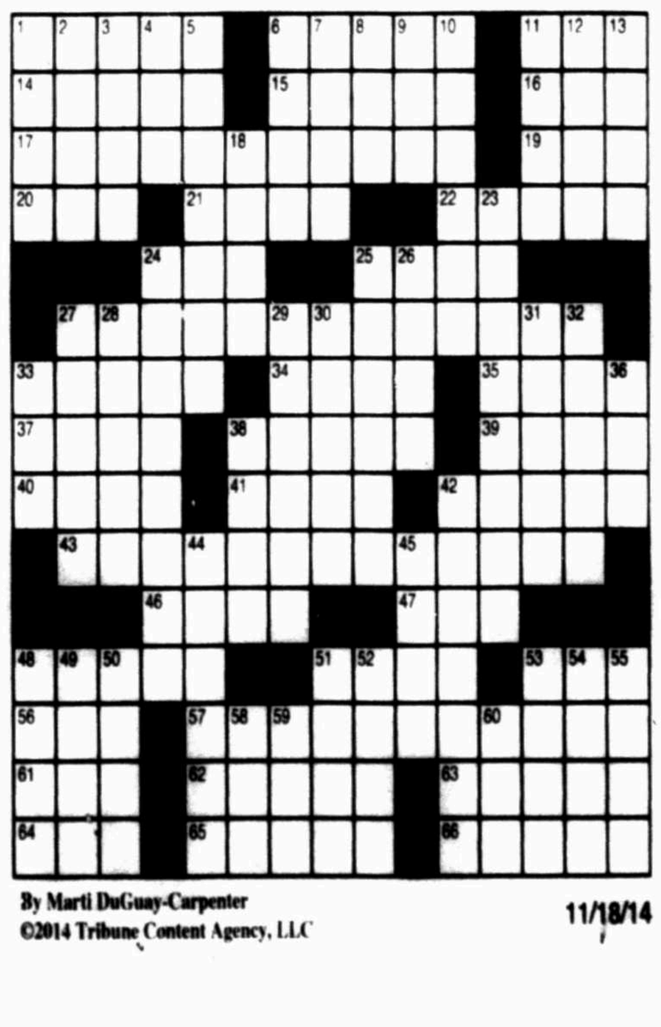

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SOUND BITES

Reviews of recent releases

TRISHA YEARWOOD
"Prizefighter: Hit After Hit"

Trisha Yearwood returns with her first new recordings in seven years with "Prizefighter," which combines 10 of her best-known hits with six new songs.

The title tune pairs Yearwood with acolyte Kelly Clarkson, and the two overcome the song's empowerment clichés through the earth-shaking force of their voices. But the album includes better songs: "I Remember You" allows Yearwood to reveal her talent for conveying emotion through a combination of strength and restraint.

Yearwood's re-entry into the country music sweepstakes hasn't received as much attention as that of her husband, Garth Brooks. But "Prizefighter" not only reminds listeners Yearwood's past triumphs; it also proves that her remarkable voice deserves a place among country hit-makers.

Michael McCall/AP

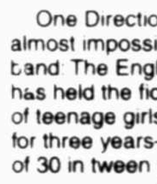
VARIOUS ARTISTS
"The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1: Original Motion Picture Soundtrack"

It was only a matter of time before Lorde graduated from contributing a song for "Catching Fire" to taking over the soundtrack for the latest "Hunger Games" soundtrack in which the 18-year-old chanteuse curates a concoction of dark magic, enchanting tunes and revolutionary feelings. As the world of Katniss Everdeen gets darker with sacrifice, violence and revolt in "Mockingjay Part 1," the soundtrack follows suit with a medley of offbeat and oddly appealing synths, pianos and guitars.

Christina Jaleru/AP

ONE DIRECTION
"Four"

One Direction has done the almost impossible for a boy band: The English-Irish quintet has held the fickle attentions of teenage girls the world over for three years— the equivalent of 30 in tween years— and the band's new album, "Four," isn't likely to diminish the group's stronghold.



On "Four," One Direction— Niall Horan, Zayn Malik, Liam Payne, Harry Styles, Louis Tomlinson— continues to produce perfectly polished pop tunes with the edges buffed for maximum shine. And shine they do: It's hard to deny the anodyne appeal of strummer "Ready To Run," the up-tempo Buddy Holly-sway of "Girl Almighty," the Ed Sheeran-penned sweetly nostalgic "18," or new single, "Night Changes," which may or may not be about losing one's innocence. It's hard to tell because the band's lyrics wisely never veer from PG.

"Midnight Memories," was the world's best-selling album of 2013. "Four" will likely give Taylor Swift's "1989" a run for its money for the 2014 title.

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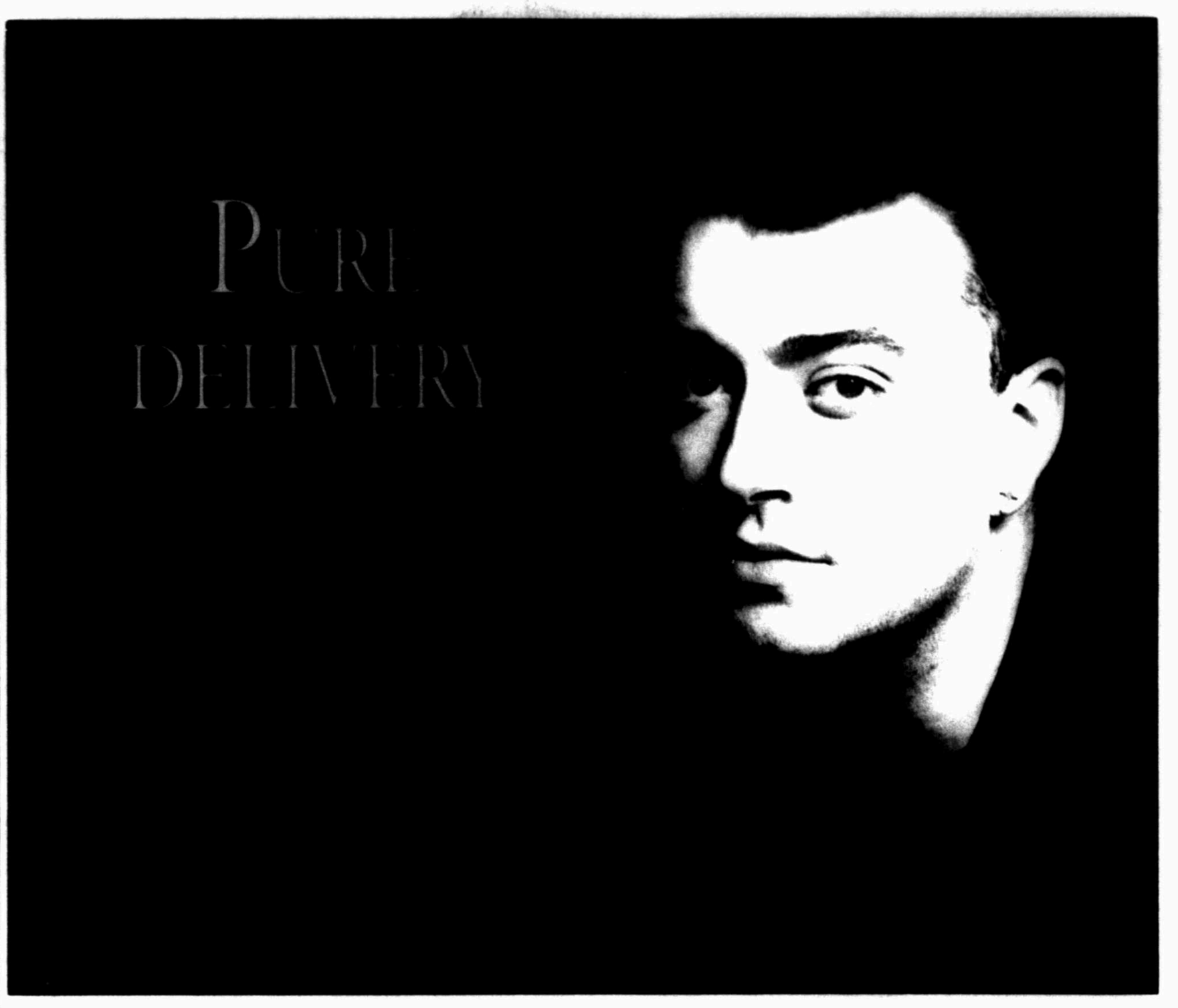

Sam Smith, the sad singer? Not really

By Mesfin Fakadu
Associated Press

NEW YORK — If you go to a Sam Smith concert, you'll probably hear his stories of unrequited love and how he's never been in a relationship.

But he said that void has been slowly filled — partly thanks to meeting men and going on dates — but mainly because of his devoted fans who have helped him top the charts with his album, push millions of singles and sell out venues like Madison Square Garden.

"I'm going on dates, here and there, meeting people," Smith said in a recent interview. "I'm not lonely anymore because of that, but obviously I would like someone next to me while I sleep."

He added with a laugh: "But I'm working on that."

Smith has become the year's breakthrough act thanks to his booming, soulful voice, playful demeanor and deep, honest lyrics that help break up the monotonous, dance heavy sound on pop radio.

"In the Lonely Hour," his debut album released in June, has sold more than 772,969 units. His single "Stay With Me" peaked at No. 2 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart and sold over 3 million tracks; and other songs have built on his buzz, from another Top 10 hit and multi-platinum success, "Latch" with Disclosure, to the upbeat "La La La" with Naughty Boy to Smith's newest single, "I'm Not the Only One," which jumped to No. 11 last week.

The 22-year-old has number of big-name fans — from Beyoncé to Mary J. Blige, with whom he's recorded. And he's been getting calls to collaborate with others.

"I remember being ecstatic for having 200 Facebook likes. Now, I take that completely for granted now that I have like a million. But I'm now thinking, 'I really would like two million,'" he said.

"In the Lonely Hour" features pop grooves and ballads about love lapses and loneliness. The lyrics are brave and straightforward — Smith tells one man to leave his lover for him on one song, and one another he's open about being in love with someone who doesn't feel the same. And "Stay With Me" opens with the line: "Guess it's true, I'm not good at a one-night stand."

"When I'm speaking about my insecurities, that's when my music is the best. And that doesn't happen every day, so this writing process was quite dramatic and because I was trying to get these songs that were honest and brutal and real," said Smith, who co-wrote each of the songs. "I'm not a naturally sad person, so I was writing for a year and I wasn't sad every single day for a year, so that was tough."

He said he believes the fans are resonating with his honesty.

"The whole world knows my business now, I've got nothing else to hide, and I think that people are respecting that," he said.

Smith grew up in a small village in Cambridgeshire, England, and he decided to pursue music after his singing teacher told him he was good. He said he worked with dodgy managers as a teen, leading to false record deals and disappointments. But he persevered, eventually meeting the right producers to help him craft songs that speak from the heart.

Smith said fans have told him intense stories about connecting to his music. He's also wants to be a voice for young gay men and women who look up to him.

"It's so, so deeply important to me to be a spokesperson," Smith said. "I want to be, but not just for gay people, for straight people, for lesbians, transsexuals, anyone in the world. I want my music to relate to absolutely everyone."

Sandy Alouete, VH1's senior vice president of talent and music programming, calls Smith a true artist.

"There's no gimmick. Watching him on TV or hearing him on the radio, it's just a pure delivery in a pop world that tends to stray from that," she said.

VH1 named Smith one of its "You Oughta Know" artists, and he performed at the network's concert celebrating emerging musicians.

Alouete recalls attending a Smith show, and taking in the audience.

"Anyone and everyone was on their feet, singing along — older couples on date nights, parents with their kids, gay, straight, you name it," she said. "That's the artist he is and that just happens once in a blue moon."

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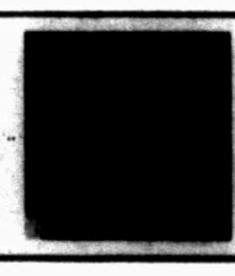
Today's releases

Rickenback 'Re Fixed Address'

One Direction 'Four'

various artists 'The Art of McCartney'



David Bowie 'Nothing Has Changed'

In This Moment 'Black Widow'

LIVEWIRE

MIDLAND/ODESSA/ BIG SPRING/ANDREWS

NOVEMBER

18 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
20 **Gary Kyle and the No Standards Band** @ Lone Star Bar
20 **Tech Jazz** @ Music City Mall
20 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ West Texas Dance Club
20 **An Irish Christmas** @ Wagner Noel
20 **Jeannie Patterson** @ Cafe at Alldredge Gardens
20 **Hudson Moore, Parker McCollum** @ Rockin Rodeo
21 **La Mafia, Ram Herrera, Rubem Ramos** @ La Hacienda
21 **Matt Caldwell** @ Lone Star Bar
21 **Thom Shepperd** @ 10 Sports Bar
21 **Watery Graves** @ The Detour
21 **Chris Allbright Band** @ Escape Lounge
21 **Ashlee Rose** @ Family Promise fundraiser
21-22 **The Santa Fe Band** @ Your Place
21-22 **Cory Dutton** @ The Bar
22 **Jay Statham Band, Zane Williams** @ Lone Star Bar
22 **Samuel Zachary, Mike Leonard, Sparkle, annual Thanksgiving show** @ Music City Mall
23 **Three Bridges** @ Calvary Assembly Of God
23 **Padlock, Matthew Rios, Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Music City Mall
23 **Permian Basin String Quartet "Death anf the Maiden"** @ Wagner Noel
25 **Johnny & Susie Band** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
26 **Aaron Watson** @ Graham's
27 **Brandon Steadman Band** @ Rockin Rodeo
27 **La Arrolladora, Noel Torres, La Maquinaria Norteña** @ La Hacienda
28 **Flashback** @ The Detour
28 **Jarrod Sterrett and the Hired Guns** @ Redneck's
28 **Justin Langston** @ 10 Sports Bar
28-29 **Unsweet T's** @ The Bar
28-29 **The Road Kings** @ Your Place
29 **Midwest Tragedy** @ Redneck's
29 **Tech Jazz, Mike Leonard, Marrissa Reschman** @ Music City Mall
29 **Justin Langston** @ Hotel Settles (Big Spring)
30 **Padlock, Mateo Rivas** @ Music City Mall

DECEMBER

4 **Three Bad Jacks** @ Lucky Duck's Tattoo
5 **Southbound 35** @ The Detour
5 **Bruce Robison & Kelly Willis** @ Yucca Theatre
5 **Warrant, L.A. Guns** @ La Hacienda
5 **Jailhouse Poets, Rachel Kate** @ Blue Max
5-6 **Electric Gypsies** @ The Bar
5-6 **Texas Buck'n Heat Band** @ Your Place
6 **MOSC Sounds of the Season** @ Wagner Noel
6 **Baring Teeth** @ The Scorpion;s Den
6 **Sansietch, Speed Limit** @ Cigar Frog's
6 **Blacktop Outlaw, 7 Years Today** @ Redneck's
7 **Travis Tritt, Lee Roy Parnell** @ La Hacienda
10 **Disney's Beauty and the Beast** @ Wagner Noel
11 **Hemlock, Nightmare Canvas** @ Blue Max
11 **Terri Hendrix, Robert Earl Keen** @ Wagner Noel
11 **Troy Cartwright** @ Lone Star Bar
11 **Jason Boland** @ Rockin Rodeo
11 **Mark Chestnutt, Cory Michael** @ La Hacienda
12 **Backroad Troubadours** @ The Detour
12 **Texas Hill Country Outlaws featuring Lefty Bilbrey** @ Your Place
12 **Matthew Marcus McDaniel** @ 10 Sports Bar
12 **Art Alexakis of Everclear** @ Blue Max
12 **TJ Broscoff** @ Redneck's
12 **No Dry County** @ Lone Star Bar
12-13 **Electric Cowboys** @ The Bar
13 **Justin Langston** @ The Wine Rack
13 **Ashley Raines and the New West Revue** @ Cigar Frog's
13 **Crashing Pink Flamingos** @ Your Place
13 **Callahan Divide** @ Redneck's
14 **Lone Star Brass Christmas** @ Wagner Noel
15 **Voodoo Glow Skulls, American Swine** @ Blue Max
17 **Michael Martin Murphey** @ Wagner Noel

LUBBOCK

NOVEMNER

29 **Fozzy, Texas Hippie Coalition, Shaman's Harvest** @ Jake's Sports Cafe & Backroom

DECEMBER

11 **In This Moment, Twelve Foot Ninja, Starset, 3 Pill Morning** @ The Pavilion at Lone Star Event Center

NEW MEXICO

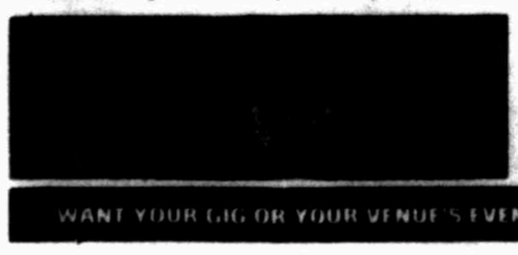
NOVEMBER

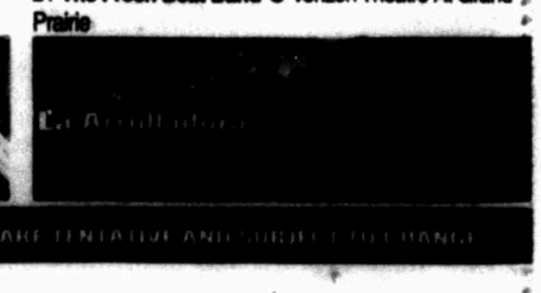
29 **Gerardo Ortiz** @ Inn of the Mountain Gods

DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA

NOVEMBER

18 **2PM** @ Verizon Theatre At Grand Prairie
18 **Blonde Redhead** @ Granada Theater
18 **Chrissie Hynde** @ Winspear Opera House
19 **Misfits** @ Gas Monkey Bar & Grill
19 **Slayer, Suicidal Tendencies, Exodus** @ Verizon Theatre At Grand Prairie
21 **The Fresh Beat Band** @ Verizon Theatre At Grand Prairie





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PRIVATE SCHOOL REPORT

Mustangs start fast in first road playoff game in 8 years

By Len Hayward
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The road trip to San Antonio was not much of a concern for Midland Christian coach Greg McClendon last week.

Instead his concern was whether his team would come out fast and in playoff mode in its first road, first-round playoff game in eight years.

The Mustangs certainly did come out ready to play, jumping out to a 49-0 halftime lead on San Antonio Central Catholic on its home field in downtown San Antonio on Friday on the way to a convincing 56-0 victory.

"Considering we hadn't started fast several times this year, it was always the concern," McClendon said of the fast start. "The No. 1 deal is if we get that done, then we win about 99.9 percent of our games. I thought our kids came out in big-time attack mode."

The Mustangs (7-4) scored 35 of those 49 first-half points in the first quarter, and it was possibly

McClendon

the team's most dominating performance of the season.

Midland Christian's offense had 360 total yards, but also held the Buttons to 67 total yards, including 38 on the ground.

The 38 yards rushing marked the sixth time in 11 games the Mustangs held a team to less than 100 yards rushing in a game.

"Defensively we completely shut them down," McClendon said. "We got good heat on the quarterback, and we shut down the run. They had about three plays that accounted for every bit of their offense."

McClendon said the best thing he saw last week on offense was the tempo his team played with against Central Catholic.

He said the Mustangs were able to find a rhythm early and it gave them confidence throughout the game against a team they had seen only on video.

"They didn't look like what we had seen all season long in district," McClendon said. "There was the unknown but I thought our kids did a great job."

BISHOP DUNNE NEXT: The TAPPS Division I playoffs over the years has essentially been a repeat of the District 1 chase, only in an elimination format.

All three District 1 teams that played in the first round won

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Boys basketball teams ready to go

Bulldogs hope good chemistry leads to district title

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Summer school is dreaded by high school students across the country.

Summer basketball, however, that's something students can get behind, which is exactly the attitude of the Midland High players this summer.

Instead of watching TV or hanging out at the pool, many of the Bulldogs put extra hours at the gym. The members of the team weren't always there at the same time, but some semblance of the larger Bulldogs roster could frequently be found on a court.

"We got together every day, even on Sundays," said senior point guard A.D. Johnson. "We tried to get in the gym as much as possible to be the best we can be."

Many Bulldogs frequented the Midland High gym during the summer, and when that wasn't open, they opted to play pick-up basketball at the YMCA.

Much of the Bulldogs' work was just playing pick-up ball together, but that wasn't all. Midland High players did a lot of individual work, stressing the skills that will allow the players to excel when the season finally rolls around.

Midland High head coach Charles Tatum said he would try and provide his players with individual worksheets targeted at particular skills a player needed to work on. And even though he couldn't oversee their summer work due to UIL regulations, Tatum said the difference in his team is notable.

"We have a lot of good things during the summer that are integral to what we do during the year, and they really latched on to that," Tatum said. "I have kids that love basketball, so a lot of the things I asked them to do wasn't something they already weren't doing something anyway."

