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Johnathan Motley had 19 points and 10 rebounds, and No. 3 seed Baylor defeated No. 11 seed Southern California 82-78 on Sunday in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

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Board to address Fasken overcrowding, Crockett's fate

MISD trustees see possible solution to pair of problems as proactive move

By Stewart Doreen
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The Midland ISD board of trustees is likely to make decisions today about the overcrowding at Fasken Elementary and about the possible closure across town at Crockett Elementary.

With two hot-button issues on the agenda, a good crowd is expected for this exercise in local representative government, which is set for 5:30 p.m. today at Bowie Fine Arts Auditorium.

The board will look at Fasken and the overcrowding situation that started at the beginning of the school year and is expected to only get worse, according to district officials. They expect further development to continue to push Fasken's population well above the district's red line for what is an appropriate student population for the school in northwest Midland, just a few hundred yards west of the Green Hill Terrace and Green Tree developments. Three student groups are likely to be impacted.

The first group is in the so-called 349 area, which is located in new housing developments east of State Highway 349 not far from Midland Country Club. Parents of those students previously told the board they bought houses in that area because they were designated in the Fasken attendance zone. They previously spoke out against being moved to eastside schools that are geographically closer to the 349 area than Fasken.

English-language learners who live in southwest Midland are impacted by another MISD option because they would be relocated to Jones Elementary, a school closer to where those students live. There are fewer ELL students than those from 349, so the board would add students living in west Midland County to the list of those who would be relocated to Jones. This would include students in the former Mission Dorado area in the city of Odessa. They previously attended Scharbauer Elementary and have a longer history of attending schools in west and northwest Midland.

Those options were discussed at a February MISD board meeting. One option that came to the forefront since that meeting impacts the 349 students and a long-time struggling campus. Under option 4,

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Color your world

Photos by Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Above: Participants in the Color Vibe 5K throw handfulls of colored powder during the pre-race warmup and party Saturday at the Scharbauer Sports Complex before the start of the color run benefiting Boys and Girls Club of Midland. **Right:** After the event, participants were treated to a dance party. Color Vibe is the company that puts on races across the country.

Conaway voices concerns over USDA budget

By Jamie Lovegrove
The Dallas Morning News

WASHINGTON — Key Texas Republicans with oversight of agricultural issues were already quietly perturbed by President Donald Trump's fierce opposition to the North American Free Trade Agreement and the time it took him to nominate an agriculture secretary.

Now the Republican president, swept into office with the help of rural voters, is looking to slash the federal agriculture budget, raising further alarms about how his administration will handle the issues most important to America's farmers.

House Agriculture Committee Chairman Mike Conaway, R-Midland, voiced concern Thursday over Trump's proposal to cut discretionary spending at the U.S. Department of Agriculture by $4.7 billion, a 21 percent decrease, to $17.9 billion.

Only the Environmental Protection Agency and State Department were slated for deeper proportional cuts.

The significant cuts, Conaway warned in a written statement, "could hamper some vital work of the Department."

Net farm income has decreased by 50 percent over just the last four years, the Midland Republican noted, placing the agriculture community in an already precarious position.

"America's farmers and ranchers are struggling, and we need to be extremely careful not to exacerbate these conditions," he said.

The proposed cuts for the USDA would halt funding for rural clean water initiatives and development programs, decreasing county-level staff and some statistical services offered by the agency that many farmers rely on for their planning. Rep. Jodey Arrington, a new member of the agriculture committee in his first term in Congress, said "there are plenty of places to cut some fat out of government," a sentiment long shared by conservatives across Capitol Hill.

Arrington worked with federal agencies during the George W. Bush administration and said that all departments, including agriculture, could absorb budget cuts by trimming administrative overhead and improving efficiency.

But the Lubbock Republican, whose district is heavily dependent on the agricultural economy, is wary about targeting the USDA.

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'Sanctuary city' bill, budget come into focus

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN— A bill that Republicans say would crackdown on so-called "sanctuary cities" in Texas is inching toward Gov. Greg Abbott's desk, and time is running out for opponents hoping to weaken the impact.

The sweeping proposal would give Republican lawmakers a long-sought cudgel against local governments that don't fully cooperate with federal immigration agents — threatening police chiefs and elected sheriffs with jail time, and fining defiant cities and counties up to $25,000 a day.

But critics are more concerned by what they see as an invitation for discrimination and intimidation. Hundreds of opponents have twice packed the Texas Capitol in as many months to protest, including young children of undocumented immigrants who pleaded with lawmakers to reconsider.

The House last week began defanging some parts of the Senate bill, including a section that would cut off all state grant funding. Republican state Rep. Charlie Geren has also signaled he wants police to have the freedom to only inquire about the immigration status of people who are under arrest and not merely detained, such as during traffic stops.

Immigration attorneys called that a significant change in the right direction but getting others will be hard-fought.

"They're getting the same things they want, just in different ways. It hasn't changed the spirit or intent," said Faye Kolly, who is working against the bill on behalf of the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

A committee could send the bill to the full House as early as this week.

Here's what else to watch for:

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Obituaries

Elaine Marguerite Faught Hammers

Elaine Marguerite Faught Hammers, 89, of Midland, Texas, passed away on March 17, 2017 in Midland, Texas.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 20, 2017 at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Rick Denson officiating.

There will be a burial at Mount Olivet Cemetery on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma.

Elaine Marguerite Faught was born in Russell, Kansas to William Burns Faught and Alice Marguerite Faught on May 1, 1927. She went to school in Natoma, Kansas. She married Charles Edward Hammers on July 20, 1958 in Pauls Valley. She graduated from the Hayes School of Business. Elaine worked as a Realtor in Moore, Oklahoma and Store Manager for Curry's Gifts for 15 years in Midland, Texas. She was a Girl Scout leader and a member of a sorority in Perryton, Texas. She was an excellent mother and seamstress.

Elaine is preceded in death by her father and mother, and by her brother, Bob Faught.

She is survived by her husband, Charles; daughters, Sharon Lee Gilbreath and husband Lloyd and Daveda Charlene Dean and her husband Danny; son, Larry Wayne Hammers and his wife Janell; grandchildren, Brent Gilbreath, Cody Gilbreath, Kelli Haas, Kristi Dean McBeath, Joshua Dean, and Joseph Dean; and by six great-grandchildren.

The family of Elaine wished to extend our sincere thanks to Manor Park employees and staff at the Mabee unit, along with Hospice of Midland.

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

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Gerald Glen "Jerry" Hiller

Gerald Glen "Jerry" Hiller peacefully departed his earthly home for his heavenly home at 6:27 p.m. on March 17, 2017.

The funeral service will be at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at South Hills Baptist Church of Fort Worth.

Visitation will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at Laurel Land Funeral Home. Interment will be at the Pecan Wells Cemetery in Hamilton, Texas.

Born January 24, 1923 to Walter and Ireta (Gerald) Hiller on the family farm near Hamilton, Texas, Jerry was the eldest of five children. After serving in the Army in Europe during World War II, Jerry graduated from Texas Tech and became a life-long Red Raider fan.

He developed a successful career in the oil industry, first in West Texas with Hillmac Company and then with the Jerry Hiller Company in Casper, Wyoming. Jerry often piloted his own plane as he serviced customers for his diamond bit coring business around the region.

After retirement, he returned to his roots and settled in Ft. Worth enjoying his South Hills Baptist Church community, being "The Donut Man" to his neighbors, and cheering for his ever-loving Red Raiders.

Jerry is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Betty Louise (Murray) Hiller; and their son, Larry Glen Hiller; his second wife, Betty Elsie (Hines) Hiller; and bysiblings, Roy J. and W.C., Jr.

Jerry is survived by sisters, Doris Franklin and Juanetha and husband Howard Yeakel; son, Paul and wife Judith Hiller; daughter-in-law, Karen Baker Hiller; seven grandchildren, Nathan, Gerry, Everett, Lawrence, Joshua, Daniel, and Valerie; and by 15 great-grandchildren.

He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

The family would like to give a special thanks to the caregivers at Silverado for their kindness and compassion.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the building fund of South Hills Baptist Church or a charity of choice.

Jo Dean Leyerly

Jo Dean Leyerly, 60, of Odessa, Texas, went to be with her Angels on March 17, 2017.

Jo Dean was born on July 12, 1956 in Midland, Texas to Margy and Dean Leyerly. Her father was active with Hughes Tool for many years and moved her and her "Seester" Nana many places but always ended up back home in West Texas.

She graduated from Midland High School with the Class of 1974 where she was active in band and had many friends. From there, she went on to West Texas State in Canyon, Texas.

Jo loved her music, retailing, and Camaros. Her love of music and retail took her all over the place meeting quite a few friends along the way. She was everyone's Paula Dean.

Jo is preceded in death by her mother, father, and sister.

She is survived by her son, Kenneth Leyerly and fiancé Autumn; granddaughters, Audry and Kendall Leyerly; "Almost Grands" Dalton and Kinsley; niece, KaDee Copeland; and her cat "Old Man" who will miss her so.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to a children's charity.

There will be a visitation from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at Ellis Funeral Home.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, March 23, 2017 in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel at 11:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

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

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Lillian White

Lillian White, 101, of Denver City, formerly of Stanton, passed from this life on Sunday, March 19, 2017.

Graveside funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at the Evergreen Cemetery Chapel in Stanton with Reverend David Harp officiating.

Mrs. White was born February 16, 1916 in Miami, Oklahoma to Levi P. and Emma Bridgett. She graduated from Miami High School and attended business college in Dunkirk, New York. She married Robert White March 16, 1946 in Parsons, Kansas.

She served as secretary for the First Baptist Church in Stanton until her retirement. Mrs. White worked with the Mother's Day Out program at the church after her retirement and touched the lives of many young children during her work with this program.

She is preceded in death by her husband, parents, and siblings.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Lynda and Randy Casey of Denver City; and by a number of nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the building fund of First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1168, Stanton, Texas 79782 or the Yoakum County Hospital Auxiliary (Pink Pantry), 400 N. Mustang Ave., Denver City, Texas 79323.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences may be made at *www.npwelch.com*.

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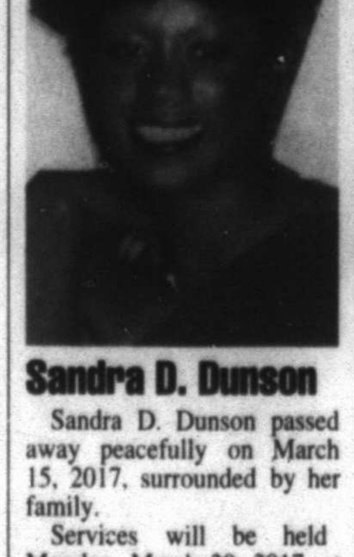

Sandra D. Dunson

Sandra D. Dunson passed away peacefully on March 15, 2017, surrounded by her family.

Services will be held Monday, March 20, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. at the Greater New Hope Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the care of Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

Sylvia Adele Holiman Hunter

Sylvia Adele Holiman Hunter was born on May 6, 1929 to Ebin and Luvenia Holiman of Midland, Texas. She was raised on a farm and attended Prairie Lee High School and Midland High School, graduating in 1946.

Following graduation, Sylvia attended Hardin Simmons University in Abilene, Texas and Hines Business School in Midland. In October 1948, she went to work for the Midland Reporter-Telegram remaining there until August 30, 1956.

During this time, she met Rufus Allen Hunter and they were married September 8, 1956. They were married for 48 years.

She was a long time member of North "A" & Tennessee Church of Christ.

Sylvia was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; grandmother, Alice Rayburn; and aunt, Irene Cole.

She is survived by her daughter, Barbara Hunter Brant and husband Dan of Midland; son, Timothy Holiman Hunter and wife Michelle of Duncan, Oklahoma; and by four granddaughters and their families, including eight great-grandchildren.

She lived a good life surrounded by friends and family and loved watching the birds and working in the garden.

There will be a visitation at Ellis Funeral Home on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A funeral service has been scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Greg Fleming officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

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

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Tommy Dean Vorheis

Tommy Dean Vorheis of Midland, Texas departed this life on March 16, 2017. Tommy was born to Cindy and Jerry Vorheis in Littlefield, Texas on July 3, 1965.

Tommy loved the outdoors and nature; he especially enjoyed fishing with his dad. He also had a very special place in his heart for his animals. Tommy relished old cars and was very comfortable working on his own vehicles through the years. From an early age, he had an almost uncanny artistic ability and he expressed this talent with detailed drawings that delighted his family and friends.

His family and close friends could definitely use the phrases soft-spoken, tender hearted, and kind spirited to describe Tommy. He was also a father, son, grandson, nephew, and cousin.

His father Jerry Vorheis and his mother Cindy Vorheis, both of Midland, survive Tommy.

Survivors also include his daughter, Kelsie Vorheis of Yukon, Oklahoma; grandmother, Wantea Siems of Prattville, Alabama; uncles and aunts, Bill and Jana Vorheis of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Dean and Nancy Siems of Prattville, Alabama, and Darrell and Dena Siems of Allen, Texas.

Also surviving Tommy is his beloved Blackie, and numerous cousins and countless friends.

His stepmother, Mary Lou Vorheis, preceded Tommy in death. He was alos preceded in death by his grandparents, Tom and Thelma Vorheis; his grandfather, James Siems; and by his uncle, Ron Vorheis.

Visitation will be held on Monday, March 20, 2017 between 5:00 p.m.and 8:00 p.m. at American Heritage Funeral Home, 4100 N FM 1788 in Midland.

Services will be held Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the chapel of Kelview Heights Baptist Church, 4020 W. Scharbauer Drive in Midland with Reverend Jerry Berry officiating.

Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery/Funeral Home/ Crematory. Online condolences may be made at *www.thehealingstartshere. com*.

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Rylen Darrell Lynch

Rylen Darrell Lynch went to live and play with Jesus Christ on March 14, 2017 after five years of a beautiful earthly ministry where he touched thousands of lives and showed how anything is possible with the grace of God. His final days were spent with family and friends.

Rylen was born November 15, 2011, and while his life was short, his impact has been felt around the world. His million-dollar smile would light up any room, and he never met a stranger. Rylen's compassion was felt by many people and he never judged anyone. His child-like faith is one we should all aspire for.

Rylen overcame the obstacle of Hydrocephalus despite all the odds. He did more, physically and mentally, than he was ever expected to do, and brought the light of Christ into the lives of every person he encountered. Our days with Rylen were a blessing, and he was and always will be a gift from God.

Rylen loved attending church and school. He also enjoyed music, trains, cars, and trucks. He enjoyed riding in the golf cart, hanging out with his Pappy, swimming, and blowing bubbles.

With Rylen's passing, we remind others that his life is one to be celebrated. Although we will miss him every single day, especially his winning smile, he will forever remain in our hearts. Through his infectious laugh and open personality, we were able to create wonderful memories and it has been a privilege to be his parents.

We are so thankful Rylen's sister, Aryanna, was able to meet and know her brother so she can hold dear the memory of Rylen's gentle spirit.

Rylen is survived by his loving parents, Reagan and Alicia Lynch of Gainesville, Texas; his sister, Aryanna; grandparents Ronnie (Pappy) and Denise Lynch, of Midland, Texas; Uncle Reese Lynch of Midland, Texas; great-grandmothers, Joyce Lynch and Wanda Duncan; grandparents, Frank and Beth Westcott of Oneonta, New York; Aunt Heather Stone of Westfield, Massachusetts; Uncle Clifford Westcott of Ipswich, Massachusetts; and numerous other cousins, aunts, uncles, and adopted aunts, uncles, and grandparents.

The family will host a visitation for family and friends on Monday, March 20 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home.

A celebration of Rylen's life will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Wilshire Park Baptist Church in Midland, Texas.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Memorial services will be held later in Fort Worth, Texas and Oneonta, New York. Details will be announced on *rylenlynch.com*.

We would like to thank those who were part of Rylen's life: Texas Health Harris Fort Worth NICU, Community Hospice of Fort Worth, Hospice Midland, Vitas Hospice, Epic Health Services, Cook Children's Office of Neuro Sciences, Cook Children's Medical Center, the Cook Children's PICU and Palliative Care teams.

Through Rylen's LifeGifts, his organs were donated to other children so they may have a full life. His huge Facebook following and all the Child Life Specialists helped us create wonderful memories.

In lieu of gifts/flowers, please donate to Fidelity Charitable, where a foundation has been established in Rylen's name. Checks may be made payable to Fidelity Charitable and may be sent to Fidelity Charitable, P.O Box 770001, Cincinnati, OH 45277-0053. Please reference the "Rylen Lynch Foundation" in the memo field of your check, or contact Reagan for a form to be used for the contribution of other appreciated assets.

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

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Death Notices

Debbie Cloe

Debbie Kay Cloe passed away peacefully, Friday March 17, 2017.

She is survived by her mother, Joy Bolling; and by two sons and three daughters.

Jimmy Breslin, chronicler of wise guys and underdogs, dies

By Verena Dobnik
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jimmy Breslin scored one of his best-remembered interviews with President John F. Kennedy's grave-digger and once drove straight into a riot where he was beaten to his underwear.

In a writing career that spanned six decades, the columnist and author became the brash embodiment of the street-smart New Yorker, chronicling wise guys and big-city power brokers but always coming back to the toils of ordinary working people.

Breslin

Breslin, who died Sunday at 88, was a fixture for decades in New York journalism, notably with the New York Daily News, and he won a Pulitzer Prize for pieces that, among others, exposed police torture in Queens and took a sympathetic look at the life of an AIDS patient.

"His was the triumph of the local, and to get the local right, you have to get how people made a living, how they got paid, how they didn't get paid, and to be able to bring it to life," said Pete Hamill, another famed New York columnist who in the 1970s shared an office with Breslin at the Daily News.

"Jimmy really admired people whose favorite four-letter word was work," said Hamill, speaking from New Orleans.

Breslin died at his Manhattan home of complications from pneumonia, according to his stepdaughter, Emily Eldridge.

It was the rumpled Breslin who mounted a quixotic political campaign for city-wide office in the 1960s; who became the Son of Sam's regular correspondent in the 1970s; who exposed the city's worst corruption scandal in decades in the 1980s; who was pulled from a car and nearly stripped naked by Brooklyn rioters in the 1990s.

With his uncombed mop of hair and sneering Queens accent, Breslin was a confessor and town crier and sometimes seemed like a character right out of his own work. And he didn't mind telling you.

"I'm the best person ever to have a column in this business," he once boasted. "There's never been anybody in my league."

He was an acclaimed author, too. "The Gang that Couldn't Shoot Straight" was his comic account of warring Brooklyn mobsters that was made into a 1971 movie. "Damon Runyon: A Life" was an account of another famous New York newsman, and "I Want to Thank My Brain for Remembering Me" was a memoir.

Breslin was "an intellectual disguised as a barroom primitive," wrote Jack Newfield and Wayne Barrett in their book "City for Sale."

He acknowledged being prone to fits of bad temper. After spewing ethnic slurs at a Korean-American

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Seth Frankel via AP

Smoke rises from a wildfire near homes Sunday in Boulder, Colo. Authorities said the small wildfire burning in the mountains forced people from their homes and is filling the sky with smoke.

Officials: Fire near Boulder, Colorado, may be human-caused

Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. — Firefighters made progress Sunday in battling a small wildfire that forced people to flee hundreds of homes in the mountains just outside downtown Boulder, Colorado, and authorities said they believe the blaze may have been human-caused.

Light winds pushed the flames in the wooded area a couple of miles west of Pearl Street, the shopping and dining hub in the heart of the university city. Crews partially contained the fire that had burned just over 60 acres, but officials worried that stronger gusts that could fan the flames might develop overnight.

The Boulder Office of Emergency Management said 426 homes were evacuated before dawn and residents of an additional 836 were warned to get ready to leave if conditions worsened. The evacuation orders will remain in place overnight, said Boulder County Sheriff's Cmdr. Mike Wagner.

There were no reports of injuries or damage to homes, emergency officials said. Several aircraft were dropping water and retardant on the flames, and a community center opened as an evacuation shelter.

The fire started in the Sunshine Canyon area, which is dotted with a mixture of expensive homes and rustic mountain residences.

Boulder County Sheriff's Cmdr. Mike Wagner said the area is used by hikers and transients for camping, leading authorities to believe the blaze was human-caused. Wagner said officials ruled out any lightning strikes or downed power lines.

Wagner said fire crews will monitor the blaze overnight and focus on full containment and mop-up Monday.

Seth Frankel, who was warned that he and his family may need to evacuate, said he had packed up "generations of things" that can't be replaced and was ready to go if the air quality got worse.

He said smoke was pouring toward neighborhoods and many dead trees were combusting and sending black smoke into the air less than a half-mile from his home. But he and his wife, a Boulder native, and three daughters have dealt with fires and floods before.

"It's always alarming and always on your mind, but it's not an uncommon sensation around here," said Frankel, who has lived in Boulder for 20 years.

In 2010, a wildfire destroyed nearly 200 houses in the mountainous area west of the city, home to the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Frankel got word of the fire early Sunday from a neighbor who received a warning call, and he was outside with neighbors watching the flames and smoke. But he let his daughters, 9, 11 and 13, sleep in.

"It's still alarming, but there's no panic," Frankel said. "We will be long since gone when parents are no longer smiling."

Police in Austin seek to curb rising violent crime rate

Associated Press

AUSTIN— Austin police are trying to halt the increase in armed robberies with overall violent crime on the rise in the fast-growing area.

The Austin American-Statesman reports that while thousands of visitors flocked to the city for the annual South by Southwest festivals over the past week, violence around the area left about a half-dozen people dead. Violent crime rose last year by 10 percent, and Austin counted more homicides than it had in years.

Through March 13, 187 robberies have been reported, including four banks, 28 businesses and 155 people. In 92 instances, the robbers carried a gun, the newspaper reported Sunday. In nine of the robberies, the gunman fired, which police say was rare in the past.

"We don't think things are out of control by any means, but we are constantly taking note of where we are to make sure we don't get to that out-of-control point," Assistant Police Chief Joseph Chacon, who oversees the department's violent crime division, said.

Chacon said even with a continuing uptick in crime, Austin still ranks among the nation's safest cities and that residents and visitors should feel safe.

"We've seen some pretty high-profile incidents that have occurred that are very violent in nature," Chacon said. "Obviously, we are going to put investigative resources and proactive measures in place to make sure that we are not seeing a trend."

The department already was specifically addressing violent crime late last year when 2016 wound up the first year in about a decade Austin's violent crime numbers rose. Patrol divisions have been conducting special initiatives to find crime hot spots and "disrupt them through officer presence and quick response," he said.

Police staffing levels also have been adjusted and foot and bike patrols in some parts of the city increased, and officers have stepped up education efforts in areas like apartment complexes to raise awareness among residents.

"These are bad folks that are out there committing these crimes, and they are a major focus for the police department now," Chacon said.

In the past week's homicides, four people are facing criminal charges and authorities are looking for seven other suspects who haven't been identified or charged.

REGIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

PLANO

Dallas-area boy fits in washing machine, then can't get out

A 13-year-old suburban Dallas boy playing around at home with some friends decided to see if he could fit in a washing machine.

Turns out he could.

But then he couldn't get out. His parents wound up calling firefighters in Plano. Fire department spokeswoman Peggy Harrell tells The Dallas Morning News firefighters were able to remove the top from the washer and pull out the boy. He wasn't hurt.

The fire department, in a tweet about the Saturday rescue, calls it "extreme #springcleaning."

TULSA, OKLA

Officer kills woman with patrol car during gun battle

A Tulsa police officer used a patrol car to run over and kill a woman who was in a shootout with police.

Sgt. Dave Walker told reporters that 21-year-old Madison Sueann Dickson was killed Saturday when the officer intentionally struck her while she exchanged gunfire with other officers.

The names of the officers were not released.

Dickson was wanted for four recent gun related incidents, including three shootings that left at least two people wounded.

Police say Dickson got into a pickup truck that was leaving an apartment Saturday after officers had spotted her, then eventually jumped out of the truck and began exchanging gunfire with at least two officers before she was struck by the patrol car.

The driver of the truck is being questioned.

CONAWAY

From 1A

"In every agency, there are programs that are unnecessary and there are cuts that can be made responsibly across the board," he said. "But our safety net has to cushion and consider the unevenness of the international playing field."

Fortunately for agriculture watchers, the White House's overall budget proposal appeared dead on arrival in the Capitol, with congressional Republicans panning a whole host of aspects in the blueprint.

House Armed Services Committee Chairman Mac Thornberry, R-Clarendon, reiterated his view Thursday that the $603 billion Trump requested for defense is not enough "to do the things the president wants to do" in terms of building out the military.

Conaway cautioned against getting too worked up about the proposed cuts, noting that this is just "the start of a longer, larger process." But the signal Trump is sending by even suggesting such drastic reductions for the agricultural agency may continue to worry the industry.

"Agriculture has done more than its fair share," Conaway said, highlighting billions of dollars in savings his committee squeezed out in the most recent farm bill in 2014. Cautious Republican concerns paled in comparison to unreserved Democratic pushback to the president's proposal.

"I strongly oppose the Trump administration's proposed budget cuts to programs that are critical to farmers, ranchers and families in small towns across America," said Sen. Debbie Stabenow of Michigan, the senior Democrat on the Senate agriculture committee, in a written statement.

Trump took weeks after first interviewing former Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue before nominating him for agriculture secretary just a day before his inauguration in January, leaving the industry on pins and needles.

Trump was reportedly looking to tap a Hispanic candidate for the last role in his cabinet to tamp down complaints about diversity, and he met with several during the interview process, but industry insiders pushed back on each one. Four Texans were in the running for the job, and Conaway's first choice was Susan Combs, the state's former comptroller.

Because the president's budget offers a mostly top-level outline, it did not give details about which services could be cut. The changes would not affect mandatory spending, meaning the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program — also known as food stamps — and crop subsidies for farmers would go untouched.

But the elimination or reduction of programs focused on supporting rural communities could be in the offing. "There are some hard choices that are going to have to be made over at the USDA," Conaway told The Dallas Morning News late Thursday.

BOARD

From 1A

Crockett Elementary will be closed and students currently attending Crockett would be moved to other eastside campuses, including DeZavala and Milam elementaries. The reason for this step, according to MISD board President Rick Davis, is that Crockett appears headed toward a seventh-straight year as an "improvement required" campus, according to the Texas Education Agency. Not only would Crockett continue a streak that is among the longest in the state of Texas, but Davis expects that with another year as an IR campus, TEA would consider fashioning a possible course of action for Crockett. If Crockett is closed down, the campus would then be open for the 349 student population.

"Keeping the 349 students at Fasken would not only continue an overcrowded situation at Fasken, that situation would reasonably be expected to be exacerbated as more homes are expected to be built east of 349 in the next few years," Davis said. "Also, dividing where students from those 349 neighborhoods go to elementary school based on whether they were initially included in the Fasken school zone, before any proposed zoning change became necessary, would not appear to be a good long-term solution for those neighborhoods."

Davis and board member John Kennedy told the Reporter-Telegram they anticipate voting for option 4 at today's meeting. Kennedy also said option 4 provides a proactive solution for the district. Changing the campus makeup at Crockett with new students and a different educational staff will have an added benefit. It removes one more IR campus from the district's list, which was nine going into the 2016-17 school year. Davis said he expects DeZavala and Milam also will be removed from the list based on assessments this year. Both represent a possible glimpse of a turnaround for the district. MISD has put into place professional learning communities at a majority of the district's campuses over the last two years. The first campuses where PLCs were implemented were those struggling with performance, including the IR schools. Teachers at Milam, DeZavala and Crockett have been through PLC training. It remains to be seen if the deficit at Crockett was just too great for Midland ISD officials and PLCs to overcome.

"If we decide to close Crockett and transfer those students to Milam and DeZavala, those campuses have the capacity to take those current students and future students that would have otherwise gone to Crockett," Davis said.

Midland ISD was one of a handful of school districts around the state that met with the TEA about having too many chronically poor-performing campuses. At the beginning of the school year, MISD had three campuses with at least four straight years as improvement required (Crockett, Milam and South). Midland's

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 432-682-8595

■ Monday Mayhem features unlimited bowling for $14.09 with free shoe rentals after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

■ Bingo, 6 p.m. at the Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1306 E. Taylor Ave. Children welcome.

Meetings today

Planning and Zoning Commission
3:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers, City Hall
■ 300 N. Loraine Ave.

MISD
5:30 p.m.
Bowie Fine Arts Academy
■ 805 Elk Ave.

Permian Basin MPO
5 p.m.
■ Wright Office Complex, Suite 1, 9601 Wright Drive

The Easter Bunny is coming

The Easter Bunny is coming to Midland Park Mall beginning March 31.

Kids can have their photo taken through April 15 and gather for breakfast on April 8.

Bunny Photo Experience is at the JCPenney Court. To make an appopintment, go to simon.noerrbunny.com. The mall's Caring Bunny event for special-needs children is 10 a.m.-noon April 2.

Bunny Breakfast, sponsored by the Midland Northside Lions Club, is 7-10 a.m. April 8 at the food court. Tickets are $6.

Know a member of the military coming home?

Military families can call 352-0785 or email Vickie Gomez (zemogv@cableone.net) when they know their member of the military is flying into Midland International Airport so the Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee can be there to greet them.

Honor those who served

There are many organizations in operation right here in the Permian Basin that are at the task of serving all kinds of needs for present and former members of our military. Some of them are:

■ Show of Support (687-2167)
■ Honor Our Troops (889-0177). Reel Thanx (528-6633)
■ Centers for Children and Families (570-1084)
■ Midland College Veterans Affairs Office (685-4511)
■ Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee (366-3458)
■ Soldiers of Today and Yesterday (631-3429)

Announce a special day

If you would like to submit a birthday or anniversary for publication, please send the following information to news@mrt.com.

■ Birthdays: Name, age, birthday and place of residence.
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Talk show schedules

News talk
■ KCRS (AM 550)
6-9 a.m. The Morning Drive with Robert Hallmark & Kurt Verlei
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 with KOSA
6-9 p.m. Lars Larson
9-midnight Joe Pags
midnight-4 a.m. George Noory
4-6 a.m. Gordon Deal
Web: http://www.newstalkkcrs.com/

■ KWEL (AM 1070, FM 107.1)
6-10 a.m. The Morning Show with Craig Anderson
10 a.m.-noon, Herman Cain
Noon-2 p.m. Glenn Beck
2-5 p.m. Sean Hannity
5-7 p.m. The West Texas Round-Up of News and Talk
Web: http://www.kwel.com

Sport talk
■ KMND (AM 1510)
6-9 a.m. Mike and Mike in the Morning
9 a.m.-noon Dan Le Batard Show
Noon-3 p.m. The Dan Patrick Show

How sick are you?

