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Stanton teen wins big

James Nielsen/Houston Chronicle

Flint Newman exhibits his Charolais Grand Champion steer during the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo 2014 Junior Market Steer Auction at Reliant Arena on Saturday in Houston. The steer sold for $400,000. See more photos of Newman's win in Wednesday's Education section.

Newman lands $400,000 for top steer

By St. John Barned-Smith
Houston Chronicle

Cheers ripples around the sales pavilion at Reliant Park on Saturday, as Randolph Holford tried to coax out more bids for G.O., the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's Grand Champion Steer.

"Now 375, 375, 375, 375!"

Would-be buyers sipped sodas and beers, and tapped their rulers on the floor as the auctioneer's voice boomed from corner to corner of the room.

In the front row, Ed Lester and his group of buyers were vying for the 1,335-pound Charolais, led around the pavilion's main stage by its exhibitor, 18-year-old Stanton resident Flint Newman. His 23-year-old sister, Dakota, who exhibited the grand champion in 2005, and his 9-year-old cousin, Tristan Himes, were on stage with him.

The bids had already surpassed last year's high of $360,000, but rodeo auctioneers were trying to eke a little more out of the hundreds of potential buyers at the auction.

Farther back in the room, for example, the 18 women of the Champagne Cowgirls were trying to capture the prize steer for themselves.

Bid markers popped into the air, each new one winning a burst of applause.

Bids inched up to $375,000, to $385,000, and then finally, $400,000, $40,000 more than last year's top bid, and a buying group composed of Vanessa, Chris, Kyle and Rhianna Bruegger; Evelyn and Roger Bethune; Sally and Rigo Flores; Mary Alice and Ed Lester with Stewart Title walked away with the most expensive beef in Houston this year.

As with the other steers auctioned Saturday, some of the money will go to the student exhibitor, and the rest will go to the rodeo's educational scholarship and grants programs.

Joel Cowley, the rodeo's president and CEO, said they would distribute about $23 million in scholarships, prizes and grants.

Buyers said supporting the work of the exhibitors and their education was the principal reason they paid sky-high prices for steers that would otherwise fetch about $1,500.

The animals were the elite of the more than 1,600 shown at the rodeo this week.

About 400 were being auctioned off Saturday, according to event officials.

"This buyer's group has for the last 11 years purchased the first or second (place) steer almost every year," said Ed Lester, a members of the winning buyer's group. "It's part of our tradition to continue to help the youth of Texas by supporting this (event)."

Newman has spent the last year raising G.O. It wasn't always easy, he said. G.O acted up early in training, during one of the first times Newman tried to "set him up."

"He reared up and landed in a wheelbarrow," he said, laughing.

Now, a year later, it was time to say goodbye. The steers will soon be slaughtered, and their hides and meat distributed to the winning bidders.

"You do kinda get attached, but I try not to," Newman said. "If you sell it for $400,000, you've got a lot of reasons not to."

It was his ninth rodeo showing steers — and his last before graduating from high school in West Texas in a few months. He has made it to the final round in Reliant Stadium three times, he said.

Moments after Lester and his group bought G.O., the Champagne Cowgirls — along with Carol and Michael Linn, Dee Dee and Wallis Marsh, and the Tutcher family — got a steer of their own when they snagged the rodeo's grand reserve champion, Darth Vader, exhibited by 17-year-old Kaden Hatla, of Dimmitt, for $210,000. That was the same price of last year's grand reserve champion. They were repeat buyers, Hatla said. The Cowgirls had bought his steer the year before.

Darth Vader was one of five steers the Champagne Cowgirls bought Saturday, said Ellie Francisco, head of the group of 18 women (and their husbands).

"We all really believe in supporting education and supporting scholarships for the youth of the state of Texas," she said.

Harper returns to Concho as executive vice president

From wire reports

Concho Resources Inc. announced late last week that Jack Harper has rejoined the company as executive vice president.

Harper served as the company's senior vice president and chief of staff from November 2010 to January 2013.

Harper joined the company in July 2006 as director of Investor Relations and Business Development and became vice president — Business Development and Capital Markets in October 2007. Before joining the company, Harper served in various capacities relating to finance, investor relations and business development at Unocal Corp., Pure Resources Inc. and Tom Brown Inc. He is a graduate of Baylor University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Finance.

Tim Leach, chairman of the board of directors, chief executive officer and president, commented, "Jack was a key part of Concho's growth from our initial

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Women's issues could dominate Texas election

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By Chris Tomlinson
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Women's pay and health care are taking over the headlines in the Texas governor's race, and for good reason: Women comprise the majority of voters.

U.S. Census data shows that in the 2012 general election, 4.72 million Texas women cast ballots compared to 3.92 million men. Democrats know that Wendy Davis can't make it to the governor's mansion without female supporters turning out in big numbers, and that statistic gives them hope.

Campaigns also believe women are less likely to vote straight-party tickets, taking the time to choose individual candidates and cross party lines. The 2012 election also saw the largest gender gap in Gallup's polling history, with President Barack Obama winning among women

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Oil spill cleanup impedes major Texas ship channel

By Michael Graczyk
• Associated Press

TEXAS CITY — A barge that once carried some 900,000 gallons of heavy tar-like oil was cleared Sunday of its remaining contents, a day after the vessel collided with a ship in the busy Houston Ship Channel and leaked as much as a quarter of its cargo into the waterway.

Coast Guard officials said that up to 168,000 gallons were dumped and that oil from the ruptured barge had been detected 12 miles offshore in the Gulf of Mexico as of Sunday afternoon.

"This is a significant spill," Capt. Brian Penoyer, commander of the Coast Guard at Houston-Galveston, said.

But he said the emptying of the barge Sunday, a process known as lightering as contents are transferred to other vessels, was equally significant.

"The remaining risk of pollution, we've removed that," he said.

More than 380 people — "and we've ordered more," he said — plus a fleet of oil-retrieving skimmers and other vessels deploying containment booms around environmentally sensitive areas worked to mitigate the damage.

Officials said they had scattered reports of wildlife damage but no specifics. Some black tar-like globs, along with a dark line of a sticky, oily substance, could be detected along the shoreline of the Texas City dike, a 5-mile-long jetty that juts into Galveston Bay across from a tip of Galveston Island.

"That is the consistency of what the cargo looks like," Jim Guidry, executive vice president of Houston-based Kirby Inland Marine Corp., the nation's largest inland barge company and owner of the barge, said when the substance was described to him at a news conference. "We're very concerned. We're focused on cleaning up," he said.

He said the company was taking responsibility for the costs. The barge was headed to a shipyard.

The channel, one of the world's busiest waterways for moving petrochemicals, was shut for a second day Sunday. As many as 60 vessels were backed up trying to get out or get in.

Penoyer said at least one cruise ship, initially socked in by fog Saturday, was being allowed to end its trip and return to Galveston. He said others would be handled on a case-by-case basis. Its path into Galveston would take it through a safety zone defining the oil cleanup area.

There was no timetable for a total reopening of the channel, which typically handles as many as 80 vessels daily.

The Coast Guard and National Transportation Safety Board were investigating what happened.

"It will take quite a bit of time, given the complexity of the vessels and a very busy waterway," Penoyer said.

The contents of the torn tank, equal to about 4,000 barrels, were lost or displaced into other vacant areas of the barge. Penoyer said currents, tides and wind were scattering the spill.

"Containment was never a possibility in this case," he said.

Jim Ritterbusch, president of energy consultancy Jim Ritterbusch and Associates in Chicago, said if the bottleneck of vessels in the Gulf eased in a day or so, there likely wouldn't be much impact on fuel prices. A more prolonged backup could push up prices briefly, he said.

Crews were skimming oil from the water and deployed some 60,000 feet of containment booms to protect environmentally sensitive areas, the Coast Guard said. The area is home to popular bird habitats, especially during the approaching migratory shorebird season.

Also closed was the Texas City dike, a popular fishing spot that goes out into the Gulf for a few miles.

Lee Rilat, 58, owns Lee's Bait and Tackle, the last store before the access road to the dike, which was blocked by a police car on a breezy, overcast Sunday. If it weren't for the spill, Rilat's business would be hopping.

"This would be the first spring deal, the first real weekend for fishing," he said.

Rilat, who's lived in the area most of his life, said ships and barges have collided before. He said he doesn't think the spill is too big of a deal.

The spill site is 700 yards offshore from the Texas City dike. A crane and several small boats could be seen at the cleanup site, and dozens of trucks were at a staging area along the beach.

The captain of the 585-foot ship, Summer Wind, reported the spill Saturday afternoon. Six crew members from the tow vessel, which was going from Texas City to Port Bolivar, were injured, the Coast Guard said.

Jim Suydam, spokesman for the Texas' General Land Office, described the type of oil the barge was carrying as "sticky, gooey, thick, tarry stuff."

Richard Gibbons, the conservation director of the Houston Audubon Society, said there is important shorebird habitat on both sides of the ship channel. One is the Bolivar Flats Shorebird Sanctuary just to the east, which Gibbons said attracts 50,000 to 70,000 shorebirds to shallow mud flats that are perfect foraging habitat.

"The timing really couldn't be much worse since we're approaching the peak shorebird migration season," Gibbons said. He added that tens of thousands of wintering birds remain in the area.

City: Motorcyclist identified in fatal crash

From staff reports

The city of Midland released the name Sunday of the motorcyclist killed in a crash Saturday evening on Rankin Highway.

Midlander Gilardo Vargas, 24, became the 12th person to die in motor vehicle crashes this year on roads inside Midland, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

Midland emergency personnel responded to the crash at about 5:07 p.m. Saturday in the 2100 block of South Rankin Highway near Tractor Supply Co.

A northbound pickup was making a left turn into a parking lot when it turned into the path of Vargas' southbound motorcycle, causing Vargas to collide with the pickup, said Sara Higgins, public information officer for the city.

The occupants of the pickup were not injured. No charges have been filed in the ongoing investigation as of Sunday morning.

Traffic statistics

Deaths on roads inside Midland County
- First motorcycle fatality in 2014
- Eighth motorcycle fatality since the beginning of 2013
- 12th death this year (five in January, three in February, four in March)
- 55 deaths since the beginning of 2013

Source: Reporter-Telegram records

Obituaries

Audrey Jean Foster

Audrey Jean Foster, 77, of Midland, Texas, passed away on March 22, 2014.

She was born on March 21, 1937, in Matador, Texas, to the late Mr. Carter Clay Murphy and Mrs. Audrey Lee Murphy. She graduated from Rankin High School in 1955, and later graduated from business school in Fort Worth, Texas. She met the love of her life, Vancel Larry Foster, in 1956, and they married in 1957. Audrey and Vancel Larry Foster founded and grew a successful small business, Petroplex Acidizing, an oil well service company. Audrey had many caring and loving friends and loved the game of golf. Through out the years, Audrey selflessly helped and supported untold numbers of individuals in need of help.

She is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 57 years, Vancel Larry Foster; her sister, Martha Farris; her three children, Cheryl Cunningham, and spouse Tony Cunningham, Gregory Foster, and spouse Gina Foster, and Tracy Law, and spouse Jimmy Law.

Audrey adored, and was adored by, her eight grandchildren, Justin Cunningham, and spouse Emily Cunningham, Kyle Cunningham, and spouse Shelley Cunningham, Danny Law, Ashton Foster, and spouse Kelsey Foster, Stephanie Law, and fiance Todd Pace, Lacy Law, Josh Foster and Brianna Foster.

She immensely loved and enjoyed her two great grandchildren, Hunter Cunningham and Krista Law.

She was preceded in death by her loving brother, Donald Murphy

Services will be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., at Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Highway, Midland, Texas, with burial to follow at Resthaven. The service will be officiated by Pastor David Harp of First Baptist Church, Stanton, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations in her memory be made to The Springboard Center, 200 Corporate Drive, Midland, Texas.

Frances Isaacs

Frances Elizabeth Smith Isaacs went home to be with her Lord and Savior on March 22, 2014.

Mrs. Isaacs was born on September 22, 1918 in Wichita Falls, TX to James "Art" Smith and Minnie Ola Smith (neé Potter). Her family, which included three sisters and one brother, moved to Amarillo, TX in 1920 where Mrs. Isaacs attended public schools and graduated from Amarillo High School May 1937.

During high school she met and later married C.L. "Jack" Isaacs in 1938. They were blessed to be married for 51 years. Jack and Frances had three children; Preston, Linda and Jay. In 1952 they moved to Roswell, NM where they lived for over 50 years.

During their time in Roswell they were active in the community, devoted members of First United Methodist Church, which they joined in 1958, and the Roswell Masonic Lodge. Mrs. Isaacs was actively involved in Roswell Chapter #10 Order of Eastern Star, Assembly #116 Social Order of Beauceant, Daughters of the Nile and Rainbow Girls. In 1973 Mrs. Isaacs proudly served as Worthy Matron of Eastern Star, in 1983 served as President of Beauceant and in 2000 received her 50 year recognition as a member of Eastern Star. The devotion, love, commitment and dedication to and from her Masonic family are immeasurable.

Mrs. Isaacs is survived by her two children Linda Gadberry and husband Bob of Georgetown, TX and Jay Isaacs and wife Nancy of Midland, TX. She is also survived by two sisters Virginia Sprouse and Edna Shelton of Amarillo, TX. Frances was proud of her five grandchildren; Tammy McFarland and husband Eddie of Albuquerque, NM; Russell Isaacs of New York City; Melissa Ramsay and husband Trey of Elgin, TX; Ryan Isaacs and wife Ashley of Ft. Lauderdale, Fl; and Lesley Isaacs of Midland, TX. She also enjoyed being the great-grandmother of her seven great grandchildren; Evinn, Preston, George, Jack, Grace, Craig and Kaylyn.

She was preceded in death by her husband Jack Isaacs, son Preston Isaacs, parents James and Minnie Smith, one sister Audrey and a brother Harold.

Visitation will be from 6:00 to 7:30 pm MST on Monday, March 24, 2014, at LaGrone Funeral Chapel in Roswell, NM.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am MST on Tuesday, March 25, 2014, at LaGrone Funeral Chapel in Roswell, with burial to follow at South Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations in her memory be made to the Roswell Masonic Heritage Fund, 2305 W College Blvd Roswell, NM 88201 or the Manor Park Foundation 2208 N. Loop 250 West Midland, TX 79707.

The family would like to thank the staff at Manor Park, Midland Memorial Hospital, Hospice of Midland and Dr Robert Vogel for their dedication and commitment to our beloved family member.

Kathleen Burns Campbell

Kathleen Patricia Sweeney Burns Campbell, 86, passed away peacefully on March 21, 2014 at Manor Park in Midland Texas surrounded by her loved ones.

Kathleen was born in Thomas, Oklahoma to Mary and Cornelius Sweeney on March 17, 1928 and was the youngest of 9 children. She graduated from Thomas High School in 1946 and later that year married A.E. Burns on August 27. They were married two months shy of their golden anniversary when he passed away in 1996. She married Clifford Campbell on July 2, 1999 and he passed away in 2002.

Kathleen was always active in her church, a dedicated student of her bible and loved the Lord with all her heart since being saved in 1937. She served faithfully beside her husband as he pastored many Baptist churches in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico over the years. She loved music and was a church pianist from the age of 16. She taught piano for almost 50 years to a countless number of students. She also taught Sunday school for many years and belonged to the genealogical society, Music Teachers Association and the American Bible Society. She was a talented artist, gifted musician and created beautiful ceramics, needlework and quilts.

Kathleen was preceded in death by her parents, husbands Rev. A.E. Burns and Clifford Campbell, a son, David Price Burns and a grandson, Tyler Timian Burns. She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Joe, Clarence, Cornelius Jr., John and Edward and sisters Ellen Shaw and Anna Mae Jones. She is survived by her son, Byron Burns and wife Lois of Ardmore, Oklahoma; grandchildren, Sheryl Cavin, Michael (Donna) Burns & Stephen (Jaime) Burns; her son, Bobby Burns and wife Denise of Midland; grandson Austin (Whitney) Burns; her daughter-in-law Marty Burns of Midland; grandchildren Shanna (Jim) Stormes and Chad (Sandra) Vos; and her daughter Tricia Irion and husband Steve of Houston, Texas. She is also survived by a sister, Nona Cornett of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma as well as 16 great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Sunday, March 23 at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland, Texas. The funeral service to celebrate the life of Kathleen will be at 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 24th at First Baptist Church Chapel in Midland, Texas with Reverend David Johnson officiating. Burial will follow Tuesday, March 25th at 10:00 a.m. at the Flower Mound Cemetery in Thomas, Oklahoma.

The family of Kathleen Burns Campbell wishes to thank the wonderful staff of Manor Park and Home Hospice of Midland for the excellent & compassionate care you gave our mom. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Home Hospice of Midland, the American Bible Society or the charity of one's choice.

Services entrusted to Ellis Funeral Home of Midland, TX.

Death Notices

T.M. Allen

T.M. Allen, 82, of Big Spring, died Friday, March 21, 2014 at his residence. Graveside services will be held 2:00 PM Tuesday at Denton Valley Cemetery, south of Clyde, Texas. The family will receive friends from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Monday at the funeral home.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann Allen of Big Spring; two daughters, Sandra Kay Martin of Round Rock and Paula Sue Allen of Leander; one son, Troy Michael Allen of Big Spring; one brother, John Allen of Odessa; and one sister, Sue Windham of Abilene.

'Homeland' actor James Rebhorn dies

Associated Press

Rebhorn

NEW YORK — James Rebhorn, the prolific character actor whose credits included "Homeland," "Scent of a Woman" and "My Cousin Vinny," has died. He was 65.

Rebhorn's agent, Dianne Busch, said Sunday that the actor died Friday at his home in South Orange, N.J, after a long battle with skin cancer.

Busch said Rebhorn was diagnosed with melanoma in 1992 but managed to work until the last month.

In five decades of television and film work, Rebhorn amassed more than 100 credits, ranging from a shipping magnate in "The Talented Mr. Ripley" to the prosecutor in the series finale of "Seinfeld," in which he famously sent the group to jail.

The lanky but piercing Rebhorn, raised a Lutheran in Indiana, often played astringent authorities, like the headmaster in "Scent of a Woman" or the Secretary of Defense in "Independence Day."

On "Homeland," he played the father of Claire Danes' CIA officer Carrie Mathison. He also had a recurring role on the USA Network series "White Collar" playing the FBI head of a white-collar crime unit.

Other credits of the Philadelphia-born Rebhorn, who received his masters in acting from Columbia University, include "The Game," "Real Steel," "Law & Order," "Carlito's Way" and "Meet the Parents."

Rebhorn also frequently worked in theater, starring on Broadway in revivals of "Our Town," "12 Angry Men" and the original 1985 production of "I'm Not Rappaport."

Despite reform, flood insurance hikes still a peril

By David B. Caruso
Associated Press

JERSEY SHORE, Pa. — This small, central Pennsylvania river town doesn't have beach homes or boardwalks, but it shares more than a name with the famous stretch of New Jersey coastline 250 miles to the east.

Both are among the thousands of places around the U.S. where people could face trouble in the years ahead because of the rising cost of government-mandated flood insurance.

Earlier this month, Congress sought to ease their fears of sky-high premiums by rolling back a 2012 reform ending the government's costly practice of offering subsidized insurance for older homes and businesses in flood zones. The president signed the bill Friday.

But while the law was widely hailed as a victory for people who had seen their bills triple, quadruple or even increase 15-fold overnight, pocketbook pain for many has merely been delayed.

As many as 1.1 million policyholders with subsidized government insurance will still be hit with steady rate increases. While no one is sure yet how high rates will go, there is cause for worry in cities and towns that rely on affordable policies to keep businesses open and prop up the local housing market.

Lurie and Michael Portanova are lifelong residents of Jersey Shore, which sits in a flat flood plain along the banks of the West Branch of the Susquehanna River. They bought up a row of quaint, 19th-century brick shops on the town's main street and have been lovingly restoring them. They found out a few months ago that the annual flood insurance premium on two buildings they bought in 2012 had soared from less than $3,000 to a minimum of $26,868 for a high-deductible policy, or up to $33,000 if they kept their original coverage.

Now, thanks to the congressional rollback, that rate will reset to where it was before — only to immediately start climbing again, year after year. Within five years, the bill will be more than $8,700. Within a decade, it will be more than $26,000.

"There's no way we can afford that. Just no way," said Michael Portanova. "We'd have to let it go back to the bank and walk away from it."

The Portanovas and people like them are at the mercy of forces — both political and natural — much greater than themselves.

For years, they've relied on insurance that was far cheaper than the risks warranted, and the federal government paid the difference. When Congress tried to stem the red ink by raising rates to reflect the real costs, people in the flood plains screamed — and the politicians listened.

But many said even the adjusted premiums will soon be beyond their means, though the question remains: Will the government continue to subsidize insurance in places that are increasingly untenable as sea levels rise and storms become more severe?

The Associated Press analyzed records from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for roughly 18,500 communities where the government offers subsidized rates.

The National Flood Insurance Program data show there are communities in every state where even a few years of price hikes could leave many affected owners unable to afford their properties. Hundreds of small river towns and coastal communities with significant numbers of homes and businesses in flood hazard zones are at risk.

FEMA's records also show why there is pressure to raise rates. Some communities with a large proportion of subsidized properties have been tremendously costly for the flood program. But there are just as many places where those policy discounts have cost taxpayers almost nothing — yet.

Late last year, a small but growing number of people felt the effects of the 2012 reform of the National Flood Insurance Program. Their rates rose dramatically.

Facing a widespread public outcry in an election year, Congress came to the rescue, rolling back parts of the 2012 law.

But at least 820,000 homeowners will still get hit with rate increases of up to 18 percent each year until the program is collecting enough revenue to cover a $24 billion shortfall created by the long-running discounts and a series of catastrophic storms.

Owners of another quarter million businesses or second homes will see their rates rise 25 percent each year, until their premiums reach rates that match what building elevation surveys indicate is the true risk of flooding.

For homeowners in Jersey Shore who know rates will be going up but don't know by how much or for how long, the future is as muddied as the waters of the Susquehanna.

Paul Garrett, who now pays $2,200 per year for flood insurance on a house that sits on the high riverbank, said he could take a year or two of 10 or 15 percent increases. But he said the threat that rates might go higher could render the house both unaffordable and potentially unmarketable.

"It's going to turn the towns that are on the river into ghost towns. Because nobody's going to want to pay that. Nobody's going to want to live here. Property values are going to plummet," he said.

There are indications that rising premiums already have had an effect. Records reviewed by the AP show that national enrollment in the insurance program dropped by nearly 80,000 in the 12-month period that ended Jan. 31, with the great majority of that decline coming after rates began going up on Oct. 1 under the 2012 law.

The FEMA datasets analyzed by the AP included all historical insurance payouts by the NFIP, a tally of the annual premium each community in the program is currently paying, and a breakdown of policies on homes and receiving a discounted rate.

That data show that 1,402 communities nationwide have at least 100 homes or businesses facing gradual price hikes. Of those, 765 communities have at least 200 policyholders who will steadily lose their discounts.

While the rate hikes will unquestionably affect the largest numbers of people in subtropical coastal cities like New Orleans, Miami and St. Petersburg, Fla., they also have the potential to deliver crippling blows to old river towns and port cities that have little in common with the eroding beach communities that have earned the flood program so much scorn.

The list includes places like Hoquiam, Wash., an old logging port on an estuarine bay where the great majority of the city's 8,700 residents live in a flood hazard area.

So far, Hoquiam has been a bargain for the flood insurance program. Its roughly 1,200 policyholders — nearly all of whom are subsidized — now pay a collective $1.3 million per year in premiums, yet the program has only paid out $436,723 in claims in the city since the mid-1970s.

But concern about rising premiums has been severe enough in Hoquiam that the mayor and local real estate agents said it is getting tough to sell homes because of concerns about where rates could go.

"While Congress was able to make the glide path a little more gentle ... they still did nothing, zero, to really address the affordability issues," said Chad Berginnis, executive director of the Association of State Floodplain Managers.

In Brunswick, Ga., a port city where nearly 1,200 policyholders are set to gradually lose their subsidized rates, the new legislation will offer temporary relief to people like Ray Bodrey, whose annual premiums had surged from under $700 to more than $4,700 before the rollback.

But if FEMA opts for an average increase of 15 percent each year, his annual payments would top $2,800 within a decade, and keep climbing — rates he said will push the limit of what he can afford.

"It doesn't help me at all. We've still got the same problem," Bodrey said. "I saw this politician saying something on CSPAN, out in Texas, and he said he was tired of Joe Blow subsidizing all these rich people on the coast. Well, not everybody who lives on the coast is a millionaire. I don't even make $40,000 per year. I'm working class like everybody else."

And yet, if rates don't climb, taxpayers will surely have to spend increasingly vast sums to bail out a struggling flood insurance program that makes it easy for people to keep on living in dangerous spots in an age of potentially stronger storms and rising seas.

"We've solved a very short-term problem and made it a long-term problem," said Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla. "We didn't really do our work because we were in such a hurry to take the political pressure off of the increases in the flood insurance rates."

Congress created the National Flood Insurance Program in the late 1960s, in part because private insurers had abandoned the market. Today, in most places, it is the only option for buying flood insurance, though a small number of private insurers have lately re-entered some markets on a limited basis.

Much of the program is aimed at ensuring that any new construction will stay dry in most floods. Almost everyone getting a mortgage on a property in a flood hazard zone is required to buy flood insurance. Rates for new properties not built above the required elevation expected to be inundated in a so-called "100-year flood" are exorbitant.

But the original program also made policies available at discounted rates for homes and businesses built in those hazard areas before 1975, when there were few rules and few accurate flood maps. These properties were the most at risk of catastrophic damage, but rates were kept low — subsidized by the U.S. Treasury — because owners otherwise would be priced out of their properties.

Today, these subsidized properties make up about 20 percent of the 5.5 million policies in the program, but they are an albatross, producing less in premiums than they are collectively paid in claims.

In Owego, N.Y., a village of 3,900 people near the Pennsylvania border where 378 policyholders get insurance at a discounted rate, repeated flooding from another branch of the Susquehanna in recent years has led to $28.1 million in flood insurance payouts.

The problem became a monster after Hurricane Katrina, when the program had to borrow $17 billion to cover payouts. After Superstorm Sandy, the program's debt topped $24 billion.

In Toms River, N.J. — on the other Jersey Shore — the insurance program has shelled out $519 million in payments so far, much of it as a result of catastrophic flooding during Sandy, compared to the $9.5 million all policyholders there paid last year.

Congress decided just months before Sandy struck that the subsidies had to go.

With broad bipartisan support, lawmakers abolished an old rule limiting rate increases to 10 percent per year, eliminated subsidies immediately for any property that changed ownership and erased old grandfathering rules that protected properties from price increases if updated flood maps put them in a new flood zone.

Owners of properties that lost subsidies had to undergo an elevation survey, which was used to set rates based on actual risk.

The revised law does offer rate relief where many say it is needed most.

It restores those lost grandfathered protections, meaning new flood maps won't trigger massive, immediate rate increases.

A change of ownership also will no longer trigger an immediate jump to a risk-based rate. People hit by sky-high premiums after buying a new policy on a previously subsidized home will even be able to claim a refund.

The law does not, however, offer relief to the owners of vacation homes, businesses or buildings that have suffered repeat flooding. They will see mandatory annual increases of 25 percent until they switch to a rate based on an elevation survey.

Others will see rate hikes that are harder to predict. The law caps the increase of any individual policy at 18 percent. Increases for most property classes are capped at an average of 15 percent per year, meaning individual increases could be lower.

FEMA could increase overall rates less than that, but it has estimated that it needs to squeeze $1 billion to $2 billion more per year from policyholders still enjoying subsidies to put the program on solid actuarial ground.

Congress tried to deal with the issue of large numbers of policyholders being hit with premium hikes beyond their means by including language asking FEMA to "strive to minimize" the number of policies with an annual premium that exceeds $1 for every $100 in insurance coverage.

Yet, that suggestion would be impossible for FEMA to follow without giving huge new discounts to the policyholders now paying above that rate.

All of that adds up to a big question mark for homeowners.

How high will their rates ultimately go?

One FEMA-funded study, conducted in 1999, estimated that 550,000 homes across the country would see premiums top $6,800 per year if they were required to pay a premium based on the true flooding risk.

Texas residents fear hikes

GALVESTON — Zola Navarro's bakery in Galveston has persevered through tough times. It reopened after being flooded by Hurricane Ike in 2008 and stayed open after her husband was killed outside last year during a robbery.

But the 60-year-old business owner isn't sure her Southeast Texas Gulf Coast bakery can withstand what might be its toughest challenge: flood insurance premiums that had gone up from about $2,600 annually to more than $11,000 following a 2012 law overhauling the federal government's flood insurance program.

"We are a small business. It's too much. That amount frightens me," Navarro said.

President Barack Obama signed a law Friday offering much-needed relief for policyholders like Navarro by rolling back steep hikes that took effect almost overnight as a result of the 2012 reforms. But for many, the reprieve is temporary.

The legislation still imposes mandatory price hikes of 25 percent every year on businesses and second homes, until the owners switch from a subsidized rate to one based on the real risk of flooding. Other homeowners face increases that are capped at 18 percent per year.

Like other communities around Texas and the country, Galveston's business owners, real estate agents and officials say the overhaul could have dire economic consequences — stifling home sales and shuttering businesses.

Across Texas, more than 61,000 flood insurance policies are expected to increase because of the overhaul. It was aimed at weaning hundreds of thousands of homeowners off of subsidized rates and shoring up the flood insurance program, which is $24 billion in debt.

Galveston Councilwoman Terrilyn Tarlton said the new rate relief law "didn't go far enough."

"It would have a devastating impact to our economy, our livelihood, everything," said Tarlton, who is also an insurance agent.

In Galveston, an island city of nearly 48,000 residents, flood insurance is a necessity. Almost the entire island is below base flood elevation, the level at which a building has a 1 percent chance of flooding annually. And the city has had its share of hurricanes. The most recent one, Ike, damaged 75 percent of the city's houses.

According to an Associated Press analysis of National Flood Insurance Program data, 34 percent of flood insurance policies in Galveston get a rate subsidy and will be facing increases.

Damien McDonald nearly scrapped his plans to open a second surf shop in Galveston when he learned he'd have to pay more than $8,000 annually in flood insurance. Instead, McDonald opened Texas Surf Co., about a month ago, but bought less inventory than planned and decided not to hire another employee.

"It is going to put a strain on the business," he said.

Some business owners who saw high rates because they bought a policy after the 2012 reforms will now get a discount, but it'll be steadily erased over time.

In Surfside Beach, a coastal city of less than 500 residents that's about 40 miles southwest of Galveston, 51 percent of flood insurance policies are set to increase.

Real estate agent Suzan Zachariah said one family that bought a $125,000 home in 2012 is now paying an annual flood insurance premium of $17,000. The previous owner paid $2,400 a year. Under the changes, the family should see their rate rolled back to something closer to the previous premium, but it will then increase by up to 18 percent per year.

While residents with mortgages have no choice but to buy flood insurance, Zachariah believes many of those who already own their homes just won't purchase it.

Surfside Beach Mayor Larry Davison said while he favors efforts to fix the flood insurance program, the overhaul "was too fast, too radical."

"I think everybody now woke up and is saying, 'Let's be more reasonable and figure out how to make this thing work.' I think they are going to fix it," he said.

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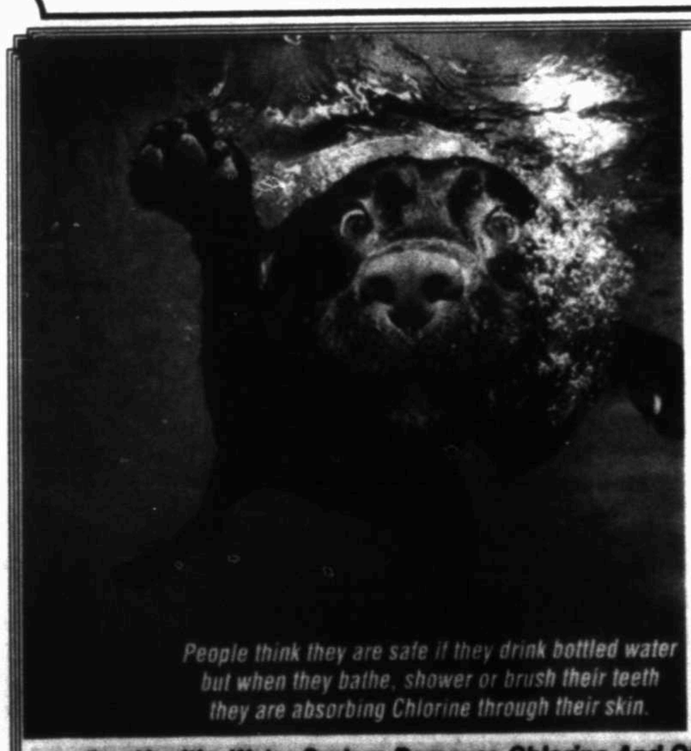

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■ Concho/Sibley Brown Bag Series featuring Diane Post discussing "The Adaptation of Wildlife to Human-dominated Habitat" at the Sibley Nature Center. sibleynature-center.org.

Meetings today

County commissioners
9 a.m.
Midland County Courthouse auxiliary courtroom.
500 N. Loraine St.

Midland Housing Authority Commission
11:45 a.m.
Conference Room, Midland Housing Authority
700 W. Scharbauer Drive

Club meetings today

■ Midland Amateur Radio Club, 7:30 p.m., clubhouse, Loop 250 and Lamesa Road; 561-9729.