Two Bulldogs, seniors Nathan Rogers (center) and Gary Ringo (guard), also played on an AAU team together this summer, expanding the competition they see in West

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James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Gary Ringo (5) goes up for a shot during a game last season at Chaparral Center.

MRT file photo

Lee head boys basketball coach Chris Packer stands in front of his bench during a game last season at Chaparral Center.

Young Rebels looking forward to new season

By Chris Hummer
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Last season may have been head coach Chris Packer's first year with Lee, but the 2014-15 season is when the program's foundation will really be laid.

The team has no choice really, with only one varsity player returning — a sophomore — and four other underclassmen on the varsity roster, this season will be where the real rebuilding project begins.

"We got to learn on the fly," Packer said. "But that's the beauty of it. Every game will be a learning experience."

Learn they shall, and if the Rebels hope to be competitive by the time district rolls around in January, they'll have to do so quickly. For an inexperienced roster, Packer has done the team little in terms of favors with the schedule.

Up in the first few weeks of the season are Amarillo High and Hobbs, the latter a perennial state power in New Mexico and the former a state tournament qualifier in Class 4A last season. Add those games to a number of high-level tournaments on the slate, and the Rebels could face a number of losses early.

"(We're) not going to get any better by going out and playing teams that aren't going to be the caliber of teams in our district," Packer said. "We have to see high level teams and challenge ourselves and take our lumps and learn on the fly, and hope by the time district comes around that we had worked those out."

What does this inexperienced Rebels squad need to absorb over the next two months?

A lot.

A small team, Lee will be guard heavy and play with a quick, aggressive tempo. The only issue is, the young Lee guards have little experience doing these things against varsity-level competition. Pinpoint passes

Please see REBELS/4C

Big 12 title still up for grabs with 3 weeks left

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

With three weeks left in the Big 12's regular season, the league champion is far from being determined.

Title contenders No. 5 TCU, No. 6 Baylor and No. 12 Kansas State all have one league loss.

The Bears are home Saturday against struggling Oklahoma State and then play Texas Tech at the Dallas Cowboys' stadium. Baylor then hosts Kansas State during the first weekend in December when the rest of the power-five conferences will be playing championship games.

"We don't do anything differently. We understand that we have to play our best," Baylor coach Art Briles said Monday on the weekly Big 12 coaches teleconference. "Our guys, they're fresh mentally and physically, and we're ready for this three-game push."

Kansas State plays Thursday night at West Virginia, which already at home this year beat Baylor by two touchdowns and lost to TCU on a game-ending field goal. The Wildcats also play a home finale against Kansas.

TCU's next game is Thanksgiving night at bowl-bound Texas. The Horned Frogs finally gets a break after playing eight consecutive weeks, going from unranked to a possible spot in the new four-team playoff.

"I don't think that really we've had a lot of pressure," TCU coach Gary Patterson said. "I think it was one of those situations where we've kind of been the surprise team."

The Frogs, in only their third Big 12 season, were fourth in last week's playoff rankings, three spots ahead of Baylor. But there will be some changes in the new rankings Tuesday night after No. 5 Alabama beat top-ranked Mississippi State.

While highly unlikely, it is still possible for up to six teams to finish 6-3 and tied for the Big 12 title. Texas

Please see TITLE/3C

Orlin Wagner/AP

TCU wide receiver Emanuel Porter (1) catches a Trevone Boykin pass in front of Kansas cornerback Dexter McDonald (12) on Saturday in Lawrence, Kan.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TODAY
WHAT'S ON TV
COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Northern Illinois at Ohio, 7 p.m., ESPNU
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Iona at Wofford, 6 a.m., ESPN2
Northern Iowa at Stephen F. Austin, 8 a.m., ESPN2
Manhattan at UMass, 10 a.m., ESPN2
Baylor at South Carolina, 11 a.m., ESPN
Wichita State vs. Memphis, 1 p.m., ESPN
Utah at San Diego State, 3 p.m., ESPN
Toledo at VCU, 5 p.m., ESPNU
Michigan State vs. Duke, 6 p.m. ESPN
Long Beach State at Xavier, 6 p.m., FS1
Texas A&M-CC at Georgetown, 6 p.m., FS2
Stony Brook at Georgia, 6 p.m., SEC
Campbell at Davidson, 6 p.m., SNY
Marquette at Ohio State, 6:30 p.m., ESPN2
Northwest Oklahoma State at Ojlahoma State, 7 p.m., FCSP
Kansas vs. Kentucky, 8 p.m., ESPN
Drake at DePaul, 8 p.m., FS1
Chattanooga at Butler, 8 p.m., FS2
Arkansas-Little Rock at BYU, 8 p.m., BYUtv
Texas Tech at LSU, 8:30 p.m., ESPN2
Corban at Oregon State, 9 p.m., P12
MEN'S SOCCER
Slovenia vs. Colombia, 10:50 a.m., beIN2
Belarus vs. Mexico, 10:55 a.m., ESPNews/UniMas/UniDep
Slovakia vs. Finland, 11:25 a.m., ESPNDEP
Austria vs. Russia, 11:50 a.m., beIN
Ireland vs. USA, 1:30 p.m., ESPN2/UniMas/UniDep
Spain vs. Germany, 1:30 p.m., ESPNDEP
Argenita vs. Portugal, 1:55 p.m., beIN/beIN2
Chile vs. Uruguay, 4:45 p.m., beIN2
Bolivia vs. Venezuela, 4:50 p.m., beIN
Peru vs. Paraguay, 6:55 p.m., beIN2
France vs. Sweden, Midnight, ESPNDEP
A-League: Western Sydney Wanderers vs. Central Coast Mariners, 2:30 a.m., FOX-SOCP
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Texas State at Texas Tech, 7 p.m., FSSWP
UMKC at Kansas State, 7 p.m., FCSA
Lamar at Oklahoma, 7 p.m., FCSC
NBA
New Orleans at Sacramento, 9 p.m., NBATV
NHL
San Jose at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN
Carolina at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY
HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL
Midland Christian vs. Presidio, 6:30 p.m., Alpine
Snyder at Greenwood, 7:30 p.m.
Klondike at Trinity, 7:30 p.m.
Big Spring at San Angelo Lake View, 7:30 p.m.
Denver City at Midland Classical, 8 p.m.
Lee at Hobbs, New Mexico, 8 p.m.
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL
Klondike at Trinity, 6 p.m.
Stanton at Big Spring, 6 p.m.
Midland Christian at Monahans, 6 p.m.
Lubbock Estacado at Greenwood, 6:15 p.m.
Lee at Wall, 6:30 p.m.
Andrews at Grady, 6:30 p.m.
Rankin at Midland Classical, 6:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
[illegible] TIGERS — [illegible] Alex Avila.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — [illegible] Alex Hassan off waivers from Boston.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Named [illegible]
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Named [illegible] director of baseball analytics and research.
ATLANTA BRAVES — Traded OF Jason Heyward and RHP Jordan Walden to the St. Louis for RHP Shelby Miller and RHP Tyrell Jenkins. [illegible] League
[illegible] — Signed 2B Hector [illegible] Signed OF Brett [illegible]
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
INDIANA PACERS — Announced G A.J. Price [illegible] with the team another 7 days after being [illegible] hardship relief exception [illegible] NBA.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS — Placed RB Antone [illegible] on injured reserve.
BUFFALO BILLS — Placed [illegible] Mike [illegible] injured reserve. Signed DB Bacarri Rambo. Signed DB Brandon Smith to the practice squad.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Activated [illegible] Marcedes Lewis from the injured reserve [illegible] Placed WR Allen Robinson on injured reserve. Waived TE Mike Flacco from the practice squad. Waived WR Nathan Slaughter from injured reserve.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Activated [illegible] Geoff Schwartz off the injured reserve-return list. Waived [illegible] Anderson.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Activated NT [illegible] Dorsey from the injured reserve-return list. Placed NT Ian Williams on injured reserve.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed OT Michael Huey to the practice squad. Released WR Rashad Ross from the practice squad.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Placed D Trevor [illegible] on the long-term injury list. Recalled D Stephen Johns and G Antti Raanta from Rockford (AHL). Reassigned F Joakim Nordstrom and G Scott Darling to Rockford.
LOS ANGELES KINGS — Activated D Andrew Bodnarchuk from the injured reserve list and assigned him to Manchester (AHL).
MINNESOTA WILD — Placed G Josh Harding on waivers.
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Assigned G Keith Kinkaid to Albany (AHL). Recalled G Scott Clemmensen and D Peter Harrold from Albany. Placed D Bryce Salvador on injured reserve, retroactive to Nov. 10.
NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Reassigned G Kent Simpson from Colorado (ECHL) to the Stockton (ECHL).
American Hockey League
HAMILTON BULLDOGS — Released F Sahir Gill from his professional try out contract.
HARTFORD WOLF PACK — Released D Tomas Kaberle from his professional tryout agreement.
SPRINGFIELD FALCONS — Assigned D Mike DiPaolo to Kalamazoo (ECHL).
SOCCER
USL PRO
USL PRO — Announced FC Montreal will join the league beginning with the 2015 season.
COLLEGE
AKRON — Suspended men's senior basketball F Demetrius Treadwell indefinitely for a violation of the school's student-athlete code of conduct. SL PRO continued its unprecedented off-season growth with the announcement that FC Montreal, owned and operated by the Montreal Impact of Major League Soccer, will be the 10th new team to join for the 2015 season. The Impact are led by Owner & President Joey Saputo.
AUSTIN PEAY — Named Robbie Wilson men's golf coach.
MICHIGAN — Dismissed DE Frank Clark.
MONTANA — Announced the retirement of football coach Mick Delaney at the end of the season.
NYU — Named Tom Crossan assistant softball coach.
TENNESSEE — Suspended LB A.J. Johnson and DB Michael Williams amid a sexual assault investigation.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	[illegible]	[illegible]	4	[illegible]	29	55	47
Tampa Bay	[illegible]	[illegible]	4	[illegible]	28	[illegible]	49
Boston	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	22	51	49
Detroit	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	45	42
Ottawa	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	45
Toronto	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	20	56	51
Florida	[illegible]	[illegible]	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	33	[illegible]
Buffalo	[illegible]	4	13	[illegible]	[illegible]	30	68

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	25	60	35
N.Y. Islanders	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	22	54	50
New Jersey	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	18	46	53
N.Y. Rangers	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4	18	50	58
Washington	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	50	49
Philadelphia	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	16	51	53
Columbus	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	44	59
Carolina	[illegible]	[illegible]	9	[illegible]	13	[illegible]	51

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	[illegible]	[illegible]	4	[illegible]	25	49	33
Nashville	[illegible]	[illegible]	4	2	24	43	35
Chicago	18	10	[illegible]	[illegible]	21	51	36
Winnipeg	19	9	[illegible]	[illegible]	21	37	42
Minnesota	17	10	[illegible]	[illegible]	20	50	39
Colorado	19	6	8	5	17	47	61
Dallas	18	6	8	4	16	49	61

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	19	11	4	4	26	51	46
Vancouver	18	12	6	0	24	53	52
Calgary	19	11	6	2	24	59	50
Los Angeles	18	9	5	4	22	45	40
San Jose	20	10	8	2	22	56	53
Arizona	18	8	9	1	17	47	57
Edmonton	18	6	10	2	14	44	60

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

Monday's Score
Tampa Bay 5, N.Y. Rangers 1
Today's Games
St. Louis at Boston, 6 p.m.
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Columbus, 6 p.m.
San Jose at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m.
Nashville at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

AP TOP 25

	Record	Pts	Pv
1. Kentucky (49)	2-0	1,574	1
2. Arizona (4)	2-0	1,491	2
3. Wisconsin	2-0	1,475	3
4. Duke (4)	2-0	1,422	4
5. Kansas	1-0	1,306	5
6. North Carolina	2-0	1,254	6
7. Louisville	1-0	1,130	8
8. Florida	1-0	1,127	7
9. Virginia	2-0	1,065	9
10. Texas	**2-0**	**1,061**	**10**
11. Wichita St.	1-0	1,002	11
12. Villanova	1-0	858	12
13. Gonzaga	1-0	841	13
14. Iowa St.	1-0	746	14
15. VCU	1-0	654	15
16. San Diego St.	1-0	564	16
17. UConn	1-0	525	17
18. Oklahoma	1-0	466	19
19. Michigan St.	1-0	443	18
20. Ohio St.	1-0	381	20
21. Nebraska	1-0	298	21
22. SMU	**1-0**	**290**	**22**
23. Syracuse	2-0	190	23
24. Michigan	1-0	177	24
25. Utah	1-0	118	25

Others receiving votes: Stanford 63, Colorado 52, Iowa 48, UCLA 41, Kansas St. 29, Arkansas 23, Memphis 11, Minnesota 11, Notre Dame 10, Pittsburgh 10, Louisiana Tech 9, Dayton 7, Florida St. 6, NC State 6, Oklahoma St. 6, Cincinnati 5, George Washington 5, LSU 5, Illinois 3, Maryland 3, BYU 2, Baylor 2, **UTEP 2**, Georgetown 1, N. Iowa 1, **Stephen F. Austin 1**.

USA TODAY TOP 25

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Kentucky (25)	2-0	787	1
2. Arizona (3)	2-0	754	2
3. Duke (2)	2-0	725	3
4. Wisconsin (2)	2-0	718	4
5. Kansas	1-0	654	5
6. North Carolina	2-0	609	6
7. Florida	1-0	560	7
8. Louisville	1-0	557	9
9. Virginia	2-0	543	8
10. Texas	**2-0**	**497**	**10**
11. Gonzaga	1-0	445	13
12. Villanova	1-0	443	12
13. Wichita State	1-0	438	11
14. Iowa State	1-0	340	14
15. Virginia Commonwealth	1-0	299	16
16. San Diego State	1-0	278	17
17. Connecticut	1-0	269	15
18. Oklahoma	1-0	258	19
19. Michigan State	1-0	254	18
20. Ohio State	1-0	190	20
21. Nebraska	1-0	140	21
22. Michigan	1-0	127	23
23. Southern Methodist	1-0	112	22
24. Syracuse	2-0	110	24
25. Iowa	1-0	64	25

Others receiving votes: Utah 38, Kansas State 35, Stanford 29, UCLA 24, Pittsburgh 17, Notre Dame 11, George Washington 9, Louisiana Tech 9, Illinois 8, Memphis 8, Arkansas 6, Colorado 6, **Baylor 5**, Georgetown 4, Minnesota 4, **Texas-El Paso 4**, Toledo 3, Cincinnati 2, Harvard 2, LSU 2, Dayton 1, Miami (Fla.) 1, Oregon 1.

Women

AP TOP 25

	Record	Pts	Pv
1. UConn (35)	1-0	875	1
2. South Carolina	1-0	827	2
3. Notre Dame	1-0	804	3
4. Tennessee	1-0	756	4
5. Texas A&M	**3-0**	**697**	**5**
6. Stanford	1-0	667	6
7. Duke	1-0	614	7
8. Baylor	**1-0**	**580**	**8**
9. Maryland	2-0	561	10
10. Texas	**1-0**	**545**	**9**
11. North Carolina	2-0	513	13
12. Louisville	2-0	504	12
13. Kentucky	1-0	497	11
14. California	1-0	427	15
15. Michigan St.	1-0	408	14
16. Nebraska	2-0	355	16
17. West Virginia	1-0	331	17
18. DePaul	2-1	253	18
18. Iowa	2-0	253	19
20. Oregon St.	2-0	215	20
21. Oklahoma St.	2-0	187	21
22. Rutgers	1-0	106	24
23. Syracuse	1-0	100	24
24. Georgia	2-0	42	—
24. Gonzaga	1-0	42	—
24. Purdue	1-0	42	—

Others receiving votes: Oklahoma 24, James Madison 15, NC State 14, Minnesota 12, South Florida 12, Arkansas 11, Florida St. 11, Mississippi St. 11, Vanderbilt 10, Washington St. 10, St. John's 8, UCLA 8, Albany (NY) 5, Green Bay 5, Arizona St. 4, Oregon 4, W. Kentucky 4, UALR 2, Georgia Tech 1, Iowa St. 1, Kansas 1, Northwestern 1.

Curnutte inks with Dallas Baptist in golf

By Len Hayward
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Christian Curnutte easily admits that she had a late start in the recruiting process for playing college golf.

Curnutte

But the Midland Christian senior made her commitment to Dallas Baptist last spring, and now she made it official. Curnutte, who is one of the most decorated girls golfers in Midland in recent years, officially signed with the school on Monday morning.

"It's a dream come true for sure," Curnutte said. "I've been waiting for this moment for a really long time. I've always wanted to play college golf, and it's an amazing moment for me and it's really life-changing."

Curnutte will head to Dallas Baptist with an impressive résumé that includes winning the Midland Women's City Tournament three times, and also helping the Lady Mustangs to consecutive state titles in 2012 and 2013.

Curnutte also won the TAPPS 4A medalist title as a freshman in 2012, and was the runner-up in 2013 and 2014 at the TAPPS state tournament.

Now, she will begin her college golf career with an eye toward making an impact early at Dallas Baptist.

"They are getting a tough one," said former Midland Christian girls golf coach Kevin Wallum. "She's been through plenty of adversity, and she knows how to respond to it."

Curnutte said she based part of her decision on Dallas Baptist because it was a smaller school, which is similar to the atmosphere she is in now at Midland Christian, and added that at a smaller school she would have a better chance to qualify for tournaments as a freshman.

"A lot of those girls are very good, and I know the players score-wise," Curnutte said. "I didn't want to go to a big university and not play for two years. I can qualify for tournaments my freshman and sophomore years, and play all four years, which is what I wanted."

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CHRISTIAN CURNUTTE
College: Dallas Baptist
High School: Midland Christian
Sport: Girls Golf
Notes: Curnutte is a three-time winner of the Midland Women's City Tournament, winning titles in 2010, 2011 and 2013. Curnutte was the runner-up in this year's tournament. ... Curnutte won a TAPPS 4A medalist title as a freshman in 2012, and was second in 2013 and 2013. The Lady Mustangs also won back-to-back state titles with Curnutte in 2012 and 2013. Midland Christian did not have enough golfers for a team in 2014. ... Curnutte said she plans to major in sports psychology.

Midland Christian blown away by Sandies

From staff reports

Amarillo High jumped out to an 18-point lead over Midland Christian in the first quarter and rolled to a 74-52 non-district victory against the Mustangs at the McGraw Events Center on Tuesday.

The No. 6-ranked Sandies opened up a 27-9 lead in the first quarter, and outscored Midland Christian over the next two quarters a combined 38-25.

Grant Little led the Mustangs (0-1) with 22 points, and Daniel Venzant added 12 points and Daniel Parkhurst 11.

Evan Wieck led Amarillo High with 22 points.

Midland Christian will take on Presidio in another non-district game at 7 p.m. today at Sul Ross State University's Gallego Center in Alpine.

AMARILLO HIGH 74, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 52
Amarillo High (1-0) — Don 2, Collins 4, Coffey 6, Anderson 4, Ates 4, Denton 2, Richardson 16, Eggleston 7, Betts 7, Wieck 22.
Midland Christian (0-1) — Daniel Venzant 12, Bryce Watters 5, Daniel Parkhurst 11, Grant Little 22, Luke McCormick 2.

Amarillo High	27	21	17	9—74
MCS	9	11	13	9—52

Free throws — Amarillo High 12-16, MCS 4-6. 3-point goals — Amarillo High 6 (Coffey 2, Richardson 4), MCS 10 (Venzant 2, Watters, Parkhurst 3, Little 4). Total fouls — Amarillo High 14, MCS 18. Fouled out — none.
Next: Midland Christian vs. Presidio, 7 p.m. today, Gallego Center, Alpine

HSSPORTSROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

TENNIS
MHS PLAYERS NAMED TO ALL-DISTRICT TEAM

The Midland High tennis team had five singles players and two doubles teams earn first-team selections on this year's 3-6A All-District Tennis Team.

The Bulldogs also had three players earn superlative honors.

Ellie Hord and Sofia Salcedo were named first team all-district at No. 3 girls doubles, and the boys teams of Hayden Boldrick and Brandt Schneider were first team selections at No. 2 boys doubles.

Singles players who earned first-team honors were Allison Stewart (No. 2 girls singles), Mickey Jimenez (No. 4 girls singles), Anna Parkison (No. 6 girls singles), Schneider (No. 3 boys singles) and Axel Durham (No. 6 boys singles).

Stewart earned the Freshman Girl of the Year award, and Midland High's Jack Wall was the Freshman Boy of the Year. Parkison was the district's Newcomer Girl of the Year.

Lee's Thomas Rubio was a first-team selection in boys singles at No. 3, tying with Schneider.

