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## Candidate comments critical in governor race

By Chris Tomlinson  
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The leading candidates for Texas governor are learning that sticks and stone may break bones, but words last forever.

Democrat Wendy Davis shocked many in her party last week by coming out in support of allowing those with concealed handgun licenses to carry their pistols

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openly in public. Just days earlier, Republican Greg Abbott compared the Rio Grande Valley with corrupt Third World countries.

Neither comment did their campaigns any favors and belie the difficulty a candidate faces when trying to be strategic with their comments.

In Davis' case, she was trying to preempt growing criticism that she doesn't support the Second Amendment's right to bear arms. Conservatives have been making a big deal about her vote to require background checks at gun shows in Fort Worth, where she served on the City Council, and nothing turns out conservative voters quite like a politician imposing restrictions on guns.

When The Associated Press asked her

— and all the other major candidates for governor and lieutenant governor — about her position on a proposed open carry law, she made headlines by going against her party and other major Democratic candidates.

"Licensing for open carry should track that for concealed carry. This should help ensure that only mentally stable, law

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## BIKER AWARENESS



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Mayor Jerry Morales, right, poses for a photo with Riley's Bar and Grill manager Brandon Sandefer on Wednesday at Riley's. Morales read a proclamation marking the day as Biker Awareness Day and to celebrate the memories of Tony "Tuan" Montemayor and Cody Kinsey, two motorcyclists who died within the past year while riding on Midland roads. Family members of both Montemayor and Kinsey were present at the event as the proclamation was read.

"I want to address the City Council and see if we can come up with a campaign to address driving safely on our roads," Morales said. Sandefer expressed his support for the event, as well.

"Drivers need to be aware of what's going on around them," he said. "People's lives depend on it."

## GOP Railroad Commission hopefuls try to be different

by Jim Malewitz  
Texas Tribune

Four Republicans running for Texas railroad commissioner are working to differentiate themselves as they compete for a job they call hugely important in a state that leads the nation in oil and gas production. But speaking Thursday at a Republican Women of Austin luncheon, they found plenty to agree upon, including:

■ That Texas' oil and gas industry — and, in turn, its economy — is thriving

despite the federal government's intervention, and that Texas needs to push back against the Obama administration and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

■ That the commission shouldn't be afraid to ask the Legislature for more money to improve the performance of an agency that can speed up energy production.

■ That, as Texas' oil and gas regulators, the railroad commissioners should let the free market drive the industry as much as possible, with the agency only

rarely stepping in to act as an environmental or safety watchdog.

■ And that Texans should learn more about energy production and the tasks of the oddly named Railroad Commission, which has nothing to do with railroads.

Candidate Becky Berger said the Railroad Commission is key because it oversees an industry that pumps billions of dollars into the state's economy. "If that's not the most important agency in Texas, then we don't have one."

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## MIDLAND 101

By Jimmy Patterson

### Considerations for future historical landmarks

While Midland has certainly not been historically neglected over the years — there are more than 40 historical markers throughout the county — perhaps we need to update the list of what deserves to be remembered through the issuance of Texas Historical Commission markers.

Below are 10 locations not yet recognized by the commission that perhaps should be. (Well, maybe nine, depending on whether you include one that likely doesn't belong on the list of serious nominees.)

#### THE THOMAS BUILDING

The building, named after Dr. Jno. B. Thomas, was the first multi-level office building in downtown when it opened Jan. 1, 1928. It preceded the more publicized Hogan Building and Scharbauer Hotel. If nothing else, its memory should be perpetuated in order to pay proper tribute to its namesake, one of Midland's most important historical figures.

#### THE SCHARBAUER HOTEL

At one time, the hotel had been adorned with a Recorded Historical Marker, which denotes a building of significance. When the hotel was demolished on Oct. 31, 1973, so, too, was the designation in the history annals. Much history occurred there, including innumerable business deals — even the

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## Obituaries



### Eudora "Dorie" Moore

Eudora "Dorie" Moore, of Midland, passed from this life on Friday, February 6, 2014 at the age of 79 years. She is survived by her three children, Virgil Gene Moore (Karen) of Prairie Village, Kansas, Camille Seabourn Woodside (Mark) of Midland, Texas, and Laurel Ann Graham (Roy) of San Antonio, Texas; two step-children, Gerry Lynn Cox of Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Tammy Kay Moore of Prescott, Arizona.

She was blessed with 10 grandchildren, Jim Cox (Terra), Shane Cox, Leona Nevins, Jayson Nevins, Mary Nevins, Bonnie Waite, Katie Waite, Noah Seabourn, Abbey Graham and Claire Graham. She was also blessed with six great grandchildren.

She is also survived by her two brothers, Carlos Schultz of Davenport, Iowa and Floyd Schultz of Auburndale, Florida, and by many other relatives and friends.

Dorie was born Eudora Bertha Elizabeth Geneva Schultz on January 15, 1935 to Mabel and Emil K. Schultz, Sr. on a farm in Castalia, Iowa. After graduating from Postville High School in 1953, she moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota where she worked for Northwest Airlines and met Jerry Moore, her husband of 50 years. They later moved to Luana, Iowa where they raised their three children.

Dorie was the Secretary for the Principal of MFL High School and was loved by all of the students that ended up in her office either serving detention or just stopping in to say "hello."

In 1981, they moved to Midland, Texas where she quickly found a job with Cities Service Oil and Gas, later to become OXY Petroleum where she worked as a production secretary. She retired from OXY in 1998.

Dorie had a passion for sewing. She spent her retirement years quilting and sewing. Her greatest passion was her grandchildren, who she loved deeply. She was

always there with good advice and more importantly, her love, to all who were in need.

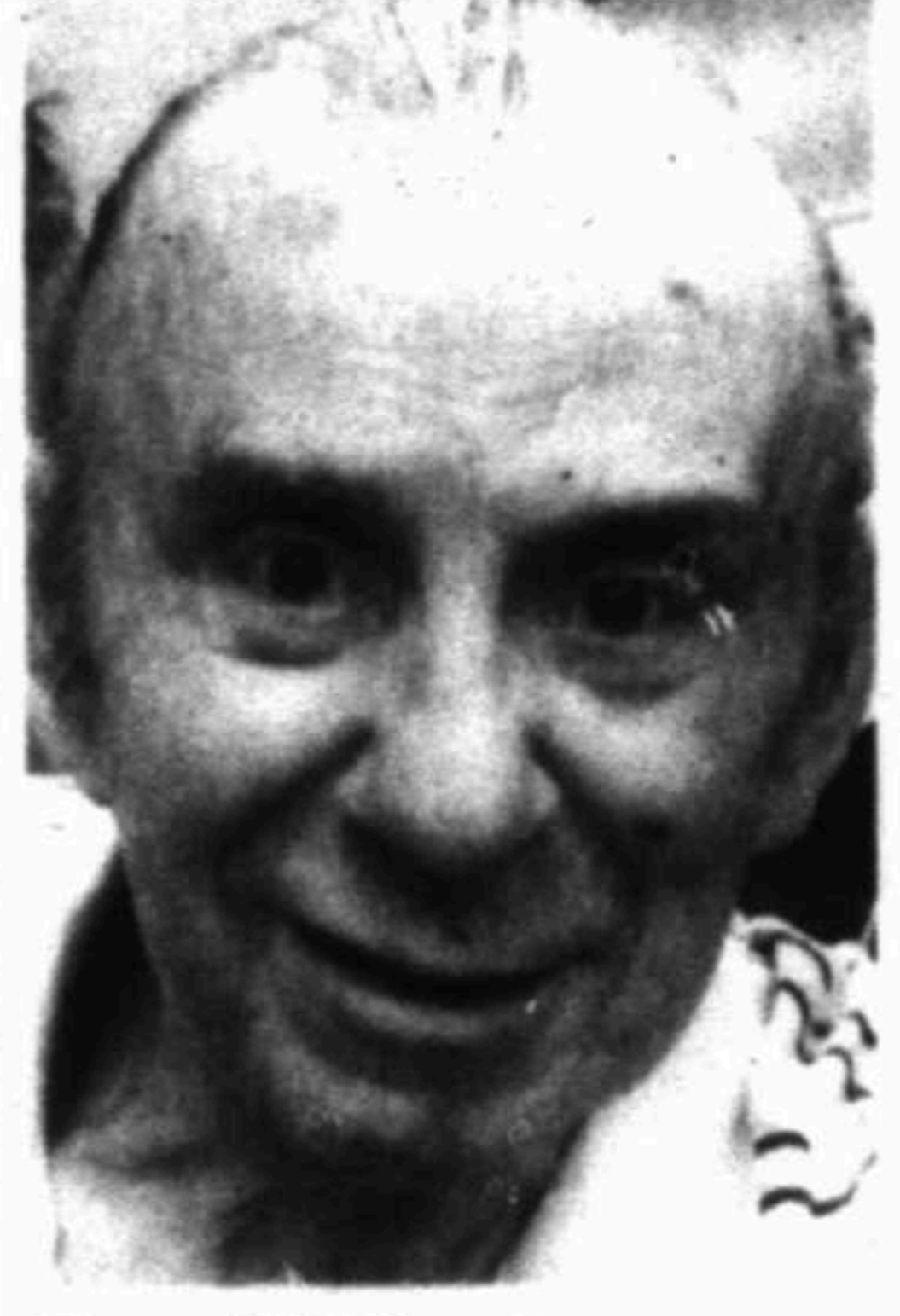
She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Jerry Gene Moore; her parents; her four brothers, Emil, Jr., Willis, Eldon and Wesley; her three sisters in infancy; and by her granddaughter, Camaran.

A memorial service will be held at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel, 3800 N Big Spring, Midland, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the Down Syndrome Association of South Texas at <https://29159.thankyou4ca.org/donate>.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).



### Gerald Paul Mackay

Gerald Paul Mackay, of Midland, Texas, passed away peacefully on February 8th, after a period of declining health.

He was born March 1, 1930, in Detroit, Michigan, the son of Michael and Julia Mackay.

Jerry attended Northwestern High School in Detroit from 1944 - 1948, and later attended a small college in Dearborn, Michigan, from which he attained an Associate's degree. He was the Master of the Kilwinning Masonic Lodge in Detroit, Michigan, in 1963. In 1992, he retired from Ford Motor Company after a 30+ year career as a design engineer.

In his younger years, he was an accomplished roller skater, and met his then-to-be wife, Betty, while pursuing this shared interest. They were married in 1948. He was a competitive ballroom dancer, a world traveler and an ardent boating enthusiast. Over the course of 25 years, Jerry's greatest pleasure was restoring four cabin cruisers

which he sailed on the Great Lakes.

In 1994, Jerry survived a major stroke which left him partially paralyzed. Although he had to forego his love of boating and dancing, he continued to lead a very active life. He had homes in Traverse City, Michigan and Phoenix, Arizona, and later moved to Midland full time.

Jerry is survived by a brother, William Mackay and wife, Dustie, of Lakemont, Georgia; son, Gary Mackay and wife Cathy, of Midland Texas; son, Jeff Mackay and wife, Lisa, of Morganton, North Carolina; and daughter-in-law, Joanne Mackay, of Oxnard, California.

He is also survived by seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Mackay, and a son, Dennis Mackay.

There will be a family visitation at the home of Gary and Cathy Mackay, in Midland, Texas, from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 12.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).



### S. Frank Pannell

S. Frank Pannell, 72, of Victoria, Texas, and longtime Midland resident, passed away on Monday, February 3, 2014, following a brief illness.

Frank was born in Knox City, Texas on February 3, 1942. He attended Odessa High School and, after serving in the U.S. Navy, went on to receive a Business Management Degree from Texas Tech University.

Frank worked in the oil and gas business in Midland for over 40 years, getting his start in the pipe business and later as an independent operator.

He enjoyed spending time on his boat at Possum Kingdom Lake and fishing with friends at Lake Amistad. He loved to barbecue and was known among his friends for making some of the best barbecue brisket around. He

took great pride in the accomplishments of his seven grandchildren and had his office walls adorned with the drawings they made for him over the years.

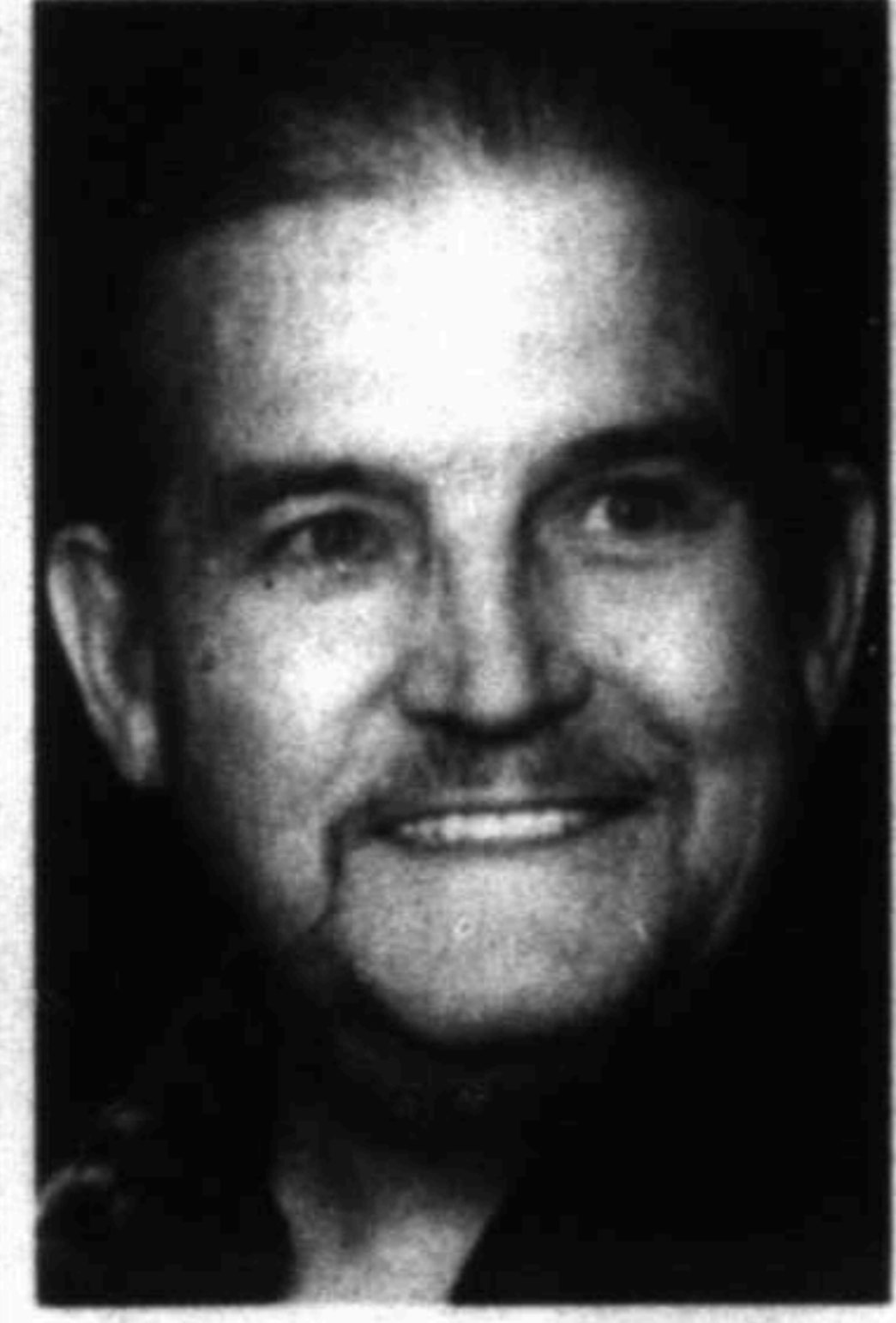
Frank is survived by his two sons, Johnny (Karen) Pannell, and Jim (Nancy) Pannell; and by his grandchildren, Jake, Brooks, Kaitlyn, Rachel, Karson, Sumner, and Luke Pannell.

He is also survived by his brothers, Johnny (Marilyn) Pannell and Bill (Lucy) Pannell; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Johnnie Presley and Jamie Marie Pannell.

There will be an informal memorial gathering held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 16 at 606 W. Missouri Ave., Midland, Texas.

Private burial will take place at a later date outside of Stamford, Texas.



### Warren R. "Rusty" Kenyon, Jr.

Warren R. "Rusty" Kenyon, Jr., 65, of Kerrville passed into the loving arms of Jesus on January 18, 2014. He was born on September 16, 1948 in Van Horn, Texas. Rusty married his wife, Debbie Littleton, on November 11, 1981.

Rusty is survived by his wife, Debbie; his sister, Patricia Alexander and her husband, Jimmie Don; two sons, Robert Stucks of Roosevelt, Oklahoma and Jeffrey Kenyon of Mahomet, Illinois; and by two daughters, Miranda Kenyon-Smith of Mahomet, Illinois and Darci Kenyon of Kerrville, Texas.

He is also survived by two nieces, two nephews, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Rusty was in the Marines, 3rd Recon Special Forces and fought in Vietnam in 1967-1968. He loved spending time with his family and his beloved dogs. He enjoyed taking care of his home and yard. Rusty also had a deep faith and close relationship with Jesus Christ.

The memorial will be held at Sam Houston National Cemetery, 1520 Harry

Wurzbach Road in San Antonio, Texas on February 28, 2014 at 2:45 p.m. As you come to the gates someone will guide you to where Rusty's service is being held.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Humane Society of Kerrville, P.O. Box 2190, Kerrville, Texas, 78028.

## Death Notices

### Herbert Paul L'Arcee, Jr.

Herbert Paul L'Arcee, Jr. passed away on Saturday, February 8, 2014. There are no services scheduled.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy L'Arcee; two sons, David and Donald L'Arcee; and one sister, Dorothy Taner.

### Margaret Avila

Funeral services for Margaret Avila, 75, will be held Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at First United Methodist Church in Seminole at 2:00 p.m. Burial will follow at Gaines County Cemetery. Mrs. Avila passed away Friday, February 7, 2014.

Margaret Avila is survived by her spouse, Enrique Avila; six sons, Aurelio Lopez, David Lopez, Crispin Lopez, Hector Lopez, Henry Avila and Greg Avila; two daughters, Evangelina Neuman and Thelma Rozyskie; 12 grandchildren and two great grandchildren; and by other family members.

### Shirley Leona Boykin

Shirley Leona Boykin, 76, died February 5, 2014.

Survivors are sons, Ronnie Boykin and Donnie Boykin; daughter, Debra Patricia Redd; and by 10 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and two on the way.

The family will receive friends at Acres West Funeral Chapel on Monday, February 10, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. Interment will follow at Rose Hill Garden Ector County Cemetery.

### Thomas Vernon Swafford

Thomas Vernon Swafford, 91, died Saturday, February 8, 2014. Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at the Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel in Big Spring.

He is survived by three sons, Raymond Swafford, Billy Kenneth Swafford, and Larry Swafford; 10 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren; and by other family members.

## As space commercializes, where does Houston fit?

By Eric Berger  
*Houston Chronicle*

HOUSTON — With two corporations, SpaceX and Orbital Sciences, already delivering supplies to NASA's International Space Station, a golden age may be at hand for private space firms.

Late this year, Virgin Galactic may launch its first suborbital flight, opening space to non-astronauts. And private companies are beginning to announce dates by which they will be ready to fly astronauts into orbit, a venture that until now has been solely the province of governments.

"We're seeing a democratization of access to space," said Michael Lopez-Alegria, a four-time astronaut who now leads the industry group Commercial Spaceflight Federation, told the Houston Chronicle.

The rise of commercial space raises questions about the future of Houston as Space City, which for the entire history of U.S. spaceflight has been responsible for training and managing the flights of U.S. astronauts. Houston is racing to reinvent itself this decade as other parts of the country seek to chip away at its pre-eminence as the home of human spaceflight.

For now, Johnson Space Center will continue to be the home of NASA astronauts but it's not clear what role the center will have in working with astronauts who fly on privately-built commercial vehicles to space.

NASA, for example, chose to establish its office overseeing the development of private spacecraft that will eventually carry U.S. astronauts to the space station at Kennedy Space Center in Florida, instead of at the Houston-based center.

The Houston region has not been oblivious to the rise of commercial space and its implications for the city's traditional hegemony

in human spaceflight.

"Houston is being very proactive," said David Alexander, director of the Rice Space Institute.

Texas A&M recently held a commercial space workshop with Rice and industry partners to discuss a commercial space strategy for Houston and Texas.

Universities, governments and industry partners will need to work together to ensure the vibrancy of Houston's space presence, Alexander said.

The centerpiece of the region's efforts is the development of a spaceport.

Last September, the Houston Airport System unveiled preliminary plans to develop a 450-acre spaceport at Ellington Airport. Houston Aviation Director Mario Diaz said he envisions a facility that would be home to space tourism, as well as support aerospace hangars, manufacturing facilities, educational institutions and museums.

According to Darian Ward, a spokeswoman for the airport system, the city is about halfway through completing its application for an FAA license to operate the spaceport.

The airport system expects to submit the license this summer and if all goes well could receive approval by the end of the year.

"The process is on time, and I believe that is significant," Ward said.

Houston would be entering a competitive market. There are already more than a dozen government and private spaceports, with widely varying amounts of activity, in operation in the United States.

With a number of financial incentives, Spaceport America, in New Mexico, has secured a deal with Virgin Galactic to launch flights of SpaceShipTwo from there.

Despite a number of delays, the

company's founder, Richard Branson, has said commercial flights from the spaceport should begin as soon as the end of this year.

The company has already pre-sold more than 600 tickets at a cost of \$200,000 each for flights to about 60 miles above the Earth, providing a spectacular view and a few minutes of weightlessness.

Celebrities such as Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie and Leonardo DiCaprio have signed up, ensuring that commercial space will make a splash on the public consciousness when Virgin Galactic begins flying.

"Imagine doubling the number of people who have been in space in 50 years in a couple of years," said Lopez-Alegria, the commercial spaceflight official. "That's great, and I think that that will energize people."

Perhaps most importantly, however, Lopez-Alegria noted that some companies already flying into space are helping to shift the perception of commercial space in Congress.

When he used to visit politicians to discuss commercial space, Lopez-Alegria said, there were a lot of skeptics. Then SpaceX and Orbital Sciences began flying successful missions on their own rockets to the space station, bringing up supplies on a regular basis.

"There are a lot fewer skeptics out there," he said. "You can't argue with success. I think that those two companies doing what they have done has been fundamental to what has been a sea change in the perception of commercial space."

That, in turn, has opened the congressional purse strings a bit.

NASA has been working with

SpaceX, Boeing and Sierra Nevada Corporation to develop private spacecraft that could fly astronauts to orbit and allow NASA to stop paying the Russians hundreds of millions of dollars annually to do so.

During the 2012, 2013 and 2014 budget cycles, President Barack Obama has requested about \$800 million annually or a little more to stimulate this development. In 2012 and 2013, Congress only obliged with about \$500 million, slowing the efforts of these companies to deliver ready-to-fly spacecraft.

In 2014 Congress went higher, funding \$700 million of the commercial crew request.

"I'd call it a win," Lopez-Alegria said. "I think people are pretty happy with it, and that just sort of speaks to what expectations are because of what's happened during the last couple of years."

Around the same time as the budget deal, Sierra Nevada Corp., based in Nevada, announced that it would conduct the first flight of its mini space shuttle-like Dream Chaser in 2016. It's racing with SpaceX and Boeing for NASA funds and the delivery of human-ready spacecraft.

"SNC is thrilled to be the first company to confirm a launch date for our country's return to orbital human spaceflight," Mark Sirangelo, the head of the company's space segment, said at the late-January announcement.

It will launch from Florida. However, what role Johnson Space Center will play in the flight, if any, is unclear.

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## OIL REPORT

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# Gay marriage battle could linger for next AG

By Paul J. Weber  
Associated Press

AUSTIN — When two same-sex Texas couples challenge the state's gay marriage ban in a San Antonio federal court this week, they'll carry the momentum of recent legal victories in conservative Utah and Oklahoma.

Whatever the outcome, the three Republicans running to become the next Texas attorney general will take notice.

Gay rights groups winning same-sex marriage cases nationwide almost guarantee that the issue will confront whoever replaces Attorney General Greg Abbott. His would-be GOP successors on Sunday blasted attempts to strike down the Texas law and vowed to defend a state ban going forward.

Railroad Commissioner Barry Smitherman said he "indeed" thinks the issue will loom large for the attorney general's office, adding that he believed the U.S. Supreme Court overreached last year by ruling that married same-sex couples were entitled to federal benefits.

"All of the requirements of marriage have always been state issues, and they should remain state issues," said Smitherman, who's in a Republican primary race with state Rep. Dan Branch and Sen. Ken Paxton. The winner in March is likely to replace Abbott, the presumptive GOP nominee for governor, since Democratic candidate Sam Houston is a long shot.

Two same-sex Texas couples will be the latest to take on the state's gay marriage ban on Wednesday, when they'll ask U.S. District Judge Orlando Garcia to block parts of the law. One couple is two women wed in Massachusetts but whose marriage isn't recognized in Texas; the other two men denied a marriage license in San Antonio last fall.

"There is no rational basis, much less a compelling government purpose, for Texas to deny (the couples) the same right to marry enjoyed by the majority of society," attorneys for the couples wrote in their lawsuit filed in October.

Abbott's office is asking

the judge to dismiss the lawsuit.

Last month, a federal judge determined that Oklahoma's voter-approved ban on gay marriage violated the U.S. Constitution's equal protection clause. Another judge reversed Utah's gay-marriage ban a month earlier. The U.S. Supreme Court halted weddings in Utah while a lower court considers the issue.

This weekend, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder also announced that the Justice Department will recognize that same-sex spouses will have the legal rights of other married couples, such as not being compelled to testify against each other.

Branch, Paxton and Smitherman all spoke Sunday at a meeting of the Texas Association of Realtors, where they commended Abbott's record of 30-plus lawsuits against the federal government. Only glancing references were made to the issue of gay marriage, as the candidates instead delivered promises to secure the Texas-Mexico border and take on federal environmental regulations.

A favorable ruling for the same-sex Texas couples this week would almost certainly trigger an immediate appeal, which would go to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

"I'm optimistic the 5th Circuit will allow Texas to control its own destiny in this issue, which is what they should do. It should be a state issue," said Paxton, of McKinney, who's served in the Legislature for a decade.

Branch co-authored in the Texas House a 2005 state constitutional amendment that defined marriage as between one man and one woman. Last fall he filed a brief defending that law with the Texas Supreme Court in a separate case involving a same-sex couple who married in Massachusetts and then sought a divorce in Texas.

"I think it's hard to predict where issues are going to move," he said. "I think the courts have got the ball at this point. My concerns have been that when we think we're going to fix one bias, we don't create other biases."

# State looks closer at Child Protective Services

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Mistakes made by Child Protective Services caseworkers contributed to the deaths of two children and the serious injury of another during the past year, according to state records.

The Austin American-Statesman obtained records from 95 child death cases that were reviewed by the Office of the Inspector General between December 2012 and December 2013. The investigatory body began regularly reviewing child fatalities for the first time in December 2012, after a series of child abuse deaths.

Of those 95 cases, 71 indicated that CPS had been involved with the families before the child's death. CPS was cleared of mistakes in all but two of the cases.

According to records in one case, 1-year-old Aiden Fredrickson drowned in a Burleson County hotel bathtub in March 2013 after CPS workers "recklessly omitted a number of the resources that could have protected the life of the child." The investigator wrote that the caseworker knew the boy was living at the hotel with his mother even though she wasn't allowed to reside with him. The CPS caseworker closed the

case saying she couldn't find the family, even though she knew they were staying there. Aiden drowned while his parents were passed out on drugs. The caseworkers were not punished.

"We reviewed the case thoroughly and found that CPS actions were reasonable and policies were followed," said Patrick Crimmins, spokesman for the state Department of Family and Protective Services.

In another case, the investigators report said that in May 2013, 6-week-old Skyler Joslin died from multiple injuries after a caseworker failed to visit her Camp County family in a timely manner.

In April 2013, a Cosicana child was seriously injured after a caseworker did not look into a neglect allegation, but reported that she had. Investigators eventually found that caseworker had lied in at least seven other cases. She was indicted in Navarro County and charged with tampering with a governmental record.

"We don't know what we're going to find when we open a case," Inspector General Doug Wilson said. "It might not be criminal, it might be criminal. We follow leads to the logical conclusion, whatever it is."

The Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General is a state

agency whose internal affairs unit investigates fraud, abuse and policy violations by state employees.

Caseworkers in Texas have been overwhelmed by caseloads. Nearly 38 percent quit within their first year on the job.

"I think most of them are very good, but there are cruddy people CPS holds on to because they don't have a replacement," said TexProtects Executive Director Madeline McClure. "I'm astounded how they let them get through the screening process to begin with."

In 2009, CPS hired a man, who had been accused of sexually assaulting several people in the 1990s, to be an investigator. He had been banned from working with Medicaid patients because of an abuse claim at a nursing home CPS fired him in 2012, after the inspector general determined he had inappropriate sexual contact with the mother of a child he was supposed to be protecting.