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

Soldier returns home

U.S. Army Specialist Armstrong Mabwa is returning to Midland from a one-year deployment in Afghanistan. He will arrive at 4:30 p.m. today on American Airlines.

Mabwa has two sisters, one in Midland and one in Colorado.

Know a soldier coming home?

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9-11 a.m. Lynn Woolley
11 a.m.-2 p.m. Rush Limbaugh
2-5 p.m. Dave Ramsey
5-6 p.m. Local news reports
6-9 p.m. Roger Hedgecock
9-midnight Hugh Hewitt
Midnight-6 a.m. Coast to Coast with George Noory
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KWEL (AM 1070, FM 107.1)
6-10 a.m. Morning Show with Craig Anderson
10 a.m.-noon. Herman Cain
Noon-2 p.m. Glenn Beck
2-5 p.m. Sean Hannity
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Sport talk
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Today in History

Today is Monday, March 24, the 83rd day of 2014. There are 282 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On March 24, 1989, the supertanker Exxon Valdez ran aground on a reef in Alaska's Prince William Sound and began leaking an estimated 11 million gallons of crude oil.

On this date:

In 1832, a mob in Hiram, Ohio, attacked, tarred and feathered Mormon leaders Joseph Smith Jr. and Sidney Rigdon.

In 1958, rock-and-roll singer Elvis Presley was inducted into the Army in Memphis, Tenn.

In 1999, NATO launched airstrikes against Yugoslavia, marking the first time in its 50-year existence that it had ever attacked a sovereign country.

Today's Birthdays: Fashion designer Tommy Hilfiger is 63. Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer is 58.

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Jack Harper, Bill Patterson and Larry Oldham lead the panel discussion on independant operators at the 2010 Executive Oil Conference.

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public offering in 2007 through 2013. We are proud he's once again an integral member of our team bringing his financial expertise and strategic insight to the management of the company's business."

Concho also announced that John Surma has been appointed to the company's board of directors.

Surma joins the board after recently retiring as chairman and chief executive officer of United States Steel Corp. Surma will serve on the company's Audit Committee and Reserves Committee. He is currently a member of the boards of directors of Marathon Petroleum Corp., Ingersoll-Rand plc and MPLX GP LLC, the general partner of MPLX LP. He was appointed by President Barack Obama to the President's Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations and serves as its vice chairman.

"John Surma's broad experience successfully running large, sophisticated energy and industrial companies will facilitate him being a strong contributor to our board of directors," Leach said. "With these additions, I am even more enthusiastic about Concho's positioning and look forward to working with both Jack and John as we embark on the next phase of the company's growth."

Chick-fil-A CEO to make customer service his focus

By Leon Stafford
Cox Newspapers

As the same-sex marriage debate rages, one person said he won't be weighing in on the subject anymore: Dan Cathy, CEO and president of Chick-fil-A.

Almost two years after he made headlines by throwing his support behind traditional marriage and later decried a pair of Supreme Court decisions that favored same-sex unions, Cathy hasn't changed his mind. But he said Atlanta-based Chick-fil-A has no place in the culture wars and regrets making the company a symbol in the marriage debate.

"Every leader goes through different phases of maturity, growth and development and it helps by (recognizing) the mistakes that you make," Cathy said. "And you learn from those mistakes. If not, you're just a fool. I'm thankful that I lived through it and I learned a lot from it."

Cathy talked about the events of the summer of 2012 in a wide-ranging interview that included his thoughts about the company's future and the path he wants to put it on as the newly named CEO. He got the title in November after his father, Chick-fil-A founder Truett Cathy, stepped aside at age 92.

Still, as Cathy starts the job the company's link to the gay marriage debate lingers. And it still occupies a niche as the only major fast food chain that isn't open on Sunday, owing to the Christian, pro-family convictions of the elder Cathy — something Dan Cathy said he won't change.

Cathy told an online publication in 2012 that he was "guilty as charged" in his religion-based opposition to gay marriage. Same-sex marriage supporters protested at Chick-fil-A locations; thousands who backed Cathy's stance — or at least his right to state it — packed stores, creating lines that snaked out the door.

The company tried to extricate itself from the controversy by repeatedly asserting it does not discriminate against customers or employees on the basis of sexual orientation.

"Probably the elements that were stressful for me most is from our internal staff and from operators and how this may be affecting them," he said. "The bottom line is we have a responsibility here to keep the whole of the organization in mind and it has to take precedence over the personal expression and opinion on social issues."

Many on both sides of the same-sex marriage issue still consider dining at Chick-fil-A a political statement. Others scrutinize the company's and Cathy's actions regarding same-sex marriage for evidence of its stance.

Progressive website Think Progress earlier this month reported that Chick-fil-A's foundations — WinShape Foundation and its namesake Chick-fil-A Foundation — "dramatically" cut donations to groups gay marriage supporters consider anti-gay. WinShape sharply decreased grants overall, and the only group the Chick-fil-A Foundation gave money to that is considered by the gay rights community to be anti-gay is the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, which received $25,000.

Meanwhile, Pasadena City College in California recently opposed Chick-fil-A's plans for a location near campus because of concerns the chain contributes to "anti-gay" groups.

For Cathy, who is in a cutthroat business where no player can afford alienating market segments, the lingering identity is troubling.

"Consumers want to do business with brands that they can interface with, that they can relate with," Cathy said. "And it's probably very wise from our standpoint to make sure that we present our brand in a compelling way that the consumer can relate to."

For Cathy, there is lots to talk about other than gay marriage.

Chick-fil-A, like a lot of fast-food companies, is being forced by an increasingly better-educated consumer to review every aspect of its menu, from calorie counts to genetically modified ingredients to where it gets its chicken. Bowing to changing consumer tastes, it set a goal last month to serve chicken raised without antibiotics at all stores nationwide within five years.

And burger brands such as McDonald's are developing more chicken products to capture market share among Americans who see poultry as a healthier alternative.

The company is one of the most successful in the industry, with sales in 2012 of $4.6 billion. To maintain growth, Chick-fil-A wants to move beyond its Bible Belt base into Northeast and Midwest cities such as New York, Boston and Chicago.

Success in those cities also will determine whether the company takes another stab at going international, Cathy said. Chick-fil-A has shied away from opening stores abroad since closing its locations in South Africa in 2001, but Cathy said he is interested in Europe and Asia in the future.

"If we can't get a dozen stores in Manhattan profitable, then we have no business going to London," Cathy said.

The company will have to be more innovative, Cathy said. He encourages corporate leaders to download an app a day on their smartphones to keep fresh on changing tastes. The company opened an 80,000-square-foot innovation center — across the street from its metro Atlanta headquarters — as a laboratory for new store design and collaboration with organizations like the Savannah College of Art and Design.

Cathy, 61, himself is a prolific user of social media, which has been a blessing and a curse for the self-professed evangelical. On Twitter, he has congratulated Chick-fil-A employees who pitched in to help those affected by January's "snowmaggedon" and he tweeted a recent picture of himself with former Vice President Dick Cheney.

But he also mired Chick-fil-A further in the same-sex marriage debate when he tweeted his disappointment last June over the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to strike down the Defense of Marriage Act and to decline to rule on a court decision that found California's Proposition 8 unconstitutional.

"Sad day for our nation; founding fathers would be ashamed of our gen. to abandon wisdom of the ages re: cornerstone of strong societies," he tweeted in a post that was quickly taken down.

Cathy said he decided to step back from the gay marriage debate after prayer and conversations with co-workers and friends, including Shane Windmeyer, a gay supporter of marriage equality who helped Cathy understand why marriage was important to the gay community.

But while he may not be tweeting his views again any time soon, Cathy made it clear, when asked, that his personal feelings on gay marriage haven't changed.

"I think the time of truths and principles are captured and codified in God's word and I'm just personally committed to that," he said. "I know others feel very different from that and I respect their opinion and I hope that they would be respectful of mine."

Asked his thoughts on legislation proposed in several states, including Georgia, that would allow people of faith to refuse service to some customers because of their religious beliefs — laws that opponents say are designed to allow discrimination against gays — Cathy demurred.

Romney slams Obama for 'faulty judgment' on Russia

By Kevin Freking
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Mitt Romney said Sunday that President Barack Obama is naive when it comes to Russia, has shown "faulty judgment" about Moscow's intentions and could have done more to try to deter its annexation of Crimea.

The 2012 Republican presidential nominee said Obama didn't have the foresight to anticipate Russia's moves and should have been working earlier with allies to make clear the penalties that Russia would face if it moved into Ukraine.

Romney did acknowledge that such steps may not have been enough though to hold back Russia President Vladimir Putin.

"Had we communicated those things, there's always the potential that we could have kept them from invading a country and annexing it into their own," Romney said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

During the 2012 campaign, Romney took criticism from Obama for saying Russia was America's "No. 1 geopolitical foe," rather than al-Qaida. Now Romney seems to be claiming the right to say, essentially, "I told you so."

"There's no question but that the president's naiveté with regards to Russia, and his faulty judgment about Russia's intentions and objectives, has led to a number of foreign policy challenges that we face," Romney said.

"And unfortunately, not having anticipated Russia's intentions, the president wasn't able to shape the kinds of events that may have been able to prevent the kinds of circumstances that you're seeing in the Ukraine, as well as the things that you're seeing in Syria."

He said the U.S. should now welcome nations that seek entry into NATO, should forgo cuts to the U.S. military budget and reconsider putting a missile defense system into the Czech Republic and Poland, as once planned.

During the 2012 campaign, Romney had tried to portray the Democratic incumbent as soft on Russia. Writing in Foreign Policy magazine, he said that "for three years, the sum total of President Obama's policy toward Russia has been: 'We give, Russia gets.'"

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Nathan L. Anders, 38, of Midland, was charged Saturday with escaping while arresting or confining a felon and possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Juan Gonzales Jr., 42, of Midland, was charged Saturday with burglary of a building.

Eddie R. Mulanax, 39, of Midland, was charged Saturday with driving while intoxicated with a child passenger under 15 years of age.

Adrian W. Roberson, 21, of Midland, was charged Saturday with burglary of a habitation.

Benito Rodriguez-Garcia, 27, of Midland, was charged Saturday with driving while intoxicated with an open alcohol container three or more times.

John G. Tsesmelis Jr., 55, of Midland, was charged Saturday with driving while intoxicated three or more times.

Jesus M. Veloz, 47, of Odessa, was charged Saturday with criminal mischief between $1,500 and $20,000 and credit card or debit card abuse.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

ELECTION

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by 12 percentage points, while Republican Mitt Romney had an 8-point advantage with men.

The Davis campaign was thrilled to see wage discrimination law and equal pay policies take center stage last week, and Planned Parenthood Votes announced its entry into the election scrum to highlight women's health issues.

With GOP nominee Greg Abbott the hands-down favorite, his campaign must work to maintain the majority of women voters routinely won by Republicans, while Davis has the tougher job of convincing women to switch parties.

Davis has made inroads by highlighting the Lilly Ledbetter Act, a law that gives victims of wage discrimination more time to file a lawsuit. Congress passed the act into federal law, and Davis carried the legislation through the Republican-controlled Legislature to make state law consistent, only to see Gov. Rick Perry veto it.

Under current state law, a victim of wage discrimination must file a lawsuit within 180 days of when their salary is set, not when they discover the bias, which could be years later. After weeks of questioning, Abbott finally came out against the Ledbetter Act, saying he thought existing state and federal equal pay laws were sufficient.

"Republicans made their position abundantly clear to Texas women this week — they can't support and defend the basic decency of equal pay for an equal day's work," said Gilberto Hinojosa, chairman of the Texas Democratic Party.

Abbott's campaign has tried to turn the issue back onto Davis by pointing out her law firm has represented clients accused of wage discrimination, while another firm that she had ties to was the subject of a harassment claim.

"We've found out that Sen. Davis represents a public entity charged with gender pay discrimination and that she voted to appropriate hundreds of thousands of dollars in outside legal fees to defend a male Fort Worth employee against a gender discrimination lawsuit," said Matt Hirsch, Abbott's communications director. "Now we discover that Sen. Davis worked for a law firm accused of bullying an alleged sexual harassment victim who filed suit against a client the firm represented."

Davis is perhaps best known for her filibuster against new abortion restrictions that have forced about a third of the state's abortion clinics to close. But this is one issue that she and Abbott both appear happy to avoid for the time being.

Abbott, who is Catholic, opposes abortion in all instances except where the life of the mother is in danger. While this makes him popular with the anti-abortion base of the Republican Party, some polling shows that most Texans support abortion rights.

Planned Parenthood Votes, the group's political advocacy arm, announced it would campaign to make women's access to affordable health care, contraception and abortion critical issues in the Texas general election. The group helped a Democrat win in Virginia by highlighting the Republican candidate's opposition to abortion.

The Davis campaign, though, has tread this topic carefully, aware of another important segment of the electorate, Catholic Hispanics. Hispanics are a growing force in Texas politics, and Catholic bishops adamantly oppose abortion, giving Republicans an ally.

The one group of voters that probably won't get much attention this year is white men. The Gallup tracking poll shows that 61 percent of them reliably vote Republican.

Tractor exhibit to raise funds for hotel

By Ronald W. Erdrich
Abilene Reporter-News

WINTERS — There's nothing like a roomful of old tractors to bring out your inner tinker. That, or maybe it's just the spirit of the man who built the room in the first place.

The Gus Pruser Agricultural Exhibit at the Z.I. Hale Museum is located in the former shop built by Gus in 1927. On April 12, some of the tractors inside the structure will be featured in the Hale Museum's spring festival to raise money for a new roof on the Rock Hotel, which also is part of the museum complex.

Contained within the Pruser exhibit's walls are a broad spectrum of farming implements and machinery spanning more than 100 years. Some of it was made by Gus himself.

"I remember that he was an inventor, he liked to piddle with things," Jerry Holle, 77, one of Gus' grandchildren, told the Abilene Reporter-News. "He was interested in building things."

Gustav Adolph Pruser was born Jan. 3, 1876, in Keystone, Iowa. He was the son of a Danish shipbuilder who, with his brother, had built and sailed a ship from Copenhagen to the United States in the hopes of striking it rich in the California gold rush.

Gus' daughter, Lela Thormeyer, wrote in her memoirs that it took the men two years to reach the Golden State. With the Panama Canal almost a half-century in the future, the brothers braved the Strait of Magellan to sail around South America. By the time they arrived in California, gold fever had run its course, but even so, they still were able to find enough of the precious metal to finance an eventual move east, where they purchased the farm in Iowa where Gus was born.

In 1978, Charlsie Poe wrote in a column for The Winters Enterprise about how, at 15, Gus was hired to operate the only steam engine thresher around Keystone. After his father moved the family to Texas for health reasons, Gus brought the memories of that machine with him.

Later, when he couldn't afford to buy a threshing machine, Gus built his own. A lifetime of tinkering in his father's workshop and a burning curiosity for all things mechanical were all the education he'd ever needed.

Poe wrote that Gus built his horse-drawn thresher in 1906, attached a gas engine to it, and toured the countryside cutting grain for other farmers. That lasted until about 1917, when the dust generated by the machine had become too much for Gus and he fell ill. He limited his threshing to his own farm after that.

But as machines began to replace men in the fields, Gus earned a reputation as somebody who could fix whatever went wrong. Poe wrote that he never charged for repairs.

In 1915, Gus filed a patent for the first cotton picker. On a partition in the center of the museum's exhibit, copies of the machine are arranged in a display.

"It works as a cotton picker, not as a stripper," said Dale Duggan, a member of a small group that meets here once a month to repair and maintain the tractors on loan within.

Designed to be pulled, either by a machine or horse, the device featured vertical rollers perpendicular to the ground, each sporting independently rotating, fingerlike, stubby steel bars lined with rough metal. The machine would pluck the cotton, then brushes would strip it from the rollers and drop the puffs in a sack or on a drag cloth behind.

It was a wonder, but when times got tougher, they let it fall by the wayside.

"During the Depression, they let the patent go and somebody else picked it up," Duggan said.

The machine sits about 10 feet from one of Gus' other achievements, a homemade pickup that he built in 1920.

"The unique thing about this truck is that the frame is wood," Duggan said. "All of the component parts, he took off of different stuff. He took a radiator from an Allis Chalmers; the motor, I was told at one time, is a six-cylinder Chevrolet engine."

The small, boxy cab looks big enough for one, but not much more. The truck's bed, about 12 feet by 7 feet, features a grain auger underneath. Two panels in the bed cover where the grain could access the auger, spilling out eventually through a pipe at the back.

"Grandpa wouldn't let anybody drive it, it was precious property," recalled Juanita Bredemeyer, another of Gus' grandchildren. "This was special to him; he built it."

Gus hauled all kinds of things with that truck.

"They tell me he hauled watermelons to Fort Worth and Dallas, to the markets up there," said John Long, who's sort of the curator for the exhibit. "Its top speed might have been 40 miles an hour, if you got on a better road and went downhill."

Although only Gus or perhaps his oldest son, George, would drive the truck, at Christmastime everyone was invited to ride in the back during the annual parade.

With eight children of his own, Gus wasn't short on grandchildren. Bredemeyer figured there were at least 20.

Holle recalled where his grandfather made most of his stuff.

"He had one of these old-timey blacksmith shops out in the backyard," he said. "You'd sit there and pump the bellows with your foot."

With a surplus of kids running around, there was always somebody to pump the bellows, at least until Gus figured out how to hook it up to a machine.

But Gus wasn't just a machinist, he also was the architect of several buildings in town. Poe described him as a one-man industrial complex.

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Millions on sidelines for big health care push

By Connie Cass
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Alan Thacker wants health coverage, but he can't get help in his home state of Georgia. Mary Moscarello Gutierrez no longer can afford insurance in New Jersey. Justin Thompson, of Utah, refuses to be forced into the president's health law.

Millions of people in the United States will remain uninsured despite this week's final, frenzied push to sign them up under the health law. Their reasons are all over the map.

Across the country, many of the uninsured just don't know much about the health overhaul and its March 31 deadline for enrolling in plans that can yield big discounts, researchers said.

An Associated Press-GfK poll found that only one-fourth of the uninsured had tried to sign up through the state or federal insurance marketplaces, also known as exchanges, by late January. If they don't enroll in time, many will face a fine and be locked out of the subsidized plans until next year.

President Barack Obama and a phalanx of advocacy groups, insurance companies and volunteers are scrambling to spread the word about HealthCare.gov as the deadline dangles.

But the complexities of the Affordable Care Act can stymie even the well-informed.

New York tap dancer Jessica Wilt just missed being one of them.

She lost her health coverage last summer when she was laid off as education director of a small dance company. It wasn't easy being uninsured — when Wilt slashed her fingertip slicing lemons one night, she avoided an emergency room bill by sealing the cut herself with a super glue.

Wilt, 37, was eager to enroll in a marketplace plan but found the premiums too costly for a freelancer doing arts-related jobs. That would have been the end of it, if the accountant doing her income taxes last week hadn't prodded Wilt to try again. She went online, realized she had erred in projecting her 2014 earnings and qualified for a much bigger subsidy.

"I'm feeling a little embarrassed that I interpreted things the wrong way the first time," said Wilt, who signed up Friday for a midlevel "silver" plan for $150 per month, a price that reflects a $224 tax credit. "It just goes to show how confusing all this is."

There's a story for everyone who will remain on the sidelines of Obama's big enrollment push.

These are some of them:

They can't get in

Richard Kelleher, long-term unemployed and uninsured, spent five months sorting through the confusion in Phoenix. He tried to sign up for a marketplace plan and then the state's newly expanded Medicaid program, getting shutdown online, at state offices and by phone. At the same time, he was piling up employment rejections.

Kelleher, 64, felt invisible.

On Friday he got a letter accepting him into Medicaid — and an entry-level job offer the same day.

That puts his insurance situation in limbo for now. He thinks his earnings will end his Medicaid eligibility. But Kelleher said he's grateful for "an opportunity to at least be somewhere every day."

In Thomaston, Ga., it took Alan Thacker two weeks to get his answer online. It wasn't the one he wanted.

"I don't know how many expletives I hurled at the computer — 'Why are they doing it this way? Morons!' and other choice words," he recalled.

Thacker, 43, works for $7.55 an hour at Burger King, not enough to qualify for a discount plan for himself and his wife through the federal marketplace. People who don't earn enough for the marketplace plans were supposed to be eligible for expanded Medicaid.

But because Georgia declined to enlarge its Medicaid program, the Thackers can't get help there, either.

Thacker said he likes the law, only wishing it could reach everyone in need.

"It's a great law, and it's doing good stuff for people," Thacker said. "It's not doing anything for me."

It's too expensive

In theory, Rebecca Carlson has access to health insurance through her job. The marketplaces are mostly for people who don't.

A single mother in Asheville, N.C., she earns $11.50 an hour, around $23,000 a year, doing office work at a nonprofit agency that helps people suffering from mental illness or substance abuse. She makes too much to qualify for the aid programs that support many of her agency's clients.

Covering Carlson and her 14-year-old son under her workplace plan would cost close to $5,000 per year. That's out of reach on her squeeze-every-nickel budget.

Depending on details of her workplace's offering, it's possible Carlson, 43, might qualify for an exception that would open the door to a marketplace subsidy. But she had so much trouble getting through online and by phone that she gave up trying; it seemed unlikely to help.

"They could offer me health care for $20 a month and I wouldn't be able to do it," Carlson said. "I have other responsibilities. I can't tell the power company that I can't pay the bill."

In New Jersey, Mary Moscarello Gutierrez, 44, could barely afford her catastrophic insurance plan before the Affordable Care Act.

Now she has no coverage.

She and her husband, Jorge, used to be insured through their small business: PatriaPet, a website that sells dog and cat collars decorated with world flags. They were falling behind on their $400 monthly payments and their insurance agent advised them not to bother catching up because their type of mom-and-pop business policy wouldn't be allowed under the new federal rules.

With her salary from various freelance writing jobs, the couple earns too much to qualify for a marketplace subsidy. She's priced bare bones policies at $900 to $1,200 per month, more than they can pay. Luckily, they can keep their 12-year-old daughter in an affordable state-run plan.

For now, the Gutierrezes are uninsured and facing a year-end penalty of about $800, or 1 percent of their earnings.

"If I need some kind of major surgery, if I get hit by a crosstown bus, my family is sunk," she said. "It's scary."

They don't want it

"I love paying taxes," declared Justin Thompson, of Provo, Utah. "I think it's the most patriotic thing I can do."

And he's pleased to help others through substantial gifts to his church and charities.

But buy insurance to prop up the law? No way.

"It is an injustice that our president can tell us to do something like this," Thompson said. "It's everything our Founding Fathers fought against."

Thompson thinks going uninsured is a reasonable risk for him. After all, he said, he's 28 years old, healthy and financially secure, making about $250,000 selling home automation and security systems last year.

Living on the central Florida coast, Jim Culberson, 63, has weathered heart attacks and cancer and said he barely scrapes by selling military histories and collectibles.

He would like health insurance if he could afford it, Culberson said. Just not through Obama's law.

He has no plans to look into the subsidies in Obama's law or its promise of coverage for pre-existing conditions.

"To me it looks like a load of hogwash," said Culberson, whose younger brother, John, is a Texas congressman pushing for repeal of the health care law. He added: "I don't believe a whole lot the government says."

Culberson said he'll pay the uninsured penalty until he can enroll in Medicare in two years.

Maybe next year

Need a 12-foot-long, flower-bedecked model plane for a wedding reception? Jose Espaillat will get it done.

He likes the challenge of setting up concerts, fashion shows and other flashy events in Miami, but it's part-time, seasonal work that doesn't come with a health plan. Espaillat, 26, hasn't seen a doctor in five years.

He found HealthCare.gov easy to use, but the $150 to $250 monthly premiums seemed too high. A cheaper option covering only major emergencies wasn't appealing. He decided to wait until next year.

"This year I'm just trying to get rid of as much debt as possible, student loans and stuff," Espaillat said.

Svetlana Pryjmak, of Dade City, Fla., has been uninsured for about eight years, which she acknowledge "is really strange — because I'm a licensed insurance agent."

Companies that offer multiple insurance options hire Pryjmak to help workers understand their choices. She weighed her own options and decided to save the $70 or so a month she would pay for a heavily subsidized policy. The early troubles with the enrollment websites weren't encouraging, she said.

But Pryjmak, 47, expects to sign up someday.

"Next year I'll probably get in on one of the exchanges," she said, "if the problems are ironed out."

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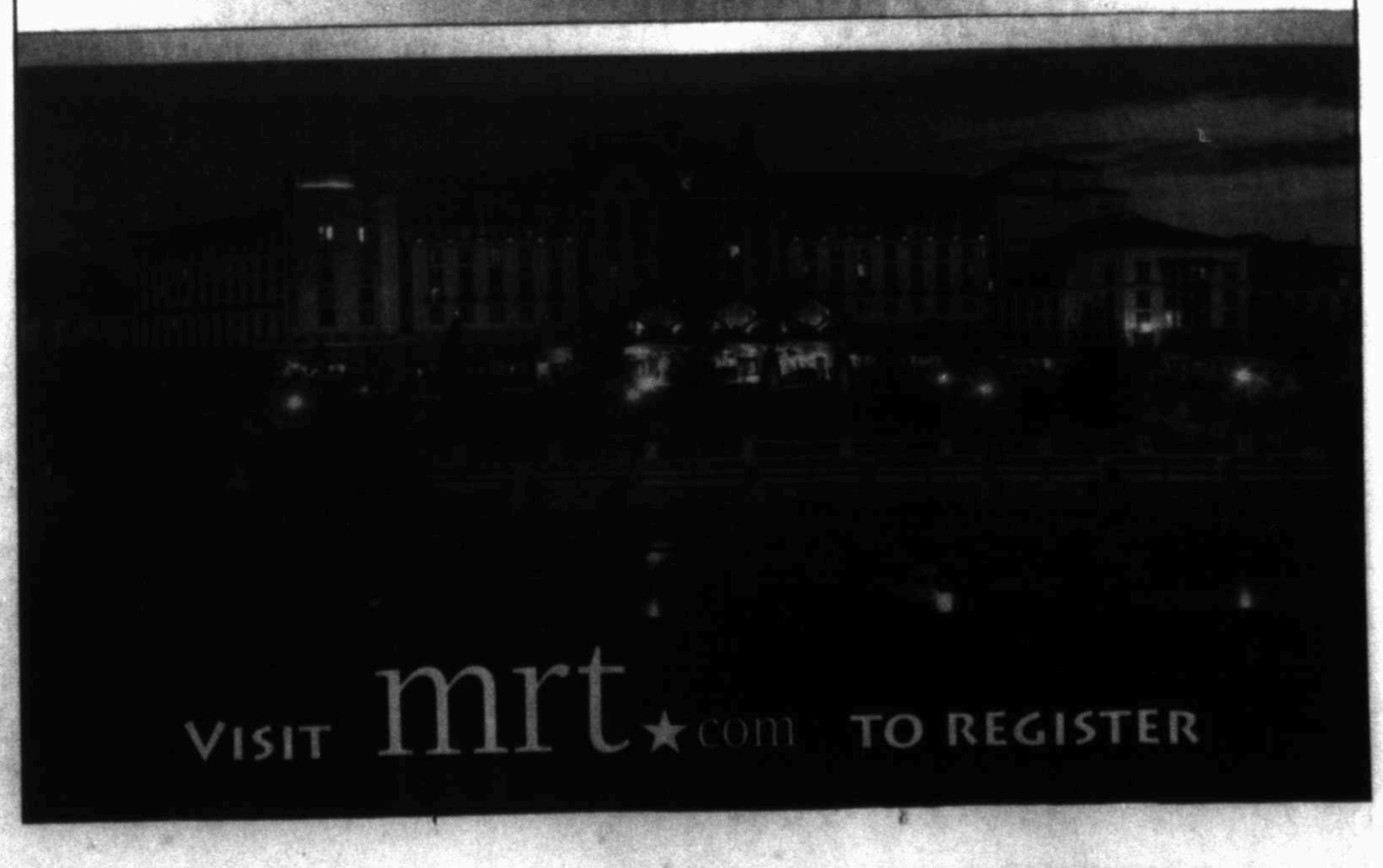

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Republican Party has need for creative policy

■ Forget just waiting out the inevitable mid-term victories, there is a better GOP strategy

MICHAEL GERSON

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Of all the signs of Democratic midterm trouble, it is fitting that Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius — who has already contributed so much — should make another important offering. She recently assured the House Ways and Means Committee that health insurance premium increases this coming year would be "far less significant than what they were prior to the Affordable Care Act."

Over the past several years, increases in insurance premiums have averaged nearly 6 percent. Because of the rocky launch, age distribution and delayed provisions of Obamacare exchanges, insurance company officials expect far larger premium increases in the spring — in the double digits, if not the triple digits, in many places.

This is an administration that learns nothing. Rather than preparing people for increased premiums, and trying to explain the additional benefits of the new system, it says, in effect: If you like your current health insurance premium, you can keep your current health insurance premium. What must Democratic candidates around the country think of another round of Obamacare overpromising? In Iowa, for example, rates on the exchange are expected to rise by 100 percent — which will be defended by a Democratic Senate candidate polling under 50 percent.

When it comes to bad electoral news for Democrats, just throw this on the pile. Midterm elections — in which the electorate tends to be older and whiter — are an inherently easier environment for Republicans. The distribution of vulnerable Democratic Senate seats in Republican-leaning states further tilts the playing field. President Obama's low approval predicts serious Democratic reverses. The recent special election in Florida demonstrated that a strong, well-funded Democratic candidate who had never voted for Obamacare could be defeated by a weak Republican candidate who had no issue except Obamacare.

Some Republicans are anticipating a "tsunami" — with the hubris of weather reporting at a distance of seven months. But Republicans really only need a stiff wind to gain a Senate majority.

How that victory is secured, however, will determine its meaning.

One option is for congressional Republicans to lay low, avoid mistakes and trust in time and the political tides. Pushing a serious governing agenda might divide the caucus and distract attention from President Obama's failings.

While doing nothing is a finely honed congressional skill, it presents problems in this case. A contentless victory, paradoxically, would encourage ideological over-interpretation. Many conservatives would envision the end of Obamacare; the death throes of liberalism and a galloping constitutionalist mandate — forgetting the temporary midterm demographic advantage, the temporarily favorable map and the temporary conditions of a president's sixth year. Activist groups would have leave to demand impossible outcomes and blame Republican leaders for weakness. Republicans, once again, might be defined by maximal expectations that are off-putting to many Americans.

This approach would also do nothing to solve the long-term problems of a party that has lost four out of the last six presidential elections while progressively alienating young, women and minority voters. And no answer to the 47 percent question: Do Republicans care about struggling and working-class voters?

The alternative is for Republicans to spend the next several months filling their likely victory with the content of creative policy on health care, higher education and social mobility. The search for a Republican Obamacare alternative illustrates the difficulty of such an effort. Paul Ryan's proposal, while conceptually sound, might involve too much disruption in business-based plans. The House consensus is likely to consist of recycled ideas that don't add up to an alternative. The Senate Coburn/Burr/Hatch approach — including continuous coverage, refundable tax credits and a default insurance option — strikes me as innovative and appropriately ambitious.

But it is not necessary to reach perfect consensus to pursue an effective strategy after November. The goal is more limited: Force Obama to veto creative and useful policy ideas instead of purely negative and frightening ones. Or maybe even get him to sign some popular, incremental measures.

This approach could both tame Republican expectations and aid reform-minded Republican presidential candidates in the 2016 primaries. Or at least make clear they are not entirely alone. Put another way: It is hard to imagine that a presidential candidate is going to have the courage to offer innovative policy ideas that congressional Republicans in safe seats in a strong year did not have the guts to offer.

With a win of some magnitude now likely in November, the urgent Republican task is summarized by the wartime poster of Winston Churchill: "Deserve Victory."

OUR VIEW

Winston's election as president of NFL Player's Association is well deserved

Congratulations to Lee High School graduate Eric Winston for his selection as the National Football League Player's Association president.

We believe it's well deserved.

We remember Winston from his days on the high school fields as a giant of a player and a go-to person for a quote about football or being a student-athlete.

Throughout his time at the University of Miami and in the NFL, Winston has never disappointed. He's a person who can speak intelligently on the issues of the day, and as his selection as president of the NFLPA indicates, he has represented himself and the teams he has played for very well.

We remember Winston taking a stand after a 2012 game when he criticized Kansas City Chiefs' fans who cheered when the team's then-quarterback, Matt Cassel, got a concussion during a game, as described in a recent Associated Press article.

"It's 100 percent sickening," Winston said that day. "I've never, ever — and I've been in some rough times on some rough teams — I've never been more embarrassed in my life to play football than at that moment right there."

In our view, the 30-year old Winston has represented himself and his former hometown well in college and the NFL — professional's sports' greatest stage. The selection as NFLPA president just adds to that legacy. He will join legends such as John Mackey, Bill Curry and Gene Upshaw to hold the position. Indeed, that is exclusive company.

"The one thing we always say here in the PA (Player's Association) is that we stand on the shoulders of giants. We respect those guys before us," Winston recently told the Reporter-Telegram. "Those guys have set the stage for what we have now, and now it's up to us to continue to carry that torch and keep improving things."

There will be a time when Winston will be a slam dunk for the Midland ISD Athletic Hall of Fame and the Lee High School Hall of Fame. We are happy to say his performance on the field is now just part of the reason.

In many ways, Winston broke the mold. He is 6-foot-7 and 300 pounds. To be on an offensive lineman that always helps. But he's also shown himself to be an athlete who's respectful of the voice he has. As he's grown older, we have seen it can be used to make a difference. Few in any profession have used that talent like Winston.