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

The program is designed to help people determine whether their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 686-8773.

The program is free and available 24 hours a day-365 days a year. Local nurses are available to help you determine the best place to receive care for your situation. 68-NURSE can help you save time and money by directing you to the most appropriate healthcare option, whether it's a neighborhood clinic, urgent care center, emergency room ... or just staying home.

Today in History

Today is Monday, March 20, the 79th day of 2017. There are 286 days left in the year. Spring arrives at 6:28 a.m. Eastern time.

On this date:

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte returned to Paris after escaping his exile on Elba, beginning his "Hundred Days" rule.

In 1852, Harriet Beecher Stowe's influential novel about slavery, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," was first published in book form after being serialized.

Associated Press

Paul Brown of Creve Coeur and his daughter Lacey Brown, 10, visit the statue of music legend Chuck Berry on the Delmar Loop, on Saturday, in University City, Mo. Berry died Saturday at the age of 90.

Chuck Berry's spirit lives on through countless songs

By Hillel Italie
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Behind so many great rock bands and rock songs looms the music of Chuck Berry.

Like the time a teenage Keith Richards ran into a childhood friend, Mick Jagger, at a train station in England and discovered they were musical soul mates.

"You know I was keen on Chuck Berry and I thought I was the only fan for miles," Richards wrote to a relative in April 1962. "I was holding one of Chuck's records when a guy I knew at primary school ... came up to me. He's got every Chuck Berry, ever made and all his mates have, too."

Berry died Saturday at age 90, leaving behind not only a core of rock classics such as "Johnny B. Goode" and "Roll Over Beethoven," but countless descendants in songs clearly indebted to him in sound and in spirit.

You could assemble a heavenly mix tape just of the hits built around his guitar work. You can hear it overtly in the Rolling Stones' "Brown Sugar," which closes with a near-verbatim homage to "Johnny B. Goode," in Bob Seger's "Get Out of Denver" and the Beach Boys' "Fun, Fun, Fun," or in brief passages to songs that might not otherwise remind anyone of Berry, like the Eagles' "Peaceful Easy Feeling" or the Who's "Who are You."

"It started with Chuck Berry. He inspired us all," tweeted Rod Stewart, whose Berry-influenced songs included "Hot Legs" and "Stay With Me," a hit when he was with the Faces. "The 1st album I bought was Chuck's 'Live at the Tivoli' and I was never the same."

Berry also patented an animated, stream of consciousness storytelling style that artists have been using ever since. Listen to Bob Dylan unfurl his story of paranoia in "Subterranean Homesick Blues" or his old man's boast in "Thunder On the Mountain," or the Rolling Stones' mockery in "Respectable," songs inconceivable without Berry's "Maybellene" and "Too Much Monkey Business" among others. Berry's rocking groove and comic spirit inspire Creedence Clearwater Revival's sci-fi "It Came Out of the Sky," while Seger's "Rock and Roll Never Forgets" consciously brings Berry's teen world into adult life.

So now sweet 16's turned 31
You get to feelin' weary when the workday's done
Well all you got to do is get up and into your kicks
If you're in a fix
Come back baby, rock and roll never forgets

Critic Peter Guralnick notes that Berry's influence is both literal, in the way Richards might consciously imitate one of his riffs, and more general in his poetry and novelistic detail. The Cadillac in Berry's "Nadine" is not just a Cadillac, but a "coffee colored" Cadillac. He says one of Dylan's great accomplishments was absorbing Berry's gifts into his own style.

"Dylan called Berry the 'Shakespeare of rock n' roll' and with good reason," Guralnick said Sunday. "Had the Nobel committee been open to popular musicians before Dylan's era, they might have given the prize to Berry."

Berry didn't just create the music for so many rock n' roll lives but helped invent the characters — the bored student, the groupie, the would-be guitar hero — and placed them in an American landscape of restlessness, aspiration and motion. The simple pleasure, and underlying boredom, of The Beach Boys' "I Get Around" were the suburban Californians' take on Berry's "No Particular Place to Go." Springsteen's "Born to Run" is rock romance and adventure in the grandest Berry style.

In the day we sweat it out on the streets of a runaway American dream
At night we ride through mansions of glory in suicide machines
Sprung from cages on Highway 9
Chrome-wheeled, fuel-injected
And steppin' out over the line

Up ahead, and moving along, was Berry and the Garden State adventures of "You Can't Catch Me":

New Jersey Turnpike in the wee wee hours
I was rollin' slowly 'cause of drizzlin' showers
Here come a flat-top, he was movin' up with me
Then come wavin' by me in a little' old souped-up jitney
I put my foot on my tank and I began to roll

Revelers high-spirited at Boston St. Patrick's Day parade

By Tracee M. Harbaugh
Associated Press

BOSTON — Tens of thousands of people lined the frigid streets of Boston on Sunday for the city's St. Patrick's Day parade, which went off amid high spirits and without a hitch after a dispute over whether a gay veterans group could march.

There was no shortage of green clothing, shamrock headbands and booze during the annual parade in South Boston. Some parade-goers said they would have attended no matter the outcome of the dispute over the OutVets gay veterans group.

The parade's organizers, the South Boston Allied War Council, initially had voted against allowing marchers from OutVets, a group representing LGBTQ veterans. But organizers reversed the decision earlier this month after the stance drew backlash.

Spectators Jo Bunny and her wife, Lise Krieger, told The Boston Globe they had gone to the parade for the first time specifically to support the veterans.

"These men and women went out and fought for us to have (protection when it comes to sexual orientation)," said Bunny. "We should support them."

John Racker, of Wilmington, Delaware, said he followed the headlines on the OutVets dispute, but it wouldn't have prevented him from taking part in the festivities on his first trip to Boston.

"I want everybody to be included, but I also wanted to see this parade," he said.

Others spectators, including Kendal and Alexa Smith, 17-year-old twins from East Bridgewater, Massachusetts, had not heard of the dispute. Both girls, dressed in green from head to toe, took the train into the city for their first St. Patrick's Day parade.

"We always heard about this parade," Alexa Smith said. "Our grandmother is from Ireland. We usually celebrate Saint Patrick's Day with family, decorate the house."

The parade has long been embroiled in legal controversy, including a 1995 U.S. Supreme Court ruling allowing the South Boston Allied War Veterans Council to exclude gay groups on free speech grounds.

But the council in 2015 allowed OutVets to participate for the first time in 2015.

MISD

From 3A

total number of IR schools going into the school year was more than there were in the three combined school districts inside the greater El Paso metropolitan area and more than the Harlingen and Brownsville school districts combined.

What option 4 will not prevent is future discussion of an in-district charter, Davis said. The governance report calls for the board to consider in-district charters, and Davis said he wants the new superintendent to be part of the decision-making process when it comes to the implementation of the governance report. Other campuses, including any remaining improvement required campuses, would be viewed as more likely candidates for such opportunity, Davis said.

BRESLIN

From 2A

co-worker in 1990, Breslin apologized by writing, "I am no good and once again I can prove it."

But under the tough, belligerent personality was someone else — a son whose hard-drinking father left home when he was 6 to get a loaf of bread and never returned, Hamill said. Breslin's mother supported the family by working as a welfare system administrator, raising the boy along with her two sisters.

"The gruff personality was a mask a guy would don to get through the day," Hamill said. "Under the mask, what you found at his core was being raised by women, so life is more complicated than a punch in the jaw."

In the 1980s, he won both the Pulitzer for commentary and the George Polk Award for metropolitan reporting. The Pulitzer committee noted that Breslin's columns "consistently championed ordinary citizens."

A few days after the 2001 World Trade Center attacks, he wrote of the dwindling hopes for families.

"The streets have been covered with pictures and posters of missing people," he wrote. "The messages on the posters begging for help. Their wife could be in a coma in a hospital. The husband could be wandering the street. Please look. My sister could have stumbled out of the wreckage and taken to a hospital that doesn't know her. Help. Call if you see her. But now it is the ninth day and the beautiful sad hope of the families seems more like denial."

In other columns, Breslin presented an array of recurring characters — Klein the Lawyer, Shelly the Bail Bondsman, Un Occhio the mob boss. They seemed to blur the line between fact and fiction, until the first pair became key figures in Breslin's 1986 exclusive on the multimillion-dollar Parking Violations Bureau scandal.

"Of course I would betray a friend for the biggest story of the year," he said after doing just that on the last manual typewriter in the News' old 42nd Street newsroom.

After such successes, he held court in Costello's bar in midtown Manhattan — until he quit drinking in his post-Pulitzer years.

Breslin demonstrated few early skills as a wordsmith, graduating from high school before a brief, undistinguished stay at Long Island University starting in 1948, while he was already working at the Long Island Press.

As a sportswriter, he bounced between papers until he landed at the New York Herald Tribune.

He became a news columnist in 1963 and quickly found a story when none seemed left to tell. As reporters from around the world arrived to cover President Kennedy's funeral, Breslin alone sought out the presidential grave-digger, Clifton Pollard, and began his report with Pollard having a breakfast of bacon and eggs at his apartment on the Sunday following JFK's assassination.

"Pollard was in the middle of eating them when he received the phone call he had been expecting. It was from Mazo Kawalchik, who is the foreman of the gravediggers at Arlington National Cemetery, which is where Pollard works for a living," Breslin wrote.

"Polly, could you please be here by eleven o'clock this morning?' Kawalchik asked. 'I guess you know what it's for.' Pollard did. He hung up the phone, finished breakfast and left his apartment so he could spend Sunday digging a grave for John Fitzgerald Kennedy."

Breslin later covered Robert Kennedy's assassination, in 1968, from a much closer angle. He was standing 5 feet away when Sirhan Sirhan struck at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles.

In 1969, Breslin joined author Norman Mailer on a twisted political ticket: Mailer for mayor, Breslin for city council president. After their predictable loss, Breslin observed. "I'm mortified to have taken part in a process that has closed the bar for the better part of the day."

By then, he was a successful author with a second book, "Can't Anybody Here Play This Game?" It was praised for its tales of the sad-sack New York Mets.

Breslin dabbled in television and magazine writing but returned to the newspaper business in 1976 as a Daily News columnist and became part of one of the city's most horrifying stories, the "Son of Sam" killings in 1977. David "Son of Sam" Berkowitz sent Breslin several letters and impressed the columnist enough for him to observe: "He's the only killer I ever knew who knew how to use a semicolon."

He jumped to New York Newsday in 1988, signing a contract for more than $500,000 a year. During the Crown Heights riots in 1991, the then-61-year-old columnist commandeered a cab and ordered the driver to head directly into the action. About 50 rioters yanked Breslin from the taxi, robbed and beat him. He was left with only his underwear and his press card.

Three years later, he underwent successful surgery for a brain aneurysm — an episode that led to his memoir.

While Breslin had crowds of admirers, he created an equal number of enemies. One of his most enduring feuds was with ex-Mayor Edward I. Koch, who once promised to "give the eulogy at Jimmy Breslin's funeral." Koch died in 2013.

Breslin had two daughters and four sons with his first wife, Rosemary, who died of cancer in 1981. He later married Ronnie Eldridge, a former New York City councilwoman.

On Sunday, just hours after her husband's death, she summed up their life together, saying: "We were married for 34 years and it was a great adventure."

WATCH

From 1A

strict voter ID law could be approved by the full Senate this week. A federal appeals court last year ruled that the Texas law discriminated against poor and minority voters, and ordered changed that were put in place ahead of the November elections.

The Senate bill would give options to voters who declare they are unable to reasonably obtain one of acceptable seven forms of ID. But it also creates a criminal penalty of two to 10 years in prison for people found guilty of trying to get around the rules while casting a ballot.

Redistricting

A Dallas Democrat is calling for legislative hearings after a federal court this month ruled that Republicans in 2011 racially gerrymandered some congressional districts while drawing new voting maps.

Despite the findings of intentional discrimination, the three-judge panel in San Antonio didn't propose an immediate fix. The maps as originally drawn were never used in an election because the same court threw them out in 2012. Republican Attorney General Ken Paxton says that makes the ruling moot but has not yet said what the state might do next.

Democrat state. Rep. Eric Johnson is now waiting to see whether the House Committee on Redistricting reviews the decision.

Budget

Budget-writers in both the House and Senate put the final touches last week on cost-cutting spending bills that could clear a first vote this week. Higher education in Texas is one area taking a hit as lawmakers scramble to close a shortfall of billions of dollars in wake of the oil slowdown.

The House is proposing less cuts by tapping into the rainy day fund — a state savings account where more than $10 billion is currently socked away — while the Senate has called for greater austerity.

For many older Americans, costs rise under GOP health plan

By Michael Rubinkam, Kelli Kennedy and Meghan Hoyer
Associated Press

NEW RINGGOLD, Pa. — Among the groups hardest hit by the Republican plan to replace the Affordable Care Act is one that swung for Donald Trump during last year's presidential race — older Americans who have not yet reached Medicare age.

Many of those who buy their own health insurance stand to pay a lot more for their coverage. That is especially true for the nearly 3.4 million older Americans who have enrolled through the government marketplaces, many of whom receive generous federal subsidies through the health care law enacted under former President Barack Obama.

Health care experts predict those older adults will end up buying skimpier plans with lower coverage and higher deductibles because that's all they will be able to afford. The Republican plan replaces the subsidies in the Affordable Care Act, which mostly benefit low- and middle-income earners, with a flat tax credit that does not take into account income or local insurance prices.

On top of that, the GOP plan allows insurers to charge older people five times what they charge younger customers, compared to three times under Obama's health care law.

The Republican plan is still evolving, and many GOP lawmakers have said they want to see changes that reduce the impact on older consumers before they can support it.

Based on the current plan, an Associated Press analysis of data from the Kaiser Family Foundation shows older consumers, defined as those age 55 and older, would be disproportionately affected. They could lose thousands of dollars per year in government subsidies for health insurance.

Associated Press

In this March 17 photo, Wendy Kline, a hairstylist who voted for Donald Trump poses for a photo in Harrisburg, Pa. Older Americans who buy their own health insurance are among the groups hardest hit under the Republican plan to replace the Affordable Care Act. Kline tried buying a policy on the federal exchange but found she made a little too much money to qualify for a government subsidy. So she was stuck paying the market rate.

The AP analysis also found that on average, the counties with the strongest Trump support will see costs for older enrollees rise 50 percent more than the counties that had the least amount of support for Trump.

"A lot of people just won't be able to afford to pay it. A lot of people are going to drop out of the market altogether," said Kaiser's Cynthia Cox.

That includes older voters who helped put Trump into office.

Take Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, an economically struggling former coal-mining center where the New York billionaire won 70 percent of the vote in November.

About 40 percent of Schuylkill County's Affordable Care Act enrollees are 55 or older, more than 10 points higher than the national average. A 60-year-old making $30,000 annually here will pay roughly $8,750 more per year for coverage under the Republican plan moving through Congress, according to the AP analysis.

"When it comes to food or insurance, it's going to be an easy choice," said Matt Strauss, a health insurance broker in New Ringgold, some of whose customers voted for Trump.

Older Americans on both ends of the political spectrum say they are worried about what the future holds. Here are some of their stories:

Trump supporter and longtime Republican Robert Ruscoe, who runs a Florida liquidating business with his wife, said he is not feeling "warm and fuzzy" about the GOP health care plan.

He went about five years without insurance because it was financially out of reach. When insurance became available through the Affordable Care Act, the couple was able to get a policy for about $350 per month, after a $700 monthly subsidy from the government. "It's nice to be able to go the doctor whenever something comes up. It gives you a peace ... especially when you get close to 60," said Ruscoe, 57, of West Palm Beach.

He said he didn't hesitate to sign up through the Affordable Care Act, a program his party spent years vowing to dismantle.

"It doesn't matter who came up with it. It's a good thing to be supporting across party lines," he said.

Worried about losing coverage, Ruscoe considered voting for a Democrat for the first time last November. But he ultimately placed his trust in Trump and the GOP.

"Obamacare is eventually going to have to be fiscally sound. Otherwise it's not going to stay," Ruscoe said. "I figured (a replacement) was coming, anyway."

He said he wants Trump to know that having access to insurance matters.

"That coverage made a big difference in a lot of people's lives, just like me," he said.

Anna Holloway of Norman, Oklahoma, who takes daily medication for an auto-immune disease, said she is fearful the GOP plan will price her out of the market for health insurance.

"I am conscious of just how desperate this is," said Holloway, 60, fighting back tears. "I try not to let myself feel this way, but to live this way with real terror, real fear that the universe is going to fall apart around me."

She takes home about $1,150 per month working four part-time jobs. That's only $250 more than the monthly premium for a health care plan that includes Holloway and her 23-year-old daughter. Without the government subsidy that makes the policy affordable, she would have to drop it.

The Kaiser analysis estimates a family plan in Norman under the current Republican proposal would cost as much as $20,000 more for someone in Holloway's income and age bracket.

"I'd go without health care. I would get sicker, and that would make it more difficult to work. I would eventually have to stop working," said Holloway, a registered Democrat who voted for Hillary Clinton.

Holloway said she has contemplated the possibility of selling her home and moving in with a family member in Virginia. She acknowledges sometimes feeling hopeless when she considers how losing her health care would affect her life.

"I'm not suicidal, but there are times that I think of the damage that could be done to my daughter and her future if I have to eat up all my reserves and my house and all that I own," she said.

The Affordable Care Act didn't work for Wendy Kline, a hairstylist in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, who voted for Donald Trump.

Kline tried buying a policy on the federal exchange but found she made a little too much money to qualify for a government subsidy. So she was stuck paying the market rate.

Her policy jumped this year from $630 to $929 a month. As a result, the 61-year-old isn't able to save much for retirement.

"I try to put as much away as I can, but my health insurance is $30 less than my mortgage payment," said Kline, who works two jobs.

The GOP plan is a mixed bag for people like Kline. It gives some higher-income consumers the ability to get tax credits for coverage purchased off the exchange, but it also gives insurers the right to charge older customers like her more than they can under the current law.

Kline voted for Trump hoping he would be able to work with Congress "to make it affordable for everyone, across the board."

She said she still has hope, but is increasingly skeptical.

"I'm so tired of the whole thing," she said. "When they talk, I turn the television down because it just drives me crazy."

Retired factory worker Bob Melton, 63, said the projected cost increases for older Americans mean he and his wife Tammy, 58, would be unable to continue to afford coverage. They now pay $225 a month after the subsidies they receive through the Affordable Care Act.

He was staggered by a projection that the couple's premiums could go up by nearly $17,000 under the GOP plan.

"It'll put me and my wife out — out of insurance. There's just no way," he said.

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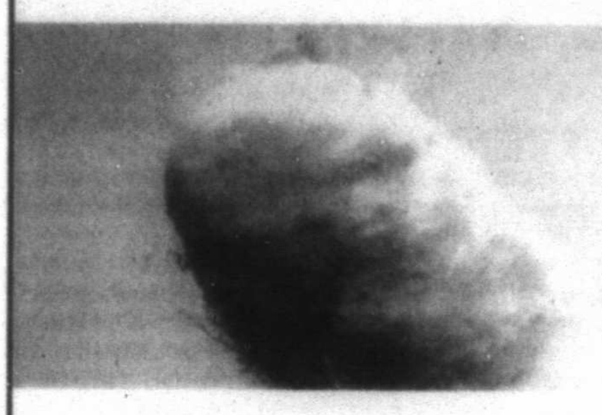

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OPINION

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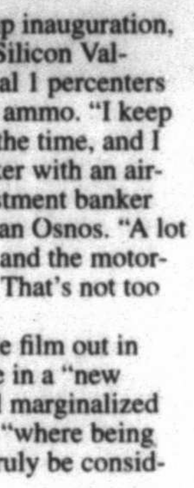

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So an insanely rich, decades-long global media icon is claiming the mantle of the marginalized and oppressed. Where does she find the courage to speak up?

Although it's always easy — and often fun — to point out the irrational paranoia in others, I generally like this tendency in American culture, so long as it's kept reasonably in check. The founders were terrified of tyranny. "The Federalist Papers" name-checks one tyrannical cautionary tale after another, from the "tyranny of Macedonian garrisons" to the "elective despotism" of the Venetian republic.

The framers' genius lay in their observation that the greatest check on unbridled, or "concentrated," power was the fear it aroused in competing factions.

In other words, fear gets a bad rap. Franklin D. Roosevelt gets too much praise for his claim that the only thing Americans had to fear was "fear itself." Fear imparts vital information. I fear snakes and sharks and the possibility of falling out of an airplane. These are all healthy fears. Fear is dangerous when it serves as a substitute for thinking. (I still swim in the ocean and travel on airplanes.) But fear can be very useful when it informs our thinking, when it focuses the mind on potential dangers ahead.

Apathy is the practical opposite of fear. Given that tyranny, going by the historical and evolutionary record, is the natural state of humankind, the greatest bulwark against it is a highly cultivated, deeply informed but nonetheless instinctive fear. Edmund Burke never actually uttered the most famous quote attributed to him — "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing" — though that is a useful summation of his views. And it's certainly true.

Apathy is the grease that makes slippery slopes so treacherous.

One of the things that make our politics so ugly isn't fear, but a lack of sympathetic imagination for the fear of others. Under Obama (and FDR and others), many conservatives articulated thoughtful, informed and rational fears about where his policies might take the country. Other, often louder conservatives offered barbaric yawps based on some of the same fears. The standard liberal response was undifferentiated scorn and mockery. Today (as under Reagan and others), the tables have turned, and the roles have been reversed.

It's far better to cultivate mutual understanding of each other's fears than try to smooth away the fear of tyranny with the grease of apathy.

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GUEST VIEW

Probation shouldn't be option in cases of teacher-student sex

Beaumont Enterprise

Lawmakers are considering several proposals in this session to stem the growing problem of teacher-student sex, but key to the whole effort is the certainty of time in prison.

If educators know that sexual relationships with students will absolutely cause them to spend at least some time behind bars, more of them won't cross that line.

Unfortunately — and incredibly — that doesn't always happen now.

A former teacher in the Eanes school district received 10 years of probation this month after pleading guilty to sexual contact with two students.

Another teacher in the East Central district near San Antonio resigned this month after admitting to a sexual relationship with a student that lasted five months. She has not yet been prosecuted for the offense, suggesting a possible replay of a familiar formula in these cases: Resign quickly when caught and get out of town, and maybe school officials and prosecutors don't have to deal with a messy trial.

That may be convenient for some, but it's not justice. And because teacher-student sex cases have increased in each of the past six years in Texas, it's clear that current sanctions aren't quite getting the message across.

In a bizarre twist, some legislators want to add criminal penalties for a teacher or administrator who knows about a fellow educator having sex with a student but fails to report it.

That's justified, but it only reinforces the need for mandatory minimum sentences for the teachers who cause the problems in the first place.

Even Alexandria Vera, the notorious Montgomery County teacher who became pregnant after a ninth-month relationship with a middle-school boy, got deferred adjudicated probation along with her 10-year prison sentence. In theory, her conviction could be erased from official records in later years.

That kind of leniency is unwarranted for this very preventable crime. It will occur to some extent, but swift and certain punishment will make it as rare as possible.

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Democrats are own worst enemy

■ Party needs to repair relationship with blue-collar voters instead of worrying about Russia

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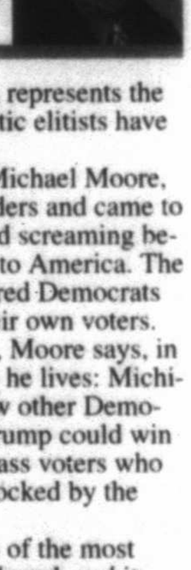

Not Russia again. Whenever I hear someone say that our perennial nemesis meddled in the presidential election and helped elect Donald Trump, I wince.

Not because Americans don't deserve to know if the Russians commandeered a U.S. presidential election. We may soon have answers. Congressional probes are underway, and the FBI is investigating.

And not because the issue hasn't remained timely. Even the brouhaha over Trump's now infamous tweets that he was wiretapped by President Obama has roots in the Russian story.

There it gets tricky. If Trump continues to push the as-of-yet unsubstantiated claim that he and his associates were under surveillance by the preceding administration, he invites further inquiry as to whether there was anything to investigate. But if Democrats deny there was any surveillance, they open up the Obama administration to criticism from those folks on the left who think Trump or his associates colluded with the Russians to embarrass Hillary Clinton and, for that, Team Trump should have been under surveillance.

And yet, I still get a pain in the pit of my stomach whenever I hear the words "Russia" and "Trump" in the same sentence.

Here's why: Four months after the election, we were supposed to be talking about something else. By now, we were supposed to be pretty far along in analyzing how Democrats lost blue-collar voters in the so-called Rust Belt states of Ohio, Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania. And, for their part, instead of focusing so much on Russia, Democrats were supposed to be trying to figure out how they could get back those wayward voters.

You remember how it was in the days after the election, when Democrats were walking around in a confused haze. There was going to be all this soul-searching and reflection by party leaders about what went wrong, and how it was that working-class voters in the industrial Midwest who had once been a reliable Democratic voting bloc wound up voting for Donald Trump — of all people.

Well, it hasn't happened.

House Democrats made clear that they didn't "get it" when, just a few weeks after the election, they re-elected Nancy Pelosi as House minority leader and rejected the alternative: Rep. Tim Ryan, who just happens to represent Youngstown, Ohio — a city that, more than any other, represents the kind of place with which Democratic elitists have totally lost touch.

Do you know who does get it? Michael Moore, who originally backed Bernie Sanders and came to support Hillary Clinton kicking and screaming because he considers Trump a threat to America. The filmmaker has mercilessly hammered Democrats for looking down their noses at their own voters. The problem is especially obvious, Moore says, in Rust Belt states like the one where he lives: Michigan. Early on, Moore saw what few other Democrats were willing to admit: that Trump could win thanks to support from working-class voters who felt abandoned, neglected, even mocked by the Democratic Party.

It was Moore who delivered one of the most insightful post-election analyses I heard, and it was about, of all things, baseball caps. He pointed out that — when the Trump campaign printed up thousands of red caps bearing the slogan: "Make America Great Again" — the elites in the Democratic party, including many who work in the media, laughed and dismissed the gesture as uncouth and unsophisticated. I mean, baseball caps? Really.

But, Moore noted, guess what a lot of people in Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania like to wear when they're running errands, or jogging around their neighborhood, or picking up the kids from school? Yep. Baseball caps.

What? They didn't teach you that at the Kennedy School of Government? Well, they should have.

Now, Moore has a new warning for Democrats: Beware of Russia. When asked recently by Variety magazine whether he thinks Russia helped win the election for Trump, the filmmaker bristled:

"The Democrats should not be thinking that they lost because of the Russians," he said. "The Democrats lost because of the Democrats."

Preach, Michael. It's time for Democrats to accept what the rest of the country already knows — that the party has become its own worst enemy. Democrats need to repair their relationship with blue-collar voters, or they're done as a national party. And they can't do that if they're so focused on Russia that they forget all about the Rust Belt.

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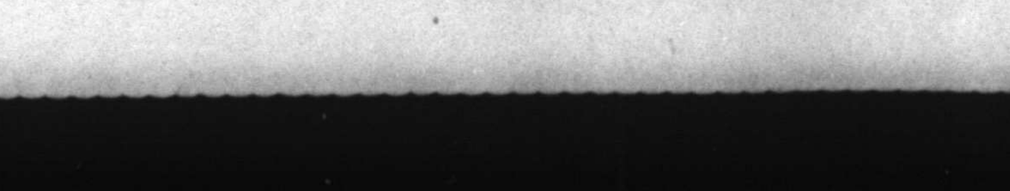

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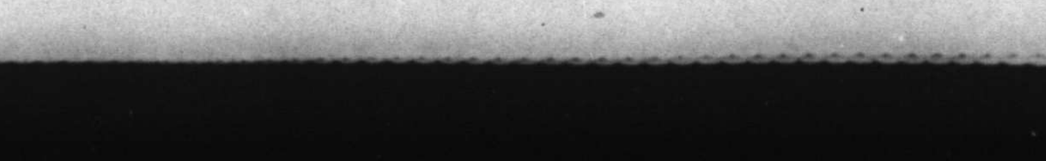

Former dairy farmer leads Trump-Russia investigation

By Eileen Sullivan and Garance Burke
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Devin Nunes once said all he wanted to do was work on a dairy farm.

Now the Republican from the rural Central Valley of California is running one of the most scrutinized, complex and politically fraught congressional investigations in recent memory.

As chairman of the House intelligence committee, which holds its first public hearing on Monday, Nunes is at the helm of a probe of Moscow's meddling in the 2016 campaign and the murky web of contacts between President Donald Trump's campaign and Russia. It's a potentially sprawling enterprise that spans continents, plumbs spycraft and dominates international headlines.

He's a long way from raising cattle.

"I'm not asking for any profile," Nunes told The Associated Press, when asked about his new place in the spotlight.

Until recently, the soft-spoken 43-year-old — dubbed a "normal dad" by friends — was hardly a fixture on the national news circuit. Now he is holding weekly press briefings and being asked to weigh in on daily twists and unexpected developments. At Monday's hearing he will call FBI Director James Comey as a witness, an event that amounts to must-see television in Washington.

Nunes was not an early Trump backer, but was named to the transition team as an adviser on appointments.

The burden of leading a bipartisan, credible investigation into the integrity of the U.S. campaigns, not to mention the possible role of the new president's campaign associates, is a heavy one not only for him but for many veteran lawmakers.

On the other side of the aisle, Democratic Sen. Mark Warner, of Virginia, has said the Senate intelligence committee investigation, which he is co-leading, is probably the most important thing he will do in his public life. Nunes says he does not feel the same way.

"Everything we do around here is really important," Nunes said. "I wouldn't put one in front of the other."

It's an understatement his friends recognize. Nunes is a third-generation Portuguese-American, and he grew up working on his family's dairy farm. As a teenager, he raised cattle and saved money to buy farmland with his brother, according to his congressional biography. He has degrees in agriculture and keeps his hand in farming through an investment in two California wineries run by a friend he met through his alumni network.

Rep. David Valadao, a Republican congressman from a district next to Nunes' and fellow dairyman, said Nunes takes his job as congressman seriously. But, he said, aside from his work, "he's a normal dad" to three young daughters.