Crimmins said the agency had run a background check before hiring the man.

"If we had been aware of his background, and we checked, he would not have been hired," he said.

# Employees of veterans group quit amid scrutiny

Associated Press

AUSTIN — A veterans' organization banned in South Carolina and fined in Tennessee is drawing more scrutiny in Texas where it has been operating in several cities for years.

The Austin American-Statesman reported that the employees of the Florida-based Veterans Support Organization in Austin resigned as a group in December, because the funds they collected for veterans were not staying in Texas.

The Veterans Support Organization employs veterans and nonveterans to ask for money in front of businesses and at intersections. Critics say little of the collected money actually makes it to veterans.

"The funds weren't going where they were supposed to be going," said former Austin chapter manager Robin Woods. "We were telling the public the money was staying here to help local veterans, but the money was going to Florida. What they were doing wasn't right for Texas or for veterans."

No one at the organization's Florida headquarters responded to emails and

calls seeking comment.

VSO President Richard VanHouten — an Army veteran who lives in a \$548,500 South Florida home, according to county records — received \$259,965 in salary.

The group says it helps veterans transition to life after the military by providing jobs.

"We are the one employer willing to overlook long (gaps in employment)," said Arthur Metcalf, general manager of the group's Houston branch, adding that his employees earn \$7.25 an hour and are eligible for incentives if they raise more than \$250 in a day.

Connecticut's congressional delegation requested a federal investigation of the group and the Department of Veterans Affairs suspended them from its advisory board.

South Carolina fined the group \$5,000 last year and banned it for 15 years for violating its solicitation laws. Tennessee fined it \$50,000 — later settled for \$20,000 — in 2010, for failing to properly register and claiming to provide services that it wasn't in the state.

The Texas attorney general's of-

fice declined to say whether it was investigating the group, but said it had received five complaints. Its office in Austin is closed and had recently had a lock-out notice from the landlord taped to the door. According to its website, it also has a chapter in Dallas in addition to those in Austin and Houston.

In 2007, Veterans Support Organization took in just over \$1 million. In 2010, that figure was \$8.4 million.

For 2011, the most recent tax information available, it collected \$7.1 million in contributions and paid out \$46,597 in grants to veterans agencies. Most of the \$3.3 million it spent in 2011 went to a work program paying employees to raise donations.

The American Institute of Philanthropy's CharityWatch gave the group an F rating.

"VSO's program does not help unemployed veterans obtain useful skills, such as computer programming, carpentry or nursing, to help them obtain gainful employment," the group said in a recent newsletter. "But the program does help VSO raise money for itself by turning veterans into street solicitors."

# ND oil, freight shipments detour Amtrak trains

Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. —

The ice fishing in northeast North Dakota is the best it's been in two decades, but some anglers can't make it because trains handling freight and crude from the state's oil patch are displacing Amtrak passenger service.

Steve Dahl, owner of the Perch Patrol guide service, said he spent the past week calling hundreds of customers who had made reservations to fish at Devils Lake and stay in its namesake city.

"The conditions are perfect but I've had to explain to them about this dumb train thing," Dahl said. "For some of them who had their heart set on this, I would have rather told them I ran over their dog."

The federally funded rail corporation, which uses

BNSF Railway Co. lines, said the "severe freight train interference" is causing long delays along its Chicago-to-Pacific Northwest Empire Builder route. In North Dakota, Amtrak trains are bypassing the cities of Grand Forks, Devils Lake and Rugby. Passengers in those cities are being bused to either Minot or Fargo to reconnect to westbound or eastbound trains.

The detours are expected to continue through February, said Amtrak spokesman Marc Magliari.

Devils Lake Mayor Dick Johnson said the track

congestion hurts the city's economy and residents' ability to travel, especially the elderly who routinely take trains to hospitals in Minnesota. The city of about 7,500 has no scheduled bus or flight service.

"We depend on Amtrak as a key part of our public transportation service. We are crippled and landlocked without it," Johnson said. "But oil and freight is taking priority over people, that's pretty much a given."

BNSF said in a statement it has been "disappointed in our service" but that oil trains are not solely respon-

sible for the delays because other freight volumes also have been increasing. Severe winter weather also "has significantly impacted our efforts to make service improvements for both Amtrak and all freight customers."

Fort Worth-based BNSF is part of Warren Buffett's Omaha, Neb.-based Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Magliari said Amtrak has an operating agreement in place with BNSF that sets rates Amtrak must pay and incentives for BNSF to ensure Amtrak's "on-time delivery of trains."

## RECALL BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

### CALIFORNIA

#### Company recalls 8.7 million pounds of meat

PETALUMA — A Northern California company is recalling more than 8.7 million pounds of beef products because it processed diseased and unhealthy animals without a full federal inspection, federal officials said Saturday.

That's just over a year's worth of meat products processed by Rancho Feeding Corp., which has been under scrutiny by the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service. The agency said that without full inspection, the recalled products are unfit for human consumption.

The products were processed from Jan. 1, 2013, through Jan. 7, 2014, and shipped to distribution centers and retail stores in California, Florida, Illinois and Texas. They include beef carcasses, oxtail, liver, cheeks, tripe, tongue and veal bones.

Last month the company recalled more than 40,000 pounds of meat products produced on Jan. 8 that also didn't undergo a full inspection.

There have been no reports of illnesses. An FSIS spokesman said because some of the products could still be frozen and in storage, a Class I recall was issued because the meat product could cause serious, adverse health consequences.

### AUSTIN

#### Uncle Ben's recalls large rice bags sold in Texas

State health officials are reminding consumers about a nationwide recall of Uncle Ben's infused rice products in Texas.

The Department of State

Health Services said Sunday that the recalled 5- and 25-pound bags of Uncle Ben's rice are primarily purchased by institutional settings such as schools and prisons. Some warehouse club retailers also stock the bags.

Health officials issued the recall Friday after students and staff in Katy who ate the rice at lunch became ill. Their symptoms included burning, itching, rashes, headaches and nausea. The symptoms passed within two hours.

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**TODAY IN MIDLAND**

**Thing to do**

Gordon Lightfoot at Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com

**Meetings today**

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

**MISD**

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

**Greenwood ISD**

7:30 p.m. Distance Learning Center Greenwood High School

**USPS job fair**

The U.S. Postal Service is sponsoring a job fair 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday at the Workforce Solutions Permian Basin, 3600 N. Garfield St., Technology Center Room 138. Assistance will be available in submitting the applications. Applicants should expect to spend about one hour completing the application process.

The Postal Service is accepting applications for part-time, city carrier assistants and rural carrier associate jobs for the Midland-Odessa area and around the state.

For job seekers unable to attend the fair, applications are available at www.usps.com/employment under the "search jobs and apply online section."

For more information, call the Midland postmaster at 687-5962 or visit www.usps.com/employment

**Support groups, club meetings today**

■ PFLAG Odessa (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays), 7 p.m. (except on holidays). Alternative Life Solutions Counseling 2458 E. 11th St., Odessa. 432-279-0749. pflagodessa@yahoo.com or www.pflagodessa.weebly.com  
■ Midland Amateur Radio Club, 7:30 p.m., clubhouse, Loop 250 and Lamesa Road, 561-9729  
■ Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1303 E. Taylor St., bingo games 7 p.m.

**What's on the radio**

**News talk**  
KCRS (AM 550)  
6-9 a.m. The Morning Drive with Robert Hallmark and Kurt Verlier  
9-11 a.m. Lynn Woolley  
11 a.m.-2 p.m. Rush Limbaugh  
2-5 p.m. Dave Ramsey  
5-6 p.m. Local news reports  
6-9 p.m. Roger Hedgecock  
9-midnight Hugh Hewitt  
Midnight-6 a.m. Coast to Coast with George Noory  
Web: http://www.newstalkkcrs.com

**KWEL (AM 1070, FM 107.1)**  
6-10 a.m. Morning Show with Craig Anderson  
10 a.m.-noon, Herman Cain  
Noon-2 p.m. Glenn Beck  
2-5 p.m. Sean Hannity  
5-7 p.m. Jason Moore  
Web: http://www.kwel.com

**Sport talk**  
KMND (AM 1510)  
6-9 a.m. Mike and Mike in the Morning  
9 a.m.-noon The Herd with Colin Cowherd  
Noon-3 p.m. The Dan Patrick Show

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**Today in history**

In 1949, Arthur Miller's play "Death of a Salesman" opened at Broadway's Morosco Theater with Lee J. Cobb as Willy Loman.

In 1962, the Soviet Union exchanged captured American U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers for Rudolf Abel, a Soviet spy held by the United States.

In 1967, the 25th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, dealing with presidential disability and succession, was ratified as Minnesota and Nevada adopted it.

In 1968, U.S. figure skater Peggy Fleming won America's only gold medal of the Winter Olympic Games in Grenoble, France.

**UT System chancellor Cigarroa to resign**

Associated Press

AUSTIN — University of Texas System Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa will resign today after five years of leading the 15-campus system, a tenure that included creating a new university in South Texas and a medical school at the flagship in Austin.

Cigarroa, 56, is scheduled to appear with Board of Regents Chairman Paul Foster at a news conference in Austin, where he will announce his resignation, according to two people with direct knowledge of his decision. They requested anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly before the official announcement.

Cigarroa's tenure also has been marked by tensions between the board and University of Texas at Austin President Bill Powers, a power struggle that has reached the state Capitol. Lawmakers are considering whether to impeach regent Wallace Hall Jr. over attempts to force Powers out.

Cigarroa was publicly critical of Powers at the regents' December meet-

ing, saying Powers had to improve trust and communication when dealing with regents and system staff. But Cigarroa also said he wanted to keep Powers on the job.

Despite the disputes with Powers, who remains popular with students, faculty and influential alumni, Cigarroa has generally maintained the support of the board. One of the people with knowledge of Cigarroa's decision said the chancellor is not being forced out by the board.

Cigarroa is expected to stay on the job until his replacement is found. Cigarroa is a transplant surgeon who has maintained his medical career while serving as chancellor.

The Austin American-Statesman first reported Cigarroa's expected resignation.

The new university in South Texas also will include a medical school and merges Texas-Pan American in Edinburg and Texas-Brownsville.

Supporters said the school and its medical program are critically needed to serve the education and health care needs in the region.



The University of Texas System Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa, seen here Oct. 24, 2013, speaking at the University of Texas-Pan American, is expected to resign today after holding the position for five years. Among his achievements were the creation of a new university in South Texas and a medical school in Austin. His tenure also has been marked by tension with Austin campus President Bill Powers, of whom Cigarroa has been critical.

AP file photo

**COMMENTS**

From IA

abiding citizens may carry whether concealed or open," she said in a written response.

The reaction was probably not what she hoped. Gun rights activists mocked her position as pandering, and progressive Democrats denounced her for caving in to conservatives who would never vote for her anyway.

"The Wendy Davis that has emerged thus far early in the Texas gubernatorial campaign has done little to distinguish her political profile from the Republican," progressive political analyst Jim Moore said. "Why doesn't she speak more clearly and directly to Texans who are tired of radical conservatism?"

Abbott got himself into hot water while announcing his border security initiative Tuesday in Dallas. He said he was worried about public officials getting involved in the drug trade.

"This creeping corruption resembles Third World country practices that erode the social fabric of our communities and destroys Texans' trust in government," Abbott said.

Tough talk about immigration and border security polls well with conservative voters. Republican campaign consultants said. Abbott was establishing his bona fides ahead of the March 4 Republican primary. Even Republicans running for offices that have nothing to do with the border take a hard-line stance on the issue.

Federal crime data, though, does not support the contention that the border is any more corrupt or dangerous than other parts of the state. And Hispanic border residents take offense at what they consider an ugly stereotype, something the Republican Party has tried to avoid as it



Wendy Davis



Greg Abbott

courts Hispanic voters.

"There is ... no doubt that Abbott would not have made a similar comparison to Third World countries had he been talking about corruption in Dallas or Houston," The Monitor newspaper in McAllen said in an editorial on Friday. "This year's election should not fall into that traditional zone of venomous nativist rhetoric that inflames the passions of white conservatives at the expense of the state's growing Hispanic population."

In a representative democracy, politicians are supposed to represent the views of their core supporters, but they also need to attract votes from those in the middle, those who don't read every policy paper or read the fine print on television attack ads. Sometimes balancing these two objectives can get a candidate into trouble.

Last week, both Davis and Abbott made newsmaking statements based on a political calculus that angered many. Expect these comments to remain part of the conversation through November.

Chris Tomlinson is the AP's supervisory correspondent in Austin, responsible for state government and political reporting.

**HOPEFULS**

From IA

The candidates' similarities leave voters — at least those plugged into the down-ballot race — with little to ponder beyond this question: Who would best regulate the oil and gas industry — an oil and gas engineer (Ryan Sitton), an oil and gas investor and former regulatory attorney (Malachi Boyuls), a geologist (Berge) or a former state lawmaker (Wayne Christian)?

That's largely how the candidates sought to differentiate themselves on Thursday.

Sitton, who with his wife founded and runs Pin

nacleAIS, an oil and gas technology firm, said his experience running a business would help him spot opportunities to streamline the Railroad Commission, boosting efficiency. And he said his engineering background would prove useful when dealing with highly technical industry questions.

"I would be the first engineer to serve on the Railroad Commission in 60 years," Sitton told the audience.

Boyuls, a partner at the investor St. Augustine Capital Partners who previously practiced law in Dallas, said he also has industry know-how, but also

touted his experience in court, representing Texas' largest coal producer in a suit against the EPA.

"We need somebody that can stand up to the federal government and push them out," he told the Republican group. "We fought toe-to-toe with the EPA, and we eventually won."

Berge, who worked in the oil fields for years beginning in 1977 and has spent 16 years as a precious metals and industrial minerals geologist, said she is the only candidate with mining experience, and that her scientific background will help her explain to Texans how the industry works.

**101**

From IA

Bank in October 1987 remains one of the most significant events to have ever occurred in Midland. Where the fall occurred should be noted and remembered.

**MIDLAND HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

Elvis Presley and Johnny Cash played a concert here on Oct. 2, 1955. A young teenager from Wink, Roy Orbison, was in the audience. Afterward, Cash introduced Orbison to Presley. Famous theaters everywhere mark significant cultural achievements, and Midland High's auditorium is worthy of similar mention.

FYI: In 1959, Orbison and song-writing partner Joe Melson wrote "You're Only Lonely" — arguably Orbison's biggest song — and two other Orbison hits at a duplex that is now a vacant field in east Midland.

**CHRISTENSEN STADIUM**

A number of future major leaguers played here during their blossoming professional careers that Christensen could be on a Texas Sports History Commission list, if there was one. Aside from the countless Chicago Cubs and California Angels minor leaguers who

**5 injured in two-vehicle crash in north Midland**

From staff reports

Five people were transported with minor injuries to Midland Memorial Hospital Sunday morning after a two-vehicle crash on Highway 349 in north Midland, according to city officials.

Midland police and fire

officials responded to the crash at about 11:47 a.m. Sunday in the 8000 block of North Highway 349.

The crash involved a tractor-trailer and an SUV, according to an MFD battalion chief.

No further information was available as of press time Sunday.

**Crime of the week**

Midland County Sheriff's Office, the Midland Police Department, MISD police and Midland Crime Stoppers need help on a burglary of a vehicle.

Officers were called Jan. 23 about a burglary of a vehicle. Someone took an HP Probook 6550 laptop computer, a laptop case and a large external hard drive containing student Social Security numbers and other information. This computer is the property of the Midland Independent School District.

If you are the first person to call with information leading to the arrest of this person or persons, it will be worth a \$1,000 cash reward, plus a bonus \$5,000 reward donated anonymously.

**How to submit a secure tip**

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- Facebook: Click 'Submit A Tip' on left side of our Facebook page

**FELONY ARRESTS**

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Daniel Aleman, 23, of Midland, was charged Saturday with possession of marijuana between 4 ounces and 5 pounds.

Bridget R. Britton, 22, of Midland, was charged Saturday with aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon on a date, family or household member.

Rosina R. Britton, 37, of Gatesville, was charged Saturday with aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury.

Lacey J. Brooks, 31, of Midland, was charged Saturday with hindering the apprehension or prosecution of a known felon.

Samuel Rojas, 31, of Midland, was charged Saturday with aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury and violation of parole.

Brian J. Romero, 36, of

Midland, was charged Saturday with failure to appear or bail jumping, evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, tampering with or fabricating physical evidence, possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams and fugitive from justice.

Paulino S. Santana, 59, of Midland, was charged Saturday with driving while intoxicated with an open alcohol container three or more times.

Alfred L. Williams Jr., 21, of Midland, was charged Saturday with assault on a family or household member, criminal mischief between \$1,500 and \$20,000, possession of a prohibited substance in a corrections facility and possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Abell, although the pastor's efforts are indeed noble like Abell's.)

**CAITLIN 2801, WOLFERRY DISCOVERY WELL**

Located south of Midland, the Caitlin 2801 was the linchpin to the beginning of the Wolfberry Play. The technology of the resource play — 3-D seismic, hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling — have worked together to bring unprecedented and even staggering growth to Midland and West Texas. Although drilling may be leveling off, the economy continues as strong as ever.

**CRACKER BARREL, LOOP 250**

Midland residents eagerly awaited the opening of the restaurant on the west side of town, the first Cracker Barrel not built on a major highway, according to company officials. Designating it historic is, of course, a stretch, but there is no doubt that the restaurant was one of the first businesses that signaled Midland was headed for growth never before experienced.

Jimmy Patterson's book, "A History of Character: The Story of Midland, Texas" is to be published this summer.

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# US economy may be stuck in slow lane for long run

By Josh Boak  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In the 4 1/2 years since the Great Recession ended, millions of Americans who have gone without jobs or raises have found themselves wondering something about the economic recovery:

Is this as good as it gets? It increasingly looks that way.

Two straight weak job reports have raised doubts about economists' predictions of breakout growth in 2014. The global economy is showing signs of slowing — again. Manufacturing has slumped. Fewer people are signing contracts to buy homes. Global stock markets have sunk as anxiety has gripped developing nations.

Some long-term trends are equally dispiriting.

The Congressional Budget Office foresees growth picking up through 2016, only to weaken starting in 2017. By the CBO's reckoning, the economy will soon slam into a demographic wall: The vast baby boom generation will retire. Their exodus will shrink the share of Americans who are working, which will hamper the economy's ability to accelerate.

At the same time, the government may have to borrow more, raise taxes or cut spending to support Social Security and Medicare for those retirees.

Only a few weeks ago, at least the short-term view looked brighter. Entering 2014, many economists predicted growth would top 3 percent for the first time since 2005. That pace would bring the U.S. economy near its average post-World War II annual growth rate. Some of the expected improvement would come from the government exerting less drag on the economy this year after having slashed spending and raised taxes in 2013.

In addition, steady job gains dating back to 2010 should unleash more consumer spending. Each of the 7.8 million jobs that have been added provided income to someone who previously had little or none. It amounts to "adrenaline" for the economy, said Carl Tannenbaum, chief economist for Northern Trust.

And since 70 percent of the economy flows from consumers, their increased spending would be expected to drive stronger hiring and growth.

"There is a dividing line between a slow-growth economy that is not satisfactory and above-trend growth with a tide strong enough to lift all the boats and put people back to work," said Chris Rupkey, chief financial economist at

Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi. "That number is 3 percent."

The recovery had appeared to achieve a breakthrough in the final quarter of 2013. The economy grew at an annual pace of 3.2 percent last quarter. Leading the upswing was a 3.3 percent surge in the rate of consumer spending, which had been slack for much of the recovery partly because of high debt loads and stagnant pay.

Yet for now, winter storms and freezing temperatures, along with struggles in Europe and Asia, have slowed manufacturing and the pace of hiring.

Just 113,000 jobs were added in January, the government said Friday. In December, employers had added a puny 75,000. Job creation for the past two months is roughly half its average for the past two years. A third sluggish jobs report in February would further dim hopes for a breakout year.

"Three months in a row would mean the job market is taking a turn for the worst," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist for PNC Financial Services.

Former Treasury Secretary Larry Summers and Nobel Prize winner Paul Krugman have suggested that the economy might be in a semi-permanent funk. In November, Summers warned in a speech that the economy is trapped by "secular stagnation." By that, he meant a prolonged period of weak demand and slow growth.

If the United States hasn't already slipped into that period, the CBO predicted it could over the next four years. That's when the retirements of baby boomers would start to restrain growth.

The economy will expand 2.7 percent in 2017 before declining to an average of 2.2 percent through 2024, the CBO estimate. That's about as sluggish as the current recovery has been, on average, so far.

There are no documented examples of an economy that had to emerge from a financial crisis while simultaneously absorbing the effects of an aging population, noted Harvard University economist Carmen Reinhart, who has researched eight centuries of crises with her colleague Ken Rogoff.

"These things are new," she said.

Many Americans who endured the worst of the downturn remain wary, sensing that the recession caused an enduring downshift. Some businesses are

still reluctant to hire despite higher revenue.

Consider Linda Tool & Die in Brooklyn. The company slashed its average workweek to 32 hours after the recession struck. Those cuts helped preserve employees' health care benefits. It also enabled the 61-year old company to invest in technology to try to stay competitive in a tough environment.

But as business has improved with more orders from aerospace companies, CEO Mike Dimarino has chosen overtime over hiring.

"I'd rather give the people who stuck with me during the dark days a few extra bucks," he said.

Likewise, some people have downshifted to careers they view as better safeguards against a downturn. One is Phillip Romine, 28, who said he now prizes job security over the allure of overtime pay.

Before being laid off by General Motors in 2009, Romine had been building Chevy and Pontiac sedans in Michigan.

Many months after his layoff, GM offered to rehire Romine. His answer? No thanks. Romine chose to stay in school and complete his associate's degree.

Now a physical therapist, he finds fulfillment in serving people. Yet he feels his generation may never match his parents' lifestyle. His father's GM factory pay was enough to buy a home on several acres with a swimming pool — something Romine regards as a fantasy for him and his generation.

"I feel like right now I'm maintaining," he said.

An economy that grew faster than 3 percent would likely make it easier for the 3.6 million other Americans who have gone without a job for more than six months to find work.

By his own count, Brian Perry has applied for nearly 1,500 jobs since being let go as a law clerk in 2008.

The 56-year old Perry lives in Rhode Island, where the 9.1 percent unemployment rate is 2.5 percentage points above the national average.

Perry remains optimistic that a job is forthcoming. He thinks a more robust economy would create better opportunities for the long-term unemployed like

him. "More growth equals more potential," he said. "If you hire more people, there's more money in their pockets."

The weakness of the recovery stems in part from the usual lingering hangover from financial crises, according to research by

Harvard's Reinhart and Rogoff. Their research shows that it takes a decade to fully heal. Last month, they released a paper suggesting that the U.S. economy has actually fared well during this recovery compared with other economies that have suffered a financial crisis.

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## Practice what you preach, President Obama

■ What about the eroding protections of religious liberties in America?

President Obama gave a lovely speech at the recent National Prayer Breakfast — and one is reluctant to criticize.

But pry my jaw from the floorboards. Without a hint of irony, the president lamented eroding protections of religious liberty around the world.

Just not, apparently, in America. Nary a mention of the legal challenges to religious liberty now in play between this administration and the Catholic Church and other religious groups, as well as private businesses that contest the contraceptive mandate in Obamacare.

Missing was any mention of Hobby Lobby or the Little Sisters of the Poor — whose cases have recently reached the U.S. Supreme Court and that reveal the Obama administration's willingness to challenge rather than protect religious liberty in this country.

It is true that our religious-liberty issues are tamer than those mentioned by Obama. We don't slaughter people for their religious beliefs. We don't use blasphemy laws to repress people. But we are in the midst of a muddle about where religion and state draw their red lines, and it isn't going so well for the religious-liberty lobby.

As it turns out, many in the audience

**KATHLEEN PARKER**

Washington Post Writers Group



were reaching for their own jaws when Obama got to the liberty section of his speech, according to several people who attended the breakfast. Michael Cromartie, vice president of the Ethics and Public Policy Center, summed up the general reaction of many with whom he spoke: "Stunned."

"Several people said afterward how encouraged they would have been by President Obama's remarks if only his acts reflected what he said," Cromartie told me.

One table was applauding only out of politeness, according to Jerry Pattengale, who was sitting with Steve Green — president of the Hobby Lobby stores that have challenged Obamacare's contraceptive mandate. Pattengale described the experience as "surrealistic."

The government's position is that because Hobby Lobby is a for-profit business, the owners' religious beliefs can't be imposed on their employees. Hobby Lobby insists it shouldn't have to sacrifice its Christian beliefs regarding human life.

Pattengale, assistant provost at Indiana Wesleyan University and research consultant to the Green family, also noted the disconnect between the president's message and policies at home that "are creating a queue at the Supreme Court."

Perhaps Obama's advisers counted on the good will of the audience. Or they reckoned that juxtaposed against atrocities committed elsewhere, our debates about birth control might be viewed as not much ado.

It is understandable that many Americans might not see these legal challenges as especially pressing, especially if they'd just like insurance coverage for contraception — a position with which I personally have no disagreement. But these cases are more than a debate about birth control. They have far-reaching implications and, as Obama pointed out, there is a strong correlation between religious freedom and a nation's stability.

"History shows that nations that uphold the rights of their people — including the freedom of religion — are ultimately more just and more peaceful and more successful."

Since this is so, one wonders why the Obama administration is so dedicated to forcing people to act against their own conscience. By requiring through the contraceptive mandate that some religious-affiliated groups provide health plans covering what they consider abortifacient contraceptives, isn't the Obama administra-

tion effectively imposing its own religious rules? *Thou shalt not protect unborn life.*

The answer to this question is above my paygrade, as Obama memorably answered when asked by Pastor Rick Warren when life begins. The more germane question to cases such as Hobby Lobby and the Little Sisters is whether the government can accomplish its goal of making free contraception available without burdening religious objectors. Can't women in Colorado get contraception without forcing the Little Sisters, a group of nuns who care for the elderly, to violate their core beliefs? Their charitable work could not long survive under penalties the government would impose on them for non-compliance.

For now, the Little Sisters have been granted a reprieve, thanks to Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor. Arguments in the Hobby Lobby case are scheduled for March, with a decision expected in June. Meanwhile, another case settled in 2012 reveals much about this administration's willingness to challenge religious freedom. In Hosanna-Tabor Evangelical Lutheran Church and School v. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the question boiled down to whether the government can decide when a church hires as minister. Since when?

Not yet. In a rare move, all nine justices ruled against the government stating that the federal government does not, alas, get to direct who preaches the Gospel. But it wanted to.

### OUR VIEW

## Who's ready for the primary elections?

There are eight days left until early voting for the 2014 primary elections. Are you ready? You probably don't think that you are. Even the most hard-core politico can't tell you how every candidate running for every office stands on every issue.

The Reporter-Telegram hopes we can make it a little easier.

We have already provided coverage of community forums and offered lengthy coverage of the District 31 state Senate race between Kel Seliger and Mike Canon. We also have profiled and reported on the county judge contest between Mike Bradford and Kathy Reeves.

In both cases they have provided op-eds to help inform the reader.

This weekend, that will continue. In Sunday's issue we will offer our early voting preview that we expect will help prepare you, especially Republicans, for a long primary day ballot.

As usual, we have partnered with the League of Women Voters to publish its election guide. It is one of the biggest in recent memory.

In the Sunday edition, we also will dedicate Section B to everything having to do with the local and state races facing Midland County residents.

It will include:

■ Speaking-outs from state Senate, county judge, District 318th judge and court chairman candidates. In those op-eds you will learn about the candidates, their issues and their experience in their own words.

■ Articles about the state Senate and county judge's races. Those candidates have spent tens of thousands of dollars to claim victory on March 4.

■ Reports from editorial board meetings with congressional candidates Mike Conaway and Wade Brown.

In our Oil Report that day, we will focus on the Railroad Commission and comptroller's races. We will attempt to explain who are Becky Berger, Ryan Sitton, Malachi Boyuls and Wayne Christian, and why they want to join David Porter and Christi Craddock on the commission that oversees oil and gas in the state of Texas.

We also will include a report on the comptroller's race and an explanation on why it matters to those in the oil and gas business.

Lastly, we will provide information about voting that will help you plan your trip to a ballot box across Midland during the two-week stretch when more than 50 percent of all county voters make their vote count.

Between now and the start of early voting on Feb. 18, the Reporter-Telegram Editorial Board also will offer endorsements on some of the races. The final list of endorsements has not been decided. We also will include endorsement lists from our sister Hearst newspapers (Houston Chronicle and San Antonio Express-News) and other organizations across the state.

The point of all this coverage isn't for you to cast a ballot or vote for the person our Editorial Board likes best, but we hope we can offer enough content for our readers to cast an informed ballot. Again, for Republicans, this is an important primary, one of the most contested in recent memory.

It's also the start of a busy election process in 2014. We hope you are ready for the first of many trips to the ballot box.