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Shrug off immigration? It's deja vu

■ Reform isn't going to happen again

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The San Jose Mercury News has ventured to say what everyone is taking as a foregone conclusion: "Immigration reform appears dead for 2014." I hate to admit it sure looks that way.

Over the past 10 years, the so-called immigration debate — a more descriptive term would be fact-challenged shouting match — has evolved little and now seems to be devolving.

Now the helplessness surrounding the issue is palpable and the tactics that immigration activists use to rally the troops have proved to have little effect.

It's hard to remember, but in the winter of 2004 the big stories centered around President George W. Bush's principles for the immigration overhaul he worked so hard, in vain, to pass — and whether the Sierra Club should advocate tough immigration restrictions in order to control environmental damage along the borders. Many people were chattering about the upcoming Sergio Arau movie, "A Day Without a Mexican," released in May of that year.

Mobilization against the Bush proposal began in 2005 when Wisconsin Republican Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner sponsored a bill that would have made assisting unlawful immigrants illegal. It threatened to make criminals of the medical establishment, religious communities and legal immigrants who gave succor to the unlawfully present.

Then came the big immigration reform marches of 2006 — which upset many because crowds took to the streets waving the flags of foreign countries. Bush's reform effort failed the following summer.

Subsequent marches gave way to a three-pronged effort by immigrant advocates: to make voting the tool for change; recruit coalitions of law enforcement, business and religious leaders to push for reform; and, as a last-ditch effort, try for legislation that would at least give immigrants who came to this country as young children a path to citizenship. You know how that turned out.

And here we are again, beginning another loop that starts with a lame-duck president, upcoming election naysayers and a less-than-fired-up electorate.

It's true: Immigration is not at the top of the agendas of America's policymakers.

President Obama, flummoxed by intractable international troubles, a sluggish economy and problems with his health care program, was recently denounced as the deporter in chief by some of the same high-profile Latino advocates who practically promised Hispanic voters he'd pass reform in his first term.

But now jobs, the economy and health care take precedence over immigration. And those who do think about immigration reform have mixed feelings. A recent Pew Research Center survey found that nearly three-quarters of Americans think that immigrants living here illegally should be allowed to stay if they meet certain requirements. At the same time, nearly half of respondents said the increased deportations under the Obama administration are a good thing.

As for Hispanics, it seems that for every poll indicating that immigration is their top priority, there's another one that says it isn't. A recent study by EC Hispanic Media surveyed Spanish-speaking U.S. Hispanic Facebook users over 18 during the months of November and December 2013 and found that they were — as ever — more concerned with jobs and the economy than with immigration.

This was at a time when young immigrant activists were protesting inaction in Congress by lying in front of buses full of deportees headed for Mexico, and former union leader Eliseo Medina fasted for 22 days on the Mall in Washington to bring attention to the issue, to no avail.

Last week, Elvira Arellano, the Mexican national who in 2006 took sanctuary in a Chicago storefront church for nearly a year, re-entered the United States illegally along with 20 other Latin American migrants as part of a protest to demand an end to deportations and passage of immigration law reform. Few took notice. And after all the immigration pain and absurdity that's been covered in the news, it's hard to imagine what, at this point, it would take to get enough people fired up about immigration reform to force Congress to act.

Unfortunately for millions of families, employers, farmers and local governments caught in the middle, there doesn't seem to be any hope for action this year — and it appears as though we're all about to just shrug it off once again.

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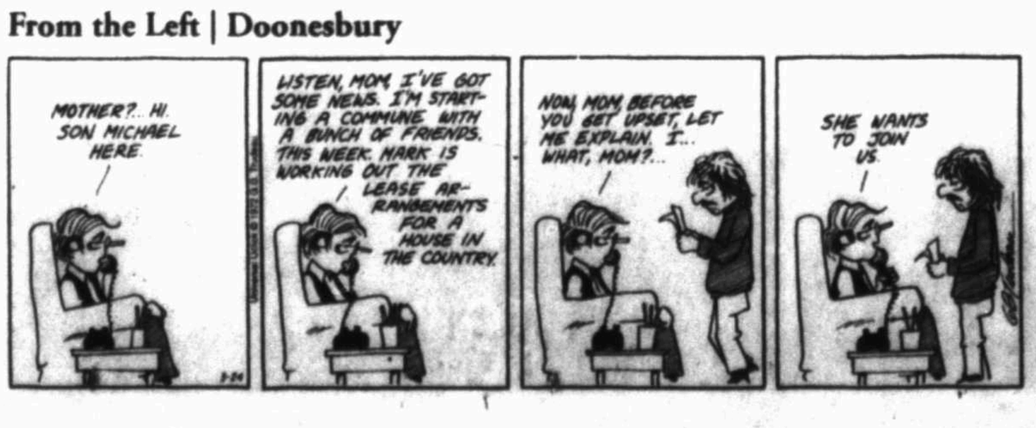

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Kids learn stroke signs through imitation in class

By Jim Fitzgerald
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Andrea Esteban tried to smile with half her face, crossing her eyes in the process, and her third-grade classmates giggled. Matthew Velez struggled to speak, "Luh, luh, uh, gronk," and the kids erupted in laughter.

But the funny faces, the gibberish and some arm flapping were all part of a serious lesson to help kids learn the telltale signs of a stroke by imitating them. The idea is to enlist children, particularly those who may live with older relatives, as an army of eyes to help recognize the warning signs, get help for victims more quickly and hopefully save lives.

"If my mom has a stroke, I'll know what to do," said 10-year-old Madison Montes. "Run to the phone and call 911."

The experimental health education program at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx is aimed at the most crucial factor when it comes to a stroke: time.

Each year, about 795,000 Americans have a stroke and about 130,000 die. Some are caused by bleeding in the brain, but the vast majority is caused by a clot that blocks blood flow, starving brain cells. The drug TPA can dissolve those clots and reduce disability but only if it's given within three to four hours of the first symptoms, and the sooner the better. Yet only about 5 percent of patients receive it, in part because many stroke sufferers don't get to the hospital in time for testing to tell if they're a candidate.

The early warning signs include a droopy side of the face, slurred or strange speech, and the inability to keep arms raised.

"There's a pretty good chance some children might witness a parent or a grandparent having a stroke," said Jim Baranski, CEO of the National Stroke Association. "So if they're armed with the signs and symptoms, they could likely save a life."

Montefiore's program, one of a handful tried across the country, has been used since 2012 with private schools in its neighborhood, where children are often in a grandparent's care because parents are absent or both working. The goal is to study the results and, if successful, replicate the program across the country.

"The kids get a kick out of it because they get to do a little acting," said Dr. Robert Glover, a neurologist who helped develop the program. "But when they're done, they know about stroke and they can teach their families."

Dr. Kathryn Kirchoff-Torres, who led the class from St. Ann's School in the Bronx, said the kids are already "little message machines" bringing home from school what they learn about the benefits of exercise, not smoking and eating well.

At the start of the stroke class last month, in a first-floor room at the hospital, the doctor asked, "Who knows what a stroke is?"

"A heart attack?" one child offered.

"Well, we like to call it a brain attack," Kirchoff-Torres said. "It's a problem with the brain." She then taught the children to use the word "FAST" as a memory device. With cartoons and music bringing the point home, they learned "F" is for face, "A" is for arms, "S" is for speech and "T" is for time.

After the play-acting and the multimedia show, the doctor invited questions from the children.

"How do you catch a stroke?" one boy asked. The doctor assured him that strokes are not contagious but can be caused by "high blood pressure, smoking cigarettes, junk food."

"What if we don't have a phone?" a girl asked. Kirchoff suggested asking a neighbor or running to a storefront.

"What if you live in the desert?" was the follow-up question, to which Kirchoff smiled and said, "It's a good thing you live in the Bronx."

After the class, the children were presented with pens labeled "FAST" and with pencil erasers in the shape of human brains, which were very popular.

One parent in attendance, Jason Sawtelle, said he felt the lesson "plants the seed."

"Maybe not every 8-year-old is capable of this," he said, "but some certainly are."

Similar programs have been tried elsewhere. At Harlem Hospital in Manhattan, Dr. Olajide Williams uses hip-hop music to engage New York City fourth- through sixth-graders in three hours a year of stroke education.

"Beyond sixth grade, the kids become a little too cool," Williams said. But with the younger kids, "we've shown that these children can learn basic stroke pathology." He said at least two children have been credited with helping to save lives.

A similar stroke education study in the Corpus Christi public schools used Tejano music. It was headed by Dr. Lewis Morgenstern, director of the stroke program at the University of Michigan Medical School.

The 2007 study found that the youngsters responded well.

"The data was highly positive in terms of knowledge about stroke and their intention to call 911," Morgenstern said. "The earlier we can make people aware of stroke and that it's arguably the most treatable of all catastrophic conditions, the better off we will be."

Writing a budget might divide House Republicans

By Andrew Taylor
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Divisions among Republicans over a budget deal and a shortfall in tax estimates are complicating the House GOP's efforts to advance a spending plan this spring.

Party leaders insist the GOP-controlled House is moving full speed ahead to approve one, but it has fallen behind schedule amid concerns there will be enough votes to pass it.

"That's our intent," said House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, when asked this month whether GOP leaders would bring a budget to the floor this year.

Doubts exist because Republicans are split by a bipartisan deal from December between the chairman of the House Budget Committee, Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and his Senate counterpart Patty Murray, D-Wash. The deal set the spending cap for the 2015 budget year at levels higher than those imposed by a budget and debt agreement from 2011.

Sixty-two House Republicans voted against the Ryan-Murray deal, mostly because they favored lower spending. Most would have to change course and vote in favor of the higher numbers that Ryan has signaled he will use. Democrats who supplied the votes required to pass the December deal probably would not back a Ryan-written budget that reprises future cuts to Medicare, Medicaid and other programs.

The Ryan-Murray cap on spending for the budget year that begins Oct. 1 is $18 billion higher than permitted by the 2011 budget deal and the automatic spending cuts it put in place.

There's no real need to do a congressional budget if the spending cap is already set. Under Capitol Hill's arcane budget process, the rest of the budget resolution is mostly nonbinding. But it does provide a vehicle for the majority party to set forth its budget and tax priorities and make promises to voters.

"I'm planning on writing one," said Ryan, the GOP's vice presidential nominee in 2012.

Ryan, however, demurred when asked if it will get a vote in the full House.

House Majority leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., announced Friday in an email to Republicans that the House would vote on Ryan's budget in April and that it would promise to be in balance in 10 years despite starting off with the Ryan-Murray figure for 2015.

Democrats control the Senate, and after passing a budget last year for the first time since 2009, have already said they aren't writing one this year. That protects vulnerable Democrats from tough votes in a deteriorating political environment for them.

Another problem for Ryan is the latest revenue projections from the Congressional Budget Office. They show it will be significantly harder for Republicans to keep their promise of balancing the budget by the end of the decade.

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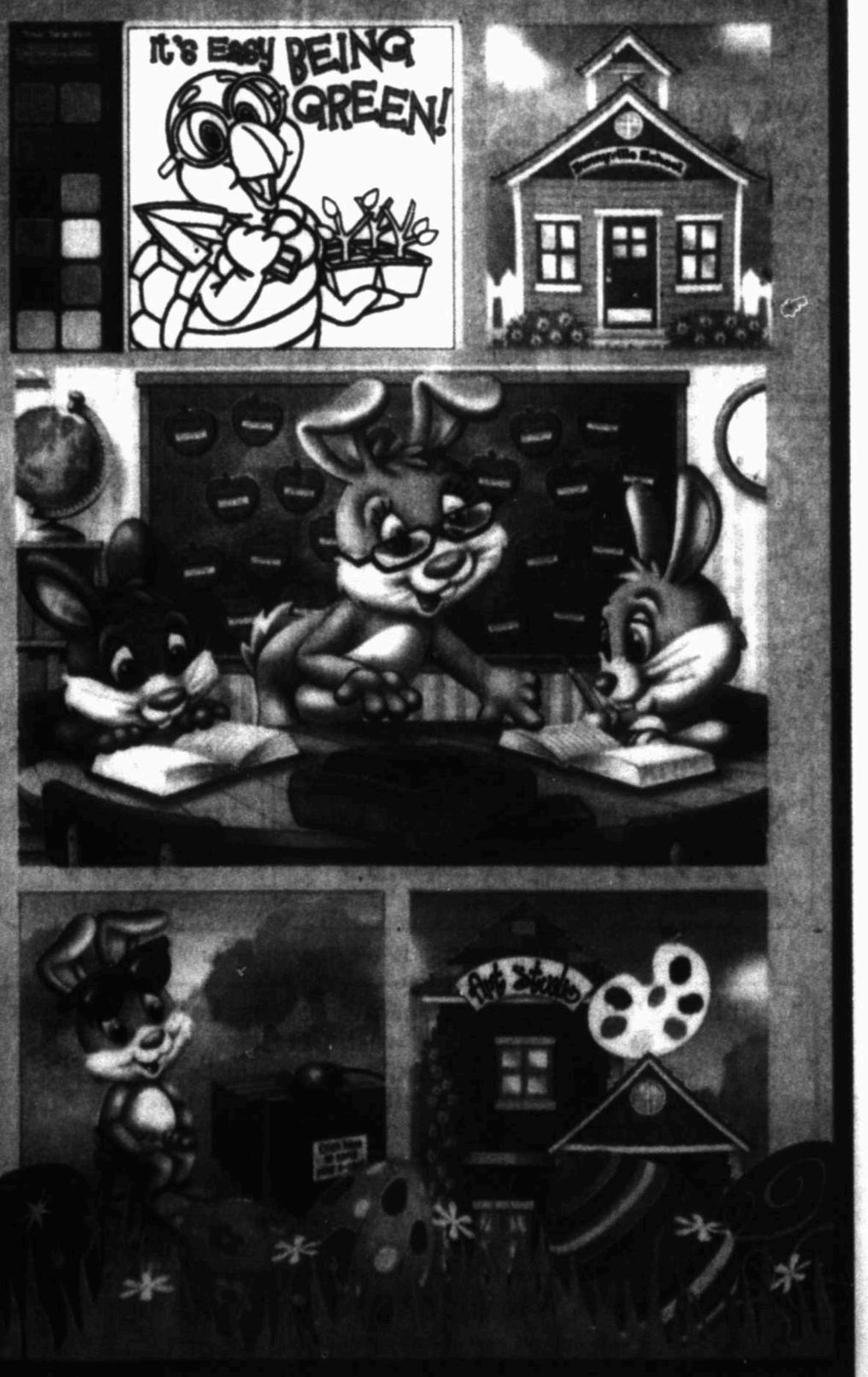

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20. Harvest Caffe vs. Dickey's Barbecue Pit
29. Freebirds World Burrito vs. Osaka Japanese Steakhouse
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10. Bushido Japanese Steak House and Sushi Bar vs. Rosa's Café

15. Strawberry Fields Café vs. Burgers, Fries and Cherry Pies
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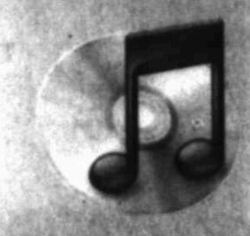


Top songs

1 Happy (From "Despicable Me 2"), Pharrell Williams
2 All of Me, John Legend
3 Talk Dirty (feat. 2 Chainz), Jason Derulo
4 Dark Horse (feat. Juicy J), Katy Perry
5 Let It Go, Idina Menzel
6 The Man, Aloe Blacc
7 #SELFIE, The Chainsmokers
8 Pompeii, Bastille
9 Turn Down For What, Lil Jon,DJ Snake
10 Best Day of My Life, American Authors

Top albums

1. "Spring Break 6...Like We Ain't Ever," Luke Bryan
2. "Lift Your Spirit," Aloe Blacc
3. "Stereolithic," 311
4. "Frozen" (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack), Various Artists
5. "G I R L," Pharrell Williams
6. "Slow Me Down," Sara Evans
7. "Ghost Stories," Coldplay
8. "Morning Phase," Beck
9. "The Truth" (Deluxe Edition), Ledisi
10. "She Looks So Perfect," 5 Seconds of Summer

Source: 2014 Apple Inc.

Top paid books

1. Divergent by Veronica Roth (Katherine Tegen Books)
2. Insurgent by Veronica Roth (Katherine Tegen Books)
3. Allegiant by Veronica Roth (Katherine Tegen Books)
4. The Fault in Our Stars by John Green (Penguin Group US)
5. Aftershock by Sylvia Day (Harlequin)
6. Mockingjay by Suzanne Collins (Scholastic Inc.)
7. Power Play by Danielle Steel (Random House Publishing Group)
8. The Divergent Series Complete Collection by Veronica Roth (Katherine Tegen Books)
9. The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt (Little, Brown and Company)
10. Sycamore Row by John Grisham (Knopf Doubleday Publishing)

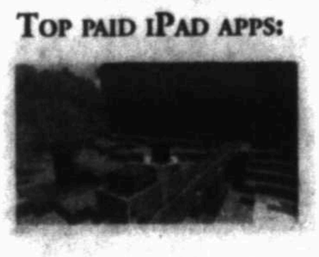
Top paid iPhone apps:

1. Sleep Cycle alarm clock, Northcube AB
2. Bridge Constructor, Headup Games GmbH & Co KG
3. Minecraft - Pocket Edition, Mojang
4. Heads Up!, Warner Bros.
5. Afterlight, Simon Filip

Top free iPhone apps:

1. Smash Hit, Mediocre AB
2. Red Bit Escape, redBit games
3. Crazy Taxi, SEGA
4. Don't step the white tile, Ayumu Kinoshita
5. Darklings, MildMania

Top paid iPad apps:



1. Minecraft - Pocket Edition, Mojang
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3. Card Wars - Adventure Time, Cartoon Network
4. Survivalcraft, Igor Kalicinski
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Note Pro

Laptop features costly in Samsung tablet

By Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press

■ Review

NEW YORK — Samsung's new Galaxy Note Pro 12.2 tablet blurs the distinction between a laptop and a tablet computer.

Its on-screen keyboard has capabilities that are more common with laptops, and its screen is larger than what many laptops have. People can run several apps side by side, and multiple users can share the device with separate profiles.

Samsung also tried to make the Note Pro something professionals can use on the road, while leaving the laptop behind. It's packed with business tools such as a WebEx virtual conferencing app, a one-year subscription to Bloomberg Businessweek's digital magazine and one year of Wi-Fi access on airplanes through Gogo.

It's an impressive lineup of features. Unfortunately, it also has a price tag that exceeds that of many laptops — $750 for the base model with 32 gigabytes of storage, and $850 for 64 gigabytes.

If your primary reason for owning a tablet is to consume content, such as video, music, books and magazines, the Note Pro isn't for you. There are plenty of cheaper options out there.

The Note Pro is for those who want to mimic a laptop experience, yet don't want to purchase —or carry— a laptop.

Its screen measures 12.2 inches diagonally, giving it about 50 percent more surface area than Apple's 9.7-inch iPad Air. The Note Pro is also larger than another tablet billed as a laptop replacement, Microsoft's 10.6-inch Surface Pro 2. It's also cheaper: the Surface Pro 2 costs $899.

With the Note Pro's larger screen, television shows and other content come to life. Digital magazines are closer in size to printed editions — though one drawback is that some magazines haven't been designed to be that large, so text looks fuzzy blown up.

The larger screen also means having an on-screen keyboard that comes closer to replicating a physical keyboard. Keys are spaced in a way that I can type with all 10 fingers, the way I learned in high school eons ago. On smaller tablets, I have to inefficiently peck with two fingers.

The Note Pro's on-screen keyboard also has functions that aren't typically found on tablets. For instance, you can use the control key the way you can on laptops, such as CTRL-C to copy text and CTRL-V to paste. And instead of having to toggle between keyboards for letters and symbols, you can access commonly used symbols such as the dollar sign and the asterisk by pressing the corresponding letter key for about one second. Arrows on the lower right side of the keyboard let you move the cursor with more precision than tapping on the touch screen.

That said, it's not the same as a physical keyboard. I still have to look at the keys when I type with 10 fingers, whereas with a regular keyboard, I can navigate by feel while keeping my eyes on the monitor. Samsung does sell a wireless keyboard for $60 and a mouse for $40.

While I'm on prices, I'll add that Verizon has a cellular version of the 32-gigabyte Note Pro for $100 more, or $850. It's $750 with a two-year service contract. Samsung Electronics Co. also sells a variety of cheaper, Wi-Fi-only versions. Unlike the Note Pro, these Tab Pro models don't come with a stylus for writing on the screen. A 12.2-inch version goes for $650, while $500 gets you 10.1 inches and $400 gets you 8.4 inches. The 8.4-inch model doesn't have the laptop-like keyboard I just described.

To further confuse matters, Samsung also has the Galaxy Note 10.1 — 2014 Edition tablet, though it came out in 2013. The $550 tablet does have the stylus, but lacks the new keyboard.

When I wrote about the Note 10.1 in October, I marveled at how tablets were getting some of the functionality typically associated with PCs. In particular, I liked the various multitasking features, though one called Multi-Window limited you to two apps side by side.

The Note Pro lets you run up to four apps that way. That means having Gmail on the upper left portion of the screen, while YouTube video plays on the upper right, a Web browser opens on the lower right and a chat app runs on the lower left. You can change how much space each app takes and save configurations so that you don't have to open the four apps individually each time.

If you want to run more than four, you can activate Pen Window. Apps open in a window that floats over the main app on the screen. You can have several apps open at once, and you can temporarily set an app aside by minimizing it into a small dot.

However, the multitasking capabilities work only with selected apps. That includes more than two dozen of the common ones, but not Netflix or Hulu. I wish I could have streaming video going while I do other stuff on the side.

On Windows 8 tablets, you can run up to four apps side by side, depending on the size of the screen, and there are no restrictions on which ones. You also get access to a wider range of software designed for traditional computers, including Microsoft Office. The Note Pro is fundamentally an Android tablet with some interface changes and apps to give it a laptop feel.

What's nice about the Note Pro is its compatibility with Android phones and Google services. You'll have to weigh whether that's more important than running Windows software and whether all that is worth the $750 price. And keep in mind that compared with Apple's iOS system, Android still doesn't have as many apps specifically designed for the tablet's screen size. Many tablet apps are simply larger versions of phone apps. The iPad is also cheaper, starting at $499, though the base model comes with half the storage available in the Note Pro's $750 model.

If you've settled on an Android tablet, the Note Pro is a decent device, albeit a pricey one. Although it isn't quite ready to replace your laptop, it gets you closer to that experience than any other Android tablet I've tried.

Report: NSA targeted Chinese tech giant Huawei

Associated Press

BERLIN — U.S. intelligence agencies hacked into the email servers of Chinese tech giant Huawei five years ago, around the time concerns were growing in Washington that the telecommunications equipment manufacturer was a threat to U.S. national security, two newspapers reported Saturday.

The National Security Agency began targeting Huawei in early 2009 and quickly succeeded in gaining access to the company's client lists and email archive, German weekly Der Spiegel reported, citing secret U.S. intelligence documents leaked by former NSA contractor Edward Snowden. The New York Times also published a report Saturday about the documents.

Huawei objects to activities that threaten network security, said William B. Plummer, the company's vice president of external affairs.

"Huawei has declared its willingness to work with governments, industry stakeholders and customers in an open and transparent manner, to jointly address the global challenges of network security and data integrity," Plummer said in an email. "The information presented in Der Spiegel and the New York Times article reaffirms the need for all companies to be vigilant at all times."

Among the people whose emails the NSA was able to read were Huawei president Ren Zhengfei, Der Spiegel said.

The operation, which Der Spiegel claims was coordinated with the CIA, FBI and White House officials, also netted source codes for Huawei products.

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KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Let Tonight	Mother (N)	2 Broke Girls (N)	Mike & Molly (N)	Mom (N)	Intelligence "The Event Horizon" (N)	CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman	(:35) Late Late (N)
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Seinfeld	Rules of Engage.	Star-Crossed (N)		Tomorrow People "Endgame" (N)		Rules of Engage.	Seinfeld	Commu-nity	Commu-nity	That '70s Show	'70s "Ice Shack"
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Bones "The Carrot in the Kedge" (N)		The Following "Teacher's Pet" (N)		Modern Family	Modern "Pilot"	The Arsenio Hall Show		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
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KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News West 9 at 6 p.m.		The Voice "The Battles Continue" Coaches get fellow artists to offer advice and skills. (N)				The Blacklist "Ivan" (N)		News-West 9	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Late Night (N)
KPBT PBS	13	13		19	8	PBS Newshour		Antiques Roadshow (N)		Antiques Roadshow "Atlanta (Hour One)"		Independent Lens (N)		Charlie Rose (N)		BBC News	Tavis Smiley (N)
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FLIX	340	65		165		(5:15)	Big Left Foot	★★ Far and Away ('92, Dra) Tom Cruise.					★★ Billy Bathgate Dustin Hoffman.				Movie
HBO	300	68	14	14		Doll&Em	Doll&Em	★ A Good Day to Die Hard		Thrones		★★★ Snitch ('13, Act) Dwayne Johnson.			(:55) Girls	Movie	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(4:15)	★ Harry Potte...	Bill Maher		John Leguizamo			(:45) Girls	Doll&Em	Doll&Em	(:05) ★ This Is 40	
HBO5	304	70	16	102		(4:00)	★ Gun Day	The Sopranos		Vice		★★ Magic Mike Channing Tatum.			★ The Incredible Burt Wonde.		
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(3:50)	★ Broken City	★★ Jack the Giant Slayer Nicholas Hoult.				★★★ True Lies ('94, Act) Jamie Lee Curtis.					Movie
MAX2	382	72	18	122			★★ The Conjuring Patrick Wilson.			★★★ The Bourne Legacy Jeremy Renner.				LifeTop	LifeTop	(:15) ★ Fight Club	
FLIX			96			(5:30)	★ Critters II: T...	★ Son of the Pink Panther			(:25)	★★★ Elf Will Ferrell.		(:15)	★★★ Seven Years in Tibet		
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:15)	★ Alex Cross	Shameless		Lies	Lies	Shameless		Comedy	Shaquille O'Neal Presents		
TMC	350	67	22	155	26	(5:00)	★ The Twilight...	★★★★ Seven Psychopaths Colin Farrell.				★★ Sahara Matthew McConaughey.			(:05)	★ Jarhead	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Bates Motel "Caleb"				Bates Motel "Check-Out" (N)		Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(5:00)	★★★ Rocky II			★★★ Rocky III ('82, Dra) Sylvester Stallone.					★★★ Rocky IV Sylvester Stallone.		
BET	58	26		40		★★★ American Gangster ('07, Cri) Denzel Washington.						Together	Together	Husbands	Husbands	Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Atlanta "Mexi-Loco"		Beverly Hills (N)		Beverly Hills (N)		Southern Charm (N)		Watch (N)	Couch (N)	Beverly Hills	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	(4:00)	TBA	The Profit		The Profit		The Profit		Money Talks		American Greed	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		DLamon	The Case	A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		Fast N' Loud (N)		Car Hoards (N)		Fast N' Loud		Lords of Car Hoards	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Dog Blog	Jessie	★★★★ WALL-E Ben Burtt.			(:45)	Ferb	Dog Blog	Liv/Mad	GoodLuck	Dog Blog	GoodLuck GoodLuck
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball NIT Tournament (L)				NCAA Basketball NIT Tournament (L)					SportsCenter		SportsCenter
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	(3:30)	NCAA Basketball		NCAA	NCAA Basketball Division Tournament (L)					NCAA Basketball NIT Tournament (L)		
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Birth "The Ambush"		Switched at Birth (N)		The Fosters (N)		The Fosters			The 700 Club		Switched at Birth
FNC	45	58	53	29	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	Game "Cart Wars"		Diners, Drive-ins		WorstCooks (N)		Diners (N)	M. Diners	Diners, Drive-ins		WorstCooks	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	(4:30)	Tennis	SportsDay OnAir		Stars Pre-game (L)		NHL Hockey Winnipeg Jets vs. Dallas Stars Site: American Airlines Center – Dallas, Texas (L)			Stars Live (L)	MLB Season "Texas Rangers"	Preview SportsD-ay OnAir
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(5:00)	★ What Happ...	★★ Bad Teacher Cameron Diaz.					Archer (N)	Choz. (N)	Archer	Chozen	Chozen Archer
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	The Waltons		The Waltons		Middle	Middle		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	G. Girls G. Girls
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HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Swamp "Hooked"		Swamp People		Swamp People (N)			Swamp Beast (N)		No Man's Land		Swamp People
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Hoarders "Phyllis/Janet"		Hoarders "Linda and Todd"		Hoarders "Jake/Shirley"			Hoarders "Merlene/Jeff"		Preacher "Father, Forgive Me"		Hoarders "Linda and Todd"
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball				All In With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All In With C. Hayes	Rachel Maddow
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SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	(5:30)	★★★ X-Men Hugh Jackman.			★★★ Superman Returns (2006, Action) Parker Posey, Kate Bosworth, Kevin Spacey.							
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(4:30)	★ Terminator...	Bitten "Settling" (N)		Being Human (N)		Lost Girl (N)		Bitten "Settling"		Being Human	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Seln. "The Cadillac"	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan		Pete Holmes	Conan
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(4:45)	★ Red River	★★★ The Fleet's In					(:45)	★★★ Kiss Them for Me Cary Grant.		(:45)	★★ Anchors Aweigh
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Google redesigns Android to power smartwatches

By Michael Liedtke
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Google thinks it's time for an Internet-connected watch that performs many of the same tasks as a smartphone but with fewer distractions and rude interruptions.

The Internet's most influential company is trying to unleash a new era in mobile computing with a version of its Android software tailored for high-tech watches and other devices that can be worn instead of held.

The "Android Wear" operating system released Tuesday is an altered version of Google's popular software that powers more than 1 billion of the world's smartphones and tablets. The new software will run on an array of so-called smartwatches scheduled to be released later this year.

The Android watches will be less conspicuous — and perhaps less obnoxious — than Google Glass, the high-tech headwear that includes a small camera and thumbnail-sized display screen attached to frames that look like a pair of spectacles.

Google so far has only sold the $1,500 Glass device to a limited number of people known as "explorers." Some of those early Glass adopters have been mocked as goofy-looking geeks while others have been ridiculed and scorned for being able to take video and photos surreptitiously without the consent of those around them.

Like Glass and smartphones running on other versions of the software, the Android watches will respond to voice commands such as "Ok Google" to play a specific song, send a text or make a restaurant reservation. It will also feature a virtual assistant, called Google Now, to learn a user's routines and preferences so it can automatically show important information that can be seen with a quick look at the wrist.

Google is already trying to create more uses for Android watches by making the software available to computer programmers interested in making apps for the software.

Cultivating more applications will be crucial because smartwatches probably will never become the main device that people use to help manage their lives, said Gartner analyst Brian Blau. That means consumers are going to have to see more compelling features to be persuaded to spend another $100 or $200 for a complementary device to a smartphone or tablet.

"Fashion is a big industry, but selling these watches will be more of challenge," Blau said. "We still need to see what kind of cool apps there will be and what kind of new behaviors they will enable."

The first Android watch may come from Motorola Mobility, a Google subsidiary that is in the process of being sold to Lenovo Group. Motorola already has built a prototype of its Android watch, called "Moto 360," that will go on sale this summer. No details on pricing were announced.

LG Electronics, a frequent Google partner in the smartphone and tablet markets, and fashion accessory maker Fossil Group also say they will share more details about their Android watches in the coming months. Other device makers working on Android watches include Asus, HTC and Samsung Electronics, according to Google.

Those companies will likely be competing against a highly anticipated smartwatch from iPhone maker Apple Inc. that is expected to be unveiled later this year. True to its secretive nature, Apple hasn't confirmed any plans to add a watch to its product line, although CEO Tim Cook has left little doubt he is intrigued by the concept.

There are already several other smartwatches on the market, including a recently released timepiece from Samsung that runs on that company's own operating system.

So far, those watches have proven to be novelties that primarily appeal to gadget-loving geeks and physical fitness enthusiasts looking for more tools to help track their workouts and general health.

Google's new take on Android may help cultivate more mainstream appeal for smartwatches. The software already is the most popular smartphone operating system in the world with a 79 percent share of the market, according to the research firm International Data Corp. Apple's iOS software ranks second with a 15 percent market share, so that company's entrance into the smartwatch category would also help spur more innovation in the category.

Smartwatches and Google Glass are just two of the first examples of how computing devices increasingly are expected to become like appendages to the human body as technology advances and connecting to the Internet becomes as reflexive as breathing. Google executives have even openly talked about a day when it might be possible to help people live longer and more enjoyable lives by planting chips in their heads or under their skin.

"The possibilities with devices that you wear on your body are endless," David Singleton, an Android director of engineering, said in an online video posted Tuesday.

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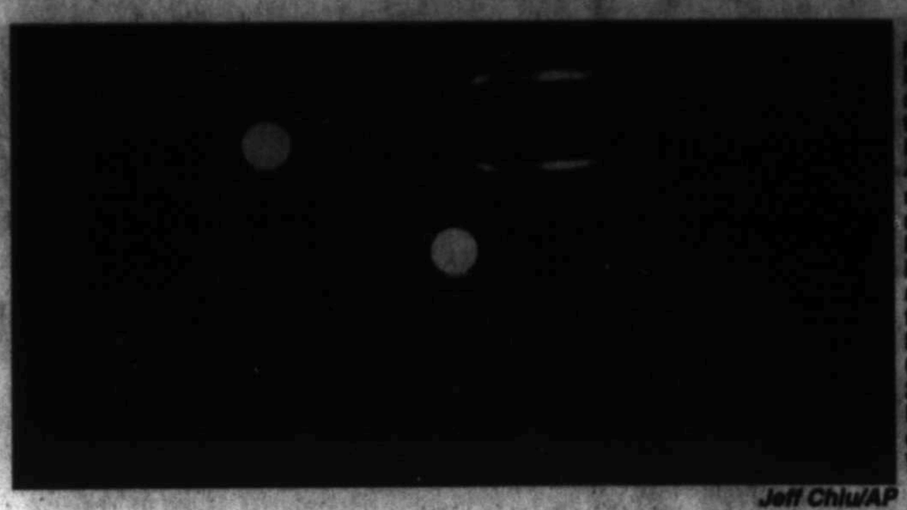
Sony unveils virtual reality goggles



Marcus Ingvarsson, right, tests out the PlayStation 4 virtual reality headset Project Morpheus in a demo area at the Game Developers Conference 2014 in San Francisco on Wednesday.