"All I wanted to be was a dairy farmer," Nunes told a group of high school students as he campaigned for his seat in Congress in 2002, according to an article in the Fresno Bee.

His education and childhood aspiration suited his political ambitions. Like many politicians from California's interior farm belt, Nunes was well versed in agriculture and the water supply that supports it.

Nunes' first entree into politics was as a member of the board of a local community college. He ran for Congress in 1998 and lost in the primary. In 2001, he was appointed by President George W. Bush to a California post at the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

He was only 28 when he won a hotly contested congressional seat, beating his Republican competitors in the 2002 primary by appealing to the concerns of ranchers and dairymen in his solidly conservative district.

Tom Barcellos, a Tulare County dairy producer who has known Nunes since he was a child, said Nunes was focused early on politics, without being showy.

"He knew what he wanted and he did his research, and he didn't blow a lot of smoke," Barcellos said.

Nunes consistently has supported bills that would roll back environmental protections and boost federal water supplies to the fertile farmlands of the San Joaquin Valley, the lower stretch of California's vast Central Valley. His ongoing fight against what he describes as jobs-killing regulations promoted by "radical environmentalists" is a priority shared by a local group of wealthy farmers who belong to the giant Westlands Water District, which hired Nunes' friend and former chief of staff as its deputy general manager two years ago.

"Devin, from day one, has made water his top priority," said Tom Holyoke, a political scientist at California State University, Fresno.

Nunes served on the Agriculture Committee during his first term, but quickly landed a spot on the House Ways and Means Committee, one of Congress' most influential panels.

He was spotted by Republican leaders as a party loyalist and he was named to a leadership position during his first term.

He vied for the chairmanship of the intelligence committee in 2014. While competing against more senior members, he proved a better fundraiser, bringing in far more money for his party than his competitors for the chairmanship. While many congressional committee leadership positions are based on seniority, the House intelligence committee leadership was chosen by then-House Speaker John Boehner.

Nunes has suggested he pursued the intelligence committee post because it would be good for his constituents. Intelligence can play a key role in trade negotiations, he said, although it is only a sliver of the intelligence agencies' missions.

"The intelligence committee — that's a committee that I call the tip of the spear, because without national security it's tough to keep those trade routes open," Nunes said in a 2014 interview with the Tulare Advance-Register.

Until now, much of Nunes' work on the committee has been focused on investigations into NSA leaker Edward Snowden, the intelligence behind the Iran nuclear deal, Hillary Clinton's emails and the placement of a Defense Department intelligence center.

The congressman made a push to have the center built on the Azores islands, 800 miles off the coast of Portugal, a proposal that was popular among the valley's many dairy producers of Portuguese descent. The department ultimately chose a site in the U.K.

Monday's hearing will be the latest spotlight on the tension between Nunes' loyalty to Trump and his commitment to a thorough, bipartisan investigation.

The congressman's independence has already been questioned. Last month, the White House enlisted him to push back on a news article it didn't like about Trump associates' ties to Russia. The congressman has said he did nothing improper when he reached out to a reporter.

Nunes has not appeared to relish the role of Trump defender. He's described Trump as a "political neophyte." Asked about Trump's tweeted claims that former President Barack Obama wiretapped his phones, Nunes' response did little to help quiet the controversy.

"Are you going to take the tweets literally?" Nunes said. "If so, clearly the president was wrong."

Senate confirmation begins for Supreme Court pick

By Mary Clare Jalonick
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Thirteen months after the death of Justice Antonin Scalia, the Senate is finally holding confirmation hearings to fill the vacancy, considering President Donald Trump's choice of Neil Gorsuch for the high court.

Republicans refused to even grant a hearing to former President Barack Obama's choice, Merrick Garland, insisting the next president should decide. Now, the Senate will exercise its "advice and consent" role, a politically fraught decision with liberals pressuring Democrats to reject Gorsuch. The Senate has confirmed 124 Supreme Court justices since the United States was founded.

The process is arduous, with dozens of one-on-one meetings with senators in recent weeks giving way to days of testimony starting Monday. Gorsuch and the Judiciary Committee's 20 members will give opening statements that day. Gorsuch will answer questions Tuesday and Wednesday, and outside witnesses will testify Thursday.

A look at the confirmation process, its rules, terminology and politics:

What does the constitution say

The Constitution lays out the process in just a few words, saying the president shall nominate Supreme Court justices "by and with the advice and consent of the Senate." Senate rules and tradition dictate the rest. President Donald Trump nominated Gorsuch, a judge on the Denver-based 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, on Jan. 31 and set the process in motion.

The preparation and day one

Gorsuch has met with 72 of the 100 senators in advance of his hearings. Like other nominees, he has participated in mock questioning facilitated by the Trump administration. These are sometimes dubbed "murder boards" because of their intensity. On Monday, Gorsuch will have to sit through 10-minute statements from each of the 20 members of the committee, which will take several hours. After that, Gorsuch will finally speak, delivering his own 10-minute opening statement.

The questions and answers

In past hearings, the questions have centered around the nominee's legal qualifications, decisions as a judge, positions on political issues, interpretations of the Constitution, general legal philosophy and current legal controversies.

The stakes are high with any court pick, and especially now as confirmation of Gorsuch would ensure a conservative advantage on the court.

Gorsuch will face the same dilemma of many nominees before him — how to answer the questions clearly and concisely without weighing in on issues that could come before the Court or get himself in political trouble.

Democrats are likely to push him if he is reluctant. Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer of New York has already criticized him for deflecting questions when he asked him during their meeting whether Trump's immigration ban is constitutional.

The other witnesses

The fourth and final day of the hearings, Thursday, will feature outside witnesses, usually former colleagues and advocacy groups who will testify for or against Gorsuch. In the past, one of the first to testify has been the chair of the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary. That group has given Gorsuch a unanimous "well qualified" rating.

The committee vote

By tradition, the committee will report the nomination to the Senate floor even if the majority of the panel opposes the nominee, so the full Senate can have the ultimate say. So instead of approving or rejecting the nominee, the committee will usually report the nomination favorably, unfavorably or without recommendation.

Of the 15 most recent nominations, 13 were reported favorably. Robert Bork, whose nomination was ultimately rejected by the Senate, was reported unfavorably in 1987; Clarence Thomas, who won confirmation, was reported without recommendation in 1991. Gorsuch is expected to be reported favorably by the Republican-led committee.

Trump escapes the Beltway as challenges mount

By Jill Colvin and Sheila Burke
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — President Donald Trump is returning to the road, rallying supporters to recapture the enthusiasm of his campaign and reassuring them about his tumultuous early days in the White House.

It's a welcome distraction for a president whose first months in office have been dominated by self-inflicted controversy and roadblocks, courtesy of federal courts and a divided Congress.

"We have done far more, I think maybe more than anybody's done in this office in 50 days, that I can tell you," Trump said to cheers from thousands of supporters at a campaign rally in Nashville, Tennessee. In Trump's rally telling, things in Washington are going great. He's been cracking down on illegal immigration, is "way ahead of schedule" on his southern border wall and is on the verge of passing a new health care plan that "does so much for you."

He railed against a federal judge for once again stymieing what he called a "watered-down version" of his travel ban an hour before he took the stage, but assured supporters he'd take the case to the Supreme Court and win. The crowd roared.

On the trip back to Washington that night, Trump bounded back to the press section of Air Force One to share his excitement.

"Quite an event, huh?" he said, appearing without warning, with no staff in tow. "It was a big crowd. Great crowd. That was a great crowd. Great people, great spirit."

He said he plans to continue the events, holding rallies every two weeks.

Throughout the campaign, Trump relied on his rallies to speak directly to his supporters. Networks often carried the events live, giving Trump what were essentially free 50-minute infomercials watched by millions.

The events also energized Trump, who thrives on the rush of performing to adoring crowds.

On Wednesday night, he seemed transported back to the campaign — a time of promise and fewer responsibilities. The event had all the trappings of his rallies of old: the eclectic soundtrack, the chants of "Lock her up," aimed at former rival Hillary Clinton, who has long since faded from the headlines.

"There's no place I'd rather be than with you here tonight, with the hard-working citizens of our country," he told the crowd.

He'd spoken earlier to an enthusiastic audience of auto workers at a rally not far from Detroit, and passed by throngs of people lining the streets as he drove through Nashville. He'll be in Louisville, Kentucky, for another rally Monday night.

"It's good for all of us to get out of the bubble and remind ourselves it's a huge country out there, and it's filled with people who support the president and are rooting for his success," said Kellyanne Conway, a top Trump aide.

Conway said the rally stage has "always been a natural habitat" for Trump, giving him a platform to take his case directly to his people. "That's always been where he's most comfortable," she said.

The distraction is especially important for a president whose anger can lead to tweets — and self-inflicted political wounds. The ramp-up comes as staffers have worked to keep Trump away from critical television programs that work him up.

The events are run by Trump's campaign committee, which maintains an active operation. Executive director Michael Glassner said that Trump's rise was driven by his ability to draw consistently large crowds.

"If your candidate — and now your president — has the ability, and his supporters have the desire and the drive to see him in the way that you can stage events like this, why would you stop?" he asked. "It energizes the president, it energizes the supporters."

Glassner said that while the campaign runs the rallies, the White House determines their locations. But White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said the rallies are planned, coordinated and executed by the campaign, not the White House, and declined to comment further.

So far, the locations have raised some eyebrows. The decision to visit Louisville, Kentucky, appears part of an effort to pressure state lawmakers, including U.S. Sen. Rand Paul, to support the GOP health plan. But some feel he'd be better served spending time in the districts of vulnerable Democrats or Republicans at risk of someone running against them in a primary.

Conway disagreed: "Nobody's thinking about political campaigns," she said, noting that Tennessee was a state where consumers have few health care exchange options.

Trump's supporters appreciate the visits nonetheless, and thousands waited for hours Wednesday in a line that stretched more than a mile.

Many say they remain true believers and think the president is delivering on his campaign promises, including getting tough on illegal immigration, saving American jobs and repealing and replacing "Obamacare." The rallies, they say, are a way for Trump to talk over a mainstream media that many view with disdain.

"What he's doing is he's going directly to the people," said Jim DeVillier, a 68-year-old pathologist from Roxboro, North Carolina. DeVillier says Trump is doing "an outstanding job" and fulfilling campaign promises, including nominating a conservative to sit on the U.S. Supreme Court.

"It's as if he made a checklist of items for the people of the United States, and he's going down that checklist of his promises and he's saying, 'OK, I've done this. I'm working on this, and how's this going?' And I appreciate that," he said.

Edward Dice, a disabled veteran, said he drove his 11-year-old daughter down from Belchertown, Massachusetts, more than 1,000 miles away, because he wanted her to see something historic.

"No other president does something like this," said Dice, who is 46 and served in the first Iraq war.

Lisa Richardson, a 50-year-old Trump backer who works for a school system in Carthage, Tennessee, stood for hours in the cold for a chance to see Trump in Nashville. She still stands fully behind him.

"I do think he'll make America great again," Richardson said.

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Madonna has a new little film out in which she declares we live in a "new age of tyranny" where "all marginalized people are in danger" and "where being uniquely different might truly be considered a crime."

So an insanely rich, decades-long global media icon is claiming the mantle of the marginalized and oppressed. Where does she find the courage to speak up?

Although it's always easy — and often fun — to point out the irrational paranoia in others, I generally like this tendency in American culture, so long as it's kept reasonably in check. The founders were terrified of tyranny. "The Federalist Papers" name-checks one tyrannical cautionary tale after another, from the "tyranny of Macedonian garrisons" to the "elective despotism" of the Venetian republic.

The framers' genius lay in their observation that the greatest check on unbridled, or "concentrated," power was the fear it aroused in competing factions.

In other words, fear gets a bad rap. Franklin D. Roosevelt gets too much praise for his claim that the only thing Americans had to fear was "fear itself." Fear imparts vital information. I fear snakes and sharks and the possibility of falling out of an airplane. These are all healthy fears. Fear is dangerous when it serves as a substitute for thinking. (I still swim in the ocean and travel on airplanes.) But fear can be very useful when it informs our thinking, when it focuses the mind on potential dangers ahead.

Apathy is the practical opposite of fear. Given that tyranny, going by the historical and evolutionary record, is the natural state of humankind, the greatest bulwark against it is a highly cultivated, deeply informed but nonetheless instinctive fear. Edmund Burke never actually uttered the most famous quote attributed to him — "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing" — though that is a useful summation of his views. And it's certainly true.

Apathy is the grease that makes slippery slopes so treacherous.

One of the things that make our politics so ugly isn't fear, but a lack of sympathetic imagination for the fear of others. Under Obama (and FDR and others), many conservatives articulated thoughtful, informed and rational fears about where his policies might take the country. Other, often louder conservatives offered barbaric yawps based on some of the same fears. The standard liberal response was undifferentiated scorn and mockery. Today (as under Reagan and others), the tables have turned, and the roles have been reversed.

It's far better to cultivate mutual understanding of each other's fears than try to smooth away the fear of tyranny with the grease of apathy.

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GUEST VIEW

Probation shouldn't be option in cases of teacher-student sex

Beaumont Enterprise

Lawmakers are considering several proposals in this session to stem the growing problem of teacher-student sex, but key to the whole effort is the certainty of time in prison.

If educators know that sexual relationships with students will absolutely cause them to spend at least some time behind bars, more of them won't cross that line.

Unfortunately — and incredibly — that doesn't always happen now.

A former teacher in the Eanes school district received 10 years of probation this month after pleading guilty to sexual contact with two students.

Another teacher in the East Central district near San Antonio resigned this month after admitting to a sexual relationship with a student that lasted five months. She has not yet been prosecuted for the offense, suggesting a possible replay of a familiar formula in these cases: Resign quickly when caught and get out of town, and maybe school officials and prosecutors don't have to deal with a messy trial.

That may be convenient for some, but it's not justice. And because teacher-student sex cases have increased in each of the past six years in Texas, it's clear that current sanctions aren't quite getting the message across.

In a bizarre twist, some legislators want to add criminal penalties for a teacher or administrator who knows about a fellow educator having sex with a student but fails to report it.

That's justified, but it only reinforces the need for mandatory minimum sentences for the teachers who cause the problems in the first place.

Even Alexandria Vera, the notorious Montgomery County teacher who became pregnant after a ninth-month relationship with a middle-school boy, got deferred adjudicated probation along with her 10-year prison sentence. In theory, her conviction could be erased from official records in later years.

That kind of leniency is unwarranted for this very preventable crime. It will occur to some extent, but swift and certain punishment will make it as rare as possible.

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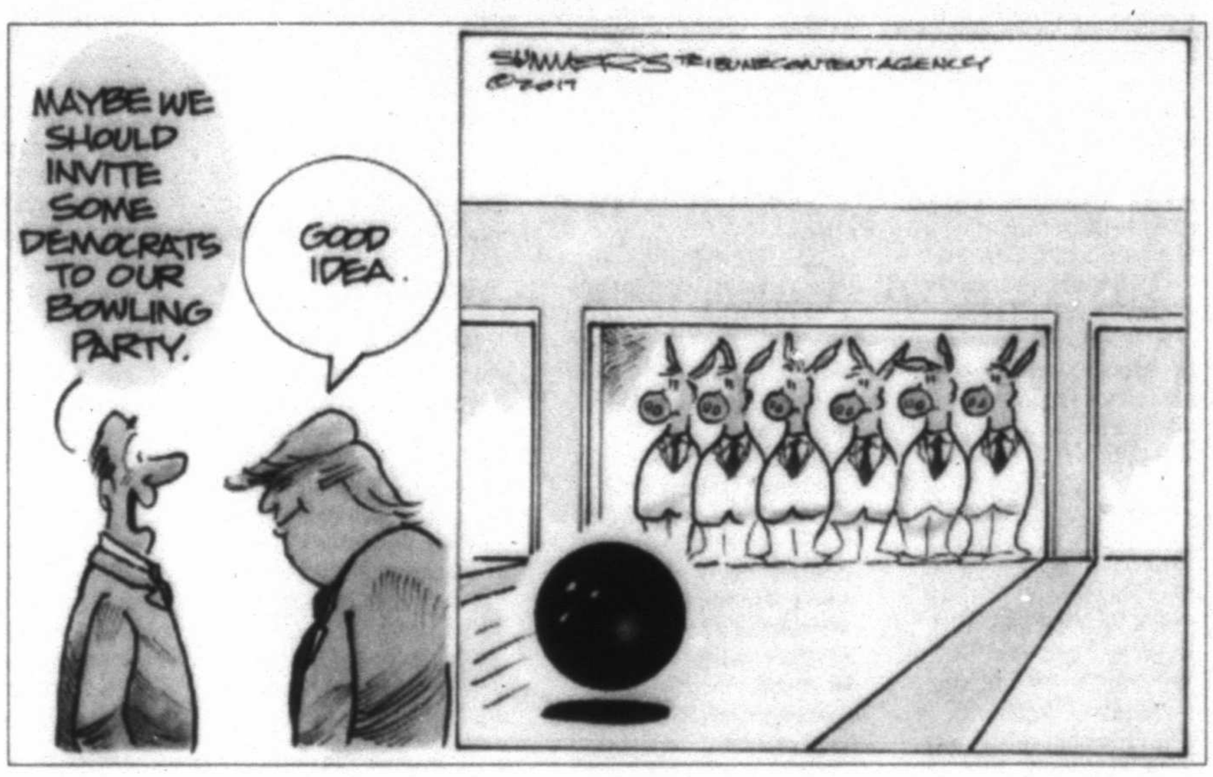

Democrats are own worst enemy

■ Party needs to repair relationship with blue-collar voters instead of worrying about Russia

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Not Russia again. Whenever I hear someone say that our perennial nemesis meddled in the presidential election and helped elect Donald Trump, I wince.

Not because Americans don't deserve to know if the Russians commandeered a U.S. presidential election. We may soon have answers. Congressional probes are underway, and the FBI is investigating.

And not because the issue hasn't remained timely. Even the brouhaha over Trump's now infamous tweets that he was wiretapped by President Obama has roots in the Russian story.

There it gets tricky. If Trump continues to push the as-of-yet unsubstantiated claim that he and his associates were under surveillance by the preceding administration, he invites further inquiry as to whether there was anything to investigate. But if Democrats deny there was any surveillance, they open up the Obama administration to criticism from those folks on the left who think Trump or his associates colluded with the Russians to embarrass Hillary Clinton and, for that, Team Trump should have been under surveillance.

And yet, I still get a pain in the pit of my stomach whenever I hear the words "Russia" and "Trump" in the same sentence.

Here's why: Four months after the election, we were supposed to be talking about something else. By now, we were supposed to be pretty far along in analyzing how Democrats lost blue-collar voters in the so-called Rust Belt states of Ohio, Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania. And, for their part, instead of focusing so much on Russia, Democrats were supposed to be trying to figure out how they could get back those wayward voters.

You remember how it was in the days after the election, when Democrats were walking around in a confused haze. There was going to be all this soul-searching and reflection by party leaders about what went wrong, and how it was that working-class voters in the industrial Midwest who had once been a reliable Democratic voting bloc wound up voting for Donald Trump — of all people.

Well, it hasn't happened.

House Democrats made clear that they didn't "get it" when, just a few weeks after the election, they re-elected Nancy Pelosi as House minority leader and rejected the alternative: Rep. Tim Ryan, who just happens to represent Youngstown, Ohio — a city that, more than any other, represents the kind of place with which Democratic elitists have totally lost touch.

Do you know who does get it? Michael Moore, who originally backed Bernie Sanders and came to support Hillary Clinton kicking and screaming because he considers Trump a threat to America. The filmmaker has mercilessly hammered Democrats for looking down their noses at their own voters. The problem is especially obvious, Moore says, in Rust Belt states like the one where he lives: Michigan. Early on, Moore saw what few other Democrats were willing to admit: that Trump could win thanks to support from working-class voters who felt abandoned, neglected, even mocked by the Democratic Party.

It was Moore who delivered one of the most insightful post-election analyses I heard, and it was about, of all things, baseball caps. He pointed out that — when the Trump campaign printed up thousands of red caps bearing the slogan: "Make America Great Again" — the elites in the Democratic party, including many who work in the media, laughed and dismissed the gesture as uncouth and unsophisticated. I mean, baseball caps? Really.

But, Moore noted, guess what a lot of people in Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania like to wear when they're running errands, or jogging around their neighborhood, or picking up the kids from school? Yep. Baseball caps.

What? They didn't teach you that at the Kennedy School of Government? Well, they should have.

Now, Moore has a new warning for Democrats: Beware of Russia. When asked recently by Variety magazine whether he thinks Russia helped win the election for Trump, the filmmaker bristled:

"The Democrats should not be thinking that they lost because of the Russians," he said. "The Democrats lost because of the Democrats."

Preach, Michael. It's time for Democrats to accept what the rest of the country already knows — that the party has become its own worst enemy. Democrats need to repair their relationship with blue-collar voters, or they're done as a national party. And they can't do that if they're so focused on Russia that they forget all about the Rust Belt.

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Former dairy farmer leads Trump-Russia investigation

By Eileen Sullivan and Garance Burke
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Devin Nunes once said all he wanted to do was work on a dairy farm.

Now the Republican from the rural Central Valley of California is running one of the most scrutinized, complex and politically fraught congressional investigations in recent memory.

As chairman of the House intelligence committee, which holds its first public hearing on Monday, Nunes is at the helm of a probe of Moscow's meddling in the 2016 campaign and the murky web of contacts between President Donald Trump's campaign and Russia. It's a potentially sprawling enterprise that spans continents, plumbs spycraft and dominates international headlines.

He's a long way from raising cattle.

"I'm not asking for any profile," Nunes told The Associated Press, when asked about his new place in the spotlight.

Until recently, the soft-spoken 43-year-old — dubbed a "normal dad" by friends — was hardly a fixture on the national news circuit. Now he is holding weekly press briefings and being asked to weigh in on daily twists and unexpected developments. At Monday's hearing he will call FBI Director James Comey as a witness, an event that amounts to must-see television in Washington.

Nunes was not an early Trump backer, but was named to the transition team as an adviser on appointments.

The burden of leading a bipartisan, credible investigation into the integrity of the U.S. campaigns, not to mention the possible role of the new president's campaign associates, is a heavy one not only for him but for many veteran lawmakers.

On the other side of the aisle, Democratic Sen. Mark Warner, of Virginia, has said the Senate intelligence committee investigation, which he is co-leading, is probably the most important thing he will do in his public life. Nunes says he does not feel the same way.

"Everything we do around here is really important," Nunes said. "I wouldn't put one in front of the other."

It's an understatement his friends recognize. Nunes is a third-generation Portuguese-American, and he grew up working on his family's dairy farm. As a teenager, he raised cattle and saved money to buy farmland with his brother, according to his congressional biography. He has degrees in agriculture and keeps his hand in farming through an investment in two California wineries run by a friend he met through his alumni network.

Rep. David Valadao, a Republican congressman from a district next to Nunes' and fellow dairyman, said Nunes takes his job as congressman seriously. But, he said, aside from his work, "he's a normal dad" to three young daughters.

"All I wanted to be was a dairy farmer," Nunes told a group of high school students as he campaigned for his seat in Congress in 2002, according to an article in the Fresno Bee.

His education and childhood aspiration suited his political ambitions. Like many politicians from California's interior farm belt, Nunes was well versed in agriculture and the water supply that supports it.

Nunes' first entree into politics was as a member of the board of a local community college. He ran for Congress in 1998 and lost in the primary. In 2001, he was appointed by President George W. Bush to a California post at the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

He was only 28 when he won a hotly contested congressional seat, beating his Republican competitors in the 2002 primary by appealing to the concerns of ranchers and dairymen in his solidly conservative district.

Tom Barcellos, a Tulare County dairy producer who has known Nunes since he was a child, said Nunes was focused early on politics, without being showy.

"He knew what he wanted and he did his research, and he didn't blow a lot of smoke," Barcellos said.

Nunes consistently has supported bills that would roll back environmental protections and boost federal water supplies to the fertile farmlands of the San Joaquin Valley, the lower stretch of California's vast Central Valley. His ongoing fight against what he describes as jobs-killing regulations promoted by "radical environmentalists" is a priority shared by a local group of wealthy farmers who belong to the giant Westlands Water District, which hired Nunes' friend and former chief of staff as its deputy general manager two years ago.

"Devin, from day one, has made water his top priority," said Tom Holyoke, a political scientist at California State University, Fresno.

Nunes served on the Agriculture Committee during his first term, but quickly landed a spot on the House Ways and Means Committee, one of Congress' most influential panels.

He was spotted by Republican leaders as a party loyalist and he was named to a leadership position during his first term.

He vied for the chairmanship of the intelligence committee in 2014. While competing against more senior members, he proved a better fundraiser, bringing in far more money for his party than his competitors for the chairmanship. While many congressional committee leadership positions are based on seniority, the House intelligence committee leadership was chosen by then-House Speaker John Boehner.

Nunes has suggested he pursued the intelligence committee post because it would be good for his constituents. Intelligence can play a key role in trade negotiations, he said, although it is only a sliver of the intelligence agencies' missions.

"The intelligence committee — that's a committee that I call the tip of the spear, because without national security it's tough to keep those trade routes open," Nunes said in a 2014 interview with the Tulare Advance-Register.

Until now, much of Nunes' work on the committee has been focused on investigations into NSA leaker Edward Snowden, the intelligence behind the Iran nuclear deal, Hillary Clinton's emails and the placement of a Defense Department intelligence center.

The congressman made a push to have the center built on the Azores islands, 800 miles off the coast of Portugal, a proposal that was popular among the valley's many dairy producers of Portuguese descent. The department ultimately chose a site in the U.K.

Monday's hearing will be the latest spotlight on the tension between Nunes' loyalty to Trump and his commitment to a thorough, bipartisan investigation.

The congressman's independence has already been questioned. Last month, the White House enlisted him to push back on a news article it didn't like about Trump associates' ties to Russia. The congressman has said he did nothing improper when he reached out to a reporter.

Nunes has not appeared to relish the role of Trump defender. He's described Trump as a "political neophyte." Asked about Trump's tweeted claims that former President Barack Obama wiretapped his phones, Nunes' response did little to help quiet the controversy.

"Are you going to take the tweets literally?" Nunes said. "If so, clearly the president was wrong."

Senate confirmation begins for Supreme Court pick

By Mary Clare Jalonick
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Thirteen months after the death of Justice Antonin Scalia, the Senate is finally holding confirmation hearings to fill the vacancy, considering President Donald Trump's choice of Neil Gorsuch for the high court.

Republicans refused to even grant a hearing to former President Barack Obama's choice, Merrick Garland, insisting the next president should decide. Now, the Senate will exercise its "advice and consent" role, a politically fraught decision with liberals pressuring Democrats to reject Gorsuch. The Senate has confirmed 124 Supreme Court justices since the United States was founded.

The process is arduous, with dozens of one-on-one meetings with senators in recent weeks giving way to days of testimony starting Monday. Gorsuch and the Judiciary Committee's 20 members will give opening statements that day. Gorsuch will answer questions Tuesday and Wednesday, and outside witnesses will testify Thursday.

A look at the confirmation process, its rules, terminology and politics:

What does the constitution say

The Constitution lays out the process in just a few words, saying the president shall nominate Supreme Court justices "by and with the advice and consent of the Senate." Senate rules and tradition dictate the rest. President Donald Trump nominated Gorsuch, a judge on the Denver-based 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, on Jan. 31 and set the process in motion.

The preparation and day one

Gorsuch has met with 72 of the 100 senators in advance of his hearings. Like other nominees, he has participated in mock questioning facilitated by the Trump administration. These are sometimes dubbed "murder boards" because of their intensity. On Monday, Gorsuch will have to sit through 10-minute statements from each of the 20 members of the committee, which will take several hours. After that, Gorsuch will finally speak, delivering his own 10-minute opening statement.

The questions and answers

In past hearings, the questions have centered around the nominee's legal qualifications, decisions as a judge, positions on political issues, interpretations of the Constitution, general legal philosophy and current legal controversies.

The stakes are high with any court pick, and especially now as confirmation of Gorsuch would ensure a conservative advantage on the court.

Gorsuch will face the same dilemma of many nominees before him — how to answer the questions clearly and concisely without weighing in on issues that could come before the Court or get himself in political trouble.

Democrats are likely to push him if he is reluctant. Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer of New York has already criticized him for deflecting questions when he asked him during their meeting whether Trump's immigration ban is constitutional.

The other witnesses

The fourth and final day of the hearings, Thursday, will feature outside witnesses, usually former colleagues and advocacy groups who will testify for or against Gorsuch. In the past, one of the first to testify has been the chair of the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary. That group has given Gorsuch a unanimous "well qualified" rating.

The committee vote

By tradition, the committee will report the nomination to the Senate floor even if the majority of the panel opposes the nominee, so the full Senate can have the ultimate say. So instead of approving or rejecting the nominee, the committee will usually report the nomination favorably, unfavorably or without recommendation.

Of the 15 most recent nominations, 13 were reported favorably. Robert Bork, whose nomination was ultimately rejected by the Senate, was reported unfavorably in 1987; Clarence Thomas, who won confirmation, was reported without recommendation in 1991. Gorsuch is expected to be reported favorably by the Republican-led committee.

Trump escapes the Beltway as challenges mount

By Jill Colvin and Sheila Burke
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — President Donald Trump is returning to the road, rallying supporters to recapture the enthusiasm of his campaign and reassuring them about his tumultuous early days in the White House.

It's a welcome distraction for a president whose first months in office have been dominated by self-inflicted controversy and roadblocks, courtesy of federal courts and a divided Congress.

"We have done far more, I think maybe more than anybody's done in this office in 50 days, that I can tell you," Trump said to cheers from thousands of supporters at a campaign rally in Nashville, Tennessee. In Trump's rally telling, things in Washington are going great. He's been cracking down on illegal immigration, is "way ahead of schedule" on his southern border wall and is on the verge of passing a new health care plan that "does so much for you."

He railed against a federal judge for once again stymieing what he called a "watered-down version" of his travel ban an hour before he took the stage, but assured supporters he'd take the case to the Supreme Court and win. The crowd roared.

On the trip back to Washington that night, Trump bounded back to the press section of Air Force One to share his excitement.

"Quite an event, huh?" he said, appearing without warning, with no staff in tow. "It was a big crowd. Great crowd. That was a great crowd. Great people, great spirit."

