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Lawsuits become issues in governor's race

Abbott's previous legal engagements, political stances make targets for his opponents

By Chris Tomlinson
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Greg Abbott's job as Texas' top lawyer placed him in the line of fire last week when his likely Democratic opponent called on him to stop defending lawsuits over school funding and gay marriage.

State Sen. Wendy Davis said the attorney general should settle a lawsuit brought by 600-plus school districts who complain that lawmakers violated the state constitution by boosting standards while slashing per-student spending. She said Abbott was "defending the indefensible."

Four days later, she criticized Abbott for defending the Texas ban on gay marriage, saying the law violates the U.S. Constitution's guarantee of equal protection for homosexuals.

In both cases, she said the attorney general's obligation should be to recognize these injustices and work to rectify them rather than spend millions in taxpayer dollars on litigation. But Davis also knows these are winning

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issues for her, with most Texas parents frustrated by the poor performance of public schools and the growing support for gay marriage in the state.

Abbott insists his job requires him to defend all laws passed by the Legislature, which is controlled by Republicans. The fact that Republican primary voters think state government spends too much on schools and oppose gay marriage is a bonus for his short-term political goals.

Long term, though, it gets complicated. Abbott has walked a fine line on school funding in his public remarks, refusing to discuss the complex litigation or the judge's ruling last year that the current system violates the state constitution. He has promised to announce ways to improve schools without spending more money soon.

This opens the door for Davis to group Abbott with the Republican lawmakers who cut the \$5.4 billion in per-student spending in 2011, only to restore \$3.4 billion in 2013. Suburban mothers, a critical bloc of swing voters in

Disability lawsuits

Despite himself being in a wheelchair, Greg Abbott's office has fought numerous times against disability lawsuits against Texas.

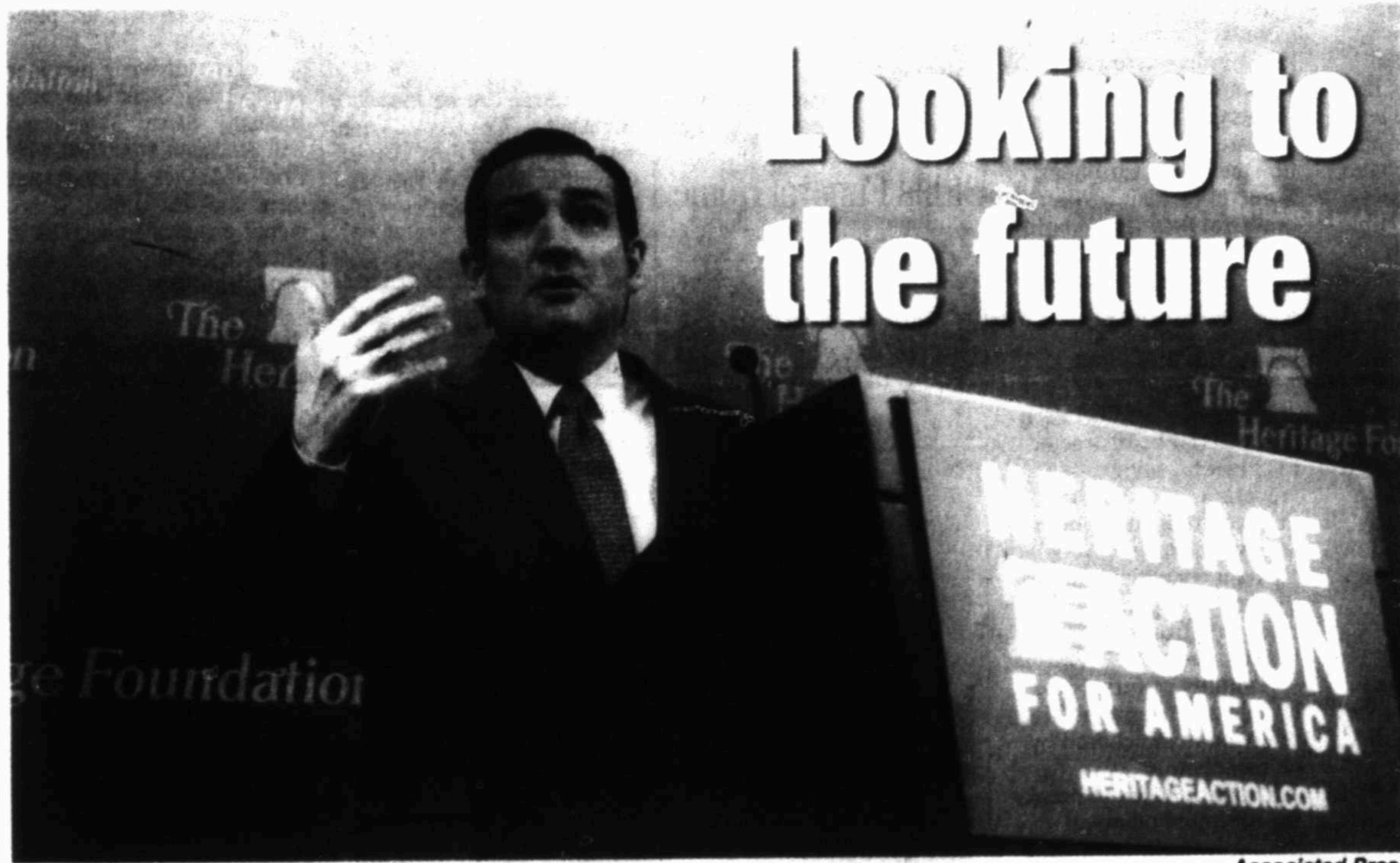
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Texas, are still angry about those cuts.

Davis has called on Abbott to settle the case and clear the way for a special legislative session to fix the school finance system. Abbott has not ruled out a settlement, but one is unlikely until the judge issues his written ruling and Abbott has had a chance to appeal the case to the Texas Supreme Court. An appeal would delay any resolution until after the Nov. 4 general election.

In the gay marriage case, Abbott has also tried to say as little as possible. In response to questions from The Associated Press, Abbott said he opposes same-sex marriage.

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Associated Press

Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, speaks about energy at the Heritage Action for America 2014 Conservative Policy Summit at the Heritage Foundation in Washington, Feb. 10.

Cruz's voice projecting beyond Senate walls

By David McCumber
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Here is a news flash: Sen. Ted Cruz still does not give a flip about the way things have always been done in the United States Senate.

Some people think that could be because he doesn't plan to hang around there for long.

Just a couple of weeks ago, a spate of news reports focused on Cruz getting along famously with his Republican Senate colleagues. But for anyone who

thought that Cruz had decided to play nice after getting the lion's share of the blame for the Great Government Shutdown of 2013, last week's debt-ceiling drama set the record straight.

As the Senate vote neared Wednesday, the Republican leadership had a plan. With prospects looking bright for the party in this year's midterm elections, it just wasn't the time for another shut-down showdown. The smart thing to do, they figured, was to get the debt-limit increase passed out of the Senate with nothing but Democratic votes.

"The whole thing would have been so simple," a congressional aide who declined to be identified complained later. "It could have been over in half an hour."

Unsaid was the fact that Republican candidates could have dined out on that vote for the entire campaign.

But the freshman senator from Texas felt differently. Eschewing politics-as-usual in favor of a full-frontal assault, Cruz insisted on a 60-vote threshold for

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County plans to create special court for veterans

By Joseph Basco
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County commissioners recently authorized the application for a \$100,000 grant that would help establish a specialty court for military veterans.

If formed, the court would hear cases for veterans who have been accused of misdemeanors. Judge Dean Rucker, vacating his 318th District judgeship later this year, would be the presiding judge for the specialty court.

Much like the mental health court that the county recently began on a test basis, the veterans court would serve a segment of the population that has special needs. For veterans, their needs may stem from drug abuse or mental health problems.

"Veterans have a special set of needs as far as when they suffer an injury during service," said Cassandra Champion, a veterans rights attorney with the Texas Civil Rights Project. "The most common one is post-traumatic stress disorder."

Post-traumatic stress disorder occurs after someone goes through life-altering events such as combat exposure, child abuse, sexual assault or a terrorist attack, according to the National Center for PTSD. Of the 60 percent of men and 50 percent of women who experience at least one traumatic event, 8 percent of men and 20 percent of women will develop PTSD.

One of the symptoms of PTSD include behavioral changes such as alcohol or drug abuse.

"A program like this would address the root cause of the criminal behaviors," Champion said.

Through counseling provided by medical partners with the court, veterans could be released from jail sooner and have a lesser chance of repeating the same offense, Champion said, adding that these are generally the benefits associated with specialty courts.

The pathway for veterans courts opened up through legislation in 2009 with state Senate Bill 1940. As of September 2013, there are 12 veterans courts in the state. They join the hundreds of other specialty courts other counties have formed including drug courts, DWI courts and mental health courts.

County Judge Mike Bradford said that if veterans do not receive counseling through the veterans court program, they would likely end up in jail.

"It does nobody good — the veteran, the taxpayer, anybody," Bradford said.

First students attended one-room schoolhouse

MIDLAND 101

By Jimmy Patterson

The first school in Midland opened in 1883, shortly after A.N. Jackson, the first teacher, moved to Midland. The one-room schoolhouse was located at 300 W. Illinois Ave., the intersection of Illinois and Colorado avenues.

With just 35 children ages 8-16 in Midland County, according to a county-ordered census, the teacher-to-student ratio even 125 years ago seemed to stretch desired levels.

By 1889, two more rooms had been added, and Midland County treasurer's statements of receipts and disbursements for fiscal year 1889-1890 showed Midland schools received \$744 in state revenue, \$1,062 from county school

funding and \$1,044 in local school taxes. Of that nearly \$2,900 collected, a total of \$417 went toward construction costs on the new facility.

In 1893, just four years after the school building's expansion from one to three rooms, it again became necessary to provide additional space for the ever-increasing number of students, and a two-story red brick building — complete with a belfry — was built at 301 W. Illinois Ave. The building was used until the 1940s, when it was torn down.

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



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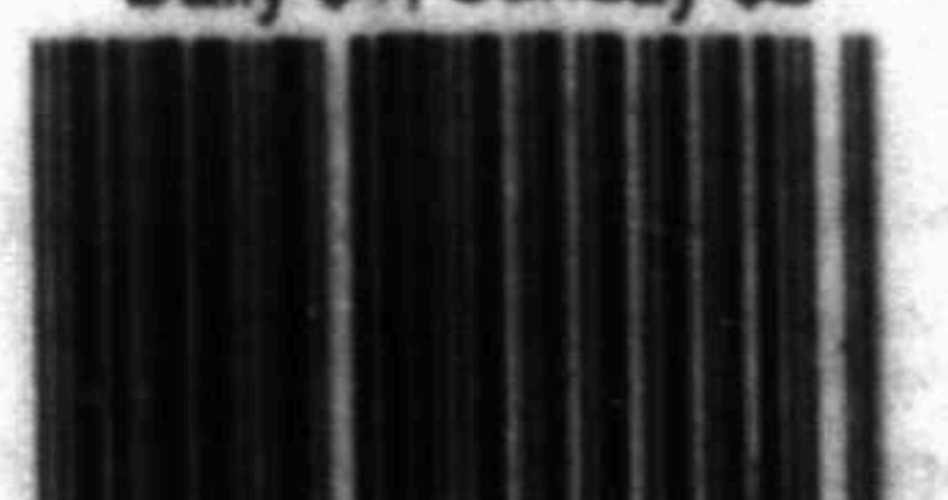
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Doctors seek outings privileges for mom who killed kids

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Doctors who have been treating a Texas mother who drowned her five children in 2001 are seeking permission for her to attend group outings with other patients in the psychiatric hospital, a newspaper reported.

Andrea Yates, who killed her five children aged six months to 7, is the only patient that has never been allowed to attend group outings with others at Kerrville State Hospital since 2006, when she was found innocent by reason of insanity for the deaths, her attorney, George Parnham, said.

A conference call between a judge, Parnham and hospital staff had been scheduled for Friday, but was cancelled because Parnham said he was not available, the Houston Chronicle reported. The call will likely not be rescheduled before Yates' annual evaluation in the fall, he said.

"The doctors recommended (Yates) could benefit from passes for a couple of hours to attend picnics with other patients," Parnham told the newspaper.

The outings would be part of Yates' rehabilitation, and she would be accompanied by staff and guards at all time, Parnham said.

Initially, Yates had been convicted in 2002 of capital murder in the drowning deaths of her five young children, Noah, 7; John, 5; Paul, 3; Luke, 2; and Mary, 6 months old. She was sentenced to life in prison. She was later granted a retrial and found innocent by reason of insanity.

In May 2012, a judge denied Parnham's request that Yates be allowed to attend church services outside the hospital.

The attorney did not give many details on Yates' life in the hospital but said she has made greeting cards and aprons, which are sold anonymously at craft shows. The proceeds go to the Yates Children Memorial Fund, a group founded in 2002 to improve the mental health of mothers in the region.

"She wants to help build a legacy for those children to help prevent future tragedies like hers," Parnham said. "Every kid deserves to be raised by a mother free of mental illness."

Yates' husband, Rusty Yates, divorced her in 2004. He has since remarried.

Houston church mulls split from Presbyterians

Associated Press

HOUSTON — An influential, wealthy Houston church is considering a split from the nation's largest Presbyterian body as it is embroiled in a national debate between those who want to take a more conservative view of the Bible and those who support measures to make room for gay marriage, a newspaper reported Sunday.

The First Presbyterian Church, the oldest such congregation in the city, will vote next Sunday on whether it wants to remain with Presbyterian Church USA or join a breakaway faction that wouldn't allow for gay clergy or marriage. The Houston Chronicle reported.

Similar debates are going on in Presbyterian churches nationwide since Presbyterian Church USA, which has more than 10,000 churches and 1.8 million members, decided to allow local congregations to choose whether they want to ordain gay clergy. The Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Dallas, the largest such congregation in the state, has already joined forces with the breakaway movement. A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians. Another Houston church is also in the process of joining the evangelical group. The First Presbyterian Church has more than

3,000 worshippers at its main location in the city's museum district, as well as several smaller member churches elsewhere in Houston. It also has property and assets valued at more than \$100 million and 175-year history. Some of its members sit on powerful boards and hold elected office.

The debate has created tension among members.

Some, such as senior pastor Jim Birchfield, seek what they call a more "Gospel-centered" church that will not be distracted by "threats" such as the "redefinition of marriage" that would open the door to gay marriage.

"I am concerned, not for tomorrow or perhaps for two years from tomorrow, but for the future health and vitality of First Pres," he said at a recent meeting, referring to the church by its nickname.

Those opposed to breaking off urged others in the congregation to join already existing churches in Houston that share their more conservative opinions.

"I may choose to go where my beliefs are shared and where my beliefs fit in, and so can anyone else," member Don Ahnberg said at the meeting. "If those seeking dismissal want a church, then leave and start one. Don't take this church as a matter of convenience."

Obituaries

Anno Misceovich Baker

Anno Misceovich Baker was born in Warren, Ohio on December 10, 1920 to Barbara and Branko Misceovich. She was an avid sports fan having won 4 State Championships as a strike out artist for a semi-pro softball team from 1937-1941.

Ann married the love of her life, Maylor S. Baker Jr. on May 20, 1947. They had two children, Barbara Ann Faubion of Austin and Dennis J. Baker and his wife, Vanessa of Midland. She is also survived by three grandchildren, Cheryl Thomas and her husband, Chase of Austin, Sean Faubion of Austin and Leland Baker of Midland. She had two great grandchildren, Coby and Chandler of Austin.

Ann was known for the love she had for her God and her compassion for all the stray animals which she fed, spayed and neutered in her lifetime. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Lone Star Animal Shelter, Noah's Arc or a shelter of your choice.

A rosary will be held at 7:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel on Monday, February 17, 2014. Services are scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com

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Mary Alice Westbrook Enox

Mary Alice Westbrook Enox entered the loving arms of her Savior on February 14, 2014, with Karen, family and friends by her side. There to welcome her was her loving Valentine of fifty-one years, Doc Enox.

Mary Alice Westbrook was the last of ten children born to Robert and Callie Westbrook of Deport, Texas on August 1, 1931. She attended Paris Junior College,

later transferring to Texas Tech at the coaxing of her eldest sister. She graduated with a teaching degree and landed her first job in Hobbs, New Mexico. It was there she met and married Charles "Doc" Enox on August 8, 1958.

They were transferred to Kermit, Texas in 1960, where she taught at East Primary and completed 35 years doing what she loved at Purple Sage school.

Mary and Doc were blessed with two daughters in 1963. Kandis was born in January and Karen in August. What wonderful role models they were to their daughters and the many 3-year olds they taught in Sunday School at First Baptist, Kermit.

Retirement offered them the opportunity to return to Mary's hometown in East Texas. She loved seeing extended family, serving at her church, and volunteering at Paris Regional Hospital.

She was Mimi to many and will be missed by all she loved on, especially her two granddaughters.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers and five sisters, and her devoted husband, Charles Edward Enox.

She will be missed by her two daughters, Karen Enox of Deport, Kandis Sanders and husband Brent Sanders of Midland, and two granddaughters, Kelsey and Katy Sanders. A sister-in-law, Laverta Westbrook of DeKalb, her husband's siblings, Ailene Payne, Eva and Elyan Baker, Pat Wigington, Garland and Dorothy Enox, and Don and Nancy Enox along with numerous extended family and friends. What a blessing you were to all of us, Mimi! You will live in our hearts forever.

There will be a visitation at Woods Funeral Home, Sunday from 4-6 and a funeral service 11:00 am Monday at First Baptist Church of Deport.

Donations can be made to Highland Cemetery, the Youth Group of First Baptist Church in Deport or The Alzheimer's Association.

Death Notices

Abel Madrid Vargas

Abel Madrid Vargas, 62 of Midland, passed away on February 13, 2014. He is survived by his loving family; wife Socorro L. Vargas; two daughters, Lisa Vargas and Anna Marie Vargas; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren; two brothers, Alfonso Vargas and Martin Vargas and his sister, Aurora Vargas; numerous uncles, aunts, nephews and cousins. Rosaries will be held at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel on Sunday and Monday, February 16 & 17 both at 7:00 pm. Funeral mass is set for Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 10:00 am at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

George M. Peters

George M. Peters, 88 of Midland, formerly of Stanton, died Friday, February 14, 2014, in a Midland nursing home. A rosary service will be 10:00 AM Wednes-

day at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Stanton. Funeral Mass will be 2:00 PM Wednesday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Stanton. Interment will follow at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, Stanton.

Survivors include one sister, Clara Holliman of San Angelo; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.npwech.com

Herbert Harold Adams

Herbert Harold Adams was born May 20, 1935, to Virgil Douglas Adams and Iona Ruth Adams. He went to join his parents and baby brother in Heaven on Thursday, February 13, 2014, in Odessa, TX.

He is survived by three children: Rena Rasor and husband, Jimmy; Sharon Rhodes and husband, Earnie; and Alan Adams and wife, Rose. He is also survived by six grandchildren Garrett Rasor and wife, Tiffany; Paul Rhodes and wife, Rose; Mark Rhodes and fiancé Ashlyn Smith; Brandon Rhodes; and Noble and Wyatt Adams; as well as two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm on Monday, February 17, 2014, at Central Baptist Church located at 14th and Texas St. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Services entrusted to Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home of Odessa.

Richard Stone

Richard Stone, 82, of Big Spring, died Thursday, February 13, 2014 at Parkview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. No services are planned.

He is survived by four sons: Ricky Stone and wife Barbara, Steve Stone and wife Jo, Keith Stone and wife Erin and Dicky Stone, and their mother Anita Stone; eight grandchildren: David Stone, Stephanie Stone, Derek Griffith, Clete Stone, Logan Stone, Mackenzie Stone, Jessica Stone, Jaci Stone and Dayton Draper.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Steve Coleman

Steve Coleman, 60, of Big Spring, died Friday, February 14, 2014 at his residence. Graveside services will be held at 2:00 pm Monday, February 17, 2014 at Trinity Memorial Park.

He is survived by his wife Joyce Coleman; one daughter Kara Freeman and husband Chad; one son Chad Coleman and wife Stacia; three grandchildren: Ross Freeman, Ty Freeman and Mia Coleman; one sister: Charlotte Williams and husband Jim.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Questions about death notices or online Guest Books? Email: obits@mrt.com

New access sought to old Medina Lake dam

By Zeke McCormack
San Antonio Express-News

MICO — It's been decades since commuters routinely crossed the Medina Lake dam to reach homes on the western shoreline and years since visitors strolled along its top. Access to foot traffic was blocked after 9/11 because of terrorism concerns.

These days, the century-old concrete behemoth is the domain of just one couple, Phil and Leticia Brant, who still need it to get to their house, perched on a rocky outcrop beside the spillway channel.

"It's a pretty neat driveway," Phil Brant, 69, told the San Antonio Express-News from atop the 1,500-foot span, with its scenic river valley on one side and its drought-depleted lake, now just 3.5 percent full, on the other. "There's nothing like it." A push to reopen the landmark to pedestrians is now underway, organized by Carol Smith, president of the Medina Lake Preservation Society, a nonprofit group formed in 1987.

The public, she noted, can't see the three historic markers placed on the dam to commemorate its construction in 1911-12 by the Medina Irrigation Co. (MICO),

which gave this town its name.

Dismissing security concerns, she said of the dam's owner-operator, the Bexar-Medina-Atascosa Counties Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, "If they're going to make the whole terrorism argument, they should also be concerned about people walking up to the front of the dam or kayaking up to the back of it."

She's lining up supporters before formally approaching the BMA board to request public access or at least the relocation of the historic markers to a spot near County Road 271 on the dam's eastern end.

BMA officials are open to moving the markers but appear adamant about keeping the razor-wire-topped gate locked.