Jeff Chiu/AP

By Derrick Lang
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The promise of virtual reality in the living room is coming closer to, well, reality.

Sony unveiled a prototype headset this week capable of surrounding a wearer's vision with interactive virtual worlds. The system, codenamed Project Morpheus, utilizes a 1080p head-mounted display with head-tracking capabilities and works in concert with the PlayStation 4 console to display imagery on the headset's screen, providing a 90-degree field of view.

During a private demonstration of Project Morpheus to The Associated Press at the Game Developers Conference, the headset felt secure thanks to a sturdy yet comfortable halo-like ring that snaps into place around the head. There's a wheel positioned on the back headband that can be turned for an even tighter fit.

It's lighter than one might expect and certainly sleeker than the Oculus Rift, a similar VR headset that's captured game makers' imaginations over the past two years but has yet to be released. A long, thick cable that pokes from the side of the visor, as well as dangling headphone cords, prove cumbersome during physical movement while wearing the goggles.

A closer look at four of the interactive experiences — not actual full-fledged games — Sony was using to demonstrate Project Morpheus at GDC:

"The Deep": This demo created specifically for Project Morpheus by Sony's London studio cast a standing user in the role of deep sea diver — complete with virtual wet suit and flare gun — inside a shark cage that submerges into the depths of the ocean. The undersea encounter is interrupted by a great white who attacks the enclosure at the first whiff of blood.

With lush graphics and stereoscopic 3-D audio, "The Deep" showcased how Project Morpheus could recreate frantic "Jaws"-like moments as the shark ominously circled the cage. However, it wasn't completely immersive because Project Morpheus only tracked movement of the head and DualShock 4 controller, so fin flipping wasn't translated to the feet on screen.

"EVE: Valkyrie": Developed by CCP Games and set in their "EVE" universe, "Valkyrie" is a sci-fi multiplayer dogfighter pitting players against each other in the cockpits of galactic fighter jets. Project Morpheus' version featured richer graphics and details, like a massive carrier in the distance of the star field battleground, than the one demoed over at Oculus Rift's booth.

Playing in a seated position with a DualShock 4 controller in hand that acts as the spaceship's yoke, the sedentary orientation provided "Valkyrie" with a VR advantage. Pulling off dizzying maneuvers such as rolls, spins and corkscrews while simultaneously blasting other users compellingly simulated what it might be like to really pilot an X-Wing from "Star Wars."

NASA Mars Project: The technology demo created in tandem with NASA utilized high-resolution images captured by both satellites and the Curiosity rover to transport a user to the surface of Mars. The rover itself also made an interactive appearance, separately navigated by Project Morpheus senior software engineer Anton Mikhailov on a DualShock 4 controller.

The parts of the landscape closest to the user were crafted from rover imagery, while mountainous vistas in the distance were filled in using satellite data. By depicting the surreal sensation of strolling around a chunk of the Red Planet, the minimalistic demo was the most immersive of those on display and showed off the non-game capabilities of Project Morpheus.

"The Castle": This combat-centric game demo dispatched users to a cartoony medieval training ground where they could totally abuse a dummy in a suit of armor. When armed with a pair of gesture-detecting PlayStation Move controllers in each hand, "The Castle" depicted gauntlets on the headset's screen that could reach out and wield swords and a crossbow.

For example, the wand-like controllers could be used to slice off the mannequin's arm with one hand and grab it with the other before gruesomely wiggling the appendage and discarding it into the distance. The controllers flawlessly mimicked hand movement in the virtual castle yard, but a lack of interactive elements in the surrounding space left a desire for more.

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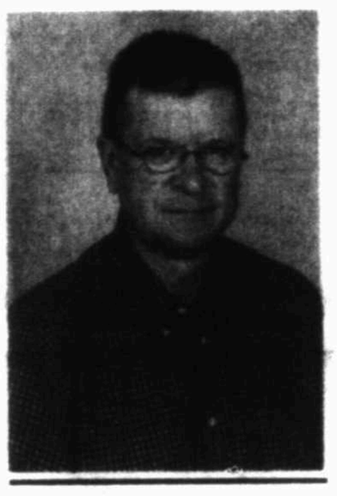
AUDIO ACOUSTICS

Are you really mumbling or does your loved one have some hearing loss?

By Orland Purcell Au. D., CCC-A



ORLAND PURCELL, AU. D.

Age-related hearing loss, or presbycusis (there's a word to use at your next party), is common and natural. However, due to stigma, cost and various other reasons, many people delay getting their hearing checked. Often, a loved one must notice a problem and initiate a conversation to start the sometimes long process of prompting an individual to get his or her hearing checked.

In fact, according to a 2009 Applied Research survey, which was commissioned by Siemens Hearing Instruments, Inc., many older Americans are in denial about their hearing loss. Of 250 adults aged 50-75 who were surveyed, 72 percent said their hearing was average or better. The majority reported not using nor considering the use of assistive listening devices, hearing aids and other hearing technology. However, 70 percent of children surveyed reported prodding their fathers to get their hearing checked, while 64 percent said they had encouraged their mothers to do the same.

Part of the discrepancy could be because, relative to others, older adults know they have hearing loss but don't think it's that bad. But much of it is likely due to denial, which is part of the grieving process involved in coming to terms with hearing loss.

If you have tried broaching the topic with your loved one, but have been brushed off, here are the three most likely things they told you:

"I didn't hear you because you were mumbling." This one seems true to your loved one because, to people with hearing loss, others' speech *does* sound like mumbling. They may not be able to tell that speech only sounds muffled because they have hearing loss, not because others are actually mumbling.

However, blaming others for mumbling is also an example of projection, and is something that people who are in denial might say.

"Of course I can't hear, it's very loud in here." Someone might say this in a moment of exasperation, especially if you pointed out their hearing loss in a less-than-kind way. Remember, it truly is harder for the hearing impaired to hear in a noisy environment.

You can help by moving to a quieter space, and making sure to face your loved one and keep your mouth uncovered to facilitate lip reading, which many people do subconsciously.

"I can hear everything I want to, so that's good enough." This is definitely a defense mechanism. You can help by being supportive and, when the time is right, gently pointing out that he or she is missing out on certain sounds, such as birds chirping or a grandchild's laughter.

Here are some common signs of hearing loss. Does your loved one:

- Turn the TV up too loud for others, or complain of being unable to hear it?
- Seem to have the most trouble hearing women's or children's voices?
- Frequently ask people to repeat what they said?
- Sometimes answer inappropriately to questions, as if they misheard the question?
- Complain that people are mumbling or that their voices are muffled?
- Have an especially difficult time following a conversation involving more than one other person?
- Miss hearing the doorbell or the phone?
- Have a difficult time conversing on the phone?
- Feel more drained or stressed than normal after a social gathering?
- Withdraw from social situations or remain quiet?
- Have trouble hearing in public spaces like restaurants?

For more tips on how to handle a loved one who is in hearing loss denial, please go to www.healthyhearing.com or consult a hearing professional.

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Comic Books Zap to Life With Interactive Apps

By Kit Eaton
N.Y. Times News Service

■ REVIEW

Comic books are the center of a huge industry — from toys and games to blockbuster movies — and there are plenty of apps to help you enjoy them.

An impressive start is comiXology's Comics app. It is free for iOS, Android, Windows 8 and Kindle Fire devices, although you have to sign up for an account with the company.

It works as you might expect. Part of the interface is dedicated to helping users find, buy and download comic books from a digital store and part is a clever comic book e-reader. The discovery section is well organized: It lets you search for comics, offers different story categories to browse through and lists popular and free options.

A handy section called "New to comics? Start here" has a list of titles that may pique your interest. Free comics are available as samplers, and an issue typically costs around $2. A huge range of publishers offer content, including big names such as DC and Marvel as well as smaller publishing houses.

The neat part of Comics is its reader. Unlike a traditional e-reader, which simply lets you flip through and read the pages of a digital book, Comics allows interactivity with each story's panels.

Tapping on the edge of the screen or swiping across it to "turn the page" makes the display sweep from one panel to the next with an attractive set of animations. This draws attention to every panel in the comic, because it zooms to fill the screen.

I've long liked this effect, called "Guided View," because it makes reading a digital comic dramatic. But some users may prefer using the standard swipe and pinch-to-zoom gestures to read the comic as if it were a simple image of a comic book page.

There's little to dislike about this app, although it doesn't cover every comic publisher.

Dark Horse Comics, for example, is home to famous titles such as Star Wars. The company has its own app, similar in design to Comics: It combines a comic book store and e-reader. I prefer the design of Dark Horse Comics' store, because it's more straightforward to scan through and easier on the eye.

Like comiXology's app, this also animates the process of reading the story panels. But its zooming effect can be a little jerky and it sometimes seems as if the illustration quality drops during the zoom. It's a small annoyance but noticeable. Of course, you can skip the animations and zoom into the panels yourself to read the story, too.

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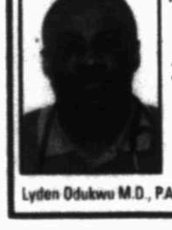

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Every rallies for 1st tour win in Arnold Palmer Invite

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Matt Every holds up the trophy after winning the Arnold Palmer Invitational on Sunday at Bay Hill in Orlando, Fla.

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Matt Every always believed he would finally win on the PGA Tour. He couldn't have imagined it happening Sunday at Bay Hill.

Nine shots out of the lead going into the weekend, still four shots behind Adam Scott going into the final round, Every took advantage of a surprising collapse by the Masters champion and held on to the very end for a 2-under 70 to win the Arnold Palmer Invitational.

Every made two bogeys in the last three holes, including a 4-foot par putt he missed on the 18th hole. That forced him to wait 10 excruciating minutes to see if Keegan Bradley could force a playoff. Bradley's 30-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole missed on the left side.

Cocky by nature, Every choked back tears when he realized he had won in his 92nd try as a professional.

"It's hard," he said, stopping to compose himself. "It's tough, man. You just never know if it's going to happen. You get there so many times. It's nice to get it done."

Scott, in his final tournament before he defends his title at Augusta National, came undone.

Along with two quick bogeys to start his round, he didn't make a birdie over the final 14 holes. Nothing summed up his awful day like the par-5 16th, the easiest at Bay Hill. Every made a bogey to fall to 14-under par. Scott, playing behind him in the final group, had a 20-foot eagle putt on the 16th to tie for the lead. He ran it 4 feet by, and then missed that for a three-putt par.

Scott closed with a 76 to finish third. He had to win to reach No. 1 when he arrived at the Masters. Now, the No. 1 spot held by Tiger Woods for the last year will be up for grabs at Augusta among Woods, Scott and Henrik Stenson, who tied for fifth at Bay Hill.

Every grew up about 90 minutes away in Daytona Beach. This was the first PGA Tour event he attended as a kid, coming with his father to watch Mark Calcavecchia, his favorite player. After a wild final hour, Every donned the blue blazer on the 18th

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Bears crush Creighton

Baylor shuts down McDermott, Blue Jays

Bears	85
Blue Jays	55

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Too big. Too strong. Too fast.

Baylor was too much of just about everything for Creighton and Doug McDermott to handle.

And because of it, the sixth-seeded Bears are rolling out of Texas toward California and the NCAA Tournament Sweet 16 after an impressive 85-55 win Sunday night in the West Regional.

Isaiah Austin and Brady Heslip each scored 17 points and Baylor used suffocating defense to shut down McDermott, ending the career of one of college basketball's most prolific scorers.

"We did a good job making it tough on him," Bears coach Scott Drew said.

McDermott, who averaged 27 points this season, finished with 15 but had just three in the first half as Baylor built a 20-point lead. McDermott ranks fifth on the NCAA career scoring list with 3,150 points.

Baylor (26-11) had five players score in double figures and shot 64 percent in one of the dominant performances of the tournament.

The rest of the West bracket may want to pay attention to this one. A team that looked like a wreck six weeks ago with a 2-8 start in the Big 12 is brimming with confidence to match all that muscle in the lineup.

"We take pride in people hating on us, and we love proving people wrong," Austin said. "Everybody has bought into the one goal that we have in mind and that is winning a national championship."

Baylor plays No. 2 seed Wisconsin on Thursday in Anaheim. In Baylor's two previous trips to the Sweet 16, it fell one game short of the Final Four.

McDermott carried the Bluejays back to the round of 32 for the third year in a row, and had done it in spectacular style, leading the nation in scoring with a sublime shooting touch and uncanny knack to slither his way through defenders for

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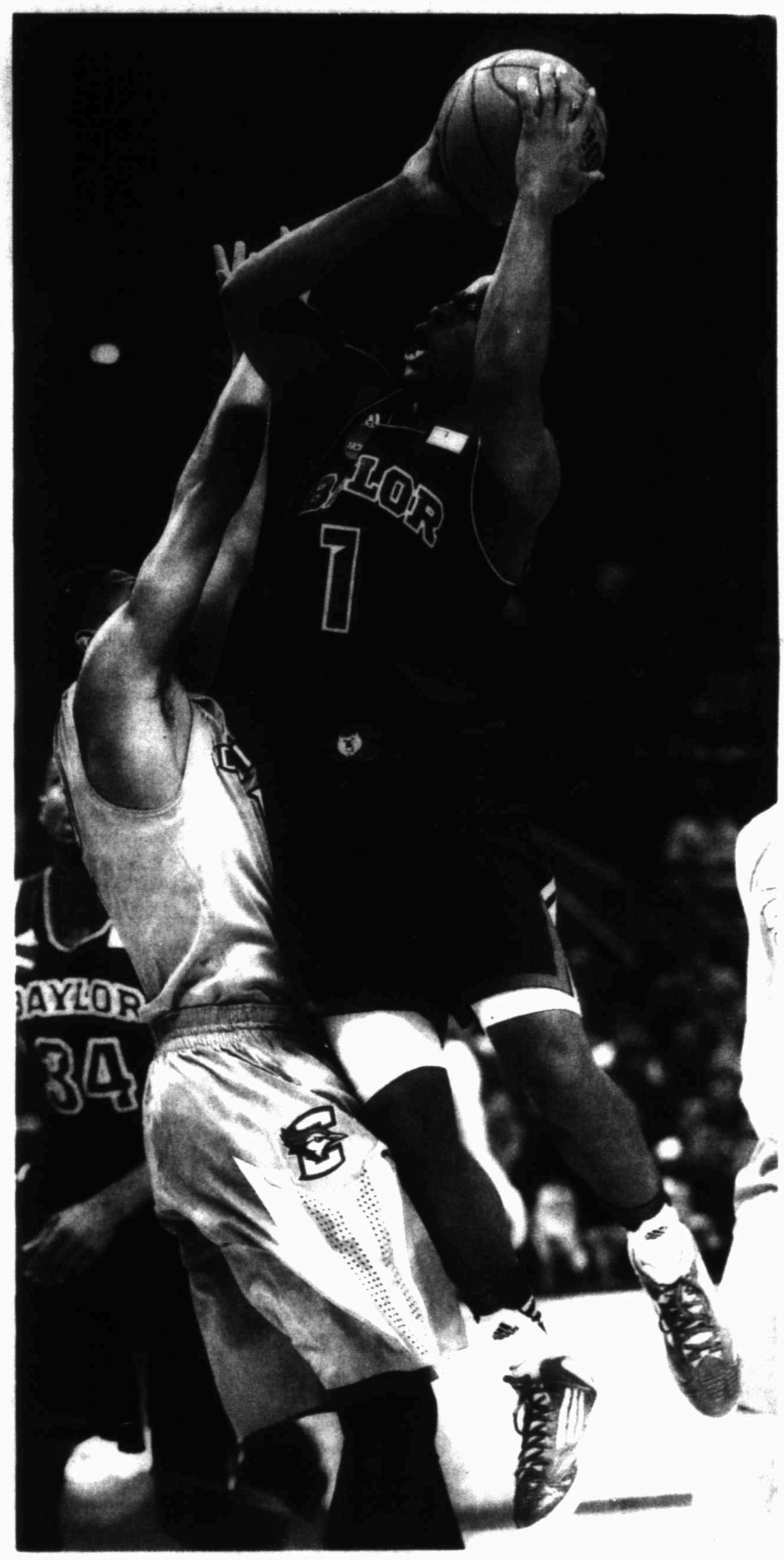

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Baylor's Kenny Chery (1) shoots over Creighton's Jahenns Manigat, left, during the first half of a third-round game in the NCAA Tournament on Sunday in San Antonio.

Pat Sullivan/AP

Texas A&M's Courtney Walker (33) drives to the basket in front of North Dakota's Leah Szabia in the first half of a first-round NCAA women's game Sunday in College Station.

Aggies easily get past North Dakota

Aggies	70
North Dakota	55

By Brent Zwerneman
San Antonio Express-News

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M's players wore expressions that made the Mona Lisa look like the life of a party as they exited their locker room at halftime against North Dakota in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament. The stone-faced Aggies were as silent as the famous lady, too, on their march back to the court in grasping a four-point lead on upset-minded UND.

"The coaches had just told us, 'This is going to be a short season if we don't pick it up,'" A&M guard Jordan Jones said.

The third-seeded Aggies finally picked it up and then some, in whipping 14th-seeded UND 70-55, after leading only 30-26 at the break on Sunday night in Reed Arena.

"By far this was one of the worst games we've played," A&M center Karla Gilbert said. "I'm glad we were able to pick it up in the second half."

The Aggies (25-8) will face No. 11 seed James Madison (29-5) at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday in Reed for the right to advance to the Sweet 16 in Lincoln, Neb. James Madison upended No. 6 seed Gonzaga 72-63 in the contest prior to UND-A&M.

"We're here to show we can play with anyone in the country," James Madison center Lauren Okafor vowed.

The Aggies and James Madison, led by Kirby Burkholder's 28 points and 18 rebounds against Gonzaga, will meet for the first time.

"James Madison shares the ball," A&M coach Gary Blair said. "We're going to have our hands full in this game. They play with a little bit of a

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Kyle Busch wins again at Fontana after wild finish

By Greg Beacham
Associated Press

FONTANA, Calif. — With tires and tempers blowing up all over the track for 400 crazy miles, Kyle Busch stayed calm and relied on his remarkable knack for big finishes at Fontana.

Busch won on this 2-mile oval for the second straight year Sunday, holding off Kyle Larson, Tony Stewart and his older brother Kurt on a frantic two-lap sprint to the finish.

Kyle Busch capably blocked Larson and outlasted a crowded field to win a race featuring a track-record 35 lead changes and numerous tire problems. Busch stayed out of trouble and roared up late for his second straight stunner in Southern California, following up the Las Vegas native's final-lap surge to victory a year ago.

"Holy cow, what do you expect when you've got a green-white-checkered finish and everybody has to come down pit road and put four tires on?" Busch asked after his third career win at Fontana. "That was 'Days of Thunder' right there. Unbelievable day."

With his 29th career Sprint Cup victory in his Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota, Kyle Busch is NASCAR's fifth winner in five races already this season. He led just five laps — the fewest of his career in a win.

Jimmie Johnson was comfortably in front when he blew a tire with seven laps left, precipitating the wild finish. Jeff Gordon moved in front until Clint Bowyer spun with two laps to go, setting up an overtime finish.

Gordon was hoping to finish on old tires when Bowyer spun, but then elected to pit along with most of the leaders. Kurt Busch gambled with just two tires, allowing him to restart in second, but his younger brother came up from fifth in the final two laps to win.

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Kyle Busch, center, celebrates, as the team drenches his wife, Samantha Busch, left, after winning a NASCAR Sprint Series race in Fontana, Calif., on Sunday.

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LOCAL SPORTS

DRILLERS WIN IN LUBBOCK

LUBBOCK — The West Texas Drillers scored two defensive touchdowns and had another set up by a turnover in a 46-21 victory against the Lubbock Outlaws on Saturday to improve to 5-0 this season.

Drillers' linebacker Nick Tipton intercepted two passes and returned them both for touchdowns. Devon Zimmerman also returned an interception 95 yards to set up a Chase Plourd touchdown run.

Plourd also threw a 44-yard TD pass to Savon Jackson. Nathan Jackson had two touchdown runs of 12- and 1-yards, and Cole Barton added a 5-yard TD run. Also, Jonathan Thorton recoverd a fumble.

The Drillers will host the Texas Skyforce on Sunday at 3 p.m. at Grande Communications Stadium where the team will also host a Stand Together Anti-Bully Rally.

PERMENTER ACES AT NUEVA VISTA

Derek Permenter recorded a hole-in-one on No. 13 at Nueva Vista on Saturday.

Permenter used a 9-iron from 143 yards.

The witness was Wallace Permenter.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Claimed INF David Adams off waivers from Cleveland. Designated LHP Kelvin De La Cruz for assignment. Optioned INF David Adams to Norfolk (IL). Assigned C Caleb Joseph to their minor league camp.
BOSTON RED SOX — Agreed to terms with DH David Ortiz on a one-year contract extension through the 2015 season. Optioned C Dan Butler to Pawtucket (IL). Reassigned RHPs John Ely and Dalier Hinojosa and LHP Rich Hill to minor league camp. Released LHP Jose Mijares.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Optioned OF Jordan Danks, 3B Matt Davidson and RHP Jake Petricka to Charlotte (IL). Reassigned RHP Dylan Axelrod to minor league camp. Placed RHP Mitchell Boggs on waivers for the purpose of granting his unconditional release.
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Selected the contract of INF Elliot Johnson from Columbus (IL).
HOUSTON ASTROS — Reassigned INFs Japher Amador and Gregorio Petit to minor league camp. Optioned LHP Darin Downs to minor league camp. Released OF J.D. Martinez. Announced Tony DeFrancesco, manager of Oklahoma City (PCL), will take a leave of absence. Named Tom Lawless interim manager for Oklahoma City.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Optioned LHPs Danny Duffy and Donnie Joseph to Omaha (PCL). Assigned RHPs Cory Wade and PJ Walters to their minor league camp.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Reassigned LHP Wade LeBlanc to minor league camp. Granted 1B Carlos Pena, C Yorvit Torrealba and INF Chad Tracy their unconditional releases.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Optioned RHPs Arnold Leon and Josh Lindblom and INF Nate Freeman to Sacramento (PCL).
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Placed RHPs Brandon Beachy, Kris Medlen and Gavin Floyd and LHPs Mike Minor and Jonny Venters on the 15-day DL, retroactive to March 21.
CHICAGO CUBS — Optioned RHP Blake Parker to Iowa (PCL). Assigned RHPs Chang-Yong Lim and Brian Schlitter. LHP Jonathan Sanchez, INFs Javier Baez and Chris Valaika and OF Casper Wells to minor league camp.
COLORADO ROCKIES — Assigned RHPs Brooks Brown, Greg Burke and Rob Scahill, C Matt McBride and INFs Ben Paulsen and Rafael Ynoa to minor league camp.
ST LOUIS CARDINALS — Optioned LHP Sam Freeman, INF Greg Garcia and OF Joey Butler to Memphis (PCL) and INF Aledmys Diaz to Springfield (TL). Assigned INF Luis Mateo to their minor league camp. Assigned RHP Angel Castro outright to Memphis.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Optioned RHP George Kontos to Fresno (PCL). Assigned LHP Dan Runzler to their minor league camp.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Traded OL Jeremy Zuttah to Baltimore for an undisclosed 2015 draft pick.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
DETROIT RED WINGS — Assigned RW Teemu Pulkkinen to Grand Rapids (AHL).
FLORIDA PANTHERS — Recalled D Ryan Whitney from San Antonio (AHL).
NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Recalled F Filip Forsberg from Milwaukee (AHL) on an emergency basis.
NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Agreed to terms F Eric Boulton on a one-year contract.
OTTAWA SENATORS — Recalled F Mark Stone from Binghamton (AHL).
American Hockey League
MILWAUKEE ADMIRALS — Recalled Fs Josh Shalla and Paul Crowder from Cincinnati (ECHL).
ECHL
GWINNETT GLADIATORS — Signed F Dan Radke. Southern Professional Hockey League
PEORIA RIVERMAN — Named C Kyle Watson off waivers from Bloomington.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Atlantic Division							
x-Boston	71	49	17	5	103	229	151
Tampa Bay	71	39	24	8	86	211	189
Montreal	72	39	26	7	85	186	183
Detroit	71	33	24	14	80	189	200
Toronto	73	36	29	8	80	213	226
Ottawa	70	28	29	13	69	199	237
Florida	72	26	38	8	60	175	235
Buffalo	71	20	43	8	48	138	210
Metropolitan Division							
Pittsburgh	71	46	20	5	97	222	177
Philadelphia	70	38	25	7	83	203	198
N.Y. Rangers	72	39	29	4	82	190	175
Washington	72	34	27	11	79	208	213
Columbus	71	36	29	6	78	200	194
New Jersey	72	31	28	13	75	175	187
Carolina	71	31	31	9	71	177	200
N.Y. Islanders	71	27	35	9	63	197	239
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
x-St. Louis	71	48	16	7	103	228	160
Chicago	72	41	16	15	97	240	186
Colorado	71	44	21	6	94	216	194
Minnesota	72	37	24	11	85	180	178
Dallas	70	33	26	11	77	199	202
Winnipeg	72	32	31	9	73	201	211
Nashville	72	31	31	10	72	173	213
Pacific Division							
San Jose	72	46	18	8	100	221	173
Anaheim	71	46	18	7	99	228	180
Los Angeles	71	40	25	6	86	174	149
Phoenix	71	34	26	11	79	196	201
Vancouver	73	33	30	10	76	176	196
Calgary	71	29	35	7	65	181	210
Edmonton	72	25	38	9	59	178	236

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.
x-clinched playoff spot

Sunday's Scores
N.Y. Islanders 2, Columbus 0
St. Louis 1, Pittsburgh 0
New Jersey 3, Toronto 2
Nashville 2, Chicago 0
Minnesota 2, OT
Vancouver 4, Buffalo 2
Anaheim 6, Florida 2

Today's Games
Phoenix at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
Los Angeles at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Montreal at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Calgary, 8 p.m.

MLS STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Houston	2	0	0	6	5	0
Columbus	2	0	0	6	5	1
Toronto FC	2	0	0	6	3	1
Philadelphia	1	1	1	4	3	3
Sporting Kansas City	1	1	1	4	2	2
Chicago	0	1	2	2	4	5
New York	0	1	2	2	3	6
New England	0	2	1	1	0	5
Montreal	0	3	0	0	2	6
D.C.	0	2	0	0	0	4
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
FC Dallas	2	0	1	7	7	4
Seattle	2	1	0	6	4	2
Vancouver	1	0	2	5	5	2
Real Salt Lake	1	0	2	5	5	4
Chivas USA	1	1	1	4	5	6
Colorado	1	0	1	4	3	1
Portland	0	1	2	2	2	4
San Jose	0	1	1	1	3	4
Los Angeles	0	1	1	1	1	2

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie

Saturday's Scores
New England 0, Vancouver 0, tie
Montreal Seattle FC
Real Salt Lake 1, Los Angeles 1, tie
Toronto FC 1, D.C. United 0
Colorado 2, Portland 0
Columbus 2, Philadelphia 1
Sporting Kansas City 1, San Jose 0
FC Dallas 3, Chivas USA 1

Sunday's Scores
Chicago 1, New York 1, tie
Seattle FC 2, Montreal 0

Saturday, March 29
Chicago at D.C. United, 3 p.m.
Montreal at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
Sporting Kansas City at Colorado, 5 p.m.
Houston at Vancouver, 6 p.m.
Portland at FC Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto FC at Real Salt Lake, 8:30 p.m.
Columbus at Seattle FC, 9 p.m.
New England at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 30
Chivas USA at New York, 2 p.m.

AFL STANDINGS

NATIONAL CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
West Division						
Arizona	2	0	0	1.000	130	104
Los Angeles	1	1	0	.500	104	107
San Antonio	0	2	0	.000	83	89
Pacific Division						
San Jose	2	0	0	1.000	134	67
Spokane	1	1	0	.500	113	103
Portland	0	1	0	.000	34	64
AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
South Division						
Orlando	2	0	0	1.000	118	110
Tampa Bay	2	0	0	1.000	110	102
Jacksonville	0	1	0	.000	47	49
New Orleans	0	1	0	.000	57	62
East Division						
Cleveland	1	0	0	1.000	63	53
Iowa	0	1	0	.000	35	64
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	.000	53	63
Philadelphia	0	2	0	.000	88	132

Friday's Scores
Orlando 69, Los Angeles 63, OT
Tampa Bay 48, San Antonio 45

Sunday's Scores
Arizona 68, Spokane 49
San Jose 70, Philadelphia 33

Today's Game
Iowa at Portland, 9 p.m.

Saturday, March 29
San Jose at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m.
San Antonio at Jacksonville, 6 p.m.
Orlando at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Cleveland at New Orleans, 7 p.m.

FIGHT SKED

March 29
At Sofia, Dimitrioom Kavkirdi vs. Kshel Rono, 12, for the vacant WBA World super flyweight.
March 29
At 4 Bears Casino & Lodge, New Town, S.D. (ESPN2), "Bashiv" lightweight tournament semifinals: Chris Rudd vs. Pete Pelcer; Miguel Gonzalez vs. Fernando Carcamo (8 rounds).
March 29
At Berlin, Yusi Pablo Hernandez vs. Pawel Kolodziej, 12, for Hernandez's IBF cruiserweight title.
At Newcastle, England, Stuart Hall vs. Martin West, 12, for Hall's IBF heavyweight title.
At the Bethnom, Boardwalk Hall, Atlantic City, N.J. (HBO), Sergey Kovalev vs. Cedric Agnew, 12, for Kovalev's WBO light heavyweight title; Thomas Dulorme vs. Karim Mayfield, 10, for the vacant NABF junior welterweight title; Lionel Thompson vs. Radivoje Kalajdzic, 10, cruiserweights.
April 3
At Fantasy Springs Casino, Indio, Calif. (FS1), Luis Ortiz vs. Monte Barrett, 10, heavyweights; Gerald Washington vs. Skipp Scott, 10, heavyweights.
April 4
At Liacouras Center (NBCSN), Philadelphia, Artur Mkrtsyan vs. Steve Cunningham, 10, for the USBA heavyweight title; Curtis Stevens vs. Tureano Johnson, 10, middleweights.

Girls 2-5A golf tourney continues today

From staff reports

The Lee and Midland High girls golf teams will return to the course today for the second round of the District 2-5A Girls Golf Tournament.

Today's second round will be contested at Abilene Country Club as the Lady Rebels are sitting in fifth after shooting a 370 on Thursday at Green Tree Country Club. Midland High is in 10th after shooting a 409 on Thursday.

Lee's Alexis Adkisson shot an 88 on Thursday and is tied for sixth and is in position to earn one of the two individual berths available from the district to the Region I-5A Tournament.

MCS grad Burleson helps Tech to win vs. TCU

From staff reports

No. 25 Red Raiders 12
No. 24 Horned Frogs 2

FORT WORTH — No. 25 Texas Tech scored nine runs in the fourth and fifth innings combined to defeat No. 24 TCU, 12-2, and win its first Big 12 series on Sunday afternoon in front of 3,548 fans at Lupton Stadium.

The Red Raiders (19-7, 3-3 Big 12) won their first road series over a ranked opponent since 2011 (at No. 14 Baylor) while TCU (13-10, 1-2 Big 12) drops its Big 12 opening series.

Tech scored four runs in the fifth inning, sparked by a three-run double by junior Bryant Burleson, a Midland Christian grad, to right-center field. Burleson finished the game going 2-for-5 with two doubles and five RBI.

The Red Raiders followed with five runs in the fifth, which included Burleson's second double, this time a two-out, two-run double to left-center field.

Tech junior left-handed pitcher Chris Sadberry (3-1) won his third game of the season pitching five innings allowing just one run on four hits with one strikeout and a walk.

TCU starter Tyler Alexander (3-2) took the loss going 5.1 innings allowing six runs (5 ER) on seven hits with seven strikeouts and a walk.

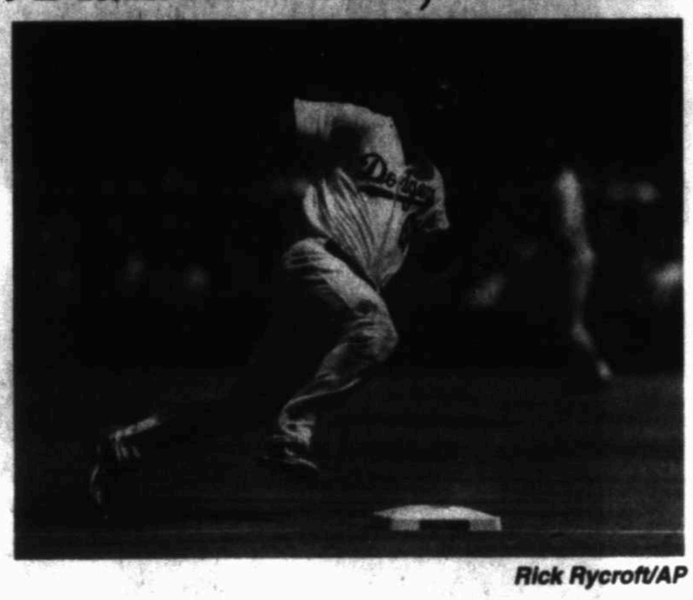
Seven Red Raiders had base hits, nine Tech players scored runs and six had RBI in the contest.