He said he plans to continue the events, holding rallies every two weeks.

Throughout the campaign, Trump relied on his rallies to speak directly to his supporters. Networks often carried the events live, giving Trump what were essentially free 50-minute infomercials watched by millions.

The events also energized Trump, who thrives on the rush of performing to adoring crowds.

On Wednesday night, he seemed transported back to the campaign — a time of promise and fewer responsibilities. The event had all the trappings of his rallies of old: the eclectic soundtrack, the chants of "Lock her up," aimed at former rival Hillary Clinton, who has long since faded from the headlines.

"There's no place I'd rather be than with you here tonight, with the hard-working citizens of our country," he told the crowd.

He'd spoken earlier to an enthusiastic audience of auto workers at a rally not far from Detroit, and passed by throngs of people lining the streets as he drove through Nashville. He'll be in Louisville, Kentucky, for another rally Monday night.

"It's good for all of us to get out of the bubble and remind ourselves it's a huge country out there, and it's filled with people who support the president and are rooting for his success," said Kellyanne Conway, a top Trump aide.

Conway said the rally stage has "always been a natural habitat" for Trump, giving him a platform to take his case directly to his people. "That's always been where he's most comfortable," she said.

The distraction is especially important for a president whose anger can lead to tweets — and self-inflicted political wounds. The ramp-up comes as staffers have worked to keep Trump away from critical television programs that work him up.

The events are run by Trump's campaign committee, which maintains an active operation. Executive director Michael Glassner said that Trump's rise was driven by his ability to draw consistently large crowds.

"If your candidate — and now your president — has the ability, and his supporters have the desire and the drive to see him in the way that you can stage events like this, why would you stop?" he asked. "It energizes the president, it energizes the supporters."

Glassner said that while the campaign runs the rallies, the White House determines their locations. But White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said the rallies are planned, coordinated and executed by the campaign, not the White House, and declined to comment further.

So far, the locations have raised some eyebrows. The decision to visit Louisville, Kentucky, appears part of an effort to pressure state lawmakers, including U.S. Sen. Rand Paul, to support the GOP health plan. But some feel he'd be better served spending time in the districts of vulnerable Democrats or Republicans at risk of someone running against them in a primary.

Conway disagreed: "Nobody's thinking about political campaigns," she said, noting that Tennessee was a state where consumers have few health care exchange options.

Trump's supporters appreciate the visits nonetheless, and thousands waited for hours Wednesday in a line that stretched more than a mile.

Many say they remain true believers and think the president is delivering on his campaign promises, including getting tough on illegal immigration, saving American jobs and repealing and replacing "Obamacare." The rallies, they say, are a way for Trump to talk over a mainstream media that many view with disdain.

"What he's doing is he's going directly to the people," said Jim DeVillier, a 68-year-old pathologist from Roxboro, North Carolina. DeVillier says Trump is doing "an outstanding job" and fulfilling campaign promises, including nominating a conservative to sit on the U.S. Supreme Court.

"It's as if he made a checklist of items for the people of the United States, and he's going down that checklist of his promises and he's saying, 'OK, I've done this. I'm working on this, and how's this going?' And I appreciate that," he said.

Edward Dice, a disabled veteran, said he drove his 11-year-old daughter down from Belchertown, Massachusetts, more than 1,000 miles away, because he wanted her to see something historic.

"No other president does something like this," said Dice, who is 46 and served in the first Iraq war.

Lisa Richardson, a 50-year-old Trump backer who works for a school system in Carthage, Tennessee, stood for hours in the cold for a chance to see Trump in Nashville. She still stands fully behind him.

"I do think he'll make America great again," Richardson said.

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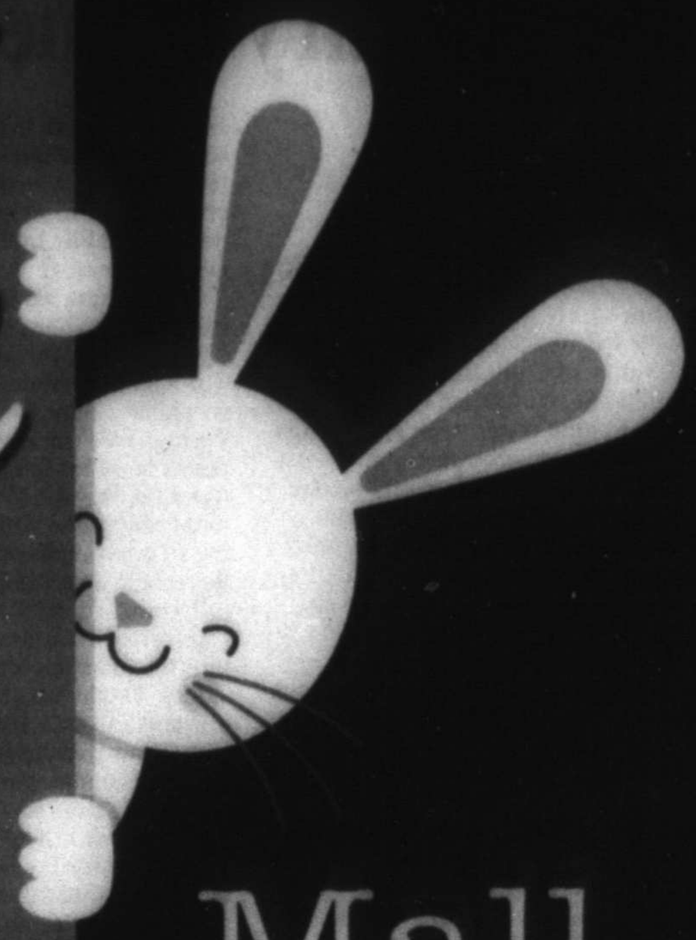

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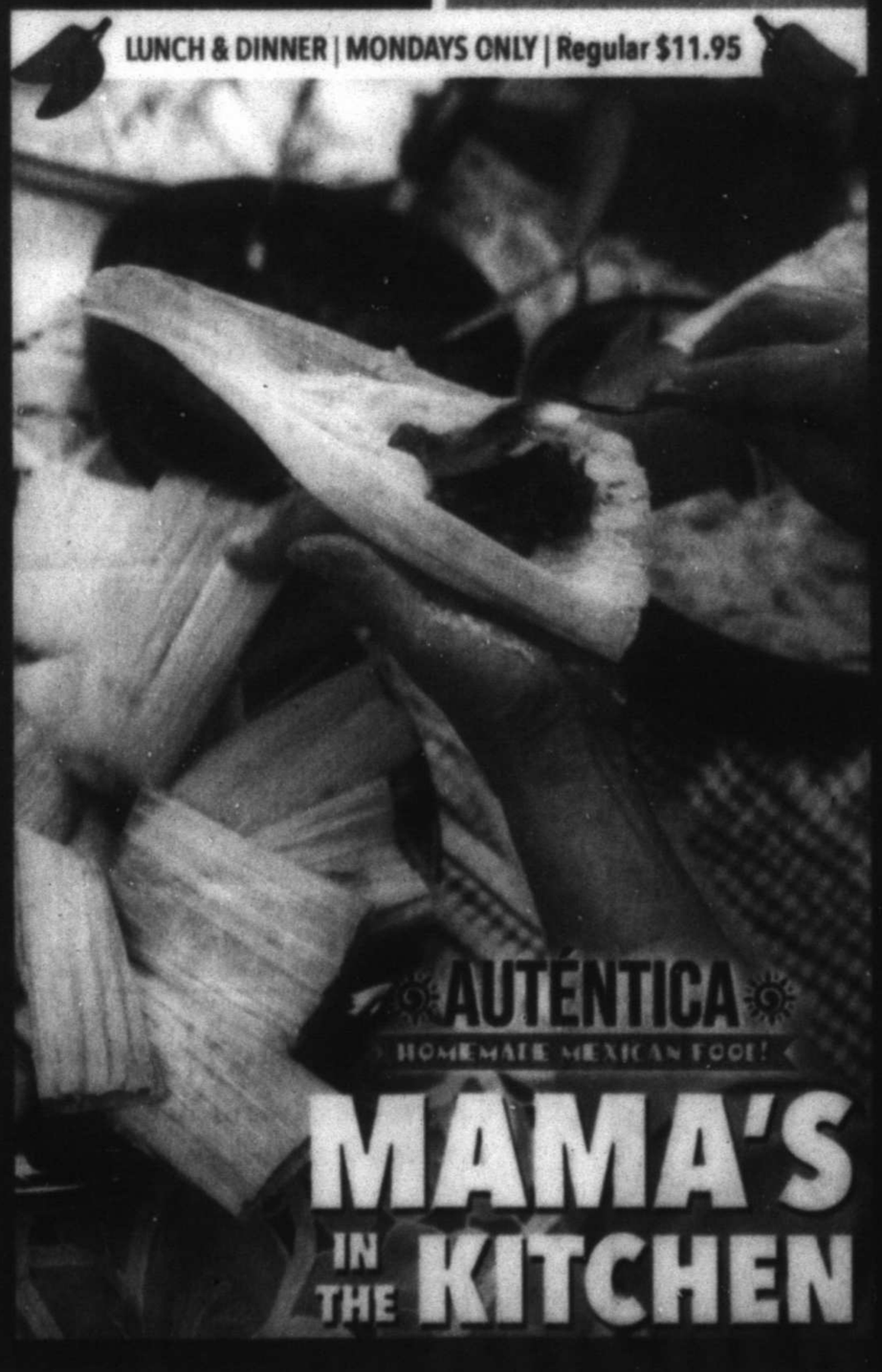

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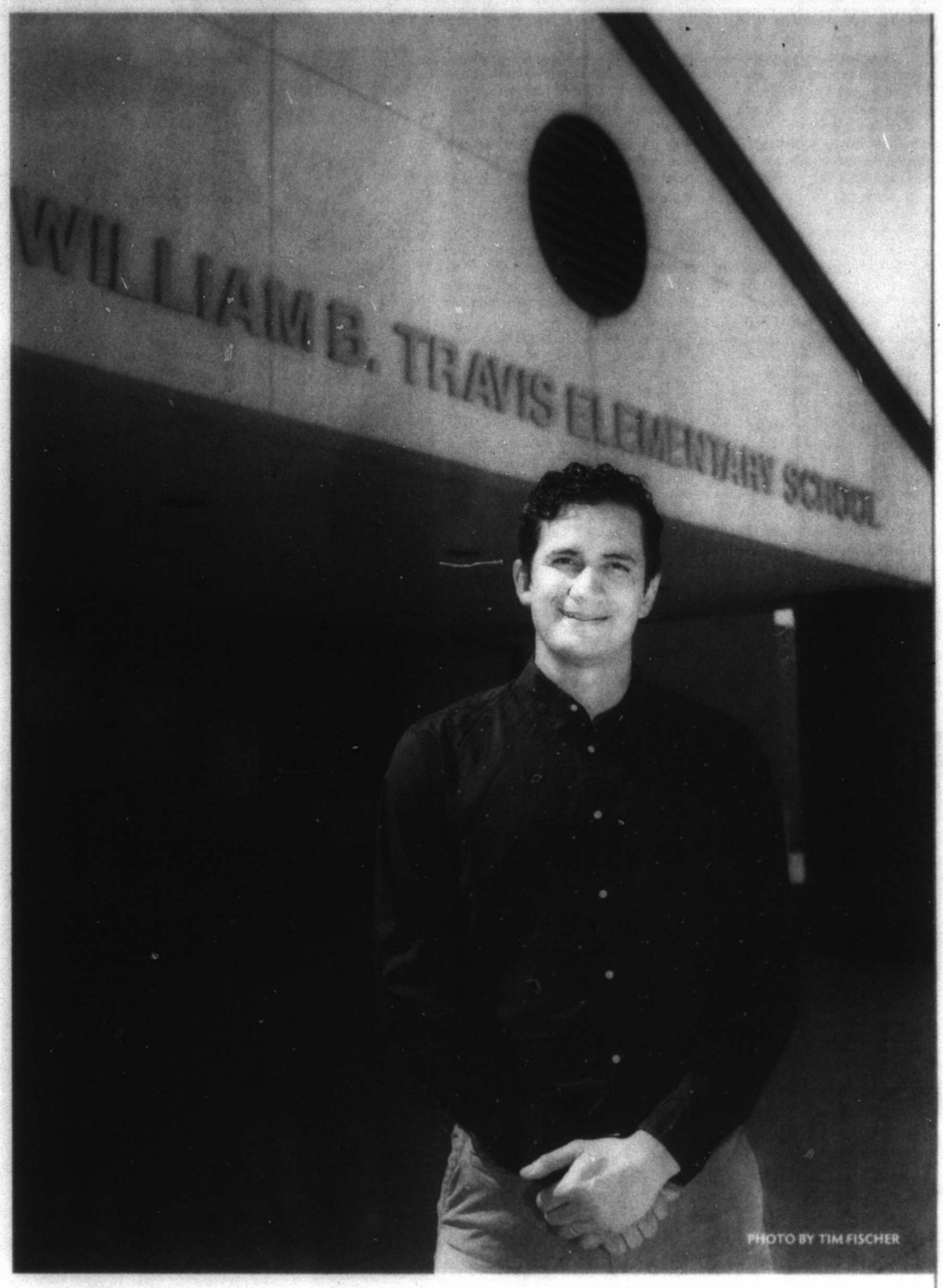

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JESUS ADRIAN MENDOZA

DYSLEXIA THERAPIST AT MIDLAND ISD

Professional and community involvement: I've been a teacher at MISD for six years. I started as a bilingual teacher, then I was a special education teacher, and currently, I am a dyslexia therapist. In 2012, I started Midland Loves Teachers, a magazine in which local businesses offered discounts to teachers. Midland Loves Teachers was a vehicle for local business to show the appreciation that teachers deserve. In 2015, I started Midland School Supplies, which is an easy and economical way for parents to shop for school supplies. Last year, we teamed up with schools and PTAs and donated part of our profits to schools. Last summer, we donated more than $3,500 to schools and PTAs.

How did you decide to serve the community as a teacher, and specifically, a teacher of dyslexic students? My mother is a teacher, and she has been my greatest role model and example. I think education is the most important activity within a society because school is more than tests and homework; it's a place where we teach students how to be functional members of society. Reading is one of the most important skills that we can teach, so being a dyslexia therapist allows me to help my students to develop this essential skill.

What led you to establish the school supplies project? When I was a bilingual teacher, parents always came to my classroom to apologize because they did not find all the school supplies that I requested. I saw this as an opportunity, and I developed a website where parents can shop for their kid's school supplies. They just need to go to www.midlandschoolsupplies.com, choose the school, the grade level, and that's it — they will receive that school supplies kit at their door. I like to describe the project as the Uber of school supplies.

What talents and skills do you share with the community through your role at Midland ISD? I think that being a bilingual teacher has opened a lot of doors for me. Being able to teach students who have migrated to the United States recently has been really rewarding. When I moved to the United States, I moved to a new country and a new culture... but the difference is that I was an adult. Our students who come from different countries need to deal with the same culture shock, but they are just kids, and sometimes they do not understand why they are here. It is our responsibility as teachers to understand them, guide them and show them the opportunity this country has to offer.

How long has Midland been your home, and why have you stayed? I came from Juarez, Mexico, in 2010. I have encountered good people who have supported and guided me in a lot of ways. I work with wonderful teachers and administrators who truly care about their students. That is really important to me because I have a 3-year-old daughter, Julieta, who will attend MISD schools. I would like her teachers to show the dedication and passion my current colleagues show. My wife, Gabriela — a fourth-grade teacher at Lamar Elementary — and I are really thankful to have chosen Midland as our home.

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Jesus Mendoza teaches Take Flight, an intervention program for students diagnosed with dyslexia. He is committed to teaching and is passionate about the success of all students.

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Jesus naturally creates trusting relationships with teachers, students and parents. He definitely is the kind of teacher and role model that all our campuses can benefit from.

Thank you, Jesus, for your dedication in teaching our students.

***Lisa Cisneros**, supervisor of Special Services for MISD*

"THE STUDENTS ARE LUCKY TO HAVE HIM"

Jesus is a hard-working, caring and concerned educator. In the past six years, he has taught in many different areas and is continually learning and improving himself to help his students.

I was privileged to work with Jesus when he was going through training to become a dyslexia therapist and witnessed what a powerful work ethic he possesses. He always was prepared for the lessons, and if he was ever confused, he was sure to ask for help.

Jesus wants to be the best at what he is doing — which is improving children's lives every day. Jesus is a very kind, compassionate man. He brings a smile to my face and is very fun to work with. The students are lucky to have him.

***Mary Duggan**, dyslexia therapist with MISD*

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'Borders' places player in migrant's shoes

Mexican-American student designs video game to illustrate dangers faced by those trying to cross into US

By Samantha Schmidt
Washington Post

Growing up, Gonzalo Alvarez would listen as his father spoke of his perilous journey crossing the border from Mexico.

His father, who shares his name, would recall the torturous heat, the serpents amid the cactuses, the Border Patrol agents surveying from above in helicopters — known by many migrants as "los moscos," or mosquitoes.

He would speak of the time immigration officials caught his wife, separating the couple and sending her back to Mexico. And the time the father walked by a skeleton in the desert, not knowing how long it had been there, forgotten and unidentified.

The image of these unnamed skeletons stuck with Alvarez, a 23-year-old senior and illustrator at Lamar University in Beaumont. So in the midst of last year's election rhetoric targeting undocumented immigrants, he designed "Borders," a video game that would put players in the shoes of migrants, challenging them to dodge Border Patrol agents, "los moscos," prickly cactuses and more. The migrant character crosses rivers and large swaths of desert, all while collecting water jugs to stay hydrated.

"Trump definitely made me kind of stand up and put my voice out there," Alvarez said, adding that he tried to find a way to help people understand the unimaginable dangers migrants are willing to face to find a better life north of the border.

"My goal is to move people to look at immigration differently," he said. "I just hope people become more sympathetic."

In the arcade-style installation of the game on display at Lamar University this month, each time a player dies, a skeleton pops up on the screen. It stays in the same location permanently, marking the place of death.

"There's over 600 skeletons in the game now," Alvarez said. "It kind of helps push the message of just how many unnamed skeletons there are in the Mexican desert."

A central purpose, Alvarez said, was creating a game that would "start trying to change people's ideas for what a video game can be." It's not a mere form of entertainment, filled with violence and meaningless thrills — it's also a way of creating social commentary and sending a message.

Alvarez said his game's message is more important than ever.

Since 1998, more than 6,915 migrants have died along the U.S.-Mexico border, according to U.S. Border Patrol statistics. More than 322 died in 2016 alone, but experts and activists say these numbers are a far cry from reality.

"Borders" is Alvarez's first time designing a video game, and a scholarship helped fund the project. H began working on the game last spring, after meeting a group of programmers during a trip to New York City. He showed them his designs, and by July, the group had developed and launched the game, which can be downloaded free online.

In a previous game, "Papers, Please," designed years ago, players

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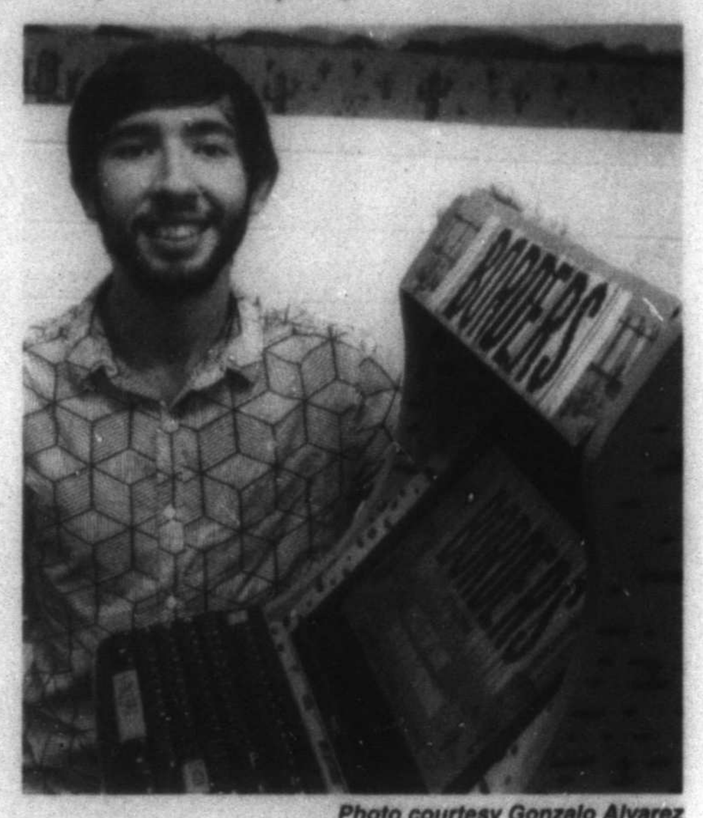

Photo courtesy Gonzalo Alvarez

Gonzalo Alvarez is pictured with his "Borders" arcade installation at Lamar University in Texas.

ANTI-ISOLATION PRODUCT

Carrie Rengers/Wichita Eagle/TNS

Among those who use the GrandPad are Marilyn Lamm, foreground, and Doyle Lamm.

Comfort Keepers debuts GrandPad, a tablet for elderly

By Carrie Rengers
Wichita Eagle

WICHITA, Kan. — You've heard of the iPad, but how about the GrandPad?

It's a tablet designed to help the elderly, especially those with vision and dexterity issues, keep in touch with family and friends without the risk that being on the internet sometimes brings.

"This is an anti-isolation product," says Doug Stark, who owns the Wichita franchises of ComfortCare Homes and Comfort Keepers.

ComfortCare Homes offers long-term dementia care, and Comfort Keepers offers companion care for people who aren't ready for full-time care.

It's Comfort Keepers that is distributing the GrandPads nationally. They're now part of the hourly rate for clients.

"That's the nice thing about it," Stark says. "It is part of our service."

Others who would like the GrandPad can rent one for $70 a month, which includes unlimited access from Verizon Wireless.

Stark says a man and his son in California invented the GrandPad.

"They were trying to figure out a way to communicate with grandma," he says. "Grandma was way past being able to use an iPad."

They wanted her to be able to have conversations, easy e-mails and to share photos.

"She didn't want to just be 91 years old and stuck in the abyss," Stark says.

He says the pair seriously considered what features the elderly would need.

"They didn't get a bunch of California geeks together in a development office and have everybody say, 'Well, I think they would want this, I think they would want that.'"

There's no user name or password with the GrandPad. It's ready to use without having to find an "on" button. Users simply pick it up from a carriage that sits next to them.

"You open the lid, boom, it's instant on," Stark says.

When they set the GrandPads back down, they automatically start charging on the carriage. Photos rotate on display on the carriage as well.

The GrandPad features large, colorful buttons that allow users to e-mail or call at the push of one button instead of having to type in addresses and numbers.

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Phones can now have multiple digital assistants

By Hayley Tsukayama
Washington Post

The war of the personal digital assistants just got hotter. Amazon announced that it's putting its Alexa voice assistant officially on the iPhone. Alexa is available through Amazon's iOS shopping app. It is not yet available for Android.

With Alexa joining Microsoft's Cortana in challenging Siri on Apple's own turf, it brings up the question for consumers of whether it's worth installing multiple voice assistants on their iPhones. Answering that question for yourself is easiest if you know the strengths and weaknesses of each assistant.

Let's start with Alexa. Alexa is most associated with the Echo line of smart speakers, and is best at answering questions, setting timers and performing various skills that users can pick from an ever-growing list of options. Alexa in an Echo can give you a newsflash from National Public Radio, for example, or control smart appliances in your home.

(Amazon's chief executive, Jefferey P. Bezos, is the owner of The Washington Post.)

On the iPhone, however, the assistant's options are currently more limited. For example, I couldn't get a news briefing from the Alexa in Amazon's iPhone app. I couldn't set a timer either. But other features such as getting answers to questions such as — "Who was the eighth president of the United States?" — do work. Integration with Amazon services works, too, so you'll be able to ask Alexa to search Amazon.com for the products you want.

Microsoft's Cortana is good for scheduling meetings and reminders that come up during the day. But I've found it's better as a desktop or laptop assistant. On mobile devices, it requires a separate download to get on your phone. That means that you will always have to open the app to use it — at which point you may as well just type in a search.

Which brings us to Siri and its greatest advantage: it is the default personal assistant on the iPhone. You can summon it with your voice, if you choose that option, any time — no taps required.

The always-on function of the integrated voice assistant, while a potentially troubling notion for those worried about surveillance, offers convenience. Being able to send a text without looking at your phone, or to set a timer while your hands are covered in cake batter is the true advantage of a digital assistant.

So while there are benefits to

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Smart jacket targets bicyclists

■ Clothing is the future of wearable technology, retail editor says

By Hayley Tsukayama
Washington Post

Google and Levi's last week showed off a new joint project: a $350 smart jean jacket. While this jacket literally puts tech on your sleeve, it does it in a subtle way that doesn't require putting another screen on your body. In doing so, it offers a glimpse of what smart fabrics can do and of the evolution of the wearables market — one in which consumers won't have to wear a clunky accessory that screams high-tech.

The smart Commuter jacket, which was introduced at SXSW in Austin, is aimed at those who bike to work. It has technology woven into its fibers, and allows users to take phone calls, get directions and check the time, by tapping and swiping their sleeves. That delivers information to them through their headphones so that they can keep their eyes on the road without having to fiddle with a screen. The jacket should hit stores this fall.

Its smart fibers are washable; they're powered by a sort of smart cufflink that you'll have to remove when you wash the jacket. The cufflink has a two-day battery life.

While the idea of a smart jean jacket may not appeal to everyone (especially on a hot summer day), the existence of such a jacket is telling about where the market may be going.

"I think that the commuter jacket from Levi's is really perfect because it's focused on a single consumer audience. It has the cyclist in mind and is targeting what their needs are," said Sidney Morgan-Petro, retail editor at trend forcasting firm WGSN.

She said that what makes the Commuter jacket different from other wearables — and even other smart clothing — is that it's not necessarily marketing the tech as its main feature, but rather using it to solve problems that everyday

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PREMIUM																	
FLIX	340	575			165	(5:15) Man About ...		★★★★ Love Actually Emma Thompson.				(:15) ★★ Good Luck Chuck Jessica Alba.				★★ Saw	
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BET	58	-		40		(5:00) ★★ Baby Boy Tyrese Gibson.				★ Addicted (2014, Drama) William Levy, Boris Kodjoe, Sharon Leal.						Daily S.	(:35) Game
BRAVO	65	76		41		Vanderpump Rules		Vanderpump Rules		Vanderpump R. (N)		Sweet OK	Sweet OK	Watch (N)	Vanderpump Rules		Sweet OK
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		American Greed (N)		American Greed		American Greed	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
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FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Cake Wars		Cake Wars (N)		Cake Wars		Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners	Diners	Cake Wars	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(4:30) ★ What to Ex...		Young (N)	Daddy (N)	Twins: Happily (N)		(:05) Young	Daddy	The 700 Club		★ She's All That	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Championship Spot. "Girls' Basketball" (N)		Stars Pre-game (L)	NHL Hockey San Jose Sharks at Dallas Stars Site: American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)					Stars Live (L)	Rodeo (L)/ (:45) Stars	Focused	SportsDay OnAir
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(4:00) ★ The Bourne ...		★★ White House Down ('13, Act) Jamie Foxx, Channing Tatum.						★★★ The Bourne Legacy Jeremy Renner.			
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
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MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		11thHour	Hardball	Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				NHL Live	NHL Hockey Buffalo Sabres at Detroit Red Wings (L)					(:15) NHL Overtime (L)		Gymnastics World Cup			
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Hunter	Thunder	Thunder	GShakers	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
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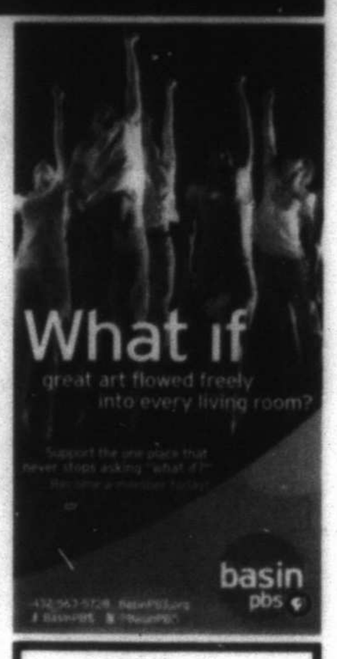
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Bones "The Suit on the Set"		NBA Basketball Golden State Warriors at Oklahoma City Thunder Site: Chesapeake Energy Arena (L)				NBA Basketball Site: Staples Center -- Los Angeles, Calif. (L)		New York Knicks at Los Angeles Clippers			
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Griffith	A. Griffith	Griffith	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Modern "Snip"	Modern Family	WWE Monday Night Raw						(:05) Tykes "But My Mama Ain't Here"		(:05) Chrisley	(:35) Chrisley
WGN	19	85				Person of Interest "SNAFU"		Person of Interest "Truth Be Told"		Person of Interest "6,741"		Underground "Things Unsaid"		(:05) Met Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother



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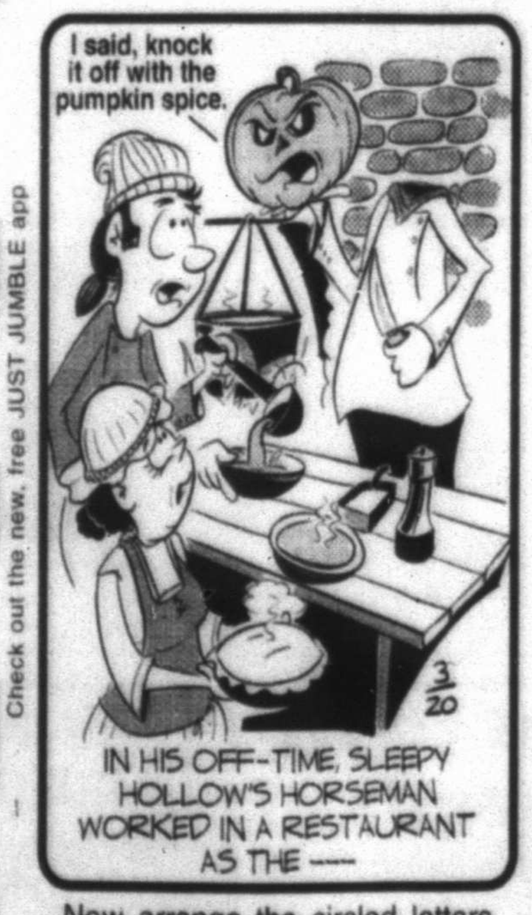

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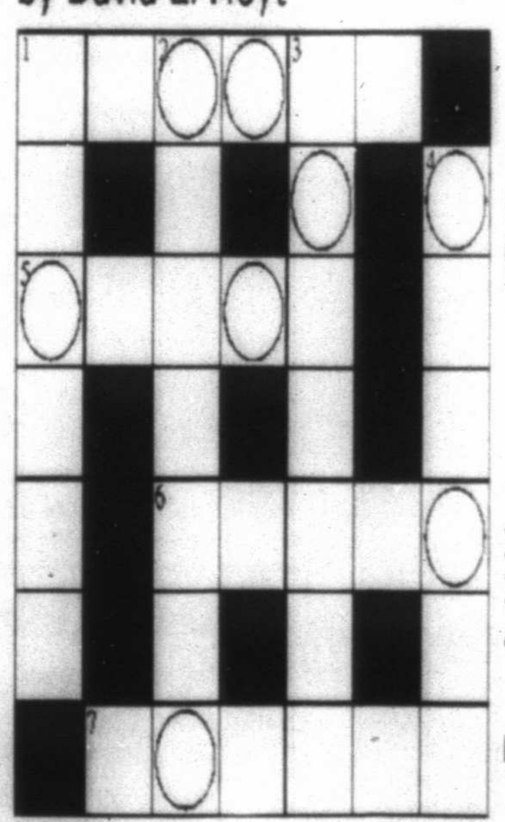

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CLUE	ANSWER
1. Not straight	GEANDL
5. Chomper	RAOML
6. Rope, cord	WETIN
7. Tied ___	HINKTG

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CLUE	ANSWER
1. ___ Joy	DLMAON
2. Wiggly dessert	AEINTGL
3. Piece of jewelry	IRENGRA
4. ___ point	SLOTWE

How to play: Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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CLUE: This explorer was about 40 years old when he died in 1521.

