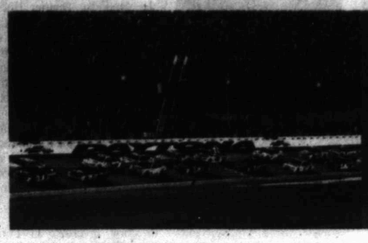
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Republican primary often de facto election

Race is contest to see who leans furthest right, who caters most to conservative base

By Chris Tomlinson
Associated Press

■ **ANALYSIS**

AUSTIN — In a state with 26 million people, the leaders of Texas are routinely chosen by 750,000 people.

That's roughly how many votes that Republican candidates have needed to win the nomination for governor in the last two primary elections. Anyone who wonders why Republican statewide candidates are running so hard to the right, or why Greg Abbott makes campaign appearances with shock rocker Ted Nugent, need only understand the 1.49 million GOP primary voters.

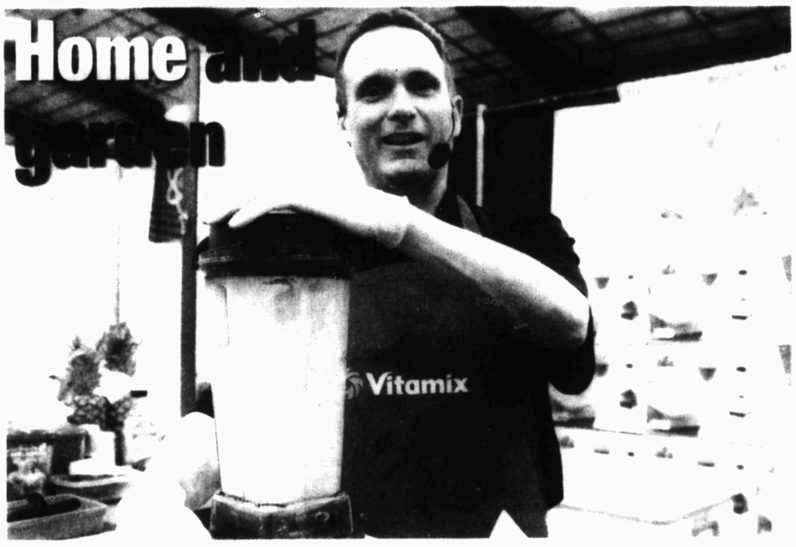
The Republican primary has been the de facto election in Texas because Democrats have not won a statewide office in 20 years. The strength of the Republican brand and the ease with which voters can select all of the party's candidates with a single button in the voting booth means Republican candidates have coasted through the November general election in recent years.

Republican campaign consultants, therefore, spend a lot of time trying to understand the Republican primary voter, and what they've learned is clear in the candidates' speeches, television commercials and mailers.

GOP voters want "authentic conservatives" who support gun rights and the death penalty while opposing abortion and illegal immigration. They hate the Environmental Protection Agency and federal programs such as the Affordable Care Act and, but adore U.S. troops and Christian values. And they really don't like President Barack Obama.

When Abbott appeared with Nugent, he was trying to demonstrate his support for gun rights and anti-Washington rebels. Many Republican primary voters will admire him for standing up to the national media, which was shocked that a Republican leader would appear alongside a man whose comments many complain are racist and

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Vendors showcased knives, whirlpool spas and handy household items this weekend during the Permian Basin annual Home and Garden Show at the Midland Horseshoe Arena.

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Newspaper investigation questions oilfield safety

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Injury claims, government data and public records of oilfield accidents since the start of the onshore drilling and fracking boom in 2007 show the federal government failed to implement safety standards and procedures, according to a Houston Chronicle investigation.

The examination also shows a lack of government inspections and shoddy practices by many oil and gas companies. The newspaper said the result is a toll of badly injured or killed workers.

Texas accounted for about 40 percent of the 663 workers the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics said were killed nationwide in oil field-related industries between 2007 and 2012, the Houston Chronicle reported Sunday.

In 2012 alone, the newspaper found 79 people lost limbs, 82 were crushed, 92 suffered burns and 675 broke bones in work-related accidents reported to insurance carriers. The same year, the 65 deaths were a 10-year high and almost 60 percent more fatalities than in 2011.