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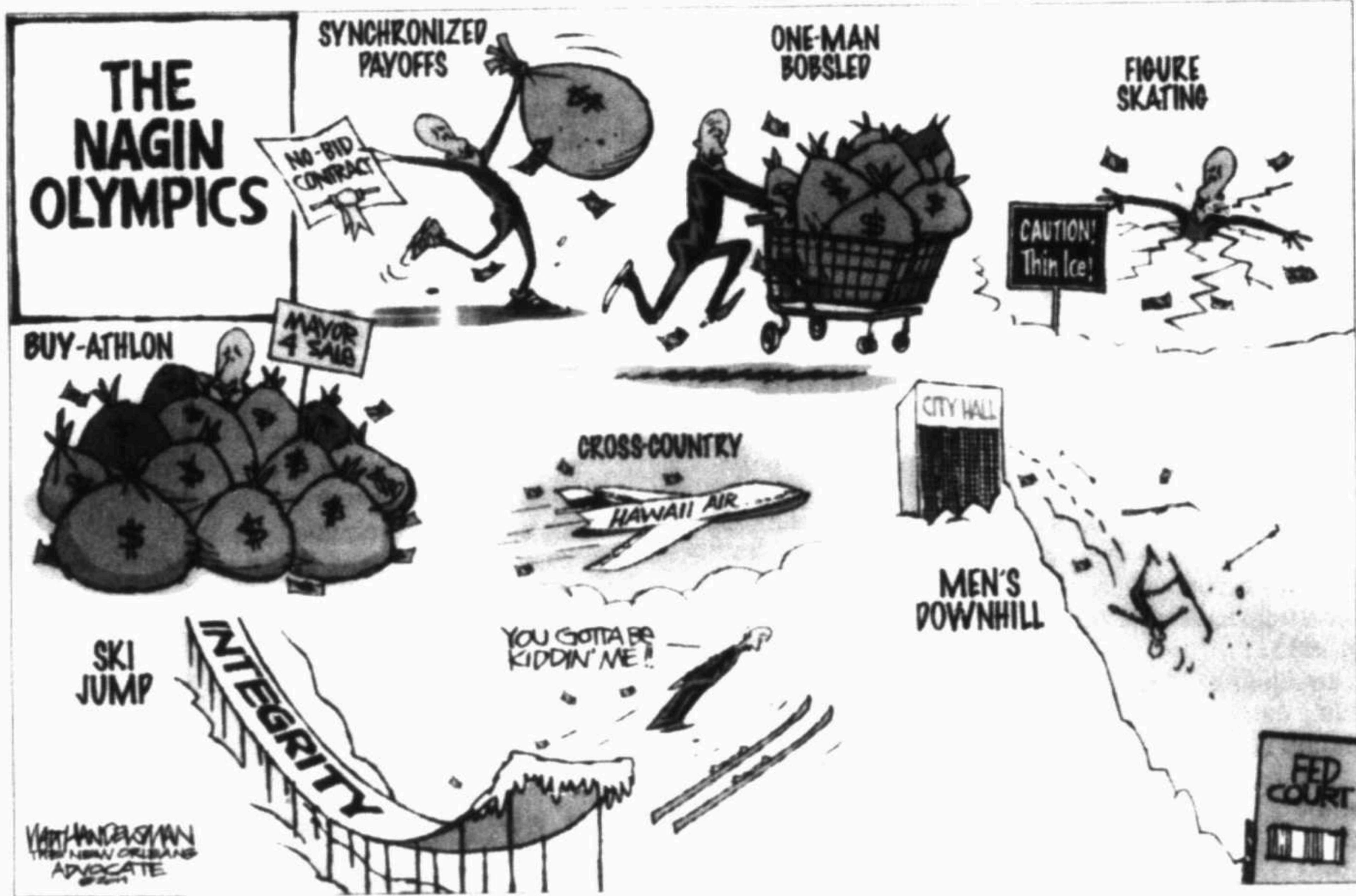
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## Republicans turn on their own

■ In trying to tear up Dewhurst, candidates send signal about current GOP leadership in Austin

**KEN HERMAN**  
City Newspapers



A generation of GOP leadership has left Texas in kind of a mess. Schools aren't what they should be. Crippling water shortages loom. Our transportation system hasn't kept up with our growth. The state hasn't done enough on border security.

I know this because three Republicans told me about it. And these are Repubs who've been in state government for a collective 47 years.

They have to say this stuff because they have to convince GOP primary voters to oust three-term Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst.

"Folks, when it's time to trade in the car, it's time to trade in the car," said Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples, one of the three Repubs challenging Dewhurst in the March 4 primary. "He's a fine guy," Houston state Sen. Dan Patrick, another life guy candidate, said of Dewhurst. "And, again, I appreciate his public service. But there's only so much leadership anyone has in their tank and I think this last session we saw that tank of leadership was going dry."

Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson, who also wants Dewhurst's post, might have taken this to its most troubling level for Republicans when he said a Democrat is his model for how to do the job.

What we have here are Texas Republicans trying to bring down an incumbent of their own. Turns out it's just like running against a Democratic incumbent — something no statewide GOP candidate has had to do in a long, long time. You have to persuade voters that things are bad, very bad, or at least could be a lot better.

So the intramural crosshairs were on Dewhurst Thursday at a Texas Association of Business appearance with his three increasingly aggressive primary foes.

"We're doing great," Dewhurst assured the crowd. "We really are."

Yes, he acknowledged, there are challenges ahead. But, thanks to his leadership, we're doing great.

Nuh uh, said the other three, taking turns highlighting what they see as failures.

"We have a 40 to 50 percent dropout rate in some of our inner city schools," said Senate

Education Committee Chairman Patrick. "There's no future in Texas, folks, for those students or for their families."

"When it comes to water planning and finding solutions this last decade," Staples said, "where's the leadership been? When it comes to education and focusing on outcomes, where's the leadership been?"

Said Patterson, "We also need to recognize that we don't really have a water plan. We have a water wish list."

At one point, Staples lobbed this: "The economy is moving forward, but it's moving forward not because of the incumbent lieutenant governor but in spite of him."

Ouch. "With all due respect," Dewhurst said, defending against the three-way attack, "there's a big difference between talk and having had the job and getting things done."

He spoke of progress on big problems and a record of tax cuts.

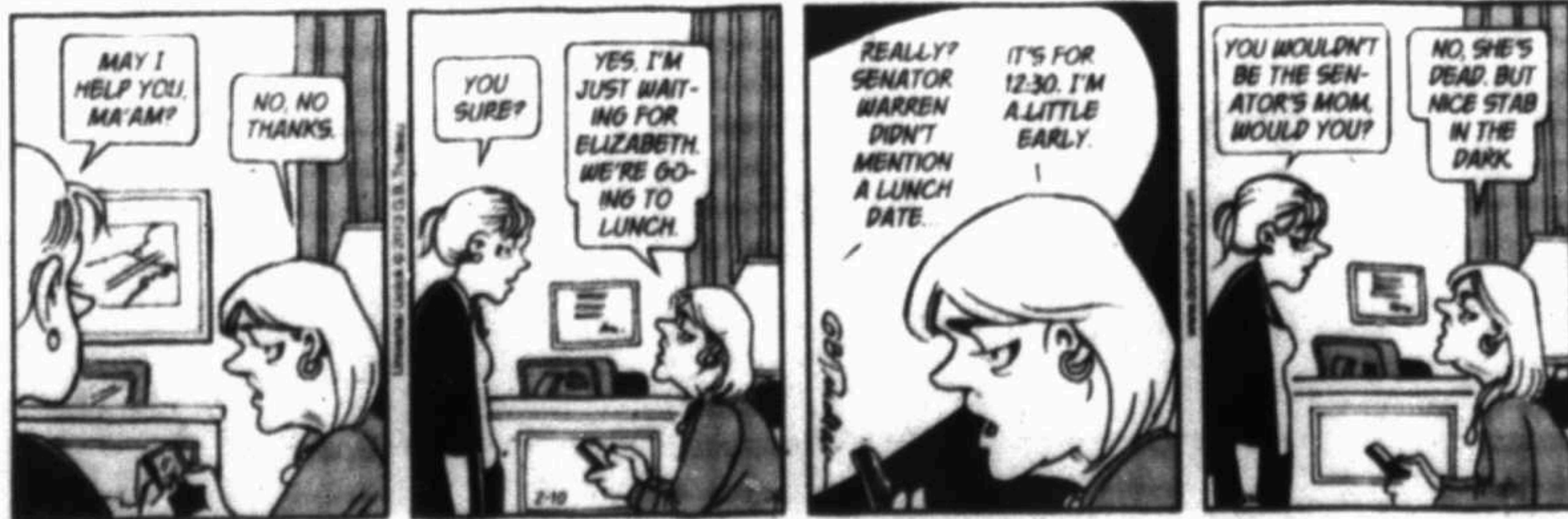
Patrick parried with this question to the audience: "Do you feel like your taxes have been cut?"

Democrats must love watching Republicans carve each other up the way Democrats used to do when their primaries mattered. Patterson on Thursday expressed something of a hankering for Democratic leadership.

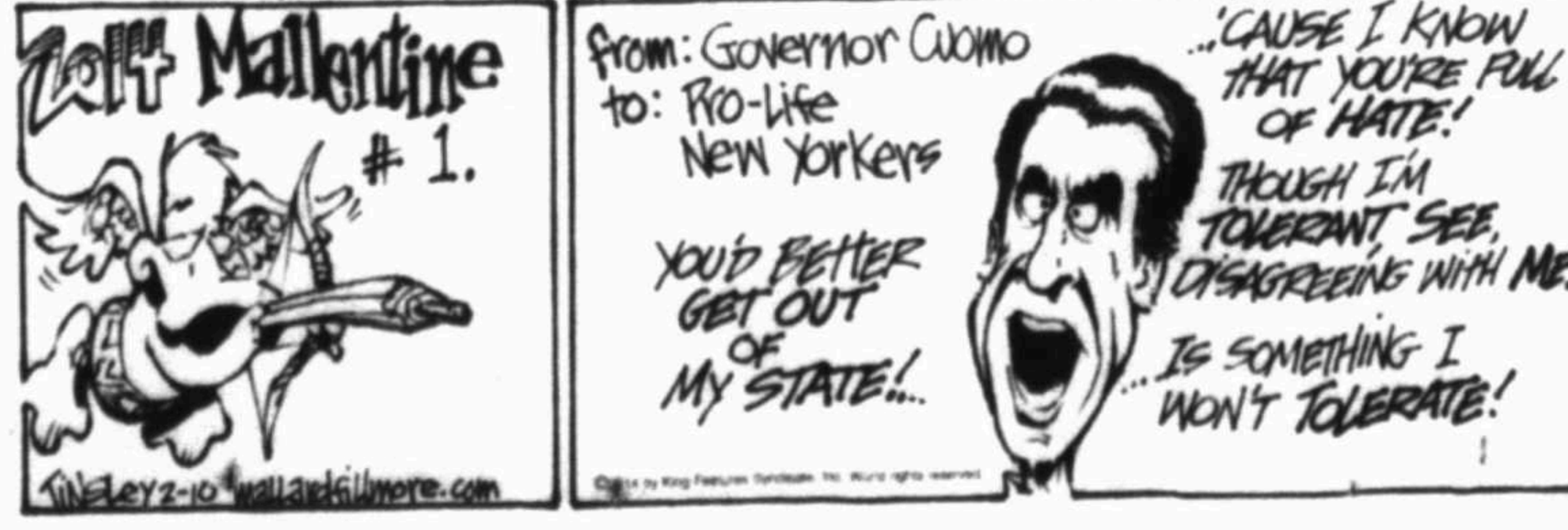
"I have a model for leadership and he's a crusty old Democrat, a former lieutenant governor named Bob Bullock. And I know about all the stories about Bullock before when he used to shoot up beer joints and do all these crazy things," Patterson said. "But when I knew Bob Bullock in the six years I served with him (in the Texas Senate), he cared only about one thing, and that was doing what is right for Texas."

Novel thought, isn't it, as we watch these four candidates battle over what is further to the right for Texas.

### From the Left | Doonesbury



### From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



# NATION BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

## SEATTLE Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg biggest giver in 2013

Mark Zuckerberg and his wife, Priscilla Chan, were the most generous American philanthropists in 2013, with a donation of 18 million shares of Facebook stock, valued at more than \$970 million, to a Silicon Valley nonprofit in December.

The Chronicle of Philanthropy reported today that Zuckerberg's donation was the largest charitable gift on the public record in 2013 and put the young couple at the top of the magazine's annual list of 50 most generous Americans in 2013.

The top 50 contributors made donations last year totaling \$7.7 billion, plus pledges of \$2.9 billion.

Some of the nation's biggest givers do not appear on the 2013 list, not because they stopped being generous, but because their donations in 2013 were counted as pledges in previous years.

For example, Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates and his wife, Melinda, gave their foundation slightly more than \$181.3 million last year, but they were paying off a pledge of about \$3.3 billion they made in 2004. CNN-founder Ted Turner and Berkshire Hathaway chairman Warren Buffett also made large gifts toward previous pledges.

It took gifts totaling at least \$37.5 million to make the list this year. Forty-two of the top 50 made gifts of \$50 million or more.

Thirty made big gifts to colleges and universities, but Palmer noted most college gifts went to science and research this year, not to buildings, as in previous years.

Ten of the 50 made the list because of bequests after their deaths, including the second biggest giver in 2013, George Mitchell, a Galveston man who made his fortune in energy and real estate.

At No. 3 were Nike chairman Philip Knight and his wife, Penelope, of Portland, Ore., who made a \$500 million challenge grant to Oregon Health & Science University Foundation for cancer research. The Knight pledge requires the university match it within the next two years.

No. 4 was philanthropist and former New York mayor Michael Bloomberg, who made gifts totaling \$452 million in 2013 to arts, education, environment, public health and other causes.

## AOL reverses unpopular retirement plan move

AOL Corp. CEO Tim Armstrong has abandoned an unpopular plan to delay company contributions to employee retirement ac-

counts and apologized for citing two high-cost births as part of the impetus for the plan.

"We heard you on this topic," Armstrong wrote in a letter to employees Saturday.

In a move to cut costs, AOL had decided to pay matching 401(k) retirement contributions in one lump sum at the end of the year. Workers who left the company before the end of the year would have received no contributions, and all workers would sacrifice interest or earnings on those contributions throughout the year.

After a worker backlash, Armstrong said the company would return to depositing matching contributions every pay period throughout the year.

In the letter Saturday, Armstrong also apologized for bringing up specific health care examples during a town hall meeting in which the retirement plan was discussed. During the meeting, Armstrong cited higher health care costs in general and mentioned the high cost of health care for two women who gave birth to "distressed babies."

## NEW MEXICO Actress Marsha Mason sells her medicinal herb farm

SANTA FE — Actress Marsha Mason, the star of films such as "The Goodbye Girl," is saying goodbye to farm life.

Mason told The Santa Fe New Mexican that she has finally sold her 247-acre farm in Abiquiu, N.M.

The sale on the property, which had been listed for more than six years, closed Jan. 31.

Despite being put on the market for \$11 million, the new owners paid \$6.2 million.

Mason said she bought the farm in the 1990s and turned it into an operation for her medicinal herbs business.

The Oscar-nominated actress still has a house in Santa Fe. She plans to maintain the herb business while focusing on acting.

Her recent credits include a recurring role on the ABC comedy, "The Middle," as the mother of Patricia Heaton's character.

# US easing immigration rule for terrorist support

By Alicia A. Calswell  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration has eased the rules for would-be asylum-seekers, refugees and others who hope to come to the United States or stay here and who gave "limited" support to terrorists or terrorist groups.

The change is one of President Barack Obama's first actions on immigration since he pledged during his State of the Union address last month to use more executive directives.

The Department of Homeland Security and the State Department said that people considered to have provided "limited material support" to terrorists or terrorist groups are no longer automatically barred from the United States.

A post-Sept. 11 provision in immigrant law, known as terrorism related inadmissibility grounds, had affected anyone considered to have given support. With little exception, the provision has been applied rigidly to those trying to enter the U.S. and those already here but wanting to change their immigration status.

For Morteza Assadi, a 49-year-old real estate agent in northern Virginia, the law has left him in a sort of immigration purgatory while his green card application has been on hold for more than a decade.

As a teenager in Tehran, Iran, in the early 1980s, Assadi distributed fliers for a mujahedeen group that opposed the government of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini and was at one time considered a terrorist organization by the U.S. government. Assadi said he told the U.S. government about his activities when he and his wife applied for asylum in the late 1990s. Those requests were later granted and his wife has since become a U.S. citizen. But Assadi's case has remained stalled.

"When we are teenagers, we have different mindsets," Assadi said. "I thought, I'm doing my country a favor."

Assadi said he only briefly associated with the group, which was removed from Washington's list of terrorist organizations



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Real estate agent Morteza Assadi, 49, sits in his home Friday in Vienna, Va. The Obama administration has eased the rules for would-be asylum seekers, refugees and others who hope to come to the United States or stay here and who gave "limited" support to terrorists or terrorist groups. For Assadi, the law has left him in a sort of immigration purgatory while his green card application has been on hold for more than a decade.

in 2012, and that he was never an active member or contributor to its activities. Now he's hopeful that the U.S. government will look at his teenage activities as "limited."

His lawyer, Parastoo Zahedi, said she has filed case in federal court to force U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to process Assadi's green card application, but now she hopes the government will act on its own.

"In the past, the minute your name was associated with a (terrorist) organization you were being punished," Zahedi said. "Not every act is a terrorist act, and you can't just lump everyone together."

The Homeland Security Department said in a statement that the rule change, which was announced last week and not made in concert with Congress, gives the government more discretion, but won't open the country to terrorists or their sympathizers. People seeking refugee status, asylum and visas, including those already in the United States, still will be checked to make sure they don't

pose a threat to national security or public safety, the department said.

In the past, the provision has been criticized for allowing few exemptions beyond providing medical care or acting under duress. The change now allows officials to consider whether the support was not only limited but potentially part of "routine commercial transactions or routine social transactions."

"Refugee applicants are subject to more security checks than any other category of traveler to the United States," Homeland Security spokesman Peter Boogaard said. "Nothing in these exemptions changes the rigorous, multilayered security screening we do."

The change does not specifically address "freedom fighters" who may have fought against an established government, including members of rebel groups who have led revolts in Arab Spring uprisings.

In late 2011, Citizenship and Immigration Services said about 4,400 affected cases were on hold as the government reviewed

possible exemptions to the rule. It's unclear how many of those cases are still pending.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said the rule change will help people he described as deserving refugees and asylum-seekers.

"The existing interpretation was so broad as to be unworkable," Leahy, D-Vt., said in a statement. He said the previous rule barred applicants for reasons "that no rational person would consider."

Republican lawmakers argued that the administration is relaxing rules designed by Congress to protect the country from terrorists.

Rep. Bob Goodlatte, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, called the change naive given today's global terrorist threats.

"President Obama should be protecting U.S. citizens rather than taking a chance on those who are aiding and abetting terrorist activity and putting Americans at greater risk," said Goodlatte, R-Va.

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## ROTARY CLUB



**ABOVE**  
Tiffany Blakely, of Farmers Insurance, reacts after she was named the winner of the grand prize \$4,000 vacation at the Midland West Rotary Club fundraiser Jan. 25 at Green Tree Country Club.

**LEFT**  
RoseAnna Richardson, of Total Office Solutions, and Patti Faychak, of Lamar Advertising, were among those in attendance at the Rotary banquet.

**TOP**  
Guests participate in a conga line to music provided by a DJ.

*Photos by James Durbin*



## WEST TEXAS SPORTS BANQUET

The annual West Texas Sports Banquet was Thursday at Midland Country Club. It featured live and silent auctions and keynote speaker Bob Boone, currently an executive with the Washington Nationals and a former major league player and manager. Other speakers included Midland RockHounds owner Bob Richmond, top left, and manager Aaron Nieckula, left center.

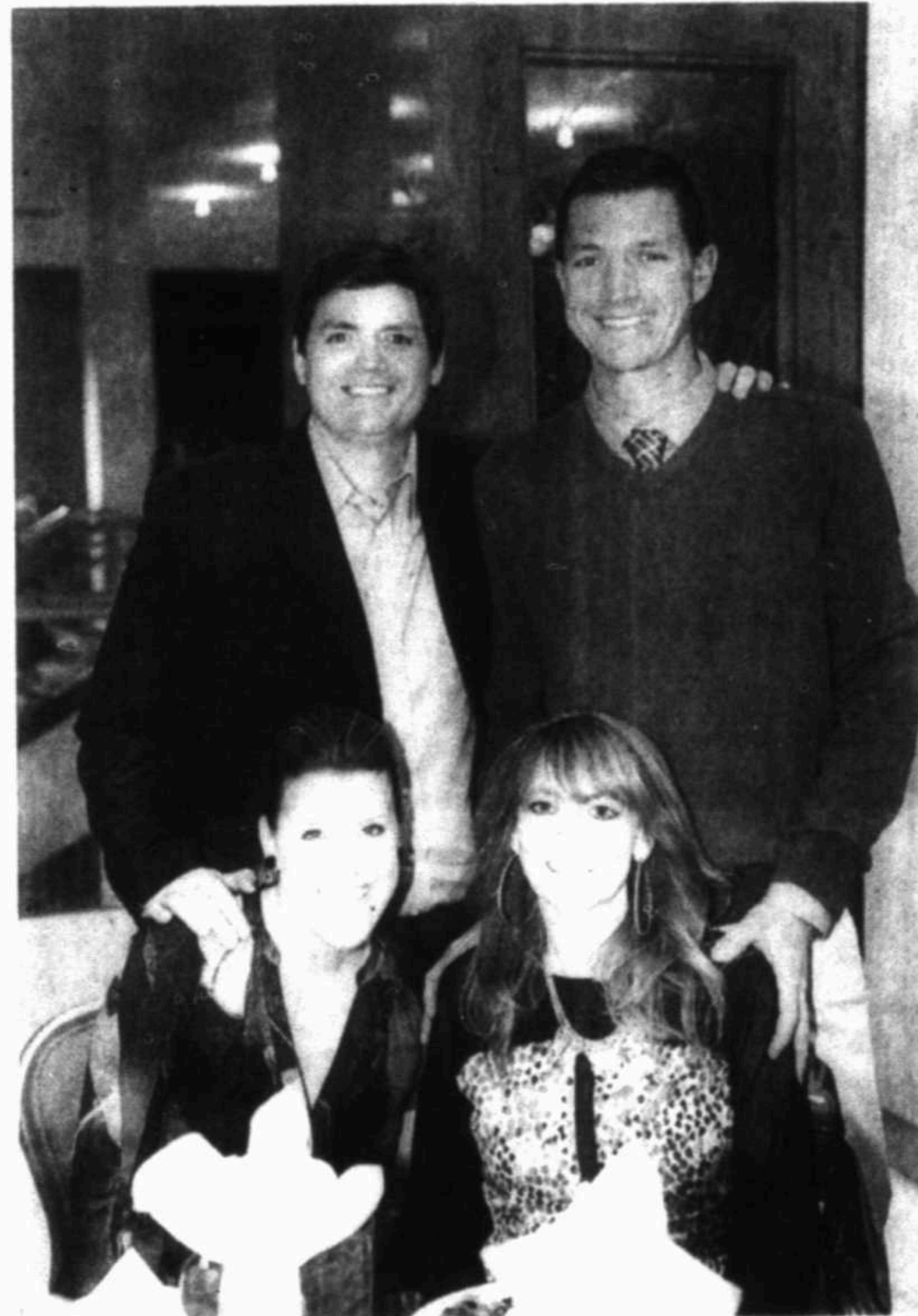
**ABOVE**  
During the banquet, RockHounds announcer Bob Hards, right, presented the Scott Seator Community Achievement Award to Midland Christian head football coach Greg McClendon, left. McClendon accepted the award with his son, Mason, the Mustangs' quarterback. **Past Scott Seator Award Winners on 4B**

**LEFT BOTTOM**  
Before the banquet, Midlander Randy Velarde, left, a former major league infielder, visits with Oakland Athletics executive Grady Fuson.

*Photos by James Durbin*



# SPEAKER SERIES



Trinity School of Midland hosted the fifth annual "Sweetie" and Hal Clay Peck Memorial Speaker Series Tuesday at the Petroleum Club. New York Times bestselling author Bruce Feiler, far left, spoke to attendees about his book, "The Secrets to a Happy Family." Among those attending were:

**TOP RIGHT**  
Elizabeth and Michael McWilliams.

**ABOVE**  
Beth and Thomas LaFarelle, from left, Antwan Alexander, Shane and Sarah Roberts.

**TOP LEFT**  
Laura Johnson, from left, Jennifer McNeel and Ann Bell.

**LEFT**  
Jerry Lewis, top left, Camron Stotts, Lana Lewis, bottom left, and Jami Stotts. The endowed speaker series was established five years ago by Patti Peck Wood as a way to honor her parents. The annual event provides parents of students at Trinity School and the wider community with opportunity to learn more about the important role of positively influencing their children's lives.

Courtesy photos



## Midlander turns 102

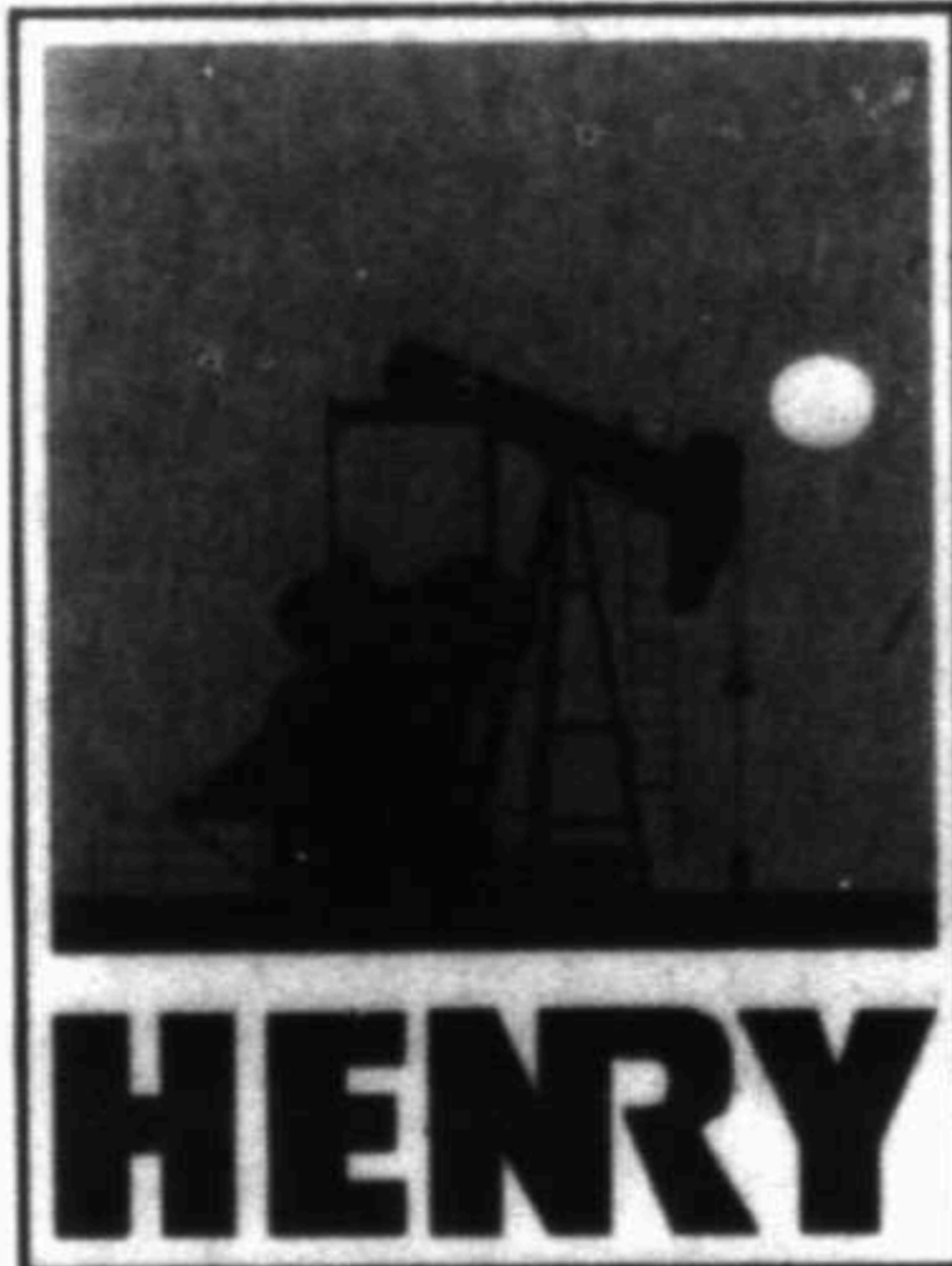
Midlander Eva Hagle celebrated her 102nd birthday on Jan. 28 and was honored at three parties hosted by her daughter and son-in-law, Rita and Howard Ehler, also of Midland. Hagle was born on a Hamlin-area ranch, where she was raised. She and her husband, John, were married in July 1938 and during World War II moved to California

for work in Cal Ship Yard in Wilmington. After the war the couple moved to Crane, where Hagle lived until moving to California in 1977. She has lived in Midland since 1981.