BONUS

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Apps

App Store Official Charts for the week ending March 12

Top Paid iPhone Apps:
1. The Escapists, Team17 Software Ltd
2. Minecraft: Pocket Edition, Mojang
3. Heads Up!, Warner Bros.
4. Bloons TD 5, Ninja Kiwi
5. Plague Inc., Ndemic Creations
6. Geometry Dash, RobTop Games AB
7. Enlight, Lightricks Ltd.
8. Facetune, Lightricks Ltd.
9. iSchedule, HotSchedules
10. NBA 2K17, 2K

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1. Bitmoji - Your Personal Emoji, Bitstrips
2. Snapchat, Snap, Inc.
3. Instagram, Instagram, Inc.
4. YouTube - Watch and Share Videos, Music & Clips, Google, Inc.
5. Messenger, Facebook, Inc.
6. Facebook, Facebook, Inc.
7. Google Maps - Navigation & Transit, Google, Inc.
8. Uber, Uber Technologies, Inc.
9. Spotify Music, Spotify Ltd.
10. Word Cookies!, BitMango

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1. Minecraft: Pocket Edition, Mojang
2. The Escapists, Team17 Software Ltd
3. SpongeBob Moves In, Nickelodeon
4. Geometry Dash, RobTop Games AB
5. Five Nights at Freddy's: Sister Location, Scott Cawthon
6. Terraria, 505 Games (US), Inc.
7. Bloons TD 5 HD, Ninja Kiwi
8. Scribblenauts Unlimited, Warner Bros.
9. Procreate - Sketch, paint, create., Savage Interactive Pty Ltd
10. Five Nights at Freddy's, Scott Cawthon

Top Free iPad Apps:
1. YouTube - Watch and Share Videos, Music & Clips, Google, Inc.
2. Netflix, Netflix, Inc.
3. Word Cookies!, BitMango
4. Messenger, Facebook, Inc.
5. Facebook, Facebook, Inc.
6. Hungry Shark World, Ubisoft
7. Google Chrome - The Fast and Secure Web Browser, Google, Inc.
8. Paper.io, Voodoo
9. 8 Ball Pool, Miniclip.com
10. Microsoft Word, Microsoft Corporation

Movies

iTunes Movies US Charts:
1. Moana (2016)
2. Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them
3. Passengers (2016)
4. Doctor Strange (2016)
5. Sing
6. Jackie
7. Arrival
8. Hacksaw Ridge
9. Assassin's Creed
10. Moonlight

iTunes Movies US Charts - Independent:
1. Moonlight
2. Manchester By the Sea
3. My Scientology Movie
4. Loving
5. The Neon Demon
6. Catfight
7. Captain Fantastic
8. A Man Called Ove
9. Lavender
10. Bodyguards: Secret Lives from the Watchtower

Music

iTunes' Top Songs
1. Shape of You, Ed Sheeran
2. That's What I Like, Bruno Mars
3. Rockabye (feat. Sean Paul & Anne-Marie), Clean Bandit
4. Body Like a Back Road, Sam Hunt
5. Something Just Like This, The Chainsmokers & Coldplay
6. Green Light, Lorde
7. Million Reasons, Lady Gaga
8. Perfect, Ed Sheeran
9. Believer, Imagine Dragons
10. Chained to the Rhythm (feat. Skip Marley), Katy Perry

iTunes' Top Albums
1. ÷, Ed Sheeran
2. 24K Magic, Bruno Mars
3. Moana, Various Artists
4. Trolls (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack), Various Artists
5. American Teen, Khalid
6. HNDRXX, Future
7. FUTURE, Future
8. x, Ed Sheeran
9. Vaquero, Aaron Watson
10. Hamilton, Original Broadway Cast of Hamilton

Books

iBooks US Bestseller List - Paid Books
1. The Shack by William P. Young
2. Big Little Lies by Liane Moriarty
3. The Girl Before by J.P. Delaney
4. Burn by Helen Hardt - No ISBN Available
5. If You Were Mine by Melanie Harlow
6. The Hot One by Lauren Blakely
7. Echoes in Death by J.D. Robb
8. A Harmless Little Ruse by Meli Raine
9. Cole by Tijan - 9781536585803
10. Heartbreak Hotel by Jonathan Kellerman

Source: Apple Inc.

JACKET

From 2B

people have. Many smartwatches and even other smart clothing can feel like solutions in search of a problem to solve. The Commuter jacket, she said, stands out as a type of wearable for a more everyday consumer who may not be that interested in the tech, but likes the practical features that come with a stylish jacket.

Wearables are expected to be a $19 billion industry by 2018, according to Juniper Research. Products including Fitbit fitness trackers, Android Wear watches and the Apple Watch have helped fuel a rise in mainstream awareness of wearables for the past several years, even leading Fitbit to go public in 2015. But the market for wearables has taken a bit of a tumble in the past few quarters. Fitbit in January announced it had missed earnings expectations and starting cutting jobs because sales were lower than expected.

It's hard to say exactly what has caused the cool-down in wearables, but one possibility is that the market for uber-techy wearables that try to put a smartwatch on your wrist is pretty saturated. Analysts have pointed to a shift in the market away from the super-functional smartwatch toward gadgets that are a little more focused and better looking to boot.

"Where smartwatches were once expected to take the lead, basic wearables now reign supreme," Jitesh Ubrani, senior research analyst for the analysis firm International Data Corp., said in a December report. "From a design perspective, many devices are focusing on fashion first while allowing the technology to blend in with the background."

The partnership between Google and Levi's speaks to that growing effort between the technology and fashion industries. Several designers have already partnered with the likes of Fitbit and Apple to make their wearables more chic and less geek. Companies including Tommy Hilfiger, Ralph Lauren and Under Armour have released smart activewear; seeing a brand as old and mainstream as Levi's get in on the act illustrates just how pervasive the idea has become.

"The retail opportunity is huge," Morgan-Petro said. "We're basically seeing clothes as the future of wearables."

BORDERS

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take on the role of immigration agents. So for this game, Alvarez wanted to show the other side, in which the migrant is the protagonist.

Players might be surprised by the retro, pixelated display on the game, and the ambiguity of the characters and map. But that ambiguity is intentional, Alvarez said. It allows players "not to focus on who the person was but the message of the game."

"That kind of abstraction allows you to kind of immerse yourself more," he said.

In the design stages, he was asked whether he'd like to make it possible for players to leave their name with each skeleton after they die in the game. But Alvarez decided against it because, in reality, many people who die are never identified.

"There's hundreds of bodies of people who can't get identified, and those families will never get to know," he said.

His father, originally from Mexico City, first made the journey across the border alone in 1987. Because of an amnesty program for undocumented immigrants during those years, he was able to become a citizen. Three years after arriving, he returned to Mexico, bringing his wife, Eva Alvarez, back with him.

At the time, Eva Alvarez was undocumented and, at one point, Border Patrol agents detained her, separating the couple for an entire day and causing her husband to wonder whether he would ever see her again.

They moved to New York and then Port Arthur, where they have lived for 22 years, raising two U.S.-born children. The mother is now a permanent resident.

"We were lucky," the father, Gonzalo Alvarez, 48, said, adding that the message sent across in his son's game will hopefully "help people understand the risks," he said.

If players make it to the end of the "Borders" game, the younger Alvarez said, they will be met with the vista of a city, with buildings in the background resembling a refinery. Subconsciously, Alvarez said, he realized he depicted a view similar to that of his home town, Port Arthur.

The final stage gives the migrant a chance to write down his or her name on a leader board. It's almost a way of saying they made it to the United States, Alvarez said. They're safe.

GRANDPADS

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They can also speak commands.

A family member, such as a person's child, is the administrator of the GrandPad and can control what contact names and numbers are in it. All approved people get a GrandPad app, and it allows them to call GrandPad users and automatically upload photos to the GrandPads.

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Stark said it "gives the family peace of mind that mom can't end up sending $5,000 to some screwball."

There's also a full insurance policy on the GrandPads for loss or damage. Stark says new ones will arrive 24 hours later via FedEx.

That could be important because of how popular the GrandPads are already proving.

"What's really crazy is ... they found that the average client that has a GrandPad uses it seven hours a day," Stark says. "I mean, that's astounding."

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PHONES

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installing multiple assistants on one phone, chances are most people will find it easiest to stick to one. Even if all assistants could add always-on voice control, thinking through when you want to say "Hey, Siri" vs. "Alexa!" might offset the time you wanted to save by speaking your request.

They do all tell some pretty lousy jokes, though, if you're in the market for that sort of thing.

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Personalized care from St. Joseph's helps seniors remain home longer

Mike Samp, BA, RRT, CPFT, RCP enjoys training the respiratory therapists at St. Joseph's Home Health. His training helps the therapists help patients stay healthy so they can remain in their own homes. Contact St. Joseph's at 684-5858.

"If I can't stay healthy enough to stay in my own home, what will happen to me?" This is the fearful question asked by so many seniors today. Some studies have shown that seniors fear being institutionalized more than they fear death.

Getting good in-home therapy—especially respiratory therapy—can extend a senior's freedom to be at home. That's why St. Joseph's owner Delma Chavez has her nursing staff trained by the most caring, most experienced respiratory therapist in town—Mike Samp.

Mike says he's always loved the actual interaction with patients. Helping patients understand what their treatment is for and how to get it done goes a long way in boosting compliance. All that means patients stay healthier longer.

So he trains all of St. Joseph's nurses on respiratory issues and how to communicate with patients and—here's the key—how to listen to their questions and their real needs. A well-trained nurse is sensitive as to how to look for issues that need to be addressed—either by the nurse or by a physician.

"It's very important that any nurse or other in-home health care professional must care enough to get to know the patient, and make sure their questions and concerns are answered. That, in turn, will help them follow the treatment guidelines and get healthy," says Mike.

Mike has many years of experience in hospitals, ERs and in education. One reason he decided to put his experience to work for St. Joseph's was because of their mutual deep concern for patients. "Delma and I have known each other for 20 years. We share the same philosophy of patient-oriented care."

A well-trained nurse will also relay information back and forth between physician and patient. The nurse will be alert for changes in the patient's health and relay those to the physician in case treatment changes are in order. And, as stated before, the nurse will help explain and demonstrate to the patient how to follow the treatment guidelines in order to be as healthy as possible.

Mike reminds everyone that, unlike the hospital, the nurses are on the patients' home turf and must respect that. "The positive side of that is that we become like family to patients. It's not unusual to be greeted with a big smile when the nurse enters someone's home. That's a great feeling!"

In addition to nursing care St. Joseph's Home Health provides a long list of services designed to help people stay in their own homes.

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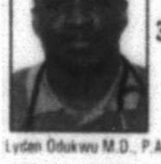
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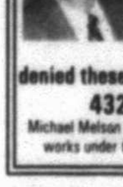
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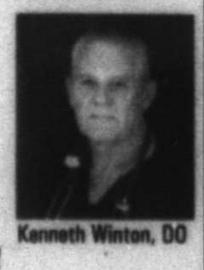
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Newman skips late pit stop, stuns NASCAR field

By Bob Baum
Associated Press

AVONDALE, Ariz. — A big gamble in the desert heat ended a long victory drought for Ryan Newman.

When just about everybody else decided to take a tire-changing pit stop in the final few laps on Sunday, Newman figured he'd be going in with them.

His crew chief Luke Lambert thought otherwise.

It was a decision that earned Newman a victory in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series race, ending his 127-race winless streak.

"Just a heck of a gutsy call by Luke Lambert," Newman said. "It's his first win as a crew chief in the cup series and I think making a gutsy call like that makes it that much more special for him."

Although the leaders were in the pits, Newman moved from seventh to first and for the final two laps held off Kyle Larson, the second-place finisher for the third straight race.

Kyle Busch, the leader for nearly all of the final stage of the race, was third on a day when the temperature soared to 97 degrees at Phoenix International Raceway.

Like nearly all the rest of the field, Larson and Busch went to the pits on the late caution caused when Joey Logano's car blew a right tire and slammed into the wall six laps from the finish.

Newman won his 18th Cup race but his first since the 2013 Brickyard 400. He gave Chevrolet its first victory of the season and ended a 112-race losing streak for Richard Childress Racing.

"I can't say enough about what it means," Newman said.

When the caution ended, two laps separated him from the win.

"You're on old tires. It's really easy to screw it up," Newman said. "You've got to get your tires cleaned off right, you've to get a good launch, you've got to run through the gear box right, and then you've got to hold everybody off."

Larson, with two new tires on his Chevrolet, came out of the late pit stop with two new tires ahead of Busch's Toyota and had the best chance to catch Newman.

"I thought he was going to be all over me," Newman said. "I don't think he could get going as good as he wanted

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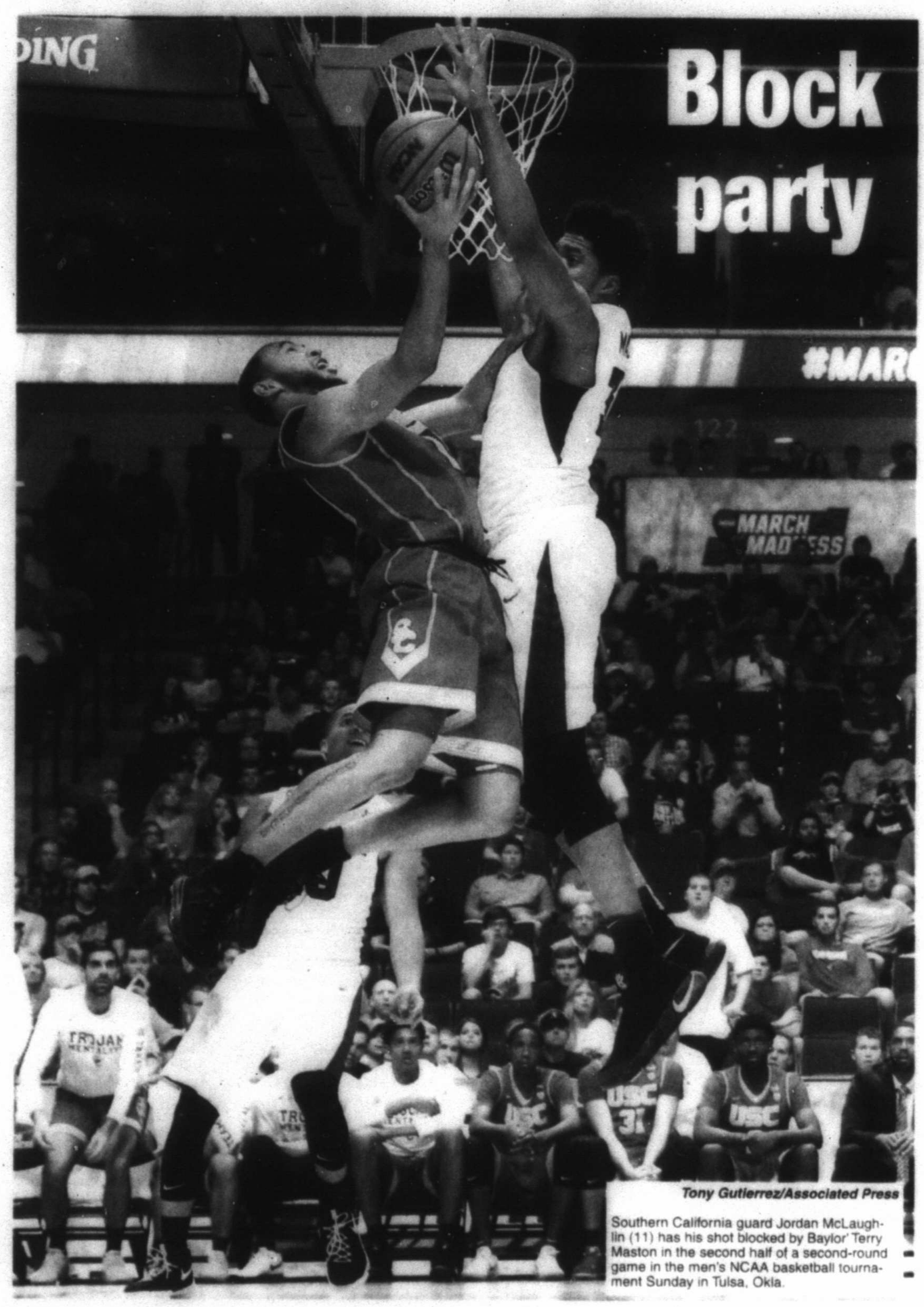
Ryan Newman, left, celebrates with his crew in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Phoenix International Raceway on Sunday in Avondale, Ariz.



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Southern California guard Jordan McLaughlin (11) has his shot blocked by Baylor Terry Maston in the second half of a second-round game in the men's NCAA basketball tournament Sunday in Tulsa, Okla.

Baylor defeats USC, moves to Sweet 16

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. — Baylor knew Southern California would keep coming.

Unlike Providence and SMU, the Bears had answers.

Johnathan Motley had 19 points and 10 rebounds, Manu Lecomte scored all 12 of his points in the final 5 minutes, and Baylor defeated USC 82-78 on Sunday in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

The 11th-seeded Trojans had rallied from second-half deficits to win their first two NCAA Tournament games , but Lecomte was the spark that held the Trojans at bay. The point guard from Belgium didn't score until a four-point play that gave the Bears a 69-67 lead with 4:40 remaining. It started his run of eight points in 45 seconds, and third-seeded Baylor never trailed again.

"I just had to pick it up," Lecomte said. "I was struggling a little bit in the first half and I just had to pick it up. My teammates and my coaches did a great job. They kept believing in me, they kept me in the game, they trusted me with the ball in my hands, and I just had to go out there and make plays."

Terry Maston scored 19 points and King McClure added 17 and for the Bears (27-7), who advanced to play seventh-seeded South Carolina, which beat second-seeded Duke, in the Sweet 16 in

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Texas moves on to Sweet 16 over NC State 84-80

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas coach Karen Aston came to the Longhorns five years ago with a goal of setting a new standard of excellence for the program. Three straight trips to the Sweet 16 set a pretty nice bar.

Brooke McCarty scored 23 points and the No. 3-seed Longhorns got a put-back basket from Joyner Holmes with 4 seconds left to the send them to thrilling 84-80 win Sunday over No. 6 North Carolina State, earning another trip deep into the NCAA Tournament in the Lexington Regional.

"Stringing along these Sweet 16s, it's the standard here," McCarty said. "This is what you do. You come here to do this."

This one took some big plays and big shots from the Big 12 player of the year to dig the Longhorns out from a second-half deficit and carry the Longhorns past two outstanding scoring efforts from North Carolina State guards Miah Spencer and Dominique Wilson. Spencer scored 31 and Wilson scored 27 for the Wolfpack.

But Spencer fouled out with 1 minute left when she tangled with McCarty away from the ball and Wilson's go-ahead basket with 8 seconds left was waived off on a charging call.

McCarty said she was trying to tangle up Spencer to get her out of the game. Her two free throws after the foul gave Texas the lead for good at 79-78.

"We knew she had four fouls," McCarty said. "I tried to engage her as much as I could."

After Spencer went to the bench fighting off tears, Wilson had what she thought was the shot to win, only to

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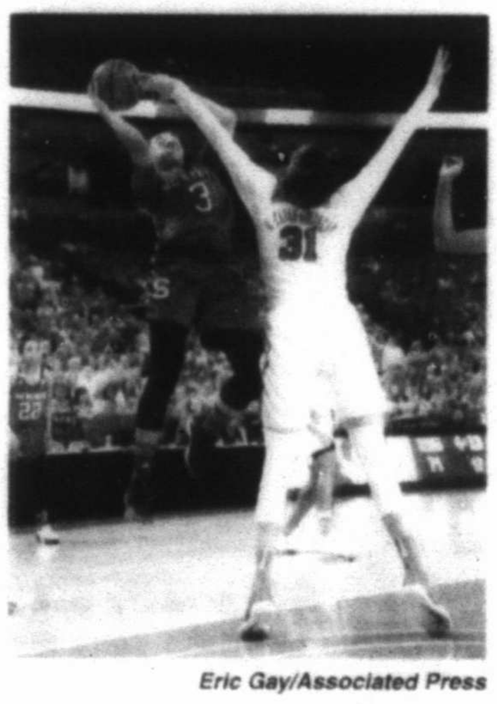

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North Carolina State guard Miah Spencer (3) is blocked by Texas forward Audrey-Ann Caron-Goudreau (31) as she tries to score during a second-round game in the NCAA women's college basketball tournament Sunday in Austin.

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Major League Baseball
Spring Training: NY Yankees vs. Washington, Noon, MLB
Spring Training: Cincinnati vs. Kansas City, 3 p.m., MLB
Spring Training: Texas vs. San Diego, 9 p.m., FSSW+

Men's College Basketball
NIT 2nd Round: UCF at Illinois State, 6 p.m., ESPN
NIT 2nd Round: Akron at UT Arlington, 7 p.m., ESPNU
NIT 2nd Round: Boise State at Illinois State, 8 p.m., ESPN
NIT 2nd Round: Cal State Bakersfield at Colorado State, 10:15 p.m., ESPN2

National Basketball Association
Golden State at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m., TNT
New York at LA Clippers, 9:30 p.m., TNT

National Hockey League
Buffalo at Detroit, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN
San Jose at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW

Women's College Basketball
NCAA 2nd Round: Whip-a-Round, 5:30 p.m., ESPN2
NCAA 2nd Round: Cal at Baylor, 8 p.m., ESPN2
NCAA 2nd Round: Texas A&M at UCLA, 9 p.m., ESPNU

World Baseball Classic
Semifinal: Netherlands vs. Puerto Rico, 9 p.m., MLB, ESPNDEP

WHAT'S ON DECK

High School

Baseball
Monahans JC at Trinity, TBA

Boys Golf
MHS at Monahans

Junior College

Golf
Midland College at Rockwind Invitational, Hobbs, N.M.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
DETROIT TIGERS — Optioned LHP Chad Bell and RHPs Drew Verhagen and Buck Farmer to Toledo (IL).
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Optioned RHP Keynan Middleton to Salt Lake (PCL).
MINNESOTA TWINS — Optioned SS Engelb Vielma, C Mitch Garver and OFs Daniel Palka and Zack Granite to Rochester (IL).
National League
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Optioned RHPs Luke Weaver and Rowan Wick and OF Anthony Garcia to Memphis (PCL). Reassigned RHP Josh Lucas and LHP Zach Phillips to their minor league camp.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Fined Milwaukee C Greg Monroe $35,000, L.A. Lakers G/F Nick Young $25,000 and Lakers G D'Angelo Russell $15,000 for an altercation during Friday's game.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ARIZONA COYOTES — Recalled D Zbynek Michalek and F Laurent Dauphin from Tucson (AHL). Dauphin on emergency recall.
DETROIT RED WINGS — Recalled F Tomas Nosek from Grand Rapids (AHL).
American Hockey League
SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Reassigned D Justin Hamonic to Colorado (ECHL).
ECHL
ECHL — Suspended Indy RW Alex Wideman one game.

COLLEGE
SYRACUSE — Agreed to terms with Jim Boeheim, men's basketball coach, on a new contract that will extend past next season.
WASHINGTON — Named Mike Hopkins men's basketball coach.

MC GOLF

MC GOLF TEAM IN SECOND PLACE IN HOBBS

From staff reports

HOBBS, N.M. – The Midland College golf team is in second place after the first two rounds of the Thunderbird Invitational.

The Chaparrals shot 283-294—577 on Sunday and are four shots back of host New Mexico Junior College (573) heading into today's final round.

Stefan Cronje led MC with a 72-70-142 total, followed by Michael Salazar, who shot 69-75—144. Hudson Ross shot a 69 in the first round but had to withdraw in the second round because of back spasms.

THUNDERBIRD INVITATIONAL ROCKWIND GOLF COURSE, HOBBS, N.M. SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Team standings – 1. New Mexico Junior College 290-283—573; 2. Midland College 283-294—577; 3. Odessa College 297-288—585; 4. McLennan CC 301-301—602; 5. University of the Southwest 302-301—603; 6. New Mexico Military Institute 314-318—632

Midland College (577) – Stefan Cronje 72-70—142; Michael Salazar 69-75—144; Hudson Ross 69-WD; Coleman Houston 73-75—148; Ben Murray 78-74—150

Midland College individuals – Tommy Parker 77-78—155; Michael Pinesar 80-75—155

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Boston	44	26	.629	—
Toronto	41	29	.586	3
New York	27	42	.391	16½
Philadelphia	26	43	.377	17½
Brooklyn	13	56	.188	30½
Southeast Division				
Washington	42	27	.609	—
Atlanta	37	32	.536	5
Miami	34	36	.486	8½
Charlotte	30	39	.435	12
Orlando	20	45	.357	17½
Central Division				
Cleveland	45	23	.662	—
Indiana	35	34	.507	10½
Milwaukee	34	35	.493	11½
Detroit	34	36	.486	12
Chicago	33	37	.471	13
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
x-San Antonio	53	16	.768	—
x-Houston	48	22	.686	5½
Memphis	40	30	.571	13½
Dallas	30	39	.435	23
New Orleans	29	41	.414	24½
Northwest Division				
Utah	43	27	.614	—
Oklahoma City	40	29	.580	2½
Denver	33	36	.478	9½
Portland	32	37	.464	10½
Minnesota	28	41	.406	14½
Pacific Division				
z-Golden State	55	14	.797	—
L.A. Clippers	41	29	.586	14½
Sacramento	27	43	.386	28½
Phoenix	22	48	.314	33½
L.A. Lakers	20	49	.290	35

x-clinched playoff spot

Sunday's Scores
Dallas 111, Brooklyn 104
Philadelphia 105, Boston 99
Detroit 112, Phoenix 95
New Orleans 123, Minnesota 109
Portland 115, Miami 104
Toronto 116, Indiana 91
San Antonio 118, Sacramento 102
Cleveland at L.A. Lakers, late

Today's Games
Atlanta at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Utah at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Washington at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Denver at Houston, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
New York at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

NHL GLANCE

NHL GLANCE EASTERN CONFERENCE	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Atlantic Division							
Montreal	72	41	23	8	90	199	180
Ottawa	71	39	24	8	86	189	185
Boston	71	36	27	8	80	205	198
Toronto	70	32	23	15	79	212	208
Tampa Bay	71	34	29	9	77	194	197
Florida	71	31	29	11	73	180	204
Buffalo	72	29	31	12	70	180	210
Detroit	70	28	31	11	67	177	210
Metropolitan Division							
x-Columbus	71	47	18	6	100	228	164
x-Washington	71	46	17	8	100	228	159
Pittsburgh	71	45	17	9	99	249	198
N.Y. Rangers	72	45	24	3	93	231	189
N.Y. Islanders	71	33	26	12	78	210	216
Philadelphia	71	33	30	8	74	198	213
Carolina	70	30	27	13	73	182	203
New Jersey	71	26	33	12	64	164	209
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	72	47	20	5	99	218	178
Minnesota	71	42	22	6	92	230	178
St. Louis	71	38	28	5	81	197	189
Nashville	71	35	25	11	81	209	201
Winnipeg	72	32	33	7	71	217	230
Dallas	71	26	32	10	66	195	233
Colorado	71	20	48	3	43	138	234
Colorado	67	19	45	3	41	131	221
Pacific Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	71	42	22	7	91	196	165
Anaheim	72	38	23	11	87	186	179
Edmonton	71	38	24	9	85	207	186
Calgary	71	40	27	4	84	196	191
Los Angeles	70	34	29	7	75	173	174
Vancouver	71	28	34	9	65	161	207
Arizona	71	26	36	9	61	172	227

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

Sunday's Scores
Columbus 4, New Jersey 1
Pittsburgh 4, Florida 0
Winnipeg 5, Minnesota 4
Chicago 6, Colorado 3
Philadelphia 4, Carolina 3, OT
Montreal 4, Ottawa 1
Los Angeles at Calgary, late

Today's Games
Boston at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Arizona at Nashville, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

MLB SPRING TRAINING GLANCE

AMERICAN LEAGUE	W	L	Pct.
New York	17	6	0.739
Seattle	15	9	0.625
Minnesota	12	8	0.600
Baltimore	12	9	0.571
Oakland	11	9	0.550
Tampa Bay	11	9	0.550
Los Angeles	12	10	0.545
Chicago	12	10	0.545
Kansas City	11	10	0.524
Cleveland	10	12	0.455
Boston	10	12	0.455
Houston	9	11	0.450
Detroit	10	13	0.435
Texas	9	13	0.409
Toronto	6	13	0.316
NATIONAL LEAGUE	W	L	Pct.
Pittsburgh	14	7	0.667
St. Louis	13	7	0.650
Milwaukee	13	10	0.565
Colorado	12	10	0.545
Los Angeles	13	11	0.542
Arizona	11	10	0.524
New York	12	12	0.500
Washington	9	9	0.500
Cincinnati	11	12	0.478
Chicago	8	10	0.444
Philadelphia	9	12	0.429
San Francisco	9	14	0.391
Miami	6	12	0.333
San Diego	7	14	0.333
Atlanta	6	16	0.273

Sunday's Scores
Detroit 7, Baltimore 1
Minnesota 13, Boston 8
N.Y. Yankees 6, Houston 4
Tampa Bay 8, Philadelphia 0
St. Louis 5, Atlanta 2
Toronto 11, Pittsburgh 11
Washington 10, Miami (ss) 4
Miami (ss) 7, N.Y. Mets 5
L.A. Dodgers 3, Japan 2
Arizona 4, Cleveland 4
Milwaukee 6, San Francisco 4
Texas 3, Seattle 2
TBD at L.A. Dodgers, cancelled
Chicago White Sox 11, L.A. Angels 2
Cincinnati 9, San Diego 4
Colorado 9, Oakland 2
Kansas City vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., late

Monday's Games
Baltimore vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Miami vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Washington at West Palm Beach, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 12:07 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. Chicago White Sox at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
St. Louis vs. Houston at West Palm Beach, Fla., 5:05 p.m.
Arizona vs. Oakland at Mesa, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.
Texas vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 9:10 p.m.