One attorney representing injured workers calls it "like the Wild West out there."

"Some well service companies go to great lengths to appear to have strong safety programs," lawyer Joseph Melugin, who also has represented families of workers killed, said. "Others don't bother."

According to the newspaper, federal authorities have failed for 22 years to implement safety standards and procedures for onshore oil and gas drilling. That's in contrast to offshore accidents like the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, which led to improvements in offshore safety regulations after 11 workers on the rig were killed and millions of gallons of oil leaked.

In the Deepwater aftermath, more inspectors with specialized training were deployed and existing oil and gas safety rules were tightened.

"But when 60 workers die one at a time, no one pays any attention," says R. Dean Wingo, who retired last year from his position as a Texas-based assistant regional administrator for the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

"The truth is, offshore drilling is a lot safer than onshore. We see things in land drilling that were eliminated years ago offshore," Wingo said. "A lot of outdated equipment is still being used, and OSHA

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MIDLAND 101

By Jimmy Patterson

Loss of Scharbauer akin to sealing historical safe

The first time I ever talked to Clarence Scharbauer Jr. about Midland history was Aug. 18, 2011. He had been in the hospital for an extended period of time, and one day his son, Clarence Scharbauer III, told me, "Go to his room, knock on the door, stick your head in and tell him who you are. Worst thing he'll do is tell you no."

In memory

Memorial services for Clarence Scharbauer Jr. are planned for 3 p.m. Tuesday at First Presbyterian Church. Visitation is set for 6-7:30 p.m. today at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

So I went to the hospital. He didn't look particularly well at the time, but I walked into the room and we briefly made our way through a few opening pleasantries.

"I know who you are and what you're doing," he said from his hospital bed in his not entirely gruff voice.

I asked him if he felt like talking about the subject we both enjoyed: Midland history. Mr. Scharbauer said he didn't feel up to it that day and so I prepared to leave his room. But then he spent the next 45 minutes talking about Midland, his father, and his late wife, Dorothy, who died Feb. 23, 2005, almost nine years to the day of his death, which was Friday.

After he talked to me that August day, he told me again he didn't feel like talking, and so I finally shook his hand and left.

Eight months later, my phone rang.

"Jimmy? This is Clarence Scharbauer." The voice was unmistakable.

"You came into my hospital room on Aug. 18 last year and I just wanted you to know I'm ready to get out of this place and get home to where I can talk to you a

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Oldest-known Holocaust survivor dies at 110

Associated Press

LONDON — Alice Herz-Sommer, believed to be the oldest Holocaust survivor, died at age 110 on Sunday, a family member said. The accomplished pianist's death came just a week before her extraordinary story of surviving two years in a Nazi prison camp through devotion to music and her son is up for an Oscar.

Herz-Sommer died in a hospital after being admitted Friday with health problems, daughter-in-law Genevieve Sommer said.

"We all came to believe that she would just never die," said Frederic Bohbot, producer of the documentary "The Lady in Number 6: Music Saved My Life." "There was no question in my mind, 'would she ever see the Oscars.'"

The film, directed by Oscar-winning filmmaker Malcolm Clarke, has been nominated for best short documentary at the Academy Awards next Sunday.

Herz-Sommer, her husband and her son were sent from Prague in 1943 to a concentration camp in the Czech city of Terezin — Theresienstadt in German — where inmates were allowed to stage concerts in which she frequently starred.

An estimated 140,000 Jews were sent to Terezin and 33,430 died there. About 88,000 were moved on to Auschwitz and other death camps, where most of them were killed. Herz-Sommer and her son, Stephan, were among fewer than 20,000 who were freed when the notorious camp was liberated by the Soviet army in May 1945.

Yet she remembered herself as "always laughing" during her time in Terezin, where the joy of making music kept them going.

"These concerts, the people are sitting there, old people, desolated and ill, and they came to the concerts, and this music was for them our food. Music was our food. Through making music we were kept alive," she once recalled.

"When we can play, it cannot be so terrible."

Though she never learned where her mother died after being rounded up, and her husband died of typhus at Dachau, in her old age she expressed little bitterness.

"We are all the same," she said. "Good, and bad."