Hagle dances Tuesday nights at the Permian Basin Dance Club. She has two grandsons and five great-grandchildren.

Source: Rita Ehler

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BY MARILYN MCKNIGHT HARRISON



**MUSEUM RECEPTION**

**ABOVE**  
Alison Peeler, from left, George and Nancy Patterson and the Rev. Kathryn Boren.

**RIGHT**  
Kent and Vivian Moss, from left, and Barnaby Fitzgerald.



**LADIES OF THE PETROLEUM CLUB**

**ABOVE**  
Diane Brown, left, and Betty Ewan



**LEFT**  
Carol Bynum, from left, Joan Henry and Dorothy Moring



**CRUISE**

Jim and Lyn Miller.



**PETROLEUM MUSEUM LECTURE**

Danny Jordan, from left, Edna and Mack Hibbits



**MCC LADIES ASSOCIATION**

**LEFT**  
Virginia Jones, from left, Elizabeth Greaves and Sylvia Laufer

**ABOVE**  
Ann Herbig, from left, Kay Smith, Leila Seal and Sudy Bedford

**MUSEUM RECEPTION**  
The Museum of the Southwest opened its 2014 Contemporary Artist Series on Jan. 24 with a meet-the-artist reception in the Here and Now Gallery. A large crowd turned out to see the works of Barnaby Fitzgerald, a professor of painting at Southern Methodist University. His is the first of five exhibitions to be featured this year. All of the artists come from different areas of the state, hence the title for the series, Texas NEWS (North, East, West, South). Fitzgerald, who was introduced by Wendy Earle, curator of the museum's collections and exhibitions, gave a brief gallery talk and discussed his work with guests. The artist was raised in Italy, but lived for a while in Massachusetts, where he studied at Boston and Yale universities, before settling in Texas. He divides his time between teaching and painting in the U.S. and painting in Central Italy and West Africa. Vivian and Kent Moss hosted the reception. They also entertained the artist at a private dinner afterward at The Garlic Press. Among those seen at the reception were Jan and Roger Artley, Mary Jane and Bob Young, Elsie and Harry Hugly, Joyce Hauke, the Rev. Kathryn Boren, Carole and Stan Jacobs, Alison Peeler and Jaime Alexander. The exhibition, "Moments, Still

Lives and Figures," will be on view through March 23.

**CARIBBEAN CRUISE**  
Midlanders Lyn and Jim Miller recently returned from a seven-day cruise to Jamaica, Grand Cayman Island and Cozumel, Mexico. They joined friends Vince Vance & the Valiants for Vance's annual Birthday Cruise. The approximately 200 guests in their party enjoyed private shows of 1950s and '60s music by the band. Before the Millers boarded Royal Caribbean's Serenade of the Seas at the Port of New Orleans, they enjoyed two meals in the French Quarter — Deanie's Restaurant and The Court of Two Sisters Restaurant. A special event during the first day at sea was a Mardi Gras parade with the theme, "Pirates of the Caribbean." Dressed in themed attire, the Millers, members of the Krewe of Vince Vance, threw Mardi Gras beads to the onlookers as the parade made its way through the ship and on deck. Ports of call were Falmouth, Jamaica; George Town in Grand Cayman, and Cozumel. The Millers enjoyed touring with friends, George Schmidt Sr. and wife, Melanie, of Baton Rouge, La., and Ernest Guerra and wife, Patsy, of Slidell, La. On their last day at sea, they attended a special show, which fea-

tured Dave Karl in an "Afternoon with Sounds of Kenny Rogers." Husband and wife singing duo, Jeff and Natasha Monette, wowed the Ladies of the Petroleum Club at the February luncheon meeting with "In the Name of Love," their musical tribute to Valentine's Day. The couple, who both sing with the Houston Grand Opera, entertained with selections from famous operas by well-known composers such as Mozart and Saint-Saens, as well as the little known one-act, "Trouble in Tahiti," written by Leonard Bernstein in the 1960s, and Broadway shows, including "Les Miserables," "Camelot," "Oklahoma" and "Phantom of the Opera." They were accompanied by pianist Shari Santorelli. Jeff is the son of Midlander Kay Brahaney; Natasha was born and raised in Southern California. Cathy Burgess, president, recognized her board, and Sara St. Clair introduced the program. The luncheon featured the club's signature chicken crepes and strawberry cake. Among those spotted in the ballroom were Charlene Michaelson, Beth Mitchell, Hallie McCarter, Jeannine Donnelly, Carole Hinkle, Toni Midkiff, and Elizabeth Blankinship, with her daughter, Barbra Grafia, and

granddaughter, Tiffany Meade.

**MCC LADIES' ASSOCIATION**  
Executive chef Leo Garcia presented a cooking class for the Midland Country Club's Ladies' Association's January meeting. Garcia demonstrated the preparations for a three-course meal — identical to the menu for that day's luncheon. It included arugula salad, pan-seared beef tenderloin medallions and chocolate pecan pie. Garcia has been with the country club since 2008, first as a sous chef. He has been executive chef since 2010. Door prize winners were Kim Hatchett and Karen King. One winner at each table received the centerpiece — a flower arrangement, accented with wooden cooking utensils, in a hob nail, milk glass Mason jar. Among those spotted in the crowd were Olivia Sedbrook, Stephanie Luttrell, Doris Redfern, Anne Herbig, Rhonda Davis, Evalyn Halvorsen and Barbara Culver Clack.

**PETROLEUM LECTURE SERIES**  
Midland artist Danny Jordan led off the Petroleum Museum's 2014 Brown Bag Lunch and Lecture Series on Jan. 23 with a talk about his paintings, his love of art and his career. In introductory remarks, Hal

Combs, the museum's director of programs and events, said, "His artwork spans the spectrum of many genres from sport/fishing images to oilfield scenes and from pet portraits to Hill Country landscapes." Jordan told his audience how his journey into the world of art began as early as the third grade and paid tribute to his mentors. He also shared how he balanced life with art and playing baseball in college and now is balancing life with art and his work in the oilfield. He is senior mud engineer and sales representative for Horizon Mud Co. Jordan has been painting professionally for 18 years. Four of his works are included in the permanent collection at the Petroleum Museum. He was commissioned to paint a 202-square-foot painting for Scharbauer Sports Complex's baseball stadium and also was commissioned to paint for Congressman Mike Conaway's office in Washington, D.C. Several prominent sports figures also are owners of his paintings. Seen enjoying the program were Sidney Stevens with her son, Henry Stevens, of The Woodlands; Kay and Jim Sommer, Dolly and Rayford Calhoun, Diane Browne, Edna and Mack Hibbits and Chris Snider.

Honored at Midland Crime Stoppers annual banquet were Jay Hendricks, master of ceremonies, from left, Lt. Glenn Adamson; Lt. Donald Graham; Deputy U.S. Marshal Kyle Wendlandt; Connie Staton, Kathy Armstrong and Maxine Hannifin, advisory members; Crystal Urias, San Jacinto Junior High assistant principal; Officer John Champion; Investigator James Howard; and Judge David Cobos, justice of the peace for Precinct 2.



Courtesy photo

## Crime Stoppers banquet honors officers, others

From staff reports

Local law enforcement officers and others were honored at Midland Crime Stoppers' 30th annual banquet, which was Jan. 30 at Midland Country Club. Officer of the Year and Campus of the Year award recipients are: Sergeant Craig Matthews, Midland Police Department; Fire Investigator James Howard, Midland Fire Department;

Lt. Donald Graham, Midland County Sheriff's Office; Deputy U.S. Marshal Kyle Wendlandt, U.S. Marshal Service; Lt. Glenn Adamson, Department of Public Safety; and San Jacinto Junior High, Campus of the Year Award. Also honored were current board and/or advisory members who have served 20 or more years: Connie Stanton, Kathy Armstrong, Tom E. Johnson and Alan Holmes,



**TOOLBOX BASH**

**TOP**  
Toolbox Bash, for the benefit of Midland Habitat for Humanity, was Jan. 25 at Commemorative Air Force hangar. About 500 people attended the annual event, which raised nearly \$74,000.

**BOTTOM**  
Habitat Executive Director Alynda Best presented the Mark B. Merritt Golden Hammer Award to Mayor Jerry Morales, who accepted it on behalf of the city of Midland.

Top photo by Mary Powers  
Bottom photo courtesy



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**ASCO RAISES FUNDS**

Employees of ASCO Equipment, a Texas-based construction equipment distributor, held fundraisers last year for Texas Children's Miracle Network. Midland and Odessa employees, including Victor Loya, from left, J.R. Olague, Bobby Salinas, and Chris Thomason, participated in a playshoot. More than \$250,000 was raised by ASCO for Texas Children's Miracle Network hospitals, including Medical Center Hospital in Odessa.

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1993	Chuck Swallow	City of Midland
1994	Doc Dodson	Midland High School
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1996	Ted Battles	Midland Reporter-Telegram
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	John Parchman	Midland Lee Football
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2004	Freddy & Virginia Ezell	Midland United Girls Softball
2006	Johnny Oldham	Jackalopes Youth Hockey
2007	Kevin Shelburne	Midland Soccer Association
2008	Davis Corley	MISD Athletic Director
2009	Steve Jumper	MJBA
2010	Ron Jones	Midland College Basketball
2011	Kyle Huckaba	GMFL
2012	Gary Gaines	Permian High School
2013	Greg McClendon	Midland Christian

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- Jan. 14**  
Anguish-Pistole, Janette Kuzmich-Servatius, Debbie Kemp-Ricki Perry, Tommie Strack-Marlene Blumentritt, Betty Marlow-Bitsy Loewenstein, Brenda Brauner-Higgins
- Jan. 15**  
Anguish-Pistole, Flo Curry-Blumentritt, Sewell-Harris, Helen South-Brenneman, Linda Scarpelli-Higgins
- Jan. 16**  
Don Troy-Pistole, Sewell-Servatius, Sarana Savage-Harris, Ann Parish-Edward McPherson, Bill Dent-Gloria Jackson, Patti Heard-Dorothy Baird, Les Neal-John Seymour
- Jan. 17**  
Thomas-Kemp, Vangie Lindsey-Anguish, Jane Myers-Curry, Strack-Blumentritt, Janet Stoltz-Bonnie Hubbard
- Jan. 19**  
Bob Bacon-Servatius-Thomson-Kemp, Fieta Pruett-Nancy Ward, Gregory Bartha-Frances Levin, Harris-Savage, McPherson-Parish
- Jan. 20**  
Roberta Bacon-B. Bacon, Curry-Blumentritt, Charlie Grimes-Roni Oppenheim, Brenneman-Servatius, Anguish-Sewell, South-Strack, Nancy Hollyfield-Shyla McGill, Harris-Savage
- Jan. 21**  
Pistole-Blumentritt, Thomas-Anguish, Kemp-Strack, Brenda Leonard-Helen Davis, Parish-Brenneman, Marlow-Loewenstein, Kuzmich-Peggy Cowan,

- Jan. 22**  
R. Bacon-B. Bacon, Servatius-Anguish, Harris-Sewell, Liza Philpy-Heard
- Jan. 23**  
Dent-Harris, Savage-Servatius, Leonard-Pistole, Troy-Sewell, Neal-Seymour, Scarpelli-Brenneman, Linda Farrar, Dorothy Blair, Jeanie Marsh-Kelly Murphy
- Jan. 24**  
Betty Dickerson-Bob Baker, Curry-Brenneman, Thomas-Blumentritt, Strack-South, Hubbard-Cowan, Kemp-Mills, Arrell-Philpy
- Jan. 26**  
Perry-Anguish, Marilyn Matthews-Thomson, Brenneman-South, Peggy Cook-Curry, Stoltz-Mills, Harris-Savage
- Jan. 27**  
Arrell-Thomas, R. Bacon-B. Bacon, Carol Hastings-Richard Stein, Anguish-Servatius, Harris-Marty Massie
- Jan. 28**  
Perry-Anguish, Kemp-Strack, Pistole-Servatius, Loewenstein-Marlow
- Jan. 29**  
R. Bacon-B. Bacon, Grimes-Stein, Parish-Harris, Higgins-Georgia Temple, Haard-Philpy
- Jan. 30**  
Troy-Grimes, Leonard-Davis, Scarpelli-Levin, Savage-Jackson, Neal-Seymour, Murphy-Marsh
- Jan. 31**  
Blumentritt-Curry, Hubbard-Stoltz, Gloria Crites-Pistole, Baker-K.C. Evans, Cowan-Strack
- Feb. 2**  
Kemp-Strack, Anguish-Perry, South-Brenneman, Grimes-Servatius, Shirley Davenport-Matthews, McGill-Parish

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**Mom: After In Balance, Kevin can better focus on his reading and schoolwork**

Now in fourth grade, Kevin Kitto had struggled for a while with being able to focus on reading and, by extension, on schoolwork in general. A very bright young man, he just couldn't focus long enough to absorb the information he needed to learn the material and make good grades. "The only time he could really focus was when he was watching a basketball game on TV," said his mom, Leslie.

The family was at a loss as to what to do. "We were frustrated we didn't know how to help him," his mom recalls. Then Kevin's paternal grandmother read about In Balance in the Midland Reporter-Telegram and passed the information on to Leslie. Leslie called In Balance owner Missy Dwyer and asked lots of questions. Missy allayed her concerns and Leslie brought Kevin to In Balance.

They started the first 12-week session in the summer, so the results weren't tested until a few weeks later, but what results they were! Once a boy who dreaded math, Kevin says he's now acing the math tests, with scores up to 30 points higher than he got last year.

His reading has gone through the roof as well, with scores of 100 on the accelerated reading tests. "I can definitely focus more and pay attention better," he reports.

Leslie reports that Kevin's father has noticed that his balance is better in the sports he plays, and that he listens more closely to what the coach is saying.

Kevin's teachers have noticed the im-

provement both in grades and in classroom decorum. Often when a student is able to learn better, behavior issues go away.

The results were so good for the first 12-week session they decided to do another in the fall.

It is not unusual for the student to be apprehensive before the first meeting, and Kevin was no exception. "He was skeptical," says Leslie.

Now he looks forward to every meeting, saying he enjoys balancing on the river stones and the alligator (tactile logs is the technical term for the plastic alligator). Leslie says Missy engages Kevin by asking about his interests and talking about them while they're going through the activities.

The In Balance program consists of a series of balancing activities designed to improve the brain's neural network, specifically the connection between the left and right hemispheres. These connections allow the brain to process information better.

The program helps people with ADD, ADHD, dyslexia, reading comprehension, brain injuries, Autism and fall risk, among others. It is effective for virtually every age group not just for children.

For other parents, Leslie sees In Balance as offering hope. "If parents



**After doing the In Balance program with Missy Dwyer, fourth grader Kevin Kitto can focus better on school work, which has helped him raise his grades to A's and B's. For more information, call Missy at 685-3556.**

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## Marcus Smart banned 3 games for shoving fan

By Cliff Brunt  
Associated Press

STILLWATER, Okla. — Marcus Smart was quiet and subdued as he apologized at a podium, a demeanor in stark contrast to the one that sent shockwaves through Oklahoma State's basketball program hours earlier.

Smart was suspended three games Sunday by the Big 12 for shoving a fan in the closing seconds of the Cowboys' loss at Texas Tech on Saturday night.

The conference acted swiftly in banning the All-America guard, saying in a statement the penalty was handed down for "inappropriate conduct with a spectator."

Smart apologized to the fan, his teammates and his family for his role in the altercation before coach Travis Ford expressed support for the sophomore without dismissing the severity of his actions.

"This is not how I conduct myself," said Smart, a top NBA prospect. "This is not how the program is run. This is not how I was raised. I let my emotions get the best of me. It's something I'll have to learn from, a lesson I'll have to learn with it — I'm taking full responsibility. No fingers pointing — this is all upon me."

Late in Saturday night's game at Lubbock, Smart tumbled out of bounds behind the basket after trying to block a shot. He was helped to his feet and then shoved Jeff Orr with two hands after it appeared the Red Raiders fan said something to him. Teammates quickly pulled Smart away as he pointed back and shouted in Orr's direction.

Smart will miss games against Texas, Oklahoma and Baylor. He can return for a Feb. 22 home game against Texas Tech. But Ford said Smart will be allowed to practice.

"These guys mean a lot to me, and for me not to be able to be out there with them — it hits me in my heart," Smart said.

Texas Tech released a statement saying it conducted a thorough investigation. Orr denied making a racial slur, and Tech said the evidence backs up Orr's statement.

Orr, who goes to many Texas Tech games every year, has voluntarily agreed to not attend any Red Raiders home or away games for the remainder of the season, according to the statement.

"I would like to take this opportunity to offer my sincere apologies to Marcus Smart, Oklahoma State, Tubby Smith and the Texas Tech Men's Basketball program," Orr said in the statement. "My actions last night were inappropriate and do not reflect myself or Texas Tech — a university I love dearly. I regret

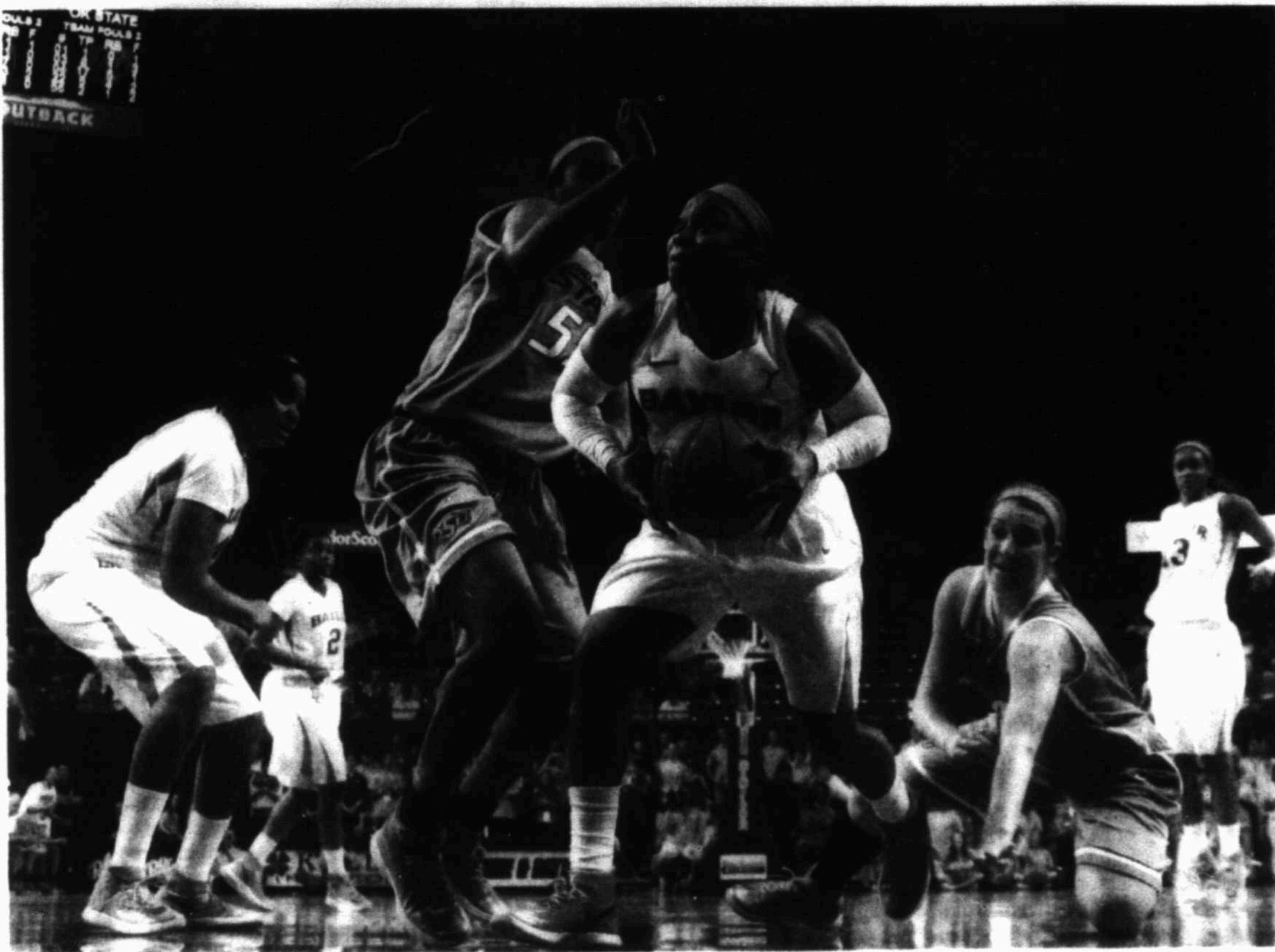


Tori Eichenberger/Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

Oklahoma State coach Travis Ford, center, Marcus Smart and Markel Brown (22) speak to the referee after Smart shoved a fan during Saturday's game in Lubbock.

Please see SMART/4C

## Lady Bears stop Cowgirls



Tony Gutierrez/AP

Oklahoma State's LaShawn Jones (55) and Liz Donohoe, front right, defend as Baylor's Odyssey Sims, center, prepares to go up to shoot in the second half of Sunday's game in Waco. Both teams wore uniforms accented with pink for breast cancer awareness.

## Sims scores 33 points in No. 7 Baylor's win

Associated Press

WACO — Odyssey Sims was determined to be better for No. 7 Baylor this time against No. 12 Oklahoma State.

All the nation's leader scorer had to do was slow down a bit.

Two weeks after being held to a season-low 17 points against the Cowgirls, though she did have the game-winning points in overtime, Sims had 33 points on 14-of-19 shooting in the rematch, and the Big 12 leading Lady Bears won 81-64 on Sunday.

"They didn't do anything different. I guess I was more focused in on the last game, trying my best not to have another one of those games," Sims said. "I was just very patient, letting the game come to me and score when I needed to."

Sims was 7-of-27 shooting without making a 3-pointer on eight chances from beyond the arc in 42 minutes in Stillwater, Okla., where she converted a three-point play with 3.8 seconds left in

No. 7 Lady Bears.....81  
No. 12 Cowgirls.....64

overtime for a 69-66 win.

At home, where Baylor (20-3, 10-1 Big 12) has now won 33 consecutive conference games, Sims finished with three 3-pointers and scored 19 points by halftime. She matched her scoring total of the first game on a jumper with 1:23 left in the first half.

"Obviously this is a very difficult place to play," Cowgirls coach Jim Littell said. "I've said since early in the season that Odyssey Sims is the best player in the country, and I think she showed that tonight. ... She's just a special player. We did a much better job on her up at Stillwater."

Freshman Nina Davis both finished with 15 points and Makenzie Robertson, Baylor's other senior starter, had 11. Niyah Johnson had 12 assists and Davis nine rebounds.

Robertson had eight points and Sims

seven in a 17-4 run over a 5-minute spurt in the first half that put the Lady Bears ahead to stay.

Baylor clinched its 14th consecutive 20-win season, all since coach Kim Mulkey became the coach. The Lady Bears have won two national championships in that run.

Liz Donohoe had 22 points for Oklahoma State (19-4, 8-4). Tiffany Bias and Kendra Suttles each had 11 points while Brittney Martin had 14 rebounds.

There were five lead changes in the first 8 1/2 minutes of the game. The sixth and last came when Robertson made the first of consecutive 3-pointers.

Robertson had six 3-pointers in the previous game against the Cowgirls.

Davis had a layup that got Baylor to 21-19, then Robertson hit 3s on the next two Baylor possessions. Sims then scored the next seven Baylor points, on a jumper, two free throws and a 3-pointer.

Please see BAYLOR/4C

## Aggies topple LSU in SEC showdown

No. 19 Aggies.....72  
No. 16 Tigers.....67

By Brent Zwerneman  
San Antonio Express-News

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M forward Courtney Williams is typically more about playing basketball than watching it, but she couldn't sprint to the Reed Arena video room on Sunday afternoon in euphoria.

"Coach (Gary) Blair always tells me to follow my shots," a grinning Williams said, later adding, "When we watch film, I'm going to tell him, 'I followed my shot.'"

Williams did exactly that, on a key play helping lift No. 19 A&M to a 72-67 victory over No. 16 LSU before 5,926 fans in Reed.

"That was arguably the best game in the SEC all year," a relieved Blair said. "I was just glad to be a part of it."

While the lead changed only once over 40 minutes, LSU (18-6, 7-4 SEC) never trailed A&M (18-6, 8-2) by more than seven points the entire contest. Williams missed a mid-range jump shot with 3:33 remaining and the Aggies clinging to a two-point lead, but adeptly followed her shot, snagged the rebound and scored a layup in traffic to lift A&M to a 64-60 advantage.

Teammate Courtney Walker later did the same after a Williams miss, and Walker's reverse lay-up following an offensive rebound shoved A&M to a 70-67 advantage with 54 seconds remaining.

"We had people in the right spots. I just felt A&M was tougher," LSU coach Nikki Caldwell said of the Aggies' five offensive rebounds (leading to seven points) in the final 3:33.

"They went to the boards harder, and you could see it in their body language in attacking the glass. We didn't match that physicality at all."

The Aggies had also prevailed 52-48 in Baton Rouge, La., a month earlier, and Blair's program holds a 3-1 edge in Southeastern Conference contests between the budding league rivals.

Still, Tigers guard Danielle Ballard was in no mood to concede anything to A&M — even after another LSU loss.

"It was our fault we lost," said Ballard, who tied Walker for the game's high scorer with 22 points. "We're better than Texas A&M, it's just that we didn't come out hard all the time. We take plays off."

Relayed Ballard's sentiment, Williams responded, "We are 2-0 against them."

The teams might meet in the SEC

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## Russia wins team figure skating for 1st gold; US takes bronze

By Barry Wilner  
Associated Press

SOCHI, Russia — A master showman and four-time Olympic medalist, Evgeni Plushenko knows brilliance on the ice.

He saw it Sunday night inside the Iceberg at Sochi's Olympic Park from a countrywoman half his age. And he is certain Russia's figure skating future is secure in the states of Julia Lipnitskaia.

"She is a genius," Plushenko said. Along with eight teammates, the 31-year-old veteran and 15-year-old Olympic rookie won the new event of team figure skating and lifted the host nation to its first gold medal of the Sochi Olympics. Together, they

put Russia back atop a sport it once dominated.

"My main motivation today," Lipnitskaia said, "was not to let the team down."

There was no chance of that in an arena packed with her exulting countrymen, including President Vladimir Putin. The Russians skated away from Canada and the United States to win the gold before the final free dance even started.

In no discipline did Russia finish worse than third, compiling 75 points to Canada's 65 that won silver and the 60 that gave bronze to the Americans.

It was a rout built on the experience of Plushenko, the consummate entertainer who now has two golds

and two silvers — a record for modern-era figure skaters.

It was victory capped by the freshness of Lipnitskaia, who donned a Russia baseball cap when she was done with her sublime tour of the ice, sat with her triumphant teammates and grinned like the school kid she is.

"I was calm," Lipnitskaia said, adding it was her coaches, parents and teammates who were nervous. "I'm happy with my marks, the scores overall, for the team and for all of Russia. I am so pleased all the country could help me."

That includes Plushenko, who personally congratulated the team after their

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Paul Chiasson/The Canadian Press

Meryl Davis and Charlie White, of the United States, perform their free dance in the ice dance portion of the team figure skating event at the Winter Olympics on Sunday in Sochi, Russia. The pair took the bronze.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

WHAT'S ON TV
BOXING
Junior middleweights, Julian Williams (14-0-1) vs. Alex Burema (31-10-2); welterweights, Errol Spence Jr. (10-0-0) vs. Peter Olough (12-6-2); welterweights, Fidel Maldonado Jr. (17-2-0) vs. John Nater (13-4-0), 9 p.m., Fox Sports 1
COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Miami at Florida St., 6 p.m., ESPN
Iowa St. at West Virginia, 6 p.m., ESPN
FS1 — Providence at Georgetown
Kansas at Kansas St., 8 p.m., ESPN
Maryland at Virginia, 8 p.m., ESPN
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
North Carolina at Duke, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Vanderbilt at Tennessee 8 p.m., ESPN2
WINTER OLYMPICS
At Sochi, Russia.
All events taped unless noted as live
Men's Speedskating - 500 Gold Medal Final; Men's Biathlon - 12.5km Pursuit Gold Medal Final, 2 p.m., NBC

Women's Alpine Skiing - Super Combined Gold Medal Final; Men's Freestyle Skiing - Moguls Gold Medal Final; Men's Short Track - 1500 Gold Medal Final, 7 p.m., NBC
Women's Short Track - Competition; Women's Luge - Competition, 11:05 p.m., NBC
Men's Speedskating - 500 Gold Medal Final (LIVE), 6:30 a.m., NBC Sports Network
Women's Luge - Competition (LIVE); Women's Curling - Sweden vs. Britain, 10:15 a.m., NBC Sports Network
Game of the Day: Hockey, 4 p.m., NBC Sports Network
Women's Curling - United States vs. Russia, 2 a.m., NBC Sports Network
Men's and Women's Cross-Country - Individual Sprint Competition (LIVE), 4 a.m., NBC Sports Network
Women's Hockey - Finland vs. Canada (LIVE), 9 a.m., MSNBC
Men's Curling - United States vs. Norway, 4 p.m., CNBC
Men's Curling - United States vs. China (LIVE), 4 a.m., USA

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY
JUNIOR COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL
Midland College at New Mexico Military Institute, 8 p.m.
JUNIOR COLLEGE GOLF
Midland College at WNMU Cactus Thaw, Lone Star GC, El Paso

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
National League
LOS ANGELES DODGERS - Placed LHP Josh Ebert on the 60-day DL
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
DETROIT PISTONS - Fired coach Maurice Cheeks
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS - Recalled F Arron Afflalo from Delaware (NBADL)
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
MONTREAL CANADIENS - Assigned D Nathan Beaulieu to Hamilton (AHL)
NASHVILLE PREDATORS - Reassigned F Simon Musil and Colton Sissons to Milwaukee AHL
NEW JERSEY DEVILS - Assigned D Jon Merrill to Albany (AHL)

PHOENIX COYOTES - Assigned F Tim Kennedy and D Connor Murphy to Portland (AHL)
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING - Reassigned F Vladislav Namestnikov and G Kristers Gudlevisks to Syracuse (AHL)
WASHINGTON CAPITALS - Reassigned D Julien Bruleau and Patrick Wey and C Casey Wellman to Hershey (AHL)
American Hockey League
SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE - Assigned F Anthony Licari to Concorde (ECHL)
COLLEGE
BIG 12 CONFERENCE - Suspended Oklahoma State sophomore basketball G Marcus Smart for three games for pushing a Texas Tech fan in a game on Saturday.