3-6A ALL-DISTRICT TENNIS TEAM
Midland High and Lee only listed
Freshman Girl of the Year: Allison Stewart, Midland High
Freshman Boy of the Year: Jack Wall, Midland High
Newcomer Boy of the Year: Anna Parkison, Midland High
First Team
Boys Singles
No. 3 Brandt Schneider, MHS; Thomas Rubio, Lee
No. 6 Axel Durham, MHS
Girls Singles
No. 2 Allison Stewart, MHS
No. 4 Mickey Jimenez, MHS
No. 6 Anna Parkison, MHS
Boys Doubles
No. 2 Hayden Boldrick-Brandt Schneider, MHS
Girls Doubles
No. 3 Ellie Hord-Sofia Salcedo, MHS
Second Team
Boys Singles
No. 2 Hayden Boldrick, MHS
No. 4 Chase Van Cleave, MHS
No. 5 Jack Wall, MHS
Girls Singles
No. 5 Sofia Sacedo, MHS
Boys Doubles
Girls Doubles
No. 1 Kate Daugherty-Adriana Garcia, MHS
No. 2 Anna-Parkison-Allison Stewart, MHS
Mixed Doubles
Alex Byrd-Mickey Jimenez, MHS
Honorable Mention
Girls Singles
No. 1 Kate Daugherty, MHS

MHS, LEE SWIMMERS COMPETE IN ODESSA

ODESSA — The Lee and Midland High swim teams competed in the Odessa Invitational on Saturday, and four different swimmers earned medals.

Lee junior Zack Gray won the boys 200-yard freestyle with a personal best time of 2 minutes, 06.61 seconds.

Lee junior Shelby Hawkins finished second in the boys 200 individual medley and also took runner-up honors in the 100 backstroke.

Also, Lee sophomore Nicholas De La Rosa was third in the boys 500 freestyle.

Midland High senior Julia Delgado was second in the girls 200 freestyle, clocking in at 2:18.41, which was just over a second behind Hannah Cannon of Abilene High.

VOLLEYBALL
MCA, TRINITY PLAYERS EARN ALL-DISTRICT HONORS

A total of six volleyball players from Trinity and Midland Classical Academy earned first-team honors on this year's TAPPS 1-3A All-District team.

Trinity's Ashley Stroup, Mady Walker and Avery Watson wera first-team selections, and Midland Classical Academy's Kristen Johnson, Alissa Beattie and Delaney Griffin also had first-team nods.

Trinity's Annette Mayne and Hilary Lanier were second-team selections on the TAPPS 3A all-district team, and the Lady Knights' Hallie Stokes, Elleri Haest and Ally Scott were also on the second team.

Trinity's Claudia Zissman-Monzon, Averee Curlee and Abbie Beard earned honorable mention on the all-district team, and Midland Classical's Micaela McDougall also had an honorable mention nod.

Stroup was a second-team TAPPS 3A All-State selection, and Johnson earned honorable mention on the all-state team.

Mayne, Stroup, Zissman-Monzon and Watson also earned slots on the TAPPS 3A Academic All-State team.

COLLEGEFOOTBALLPOLLS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

FCS COACHES POLL

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Coastal Carolina (20)	11-0	639	1
2. New Hampshire (4)	9-1	625	2
3. Jacksonville State (1)	9-1	588	3
4. North Dakota State (1)	10-1	587	4
5. Eastern Washington	9-2	550	5
6. Villanova	9-2	513	6
7. Illinois State	9-1	485	7
8. Fordham	10-1	446	8
9. Chattanooga	8-3	435	9
10. Southeastern La.	8-3	426	10
11. Northern Iowa	7-4	402	12
12. Montana State	8-3	364	13
13. Montana	7-4	328	15
14. Harvard	9-0	271	17
15. South Dakota State	7-4	265	19
16. Eastern Kentucky	9-2	237	20
17. McNeese State	6-4	208	11
18. Indiana State	7-4	187	25
19. William & Mary	7-4	176	23
20. Youngstown State	7-4	149	16
21. Richmond	7-4	141	14
22. James Madison	8-3	138	NR
23. Alcorn State	9-2	54	NR
24. Bethune-Cookman	8-3	45	18
25. Sacred Heart	9-2	32	NR

Others receiving votes: Charleston Southern 28, North Carolina A&T 27, **Sam Houston State 23**, Yale 15, Southern Illinois 14, Northern Arizona 13, Bryant 11, South Carolina State 9, Idaho State 7, **Stephen F. Austin 3**, Central Arkansas 3, Bucknell 2, Liberty 2, Presbyterian 1.

TSN FCS POLL

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. New Hampshire (74)	9-1	3879	1
2. Coastal Carolina (56)	11-0	3802	2
3. North Dakota State (20)	10-1	3606	4
4. Jacksonville State (10)	9-1	3581	3
5. Eastern Washington	9-2	3381	5
6. Villanova	9-2	3137	6
7. Fordham	10-1	2905	7
8. Illinois State	9-1	2865	8
9. Chattanooga	8-3	2598	9
10. Southeastern Louisiana	8-3	2466	10
11. Northern Iowa	7-4	2404	11
12. Montana State	8-3	2289	12
13. Montana	7-4	1886	16
14. Eastern Kentucky	9-2	1675	18
15. Harvard	9-0	1597	17
16. South Dakota State	7-4	1489	19
17. James Madison	8-3	1300	25
18. Indiana State	7-4	1257	23
19. McNeese State	6-4	1062	13
20. Youngstown State	7-4	998	15
21. Richmond	7-4	932	14
22. William & Mary	7-4	743	24
23. Sam Houston State	**7-4**	**403**	**NR**
24. North Carolina A&T	9-2	297	NR
25. Bethune-Cookman	8-3	268	20

Others receiving votes: Sacred Heart 200, Idaho State 153, Bryant 144, Alcorn State 118, Northern Arizona 104, Charleston Southern 93, Yale 51, Southern Illinois 47, Bucknell 34, Liberty 33, Cal Poly 32, **Stephen F. Austin 27**, North Carolina Central 24, Jackson State 23, Grambling State 21, Samford 16, San Diego 15, Dartmouth 12, Albany 10, Western Carolina 7, Southern 7, Jacksonville 5, Northwestern State 4.

AFCA DIVISION II COACHES POLL

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Minnesota St.-Mankato (29)	11-0	771	1
2. Minnesota-Duluth	11-0	734	2
3. Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.) (1)	11-0	713	3
4. Ferris St. (Mich.) (1)	11-0	688	4
5. Pittsburg St. (Kan.)	10-1	640	6
6. Northwest Missouri St.	10-1	607	7
7. Ouachita Baptist (Ark.)	10-0	575	9
8. Colorado St.-Pueblo	10-1	569	8
9. Ohio Dominican	9-1	499	11
10. Concord (W.Va.)	11-0	496	12
11. Delta St. (Miss.)	9-1	444	13
12. North Alabama	9-1	410	15
13. Harding (Ark.)	9-1	378	16
14. Bloomsburg (Pa.)	10-1	364	5
15. West Chester (Pa.)	10-1	356	17
16. Sioux Falls (S.D.)	10-1	332	18
17. Colorado School of Mines	10-1	283	19
18. Michigan Tech	9-1	275	20
19. Azusa Pacific (Calif.)	10-1	212	22
20. Winston-Salem St. (N.C.)	9-2	135	10
21. Valdosta St. (Ga.)	8-2	132	25
22. Henderson St. (Ark.)	9-2	122	14
23. Angelo St.	**8-2**	**72**	**NR**
23. Virginia St.	9-2	72	NR
25. West Georgia	9-2	58	NR

AFCA DIVISION III COACHES POLL

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Wis.-Whitewater (36)	10-0	1042	1
2. Mary Hardin-Baylor (2)	**10-0**	**996**	**2**
3. Mount Union (Ohio) (4)	10-0	983	3
4. Wartburg (Iowa)	10-0	873	5
5. Wesley (Del.)	9-1	847	4
6. Johns Hopkins (Md.)	10-0	823	7
7. Hobart (N.Y.)	10-0	755	8
8. Wheaton (Ill.)	10-0	737	9
9. John Carroll (Ohio)	9-1	736	6
10. Widener (Pa.)	10-0	670	10
11. Linfield (Ore.)	8-1	624	12
12. Wittenberg (Ohio)	9-1	593	13
13. St. John's (Minn.)	9-1	559	14
14. Wabash (Ind.)	9-1	515	17
15. North Central (Ill.)	8-2	416	18
16. Centre (Ky.)	10-0	377	19
17. Texas Lutheran	**9-1**	**312**	**20**
18. St. Thomas (Minn.)	8-2	286	22
19. Delaware Valley (Pa.)	9-1	253	15
20. Chapman (Calif.)	8-1	239	23
21. Washington & Jefferson (Pa.)	9-1	219	11
22. Muhlenberg (Pa.)	9-1	189	24
23. St. John Fisher (N.Y.)	8-2	128	25
24. MIT (Mass.)	9-0	74	NR
25. Concordia-Moorhead (Minn.)	8-2	69	NR

NAIA FOOTBALL POLL

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Carroll (Mont.) (13)	9-1	339	2
2. Grand View (Iowa) (2)	9-1	328	3
3. Saint Xavier (Ill.)	8-2	309	6
4. Morningside (Iowa)	9-1	298	1
5. Missouri Valley	8-2	279	7
6. Lindsey Wilson (Ky.)	9-2	275	8
7. Marian (Ind.)	8-2	254	9
8. Southern Oregon	9-2	239	4
9. MidAmerica Nazarene (Kan.)	9-1	237	11
10. Georgetown (Ky.)	8-2	234	5
11. Faulkner (Ala.)	9-2	230	10
12. Northwestern (Iowa)	8-2	192	112
13. Ottawa (Kan.)	9-2	183	14
14. Valley City State (N.D.)	9-1	167	15
15. Eastern Oregon	8-3	164	16
16. Langston (Okla.)	7-3	142	17
17. Campbellsville (Ky.)	7-3	132	19
18. Baker (Kan.)	8-3	117	12
19. William Penn (Iowa)	7-4	105	21
20. Robert Morris (Ill.)	8-3	87	23
21. Friends (Kan.)	8-3	82	NR
22. Doane (Neb.)	7-3	58	NR
23. Webber International (Fla.)	7-3	49	25
24. Tabor (Kan.)	7-4	32	18
25. Benedictine (Kan.)	7-4	30	NR

COLLEGEBASKETBALLSCORES

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

MONDAY'S SCORES
SOUTHWEST
Houston Baptist 89, Hillsdale Baptist 53
Mary Hardin-Baylor 78, Trinity (Texas) 51
North Texas 71, Nicholls St. 57
St. Edward's 73, Southwestern (Texas) 67
TCU 81, Washington St. 54
Texas-Pan American 63, UTSA 62
Tulsa 64, Louisiana-Lafayette 53
UT-Martin 75, Arkansas St. 73
SOUTH
Alabama 80, W. Carolina 74
Belmont 87, Lipscomb 62
Charleston Southern 92, Erskine 50
Christian Brothers 92, Blue Mountain 58
Delaware St. 104, Baptist Bible (Pa.) 63
FAU 74, Warner 49
Florida Gulf Coast 81, UC Santa Barbara 75, OT
Freed-Hardeman 81, Cumberland (Tenn.) 66
Gardner-Webb 80, Coll. of Charleston 67
James Madison 74, Radford 71
Lee 62, Truett McConnell 48
Liberty 61, Delaware 55
Louisiana-Monroe 106, Champion Baptist 39
Louisville 88, Jacksonville St. 39
Martin Methodist 121, Oakwood 72
Maryland 93, CCSU 57
Miami 69, Florida 67
Mississippi 74, Troy 64
Mississippi St. 89, MVSU 68
Morehead St. 87, Cincinnati Christian 79
NC State 76, Hofstra 64
North Florida 79, Webber 55
Northwestern St. 75, Lyon 64
Randolph 97, Christendom 33
SC-Upstate 63, NC A&T 46
Southern Miss. 68, South Alabama 59
Towson 51, Morgan St. 46
UAB 94, Young Harris 81
Union (Ky.) 87, Alice Lloyd 50
Wake Forest 71, Tulane 49
Winthrop 77, Clemson 74
FAR WEST
Arizona St. 49, Bethune-Cookman 39
E. Washington 75, Utah Valley 50
Grand Canyon 61, Montana St. 45
Weber St. 74, Presentation 49
MIDWEST
Augustana (SD) 99, Mayville St. 59
Ball St. 101, Indiana-Kokomo 62
Cleveland St. 85, Tiffin 56
Dickinson St. 81, Mary 75
E. Illinois 81, Eureka 51
E. Michigan 89, Oakland 77
IPFW 74, SIU-Edwardsville 71
Ill.-Chicago 67, W. Illinois 64
Indiana 83, Texas Southern 64
Iowa 87, N. Dakota St. 56
Iowa St. 81, Georgia St. 58
Kansas St. 83, UMKC 73
Loyola of Chicago 78, McKendree 68
Michigan 77, Bucknell 53
Milwaukee 75, Minn.-Crookston 54
EAST
American U. 49, St. Francis (Pa.) 46
Fairleigh Dickinson 102, FDU-Florham 61
NJIT 90, Maine 86
Northwestern 69, Brown 56
Providence 66, Binghamton 45
Saint Joseph's 52, Drexel 49
St. John's 94, Franklin Pierce 81
Temple 82, Louisiana Tech 75
Vermont 84, Siena 76
Villanova 81, Md.-Eastern Shore 44
Yale 97, Newberry 51

TODAY'S GAMES
SOUTHWEST
N. Iowa at Stephen F. Austin, 8 a.m.
Huston-Tillotson at Incarnate Word, 7 p.m.
NW Oklahoma St. at Oklahoma St., 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Texas-Arlington, 7 p.m.
SOUTH
Iona at Wofford, 8 a.m.
Baylor at South Carolina, 11 a.m.
Toledo at VCU, 5 p.m.
Columbia International at Coastal Carolina, 6 p.m.
Campbell at Davidson, 6 p.m.
Kentucky Christian at E. Kentucky, 6 p.m.
Virginia-Wise at ETSU, 6 p.m.
Northeastern at Florida St., 6 p.m.
Stony Brook at Georgia, 6 p.m.
Alabama A&M at Georgia Tech, 6 p.m.
Jackson St. at Jacksonville, 6 p.m.
WVU Tech at Marshall, 6 p.m.
FIU at Stetson, 6 p.m.
UNC Wilmington at UNC Greensboro, 6 p.m.
Johnson at VMI, 6 p.m.
SC State at Virginia, 6 p.m.
Howard at William & Mary, 6 p.m.
Trinity (Fla.) at Georgia Southern, 6:30 p.m.
Piedmont at Presbyterian, 6:30 p.m.
Lyon at Grambling St., 7 p.m.
Louisiana College at McNeese St., 7 p.m.
Murray St. at Middle Tennessee, 7 p.m.
Pensacola Christian at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Richmond at Old Dominion, 7 p.m.
S. Illinois at Tennessee St., 7 p.m.
Texas Tech at LSU, 8:30 p.m.

Women

MONDAY'S GAMES
SOUTHWEST
Incarnate Word 50, Houston 48
N. Colorado 53, North Texas 48
Tulsa 73, Lamar 69
SOUTH
Auburn 92, Grambling St. 42
ETSU 84, High Point 76
Florida 91, Longwood 46
Freed-Hardeman 68, Cumberland (Tenn.) 58
Kennesaw St. 65, Tennessee St. 56
Kentucky 74, Baylor 64
LSU 52, Jackson St. 44, OT
Lee 65, Truett-McConnell 44
Martin Methodist 67, Oakwood 53
Middle Tennessee 53, Miami 48
Old Dominion 65, William & Mary 58
Southern Cal 99, Davidson 64
Southern Miss. 64, South Alabama 53
Tenn. Wesleyan 72, Talladega 43
Tennessee 91, Oral Roberts 39
UCF 98, Oakland 65
Vanderbilt 68, Green Bay 64, OT
FAR WEST
CS Bakersfield 76, Arizona 72
Montana 55, Montana-Western 44
MIDWEST
Concordia (Wis.) 72, Beloit 57
Grand Valley St. 87, Rochester (Mich.) 31
Ill.-Chicago 61, N. Illinois 47
Marquette 86, Loyola of Chicago 71
Missouri 88, SE Missouri 42
Ohio 84, Wofford 37
Saint Louis 74, SIU-Edwardsville 63
Xavier 89, Ark.-Pine Bluff 52
EAST
Boston U. 63, Harvard 62
George Washington 63, American U. 52
Hartford 75, CCSU 63
Old Westbury 88, Medgar Evers 33
Pittsburgh 70, Niagara 54
TOURNAMENT
Preseason NIT Quarterfinals
West Virginia 89, Seton Hall 87

TODAY'S GAMES
SOUTHWEST
Lamar at Oklahoma, 7 p.m.
Prairie View at Stephen F. Austin, 7 p.m.
Texas St. at Texas Tech, 7 p.m.
SOUTH
Bethune-Cookman at Florida St., 10 a.m.
Edward Waters at North Florida, 10 a.m.
VCU at Liberty, 11 a.m.
Jacksonville at Georgia Southern, 4 p.m.
New Hampshire at Howard, 4 p.m.
Wesley at Morgan St., 4 p.m.
Allen at Presbyterian, 4 p.m.
UNC Asheville at N.C. A&T, 5 p.m.
Jacksonville St. at Alabama, 6 p.m.
N.C. State at Charlotte, 6 p.m.

STATEWIDEHSFOOTBALLPAIRINGS

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

CLASS 6A DIVISION I
Region I
Area

Amarillo Tascosa (9-2) vs. Odessa Permian (8-3), 1 p.m. Saturday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field

Plano West (9-2) vs. Euless Trinity (10-1), 5 p.m. Saturday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

Amarillo (10-1) vs. Arlington Martin (9-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Wichita Falls

Allen (11-0) vs. DeSoto (10-1), 11 a.m. Saturday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

Region II
Area

Dallas Skyline (11-0) vs. Belton (6-5), 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Waco ISD Stadium

Round Rock (10-1) vs. Klein Collins (10-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Waller

Mesquite Horn (10-1) vs. Garland Rowlett (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dallas' Cotton Bowl

Austin Bowie (9-2) vs. Klein Oak (8-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, A&M Consolidated

Region III
Area

Cypress Ranch (9-2) vs. Katy Cinco Ranch (9-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Cypress' Berry Center

Galena Park North Shore (7-4) vs. League City Clear Springs (6-5), 7 p.m. Friday, Galena Park ISD Stadium

Cypress Fairbanks (8-3) vs. Houston Lamar (10-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Houston's Pridgeon Stadium

Pearland (10-1) vs. Dickinson (11-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Deer Park

Region IV
Area

Converse Judson (7-4) vs. SA Northside O'Connor (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, SA's Alamo Stadium

Laredo United (7-4) vs. Weslaco (7-4), 7 p.m. Saturday, SA's Alamo Stadium

SA Reagan (10-1) vs. SA Northside Stevens (8-3), 4 p.m. Saturday, SA's Alamodome

Del Rio (6-4-1) vs. Los Fresnos (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, CC Calallen

CLASS 6A DIVISION II
Region I
Area

Lubbock Monterey (5-6) vs. San Angelo Central (10-1), 4 p.m. Friday, Midland's Grande Stadium

Denton Guyer (10-1) vs. Southlake Carroll (11-0), 8 p.m. Saturday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

Wolfforth Frenship (9-2) vs. Abilene (8-3), 7 p.m. Friday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field

McKinney Boyd (8-3) vs. Cedar Hill (9-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

Region II
Area

Dallas Jesuit (8-3) vs. Rockwall (11-0), 1 p.m. Saturday, Wylie

Pflugerville Hendrickson (8-3) vs. Spring Westfield (10-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Brenham

Dallas Highland Park (10-1) vs. Waco Midway (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Midlothian

Lake Travis (10-1) vs. Spring (8-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Bryan HS

Region III
Area

Houston Memorial (8-3) vs. Katy (10-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Houston's Tully Stadium

Pearland Dawson (7-4) vs. Friendswood (8-3), 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Houston's Rice Stadium

Cypress Woods (7-4) vs. Katy Taylor (8-3), 1 p.m. Saturday, Cypress' Berry Center

Manvel (11-0) vs. Fort Bend Travis (7-4), 7 p.m. Friday, Houston's TDECU Stadium

Region IV
Area

Cibolo Steele (10-1) vs. SA Northside Brennan (11-0), 8 p.m. Saturday, SA's Alamodome

La Joya Palmview (7-3-1) vs. Weslaco East (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, La Joya

SA Johnson (6-4) vs. SA Northside Brandeis (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, SA's Alamodome

McAllen (8-3) vs. Brownsville Rivera (6-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Brownsville's Sams Stadium

CLASS 5A DIVISION I
Region I
Area

EP Andress (9-2) vs. Canyon Randall (10-1), noon Saturday, Canyon's Kimbrough Stadium

WF Rider (7-4) vs. FW Arlington Heights (11-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Mineral Wells

EP Del Valle (10-1) vs. Amarillo Palo Duro (7-4), 4 p.m. Saturday, Midland's Grande Stadium

Denton (8-3) vs. Aledo (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Justin Northwest

Region II
Area

McKinney North (9-2) vs. West Mesquite (9-2), 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dallas' Cotton Bowl

Mansfield Lake Ridge (7-4) vs. Longview (9-2), 3 p.m. Saturday, Tyler's Rose Stadium

Wylie (8-3) vs. Rockwall-Heath (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Plano's Clark Stadium