"Any high-hazard dam like that will always be a terrorism target," BMA Manager Ed Berger said. "Aside from that, there's huge liability. If someone falls off, who are they going to sue?"

Letting pedestrians back on the 25-foot-wide top of the dam also could expose its controls to vandals, he said.

Smith's proposal has garnered conditional support from Jim Barden, county judge in Medina County, where the dam is located,

and from Richard Evans, county judge in Bandera County, which has much of the lake shoreline.

"It's a nice idea if it can be done safely," Barden said. "I'd kind of like to walk out there myself."

Evans said, "You've got to be sure you have security. That would be my only concern. You used to be able to drive across it when I was young."

The dam was closed to vehicles around 1980 when a new road was built leading to shoreline homes, Brant said. Traffic temporarily resumed in 1990 when the road underwent repairs.

Federal authorities urged that public access be curtailed at the dam — and many others nationwide — after 9/11, former BMA Manager Maurice Rihn said.

"It was a strong recommendation — it wasn't mandatory, from what I can recall," he said.

Smith sees restoring pedestrian access as a potential draw for lakeside communities whose economic lifeblood, recreational tourism, has been drained as the irrigation reservoir level plunged in recent years, to 82 feet below the spillway now.

Even after cars stopped using it, "visitors could still walk across the dam, enjoying a 360-degree

view of the lake and the Medina River," she said in an email soliciting support for the initiative.

Brant, an Army Special Forces veteran, doubts that terrorists would bother with the sturdy rural dam he uses to get to and from the remote home his grandfather built in 1943. Other, higher-value targets are more vulnerable, he said.

"I personally don't worry about al-Qaida," he said. But he doesn't favor restoring pedestrian access, recalling the trespassing visitors who breached security fences and the picnickers and late-night partiers who blocked the road.

Smith wants to create a small park on an overlook near County Road 271 to hold the Texas Historical Commission marker installed on the dam in 1978, a 1936 state marker that recalls an 1854 Mormon settlement known as Mountain Valley that was covered by the lake when the dam was built, and a 1991 marker declaring the dam a Texas Historic Civil Engineering Landmark.

While open to reinstalling the markers inside their fence, BMA officials were cool to the idea of moving the fence itself to make room for an overlook park.

Crews monitor Carlsbad nuclear repository for radiation

Associated Press

CARLSBAD, N.M. — Officials checking the presence of airborne radiation at an underground site in southeastern New Mexico where the U.S. government seals away low-grade nuclear waste said surface tests have detected no contamination.

Samples were taken at several sites around the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant after an air monitor found radiation on the underground levels of the facility around 11:30 p.m. Friday, the U.S. Department of Energy said in a news release.

No workers were underground at the time and no injuries or damages have been reported. A fire at the site earlier this month prompted an evacuation. "Monitors at the WIPP boundary have confirmed there is no danger to human health or the environment," the department said late Saturday night. "No contamination has been found on any equipment, personnel, or facilities."

Energy Department spokesman Roger Nelson said that the 139 workers aboveground at the site near Carlsbad were told Saturday to stay where they were as a precaution. None of them tested posi-



Homes Herbert/AP

The first load of nuclear waste arrives in this March 26, 1999, file photo, at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) site in Carlsbad, N.M., from Los Alamos National Labs. Officials monitoring the presence of airborne radiation at the underground site in southeastern New Mexico where the federal government seals away its low-grade nuclear waste said late Saturday that surface tests have shown no danger to people or the environment.

tive for contamination, and all non-essential personnel were released, Nelson said.

The surface samples show no contamination has been detected, implying the leak was "not significant," he said.

Nelson said the cause of the leak is not known yet. The devices that continuously monitor the air underground reached a threshold level that automatically switches the ventilation system into a filtered mode. He couldn't quantify the level it takes

to trigger the monitors but said they're sensitive. He said the monitors have been triggered in the past by radon fluctuations.

WIPP stores waste that emits alpha and beta radiation, which is in particulate form, so the risk is of inhalation not penetration, he said.

No one has been underground, and Nelson said he didn't know when that would happen.

"We are going to take measurements and make sure we understand it"

Roswell man trapped in storm drain

Associated Press

ROSWELL, N.M. — Roswell firefighters said a man is recovering after being stuck overnight in a 3-by-3-foot storm drain.

KRQE-TV reported a passing motorist spotted the man's fingers sticking out from a drain grate Satur-

day around 12:40 p.m. and called authorities.

Firefighters used hydraulic spreaders to free the victim around 1:08 p.m.

They said the man, whose name hasn't been released, complained of severe pain in his arms and back. But he was able to walk to an ambulance, which later took

him to a hospital.

Firefighters said the only way to get into the drain, located in an alley behind an AutoZone shop, is through the Hondo River.

Authorities said the man crawled in there sometime Friday night but he couldn't recall how he ended up there.

White Sands Nat'l Monument reopens scenic path

Associated Press

ALAMOGORDO, N.M. — A scenic 8-mile drive in White Sands National Monument was reopened Sunday.

The National Park Service announced Dunes Drive was opened to visitors Sunday starting at 8 a.m.

Dunes Drive had been closed for eight days because of recovery and cleanup efforts after a QF-4 drone from Holloman Air Force Base crashed Feb. 7.

Base officials said the cause of the crash isn't immediately known, and it's under investigation.

Officials said entrance fees at all National Parks

Service Sites, including White Sands, will be free Sunday and Monday because of the holiday.

Flight boots unruly man

Associated Press

HOUSTON — An American Airlines official said a flight that left Chicago and made an unplanned stop in Canada to kick an unruly passenger off the plane has landed in London.

Airline spokesman Kent Powell said the flight landed early Sunday at London's Heathrow Airport, its original destination. There were 187 passengers

aboard the Boeing 777.

Powell told The Associated Press the 35-year-old man refused to follow the crew's instructions, but had no further details on what transpired aboard Flight 86 that left Chicago on Saturday.

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U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce issued a statement saying, "WIPP has acted quickly

and cautiously to ensure the safety of personnel and the local community."

The incident comes 10 days after an underground truck fire at the plant prompted an evacuation. Six people were treated for smoke inhalation on Feb. 5.

Nelson said the fire was in a different part of the site, about 1,000 feet away from where the radiation

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Asked if the incidents were related, he said, "I just can't think of a scenario where there would be a relationship."

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Today is Presidents Day

Presidents Day is an American holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February. Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, it is still officially called "Washington's Birthday" by the federal government. Traditionally celebrated on Feb. 22 — Washington's actual day of birth — the holiday became popularly known as Presidents Day after it was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekkaps for the nation's workers. While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Abraham Lincoln and other figures, Presidents Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents past and present.

Source: History.com

Meetings today

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

Midland-Odessa Transportation Organization (MOTOR)
5 p.m. today
Wright Office Complex, Suite 1,
9601 Wright Drive

Club meeting today

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

Community calendar

■ The George W. Bush Childhood Home monthly reading event is planned for 4:30-5:30 p.m. Feb. 20. This month's featured book is "Like Music."

Each child will receive a copy of the book. Refreshments will be served. To make a reservation, call 685-1112.

■ ODESSA — A seminar on how to prevent infectious diseases, such as flu and norovirus, is planned for 10 a.m. Thursday at Lincoln Tower, 311 W. Fourth St. Ector County Health Department epidemiologist Amanda Robison-Chadwell will be the guest speaker.
For more information, call 432-333-1106.

What's on the radio

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KCRS (AM 550)
6-9 a.m. The Morning Drive with Robert Hallmark and Kurt Verlei
9-11 a.m. Lynn Woolley
11 a.m.-2 p.m. Rush Limbaugh
2-5 p.m. Dave Ramsey
5-6 p.m. Local news 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
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KMND (AM 1510)
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9 a.m.-noon The Herd with Colin Cowherd
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Today in history

Today is Monday, Feb. 17, the 48th day of 2014. There are 317 days left in the year. This is Presidents Day.

On this date:
In 1863, the International Red Cross was founded in Geneva.
In 1897, the forerunner of the National PTA, the National Congress of Mothers, convened its first meeting in Washington.

Associated Press



Photos by Mary Powers/MRT correspondent

Chocolate decadence

Chocolate Decadence, the annual fundraiser for Aphasia Center of West Texas, was Thursday at Midland Center. West Texas National Bank was the presenting sponsor for the event that had the theme "Welcome to the Wonderful World of Oz." Chocolate Decadence featured dinner and chocolate dessert buffets and a live auction that included golf, dining and Broadway-show packages.



FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Eduardo Aleman, 20, of Midland, was charged Saturday with burglary of a habitation.
Stephen W. Blue, 24, of Midland, was charged Saturday with assault on a public servant.
Ruben R. Esquivel, 23, of Midland, was charged Saturday with assault on a public servant.
Clarence A. Fortenberry, 34, of Midland, was charged Saturday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.
Justin P. Roberts, 27, of Midland, was charged Saturday with injury to a child, elderly or disabled person.
Jimmy Rodriguez, 32, of Odessa, was charged Saturday with violation of probation.
Tara M. Smith, 33, of Midland, was charged Saturday with evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.
Joel R. Tavarez, 32, (no place of residence listed), was charged Saturday with burglary of a habitation.
Alex C. Trinidad, 23, of Midland, was charged Saturday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.
Javier E. Valenzuela Jr., 17, of Midland, was charged Saturday with evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.
Adrian Vasquez, 21, of Midland, was charged Saturday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

NATION BRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

LOS ANGELES
'Lego Movie' blocks 'RoboCop,' 'About Last Night'
"The Lego Movie" built a huge lead on top of the weekend's new releases at the box office.
In its second outing, the Warner Bros. animated film featuring the voices of Chris Pratt, Elizabeth Banks and Will Arnett earned \$48.8 million to take first place, according to studio estimates Sunday. That brings the film based on the toy brick-building franchise's domestic box office total to \$129.1 million, cementing it was one of the biggest blockbusters of the year.
"It's crossing over to all audiences," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box-office tracker Rentrak. "It's not just a kids' movie. There's something for boys, girls and adults, as well. The likeability is astronomical. That across-the-board appeal is giving 'The Lego Movie' unstoppable momentum, even in a weekend loaded with new competitors."

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the bill.
That put Republicans in play: If at least five of them didn't vote for the bill, the country would be under the threat of a debt default.
In the end, Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, of Kentucky, and Whip John Cornyn, of Texas, both of whom have right-wing primary opposition, were forced to vote "aye" to break the Cruz-induced filibuster. Instead of a political talking point, they got saddled with a vote that will be used against them.
They did their best to contain the damage, voting against final passage, as did the entire GOP caucus.
"Like all my Republican Senate colleagues, I was pleased to vote against raising the debt ceiling," Cornyn said.
Asked about Cruz' role, he would say only, "Sen. Cruz has been a great addition to the U.S. Senate and a strong partner in representing 26 million Texans."
The Wall Street Journal was not so sanguine, responding to the spectacle with a scathing editorial. It blamed Cruz and the Republicans' "rump kamikaze caucus" for maintaining the GOP's status as the minority party in the Senate.
Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who famously called Cruz a "wacko bird" some months ago, Tweeted out the editorial, tagged "Must-read."
McCain praised Cornyn and McConnell for taking the politically difficult vote. "I must say it was a very courageous act, especially on the part of Sen. McConnell, whom we know is in a very tough race," he said.
Why would Cruz antagonize his own party leaders? "He's acting like someone who doesn't want to be around the Senate too much longer," said Senate specialist and Rutgers political science professor Ross Baker. "He has his sights set much higher."
In Baker's view, Cruz is speaking directly to voters — and not just Texas voters.
"His message is delivered well beyond the walls of the Senate," Baker said. "What he says is being consumed by very conservative voters." the kind who vote in Republican presidential primaries and caucuses.
Noting Cruz' planned trip to Iowa in March, Baker said, "It wouldn't surprise me to see him in South Carolina in the near future."
Can that strategy win? "I think so," said Baker bluntly. "The Republican field is not, at this point, tremendously well organized. (New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie's chances are seriously impaired, Cruz has the ability to corral a lot of Republicans looking for a new face.
Like no other candidate, Baker said, "Cruz really represents the purest distillation of the Republican base."
Political scientist Norman Ornstein, resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, agreed that Cruz' style and record could be effective on the campaign trail, particularly if 2016 shapes up to be very challenging for Republicans.
"If Obamacare is a reasonable success, if the economy keeps growing," and the Democrats have a strong candidate, conservative Republican voters could decide to "nominate one of their own," he said.
Ornstein said that what Cruz has done in his first year in the Senate is almost without precedent. "Even Jim DeMint (R-S.C.) wasn't like this when he arrived. Tom Coburn (R-Okla.) was outspoken from the beginning, and got attention for it, but the impact was very limited." Other senators "have had loud voices, but not like Cruz," he said. "Cruz has done things, like undermining party leadership in the House, that violate every norm in American politics. He doesn't much care. But if he ever actually wants to pass legislation, that's unlikely."

GOP candidate Abbott fights disability lawsuits

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Republican gubernatorial candidate Greg Abbott has vigorously fought disability suits against Texas as attorney general, despite being in a wheelchair himself and benefiting from the 1990 federal law that helps guarantee access for disabled people, a newspaper reported Sunday.
Abbott has been in a wheelchair for almost 30 years after a tree fell on him while he was jogging. The attorney general has praised the American with Disabilities Act, which has helped provide ramps, wide doors and other accommodations that allow him to engage voters, the Dallas Morning News reported.
However, Abbott believes it is unconstitutional to force Texas to comply with the federal law. So, his office has battled several suits filed by disabled residents, including one in which Texas argues a woman is not disabled because she has a prosthetic leg.
"It's the attorney general's duty to zealously represent the interests of the state of Texas, and in these cases that meant raising all applicable legal arguments in litigation where Texas was sued in court," Abbott's spokesman, Jerry Strickland, told the newspaper.
Among the lawsuits Abbott's office has fought are: A blind professor wanted reflective tape placed on the stairs leading to her office; two deaf defendants who requested a sign language interpreter in a Laredo courtroom; and a woman with an amputated leg that the state said wasn't disabled because of her prosthetic limb.
Often, the state has lost its cases, including before the Texas Supreme Court, which is considered to be a conservative legal body.
By arguing that disabled Texans don't have the right to sue the state for discrimination, Abbott's office has denied these people federal protections, advocates for the disabled said.
Abbott also has used the sovereign immunity argument, under which a state can't be sued without consenting to it, to halt cases until a court decides whether immunity applies.
"The law is the law," said James Harrington, director of the Texas Civil Rights Project, a nonprofit group that has fought the state on several sovereign immunity claims in disability cases and won.
but his office has been issuing the same statement from spokeswoman Lauren Bean for several weeks when asked about the lawsuit.
"The attorney general's office will defend the Texas Constitution in this case just as we do in all cases where state laws are challenged in court," Bean said. "The U.S. Supreme Court was clear that states have independent authority to establish their marriage laws. Texans adopted a constitutional amendment defining marriage. We will defend that amendment."
Davis and Abbott both know that gay marriage is an important issue for young voters and making it a big deal in the election could turn them out for Davis.
Abbott is also defending

LAWSUITS

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the requirement that voters produce a government-issued photo ID card to vote. Minority groups complain the law makes it more difficult for poor people to vote, and the Mexican American Legislative Caucus, the NAACP and the Justice Department have filed a federal lawsuit against it.
Again, Abbott's primary voters support the law, but it gives Davis another issue to rally her party's base. Since her path to victory depends on boosting voter turnout, it's another good issue for her to highlight.
Abbott and his staff said he is required to defend these lawsuits, but that's not entirely true. Abbott can negotiate a settlement in all these cases if he thought it would produce the best outcome for Texans.

Legacy of civil rights leaders possessions become source of feuds

By Jesse J. Holland
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Martin Luther King Jr.'s daughter recently walked up to the pulpit of the Atlanta church where her father preached and, in a painful public display, dissociated herself from her brothers.

She accused them of plotting to sell their father's personal Bible and his Nobel Peace Prize — items she declared "sacred" and worth more than money.

When it comes to fights like this, the Kings are not alone.

Malcolm X's daughters are suing to block a book deal, signed by one sister, to publish their father's diary.

Rosa Parks' valuable mementos, including her Presidential Medal of Freedom and Congressional Gold Medal of Honor, have sat in a New York City warehouse for years because of a protracted battle over her estate.

America's greatest civil rights leaders may belong to the ages, but the fights among family, friends and outsiders over control of their earthly possessions seem

never-ending.

Unsavoury as they may appear, fights like these are not unique, and are exacerbated by the moral heft of the leaders' life work, and the fact that their belongings could be worth millions. With each court battle, civil rights historians worry about the negative impact such infighting might have on the legacy of the civil rights movement.

Neither Malcolm X nor King, killed in 1965 and 1968, respectively, left wills, so there are no specifics about what they wanted done with their belongings. The strong widows who built legacies for them and who could enforce peace in the family through matriarchal fiat, also are gone: Betty Shabazz in 1997, Coretta Scott King in 2006.

Not even a long life and careful planning are enough to quell disputes.

Parks, who died in 2005 at age 92, stipulated in her will that her belongings go to a charitable foundation, the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self-Development in Detroit. Parks had no children, but her nieces and nephews challenged her will, and

this fight has left her valuable possession in limbo for nearly a decade.

King, Parks and Malcolm X were not wealthy people in life, so their families have a right to be concerned about the financial value of their famous relatives' legacy, said John A. Powell, director at the Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society at the University of California, Berkeley.

"Somebody is going to make money off their names," Powell said. "You just hope people do it with a certain amount of dignity."

Few would say that's happened. Many point to the King family's public feuds as evidence that it has not.

"To be fighting over money and profit is to dishonor everything their father stood for," said Deborah E. McDowell, director of the Carter G. Woodson Institute for African-American and African Studies and Alice Griffin professor of English at the University of Virginia.

Most families only have to deal with a parent's estate once. But when the parent in question was a beloved historic figure, there regularly are new issues to

address, said lawyers Andrew and Danielle Mayoras, who wrote a book about famous estate battles.

"There can always be a new project that the family is approached with or a new item someone decides to sell," said Andrew Mayoras, who specializes in probate matters. "So yes, for these families we do think it's going to keep going on and on, sadly."

Many American families go through the same thing, said Danielle Mayoras, an estate attorney. "Sometimes they are fighting over the Christmas ornaments instead of diaries that might be very valuable, but oftentimes what we see is that it's not the value of the item, it's the sentimental attachment or the emotion that's involved," she said.

Martin III, Dexter and Bernice King have fought in court for years, going after their father's friends and fellow activists in addition to each other. The family has sent numerous cease-and-desist letters to stop various uses of King's written work and image, and followed up with court ac-

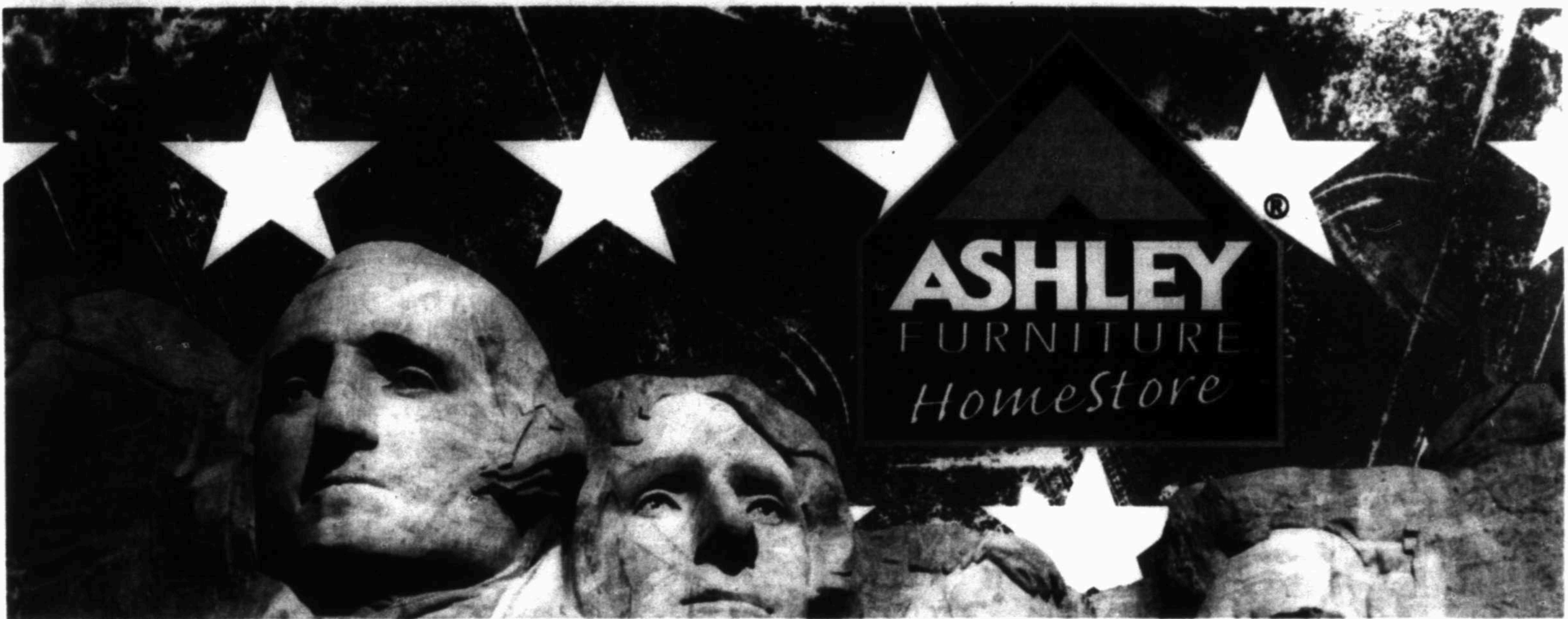
tion if they weren't satisfied with the results.