Texas Tech baseball sweeps Texas

From staff reports

AUSTIN — No. 6-ranked Texas Tech completed a three-game Big 12 Conference baseball series sweep on Sunday with an 8-5 win over Texas at UFCU Disch-Falk Field.

Texas (13-9, 0-3) jumped out to an early 2-0 lead against Texas Tech starter Ryan Shetter in the first inning before the Red Raiders (17-4, 3-0) answered with a solo home run by Orlando Garcia in the second inning, and then after Texas scored a run in the bottom of the second, Tech scored two in the third to tie it at 3.

The Red Raiders broke the game open with a four-run fourth, which was highlighted by a two-run double by Hunter Hargrove.

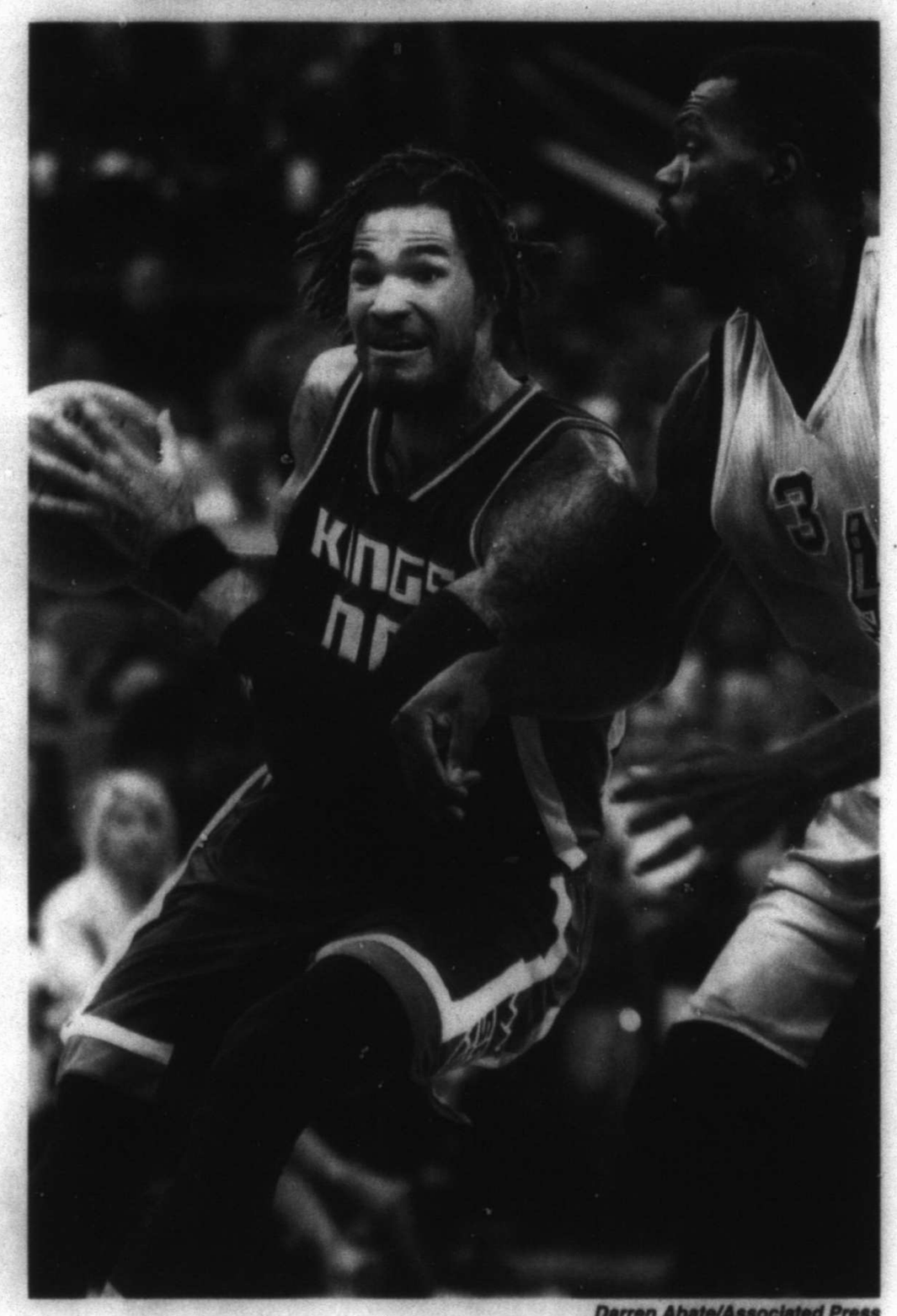
Texas crawled to within 7-5 in the sixth behind a sacrifice fly by David Hamilton and then a balk that was called on Tech reliever Caleb Kilian, which allowed Kody Clemens to score from third.

But the Red Raiders added an insurance run in the eighth when John McMillon hit a solo home run.

Texas Tech out-hit Texas 15-4 in the game, as Josh Jung went 3-for-4 with two runs scored, while Ryan Long, Gardner, Garcia and McMillon each had two hits.

Bret Boswell had two of the four hits for the Longhorns.

NBA ROUNDUP



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Sacramento Kings center Willie Cauley-Stein, left, drives around San Antonio Spurs center Dewayne Dedmon during the first half of an NBA game Sunday in San Antonio.

SPURS 118, KINGS 102

SAN ANTONIO — Pau Gasol scored 22 points, LaMarcus Aldridge added 18 and the San Antonio Spurs rolled to a 118-102 victory over the Sacramento Kings on Sunday night, snapping a two-game skid.

Kawhi Leonard had 12 points in 27 minutes, sitting out the fourth quarter after the Spurs led by as many as 28 points.

San Antonio (53-16) moved within two games of idle Golden State (55-14) for the league's best record.

Buddy Hield had 18 points for Sacramento, matching his high with the Kings since being acquired Feb. 20 in a trade that sent All-Star DeMarcus Cousins to New Orleans.

The Spurs had to overcome an abysmal start to win their 10th straight over the Kings. San Antonio missed its first eight shots and 12 of 13 in falling behind 14-2.

MAVERICKS 111, NETS 104

NEW YORK — Dirk Nowitzki had 23 points and nine rebounds, J.J. Barea scored 20 and the Dallas Mavericks beat the Brooklyn Nets 111-104 Sunday.

Harrison Barnes added 19 points for the Mavericks.

Brook Lopez scored 27 points and Spencer Dinwiddie had 18 for the Nets. Randy Foye and Quincy Acy each had 11.

The Mavericks led 94-92 with more than five minutes left before Barea scored nine straight Dallas points. Barnes followed with two layups that made it 107-101 with 26.5 seconds remaining.

TRAIL BLAZERS 115, HEAT 104

MIAMI — Damian Lillard scored a season-high 49 points, 28 of them coming after halftime and the Portland Trail Blazers continued their playoff push by beating the Miami Heat 115-104 on Sunday night.

Lillard tied a career high with nine 3-pointers, giving him 1,002 for his career. He shot 14 for 21 from the field, 9 for 12 from 3-point range and made all 12 of his free throws.

Jusef Nurkic added 21 points and 12 rebounds for Portland (32-37), which moved within a game of idle Denver for the No. 8 spot in the Western Conference. C.J. McCollum scored 18 points and Noah Vonleh added 11 for the Trail Blazers.

James Johnson scored 24 points for Miami, which lost for just the second time in its last 17 home games. The Heat (34-36) missed a chance to reach .500 for the first time this season.

PISTONS 112, SUNS 95

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Kentavious Caldwell-Pope scored 23 points and the Detroit Pistons overcame a sluggish performance for the much of the game, finally pulling away from the short-handed Phoenix Suns for a 112-95 victory Sunday.

The Suns were without several top players, but they still led the playoff-chasing Pistons 65-53 in the third quarter. Detroit finished strong in that period and then built a double-digit lead of its own in the fourth.

Andre Drummond had 18 points and 18 rebounds for the Pistons, and Aron Baynes had 13 points and 17 rebounds.

Tyler Ulis had 17 points and 11 assists for the Suns.

Phoenix was without guard Devin Booker (right ankle), guard Ronnie Price (left leg), guard Leandro Barbosa (illness) and forward Dragan Bender (right ankle). The Suns have also been playing without Eric Bledsoe, Brandon Knight and Tyson Chandler, choosing to give young players more time.

PELICANS 123, TIMBERWOLVES 109

NEW ORLEANS — Anthony Davis had 28 points and 12 rebounds, and the New Orleans Pelicans beat the struggling Minnesota Timberwolves 123-109 on Sunday.

DeMarcus Cousins added 15 points and 11 rebounds in his return from a one-game absence because of left knee and rib soreness. Reserve guard Jordan Crawford scored 22 points in 21 minutes for the Pelicans, who have won four of five. Jrue Holiday had 21 points, shooting 4 of 5 from 3-point range.

Karl-Anthony Towns scored 33 for the Timberwolves, who lost their third straight. Andrew Wiggins added 25 points and reserve Shabazz Muhammad had 20 for the Minnesota. Ricky Rubio chipped in with 10 points and 14 assists for the Wolves, who built a 13-point lead in the second quarter only to fade late as New Orleans closed the game on a 21-10 run.

RAPTORS 116, PACERS 91

TORONTO — DeMar DeRozan scored 22 points in three quarters, and all five Toronto starters were in double figures as the Raptors beat the Indiana Pacers 116-91 on Sunday night.

DeRozan added four assists and three rebounds and was able to rest the entire fourth quarter as the Raptors cruised to their second straight victory. Serge Ibaka had 16 points, while Jonas Valanciunas finished with 11 points and 13 rebounds as the Raptors improved to 41-29.

Paul George had 18 points and Jeff Teague and Thaddeus Young added 16 apiece for the Pacers, who lost to Toronto for the eighth time in the last nine regular-season meetings.

It was the first meeting between the teams since Game 7 of last year's first-round playoff series, which was won by Toronto. They face each other twice more over the next two weeks.

76ERS 105, CELTICS 99

PHILADELPHIA — Robert Covington made the go-ahead 3-pointer late in the fourth quarter to lead the Philadelphia 76ers to a 105-99 win over the Boston Celtics on Sunday.

Dario Saric scored key baskets to extend the lead and bolster his bid for NBA Rookie of the Year. Saric scored 23 points and helped rally the Sixers from a 13-point hole in the third.

Covington buried a 3 with 3:37 left that put the Sixers up 94-91 and Nik Stauskas hit his own with 38 seconds left for a 103-97 lead that sent fans inside a packed Wells Fargo Center into a frenzy.

The Sixers thumped Dallas 116-74 on Friday night and improved to a respectable 17-19 at home. The Sixers won 10 games total last season.

Al Horford led the Celtics with a season-high 27 points in a game Boston could not afford to waste.

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Baylor women go from NCAA win to Cal rematch

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

WACO — California coach Lindsay Gottlieb really didn't have to watch to know just how good top-seeded Baylor is.

An overwhelming first-round victory, and the 30 wins before that by the Big 12 Lady Bears, only reinforced what Gottlieb thought about the team Cal plays next in the women's NCAA Tournament.

"They're like a WNBA team. ... They have pros on the floor, they're very in synch with one another and they do a great job," Gottlieb said Sunday. "Just digging in the film obviously, there as legit as I thought they were."

Before California (20-13) held on to beat LSU in the first round on Baylor's home court, Gottlieb had watched less than a half of top-seeded Baylor's record-setting game.

Now Cal and Baylor play Monday night for trip to Oklahoma City and a spot in the Sweet 16.

Baylor (31-3) overwhelmed NCAA first-timer Texas Southern 119-30 to advance. Those were the most points ever scored in regulation of a women's NCAA Tournament game, and the most-lopsided tourney game ever played. All 12 Baylor players who got in the game scored and had at least one rebound, and all but one had an assist.

"What this team has done is challenged me to stay on my toes because we've got so many that can play. You usually can figure out your rotation after about a month of practice," coach Kim Mulkey said. "This team just has so much talent I can't do that. It's game-to-game. It's who we play. It's who is playing good."

Baylor is hosting the first two rounds for the fifth straight season, and has won all of those games so far. That includes a second-round win over Cal in 2014.

Still, the Golden Bears from California aren't backing down from the challenge of facing Baylor again in March.

"I've just never been as excited to practice as I am," the Cal coach said. "Because why not, why not take a shot at being able to make history or bring this team in here and try to do something that's unexpected."

Some other things to know about the second-round matchup:

No pain, big gain: Baylor senior guard Alexis Jones said she felt good Sunday, with "no pain, no swelling" a day after playing for the first time since Feb. 20 because of a bone bruise in her surgically repaired left knee. Jones played 12 minutes Saturday night. "Just exciting to let me know that I'm back out there playing again," said Jones, who could be back in the starting lineup Monday night.

Still nervous: Cal guard Asha Thomas and forward Kristine Anigwe both had talked about being nervous at the start of their first NCAA Tournament game. Thomas then scored 18 points on six 3-pointers, while Anigwe had 15 points, seven rebounds and five blocked shots. But that didn't exactly calm the nerves of the sophomore duo. "More nerves, bigger game ... We're just going to try to do everything we can to be calm and steady," Anigwe said Sunday. Added Thomas, "Again, I will be nervous."

TCU advances to NIT quarters with 94-92 OT win over Iowa

Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa — This season was always going to be a rebuilding year for the Hawkeyes.

Now that it's over, Iowa can start pushing toward a potentially long run as an NCAA Tournament program.

Alex Robinson and Vladimir Brodziansky each scored 19 points and TCU survived 94-92 in overtime against No. 1 seeded Iowa on Sunday to advance to the NIT quarterfinals.

TCU was playing without starting guard Jaylen Fisher, who broke his wrist and is out for the season.

The Horned Frogs (21-15) led 84-82 in the final seconds when Iowa's Tyler Cook finished a layup to tie it and send the game to overtime.

TCU never trailed in the extra period, and a Kenrich Williams dunk with 3:02 left gave the Horned Frogs an 88-86 lead they held the rest of the way. TCU built a six-point lead with 24 seconds left. A Jordan Bohannon 3 for Iowa trimmed the lead to two (94-92), but the Hawkeyes ran out of time.

The Horned Frogs (21-15) will host the Oakland-Richmond winner Tuesday for a spot in the NIT final four.

Bohannon had a career-high 25 points for Iowa (19-15) and hit seven 3-pointers. Peter Jok added 22 in his final game for the Hawkeyes (19-15), who nearly reached the NCAA Tournament despite a 3-5 start.

"They kept grinding and kept trying to get better, so I think ultimately that would be my expectation, that...we're going to keep grinding and we're going to keep concentrating on the game plan, stay true to the game plan, and be a great teammate that helps the guy next to him," Iowa coach Fran McCaffery said.

The win is TCU's first ever against Iowa and the first meeting between the schools since 1948.

Big picture: TCU: Jamie Dixon's turnaround in Fort Worth continues. A strong non-conference showing, a win over Kansas in the Big 12 tournament and now a road victory over Iowa — one of the last four teams left out of the NCAA Tournament.

Iowa: Jok will go down as one of the best pure shooters in school history — and Iowa is going to miss him even with all the pieces it'll bring back in 2017-18. Iowa will also need to improve defensively, although young teams typically take a bit longer to develop on that end of the floor.

Looking ahead: Bohannon erased any doubts about whether he'd be an impact player in the Big Ten for Iowa, finishing with 10.9 points and just over five assists per game. "You're seeing a guy who's just enjoying that freedom and the benefit of his experience I think at this point," McCaffery said of Bohannon. Fellow freshman Tyler Cook was second on the team with 12.3 points and third with 5.3 rebounds a game — and league Sixth Man of the Year Nicholas Baer provided significant spark off the bench. The Hawkeyes also have a pair of promising big men in Cordell Pemsl and Ryan Kriener, both also freshmen in 2016-17, and two highly-touted post players coming in as recruits. Iowa missed the NCAA Tournament for the first time in four years. But with the depth they have coming back combined with expected offseason development, the Hawkeyes could be a Big Ten title contender as soon as next season.

BAYLOR

From 1C

New York.

The Bears won despite Motley's foul trouble. He fouled out with 1:39 remaining and the game still in doubt.

"I thought if I could be out there, we had a good chance to win," Motley said. "And they kept telling me, 'We got you, we got it, we're going to finish this game,' and they did."

USC coach Andy Enfield said Baylor's depth was the difference.

"They went small with Motley out of the game and they relied on other people and they stepped up," he said. "Their point guard stepped up and scored down the stretch and Maston had a big game. When your leading scorer goes out, it's an opportunity for other players sometimes to score the ball, and that's what they did."

Chimezie Metu scored 28 points and Bennie Boatwright added 16 for USC (26-10), which was trying to make its first Sweet 16 appearance since 2007.

"This was a game that was there for the taking if we would have executed down the stretch," Enfield said.

Big picture: USC: The Trojans posted a school record with 26 wins and they have no senior starters. Enfield has reinvigorated the program since arriving on campus in 2013. Last season's trip to the NCAA Tournament was the school's first since 2011. The Trojans were trying to become the fourth team that played in the First Four to reach the Sweet 16.

Baylor: The Bears got off to a 20-1 start and were ranked No. 1 in the country before reeling down the stretch. They got back on track in a 91-73 win over New Mexico State in the first round of the NCAA Tournament and appear to be rolling now.

Power game: Baylor outrebounded the Trojans 34-23 and held them to six offensive rebounds, including one in the first half, to help offset their 55 percent shooting. Baylor also showed its inside strength in the scoring column, moving away from the 3-pointers it shot so frequently in the first half and making 13 of 21 shots inside the arc in the second half.

TEXAS

From 1C

hear the whistle go against her. Texas' Lashann Higgs then made one free throw for an 82-80 Texas lead but missed the second. Holmes grabbed the rebound, missed her first shot, then made the second to seal the win. Holmes finished with 16 points and nine rebounds.

North Carolina State (23-9) missed going to its first Sweet 16 since 2007.

"It just hurts. You feel helpless," Wilson said.

Big picture

Texas came out hot on its home court and shot 10-of-13 in scoring 28 points in a blistering first quarter. Texas threatened to make it a blowout but couldn't keep up the pace and scored just nine points in the second as the Wolfpack rallied to within 37-36 by halftime.

Aston called the quick start "fool's gold" and the Longhorns kept taking outside shots that stopped falling.

North Carolina State won some tough games on the road and wasn't rattled by the deficit. Spencer and Wilson led the Wolfpack rally with tough drives to the basket time and time again and North Carolina State led by eight late in the third quarter. The problems came late when foul troubles started to mount late the fourth. Along with Spencer, forwards Chelsea Nelson, Jennifer Mathurin and Akela Maize fouled out, leaving the Wolfpack with almost no one left to challenge Holmes for the final rebound.

Money Mccarty

The junior guard is the smallest player on Texas roster but has carried the Longhorns all season with big plays. A 3-pointer pulled Texas within two midway through the fourth quarter, and drawing the foul on Spencer proved critical. She also went 6 of 7 from the free throw line.

Aston called McCarty the "engine" for the team.

"She has grown in the sense of understanding when is the moment she needs to make plays," Aston said.

Free throws

Both teams were excellent from the free throw line: Texas made 19 of 23 and North Carolina State was 26 of 29.

"We've definitely grown up in that area. That was an Achilles heel for us quite a lot of the season," Aston said.

Up next

Texas goes on to the Lexington, Kentucky to play the winner of Monday's matchup between Kansas State-Stanford.

MEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT ROUNDUP

KANSAS 90, MICHIGAN STATE 70

TULSA, Okla. — Josh Jackson scored 14 of his 23 points in the second half to help Kansas pull away late and reach the Sweet 16 for a second straight year with a 90-70 victory over Michigan State on Sunday.

Frank Mason III added 20 points for the top-seeded Jayhawks (30-4), who have advanced to the second weekend of the NCAA Tournament in nine of coach Bill Self's 14 seasons.

Devonte' Graham added 18 points and Landen Lucas had 10 for the Jayhawks, who shot 53.1 percent (34 of 64) in the win.

Miles Bridges scored 22 points to lead Michigan State (20-15) despite leaving briefly in the first half with an injury. Nick Ward also finished in double figures with 13 points and Joshua Langford had 10 for the Spartans.

SOUTH CAROLINA 88 DUKE 81

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Sindarius Thornwell had 24 points, Chris Silva scored 13 of his 17 points in the second half and seventh-seeded South Carolina stunned No. 2 seed Duke 88-81 on Sunday night to advance to its first Sweet 16 in the NCAA Tournament's expanded bracket.

The Gamecocks (24-10) trailed by 10 points early in the second half after one of its coldest shooting stretches of the season to start. But behind Thornwell's outside shooting and Silva's dominance underneath, South Carolina rallied to win two NCAA games for the first time in 44 years.

NORTH CAROLINA 72, ARKANSAS 65

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Kennedy Meeks had 16 points and a huge tip-in with 44.2 seconds left to help North Carolina barely avoid a huge upset by rallying to beat Arkansas 72-65 in Sunday's second round of the NCAA Tournament.

Justin Jackson added 15 points for the Tar Heels (29-7), including the dunk that capped a game-closing 12-0 run by the South Region's No. 1 seed to help it survive a wild game.

North Carolina led by 17 points after a dominating start, blew that lead and trailed 65-60 with about 3 1/2 minutes left then came up with a response befitting its veteran experience.

Isaiah Hicks came up big late, too, with a dunk and four free throws in the final 2 minutes to help UNC survive.

Daryl Macon scored 19 points to lead the eighth-seeded Razorbacks (26-10), who did everything right in the second half except close out the Tar Heels.

OREGON 75, NO. 11 RHODE ISLAND 72

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Tyler Dorsey hit a contested go-ahead 3-pointer from the top of the arc with 38.4 seconds to play. E.C. Matthews airballed a long 3 in the waning moments trying to force overtime, and third-seeded Oregon rallied in the second half to beat upstart No. 11 Rhode Island 75-72 on Sunday and reach the Midwest Regional.

Dorsey also tied the game with a 3 with 1:45 remaining on the way to 27 points before teammate Dillon Brooks took a charge on the other end for Oregon (31-5).

With Oregon's season on the brink of an early NCAA Tournament exit, Brooks found his shooting stroke as he typically does and scored 19 points despite a 7-for-20 shooting day. Dorsey made 9 of 10 shots with four 3-pointers.

MICHIGAN 73, LOUISVILLE 69

INDIANAPOLIS — Moe Wagner scored a career-high 26 points and spurred a furious second-half rally to send Michigan past second-seeded Louisville 73-69 on Sunday and into the Sweet 16.

The seventh-seeded Wolverines (26-11) have won seven straight — six since a frightening plane accident before the Big Ten Tournament. They also earned a ticket to the Midwest Regional in Kansas City, Missouri, their first since 2014.

Donovan Mitchell scored 19 points and Deng Adel had 16 points to lead Louisville (25-9), which had made the Sweet 16 in its last four NCAA Tournament appearances.

KENTUCKY 65, WICHITA STATE 62

INDIANAPOLIS — Bam Adebayo had a double-double and swatted away the final shot on Sunday as Kentucky sent Wichita State to yet another second-round heartbreak, 65-62 in the South region.

The youngest team in the NCAA Tournament grew up in the closing minutes.

Adebayo had 13 points and 10 rebounds. De'Aaron Fox had 14 points, including a late steal and dunk. Malik Monk blocked a shot and made a pair of free throws in the final 13 seconds. Adebayo clinched it by blocking Landry Shamet's 3-pointer shot at the buzzer.

Yes, Kentucky's freshman trio did it all.

Wham, Bam, move on 'Cats (31-5), right into the Sweet 16 for the seventh time in nine years.

MEN'S & WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL GLANCE

NCAA Men's Tournament Glance

EAST REGIONAL
Second Round
Saturday, March 18
At KeyBank Center
Buffalo, N.Y.
Wisconsin 65, Villanova 62
At Amway Center
Orlando, Fla.
Florida 65, Virginia 59
Sunday, March 19
At Bon Secours Wellness Arena
Greenville, S.C.
Duke (28-8) vs. South Carolina (23-10), late
At BOK Center
Tulsa, Okla.
Baylor 82, Southern Cal 78
At Madison Square Garden
New York
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 24
Wisconsin (27-8) vs. Florida (28-8)
Duke-South Carolina winner vs. Baylor (27-7)
SOUTH REGIONAL
Second Round
Saturday, March 18
At BMO Harris Bradley Center
Milwaukee
Butler 74, Middle Tennessee 65
Sunday, March 19
At Bon Secours Wellness Arena
Greenville, S.C.
North Carolina 72, Arkansas 65
At Bankers Life Fieldhouse
Indianapolis
Kentucky 65, Wichita State 62
At Golden 1 Center
Sacramento, Calif.
UCLA (30-4) vs. Cincinnati (30-5), late
At FedEx Forum
Memphis, Tenn.
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 24
Butler (25-8) vs. North Carolina (29-7)
Kentucky (31-5) vs. UCLA-Cincinnati winner
MIDWEST REGIONAL
Second Round
Saturday, March 18
At BMO Harris Bradley Center
Milwaukee
Purdue 80, Iowa State 76
Sunday, March 19
At Bankers Life Fieldhouse
Indianapolis
Michigan 73, Louisville 69
At BOK Center
Tulsa, Okla.
Kansas 90, Michigan State 70
At Golden 1 Center
Sacramento, Calif.
Oregon 75, Rhode Island 72
At The Sprint Center
Kansas City, Mo.
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 23
Purdue (27-7) vs. Kansas (30-4)
Michigan (26-11) vs. Oregon (31-5)
WEST REGIONAL
Second Round
Saturday, March 18
At KeyBank Center
Buffalo, N.Y.
West Virginia 83, Notre Dame 71
At Amway Center
Orlando, Fla.
Xavier 91, Florida State 66
At Vivint Smart Home Arena
Salt Lake City
Gonzaga 79, Northwestern 73
Arizona 69, Saint Mary's 60
At SAP Center
San Jose, Calif.
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 23
Gonzaga (34-1) vs. West Virginia (28-8)
Xavier (23-13) vs. Arizona (32-4)

National Invitation Tournament Glance

Second Round
Saturday, March 18
Mississippi 85, Syracuse 80
Sunday, March 19
Georgia Tech 71, Belmont 57
TCU 94, Iowa 92, OT
Richmond 87, Oakland 83
Monday, March 20
UCF (22-11) at Illinois State (28-6), 6 p.m.
Akron (27-8) at Texas-Arlington (26-8), 7 p.m.
Boise State (20-11) at Illinois (19-14), 6 p.m.
CS Bakersfield (23-9) at Colorado State (24-11), 10 p.m.
Quarterfinals
Tuesday, March 21
Mississippi (22-13) vs. Georgia Tech (19-15), 8 p.m.
TCU (21-15) vs. Richmond (22-12), TBA
Wednesday, March 22
CS Bakersfield-Colorado State winner vs. Texas-Arlington-Akron winner, TBA
UCF-Illinois State winner vs. Boise State-Illinois winner, TBA
Semifinals
At Madison Square Garden
New York
Tuesday, March 28
Semifinal, 8 p.m.
Semifinal 8:30 p.m.
Championship
Thursday, March 29
Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.