SKI REPORT

NEW MEXICO
Angel Fire - Sun 8:30 am packed powder machine groomed 26.28 base 69 of 78 trails 85% open 515 acres, 6 of 10 lifts, sm Mon-Thru 9a-4p Fri 9a-4p Sat 9a-4p Sun 9a-4p
Poudre - Recopen TBA Fri 9a-4p Sat Sun 9a-4p Open Fri Sun
Holt River - Sat 7:30 am packed powder machine groomed 21.24 base 51 of 57 trails 90% open 7 of 10 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat Sun 9a-4p
Sandra Peak - Sat 8:12 am MG machine groomed 23.21 base 35 of 39 trails 90% open 4 of 10 lifts, Sat Sun 9a-4p Open Sat Sun
Sagehorn - Sun 9:12 am packed powder machine groomed 21.29 base 30 of 41 trails 74% open 160 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, sm Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat Sun 9a-4p
Skutumpah - Sun 10 am variable machine groomed 26.28 base 68 of 52 trails 70% open 100 acres, 7 of 10 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat Sun 9a-4p
Skutumpah - Sat 9:25 am packed powder machine groomed 30.39 base 73 of 77 trails 81% open 117 of 118 lifts, sm Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat Sun 9a-4p
Ski Santa Fe - Sat 9:25 am packed powder machine groomed 30.39 base 73 of 77 trails 81% open 117 of 118 lifts, sm Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat Sun 9a-4p
Ski Santa Fe - Sun 9:49 am packed powder machine groomed 38.46 base 98 of 113 trails 81% open 117 of 118 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat Sun 9a-4p
Enchanted Forest XC - Sat 7:00 pm packed powder machine groomed 14.25 base 35 of 35 trails, 19 miles Mon-Fri 9a-4 30p Sat Sun 9a-4 30p
Colorado
Aspen Highlands - Sun 5:41 am 14 new powder machine groomed 17.72 base 107 of 107 trails 100% open 196 acres, 8 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat Sun 8:30a-4p
Aspen Highlands - Sun 8:11 am 6 new powder machine groomed 69.94 base 124 of 124 trails 100% open 1040 acres, 14 of 14 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat Sun 9a-4p
Aspen Mountain - Sun 8:10 am 2 new powder machine groomed 54.57 base 76 of 76 trails 100% open 675 acres, 10 of 8 lifts, sm Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat Sun 9a-4p
Aspen Mountain - Sun 8:13 am 2 new powder machine groomed 64.44 base 149 of 150 trails 100% open 1832 acres, 24 of 25 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4 30p Sat Sun 8:30a-4 30p
Breckenridge - Sun 8:10 am 1 new powder machine groomed 68.88 base 117 of 118 trails 100% open 2967 acres, 14 of 14 lifts, sm Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat Sun 9a-4p
Butterfield - Sun 8:08 am 1 new powder machine groomed 43.48 base 44 of 44 trails 100% open 474 acres, 14 of 14 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4 30p Sat Sun 9a-4 30p
Copper Mountain - Sun 8:20 am 1 new powder machine groomed 136.06 base 140 of 140 trails 91% open 2511 acres, 19 of 25 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat Sun 9a-4p
Crested Butte - Sun 8:11 am 16 new powder machine groomed 80.90 base 121 of 121 trails 100% open 1163 acres, 14 of 15 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat Sun 9a-4p
Eldora - Sun 5:46 am 14 new powder machine groomed 59.59 base 53 of 53 trails 100% open 1111 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat Sun 9a-4p

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Today
At Sun Antonio, TX, 1. Fede Madrazo Jr. vs. Jose Torres, 10, super welterweights.
Feb 14
At Buenos Aires, Argentina, Juan Carlos Rivera vs. Manuel Vides, 12, for Riveros' WBA World flyweight title.
At the Paramount Theatre, Huntington, N.Y., ESPN2, Chris Agnew vs. Emmanuel Taylor, 10, super welterweights.
Feb 15
At Kemper Park, South Africa, Hanyu Schneider vs. Jay Leggs, 12, vacant WBC international light heavyweight title; Jeffery Miller vs. Wilberforce Shogbe, 12, for vacant WBC international silver light heavyweight title.
At Buenos Aires, Argentina, Juan Carlos Rivera vs. Manuel Vides, 12, for Riveros' WBA World flyweight title.

Feb 17
At the Storm House, Salinas, Calif., ESPN, Manuel Avila vs. Emigdio Gamero, 10, featherweights; Paul Mendez vs. Raoul Suarez, 10, for Mendez's BA Continental middleweight title.
Feb 21
At Cleveland (OH), Angelo Santoro vs. Mark Davis, 10, lightweights; Amir Khan vs. Jason Robinson, 10, junior welterweights.
At Drexel (Pa.), Dragan Hasic & Jason Ray Robinson vs. Alanbek Kurman, 10, for the NABO welterweight title.
Feb 22
At Macau, China (HKO), Sempow Weiyeka vs. Aukun Shomda, 12, for Weiyeka's WBA leatherweight title; Miguel Vazquez vs. Denis Shafikov, 12, for Vazquez's IBF lightweight title; Ren Tsuboi vs. Makoto Matsuyama, 10, super flyweights.

Chap golf team sits in 4th place in El Paso

From staff reports
EL PASO — The Midland College golf team sits in fourth place, behind a pair of four-year schools and a conference rival, after the first round of the Western New Mexico University Cactus Thaw Invitational on Sunday. The Chaparrals shot a 297 at Lone Star Golf Course to put them four strokes behind co-leaders WNMU and UTEP's B team, and three strokes

back of New Mexico Junior College. Individually, Midland College freshman Chris Schreidel is tied with NMJC's Jordan Ayre for first place. Schreidel's score, however, did not count with the Midland College's team score as coach Delnor Poss opted to play him as an individual instead. Poss said it was a mistake on his part. Midland College freshman and Trinity grad Trace Morrow is tied for

fourth place with UTEP's Ryan Fioretti, a Lee grad and former Midland College player, after each shot a 71. Fellow MC freshman David Wicks is in a tie for eighth after firing a 73. Poss said he was proud of the way his freshmen played and added that the other three golfers playing in the top five — Russell Lara (76), Ryder Skillern (77) and Oswin Schlenkrich (77) struggled to find their golf game.

The two-round tournament will conclude today. WESTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY CACTUS THAW INVITATIONAL at Lone Star Golf Course, El Paso
Team standings — 1. (tie) Western New Mexico 293; UTEP B 292; 3. New Mexico Junior College 294; 4. Midland College 297; 5. New Mexico State University B 302; 6. Western New Mexico B315; 7. New Mexico Military Institute 339; 8. Northern New Mexico 356
Individual standings — 1. (tie) Chris Schreidel, Midland College, 69; Jordan Ayre, NMJC, 69; 3. David Metz, WNMU 70; 4. (tie) Ryan Fioretti, UTEP B, 71; Tessa Monroe, Midland College, 71; 6. (tie) Chris Jaurez, UTEP B, 72; Zach Adams, NMSU, 72; 8. (tie) Ben Skinner, WNMU, 73; David Wicks, Midland College, 73; Luis Medina, NMSU, 8, 73
Midland College individuals — Russell Lara 76, David Wicks 73, Ryder Skillern 77, Trace Morrow 71, Oswin Schlenkrich 77

MCBASKETBALL TODAY

Table with columns for Men and Women, Conference, Overall, W, L, T. Includes WJCAC Standings and Friday's Score.

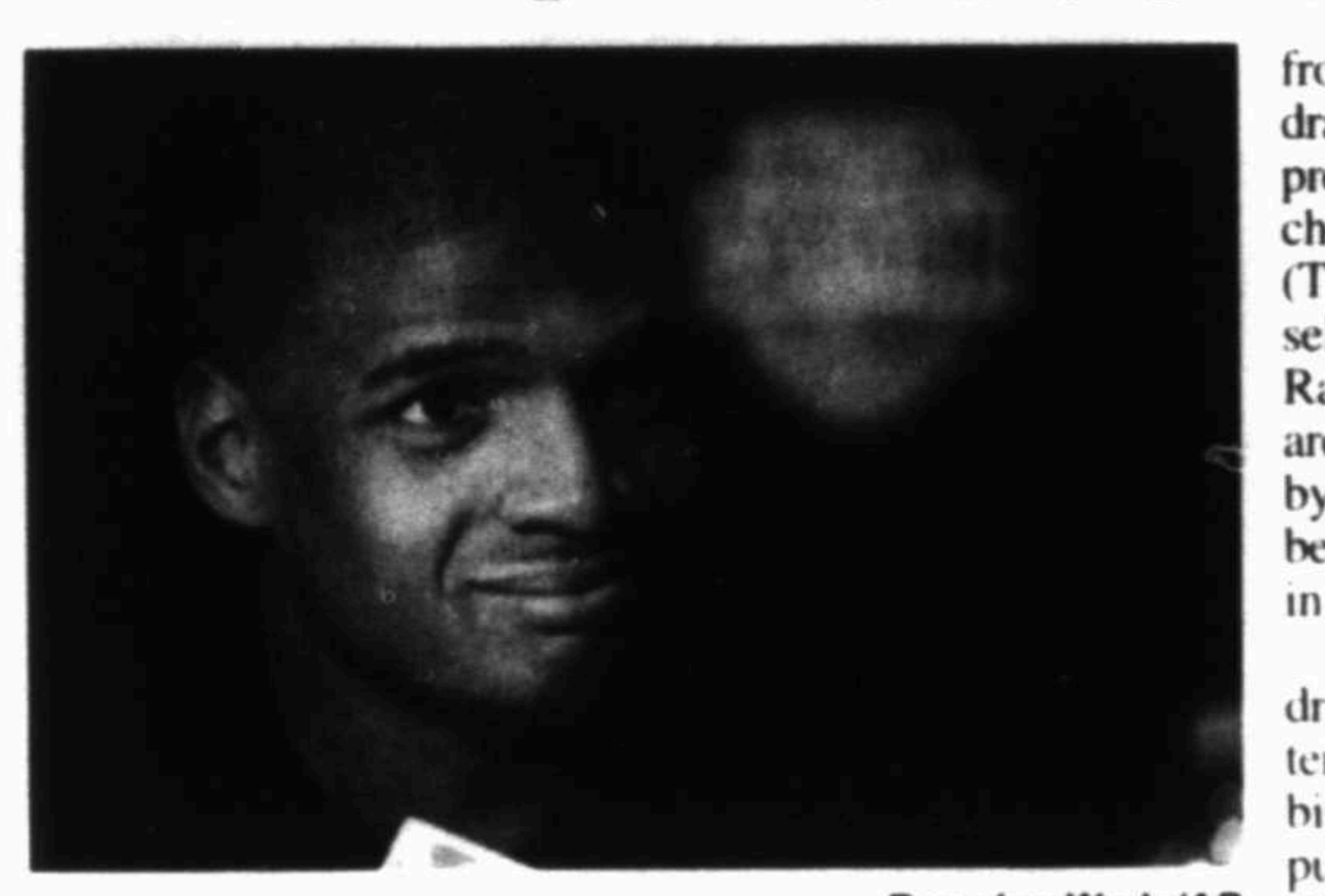
Notes & quotes: Midland College looks to get back into the win column against a Bronco team it defeated in a nailbiter, 58-56, at Chaparral Center on Jan. 9. The Chaparrals are coming off their fifth loss in the last five games as 26 turnovers hurt their chances of splitting the season series against the Bulldogs. Sophomore F Kevin Thomas led the Chaps with 19 points and 11 rebounds. Daniel Hernandez added 14 points, LeBrent Walker had 12 and Kenan Guzonjic chipped in with 11. ... MC

UTPBROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS
Jennifer Quam and Taleas Marble each added two hits on the day. UTPB (1-8) will return to action with a doubleheader scheduled for Feb. 18 against University of the Southwest. BASEBALL FALCONS SPLIT TWO WITH CAMERON ODESSA — The University of Texas of the Permian Basin baseball team split a non-conference doubleheader with Cameron University on Sunday at Roden Field. The Falcons won the first game, 6-2, but Cameron rebounded to win the second game, 5-2. UTPB (4-2) battled back from a 2-0 deficit with three runs in the fifth inning and then extended the lead with two more in the sixth inning. Andrew Grifol pitched six solid innings, allowing two runs on seven hits with 10 strikeouts for the victory. Grifol was also 2 for 3 at the plate, and Ty Morgan was 3 for 4. Trey Cochran also drove in three runs and Neil Madsen two. In the second game, Cameron opened up a 3-0 lead with single runs in the first, second and fourth innings, and then added two in the seventh to clinch the victory. Brian Woody was tagged with loss for UTPB, and Cameron's Steve Matta earned the win. Jose Sierra and Madson each drove in runs for the Falcons in the loss. UTPB will return to action on Tuesday with a single game against Sul Ross State, scheduled for 4 p.m. in Alpine.

Sam may become first publicly gay player in NFL

By John Branch
NYT News Service
Coaches at the University of Missouri divided players into small groups at a pre-season football practice last year for a team-building exercise. One by one, players were asked to talk about themselves. As Michael Sam, a defensive lineman, began to speak, he balled up a piece of paper in his hands. "I'm gay," he said. With that, Sam set himself on a path to become the first publicly gay player in the National Football League. "I looked in their eyes, and they just started shaking their heads — like, finally, he came out," Sam said Sunday in an interview with The New York Times, the first time he spoke publicly about his sexual orientation. Sam, a 6-foot-2, 260-pound senior, went on to a stellar season for Missouri, which finished 12-2 and won the Cotton Bowl. He was named a first-team All-American. He was the defensive player of the year in the Southeastern Conference, widely considered the top league in college football. Teammates voted him Missouri's most valuable player. Now Sam enters an uncharted area of the sports landscape. He is making his public declaration before he is drafted, to the potential detriment to his professional career. And he is doing so as he prepares to enter a league with an overtly macho culture, where controversies over homophobia have attracted recent attention. Sam, 24, is projected to be chosen in the early rounds of the NFL draft in May, ordinarily an invitation to a prosperous



Brandon Wade/AP
In this Jan. 1 photo, Missouri senior defensive lineman Michael Sam speaks to the media during a news conference in Irving. Sam said he is gay and he could become the first openly homosexual player in the NFL.

from certain, several NFL draft forecasters have predicted that he will be chosen in the third round. (Thirty-two players are selected in each round.) Rarely are players who are drafted that high cut by teams, and often they become starters, sometimes in their rookie year. Between now and the draft, Sam plans to attend the scouting combine, where players are put through a gantlet of physical and mental tests to judge their readiness for the NFL. Sam might be considered too small for a professional defensive end, meaning he would have to learn to play as an outside linebacker. But it is reasonable for Sam to wonder what sort of impact his declaration will have on his professional prospects. "I'm not naive," Sam said. "I know this is a huge deal and I know how important this is. But my role as of right now is to train for the combine and play in the NFL."

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# Olympic downhill king: Austria's Matthias Mayer

By Fred Lief  
Associated Press

SOCHI, Russia — Matthias Mayer shut his eyes for a moment, his day's work over.

If he had trouble believing what had just happened as he stood before the crowd, it was with good reason. The Austrian struck a big upset Sunday in one of the Olympics' marquee events, capturing the men's downhill and upending the elite of his sport.

"It's amazing to be an Olympic champion," he said.

Mayer has never finished better than fifth in a World Cup downhill. That proved

no obstacle in dismissing the preordained favorites — Aksel Lund Svindal, of Norway, finished fourth and Bode Miller, of the U.S., eighth.

Among the eight gold medalists on Day 3 were: snowboarder Jamie Anderson, the American slope-style queen who triumphed in her sport's Olympic debut; Irene Wust, who showed why speedskating is Dutch territory; and Russia in team figure skating, likewise an Olympic newcomer, for its first gold in Sochi.

**SKIING:** In a country where skiing is revered, Mayer gave Austria a jolt. A few weeks ago he was not even considered the nation's best shot for gold.

But he covered the Rosa Khutor course in 2 minutes, 6.23 seconds and beat Italy's Christof Innerhofer by 0.06 second. Norway's Kjetil Jansrud won the bronze. Miller, who dominated the training runs, was so unnerved by the change of visibility he thought he'd have "to do something magical to win." That was left to Mayer, who enjoys good skiing bloodlines — his father, Helmut, won a super-G silver medal at the 1988 Calgary Games.

**SNOWBOARDING:** The U.S. now has a double gold hit in slopestyle, with Anderson doing her part a day after Sage Kotsenburg. "Even though it's just another competition, the stage and the outreach that this event connects to is out of control," Anderson said. Finland's Enni Rukajarvi won the silver. The bronze went to Jenny Jones.

a 33-year-old former maid at a ski resort who gave Britain its first medal in any snow sport.

**SPEEDSKATING:** Another royal visit, more Dutch gold. Wust gave the Netherlands its second victory by winning the 3,000. Skating before her king and queen. Wust won in 4 minutes, 0.34 seconds. Defending champ Martina Sablikova of the Czech Republic took the silver while Olga Graf won bronze for Russia's first medal of the games. Claudia Pechstein, 41 and a six-time Olympian, was fourth. Wust, her nails red, white and blue like the Dutch flag, held up three fingers, signifying her third Olympic gold medal.

**CROSS-COUNTRY:** Switzerland's Dario Cologna had ankle surgery in November, but that now seems ancient. He won the 30-kilometer ski-athlon, pulling away at the top of the last uphill section. The

three-time overall World Cup winner claimed his second Olympic gold medal. He was timed in 1 hour, 8 minutes, 15.4 seconds. Defending champion Marcus Hellner of Sweden took silver, with the bronze to Norway's Martin Johnsrud Sundby.

**BIATHLON:** Slovakia's Anastasiya Kuzmina matched her gold from Vancouver in the women's 7.5-kilometer sprint. Kuzmina shot flawlessly and finished in 21 minutes, 6.8 seconds. The silver medal went to Russia's Olga Vilukhina and the bronze to Ukraine's Vita Semerenko. Kuzmina's brother is Russian biathlete Anton Shipulin, who was fourth Saturday.

**LUGE:** Felix Loch, still only 24, did it again. The German luger won his second straight Olympic gold medal, leaving the rest of the field in his icy wake. Loch completed four

runs down the Sanki Sliding Center track in 3 minutes, 27.562 seconds — 0.476 seconds ahead of Russia's Albert Demchenko, who won the silver in his seventh Olympics. Italy's Armin Zöggeler won the bronze, giving him a record six medals in six games.

**SKI JUMPING:** In control from the start, Kamil Stoch of Poland won the Olympic gold in the men's normal hill individual ski jump. Stoch had the best jump in each round, putting first ahead of the silver medalist Peter Prevc of Slovenia, and bronze medalist Anders Bardal, of Norway. Thomas Morgenstern, of Austria, returning from serious injuries from a fall during training a month ago, was 14th. Simon Amman of Switzerland, the defending champion from Vancouver who was seeking a record fifth Olympic gold medal, finished 17th.

## SKATING

victory and picked the perfect competition to make his first at these games. Also in the Iceberg stands: members of the Russian ice-hockey team, Olympic champion gymnast Alina Kabayeva and two-time Olympic champion pole vaulter Yelena Isinbayeva.

"We feel joy and honor," said ice dancer Elena Ilinykh of Putin's presence. "It was inspirational."

That some other countries sat out their top skaters or that the Russians did the same in pairs and dance didn't matter. This was never much of a contest.

"This games is the hardest for me," Plushenko said. "All the fans are cheering so hard that you literally cannot do badly because they do everything with you. You get goose bumps."

The Americans' bronze effort was led by world champions Meryl Davis and Charlie White, who won both the short and free dance, and helped by national champion Gracie Gold's superb free skate, which the judges scored second behind Lipnitskaya.

"We were looking forward to this event," White said. "We feel like we were there for each other and with each other."

Davis and White beat their top rivals and training partners, defending champions Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir, of Canada, in both dance disciplines. Canada didn't win any segment, but built enough points throughout to take silver.

American Jason Brown, of Highland Park, Ill., was fourth in his first major senior international event.

But those are just details. This was a night for a Russian show that might be celebrated as much as the Bolshoi.

It signals the country's return to the top of a sport it had owned for decades. As the Soviet Union or Russia, the host nation had won 51 Olympic figure



Bernat Armangué/AP

Russia's Elena Ilinykh and Nikita Katsalopoulos compete in the team free ice dance figure skating competition at the Iceberg Skating Palace on Sunday during the Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia.

skating medals. But there were no golds in Vancouver four years ago, a first since the country was blanked in 1960.

Now, in the first figure skating event of the Sochi Games, Russia stood atop the medals podium.

It's a place the sensational Lipnitskaya could make her own, just as Plushenko has done for more than a decade. Her routine to "Schindler's List" was mesmerizing.

With maturity and grace beyond her years, she clearly was never bothered by her surroundings on this golden night for Russia.

"She's dynamite," Gold said while Lipnitskaya was still skating. "She's 15 and completely unfazed."

Lipnitskaya then contorted her body into one of her spins that a human body shouldn't be able to perform.

"She has no spine," Gold added with a chuckle. "But she has iron in her bones."

Give Plushenko plenty of credit, too. He says he's had 12 surgeries. He barely competed after finishing second to American Evan Lysacek in 2010 at the Vancouver Games. And he had to convince his federation he deserved to be in Sochi after finishing second at the national championships.

Mission accomplished, with a golden hue.

Skating to "Best of Plushenko," there were mistakes in his jumps and not much in between them aside from the required footwork. No, it was not his best, but he scored 168.20 points.

"Today he was a good member of the team," said his longtime coach, Alexei Mishin. "He's enough famous and enough great."

## WINTER OLYMPICS

### SOCHI 2014 OLYMPICS

#### Medal count

COUNTRY	G	S	B	TOT
Norway	2	1	4	7
Netherlands	2	1	4	7
United States	2	0	2	4
Canada	1	2	1	4
Russia	1	2	1	4
Austria	1	1	0	2
Sweden	0	2	0	2
Czech Rep	0	1	1	2
Italy	0	1	1	2
Germany	1	0	0	1
Poland	1	0	0	1
Slovakia	1	0	0	1
Switzerland	1	0	0	1
Finland	0	1	0	1
Slovenia	0	1	0	1
Britain	0	0	1	1
Ukraine	0	0	1	1

**Olympic Speedskating Results Sunday**

**At Sochi, Russia Women's 3000**

- 1. Irene Wust, Netherlands, 4:00.34
- 2. Martina Sablikova, Czech Republic, 4:01.17
- 3. Olga Graf, Russia, 4:03.47
- 4. Claudia Pechstein, Germany, 4:05.28
- 5. Anni Brogger, Switzerland, 4:05.75
- 6. Olga Kulikova, Russia, 4:06.19
- 7. Kira Stepanova, Russia, 4:06.29
- 8. Kira Stepanova, Russia, 4:06.29
- 9. Kira Stepanova, Russia, 4:06.29
- 10. Kira Stepanova, Russia, 4:06.29

**Olympic Cross-Country Skiing Results Sunday**

**At Krasnaya Polyana, Russia Men's Skiathlon (15km Classic + 15km Free)**

- 1. Dario Cologna, Switzerland, 38:15.4
- 2. Maxim Vyleganskiy, Russia, 38:15.8
- 3. Martin Johnsrud Sundby, Norway, 38:16.9
- 4. Maxim Vyleganskiy, Russia, 38:16.9
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**Olympic Snowboard Results Sunday**

**At Krasnaya Polyana, Russia Women's Slopestyle (Start position in parentheses)**

- Run 1
- 1. Sara Paucotova, Czech Republic, 86.25
- 2. Jamie Anderson, South Lake Tahoe, Calif., 86.75
- 3. Tina Carandri, Switzerland, 77.25
- 4. Erin Raikaars, Finland, 73.75
- 5. Jenny Jones, Britain, 73.00
- 6. Torah Bright, Australia, 64.75
- 7. Sabine Deming, Switzerland, 58.50
- 8. Sara Paucotova, Czech Republic, 58.50
- 9. Kari Shim, Mikko, Mich., 39.00
- 10. Spencer O'Brien, Canada, 36.00
- 11. Elena Kozlov, Switzerland, 24.50

**Women's Olympic Hockey Preliminary Round**

Group A	W	L	OTW	OTL	GF	GA
USA	3	0	0	0	10	2
Canada	2	0	0	0	10	2
Germany	1	1	0	0	5	4
Switzerland	1	1	0	0	5	4
Finland	0	3	0	0	2	10

**Women's Olympic Hockey Final Ranking**

- 1. USA, 10-2
- 2. Canada, 10-2
- 3. Germany, 5-4
- 4. Switzerland, 5-4
- 5. Finland, 2-10

**Olympic Men's Downhill Results Sunday**

**At Krasnaya Polyana, Russia (Start position in parentheses)**

- 1. Matthias Mayer, Austria, 2:06.23
- 2. Christof Innerhofer, Italy, 2:06.29
- 3. Kjetil Jansrud, Norway, 2:06.33
- 4. Aksel Lund Svindal, Norway, 2:06.52
- 5. Travis Ganong, Squaw Valley, Calif., 2:07.15
- 6. Bode Miller, Easton, N.H., 2:06.71
- 7. Sandro Semerari, Switzerland, 2:06.71
- 8. Keri Stanger, Switzerland, 2:06.71
- 9. Bode Miller, Easton, N.H., 2:06.71
- 10. Anders Walle, Norway, 2:06.71
- 11. Steven Nyman, Sundance, Utah, 2:06.71
- 12. Martin Sullivan, Truckee, Calif., 2:07.15

**Olympic Ski Jumping Results Sunday**

**At Krasnaya Polyana, Russia Men's K90 Individual (First and second jumps in parentheses)**

- 1. Kamil Stoch, Poland, (105.5, 70.0), 57.0
- 2. Peter Prevc, Slovenia, (102.5, 75.0), 57.5
- 3. Anders Bardal, Norway, (101.5, 67.0), 56.5
- 4. Thomas Diehl, Austria, (99.0, 69.0), 55.5
- 5. Michael Hayboeck, Austria, (101.0, 72.0), 55.5
- 6. James Damjanovic, Germany, (96.0, 63.0), 54.0
- 7. Maciej Kot, Poland, (98.5, 73.0), 54.0
- 8. Noriaki Kasai, Japan, (101.5, 73.0), 54.0
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## Anderson completes US sweep in slopestyle

By Eddie Pells  
Associated Press

KRASNAYA POLYANA, Russia — There was a lot of ugliness out on that super-sized Olympic slopestyle course Sunday — crashes, splashes, face plants, even a cracked helmet.