Last year, they sued Andrew Young, a King confidante who helped their father coordinate civil rights efforts throughout the South, over footage of King that shows up in a series produced by Young's foundation. The King children acted in 2008 to block actor and singer Harry Belafonte from auctioning documents that their parents had given Belafonte years earlier, leading Belafonte to sue the younger Kings last year in hopes of determining legal ownership.

Young has said the Kings' lawsuit doesn't bother him because the question of rightful ownership does need to be sorted out, especially because certain aspects of King's legacy belong to him, too. Lawyers on both sides of the Belafonte lawsuit did not return telephone calls seeking comment; court papers indicate a settlement is being pursued.

The King heirs even have used the courts to fight each other.

In 2008, Bernice and Martin III sued Dexter, accusing him of acting improperly as head of their father's estate.



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These Olympians abroad deserve, need praise

In much of developing world, people with intellectual disabilities are often at the mercy of terrible forces

YLILONGWE, Malawi — Yamikani walks deliberately, intently, with a bean bag on his head, showing a balance that is probably hard-earned. "When he falls," his grandmother Irene tells me, "we have to pick him up." At a Special Olympics event, this is a fact and a philosophy. A mix of abled and disabled children, ages 2 to 7, navigate a mild obstacle course, stepping over low hurdles, throwing rings around cones. Some scramble. Others can only sit and catch a ball. It is the range of human ability mirrored in every human society. In this small one, on this day, all are valued and cheered.

"We discovered his disability at birth," Yamikani's grandmother explains through an interpreter. "His hands were so clenched." His Special Olympics performance, though not swift, is methodical. "When he is alone," says his grandmother, "he is withdrawn. When he is like this, he is happy." Yamikani lost both parents to cholera when he was an infant. When Irene takes him to school or other activities, her village elders tell her she is wasting her time. The word "yamikani," it

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turns out, means "praise." Asked why the name was chosen, she says, "Because he is a gift, thank God."

Here in Malawi, it is a bad sign, though hardly a unique situation, that all the words in the local language referring to people with intellectual disabilities are disparaging. "Wamisala" is crazy or mad. "Ndondocha" is a small, evil being, like a malevolent leprechaun. Without a positive word, it is hard for the mind to hold a positive image.

People with intellectual disabilities routinely show unsuspected abilities when given half a chance. But in much of the developing world, they are particularly vulnerable. Though attitudes vary by place and tribe, people with intellectual disabilities are often at the mercy of terrible forces. Often it is believed that their parents are being punished for violating a taboo, or even that they stole their child's soul in order to exchange it, through witchcraft, for some material benefit. Fa-

thers often leave the family, blaming disability on the mother's lineage. It is little wonder that parents tend to keep their intellectually disabled children locked up at home. I met a child who had been routinely kept on a leash, tied to a stake in the ground, for seven years.

It is a frighteningly common belief in Africa that AIDS can be cured by having sex with a virgin. Since people with intellectual disabilities are presumed to be sexually inactive, some traditional healers will actually prescribe having sex with them — meaning rape — as a form of treatment, which is really a horrifying method of transmission.

This group is the last mile of global development — the ostracized among the disadvantaged. In most cases, they are not even counted in health and education statistics. We count what we value. But they probably represent about 3 percent of any human population — higher in places where cerebral malaria, malnutrition and lack of oxygen during delivery result in additional disability. Their needs are very basic: health services, integration in schools, vocational training, practical help for their caregivers. Political leadership matters to counter stigma, and Malawi's President Joyce Banda has emerged as Africa's leader on this issue.

But one of the best ways to counter

stigma has been pioneered by Special Olympics. Here in Malawi, participants grow close to their coaches, perhaps the first non-related adults they encounter who do not view them as useless. Parents grow more accustomed to being seen in public with their children in a positive context — the Olympics no less. And it is harder to pity an athlete.

People with intellectual disability are largely invisible in the global development agenda, but they should be its cutting edge. If children such as Yamikani can be reached, everyone can be reached. And the process of reaching them would strengthen a variety of educational, legal and health systems along the way.

But all this depends on a prior philosophical choice. A proper concern for efficiency in development programs can easily decay into utilitarian thinking. Why not invest in the most potentially productive — the fastest around the obstacle course?

The answer is this: Because honoring the dignity of the most vulnerable strengthens the ideal of human dignity itself. And nations that adopt this non-utilitarian ideal cannot view the rule of law, cultural norms or economic justice in quite the same way again.

In a society that gives him no hopeful name, a revolution begins with Praise.

OUR VIEW

Sports complex price tag keeps going up, limiting city's future

On Tuesday, the Midland City Council approved a \$400,000 "splashpad" that will be installed behind the outfield of Security Bank Ballpark at the Scharbauer Sports Complex.

We have short-term and long-term issues with the news. In the short term, we keep taking money out of the 4B reserve fund for projects such as \$715,000 indoor batting cages and \$400,000 splashpads.

In the case of many capital needs, the council forces the city to take on the cost of the upkeep of this addition.

And while we appreciate Jerry Morales' citing the "need for more things for kids or teenagers to do," using the splashpad comes at a cost. Our report on Wednesday indicated the splashpad will be available only for those who attend RockHounds' games or who rent it out.

Here's what we would like to see going forward. The City Council should direct the 4B board to limit its expenditures to upkeep of the complex until there is a decision from the voters on future uses of the sales tax.

There is need for quality parks in Midland. But providing this amenity can't come on the back of a complex that is creating more buyers' remorse with every add-on. We hesitate to say that the complex was a \$46 million investment, because as we have seen, that was before the premium package upgrade (more suites and extra facility additions).

This community has to avoid a campaign over the next couple of years to have a sales tax addition that is based, in part, on paying for the maintenance and operations of the complex we might not have been able to afford in the first place. That wasn't the deal community leaders made in 1999. Those leaders told us the quarter-cent sales tax increase was only for the building of the stadium. Period.

Of course, those leaders did not call for using the 4B for operations, either.

If the community leaders can make the case for setting aside sales tax money for maintenance and operations of the complex, more power to them. If they can convince the electorate that is a better use of sales tax than roads, infrastructure or hospital needs, we won't say a word. But currently it's hard to convince us that Midland's greatest need is dedicating any sales tax money for the sports complex. Anything, including keeping this community's collective powder dry, would be a greater priority.

However, it appears Midlanders are being forced to face the reality that they must vote for a sales tax increase to pay for future complex maintenance and operations. Either that or force a property tax increase. Why? The sports complex was too much for Midland to take on, and city leaders and 4B board members are providing no other choice.

SPORTS COMPLEX CAPITAL PROJECTS 2012-14

2012	Painting	\$532,653
Maintenance building expansion		\$356,000
Citibank control room renovation		\$75,000
Video board for Grande		\$500,000
2013		
Grande & Citibank stadium seating		\$998,938
Grande stair well replacement		\$97,000
Dirt bins		\$41,000
Storage area		\$76,000
Park benches at playgrounds		\$4,358
2014		
Indoor batting cage		\$715,000
Roof replacement		\$500,000
Playground shade structure		\$325,000
Spray park		\$325,000
Commons lighting		\$125,000
Total is \$4,670,949		

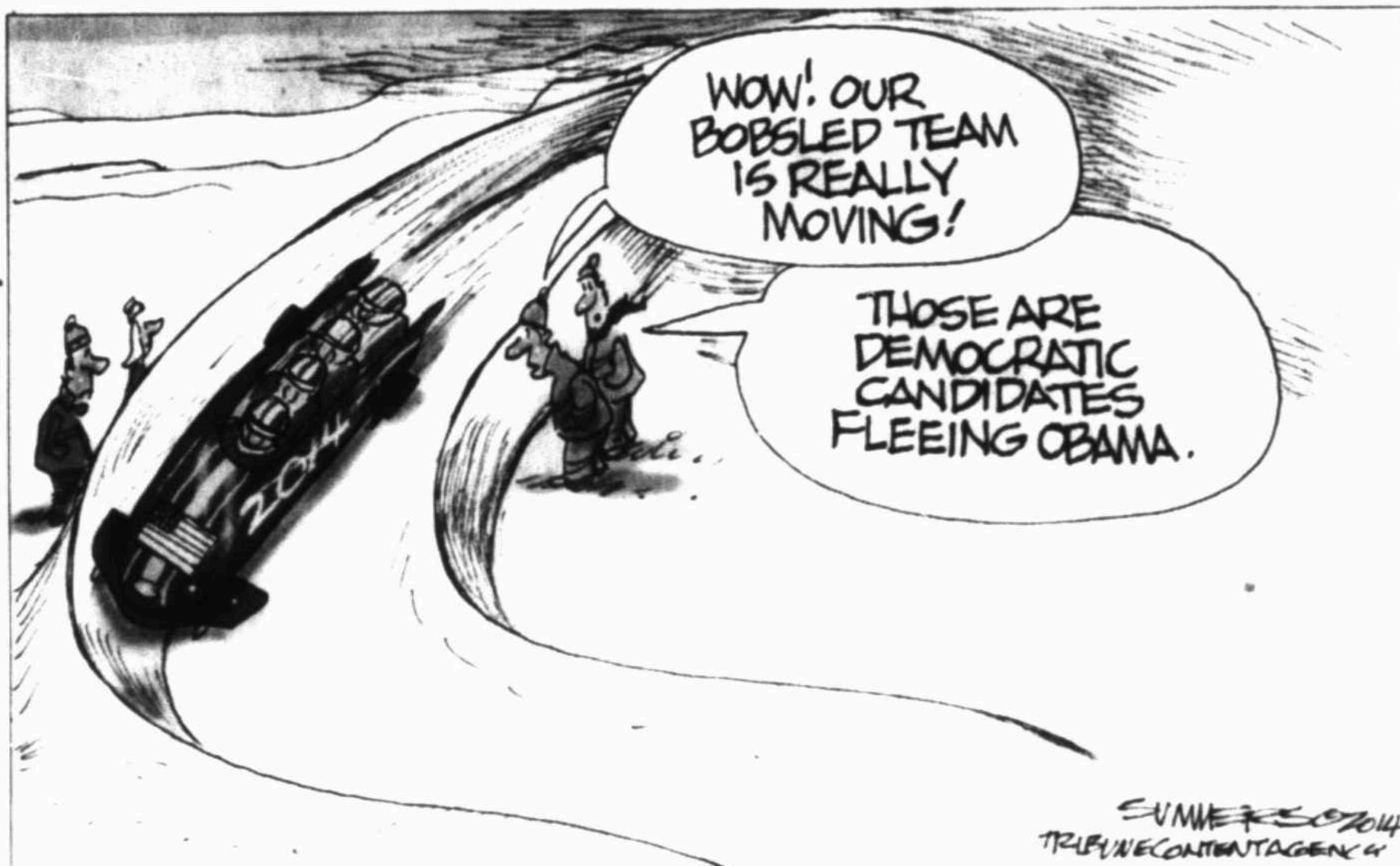
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Sotomayor, Ingraham get it wrong

Terminology is part of the wrong debate on immigration

Justice Sonia Sotomayor has injudiciously reignited the conversation over words used in the immigration debate just when the prospects for immigration reform in Congress are holding on by a thread.

Let's focus on what's important. Lawmakers need to find the courage and common sense to break the impasse over immigration in a way that secures the border, provides businesses with workers, makes it easier for immigrants to come here legally, and gives the estimated 11 million illegal immigrants in the United States an earned path to legal status with or without citizenship. And it's important to have something that neither political party wants to have: an honest discussion.

But it's not important whether we call those living in the United States without the proper documents "illegal immigrants" rather than "undocumented workers," "authorized visitors" or whatever the latest politically correct term happens to be.

In response to a question earlier this month at Yale Law School, the first Latina on the Supreme Court warned against using terms such as "illegal alien" and said that labeling immigrants as criminals strikes her as "insulting."

"I think people then paint those individuals as something less than worthy human beings and it changes the conversation," Sotomayor said.

Conservative radio host Laura Ingraham lashed out at Sotomayor by insisting that the justice's "allegiance obviously goes to her immigrant family background and not to the U.S. Constitution."

Who's right — Sotomayor or Ingraham? Neither. With regard to Sotomayor, I'll agree that "illegal alien" is unacceptable, and so is using "illegal" as a noun.

But there's another term, which Sotomayor did not mention — "illegal immigrant." That phrasing is fine. Some critics disagree and insist that even this more harmless term "dehumanizes" people and promotes racism.

Baloney. A two-word phrase does all that? Do you know what "dehumanizes" immigrants? The fact that so many of them have been deported by this administration, something that has been ignored or excused by some of the same folks who are up in arms over what to call them.

This isn't about illegal immigrants. I've interviewed many of them over the years, and I've never had one of them tell me that what they are most worried about is terminology. They want only five things from this country — a job; a work permit so they support their families; a driver's

license so they can get to work; the ability to cross borders to visit relatives; and to be left alone.

This is about a bunch of do-gooders who want to go to bat for these illegal immigrants but don't want to sully their hands with the idea that they're defending lawbreakers. So they pretend that no laws were broken.

It won't sell. One minute, those of us who want immigration reform are arguing that illegal immigrants should have the opportunity, via earned legalization, to make amends for wrongdoing. The next, the word police are arguing that the immigrants did nothing wrong?

Republicans in Congress who are willing to grant legal status to illegal immigrants aren't asking for much. But one thing they do need — and which figured prominently in the list of principles they recently released — is an admission of wrongdoing by illegal immigrants who want to get right with the law.

Insisting that no law was broken and that those who are here illegally are really just "undocumented" or "unauthorized" will kill reform for sure.

Ingraham missed most of this, preferring instead to simply zing Sotomayor for allegedly being too wedded to "her immigrant family background." What immigrant family background is that? Apparently, geography is not the host's strong suit. Sotomayor is Puerto Rican. As were both of her parents. Puerto Ricans are U.S. citizens, not immigrants.

Does Ingraham think that Sotomayor is Mexican? Salvadoran? Peruvian? Does she think that 53 million Latinos in the United States have the same beliefs and immigrant backgrounds? Really?

And what about implying that Sotomayor believes as she does because of some kind of "allegiance"? Do white Americans have to put up with accusations like that, or are they reserved for minorities? Whether or not Ingraham agrees with Sotomayor on terminology, she should at least have the professionalism and courtesy to assume that the justice's point of view is coming as much from her head as it is from her heart.

But we're getting ahead of ourselves. Americans apparently aren't ready to sort out how we should talk about illegal immigrants. We don't even know how to talk to one another.

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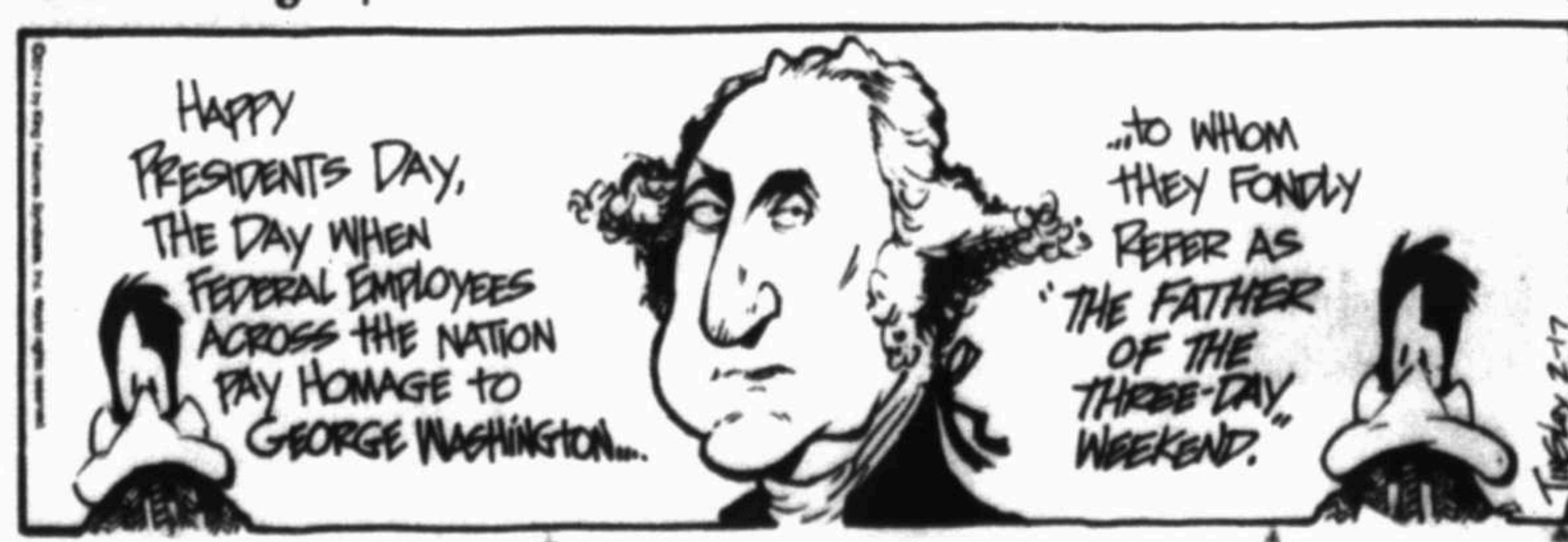


Chart-topping Missouri nuns release 3rd album

By Heather Hollingsworth
Associated Press

GOWER, Mo. — Eight times a day, a group of nuns files into a chapel in their rural northwest Missouri monastery to chant and worship.

Quite unexpectedly, this private, prayerful pursuit has made the Benedictines of Mary a chart-topping recording industry curiosity. After being named Billboard's No. 1 Classical Traditional Artist of 2012 and 2013, the nuns released their third album, called "Lent At Ephesus," Feb. 11 on the De Montfort Music/Decca/Universal Classics label.

Matt Abramovitz, program director for New York classical radio station WQXR, which has featured the new album on air, said the station didn't know what to make of it when the nuns' first record arrived.

"They're not professional singers," he said. "They aren't singing traditional classical repertoire, which is what we normally play, but we gave it a listen, and we were stunned by the quality of the performance and the sincerity. And they really were a hit with our audience."

The latest album includes a capella chants, intricate harmonies and hymns of glory and redemption, all designed to capture the Christian season of preparation before Easter. How this album and the nuns' earlier releases — "Advent at Ephesus" and "Angels and Saints at Ephesus" — came to develop a following among classical and religious music lovers is something the monastery's prioress can only explain in religious terms.

"With God," said Mother Cecilia Snell, "all things are possible."

The 22 nuns, with an average age of 29, live modestly at the monastery surrounded by about 280 acres of northwest Missouri farmland. They model their existence after life in the

early sixth-century monasteries and still wear the black and white habits that were largely abandoned half a century ago.

Few get a glimpse into the nuns' daily life, with the exception of visiting priests who come to the area to recharge. Unlike many U.S. nuns who devote themselves to public pursuits such as teaching or nursing, the nuns' main focus is chanting each of the 150 poetic works found in the book of Psalms at least once each week in Latin, a language Snell describes as "mystical."

When they aren't chanting — the task consumes about four hours daily — they speak little so they can better focus on communing with God. The sisters don't use the Internet, and Snell does so only in a limited way.

Someone who had heard their chanting suggested they make a CD as a thank-you to benefactors. Snell, a former French horn player in the Columbus Symphony Orchestra in Ohio, acted as the producer.

The pathway to a broader audience began when one of their recordings was given to Monica Fitzgibbons, general manager of De Montfort Music, based in Chicago, and tossed in a pile with other CDs. It might still be there if Fitzgibbons' young son hadn't asked to listen to it. Fitzgibbons, a former DreamWorks executive, and her husband, Kevin, a former Sony executive, were hooked.

"We know how to hear things in their raw state, and we found it beautiful," Monica Fitzgibbons said.

So the couple arranged to record the nuns at their monastery.

The nuns receive prayer requests and notes of thanks from listeners. One recent letter came from

a woman who described playing the nuns' music as her husband was dying and talked about the comfort it brought.

The nuns also use the profit they make from the recordings to help pay off the monastery they moved into in 2010 outside Gower, a town of about 1,500 that is located about 35 miles north of Kansas City.

Given that their existence is so isolated, Snell said the attention the music is receiving is the "last thing" she thought would happen when she became a nun.

The decision meant giving up her hard-earned spot in the symphony, which she said had given her "a little taste of the beauty of making music with others."

Ultimately, though, playing with an orchestra wasn't what God was asking of her, she said.

"I know people were thinking, 'What is she thinking? She is crazy. She is throwing her life away.' She is throwing her talents away," she said. "But that is not how God works. He is taking that offering seriously, and he can multiply it 100-fold, which seems to be what he is doing. It is all his plans, his providence."

What's happening in Midland this weekend? Find out by reading

WEEKENDER

Look for it inside Thursday's edition of the Reporter-Telegram



What Do Seniors Fear the Most? Move to Nursing Home Fate Worse Than Death, Says New Survey

Aging adults resort to natural memory pill for faster recall, greater brainpower, and better memory

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON —

Americans, especially older Americans, are fiercely independent. So it's no surprise that a recent study found that senior citizens are more scared of losing their independence and having to move into a nursing home than they are of dying.