College Basketball Invitational Glance

First Round
Wednesday, March 15
Utah Valley 74, Georgia Southern 49
Loyola (Md.) 73, George Mason 58
Coastal Carolina 83, Hampton 67
George Washington 73, Toledo 69
Rice 85, San Francisco 76
UMKC 92, Green Bay 82
Wyoming 91, Eastern Washington 81
Thursday, March 16
UIC 71, Stony Brook 69
Quarterfinals
Monday, March 20
Loyola (Md.) (16-16) at Coastal Carolina (17-17), 6 p.m.
George Washington (20-14) at UIC (16-18), 7 p.m.
Utah Valley (16-16) at Rice (23-11), 7 p.m.
UMKC (18-16) at Wyoming (19-14), 8 p.m.
Semifinals
Wednesday, March 22
Loyola (Md.)-Coastal Carolina winner vs. UIC-George Washington winner, TBA
UMKC-Wyoming winner vs. Utah Valley-Rice winner, TBA
Championship Series
(Best-of-3)
Monday, March 27: TBD
Wednesday, March 29: TBD
Friday, March 31: TBD

NCAA Women's Tournament Glance

BRIDGEPORT REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 17
At College Park, Md.
Maryland 103, Bucknell 61
West Virginia 75, Elon 62
Saturday, March 18
At Storrs, Conn.
UConn 116, Albany (NY) 55
Syracuse 85, Iowa State 65
At Los Angeles
UCLA 83, Boise State 58
Texas A&M 63, Penn 61
At Durham, N.C.
Oregon 71, Temple 70
Duke 94, Hampton 31
Second Round
Sunday, March 19
At College Park, Md.
Maryland 83, West Virginia 56
Monday, March 20
At Storrs, Conn.
UConn (33-0) vs. Syracuse (22-10), 5:35 p.m.
At Durham, N.C.
Oregon (21-13) vs. Duke (28-6), 5:40 p.m.
At Los Angeles
UCLA (24-8) vs. Texas A&M (22-11), 9 p.m.
Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 25
At Bridgeport, Conn.
UConn-Syracuse winner vs. UCLA-Texas A&M winner
Maryland (32-2) vs. Oregon-Duke winner
Regional Championship
Monday, March 27
Semifinal winners
OKLAHOMA CITY REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 17
At Starkville, Miss.
DePaul 58, Northern Iowa 67
Mississippi State 110, Troy 69
Saturday, March 18
At Waco, Texas
Baylor 119, Texas Southern 30
California 55, LSU 52
At Louisville, Ky.
Louisville 82, Chattanooga 62
Tennessee 66, Dayton 57
At Seattle
Oklahoma 75, Gonzaga 62
Washington 91, Montana State 63
Second Round
Sunday, March 19
At Starkville, Miss.
Mississippi State 92, DePaul 71
Monday, March 20
At Louisville, Ky.
Louisville (28-7) vs. Tennessee (20-11), 5:45 p.m.
At Seattle
Oklahoma (23-9) vs. Washington (28-5), 8:05 p.m.
At Waco, Texas
Baylor (31-3) vs. California (20-13), late
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 24
At Oklahoma City
Baylor-California winner vs. Louisville-Tennessee winner
Mississippi State (31-4) vs. Oklahoma-Washington winner
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 26
Semifinal winners
LEXINGTON REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 17
At South Bend, Ind.
Purdue 74, Green Bay 62
Notre Dame 79, Robert Morris 49
At Lexington, Ky.
Kentucky 73, Belmont 70
Ohio State 70, Western Kentucky 63
At Austin, Texas
NC State 62, Auburn 48
Texas 78, Central Arkansas 50
Saturday, March 18
At Manhattan, Kan.
Stanford 72, New Mexico State 62
Kansas State 67, Drake 54
Second Round
Sunday, March 19
At Lexington, Ky.
Ohio State 82, Kentucky 68
At Austin, Texas
Texas 84, N.C. State 60
At South Bend, Ind.
Purdue (23-12) vs. Notre Dame (31-3), late
Monday, March 20
At Manhattan, Kan.
Stanford (29-5) vs. Kansas State (23-10), 6:35 p.m.
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 24
At Lexington, Ky.
Purdue-Notre Dame winner vs. Ohio State (28-6)
Texas (25-8) vs. Stanford-Kansas State winner
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 26
Semifinal winners
STOCKTON REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 17
At Columbia, S.C.
South Carolina 90, UNC-Asheville 40
Arizona State 73, Michigan State 61
At Tallahassee, Fla.
Missouri 66, South Florida 64
Florida State 87, Western Illinois 66
At Corvallis, Ore.
Oregon State 58, Long Beach State 55
Creighton 76, Toledo 49
Saturday, March 18
At Coral Gables, Fla.
Quinnipiac 68, Marquette 65
Miami 52, Florida Gulf Coast 60
Second Round
Sunday, March 19
At Columbia, S.C.
South Carolina 71, Arizona State 68
At Tallahassee, Fla.
Florida State 77, Missouri 55
At Corvallis, Ore.
Oregon State (30-4) vs. Creighton (24-7), late
Monday, March 20
At Coral Gables, Fla.
Quinnipiac (28-6) vs. Miami (24-8), 8:10 p.m.
Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 25
At Stockton, Calif.
South Carolina (29-4) vs. Quinnipiac-Miami winner
Florida State (27-6) vs. Oregon State-Creighton winner
Regional Championship
Monday, March 27
Semifinal winners
FINAL FOUR
At Dallas
Friday, March 31
Bridgeport winner vs. Oklahoma City winner
Lexington winner vs. Stockton winner
National Championship
Sunday, April 2
Semifinal winners

Late eagle carries Leishman to victory at Bay Hill

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Marc Leishman kept shifting his eyes toward the glare coming from the silver Arnold Palmer Invitational trophy at his side. Beyond the shiny prize, between two images of Palmer, was a black banner with six words that defined how Palmer approached the game.

"You must play boldly to win."

Leishman followed that script Sunday to a one-shot victory at Bay Hill.

He didn't flinch over three key par putts over the last four holes. And even after his most disappointing shot down the stretch, a 9-iron on the par-5 16th hole that settled 50 feet away from the flag, the 33-year-old Australian knocked it in for an eagle that allowed him to jump past Rory McIlroy, Kevin Kisner and Charley Hoffman into the lead alone. He never gave back, and no one could catch him.

The timing couldn't have been better for Leishman, except at the end.

"It's sad not to have him up there walking off the 18th green, to be that first guy to walk off and not be greeted by Arnold Palmer," Leishman said. "But he's left such a great legacy, and I'm sure he will be proud of how everything has gone this week."

The occasion was no less joyous. Leishman's final act was a 45-yard pitch from short of the 18th green that ran out to 3 feet, a putt that looked a lot closer when he saw the replay on television. He calmly knocked that in for a 3-under 69.

Onto the green ran his two sons, ages 5 and 3, as wife Audrey waited for him. Just two years ago, Leishman worried he wouldn't have her. He was called away during practice at Augusta National upon learning his wife was suffering toxic shock syndrome. Doctors put her in a coma to help fight the infection.

"It's been a wild ride and it makes golf ... I want to do it well, but it makes it less important. It's not life and death," Leishman said. "It's just great to be able to share this with someone."

The oldest boy, Harvey, kept asking him when he was going to bring home the trophy. This was a big one.

To honor Palmer, who died in September, the PGA Tour now awards a three-year exemption and raised the purse to $8.7 million, meaning Leishman won $1,566,000 — just $295,857 less than what Palmer won in his PGA Tour career.

Leishman finished at 11-under 277.

Kisner and Hoffman, tied for the 54-hole lead, each closed with a 73 and had their chances.

Kisner had a three-shot lead at the turn, but he didn't make a birdie over his last 11 holes. Hoffman shot 39 on the front nine, rallied to get back into a share of the lead when Kisner faltered with a pair of bogeys and then three-putted for par on the 16th and made bogey from the back bunker on the 17th.

"I had it right there in the palm of my hand to win, and I didn't get it done," Kisner said.

Rory McIlroy had as good a chance as anyone, storming into a share of the lead by hooking a wedge around a tree, over the water and over the green on the 16th, then nearly holing the eagle chip. He had a 30-foot birdie putt to tie for the lead on the 18th, and after seeing that Leishman had made eagle on the 16th, gave it a good run. The putt went 8 feet by and three-putt for a 69 to finish two shots back.

"These things happen," McIlroy said. "But I'm pleased with how I went. Ten under for the weekend around here is good scoring, and I can take a lot of positives from it going into next week."

Leishman was lurking all day, and a 6-foot putt to save par from a bunker on the 15th kept his hopes going. The turning point came on the par-5 16th, playing only 515 yards with the wind, and Leishman's tee shot left him only a 9-iron to the green that he tugged to the left.

Standing over the putt, he backed off and recalled the same putt from a practice round Tuesday. He missed it by 3 feet to the left.

"So I read it and I was over that putt and I actually remembered that I hit that putt, so I backed off, took another practice swing and adjusted my read," he said.

It poured into the heart of the cup for an eagle and the lead.

In the group behind him, Hoffman's approach to the 16th was inches away from staying on top shelf. He rammed it 8 feet by and three-putted. Kisner's approach from a fairway bunker just ran off to the right, behind a bunker that left him a difficult flop shot. It came up short and into the bunker, and he had to scramble for par.

Leishman was No. 62 in the world and only had two weeks left to secure a spot in the Masters. The victory takes care of that.

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Marc Leishman, center, of Australia, holds the championship trophy as former Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge, from left, Dr. Gregor Alexander and Amy Saunders, far right, daughter of Arnold Palmer, applaud during the trophy presentation after winning the Arnold Palmer Invitational golf tournament Sunday in Orlando, Fla.

Bay Hill
Sunday
At Bay Hill Lodge & Resort
Orlando, Fla.
Purse: $8.7 million
Yardage: 7,419; Par 72
Final

M. Leishman (500), $1,566,000	71-66-71-69—277
C. Hoffman (245), $765,600	68-66-71-73—278
Kevin Kisner (245), $765,600	70-67-68-73—278
Tyrrell Hatton, $382,800	72-69-67-71—279
Rory McIlroy (123), $382,800	74-71-65-69—279
Adam Hadwin (100), $313,200	70-70-69-71—280
Lucas Glover (85), $271,150	68-69-72-72—281
Emiliano Grillo (85), $271,150	67-68-78-68—281
F.Molinari (85), $271,150	70-68-74-69—281
Tommy Fleetwood, $226,200	76-66-70-68—282
H. Swafford (73), $226,200	73-72-69-68—282
Rickie Fowler (65), $200,100	74-72-65-72—283
Matthew Fitzpatrick, $163,125	67-69-72-76—284
Brian Harman (58), $163,125	72-70-73-69—284
Billy Horschel (58), $163,125	72-73-67-72—284
Justin Rose (58), $163,125	71-70-70-73—284
Greg Chalmers (46), $117,740	69-72-69-75—285
Michael Kim (46), $117,740	72-71-70-72—285
Danny Lee (46), $117,740	75-70-73-67—285
Luke List (46), $117,740	71-71-72-71—285
Pat Perez (46), $117,740	74-70-69-72—285
Kyle Stanley (46), $117,740	73-68-69-75—285
Jason Day (36), $77,430	70-71-75-70—286
Martin Kaymer, $77,430	73-71-68-74—286
Jamie Lovemark (36), $77,430	72-69-75-70—286
Vaughn Taylor (36), $77,430	71-71-73-71—286
Jeunghun Wang, $77,430	71-68-77-70—286
Stewart Cink (27), $57,855	70-76-70-71—287
Tony Finau (27), $57,855	72-67-77-71—287
Brandon Hagy (27), $57,855	73-71-70-73—287
G. McDowell (27), $57,855	72-71-71-73—287
L. Oosthuizen (27), $57,855	70-73-71-73—287
B.Snedeker (27), $57,855	72-71-71-73—287
Keegan Bradley (19), $43,003	71-71-71-75—288
David Hearn (19), $43,003	70-73-74-71—288
Ryan Moore (19), $43,003	72-68-74-73—288
O. Schniederjans (19), $43,003	73-70-72-73—288
Bubba Watson (19), $43,003	72-72-76-68—288
Cameron Smith (19), $43,003	74-69-69-76—288
Harold Varner III (19), $43,003	70-70-71-77—288
Aaron Baddeley (14), $33,060	70-75-69-75—289
Paul Casey (14), $33,060	68-72-71-78—289
Ben Martin (14), $33,060	73-72-74-70—289
Ian Poulter (14), $33,060	72-73-71-73—289
Russell Henley (10), $26,187	72-71-70-77—290
Jim Herman (10), $26,187	73-72-75-70—290
H. Matsuyama (10), $26,187	73-69-72-76—290
Charl Schwartzel (10), $26,187	72-71-72-75—290
Byeong Hun An (8), $21,079	76-70-72-73—291
Kevin Chappell (8), $21,079	72-74-74-71—291
James Hahn (8), $21,079	73-71-73-74—291
Martin Laird (8), $21,079	77-68-75-71—291
J.J. Spaun (8), $21,079	70-73-76-72—291
Si Woo Kim (8), $21,079	71-71-74-75—291
Alex Noren, $21,079	70-74-71-76—291
Charles Howell III (5), $19,401	72-72-74-74—292
Jason Kokrak (5), $19,401	72-74-71-75—292
Troy Merritt (5), $19,401	76-71-72-73—292
C.T Pan (5), $19,401	75-71-74-72—292
Ryan Ruffels, $19,401	69-74-76-73—292
Steve Wheatcroft (5), $19,401	77-69-71-75—292
Blayne Barber (4), $18,531	75-72-77-69—293
Matt Every (4), $18,531	73-70-74-76—293
Fabian Gomez (4), $18,531	74-72-71-76—293
Tim Herron (4), $18,531	72-73-72-76—293
John Huh (4), $17,922	74-72-71-77—294
Zach Johnson (4), $17,922	75-70-73-76—294
Boo Weekley (4), $17,922	75-72-73-74—294
Wesley Bryan (3), $17,574	77-70-71-77—295
Kevin Streelman (3), $17,400	75-71-74-72—297
Derek Fathauer (3), $17,226	74-71-71-83—299
David Lingmerth (3), $17,052	74-72-70-88—304

PRO GOLF SCORES

LPGA
Bank of Hope Founders Cup
Saturday
At Wildfire GC at JW Marriott Phoenix Desert Ridge Resort & Spa
Phoenix
Purse: $1.3 million
Yardage: 6,679; Par: 72
Third Round

Anna Nordqvist	67-67-61—195
Ariya Jutanugarn	64-67-66—197
Stacy Lewis	64-67-66—197
So Yeon Ryu	69-65-64—198
Angel Yin	68-66-65—199
In Gee Chun	64-69-66—199
Lydia Ko	68-69-63—200
Nelly Korda	66-70-64—200
Inbee Park	67-68-67—202
Vicky Hurst	65-67-68—200
Beth Allen	68-68-65—201
Jacqui Concolino	70-64-67—201
Caroline Masson	68-66-67—201
Karine Icher	68-65-68—201
Sung Hyun Park	67-68-66—201
Brittany Lincicome	72-65-65—202
Mirim Lee	70-65-67—202
Alison Lee	69-66-67—202
Sandra Gal	66-69-67—202
Jeong Eun Lee	68-64-70—202
Lizette Salas	71-66-66—203
Sarah Jane Smith	69-68-66—203
Jessica Korda	67-68-70—203
Katherine Kirk	69-69-66—204
Ayako Uehara	68-69-67—204
Hyo Joo Kim	70-66-68—204
Sun Young Yoo	68-68-68—204
Pornanong Phatlum	66-70-68—204
Ha Na Jang	67-68-69—204
Chella Choi	67-68-71—204
Mi Jung Hur	66-68-72—204
Michelle Wie	65-67-72—204
Candie Kung	69-69-67—205
Moriya Jutanugarn	69-69-67—205
Brittany Lang	69-68-68—205
Sei Young Kim	67-70-68—205
Brooke M. Henderson	69-67-69—205
Brittany Altomare	68-68-69—205
Jane Park	65-70-70—205
Marina Alex	68-66-71—205
Katie Burnett	64-70-71—205
Ryann O'Toole	70-68-67—206
In-Kyung Kim	70-68-68—206
Lee-Anne Pace	67-70-69—206
Amy Yang	72-67-68—207
Jodi Ewart Shadoff	70-68-69—207
Wichanee Meechai	70-68-69—207
Karrie Webb	70-67-70—207
Eun-Hee Ji	68-69-70—207
Dana Finkelstein	69-67-71—207
Lee Lopez	66-69-72—207
Xiyu Lin	72-67-69—208
Jenny Shin	69-70-69—208
Mika Miyazato	68-71-69—208
Ashleigh Buhai	67-72-69—208
Juli Inkster	65-73-70—208
Mi Hyang Lee	70-68-70—208
Gerina Piller	67-72-70—209
Min Seo Kwak	72-68-71—209
Jennifer Song	70-68-71—209
Amy Anderson	68-70-71—209
Jenna Klatten	67-70-72—209
Jing Yan	66-71-72—209
Sandra Changkija	64-73-72—209
Haru Nomura	68-68-73—209
Ally McDonald	67-67-75—209
Caroline Hedwall	67-72-71—210
Cydney Clanton	72-65-73—210
Azahara Munoz	69-68-73—210
Sakura Yokomine	70-68-73—211
Giulia Molinaro	70-66-75—211
Sherman Santibwiwatthanaphong	65-70-76—211
Angela Stanford	69-69-74—212
Kaylin Yoo	67-71-75—213

PGA Tour Champions Tucson Conquistadores
Sunday
At Omni Tucson National (Catalina Course)
Tucson, Ariz.
Purse: $1.7 million
Yardage: 7,339; Par 73
Final

Tom Lehman, $255,000	66-67-66—199
Steve Stricker, $149,600	67-63-70—200
Bernhard Langer, $122,400	71-68-65—204
Billy Andrade, $83,867	68-70-67—205
Fred Couples, $83,867	65-70-70—205
Gene Sauers, $83,867	70-66-69—205
Kevin Sutherland, $57,800	70-65-71—206
Kirk Triplett, $57,800	72-69-65—206
Stephen Ames, $42,500	67-73-67—207
Jeff Maggert, $42,500	66-70-71—207
Steve Pate, $42,500	70-68-69—207
Duffy Waldorf, $42,500	69-67-71—207
Woody Austin, $33,150	70-70-68—208
Tom Pernice Jr., $33,150	68-71-69—208
Tommy Armour III, $28,050	71-74-64—209
Jerry Kelly, $28,050	70-68-71—209
Fran Quinn, $28,050	68-68-73—209
David Toms, $28,050	68-71-70—209
Jeff Brehaut, $21,803	69-71-70—210
John Cook, $21,803	67-70-73—210
Billy Mayfair, $21,803	67-71-72—210
Wes Short, Jr., $21,803	72-70-68—210
Bob Estes, $17,850	70-74-67—211
Jeff Sluman, $17,850	72-66-71—211
Willie Wood, $17,850	71-70-70—211
Glen Day, $14,134	72-69-71—212
Scott McCarron, $14,134	74-69-69—212
Phillip Price, $14,134	71-71-70—212
Rod Spittle, $14,134	73-71-68—212
Michael Allen, $14,134	71-69-72—212
Skip Kendall, $14,134	69-70-73—212
Scott Parel, $14,134	73-67-72—212
David Frost, $9,879	73-69-71—213
Mike Goodes, $9,879	70-71-72—213
Lee Janzen, $9,879	72-71-70—213
Rocco Mediate, $9,879	70-72-71—213
Jesper Parnevik, $9,879	71-73-69—213
Tim Petrovic, $9,879	73-70-70—213
Scott Verplank, $9,879	69-72-72—213
Ian Woosnam, $9,879	69-72-72—213
Joe Durant, $9,879	73-68-72—213
Olin Browne, $6,970	73-71-70—214
Marco Dawson, $6,970	73-71-70—214
Paul Goydos, $6,970	71-69-74—214
Tom Kite, $6,970	71-68-75—214
Joey Sindelar, $6,970	72-73-69—214
Mike Small, $6,970	69-72-73—214
Bob Tway, $6,970	69-76-69—214
Jim Carter, $4,439	70-73-73—215
Russ Cochran, $4,439	72-68-75—215
Scott Dunlap, $4,439	70-74-71—215
Doug Garwood, $4,439	70-71-74—215
Brandt Jobe, $4,439	73-70-70—215
Larry Mize, $4,439	72-71-72—215
Corey Pavin, $4,439	70-75-70—215
Jerry Smith, $4,439	73-70-70—215
Mark Brooks, $4,439	69-70-76—215
Carlos Franco, $3,400	71-70-75—216
Bobby Gaggi, $2,975	72-73-73—217
Todd Hamilton, $2,975	75-69-73—217
Loren Roberts, $2,975	73-71-73—217
Mike Springer, $2,975	76-72-69—217
Mark Calcavecchia, $2,550	79-68-71—218
Ronnie Black, $2,040	71-72-76—219
Michael Bradley, $2,040	76-69-74—219
Fred Funk, $2,040	72-72-75—219
Scott Hoch, $2,040	75-69-75—219
Jean Van de Velde, $2,040	74-72-73—219
Suy Bonna, $1,496	79-69-73—220
Tom Jenkins, $1,496	73-75-74—220
Mark O'Meara, $1,496	75-74-73—220
Craig Parry, $1,201	74-75-77—221
Hale Irwin, $1,201	76-73-72—221
Kenny Perry, $1,201	71-74-76—221
Tom Byrum, $986	75-73-75—223
Paul McGinley, $986	77-73-72—222
Esteban Toledo, $986	78-73-71—222
Bob Gilder, $850	81-70-74—225
John Huston, $782	79-73-84—235

NHRA great John Force wins 1st Gatornationals since 2001

By Mark Long
Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Sixteen-time NHRA champion John Force has so many victories that they run together.

This one surely will stand out.

Force won the Gatornationals on Sunday for the first time since 2001, doing so on the 10th anniversary of his worst day in racing.

His 148th career victory came a decade to the day after one of his drivers, Eric Medlen, crashed during practice at Gainesville Raceway. Medlen died four days later. Force helped Medlen's father, John, spearhead efforts to make professional drag racing safer.

"I know he was in my heart all day," Force said. "We don't really get into big talks about it because it's hard on the family. Love you Eric. Know you were with me there in the final."

In the Top Fuel class, Tony Schumacher edged Don Schumacher Racing teammate Antron Brown for his 83rd career win. Leah Pritchett, who was trying to become the first Top Fuel driver to open a season with three consecutive wins, lost in the second round.

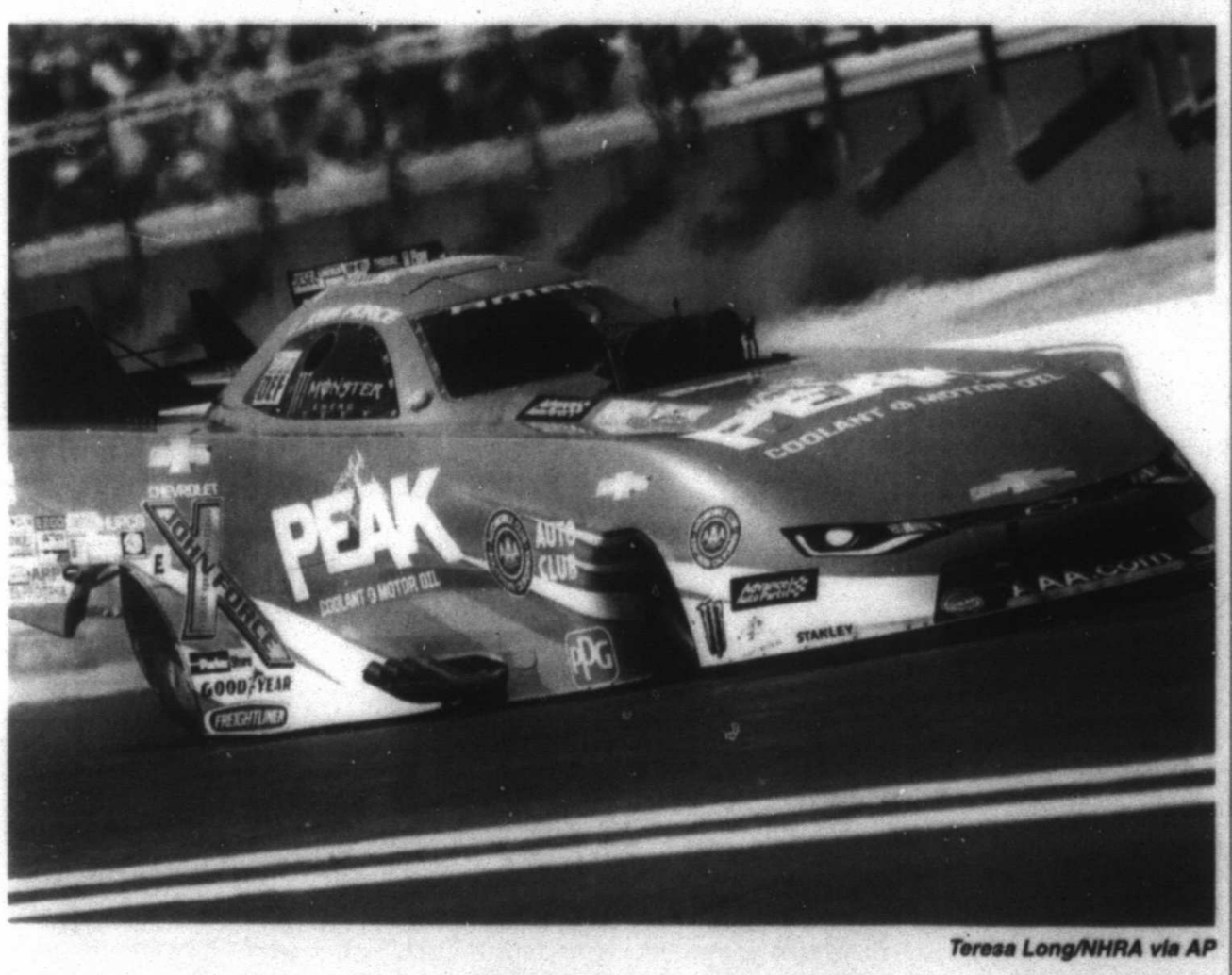
Shane Gray stuaned four-time national champion Greg Anderson in Pro Stock, and Eddie Krawiec won Pro Stock Motorcycle for the second straight year and fifth time since 2010.

Force, meanwhile, beat 27-year-old rookie Jonnie Lindberg in the Funny Car final for his class-leading eighth victory in 35 tries at the event.

"I showed you all this old man's can still cut it," Force said. "Age is not a limit. ... I don't go to a race without believing I can win. The day I don't believe I can win, then it's time for me to quit."

His victory came after making sweeping changes to his three-car race team. Force swapped crew chiefs and team members with fellow driver Robert Hight two weeks ago. The results were obvious: Force and Hight were the top two qualifiers entering Sunday, and Force cruised to the final.

"Don't know if I'm smart or lucky," Force said.



Teresa Long/NHRA via AP

In this photo provided by NHRA, John Force competes in his Chevy Camaro in the Funny Car final at the annual NHRA Gatornationals on Sunday in Gainesville, Fla. Force has won the Gatornationals for the first time since 2001. He beat rookie Jonnie Lindberg in the the final for his NHRA-leading eighth victory in 35 tries at the event.

None of those changes compare to the ones that followed Medlen's crash, which was the result of a violent tire shake that caused significant brain damage. The official cause of death was a diffuse axonal injury.

John Medlen, Force and others worked with NHRA officials, industry experts and even consulted with NASA to make dragsters safer. Modifications included a wider roll cage, thicker padding around the cockpit, improved helmets and more points of attachment for seat-belt harnesses.

"You can never replace the love and companionship that you had with Eric, but what we could do is use his accident to possibly save somebody else's life," said John Medlen, who was his son's crew chief in 2007 and now works at Don Schumacher Racing. "We're the only ones that can do that, those of us left behind that have a passion for making the car safer and know the intimate details of the accident and what happened. So we went about trying to fix those things that failed."

Force credits Eric Medlen's crash with saving his life; Force survived a similar tire shake three months later.

"You look at these people and how much you care for them," Force said. "I know that Eric would want his dad to win. But if his dad can't win, he'd like to see John Force, this old man, do it one more time."

NHRA
Sunday
At Brainerd International Raceway
Brainerd, Minn.
Final Finish Order

Final Results

Top Fuel—Tony Schumacher, 3.703 seconds, 329.26 mph def. Antron Brown, 3.764 seconds, 322.65 mph.

Funny Car—John Force, Chevy Camaro, 3.928, 328.14 def. Jonnie Lindberg, Toyota Camry, 3.971, 314.83.

Pro Stock—Shane Gray, Chevy Camaro, 6.535, 212.96 def. Greg Anderson, Camaro, 6.560, 213.43.

Pro Stock Motorcycle—Eddie Krawiec, Harley-Davidson, 6.763, 199.76 def. Andrew Hines, Harley-Davidson, 6.802, 197.10.

Pro Modified—Steven Whiteley, Cadillac CTS-V, 5.791, 253.52 def. Mike Castellana, Chevy Camaro, 10.192, 87.94.

Top Alcohol Dragster—Justin Ashley, 5.232, 275.96 def. Rich McPhillips, 5.258, 277.20.

Top Alcohol Funny Car—Cruie Whiteley, Chevy Camaro, 5.412, 273.22 def. Dan Pomponio, Chevy Monte Carlo. Broke - No Show.

Competition Eliminator—David Rampy, Bantam Roadster, 8.099, 118.68 def. Wes Leopold, Dodge, Foul - Red Light.

Top Sportsman presented by RacingRVs.com—Jeffrey Barker, Chevy Cobalt, 6.554, 211.59 def. Casey Spradlin, Chevy, 6.789, 206.86.

Factory Stock Showdown—David Barton, Chevy Camaro, 8.131, 168.47 def. Chuck Watson, Ford Mustang, 8.227, 167.76.

Super Stock—Fred Allen, Chevy S-10, 9.295, 112.21 def. Michael Volkman, Plymouth Sebring, Foul - Red Light.

Stock Eliminator—Terry Nagel, Chevy Camaro, 11.067, 113.72 def. Richard Mace, Pontiac, 11.988, 110.40.

Super Comp—Jacob Elrod, Dragster, 8.917, 179.42 def. Troy Williams Jr., Dragster, 8.931, 174.23.

Super Gas—Sherman Adcock, Pontiac Trans Am, 9.908, 155.24 def. David Tatum, Chevy, 9.900, 166.42.

NASCAR

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to."

Larson blamed his failure to quite get that victory three races in a row on "little mistakes or inexperience or whatever you want to call it"

Once again, Logano's misfortune foiled Busch, who was leading up until that tire blew.

Last week Logano's car knocked Busch's into the wall on the final stretch in Las Vegas. That led Busch to storm down pit row and throw a punch at Logano, creating a scuffle with the crews and a meeting for the drivers with NASCAR officials on Friday.

Busch took the lead Sunday with a quick pit stop during a caution flag and led for 113 laps before heading to the pits after Logano's crash.

The series of runner-up finishes gave Larson the Cup points lead, the first time Chip Ganassi Racing has led the points race this late in the season since 2002.

Federer beats Wawrinka for trying 5th Indian Wells title

By Beth Harris
Associated Press

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. — Roger Federer defeated Stan Wawrinka 6-4, 7-5 to win a record-tying fifth BNP Paribas Open title in the all-Swiss final.

At 35 years and seven months, Federer became the oldest champion in the desert tournament's history on Sunday, surpassing Jimmy Connors, who was 31 years and five months when he won in 1981.

Federer tied the tourney record of Novak Djokovic, who lost in the fourth round, while winning his 90th career title, keeping him third behind Connors and Ivan Lendl on the all-time list in the Open era.

Federer dropped serve just once in five matches, losing the first game of the second set against Wawrinka. Federer advanced to the semifinals via walkover when Nick Kyrgios withdrew.