Mansfield Summit (7-4) vs. Tyler (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Rockwall

Region III
Area

Temple (9-1) vs. Houston Stratford (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bryan HS

Houston King (10-1) vs. Fort Bend Ridge Point (11-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Galena Park ISD Stadium

Bryan (9-1) vs. Magnolia West (6-5), 7 p.m. Friday, Waller

Humble Kingwood Park (7-4) vs. Richmond George Ranch (10-1), 7 p.m. Saturday, Cypress Berry Center

Region IV
Area

Austin LBJ (9-2) vs. SA Alamo Heights (9-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, San Marcos' Bobcat Stadium

Victoria West (9-2) vs. Edinburg Vela (10-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Texas A&M-Kingsville

Austin Vandegrift (9-2) vs. Lockhart (7-4), noon Saturday, Austin's Reeves Complex

CC Flour Bluff (11-0) vs. Mission Memorial (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Flour Bluff

CLASS 5A DIVISION II
Region I
Area

Canutillo (10-1) vs. San Angelo Lake View (5-6), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Fort Stockton

Azle (10-1) vs. Burleson (6-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, NRH's Birdville Complex

EP Eastlake (8-3) vs. Lubbock Cooper (8-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Pecos

Wichita Falls (8-3) vs. Everman (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Denton's Collins Complex

Region II
Area

Frisco Heritage (9-2) vs. Terrell (8-3), 7 p.m. Friday, Dallas' Wildcat-Ram Stadium

Dallas South Oak Cliff (8-3) vs. Marshall (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Tyler's Rose Stadium

Lewisville The Colony (8-3) vs. Mesquite Poteet (10-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Dallas' Cotton Bowl

Mansfield Timberview (10-1) vs. Ennis (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mansfield's Newsom Stadium

Region III
Area

Elgin (7-4) vs. Brenham (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Shenandoah's Woodforest Stadium

Crosby (10-1) vs. Port Lavaca Calhoun (6-5), noon Saturday, SA's Alamodome

Hutto (9-2) vs. Waller (8-3), 7 p.m. Friday, Brenham

Dayton (8-3) vs. Angleton (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, League City's Memorial Stadium

Region IV
Area

Cedar Park (8-3) vs. Boerne Champion (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Marcos' Rattler Stadium

CC Calallen (7-4) vs. Mission Sharyland (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Texas A&M-Kingsville

Georgetown East View (9-2) vs. Kerrville Tivy (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Marcos' Bobcat Stadium

Gregory-Portland (7-4) vs. Roma (6-4-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Laredo's Johnson Complex

CLASS 4A DIVISION I
Region I
Area

Lubbock Estacado (9-2) vs. Stephenville (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium

Andrews (10-1) vs. Big Spring (8-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Odessa's Ratliff Stadium

Abilene Wylie (9-2) vs. Levelland (5-6), 8 p.m. Friday, Midland's Grande Stadium

Graham (9-2) vs. Seminole (5-6), 7 p.m. Friday, Graham

Region II
Area

Kennedale (11-0) vs. Athens (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Forney

Argyle (11-0) vs. Kaufman (5-6), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Carrollton's Standridge Stadium

Texarkana Liberty-Eylau (6-5) vs. Carrollton Ranchview (9-2), 7 p.m. Thursday, Royse City

Paris (7-4) vs. Sanger (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Denison

Region III
Area

Henderson (9-2) vs. West Columbia (10-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, New Caney

Jasper (8-3) vs. Stafford (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Beaumont's Thomas Center

Navasota (11-0) vs. Tyler Chapel Hill (6-5), 7 p.m. Friday, Conroe's Moorhead Stadium

El Campo (10-1) vs. Carthage (6-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, New Caney

Region IV
Area

Fischer Canyon Lake (5-6) vs. Rockport Fulton (8-3), 3:30 p.m. Friday, SA's Alamodome

Liberty Hill (9-2) vs. Gonzales (5-6), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Buda

La Vernia (10-1) vs. Robinson (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Austin's Reeves Complex

Kingsville King (7-4) vs. Burnet (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, SA's Comalander Stadium

CLASS 4A DIVISION II
Region I
Area

Vernon (7-4) vs. Krum (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bowie

Sweetwater (11-0) vs. Bridgeport (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Stephenville

Celina (9-2) vs. Monahans (7-4), 7 p.m. Friday, Brownwood

Venus (6-5) vs. Iowa Park (7-4), 2 p.m. Saturday, Denton's Collins Complex

Region II
Area

Gilmer (11-0) vs. Waco Connally (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mesquite's Hanby Stadium

Gladewater (10-1) vs. Fairfield (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Longview's Lobo Stadium

Cleveland Tarkington (7-4) vs. Atlanta (10-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Lindale

Coldspring-Oakhurst (9-2) vs. Tatum (6-5), 6 p.m. Saturday, Lufkin

Region III
Area

West Orange-Stark (9-2) vs. Giddings (7-4), 7 p.m. Friday, Humble's Turner Stadium

La Marque (10-1) vs. Sweeny (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Alvin

La Grange (11-0) vs. Orangefield (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Katy's Rhodes Stadium

Bellville (10-1) vs. Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Houston's Thorne Stadium

Region IV
Area

Geronimo Navarro (10-1) vs. Cuero (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, SA's Heroes Stadium

Devine (8-3) vs. Yoakum (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, New Braunfels

Sinton (8-3) vs. Hondo (6-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, La Vernia

Orange Grove (10-1) vs. Wimberley (7-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Converse's Rutledge Stadium

CLASS 3A DIVISION I
Region I
Area

Muleshoe (8-3) vs. Breckenridge (6-5), 7 p.m. Thursday, Snyder

Shallowater (10-1) vs. Boyd (5-6), 2 p.m. Saturday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium

Wall (10-1) vs. Brownfield (7-4), 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Odessa's Ratliff Stadium

Brock (10-1) vs. Denver City (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Angelo Stadium

Region II
Area

Pottsboro (10-1) vs. Redwater (6-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Emory Rains HS

Whitesboro (3-8) vs. Winnsboro (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Greenville

New Boston (10-1) vs. Pilot Point (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Texas A&M-Commerce

Mineola (8-3) vs. Commerce (7-4), 2 p.m. Saturday, Royse City

Region III
Area

Whitney (10-1) vs. Kirbyville (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, College Station HS

Rockdale (10-1) vs. Buna (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Klein

Teague (11-0) vs. Cameron Yoe (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Waco ISD Stadium

East Chambers (10-1) vs. Little River Academy (7-4), 2 p.m. Saturday, Shenandoah's Woodforest Stadium

Region IV
Area

Altair Rice (5-6) vs. Mathis (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sinton

Hempstead (9-2) vs. Hallettsville (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Rosenberg

Goliad (10-1) vs. Edna (6-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Victoria

San Diego (9-2) vs. Ingram Moore (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Pearsall

CLASS 3A DIVISION II
Region I
Area

Spearman (11-0) vs. Alpine (6-5), 7 p.m. Friday, Brownfield

Cisco (11-0) vs. Post (8-3), 7 p.m. Friday, Sweetwater

Coleman (11-0) vs. Eastland (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Abilene's Moore Stadium

Sonora (8-3) vs. Idalou (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Midland Greenwood

Region II
Area

Gunter (10-1) vs. Arp (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Royse City

Sadler S&S Consolidated (5-6) vs. Elysian Fields (8-3), 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Van

Hughes Springs (8-3) vs. Howe (6-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Van

Waskom (10-1) vs. Leonard (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mount Pleasant

Region III
Area

Clifton (5-6) vs. Crockett (6-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Groesbeck

Rogers (9-2) vs. Corrigan-Camden (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, A&M Consolidated

Newton (8-3) vs. Dublin (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Buffalo

Franklin (9-1) vs. Maypearl (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Waco ISD Stadium

Region IV
Area

East Bernard (10-1) vs. Cotulla (6-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Converse's Rutledge Stadium

Blanco (11-0) vs. Taft (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, SA's South San Stadium

Odem (10-1) vs. Karnes City (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Beeville

Hebbronville (9-2) vs. Van Vleck (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, CC's Buccaneer Stadium

CLASS 2A DIVISION I
Region I
Area

Canadian (10-0) vs. Windthorst (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Vernon

Ozona (8-2) vs. Stratford (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lubbock Cooper

Stamford (8-2) vs. Wellington (7-4), 7 p.m. Friday, Iowa Park

Abernathy (10-0) vs. Hawley (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Big Spring

Region II
Area

Alvord (7-3) vs. Crawford (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Granbury

Hico (6-4) vs. Wolfe City (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Corsicana

Mart (10-0) vs. Bells (8-3), 6 p.m. Thursday, Waco's McLane Stadium

Quinlan Boles (7-3) vs. Tolar (9-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Alvarado

Region III
Area

Gladewater Union Grove (10-0) vs. Lovelady (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bullard

Alto (9-0) vs. Ore City (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, New London

Centerville (7-3) vs. San Augustine (6-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Troup

Pineland West Sabine (8-2) vs. Price Carlisle (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lufkin

Region IV
Area

Thorndale (8-2) vs. Ben Bolt (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Converse's Rutledge Stadium

Refugio (10-0) vs. Johnson City (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Floresville

Three Rivers (10-0) vs. Holland (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Seguin

Mason (10-0) vs. Shiner (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Round Rock's Dragon Stadium

CLASS 2A DIVISION II
Region I
Area

Booker (10-0) vs. Quanah (8-3), 5 p.m. Friday, Amarillo River Road

Crosbyton (10-0) vs. Sunray (5-6), 7 p.m. Friday, Canyon's Kimbrough Stadium

Seagraves (10-0) vs. Gruver (9-2), 5 p.m. Saturday, Canyon's Kimbrough Stadium

Farwell (8-2) vs. Memphis (5-6), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Plainview

Region II
Area

Iraan (10-0) vs. Santo (10-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Snyder

Hamlin (10-0) vs. Wink (6-5), 7 p.m. Thursday, Sweetwater

Winters (9-1) vs. Munday (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Tuscola

Albany (10-0) vs. Miles (7-4), 7 p.m. Thursday, Brownwood

Region III
Area

Lindsay (10-0) vs. Normangee (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Ferris

Tenaha (8-1) vs. Hubbard (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lindale

Iola (9-0) vs. Muenster (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Waxahachie

Chilton (8-2) vs. Timpson (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Palestine

Region IV
Area

Bremond (10-0) vs. Rocksprings (5-6), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Liberty Hill

D'Hanis (8-2) vs. Louise (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Seguin

Bruni (8-2) vs. Burton (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Poteet

Falls City (8-2) vs. La Pryor (5-6), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Somerset

CLASS A DIVISION I
Region I
Regional

Happy (11-0) vs. Grady (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Smyer

Borden County (11-0) vs. Turkey Valley (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Ralls

Region II
Regional

Garden City (8-3) vs. Ira (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Robert Lee

Crowell (10-0) vs. Water Valley (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jayton

Region III
Regional

Gordon (10-1) vs. Zephyr (6-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Hamilton

Santa Anna (8-2) vs. May (8-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Goldthwaite

Region IV
Regional

Blum (9-1) vs. Campbell (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Trinidad

Savoy (6-5) vs. Abbott (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Scurry-Rosser

CLASS A DIVISION II
Region I
Regional

Follett (10-1) vs. Whitharral (8-3), 7 p.m. Friday, White Deer

Southland (9-2) vs. Groom (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lockney

Region II
Regional

Ackerly Sands (5-6) vs. Blackwell (7-3), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Hermleigh

Loraine (6-5) vs. Imperial Buena Vista (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Rankin

Region III
Regional

Guthrie (11-0) vs. Chillicothe (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Knox City

Throckmorton (10-0) vs. Matador Motley County (7-3), 7 p.m. Friday, Hamlin

Region IV
Regional

Richland Springs (11-0) vs. Mount Calm (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Hico

Calvert (8-2) vs. Jonesboro (11-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Jarrell

TAPPS DIVISION I
State Quarterfinals

Midland Christian (7-4) at Dallas Bishop Dunne (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday

Dallas Bishop Lynch (8-4) at San Antonio Antonian, time TBA Saturday

Argyle Liberty Christian (7-4) at Houston St. Thomas (9-1), 5 p.m. Saturday

Plano Prestonwood (8-3) vs. Addison Trinity Christian (7-5), 2 p.m. Saturday, Gopher Bowl Grand Prairie

TAPPS SIX-MAN DIVISION I
State Quarterfinals

Katy Faith West (6-4) vs. Trinity (9-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Medina

Sugar Land Logos Prep (8-4) vs. Boerne Geneva of Boerne (9-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Cedar Creek HS

Pasadena 1st Baptist (7-[illegible]) vs. Baytown Christian (10-0), TBA Saturday

Austin Hill Country Christian (5-6) vs. Watauga Harvest Christian (9-1), time TBA Saturday

STATISTICS

Midland Christian
(7-4, 4-0)

Midland Christian	140	127	81	72	3—[illegible]
Opponent	64	79	78	30	0—251

Team Statistics

	MCS	Opponent
First Downs	222	152
Rushes-Yards	432-2,691	341-1,121
Passing Yards	1,881	2,053
Comp-Att-Int	123-232-9	167-290-6
Fumbles-Lost	10-6	11-7
Penalties-Yards	69-635	55-487

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
J. Fender	208	1,121	5.4	27
Powell	95	597	6.3	5
Mayberry	43	420	7.9	2
Mannix	33	279	8.5	3
Burditt	18	141	7.8	2
D. Fender	10	80	8.0	1
Hall	5	32	6.4	0
T. Davis	3	10	3.3	0
Sheppard	4	4	1.0	1
Crews	2	7	3.5	0
Needham	2	1	0.5	0
Ray	1	(-1)	(-1.0)	0
Totals	432	2,691	6.2	41

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Powell	118	217	9	1,8[illegible]	12
Mannix	4	8	0	78	1
Totals	122	232	9	1,881	13

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Brown	32	512	16.0	4
Mannix	29	468	16.1	2
Burditt	12	221	18.4	3
Lawrence	17	252	14.8	2
J. Fender	10	180	18.0	0
Nguyen	11	193	17.5	1
Warren	3	49	16.3	1
Wolfe	1	20	20.0	0
Mayberry	2	20	10.0	0
D. Fender	2	19	9.5	0
Watson	2	17	8.5	0
Bailey	1	10	10.0	0
Totals	122	1,881	16.1	13

KICKOFF RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Burditt	8	184	23.0	0
Mannix	8	179	22.4	0
Gilbert	3	51	17.0	0
Mayberry	2	62	31.0	0
D. Fender	1	0	0.0	0
Hall	4	87	21.8	0
Nguyen	3	57	19.0	0
Totals	29	620	21.4	0

PUNT RETURNS

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Mannix	2	22	11.0	0
Brown	4	56	14.0	0
Totals	6	78	13.0	0

PUNTING

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Mannix	23	893	38.8
Brown	4	86	21.5
Totals	27	979	36.3

INTERCEPTIONS

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Warren	1	0	0.0	0
Eddison	2	31	15.5	0
J. Fender	3	66	22.0	0
Gilbert	1	24	24.0	0
Hart	1	0	0.0	0
Totals	8	121	15.1	0

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	FG	2PT	TP
J. Fender	27	0	0	0	162
Causey	0	51	6	0	69
Burditt	5	0	0	0	30
Powell	5	0	0	0	30
R. Brown	4	0	0	0	24
Mannix	5	0	0	0	30
Lawrence	2	0	0	0	12
Mayberry	2	0	0	0	12
Warren	1	0	0	0	6
D. Fender	1	0	0	0	6
Nguyen	1	0	0	0	6
Sheppard	1	0	0	0	6
Totals	54	51	6	0	383

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	T	S	TFL	FC	FR	PBU
Warren	76	0	1	1	0	2
J. Fender	65	1	3	1	1	5
Hall	63	5	5	1	2	2
Sanford	61	3	8	1	1	0
Calhoun	57	4	6	2	3	1
Talley	54	4	5	0	0	1
Gilbert	44	0	1	0	0	8
Brown	42	0	0	1	0	8
Mannix	40	0	3	0	0	5
Hooper	40	2	1	0	0	0
Eddison	33	0	1	0	0	6
Thomason	30	2	4	1	0	1
D. Fender	25	0	0	0	0	0
Garnett	22	0	0	2	1	0
Mowles	19	1	1	0	0	0
Davila	13	0	1	0	0	1
Burditt	12	0	0	1	0	1
Lawrence	12	0	1	0	0	1
Nguyen	11	0	2	0	0	5
Wilson	8	0	0	0	0	1
Wolfe	8	0	2	0	1	0
Mayberry	7	1	0	0	0	1
Threadgill	5	0	0	0	0	0
Hart	4	0	0	0	0	0
Weathers	4	0	1	0	0	0
R. Wilson	4	0	0	0	0	0
Breeding	3	0	0	0	0	0
Fisher	2	0	0	0	0	0
Reeger-North	2	0	0	0	0	0
Mizzles	1	0	0	0	0	0
Causey	1	0	0	0	0	0
Schmidt	1	0	0	0	0	0
Wilkerson	0	0	0	0	0	1

Note: Tackle total includes solo and assisted tackles

MUSTANGS

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their games last week, and two were by blowout margins. This week's quarterfinals will feature two District 1 rematches as Midland Christian will take on Dallas Bishop Dunne on Friday in Dallas, and Plano Prestonwood and Addison Trinity Christian will face each other Saturday in Grand Prairie.

The Falcons (9-1) have had a week to prepare for the Mustangs after finishing their season with a 52-33 loss to Addison Trinity Christian. Midland Christian lost to Bishop Dunne 24-14 on the road on October 17 as the Falcons were up 24-0 heading into the fourth quarter.

"They put a big play, explosive offense on the field and they have a very talented and run-to-the-football defense," McClendon said. "We've got to go out and start fast, and we just need to execute against them and get in a rhythm."

MUSTANGS HEALTHY: McClendon said wide receiver Zyan Burditt should be back for this week's game after sitting out the last two weeks with a concussion.

TRINITY BACK ON THE FIELD: The Chargers will begin their quest for their first playoff victory in TAPPS Six-Man Division I football since their return three years ago.

Trinity (9-1) will take on Katy Faith West in a quarterfinal game at 2 p.m. Saturday at Medina High School. Trinity had a bye in the first round of the playoffs thanks to winning the TAPPS Division I, District 1 title.

Chargers coach Antwan Alexander said that he wants his team to focus on three seasons during the playoffs, and be 1-0 in the first season on Saturday.

"We are trying to get the boys refocused and I told them if everything goes well, we have three seasons ahead of us," Alexander said. "All I'm asking is that in this first season we go 1-0. Let's take care of the task in front of us, and keep them focused and not worry about what everybody outside is saying."

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Steelers rally from 11 down, beat Titans

By Teresa M. Walker
Associated Press

Steelers	**27**
Titans	24

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — This time, the Pittsburgh Steelers beat their struggling opponent.

Ben Roethlisberger threw a 12-yard touchdown pass to Antonio Brown with 9:01 left, and the Steelers edged the Tennessee Titans 27-24 on Monday night.

The Steelers (7-4) staged an impressive rally in the second half to take sole possession of second in the successful AFC North heading into their bye. Le'Veon Bell ran for 204 yards and a TD, and William Gay returned an interception 28 yards for a score. Shaun Suisham kicked two field goals.

Roethlisberger had never beaten the Titans at LP Field, having missed the Steelers' win here in 2010. With Bell running through and over the Titans, the Steelers took the pressure off Big Ben by holding the ball for 39 minutes, 16 seconds with a 386-312 edge in total offense.

The Titans (2-8) blew a 24-13 lead in their fourth consecutive loss. They sacked Roethlisberger five times and intercepted a pass in the end zone. Rookie Zach Mettenberger threw for 263 yards and two touchdown passes, and rookie Bishop Sankey ran for another score.

But Tennessee's offense fizzled in the fourth quarter. When Pittsburgh got the ball back with 6:58 left, the Steelers didn't give it back and knelt out for the win.

Tech assistant Smith lashes out at former DC Wallerstedt

By Don Williams
Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech interim defensive coordinator Mike Smith on Monday upped the rhetoric and hard feelings toward former defensive coordinator Matt Wallerstedt, saying the Red Raiders' defensive signals have been given away to Tech opponents since some point after Wallerstedt left the staff on Sept. 18.

"They have," Smith said. "They have been passed around. ... I know other coaches have called and our signals have been passed around the whole time. All I know is karma's a bad deal.

"I don't want to get into what's going on with all that, but it's not right and, to me, it's not fair to the kids. So if that's how that person wants to handle business, they can handle business that way. I sure hope I don't run into him anytime soon."

The Red Raiders' belief that their defensive tactics have been compromised first came to light during Saturday's 42-30 loss to Oklahoma. The entire game, three staff members held towels around the defensive play caller to shield signals from Sooners coaches in the press box.

Asked about it after the game, Tech coach Kliff Kingsbury said the signals had been "passed around" and it stemmed from "the situation we had earlier in the year."

Wallerstedt resigned after the Red Raiders' third game this season. He reached a settlement in which Tech agreed to give him six months' pay for just less than two years remaining on his three-year contract.