COLLEGE BASEBALL SCORES

SOUTHWEST
Arkansas St. 14, Texas-Arlington 10
Houston 7, Coll. Of Charleston 1
New Mexico 9, San Jose St. 4
New Mexico St. 3, Texas-Pan American 2
Rice 3, Florida Atlantic 3-2, 12 innings
Texas A&M 4, Florida 3, 11 innings.
Texas A&M-CC 11, SE Louisiana 3
Texas A&M-Kingsville 6, Angelo St. 3
Texas Tech 12, TCU 2
SOUTH
Alabama A&M 9, Abilene Christian 8
Alabama St. 9, Jackson St. 7
Birmingham-Southern 3, Berry 2
Chowan 4-6, Elizabeth City St. 1-1
E. Kentucky 10, Belmont 2
Georgia Southern 10, Appalachian 7
Hampton-Sydney 18-3, Stevenson 3-6
La Grange 11, Maryville (Tenn.) 2
Liberty 4, High Point 1
Maryland 5, NC State 2
Milligan 2, Reinhardt 1
Montreal 6, Union (Ky.) 5
North Florida 8, N. Kentucky 1
Radford 6, Charleston Southern 2
Rhodes 2, Centre 1
Rutgers 11, Louisville 2
SIU-Edwardsville 8, Murray St. 0
South Carolina 8, Kentucky 3
Southern Miss. 10, UTSA 9
Stetson 11, ETSU 0
Temple 4, Memphis 3
Tennessee 8, Auburn 6
Tennessee Tech 2, UT-Martin 0
Texas St. 7, W. Kentucky 5
Virginia Tech 5, Notre Dame 4, 12 innings
MIDWEST
Webster 3, St. Scholastica 2, 10 innings
EAST
Baruch 3-8, Mount St. Mary (NY) 2-3, 1st game 8 innings
Bloomfield 6-6, Dominican (NY) 5-13, 1st game 11 innings
Montclair St. 4, Oneonta 2
Roger Williams 4-2, Wentworth 3-0
St. Joseph's (LI) 10-21, Yeshiva 0-0

Dodgers beat Diamondbacks, win both Down Under

By Dennis Passa
AP Sports Writer



Rick Rycroft/AP

The Los Angeles Dodgers' Yasiel Puig rounds third on his way to scoring during the second game of the two-game MLB opening series between the Los Angeles Dodgers and Arizona Diamondbacks on Sunday at the Sydney Cricket Ground in Sydney.

SYDNEY — Yasiel Puig had three hits and two RBI to back a scoreless outing by Hyun-Jin Ryu as the Los Angeles Dodgers made it 2 for 2 Down Under with a 7-5 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Sunday.

Dee Gordon and Juan Uribe also had three hits for the Dodgers, who finished with 13 in beating Arizona starter Trevor Cahill for the first time.

After a 3-1 win behind ace Clayton Kershaw in the Major League Baseball season opener Saturday night, Los Angeles remained perfect at Sydney Cricket Ground with its second consecutive victory over its NL West rival in Australia.

Cahill (0-1) came in 6-0 with a 2.01 ERA in 10 career starts against the Dodgers, but left in the fifth trailing 3-0. He gave up eight hits with just one strikeout and was charged with five runs and four walks in four-plus innings.

The Diamondbacks made three errors, two by catcher Miguel Montero.

After trailing 7-0, Arizona scored once in the eighth and four times in the ninth, including Mark Trumbo's two-run homer off closer Kenley Jansen with two outs.

Jansen struck out Gerardo Parra to end a game that featured 14 pitchers and lasted a minute more than 4 hours.

"The first one I really enjoyed actually, this one not quite as much," Dodgers manager Don Mattingly said of Arizona's late-inning rally.

"It was good to get it, and at the end of the day it's a win. But it's a kind of frustrating one. We walked seven guys the last four innings and we really gave them the chance to get back in the game."

Beginning his second season in the majors, Ryu (1-0) held the Diamondbacks to two hits in five shutout innings. He struck out five and walked one. The left-hander had a strong rookie season last year, going 14-8 with a 3.00 ERA in 30 starts after seven seasons in South Korea.

"Overall, I'm really satisfied," Ryu said through an interpreter. "My fastball was in good command and fortunately my teammates were able to support me early in the game and give me a lot of confidence."

Trumbo also had an RBI single in the eighth, his first hit for the Diamondbacks. Martin Prado had a two-run single in the ninth.

Puig, who was 0 for 5 with three strikeouts in the opener, also made a nice running catch in right field on a liner off the bat of Aaron Hill with the bases loaded to end the Arizona seventh.

These were the first regular-season major league games played in Australia. The 162-year-old cricket ground was turned into a baseball park over two weeks, and nearly 80,000 fans attended the two games.

TEXASSPRINGTRAININGROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

PADRES 11
RANGERS 7

SURPRISE, Ariz. — Will Venable and Carlos Quentin homered, Chase Headley drove in three runs with a pair of doubles and the San Diego Padres beat the Texas Rangers 11-7 on Sunday.

Venable connected in the third inning off reliever Neftali Feliz. Quentin hit a two-run shot off Joe Saunders in a four-run second.

Headley's doubles were his first extra-base hits this spring. The third baseman was playing in his third game after being sidelined with a strained right calf.

Non-roster invitee Xavier Nady went 3 for 4 with two doubles and three RBIs for San Diego.

Saunders, signed March 5 to be a rotation candidate for the Rangers, retired only four of his 15 batters. He allowed nine runs and eight hits, including five doubles and a homer.

Michael Choice had three hits and drove in three Texas runs. Leonys Martin was 4 for 4 with two doubles.

CARDINALS 6
ASTROS 3

JUPITER, Fla. — Joe Kelly allowed his first hit in a two-run sixth inning and Matt Holliday homered, leading the St. Louis Cardinals to a 6-3 victory Sunday over the Houston Astros.

Kelly's control fluctuated in his fourth spring start, striking out five but also walking four. He did not get an out in the sixth. Kelly's Grapefruit League ERA dropped to 6.29.

Shortstop Jhonny Peralta gave the Cardinals the lead in the second with his third homer of the spring. Holliday hit his first of the spring in the third and Matt Adams also connected in the third, a two-run homer off Astros starter Jerome Williams.

MLB GLANCES

REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS

American League East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	0	0	.000	—
Boston	0	0	.000	—
New York	0	0	.000	—
Tampa Bay	0	0	.000	—
Toronto	0	0	.000	—
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	0	0	.000	—
Cleveland	0	0	.000	—
Detroit	0	0	.000	—
Kansas City	0	0	.000	—
Minnesota	0	0	.000	—
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	0	0	.000	—
Los Angeles	0	0	.000	—
Oakland	0	0	.000	—
Seattle	0	0	.000	—
Texas	0	0	.000	—

Sunday's Scores
No games scheduled

Today's Games
No games scheduled

National League East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	0	0	.000	—
Miami	0	0	.000	—
New York	0	0	.000	—
Philadelphia	0	0	.000	—
Washington	0	0	.000	—
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	0	0	.000	—
Cincinnati	0	0	.000	—
Milwaukee	0	0	.000	—
Pittsburgh	0	0	.000	—
St. Louis	0	0	.000	—
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	2	0	1.000	—
Colorado	0	0	.000	1
San Diego	0	0	.000	1
San Francisco	0	0	.000	1
Arizona	0	2	.000	2

Saturday's Scores
L.A. Dodgers 3, Arizona 1
L.A. Dodgers 7, Arizona 5

Today's Games
No games scheduled

SATURDAY'S LATE LINESCORE
DODGERS 7, DIAMONDBACKS 5
Los Angeles .....102 021 100 —7 13 1
Arizona .....000 000 014 —5 8 3
Ryu, Withrow (6), Pfirrman (7), J.Wright (7), Howell (8), J.Dominguez (9), Mahtook (9), Jansen (9) and A.Ellis; Cahill, Collmenter (5), Thatcher (6), Delgado (7), Schultz (8), A.Reed (9) and Montero. W—Ryu 1-0. L—Cahill 0-1. HRs—Arizona, Trumbo (1).

SPRING TRAINING AMERICAN LEAGUE	W	L	Pct
Tampa Bay	15	5	.750
Cleveland	16	7	.696
Seattle	16	9	.640
Baltimore	12	7	.632
New York	15	10	.600
Los Angeles	14	10	.583
Detroit	12	11	.522
Oakland	12	11	.522
Toronto	12	11	.522
Kansas City	11	12	.478
Chicago	7	12	.368
Minnesota	7	13	.350
Boston	8	15	.348
Houston	8	15	.348
Texas	7	15	.318
NATIONAL LEAGUE	W	L	Pct
Miami	16	9	.640
San Francisco	15	9	.625
Pittsburgh	12	9	.571
Arizona	11	9	.550
New York	13	11	.542
Colorado	12	12	.500
St. Louis	10	10	.500
Washington	12	12	.500
Cincinnati	12	14	.462
Milwaukee	12	14	.462
Chicago	12	15	.444
San Diego	8	12	.400
Atlanta	10	16	.385
Los Angeles	6	10	.375
Philadelphia	7	15	.318

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Sunday's Scores
Miami 8, Detroit 4
Toronto 3, N.Y. Yankees 1
Tampa Bay 9, Boston 2
Philadelphia 5, Minnesota 1
Atlanta 4, N.Y. Mets (ss) 1
Baltimore 7, Pittsburgh 7, tie, 10 innings
St. Louis 6, Houston 3
N.Y. Mets (ss) 3, Washington 1
San Francisco 13, Kansas City 9
Seattle 6, Oakland (ss) 4
L.A. Angels 5, Cleveland 2
Chicago Cubs 10, Oakland (ss) 6
San Diego 11, Texas 7
Milwaukee 9, Cincinnati 1
Colorado 5, Chicago White Sox 5, tie

Today's Games
Boston vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Washington vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Detroit vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. N.Y Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 12:10 p.m.
Oakland vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Cleveland vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
Houston vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 5:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.

TEXAS LINESCORES
PADRES 11, RANGERS 7
At Surprise, Ariz.
San Diego .....041 010 000—1113 0
Texas .....014 010 001—7 12 1
Wisler, A.Torres (3), Boyer (5), Stipp (6), D.Roach (8), Vincent (9) and Hedges, Grandal; J.Saunders, Tolleson (2), Feliz (3), Figueroa (5), Kirkman (7) and G.Soto, Arencibia. W—Wisler. L—J.Saunders. HRs—San Diego, Venable (1), Quentin (2).

CARDINALS 6, ASTROS 3
At Jupiter, Fla.
Houston .....000 002 100—3 3 1
St. Louis .....114 000 00x—6 11 1
J.Williams, Bass (5), Valdes (6), De Leon (7) and Corporan; J.Kelly, J.Rondon (6), Neshek (7), Siegrist (8), Rosenthal (9) and Y.Molina, E.Easley. W—J.Kelly. L—J.Williams. Sv—Rosenthal. HRs—St. Louis, Holliday (1), Ma.Adams (4), Jh.Peralta (3).

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Andy Murray reaches 4th round at Sony Open

By Steven Wine
Associated Press

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — Andy Murray won Sunday while Ivan Lendl watched as a fan rather than as a coach.

With Lendl among the stadium spectators, Murray advanced to the fourth round at the Sony Open by beating Feliciano Lopez 6-4, 6-1. The tournament is the first for the two-time Key Biscayne champion since he parted with Lendl, who coached Murray for two years and helped him become a Grand Slam champion.

"We're back together again. It was only a four- or five-day split," Murray joked. "No, it's a shame he won't be watching many more of my matches from the stands."

Roger Federer also advanced easily, beating qualifier Thiemo de Bakker 6-3, 6-3. Venus Williams commited 44 unforced errors but had 11 aces and edged wild-card Casey Dellacqua 6-4, 5-7, 6-4.

Lendl helped Murray win Wimbledon, the U.S. Open, an Olympic gold medal and last year's Key Biscayne title. Lendl said he decided to step down because he wanted to concentrate on other projects, among them playing more senior events.

Murray was unhappy about the split and said Lendl will be difficult to replace. Before their partnership, Murray was 0-4 in Grand Slam finals — although he did win Key Biscayne in 2009.

The No. 6-seeded Murray moved one round closer to a potential quarterfinal against Novak Djokovic. Murray returned well and made the most of his chances at the net to improve to 9-0 against Lopez, seeded 32nd.

The victory came on a sunny, 85-degree afternoon. Murray confirmed it was hot, although the Scotsman — who lives part-time in nearby Miami — said Fahrenheit temperatures give him pause because he's more familiar with Celsius.

"I started using Fahrenheit a bit more, but I don't know the conversion," he said. "If I speak to someone back home and they say, 'How hot was it?,' and I say, 'It's 85 today,' and they say, 'What is that?,' I have absolutely no idea."

Murray's next opponent will be No. 11-seeded Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, who outlasted Marcos Baghdatis 4-6, 7-6 (6), 7-5. Tsonga rallied from a 5-1 deficit in the tiebreaker.

Sony Open results

Sunday
At The Tennis Center at Crandon Park
Key Biscayne, Fla.
Purse: Men, $5.45 million (Masters 1000); Women, $5.45 million (Premier)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Men
Third Round
Novak Djokovic (2), Serbia, def. Florian Mayer (30), Germany, walkover.
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (11), France, def. Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, 4-6, 7-6 (6), 7-5.
Tommy Robredo (16), Spain, def. Julien Benneteau, France, 6-3, 6-4.
Andy Murray (6), Britain, def. Feliciano Lopez (32), Spain, 6-4, 6-1.
Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, def. Thiemo de Bakker, Netherlands, 6-3, 6-3.
Richard Gasquet (9), France, def. Kevin Anderson (17), South Africa, 6-3, 6-4.
Women
Third Round
Li Na (2), China, def. Madison Keys, United States, 7-6 (3), 6-2.
Elina Svitolina, Ukraine, def. Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, Czech Republic, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.
Agnieszka Radwanska (3), Poland, def. Elena Vesnina (32), Russia, 7-5, 6-3.
Carla Suarez Navarro (16), Spain, def. Kaia Kanepi (24), Estonia, 6-2, 6-1.
Dominika Cibulkova (19), Slovakia, def. Alize Cornet (22), France, 7-6 (6), 6-4.
Venus Williams (29), United States, def. Casey Dellacqua, Australia, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4.
Varvara Lepchenko, United States, def. Alja Tomljanovic, Croatia, 6-4, 6-7 (4), 7-6 (2).
Caroline Wozniacki (11), Denmark, def. Sloane Stephens (17), United States, 6-1, 6-0.
Doubles
Men
Second Round
Juan Sebastian Cabal and Robert Farah, Colombia, def. Rohan Bopanna, India, and Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi (7), Pakistan, 6-2, 6-4.
Michael Llodra and Nicolas Mahut (8), France, def. Lukas Rosol, Czech Republic, and Horacio Zeballos, Argentina, 6-3, 6-0.
David Marrero and Fernando Verdasco (5), Spain, def. Lukasz Kubot, Poland, and Robert Lindstedt, Sweden, 7-6 (2), 7-6 (8).
Women
Second Round
Cara Black, Zimbabwe, and Sania Mirza (5), India, def. Oksana Kalashnikova, Georgia, and Alisa Kleybanova, Russia, walkover.
Alla Kudryavtseva, Russia, and Anastasia Rodionova, Australia, def. Monica Niculescu, Romania, and Klara Zakopalova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 7-5.
Raquel Kops-Jones and Abigail Spears (8), United States, def. Vera Zvonareva, United States, and Zheng Jie, China, 3-6, 7-5, 10-6.

FONTANA

From 1C

"I came off the fourth turn in disbelief that we won this thing, because we were mediocre all day," Kyle Busch said. "It was really weird for us, not a race that we're typically used to. But now there's a load off your shoulders that you can go out the rest of the season and race the way you want to."

He also got a thrill from outlasting Larson, the 21-year-old rookie who held him off Saturday to win the Nationwide Series race.

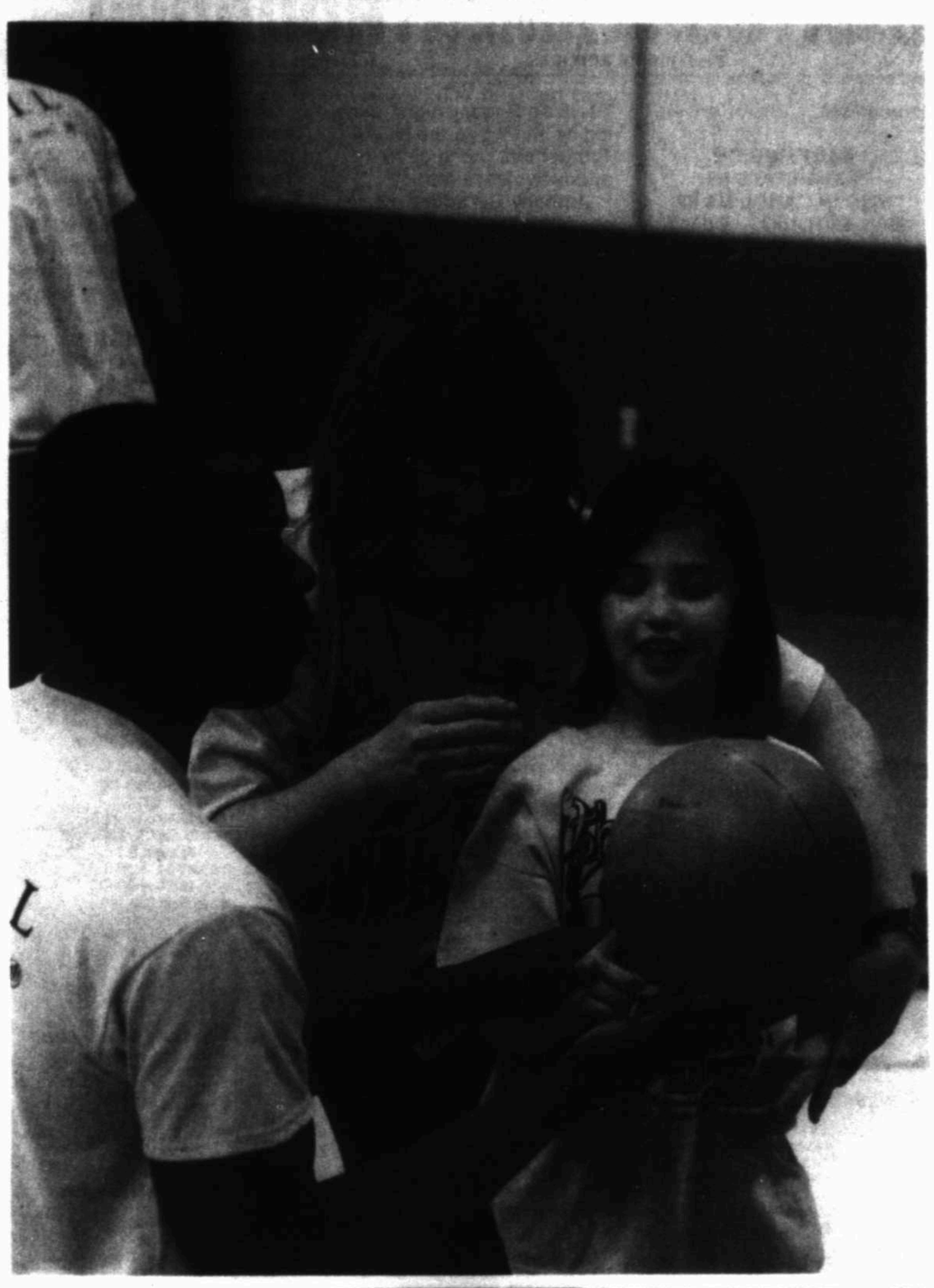
"I guess you couldn't ask for more, but I was surprised to get up there late in the race," Larson said. "We were probably a 12th-place car for most of the day."

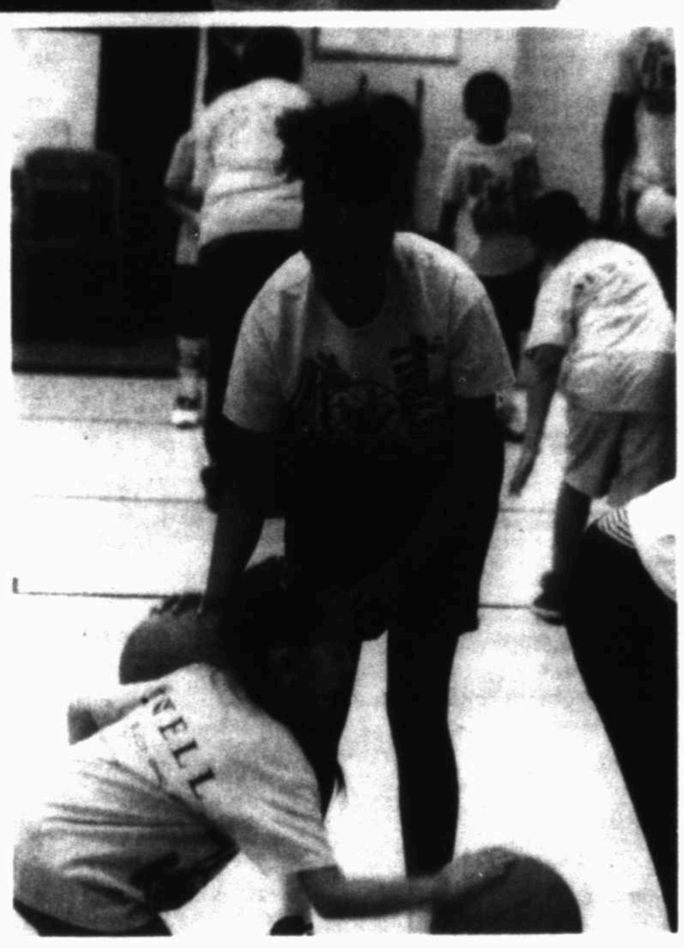
NASCAR Sprint Cup-Auto Club 400 Results
Sunday
At Auto Club Speedway
Fontana, Calif.
Lap length: 2 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1 (14) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 206 laps. 123.1 rating, 47 points. $324,531.
2 (11) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 206. 89.4. 42. $233,450.
3 (17) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 206. 104.5. 42. $169,905.
4 (1) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 206. 117.1. 41. $202,491.
5 (10) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 206. 82.2. 39. $159,538.
6 (25) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 206. 95.7. 38. $148,559.
7 (19) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 206. 111.9. 38. $144,370.
8 (18) A.J. Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 206. 86.7. 36. $127,853.
9 (30) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 206. 84.1. 35. $134,309.
10 (9) Carl Edwards, Ford, 206. 88.4. 34. $121,270.
11 (20) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 206. 74.4. 33. $148,846.
12 (15) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 206. 83.6. 32. $111,360.
13 (6) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 206. 114.32. $145,096.
14 (27) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 206. 63.9. 30. $109,210.
15 (31) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 206. 67.7. 29. $125,968.
16 (5) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 206. 100.5. 29. $140,001.
17 (13) Sam Hornish Jr., Toyota, 206. 66.6. 0. $107,410.
18 (34) Cole Whitt, Toyota, 206. 53.3. 26. $94,610.
19 (23) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, 206. 59.5. 25. $111,768.
20 (16) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 206. 86.7. 25. $106,110.
21 (36) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 206. 42.3. 24. $107,868.
22 (40) Alex Bowman, Toyota, 206. 46.9. 22. $105,057.
23 (12) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 206. 55.9. 21. $122,718.
24 (3) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 206. 127.4. 22. $155,521.
25 (43) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 205. 43. 0. $90,960.
26 (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 205. 94.2. 19. $135,143.
27 (41) David Ragan, Ford, 205. 39.1. 18. $100,235.
28 (28) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 205. 49.4. 16. $99,535.
29 (33) David Reutimann, Ford, 205. 36.7. 16. $91,335.
30 (8) Marcos Ambrose, Ford, 205. 63.9. 14. $117,430.
31 (39) Ryan Truex, Toyota, 205. 31.3. 13. $88,885.
32 (42) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, 205. 30.4. 0. $95,885.
33 (35) Travis Kvapil, Ford, 205. 30.9. 11. $87,460.
34 (22) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 204. 56.5. 10. $123,085.
35 (37) Brian Scott, Chevrolet, 204. 37.3. 0. $87,035.
36 (4) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 204. 82.7. 8. $127,928.
37 (38) Josh Wise, Chevrolet, 204. 44.2. 7. $86,664.
38 (29) David Gilliland, Ford, 202. 35.6. 7. $88,915.
39 (7) Joey Logano, Ford, 195. 72.1. 5. $116,906.
40 (24) Greg Biffle, Ford, 193. 62.9. 4. $117,490.
41 (26) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 180. 70.3. $88,315.
42 (32) Parker Kligerman, Toyota, accident, 85. 43.4. 2. $64,915.
43 (21) Aric Almirola, Ford, accident, 68. 53.1. $98,351.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 132.987 mph.
Time of Race: 3 hours, 5 minutes, 53 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 0.214 seconds.
Caution Flags: 9 for 42 laps.
Lead Changes: 35 among 15 drivers.
Lap Leaders: B.Keselowski 1-9; C.Bowyer 10; B.Keselowski 11-20; D.Ragan 21; B.Keselowski 22; Ky.Busch 23-26; B.Keselowski 27-43; D.Gilliland 44; L.Cassill 45; J.Johnson 46; B.Vickers 47; J.Johnson 48-57; C.Bowyer 58; B.Keselowski 59; J.Johnson 60-70; R.Newman 71-73; M.Kenseth 74-83; J.Johnson 84-86; M.Kenseth 87; J.Nemechek 88; M.Kenseth 89-90; J.Johnson 91-105; J.Gordon 106-119; R.Sorenson 120; M.Kenseth 121-126; J.Johnson 127-142; J.Gordon 143; D.Reutimann 144; J.Johnson 145-167; J.Gordon 168; J.Johnson 169-193; J.Gordon 194-200; L.Cassill 201-203; Ky.Busch 204-205; Ky.Busch 206.
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): J.Johnson, 6 times for 104 laps; B.Keselowski, 5 times for 38 laps; J.Gordon, 4 times for 23 laps; M.Kenseth, 4 times for 19 laps; Ky.Busch, 2 times for 5 laps; L.Cassill, 2 times for 4 laps; R.Newman, 1 time for 3 laps; Ky.Busch, 1 time for 2 laps; C.Bowyer, 2 times for 2 laps; D.Ragan, 1 time for 1 lap; R.Sorenson, 1 time for 1 lap; D.Reutimann, 1 time for 1 lap; J.Nemechek, 1 time for 1 lap; D.Gilliland, 1 time for 1 lap.
Wins: Ky.Busch, 1; D.Earnhardt Jr., 1; C.Edwards, 1; K.Harvick, 1; Bra.Keselowski, 1.
Top 10 in Points: 1. C.Edwards, 186; 2. D.Earnhardt Jr., 185; 3. J.Gordon, 184; 4. Bra. Keselowski, 182; 5. M.Kenseth, 179; 6. J.Johnson, 165; 7. Ky.Busch, 158; 8. R.Newman, 150; 9. A.Dillon, 150; 10. J.Logano, 146; 11. D.Hamlin, 140; 12. J.McMurray, 138.
NASCAR Driver Rating Formula
A maximum of 150 points can be attained in a race.
The formula combines the following categories: Wins, Finishes, Top-15 Finishes, Average Running Position While on Lead Lap, Average Speed Under Green, Fastest Lap, Led Most Laps, Lead-Lap Finish.

Basketball fun





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TOP: Midland College men's basketball player Domonique Bull demonstrates to a camp participant at the Midland College Basketball Camp at the ECISD Regional Day School Program for the Deaf on Friday. **RIGHT:** Rose Sow shows a camp participant how to dribble.

Nets top Mavericks in Kidd's Dallas visit

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

Nets	107
Mavericks	104 (OT)

DALLAS — Joe Johnson scored 22 points, including the tying layup in regulation and the go-ahead 3-pointer in overtime to lead the Brooklyn Nets past the Mavericks 107-104 Sunday night in Jason Kidd's return to Dallas as a coach.

The Nets swept the two-game season series with Dallas in their first year under Kidd, who spent his 41st birthday on the floor where he was essentially the coach at point guard when the Mavericks won the 2011 title.

Marcus Thornton had 11 of his 20 points in the fourth quarter for the Nets, who won their fourth straight game and beat a Western Conference team for the fifth straight time.

Monta Ellis led Dallas with 26 points, but Dirk Nowitzki matched his season low with eight points on one of his toughest shooting nights of the season. Nowitzki hit his first shot of overtime after going 1-of-10 in regulation, but the Mavericks couldn't make any shots until was too late in overtime.

After a layup that tied the score with 9 seconds left in regulation, Johnson put the Nets up 96-93 early in overtime with a 3-pointer and answered a pair of free throws from Nowitzki with a jumper.

After another miss by Nowitzki, Shaun Livingston stepped in front of a pass from Shawn Marion and went the distance for a layup and Brooklyn's biggest lead at 100-95.

Deron Williams hit a 3-pointer that appeared to put the game away, but Dallas rallied enough to get a 3-point try at the buzzer. Ellis' shot bounced off the rim.

Williams and Paul Pierce had 15 apiece for the Nets.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CAVALIERS 106
KNICKS 100

NEW YORK — Jarrett Jack scored a season-high 31 points and the Cleveland Cavaliers won 106-100 Sunday night to end the eight-game winning streak of the New York Knicks, who wasted a chance to pull within two games of a playoff spot.

Hours after being handed a chance to pull closer to the final spot in the Eastern Conference when Atlanta blew a fourth-quarter lead in Toronto, the Knicks responded with an inept final period of their own after they led by 17 points in the first half.

SUNS 127
TIMBERWOLVES 120

MINNEAPOLIS — Markieff Morris scored 25 points off the bench to lead the Phoenix Suns to their biggest comeback of the season, a victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Phoenix trailed by 22 in the first half, but shot a season-high 57 percent from the floor to overcome Kevin Love's 36 points and 14 rebounds. Love fell an assist short of a triple-double and committed a crucial turnover in the final minute.

RAPTORS 96
HAWKS 86

TORONTO — Kyle Lowry scored 25 points, Jonas Valanciunas had 13 points and 13 rebounds and the Toronto Raptors beat the Atlanta Hawks.

DeMar DeRozan scored 21 points, Greivis Vasquez had 12 and Terrence Ross 10 as the Raptors avoided their first three-game home losing streak since dropping games against Brooklyn, Miami and Denver between Nov. 26 and Dec. 1. Toronto fell in double-overtime to Oklahoma City on Friday and lost to Phoenix last Sunday.

NUGGETS 105
WIZARDS 102

DENVER — Kenneth Faried had 20 points and Aaron Brooks hit four straight free throws in the final 12 seconds, helping the injury-riddled Denver Nuggets hold off the Washington Wizards.

Randy Foye added 17 for a Nuggets team that was missing J.J. Hickson, who suffered a torn ligament in his right knee Friday. Wilson Chandler also didn't play (strained left hip) and Jan Vesely didn't return after bruising his rib cage late in the third quarter.

KINGS 124
BUCKS 107

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — DeMarcus Cousins had 32 points and 12 rebounds and Isaiah Thomas had 30 points and eight assists in the Sacramento Kings' victory that sent the Milwaukee Bucks to their seventh straight loss.

Cousins made 14 of 19 shots, four of six free throws and added four assists and two steals.

NBASTANDINGS&BOXES

FROM WIRE REPORTS

STANDINGS
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	39	30	.565	—
Brooklyn	37	31	.544	1 1/2
New York	29	41	.414	10 1/2
Boston	23	47	.329	16 1/2
Philadelphia	15	55	.214	24 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	47	21	.691	—
Washington	36	34	.514	12
Charlotte	34	36	.486	14
Atlanta	31	37	.456	16
Orlando	19	51	.271	29

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Indiana	51	19	.729	—
Chicago	39	31	.557	12
Cleveland	27	44	.380	24 1/2
Detroit	25	44	.362	25 1/2
Milwaukee	13	57	.186	38

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	53	16	.768	—
Houston	47	22	.681	6
Memphis	41	28	.594	12
Dallas	42	29	.592	12
New Orleans	29	40	.420	24

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	51	18	.739	—
Portland	45	25	.643	6 1/2
Minnesota	34	34	.500	16 1/2
Denver	32	38	.457	19 1/2
Utah	23	47	.329	28 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	49	21	.700	—
Golden State	44	27	.620	5 1/2
Phoenix	41	29	.586	8
Sacramento	25	45	.357	24
L.A. Lakers	22	46	.324	26

x-clinched playoff spot

Sunday's Scores

Toronto 96, Atlanta 86
Phoenix 127, Minnesota 120
Denver 105, Washington 102
Sacramento 124, Milwaukee 107
Brooklyn 107, Dallas 104, OT
Cleveland 106, New York 100
Orlando at L.A. Lakers, late

Today's Games

Houston at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Portland at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Indiana at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Denver at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Utah, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY'S BOXES

NETS 107, MAVERICKS 104, OT

BROOKLYN (107): Johnson 8-18 4-5 22, Pierce 3-10 9-12 15, Plumlee 2-8 1-2 5, Williams 3-9 8-8 15, Livingston 4-7 4-4 12, Blatche 2-6 0-0 5, Kirilenko 0-3 0-0 0, Thornton 7-11 2-2 20, Teletovic 3-9 0-0 9. Anderson 2-4 0-0 4, Collins 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 34-84 26-33 107.