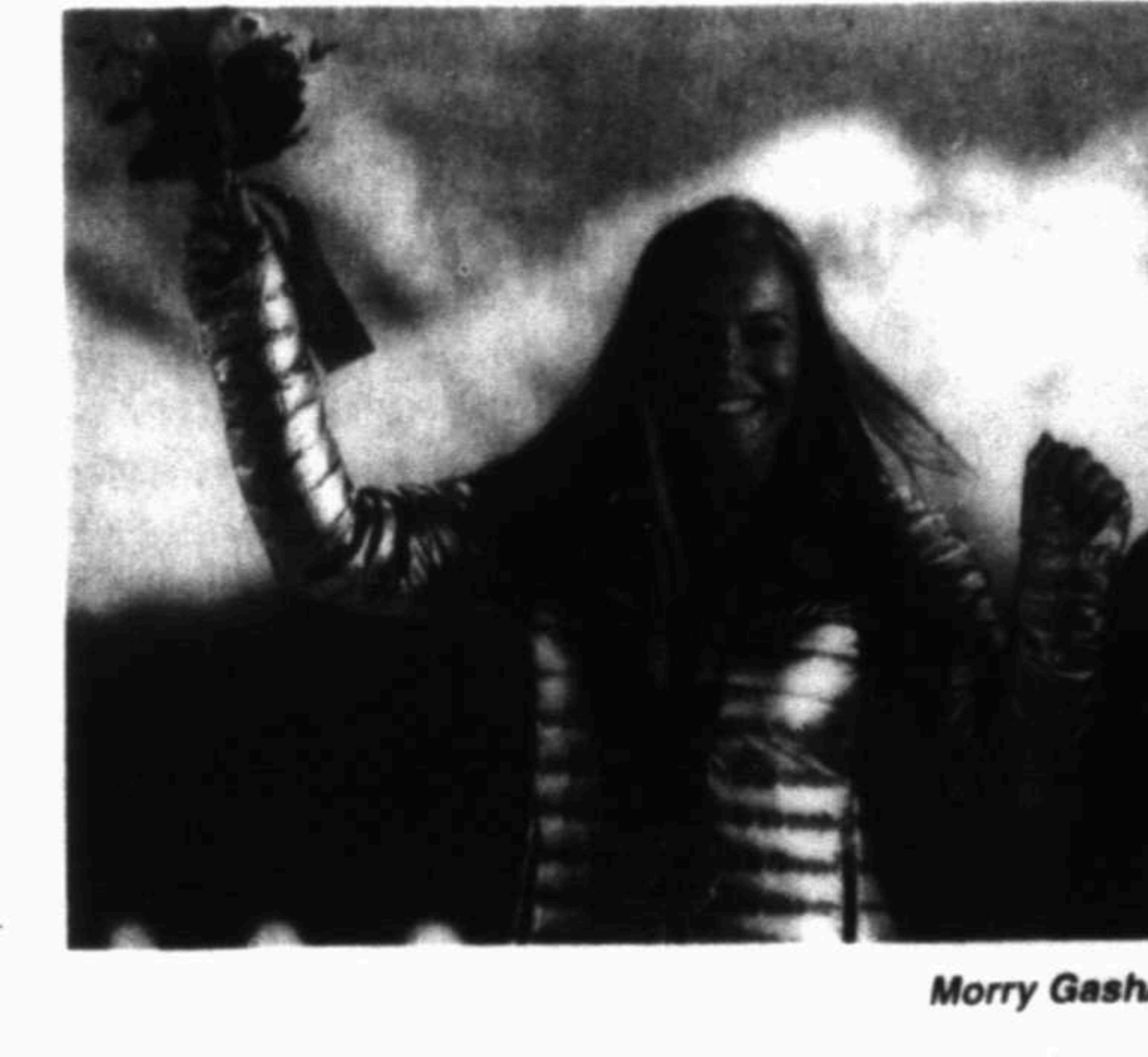
As she so often does, Jamie Anderson made things look beautiful again.

The world's most consistent rider came through big under a huge amount of pressure — "I was freakin' out," she said — riding clean on the rails and stomping down three high-flying jumps on her second, and make-or-break, trip down the mountain. She scored a 95.25 on that run to make America 2 for 2 in slopestyle's colorful and treacherous debut on the Olympic stage.

"It's kind of a big deal," said the gold medalist, who earlier this winter had conceded she was heading to Russia with some reservations about what the Olympics really stand for. "This is The Event."

Enni Rukajarvi, of Finland, won silver and Jenny Jones took bronze to give Britain its first Olympic medal on the snow.

A heady piece of history for Jones, the 33-year-old,



Morry Gash/AP

United States gold medalist in the women's snowboard slopestyle Jamie Anderson smiles during the medals ceremony at the Winter Olympics on Sunday in Sochi, Russia.

one-time ski resort house-keeper from Bristol, who was unapologetic in revealing she prepared for the big day by watching "Downton Abbey" back at her place in the athletes village.

Jones calls Anderson a "hippie," and it's true, the 23-year-old from South Lake Tahoe, Calif., likes yoga and meditation — and granola every now and then. "I think it's fair to say Jamie marches to the beat of her own drummer," American coach Mike Jankowski said. "She likes to do things

her way out here."

Much as she wanted to relax while getting ready for her final run, she said it was, indeed, a little disconcerting standing at the top of the mountain, watching rider after rider take a fall. Of the 24 runs in finals, no fewer than 17 of them included a hand drag, a fall or worse — and that wasn't counting Austrian Anna Gasser's failed climb back up the first embankment after she was given the "go" sign a second too soon.

SOCHI, Russia — Matthias Mayer shut his eyes for a moment, his day's work over.

It's amazing to be an Olympic champion," he said.

Mayer has never finished better than fifth in a World Cup downhill. That proved

no obstacle in dismissing the preordained favorites — Aksel Lund Svindal, of Norway, finished fourth and Bode Miller, of the U.S., eighth.

Among the eight gold medalists on Day 3 were: snowboarder Jamie Anderson, the American slope-style queen who triumphed in her sport's Olympic debut; Irene Wust, who showed why speedskating is Dutch territory; and Russia in team figure skating, likewise an Olympic newcomer, for its first gold in Sochi.

**SKIING:** In a country where skiing is revered, Mayer gave Austria a jolt. A few weeks ago he was not even considered the nation's best shot for gold.

But he covered the Rosa Khutor course in 2 minutes, 6.23 seconds and beat Italy's Christof Innerhofer by 0.06 second. Norway's Kjetil Jansrud won the bronze. Miller, who dominated the training runs, was so unnerved by the change of visibility he thought he'd have "to do something magical to win." That was left to Mayer, who enjoys good skiing bloodlines — his father, Helmut, won a super-G silver medal at the 1988 Calgary Games.

**SNOWBOARDING:** The U.S. now has a double gold hit in slopestyle, with Anderson doing her part a day after Sage Kotsenburg. "Even though it's just another competition, the stage and the outreach that this event connects to is out of control," Anderson said. Finland's Enni Rukajarvi won the silver. The bronze went to Jenny Jones.

a 33-year-old former maid at a ski resort who gave Britain its first medal in any snow sport.

**SPEEDSKATING:** Another royal visit, more Dutch gold. Wust gave the Netherlands its second victory by winning the 3,000. Skating before her king and queen. Wust won in 4 minutes, 0.34 seconds. Defending champ Martina Sablikova of the Czech Republic took the silver while Olga Graf won bronze for Russia's first medal of the games. Claudia Pechstein, 41 and a six-time Olympian, was fourth. Wust, her nails red, white and blue like the Dutch flag, held up three fingers, signifying her third Olympic gold medal.

**CROSS-COUNTRY:** Switzerland's Dario Cologna had ankle surgery in November, but that now seems ancient. He won the 30-kilometer ski-athlon, pulling away at the top of the last uphill section. The

three-time overall World Cup winner claimed his second Olympic gold medal. He was timed in 1 hour, 8 minutes, 15.4 seconds. Defending champion Marcus Hellner of Sweden took silver, with the bronze to Norway's Martin Johnsrud Sundby.

**BIATHLON:** Slovakia's Anastasiya Kuzmina matched her gold from Vancouver in the women's 7.5-kilometer sprint. Kuzmina shot flawlessly and finished in 21 minutes, 6.8 seconds. The silver medal went to Russia's Olga Vilukhina and the bronze to Ukraine's Vita Semerenko. Kuzmina's brother is Russian biathlete Anton Shipulin, who was fourth Saturday.

**LUGE:** Felix Loch, still only 24, did it again. The German luger won his second straight Olympic gold medal, leaving the rest of the field in his icy wake. Loch completed four

runs down the Sanki Sliding Center track in 3 minutes, 27.562 seconds — 0.476 seconds ahead of Russia's Albert Demchenko, who won the silver in his seventh Olympics. Italy's Armin Zöggeler won the bronze, giving him a record six medals in six games.

**SKI JUMPING:** In control from the start, Kamil Stoch of Poland won the Olympic gold in the men's normal hill individual ski jump. Stoch had the best jump in each round, putting first ahead of the silver medalist Peter Prevc of Slovenia, and bronze medalist Anders Bardal, of Norway. Thomas Morgenstern, of Austria, returning from serious injuries from a fall during training a month ago, was 14th. Simon Amman of Switzerland, the defending champion from Vancouver who was seeking a record fifth Olympic gold medal, finished 17th.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

SUNDAY'S TOP 25 RATED

- 1 Syracuse (23-0) beat Clemson 57-44. Next at No. 25 Pittsburgh, Wednesday.
2 Arizona (23-1) def. Oregon State 76-54. Next at Arizona State, Friday.
3 Florida (21-2) did not play. Next at Tennessee, Tuesday.
4 Wichita State (20-0) did not play. Next vs. Southern Illinois, Tuesday.
5 San Diego State (21-1) did not play. Next at Wyoming, Tuesday.
6 Villanova (21-2) did not play. Next at DePaul, Wednesday.
7 Connecticut (22-3) did not play. Next vs. Houston, Saturday.
8 Kansas (18-5) did not play. Next at Kansas State, Monday.
9 Michigan State (20-4) lost to Wisconsin 60-58. Next vs. Northwestern, Thursday.
10 Michigan (17-6) did not play. Next at Ohio State, Tuesday.
11 Duke (19-5) did not play. Next at North Carolina, Wednesday.
12 Creighton (19-4) lost to St. John's 70-65. Next at Butler, Thursday.
13 Saint Louis (22-2) did not play. Next vs. YCU, Saturday.
14 Louisville (19-4) did not play. Next at Temple, Thursday.
15 Texas (18-5) did not play. Next vs. No. 10 Oklahoma State, Tuesday.
16 Iowa State (18-4) did not play. Next at West Virginia, Monday.
17 Iowa (18-6) did not play. Next at Penn State, Saturday.
18 Kentucky (18-5) did not play. Next at Auburn, Wednesday.
19 Oklahoma State (16-7) did not play. Next at No. 15 Texas, Tuesday.
20 Virginia (20-5) did not play. Next vs. Maryland, Monday.
21 Oklahoma (18-6) did not play. Next vs. Texas Tech, Wednesday.
22 UConn (17-5) beat UCF 75-55. Next vs. South Florida, Wednesday.
23 Gonzaga (21-4) did not play. Next vs. Pepperdine, Thursday.
24 Memphis (18-5) did not play. Next vs. UCF, Wednesday.
25 Pittsburgh (20-4) did not play. Next vs. Syracuse, Wednesday.

SUNDAY'S SCORES

- SOUTHWEST
Houston 88, Temple 74.
SOUTH
Southern Miss 81, Charlotte 64.
Louisiana 68, Marshall 65.
Clemson 75, UCF 55.
MIDWEST
Aurora 65, Bowling Green 63.
Bradley 83, Evansville 66.
Detroit 83, Kennesaw State 81.
Indiana State 40, Drake 36.
Loyola of Chicago 79, Illinois State 69.
Valparaiso 61, Oakland 60.
Western Michigan 72, N. Illinois 71.
Western Kentucky 58, Michigan State 58.
FAR WEST
Arizona 76, Oregon State 54.
Colorado State 91, Washington State 65.
EAST
Hickory Creek 66, Bucknell 60.
Illinois 60, Penn State 55.
Iowa 101, Kansas 91.
Marshall 78, Niagara 77.
North Carolina 70, Creighton 67.
Ohio State 81, Morehead State 68.
Oklahoma State 57, Clemson 44.
Texas 71, Rhode Island 68.

TODAY'S GAMES

- SOUTHWEST
W. Kentucky at Arkansas, 7 p.m.
Alabama State at Ark., Pine Bluff, 7:30 p.m.
SOUTH
SCU at UConn, 11:30 a.m.
Villanova at James Madison, 11 p.m.
Tennessee at UNC, Wilmington, 11 p.m.
Maryland at Virginia, 6 p.m.
Furman at W. Carolina, 6 p.m.
Morgan State at Coppin State, 6:30 p.m.
Savannah State at Delaware State, 6:30 p.m.
Florida A&M at NC Central, 6:30 p.m.
Mid. Eastern State at Hampton, 7 p.m.
Bethune-Cookman at NC A&T, 7 p.m.
Howard at Norfolk State, 7 p.m.
Alcorn State at Grambling State, 7:30 p.m.
Southern Illinois at Jackson State, 8 p.m.
Miami at Florida State, 8 p.m.
Alabama A&M at MSU, 8 p.m.
MIDWEST
Kansas at Kansas State, 8 p.m.
FAR WEST
Sacramento at Sacramento State, 11:30 p.m.
EAST
Princeton at Quinnipiac, 7 p.m.
Marist at Quinnipiac, 7 p.m.
Fairleigh Dickinson at Seton Hall, 7 p.m.
Iowa State at West Virginia, 6 p.m.

Women

SUNDAY'S TOP 25 RATED

- 1 Arizona (25-0) beat No. 41 Syracuse 77-44. Next at South Florida, Sunday.
2 Notre Dame (23-1) beat Syracuse 77-44. Next at Boston College, Thursday.
3 Stanford (22-2) lost to Washington 66-58. Next vs. No. 11 Arizona State, Friday.
4 Louisville (23-0) lost to Tennessee 64-58. Next vs. Temple, Wednesday.
5 Connecticut (23-0) did not play. Next vs. Tennessee, Wednesday.

BAYLOR From IC

There was no comeback by the Cowgirls this time, down by 10 at halftime before a 25-point deficit that was their largest of the season. "We just talked at halftime about ways to get Odyssey when they were hedging big on the on-ball screens, showing the post players different angles to set the screen," Mulkey said. "I talked to a couple of them about situations that happened to them in the game. Again, making sure that they understand that it's our ball, the first 5 minutes, you don't let them think that they can get back in the ball game."

When Davis converted a three-point play soon after halftime, the Lady Bears had a 47-32 lead.

In the game at Stillwater, the Lady Bears had a 16-point lead early in the second half before Oklahoma State rallied to go ahead. Robertson's 3-pointer with 6 seconds left in the regulation forced

AGGIES From IC

ment, prompting a smiling A&M center Karla Gilbert to vow, "We'll leave it at that," following Williams' retort to Ballard.

SMART From IC

calling Mr. Smart a "piece of crap" but I want to make it known that I did not use a racial slur of any kind."

Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby, who is at the Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, condemned Smart's actions in a statement.

"Mr. Smart's actions were a clear violation of the Big 12 Conference's Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct Policy," Bowlsby said. "Such behavior has no place in athletics, and will not be tolerated. I appreciate the efforts of Oklahoma State University athletics director Mike Holder in addressing this matter, and believe this is an appropriate response to an inappropriate action." Ford said Smart already is learning from the incident.

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GOLF SCORES FROM WIRE REPORTS

Table with columns for tournament name, player name, and score. Includes PGA AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am Scores and Champions Allianz Championship Scores.

John Force wins season-opening Winternationals

John Force has a record 139 victories and unprecedented 16 season titles. He has 16 victories at his home track, seven in the Winternationals. "It's a good race car," Force said. "Everything is going right here lately. I just don't get it. What a good time to flex your muscles. This is a critical year. I need to focus on my car. This old race car will do the running. I just need to stay in the gym and stay healthy."

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SUNDAY IN THE NBA

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STANDINGS EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division

Central Division

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Northwest Division

Pacific Division

Sunday's Scores

Cleveland 91, Memphis 83 OT L.A. Clippers 123, Philadelphia 78

SUNDAY'S BOXES MAVERICKS 102, CELTICS 91

BOSTON (91): Green 6-15 3-4 16, Bass 2-4 2-6

INDIANA (92): George 10-19 2-27, West 5-12 4-14

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WIZARDS 93, KNIGS 84

SACRAMENTO (84): Gay 2-11 1-2, Thompson 3-4 0-2

MAGIC 93, PACERS 92

INDIANA (92): George 10-19 2-27, West 5-12 4-14

ORLANDO (83): Harris 5-13 3-10, Davis 3-10 3-4

13) Assistants—Indiana 19 (G.H.H. 7), Orlando 13

NETS 93, PELICANS 81

NEW ORLEANS (81): Aminu 2-7 3-4 7, Davis 11-19 2-5 24

BULLS 92, LAKERS 86

CHICAGO (92): Dunleavy 4-7 0-0 9, Gibson 7-18 4-4 18

L.A. LAKERS (86): Johnson 3-8 0-0 6, Kelly 0-5 0-0 0

THUNDER 112, KNICKS 100

NEW YORK (100): Shumpert 4-9 0-0 12, Anthony 5-19 4-5 15

CLIPPERS 123, 76ERS 78

PHILADELPHIA (78): Turner 1-8 5-7 16, Irving 7-17 0-15

L.A. CLIPPERS (123): Barnes 4-6 0-0 9, Griffin 11-14 4-26

L.A. CLIPPERS (78): Turner 1-8 5-7 16, Irving 7-17 0-15

Pistons fire coach Maurice Cheeks

By Noah Tristar Associated Press

DETROIT — Even by the Detroit Pistons' recent standards, this was an abrupt change.

Detroit fired coach Maurice Cheeks on Sunday after less than a year as coach, with the Pistons languishing well below .500 despite offseason moves aimed at putting the struggling franchise back in contention.

Detroit is 21-29, and although the Pistons still have a decent chance to make the playoffs in the Eastern Conference, their new roster has performed erratically. "This was a difficult decision for the organization to make but we needed to make a change," team president Joe Dumars said in a statement.

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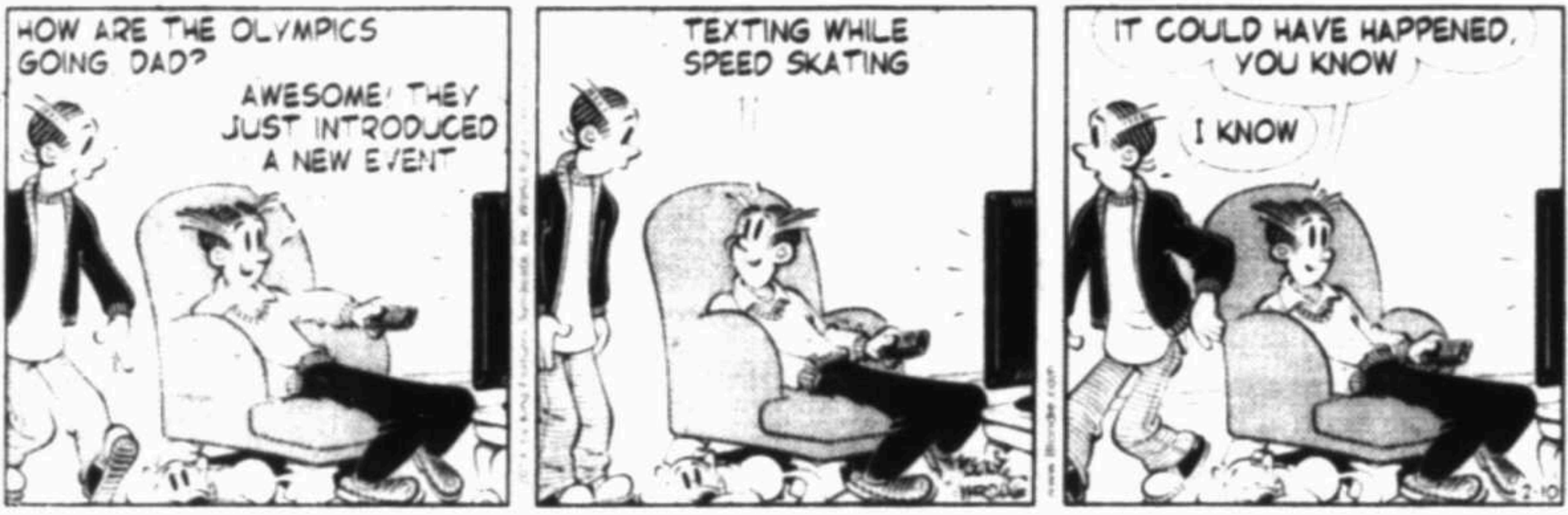
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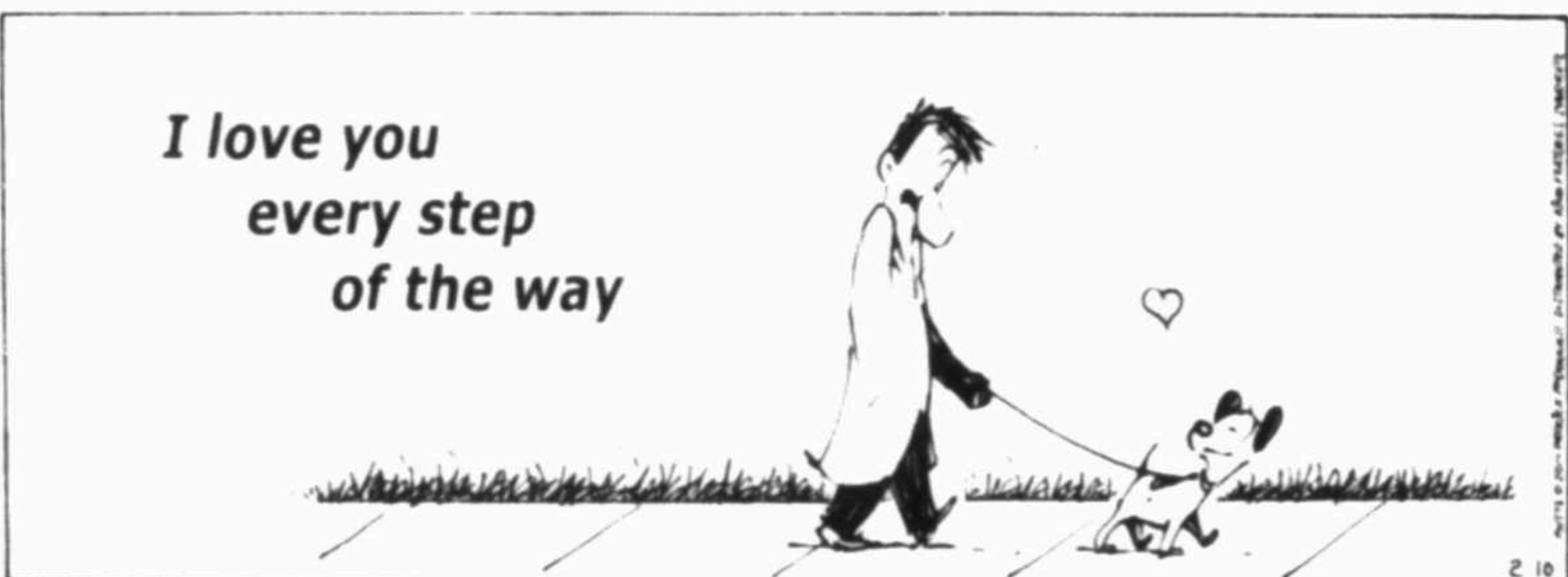
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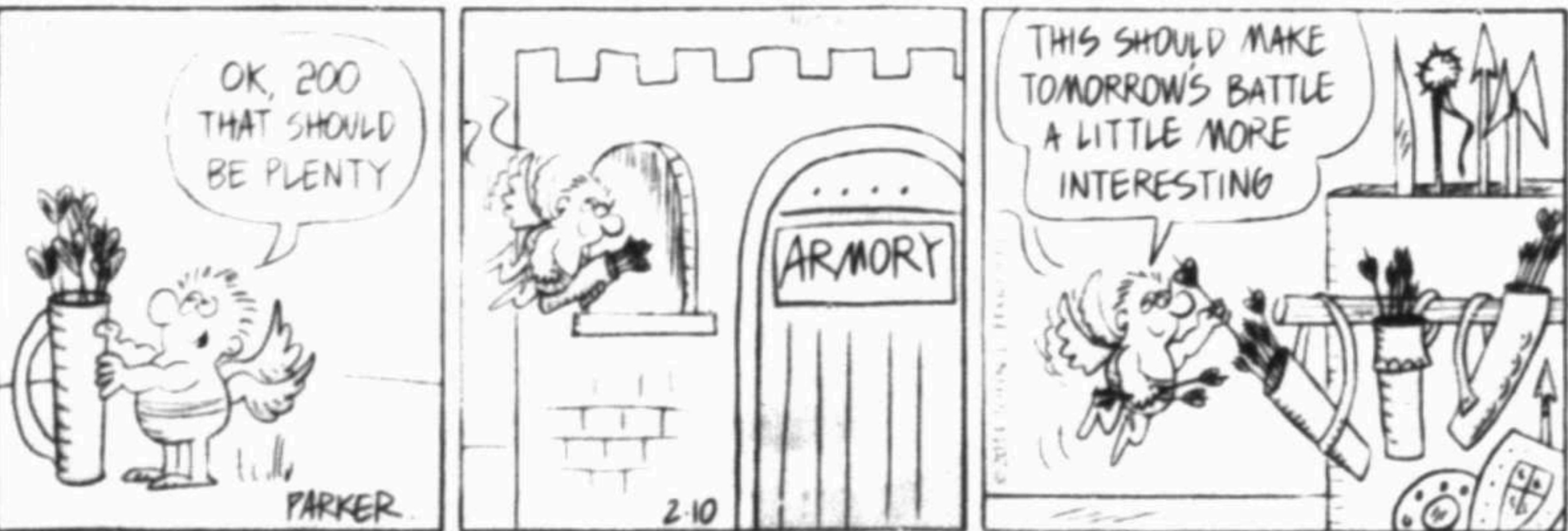
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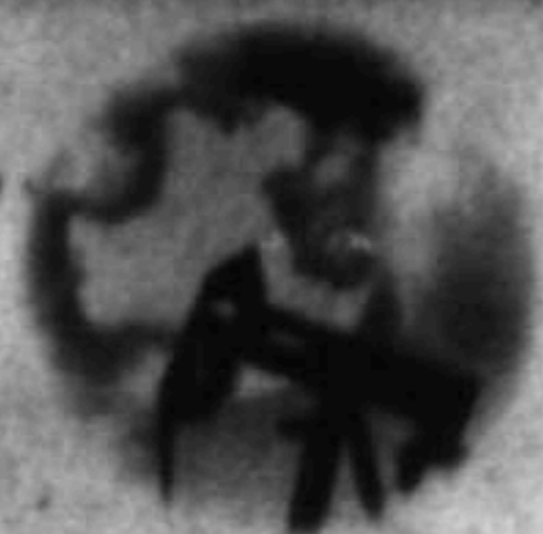
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TODAY: Cloudy



High: 37  
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TUESDAY: Mostly cloudy



High: 36  
Low: 26

WEDNESDAY: Sunny



High: 60  
Low: 38

THURSDAY: Sunny



High: 72  
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FRIDAY: Sunny



High: 69  
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SATURDAY: Mostly sunny



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Local forecast

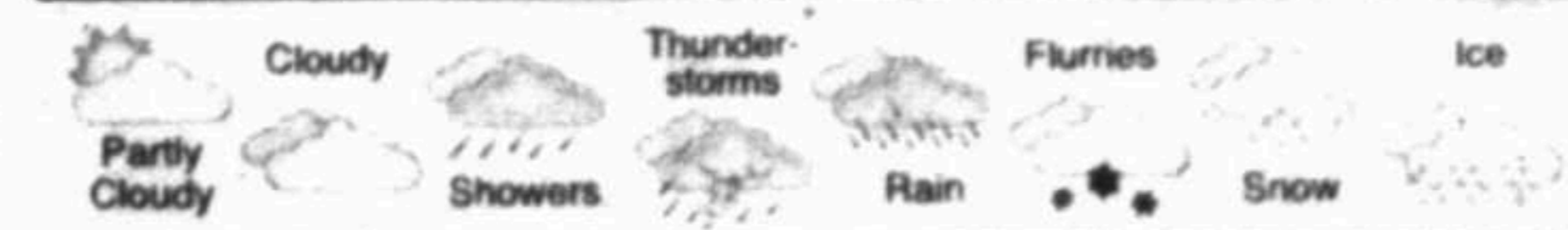
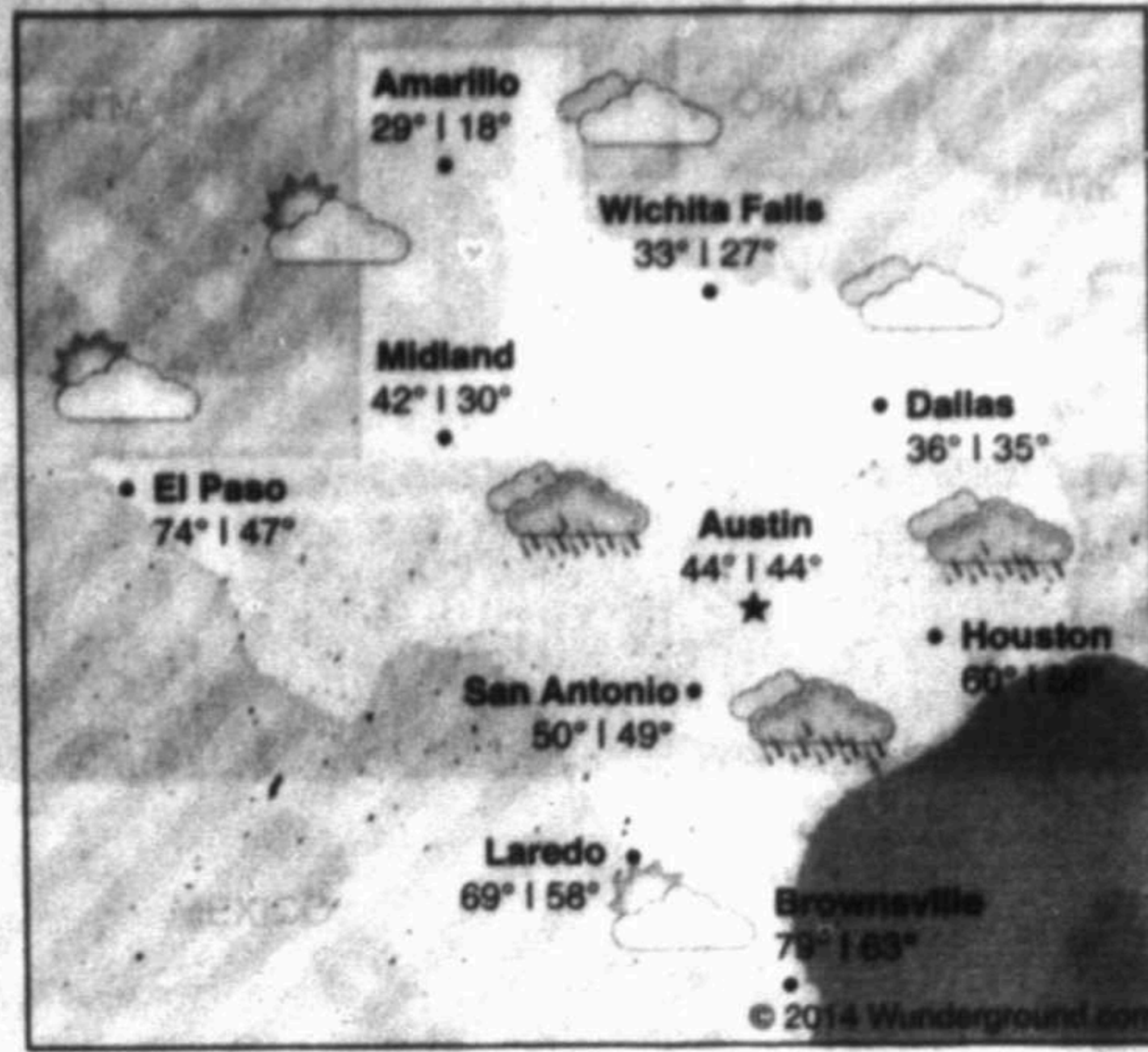
Expect cloudy skies today with a high around 37 and northeast winds between 10 and 15 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly cloudy conditions with a low around 24 and northeast winds between 10 and 15 mph. There is a 20 percent chance of freezing rain and sleet, with areas of freezing fog and drizzle before noon.