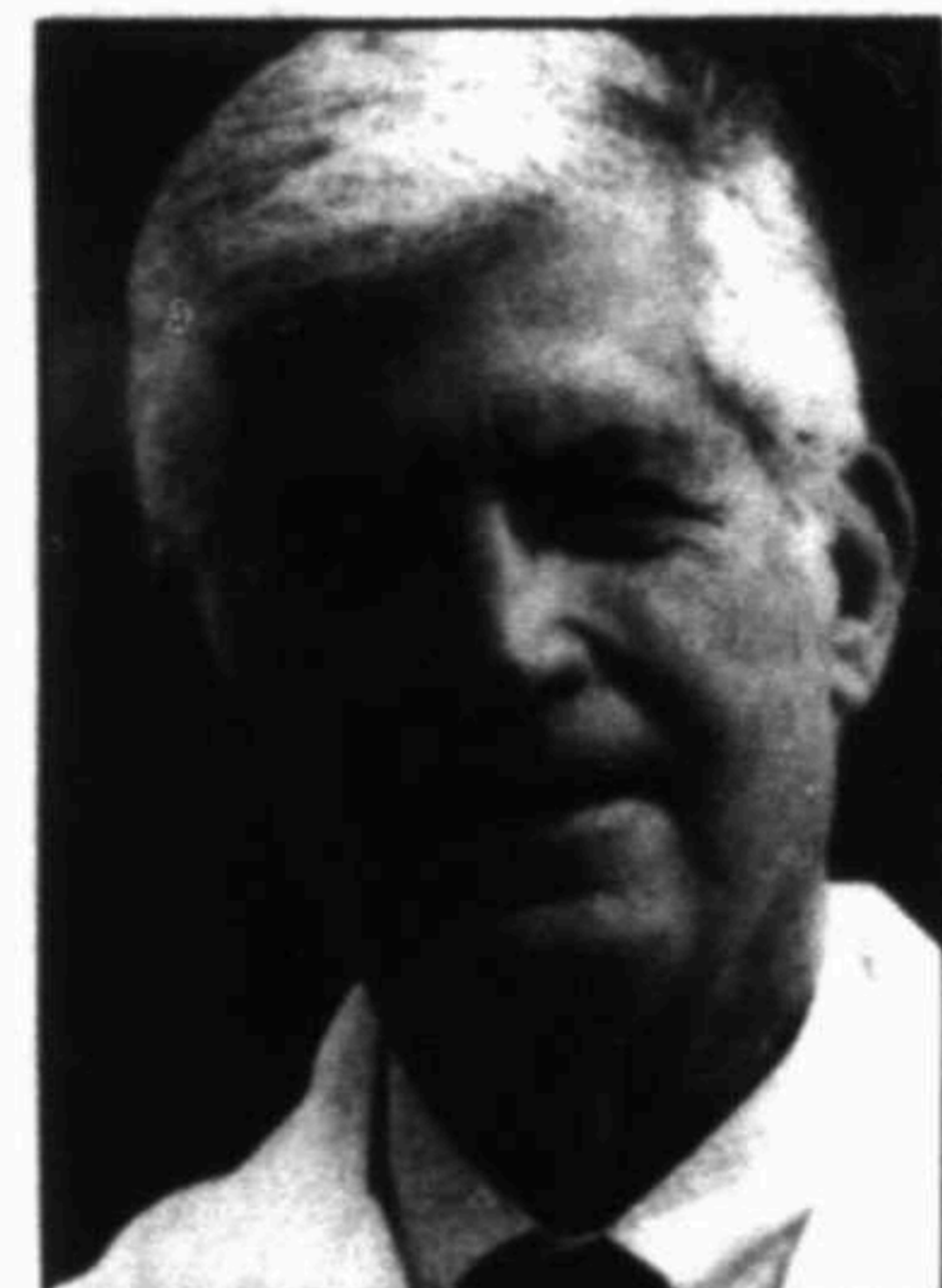
When researchers conducting the Aging in Place in America survey asked seniors what they fear most, only three percent cited death, compared to 39 percent who rated losing their independence, and being forced into a nursing home as their greatest fear.

While many of the physical infirmities of aging can be addressed with ramps, railings, wheelchairs and walkers, it's the loss of memory and mental abilities that most worry senior citizens.

In fact, a recent Met Life/Harris survey revealed that seniors fear memory loss more than heart disease or cancer, and for good reason, too.

Brain Fog: Threat to Independence

A published study in *Annals of Internal Medicine* found that brain fog, a type of mild cognitive decline characterized by mental confusion and memory loss, is a major risk factor for loss of independence. Millions know it, too.



America's Pharmacist, Dr. Gene Steiner, tells customers about prescription-free better-memory compound.

More than 5.4 million seniors experience mild forgetfulness that can frequently disrupt daily routines.

People fret about losing their driving privileges. "Keeping that piece of plastic in their wallet or purse is a badge of honor," says Lisa Kapust, clinical coordinator of DriveWise, a program that evaluates seniors' driving skills.

The thought of getting old and being a prisoner in one's own home, or being unable to recall who you are, where you live, or to whom you are related has sent forgetful seniors scrambling for a solution.

To start on the road to good health, many have discovered a unique, drug-free compound that, according to America's Pharmacist of the Year, Dr. Gene Steiner, can actually help the brain like prescription glasses help the eyes.

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"There is a notable difference in his thought process. He recalls information quicker and his mind appears to be much sharper," says Sandra, confiding that her husband has always had a brilliant mind and could retain information easily.

"However," she says, "in the past year, I saw him slowing down. Now, he is back up to par and we believe Procera AVH is truly a blessing!"

Procera AVH does more than improve memory and sharpness. Its effects can be varied, and pronounced, as experienced by 73-year-old Richard G.* of Seabrook, South Carolina.

Friends Saw It First!

Richard credits his friends with noticing the difference Procera AVH made in him. "Many things have changed for

all seem to lose with age. Many complaints had to do with losing driving privileges or worse."

"I am quite happy to now recommend Procera AVH as it gives the brain much needed support against free radicals and helps improve the decline in neurotransmitters, blood flow and oxygen," adds Dr. Steiner.

Elizabeth K.* of Rochester, New York discovered Procera AVH just in time. At the age of 54, her memory was declining at an "alarming rate."

She searched high and low for a solution, before she heard about Procera AVH. She decided to give it a try.

Better Memory, Better Mood

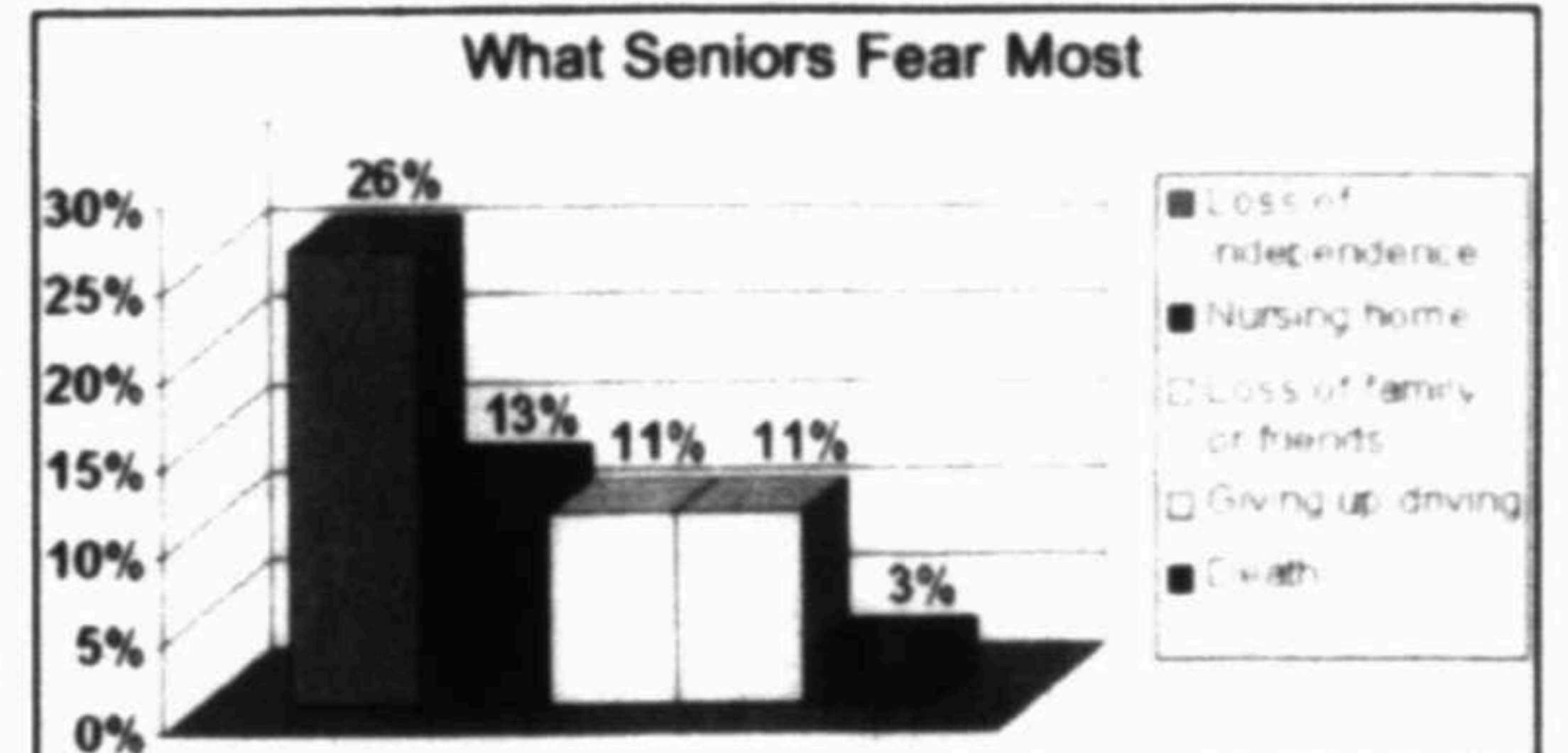
"It took about a month for the memory benefit to kick in," smiles Elizabeth. "Six months later, even my husband was impressed with my improved memory. And I am very happy with my renewed mental clarity and focus!"

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Experts were surprised to learn that seniors were more scared of being forced into a nursing home or of losing their independence than they were of death.

me," smiles Richard. "I feel a lot sharper, I am much more alert, and I have more energy in the evenings."

Richard confesses that his friends were the first to notice the 'very positive changes' in him. His newfound surge of mental vigor took a decidedly creative turn.

Out of the blue, Richard felt the urge to learn to play the guitar. "I also started sketching, I am taking painting lessons and I recently signed up for a creative writing workshop. These are things I wanted to do my whole life and never had the energy until now."

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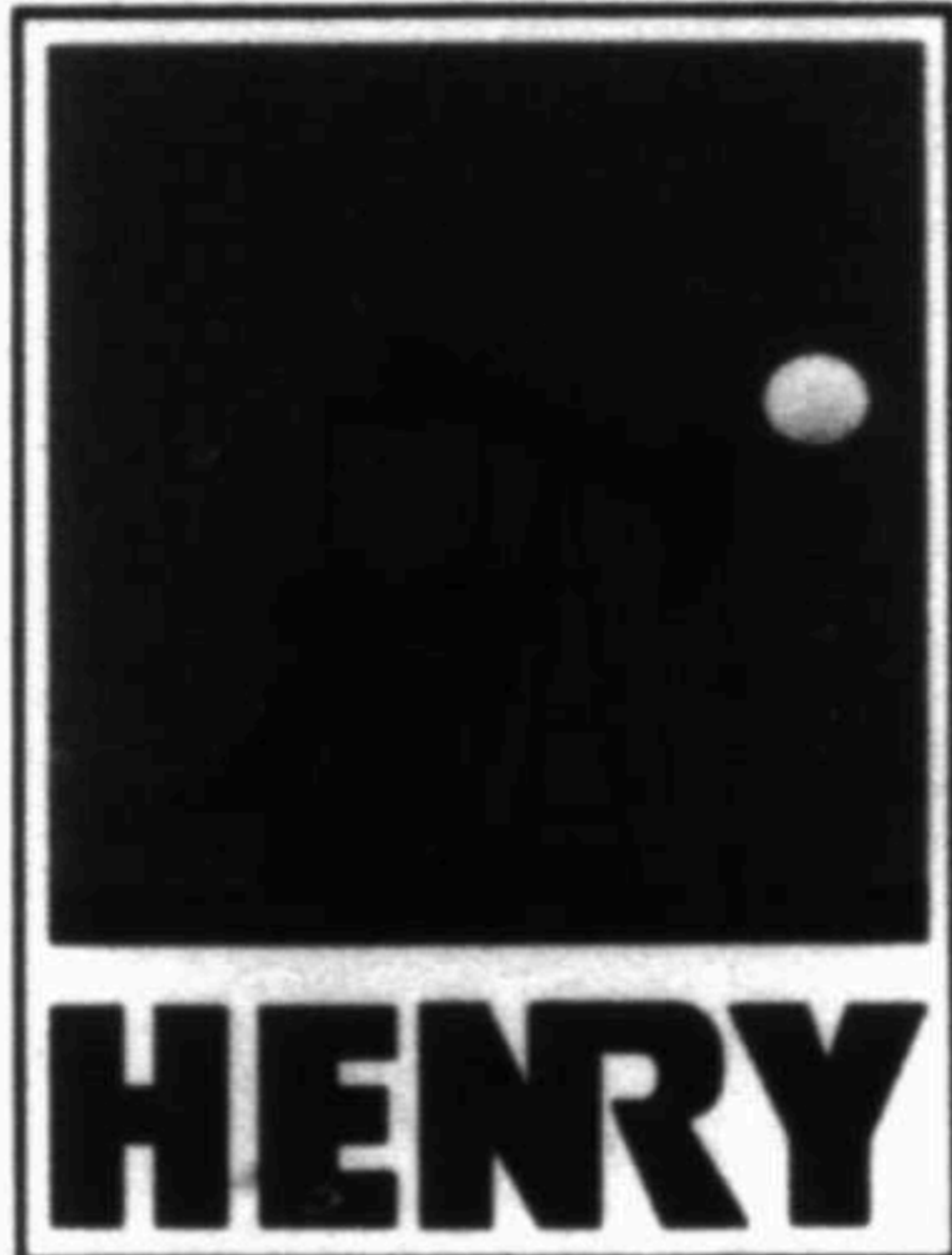
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1. "Dark Horse (feat. Juicy J)", Katy Perry
2. "Happy (from 'Despicable Me 2')", Pharrell Williams
3. "Talk a Dirty (feat. 2 Chainz)", Jason Derulo
4. "Let Her Go", Passenger
5. "Say Something", Christina Aguilera, A Great Big World
6. "Let It Go", Idina Menzel
7. "Pompeii", Bastille
8. "Timber (feat. Ke\$ha)", Pitbull
9. "The Man", Aloe Blacc
10. "Team", Lorde

TOP ALBUMS

1. "Frozen", Various Artists
2. "Unorthodox Jukebox", Bruno Mars
3. "Love, Marriage & Divorce", Toni Braxton, Babyface
4. "After the Disco", Broken Bells
5. "BEYONCÉ", Beyoncé
6. "NOW That's What I Call Music, Vol. 49", Various Artists
7. "Pure Heroine", Lorde
8. "Salute", Little Mix
9. "Doo-Wops & Hoopla", Bruno Mars

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TOP PAID BOOKS



1. The Fault in Our Stars by John Green (Penguin Group US)
2. Divergent by Veronica Roth (Katherine Tegen Books)
3. Insurgent by Veronica Roth (Katherine Tegen Books)
4. Lone Survivor by Marcus Luttrell & Patrick Robinson (Little, Brown and Company)
5. Allegiant by Veronica Roth (Katherine Tegen Books)
6. Sycamore Row by John Grisham (Knopf Doubleday Publish)
7. The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt (Little, Brown and Company)
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9. The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd (Penguin Group US)
10. The Monuments Men by Robert Edsel & Bret Witter (Center Street)

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3. "Minecraft - Pocket Edition", Mojang
4. "Red Bouncing Ball Spikes", Oscar Pineiro
5. "Waterlogue", Tinrocket, LLC

TOP FREE IPHONE APPS:

1. "Ironpants", Eduardas Klinauskis
2. "Paper - stories from Facebook", Facebook, Inc.
3. "Super Ball Juggling", Dong Nguyen
4. "Unroll Me - unblock the slots", Turbo Chill Pty Ltd
5. "NBC Olympics Highlights and Results", NBC Universal, Inc.

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1. "Minecraft - Pocket Edition", Mojang
2. "Hide N Seek: MC Mini Game With Worldwide Multiplayer", wang wei
3. "Pixel Gun 3D - Block World Pocket Survival Shooter with Skins Maker for minecraft (PC edition) & Multiplayer", Alex Krasnov
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A spectator takes a video of the opening ceremony on her mobile phone Feb. 7 at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia.

MOBILE OLYMPICS

Four apps to follow Olympic events, athletes

By Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Welcome to the Mobile Olympics. Some of the official apps for phones and tablets are slicker and easier to use than their website counterparts. It's as though the app developers spent more time on them knowing that's where audiences are heading. Plus, apps can focus on doing fewer things well.

So if you have an iPhone, iPad or an Android device, check out these four free apps to follow the Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia. Some of the apps are available for Windows Phone and BlackBerry phones as well. Keep in mind that in the U.S., only the

NBC Sports Live Extra app has any meaningful video of competition. But the others offer plenty for hardcore and casual fans alike.

NBC Sports Live Extra, from Comcast Corp.'s NBCUniversal

This is the go-to place for live and full-event replays from the Olympics. NBC is showing every event live, a first for a U.S. broadcaster during the Winter Games. However, even though the app is free to download, you need a password from your cable or satellite TV provider to watch much of the video. It's not available for those who lack a pay TV subscription and receive their channels over the air.

I like the app's organization. Menus on the left organize video into three buckets: live and upcoming; highlights; and full-event replays. Click on any for all video arranged by date. You can limit video to a specific sport. It's a welcome contrast to the NBCOlympics.com website, which tries to tell you what you want to see rather than help you find video. If you need the guidance, the app's home page

has a carousel of recommendations.

The Live Extra app also tells you what's showing on TV. The iPhone and iPad version alerts you when top athletes or events you mark as favorites are about to come up. Live Extra won't let you project the video onto a big-screen TV with an Apple TV or Chromecast device, but a version of the app is included with the X1 video set-top boxes available to some Comcast customers.

NBC Olympics Highlights and Results, from Comcast Corp.'s NBCUniversal

The app offers video that doesn't require a pay TV subscription to view, but the selection is limited. It's more useful for the nuts and bolts on the games — results, medal standings and capsules on individual athletes. Every country is included, though there's more available for Americans.

If you don't have access to live video, you can at least follow what's happening in

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Sochi drones shooting Olympic TV, not terrorists

By Angela Charlton
Associated Press

SOCHI, Russia — That drone you might have spotted hovering and zipping around the Sochi Olympic slopes isn't searching for terrorists or protesters hiding behind the fir trees.

It's being used to transmit live video of snowboard and ski jump competitions to a screen near you.

Unlike military drones, which often look like a remote-controlled airplane, the creature floating around Sochi resembles a huge flying spider. Drones are increasingly common at sporting events, and these Olympics is the highest-profile showcase yet for their use in broadcasting.

Here's a few questions and some answers about the drone and its place at the Sochi Games.

Q: Why use a drone to film Olympic events?

A: "We can go really, really close. And we are really quiet, so nobody is distracted," said pilot and cameraman Remo Masina, who has used drones to film skiers in Switzerland for commercials.

And it's cheaper than a camera crew on a helicopter.

A drone with mounted camera can cost anywhere from a few thousand dollars to \$37,000 for a top-of-the-line Ikarus from Britain's Heliguy, which is advising

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Nicholas Goepfer, of the United States, is followed by a drone camera during the men's ski slopestyle final at the Rosa Khutor Extreme Park, at the 2014 Winter Olympics, Thursday in Krasnaya Polyana, Russia.

Sergei Grits/AP

How big will the 'Internet of Things' be?

Let's get this out of the way first and quickly: You probably don't need a toaster that is connected to the Internet.

There is probably, however, a very good dystopian short story in the concept, something about hackers overtoasting someone's bread from afar until they go crazy or a toaster model that nefariously studies a family's bread-toasting habits in service of a vast spy network.

It's ridiculous, right? It's barely worth thinking about.

Except. It probably will happen. Not right now. Not this year. Perhaps not even in this decade.

But one way or another and in hundreds of little ways, the "Internet of Things" is coming.

OMAR GALLAGA
Cox Newspapers



And toasters are probably part of the deal.

Things, smarter

It's possible that someone, somewhere said it in another context, but the term the "Internet of Things" appears to date back to 1999, when British sensor researcher Kevin Ashton used it in a presentation to Procter & Gamble.

The idea was this: Even at that time, data sensors and hardware for online connectivity were quickly getting smaller and cheaper. Physical objects, not just computers and phones but many other things, could be hooked up, connected, made smarter and more useful, trackable and accounted for on the blossoming Internet.

It may have seemed a little crazy at the time.

In 2014, it's a lot less ridiculous given the massive number of uses a device such as, say, a small smartphone gives us.

But there is still a lot of skepticism about how this will play out, especially in two areas where we spend a lot of time — the home and the car.

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A drone camera follows Norway's Aleksander Aurdal during the men's ski slope-style final at the Rosa Khutor Extreme Park, at the 2014 Winter Olympics, Thursday in Krasnaya Polyana, Russia.

Sergei Grita/AP

DRONES

From 1B

broadcast clients in Sochi on using drones, said Heliguy's Justin Pringle.

That compares with the cost of a few thousand dollars an hour to rent a helicopter with pilot, not including the camera crew and equipment.

Flexibility is key. Drones allow unique angles and "allow more height than a crane, but are able to get lower than a helicopter," said a statement from Olympic Broadcasting Services, which provides the official world feed of all the events at the games and is using one drone in Sochi.

Broadcasting live from a remote-controlled device is more complicated than recording, but not hugely so. It requires an extra transmitter to send back live video, which adds weight and limits how fast the drones can fly. But Masina,

who is not involved in the Olympic footage, said he can still fly a drone at up to 40 mph while transmitting a high-definition, live image.

Q: How do the drones work?