DALLAS (104): Marion 5-10 0-0 12, Nowitzki 2-12 0-8 10, Dalembert 4-5 4-6 12, Calderon 0-0 0-0 0, Ellis 11-24 5-11 32, Harris 4-15 0-0 11, Crowder 1-6 2-2 5, Carter 4-13 2-2 12, Wright 2-2 1-2 5, Larkin 2-4 1-2 5. Totals 35-91 24-31 104.

Brooklyn 16 26 24 26 15 — 107
Dallas 28 19 24 18 13 — 104

3-Point Goals—Brooklyn 11-30 (Thornton 4-7, Teletovic 3-7, Johnson 2-6, Blatche 1-1, Williams 1-5, Anderson 0-2, Pierce 0-4), Dallas 10-31 (Harris 3-8, Marion 2-3, Carter 2-5, Ellis 2-8, Crowder 1-4, Nowitzki 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Brooklyn 58 (Livingston, Thornton, Teletovic 7), Dallas 60 (Dalembert 15). Assists—Brooklyn 17 (Pierce, Williams, Blatche, Plumlee 3), Dallas 21 (Harris 6). Total Fouls—Brooklyn 29, Dallas 25. Technicals—Dallas defensive three second. A—19,603 (19,200).

RAPTORS 96, FALCONS 86

ATLANTA (86): Carroll 7-13 2-5 17, Millsap 7-16 1-2 17, Antic 1-6 2-2 4, Teague 5-13 5-5 16, Mack 3-7 1-1 7, Brand 3-3 1-2 7, Williams 1-3 2-2 4, Scott 4-9 0-0 8, Schroder 2-6 1-1 6. Totals 33-76 15-20 86.

TORONTO (96): Ross 4-14 0-1 10, Johnson 3-7 0-0 6, Valanciunas 2-4 9-10 13, Lowry 9-17 4-7 25, DeRozan 8-18 3-4 21, Hansbrough 0-1 2-4 2, Vasquez 5-13 2-2 12, Salmons 0-1 0-0 0, Novak 0-0 0-0 0, De Colo 1-2 0-0 3, Hayes 2-3 0-0 4, Fields 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-80 20-28 96.

Atlanta 26 24 22 15 — 86
Toronto 16 26 18 36 — 96

3-Point Goals—Atlanta 5-20 (Millsap 2-4, Carroll 1-2, Schroder 1-2, Teague 1-3, Mack 0-2, Williams 0-2, Antic 0-5), Toronto 8-24 (Lowry 3-7, DeRozan 2-3, Ross 2-6, De Colo 1-1, Vasquez 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 46 (Antic 10), Toronto 58 (Valanciunas 13). Assists—Atlanta 17 (Teague 5), Toronto 17 (Vasquez 5). Total Fouls—Atlanta 19, Toronto 19. A—18,140 (19,800).

SUNS 127, TIMBERWOLVES 120

PHOENIX (127): Tucker 6-11 5-5 19, Frye 3-5 0-0 6, Plumlee 1-2 0-0 2, Badiane 6-13 8-10 21, Dragic 8-19 0-0 18, Green 3-7 6-6 14, Mark. Morris 10-13 2-4 25, Marc.Morris 4-6 1-2 11, Smith 4-5 0-0 8, Goodwin 1-1 0-0 2, Lam 0-2 1-2 1. Totals 46-85 25-29 127.

MINNESOTA (120): Brewer 6-15 1-1 14, Love 11-27 11-12 36, Dieng 2-3 2-2 6, Rubio 7-12 3-5 19, Martin 6-16 11-12 25, Barea 1-3 0-0 2, Cunningham 4-7 1-1 9, Muhammad 3-8 3-4 9. Totals 40-91 32-37 120.

Phoenix 27 35 31 34 — 127
Minnesota 41 32 30 17 — 120

3-Point Goals—Phoenix 12-27 (Mark.Morris 3-3, Tucker 2-3, Marc.Morris 2-4, Green 2-5, Dragic 2-6, Badiane 1-5, Frye 0-1). Minnesota 8-23 (Love 3-10, Martin 2-4, Rubio 2-4, Brewer 1-2, Muhammad 0-1, Barea 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Phoenix 53 (Tucker, Mark.Morris 8), Minnesota 43 (Love 14). Assists—Phoenix 16 (Dragic 6). Minnesota 25 (Love, Rubio 9). Total Fouls—Phoenix 29, Minnesota 24. Technicals—Green, Tucker, Phoenix defensive three second, Phoenix Bench. A—17,886 (19,356).

NUGGETS 105, WIZARDS 102

WASHINGTON (102): Arizin 8-13 1-2 18, Booker 2-6 0-0 4, Gortat 7-12 2-2 16, Wall 6-13 2-3 15, Beal 8-18 2-2 21, Gooden 7-12 1-1 15, Webster 1-4 2-4 5, Harrington 1-4 4-4 6, A.Miller 1-3 0-0 2, Temple 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 41-85 15-18 102.

DENVER (105): Randolph 1-5 0-0 2, Faried 8-15 4-5 20, Mozgov 2-7 1-2 5, Lawson 4-11 1-2 9, Foye 6-11 0-0 17, Fournier 4-10 0-0 9, Vesely 5-9 0-0 10, Arthur 4-8 4-6 15, C.Miller 2-4 0-0 5, Brooks 4-13 4-4 13. Totals 40-91 14-18 105.

Washington 29 30 24 29 — 102
Denver 21 28 30 26 — 105

3-Point Goals—Washington 5-16 (Beal 3-5, Arizin 1-3, Wall 1-3, Gooden 0-1, Webster 0-2, Harrington 0-2), Denver 11-27 (Foye 5-9, Arthur 3-4, C.Miller 1-2, Fournier 1-4, Brooks 1-4, Lawson 0-1, Mozgov 0-1, Randolph 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Washington 57 (Gortat 10), Denver 45 (Faried 8). Assists—Washington 20 (Gortat 5), Denver 28 (Lawson 8). Total Fouls—Washington 20, Denver 20. Technicals—Mozgov. A—18,324 (19,155).

KINGS 124, BUCKS 107

MILWAUKEE (107): Middleton 3-8 0-0 7, Ilyasova 4-7 5-6 14, Pachulia 4-8 0-2 8, Knight 2-12 2-3 6, Antetokounmpo 3-7 2-2 9, Mayo 9-14 1-2 21, Adrien 4-8 5-8 13, Henson 3-8 1-2 7, Sessions 6-8 1-2 13, Wright 4-5 1-3 9, Radulica 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 42-85 19-30 107.

SACRAMENTO (124): Gay 6-18 6-7 24, Evans 1-5 4-4 6, Cousins 14-19 4-6 32, Thomas 9-13 9-11 30, McLemore 6-15 0-0 15, Williams 0-3 2-2 2, Thompson 1-2 2-2 4, McCallum 1-4 0-0 2, Outlaw 2-6 0-0 5, Gray 1-2 2-2 4. White 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 44-86 29-36 124.

Milwaukee 16 28 26 37 — 107
Sacramento 39 31 34 20 — 124

3-Point Goals—Milwaukee 4-18 (Mayo 2-6, Antetokounmpo 1-2, Middleton 1-4, Ilyasova 0-1, Sessions 0-1, Knight 0-4). Sacramento 7-20 (Thomas 3-4, McLemore 3-8, Outlaw 1-2, Williams 0-2, Gay 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Milwaukee 50 (Antetokounmpo 6), Sacramento 53 (Cousins 12). Assists—Milwaukee 25 (Knight 7), Sacramento 19 (Thomas 8). Total Fouls—Milwaukee 31, Sacramento 23. Flagrant Fouls—Adrien, Middleton. A—16,341 (17,317).

CAVALIERS 106, KNICKS 100

CLEVELAND (106): Deng 5-8 0-0 13, Thompson 3-6 3-4 9, Hawes 3-5 0-0 7, Jack 13-19 4-5 31, Walters 9-17 2-2 22, Gee 4-8 2-2 11, Dellavedova 3-5 2-2 9, Zeller 0-1 0-0 0, Varejao 2-3 0-2 4. Totals 42-89 13-17 106.

NEW YORK (100): Anthony 8-20 12-12 32, Stoudemire 6-10 0-0 12, Chandler 2-2 0-0 4, Felton 5-12 1-2 14, Smith 7-15 2-2 18, Hardaway Jr. 5-12 1-1 12, Prigioni 2-2 0-0 6, Aldrich 0-1 2-2 2, Brown 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 35-77 18-19 100.

Cleveland 27 19 31 29 — 106
New York 34 27 23 16 — 100

3-Point Goals—Cleveland 9-18 (Dieng 3-4, Walters 2-7, Gee 1-1, Hawes 1-1, Jack 1-2, Dellavedova 1-3), New York 12-27 (Anthony 4-9, Felton 3-5, Prigioni 2-2, Smith 2-7, Hardaway Jr. 1-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Cleveland 38 (Walters, Hawes, Jack 5), New York 38 (Anthony 8). Assists—Cleveland 17 (Jack 10), New York 21 (Felton 8). Total Fouls—Cleveland 18, New York 13. Technicals—Stoudemire. A—19,812 (19,763).

McGee-Stafford has 20; Texas defeats Penn

By Joseph White
Associated Press

Longhorns.....79
Quakers.....61

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Down 15 late in the first half, Texas appeared well on the way to another first-round exit. A program with three Final Fours in its history would bid farewell to a group of seniors with a parting gift of a collection of one-and-dones.

Sensing those upper-classmen were perhaps a bit tight, coach Karen Aston turned to the players she calls the "young pups." She sent Brianna Taylor out to start the second half, and the freshman needed less than a minute to score a big fast-break bucket. Meanwhile, sophomore center Imani McGee-Stafford simply took over, scoring 15 of her 20 points after halftime to lead the fifth-seeded Longhorns past No. 12 Penn 79-61 Sunday.

"They just played free tonight," Aston said. "They played without worrying about a lot of mistakes, and it seemed like the older players were fearful of making mistakes."

It was the Longhorns' first NCAA win since 2008. After failing to make the tournament last year, they've returned to end a skid of four consecutive first-round losses.

"I think it absolutely was a step that this program needed to take, should take," Aston said. "And we're just looking to take some more, but it was a big one."

McGee-Stafford went 8 for 11 from the field, grabbed 12 rebounds and made all four of her free throws. The Longhorns (22-11) went 18 for 18 from the line for the game and shot 61 percent in the second half to set up a second-round meeting Tuesday with fourth-seeded Maryland.

Texas trailed 32-17 late in the first half and 38-31 at halftime, but the stronger, more athletic Longhorns cut down on their turnovers and took advantage of Penn's foul trouble to pull off a 22-2 run early in the second half.

"I don't want to say I freaked out about the score, but it was on my mind," McGee-Stafford said. "I know I only had, like, five points and I hadn't taken that many shots, so that said something about my aggression."

Alyssa Baron scored 25 points to lead the Quakers (23-6), who were trying to become only the second Ivy League team to win a game in the women's tournament. The conference dropped to 1-22 all-time, although the one victory was historic: Harvard over Stanford in 1997, the only time a No. 16 seed has topped a No. 1 in men's or women's tournament history.

Baron's hot hand gave Penn the early lead, but the officials called the game close, and that hurt the Quakers' chances to hold on.

Ivy League rookie of the year and defensive player of the year Sydney Stipanovich played only seven minutes in the first half because of foul trouble, and it's safe to say she did little to get her money's worth on the calls. She picked up her fourth soon after halftime, leaving a void in the middle for McGee-Stafford to lead Texas' comeback.

Gail Burton/AP

Texas players, from left to right, Nekia Jones, Imani McGee-Stafford and Empress Davenport celebrate a basket against Penn during the second half of the first round of the NCAA women's tournament Sunday in College Park, Md.

MEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MIDWEST REGIONAL
KENTUCKY 78
WICHITA STATE 76

ST. LOUIS — Andrew Harrison scored 20 points, twin brother Aaron had 19 and Kentucky ended Wichita State's pursuit of perfection Sunday when Fred VanVleet's potential game-winning 3-pointer missed in a 78-76 victory in the NCAA Tournament.

Julius Randle had 13 points and 10 rebounds, and James Young also had 13 points for the No. 8 seed Wildcats (26-10), who made a series of clutch free throws in the final minutes to hold off the top-seeded Shockers in arguably the most captivating game of a thrilling first weekend.

Kentucky will play in-state rival Louisville in the Sweet 16 on Friday in Indianapolis.

Cleanthony Early scored 31 points and Ron Baker had 20 for the Shockers (35-1), who hadn't lost since last year's Final Four.

TENNESSEE 83
MERCER 63

RALEIGH, N.C. — Jarnell Stokes had 17 points and a career-high-tying 18 rebounds, and Tennessee denied Mercer a second straight upset in the NCAA Tournament.

Josh Richardson had a career-high 26 points and Antonio Barton added 18 for the 11th-seeded Vols (24-12), who outrebounded Mercer 41-19 and kept the Southeastern Conference perfect in the tournament.

EAST REGION
IOWA STATE 85
NORTH CAROLINA 83

SAN ANTONIO — DeAndre Kane drove for the game-winning layup with 1.6 seconds left and No. 3 seed Iowa State advanced to the Sweet 16 for the first time since 2000.

The Cyclones (28-7) head to Madison Square Garden next week to face No. 7 seed Connecticut in the East Regional semifinals.

VIRGINIA 78
MEMPHIS 60

RALEIGH, N.C. — Joe Harris scored 16 points and top-seeded Virginia shot 56 percent to beat Memphis 78-60 on Sunday night, earning its first trip to the NCAA Tournament round of 16 in nearly two decades.

Anthony Gill added 13 points for the Cavaliers (30-6), who turned in a dominating performance while controlling the tempo and shutting down the eighth-seeded Tigers (24-10) at nearly every turn.

WEST REGIONAL
ARIZONA 84
GONZAGA 61

SAN DIEGO — Aaron Gordon and Rondae Hollis-Jefferson scored 18 points each, and Arizona looked every bit the No. 1 seed in the West while blowing out Gonzaga 84-61 on Sunday.

After four days of upsets and buzzer beaters, Arizona (32-4) closed out the NCAA Tournament's first weekend with a display of domination.

The Wildcats harassed the eighth-seeded Bulldogs (29-7) into 21 turnovers — 15 on steals — that led to 31 points.

SOUTH REGION
STANFORD 60
KANSAS 57

Dwight Powell had 15 points and seven rebounds and No. 10 seed Stanford wrapped up its second straight upset at the free throw line.

Chasson Randle added 13 points, six steals and four assists for the Cardinal (23-12), who advanced to the round of 16 for the first time since 2008 — also their last NCAA appearance. They beat No. 7 seed New Mexico on Friday.

UCLA 77
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN 60

SAN DIEGO — Jordan Adams scored 19 points and UCLA reached the Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2008.

The fourth-seeded Bruins (28-8) will play Florida, the tournament's overall top seed, in the South Regional semifinals on Thursday in Memphis. First-year coach Steve Alford has won as many NCAA Tournament games in three days as the Bruins had in the previous five seasons combined.

BEARS

From 1C

layups and putback baskets.

McDermott spurned the chance to turn pro after last season, and this was the year the Bluejays and their senior-laden lineup were expected to drive Creighton farther into the NCAA Tournament than any Bluejays team before them.

But Baylor's defense gave him nothing: neither space to shoot nor even chances for his teammates to pass him the ball.

And for all the talk about Creighton's maturity and bonding, Baylor made the Bluejays look small and slow.

"This is the worst we've played all season, and it just stinks that it's the last one. But that doesn't take away from all my memories here. It's tough to go out this way," McDermott said.

Baylor came out blazing from long range, knocking down five 3-pointers in the first 7 minutes. Kenny Chery made three and when Heslip, who was 0 for 6 in Friday's win over Nebraska, swished his first against Creighton, he mockingly shook the fingers on both hands as he loped back down the court.

"We were just expecting it to be a fight, to be honest," Heslip said.

McDermott, meanwhile, struggled to find any kind of space inside or out against Baylor's zone defense and badly misfired on his first attempt, a baseline shot that missed everything.

This rout was just beginning.

The Bears flexed their muscle early and often with a lineup built for the rigors of the Big 12. Austin is 7-foot-1 and he teamed with 6-10 forward Cory Jefferson in the frontcourt. When Creighton missed a shot, the typical result was three Bears under the basket with no Bluejays around.

AGGIES

From 1C

swag, too, and I want us to get our swag back. … It will be a very guard-oriented game."

A&M, which won the school's lone national title in the sport in 2011, will try and advance to the Sweet 16 for the first time in two seasons. A year ago, the Aggies lost in the second round to Nebraska in Reed Arena.

"We've got to play a lot better if we expect to go anywhere else in the NCAA tournament," Blair said.

Following halftime Sunday, A&M outscored UND 18-4 in the first five minutes in sending the visitors (22-10) home after their first NCAA tournament game in history.

"We played a really good first half," said UND forward Madi Buck, who tallied a game-high 22 points. "Then we ran into playing their style of ball in the second half."

Despite the tight first half, the athletic Aggies dominated UND overall in the paint (34-22), and on second-chance opportunities (14-4) and the fast break (16-3). Guard Courtney Walker led the Aggies with 19 points, including 11 in the second half.

"We had to win a ball game," Blair said of what he described as a harsh halftime speech. "Sometimes you can't just keep patting athletes on the back all of the time. We responded well."

TEXAS WOMEN'S NCAA ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CONNECTICUT 87
PRAIRIE VIEW 45

STORRS, Conn. — Breanna Stewart led a balanced offense with 19 points and 10 rebounds as defending champion UConn routed Prairie View A&M 87-45 in the first round of the NCAA tournament on Sunday.

Stewart was among five Huskies (35-0) who scored in double figures on coach Geno Auriemma's 60th birthday, giving him his 92nd NCAA tournament win.

Moriah Jefferson had 14 points, four assists and five steals. Bria Hartley had 16 points.

LaReahn Washington scored 13 points to lead Prairie View. The Southwestern Athletic Conference tournament champions finish their season at 14-18.

The Huskies, who just completed their seventh undefeated regular season, are looking for a record ninth NCAA title. They will face Saint Joseph's in a second-round game Tuesday night. The Hawks beat Georgia 67-57 earlier Sunday.

TOURNAMENT SCORES AND SCHEDULES

Men

NCAA Tournament Glance
Second Round
Thursday, March 20
At First Niagara Center
Buffalo, N.Y.
UConn 89, Saint Joseph's 81, OT
Villanova 73, Milwaukee 53
At Spokane Arena
Spokane, Wash.
Harvard 61, Cincinnati 57
Michigan State 93, Delaware 78
Friday, March 21
At PNC Arena
Raleigh, N.C.
Memphis 71, George Washington 66
Virginia 70, Coastal Carolina 59
At The AT&T Center
San Antonio
North Carolina 79, Providence 77
Iowa State 93, North Carolina Central 75
Third Round
Saturday, March 22
At First Niagara Center
Buffalo, N.Y.
UConn 77, Villanova 65
At Spokane Arena
Spokane, Wash.
Michigan State 80, Harvard 73
Sunday
At PNC Arena
Raleigh, N.C.
Virginia 78, Memphis 60
At The AT&T Center
San Antonio
Iowa State 85, North Carolina 83
Regional Semifinals
At Madison Square Garden
New York
Friday, March 28
UConn (28-8) vs. Iowa State (28-7), TBA
Michigan State (28-8) vs. Virginia (30-6), TBA
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 30
Semifinal winners

SOUTH REGIONAL
Second Round
Thursday, March 20
At First Niagara Center
Buffalo, N.Y.
Dayton 60, Ohio State 59
Syracuse 77, Western Michigan 53
At The Amway Center
Orlando, Fla.
Pittsburgh 77, Colorado 48
Florida 67, Albany (N.Y.) 55
Friday, March 21
At Scottrade Center
St. Louis
Stanford 58, New Mexico 53
Kansas 80, Eastern Kentucky 69
At Viejas Arena
San Diego
Stephen F Austin 77, VCU 75, OT
UCLA 76, Tulsa 59
Third Round
Saturday, March 22
At First Niagara Center
Buffalo, N.Y.
Dayton 55, Syracuse 53
At The Amway Center
Orlando, Fla.
Florida 61, Pittsburgh 45
Sunday
At Scottrade Center
St. Louis
Stanford 60, Kansas 57
At Viejas Arena
San Diego
UCLA 77, Stephen F Austin 60
Regional Semifinals
At FedExForum
Memphis, Tenn.
Thursday, March 27
Dayton (25-10) vs. Stanford (23-12)
Florida (34-2) vs. UCLA (28-8)
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 29
Semifinal winners

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Second Round
Thursday, March 20
At The Amway Center
Orlando, Fla.
Saint Louis 83, N.C. State 80, OT
Louisville 71, Manhattan 64
At BMO Harris Bradley Center
Milwaukee
Michigan 57, Wofford 40
Texas 87, Arizona State 85
Friday, March 21
At PNC Arena
Raleigh, N.C.
Mercer 78, Duke 71
Tennessee 88, UMass 67
At Scottrade Center
St. Louis
Wichita State 64, Cal Poly 37
Kentucky 56, Kansas State 49
Third Round
Saturday, March 22
At The Amway Center
Orlando, Fla.
Louisville 65, Saint Louis 51
At BMO Harris Bradley Center
Milwaukee
Michigan 79, Texas 65
Sunday
At PNC Arena
Raleigh, N.C.
Tennessee 83, Mercer 63
At Scottrade Center
St. Louis
Kentucky 78, Wichita State 76
Regional Semifinals
At Lucas Oil Stadium
Indianapolis
Friday, March 28
Kentucky (26-10) vs. Louisville (31-5)
Michigan (27-9) vs. Tennessee (24-12)
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 30
Semifinal winners

WEST REGIONAL
Second Round
Thursday, March 20
At BMO Harris Bradley Center
Milwaukee
Wisconsin 75, American 35
Oregon 87, BYU 68
At Spokane Arena
Spokane, Wash.
North Dakota State 80, Oklahoma 75, OT
San Diego State 73, New Mexico State 69, OT
Friday, March 21
At The AT&T Center
San Antonio
Baylor 74, Nebraska 60
Creighton 76, Louisiana-Lafayette 66
At Viejas Arena
San Diego
Arizona 68, Weber State 59
Gonzaga 85, Oklahoma State 77
Third Round
Saturday, March 22
At BMO Harris Bradley Center
Milwaukee
Wisconsin 85, Oregon 77
At Spokane Arena
Spokane, Wash.
San Diego State 63, North Dakota State 44
Sunday
At The AT&T Center
San Antonio
Baylor 85, Creighton 55
At Viejas Arena
San Diego
Arizona 84, Gonzaga 61
Regional Semifinals
At The Honda Center
Anaheim, Calif.
Thursday, March 27
Wisconsin (28-7) vs. Baylor (26-11), TBA
San Diego State (31-4) vs. Arizona (32-4)
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 29
Semifinal winners

National Invitation Tournament Glance
Second Round
Friday, March 21
Belmont 82, Robert Morris 71
Saturday, March 22
Louisiana Tech 79, Georgia 71
Sunday
Clemson 50, Illinois 49
Minnesota 63, Saint Mary's (Calif.) 55
Southern Miss 71, Missouri 63
Today
Georgetown (18-14) at Florida State (20-13), 6 p.m.
LSU (20-13) at SMU (24-9), 8 p.m.
Arkansas (22-11) at California (20-13), 10 p.m.

College Basketball Invitational Glance
Quarterfinals
First Round
Tuesday, March 18
Siena 66, Stony Brook 55
Wednesday, March 19
Penn State 89, Hampton 65
Old Dominion 72, South Dakota State 65
Texas A&M 59, Wyoming 43
Princeton 56, Tulane 55
Illinois State 77, Morehead State 67
Fresno State 61, UTEP 56
Radford 98, Oregon State 92
Today
Penn State (16-17) at Siena (16-17), 6 p.m.
Radford (22-12) at Old Dominion (17-17), 6 p.m.
Texas A&M (18-15) at Illinois State (17-15), 7:05 p.m.
Princeton (21-8) at Fresno State (18-16), 9 p.m.

Collegeinsider.com Tournament Glance
First Round
Monday, March 17
Holy Cross 68, Brown 65
Tuesday, March 18
VMI 111, Canisius 100
Wright State 73, East Carolina 59
Eastern Michigan 58, Norfolk State 54
ETSU 79, Chattanooga 66
Columbia 58, Valparaiso 56
Sam Houston State 71, Alabama State 49
San Diego 87, Portland State 65
Wednesday March 19
Yale 69, Quinnipiac 68
Towson 63, S.C. Upstate 60
Ohio 64, Cleveland State 62
IPFW 97, Akron 91
Murray State 66, Missouri State 63
Nebraska-Omaha 91, North Dakota 75
Texas A&M Corpus Christi 62, Northern Colorado 71
Pacific 69, Grand Canyon 67
Second Round
Friday, March 21
Towson 83, ETSU 77
Saturday
VMI 108, IPFW 95
Ohio 56, Wright State 54
Yale 71, Holy Cross 68
Columbia 58, Eastern Michigan 56
San Diego 77, Sam Houston State 72
Pacific 89, Texas A&M C.C. 60
Today
Nebraska-Omaha (17-14) at Murray State (19-11), 7 p.m.

NCAA Div. II Basketball Tournament Glance
Third Round
Monday, March 17
At San Bernardino, Calif.
Cal State Chico 81, Cal State Bakersfield 80
Tuesday, March 18
At New Haven, Conn.
S. Connecticut 75, Saint Anselm 72
At Mankato, Minn.
Central Missouri 60, NW Missouri St. 59, OT
At Lakeland, Fla.
Tuskegee 80, Delta State 59
At Denver
Metro State 78, Midwestern State 56
At Springfield, Mo.
Drury 71, Michigan Tech 57
At East Stroudsburg, Pa.
West Liberty 89, East Stroudsburg 82
At Aiken, S.C.
S. Carolina Aiken 84, Montevallo 73
Quarterfinals
At Evansville, Ind.
Wednesday
S. Connecticut vs. Central Missouri, 11 a.m.
Tuskegee vs. Metro State, 1:30 p.m.
Drury vs. West Liberty, 5 p.m.
Cal State Chico vs. S. Carolina Aiken, 7:30 p.m.

NAIA Division I Men's Basketball Glance
At Municipal Auditorium
Kansas City, Mo.
First Round
Quarterfinals
Saturday
Emmanuel 94, Cal State San Marcos 89, OT
St. Gregory's 84, Freed-Hardeman 82
Vanguard 93, Georgetown (Ky.) 85
MidAmerica Nazarene 86, St. Catharine (Ky.) 73
Semifinals
Today
Emmanuel (32-3) vs. St. Gregory's (24-9), 6 p.m.
Vanguard (30-6) vs. MidAmerica Nazarene (26-10), 8 p.m.
Championship
Tuesday, March 25
Semifinals winners, 7 p.m.

Women

NCAA Basketball Tournament Glance
LINCOLN REGIONAL
Saturday, March 22
At Durham, N.C.
Duke 87, Winthrop 45
DePaul 104, Oklahoma 100
At Los Angeles
Nebraska 74, Fresno State 55
BYU 72, N.C. State 57
Sunday
At Storrs, Conn.
Saint Joseph's 67, Georgia 57
UConn 87, Prairie View 44
At College Station
James Madison 72, Gonzaga 63
Texas A&M 70, North Dakota 55
Second Round
Today
At Los Angeles
BYU (27-6) vs. Nebraska (26-6), 8:10 p.m.
At Durham, N.C.
DePaul (28-6) vs. Duke (28-6), 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday
At Storrs, Conn.
UConn (35-0) vs. Saint Joseph's (23-9), 6:05 p.m.
At College Station
James Madison (29-5) vs. Texas A&M (25-8), 8:45 p.m.
Regional Semifinals
At Lincoln, Neb.
Saturday, March 29
UConn-Saint Joseph's winner vs. BYU-Nebraska winner, TBA
DePaul-Duke winner vs. James Madison—Texas A&M-North Dakota winner, TBA
Monday, March 31
Regional Championship
Semifinal winners, TBA

STANFORD REGIONAL
First Round
Saturday, March 22
At Ames, Iowa
Florida State 55, Iowa State 44
Stanford 81, South Dakota 62
Sunday
At Seattle
South Carolina 73, Cal State Northridge 58
Oregon State 55, Middle Tennessee 36
At Chapel Hill, N.C.
Michigan State 91, Hampton 61
North Carolina 80, UT-Martin 58
At State College, Pa.
Penn State 62, Wichita State 56
Florida 83, Dayton 69
Second Round
Today
At Ames, Iowa
Florida State (21-11) vs. Stanford (29-3), 5:40 p.m.
Tuesday
At Seattle
South Carolina (28-4) vs. Oregon State (24-10), 8:40 p.m.
At Chapel Hill, N.C.
Michigan State (25-9) vs. North Carolina (25-9), 6:10 p.m.
At State College, Pa.
Florida (20-12) vs. Penn State (23-7), 6:10 p.m.
Regional Semifinals
At Stanford, Calif.
Sunday, March 30
South Carolina—Middle Tennessee-Oregon State winner vs. Michigan State-North Carolina winner, TBA
Florida State-Stanford winner vs. Florida-Penn State winner, TBA
Regional Championship
Tuesday, April 1
Semifinal winners, TBA

NOTRE DAME REGIONAL
First Round
Saturday, March 22
At Toledo, Ohio
Arizona State 89, Vanderbilt 81
Notre Dame 93, Robert Morris 42
At West Lafayette, Ind.
Oklahoma State 81, Florida Gulf Coast 60, OT
Purdue 84, Akron 55
At Lexington, Ky.
Kentucky 104, Wright State 60
Syracuse 59, Chattanooga 53
At Waco
California 64, Fordham 63
Baylor 87, Western Kentucky 74
Second Round
Today
At Toledo, Ohio
Notre Dame (33-0) vs. Arizona State (23-9), 5:30 p.m.
At West Lafayette, Ind.
Oklahoma State (24-8) vs. Purdue (22-8), 5:30 p.m.
At Lexington, Ky.
Syracuse (23-9) vs. Kentucky (25-8), 5:30 p.m.
At Waco
California (22-9) vs. Baylor (30-4), 8:15 p.m.
Regional Semifinals
At Notre Dame, Ind.
Saturday, March 29
Notre Dame-Arizona State winner vs. Oklahoma State-Purdue, TBA
Syracuse-Kentucky winner vs. California-Baylor winner, TBA Regional Championship
Monday, March 31
Semifinal winners, TBA

LOUISVILLE REGIONAL
First Round
Saturday, March 22
At Knoxville, Tenn.
Tennessee 70, Northwestern State 46
St. John's 71, Southern Cal 68
Sunday
At College Park, Md.
Maryland 90, Army 52
Texas 79, Pennsylvania 61
At Iowa City, Iowa
Louisville 88, Idaho 42
Iowa 87, Marist 65
At Baton Rouge, La.
LSU 98, Georgia Tech 78
West Virginia 76, Albany (N.Y.) 61
Second Round
Today
At Knoxville, Tenn.
Tennessee (27-5) vs. St. John's (23-10), 8:05 p.m.
Tuesday
At College Park, Md.
Texas (22-11) vs. Maryland (25-6), 6:05 p.m.
At Iowa City, Iowa
Iowa vs. Louisville (31-4), 8:35 p.m.
At Baton Rouge, La.
LSU (20-12) vs. West Virginia (30-4), 8:45 p.m.
Regional Semifinals
At Louisville, Ky.
Sunday, March 30
Tennessee-St. John's winner vs. Texas-Maryland winner, TBA Iowa-Louisville winner vs. LSU-West Virginia winner, TBA Regional Championship
Tuesday, April 1
Semifinal winners, TBA

National Invitation Tournament Glance
Second Round
Saturday
Indiana 72, Marquette 69
Colorado 79, Southern Utah 68
Sunday
George Washington 76, Villanova 66
South Florida 75, Stetson 56
Northwestern 88, IUPUI 52
South Dakota State 62, Creighton 51
Seton Hall 75, Princeton 74
Minnesota 77, SMU 70
Today
Duquesne (20-12) at Michigan (19-13), 6 p.m.
Harvard (22-7) at Rutgers (23-9), 6 p.m.
Old Dominion (18-15) at Auburn (18-14), 6 p.m.
St. Bonaventure (24-10) at Bowling Green (26-4), 6 p.m.
Southern Miss. (27-6) at Mississipi State (20-13), 7 p.m.
San Diego (23-8) at Montana (23-10), 8 p.m.
Saint Mary's (Calif.) (23-9) at UTEP (25-7), 8 p.m.
Washington (18-13) at Oregon (16-15), 9 p.m.

NCAA Div. II Basketball Tournament Glance
Third Round
Monday, March 17
At Hickory, N.C.
Limestone 74, Armstrong Atlantic 55
At Canyon
West Texas A&M 60, Colorado Mesa 56
At Searcy, Ark.
Concordia-St. Paul 70, Emporia State 67
At Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
Nova Southeastern 56, Tampa 53
At Glenville, W.Va.
Edinboro 82, Bloomsburg 76
At Pomona, Calif.
Cal Poly Pomona 73, Montana State Billings 68
At Waltham, Mass.
Bentley 83, LIU Post 62
At Springfield, Mo.
Drury 99, Wayne State (Mich.) 63
Quarterfinals
At Erie, Pa.
Tuesday
Limestone vs. West Texas A&M, 11 a.m.
Nova Southeastern vs. Concordia-St. Paul, 1:30 p.m.
Bentley vs. Drury, 5 p.m.
Edinboro vs. Cal Poly Pomona, 7:30 p.m.