Tuesday, look for mostly cloudy skies with a high around 36 and north winds between 5 and 10 mph. Expect partly cloudy conditions at night, with a low around 26 and north winds around 5 mph becoming calm in the evening. There is a 20 percent chance of snow and sleet before noon.

The high on Sunday reached 77, while the low dropped to 39. The record high for Feb. 9 is 88 set in 1932. The record low is 7 set in 2011.

National forecast

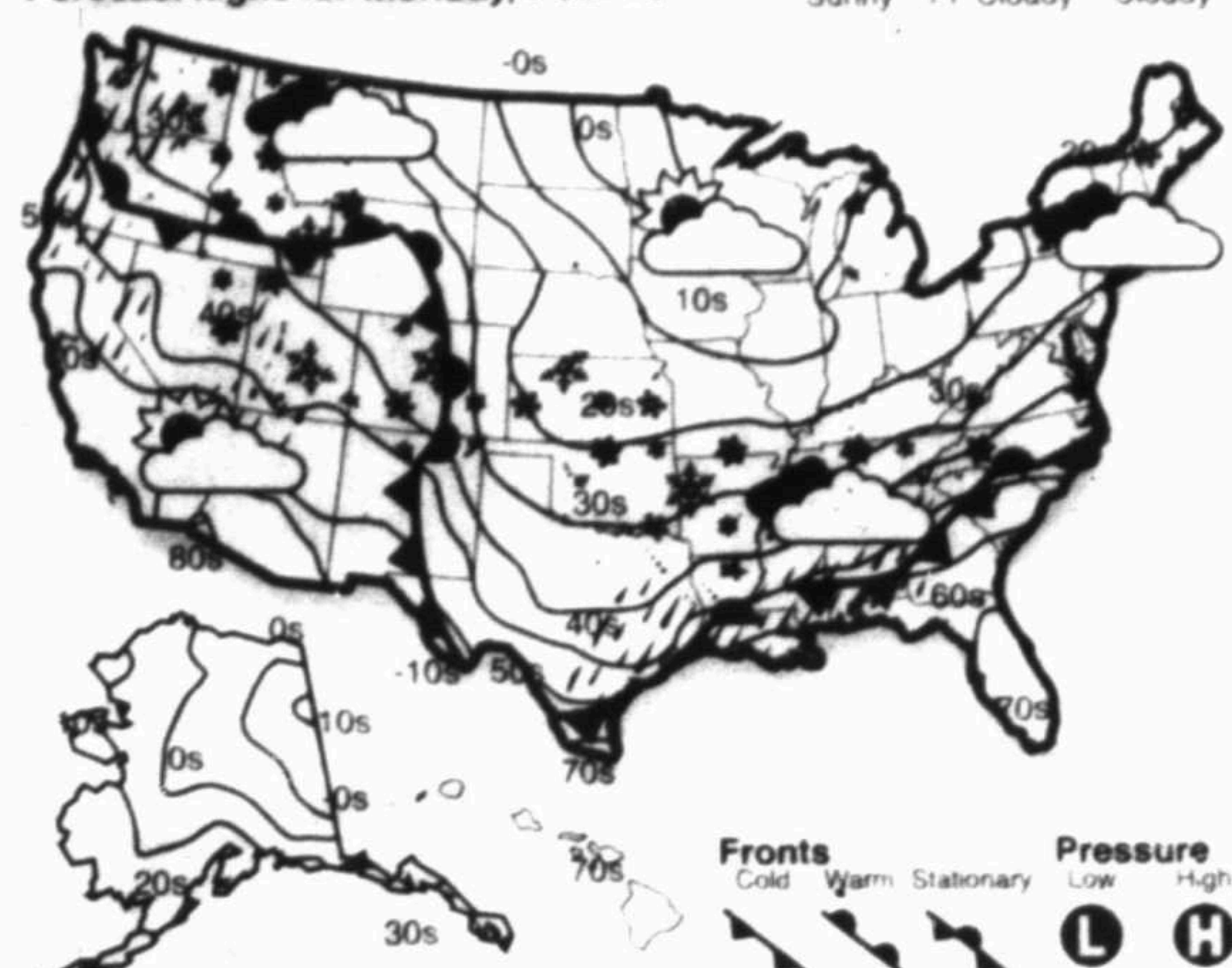
In the wake of the recent snowstorms, a cold day will unfold across the Northeast today. Frigid air will also be in place across the Midwest, where highs will be held below zero near the border of Minnesota and North Dakota. Snow showers will move downwind of the Great Lakes.



Precipitation	Sunday's temperatures
Saturday ..... 0.00 in.	High..... 77
Sunday..... 0.00 in.	Low..... 39
Month total..... 0.24 in.	Normal high..... 61
Year total..... 0.24 in.	Normal low..... 33
Normal total (year to date)..... 0.78 in.	Sunrise..... 7:35 a.m.
	Sunset..... 6:31 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Monday, Feb. 10



Mother feels imprisoned by mentally ill adult son

**DEAR ABBY:** My 38-year-old son is mentally ill and refuses medication, counseling or any type of help. I'm 63, and he physically and mentally abuses me. I had him committed, but he refused to cooperate, so they released him after two weeks. Life after that became worse.

I have no time to myself except when I sleep or take a nap. Family and friends are not allowed in the house because they make him uncomfortable. I can't even open the blinds to let the sun in because "people are watching him."

I know he needs help desperately, but I don't know where else to turn. My family tells me to have him committed and not let him back home. I feel guilty about sending him out of my home because I'm afraid of what he might do or what could happen to him.

I go for counseling once a month, and I have discussed this with my therapist, who says the same thing as my family: "Commit him and throw away the key!" I am so torn! I suffer from depression, and this lifestyle does not help.

I'm planning to move to another state where I have family, and I don't know what to do with him. I feel like I'm trading one cell for another. Any suggestions would be appreciated. — LOYAL READER IN NEW YORK

**DEAR LOYAL READER:** Listen to your therapist. If your son is institutionalized, he will be in a safe environ-

ment. The alternative could be that he would become one of the multitude of mentally ill individuals who are living on the street.

If your son is medicated, he might be able to live in a group home where he could be sheltered and taken care of. With medication he might be able to have more of a life than you have provided.

You may feel guilty, but you are not responsible for your son's mental illness. It is very important that you are successfully treated for your depression before making the decision to move. Your depression may have been caused because you have become the prisoner of your son's hallucinations.

**DEAR ABBY:** My boyfriend and I have been together for 2 1/2 years, living together for two. He says Valentine's Day is a made-up holiday to get people to spend money. I told him every holiday is geared toward people spending money.

I find myself feeling angry and hurt that I'm not receiving anything for Valentine's Day. He never buys cards or flowers for me. How do I communicate to him that this is impor-

tant to me without making things worse? — CRAVING A LITTLE ROMANCE

**DEAR CRAVING:** Your boyfriend may be cheap, but he also has a point. According to a report on npr.org, the celebration of Valentine's Day started in ancient Rome and contains elements of both Christian and pre-Christian religions. In the third century A.D., two men named Valentine were executed by the emperor Claudius II in different years on Feb. 14, and a few hundred years later, a pope (Gelasius I) combined St. Valentine's Day with Lupercalia — a fertility feast — to replace the pagan ritual. (Research this online if you wish, because I found it fascinating.) The holiday didn't become romanticized until the Renaissance.

That said, allow me to point out that there are few things more unpleasant than feeling forced to give someone a gift. If you have already discussed this with your boyfriend and he's still resistant, then instead of focusing on what you're NOT getting out of this relationship, try focusing on what you ARE getting. It may help you to feel less deprived.

DEAR ABBY

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GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K 10 9 7 6 A 8 K 10 9 7 4 3

♦ Void  
Right-hand opponent opens one no-trump, 15-17. What call would you make?

A — There are many conventional "toys" available over an opponent's one no-trump. One toy lets you bid two diamonds to show diamonds and a major. The next toy lets you bid two spades to show spades and a minor. With no toys to play with, bid two diamonds natural. Whatever your methods, it is important to bid with hands like this.

Q 2 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K Q 7 K 10 7 6 K J 7 2 ♣ A K

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

What call would you make?  
A — Bid two no-trump, showing 18-19 balanced. Partner won't raise no-trump with five spades. He will make some bid to allow you to show three-card spade support. Should he pass two no-trump, you might miss an

eight-card spade fit, but you will have stayed at the two-level!

Q 3 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K 10 7 5 4 J 5 A K 10 ♣ J 6 2

The bidding:

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♦ 3♦

What call would you make?  
A — You are vulnerable with game-forcing values. It is almost always right, in these situations, to pursue your game. Should you bid three spades, partner will never be able to bid three no-trump when he doesn't have a spade fit. Bid three no-trump yourself!

Q 4 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 6 5 K 4 3 K 10 2 ♣ A K 10 6 4

The bidding:  
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST  
1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass

What call would you make?  
A — It is sometimes correct to raise partner's major with only three-card support. Three to an honor with a ruffing value fits the bill. Bid two hearts.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Class with numbers
- 5 One making a coffee run, say
- 10 Spot to shop
- 14 Lot measurement
- 15 Skip over, in speech
- 16 Reed to which an orchestra tunes
- 17 Bill Keane comic strip
- 20 Briny
- 21 Buzzing homes
- 22 Tree houses?
- 23 Journalist Sawyer
- 25 Chess pieces
- 26 Chess piece
- 28 Bygone Honda CR-V rival
- 34 Teacher's Apple
- 35 Expansive
- 36 Gardner of Hollywood
- 37 Strip of latticework
- 38 Low card
- 40 "It's Your Space" rental company
- 41 Gobbled up
- 42 "The Clan of the Cave Bear" author Jean
- 43 Diet label word
- 44 Flier's upgrade
- 48 Fruity quenchers
- 49 It may be doffed
- 50 Backup strategy
- 52 Like an enthusiastic crowd
- 55 Guiding principle
- 57 Sub sandwich dressing item
- 60 Sondheim song, and a hint to the ends of 17-, 28- and 44-Across
- 63 Wear a hole in the carpet
- 64 Dance studio rail
- 65 Actress Fey
- 66 Winter transport
- 67 Prints and threads, to detectives
- 68 \_\_\_ in Show: dog prize

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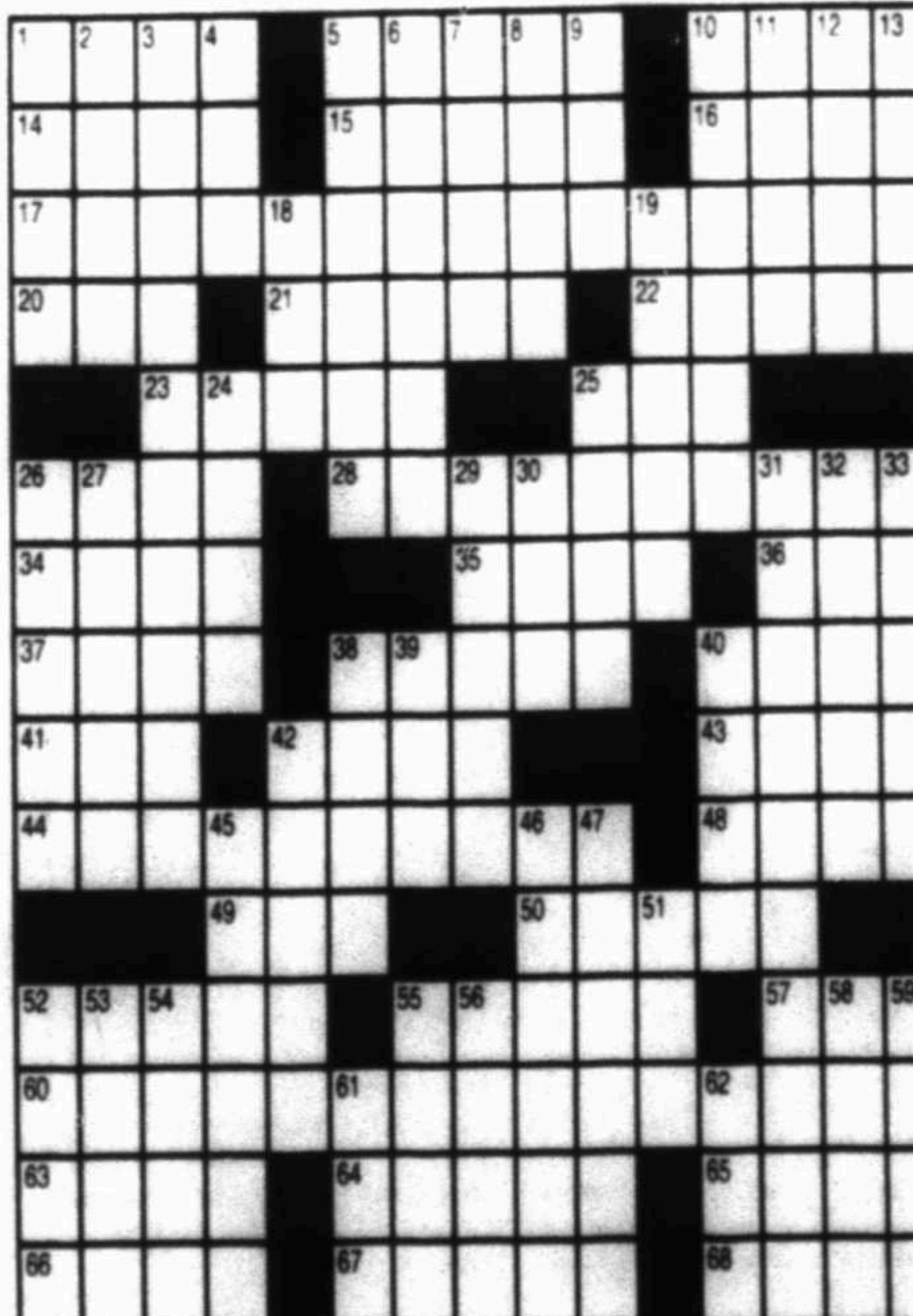
- 1 Wrestling surfaces
- 2 Workout woe
- 3 Stay aloft in place
- 4 Pajamaed mogul, familiarly
- 5 Zodiac's Twins
- 6 Martini garnishes
- 7 Store in a folder
- 8 Ice cream brand
- 9 TiVo button
- 10 Multitalented Rita
- 11 Basic lessons
- 12 Big oaf
- 13 Not as much
- 18 "Figured it out!"
- 19 Unmoving
- 24 Creep (along)
- 25 Source of inspiration
- 26 Rice dish
- 27 Vintage violin
- 29 Throat dangler
- 30 Tween heartthrob Efron
- 31 "Life on Mars?" singer
- 32 Online party notice
- 33 Desert retreats
- 38 Conduit for tears

- 39 Slippery swimmer
- 40 Oscar winner Arkin
- 42 Arcade pioneer
- 45 Out of the sun
- 46 Region of influence
- 47 Cuts for a sandwich
- 51 Commonly injured knee ligament, for short
- 52 Deadly snakes
- 53 Genuine
- 54 A single time
- 55 List finisher
- 56 No traffic
- 58 Traveler's stops
- 59 Future D.A.'s hurdle
- 61 "The Voice" network
- 62 Gambling letters

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Feb. 10, 2014:

This year you toss yourself into your day-to-day life with the objective of becoming more efficient and fulfilled. You also will be open to learning more, which could lead to transforming your life or your health habits; however, you might not be thinking long term. If you are single, you could be witnessing substantial change in your daily life. The person who appeals to you today might not catch your eye in a few months. Be open and kind to potential suitors — get to know them better. If you are attached, the two of you will be more upbeat than you have been if you make an effort to make each other's life easier. Let a new hobby evolve. Surprises seem to mark your life together this year. CANCER is far too emotional for you.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You will tap into your intuitive feelings in the morning. As a result, a far-out idea is likely to surface. You will want to work with it, yet you might realize that it could take you down a strange path. No matter what, you will land on your feet. Tonight: Happily head home.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You need to understand what is happening behind the scenes with a friend. You will get a better sense of that when in a meeting with this person. Idealism is wonderful, but it needs to be anchored. Tonight: Catch up on news.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Your finances are more important than you might realize. You understand money and its power well, but you probably have never seen someone look at it the way an associate does. Money could be the driving force behind this person's decisions. Tonight: Treat yourself.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You might feel as if you can't easily be stopped, no matter what you do. Consider your alternatives in a difficult situation. You are likely to succeed in whatever you do, as you seem to be carrying a lucky rabbit's foot in your back pocket. Tonight: As you like it.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You might sense that a low profile will work better for you in increasing your efficiency. A partner could feed you some interesting ideas. Tap into your creativity, and you'll come up with unique solutions. You will know when you hit the right one. Tonight: Call a favorite person.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ A positive attitude will point to success. You could find that several meetings will give you a lot of feedback. Defer to a partner, and let this person know that you have confidence in his or her abilities. Tonight: Where your friends are.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ You must step up to the plate to hit a home run. Others will follow your lead and succeed. You might be overly concerned about your responsibilities, as they seem to find their way to you. Know which duties to say yes or no to. Tonight: A must appearance.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You need to reach out to someone at a distance. Your creativity will flourish if you follow your feelings. Know that you will land on your feet. An unexpected development in your daily life could force you to regroup. Tonight: Make it an early night.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Work with a partner or an associate directly. You might need to switch gears in order to deal with a problem that arises. Others will see you in a special light. Opportunities could arise from out of the blue. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Be more forthright with an opportunity involving someone you care a lot about. Communication is likely to excel. You seem to know who is on the phone before you even pick it up. Your sensitivity will be at its peak. Tonight: Go along with someone's request.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ All work and no play" doesn't suit you. You'll need to maintain a positive attitude in order to make a dream a reality. You will need time to consider your various options. Make it OK to head down a new path. Tonight: Buy a favorite treat on the way home.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Your creativity will appear to be endless, which could excite many people. You know what is going on behind the scenes. Confirm what you think is true, but try not to be overconfident. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

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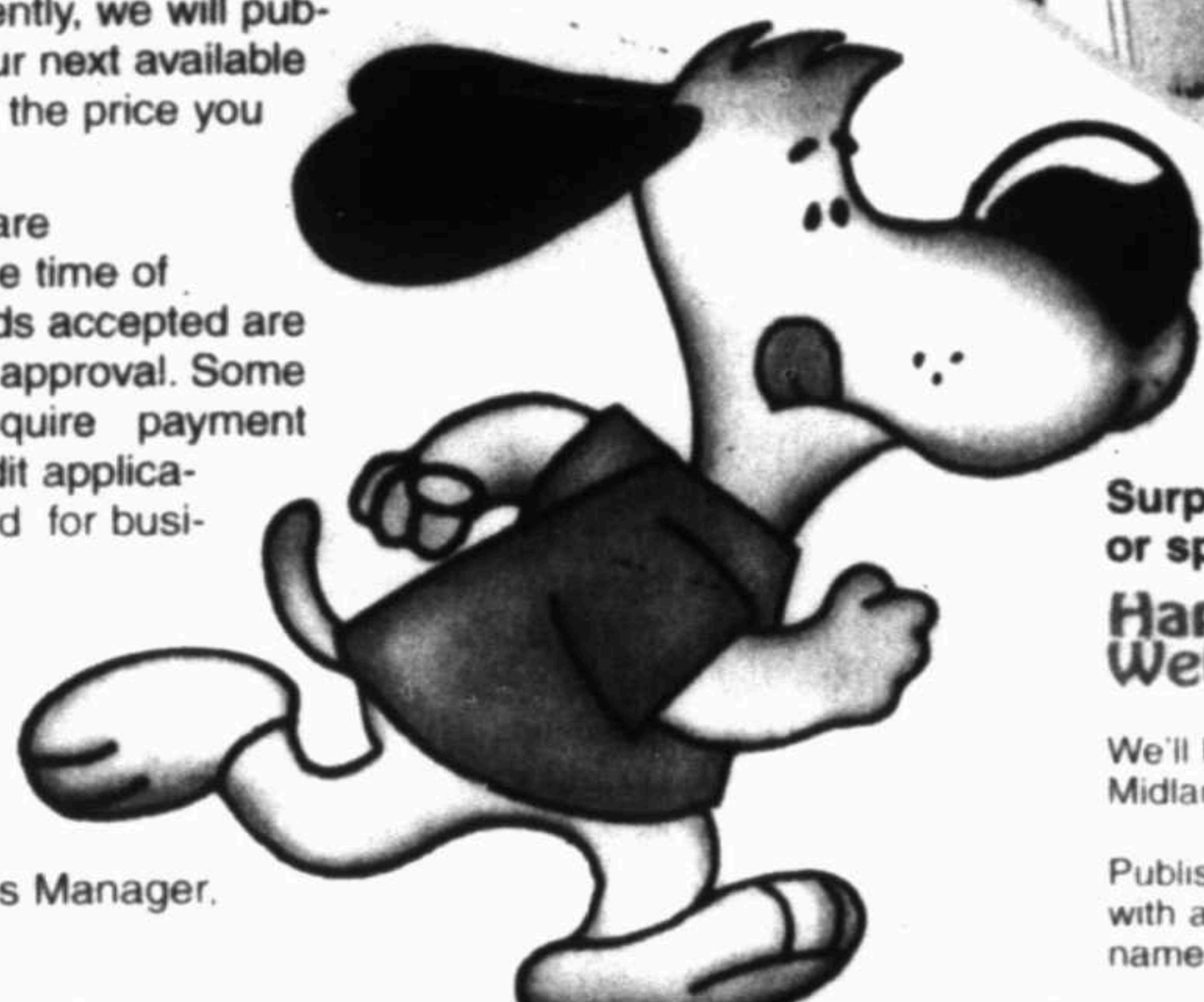
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#### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONDUCT WEATHER MODIFICATION OPERATIONS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS

1. Notice is hereby given that the West Texas Weather Modification Association has filed an application with the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) for a State permit to conduct weather modification operations to change or attempt to change the natural development of clouds for the purpose, objective, period, and by the method summarized herein below.

2. The West Texas Weather Modification Association holds a valid Texas weather modification license issued by the State of Texas on August 31, 2013 for fiscal year 2014 which began on September 1, 2013.

3. The purpose of the proposed weather modification operation is to augment rainfall for agricultural and water resources and to suppress hail within the target area of the West Texas Weather Modification Association. The requested period of the permit is 4 from the date of issuance of the permit.

4. The proposed weather modification operation is to be carried out in both an operational area and a target area to cause the intended effects to occur only in the target area. The operational area is composed of the target area as well as the following counties: Howard, Mitchell, Coke, Runnels, Concho, Menard, Kentley, Edwards, Val Verde, Terrell, Pecos, Crane, Midland, Martin.

5. The area to be affected by the proposed weather modification operation is the target area. The target area is that area contained within the following boundary (boundaries): Glasscock, Sterling, Reagan, Iron, Tom Green, Crockett, Schleicher, and Sutton.

6. The methods and materials to be used in conducting this operation are summarized herein. A meteorologist licensed by the TDLR to conduct weather modification operations will select suitable clouds for seeding using a weather radar system, as well as standard analytical and weather forecasting procedures. To guide aircraft to release cloud condensation nuclei either at cloud base or at cloud top to promote the growth and development of the precipitation process within the clouds, and/or suppress the formation of hail within the clouds, the aircraft will be equipped with flare racks or generators to dispense appropriate materials, either glaciogenic or hygroscopic, or a combination of the two into those clouds deemed suitable for seeding.

7. Persons interested in knowing more about the technical aspects of the proposed weather modification operation should contact George Bomar, Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR), P. O. Box 12157, Austin, Texas 78711 (512)936-4313; gbomar@license.state.tx.us

8. A public meeting on this application may be called by mailing letters or petitions that specifically request a meeting to the Executive Director, TDLR, P. O. Box 12157, Austin, Texas 78711. The letter or petition must contain (1) the signature, full name, phone number, and mailing address, including physical address and name of county of each person requesting the meeting, (2) a statement that each person is at least 18 years of age and that he/she resides or owns property in either the operational or target areas, and (3) a description of each person's interest and how that interest would be adversely impacted by the proposed seeding operation. Requests for a meeting must be mailed and postmarked to the TDLR within 30 days after the date of first publication of the Notice of Intention, which is required by State rules to be published in newspapers of general circulation in the affected counties once a week for three consecutive weeks. If at least 25 eligible persons make appropriate written requests for a meeting, the TDLR will schedule a public meeting within the area where the operation is to be conducted. Public notice stating the time, place, subject, and legal authority of the public meeting shall be provided at least 20 days prior to the meeting. Since the application includes hail suppression as an objective, persons living in the affected area and eligible may petition for, and cause, an election, or elections, to be held; the results of such election(s), as certified and submitted by the respective county commissioners court, will be evaluated before the Department issues any permit.

9. Individual members of the public who wish to inquire about the information contained in this notice, or to inquire about other agency licensing and permitting procedures, may call the TDLR at (800) 803-9202 or access the following website: www.license.state.tx.us.

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## ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

### ACCOUNTANT

Oilfield transportation company hiring for Corporate Accounting Position. Accounting degree required. Experience a plus. Employee benefits include 401(k), Health, Dental, Vision. Send resume to E. L. Farmer, Attn: Human Resources P.O. Box 3812 Odessa, TX 79760 or email [elph@elph.com](mailto:elph@elph.com)

## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT & PUBLISHING

### Graphic Artist

Graphic Artist help wanted. Seeking dependable, detail oriented, and creative person to join our team. Must be able to work in a fast paced environment and adhere to deadlines. Will be responsible for brainstorming and mocking up original ideas as well as creating, designing and producing artwork from client specifications. Must have knowledge of Illustrator, Photoshop and InDesign. Please email resume to [Luzi@centurygs.com](mailto:Luzi@centurygs.com)

## CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

### Accounting Clerk

Oil company is currently seeking a full-time experienced Accounting Clerk for the Midland office. Duties include accounts payable, invoicing, handling hourly timesheets, managing expense reports, and other general office duties. Must have 3+ years of job related experience preferably in oil industry. Strong computer skills required including Excel, Word, and Outlook. Must be able to work independently and in a fast paced environment. All resumes should be submitted via email to [mccormier@prosoilc.com](mailto:mccormier@prosoilc.com).