A: The legs of this flying spider hold the rotors that spin around to keep it airborne. The drone then has a flight deck that holds the flight control system with GPS for navigation, sensors and receivers. Then there's the camera, which can be mounted in the middle or suspended below the flight deck.

Drones are being used to film major movies and television shows → Heliguy has provided drones for filming of the HBO series "Game of Thrones." As demand grows, cameras are being designed with drones in mind.

Back on the ground, the pilot has a control deck,

with monitors that show a real-time view of what the camera is capturing, as well as flight details including altitude, speed, rate of descent and ascent, and how much power is left in the battery.

Battery capacity is a limitation. Most drones can only run 40 minutes before they need to be recharged. But recharging video drones is still quicker and cheaper than refueling a helicopter.

Also appearing in Sochi are cameras running on cables. They're also above the action, but have a more limited ability to move around a venue than does a free-flying drone.

Q: Couldn't a drone crash onto the crowd?

A: It could, but so could a much heavier helicopter.

Masina said chances of drone crashes are close to zero when a drone is handled by an experienced

pilot, because the drones are programmed to return to base at the slightest problem — such as a low battery, rough winds or a malfunction.

There have been mishaps, however. In one case last year, a drone filming an imitation version of Spain's running of the bulls in Virginia crashed and injured a few spectators.

Q: Could hackers divert a drone?

A: It's possible. While military drones use encrypted GPS signals for navigation, the GPS signals used by civilian drones don't have that protection.

A team at the University of Texas successfully hacked a drone in an experiment in 2012 through something called "spoofing," or sending the drone incorrect information about its location. Todd Humphreys, head of the

school's Radionavigation Lab, told a congressional hearing it would be very difficult for an ordinary person to spoof a drone, although it might be within the capability of a terrorist or criminal network.

Cybersecurity has been a fear in Sochi, given the huge numbers of people in a relatively compact space and the sharp reputation of Russian hackers.

But since the video drones are not armed, there's a limit to the damage a hacker could do with them.

Q: Are drones legal to fly?

A: Local laws vary widely in terms of who can fly drones, where and for what purpose. Many countries impose restrictions for reasons of security and privacy, and so they won't interfere with airplanes.

For the Sochi Games, Olympic Broadcasting

Services said a flight plan must be filed with the Russian civil aviation authority and permission obtained from local Russian police and the FSB, the successor to the KGB.

The Russian government also bought a fleet of drones to help spot terrorists or troublemakers in the Sochi area, operated by its security services.

In some countries, it's illegal to fly over crowds. Some countries require civilian users to keep the drone within sight of the pilot. Others have altitude restrictions. In the U.S., the Federal Aviation Administration has been working for more than four years on regulations for the commercial use of small drones.

Q: So, is this the future of sports video?

A: Masina doesn't hesitate. "For sure."

From Sydney to Sochi: Olympics evolves online

By Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press

NEW YORK — NBC's Olympics coverage online has evolved over the years. In the beginning, NBC was worried about interfering with broadcast coverage — its own and those of others. Broadcast rights are sold by territory so Europeans aren't supposed to have access to NBC's video. Tools for restricting content by territory have improved, while NBC got new owners — Comcast Corp. Now, NBC sees the Internet as complementary to its television broadcasts.

Here's a look at the evolution of Olympics video online:

■ **2000 Summer Games in Sydney.**

Video wasn't really video at all. Rather, NBCOlympics.com showcased a series of still images grabbed from NBC's video feeds. The exception was an

experiment in which NBC piped delayed video of selected events down controlled cables to about 100,000 homes.

■ **2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City.**

There was still no video of competition, live or delayed. The online video ban included highlight clips and interviews with athletes in Olympic venues. Local newscasts archived online had to be trimmed. The restrictions applied worldwide, though the International Olympic Committee allowed a Swiss rights holder, Television Suisse Romande, to stream live video to a closed network of high-speed DSL subscribers in three cities. Up to 2,000 subscribers could watch simultaneously.

■ **2004 Summer Games in Athens.**

While Europeans began showing live online footage, NBC offered only delayed video. And it was limited to those who had Visa cards (though no money

was charged). At NBCOlympics.com, real-time coverage of events didn't involve video, but scores, stats and written play-by-play descriptions updated every 30 seconds or so. Brief video highlights were available on cellphones through an AT&T premium service.

■ **2006 Winter Games in Turin, Italy.**

NBC made live video available online for the first time, but it was limited to one hockey game. Delayed video was offered for top finishers and all U.S. participants in most events, with highlights for team sports such as hockey. No Visa authentication was needed. Cellphone video was expanded to other carriers.

■ **2008 Summer Games in Beijing.**

NBC showed most events live online, but held back on popular sports — track and field, gymnastics and swimming — until after the events were shown on television. Users needed a sub-

scription with a cable or satellite TV partner. Cablevision was the main holdout. The feeds were broadcast-quality, though some didn't have on-air commentary. Text commentary appeared for a handful of events from partners such as Tennis.com.

■ **2010 Winter Games in Vancouver.**

In a case of going two steps forward, one step back, NBC limited live video to curling and ice hockey. Real-time coverage of other events was free of video. With luge, for instance, standings were updated after every run. Times and speeds of the competitors flashed in real time as they hit various interval points and the finish. For figure skating, past Olympians Peter Carruthers and Kristi Yamaguchi offered real-time text commentary.

■ **2012 Summer Games in London.**

NBC is offering live video of every competition and medal ceremony, not just on its web-

site but through apps for Apple and Android phones and tablet computers. For gymnastics and track and field, multiple streams were available to focus on specific events within the venues. In 2008, multiple streams for those sports had been available on a delayed basis only. NBC, however, didn't show the opening ceremonies live, though it relented and streamed the closing ceremonies online.

■ **2014 Winter Games in Sochi, Russia.**

As with the London Olympics, NBC is offering every event live on its website and apps. Replays are limited, as is rewinding and pausing. In addition to the full events, NBC is giving online coverage more of a broadcast feel with a hosted channel called "Gold Zone." It will take viewers to the best of what's going on during the day. NBC didn't show the opening ceremonies online. It hasn't announced plans yet for the closing ceremonies.

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Sochi through a live blog embedded in the app. You can also access photos and news stories.

A Primetime Companion offers trivia, photo galleries and other content as things unfold during prime-time TV coverage. NBC could have done more with this, though. One of the "fast facts" mentions that the skating rink can switch from short track to figure skating in just two hours and that the entire venue can be dismantled and moved to another city after the Olympics. I was intrigued and wanted to learn more, but tapping on the box offered nothing.

The Primetime Companion works best when you're watching the broadcast live on the TV, though it's possible to scroll down the app if you're an hour or two behind on a digital video recorder. The content is cleared by the next day.

Sochi 2014 Results, from the organizing committee for the Sochi Olympics

Begin by selecting your preferred language, country and time zone. Select some sports and athletes to follow. The app offers notifications when new medals are earned by an athlete or in a country or sport you follow. You can also browse schedules and results, check the medal counts and buy Olympic paraphernalia. You can buy tickets to Olympic events, too, if you happen to be in Sochi.

Don't confuse this app with Sochi 2014 Guide from the same organizers. That's a companion for those visiting Sochi and isn't as useful for viewers at home. That said, I like a feature that shows the route of the Olympic torch relay plotted on a Google Map — even though it ignores the few days it spent traveling to the International Space Station.

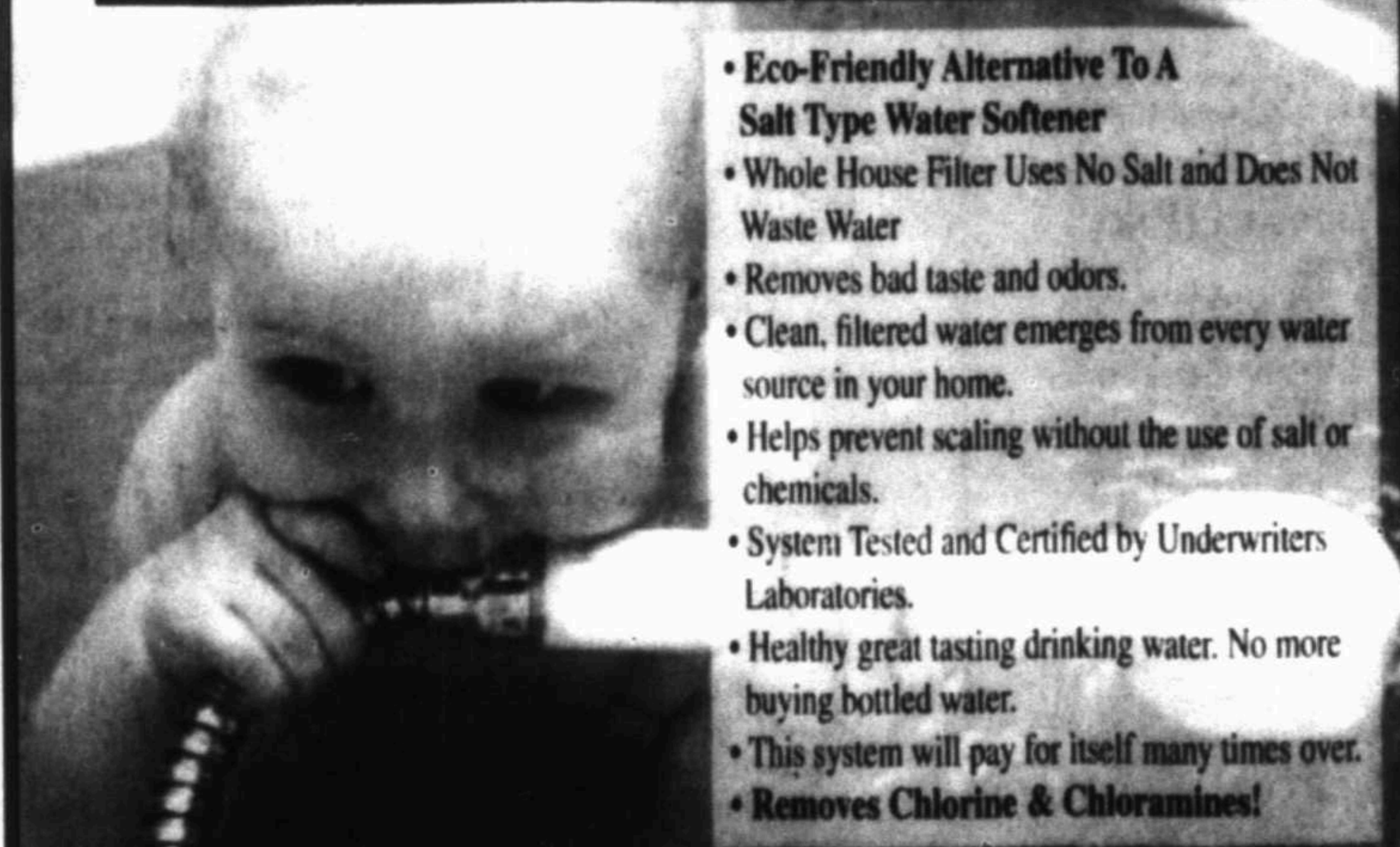
Olympic Athletes' Hub, from the International Olympic Committee

This app offers a one-stop destination to view Facebook, Instagram and Twitter feeds from Olympic athletes. Create your own roster of Olympians to follow, or search one athlete at a time. You can also check out everyone from a particular country, sport or event. Athletes from past Olympics are here, too.

I was initially going to recommend the U.S. Olympic Committee's 2014 Team USA Road to Sochi app to follow athletes' social media posts, but the IOC app offers more options and isn't limited to Americans.

You won't get much on the games themselves, though. For that, you need a separate IOC app, simply called The Olympics. It doesn't have as much as the other apps on the Sochi Games, but it offers a good overview and includes past and future Olympics.

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'Final Fantasy XIII' fizzles at the finish

By Lou Kesten
Associated Press

REVIEW

I love Peter Jackson's "Lord of the Rings" films, but even the biggest Tolkien geek has to admit that "The Return of the King" drags at the end. It's nice to say farewell to all the dwarves and elves and hobbits we've come to know and love, but — heck, just wake me when it's over.

"Lightning Returns: Final Fantasy XIII" (Square Enix, for the Xbox 360, PlayStation 3, \$59.99) is like the last 20 minutes of "The Return of the King" stretched over a 50-hour-plus video game. So you get tearful goodbyes from Snow, Fang, Vanille and the rest of the gang you met back at the beginning of this trilogy. 2009's "Final Fantasy XIII" — even though you probably already forgot about them long ago.

You don't need to have played the earlier "XIII" chapters to understand "Lightning Returns." (Indeed, I defy anyone to make sense of the train wreck of time-travel paradoxes in

2012's "Final Fantasy XIII-2.") Here's the essence: The heroine, a warrior named Lightning, has been reincarnated with godlike powers. The world is going to end in 13 days, and her task is to save as many souls as possible.

So, every morning Lightning departs the celestial plane and enters the more Earthly realm of Nova Chrysalis. Each neighborhood is packed with pilgrims preparing for the Rapture. Some may ask you to kill a few monsters; others may present more complicated tasks, such as nursing a chocobo (the giant chicken who's sort of the mascot of "Final Fantasy") back to health.

The chock is always ticking, and you can't solve everyone's dilemmas, although which missions are more important becomes quickly apparent. I found the artificial time constraint frustrating: "Lightning Returns" feints toward the open-world adventure of, say, "Skyrim," then pun-

ishes you if you spend too much time exploring.

Battles have evolved into more fast-paced affairs. You can dress Lightning in three outfits — say, one heavily armored, one built for physical attacks and one built for magic. During a fight you can switch outfits on the fly, and you'll need to, because enemies constantly change their attacks. It's essentially like switching among three different characters, and it's a challenging and ultimately rewarding system that makes almost every battle feel fresh.

Like any "Final Fantasy" game, "Lightning Returns" kicks around some weighty ideas about fate, duty, redemption and salvation. And it offers a few nice, personal moments among Lightning and her former comrades. But as delivered over three games and 150-plus hours, the story told by the "Final Fantasy XIII" trilogy is bloated, incoherent and ultimately silly. It aims for "wow" and settles for "huh?" Two stars out of four.

"Bravely Default"
(Nintendo, for the 3DS, \$39.99) has "Final Fantasy" in its DNA — Square Enix published it in Japan — and fans of the older "FF" epics will adore it. You are a boy named Tiz, and your hometown has been destroyed by an earthquake. Of course, supernatural forces are at work, and you must join forces with three more plucky youngsters to save your world from oblivion.

Combat is what role-playing aficionados call "turn-based": You select your four characters' actions from a menu, tap "go"

and watch them play out. The gimmick here is that any character can "default," assuming a defensive stance and storing up energy. On the next turn, you can select "brave" to unleash that pent-up energy, making your attacks doubly effective.

The brave/default strategy becomes more important in end-of-dungeon boss battles, when one wrong choice can get your entire party killed. And be warned: At its initial setting, this is one tough game.

Don't feel guilty about fiddling with the menus and dialing down the difficulty. The story drags at times and doesn't hold many surprises, but "Bravely Default" does offer plenty of flexibility in building your characters as they rampage across the wilderness. It's a beautifully executed homage to the Japanese RPGs many of us grew up on, and could even inspire younger gamers to hunt down some of those old-school gems. Three stars out of four.

Nokia touts video recording in new Lumia phone
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Nokia is selling a new Windows phone that promises enhanced video-recording capabilities.

The new Lumia Icon sports four microphones, compared with the one or two typically found in smartphones. The two on the front are activated when making phone calls, while the two on the rear are used when taking video — to better capture sound coming from the subjects.

The Icon takes video in 1080p high-definition resolution as well as still images of up to 19 megapixels. The resolution for still images isn't as sharp as the 38-megapixel maximum on Nokia's flagship Lumia 1020, but that allows the Icon camera to be flatter, without a protruding lens.

Nokia is one of the main companies making phones based on Microsoft's Windows Phone 8 system. The system is growing in use, but it lags iPhones and Android devices in market share. Many apps come to iPhones and Android devices first.

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At the Consumer Electronics Show, which took place early last month in Las Vegas, tech manufacturers crowded about smart wearable wristbands, dazzling in-automobile entertainment systems and even a connected Crock-Pot, a slow cooker whose temperature and other settings could be controlled from afar with a smartphone.

It's not a toaster, but it doesn't seem so weird now. There are already plenty of gadgets on the market to control your TV, a lighting system, a home security camera/baby monitor or any other number of "smart" devices with a phone or tablet.

The embedder

Rajeev Kumar is an Austin-based director for worldwide marketing and business development for microcontrollers at Freescale Semiconductor Inc. Freescale makes so-called embedded systems that end up as the guts for many a connected gadget.

Kumar sums up what Freescale is doing pretty simply: "Making things intelligent," he said.

"Everything that we touch in our lives from a machine standpoint, those things are becoming intelligent," Kumar said. "They're needing processing, they're needing connection to the Internet. Then you need services on top of that to take that intelligence and present it to the consumer in a way that's easy to use and meaningful."

That could be a smart meter outside the home that wirelessly transmits water usage to a utility company and allows you to check your usage online. Or a home audio receiver that pulls music from services such as Spotify and Pandora. Or health monitors. Or washers and dryers. Or, yes, coffee machines and toasters that could download recipes or be networked into a whole-home automation system.

Will they be useful?

On this, Kumar is willing to take the long view. "The convenience factor in terms of the Internet of Things is huge," he said. "But it'll take some time. A lot of people are going to be gravitating toward these types of things."

Some of them have already gotten our attention. Many models of HDTVs you can buy today are branded "smart" because they connect to the Internet, allowing you to check in on Twitter, watch Netflix movies or even use a web browser. Game consoles, cable boxes and music players are likely to have an Internet connection.

Different research firms and companies bullish on the future of the Internet of Things have different predictions for how many of these intelligent devices will be out there: some say 20-30 billion by 2020, others estimate 50 billion connected devices.

The research firm Gartner Inc. said in a report last year that while some Internet of Things devices are already being embraced by early adopters (the kind of person who will buy an Internet-connected lightbulb for \$300), the concept won't be fully realized even by 2020. "The Internet of Things is

a concept that is, in itself, transformational, and it will take more than 10 years to gain mainstream adoption." ("Mainstream" means that more than 30 percent of us are using it.)

The Google effect

In 2011, some former Apple engineers at a company called Nest Labs released their first product, a gorgeous, Internet-connected thermostat called the Nest Learning Thermostat for about \$250.

Last year, the same company released the Nest Protect, a smart smoke and carbon monoxide detector for \$129.

Both products earned raves for their design sophistication and ease of use.

Last month, Google bought the company for \$3.2 billion.

Does this mean Google is getting into the market of smart appliances and that we'll eventually see Google-branded refrigerators and home alarm systems?

It's unclear what Google plans to do with Nest Labs, but it appeared to be a wake-up call to the entire tech industry that products such as the Nest thermostat won't be niche for long.

So-called 'cryptocurrencies' don't stop at Bitcoin

By Omar L. Gallaga

Last year, Bitcoin, a kind of virtual currency that had been in production since 2011, began getting mainstream attention. After a period where attention was focused on its links to illicit online activity, it has begun to be accepted by some online merchants and even brick-and-mortar stores.

But Bitcoin isn't the only so-called "cryptocurrency" out there. In fact, many more have developed alongside the rise of Bitcoin, allowing practically anyone to create a vanity money system to exchange money directly, online and anonymously.

Cryptocurrencies have their own indexes and can be serious business even when they start out as jokes. "Dogecoin," a cryptocurrency based on a popular dog-related Internet meme, is among the top ones. A cryptocurrency jokingly named "Coinye West" gained attention before rapper Kanye West filed a trademark-infringement lawsuit and its creators shut the operation down.

And whenever Google, which at its heart is a company that makes money on advertising, gets into a business like this one, many questions are raised about our data. If we use these devices, where will the data they generate go and how will that information be used.

Can smart appliances be hacked, and could they pose a danger? Kumar said much of the work in making the Internet of Things happen has to do with addressing those concerns and making sure many of these devices can talk to each other through an alphabet soup of competing standards and incompatibilities.

And as companies spend millions on research and development, communities of garage hackers and DIYers are also tinkering with increasingly cheap tech and making their own products, often funded publicly on sites such as Kickstarter.

Someday, that toaster will be a reality and someone will have figured out how to make it useful, relevant and, above all, smarter.

Whether you'll buy it or stick with analog toasting will be entirely up to you when the time comes.

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High blood pressure in young adults could have lasting consequences

By Dr. Lyden Odukwu

On the surface, a slightly elevated blood pressure level in young adults does not seem important. A small amount over the recommended level isn't so bad, is it?

Actually, a new study suggests it could be a warning of the likelihood of heart trouble in middle age. In observing 4,700 twentysomethings over a 25 year period, researchers found a link between pre-hypertension in that age group and calcium buildup in middle age.

This study appears in the February 5 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Blood pressure is considered to be high at 140/90, and normal at 120/80. Numbers in between these two constitute "pre-hypertension."

While this sounds ominous, it is really good news because, like most other conditions, early diagnosis and treatment have a high success rate. In fact, pre-hypertension very often responds to simply lifestyle changes like a reduction in salt intake, an increase in consumption of fruits and vegetables, and exercise. Losing weight, watching alcohol consumption



LYDEN ODUKWU, M.D.

and getting plenty of sleep are other factors that can improve blood pressure numbers.

This is another reason for even younger people to schedule a checkup every year. This connects with Benjamin Franklin's famous saying, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

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East gets by Durant, Griffin to win All-Star game

By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The Eastern Conference finally stopped Kevin Durant and Blake Griffin — then stopped its losing streak at the NBA All-Star game.

Kyrie Irving had 31 points and 14 assists and was voted the game's MVP. Carmelo Anthony made an All-Star record eight 3-pointers and scored 30 points, and the East rallied for a 163-155 victory over the West on Sunday night.