NAIA Division I Basketball Glance
At Frankfort (Ky.) Convention Center
Quarterfinals
Saturday
Freed-Hardeman 66, Bethel (Tenn.) 48
Oklahoma City 79, Campbellsville 76
Wiley 75, Westminster (Utah) 58
John Brown 65, Loyola (La.) 63
Semifinals
Today
Freed-Hardeman (35-1) vs. Oklahoma City (25-4), 5 p.m.
Wiley (30-4) vs. John Brown (29-7), 7 p.m.
Championship
Tuesday
Semifinals winners, 5:30 p.m.

PALMER

From 1C

green and had an audience with The King — tournament host Arnold Palmer.

"I kept telling myself, 'Maybe it's going to be somewhere special,'" Every said about going for his first win. "This is really cool. I still can't believe it."

Every finished at 13-under 275, one shot ahead of Bradley, who needed two late birdies for a 72.

Until Sunday, about the only time Every made news on the PGA Tour was when he was arrested and jailed on a misdemeanor drug possession charge at the 2010 John Deere Classic after agents were called to a casino hotel because of a strong odor of marijuana coming from the room he was in.

Every paid the price with a three-month suspension that kept him from retaining his PGA Tour card. He once said earning his card back was his greatest achievement, though that sure takes a seat back to his win at Bay Hill.

Along with getting into the Masters, Every qualifies for two World Golf Championships and the PGA Championship.

Jason Kokrak closed with a 73 to finish alone in fourth. Erik Compton, twice a recipient of a heart transplant, shot 69 and tied for fifth with Stenson and Francesco Molinari of Italy (73).

Chris O'Meara/AP

Adam Scott hits from the sand trap on the first hole during the final round of the Arnold Palmer Invitational on Sunday at Bay Hill in Orlando, Fla.

As big of a win as it was for Every, it was crushing for Scott. His long putter staked him a big lead at the halfway point, and it hurt over the final two rounds, particularly on Sunday. The longest putt he made all day was from 12 feet for par on the 15th hole, and he missed five putts inside 10 feet.

He had talked Saturday night about being in the prime of his career and needing to capitalize on chances. Instead, the 33-year-old Australian let another one get away.

Scott had a three-shot lead over Bradley to start the final round and had another sloppy start.

This time, however, he didn't recover.

He went bunker-to-bunker for bogey on the opening hole and pulled his 3-wood off the tee and into the water for another bogey on No. 3. He appeared to steady himself with an up-and-down birdie on the par-5 fourth.

He didn't make another birdie the rest of the way.

Every seized control after one of his worst shots of the day, and one of his best breaks. He pulled his tee shot on No. 9 toward the trees and the out-of-bounds stakes, only for the ball to roll along the cart path for a slight opening through the trees. He hit that 15 feet below the hole for birdie, and then tied Scott for the lead with a 20-foot birdie putt on the next hole.

BAY HILL RESULTS

PGA

Bay Hill Scores
Sunday
At Bay Hill Club and Lodge Course
Orlando, Fla.
Purse: $6.2 million
Yardage: 7,419; Par: 72
Final
a-amateur

Matt Every (500), $1,116,000	70—275
Keegan Bradley (300), $669,600	72—276
Adam Scott (190), $421,800	76—277
Jason Kokrak (135), $297,600	73—278
Erik Compton (100), $226,300	69—279
Francesco Molinari, $226,300	73—279
Henrik Stenson (100), $226,300	68—279
Ryo Ishikawa (83), $186,000	71—280
Brandt Snedeker (83), $186,000	68—280
J.B. Holmes (68), $148,800	73—282
Freddie Jacobson (68), $148,800	73—282
Graeme McDowell (68), $148,800	70—282
Sean O'Hair (68), $148,800	67—282
Kevin Chappell (55), $102,300	71—283
Harris English (55), $102,300	68—283
Lucas Glover (55), $102,300	69—283
Matt Jones (55), $102,300	72—283
George McNeill (55), $102,300	71—283
Kevin Na (55), $102,300	71—283
Brian Davis (49), $67,167	69—284
Vijay Singh (49), $67,167	71—284
Camilo Villegas (49), $67,167	67—284
Gary Woodland (49), $67,167	70—284
Ian Poulter (49), $67,167	76—284
Brendan Steele (49), $67,167	72—284
Chesson Hadley (43), $45,880	79—285
Trevor Immelman (43), $45,880	73—285
Brooks Koepka, $45,880	69—285
Davis Love III (43), $45,880	73—285
Nicholas Thompson (43), $45,880	70—285
Retief Goosen (39), $37,588	73—286
Danny Lee (39), $37,588	70—286
Marc Leishman (39), $37,588	71—286
Chris Stroud (39), $37,588	72—286
Aaron Baddeley (33), $28,636	77—287
Gonzalo Fdez-Castano (33), $28,636	70—287
Luke Guthrie (33), $28,636	71—287
Peter Hanson (33), $28,636	72—287
Morgan Hoffmann (33), $28,636	78—287
Charles Howell III (33), $28,636	76—287
Bryce Molder (33), $28,636	74—287
Seung-Yul Noh (33), $28,636	73—287
Charlie Beljan (24), $18,476	74—288
James Donaldson, $18,476	76—288
Billy Horschel (24), $18,476	75—288
Zach Johnson (24), $18,476	73—288
Russell Knox (24), $18,476	74—288
Will MacKenzie (24), $18,476	70—288
John Merrick (24), $18,476	73—288
Sam Saunders, $18,476	77—288
Jhonattan Vegas (24), $18,476	71—288
David Hearn (18), $14,539	74—289
David Lingmerth (18), $14,539	74—289
Patrick Reed (18), $14,539	77—289
John Senden (18), $14,539	72—289
Jason Bohn (14), $14,012	72—290
Lee Janzen (14), $14,012	71—290
Cameron Tringale (14), $14,012	71—290
x-Zachary Olsen, $0	74—290
Brny Baird (9), $13,454	74—291
Paul Casey (9), $13,454	73—291
K.J. Choi (9), $13,454	75—291
Chris Kirk (9), $13,454	78—291
Ryan Moore (9), $13,454	73—291
Brian Stuard (9), $13,454	71—291
Stewart Cink (5), $13,020	79—292
Padraig Harrington (3), $12,772	80—293
Rod Pampling (3) $12,772	77—293
Pat Perez (3), $12,772	83—293
Woody Austin (1), $12,462	76—294
Michael Putnam (1), $12,462	75—294
Greg Owen (1), $12,214	76—295
Tim Wilkinson (1), $12,214	73—295
Chad Campbell (1), $11,966	**77—296**
Justin Hicks (1), $11,966	79—296
Martin Laird (1), $11,780	78—297

Maggert wins at Fallen Oak in Champions Tour debut

Associated Press

SAUCIER, Miss. — Jeff Maggert became the 17th player in Champions Tour history to win in his debut, shooting a 4-under 68 on Sunday at the Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic at Fallen Oak.

Maggert fell into a tie for the lead with Billy Andrade after making bogey on No. 16, but responded with an astonishing, 50-foot putt for birdie on No. 17 that pushed him back ahead.

Maggert's decisive putt had a large break from left to right and was over a ridge, and the 50-year-old struck it perfectly, shaking his head in disbelief after it fell in the hole.

GOLF SCORES

Champions

Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic Scores
Sunday
At Fallen Oak
Biloxi, Miss.
Purse: $1.6 million
Yardage: 7,095; Par 72
Final

Jeff Maggert (240), $240,000	68-69-68—205
Billy Andrade (141), $140,800	71-65-71—207
Jay Haas (105), $105,200	68-68-71—208
Bernhard Langer (105), $105,200	71-69-68—208
Fred Couples (76), $76,000	66-71-72—209
Bart Bryant (48), $47,543	70-71-68—209
Mike Goodes (48), $47,543	73-70-67—210
Scott Hoch (48), $47,543	71-69-70—210
Steve Pate (48), $47,543	73-70-67—210
Jeff Sluman (48), $47,543	70-73-67—210
Colin Montgomerie (48), $47,543	71-69-70—210
John Riggar (48), $47,543	69-70-71—210
Michael Allen (0), $28,000	68-72-71—211
Fred Funk (0), $28,000	69-67-75—211
Tom Lehman (0), $28,000	70-69-72—211
Mark O'Meara (0), $28,000	70-68-73—211
Kenny Perry (0), $28,000	68-73-70—211
Duffy Waldorf (0), $28,000	69-69-73—211
Esteban Toledo (0), $21,013	71-72-69—212
Russ Cochran (0), $21,013	72-69-71—212
Scott Dunlap (0), $21,013	69-72-71—212
Roger Chapman (0), $17,240	69-70-74—213
Anders Forsbrand (0), $17,240	69-72-72—213
Bill Glasson (0), $17,240	71-67-75—213
Tom Pernice Jr. (0), $17,240	72-71-70—213
Olin Browne (0), $14,560	70-70-74—214
Sandy Lyle (0), $14,560	70-73-71—214
Jim Rutledge (0), $14,560	74-69-71—214
Mark Calcavecchia (0), $12,096	72-73-70—215
Bobby Clampett (0), $12,096	73-72-70—215
Mark McNulty (0), $12,096	70-70-75—215
Gene Sauers (0), $12,096	73-68-74—215
Rod Spittle (0), $12,096	72-71-72—215
Tom Kite (0), $10,080	69-74-73—216
Rocco Mediate (0), $10,080	72-72-72—216
Joey Sindelar (0), $10,080	74-71-71—216
Tommy Armour III (0), $8,000	74-69-74—217
Mark Brooks (0), $8,000	74-72-71—217
Joe Daley (0), $8,000	72-71-74—217
Rick Fehr (0), $8,000	70-77-70—217
Larry Nelson (0), $8,000	78-68-71—217
Loren Roberts (0), $8,000	72-71-74—217
Scott Simpson (0), $8,000	75-71-71—217
Sonny Skinner (0), $8,000	75-72-70—217
Frank Esposito, Jr. (0), $5,440	74-69-75—218
Brad Faxon (0), $5,440	74-72-72—218
Bob Friend (0), $5,440	72-73-73—218
John Inman (0), $5,440	77-70-71—218
Mark Mouland (0), $5,440	74-72-72—218
Jim Thorpe (0), $5,440	70-74-74—218
Kirk Triplett (0), $5,440	72-69-77—218
Bob Tway (0), $5,440	73-75-70—218
Nick Faldo (0), $3,840	74-72-73—219
Peter Senior (0), $3,840	74-71-74—219
Wes Short, Jr. (0), $3,840	73-68-78—219
Steve Lowery (0), $3,360	73-76-71—220
Andrew Magee (0), $3,360	75-72-73—220
Corey Pavin (0), $3,360	76-69-75—220
Ben Bates (0), $2,800	73-71-77—221
Tom Byrum (0), $2,800	72-78-71—221
Brian Henninger (0), $2,800	73-72-76—221
Mike Reid (0), $2,800	74-70-77—221
Brad Bryant (0), $1,929	73-74-75—222
Larry Mize (0), $1,929	76-72-74—222
Greg Bruckner (0), $1,929	74-75-73—222
Dan Forsman (0), $1,929	77-74-71—222
Jeff Hart (0), $1,929	75-74-73—222
Nick Price (0), $1,929	74-75-73—222
Willie Wood (0), $1,929	75-74-73—222
Kohki Idoki (0), $1,360	75-73-75—223
Craig Stadler (0), $1,360	73-73-77—223
Jose Coceres (0), $1,168	79-72-73—224
Jim Gallagher, Jr. (0), $1,168	75-73-76—224
Tom Purtzer (0), $1,056	79-78-68—225
Bob Gilder (0), $960	76-77-73—226
Dana Quigley (0), $960	72-77-77—226
Bobby Wadkins (0), $864	78-71-78—227
Chien Soon Lu (0), $800	80-75-75—230
Gary Hallberg (0), $736	79-75-78—232
Ben Crenshaw (0), $688	76-77-82—235

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Panama Claro Championship Scores
Sunday
At Panama Golf Club Course
Panama City
Purse: $625,000
Yardage: 7,171; Par: 70
Final

Carlos Ortiz, $112,500	64—268
Jason Gore, $67,500	66—272
Daniel Berger, $32,500	67—273
Derek Fathauer, $32,500	67—273
Aron Price, $32,500	70—273
Nick Taylor, $21,719	67—274
Roland Thatcher, $21,719	70—274
Steve Allan, $18,125	71—275
Mark Hubbard, $18,125	70—275
Tim Petrovic, $18,125	69—275
Alex Cejka, $13,750	69—276
Fabian Gomez, $13,750	66—276
Manuel Villegas, $13,750	69—276
Steve Wheatcroft, $13,750	67—276
Jon Curran, $10,000	72—277
James Nitties, $10,000	70—277
Andrew D. Putnam, $10,000	72—277
Jonathan Randolph, $10,000	71—277
Justin Thomas, $10,000	69—277
Steven Alker, $7,025	68—278
Chris Epperson, $7,025	68—278
Colt Knost, $7,025	70—278
Byron Smith, $7,025	69—278
Will Wilcox, $7,025	68—278
Carlos Franco, $4,966	68—279
Andres Gonzales, $4,966	70—279
Philip Pettit, Jr., $4,966	71—279
Shawn Stefani, $4,966	67—279
T.J. Vogel, $4,966	70—279
Camilo Benedetti, $3,290	72—280
Justin Bolli, $3,290	66—280
Cam Burke, $3,290	71—280
Gavin Coles, $3,290	69—280
Zack Fischer, $3,290	72—280
Oscar Fraustro, $3,290	69—280
Richard S. Johnson, $3,290	69—280
Billy Mayfair, $3,290	67—280
Timothy O'Neal, $3,290	68—280
Kyle Stough, $3,290	64—280
Zack Sucher, $3,290	71—280
Jose Toledo, $3,290	71—280
Jeff Klauk, $3,290	72—280
Alex Prugh, $3,290	73—280
J.J. Killeen, $2,125	71—281
Andy Pope, $2,125	71—281
Vaughn Taylor, $2,125	73—281
Chris Baker, $1,859	69—282
Henrik Norlander, $1,859	70—282
Scott Parel, $1,859	73—282
Andrew Svoboda, $1,859	74—282
Max Homa, $1,744	70—283
Whee Kim, $1,744	68—283
Luke List, $1,744	75—283
Bhavik Patel, $1,744	73—283
Jorge Fernandez-Valdes, $1,657	68—284
Josh Broadaway, $1,657	70—284
Tom Hoge, $1,657	74—284
Bill Lunde, $1,657	72—284
Scott Pinckney, $1,657	69—284
Kyle Thompson, $1,657	75—284
Adam Hadwin, $1,594	70—285
Matt Hendrix, $1,594	69—285
Steve LeBrun, $1,594	73—285
Tyler Weworski, $1,594	69—285
Jonathan Kaye, $1,538	68—286
Skip Kendall, $1,538	71—286
Brad Schneider, $1,538	70—286
MattWeibring,$1,538	75—286
Brent Witcher, $1,538	70—286
John Mallinger, $1,488	73—287
Sebastian Vazquez, $1,488	72—287
Casey Wittenberg, $1,488	72—287
Steve Saunders, $1,463	75—289
Alistair Presnell, $1,450	76—290
Hunter Haas, $1,438	72—291
Vince India, $1,425	78—293

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JTBC Founders Cup Scores
Sunday
At JW Marriott Phoenix Desert Ridge Resort & Spa, Wildfire Golf Club Course
Phoenix
Purse: $1.5 million
Yardage: 6,583; Par: 72
Final

Karrie Webb, $225,000	63—269
Stacy Lewis, $85,895	66—270
Azahara Munoz, $85,895	67—270
Amy Yang, $85,895	67—270
Mirim Lee, $85,895	69—270
Lydia Ko, $85,895	70—270
Pornanong Phatlum, $37,956	66—271
So Yeon Ryu, $37,956	68—271
Jessica Korda, $37,956	70—271
Cristie Kerr, $29,507	67—272
Inbee Park, $29,507	67—272
Caroline Masson, $24,866	66—272
Lizette Salas, $24,866	68—272
Michelle Wie, $24,866	70—272
Hee-Won Han, $20,276	63—274
Jenny Shin, $20,276	64—274
Gerina Piller, $20,276	68—274
Laura Davies, $20,276	69—274
Belen Mozo, $17,402	68—275
Jaye Marie Green, $17,402	70—275
Paula Creamer, $17,402	71—275
Karine Icher, $14,483	66—276
Eun-Hee Ji, $14,483	66—276
Jodi Ewart Shadoff, $14,483	69—276
Candie Kung, $14,483	70—276
Morgan Pressel, $14,483	72—276
Chella Choi, $14,483	73—276
Sun Young Yoo, $14,483	74—276
Pernilla Lindberg, $11,424	66—277
Katie Futcher, $11,424	67—277
Suzann Pettersen, $11,424	67—277
Brittany Lang, $11,424	68—277
Lexi Thompson, $11,424	72—277
Sandra Gal, $9,873	68—278
Lindsey Wright, $9,873	69—278
Jennifer Kirby, $8,236	69—279
Lina Verde, $8,236	69—279
Shanshan Feng, $8,236	70—279
Mina Harigae, $8,236	70—279
Mo Martin, $8,236	70—279
Haru Nomura, $8,236	70—279
Hee Kyung Seo, $8,236	72—279
Julieta Granada, $6,563	68—280
Moriya Jutanugarn, $6,563	69—280
Ji Young Oh, $6,563	72—280
Mika Miyazato, $6,563	73—280
Ayako Uehara, $5,750	69—281
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Seon Hwa Lee, $4,766	71—282
Ai Miyazato, $4,766	71—282
Jennifer Johnson, $4,766	72—282
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Erica Popson, $4,766	73—282
Heather Bowie Young, $4,766	74—282
Irene Lee, $4,766	74—282
Jeong Jang, $3,698	67—283
Se Ri Pak, $3,698	70—283
I K Kim, $3,698	71—283
Marina Alex, $3,698	72—283
Tiffany Joh, $3,698	73—283
P.K. Kongkraphan, $3,698	74—283
Hannah Jun, Mediock, $3,698	76—283
Hee Young Park, $3,698	76—283
Kristy McPherson, $3,291	71—284
Victoria Elizabeth, $3,291	73—284
Anna Nordqvist, $3,049	71—285
Alex Stewart, $3,049	71—285
Sarah Jane Smith, $3,049	72—285
Nicole Castrale, $3,049	73—285
Becky Morgan, $3,049	73—285
Catriona Matthew, $2,912	71—286
Alison Walshe, $2,875	75—289

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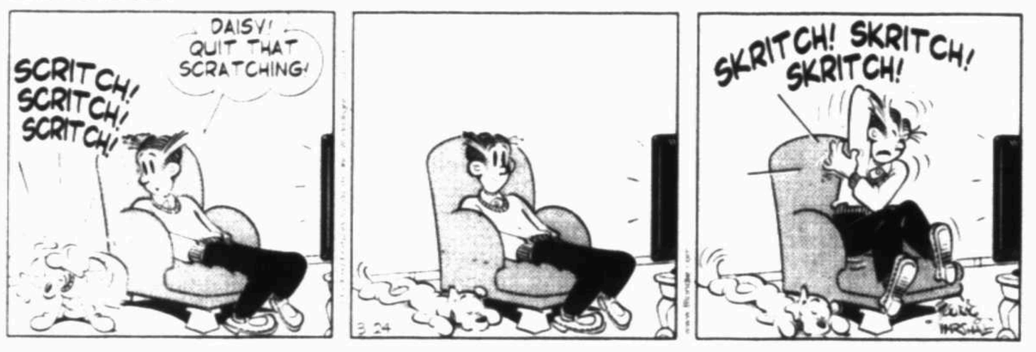

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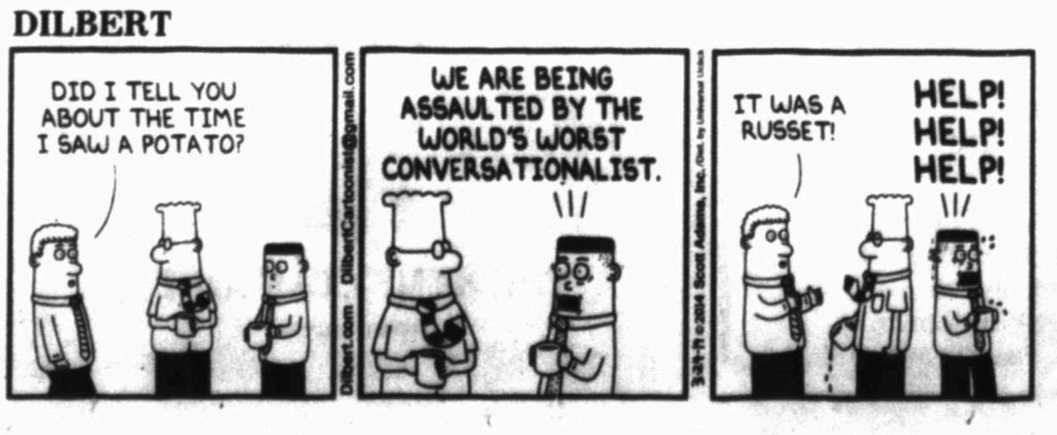

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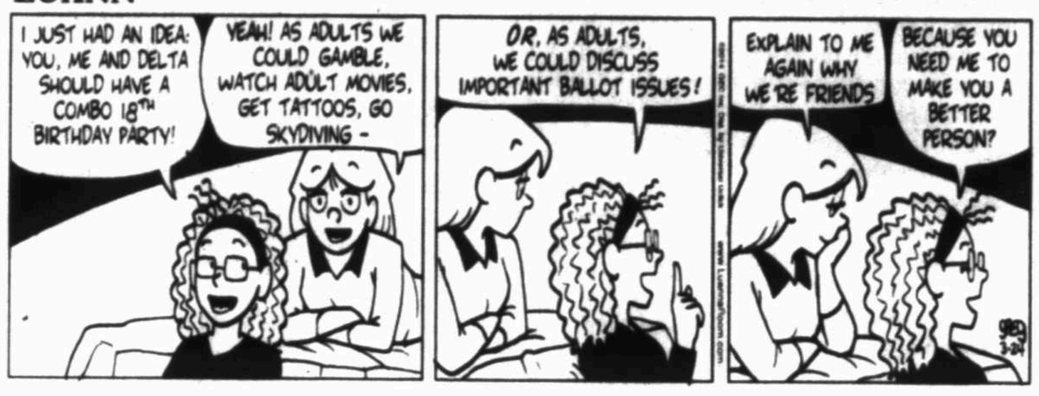

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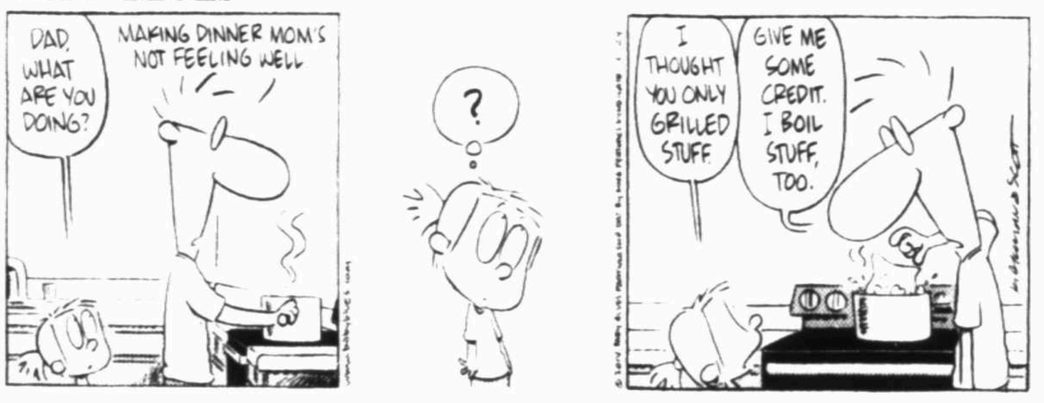

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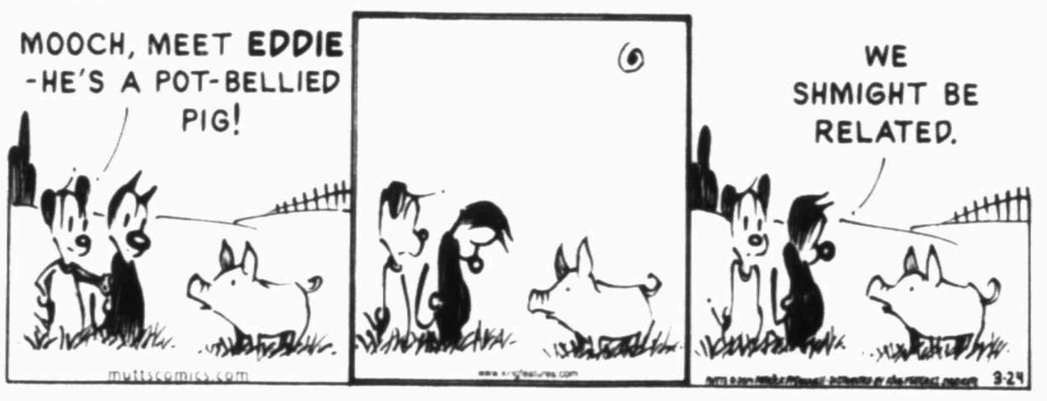

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TODAY: Mostly sunny	TUESDAY: Partly sunny	WEDNESDAY: Partly sunny	THURSDAY: Sunny	FRIDAY: Sunny	SATURDAY: Mostly sunny
High: 72 Low: 42	High: 62 Low: 50	High: 69 Low: 55	High: 56 Low: 51	High: 79 Low: 49	High: 73 Low: 48

Local forecast

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 72 and calm winds becoming east around 5 mph in the afternoon. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 42 and east winds around 10 mph.

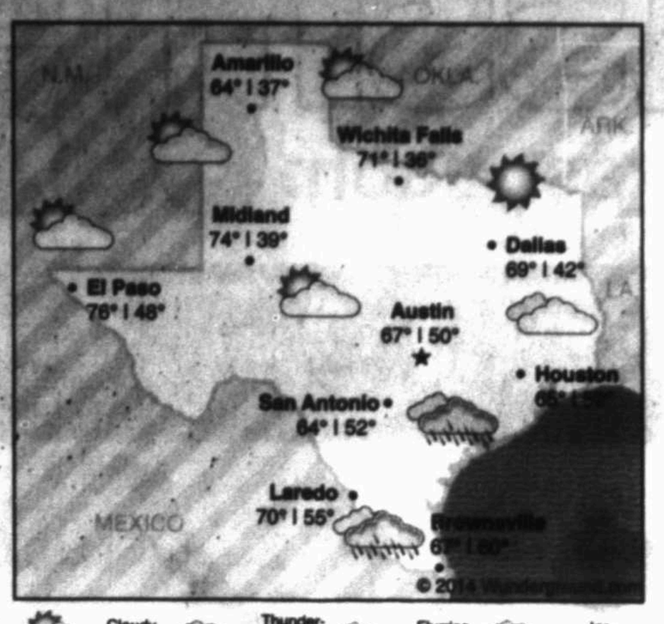
Tuesday, look for partly sunny skies with a high around 62 and east winds between 10 and 15 mph. Expect mostly cloudy conditions at night, with a low around 50 and southeast winds around 15 mph. There is a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms at night.

Wednesday, the forecast calls for partly sunny skies during the day, partly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 69 and a low around 55. There is a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms during the day.

The high on Sunday reached 56, while the low dropped to 37. The record high for March 23 is 90 set in 1998 and 2009. The record low is 20 set in 1952.

National forecast

A frigid dome of high pressure will make today feel more like a typical January day across the Northeast. Temperatures will be held to the 20s across most of New England.



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Precipitation

Saturday	0.00 in.
Sunday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.10 in.
Year total	0.36 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.70 in.

Sunday's temperatures

High	56
Low	37
Normal high	72
Normal low	43
Sunrise	7:47 a.m.
Sunset	8:03 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Monday, March 24

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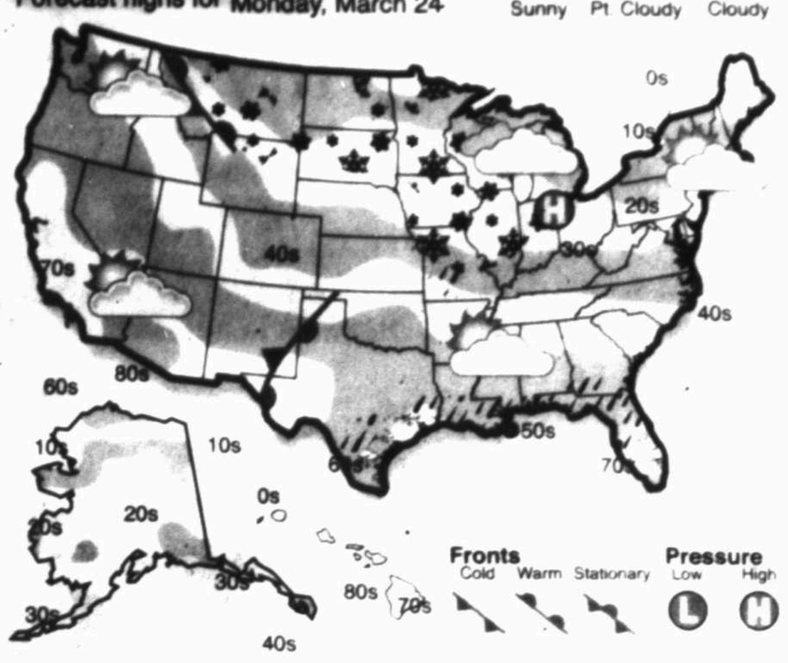

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Copycat boyfriend gets some growling from his girlfriend

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Caleb," and I have been dating for three years. I'm sure he'll propose within the next few months. I'm having a problem with this because Caleb's best friend, "A.J.," will be proposing to his girlfriend in the next month. They should be able to enjoy their time and let all their friends know.

Caleb has always followed A.J.'s lead. When A.J. buys his girlfriend jewelry, I get jewelry. It makes me feel like an afterthought and that the gifts are not sincere.

If Caleb does propose close to the time that A.J. does, I'm going to say no. I don't want a copycat engagement so my boyfriend can keep up with his best friend. Please advise. — COMING IN SECOND IN NEW YORK

DEAR COMING IN SECOND: You appear to be frustrated because your boyfriend has a recessive personality and is a follower. It is unlikely that he is going to change. Frankly, Caleb doesn't appear to be mature enough to be making decisions with lifelong consequences. You might be much happier with someone who is his own man.

DEAR ABBY: A year and a half ago, my doctor diagnosed me with ADHD. The medication I take is a stimulant and it curbs my appetite. I take it before school and it wears off by mid-afternoon. Because of this, I don't feel hungry at lunchtime.

My teachers and schoolmates have noticed. They try to persuade me to eat, but I tell them I had a big breakfast or I'm just not hungry.

I know they mean well, but I want them to understand that I'm not anorexic. I don't want them to know I have ADHD because some of them make fun of people who do. Do you have any suggestions? — ANONYMOUS IN IOWA

DEAR ANONYMOUS: The principal of your school should be told that you are on doctor-prescribed medication that suppresses your appetite so that information can be shared with the teachers who supervise the cafeteria. That way you will receive less pressure to eat from the adults. Your classmates do not have to know.

If someone accuses you of being anorexic, just say that your doctor has told you your weight is normal. It's a shame they would tease someone who has ADHD because it's a condition that so many students and adults share. However, because you feel it would make you a target, you're wise to say nothing.

DEAR ABBY: My husband is an only son. His mother lives an hour from us. I love her dearly, but when she calls to let us know she's coming to visit on any given Saturday, she won't give us a time of her arrival. She says she "doesn't want to be bound by time" because she runs a lot of errands while she's here.

She doesn't appear to notice the inconvenience to me and my active family, who are bound to our house the entire day, waiting for her to show up. My husband brushes it off, but it frustrates me. How should I handle this in a kindly manner? — STILL WAITING IN TEXAS

DEAR STILL WAITING: The next time your mother-in-law calls, ask her when she plans to be at your house because you have errands to run, too. When she says she doesn't want to be bound by time, ask her to call you on your cellphone and let you know when she's done with her errands and you'll meet her at the house. That way, none of you are tied down or inconvenienced.