Caroline Stoessinger, a New York concert pianist who wrote a book about Herz-Sommer, said she interviewed numerous people who were at the concerts who said "for that hour they were transported back to their homes and they could have hope."

"Many people espouse certain credos, but they don't live them. She did," said Stoessinger, author of "A Century of Wisdom: Lessons from the Life of Alice Herz-Sommer, the World's Oldest Living Holocaust Survivor."

Herz-Sommer was born on Nov. 26, 1903, in Prague, and started learning the piano from her sister at age 5.

As a girl, she met the author Franz Kafka, a friend of her brother-in-law, and delighted in the stories that he told.

She also remembered Kafka saying, "In this world to bring up children: in this world?"

Alice married Leopold Sommer in 1931. Their son was born in 1937, two years before the Nazi invasion of Czechoslovakia.

"This was especially for Jews a very, very hard time. I didn't mind, because I enjoyed to be a mother and I was full of enthusiasm about being a mother, so I didn't mind so much," she said.

Jews were allowed to shop for only half an hour in the afternoon, by which time the shops were empty. Most Jewish families were forced to leave their family apartments and were crammed into one apartment with other families, but her family was allowed to keep its home.

"We were poor, and we knew that they will send us away, and we knew already in this time that it was our end," she said.

Obituaries



Anne Liscum

Anne Liscum, age 92, was born in Oelwein, Iowa on November 29, 1921. She passed away on February 21, 2014.

Anne, being raised on an Iowa farm, loved, even to the end, sharing her memories of taking care of chickens and other farm animals, and attending school in a one room school house, always raising her hand to share her answers with the class.

During her earthly life, and as long as she was able, Anne enjoyed gardening, attending NARF meetings, annual credit union dinners and West Texas Kennel Club meetings, where she served as secretary for many years. As long as she was able, Anne was a faithful Lutheran church goer.

Anne had a love and a gift for successfully investing in real estate. She had a sincere interest for each tenant, one of whom has lived in a house for 25 years.

Anne enjoyed showing and breeding Chihuahuas, and she had many champions over the years. She shared the hobby of growing African violets with her family. She worked as a volunteer for Reach to Recovery. She loved hosting or organizing family reunions where she often saw all of her grandchildren and great - grandchildren. She taught, by example, how to raise a family. She dearly loved the many caregivers of Home Hospice, the Younger Unit at Manor Park, Grace Lutheran Church, dear friends and her immediate and extended family, who faithfully visited her in Texas and in her last years of life. Anne never doubted that her eternal home was with her Lord Jesus Christ and God was with her throughout her earthly life.

Anne is preceded in death by her husband La Don Liscum and her son Van Liscum. Anne is survived by her children, Don Liscum of Midland, Gerry Howard of Midland, and Becky Rosson of Van, nephew Ron Scott of Nevada, Iowa, and many cousins. Grandchildren are Tom, Stephen, Teresa, Randall, David, Shelly, Melissa, Tina, Casey, Laura, Andrew, Natasha, Rebecca, Kristen, Ben, and their wonderful spouses and families. Anne had 31 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

A family visitation will be held on Sunday, February 23, 2014, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at Ellis Funeral Home.

Services will be held at 2:00pm on Monday, February 24, 2014, at Grace Lutheran Church with interment following at Resthaven Memorial Park. Memorial donations may be given to Grace Lutheran Church, Home Hospice and the Alzheimer's Foundation.

Services entrusted to Ellis Funeral Home of Midland.



Clarence Scharbauer, JR.

MIDLAND, Texas - Clarence Scharbauer, Jr. longtime rancher, noted Midland philanthropist and championship horseman, died Friday, February 21, 2014, from complications from emergency surgery. He was 88.

Born July 6, 1925, Clarence was known for his generosity to and love for his hometown, his zeal for cattle ranching and his passion for horses. With his sons, Clarence owned and ran the Scharbauer Cattle Co., which at one time encompassed nine ranches in Texas and New Mexico.