A source said the person to whom Smith was alluding and the situation to which Kingsbury referred was Wallerstedt and his resignation.

Smith said the Tech staff became aware something was amiss "two or three weeks ago."

"That person knows. I know," Smith said. "A lot of people know. Bad deal. Karma's a bad deal. You don't mess with that, especially in this profession."

Gaines West, an attorney for Wallerstedt in College Station, called the allegations false and released a statement he said Wallerstedt authorized.

"I have not shared with anyone the Red Raiders defensive signals," Wallerstedt said in a statement West sent to A-J Media. "I respect the players at Texas Tech and would never do such a thing.

"It sounds like something that's done in the political arena — blaming someone else for what you now control. Coach Kingsbury and Smith would do well to simply execute their own game plan instead of trying to blame others for what may be their own shortcomings."

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would have to beat TCU, which would also have to lose to Iowa State. Then No. 23 Oklahoma and West Virginia would have to win both of their remaining games, with Kansas State and Baylor each losing two of three.

"A couple of weeks ago we were in position to try to accomplish our goal, which was to win the Big 12," WVU coach Dana Holgorsen said. "Took a couple of losses here, so I think more than anything our motivation is just get back out there and try to beat a good Kansas State team."

Texas became bowl eligible by winning at Oklahoma State, giving the Big 12 six bowl teams to match last year's total. The Cowboys (5-5), who have lost four in a row, are the only team that could make it seven, but would have to win at Baylor or Oklahoma.

First-year Texas coach Charlie Strong wasn't ready Monday to talk about the possibility of a bowl game matchup against Texas A&M, the Longhorns' biggest rival before they left for the SEC in 2011.

"If it works out, it works out," Strong said.

Iowa State has three chances left to avoid going winless in the Big 12 for the first time since 2008. The Cyclones' best chance could come Saturday at home against Texas Tech (3-7), before games against West Virginia and TCU.

Kansas (3-7) is assured its sixth straight losing season.

NBA STANDINGS & BOX

STANDINGS
AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	8	2	0	.800	323	218
Miami	6	4	0	.600	249	180
Buffalo	5	5	0	.500	200	204
N.Y. Jets	2	8	0	.200	174	265
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Indianapolis	6	4	0	.600	310	253
Houston	5	5	0	.500	229	204
Tennessee	2	8	0	.200	168	250
Jacksonville	1	9	0	.100	158	282
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Cincinnati	6	3	1	.650	224	221
Pittsburgh	7	4	0	.636	288	263
Baltimore	6	4	0	.600	261	181
Cleveland	6	4	0	.600	216	195
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Denver	7	3	0	.700	293	224
Kansas City	7	3	0	.700	241	171
San Diego	6	4	0	.600	218	192
Oakland	0	10	0	.000	152	265

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	7	3	0	.700	299	251
Dallas	7	3	0	.700	261	212
N.Y. Giants	3	7	0	.300	205	263
Washington	3	7	0	.300	204	256
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Atlanta	4	6	0	.400	238	255
New Orleans	4	6	0	.400	261	252
Carolina	3	7	1	.318	215	300
Tampa Bay	2	8	0	.200	194	279
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Detroit	7	3	0	.700	188	156
Green Bay	7	3	0	.700	330	225
Chicago	4	6	0	.400	215	290
Minnesota	4	6	0	.400	181	220
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Arizona	9	1	0	.900	237	176
San Francisco	6	4	0	.600	211	212
Seattle	6	4	0	.600	260	215
St. Louis	4	6	0	.400	185	258

Thursday, Nov. 13
Miami 22, Buffalo 9

Sunday's Scores
Chicago 21, Minnesota 13
Kansas City 24, Seattle 20
Cincinnati 27, New Orleans 10
St. Louis 22, Denver 7
Houston 23, Cleveland 7
Atlanta 19, Carolina 17
Tampa Bay 27, Washington 7
San Francisco 16, N.Y. Giants 10
San Diego 13, Oakland 6
Arizona 14, Detroit 6
Green Bay 53, Philadelphia 20
New England 42, Indianapolis 20
Open: Baltimore, Dallas, Jacksonville, N.Y. Jets

Monday's Score
Pittsburgh 27, Tennessee 24

Thursday, Nov. 20
Kansas City at Oakland, 7:25 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 23
Green Bay at Minnesota, Noon
Cincinnati at Houston, Noon
Tampa Bay at Chicago, Noon
Cleveland at Atlanta, Noon
Tennessee at Philadelphia, Noon
Detroit at New England, Noon
Jacksonville at Indianapolis, Noon
N.Y. Jets at Buffalo, Noon
Arizona at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.
St. Louis at San Diego, 3:05 p.m.
Washington at San Francisco, 3:25 p.m.
Miami at Denver, 3:25 p.m.
Dallas at N.Y. Giants, 7:30 p.m.
Open: Carolina, Pittsburgh

Monday, Nov. 24
Baltimore at New Orleans, 7:30 p.m.

STEELERS 27, TITANS 14

Pittsburgh	13	0	0	14	—27
Tennessee	7	10	7	0	—24

First Quarter
Pit—FG Suisham 49, 10:45.
Pit—Gay 28 interception return (Suisham kick), 10:37.
Ten—Sankey 9 run (Succop kick), 8:08.
Pit—FG Suisham 23, 1:03.

Second Quarter
Ten—FG Succop 20, 11:12.
Ten—N.Washington 80 pass from Mettenberger (Succop kick), :32.

Third Quarter
Ten—Coffman 4 pass from Mettenberger (Succop kick), 3:42.

Fourth Quarter
Pit—Bell 5 run (Suisham kick), 14:51.
Pit—A.Brown 12 pass from Roethlisberger (Suisham kick), 9:01.
A—69,143.

	Pit	Ten
First downs	29	14
Total Net Yards	386	312
Rushes-yards	36-206	15-49
Passing	180	263
Comp-Att-Int	21-32-1	15-24-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	5-27	0-0
Punts	2-40.5	4-35.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-39	1-10
Time of Possession	39:49	20:11

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Pittsburgh, Bell 33-204, Roethlisberger 3-2. Tennessee, Sankey 11-38, Greene 3-6, McCluster 1-5.
PASSING—Pittsburgh, Roethlisberger 21-32-1-207. Tennessee, Mettenberger 15-24-1-263.
RECEIVING—Pittsburgh, A.Brown 9-91, Miller 5-71, Bell 2-18, Bryant 2-11, Moore 1-15, Wheaton 1-6, Archer 1-(minus 5). Tennessee, Wright 4-70, Coffman 3-32, Hunter 2-48, Battle 2-4, N.Washington 1-80, McCluster 1-17, Sankey 1-7, Hagan 1-5.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

MIDLAND COUNTY BOYS BASKETBALL PREVIEW CAPSULES

COMPILED BY CHRIS HUMMER

MIDLAND HIGH BULLDOGS

Coach: Charles Tatum, second year at Midland High

2013-14 Record: 14-12, 10-6 in 2-5A

2013-14 Postseason: Lost in Class 5A bi-district round to El Paso Coronado, 51-36.

Key returners: PG A.D. Johnson, Sr.; F Gary Ringo, Sr.; C Nathan Rogers, Sr.; F Justin LeClear, Sr.

Key losses: Will Norwood

About the Bulldogs: Midland High is senior-laden and ready for a district title run. The Bulldogs are led by senior 6-foot-10 center Nathan Rogers and senior forward Gary Ringo, both of whom will factor into the District MVP discussion. Add that pair to the six other seniors on the roster, and the Bulldogs are a very experienced unit. Midland High's offense will mainly feature Rogers controlling the paint and working on the outside on high screen and rolls while the Bulldogs' capable shooters space the floor. On defense, the Bulldogs will be a man-to-man, in your face pressure team.

Will make the playoffs if: The Bulldogs have the pieces, now the team just needs to learn how to win. After totaling seven wins between the 2011-12 and 2012-13 seasons, Midland High doubled that with 14 in 2013-14 finishing third in district and losing in the first round of the playoffs. Now, the Bulldogs want to take their next step and win district and move deep in the playoffs. To do so, the team needs to learn how to finish games. An improved level of team defense also wouldn't hurt the team as well.

2014-15 BULLDOGS ROSTER

No.	Name	Class	Pos
30	Jamel Jones	Jr	F
1	Shawn Rivers	Jr	PG
2	Daveone Bass	Jr	PG
3	Tyree Young	Jr	G
4	AD Johnson	Sr	PG
5	Gary Ringo	Sr	F
8	Aaron Collins	Sr	G
9	Brandon Sanchez	Sr	G
11	Justin LeClear	Sr	F
15	Andrew Norwoort	PF	Jr
22	Adrian Reyes	Sr	G
22	Jalen Childress	So	PG
23	Ty Kendrick	So	PG
32	Trevor Abney	Sr	C
33	Nathan Rogers	Sr	C
34	Courtney McManor	So	F

2014-15 BULLDOGS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov 21	Lubbock Coronado	7:30 p.m.
Nov 25	at Amarillo Tascosa	7:30 p.m.
Dec 2	Abilene Wylie&	7:30 p.m.
Dec 4-6	Kangaroo Klassic^	
Dec 11-13	Oilmans Tournament#	
Dec 19	Brownfield&	7:30 p.m.
Dec 29-31	Byron Johnston Tournament#	
Jan 13	at El Paso Harmony	7:30 p.m.
Jan 16	Abilene High*	7:30 p.m.
Jan 20	Lee*	7:30 p.m.
Jan 23	at San Angelo Central*	7:30 p.m.
Jan 27	at Odessa Permian	7:30 p.m.
Jan 30	Odessa High*	7:30 p.m.
Feb 3	at Abilene High*	7:30 p.m.
Feb 6	San Angelo Central*	7:30 p.m.
Feb 10	Lee*	7:30 p.m.
Feb 13	Odessa Permian*	7:30 p.m.
Feb 17	at Odessa High*	7:30 p.m.

*denotes District 3-6A game
All home games played at Chaparral Center
& Game played at Midland High School Gymnasium
^ Tournament held in Weatherford
# Tournament held at Chaparral Center

LEE REBELS

Coach: Chris Packer, second year at Lee

2013-14 Record: 12-11, 7-9 in 2-5A

2013-14 Postseason: NA

Key returners: PG Sema'J Davis, So.

Key losses: G Anthony Mccoy; F Jordan Williams

About the Rebels: The Rebels are unquestionably young. Davis is one of two returning varsity players, and it will be a crop of five underclassmen that will make or break the Rebels' season. Lee will be small, and it will be forced to use an up-tempo attack to keep teams on their heels. The Rebels need to do the little things well — defense, rebounding and hustle plays — along with finding a number of proficient shooters to stretch the floor.

Will make the playoffs if: In order to make the playoffs, the Rebels will have to grow up as a basketball team, and do so quickly. With so little varsity experience returning, they're a clean slate, but that also means there are quite a few lumps to be taken along the way. It will be hard to make it the playoffs, but it the team comes together quickly, the Rebels could play spoiler in district play for a lot of teams.

2014-15 REBELS ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.
0	Michael Wills	Jr
1	Sema'J Davis	So
2	Noah Boyles	So
4	Dalton McSweeny	Sr
10	Ray Anders	Sr
11	Jase Love	Sr
22	Taye Britt	So
23	Juwon Packer	So
24	James Lydia	So
32	Kaleb Nunez	Jr
33	Daniel Nelson	Sr
34	Ricardo Vega	Jr

2014-15 REBELS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov 18	at Hobbs	8 p.m.
Nov 21	Estacado&	7:30 p.m.
Nov 24	at Amarillo High	7:30 p.m.
Nov 25	at Palo Duro	6 p.m.
Dec 2	at Lubbock Coronado	7:30 p.m.
Dec 4-6	Garland Tournament	TBA
Dec 11-13	Oilmans Tournament^	
Dec 19	Amarillo Tascosa&	7:30 p.m.
Dec 29-31	Byron Johnston Tournament^	
Jan 13	at San Angelo Lakeview	7:30 p.m.
Jan 16	at Odessa Permian*	7:30 p.m.
Jan 20	Midland High*	7:30 p.m.
Jan 23	Abilene High*	7:30 p.m.
Jan 27	Odessa High*	7:30 p.m.
Jan 30	at San Angelo Central*	7:30 p.m.
Feb 3	Odessa Permian*	7:30 p.m.
Feb 6	at Abilene High*	7:30 p.m.
Feb 10	Midland High*	7:30 p.m.
Feb 13	at Odessa High*	7:30 p.m.
Feb 17	San Angelo Central*	7:30 p.m.

*denotes District 3-6A game
All home games played at Chaparral Center
& Game played at Lee High School Gymnasium
^ Tournament held at Chaparral Center

GREENWOOD RANGERS

Coach: Paul Hartman, first year at Greenwood

2013-14 Record: 7-21, 4-6 in 4-3A

2013-14 Postseason: Lost to Fabens, 65-56, in bi-district round.

Key returners: G Alex Montes, Sr.; F Austin Ulcak, Sr.; F Javier Vizciano, Sr.; PG Exalander Magallan, So.

Key losses: Grant Franklin; Josh Tuala

About the Rangers: The Rangers are adjusting to their third coach in three seasons, and it will take a bit of time for the team to adjust to yet another new style. Hartman, formerly the Coahoma coach, will push the pace of the Rangers' offense while also asking for a collective scoring effort from the team. This is opposed to last season when the team relied on last year's district MVP Grant Franklin to carry the scoring load. Greenwood will be small this season, so Hartman said they'll have to make a total team effort to crash the glass.

Will make the playoffs if: Greenwood has the talent to make the playoffs, but the team needs to clear a number of hurdles before it can make that happen. Adjusting to Hartman's new style of play is the main challenge, but he said the team has been very receptive since he took over the program. The second is replacing the scoring output of Franklin, which is easier said than done. Sophomore starting point guard Exalander Magallan must also adjust to the pace of the varsity game and communication on the defensive end must improve for the team to be effective. If the Rangers do these things, they should be competitive in District 4-4A.

2014-15 RANGERS ROSTER

Name	Class	Pos.	Ht.
Exalander Magallan	So	G	5-5
Blake Elliott	So	G	6-4
Kelley Cooper	So	F	6-3
Tyler Porras	So	F	6-3
Chase Strumpfer	Jr	G	5-6
Blake Cain	Jr	C	6-4
Jacob Rogers	Jr	F	6-1
Alex Montes	Sr	G	5-9
Chris Martin	Sr	G	5-8
Cauge Wakk	Sr	C	6-0
Austin Ulcak	Sr	C	6-4
Javier Vizcaino	Sr	F	6-3
Sebastian Garcia	Sr	C	6-4

2014-15 GREENWOOD SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov 18	Snyder	7:30 p.m.
Nov 21	Lubbock Montery	7:30 p.m.
Nov 25	at Abilene High	7:30 p.m.
Dec 2	at Lubbock Cooper	7:30 p.m.
Dec 4-6	Kennedale Tournament	
Dec 11-13	Andrews Tournament	
Dec 16	Big Spring	7:30 p.m.
Dec 19	at Levelland	6:30 p.m.
Dec 29-31	Lubbock Caprock Tournament	
Jan 2	at Shallowater	4 p.m.
Jan 6	Lamesa	7:30 p.m.
Jan 16	at Seminole*	7:30 p.m.
Jan 20	Pecos*	7:30 p.m.
Jan 23	at Monahans*	7:30 p.m.
Jan 27	at Ft. Stockton*	7:30 p.m.
Jan 30	at Andrews*	7:30 p.m.
Feb 3	Seminole*	7:30 p.m.
Feb 6	at Pecos*	7:30 p.m.
Feb 10	Monahans*	7:30 p.m.
Feb 13	Ft. Stockton*	7:30 p.m.
Feb 17	Andrews*	7:30 p.m.

*denotes District 4-4A game

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN MUSTANGS

Coach: Marks Lanham, third year at Midland Christian

2013-14 Record: 19-13, 7-5 in 1-3A

2013-14 Postseason: Lost in the second round to Tyler Grace Community, 94-65

Key players: G Grant Little, Jr.; G Daniel Vanzant, Jr.; C Kaleb Warren, Sr.

Key losses: G Jeremy Bailey, G Mason McClendon

About the Mustangs: The Mustangs are going to run, and they're going to shoot. It's that simple, at least offensively, for Midland Christian this season. With a guard-heavy roster, coach Lanham has designed a system to allow the team's strength to shine — shooting the ball. The Mustangs legitimately have nine players who can spread the ball and shoot, and the goal for the team is to get the best shot possible up within 15 seconds. They're small, but depth and the ability to run will be the team's biggest strength this year.

Will make the playoffs if: Midland Christian will reach the postseason for the third time in three years under Lanham if it can figure out a way to rebound. The Mustangs play a solid aggressive style of defense and can certainly score, but rebounding is the team's biggest weakness heading into the season. Without a true post presence last year, Midland Christian was forced to outscore teams because it certainly couldn't beat them on the glass. Lanham said he hopes to avoid the same fate this season. If the Mustangs improve on their overall rebounding, they set up well for a playoff run.

2014-15 MIDLAND CHRISTIAN ROSTER

Name	Class	Pos.	Ht.
3 Daniel Venzant	G	5-8	Jr
5 Sam Gilbert	G	6-0	Sr
10 Blake Letcher	G	6-2	Jr
11 Bryce Watters	G	6-0	So
12 Evan McKinney	G	5-10	So
15 Kaleb Warren	C	6-3	Sr
20 Danile Parkhurst	G	6-0	Jr
22 Colton Snively	C	6-3	So
23 Grant Little	G	6-0	Jr
24 Brett Thomason	C	6-3	Jr
25 Luke Watson	G	6-0	So
30 Cody Wolfe	C	6-2	So
33 Luke McComic	C	6-3	Sr

2014-15 MUSTANGS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov 17	Amarillo High	7 p.m.
Nov 18	Presidio&	6 p.m.
Dec 2	at Denver City	TBA
Dec 4-6	Levelland Tournament	
Dec 9	Monahans	6:30 p.m.
Dec 11-13	Abilene Wylie Tournament	
Dec 16	at Seminole	7:30 p.m.
Dec 29-31	Monahans Tournament	
Jan 6	Alpine	7:30 p.m.
Jan 9	Coram Deo Academy*	7:30 p.m.
Jan 10	Southwest Christian*	2 p.m.
Jan 13	Odessa Permian	7:30 p.m.
Jan 16	at Pantego Christian*	7:30 p.m.
Jan 17	at Ft. Worth Christian*	2 p.m.
Jan 20	at Lubbock Trinity*	7:30 p.m.
Jan 23	Colleyville Covenant*	7:30 p.m.
Jan 24	Grapevine Faith*	2 p.m.
Jan 27	Lubbock Titans*	7:30 p.m.
Jan 30	at Southwest Christain*	7:30 p.m.
Jan 31	at Coram Deo Academy*	2 p.m.
Feb 3	Lubbock Trinity*	7:30 p.m.
Feb 6	Ft. Worth Christain*	7:30 p.m.
Feb 7	Pantego Chrstian*	2 p.m.
Feb 13	at Grapevine Faith*	7:30 p.m.
Feb 14	at Colleybille Covenant*	2 p.m.

* denotes TAPPS 1-4A game
& Game will be played in Alpine

MIDLAND CLASSICAL KNIGHTS

Coach: Ron Miller, 9th year coaching at Midland Classical

2013-14 Record: 14-10, 4-2 in TAPPS 1-3A

2013-14 Postseason: Lost in second round to Ft. Worth Lake Country, 48-46

Key returners: PG Garrett Sparks, Jr.; G Blake Gladson, Jr.; G Heath Gladson; F Marshall McCray, Jr

Key losses: F John Stallings

About the Knights: The good news for Midland Classical is the Knights lost just one player off its second-round playoff team from last season. The bad news is that was John Stallings, their leading scorer and rebounder. The biggest task for Midland Classical is to find a way to replace Stallings' production. This means a young roster without a senior will be forced to not only pick up the scoring load, but to crash the glass from every position. Chemistry isn't an issue with four starters returning, and Miller said his team's biggest strength is the players' basketball IQ.

Will make the playoffs if: The goal for the Knights is to make the playoffs, but a young roster will have to grow quite a bit for that to happen. Midland Classical's starting lineup is pretty well set, but there are a number of role players that need to adjust to the speed of the varsity game. Midland Classical's other big challenge is just rebounding the ball, because without Stallings the team lacks a true post player. This will require each player on the floor to contribute to the rebounding effort, something the team didn't have to do much of with Stallings last year. If these two things can be dealt with before district play, the Knights set up well to reach the playoffs once again.