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 Monday, March 24, 2014:

This year you open up to change and become more realistic than you have been in the past. You often take the lead, which is natural for you, but you become more controlling in guiding others toward a goal. Success stems from your focus and endurance. Learn to gather information before finalizing your decisions. If you are single, you project one attitude yet act in a conflicting manner. These two paradoxical dimensions could pose a problem in a potential relationship. Try to integrate these different ideas. If you are attached, as a couple, you find 2014 to be very dynamic and exciting. The two of you relate closely, especially come summer. Enjoy this period. CAPRICORN is stubborn but willing to do whatever is necessary to come out on top.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You handle tension well. Somewhere along the way today, you might decide that you don't care how someone feels about you. You surprise people when you do a reversal, because you are so passionate about nearly everything you do. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Your instincts could prevent a collision of wills. You see the big picture, whereas others cannot. As a result, you'll see many solutions to fix the situation. You will change perspective as the day goes on. Be open to having various conversations. Tonight: Break a pattern.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ One-on-one relating takes you down a new path to new possibilities. You might want to change directions after you have a much-needed discussion. You'll see too many options that could work, and you know that yours is not the only one. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Others often challenge you, and you find these contrary moments revealing, as they help you identify your priorities. You could find someone offensive in how he or she pushes for what he or she wants. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Pace yourself. Others seem to be obsessive, and you might want to derail the whole matter. Your instincts will help you find out more about what exactly is going on. Someone from a distance could surprise you and lead you down a new path. Tonight: Play it easy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Your creativity will come out, even with a discouraged or pessimistic person in your life. This person has a way of getting your imagination going. Your finances could be off-kilter, if you choose not to take charge of them. Tonight: Pretend that it's Friday night.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Stay centered and direct in your dealings. A child or loved one will add some variety to the moment. Be willing to flex and come to a natural conclusion. You are likely to keep producing more and more, which will impress an associate or higher-up. Tonight: At home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You could be taken aback by someone's need to have certain matters go a certain way. You, too, can be quite controlling about outcomes, yet you recognize that you can control only yourself. Have a talk with this person. Tonight: Make dinner a fun happening.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Be aware of your spending habits, as you could find that a partner wants the same ability to buy as you do. This conversation could cause some upset if you are not careful. Understand your limitations. Consider a different approach to your finances. Tonight: Have fun.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You'll beam in whatever you want, but later you will have to deal with the implications of your actions. A family member could be upset by your choices and where you are heading. A discussion is likely to eliminate at least some of the problem. Tonight: Not to be found.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Step back from a problem rather than add to it. Given some time, the situation will unravel itself. You could be surprised by someone's efforts to reach out to you. Understand that this person means well. Listen to your instincts. Tonight: Take a break from everything.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You seem to have walked into a situation with a lot of power plays, and you might be wondering why. Know what is happening beyond the obvious. If you attempt to enlighten others, they might be resentful. Find out what is happening with a child. Tonight: Do what you want.

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BORN TODAY

Former U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Andrew W. Mellon, (1855), actor Steve McQueen (1930), actor Robert Carradine (1954)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ K Q ♡ A 8 7 4 3 ♢ Q 7 6 5 ♣ 9 6
The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♢	Pass	1♡	Pass
1♠	Pass	?	

What call would you make?
A — Ignore your fifth heart and send a clear message — you have an invitational hand with a good diamond fit. Bid three diamonds.

Q 2 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ K J 7 3 ♡ 10 9 5 ♢ A ♣ K 9 4 3 2
The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
Pass	Pass	Pass	1♢

What call would you make?
A — Had your ace of diamonds been located in any other suit, you would have opened the bidding — some would have opened anyway. It is important to act now and the choice is between a take-out double and overcalling your five-card suit. Your suit is pretty ratty, so let partner pick the trump suit. Double.

Q 3 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A J 10 5 ♡ 8 7 5 ♢ A 4 ♣ A K Q 6
The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass

What call would you make?
A — Bid two no-trump, showing a balanced 18-19 points. It does not deny four spades. Should partner be interested in your spade or heart length, he will bid three diamonds and give you a chance to show it.

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A 9 2 ♡ K 6 4 ♢ A K J 10 3 ♣ A 5
As dealer, what call would you make?
A — That lovely five-card diamond suit is worth at least one extra point. Open two no-trump.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Injury reminder
5 Pet adoption gp.
10 Environs
14 Nobel Peace Prize winner Wiesel
15 U.S.-Canada defense letters
16 Having a hard time deciding
17 Hard to find, to Caesar
18 __ Gay: WWII bomber
19 Thom __ shoes
20 Original Ice Follies slapstick skating duo
23 "Just one darn minute!"
24 Amazed reactions
27 Three in a deck
28 Retaliatory equivalent
32 Found really groovy
34 Bud
35 Challenge
36 Part of WWII
39 Happy heartbeat sound
42 Like veggies on a veggie platter
43 Expected landing hrs.
45 Prohibition
46 Opposite of post-
48 Knickknacky stuff
51 Bible bk. with a sea crossing
54 Trite
55 Opie Taylor's caretaker
58 Small, irregular amounts
62 List-ending abbr.
64 11th-century Spanish hero
65 Give off
66 Low-cal
67 It divides the Left and Right Banks
68 Pal at the barbie
69 Run into
70 More quirky
71 Being, to Ovid

DOWN

1 Feudal farmers
2 Red wine from Bordeaux
3 Better ventilated
4 Got through to
5 Lend __: listen
6 14-line verse
7 Cattle poker
8 Ranch newborn
9 Purim month
10 Use of one requires a PIN
11 Groupie's idol
12 Significant period
13 Raggedy doll
21 Make excited
22 Gone by
25 Prefix with legal
26 Ladled-out meal
29 Bucky Beaver's toothpaste brand
30 Pub spigot
31 Envelope part
33 Bee Gees family name
36 "Dragnet" star Jack
37 Gillette razor brand
38 Bad weather contingency
40 Paving goo
41 Sales manager's concern
44 Like the "A" in a Hawthorne classic
47 At the outer edges of the normal curve
49 "Sting like a bee" boxer
50 Bloodhound or boxer
52 White House family
53 Ledger entries
56 8-Down's milk source
57 Cosmetician Lauder
59 Spanish kiss
60 Iditarod transport
61 Battery fluid
62 Good name for a tree-lined street
63 Dead heat

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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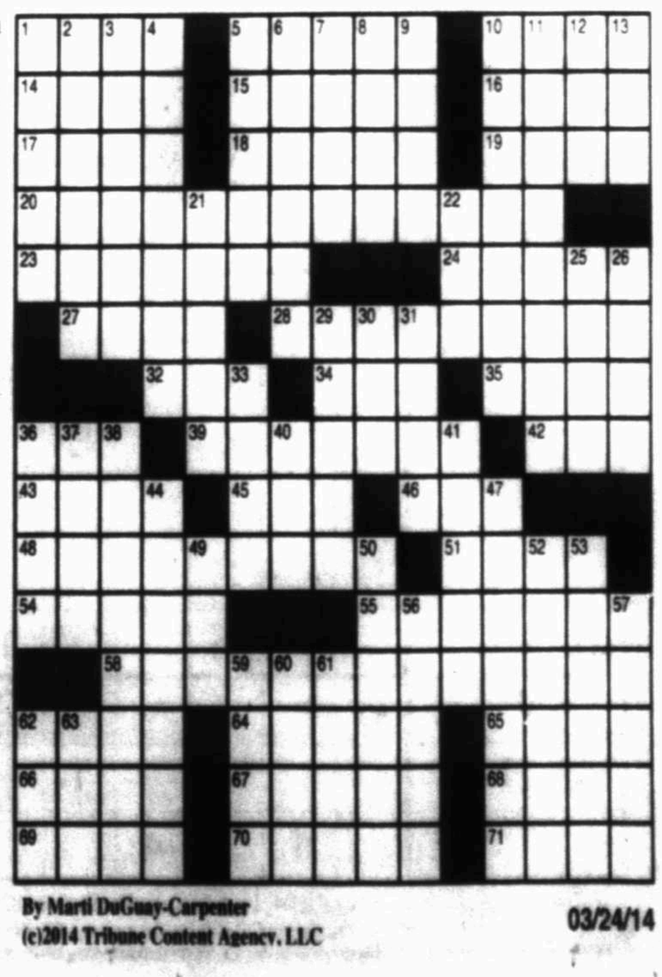

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OTHER JOBS

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APRIL 9 · 10AM-3PM

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- *Management*
- *Medical*
- *Technology*
- *Industrial*

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT

IMPACTI.Chemical Technologies is seeking an **Accounting Assistant** to provide support with the daily accounting functions of our growing company. The Accounting Assistant will be responsible for maintaining the company's accounts payable and accounts receivable and assist the Accounting Manager with maintaining complete and accurate customer and vendor records. Candidates should display strong attention to detail and Excel skills are required. Excellent benefits. Please forward resume and salary requirements to **leiah@impactchemtech.com**. Please do not apply through Monster.

Controller

Ntact Operations, a growing industrial contractor, is seeking a **controller** to compile and analyze financial information, manage all accounting functions including staff, prepare financial statements. Also requires involvement in company insurance, employee benefit administration, and coordinating with outside legal, accounting and banking entities. Controller will be key member of management team involved in long range planning and strategy. Excellent opportunity to come grow with a young and expanding company. Accounting degree. Send resume to **Controller, Ntact Operations, P O Box 13328, Odessa, Texas 79768** or email **ghagelstein@ntactops.com**.

CRMWD

Colorado River Municipal District

The Colorado River Municipal Water District, regional raw water supplier for the Permian Basin, is accepting applications for following positions in the Big Spring Area.

Financial Accountant - Assist with the maintenance of the district's financial records, accounting systems and processes necessary to manage the district's business. Including billing of accounts receivable, maintain district banking and reconciliations. Maintain fixed assets. Strong computer skills required including Microsoft Word and Excel. Accounting degree preferred or 3-5 yrs experience in related field.

CRMWD is an equal opportunity employer. Benefits include health insurance, retirement plans, and sick, vacation and holiday leave.

Applications are required and are available at the District's office, 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, by calling (432) 267-6341, or our website www.crmwd.org

STAFF ACCOUNTANT

IMPACT! Chemical Technologies is looking for a highly motivated, detail oriented **Staff Accountant**. This is an exciting entry level opportunity offering diverse responsibilities in a fast-paced environment. The Staff Accountant will support and report directly to the Accounting Manager. Responsibilities include supporting the Accounting Team with various functions such as accounts payable, financial statements, month-end closings, analysis, and reconciliation. Excellent benefits. Salary DOE. **Minimum Requirements**: Bachelor's degree in Accounting. Minimum 2 years experience. Strong attention to detail. Analytical problem solving ability. Proficiency with Microsoft Excel a must. Knowledge of cost accounting a plus. Interested candidates should email their resume, cover letter, and salary requirements to **leiah@impactchemtech.com**. Please do not apply through Monster.

BANKING & MORTGAGE

Loan Officer

Capital Farm Credit is seeking a **Loan Officer** in the Lamesa Area. Bachelor's degree Busn Admin, Finance, Ag Eco, or a related field, or equivalent degree and five (5) or more years of experience as a loan officer including time as a loan officer trainee. Will develop and manage loan portfolios including loan originations in the trade area served by the association. Apply online at **http://fcf.balancetrak.com/252014LoanOfficerLamesa** with complete application and resume. AA/EOE/M/F/D/V

TELLER WANTED

Complex Community Federal Credit Union is now accepting applications for the **Teller** position in Midland, Texas. The Teller provides full service to the member by processing all financial transactions accurately and in a timely manner, answers questions of the members and utilizes knowledge of available credit union products and services to expand member relationships. Qualifications include: Previous cash handling experience, proven communication skills, High School Diploma, at least 18 years of age and a member focused attitude. This full time position comes with medical, dental, vision, 401(k) and more. Applications can be found and dropped off at any branch location or at **3512 N. Midkiff Rd**.

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Bookkeeper

Bookkeeping job for small independent (5 person office). JIB's, Payables, Receivables on OGAS software. Management accounting (monthly p&l and budget projections) on Excel. Quik Books for reconciling and payroll. Hours flexible. No smoking, good folks and good environment, insurance for full time. Midland Oil & Gas Inc. Send resume to **ernie@midoil.com**.

EXPERIENCED OILFIELD SAFETY TECHNICIAN

Canada & Associates is looking for a **Safety Technician** in the Midland area. Individual will be trained by onsite management. Oil field experience is a plus, must have high school diploma, be able to follow precise instruction, have a flexible schedule, and have a great attitude. Pay will be based upon experience. For anyone interested you can send your resume to **derrick@canada-essociates.com**.

Receptionist

Horizon Transportation FT

Is seeking experienced receptionist for full time employment. Excellent wage and full benefits. Call 432-210-4172.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

CHILD CARE WORKER

Mrs. Irene's Child Care FT/PT

Need Full and Part-time Child Care Workers.
Will train. Starting wages $10-$11/ hour.
Paid holidays and vacation. Call 432-520-8686.

ENERGY & UTILITIES

CORNELL Solutions

10K BOP/LUBRICATOR and Hydrostatic Test Pump Operators/Helpers

Cornell Solutions, LLC, a fast growing Texas based oilfield service company is looking to grow its Permian Basin operation. We are looking for highly motivated individuals with the following qualifications.

- Minimum 2 year experience with pressure control equipment (15K & 10K Lubricators, BOPs and Hydrostatic Test Pumps) or general oilfield experience
- Hold a valid Commercial Driver's License (CDL)
- Be a resident or currently reside in the Midland/Odessa area

Candidates meeting the requirements are invited to submit their resumes and qualifications by email to **jason@cornellsolutions.net**.

Experienced Field Service Tech

Wellhead supply company seeking experienced Field Service Tech. Prefer wellhead experience but will train someone with oilfield experience. Field Service Techs are responsible for safely installing, removing, repairing, assembling/disassembling and testing wellhead equipment in the shop and field. Requires knowledge of industry safety standards, valid drivers license, clean driving record and require background check, drug test and physical. Full time position with benefits. Send resume or request application: **jobs@sunbeltoilfield.com. 432-332-9600.**

OTHER JOBS

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person

Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

These positions require some physical lifiting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required; we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and Social Security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com

NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person

Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

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ENERGY & UTILITIES

Field Service Technician

Production Lift Systems FT

Local oilfield service company seeking **Field Service Technician**. Two years production experienced required. Full benefits. Must have a valid driver's license and pass drug test. Apply at **14 East Industrial Loop Midland, TX 79701** or call **432-699-1200**

Help Wanted

Need **experienced Equipment Operator** with CDL for Oilfield Construction for a Big Spring family owned oil company. Competitive pay & benefits. Send resume to **PO Box 1870, Big Spring, Tx 79721** or call **432-813-7376**

Multiple Positions

Nolan H. Brunson/SLS is looking for experienced **Pushers, Drivers, & Swampers** for its Midland yard. We offer top competitive wages, health/vision/dental insurance, 401 K plan, paid holidays and vacations. Please apply in person **@ 2306 N. FM 1788**.

Multiple Positions

Well established Oil Company seeking to hire in the Midland and Odessa areas. **Drillers $27, Derricks $24, Motors $23, Floors $22**. 12 hour days with overtime paid, working 14 days on - 14 days off. $75 a day per diem. Must have 2 years exp. Longevity Bonus. Insurance after 90 days. 1 week vacation after 1 year. Apply **@ hwdrillers.com** or call **405-527-1232**

Safety Manager

Horizontal Well Drillers (HWD) is looking to hire a **Safety Manager** to operate with their Purcell, OK office in the Midland/Odessa area. HWD is an Oil & Gas Drilling Contractor. Interested candidates should have a minimum of 3 years experience in the field of Health and Safety, preferably but not required in the Oil & Gas Industry. Candidate will be responsible for compliance with all local, state, and federal regulations and all aspects of the company's safety program. Candidate will report to the Safety Director and the Vice President of Operations. Interested candidates must possess a B.S. in Industrial Safety, Safety and Environmental Management, Safety Engineering, or related field. Overnight travel is required approximately 60% of the work week and candidate must be on-call during weekends. Candidate must be local or willing to relocate to the Midland/Odessa area. Salary is based on experience. Please send resumes and cover letters to **dave.larson@hwdrillers.com**. **Required Skills**: Strong work ethic, self-motivated, able to work long hours, excellent communication skills, and proficient in MS Word, Excel, Outlook, Power Point and E-mail.

HEALTHCARE

2 RN Case Mgrs & LVN for Su Casa Home Health

We are growing again! In need of 2 full time RN Case Managers and LVN. Sign-On Bonus for RNs! Full benefits package. Call 432-520-2556 or apply online at www.sucasahomehealth.com.

Available Positions

Desert Gardens Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
3203 Sage Street
Midland, TX 79705
Desert Gardens located in Midland, Texas is currently seeking qualified Nursing staff to fill the following Positions:

- **MDS Coordinator LVN or RN with experience.**
- **Medication Aide for 6-2 Shift Monday - Friday.**
- **Restorative Aide (1 positions) Monday - Friday with experience.**
- **CNA 6-2 position Monday - Friday.**
- **CNA 10-6 position on a rotating schedule.**
- **Experienced Floor Technician**

$1,000 Sign on BONUS Apply in person.

DENTAL ASSISTANT

IMMEDIATE OPENING. Start today. Dental assistant needed full time for private family dental practice. Send resume to: **A. Andrew Wilson III, DDS, PA, 4410 N. Midkiff Rd. Ste. D217, Midland, Tx. Fax: 432-570-6028. Email: a2wdds@yahoo.com. Text: 432-413-1037.**

HEALTHCARE

Dental Assistant

Kool Smiles FT/PT

Seeking a registered Dental Assistant for our Midland and Odessa offices. Apply at www.koolsmilesjobs.com

Medical Assistant

Medical Assistant needed for busy physicians practice. Great Beneifit Package.
Please fax resumes to 682-2284 or mail to Premier Physicians, Attn: Arita Routh, PO Box 5291, Midland, Texas 79704. No phone calls please
PP-8055

Part time Medical Assistants & Exp. Sonographer

Somno Systems is looking for part time medical assistants and sonographer with experience. Please send resume to **info@somnosystems.com**

Physician Assistant/Nurse Practioner

Neurosurgical practice (Midland) has immediate opening for a Texas licensed **PA or NP**. Call Beverly at 432-682-4307 to schedule interview.

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

CLUBHOUSE HELP WANTED AT LOCAL **SPORTING** CLAY COURSE. DUTIES TO INCLUDE WAITING ON CUSTOMERS, MERCHANDISE STOCKING, GENERAL CLERICAL & COMPUTER WORK. MUST BE ABLE TO WORK WEEKENDS. CALL KAREN AT 432-661-5241 OR FAX RESUME TO 432-458-3574. EMAIL: gary@windwalkerss.com

Housekeepers & Laundry Attendants & Front Desk Clerks

LaQuinta Inn & Suites - Loop 250 & Hwy 191 FT/PT

Full time and part-time. Bilingual a Plus! Please Apply at LaQuinta Inn & Suites, Loop 250; Next to Kohl's

INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE

MAINTENANCE

Villa Chateau Apartments Full time Maintenance needed. Must have own tools. Drug screen/Background check done. Apply in person at: Villa Chateau Apts., 1603 N. Midkiff Rd, Midland, TX 79701. No phone calls please.

OTHER JOBS

3 Full Time Veterinary Technicians

Immediate need for 3 full time **veterinary technicians** in Midland, TX. Experience preferred but will train. We offer competitive pay, health insurance, paid vacation days, paid sick leave, pet care discount and allowance, FSA, etc. for our full time employees. Please email resume to **Robbie.Jan.Kerby@petpartnersusa.com**

Delivery Driver

American Glass Dist. FT

Help wanted: Male or Female Delivery Driver. Must be 25 years of age, have social security card, driver's license & have a decent driving record. Good benefits after 6 months of employment. Starting at $12/hr. Please call 520-5104 or come by 5002 Basin Street, A-2, to fill out an application.

Exciting opportunity with a highly respected company. Excellent pay and advancement opportunity. Please note there will be some travel and you must be able to pass background check/ drug test. Please contact Cyle @ 817-471-9837.

SHIPPING/ RECEIVING CLERK

United Casing, Inc.

Requirements: Knowledge of oilfield casing & tubing; 3-5 years experience; excellent data entry skills; knowledge of Microsoft applications (Word, Excel, Outlook). Must be able to work extended hours (weekends on-call) and handle high volume paperwork flow. Pay rate based on skills and experience. Send all inquiries and resumes to **bquigley@unitedcasing.com** or bring to **3610 E. Highway 158, Midland. Qualified Applicants Only.**

SALES JOBS

Multi-Media Sales Consultant

The Midland Reporter-Telegram and mywesttexas.com advertising department is looking for a Multi-Media Sales Consultant. The ideal candidate will have a proven track record of personal sales successes, preferably in a newspaper/media environment. Some knowledge of the advertising industry would be helpful, but not required.

Duties for this position will include, but are not limited to selling advertising in all print publications of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and all online products, including mywesttexas.com.

Qualifications & Skills:

- *Ability to work in a fast-paced, deadline oriented environment*
- *Excellent customer service and time management skills*
- *Highly organized with the ability to work independently with minimal supervision*
- *Detail-oriented with good communication, spelling and math skills*

The Hearst Corporation is one of the largest diversified communications companies. Its major interests include magazine, newspaper and business publishing, cable networks, television and radio broadcasting, Internet businesses and more. As an associate of the Midland Reporter-Telegram, you join mere than 20,000 in the Hearst family. The Multi-Media Sales Consultant is a full-time, outside sales position. We offer a competitive compensation plan and benefits package, comprehensive training, mileage allowance, and the opportunity to advance your career in an exciting, progressive, and innovative organization in one of the fastest growing markets in Texas.

If you are the one we are looking for, please send current resume to:

Jeri Houston, Advertising Sales Manager
Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Avenue, Midland, TX 79701
or email to: jhouston@mrt.com

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SKILLED LABOR

Forklift Operator

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an opening in its Production Department for the Position of "Fork Lift Operator" and other duties as assigned.

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

- Ability to read and write
- Ability to lift up to 50 lbs.
- Ability to bend and reach overhead
- Ability to count accurately and do simple math
- Able to operate a forklift and willing to be certified
- Be reliable, responsible and able to follow instructions
- Capable of standing and walking for extended period of time
- Able to work in various environments that include winter and summer conditions.
- Must be able to work weekends when necessary

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Accurate loading and unloading of printed materials in a safe and efficient manner
- Ensure material are efficiently/properly stacked and stored in appropriate and designated areas
- Perform other non-forklift duties when assigned

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Send resume and salary requirements to: **John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities**
c/o Midland Reporter Telegram - 201 E. Illinois St - Midland, TX 79701
Email to: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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OTHER JOBS

JOB FAIR

Wednesday, April 9
10am - 3pm
Midland Center, 105 N Main St

Over 60 businesses from all industries will be interviewing and hiring job seekers.

Call 687-8814 for more information.
Hosted by The Midland-Reporter-Telegram.

Midland/Odessa Self Storage Operator
SecurCare Self Storage is looking for a part-time Relief Manager to work 2-3 days per week. 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Available work days are Monday through Saturday. $11.00 per hour. No experience needed, just a great work ethic and willingness to learn. Customer Service skills a must! We are an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. Email resume to **LeshaLeggett@SecurCare.net** or fax **866.292.7865**. Come join our Team!

Positions Available
Milford Pipe & Supply Hiring for the Following
Corporate Office: **Controller** - Salary DOE. **Staff Accountant** - Salary DOE.
Outside Sales Representative - Salary + Commissions.
Garden City Office: **Heavy Equipment Dispatcher** - Salary DOE.
Now hiring experienced oilfield location **building operators** for motorgraders, **dozers**, **loaders**, **excavators and rollers**. **Heavy Equipment Operators** $25 to $30 per hour. Apply online at **careers.milfordpipesupply.com**
All positions offer Medical/Dental Insurance, 401(k) Plan, Paid Vacation, Holiday Pay, & Sick Leave.

Resident Monitor, Full Time & Relief Cook, Administrative Clerk
Dismas Charities FT/PT
Midland, TX 79701
Dismas Charities is hiring Full-time, Part-time & relief staff for the positions of Resident Monitor, Administrative Clerk and Full Time & Relief Cook (part time, up to 25hrs/wk $9.64/hr + $3.81). Walk-in applicants are welcome at 24 W. Industrial Loop.

SSC - Social Services Coordinator
Dismas Charities is now hiring full-time **Social Services Coordinator**
Apply at **www.dismas.com**

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Salon Help
La Debo Na Salon and Day Spa FT/PT
Help wanted: Receptionist, Licensed Massage Therapist, Licensed Manicurist and Licensed Cosmetologist. Apply in person Tuesday through Friday at: 413 W. Wadley Ave, Midland, TX

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

All Positions
Torino's Pizza Bar FT
Torino's is now hiring for all positions: Kitchen, Bartenders, Waitstaff and Bar backs needed. Apply in person @ 3303 N Midkiff Rd #110. Ask for Teresa 432-218-6943

CRACKER BARREL NOW HIRING!
Looking for more pay? Look no more. We provide you with an exceptional training program that rewards you with a raise at the completion of each level. That's up to 3 raises in your first year! We also offer great promotion opportunities, flexible scheduling, paid vacation, benefits and a 401K savings plan.
- **ALL COOKS** - starting up to $16 an hour
- **SERVERS** - No tip outs/ tip share
- **DISHWASHERS** - starting up to $12.50 an hour

Stop by **3108 North Loop 250 West Midland, TX 79707** or call **432-689-3137 www.crackerbarrel.com Cracker Barrel** EOE

DOMINO'S PIZZA is now hiring Delivery Drivers! We are looking for Awesome Team Members that want to earn cash daily! Delivery drivers earn a great hourly wage while taking home their tips and delivery reimbursement daily! Do you like cash in your pocket? Have a vehicle with insurance? Have a decent motor vehicle record and background? Well this is the job for you! Not sure yet?

Email us at dominos@clearwire.net
with your name and phone number and we will call you to answer any question you may have before you decide to apply! We will make the hiring process as easy as possible for you! As always, come on down to any of our Midland/Odessa locations and apply at any time!
Or apply at www.indeed.com
EOE
(coming soon: company delivery vehicles for you to drive! Apply today!)

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

FOOD SERVICE MANAGER / COOK
Full time position for a woman with experience in food service who will be working at a faith-based shelter program. Email or fax resume or letter of interest to: **renee@genesiscenter.org** / fax: **432-685-0109**.

Multiple Positions
Basin Burger House FT/PT
Now hiring for All Positions, **Line Cooks, Prep Cooks, Waitstaff, Hostess, and Shift Managers**. Join our team! Apply in person after 2 pm at 607 N Colorado, Downtown Midland.

Multiple Positions
The Warfield Travel Plaza is now hiring for all positions! **Cashiers, Wait Staff, Cooks & Dishwashers** are needed! Full & part-time, all shifts available at busy 24 hr Truck Stop & Restaurant. We can work with your schedule and will train the right candidates! Apply at **10400 I-20 @ FM 1788** today!

Servers & Bussers
The Racquet Club FT
Seeking candidates for Serving & bussing positions. Flexible hours, excellent working environment, 401K, paid vacation, health insurance. Apply in person, 3009 Racquet Club Dr. No phone calls please.

Waitstaff
Rednecks Drafthouse FT/PT
Redneck's is now hiring for Waitstaff. Apply in person @ 2215 N Midland Dr., Ste 2A. Ask for manager on duty.

SALES JOBS

Sales Associate and Assistant Managers
Wood's Boots in Midland and Odessa are adding to our teams. We are looking for talented Sales Associates and Assistant Managers at multiple locations. Stop in today and pick up an application at any of our four locations.

Sales
Oil & gas service company looking for motivated sales people in the Permian Basin. 3 years minimum exprience required. Benefits available. Pay based on experience. Email resumes to resumes@cardinaloilfieldservices.com or fax to 903-723-0047

CARTER'S

Sales Person — **Full-Time**
2101 W. Wadley #6 — **Midland, TX 79705**
Commission sales, must be able to multitask. Detail oriented, connect with customers, and love furniture. Bring resume to Carter's Furniture at 2101 West Wadley, Suite #6 Midland, TX 79705.

WAREHOUSE/COUNTER SALES NEEDED!
Apply in person at: Sims Plastics 2700 W. Front Midland, TX 79701

SKILLED LABOR

Brick Layer
Brick Layers needed for Midland/Odessa projects. Call 254-495-8340

COURSE HELP WANTED AT LOCAL SPORTING CLAY COURSE 10 MILES NORTH OF STANTON. MUST BE ABLE TO DO GENERAL MANUAL LABOR & WORK WEEKENDS - MECHANICAL MIND PREFERRED. GOOD PAY AND HEALTH BENEFITS INCLUDED..... CALL 432-458-3324 OR FAX RESUME TO 432-458-3574. EMAIL: gary@windwalkerss.com

NOW HIRING

Field Technicians to Install and Maintain Remote Monitoring electronics and equipment

Qualifications Needed:
- Some basic knowledge of electronic theory and components desirable
- Experience in installing and or maintaining electronics
- Need to be familiar with Internet communications equipment, e.g. modems, routers
- Basic working knowledge of computers and MS office software
- Ability and willingness to work with hand tools and electronic measurement instruments
- Must be willing to work alone and be a self starter
- Must be able to pass a drug screen test and criminal background check
- Must have a valid Texas driver's license
- Previous job references needed

Remote Monitoring Systems

Competitive Salary. Work truck and tools furnished. Health Benefits available. Training provided. Work location is Midland, Texas

Contact: Mike McMillan – (678) 860-6705 or Ron McMillan – (713) 504-3968

Journeyman Electricians/ Apprentice Electricians
Diamond Electric FT
Serious motivated Journeyman Electricians & Apprentice Electricians workers for well established contractor in West Texas family owned and operated company. Commercial & Residential installation. Serious callers only call 432-967-1099 or 432-634-0034.

SKILLED LABOR

Licensed Commercial Plumber & Exp. Helpers
Till Mechanical currently hiring Licensed Commercial Plumbers & Experienced Helpers for local jobsites. We offer top pay (up to $28/hr DOE and we will pay additional for medical gas endorsements). Paid medical, paid vacations and holidays. Must have good driving record. Please call 432-686-0002 for interview.

Local Welders in Midland, TX
Structural & Pipe Welders needed. Must be able to pass required weld test and provide references. Excellent pay for experienced, quality, capable welders. No contractors or Rig Welders need apply. Call for appointment at 432-687-7400. If no immediate answer please leave name, telephone number & a brief description of weld capabilities. Your call will be returned promptly.

Plant Operator
Plant Operator Needed Immediately; Experience preferred but not required. Location near Stanton, TX. Fax resume to 432-688-3429 or mail to Sale Ranch, 2873 FM 829, Stanton, Tx. 79782.
Can Email resume to: dusterfield@wigbenedum.com

Plumbers
Two to Three Plumbers needed. Journeyman license required. 50% of job is supervision. Multifamily experience a plus. Please call 210-373-2491

PRESSMAN
The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an immediate opening in its Production Department for the position of: PRESSMAN for our Harris N 1650 Printing presses.
This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position, requires: night shift/weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.
Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701. E-mail:jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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Welders, Painters and Sandblasters
M & D Welding FT
Single hand contract needed. Oil field experience a plus & Drivers License a must. Salary DOE. Please call for application 432-520-3853 or 432-638-8266.

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL Drivers Class
Class A CDL Drivers needed preferably with Tandem experience in pumping unit installation. Top pay & benefits. 401K, Medical/ Dental Insurance, uniforms all provided by company after 90 days. Contact Tim 432-553-1891

Class A CDL Truck Drivers
Prefer drivers with Pneumatic Tanker experience. Benefits include: medical, life and dental insurance, and paid vacation. Applicants having experience hauling sand and/or dry cement helpful. Good driving record, DOT, drug & alcohol testing required. Apply in person, call **432-563-1894** for interview or online @ **www.rockwaterenergy.com**

DRIVER
ANCO GOLF CARS. Full time **Driver** needed. CDL Preferred. Good driving record. Call **694-2278** or apply within @ **3011 W Wall St**.

DRIVERS
JW Enterprise is looking for **Drivers** with Class A CDL. Must have a good driving record. Competitive Wages and a great place to work. On the job training. Contact 432-425-9036 or 432-458-3675 for more information. Serious applicants only.

Mechanic and Helper Wanted
SOC Industries LLC Now hiring **experienced diesel mechanic and mechanic helper**. You will earn top wages and performance/safety bonuses. Benefits include: paid health insurance, paid vacations, paid holidays and furnished uniforms. Must have own tools. Apply in person at **2324 FM 715, Midland Texas 79706**, fax resumes to **423-620-0035** or email resumes to: **timgreer@socind.net**. No phone calls please.

Owner Operators and Drivers
Suarez Bros. Crane & Heavy Haul LLC. Looking for **Owner Operators and Drivers** in West Texas (Midland / Odessa) who understand and can comply CSA and DOT Compliance. Participate in monthly safety meetings. Some of the Benefits include: Company Volume Fuel Card Program, Asst w/ Apportion Plates, Managed Fuel Taxes, 1 million Bobtail policy (NTL), Paid weekly, Direct Deposit avail., Transflo, 401k program w/ company match, workers comp insurance, and physical damage insurance available. Company paid driver training program that includes: Driver Orientation, Safeland, CPR, H2S, First Aid, Fall Protection, with a Safety Point Award Program. Contact us at **(432) 332-8845**

TRUCK DRIVERS
Tejas Trucking, Inc. FT
Experienced **Class A CDL Truck Drivers** needed. We offer health & dental insurance, paid vacation, 401K plan & uniforms, direct deposit. This job is currently in Andrews, Tx & is oil field related. All equipment stays in Andrews yard. Apply in person at **2185 E. State HWY 176 Andrews, Texas** or call **432-523-5786**. Must pass drug test.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

General

NEWSPAPER STREET CORNER SALES

Selling Newspapers On The Street Corners
(avg. income $50.00 - $100.00/day)

MUST BE AT LEAST 14 YEARS OLD SUNDAYS ONLY
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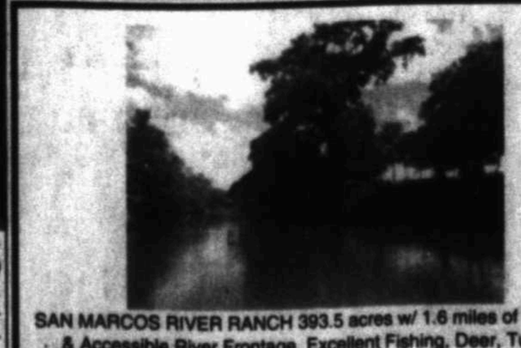

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