Mr. Scharbauer adored his brother, Dorothy Turner Scharbauer, and the family they raised together. He carried on the philanthropic tradition first set forth by his father, Clarence Scharbauer, in the early 20th century, a legacy of generosity that will live on through the Scharbauer Foundation, which, in the final years of his life, he helped establish as a lasting gift as he continued to help make Midland a better place. A patient tower that opened at Midland Memorial Hospital in December 2012 bears his and his wife's name. The city's sports complex and the Midland College Student Center are also named after the Scharbauer family. Like his father before him, Clarence, was a longtime member of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Midland. He was also a member of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and a former president of the American Quarter Horse Association.

Mr. Scharbauer graduated from Midland High School in 1942 and attended Texas A&M briefly. He served four years in the United States Navy, stationed in San Diego, before returning to Midland in 1946 to assume control of the family's ranching operation, a legacy to which he was firmly committed throughout his entire life. The Scharbauer family has ranched in Texas since the late 1880s.

Clarence was passionate about horse racing. Alysheba, co-owned by wife Dorothy and daughter, Pam, won the 1987 Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes. Of the 139 Kentucky Derbies that have been run, trophies from two of the winners, Alysheba, and 1959 winner Tomy Lee, the thoroughbred owned by Dorothy's father, Fred Turner, Jr., reside in Scharbauer's Midland home. He owned numerous thoroughbreds and quarter horses during his lifetime, and on February 15, 2014, in a final dash of horseracing joy and with less than a week before his death, Mr. Scharbauer watched on the Internet as his filly "Fiftyshadesofgold" won the Texas Stallion Stakes at Sam Houston Park. Mr. Scharbauer's earliest racing pursuits came in the 1950s with Quarter Horses. His interest in thoroughbreds would come later, and begin at the request of Dorothy, who had become an enthusiast while following the success of Tomy Lee in 1959.

Mr. Schabauer also raised the grand champion stallion, High Five, at the 1955 Southwestern Livestock Exposition and Livestock Show in Fort Worth, and Marion's Girl, a two-time world champion cutting horse. Scharbauer also bred winners of the All-American Derby, the Rainbow Futurity and the Los Alamos Futurity.

Clarence was a member of the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame (1992) and the Texas Horse Racing Hall of Fame (2001). He received the National Golden Spur Award (for national rancher of the year in 1991), and was honored with the Texas Thoroughbred Association's Lifetime Achievement Award (2007). He was the owner of Valor Farm, a 393-acre showplace equine facility near Pilot Point, Texas.

Mr. Scharbauer was one of the first investors in Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie, Texas, and played a crucial role in securing Class 1 track status in North Texas with the Texas Racing Commission.

He was preceded in death by his wife Dorothy Turner Scharbauer, who died February 23, 2005, his father Clarence Scharbauer, and his mother, Ruth Cowden Scharbauer. He is survived by son, Clarence III and Kerry Wallace Scharbauer, of Midland, and their children Charlotte Scharbauer French and husband Kirk and son, Philip; Kelly Scharbauer Whittenburg and husband Ben Whittenburg and sons Charlie and Wells; son, Douglas and Karen Johnson Scharbauer, of Midland, and their children, Douglas Scharbauer, Jr., and wife, Mauri, and their daughter, Claire, and son, Bradley, Sarah Scharbauer; and Daniel Scharbauer and wife, Morgan; son, Chris and LaVonne King Scharbauer, of Amarillo, and their children, Christen Scharbauer Steen and husband, Steven; Meghan Scharbauer; John C. Scharbauer and wife, Amy, and their children, Mabry and Tesher; Audra Scharbauer Hopper and husband, Jamie; Rachelle C. Scharbauer; and daughter, Pamela Ruth Scharbauer.

The family wishes to express their appreciation to those who took care of Clarence, Maria Jurado, Magdalena Ramos and Norma Ramos.

Visitation will be from 6-7:30 p.m., Monday, February 24, 2014, at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

Funeral services for Clarence Scharbauer, Jr., are scheduled for 3 p.m., Tuesday, February 25, 2014, at First Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Steve Schorr officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the Midland Memorial Hospital Foundation, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Midland, Texas 79701; American Quarter Horse Association, 1600 Quarter Horse Drive, Amarillo, TX 79104; and First Presbyterian Church, 800 W Texas Ave, Midland, TX, 79701.

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



Vicki Marie Hunter

Vicki Marie Hunter, age 58, of Midland Tx passed away on February 21, 2014.