2014-15 KNIGHTS ROSTER

No.	Name	Class	Pos.
No	Name	Class	Pos
4	Garrett Sparks	Jr	G
5	Heath Gladson	Jr	G
10	Blake Gladson	Jr	G
11	Will Sparks	So	G
13	Will Telschow	Jr	F
14	Jared Adkins	So	G
15	Marshall McCray	Jr	F
21	Cannon Echols	Jr	F
24	Chandler Coleman	Jr	F
31	Cade Miller	So	F
33	Kevin Giffin	So	F
34	Caleb Bailey	So	C
50	Jacob Bailey	Jr	F

2014-15 KNIGHTS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov 11	at Sherwood Christian	7:30 p.m.
Nov 14	Grady	7:30 p.m.
Nov 18	Denver City	8 p.m.
Nov 21	at Kermit	8 p.m.
Nov 24	Lee JV	7:30 p.m.
Dec 2*	Forsan	8 p.m.
Dec 11-13	Crane Tournament	
Dec 16	Garden City	6:30 p.m.
Dec 29-31	Monahans Tournament	
Jan 6	at Crane	8 p.m.
Jan 9	Amarillo San Jacinto*	8 p.m.
Jan 13	at Abilene Christian	8 p.m.
Jan 20	Trinity*	8 p.m.
Jan. 23	at Lubock Christian*	8 p.m.
Jan. 27	Abilene Christian*	8 p.m.
Jan. 30	at Amarillo San Jacinto	8 p.m.
Feb. 3	Lubbock Christian*	8 p.m.
Feb. 6	at Sherwood Christian	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	at Trinity*	8 p.m.

*denotes TAPPS 1-3A game

TRINITY CHARGERS

Coach: Chris Jauz, second year at Trinity

2013-14 Record: 7-16, 0-6 in 1-3A

2013-14 Postseason: Did not qualify

Key players: G Jacob Webb, Sr.; F Peter Rodenko, Sr.; PG Vincent Baino, Jr.

About the Chargers: Trinity will be improved for the 2014-15 season if only solely because of chemistry. Chris Jauz came back to Trinity halfway through last season to take over the basketball job, and inherited a team that had already played under two different coaches in six months. That made things difficult, and as a result the Chargers went winless in district play. This season, the Chargers not only have had additional time under Jauz, they're also have a much deeper team, with up to 10 players available to play as compared to only a handful last season.

Will make the playoffs if: The goal for Trinity is to nab the district's final playoff spot this season, but it will be a tough task. Jauz said while the Chargers will be athletic, many of his players lack basketball acumen. The Chargers must hound teams on defense and create turnovers with their athleticism. On offense, points will come off cuts and effort on the boards because consistent points from outside shooting won't be there. Trinity does have plenty of potential, and if some of the players really develop as basketball players the Chargers could earn a playoff berth.

2014-15 CHARGERS ROSTER

Name	Pos.
Phillip Beal	Sr
Anthony Dragun	Jr
Peter Rodenko	Jr
Bommer Silvera	Sr
Jonah Starck	Sr
Jacyree Stubblefield	Jr
Jacob Webb	Sr
Daniel Webb	Fr
Benjamin Witt	So

2014-15 CHARGERS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov 18	Snyder	7:30 p.m.
Nov 21	Lubbock Montery	7:30 p.m.
Nov 25	at Abilene High	7:30 p.m.
Dec 2	at Lubbock Cooper	7:30 p.m.
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Feb 17	Andrews*	7:30 p.m.

*denotes TAPPS 1-3A game

REBELS

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are necessary, in addition to proper spacing, quick recognition and a myriad of other technical details.

The Rebels need to make the same adjustments on the defensive side of the ball, where pressing and traps will play an important role on defense. But for now, it's just a matter of the players recognizing plays and coming to the realization risk they made on JV will result in easy buckets for the opposing team on the varsity level.

"In the lower levels you can get away with running. In the varsity those guys are making pinpoint passes and you just can't leave your guy," Packer said. "Those little things have to be solid, teach guys to be disciplined."

Improvement in these areas may be uneven, but that's why Packer has his team doing one drill in particular ad nauseum in practice — sprints. The Rebels won't be the tallest or the most experienced team, but Packer said he wants his group to be known for effort.

The Rebels' season will be defined by the little plays: crashing the glass, diving for loose balls and hustling on defense. This is why much of the Rebels' practices for now are spent dashing without a ball from line to line.

"We're undersized and we have to do those little things because other teams are going to be more physical than us," Packer said.

Sophomore point guard Sema'J Davis is the team's lone varsity returnee, and even he only played in short spurts for half the season. Davis now has the task of leading what is mostly the freshman team he played on last season. He knows it won't be a quick rebuild, but he's excited for what the team has the potential to become.

"It's going to take work, but I'm glad to get the chance to play with varsity and help the guys I played with freshman year," Davis said. "It's going to be pretty exciting."

Packer and his players know what is in front of them is a process, and the Rebels actually have cross-town inspiration as to what they can become. After all, it wasn't too long ago when Midland High won only seven games over two seasons.

"I saw those guys when they were sophomores and they had to take their lumps," Packer said. "It's a process, and to see those guys and where they're at now and how far they've come, I know that process is grand if we stick to it and stick to doing it well."

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BULLDOGS

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Texas to a national level. Tatum said he's really seen a difference in both Rogers and Ringo this year.

"Gary Ringo and Nate have really emerged as leaders of this team," Tatum said. "They have come back from this summer and really emerged as different players. Nate and Gary could both be in the running for district MVP. They're that good and will be that difficult to stop this year."

Rogers said the difference between this year's team and the 2013-14 iteration is stark in terms of on -- and off-court chemistry. Whereas last season's team bickered and had issues passing the ball, the Bulldogs now get along rather well.

"This is a real special team," Johnson said. "Last year's team was divided pretty much. This year's team I'm really confident in us because we're all together, one unit.

"(Getting together during the summer) was really about team chemistry," Johnson continued, "getting together and learning how to work together as a team. We did a lot of things together, and it really shows on the court."

Ringo said many of the Bulldogs would also get together for impromptu tournaments at Midland Christian during the summer. This allowed the team to really learn individual tendencies in an atmosphere conducive to a high-level of basketball.

The team's eight seniors attest that their team chemistry is strong. After four years of playing with one another, they know where the ball should go and where their teammate wants it.

The seniors on the roster remember well the team's combined seven wins the two years prior to Tatum taking the job last season. It's their goal to put those years firmly behind the school, and they said they believe the chemistry wrought from tolling over the summer will pay off big.

"I feel like it's just a brotherhood between the team, we hang out," senior forward Justin LeClear said. "I feel like the more time we spend together and the more time we play together the better we're going to be."

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TEXAS NBA

FROM WIRE REPORTS

**MAVERICKS 107
HORNETS 80**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Monta Ellis scored 18 points, Chandler Parsons had 17 and the Dallas Mavericks defeated the Charlotte Hornets 107-80 on Monday night for their fourth straight victory.

**SPURS 100
76ERS 75**

SAN ANTONIO — Matt Bonner had 18 points and the San Antonio Spurs Big Three got some rest, handing the Philadelphia 76ers a 100-75 loss — their 10 straight loss to open the season — on Monday night.

**GRIZZLIES 119
ROCKETS 93**

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Mike Conley scored 19 points and the Memphis Grizzlies easily defeated the Houston Rockets 119-93 on Monday night in a matchup of the teams with the NBA's best records.

NBA STANDINGS AND MONDAY'S BOXES

STANDINGS
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	8	2	.800	—
Brooklyn	4	6	.400	4
Boston	3	6	.333	4 1/2
New York	3	8	.273	5 1/2
Philadelphia	0	10	.000	8
Southeast Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Washington	7	2	.778	—
Atlanta	5	4	.556	2
Miami	6	5	.545	2
Orlando	5	7	.417	3 1/2
Charlotte	4	7	.364	4
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Chicago	7	3	.700	—
Cleveland	5	4	.556	1 1/2
Milwaukee	5	5	.500	2
Indiana	4	7	.364	3 1/2
Detroit	3	8	.273	4 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	10	1	.909	—
Houston	9	2	.818	1
Dallas	8	3	.727	2
New Orleans	5	3	.625	3 1/2
San Antonio	6	4	.600	3 1/2
Northwest Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Portland	7	3	.700	—
Utah	4	7	.364	3 1/2
Denver	3	7	.300	4
Oklahoma City	3	8	.273	4 1/2
Minnesota	2	7	.222	4 1/2
Pacific Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Golden State	8	2	.800	—
L.A. Clippers	5	3	.625	2
Sacramento	6	4	.600	2
Phoenix	6	5	.545	2 1/2
L.A. Lakers	1	9	.100	7

Monday's Scores
Dallas 107, Charlotte 80
Denver 106, Cleveland 97
Orlando 107, Detroit 93
Phoenix 118, Boston 114
Miami 95, Brooklyn 83
Memphis 119, Houston 93
San Antonio 100, Philadelphia 75
New Orleans at Portland, late
Chicago at L.A. Clippers, late

Today's Games
L.A. Lakers at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
New York at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Utah, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

MONDAY'S BOXES

MAVERICKS 107, HORNETS 80

DALLAS (107): Parsons 5-10 3-4 17, Nowitzki 6-14 0-0 13, Chandler 7-7 0-0 14, Nelson 4-6 0-0 11, Ellis 7-17 4-6 18, Wright 4-7 2-4 10, Harris 0-1 0-0 0, Aminu 3-8 3-2 9, Barea 4-6 0-0 8, Crowder 0-2 0-0 0, Smith 1-1 0-0 2, Villanueva 2-5 0-0 5. Totals 43-84 11-16 107.

CHARLOTTE (80): Henderson 8-14 1-1 18, Williams 3-6 0-0 8, A.Jefferson 3-12 0-0 6, Walker 3-8 4-4 11, Stephenson 3-7 0-2 6, Hairston 2-5 0-0 6, Zeller 2-3 0-2 4, Biyombo 2-6 0-2 4, Pargo 4-10 0-0 11, Roberts 0-4 0-0 0, Maxiell 0-1 0-0 0, Vonleh 2-4 1-2 6. Totals 32-80 6-13 80.

Dallas	32	35	21	19	—	107
Charlotte	24	19	18	19	—	80

3-Point Goals—Dallas 10-28 (Parsons 4-9, Nelson 3-4, Aminu 1-2, Villanueva 1-3, Nowitzki 1-5, Crowder 0-1, Harris 0-1, Barea 0-1, Ellis 0-2), Charlotte 10-22 (Pargo 3-7, Williams 2-3, Hairston 2-4, Vonleh 1-1, Henderson 1-2, Walker 1-3, Roberts 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Dallas 55 (Aminu 11), Charlotte 46 (Biyombo 8). Assists—Dallas 32 (Nelson 8), Charlotte 22 (Stephenson 7). Total Fouls—Dallas 18, Charlotte 17. Technicals—Villanueva, Vonleh. A—15,345 (19,077).

GRIZZLIES 119, ROCKETS 93

HOUSTON (93): Ariza 4-13 7-7 16, Motiejunas 3-8 0-0 6, Howard 6-11 3-4 15, Beverley 4-5 0-0 10, Harden 1-8 4-5 6, Terry 2-5 2-3 8, Papanikolaou 4-7 0-0 8, Black 4-5 0-1 8, Garcia 0-0 0-0 0, Canaan 3-9 1-1 8, Daniels 2-6 0-0 6, Dorsey 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 34-78 17-21 93.

MEMPHIS (119): Allen 3-4 0-0 6, Randolph 4-11 6-6 14, Gasol 4-10 1-1 9, Conley 6-10 6-6 19, Lee 6-7 0-0 15, Pondexter 5-14 0-0 13, Koufos 5-6 0-0 10, Carter 1-4 0-0 2, Udrih 5-8 3-3 13, Leuer 5-8 3-4 13, Adams 0-2 1-2 1, Stokes 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 46-86 20-22 119.

Houston	18	24	24	27	—	93
Memphis	34	31	32	22	—	119

3-Point Goals—Houston 8-34 (Beverley 2-3, Terry 2-5, Daniels 2-6, Canaan 1-5, Ariza 1-7, Papanikolaou 0-2, Motiejunas 0-2, Harden 0-4), Memphis 7-17 (Lee 3-4, Pondexter 3-8, Conley 1-3, Udrih 0-1, Carter 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Houston 43 (Howard 9), Memphis 47 (Randolph 7). Assists—Houston 24 (Papanikolaou 5), Memphis 27 (Conley, Udrih 6). Total Fouls—Houston 19, Memphis 19. Technicals—Howard, Allen. A—17,012 (18,119).

MAGIC 107, PISTONS 93

ORLANDO (107): Harris 10-17 1-2 24, Frye 4-6 0-0 12, Vucevic 10-18 5-5 25, Oladipo 3-5 4-5 11, Fournier 5-13 1-2 14, Payton 1-2 0-0 2, Harkless 3-6 0-0 7, Green 1-3 0-0 3, Nicholson 1-4 0-0 2, Ridnour 2-4 1-1 5, B.Gordon 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 41-79 12-15 107.

DETROIT (93): Smith 3-7 1-3 7, Monroe 2-9 2-2 6, Drummond 5-12 2-4 12, Jennings 6-13 1-2 18, Caldwell-Pope 4-10 0-0 10, Butler 5-11 7-7 20, Singler 2-4 2-2 7, Jerebko 3-11 0-0 6, Augustin 2-3 3-4 7, Anthony 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-80 18-24 93.

Orlando	28	21	29	29	—	107
Detroit	28	24	24	17	—	93

3-Point Goals—Orlando 13-26 (Frye 4-6, Harris 3-6, Fournier 3-6, Oladipo 1-1, Green 1-2, Harkless 1-4, Ridnour 0-1), Detroit 11-24 (Jennings 5-7, Butler 3-5, Caldwell-Pope 2-4, Singler 1-2, Jerebko 0-3, Smith 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Orlando 49 (Vucevic 14), Detroit 46 (Drummond 10). Assists—Orlando 33 (Fournier 8), Detroit 17 (Jennings 6). Total Fouls—Orlando 21, Detroit 19. A—11,619 (22,076).

NUGGETS 106, CAVALIERS 97

DENVER (106): Chandler 5-14 0-0 12, Faried 4-6 0-0 8, Mozgov 6-9 2-2 14, Lawson 9-18 6-7 24, Afflalo 8-17 3-4 23, Arthur 5-6 0-0 13, McGee 1-3 0-0 2, Gallinari 0-2 0-0 0, Foye 0-3 1-2 1, Robinson 3-7 0-0 9. Totals 41-85 12-15 106.

CLEVELAND (97): James 8-18 5-7 22, Love 7-13 5-6 20, Varejao 0-2 0-0 0, Irving 5-12 6-6 20, Marion 2-6 2-2 7, Waiters 9-16 0-0 20, J.Harris 1-5 0-0 3, Thompson 2-6 1-2 5, Miller 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 34-79 19-23 97.

Denver	24	29	28	25	—	106
Cleveland	26	26	23	22	—	97

3-Point Goals—Denver 12-31 (Afflalo 4-8, Robinson 3-3, Arthur 3-4, Chandler 2-6, Gallinari 0-1, Foye 0-3, Lawson 0-6), Cleveland 10-29 (Irving 4-6, Waiters 2-6, Marion 1-2, James 1-4, J.Harris 1-5, Love 1-5, Miller 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Denver 47 (Arthur, Mozgov 11), Cleveland 49 (Love 11). Assists—Denver 25 (Lawson 12), Cleveland 18 (Irving 8). Total Fouls—Denver 18, Cleveland 15. Flagrant Fouls—Varejao. A—20,562 (20,562).

SUNS 118, CELTICS 114

PHOENIX (118): Marc.Morris 5-8 0-2 13, Mark.Morris 14-21 1-1 30, Plumlee 0-2 0-0 0, Bledsoe 5-12 5-6 15, G.Dragic 9-15 1-1 22, Len 8-10 3-3 19, G.Green 3-12 0-0 7, Thomas 1-8 3-3 5, Tolliver 0-1 0-0 0, Warren 3-5 0-0 7. Totals 48-94 13-16 118.

BOSTON (114): J.Green 10-17 8-9 28, Sullinger 7-17 3-4 18, Olynyk 0-2 0-0 0, Rondo 6-10 2-10 14, Bradley 7-13 0-0 16, Bass 0-5 4-4 4, Turner 3-6 0-0 7, Pressey 2-4 0-0 4, Zeller 8-9 3-4 19, Thornton 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 45-87 20-31 114.

Phoenix	33	27	29	29	—	118
Boston	31	23	34	26	—	114

3-Point Goals—Phoenix 9-21 (Marc.Morris 3-5, G.Dragic 3-6, Warren 1-1, Mark.Morris 1-3, G.Green 1-4, Thomas 0-2), Boston 4-10 (Bradley 2-3, Turner 1-1, Sullinger 1-2, J.Green 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Phoenix 47 (Len, Mark.Morris 7), Boston 55 (Rondo 10). Assists—Phoenix 30 (G.Dragic, Marc.Morris, Bledsoe 7), Boston 28 (Rondo 9). Total Fouls—Phoenix 23, Boston 19. Technicals—Boston defensive three second. A—16,726 (18,624).

HEAT 95, NETS 83

MIAMI (95): Granger 2-5 0-0 4, S.Williams 1-5 2-2 5, Bosh 5-11 4-4 15, Cole 4-11 2-2 12, Chalmers 5-12 11-13 22, Andersen 3-4 1-2 7, Ennis 4-7 2-2 10, Napier 4-8 0-0 11, Haslem 2-7 2-2 6, Dawkins 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 31-72 24-27 95.

BROOKLYN (83): Johnson 2-9 1-2 6, Garnett 2-4 0-0 4, Lopez 2-8 1-2 5, D.Williams 4-13 4-5 14, Bogdanovic 8-11 2-2 22, Plumlee 1-5 0-5 2, Jordan 2-3 0-0 4, Jack 5-9 4-4 15, Teletovic 3-7 4-6 11, Anderson 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 29-70 16-26 83.

Miami	19	19	32	25	—	95
Brooklyn	21	22	21	19	—	83

3-Point Goals—Miami 9-27 (Napier 3-6, Cole 2-5, Bosh 1-2, Dawkins 1-2, S.Williams 1-3, Chalmers 1-5, Granger 0-2, Ennis 0-2), Brooklyn 9-23 (Bogdanovic 4-5, D.Williams 2-8, Jack 1-1, Teletovic 1-3, Johnson 1-5, Anderson 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Miami 52 (Bosh 9), Brooklyn 43 (Garnett 9). Assists—Miami 19 (Chalmers 5), Brooklyn 18 (D.Williams 7). Total Fouls—Miami 24, Brooklyn 19. Technicals—Miami defensive three second. A—17,732 (17,732).

SPURS 100, 76ERS 75

PHILADELPHIA (75): Mbah a Moute 4-10 3-4 13, Davies 0-4 0-0 0, Sims 3-6 3-4 9, Wroten 4-14 0-0 8, Thompson 1-8 1-2 4, Carter-Williams 7-14 1-3 16, Shved 1-4 2-2 4, Noel 2-8 0-0 4, McDaniels 3-9 2-3 8, Covington 1-5 4-4 6, Sampson 0-0 0-0 0, Gordon 1-1 1-2 3. Totals 27-83 17-24 75.

SAN ANTONIO (100): Leonard 2-7 1-1 5, Duncan 4-7 2-3 10, Bonner 7-10 0-0 18, Parker 2-4 0-0 5, Green 4-9 0-0 11, Diaw 3-5 2-2 8, Baynes 5-8 2-2 12, Ginobili 0-2 2-2 2, Joseph 3-6 7-9 14, Daye 4-10 0-0 9, Anderson 1-7 0-0 2, Ayres 1-4 2-2 4. Totals 36-81 18-21 100.

Philadelphia	13	21	23	18	—	75
San Antonio	30	16	27	27	—	100

3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 4-26 (Mbah a Moute 2-4, Carter-Williams 1-5, Thompson 1-5, Davies 0-1, Covington 0-1, Wroten 0-3, Shved 0-3, McDaniels 0-4), San Antonio 10-26 (Bonner 4-6, Green 3-8, Parker 1-1, Daye 1-4, Joseph 1-4, Ginobili 0-1, Anderson 0-1, Leonard 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 47 (Sims 8), San Antonio 64 (Leonard 11). Assists—Philadelphia 15 (Davies, Carter-Williams 4), San Antonio 27 (Parker 5). Total Fouls—Philadelphia 18, San Antonio 17. A—18,581 (18,797).