"It's a great honor," Irving said. "We had a few MVPs. Everyone out here today is an MVP."

Durant and Griffin each finished with 38 points, four shy of Wilt Chamberlain's All-Star game record. But the East scored the final 10 points to pull out a game it trailed by 18.

Irving scored 15 points in the fourth quarter as the East ended a three-game losing streak. LeBron

East.....163
West.....155

James had 22 points, seven rebounds and seven assists.

"The superstars of our league were just telling us to compete on every play," Irving said. "Trying to play as much defense as possible. You know, sticking to our game plan. We had a game plan going in and we executed."

Griffin shot 19 of 23, while Durant finished with 10 rebounds and six assists.

But the West was shut out after Durant's 3-pointer gave it a 155-153 lead with 1:59 left. Indiana's Paul George made three free throws, Anthony nailed his final 3-pointer, and James scored to make it 161-155. George closed it out with two more free throws and finished with 18 points.

The game that usually doesn't get tight until the final minutes was close throughout the fourth quarter, neither team leading by more than four until the final minute.

Chris Paul had 11 points and 13 assists, and first-time All-Star Stephen Curry had 12 points and 11 assists for the West. But the best point guard on the floor was Irving, who shot 14 of 17 and helped the East ring up 87 points in the second half after it surrendered a record 89 in the first.

In a colorful tribute to New Orleans, players wore sneakers and socks that ranged from green and blue to orange and purple, making the game look like a Mardi Gras parade.

The parade was one of layups and dunks for the West, which scored 44 points in the first quarter and 45 in the second. Griffin had 18 points in the first quarter and Durant had 22 at halftime, both two shy of records set by Glen Rice in 1997.

And there was plenty of music, the rosters and starting lineups introduced around a concert by Pharrell Williams, who was joined by his own All-Stars in Nelly, Busta Rhymes, Sean "Diddy" Combs and Snoop Dogg.



Gerald Herbert/AP

East Team's Paul George, of the Indiana Pacers, left, goes to the hoop as West Team's Blake Griffin, of the Los Angeles Clippers (32), defends during the NBA All-Star basketball game Sunday in New Orleans.

Lady Bears gouge 'Horns

Sims leads Baylor over Texas

No. 7 Lady Bears.....72
Longhorns.....56

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas Longhorns have made some big strides in their second year under coach Karen Aston. Just not big enough to catch the top program in the Big 12, even on a day when the nation's leading scorer was struggling to find her shot.

Baylor's Odyssey Sims shook off a poor first half to finish with 34 points, pushing No. 7 Baylor to a 72-56 win over the Longhorns that kept the Lady Bears firmly in the lead in the chase for their fourth consecutive Big 12 title.

Nneka Enemkpa had 10 points and nine rebounds for the Longhorns (17-8, 8-5), delivering the only consistent performance in the game. Texas committed 26 turnovers and had just one field goal over the first 11 minutes of the second half.

Baylor (22-3, 12-1) collected its eighth consecutive victory. Texas dropped just its second home loss of the season and first in the Big 12.

Aston called it an "uncharacteristic" effort by a team that she thought had left behind the blunders of a 12-18 finish in her first season.

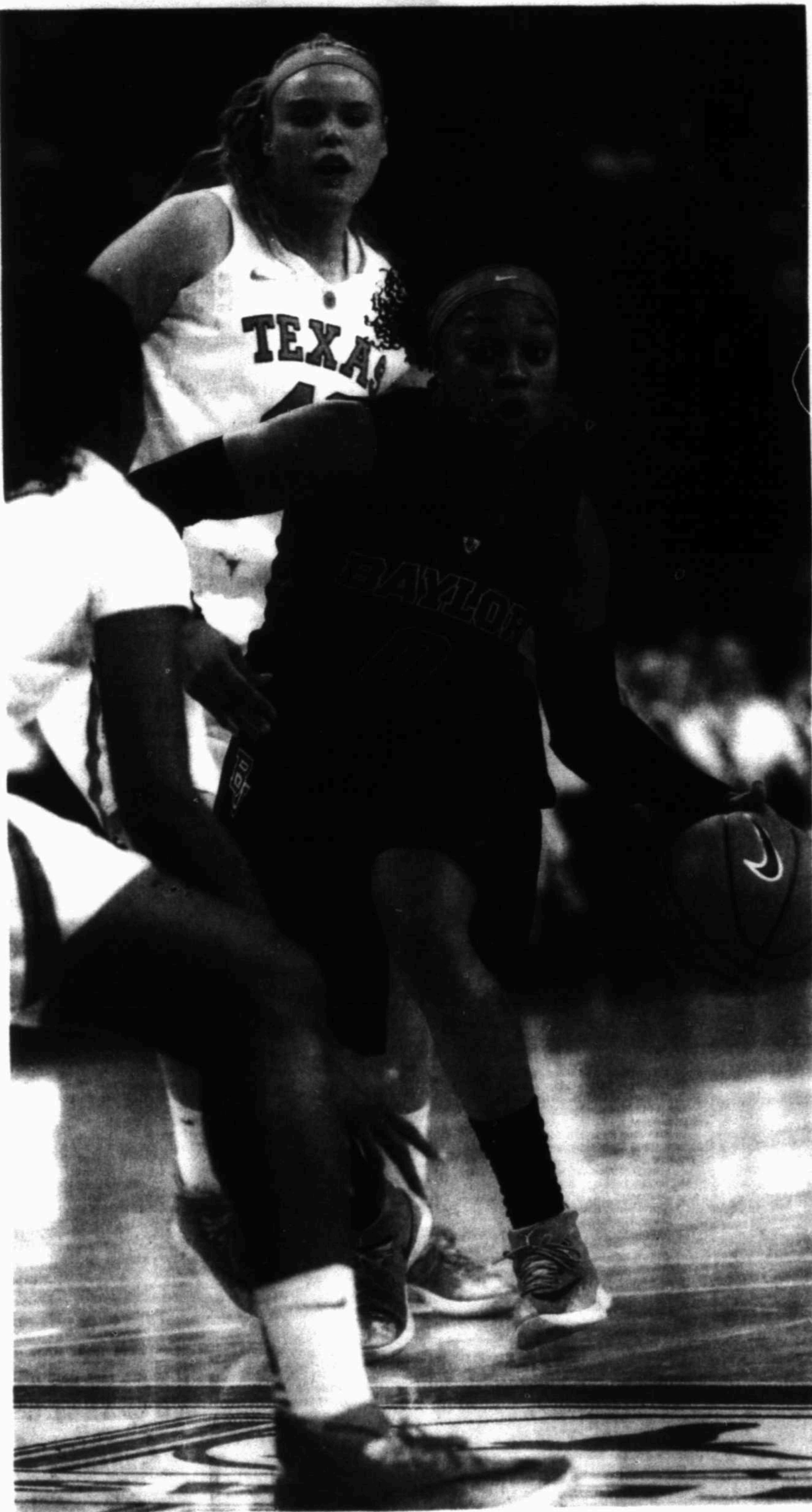
"Careless with the basketball," Aston said. "I thought we were past that. Credit to Baylor. They force you to be a little bit frantic with their defense."

Sims scored 44 when the teams first played two weeks earlier. She was 3-of-15 shooting in the first half of the rematch, but scored 22 points in the second half.

After making her first two attempts and scoring Baylor's first five points, Sims was 1 of 12 for the rest of the half. Her frustration showed as Sims at one point held up her hands and shook her head after missing a 3-pointer.

"It was nothing they were

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Eric Gay/AP

Baylor's Odyssey Sims (0) drives toward Texas' Nneka Enemkpa, left, during the second half of Sunday's game in Austin.

Darvish looks sharp in bullpen session for Rangers

By Alan Eskew
Associated Press

SURPRISE, Ariz. — Yu Darvish got right down to business when the Texas Rangers' pitchers and catchers reported to spring training on Sunday.

Darvish and fellow starter Matt Harrison threw back-to-back bullpen sessions. Darvish will start on opening day on March 31 against Philadelphia and Harrison started the 2013 opener for Texas.

Darvish, who led the American League with 277 strikeouts last year, threw to minor league catcher Jose Felix.

"Outstanding bullpen, spotting his fastball, had good bite on his breaking ball, threw the ball well," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "That's the report I got."

After Darvish threw in front of a flock of Japanese media and photographers, Harrison took the mound. The left-hander won 18 games in 2012, but was restricted to two starts last year due to back problems and thoracic outlet surgery on his non-throwing shoulder.

"As far as Harrison goes, I just want him to get out of here healthy," Washington said.

Derek Holland, the only Rangers starter who did not go on the disabled list last season, likely will miss the first half of the season after Jan. 10 knee surgery. Holland, who led Texas with 213 innings in 2013, is still on crutches and not in camp.

"You're talking about a guy for the last four or five years that's been a horse for us as far as innings go," Washington said. "It's a big blow, but it's part of baseball in the area of adversity. We'll get through it."

"One thing we feel like we have here is depth in our pitching. That means someone has to step up. When I heard the news about Derek, the only thing I thought about was getting him well and having him for later on in the year. Losing a Derek Holland, you're losing a ton of innings. It will be nice to have Derek back when he does return."

The Rangers were ravaged by injuries last season and finished second to Oakland for the second straight year in the AL West standings. They tied Tampa Bay for the final wild-card berth, but then lost a one-game playoff to the Rays.

"Just staying healthy, that's the one question I have," Washington said. "If we stay healthy, I like what we have. I just want us to stay healthy. We'll figure the rest of it out."

Colby Lewis, who started the 2012 opener but did not pitch last year after having hip surgery, reported to camp and went out to play catch.

Phil Kessel scores 3 to help US rout Slovenia

By Larry Lage
Associated Press

SOCHI, Russia — Phil Kessel is the first American in more than a decade to score a hat trick in an Olympic hockey tournament.

He's more interested in something no American has accomplished on Olympic ice since 1980 — winning a gold medal.

Kessel scored two of his three goals within the opening five minutes to lead the U.S. to a 5-1 win against Slovenia on Sunday. The U.S. is undefeated through three games and if it can win

United States.....5
Slovenia.....1

three more, the nation will celebrate its first Olympic championship in hockey since the "Miracle on Ice" at the Lake Placid Games.

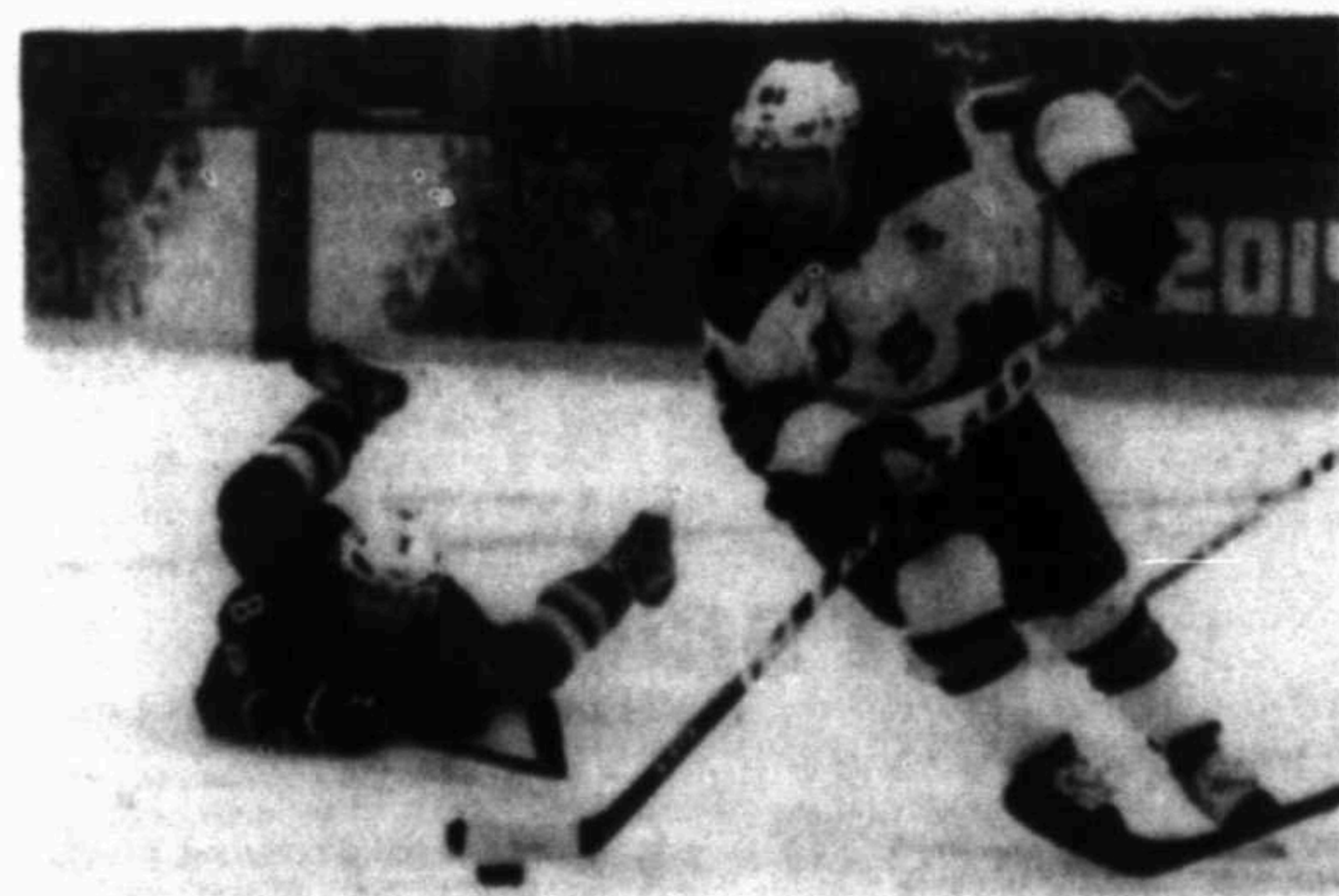
"It's about the wins, right?" Kessel asked, rhetorically. "We just want to win games."

No members of Team USA were alive when the U.S. beat the Soviet Union in 1980 in one of the biggest upsets in sports history. But if they end up with gold around their neck on Sunday, this title won't be regarded as

a miracle.

Kessel and his teammates earned an automatic spot in the quarterfinals of the 12-team tournament by routing Slovenia and Slovakia, and outlasting Russia in a shootout to finish atop their group. They've scored 15 and allowed only four goals so far.

The U.S. won't play again until Wednesday, when they'll face the winner of the Czech Republic's qualification-round game against Slovakia for a spot in the semifinals and the chance to play for medals.



Matt Slocum/AP

USA forward Phil Kessel, right, take the puck away from Slovenia forward Ziga Jeglic during the Winter Olympics on Sunday at Shayba Arena in Sochi, Russia.

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DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

WHAT'S ON TV
BOXING
Champion Paul Mendez (14-2-2) vs. Raul Casarez (20-4-0)...

Medal Final: Men's Freestyle Skiing - Aerials Gold Medal Final; Men's Ski Jumping - Team K-125 Large Hill Gold Medal Final...

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY
JUNIOR COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL
Midland College at New Mexico Junior College, 8:45 p.m.

CLARIFICATION

There was a missing word in a quote from Lee baseball player Evan Mata in a story in Sunday's edition. Here is the correct quote: "Since we have a lot of returners, and we were working on it last year and coming back this year we've gotten even stronger..."

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
BOSTON RED SOX - Agreed to terms with RHP Francisco Cordero on a minor league contract.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS - Agreed to terms with OF Josh Reddick on a one-year contract.

NBA

Table with columns: Conference, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Includes Eastern, Southeast, Central, Western, and Pacific divisions.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Table with columns: Conference, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Includes Southwestern, South, and West divisions.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Today
At the Storm House, Salinas, Calif. (FS): Manuel Abila vs. Enrique Quevedo, 10, featherweights; Paul Mendez vs. Raul Casarez, 10, for Mendez's IBA Continental lightweight title.

WOMEN

MIDLAND COLLEGE AT NEW MEXICO JC
When/where: 8:45 p.m. (CST), Caster Activity Center, Hobbs, N.M.
Records: Midland College 17-9, 7-4 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; New Mexico JC 19-5, 10-1 Last WJAC game; Midland College 50, Western Texas College 47; New Mexico JC 67, Odessa College 59.

Notes & quotes: Midland College is looking to extend its winning streak to six games heading into tonight's big game against NMJC. ...MC is coming off a shaky performance against struggling Western Texas College as the Lady Chaparrals had to hold off the Lady Westerners for the win. MC shot just 27.3 percent and turned the ball over 15 times.

MC BASKETBALL TODAY

BY OSCAR LEROY

Statistics

Midland College Women (17-9, 7-4)
Player GP FG FT FRA Pts. Avg. Reb. Stl. Bk. PPO
Mary Torres 25 158 65 59 330 14.2 21.5 5.4

Midland College Men (11-15, 5-10)
Player GP FG FT FRA Pts. Avg. Reb. Stl. Bk. PPO
Domestic Austin 15 79 70 89 342 18.5 12.9 8.7

WJAC Standings

Men
Conference Overall
Team W L W L
South Plains 9 3 21 5

Thursday's Scores
Western Texas College 77, Midland College 67; New Mexico JC 29, Odessa College 54; Howard College 81, Frank Phillips College 57; Odessa College 105, South Plains College 94; New Mexico Military Institute is open.

on the defensive end... The Lady T-birds are a well-balanced team that's similar in personnel to the Lady Chaps. Cassandra Harris, a 5-foot-9, freshman forward, is the only Lady T-bird averaging in double figures with 14.3 ppg. ... NMJC defeated MC, 73-60 at Chaparral Center on Jan. 16.

COLLEGE BASEBALL ROUNDUP

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

TEXAS TECH 7
NO. 3 INDIANA 0
LUBBOCK - The Texas Tech baseball team completed its opening weekend with a series-clinching 7-0 shutout victory against No. 3 Indiana on Sunday afternoon at Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park.

Missouri)
The Red Raiders (3-1) were led by a pair of left-handed relievers, Cameron Smith and Jonny Drozd, who combined to pitch eight shutout innings allowing six hits and one walk with four strikeouts.

Junior second baseman and Midland Christian grad Bryant Burleson went 2 for 4 with a pair of doubles. Sophomore leadoff hitter and center fielder Alec Humphreys, senior right fielder Adam Kirsch went 2 for 4 and junior shortstop Tim Proudfoot each had two hits.

Midland College 11, Western Texas College 6; New Mexico JC 29, Odessa College 54; Howard College 81, Frank Phillips College 57; Odessa College 105, South Plains College 94; New Mexico Military Institute is open.

HSBASKETBALL PAIRINGS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Boys
Class 5A Bi-district
Brownfield (19-5, W4) vs. Floydada (6-16, F3); 6 p.m. Tuesday, Canyon HS.

Class 2A Bi-district
Brownfield (19-5, W4) vs. Floydada (6-16, F3); 6 p.m. Tuesday, Canyon HS.

Class 1A Division I Bi-district
Hale Center (17, 7) vs. Vega (14-11, T2); 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Amarillo HS.

Class 1A Division II Bi-district
Anton (20-4, W1), bye; Danoull (17, 3) vs. Kress (7-12, T2); 7 p.m. Tuesday, McLean HS.

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BIG12/TEXAS COLLEGE BASKETBALL

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

TEXAS TEMPLE 71 NO. 23 SMU 64

PHILADELPHIA — Dalton Pepper scored 24 points and Temple defeated No. 23 SMU 71-64 on Sunday.

Playing without injured starter and leading rebounder in Anthony Lee, Temple (7-17, 2-10 American Athletic Conference) knocked a top-25 opponent for the first time since March 10 against No. 21 VCU. The Owls were 0-5 against the Top 25 this season, but have now beaten a ranked opponent in each of the last

seven seasons.

Women

TEXAS NO. 14 TEXAS A&M 71 ALABAMA 46

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Karla Gilbert scored 15 points on 6-for-10 shooting to lead No. 14 Texas A&M to a 71-46 rout over Alabama on Sunday.

Courtney Williams and Courtney Walker added 12 points apiece for the Aggies (20-6, 10-2 SEC), who shot 53 percent from the field to secure the program's ninth-straight 20-win season. Jordan Jones scored six points and dished out 10 assists.

BIG 12 NO. 13 WEST VIRGINIA 61 TCU 57

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Asya Busie scored 16 points, grabbed eight rebounds and blocked three shots as No. 13 West Virginia held off Texas Christian, 61-57 Sunday.

points for West Virginia (22-3, 10-2 Big 12), but the Mountaineers struggled from the field, connecting on just 21 of 58 shots (36.2 percent).

NO. 12 OKLAHOMA STATE 73 OKLAHOMA 57
STILLWATER, Okla. — Liz Donohoe had 15 points and 11 rebounds to help No. 12 Oklahoma State defeat Oklahoma.

Lamar fires basketball coach Pat Knight

Associated Press

BEAUMONT — Lamar has fired coach Pat Knight, son of Hall of Fame coach Bob Knight, with the Cardinals having won just six games the past two seasons.

Athletic director Jason Henderson announced the move Sunday. Lamar

is 3-22 and 2-11 in the Southland Conference this season.

Knight was 29-62 overall during his three seasons with Lamar. He guided the Cardinals to the NCAA tournament and a 23-12 record in his first season, closing the regular season with six straight victories and winning the

Southland tournament title.

The strong finish came after Knight called out his players in postgame rant reminiscent of his famous father, the former Indiana and Texas Tech coach.

Lamar is 6-50 the past two seasons. Former assistant Tic Price will serve as the interim coach.

BAYLOR

From IC

doing defensively," said Sims, who averages 30 points. "I was getting good looks. I'm usually not that wide open coming out of screens."