She was born in Lubbock on August 3, 1955 and graduated from Roosevelt High School. Vicki was married to Tom Hunter on October 25, 2008.

Vicki was an avid crafter who enjoyed making and collecting miniatures. She was very thoughtful, always looking for ways to encourage others. Vicki's faith and hope never wavered. She found the positive in others effortlessly and loved to laugh.

Vicki is preceded in death by her mother, Margie Fowler, and father, JL Matsler.

Vicki is survived by her husband Tom, son Joseph and his wife Crista, daughter Keri and her husband Chad, 7 grandchildren, 2 brothers, and her step father, Cecil, and two brothers, Jimmy Matsler and Jeff Matsler.

Visitation will be held Monday, February 24, 6-8pm at Ellis funeral home. The funeral service will be held at Ellis funeral home February 25th at 2pm. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Garden of Midland.

Arrangements are under the direction of ellis Funeral Home. Online Condolences can be made at www.ellisfunerals.com

Death Notices

Evelyn Janette Langley

Funeral services for Evelyn Janette Langley, age 75 of Seminole, Texas will be held Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at Family Harvest Church. The service will begin at 10:00 a.m. with Pastor James Washburn officiating, and burial will follow at Gaines County Cemetery. All services are under the direction of Boyer Funeral Home. Family visitation will be held Monday, February 24, 2014 at Boyer Funeral Home from 6 to 8 p.m.

Ms. Langley went to be with her Lord on Friday, February 21, 2014.

Frances M. Taylor

Frances M. Taylor, 74, of Midland, passed away on Sunday, February 23, 2014, at her home.

Funeral services are pending with Shaffer-Nichols Funeral Home of Crane.

Gwendolyn Yvonne Wilson

Gwendolyn Yvonne Wilson, age 87, of Midland died on Sunday Feb.23, 2014 in Midland. Funeral services are pending at this time.

Jose Ortiz

Jose Ortiz, 71, of Midland passed away on Sunday, February 23, 2014. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory in Midland.

Robert Nash

Robert Nash, 93, died on Tuesday, February 18, 2014. He is survived by his wife, Peggy; and by other family members.

Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Monday at St Nicholas Episcopal Church.

Samuel R. Carrasco

Samuel R. Carrasco, age 9, of Odessa, passed away at Odessa Regional Medical Center on February 9, 2014.

He is survived by his parents, Samuel Carrasco and Yanett Lavario; two sisters, Yzabel Carrasco and Mariana Carrasco.

Services are set for 11:00 A.M. on Sunday, February 23 at American Heritage Chapel with burial immediately following at American Heritage Cemetery.

All arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery and Funeral Home.

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

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Perry, Conn. governor differ on gun legislation

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Connecticut Gov. Dannel P. Malloy and Gov. Rick Perry squared off over gun control policy Sunday, continuing a debate that began last year.

Malloy, a Democrat who pushed through the legislature sweeping changes in state gun laws last year, spoke in favor of stronger background checks of potential gun buyers and said Washington, D.C., has not done enough.

"I think we have a federal problem in the sense that we are rejecting the idea that we should have tighter controls over who has a gun," he said. "Universal background checks would make everyone safer in their states and mine."

Connecticut acted after a gunman fatally shot 20 children and six educators at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown in December 2012.

Perry, a Republican, said gun manufacturers are leaving states that he said are hostile to gun rights and moving to states that promise lower taxes and less onerous regulations.

"You're seeing a shift of these manufacturers out of states that don't want them there," he said. "And I think that is an appropriate move and an appropriate conversation."

The two chief executives appeared on CNN with Indiana Gov. Mike Pence and Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon on Sunday. Governors gathered in Washington, D.C., for a meeting of the National Governors Association.

Perry traveled to Connecticut last June to court gun manufacturers, sparking debate over his state's efforts to woo gun manufacturers soon after the tougher gun restrictions were enacted.

Perry said he invited Magpul Industries Corp., of Erie, Colo., to Texas. The large producer of ammunition magazines for guns announced last month it was moving its production, distribution and shipping operations to Cheyenne, Wyo., and its headquarters to Texas, citing the company's support of "individual liberties."