In an all-Russian women's final, Elena Vesnina defeated Svetlana Kuznetsova 6-7 (6), 7-5, 6-4.

Vesnina had never advanced beyond the third round in singles and just last year she lost in the first round of qualifying, although she has won three doubles titles at the tournament. She beat No. 2 seed Angelique Kerber and No. 12 Venus Williams on her way to the biggest final of her career at age 30.

Kuznetsova is 0-3 in finals here, also finishing runner-up in 2007 and 2008.

At age 31, Kuznetsova was the fifth-oldest women to reach the final. But the two-time major champion struggled playing with the lead as the No. 8 seed in front of hundreds of empty seats.

"I didn't feel good today because she was very aggressive and I was a little bit out of my game," Kuznetsova said. "I couldn't figure out a lot the wind and stuff like that. But still, I give a lot of credit to her because she was aggressive."

Kuznetsova led 4-2 in the third before 14th-seeded Vesnina broke her twice in sweeping the final four games of the match.

Kuznetsova served one of her nine aces to lead 4-1 in the second, prompting Vesnina to bring out her coach-father Sergey Vesnin for a chat.

It worked.

Vesnina reeled off four straight games to lead 5-4. Her forehand error led to Kuznetsova's break in the 10th game that tied it 5-all. But Vesnina broke back and served out the set 7-5.

Kuznetsova had luck on her side early, winning the first set on a net cord in the tiebreaker. She gave the traditional wave acknowledging her good fortune to Vesnina, who had blown leads of 2-0 and 4-2.

Vesnina had 46 winners and 49 unforced errors. She successfully gambled at the net, winning 24 of 32 points during the three-hour match.

"I tried my best and she won because she was more aggressive," Kuznetsova said. "I was too passive. That's it. Too much behind and didn't serve well."

Vesnina earned $1,175,505 for her third career singles title and will move up two spots to a career-high No. 13 in the world rankings on Monday.

The only other all-Russian women's final was in 2006, when Maria Sharapova beat Elena Dementieva.

Indian Wells
Sunday
At The Indian Wells Tennis Garden

Indian Wells, Calif.
Purse: Men, $6.99 million (Masters 1000); Women, $6.99 million (Premier)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Singles

Men
Championship
Roger Federer (9), Switzerland, def. Stan Wawrinka (3), Switzerland, 6-4, 7-5.

Women
Championship
Elena Vesnina (14), Russia, def. Svetlana Kuznetsova (8), Russia, 6-7 (6), 7-5, 6-4.

Mark J. Terrill/Associated Press

Roger Federer, of Switzerland, celebrates with the trophy after his win against Stanislas Wawrinka, of Switzerland, in the finals of the BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament Sunday in Indian Wells, Calif.

WEST TEXAS SPORTS

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Baseball

GCM Baseball Academy
What: Professional private baseball lessons & clinics covering pitching, fielding, catching and hitting provided by three former professional players.
For: Ages 8 & up.
Cost: Individual lessons $65 an hour or $40 for 30 minutes. Bulk purchases & group lesson rates available at discount.
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For more info: Call Danny Jordan at 230-0086 for instruction on mechanics and pitch selection in a one-on-one setting

Private hitting and catching instruction
For more info: Call Scott Chapman at 967-2364 for instruction in a one-on-one environment

Pitching, hitting and fielding lessons
For more info: Call Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell at 296-2438

Private Baseball/Softball lessons
For more info: Contact Extra Innings Midland/Odessa at (432) 617-4487 or visit www.extrainnings-midlandodessa.com

Midland Little League Umpires Needed
For more info: Contact 889-8080

WTX Baseball
What: Instruction for players 5 and up
For more info: wtxbaseball.com; facebook.com/wtxbaseballmidland; 413-0329

Basketball

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox, 685-4143 or 553-3714

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551

Midland Hoops 32 Basketball Skills Training
Cost: $25 per session, one to two people; $15 for groups of three or more
For more info: Contact Eddie Venzant at 254-6894 or go to midlandhoops32.com; venzantedie@yahoo.com

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Post 684-5176 or Cactus Lanes 694-0177

Edith McElmore Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

Reed's Super Bowl
What: Fall/winter leagues registration is currently ongoing.
For more info: Call 432-704-5385

Rock n' Bowl
When: 6 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturdays
Where: Reed's Super Bowl, 3920 W Wall St.
Cost: $10-25
For more info: Call Zoe Reed at 575-399-5241 or Kevin Reed at 575-441-6646

Color Pin Bowling
When: 7:30 p.m. Fridays
Where: Reed's Super Bowl
Cost: $18 for three games. Cash prizes awarded.
For more info: Call Zoe Reed at 575-399-5241 or Kevin Reed at 575-441-6646

Camps/Clinics

Ten Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure

COM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755

Tennis clinics and lessons
Contact Coach Jon Lanier for clinics and lessons at janier@midlandchristianschool.org

Elite Training Soccer Camp
When/where: June 12-16, Hobbs, N.M.
Fee: $150 before April 1, $200 after
For more info: eliteteamingcoach@yahoo.com

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: MCH Mission Fitness, corner of Highway 191 and Faudree Road, Odessa
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbats.com

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W Wall
For more info: Call 520-6633

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call 682-2551

Football

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Jesse Mendoza at 432-254-9214

Golf

2017 Jackalopes Golf Tournament
When/where: Tuesday, March 28, Andrews County Golf Course, 1 p.m. shotgun start
Cost: $500 for 3-man team o $175 for an individual. Sponsorships also available
For more info: Call the Odessa Jackalopes at 432-552-7825 or stop by the Jacks office at 4201 Andrews Highway in Odessa.

Lacrosse

West Texas Lacrosse Spring 2017 Learn 2 Play Clinics & Games
What: Learn the lacrosse basics, rules and play scrimmage games.
For: Boys 3rd through 8th grades
When: 2:30-3:30 p.m. Sundays, March 19-April 23 (except April 16)
Where: Scharbauer Sports Complex-Auxiliary Turf Fields
For more info: Go to www.westtexaslacrosse.org

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday 7 to 9 p.m., Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155

Private Martial Art/Self-Defense Lessons
For: Man-Women-Children
What: Learn Basic Skills to Advanced Techniques
Note: Private, Semi-Private and Group Lessons are available
For more info: Call Master Oscar Jimenez 432-559-5009, ojimenez3@att.net

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7487 or 689-8444

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships
For more info: Call Jacob Spiritfiano at (915) 240-1030

Poker

Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments.
For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up.
When/where: 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woolers & Tweeters; 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at Redneck Drafthouse
Players must be signed in by 6:15 p.m. each night.
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net

Professional Wrestling

Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages.
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; 2-6 p.m. Sundays
Cost: $50 down; $35 a month.
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 349-3055

Rugby

Mad Dog Rugby Football Club
Practices: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at Reyes-Mashburn Park (north field)
For more info call: 432-697-6418

Running

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: $20 per year for individual membership; $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Halley, president at halleyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0988

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.; Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m and are no cost to the shooter). Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet trap 5 state and sporting clays
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7-8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 567-7032 anytime or Joeh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyotitsfpitch@gmail.com

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Mabee Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards of freestyle or backstroke
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday Wednesday, Friday
Cost: $40 per month (includes cardio training)
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
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What: Learn basic skills for beginners then advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets
Ages: 4 and up
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of COM Dive Team
What: Emphasizes is on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: Call 684-7755

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What: Highest level of COM diving. Concentrates on perfecting Olympic level skills, national and international travel
For more info: Call 684-7755

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Who: Senior citizens that need help with physical conditions resulting from injury, disease chronic conditions, advanced age, etc
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Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 6 and up
For more information: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area
For more info: Call 432-210-0611 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information

Bush Tennis Center Clinics
What: Balloon Tennis 34 (ages 3-4); Redball 58 (ages 5-8); Orange and Green Ball 912 (ages 9-10); Junior Development (8th-8th grade freshman-JV); Junior Select (varsity); RSR Adults (adult beginners, intermediate Adults 4.0-5.0; Adults (advanced adults). Also Junior Team Tennis registration now open
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bushtennriscenter.com or call 620-8180

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 620-6610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

Midland College Tennis
What: Clinics, lessons, leagues, tournaments
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Call 687-4587

Midland College Tennis Club
When: A community tennis club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual Dues: Adults $65, juniors $30, families $140
For more info: Call 563-1333 or email midlandtennisclub@aol.com

Midland Tennis Club Men's/Women's Singles Tournament
When: Saturday, March 25
Where: Midland College
How to register: Sign up by Thursday, after noon at the Armstrong Racquet Club
For more info: Call 686-2266 or email midlandtennisclub@yahoo.com

Midland Women's Tennis Association
Social women's doubles tennis, all levels
When: 9 a.m. Tuesdays
Where: Midland College
For more info: Call 664-7077-0622 or email malcolmtexas@gmail.com. Or go to the Midland Women's Tennis Association Facebook page

Ultimate Frisbee

Midland Drought Ultimate Frisbee Club
What: The Club plays weekly casual pick-up games on Monday, from 7 p.m. to dark, and Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and offer occasional opportunities for tourney travel
For ages: Males and females from the high school level to adult
For more info: Go to www.midlandutmisphere.weebly.com or call Matt at 432-268-1134

Walking

Midland Walkabout AVA Club
For: All Ages
Annual dues: $15 per family
Walks: One Saturday morning per month
When: First Monday of the month at Murphy's Deli on Wadley at 6 p.m.
Who: All ages
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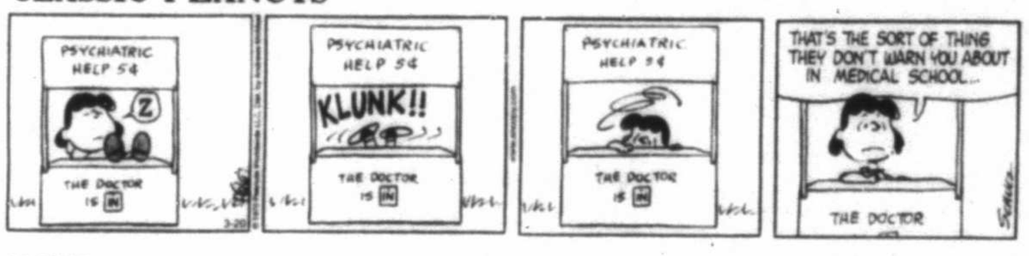

BABY BLUES

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CLOSE TO HOME

DENNIS THE MENACE

"MY MOM IS SUCH A GOOD COOK, SHE COULD WORK AT A FAST-FOOD PLACE."

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Billy said I'm looking 'fleek.' I forget, is that good or bad?"

WIZARD OF ID

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"OKAY, LORETTA, I'VE TRIED IT... NOW CAN I KNOCK IT?"

DILBERT

TODAY: Sunny High: 91 Low: 68

TUESDAY: Sunny High: 87 Low: 58

WEDNESDAY: Sunny High: 76 Low: 52

THURSDAY: Mostly sunny High: 73 Low: 54

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 76 Low: 55

SATURDAY: Sunny High: 82 Low: 57

Local forecast

Showers and thunderstorms are likely Thursday and Thursday night, according to the National Weather Service. For most of the week, highs are in the mid-80s to mid-90s.

The record high for March 19 is 89, set Sunday and in 1971. The record low is 21, set in 1965. On March 19 of last year, the high was 56, and the low was 32.

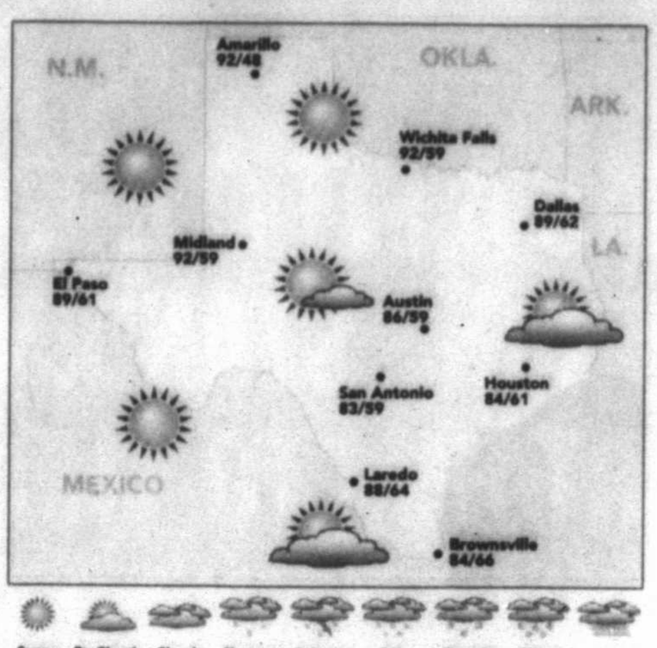
Weather brief

Dozen die in new round of flooding in Peru

LIMA, Peru — Muddy water spilled onto streets and into homes on Thursday in a new round of unusually heavy rains that has killed at least a dozen people in Peru and now threatens flooding in the capital.

The intense rains and mudslides over the past three days have wrought havoc around the Andean nation and caught residents in Lima, a desert city of 10 million where it almost never rains, by surprise.

In one of the more dramatic incidents, stunned residents watched and took out cellphone cameras as a woman escaped after being swept into an avalanche of mud, wood debris and farm animals about 32 miles south of downtown Lima.



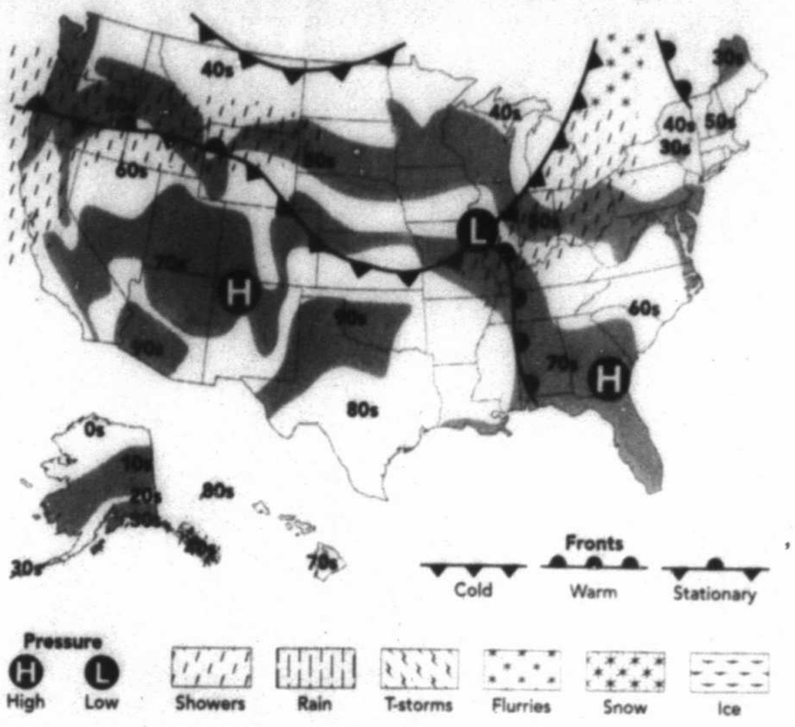
Precipitation	
Sunday	0.00 in.
Saturday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.01 in.
Year total	1.85 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.62 in.

Sunday's temperatures	
High	89
Low	59
Normal high	71
Normal low	42
Sunrise	7:52 a.m.
Sunset	8:00 p.m.

National weather AccuWeather.com

Forecast for Monday, March 20, 2017

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



Husband suspects wife's bar pal is more than a friend

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: I've had a feeling my wife is about to leave me for another man. For the last few months he has been coming to the bar where she works and saying stuff to her. I don't know what he says, but he has also been texting her and posting things on her Facebook page.

She told me he's only a friend, but since he has been coming around at her work, she's been really cold to me at night. We don't have sex like we used to, and she doesn't let me hold her when we are in bed. Plus, she used to sleep nude, but now she wears pajamas to bed.

What should I do? She told me I need to get help because I'm jealous of him. — JEALOUS IN OREGON

DEAR JEALOUS: I think "help" would be a good idea. Tell your wife you're willing to get some on the condition that she come with you. It's called marriage counseling, and clearly you both are in need of some. Your doctor can refer you to a licensed therapist. Also, if you have a religious adviser, make an appointment to talk with him or her. If your wife refuses, do both of these things without her. Please don't wait.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 15-year-old sophomore. People in my class openly share their opinions and act disgusted when a slightly older man and a younger woman are together, or vice versa.

I get offended when my classmates make these comments because my mom is 39 and my stepfather is 27. They love each other very much, and I don't think age should interfere. Am I oversensitive because I'm offended by these comments? — AGE IS JUST A NUMBER

DEAR AGE: Becoming offended solves nothing, unless the comments are made specifically about your mom and stepdad. It's my observation that people with little life experience tend to be judgmental about things they know nothing about, and 15-year-olds are no exception. Perhaps when your classmates are older, they'll realize that people don't fall in love "by the numbers" and that it's a mistake to generalize.

DEAR ABBY: When I was growing up, I was always told to remove my shoes when visiting another person's house, especially if they have new flooring. Now that I'm an adult and building a new house, I would like to ask people to remove their shoes upon entering my home.

I have young children and expect family with other small kids will visit. I'd like to keep the floors clean and maintain their good condition. Would it be tacky or rude to ask this of visitors? — SHOELESS IN ST. LOUIS

DEAR SHOELESS: I don't think so, but some people may. In Japan, removing one's shoes before entering a dwelling is customary. The soles of shoes are covered with germs, and if small children crawl around on your floors, it's not too much to ask. Be sure to warn prospective guests in advance so they can bring their own slippers, or keep a supply of them by your front door.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 9 7 4 ♡ Q J 2 ◇ K J 5 2 ♣ A K Q

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1◇	Pass	1♡	?

What call would you make?

A — A one no-trump overcall, even if both opponents have bid, still shows the equivalent of a one no-trump opening, about 15-18. Bid one no-trump.

Q 2 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Q 10 8 3 ♡ K Q 8 ◇ K J 5 ♣ 10 9 3

Partner opens two no-trump, 20-21. What call would you make?

A — You have a no-trump hand and your combined assets are just short of what is needed for slam in no-trump. Bid three no-trump. Don't even bother with Stayman.

Q 3 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 6 5 3 ♡ A 8 3 2 ◇ J 9 7 4 ♣ K 7

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1◇	Pass	1♡	Pass
2♣	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

A — A jump to three diamonds here would show invitational values which you don't quite have. Bid two diamonds.

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A Q ♡ K 7 5 4 3 ◇ K 9 6 ♣ Q 7 4

With the opponents passing, you open one heart and partner jumps to three hearts, invitational. What call would you make?

A — We accept all invitations when we have 14 or more points. Bid four hearts.

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 20, 2017:

This year you have the opportunity to network and increase your inner circle of friends. You might finally manifest a long-term desire. Financial gain also is likely. If you are single, you will want a relationship now more than ever. Be as discerning as possible, and honor your desires and needs. Know what type of relationship you want. If you are attached, you will find that your relationship is more fulfilling than ever before. For married couples, this period could be particularly special. CAPRICORN can irritate you, but you also benefit from his or her existence in your life.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Express your high energy. The way you approach professional issues might come into play in a surprising situation. Do some needed research, and worry less about what others are thinking. By the afternoon, you will have a better sense of direction. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Fatigue might slow you down. Try to take a quick power nap. Relate directly to a partner or someone else you care about. Listen to your inner voice, yet know when to detach. Honor a fast change of pace. Tonight: Brainstorm with someone you know whose feedback you trust.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You have had to be very responsible as of late. You can start to relax now that you are seeing the results of your diligent efforts. A partner could be overly serious, whereas you can't seem to loosen up. Let go, and you will see better results. Tonight: Do not lose your focus.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Your effectiveness is being tested. Your efforts count and will make a difference. You could hit a wall when reflecting on a particular situation. You'll want to get more feedback, especially from someone who is directly involved. Tonight: Sort through different ideas.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Attempt to help a loved one loosen up. You could find that you're short on creative ideas. You might find this to be a little disconcerting, but know that this situation is just temporary. Try to end the day with a relaxing event or meeting. Tonight: Choose a favorite stressbuster.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ You could experience some tension in the morning. You might take a loved one's comments too personally. As a result, your mood plummets. The good news is that you'll perk up as the day goes on. You can work through nearly anything. Tonight: Get into the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ You have a lot to share, especially about an evolving matter. However, because of complications, you'll opt to say very little. A partner will push to find out what is ailing you. You might react like a clam, but you need to open up. Tonight: Try to head home early.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Make sure that you are on sound financial ground. You might not realize what is off, but you will if you really go through recent expenditures with a fine-toothed comb. Consider tightening your budget. Clear the air with others in the evening. Tonight: Catch up on news.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ You simply could be down or out of sorts, though you might try to make an attitude adjustment in the morning. Focus on the areas of your life where you feel like you know what you are doing. Don't allow someone in a bad mood to test you. Tonight: Pay bills, then decide.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You have been doing your fair share of questioning and examining what is going on. You'll continue to process your thoughts throughout the day. Your energy soars in the late afternoon, which is when you are likely to make strong decisions. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ You could find that a friend is wound very tight. Be careful, as this person might spin out of control at any given moment. Perhaps this person is not aware of how you look at their mood and behavior. Go within to find the right answers in the afternoon. Tonight: Head home early.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ If you can leave work early, do. You could be at a point where you might say something that could be prove to be a problem. You seem to be standing in your own way. Schedule meetings, brainstorm with others and network to your heart's intent. Tonight: Relish the moment.

BORN TODAY

Playwright Henrik Ibsen (1928), actor Carl Reiner (1922), model Kathy Ireland (1963)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Negative attention from the press, briefly
6 Deep-voiced opera singer
11 "I knew it!"
14 Blazing
15 Gossip spreader
16 Abu Dhabi is its cap.
17 Change one's route to avoid heavy traffic, say
19 Org. for marksmen
20 "You __ here"
21 Pipe-cleaning brand
22 Composer Stravinsky
23 Likely successor to the throne
26 Magnificent
29 Epps of "House"
30 Have no doubt
31 Fabulist mentioned by Aristotle
34 Soda
37 "You're confusing me"
41 Capitol Hill fig.
42 Quarrel
43 Machu Picchu resident
44 "Me neither!"
46 Sacred river of India
48 Sprained ankle, often
53 "Peter Pan" beast
54 Safe place?
55 Help in finding the hidden treasure
58 Kept under wraps
59 Climactic show ending, and a literal hint to this puzzle's circled letters
62 Blanc who voiced Bugs
63 "__ bet?"
64 Kind of panel or system
65 Keats work
66 Annual celebrations, for short
67 Plot surprise

DOWN

1 The Crimson Tide, familiarly
2 In the distance
3 Storied water barrier
4 Ante-
5 Page turner
6 Way to play music if you can't read it
7 Insurance giant
8 Busybody
9 Good name for a lover of hearty meals
10 Paddle
11 Gut feeling at dinner time?
12 Packers quarterback Rodgers
13 EKG organ
18 Smidgen
22 Nest egg acronym
23 Previously cut, as timber
24 Penniless
25 Gig equipment
26 Decide not to go to
27 Loosen, as a knot
28 Cylindrical water toy
31 Director Lee
32 School URL ending
33 "Comprende?"
35 Fairy tale starter
36 High-tech appt. books
38 Sharp-tasting
39 "Exodus" author Leon
40 Minuscule
45 Tolkien beast
46 __ of Mexico
47 Whistler, but not his mother
48 Blockhead
49 Jimmied (open)
50 The first Mrs. Trump
51 Mary Poppins, e.g.
52 Biblical betrayer
55 Timbuktu's country
56 "__, poor Yorick!" Hamlet
57 Cheeky
59 Pres. #43
60 "Cool!"
61 "Immediately!"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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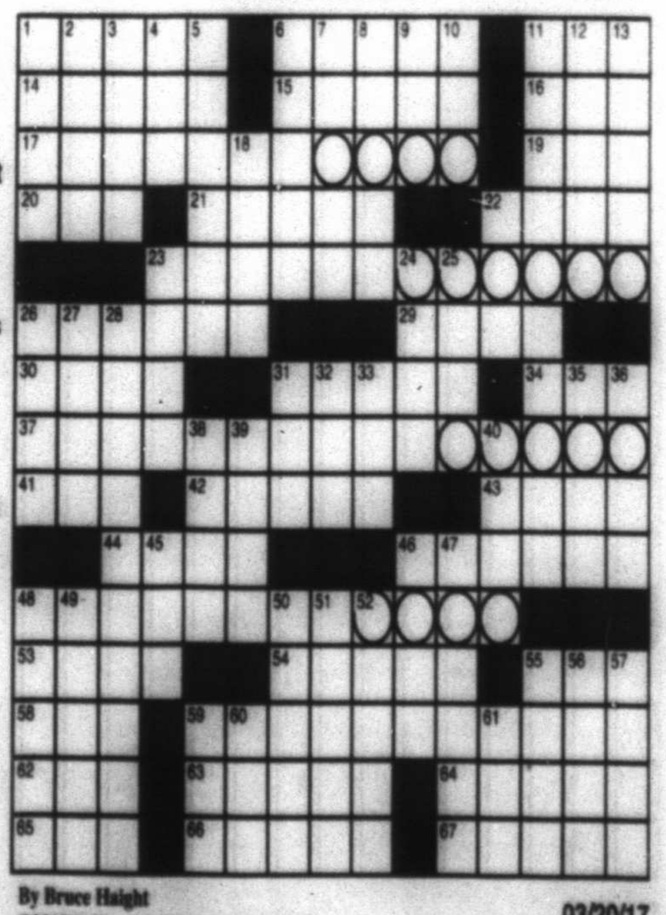

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OTHER JOBS

EARN UP TO $500 PER WEEK!

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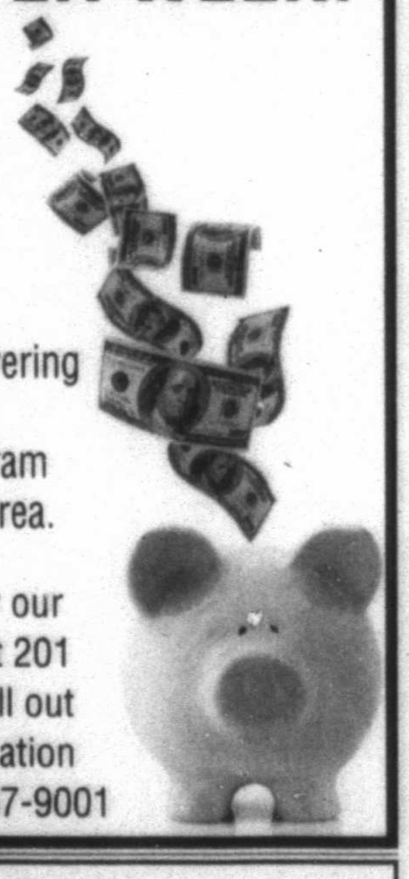

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Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occassionally. We will train the right person.

$10.00 per hour

These positions require some physical lifting 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 CALL PLEASE

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.

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Sales

FLOWERLAND FT

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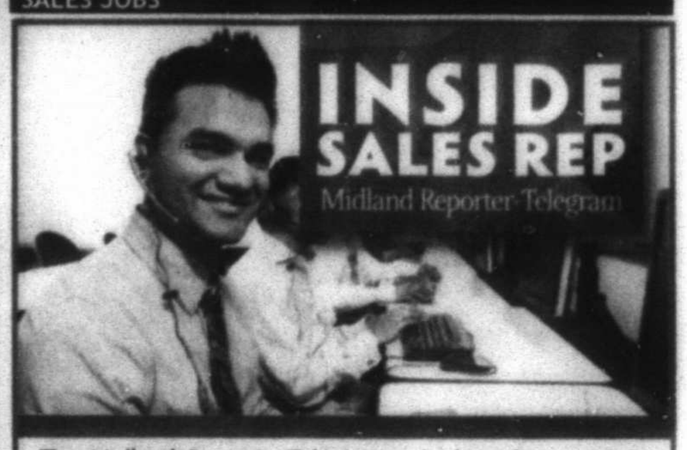

The Midland Reporter-Telegram is looking for someone with excellent communication skills to provide outstanding customer service to our Classified Advertising customers. Responsibilities include answering incoming Classified calls, assisting walk-ins, making outbound sales calls for recruitment and special projects, tracking sales activity, meeting/ exceeding established monthly sales goals, and develop multi-media advertising campaigns.

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General Announcement

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For additional information, contact Barbara Fennell, Director of Purchasing, (432 686-4250 or bfennell@midland.edu. The College reserves the right to accept or reject any and or all auction bids.

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Two-day FREE ADMISSION event
Saturday, March 25th from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 26th from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
At the Midland Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail
Shop for antiques, collectables, vintage, furniture &' more!

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BUICK 1984 Riviera, needs to be restored, all original, interior fair, asking $1,500 OBO. 432-682-0369 or 432-664-5005 leave message.

CADILLAC 2012 SRX Premium Edition, Cadillac red, 61K miles, all service records, brand new tires. Asking $20,000. For more information Tony 432-238-4134

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Pickup Trucks

TOYOTA 2012 Tundra Crew Max, 4x4 pickup, silver, one owner, axcellent condition. $21,000. Call Terry at 432-889-6073.

4WD and SUV

2014 F-350 King Ranch Dually, excellent condition, white, navigation, sunroof, loaded, factory 5th wheel, 24,000 miles. $53,000 OBO. 432-889-7889

CHEVY 2011 Tahoe LTZ, fully loaded, diamond ext, tan int, 107K miles, very good condition, $20,000. Call Jesse 432-853-2355. Also have '96 JEEP Wrangler for sale.

MAZDA 2006 Tribute EX, V6, sunroof, fog lamps, 99K miles, single owner, clean title $3,000 OBO. 432-934-735J

RV Vehicles

2001 Polaris Ranger Clean, Excellent condition, low hours. $4,800. Call Terry at 432-889-6073

RV SPACES for rent- Utilities and cable furnished. Call 432-894-8234.

Recreation Vehicles

2003 POLARIS Magnum (4 wheeler) 3.30 4x4 w/front & rear racks. Runs great. $2,800. Call Terry at 432-889-6073

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2010 HARLEY Davidson Street Glide, Brand new 2016 motor, 96 CI, clean, race tuner stereo, cruise, new back tire. $11,500. 972-955-7419

2015 WINNEBAGO Micro Mini, model 1760FD, never been used. $15,000. Contact Bob @ 432-559-4405.

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