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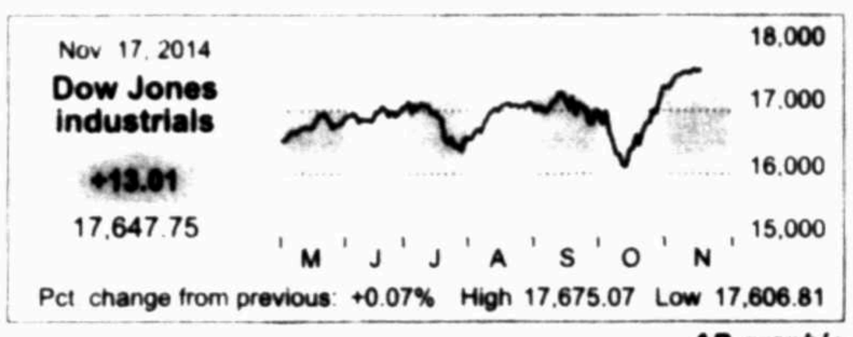

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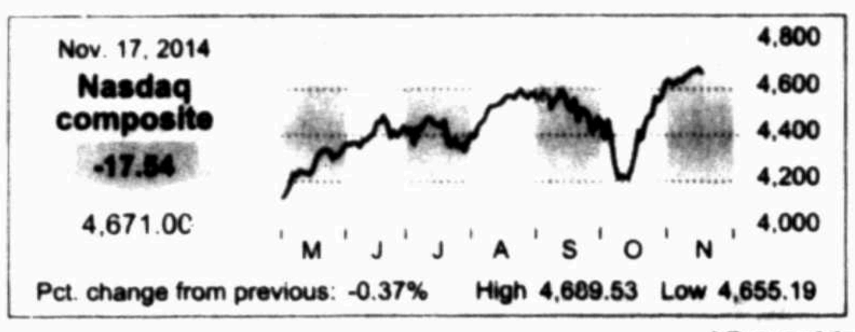

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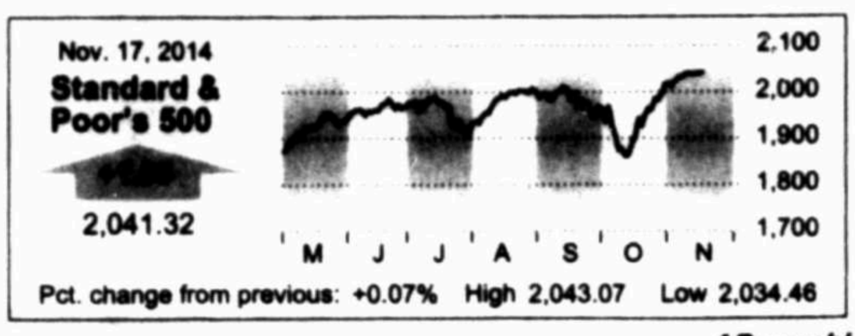

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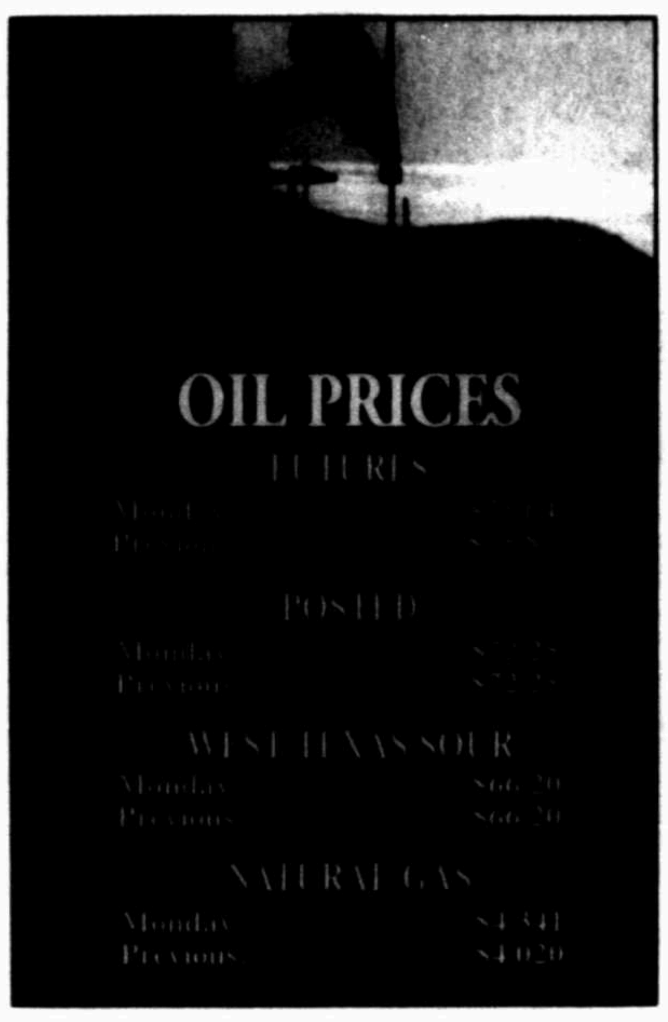

Early tests fail to find any tainted water from oil boom

Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — Random testing of shallow groundwater in the Northern Plains oil patch found no early evidence of contamination from an energy boom that's already seen more than 8,500 wells drilled, federal scientists said Monday.

However, the U.S. Geological Survey cautioned that the tests could have missed contamination from surface spills or leaking well casings. That's because water can take many hundreds of years to migrate beneath the surface, meaning contamination might not have reached USGS sample sites.

Industry observers say as many as 60,000 more oil and gas wells could be drilled in the Northern Plains in coming decades. The recent water tests will provide baseline data that can be used to know if water quality starts to deteriorate in the future, USGS researchers said.

"This is good news, really good news," USGS hydrologist Rod Caldwell said of the initial results. "But we didn't try to just sample domestic water wells close to oil and gas wells. We tried to look at the overall health of the aquifer."

Targeted testing around sites of prior spills could yield different results, Caldwell said.

In the recent study, published in the scientific journal Groundwater, researchers looked at 30 domestic water wells in North Dakota and Montana. Samples from the wells were analyzed for methane, brine and other byproducts of drilling.

Brine, also known as produced water, is a liquid that comes out of the ground with crude extracted from beneath the Earth's surface. It can be 10 times saltier than ocean water and comes in much larger volumes.

About 1.1 million barrels of oil a day are being extracted from the Northern Plains oil patch. The amount of brine produced is about three times that amount.

Earlier this year, an estimated 1 million gallons of brine leaked from a corroded underground pipeline near Mandaree, North Dakota, before it was discovered July 8. The saltwater traveled nearly 2 miles into a ravine, killing grass, bushes and trees along the way.

S&P 500 ekes out record

Despite a day of mostly listless trading, the Standard & Poor's 500 index managed to notch another all-time high.

The index on Monday inched past its most recent record-high close set on Friday, extending its gain for the year to 10.4 percent. The Dow Jones industrial average also ended higher after briefly eclipsing its most recent high. The Nasdaq composite ended lower.

The latest milestone for the S&P 500 came on a day when the major U.S. stock indexes mostly hovered between small gains and losses as investors weighed the implications of an economic slowdown in Japan that worsened in the third quarter into a recession. Energy stocks fell as the price of crude oil resumed its slide.

"Japan definitely started us on a bit of a negative tone with the economy back into recession," said Chris Gaffney, senior market strategist at EverBank Wealth Management.

The major stock indexes started off in negative territory early Monday as the markets reacted to data showing the world's third-largest economy unexpectedly shrank at a 1.6 percent annual pace in the third quarter after contracting 7.1 percent the previous quarter.

U.S. markets veered lower much of the morning. By afternoon, though, stocks began to pare some their losses as traders cheered several pieces of corporate deal news.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Hallibrtn	746978	49.23	-5.85
S&P500ETF	597877	204.37	+.13
BakrHu	528473	65.23	+5.34
MktVGold	505911	19.39	+.37
Petrobras	484601	9.33	-.62

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NiskaGsSt	5.20	+.64	+14.0
Dynegy wt	5.87	+.56	+10.5
ExterranH	36.81	+3.04	+9.0
BakrHu	65.23	+5.34	+8.9
NevroCp n	27.82	+2.28	+8.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CSVInvNG	2.98	-.64	-17.7
WLyonHm	19.14	-3.52	-15.5
CnElBras pf	2.87	-.51	-15.1
DirGMBear	18.59	-2.97	-13.8
PrUltShNG	41.58	-5.35	-11.4

DIARY

Advanced	1,400
Declined	1,754
Unchanged	85
Total issues	3,239
New Highs	157
New Lows	43
Volume	3,051,838,134

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Globalstar	137148	2.80	-.17
AlldNevG	70718	1.67	+.30
NwGold g	61153	4.18	+.10
NavideaBio	39390	1.25	+.09
B2gold g	35227	1.76	+.05

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Electrmed	2.40	+.37	+18.3
Ashford n	70.76	+7.91	+12.6
Richmnt g	2.86	+.31	+12.2
Flanign	24.95	+1.95	+8.5
SandstG g	3.11	+.22	+7.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TrnsEntx rs	2.83	-.48	-14.5
Bacterin rs	3.53	-.52	-12.8
Enservco	2.06	-.24	-10.4
TelInstEl	4.61	-.49	-9.6
YumaEngy	2.05	-.15	-6.8

DIARY

Advanced	158
Declined	238
Unchanged	29
Total issues	425
New Highs	8
New Lows	11
Volume	107,838,647

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Apple Inc s	455870	113.99	-.19
Yahoo	363363	52.37	+.62
Cisco	317556	26.47	+.14
Microsoft	295915	49.46	-.12
Facebook	282066	74.24	-.64

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ValleyFin	19.75	+6.44	+48.4
SunesisPh	2.31	+.64	+38.3
ChAdvCns	5.60	+1.34	+31.5
CelldexTh	18.25	+4.09	+28.9
AbengoaSA	11.35	+2.21	+24.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PangaeaL n	4.64	-1.11	-19.3
Tecogen n	6.26	-1.43	-18.6
DrmWksA	22.31	-3.71	-14.3
FusionT rs	3.44	-.51	-12.9
USMD	6.60	-.94	-12.5

DIARY

Advanced	911
Declined	1,776
Unchanged	157
Total issues	2,844
New Highs	83
New Lows	62
Volume	1,645,280,789

This is the reason airfare keeps rising despite lower oil prices

Associated Press

NEW YORK — U.S. airlines are saving tens of millions of dollars every week because of lower prices for jet fuel, their largest expense. So why don't they share some of the savings with passengers?

Simply put: Airlines have no compelling reason to offer any breaks. Planes are full. Investors want a payout. And new planes are on order.

In fact, fares are going higher. And those bag fees that airlines instituted in 2008 when fuel prices spiked aren't going away either.

In the 12 months ended in September, U.S. airlines saved $1.6 billion on jet fuel. That helped them post a 5.7 percent profit margin in the first three quarters this year.

In the past six years, airlines have done a great job of adjusting the number of flights to fall just short of demand. As a result, those who want to fly will pay a premium to do so. Airlines are selling a record 85.1 percent of their domestic seats. Thanks to several mega-mergers, four big airlines control the vast majority of flights, leaving very little room for another airline to undercut fares.

With that in mind, here's a closer look at what's going on with airfare and the price of jet fuel:

■ The average domestic airline ticket during the 12-month period ending in September rose 3.5 percent to $372.21, according to an Associated Press analysis of data from the Airlines Reporting Corp., which processes ticket transactions for airlines and travel agencies. That figure doesn't include another $56 in taxes and fees that passengers pay.

■ In the 12-month period ending in September, U.S. airlines burned through nearly 16.2 billion gallons of fuel. They paid an average of $2.97 a gallon — down from $3.07 the prior year, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. That 10-cent drop saved the industry $1.6 billion. Fuel prices have since fallen further. United Airlines estimates it will pay $2.76 to $2.81 a gallon during the last three months of the year.

■ Put another way: U.S. airlines burn through 311 million gallons of fuel in a week. Lower fuel prices are saving them $31 million a week.

■ Granted, with 753 million passengers carried last year that averages out to a savings of $2.15 for each leg of a trip a passenger takes: $4.30 on a roundtrip non-stop ticket or $8.60 on a roundtrip connecting itinerary.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $78.99 Down 5.34

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $114.13 Down 3.71

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $15.82 Down 0.08

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $63.72 Down 4.07

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $19.06 Up 0.06

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.84 Up 0.29

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $26.47 Down 0.28

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $27.40 Down 0.44

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $13.21 Down 0.55

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $19.06 Up 0.28

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Abraxas	...	13	3.91	-.16	+19.9
Actavis			247.94	+4.17	+47.6
AdamsEx	1.18e	...	14.63	+.06	+11.9
AMD		45	2.67	+.06	-31.0
Alibaba n			114.25	-.85	+21.7
Allergan	.20	42	209.20	+10.55	+88.3
AlonUSA	.40a	68	16.32	-.12	-1.3
ARltCapPr	1.00		8.73		-32.1
Amgen	2.44	25	159.14	+1.46	+39.5
Anadarko	1.08	...	88.97	-1.22	+12.2
Apache	1.00	...	72.09	-1.26	-16.1
Apple Inc s	1.88	18	113.99	-.19	+42.2
ApldMatl	.40	25	22.48	-.34	+27.1
ATMOS	1.56f	18	53.47	+.18	+17.7
AutoData	1.96f	28	84.84	+.09	+19.7
BP PLC	2.40f	6	40.90	-.04	-15.9
BabsCCInv	1.20		16.08	+.18	+7.7
BakrHu	.68	20	65.23	+5.34	+18.0
BcoSantSA	.81e		8.36	+.06	-7.8
BkofAm	.20f	16	17.09	-.05	+9.8
B iPVixST			28.60	-.06	-32.8
BarrickG	.20	30	12.47	+.19	-29.3
BasicEnSv			11.02	-.57	-30.2
BaxanoS h			.03	-.00	-97.3
BerkHa A	...		217185	40.00+517.00	+22.8
BlkHillsCp	1.56	22	54.46	+.57	+3.7
BlackBerry			10.94	-.26	+47.0
BostonSci		64	13.38	+.02	+11.3
BrMySq	1.44	36	58.43	+.48	+9.9
BrownFA	1.16	30	93.19	+.26	+26.3
BrownFB	1.16	30	94.04	+.70	+24.4
CVS Health	1.10	23	90.12	+.99	+25.9
Cameron		16	58.00	-.24	-2.6
Caterpillar	2.80	16	101.70	+.36	+12.0
Celestic g		14	11.00	+.01	+5.8
CelldexTh			18.25	+4.09	-24.6
CntryLink	2.16	29	40.95	+.16	+28.6
ChesEng	.35	25	23.38	+.17	-8.9
Chevron	4.28	11	115.75	-.57	-7.3
Chicos	.30	22	15.13	-.50	-19.7
Cimarex	.64	19	115.20	-2.36	+9.8
Cisco	.76	18	26.47	+.14	+18.9
ClayEng	...	18	78.99	-5.34	-3.6
CocaCola	1.22	23	42.92	+.19	+3.9

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ColgPalm	1.44	30	67.92	+.36	+4.2
Comcast	.90	17	54.15	+.05	+4.2
ConAgra	1.00	44	34.95	+.22	+3.7
ConchoRes	...	24	114.13	-3.71	+5.7
ConocoPhil	2.92	12	71.42	+.01	+1.1
CrackerB	4.00	21	118.44	-2.02	+7.6
CSVixSht			2.52		-66.4
CrosTim	2.66e	10	27.03	+.07	-8.1
DCP Mid	3.08f	40	51.75	+.19	+2.8
DTE	2.76f	19	81.10	+1.23	+22.2
Dataram h			2.23	+.03	-14.2
Dawson	.32	...	15.82	-.08	-53.2
DenburyR	.25	11	10.01	-1.19	-39.1
vjDendreon			.15	+.04	-95.1
DevonE	.96	12	63.85	-.33	+3.2
DxGldBull			14.71	+.78	-46.3
DrxSCBear			13.80	+.34	-18.7
DirGMnBull			4.94	+.68	-68.3
Disney	.86f	21	90.41	-.39	+18.3
DowChm	1.68f	17	51.12	-.25	+15.1
EMC Cp	.46	25	30.38	+.33	+20.8
EOG Res s	.67f	17	96.35	-1.81	+14.8
EmpDist	1.04f	17	27.97	+.14	+23.3
Energen	.08m	25	66.07	-1.89	-6.6
EngyTsfr	3.90f		67.52	+2.30	+17.9
EnPro	...	57	66.08	-.54	+14.6
EntPrdPt s	1.46f	25	37.40	+.17	+12.8
Ericsson	.46e		12.06	+.02	-1.5
ExterranH	.60	25	36.81	+3.04	+7.6
ExxonMbl	2.76	12	95.11	+.02	-6.0
Facebook		71	74.24	-.64	+35.8
FordM	.50	10	15.54	+.40	+.7
ForestOil			.95	-.08	-73.8
GATX	1.32	15	64.83	-.33	+24.3
GabMultT	.88	...	9.51	-.09	-23.4
GAInv	3.50e	...	35.11	-.17	-.3
GenElec	.88	19	26.61	+.15	-5.1
GeronCp	.15t		2.98	+.22	-37.1
GileadSci		18	100.44	-1.62	+33.7
Globalstar			2.80	-.17	+60.0
GtPlainEn	.98f	17	26.50	+.12	+9.3
Groupon			7.57	-.27	-35.7
HalconRes			2.94	-.16	-23.8
Hallibrtn	.72f	13	49.23	-5.85	-3.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Hertz			22.27	+.58	-22.2
iShBrazil	1.55e		38.90	-.38	-12.9
iShJapan	.17e		11.58	-.19	-4.6
iShChinaLC	.71e		39.25	-1.20	+2.3
iShEMkts	.71e		41.00	-.44	-1.9
iShR2K	1.50e		115.72	-.97	+.3
IntegrysE	2.72	18	72.54	+.96	+33.3
Intel	.90	16	34.24	+.29	+31.9
InterDig	.80	...	49.63	-1.06	+68.3
JohnJn	2.80	18	108.30	+.14	+18.2
KimbClk	3.36	20	113.65	+1.00	+13.5
KindME	5.60f	39	97.99	+1.74	+21.5
KindMorg	1.76f	33	40.25	+.88	+11.8
KindMM	5.60t	80	99.05	+2.09	+30.9
Kinross g			2.71	...	-38.1
LegacyRes	2.44		19.06	+.06	-32.3
Lubys	...	...	4.77	-.08	-38.2
MVJrGold			27.50	+1.15	-11.4
MktVGold	.19e		19.39	+.37	-8.2
McDnlds	3.40f	19	95.97	-.24	-1.1
Merck	1.76	33	59.46	+.39	+18.8
MeritMed	...	30	14.86	-.10	-5.6
MexcoEn		65	5.84	+.29	-15.4
MicronT		13	32.29	-.33	+48.5
Microsoft	1.24f	19	49.46	-.12	+32.2
Nabors	.24	31	16.20	-.39	-4.6
NatGrid	3.48e	...	73.90	+.26	+13.1
NOilVarco	1.84	12	71.82	+.48	+.2
NokiaCp	.51e		7.67	-.19	-5.4
NvMAd	.80a	...	13.56	-.05	+11.5
NvPMI	.86	...	13.58	-.10	+9.8
NuvPI	.82	...	13.68	...	+10.9
NSTFI3	.61	...	13.88	-.03	+7.7
NTXQI	.65a	...	14.90	-.12	+16.0
OcciPet	2.88	12	86.90	-.78	-8.7
Pandora	...	...	20.16	-1.35	-24.2
ParTech	...	...	5.30	+.22	-2.8
ParkDrl	...	11	4.02	+.01	-50.6
PattUTI	.40	25	20.63	-.70	-16.5
PeabdyE	.34	...	11.52	+.13	-41.0
Penney	...	...	7.26	-.12	-20.7
PennaRE	.80	...	22.40	+.28	+18.0
Prmian	1.05e	12	12.47	+.01	-3.0
PetrbrsA	.85e	...	9.64	-.59	-34.4
Petrobras	.46e	...	9.33	-.62	-32.3

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Pfizer	1.04	16	30.32	-.02	-1.0
PioNtrl	.08	...	165.04	-5.59	-10.3
PlainsAAP	2.64f	22	52.86	-.14	+2.1
PwShs QQQ	1.34e	...	102.91	-.31	+17.0
Praxair	2.60	21	126.26	+.40	-2.9
PrmEgy	...	11	64.05	-3.45	+26.8
ProctGam	2.57	24	87.84	-.27	+7.9
RangeRs	.16	32	72.38	+.46	-14.2
Rowan	.40	14	23.86	+.11	-32.5
RoyDShllA	3.76	13	69.25	-.13	-2.8
SpdrDJIA	3.58e	...	176.49	+.14	+6.7
S&P500ETF	3.68e	...	204.37	+.13	+10.7
SabnR	4.13e	12	50.50	-.59	-.1
SanderFm	.88f	10	84.93	+1.21	+17.4
SandRdge	...	...	3.71	-.19	-38.9
Sanofi rt	...	...	.90	+.39	+164.7
Sapient	...	39	24.65	-.03	+42.0
Schlmbrg	1.60	18	95.63	+.31	+6.1
SigmaAld	.92	33	135.69	+.11	+44.3
SiriusXM	...	50	3.52	-.01	+.9
Smucker	2.56	18	101.52	+1.29	-2.0
Sprint	...	...	4.91	-.14	-54.3
SP Engy	1.77e	...	85.76	-.45	-3.1
SPDR Fncl	.37e	...	24.06	...	+10.1
Staples	.48	16	12.97	-.48	-18.4
SunesisPh	...	...	2.31	+.64	-51.3