Gun manufacturer Sturm, Ruger & Co., of Southport, Conn., reached a deal in August with North Carolina for an incentive package to set up shop.

Governors: Health care overhaul is here to stay

By Steve Peoples and Ken Thomas
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The explosive politics of health care have divided the nation, but America's governors, Republicans and Democrats alike, suggest that President Barack Obama's health care overhaul is here to stay.

While governors from Connecticut to Louisiana sparred on Sunday over how best to improve the nation's economy, governors of both parties shared a far more pragmatic outlook on the controversial program known as "Obamacare" as millions of their constituents begin to be covered.

"We're just trying to make the best of a bad situation," said Republican Gov. Terry Branstad, of Iowa, who called the health care law "unaffordable and unsustainable," yet something he has to implement by law. "We're trying to make it work as best we can for the people of Iowa."

As governors gathered in Washington this weekend, Democratic governors such as Maryland's Martin O'Malley and Connecticut's Dannel Malloy made pitches to raise the minimum wage, while Republican governors such as Louisiana's Bobby Jindal and Indiana's Mike Pence called for more freedom from federal regulations, particularly those related to the health insurance overhaul. But governors from both parties report that a full repeal of the law would be complicated at best, if not impossible, as states move forward with implementation and begin covering millions of people — both by expanding Medicaid rolls for lower-income resident or through state or federal exchanges that offer federal subsidies to those who qualify.

Obama hosted most of the governors for a White House dinner Sunday night, calling for collaboration on the economy, education, climate change and health care in what he hopes will be "a year of action."

Republican opposition to the law is the centerpiece of the GOP's political strategy ahead of the midterm elections. And to be sure, not every GOP leader embraced the inevitability of the law's implementation.

"I don't think that it's so deeply entrenched that it can't be repealed," Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal said. "But I do think, as we argue for repeal, we have to show folks what you replace it with."

Despite a troubled rollout, nearly 3.3 million people have signed up through Feb. 1 for health care coverage under the law. The White House reported that 1 million people signed up nationwide for private insurance under the law in January alone. It remains unclear that the administration will reach its unofficial goal of 7 million people by the end of March, but it still expects several million enrollees by then.

A recent Associated Press analysis of the sign-ups found that six Republican-led states — Florida, Idaho, Maine, Michigan, North Carolina, and Wisconsin — were on pace or better than the states had initially projected.

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder is among several Republican governors who expanded their state's Medicaid laws under the law.

"The whole dialogue on the Affordable Care Act is about people fighting, causing gridlock and a mess, instead of working on something important like wellness," Snyder said, adding that he still has "a lot of issues" with the overhaul. "But it is the law, so I'm trying to work in that context."

Vermont Gov. Peter Shumlin, who leads the Democratic Governors Association, said governors spent about half of their private lunch session on Saturday discussing the health care law and the tone was much different than in past years.

"Before the election, it felt like a cock fight," Shumlin said, describing the debate over the law during the 2012 campaign. "Down there we were talking about ways to we could cooperate."

"There's no doubt in my mind that the Republicans have accepted that as millions of people sign up for it and finally get the health care they have been dreaming of for their families, nobody's going to take that away," he said.

Yet Republican governors here described circumstances that would hardly befit a dream.

Democrats and Republicans alike complained about major problems with the Medicaid eligibility data that they are receiving from federal exchanges. The 36 states in the federal exchange have noted often incomplete data with the Medicaid information they are receiving.

Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett, a Republican who is among his party's most vulnerable incumbents in the fall election, said he's working to expand his state's Medicaid program, but the process had been cumbersome and difficult. He said it still remained unclear, from a fiscal standpoint, if the health care law would be functioning in two years.

"There are a lot more unknowns than there are knowns," Corbett said.

Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin, a Republican, said many governors still have concerns about the program, but that outright repeal would be "complicated."

Republican campaign officials, meanwhile, plan to make the health care law the overwhelming focus of the coming midterm elections.

From coast to coast, conservatives are attacking Democrats who supported the overhaul, seizing on problems with the program's website and news that some Americans were forced to change insurers once the law took effect. The conservative group, Americans For Prosperity, has spent more than $20 million on anti-Obamacare television ads in several key states since last August.