Baylor led 24-16 before a nearly five-minute scoring

drought helped Texas close within 24-21 behind five straight points from Imani McGee-Stafford: The Lady Bears closed the half with a 6-0 run behind a 3-pointer by Niya Johnson and three free throws by Sims.

"We missed so many (shots) in the first half that

were good shots for us and still had a nine-point lead," Baylor coach Kim Mulkey said.

Sims converted a three-point play to start the second half. Texas answered with a basket by Kelsey Lang but wouldn't get another for nearly 10 minutes.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES & SCHEDULES

Men

SUNDAY'S TOP 25 FARED

1. Syracuse (25-0) did not play Next vs. Boston College, Wednesday.
2. Arizona (23-2) did not play Next at Utah, Wednesday.
3. Florida (23-2) did not play Next vs. Auburn, Wednesday.
4. Wichita State (27-0) beat Evansville, 64-66 Next at Loyola of Chicago, Wednesday.
5. San Diego State (22-2) did not play Next vs. Utah State, Tuesday.
6. Villanova (22-3) lost to No. 18 Creighton 101-80 Next at Providence, Tuesday.
7. Kansas (19-6) did not play Next at Texas Tech, Tuesday.
8. Duke (20-5) did not play Next at Georgia Tech, Tuesday.
9. Michigan State (21-5) lost to Nebraska 60-51 Next at Purdue, Thursday.
10. Cincinnati (23-3) did not play Next at UCF, Wednesday.
11. Iowa State (19-5) did not play Next vs. No. 19 Texas, Tuesday.
12. Saint Louis (23-2) did not play Next vs. George Washington, Saturday.
13. Louisville (21-4) beat Rutgers 102-54 Next vs. South Florida, Tuesday.
14. Kentucky (19-6) did not play Next at Mississippi, Tuesday.
15. Michigan (18-7) lost to No. 21 Wisconsin 75-62 Next vs. No. 9 Michigan State, Sunday.
16. Iowa (19-6) did not play Next at Indiana, Tuesday.
17. Virginia (21-5) did not play Next at Virginia Tech, Tuesday.
18. Creighton (21-4) beat No. 6 Villanova 101-80 Next at Marquette, Wednesday.
19. Texas (20-5) did not play Next at No. 11 Iowa State, Tuesday.
20. Memphis (19-6) did not play Next at Rutgers, Thursday.
21. Wisconsin (21-5) beat No. 15 Michigan 75-62 Next at No. 19 Iowa, Saturday.
22. Ohio State (20-6) did not play Next vs. Northwestern, Wednesday.
23. SMU (20-6) lost to Temple 71-64 Next vs. Houston, Wednesday.
24. UConn (20-5) did not play Next at Temple, Thursday.
25. Pittsburgh (20-6) did not play Next vs. Florida State, Sunday.

SUNDAY'S SCORES

- SOUTH**
- Louisville 76, Kentucky 51
 - Louisville 102, Rutgers 54
 - McNeese 52, New Orleans 69
 - Mercer 89, N. Kentucky 67
 - W. Carolina 82, UNC Greensboro 77
- MIDWEST**
- Creighton 101, Villanova 80
 - Minnesota 54, Northwestern 48
 - Nebraska 60, Michigan 51
 - Wichita 84, Evansville 68
 - Wisconsin 75, Michigan 62
 - Wright 72, Oakland 71
- FAR WEST**
- Colorado 83, Southern Cal 74
 - Oregon 93, Oregon St 83
 - Washington (Mo.) 79, NYU 75
- EAST**
- CCNY 97, Staten Island 70
 - Cardwell 76, Golden Blacorn 67
 - Canisus 92, Siena 88
 - Drexel 74, Hofstra 63
 - LIU Brooklyn 69, St. Francis (N.Y.) 68
 - Marrattan 90, Niagara 72
 - Marist 86, Monmouth (N.J.) 92
 - Notre Dame 73, Boston College 69

TODAY'S GAMES

- SOUTHWEST**
- Grambling St. at Prairie View, 7:30 p.m.
 - Jackson St. at Texas Southern, 7:30 p.m.
 - Oklahoma St. at Baylor, 8 p.m.
- EAST**
- Delaware at Towson, 6 p.m.
- SOUTH**
- North Carolina at Florida St., 6 p.m.
 - Charleston Southern at High Point, 6 p.m.
 - UNC Wilmington at William & Mary, 6 p.m.
 - Delaware St. at Florida A&M, 6:30 p.m.
 - Morgan St. at Md. Eastern Shore, 6:30 p.m.
 - NC A&T at SC State, 6:30 p.m.
 - NC Central at Savannah St., 7 p.m.
 - Ark. Pine Bluff at Alcorn St., 7:30 p.m.
 - MVSU at Southern U., 8 p.m.
- FAR WEST**
- Weber St. at Idaho St., 8:05 p.m.

Women

SUNDAY'S TOP 25 FARED

1. UConn (28-0) beat South Florida 63-38 Next vs. UCF, Wednesday.
2. Notre Dame (24-0) did not play Next vs. Georgia Tech, Monday.
3. Duke (22-3) did not play Next vs. No. 9 Maryland, Monday.
4. Louisville (25-2) beat Memphis 82-66 Next vs. Houston, Wednesday.
5. South Carolina (23-2) beat No. 19 LSU 73-57 Next at No. 18 Kentucky, Thursday.
6. Stanford (24-2) beat Arizona 74-48 Next at Southern Cal, Friday.
7. Baylor (22-3) beat Texas 72-56 Next vs. Iowa State, Wednesday.
8. Tennessee (20-5) lost to No. 18 Kentucky 75-71 Next vs. Auburn, Thursday.
9. Maryland (20-4) did not play Next at No. 3 Duke, Monday.
10. N.C. State (22-4) lost to No. 17 North Carolina 89-82 Next at No. 3 Duke, Thursday.
11. Penn State (20-5) beat Wisconsin 78-68 Next vs. Northwestern, Thursday.
12. Oklahoma State (20-4) beat Oklahoma 73-57 Next at No. 13 West Virginia, Wednesday.
13. West Virginia (22-3) beat TCU 61-57 Next vs. No. 14 Texas A&M (20-6) beat Alabama 71-46 Next at Mississippi, Thursday.
14. Arizona State (20-6) lost to No. 22 California 74-63 Next vs. Colorado, Friday.
15. Vanderbilt (17-8) lost to Mississippi State 64-62 Next at Arkansas, Thursday.
16. North Carolina (20-6) beat No. 10 N.C. State 89-82 Next at Virginia, Thursday.
17. Kentucky (19-6) beat No. 8 Tennessee 75-71 Next vs. No. 5 South Carolina, Thursday.
18. LSU (18-7) lost to No. 5 South Carolina 73-57 Next at Georgia, Thursday.
19. Gonzaga (23-4) did not play Next vs. Portland, Saturday.
20. Nebraska (19-5) beat Indiana 76-61 Next at Ohio State, Thursday.
21. Nebraska (18-7) beat No. 15 Arizona State 74-63 Next at UCLA, Friday.
22. California (18-7) beat Iowa 74-71 Next at Minnesota, Thursday.
23. Purdue (18-7) beat Iowa 74-71 Next at Minnesota, Thursday.
24. St. John's (19-5) did not play Next at Georgetown, Tuesday.
25. Michigan State (17-8) did not play Next at Wisconsin, Thursday.

SUNDAY'S SCORES

- SOUTHWEST**
- Baylor 72, Texas 56

Oklahoma St. 73, Oklahoma 57

- MIDWEST**
- Duke 79, Missouri 51
 - Evansville 63, Indiana 56
 - Illinois 57, S. Illinois 63
 - OT Michigan 70, Illinois 61
 - Nebraska 76, Indiana 61
 - Purdue 74, Iowa 73
- FAR WEST**
- California 74, Arizona 63
 - Oregon St. 58, Southern Cal 48
 - Stanford 74, Arizona 48
 - Washington 67, Utah 66
 - Washington 80, Colorado 77
- SOUTH**
- Coll. of Charleston 87, Hofstra 74
 - Georgia 67, Florida 58
 - Kentucky 75, Tennessee 71
 - Louisville 82, Memphis 66
 - McNeese 52, New Orleans 54
 - Miami 76, Florida 73
 - Mississippi 64, Vanderbilt 62
 - Missouri 68, Auburn 58
 - North Carolina 89, NC State 82
 - South Carolina 73, LSU 57
 - Texas A&M 71, Alabama 46
 - UConn 83, South Florida 38
 - Virginia 80, Virginia Tech 64
 - William & Mary 97, UNC Wilmington 44
- EAST**
- Albany (N.Y.) 58, Maine 56
 - Delaware 52, Towson 43
 - Iona 73, Rider 66
 - James Madison 69, Drexel 58
 - New Hampshire 76, Hartford 71
 - OT Penn St. 78, Wisconsin 68
 - Pittsburgh 56, Clemson 43
 - Quinnipiac 83, Monmouth (N.J.) 50
 - Syracuse 71, Boston College 47
 - UNCWC 77, Vermont 62
 - West Virginia 61, TCU 57

TODAY'S GAMES

- SOUTHWEST**
- Grambling St. at Prairie View, 5:30 p.m.
 - Jackson St. at Texas Southern, 5:30 p.m.
- EAST**
- Mount St. Mary's at Bryant, 1 p.m.
 - Rutgers-Newark at NJIT, 6 p.m.
 - LIU Brooklyn at Robert Morris, 6 p.m.
 - St. Francis (N.Y.) at Sacred Heart, 6 p.m.
 - OSU at St. Francis (Pa.), 6 p.m.
 - Fairleigh Dickinson at Wagner, 6 p.m.
- SOUTH**
- Morehead St. at Jacksonville St., 11 a.m.
 - Morgan St. at Md. Eastern Shore, 4:30 p.m.
 - N.C. A&T at SC State, 4:30 p.m.
 - Eon at Appalachian St., 5 p.m.
 - Delaware St. at Florida A&M, 5 p.m.
 - N.C. Central at Savannah St., 5 p.m.
 - MVSU at Southern U., 5 p.m.
 - Chattanooga at Wofford, 5 p.m.
 - Ark. Pine Bluff at Alcorn St., 5:30 p.m.
 - High Point at Charleston Southern, 6 p.m.
 - Maryland at Duke, 6 p.m.
 - Samford at Furman, 6 p.m.
 - UNC Greensboro at W. Carolina, 6 p.m.
 - E. Illinois at Austin Peay, 7 p.m.
 - SIU Edwardsville at Murray St., 7 p.m.
 - F. Kentucky at Tennessee Tech, 7 p.m.
 - Tennessee St. at UT Martin, 7 p.m.
- MIDWEST**
- Dayton at Saint Louis, 5 p.m.
 - Georgia Tech at Notre Dame, 5 p.m.
 - Milwaukee at Ill.-Chicago, 5 p.m.
- FAR WEST**
- UC-A at Oregon, 6 p.m.
 - Idaho St. at Weber St., 8 p.m.

Men

NO. 4 WICHITA STATE 84 EVANSVILLE 68
EVANSVILLE, Ind. — Ron Baker scored 26 points and Fred VanVleet finished with 18 points, eight assists and five steals to lead No. 4 Wichita State to an 84-68 victory over Evansville on Sunday.

NO. 18 CREIGHTON 101 NO. 6 VILLANOVA 80
OMAHA, Neb. — Doug McDermott matched his season high with 39 points and passed Larry Bird for 13th place on the Division I career scoring chart during Creighton's victory over Villanova.

NEBRASKA 60 NO. 9 MICHIGAN STATE 51
EAST LANSING, Mich. — Terran Petteway scored 23 points and Walter Pitchford added 18 as Nebraska topped Michigan State.

NO. 13 LOUISVILLE 102 RUTGERS 54
LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Luke Hancock scored a career-high 25 points, including six 3-pointers, and Louisville throttled Rutgers.

NO. 21 WISCONSIN 75 NO. 15 MICHIGAN 62
ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Frank Kaminsky had 25 points and 11 rebounds, and Wisconsin smothered Michigan in the first half before holding on.

Women
NO. 1 CONNECTICUT 63 SOUTH FLORIDA 38
TAMPA, Fla. — Bri Hartley scored 18 points and Breanna

Stewart and Stefanie Dolson each had 15 to help No. 1 Connecticut remain unbeaten with a 63-38 rout of cold-shooting South Florida on Sunday.

NO. 4 LOUISVILLE 82 MEMPHIS 66
MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Ennionnie Henderson scored a career-best 19 points, Shoni Schimmel added 18, and Louisville beat Memphis.

NO. 5 SOUTH CAROLINA 73 NO. 19 LSU 57
BATON ROUGE, La. — Tiffany Mitchell and Aleigha Welch each scored 19 points to help South Carolina stay on top of the SEC with a win over LSU.

NO. 6 STANFORD 74 ARIZONA 48
STANFORD, Calif. — Bonnie Samuelson knocked down five 3-pointers on the way to 17 points all scored in the first half, and Stanford beat Arizona to move closer to a 14th straight conference regular-season crown.

NO. 8 KENTUCKY 75 NO. 18 TENNESSEE 71
KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Jennifer O'Neill scored 24 points and sparked a comeback as Kentucky rallied for a 75-71 victory over Tennessee, earning the Wildcats' first win in Knoxville since 1985.

NO. 17 NORTH CAROLINA 89 NO. 10 N.C. STATE 82
RALEIGH, N.C. — Diamond DeShields set a school freshman record with 38 points to

help North Carolina beat North Carolina State.

NO. 11 PENN STATE 78 WISCONSIN 68
STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Maggie Lucas, the top free throw shooter in the nation, shot Penn State into the lead from the line with less than 4 minutes to play, sparking the Nittany Lions on a 20-9 run to close out Wisconsin.

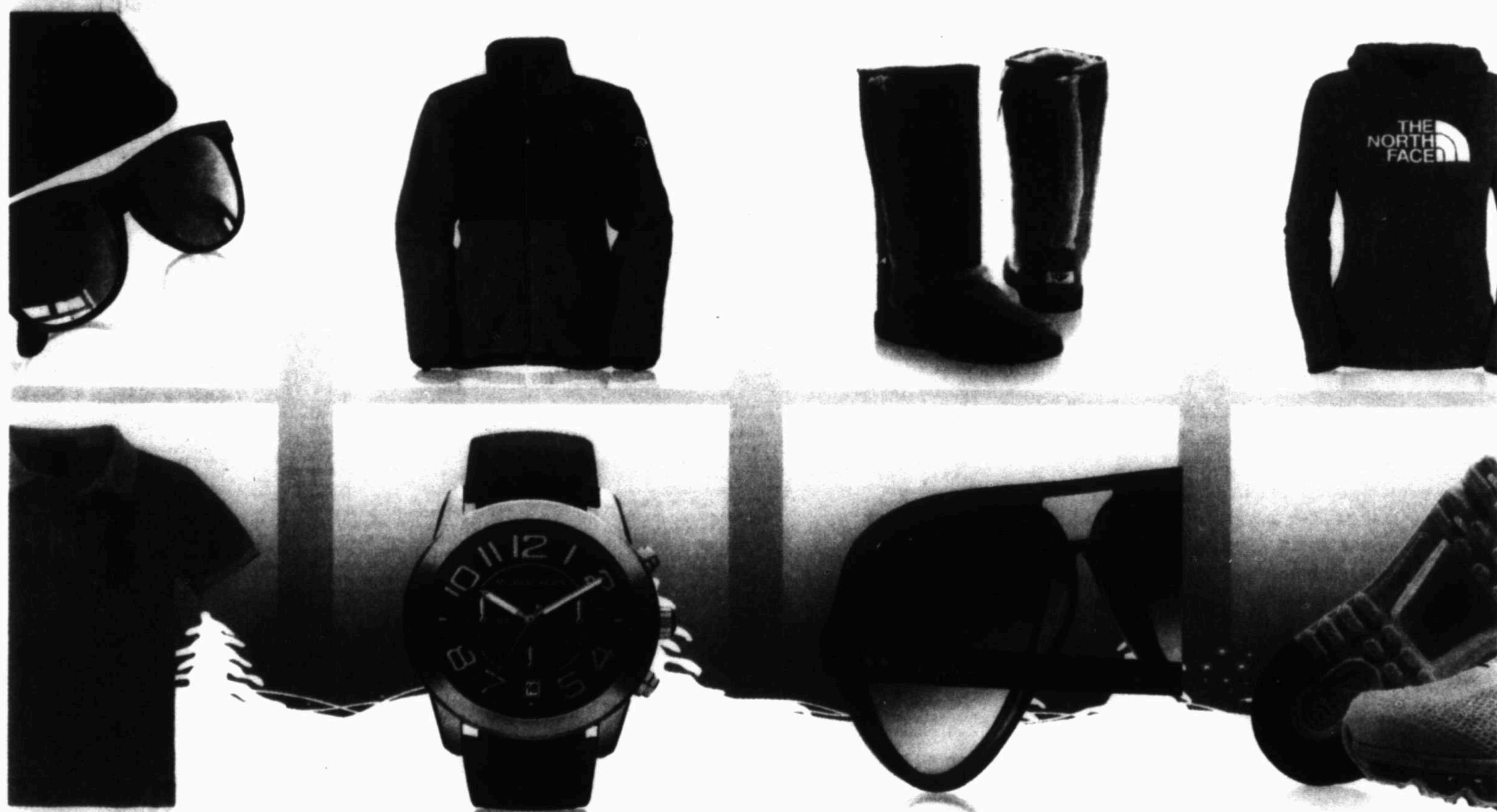
NO. 22 CALIFORNIA 74 NO. 15 ARIZONA STATE 63
BERKELEY, Calif. — A-lure Jerniger scored a career-high 23 points, and Brittany Boyd added 21, eight rebounds and six assists to lead California past Arizona State.

MISSISSIPPI STATE 64 NO. 16 VANDERBILT 62
STARKVILLE, Miss. — Martha Alwai's jumper with 3.3 seconds left gave her 23 points and Mississippi State upset Vanderbilt on Sunday.

NO. 21 NEBRASKA 78 INDIANA 61
LINCOLN, Neb. — Jordan Hooper scored 31 points to fuel a late charge for No. 21 Nebraska after veteran coach Connie Yori collapsed, and the Huskers rolled to a win over Indiana.

NO. 23 PURDUE 74 IOWA 73
WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Courtney Moses scored 25 points, including the game-winning free throws with seven seconds left as Purdue defeated Iowa.

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Austin Dillon puts No. 3 on pole for Daytona 500

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — With the famed No. 3 on his car and memories of the late Dale Earnhardt fresh in his mind, Austin Dillon took the fabled number out of hibernation and straight to the top at Daytona.

Dillon reawakened the days of The Intimidator and proved he can handle the spotlight thrust on his ride in the 3, winning the pole Sunday for the season-opening Daytona 500.

He took the top spot with a lap at 196.019 mph in NASCAR's season opener in a car Richard Childress

has refused to field at NASCAR's top level since Earnhardt's fatal accident on the last lap of the 2001 race.

But with his 23-year-old grandson ready to move to the Sprint Cup Series, Childress allowed Dillon to use the number widely associated with the seven-time champion. Earnhardt won 67 races, six championships and the 1998 Daytona 500 driving the No. 3.

Dillon was a kid when he posed for a picture with Earnhardt in Victory Lane following his breakthrough 1998 win.

He'll have many more memories from this milestone, like the congratulatory handshake he received

Lineup	
NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Race 1	
After Sunday qualifying race Thursday	
At Daytona International Speedway	
Daytona Beach, Fla.	
Lap length: 2.5 miles	
(Car number in parentheses)	
1. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 196.019	10. (2) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 194.544
2. (14) Greg Biffle, Ford, 195.815	11. (18) Ryan Blaney, Toyota, 194.522
3. (21) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 195.707	12. (4) Ryan Hearnix, Chevrolet, 194.422
4. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 195.211	13. (10) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 194.328
5. (17) Rusty Wallace, Ford, 195.004	14. (47) A.J. Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 194.108
6. (9) Marcos Ambrose, Ford, 194.984	15. (88) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 194.026
7. (43) Aric Almirola, Ford, 194.658	16. (28) David Gilliland, Ford, 193.736
8. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 194.582	17. (22) Parker Kligerman, Toyota, 193.594
9. (20) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 194.574	18. (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 193.365
	19. (55) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 192.798
	20. (28) Cole Whitt, Toyota, 192.538
	21. (93) Michael McDowell, Ford, 192.291
	22. (66) Josh Yates, Ford, 192.057
	23. (87) Joe Henschke, Toyota, 190.46
	24. (25) Alex Bowman, Toyota, 189.885
	25. (77) Dave Blaney, Ford

from Richard Petty, when qualifying ended.

NASCAR's family roots run deep, so Childress never had to leave the family tree to find the right

driver for the number.

Dillon has been using it in NASCAR national competition since 2009, when he made his Truck Series debut in the No. 3. He won

the Truck championship in 2011 driving the No. 3 for Richard Childress Racing, and the Nationwide title last season in the same number.

So Childress knew — he always knew and has insisted that Earnhardt gave his blessing long before his death — that Dillon could use the number if he ever made it to Cup.

Dillon doesn't take the responsibility lightly.

"Everybody wants to see this number perform well, and that's what my goals are," Dillon said. "I love getting in that race car and driving it. I think once we get through some of these races here at the beginning

of the year, everything will sink in and I'll get comfortable and be able to have some fun."

It's the fourth time the No. 3 has won the pole for the Daytona 500. Buddy Baker did it in 1969, Ricky Rudd in 1983 and Earnhardt in 1996.

But this one was emotional all the way through. Now Dillon comes in at another changing of the guard, as Kevin Harvick, the driver who slid into Earnhardt's seat the week after his death, has moved to another team.