### OFFICE MANAGER - ODESSA, TX

We are a growing, dynamic and fun company, seeking a highly motivated and experienced Office Manager.

This position requires a very high-level of accuracy, keen attention to detail, and proficiency with Office applications such as Word, Excel and Outlook and strong communication and organization skills. Applicant should also have a strong knowledge of the oil & gas industry. Must be able to establish priorities, meet deadlines, and work proactively. Please send resume and cover letter to [aclark@femcomachine.com](mailto:aclark@femcomachine.com).

## RECEPTIONIST

Seeking friendly, organized, dependable & self motivated Receptionist needed to run office. Computer skills required. Must answer phones, give customer estimates & schedule appointments. Send resume to M-14 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Ave. Midland, TX 79701

## CONSTRUCTION & FACILITIES

### Overhead Door Installers

Accepting applications for Overhead Door Installers. Willing to train motivated individuals. Pay based on experience. Apply in Person 1809 W County Rd 114 Midland, TX. Call 432-695-6287 for directions.

## WELDERS & SHEETERS

Accepting applications for experienced Metal Building Welders & Sheeters. Pay based on experience. Apply in Person 1809 W County Rd 114 Midland, TX. Call 432-617-0163 for directions.

## EDUCATION & TRAINING

### Teacher & Cook

Great hourly pay with quick advancement for honest dedicated loving LEADERS! Nights & weekends off! HS Diploma & background check. Call 432-684-8270 for interview. Cottage of Mama Bear

## ENERGY & UTILITIES

### ASME Code Welder & Parts Person w/ oilfield exp.

Welder position. Has to be able to pass a plate test. 3+ years of experience. Pressure vessel building. Single Hand Welders/Rig Welders. Applicants for both positions need to apply in person 2606 WCR 130, 79706. We have benefits and vacation. If they have any questions to call 432-687-7060

## AVAILABLE POSITIONS

### Lighthouse Energy Solutions FT

Lighthouse Energy Solutions has openings for the following positions:  
Sales Person, Service Technician, Shop Hand & Truck Pusher in the Big Lake area. Benefits include annual bonus, paid insurance, company vehicle & 2 weeks paid vacation. Qualified applicant will have clean driving record, drug free & able to work nights & weekends. Salary DOE. Please contact Bill Keller at 432-699-7744 for interview or email resume to: [bill@lighthouseenergy.org](mailto:bill@lighthouseenergy.org)

## ENTRY LEVEL HELPERS

Production Lift Systems FT  
Local oilfield service company seeking Entry Level Wireline and Swabbing Helpers. Full benefits. Must have a valid driver's license and pass drug test. Apply at 14 East Industrial Loop Midland, TX 79701 or call 432-699-1200

## HEALTHCARE

### Caregivers

Legacy Ranch  
Midland, TX  
Now Hiring experienced Caregivers for all shifts to work with elderly clients in a professional environment. Apply in person at 4800 Briarwood Ave. Midland, TX 79707

## Clinic Nurse LVN- Addiction Treatment Center

Midland/Odessa  
Monday-Friday 5:15am-12:15pm weekdays & 6am to 9:30am on Saturdays  
Travel required between Midland & Odessa clinics. Assessments, TBs, dispense meds. Paid holidays, CEU days & personal days. Fax 800-671-8364

## DENTAL ASSISTANT

Fast paced dental office seeking full-time, caring, enthusiastic person to join our team. Strong communication skills required. Must be able to multi-task and have at least one year experience in the dental field. Mostly front office. RDA preferred to cover lunch shifts and be back up assistant. Email resume to [midlanddental@gmail.com](mailto:midlanddental@gmail.com) or fax resume to 432-570-8053

## Dental Office - Dental Assistant

Elite restorative and cosmetic practice seeks skilled dental chairside assistant for full or part time employment. Experience is required. Must demonstrate knowledge of computer charting and digital x-rays. Non smoker preferred. Great pay, benefits and a 4 1/2 hour work week. Send resume to M-12 c/o Midland Reporter telegram, 201 E Illinois, Midland, Tx, 79701

## Front Desk Coordinator/Reception

Gray Cosmetic and Family Dentistry FT  
Gray Cosmetic and Family Dentistry is looking to hire a FT front desk coordinator who is a confident individual with great communications skills, team player and highly motivated in all phases of dentistry. Prefer someone with Dental experience but not necessary. No phone calls. Must bring in resume to 2701 W. Guthbert in Midland or fax to 432-694-5815. E-mail resume to [drgrayoffice@manager@gmail.com](mailto:drgrayoffice@manager@gmail.com)

## Housekeeper

Legacy Ranch FT  
Midland, TX  
Now Hiring FT Housekeeper to work with elderly clients in a professional environment. Apply in person at 4800 Briarwood Ave. Midland, TX 79707

## Medical Assistant/LVN

Dr. Bhuvana Balasekaran FT  
Needed immediately MA/LVN for primary care office. Experience preferred. Benefits offered. Bring resume by 1301 West Wall St. Suite C. Midland, TX 79701.

## Optician Tech

Looking for someone with experience, who knows OfficeMate, to work full time at Total Vision Center. Apply in person at Music City Mall 4101 E 42nd, Ste 106 or email resume to [office@dradcoxtvc.com](mailto:office@dradcoxtvc.com)

## Medical Assistant

Medical Assistant needed for busy physician's office. Please fax resumes to 682-2284 or mail to Attn: Arita Routh, P.O. Box 5291, Midland, Texas 79704 AKO-8003

## HEALTHCARE

### Various Positions

Midland Physical Therapy FT/PT  
Physical Therapy Clinic looking for clinical and office personnel. Positions available immediately. Fax resume 432-570-8713. Or bring to 301 Dodson, Midland, Texas 79701

## HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

### Banquet Manager/Sales Coordinator

Now accepting applications for a Banquet Manager and a Sales Coordinator. Banquet Manager requires working knowledge of meeting room preparation, food catering, menu planning as well as directing staff to service the client. This is a hands on position. The Sales Coordinator is required to be proficient with computers, data entry, detailed, answering phone, speaking to clients, etc. This is a hands on position. Both positions offer excellent salary & benefits. Please apply at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1301 North Loop 250 W. Midland, TX, 79706 EOE

## Housekeepers & Laundry Attendants & Front Desk Clerks

LaQuinta Inn & Suites - Loop 250 & Hwy 191 FT/PT  
Full time and part-time. Bilingual a Plus! Please Apply at LaQuinta Inn & Suites, Lbop 250, Next to Kohl's

## Housekeeping Manager

Hiring Housekeeping Manager for Midland Hotel FT/PT  
Salary position with benefits. Previous cleaning experience helpful and bilingual a plus. Please apply in person at LaQuinta Inn & Suites, next to Kohl's on Loop 250.

## MANAGEMENT & EXECUTIVE

### General Manager

Accepting applications for a General Manager of our beautiful Hilton Garden Inn here in Midland, TX. Must have hotel experience. Hilton brand a plus. Experience must include front and back of the house operations, F&B, guest and associate interaction, leading by example and maintaining high standards. Excellent salary and benefits package. Please apply at Hilton Garden Inn, 1301 North Loop 250 W. Midland, TX, 79706 EOE.

## OTHER JOBS

### Administrative Assistant

Large Church accepting applications for Administrative Assistant positions. Bachelor's degree preferred. Computer literacy required. Send resumes to [hrdirector@firstmethodmidland.com](mailto:hrdirector@firstmethodmidland.com)

## First United Methodist Church

FT/PT  
If you just want a job, this is not the place. If you would like to work, then we need you. Must be an eager worker who can do what's been requested without hesitation or complaint, can show up on time, and values cleanliness. If this description fits you, please apply in person at First United Methodist Church, 300 N. Main Street, Midland, TX. Immediate interview possible. No phone calls please.

## DELIVERY DRIVERS / PHONE HELP

### FLOWERLAND

Valentine's Day is just around the corner. Hiring for Seasonal Help!  
Drivers (must be 21) paid per delivery using your own vehicle, phone help - taking orders for Valentine deliveries, general help - process flowers and help in needed areas. Smoke free environment. Fax resume to 432-682-8949, apply in person, or email resume to [tomwilliams@flowerlandmidland.com](mailto:tomwilliams@flowerlandmidland.com), no phone calls.

## Inside Sales/ Manager Trainee

Armstrong McCall Beauty Supplies FT/PT  
Leader in Professional Beauty supplies product seeks a driven inside sales person. We offer full service distribution to license professional. We distribute top professional beauty supplies that include Matrix, Paul Mitchell, Goldwell, Joco, Chi, Kenra, Rusk and many more. This is a fantastic opportunity for someone that is looking for an exciting opportunity with great potential in the beauty industry. Must be able to lift 50 lbs. Full time qualifies for Medical insurance. Mon-Fri. Pay DOE. Call 432-520-0090 for interview.

## Janitorial Help

Part-time Janitorial help in Midland, work in the evening. Apply at 2311 Elizabeth Ave or call 432-570-9903.

## JANITORIAL

PT  
Now accepting applications for Maids and Janitors. Hours worked 5:30pm-8:30pm, Monday-Friday. Apply at 1307 N. Big Spring

## Office Machines Technician

Midland based service company has an immediate opening for a Office Machines Technician. Applicants needs strong customer service skills plus a willingness to learn technical skills. Send resumes & salary requirements to P-107 c/o Midland Reporter Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701

## CARTER'S

### Sales Person

2101 W. Wadley #6 Full-Time  
Midland, TX 79705  
Commission sales, must be able to multitask. Detail oriented, connect with customers and love furniture. Bring resume to Carter's Furniture at 2101 West Wadley, Suite #6 Midland, TX 79705

## Security Officers

Imperial Guard Service FT/PT  
Midland, TX 79701  
No experience necessary. Will train. Uniforms provided. \$11.50 per hour. Call 866-840-2066. TX Lic 12202

## Shop Welder/ Fabricator

Basin Engine and Pump FT  
Basin Engine & Pump is looking for an industrial oilfield Shop Welder/Fabricator for Welding/Fabricator experience preferred. Position includes job knowledge, a benefits package. Pay DOE. Please submit resume by fax to 432-570-1115 or email to [tommy@basinengine.com](mailto:tommy@basinengine.com). Applicant must be able to fill out at 1914 South County Rd. 1083, Greenwood Midland.

## Warehouse Foreman & Warehouseman

### Natural Gas Services Group FT

NGSG has immediate opening for Warehouse Foreman and Warehouseman. Foreman Duties include preparing ITR's, Shipments, Returns Cycle count, Inventory Control and security of Warehouse. Must have previous Warehouse experience in a manufacturing setting. Forklift experience a Plus. Warehouseman duties include printing BOM's, receive product, pulling & checking parts, keeping Warehouse clean and organized. Must have manufacturing Warehouse experience for the right people. For more information or to submit your resume contact [employment@ngsg.com](mailto:employment@ngsg.com) or call (432) 262-2700

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

### Resource Development Director, United Way of Midland

Minimum of two years nonprofit development experience, bachelor's degree, exceptional donor and volunteer management skills, effective presentation skills. Must be a self-starter and team player. Major giving and consultative selling experience helpful. Cover letter and resume to [dmahurn@uwmidland.org](mailto:dmahurn@uwmidland.org). Deadline to apply March 3, 2014

## RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

### Bistro Attendant

The Courtyard by Marriott is currently looking to fill a part-time/full time Bistro Attendant. The ideal candidate must be customer focused, willing to go the extra mile for our guests and enjoy working in a high-paced, high-energy department. As a Bistro Attendant, you will handle all guest contact opportunities, including taking guests orders, prepping food, clearing tables, set up and clean up, barending and providing overall outstanding customer service. This opportunity requires you be able to work any of the seven days/week during the day and night. Please contact Brenda Gill at 432-689-9400 or via e-mail at [Brenda.gill@marriott.com](mailto:Brenda.gill@marriott.com).

## Now Hiring 20 Warriors

Genghis Grill FT  
Server, Host, Bussier, Dishwasher, Grill Cook and Prep. Apply in person at 4517 N. Midkiff. EOE

## RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE



DOMINO'S PIZZA is now hiring Delivery Drivers! We are looking for Awesome Team Members that want to earn cash daily! Delivery drivers earn a great hourly wage while taking home their tips and delivery reimbursement daily! Do you like cash in your pocket? Have a vehicle with insurance? Have a decent motor vehicle record and background? Well this is the job for you! Not sure yet?

Email us at [dominos@clearwire.net](mailto:dominos@clearwire.net) with your name and phone number and we will call you to answer any question you may have before you decide to apply! We will make the hiring process as easy as possible for you! As always, come on down to any of our Midland/Odessa locations and apply at any time!  
Or apply at [www.indeed.com](http://www.indeed.com)  
EOE  
(coming soon: company delivery vehicles for you to drive! Apply today!)

## RETAIL JOBS

### Cashier

Health Food Store is taking applications for energetic and friendly full-time cashiers. Shifts will include evenings and some Saturdays. Apply in person Monday through Friday only 9am to 5pm at Natural-Foods Market, 2311 W. Wadley, Midland

## Retail Clerks

The UPS STORE 5023 FT  
Now Hiring! Retail Clerk position at The UPS Store. Apply in person at 3001 W. Loop 250 North, Suite C-105 (Located behind Toys 'R Us)

## SALES JOBS

### Sales And Designer

### FLOWERLAND FT

Designer needed. Must have good customer relations and phone etiquette. Computer experience preferred. Saturdays & holidays required. Fax resume to 432-682-8949, apply in person, or email resume to [tomwilliams@flowerlandmidland.com](mailto:tomwilliams@flowerlandmidland.com), no phone calls please.

## Sales Position

TNT Crane & Rigging is currently taking applications for a Sales Person. Must have extensive Oil & Gas industry sales experience. Top Pay and Benefits. Please send resume to [garyn@trncrane.com](mailto:garyn@trncrane.com) EOE

## Sales Professional

The Nations #1 home improvement company in need of Sales Professional. Do you have what it takes to be a part of our team? We are looking for an outgoing, self motivated & energetic sales representative. Proven success in the Sales Field is a must. Generous commission & excellent earning potential. Must provide own transportation. Send resume to M-13 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Ave. Midland, TX 79701

## SKILLED LABOR

### Diesel Mechanic

Wanted: Experienced Diesel Mechanic to manage repair shop for oilfield service company. Must be familiar with heavy duty and medium duty trucks. CDL license is a plus. Competitive salary and benefits. Contact 832-530-5423

## FOREMEN

Strong Electric is hiring Foremen for our Service Division. Journeymen Electricians encouraged to apply. Must have a clean driving record and pass a drug test prior to employment. Visit [www.strongelectric.net/about/careers](http://www.strongelectric.net/about/careers) to apply or call (512) 252-9500

## Industrial Construction Crafts

UDELHOVEN INC. Oilfield General Contractor. Now accepting resumes for Industrial Construction Crafts listed: Experienced Electrical Superintendent, Licensed Electrical Journeyman, Apprentice Electricians, Certified Welders, Pipefitters, Roustabouts, Painters, and General Laborers. Must have current Health and safety card as well as current H2S training. Udelhoven offers Competitive Wages, Insurance, 401k plan, and End of Year Safety Bonus for qualified personnel. Email resume to Toni Danielson [tdanielson@udelhoven.com](mailto:tdanielson@udelhoven.com). For more information Call 830-203-3055. (Please leave detail message if no answer)

## Licensed Service Plumbers

Apply in person at 1101 W. Florida or fax resume to 682-2939. Salary DOE. We offer benefits, paid holidays, paid vacation & 401k.

## Pipeline Operators

West Texas Gas, Inc. has an immediate openings for Pipeline Operators for the Big Spring/ Midland/ San Antonio areas. Primary responsibilities require experience in pipeline operations including measurement, regulation, line locations, routine maintenance, computer skills, cathodic protection systems, and regulatory compliance responsibilities. Benefits include group health insurance & 401K Plan. Salary DOE. Interested applicant can email resume to [employment@westtexasgas.com](mailto:employment@westtexasgas.com)

## Project Coordinator & General Superintendent

Mid-Tex of Midland, Inc. Now hiring General Superintendent and commercial construction Project Superintendent. Competitive pay plus excellent benefits. Experience in commercial construction a must. Please send resumes to 5206 W. Wadley, Midland, Texas 79707 or you may fax your resume to 432-694-9627.

## Single Hand Welder

Joe's Welding Service FT  
Joe's Welding Service is currently seeking an experienced Single Hand Welder. Please call 432-682-4664

## Winch Truck Drivers, Roustabout Pushers, Coaters

Frank's Tanks & Trucking is now hiring experienced Winch Truck Drivers, Roustabout Pushers, and Coaters. We pay for experience! Accepting applications in person only. Please no calls. 8215 West County Rd 115 Midland, Texas 79705

## TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

### CDL Driver

Sure Shot Hot Shot LLC -- Needing a Class A CDL driver with at least 1 year experience. Must be able to pass pre-employment drug screen and motor vehicle check. For question please contact Tommy Neatherlin at 432-528-3695 or Deborah at 432-617-5000. Applications available at 7600 WCR 116 Midland Tx

### Class A CDL Driver

\$5,000.00 Sign-On Bonus. Most weekends off! Stable company with a competitive hourly wage and excellent benefits located in Midland, TX is looking for a full time Class A CDL Driver with Hazmat endorsement. Position requires a minimum of 3 to 5 years verifiable professional driving experience with a clean driving and background record. Ideal candidates need to be dependable, reliable, and trustworthy. If you meet these qualifications, please contact Tammy at 432-279-0308 or send an email to [tammy@oilcenter.com](mailto:tammy@oilcenter.com)

### Class A CDL Truck Drivers

Prefer drivers with Pneumatic Tanker experience. Benefits include: medical, life and dental insurance, and paid vacation. Applicants having experience hauling sand and/or dry cement helpful. Good driving record, DOT, drug & alcohol testing required. Apply in person, call 432-563-1894 for interview or online @ [www.rockwaterenergy.com](http://www.rockwaterenergy.com)

## DISPATCHER

Blue Streak Transportation in Midland, TX is an integrated sand, fuel and lubricant distribution company. We are in need of a dispatcher to take all incoming requests for work to be performed and in return dispatch drivers to perform requested work. Dispatch office is open from 6a.m. to 10p.m. 7 days a week. Employee may work shifts of 8-10hrs with possible evening and weekend work as necessary. Candidate should have a high degree of stress tolerance and experience working within a "trucking" company. Basic computer skills are necessary and excellent customer service skills are required. Salary DOE. Excellent Benefits. Please send resume to [michelle@bluestreaktrans.com](mailto:michelle@bluestreaktrans.com) or fax to 432-563-1486

## Driver Riggers and Dispatchers

TNT Crane & Rigging is currently hiring Qualified CDL Driver/Riggers and Dispatchers. Top Pay, Benefits, and Per-Diem. Please email: [jhamison@trncrane.com](mailto:jhamison@trncrane.com) or call 432-242-4980 to request an application EOE

## Vacuum truck driver, Pump truck operator, Hazmat driver

Apply in person at 903 W. Industrial Midland, TX 79701 or call 432-686-7640.

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SALES JOBS

## Multi-Media Sales Consultant

The Midland Reporter-Telegram and mywesttexas.com advertising department is looking for a Multi-Media Sales Consultant. The ideal candidate will have a proven track record of personal sales successes, preferably in a newspaper/media environment. Some knowledge of the advertising industry would be helpful, but not required.

Duties for this position will include, but are not limited to selling advertising in all print publications of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and all online products, including mywesttexas.com

**Qualifications & Skills:**

- Ability to work in a fast-paced, deadline oriented environment
- Excellent customer service and time management skills
- Highly organized with the ability to work independently with minimal supervision
- Detail-oriented with good communication, spelling and math skills

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If you are the one we are looking for, please send current resume to:

**Jeri Houston, Advertising Sales Manager**

Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Avenue, Midland, TX 79701  
or email to: [jhouston@mrt.com](mailto:jhouston@mrt.com)

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TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

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Regional Ice Manufacturer Seeking FULL-TIME Route Delivery Drivers for the Midland, TX. area. Home Every Night. Class A or B CDL Required. Pre-Employment Drug Screen and Clean Driving Record a Must. Able to lift minimum of 50 lbs. Pays an excellent hourly wage and commission. Full Benefits Package Available. Please apply online at [arcticglacier.com](http://arcticglacier.com)

**Hot Shot Driver**

G & W Trucking FT  
Hot Shot Drivers wanted in the Midland area, Class A CDL, and drug screen required. Call 800-572-5338 or apply at Texas Work Force Commission for more information.

**Operator & Drivers**

Looking for experienced operator with class A CDL, driver with Class A CDL and driver with Class B/tanker endorsement. Must have clean driving record and able to pass a drug test. Call Julio (432)557-2025 or Celeste (432)682-7201 or apply in person. C&C Coating, 2908 NCR 1150, Midland, TX, 79705.

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We now have immediate openings for the following positions: **MECHANICS, TRUCK DRIVERS, KILL TRUCK OPERATORS and TRUCK PUSHERS.** We offer weekly pay and benefits after 90 days. All drivers and pushers must have at least 2 yrs. experience and all applicants must be able to pass a drug test. Apply in person at 3404 W. Illinois Ste. 204 Midland, TX 79703.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY



**EARN UP TO \$500 PER WEEK!**

Do you have a reliable car with insurance and a phone??  
Become an independent contractor delivering the Midland Reporter-Telegram.

**Contact:  
Linda 687-8807**

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Supplement your income by delivering newspapers for a few hours in the early mornings between 12:00am - 6:00am. The Midland Reporter-Telegram is currently seeking individuals who are interested in delivering newspapers in the residential areas in and around the City of Midland. If interested, **MUST** have a reliable vehicle, proof of automobile insurance in your name, a valid driver's license, must understand that this is a 7 day a week delivery commitment as an Independent Contractor.

**THE PROFIT FOR THESE ROUTES IS ABOUT \$650-\$1,000 a month,** depending on the size of the route.

*This is a perfect way to generate the extra money you need.*

If interested in starting a newspaper route:  
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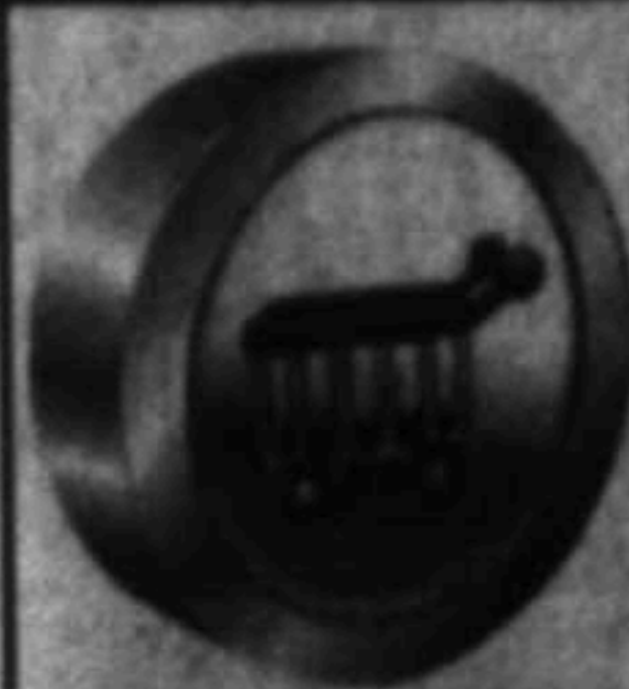
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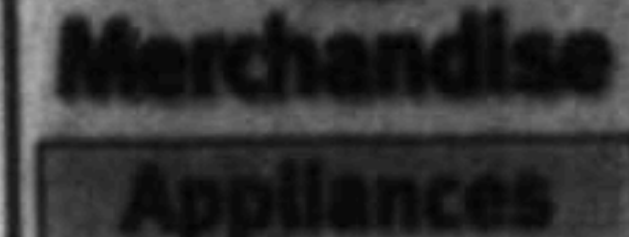


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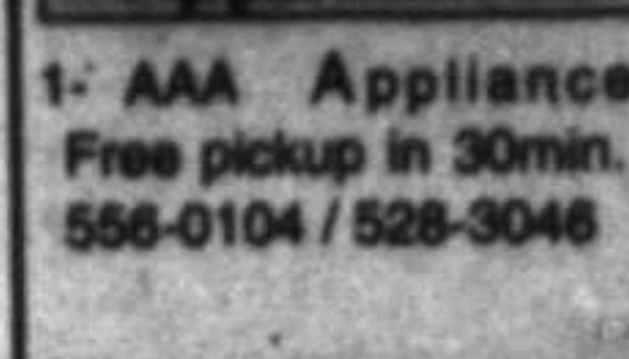
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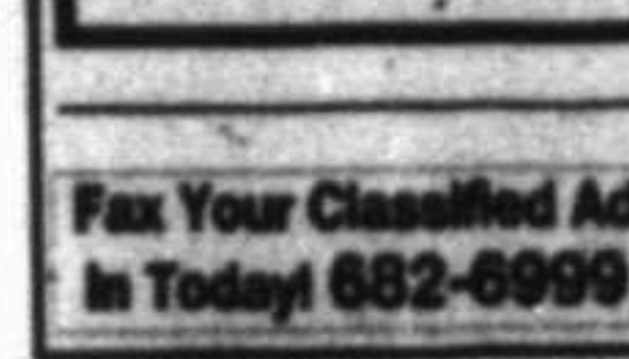
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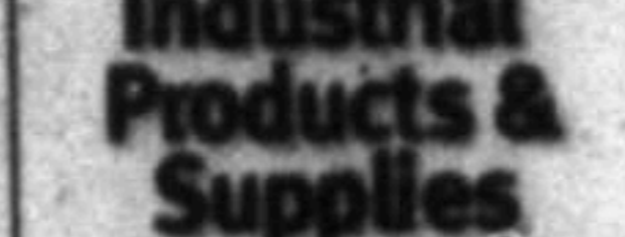
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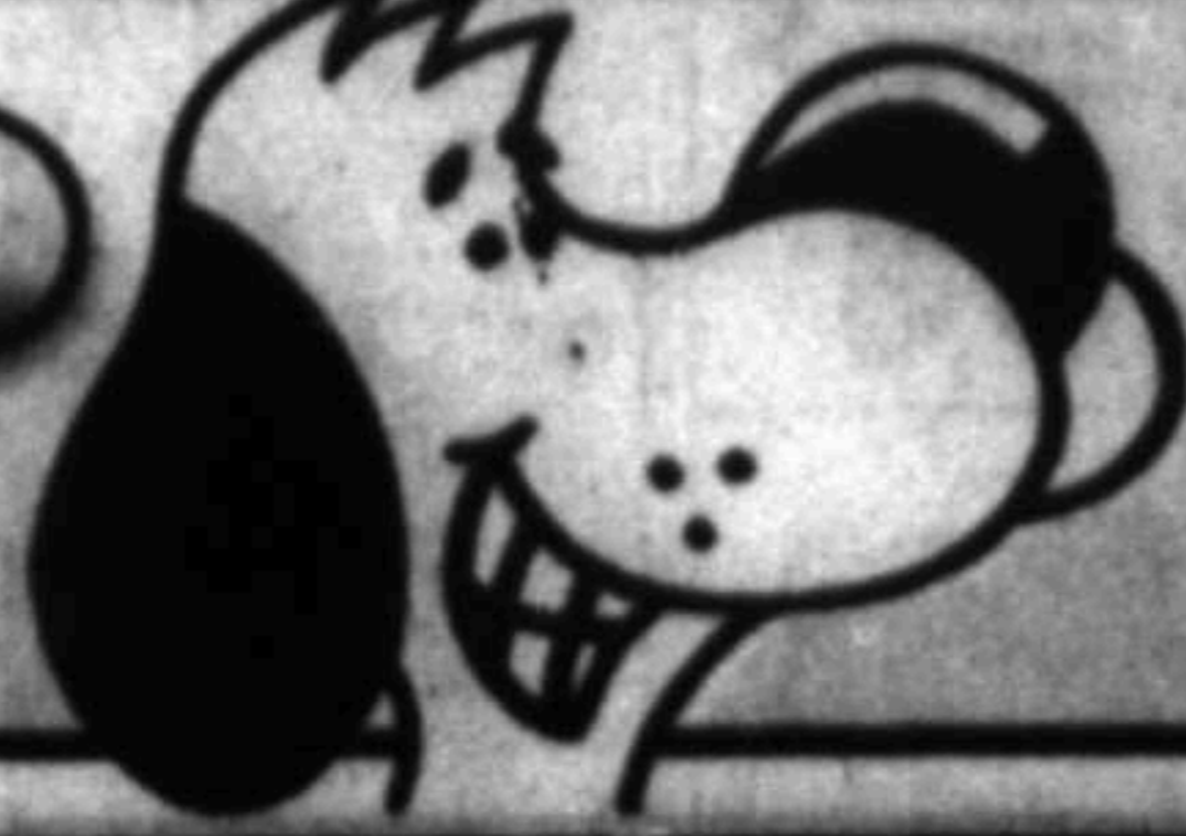
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