The stakes are high for parties battling over control of the House and Senate, while there are also 36 elections for governor, most of them for governors mansions currently held by Republicans. The coming elections also offer prospective 2016 presidential candidates an opportunity to boost their political standing.

Leading GOP figures in the Senate like Ted Cruz, of Texas, and Marco Rubio, of Florida, have been vocal critics of the health care law. Cruz mounted a 21-hour Senate speech against Obama's health law and was tied to the partial government shutdown while Rubio was an early proponent of defunding the health law although he distanced himself from the shutdown.

New Hampshire Gov. Maggie Hassan, a first-term Democrat up for re-election in November, said her state would soon expand its Medicaid program to cover 50,000 uninsured residents.

"Overall, I'm very disappointed with the early implementation and rollout," she said. "But I think we are making progress."



Rodolfo Gonzalez/Austin American-Statesman

Mikaila Ulmer stands for a photo Jan. 27 as she holds a bottle of Bee Sweet Lemonade that she and her family make and sell at Whole Foods at the Domain in Austin. The drink contains locally harvested honey and 20 percent of the proceeds go to organizations that help save honeybees.

Girl lends new meaning to label 'small business'

By Laylan Copelin
Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN — Nine-year-old Mikaila Ulmer has raised the bar for kids with lemonade stands everywhere.

Her BeeSweet Lemonade has made that rare jump from neighborhood lemonade stand to the shelves of Whole Foods stores at The Domain and Arbor Hills.

Mikaila added locally harvested honey, fresh mint and flax seed to her great-grandmother's all-natural recipe. It also comes with a dollop of social conscience as Mikaila donates 20 percent of her profits to organizations that help save honeybees.

"I want to help the bees because they are really important," she told the Austin American-Statesman. "One of every three bites we eat depends on the honeybee."

Lynda Berrios, with Whole Foods Market, said adding BeeSweet Lemonade to its product mix was a natural.

"How could you not? She's absolutely darling," Berrios said. "She's the total package."

Mikaila's entrepreneurial path started at age 4 with a fear of bees and a need for a project.

Mikaila's parents, Theophilus and D'Andra Ulmer, are both in business. He works in finance and she is in marketing.

"We wanted to teach our kids about business," D'Andra Ulmer said.

The family found great-grandmother Helen's lemonade recipe in a 1940s cookbook.

Mikaila and her father started squeezing lemons and tinkering with the recipe, and her lemonade was a hit at the local Acton Children's Business Fair.

In 2011 Mikaila's recipe was judged most creative lemonade at the Austin Lemonade Day contest.

D'Andra Ulmer said her daughter's big break was when Mike Fried, of East Side Pies, suggested she should bottle the drink.

Fried said he met the Ulmer family at a community meeting where he was providing the pizza and BeeSweet was being served.

"I thought her focus and drive at such a young age to start a business and her passion about the environment and local issues resonated with me," he said. "She asked if we would sell her lemonade, and I said 'bottle it and we'll carry it.'"

Sisters & Brothers Inc., the maker of SASS salad dressings, bottle the lemonade in South Austin.

"We wanted to keep it in Austin so Mikaila can be involved," D'Andra Ulmer said.

Mikaila is in charge of quality control. She tastes the lemonade hot to be sure the recipe is consistent.

She also does in-store demonstrations and workshops on saving the bees.

Her mother said Mikaila has learned about marketing and profit as well as practicing her writing and math by filling out deposit slips.

Mikaila said she likes having her own money. "I give some, I save some and I spend some."

As for her future, Mikaila said, "I want to keep my business going and I also want to be a doctor or a teacher."

Today BeeSweet Lemonade is available at cafes, food trailers and natural grocery stores, including Max's Wine Dive, Farmhouse Delivery, Barton Hills Food Mart, Quickie Pickie grocery and East Side Pies.

Fried remains impressed.

"We've had Mikaila at the shop a few times, during Lemonade Days, and folks showed up from all over Austin and a few from Round Rock, just for her lemonade," he said. "We knew she had something special."

George W. Bush: Helping veterans lifts his spirits

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former President George W. Bush said his focus on a new initiative helping returning veterans also aids him emotionally.