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TaiwSemi	.50e	...	21.91	-.49	+25.6
TelefEsp	1.03e	...	15.03	+.11	-8.0
Tesoro	1.20	13	72.37	+.29	+23.7
3M Co	3.42	22	158.69	-.16	+13.1
Torchmrk s	.51	14	53.31	+.05	+2.3
TriContl	.71e	...	21.36	-.06	+6.9
Twitter	...	...	40.47	-1.38	-36.4
TylerTech	...	71	108.06	-2.41	+5.8
UBWV	1.28	19	35.37	-.14	+12.5
US NGas	...	...	22.45	+1.15	+8.5
Vale SA	.84e	...	8.85	-.02	-42.0
ValeroE	1.10	7	49.72	+.49	-1.3
Viggle n	...	...	3.73	+.62	-35.1
VulcanM	.24	46	66.00	-.31	+11.1
Walgrn	1.35	33	66.56	-.38	+15.9
Weathfintl	...	...	16.48	-.16	+6.4
WstnRefin	1.20f	11	40.90	-.16	-3.6
WhitingPet	...	12	54.60	-1.96	-11.8
WmsCos	2.24f	75	54.31	+.26	+40.8
XcelEngy	1.20	17	33.43	+.39	+19.6
Xerox	.25	14	13.49	+.06	+10.8
Yahoo	...	7	52.37	+.62	+29.5
Yamana g	.06m	...	3.97	+.10	-53.9
Zynga	...	...	2.75	-.02	-27.6

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17,705.48	15,340.69	Dow Jones Industrials	17,647.75	+13.01	+.07	+6.46	+10.46
9,123.84	7,009.98	Dow Jones Transportation	9,012.63	-48.90	-.54	+21.78	+25.41
609.31	476.05	Dow Jones Utilities	593.59	+7.55	+1.29	+21.00	+17.12
11,334.65	9,732.47	NYSE Composite	10,883.25	+2.62	+.02	+4.64	+7.04
4,703.11	3,899.31	Nasdaq Composite	4,671.00	-17.54	-.37	+11.84	+18.28
2,046.18	1,737.92	S&P 500	2,041.32	+1.50	+.07	+10.44	+13.94
1,452.01	1,284.57	S&P Midcap	1,428.81	-2.04	-.14	+6.43	+9.72
21,544.43	18,575.20	Wilshire 5000	21,461.91	-5.86	-.03	+8.91	+12.93
1,213.55	1,040.47	Russell 2000	1,164.23	-9.58	-.82	+.05	+5.14

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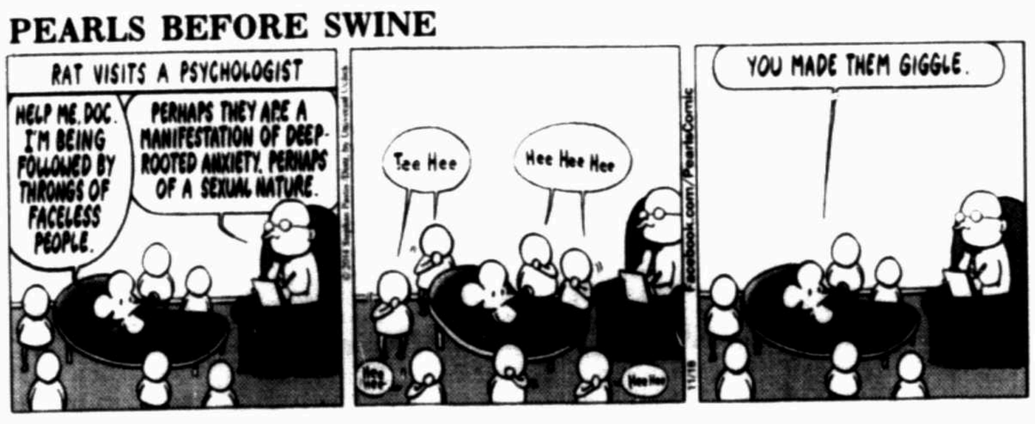

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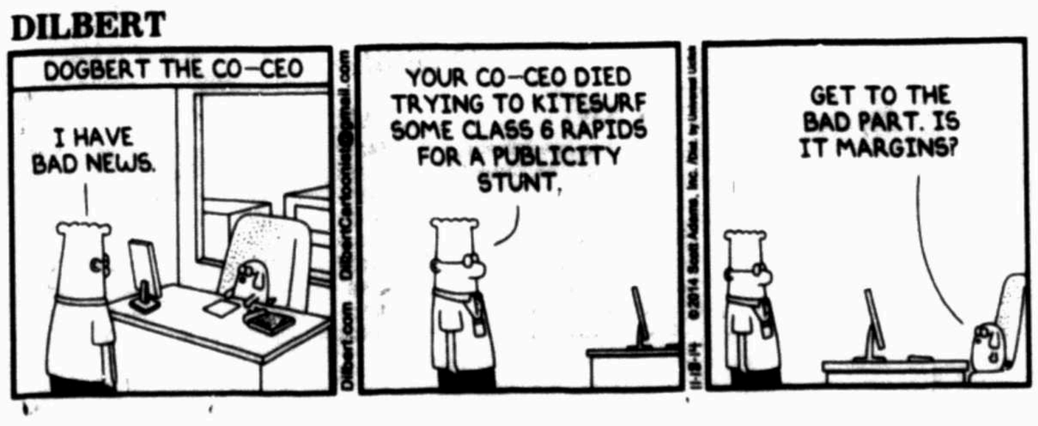

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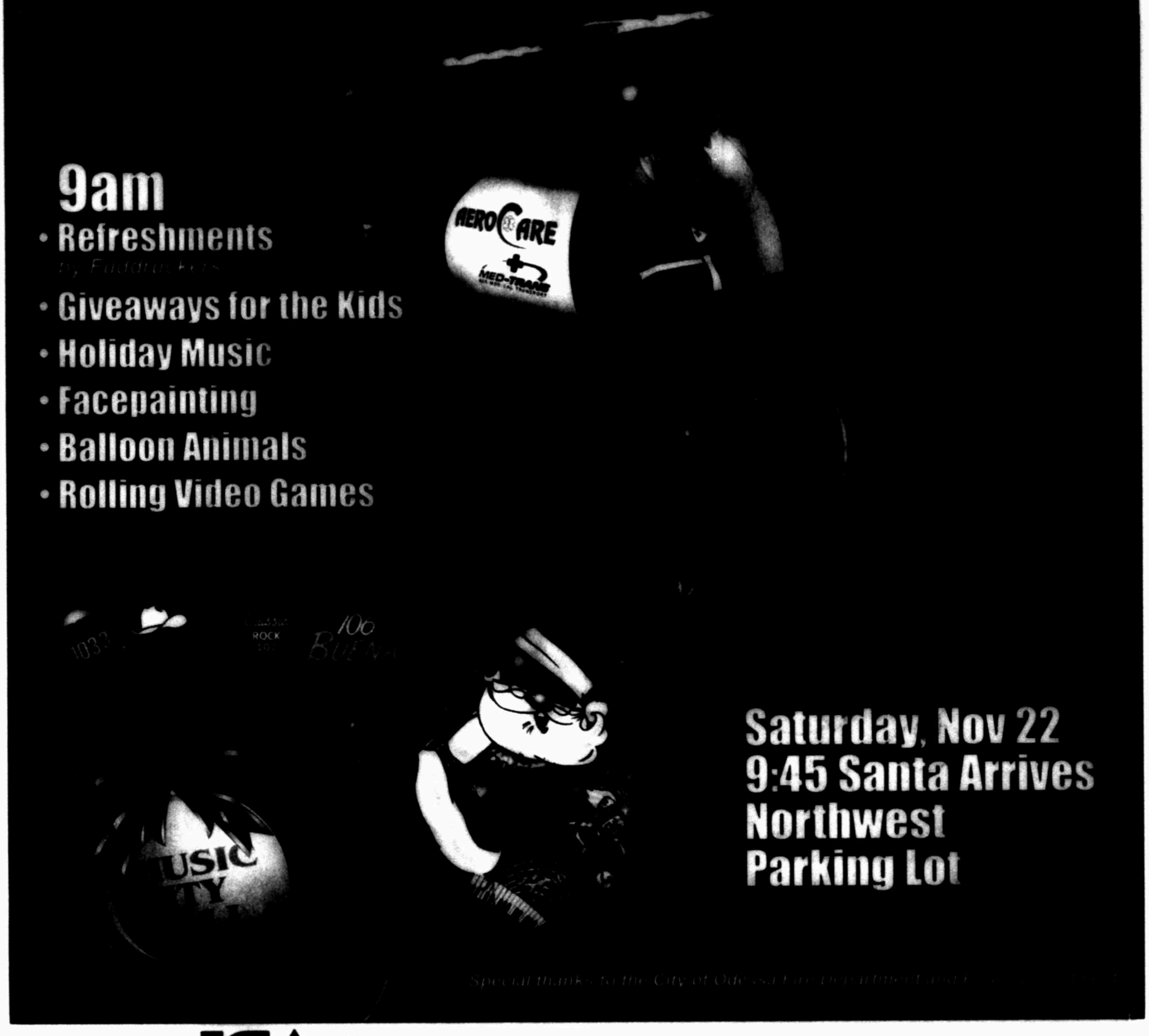

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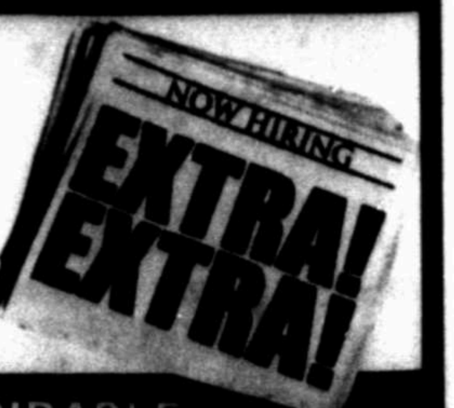

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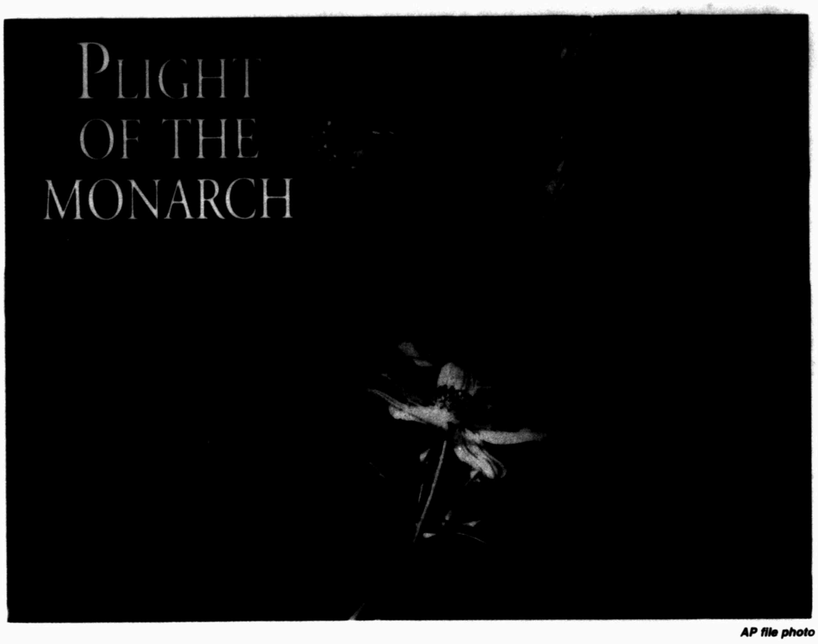

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In this Oct. 19, 2007, photo, a monarch butterfly takes flight from a wetland area at Cooks Slough Nature Park in Uvalde as they make their yearly journey from summer homes in Canada and northern states to a winter nesting site in central Mexico. The butterflies are famous for migrating from the U.S. and Canada to Mexico for the winter.

Monarchs may be loved to death

By Liza Gross
N.Y. Times News Service

Dara Satterfield hadn't planned to conduct experiments at the Texas State Fair, but that is where her study subjects showed up last month.

She was still in Georgia when they arrived, so she hurriedly packed her car, then drove all night. As she pulled into the fairgrounds in Dallas the next morning, they were feasting on nectar-filled blossoms of frostweed alongside the Wild West Pet Palooza.

The hungry travelers, like most monarch butterflies that migrate from breeding grounds in the northern United States and southern Canada, had stopped in Texas to consume enough calories to power the last leg of their flight to the oyamel fir forests of central Mexico and survive five months overwintering there.

So many monarchs blanketed the frostweed that Satterfield, a 27-year-old doctoral student at the Odum School of Ecology at the University of Georgia, allowed herself to hope that one of the world's most celebrated migrations could be revived.

Less than 20 years ago, a billion butterflies from east of the Rocky Mountains reached the oyamel firs, and more than a million western monarchs migrated to the California coast to winter among its firs and eucalypts. Since then, the numbers have dropped by more than 90 percent, hitting a record low in Mexico last year after a three-year tailspin.

Preliminary counts of migrants this fall are encouraging. "But we're definitely not out of the woods," said Satterfield, who studies human effects on migratory behavior. "One good year doesn't mean we've recovered the migration."

To make matters worse, she and her graduate adviser, Sonia Altizer, a disease ecologist at Georgia, fear that well-meaning efforts by butterfly lovers may be contributing to the monarch's plight.

In recent years amateur conservationists have sought to replenish drastic declines in milkweed, the only plant female monarchs lay eggs on. But the most widely available milkweed for planting, the scientists say, is an exotic species called tropical milkweed — not the native species with which the butterflies evolved. That may lead to unseasonal breeding, putting monarchs at higher risk of disease and reproductive failure.

Unlike most migrating species, monarch butterflies employ an improbable strategy that splits their round-trip migration between generations. So their life cycles must be intricately synchronized with those of the milkweed on which they lay their eggs.

Monarchs returning from Mexico reach the Southeast soon after native milkweeds appear in spring, producing the first of up to three generations that breed on new milkweed through summer. When the perennials start dying back in the fall, a final generation of butterflies typically emerges in a sexually immature state. Rather than reproduce when food is scarce and caterpillars might freeze, they fly to Mexico, to wait out the winter.

"The tiny creatures that engage in this big, beautiful migration have never seen the sites in Mexico before and somehow know where to go," Satterfield said. "It's incredible."

But in the Midwest, which produces half of Mexico's wintering monarchs, the scores of wild milkweed species among grasslands and farms are fast disappearing.

Nearly 60 percent of native Midwestern milkweeds vanished between 1999 and 2009, the biologists Karen Oberhauser and John Pleasants reported in 2012 in the journal Insect Conservation and Diversity. The loss coincided with increased applications of the weedkiller Roundup on expanded plantings of corn and soybeans genetically altered to tolerate the herbicide. Meanwhile, monarch reproduction in the Midwest dropped more than 80 percent, as did populations in Mexico.

With the loss of native milkweeds that die in the fall, monarchs are encountering tropical milkweeds that are still thriving.

"There's this huge groundswell of people planting tropical milkweed, and we don't know what it's doing to the butterflies," said Francis X. Villablanca, a biology professor at California Polytechnic University. "We're all in a rush to figure it out."

Altizer fears that when monarchs encounter lush foliage in the fall, they may become confused, start breeding and stop migrating.

"It's sad, because people think planting milkweed will help," she said. "But when milkweed is available during the winter, it changes the butterfly's behavior."

Butterfly enthusiasts shouldn't feel bad for planting tropical milkweed, monarch researchers say. But they should cut the plants back in fall and winter. Or even better, replace them with natives. There are native plant societies across the country that can offer advice.

Recent work by Oberhauser's lab found that some migrating monarchs are laying eggs in the Southeast when they find tropical milkweed.

Last December, Villablanca found breeding in overwintering sites in California. "We're in shock by the number of monarchs that are coming through and laying eggs," he said.

The reports are worrisome because nonstop breeding on the same plants can unleash a devastating parasite called OE, for Ophryocystis elektroscirrha.

Adult monarchs infested with the parasite can carry millions of spores that contaminate milkweed and kill foraging caterpillars. Mildly infected monarchs often can't fly or reproduce normally, and die early.

Scientists 'confident' lander will wake up

By Frank Jordans
Associated Press

BERLIN — A burst of sunshine in the spring could be just the wakeup call for Europe's comet lander.

Scientists raised hopes Monday that as the Philae lander nears the sun its solar panel-powered battery will recharge, and the first spacecraft to touch down on a comet will send a second round of scientific data back to Earth.

Since landing with a bounce on the comet Wednesday, Philae has already sent back reams of data that scientists are eagerly examining. But there were fears its mission would be cut short because it came to rest in the shadow of a cliff. Its signal went silent Saturday after its primary battery ran out.

Shortly before that happened, the European Space Agency decided to attempt to tilt the lander's biggest solar panel toward the sun — a last-ditch maneuver that scientists believe may have paid off.

"We are very confident at some stage it will wake up again and we can achieve contact," Stephan Ulamec, the lander manager, told The Associated Press.

That should happen next spring, when Philae and the comet it's riding on — called 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko — get closer to the sun, warming up a secondary battery on board and bringing it out of its unplanned hibernation. A few days of sunshine on the solar panels should be enough to charge the battery sufficiently to resume collecting scientific data, Ulamec said.

Philae's position in the shadows may even prove to be a blessing in disguise. Shielded from the sun's rays, the lander could survive for longer as the comet approaches perihelion — its closest point to the sun — in August.

Before they can say for certain if they'll be able to restore contact with Philae, scientists first need to find out where on the 2.5-mile-wide comet the washing machine-sized lander is, he added.

New pictures released Monday offered very good clues.

The high-resolution images taken from Philae's mother ship Rosetta show the lander descending toward the comet, then bouncing off when the thrusters and harpoons meant to anchor it to the surface failed. It drifted through the void for two hours before touching down again — after a second, smaller bounce — then coming to rest in a shallow crater.

Scientists at the German Aerospace Center said Monday that an initial review of data the lander sent back 311 million miles to Earth showed the comet's surface is much tougher than previously assumed. There's also evidence of large amounts of ice beneath the lander.

Scientists had speculated the comet's surface could be quite soft, but that has turned out not to be the case. "The strength of the ice found under a layer of dust on the first landing site is surprisingly high," said Klaus Seidensticker of the German Aerospace Center.

3-D printers are not a fad; possibilities are endless

Dear Propeller Heads: Is it time to consider a "3-D printer." They look cool, but are they just toys?

A: Let's just say, "3D printers: They're here, don't jeer, get used to it." 3D printing can be used to make statues, parts, pizza, guns. The possibilities are endless.

The term 3-D printer is just another word for nothing left to lose. Sorry, too much The Voice. It's another word for rapid prototyping machine or fabrication machine, which often gets shortened to just fabber. It's nice to have choices.

Basically, a 2D printer (if it's an ink jet printer) sprays ink on a page to create a two-dimensional image. 3D printers spray layers of some material to form an object. A 3D printer moves the head (or object) in 3 dimensions.

Replace ink with other materials and it gets really interesting. The dropper, sprayer, or head can supply ceramic plasters, soldering paste, metallic alloys, silicone, hot glue, epoxies, even edible frosting. These are "printed" into layers and used to build things — lots of things.

The layering process is called additive fabrication. CNC ("Computer Numerical Control") and milling machines use blades

or lasers to carve objects out of vinyl, copper, wood, acrylic, or other materials. This is subtractive, like sculpting. Machines start with a block of metal and cut away everything that doesn't look like a doorknob, for example. Both methods are combined to create complex products, like circuit boards and precision electronics.

3D printers range from fridge-sized commercial models to small personal versions. Most resemble the monsters in Attack of the Killer Dot-Matrix Printers (if that were a movie) with "print heads" that slide back and forth on a bar positioned above a fixed surface.

How does the printer know what to build? This is the best part: that's up to you! Using a Computer-Aided Design (CAD) program, you create a 3-D model of the shape. Load the raw materials into the printer, click the "Print" button, and watch as your brainchild materializes before you.

Not quite ready to buy a 3D printer? No problem, just e-mail your CAD files to other people and they can print out objects that you've designed. That's the idea behind eMachineShop (emachineshop.com). Download the free software, design something, then e-mail the CAD file to them. They manufacture your creation and ship it to you. Need a hard-to-find car part or a saxophone mouthpiece? Have a cool idea for a doorknob? Design it yourself and have one custom-made!

If that sounds like fun, you might want a personal 3-D printer. Check out fabathome.org for links to printers, kits for making them yourself, software, and building materials. There's even a library of designs from other users, so you can start building Frisbees, watchbands, and custom iPod cases right away.

3D printers continue to be improved upon and many are affordable. They start under $500 with good choices like Cubify (cubify.com) at about $1000. This is going to take a bit of research. Check out tomsguide.com and search "3D printers" to find one in your price range.

Neil Gershenfeld of MIT's Center for Bits and Atoms is helping to bring "fab labs" (fab.cba.mit.edu) to far-flung places "beyond the reach of conventional technology development." As the machines in these labs shrink in size and cost, people will be able to create products at home or their business, eliminating need to stock them.

This could usher in a new era of creativity and commerce, just as the rise of the Internet did before. With HP entering the market (http://cnet.co/1xJ2p1m) and UPS adding 3D printers to their stores across the country (http://bit.ly/1wgPnpp), this is not just a fad.

So the next time you have a million-dollar product idea or need to order some assembly parts, 3D might be the answer. As for me, I think I am ready to "print me a slice."

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