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TODAY: Partly sunny High: 66 Low: 43

TUESDAY: Mostly sunny High: 79 Low: 48

WEDNESDAY: Partly sunny High: 84 Low: 51

THURSDAY: Mostly sunny High: 72 Low: 38

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 72 Low: 42

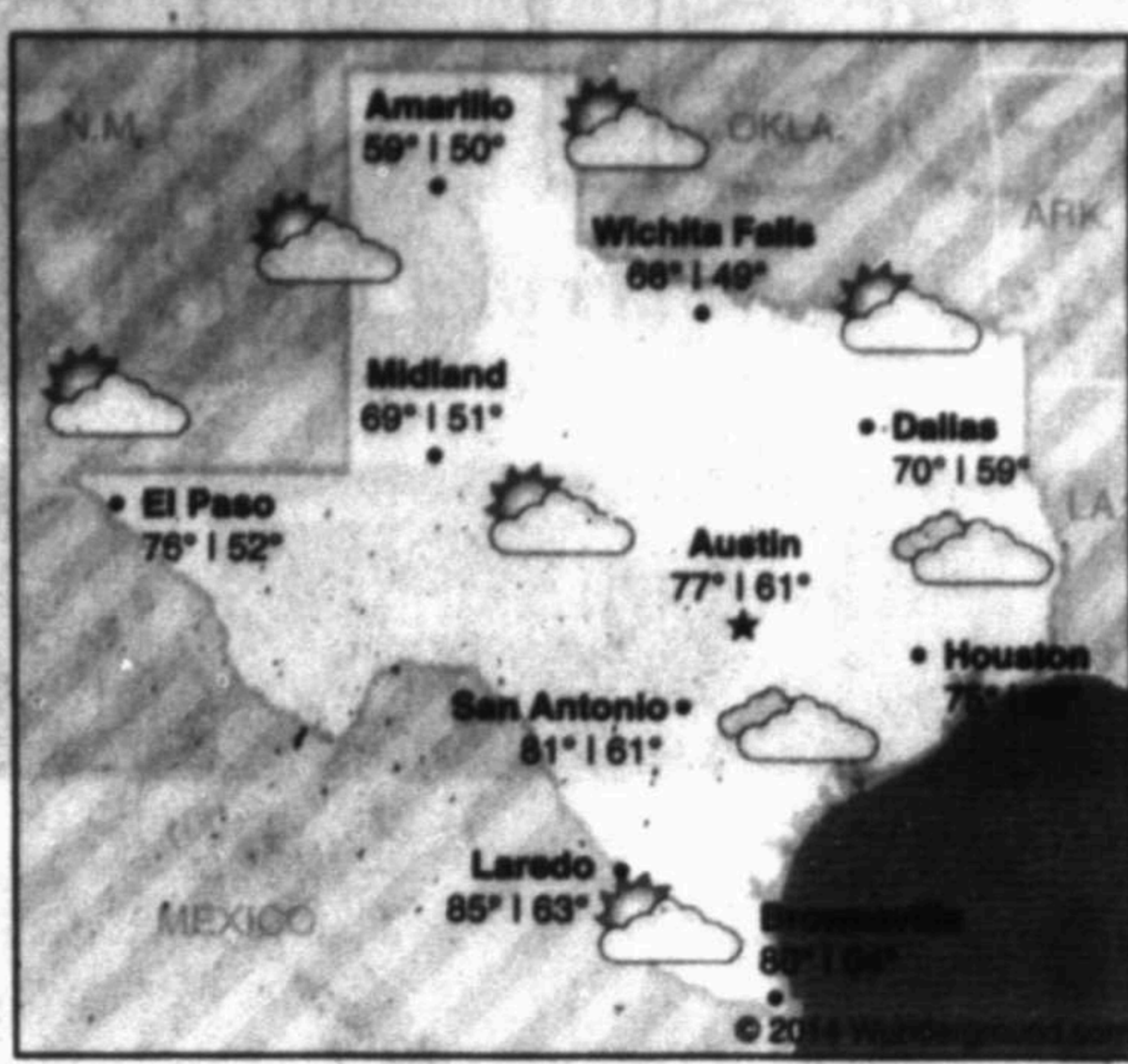
SATURDAY: Mostly sunny High: 61 Low: 35

Local forecast

Expect partly sunny skies today with a high around 66 and northwest winds between 10 and 15 mph becoming northeast between 15 and 20 mph in the morning. Winds could gusts as high as 25 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly cloudy conditions with a low around 43 and east winds between 5 and 10 mph becoming south after midnight.

Tuesday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 79 and south winds around 5 mph. Expect partly cloudy conditions at night, with a low around 48 and south winds around 5 mph.

Wednesday, the forecast calls for partly sunny skies during the day, mostly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 84 and a low around 51.



National forecast

Forecast highs for Monday, Feb. 17



National forecast

A high-pressure system will promote widespread dry weather across the East Coast today. Subfreezing highs will settle over most of the Northeast, with brisk winds adding to the chill across eastern New England.

The dry weather will end as a storm system spreads disruptive snowfall across the Great Lakes with an icy mix occurring just to the south.

Precipitation

Saturday	0.00 in.
Sunday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.24 in.
Year total	0.24 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.97 in.

Sunday's temperatures

High	83
Low	41
Normal high	63
Normal low	35
Sunrise	7:29 a.m.
Sunset	6:37 p.m.

Girlfriend's texts to stepfather throw family out of whack

DEAR ABBY: My youngest grown son discovered that his girlfriend — his possible future wife — was texting pictures of herself to his stepfather. Needless to say, he told her the relationship is over.

Now, for obvious reasons, he no longer wants to be around his stepfather, and is deeply concerned about how it will affect his relationship with his mother, my ex-wife. They are close, which I encouraged, but she seems to be in denial about the situation. Have you any suggestions on how to be supportive of my son and all the dynamics? — **TOO MUCH DRAMA IN MISSOURI**

DEAR TOO MUCH DRAMA: You say your ex-wife seems to be in denial. Was the reason for the breakup ever explained to her? If it wasn't, then your son should talk to his mother about it, and from then on arrange to see her alone.

DEAR ABBY: I just dropped off my 13-year-old son at a party. He's a seventh-grader, and when I take him to a friend's house, if I haven't met the parents, I walk him to the door and introduce him and myself to them.

I do this to try and make sure the parents are at home and responsible. (Honestly, if they weren't, I'd take my son and leave.) I know it embarrasses him, but most parents thank me because they want

to meet the parents of the kids who are in their homes.

Times are different for our kids today. I just can't believe that someone would simply drop off a child and speed away when he/she has absolutely no clue who these people are. I'm not a helicopter parent; I'm just a mother who loves my children enough to make sure they're in good hands.

Recently, a ninth-grader in our school district had a house party where 30 kids received underage drinking citations! Sorry — but I'm taking no chances. Parenting is not being your child's best friend. Please encourage parents not to be afraid to reach out to other parents. It really does take a village. — **VIGILANT IN BUCKS COUNTY, PA.**

DEAR VIGILANT: Your children are fortunate to have a mother who is as involved in their lives as you are. Not all young people are so lucky. Your son may find your vigilance embarrassing, but take comfort in knowing that all kids your son's age find their

parents embarrassing.

Orchids to you for pointing out the importance of parents networking with each other to ensure that their children are safe and supervised. When an entire "village" is watching, there is less chance of a lamb straying.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to my wife for 33 years. I recently found a pair of her panties with "Booty Call" printed across the back. I can't help but wonder. She has never had underwear like that in 33 years. What gives? — **SURPRISED TEXAN**

DEAR SURPRISED: Was your wife wearing the lingerie at the time? If not, how did you discover the panties?

The surest way to get to the bottom of this would be to ask your wife this question. She may have thought they were cute and bought them on impulse — or they may have been a gift. Please let me know, because not only am I interested in her answer, but I'm sure millions of readers are curious, too.

DEAR ABBY

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GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K 9 5 ♡ Q 2 ♦ A 10 9 7 3 2 ♣ A 6
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1♣ Pass 1♦ Pass
2♣ Pass ?

What call would you make?
A — Three no-trump seems the most likely contract, but the heart suit is a worry. Many would gamble it out, but a two-spade bid here would never be raised — partner has denied a four-card major with his re-bid. It will focus partner's attention on the need for a heart stopper. We like two spades.

Q 2 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K J 7 ♡ 6 ♦ A 10 9 8 4 ♣ K 6 4 2
As dealer, what call would you make?
A — Prime honors — aces and kings — are a bit under-valued by the 4-3-2-1 point count. Secondary honors — queens, jacks and 10s — are more valuable when working with higher honors. Those factors are in play with

this hand, as well as the existence of an easy re-bid. Open one diamond.

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

♠ 4 ♡ K 10 5 ♣ K Q J 6 4 2 ♦ 10 7 5
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
2♦* Pass 2NT 3♣

*weak
What call would you make?
A — Without the overcall, we would have re-bid three hearts to show a maximum weak two-bid with a feature in hearts. Does the overcall change anything? Not really. Bid three hearts.

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

♠ K 8 7 2 ♡ K 8 6 4 A 7 ♣ A 8 4
Right-hand opponent opens one heart. What call would you make?

A — You have the wrong shape for double, are not strong enough to bid one no-trump, and you shouldn't overcall with a poor four-card suit. What's left? Pass.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS	DOWN	32 Cake decorator	44 What haste makes
1 Tubers rich in beta carotene	1 Discipline using mats	33 Scholar's deg.	45 Fall bloomer
5 Wasn't indecisive	2 Many an Egyptian	35 Tina Fey attribute	46 Andean alpaca kn
10 Bouillabaisse, e.g.	3 Red Planet explorer	36 Journey to Mecca	47 U. of Maryland team
14 Taken by mouth, as medication	4 Shifty primate	37 Longtime Yugoslav president	48 Leaves out
15 Mrs. Gorbachev	5 Borneo primate	39 Shade provider	52 Fast food tycoon
16 Dancer-turned-spy Mata	6 "Sit!"	40 Hazy	53 Vegging out
17 Favorite Hall of Famer of the 39th U.S. president?	7 10 percent church donation	42 Tried to hit in paintball	56 Weed killer
19 Tablet with a "mini" version	8 Opposite of WNW	43 Except if	57 39-Down with cones
20 Tummy muscles	9 Period before the Renaissance		
21 Egyptian cross with a top loop	10 Avoid, as duty		
22 Black belt activity	11 Spanish finger food		
24 Favorite Hall of Famer of the 7th U.S. president?	12 Verse writer's muse		
27 Opposite of vain	13 Add a lane to, as a highway		
28 "How awful!"	18 Animal houses		
29 Greets with a hand gesture	23 Back woe		
30 Hook's sidekick	25 Paradise lost		
31 ChapStick target	26 Leap		
34 Forewarning	27 Mother, to baby		
35 Visits the mall	29 Bowl over		
37 Computer support person	30 Female pig		
38 "___ and Peace"	31 Bubbly citrus drink		
39 Spring melt			
40 Acted without speaking			
41 British rule in India			
42 "The Bachelorette" contestant, e.g.			
44 Favorite Hall of Famer of the 17th and 36th U.S. presidents?			
49 Catching some z's			
50 Shed skin			
51 Tackle a slope			
54 Celebrity			
55 Favorite Hall of Famer of the 38th U.S. president?			
58 Fill-in worker			
59 Greek i's			
60 Reversed one			
61 Historic times			
62 Midterms and finals			
63 Tour de France, e.g.			

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

L I S A B O N E T U P F O R
A S T R O N O M Y S O A V E
P L E A S U R E C R U I S E S
T A N N E S T O U R H R H
O M G H O B B Y I D O
P I E T A S I B S B O U T
C L U B M E D R H O N E
L E I A K A E L
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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. 17, 2014:

This year you evolve and grow in a new way. At times you might feel as if you do not have a choice. If you feel that way, stop and rethink your alternatives. Brainstorm more often with people who do not think like you. Seek to achieve your goals. If you are single, you will meet many people. Come summer, the possibility of meeting someone of significance is likely. Do not commit unless you are sure of your choice. If you are attached, your relationship could become even more significant as your sweetie teams up with you to make a dream come true. You will enter a very romantic period during the summer. LIBRA likes the way you think.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ You will accomplish more in the morning. In the evening, random calls and perhaps a visit with a loved one could take priority. Your instincts about a situation could be off. Someone might point you in the wrong direction. Tonight: Make nice, and invite others to dinner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Dive into a dynamic problem. You will enjoy the brainstorming involved with heading in a new direction. You could find that someone is dealing with a level of discomfort during this process. Tonight: Remember that you're not always comfortable with change, either.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You will clear up a problem only after you detach and look at the big picture. At that point, the solution will permit resolution in an amiable manner. Once the air is cleared, you can direct your energy in a different direction. Tonight: Live life to the fullest.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Listen to your sixth sense when speaking with a close loved one. There might be a lot more going on than meets the eye. This person might not be able to share what the issue is. Give him or her space to work it out. Tonight: In the thick of the moment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You might be concerned with a financial matter that needs to be handled immediately. Your domestic life could point to a different direction and a new possibility. Listen to feedback, and make a decision accordingly. Tonight: Reach out to a favorite person.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You might feel strongly about a certain matter, so don't hesitate to let others know where you are coming

from. Keep a personal matter quiet, and be willing to have a long-overdue conversation. Focus on your finances and effectiveness. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You might feel out of sync in the morning, but by the afternoon you will draw others to you. Use care with your finances; make smart choices. Your personality and energy are likely to dominate the afternoon. You will be all smiles. Tonight: Visit with a dear loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Decisions made in the afternoon might not be as sound as you would like them to be. Listen to news and respond accordingly. Recognize that you need to think carefully about the implications involved, especially after you look at the big picture. Tonight: As you like it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You could be full of energy. In the morning, maintain your focus on an important matter involving your career or an older relative. Your sense of humor emerges when dealing with a friend in the afternoon. A meeting will be instrumental. Tonight: Hang with your friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Detaching will help you deal with a volatile situation. Recognize what is happening with a relationship in which information might not be properly communicated between the parties involved. Know that you can change this situation. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You could discover the benefits of having a conversation in the morning. One-on-one relating resolves a problem better than any other method can. Use this opportunity. With new information, you'll gain a new perspective. Tonight: Detach and observe.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Rethink your interactions with a key person. It can be great to act spontaneously, but sometimes you need to think more carefully about the actions you take. Make a point of having an important conversation later in the day. Tonight: A little consideration goes a long way.

BORN TODAY
Basketball player Michael Jordan (1963), singer Gene Pitney (1940), businessman Aaron Montgomery Ward (1843)



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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 Luz@centuryga.com

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

CORNELL SOLUTIONS
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Cornell Solutions, LLC, a fast growing oilfield service company, is looking to hire an administrative assistant in Midland with the following qualifications:
• Strong computer and analytical skills
• Proficiency in Microsoft Office, Quickbooks, Payroll & HR Reporting
• General office responsibilities also include file maintenance of customers, vendors, employees and equipment
Candidates meeting the requirements are invited to submit their resumes and qualifications by email to jason@cornellsolutions.net.

Call Center Reps
Outpost Communications FT
Call center reps needed. 3pm-11pm, weekends and Holidays required. Call 432-563-6826 to schedule interview.

Office Manager
Dr. Wilbur Lineback FT
Extremely busy physician's office is looking for full time Office Manager with managing skills. Must be dependable, punctual, trustworthy, and self motivated. Must have great people skills, organizational skills, and able to multitask. Job duties would include but not limited to answering phones, faxing, pulling charts, scheduling patient appointments, verifying insurance/insurance filing a must!
Confidentiality is a necessity!
Hours would be from 9:00 am to 5:00pm Monday -Friday.

CONSTRUCTION & FACILITIES

Front Office Assistant
Gardendale, TX office looking for upbeat, detail-oriented office assistant to answer phones, do project filing, process work tickets, as well as a multitude of other tasks. Must have great communication and customer service skills. FT, M-F 8am - 5pm. Salary DOE. Submit resume to wendy@jaoilfield.com, no phone calls please

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EDUCATION & TRAINING

CAREGIVER
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Need Full and Part-time Caregivers. Starting wages \$10-\$11/hour. Paid holidays and vacation. Call 432-520-8888.

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

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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

COMPRESSOR MECHANIC
West Texas Gas FT
COMPRESSOR MECHANIC GAS PLANT NEEDED IMMEDIATELY. Experience preferred but not required. Location near Rankin. TX. Fax resume to (432) 693-2132 or mail to: Benedum Gas Plant, HC 34, Box 63, Midkiff, TX 79755

Dispatcher Needed
Trucking Company seeking EXPERIENCED Dispatcher to work night shift. Heavy work load, Microsoft, Excel REQUIRED, knowledge of frac sand hauling a must, Bilingual required. Strong verbal/written communication skills required. Send resume to 3noilfieldservices@gmail.com or fax 432-614-9002.

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

EXPERIENCED ROUSTABOUT PUSHERS
MIDLAND ROUSTABOUT SERVICE HIRING EXPERIENCED ROUSTABOUT PUSHERS. PLEASE COME BY OUR OFFICE AT 5800 E I-20 TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION 432-682-5017

HEALTHCARE

Certified Dental Assistant
Thomas Campagna, DMD FT
We are looking for an exceptional, experienced, Certified Dental Assistant, one full time position, to join our team at Midland's premier dental practice. Please email info@smilemidland.com fax (432) 520-0720 or bring resume to 3722 N. Loop 250, Midland, TX

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
Sowers Dental Care
Growing fast paced, upscale, cosmetic and general dental practice has the opportunity to add one more talented Dental Assistant. We have state of the art equipment and an excellent working environment. If you have the desire to become a member of our team please mail resume to PO Box 8870, Midland, TX 79708 or fax 432-682-6290. All applicants will be kept confidential.

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 co Midland Reporter Telegram, 201 E Illinois, Midland, Tx. 79701

FT Medical Receptionist / PT Dictation Person
Experienced Medical Office Receptionist needed for a busy clinic. Attractive salary and benefits. Also PT Dictation person with flexible hours. Please fax resumes to 432-522-2950

Housekeeper
Martin County Hospital District is hiring one FULL TIME Housekeeper and one Part time housekeeper. Apply in person @ 600 E. I-20, Stanton, Texas 79782 or send resume to pauladority@martinch.org

Med-Aide
Confidential FT
Med-Aide for days, 8a-6p for correctional facility. Must pass drug test and background check. Send Resume to Loria@boonchapman.com

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person. Pay \$10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required; we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and Social Security card with dependable transportation.

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Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person. Pay \$10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

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HEALTHCARE

Compliance and Coding Specialist
Seeking candidate with medical coding experience, simple clinical knowledge, and general office duties for a Physician Management group. Bilingual a plus. Please fax resume 432-682-2284. PO# PP8037

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Martin County Hospital District is hiring PRN's RN's and LVN's for all shifts. Apply in person @ 600 E. I-20, Stanton, Texas 79782 or send resume to pauladority@martinch.org.

Seeking Medical Assistants & Receptionist
Internal Medicine Practice seeking medical assistants and receptionist full or part-time. Please send resumes to 432-618-5232 or drop off at office: 3401 Greenbair Dr. Midland

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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

X-Ray Inspector
The Texas Department of State Health Services is accepting applications to fill an X-Ray Inspector position in Midland, Texas. Anyone interested in this position should visit the web address: <https://jobs.state.tx.us/gov/ENG/careerportal/default.cfm> and fill out an application. The position posting may be found by searching for the keyword "x-ray" in Midland. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jerry Cogburn at jerry.cogburn@dshs.state.tx.us

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Hotel Maintenance
Accepting applications for hotel maintenance personnel. Prefer hotel experience but will train the right candidate. Must be knowledgeable in plumbing, sheetrock repair, painting, some electrical and carpentry repairs. Experience with HVAC units, etc. a plus. This person requires someone to have a maintenance background. Excellent starting wages and benefits. Please apply at the Hilton Garden Inn at 1301 North Loop 250 W. Midland, TX 79706. EOE

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Searching for an Operations/Assistant Manager for our hotel properties in the Midland/Odessa market. Prefer hotel experience but will train the right candidate. Must have a plus. Must be computer proficient, experienced in working with and supervising associates, as well as daily interaction with guests. Knowledgeable in resolving associate and guest issues. Must be able to lead by example. This is a hands on position. Excellent opportunity to advance as a General Manager at one of our properties. Excellent salary & benefits. Please send resume to tgoodman@mcdevelopmentllc.com or you can apply at the Hilton Garden Inn: 1301 North Loop 250 W. Midland, TX. EOE

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Earn \$569.40 per week for 3 to 6 hours work. Perfect for the stay at home moms. Work days or evenings. From home or office. Contact Randy Cottrien @ 432-295-9686, inside Crystal Images, 2811-B N. Big Spring St Midland, Texas Call for an appointment today!

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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.

Recruiting Manager
Accepting applications for a Recruiting Manager. This position will be responsible for recruiting personnel for our hotels in the Midland/Odessa area. Must be able to recruit, interview, and complete all new hire paperwork for file on each new hire. You will also be responsible in performing orientations and implementing monthly associate appreciation luncheons. Please apply at the Hilton Garden Inn at 1301 North Loop 250 W. Midland, TX 79706. EOE

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Midland, TX 79701
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Positions needed: Overnight Security, Kitchen Manager, Front Desk agents, Housekeepers, AM Servers, Bartenders and Cooks. Pay based on experience. Please email resume wyndhammidlandgm@gmail.com or hand deliver at 3100 W. Wall Street, Midland, TX.

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 dmahunn@uwmidland.org. Deadline to apply March 3, 2014.

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EOE
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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

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SKILLED LABOR

Forklift Operator

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an opening in its Production Department for the Position of "Fork Lift Operator" and other duties as assigned.

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

- Ability to read and write
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- Ability to bend and reach overhead
- Ability to count accurately and do simple math
- Able to operate a forklift and willing to be certified

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Send resume and salary requirements to: **John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities**
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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.

SALES JOBS

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