The George W. Bush Institute and Syracuse University are undertaking a study on issues affecting veterans who have served since Sept. 11, 2001.

Bush described on ABC News "This Week" how his spirits are always lifted when he meets with veterans. He said that many in the U.S. are incredibly comfortable and yet have a "woe is me" mentality. He says that's not the case with veterans, who ask how they can continue to serve.

Bush said the mission of his institute is to help society serve veterans more efficiently. For example, it's working to show employers how various military experiences can translate into marketable job skills.

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■ Shrimpfest fundraiser for Ellen Noel Art Museum at Ector County Coliseum. noelartmuseum.org.

Meetings today

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

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

Club meetings today

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

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

Early voting today

Midland County Annex Building, 2110 N. "A" St., 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
Midland County Public Library's Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 North, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Christ Church, 5501 N. Midkiff Road, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Cogdell Learning Center, 211 W. Florida Ave., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Manor Park, 5212 Sinclair Ave., 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

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News talk
KCRS (AM 550)
6-9 a.m. The Morning Drive with Robert Hallmark and Kurt Vertel
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)
5-10 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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Sport talk
KMND (AM 1510)
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9 a.m.-noon The Herd with Colin Cowherd
Noon-3 p.m. The Dan Patrick Show

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Community calendar

Keep Midland Beautiful's annual appreciation luncheon is 11:30 a.m. March 4 at the DoubleTree by Hilton. The guest speaker is Mayor Jerry Morales. Among those to be recognized are Lee High ROTC, Midland Christian School's National Honor Society and Eric Siegmund.

Tickets are $35 each. Deadline to make a reservation is Feb. 26. For more information, call 687-7400.

Today in history

Today is Monday, Feb. 24, the 55th day of 2014. There are 310 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1803, in its Marbury v. Madison decision, the Supreme Court established judicial review of the constitutionality of statutes.

In 1821, Mexican rebels proclaimed the Plan de Iguala, their declaration of independence from Spain.

In 1868, the U.S. House of Representatives impeached President Andrew Johnson following his attempted dismissal of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton; Johnson was later acquitted by the Senate.

In 1938, the first nylon bristle toothbrush, manufactured by DuPont under the name "Dr. West's Miracle Toothbrush," went on sale. (Previously, toothbrush bristles were made from animal hair.)

In 1961, the Federal Communications Commission authorized the nation's first full-scale trial of pay television in Hartford, Conn.

Today's Birthdays: Rock singer-musician George Thorogood is 64. Country singer Sammy Kershaw is 56.

Associated Press

Commissioners to vote on transportation zone members

From staff reports

Midland County commissioners will be making member changes to the recently formed County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone on Monday morning.

Commissioners previously approved the formation of the CETRZ on Feb. 10, but the group has yet to conduct a formal meeting.

Counties across the state have formed transportation reinvestment zones in the wake of legislation that appropriated $225 million for road projects in energy-impacted areas. Robin Donnelly, Precinct 2 commissioner and head of the CETRZ, said the Texas Department of Transportation allocated Midland $5.5 million.

But to get the $5.5 million, the CETRZ must submit a list of projects and the proposed boundaries of the tax reinvestment zone to TxDOT by March 6.

Donnelly said he has identified projects that cost a total of $25 million, so the $5.5 million may not be enough.

In addition to the $5.5 million, counties will have to match 20 percent of the grant.

The county plans to hold a public meeting about the CETRZ before it submits its list of projects to TxDOT.

County commissioners will also take action on payment for the Boston Children's Museum's "Arthur's World" exhibit.

The exhibit puts children inside the settings of Marc Brown's books and TV series that features characters such as Arthur, Binky, Buster and D.W. The exhibit promotes reading, understanding feelings, creative problem- solving, being a good friend and connecting with family, according to the Boston Children's Museum website.

The library has hosted several exhibits at the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch including ones about retired Gen. Tommy Franks and entertainment legend Bob Hope.

Powerball, Mega Millions give state budgets a lift

Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa — The scores of losing players in last week's $425 million Powerball jackpot did more than take an extremely long shot at getting rich. Their ticket purchases also helped fund a small but increasingly important part of their states' budgets.

Changes in the nationwide Powerball and Mega Millions games have led to some of the world's largest jackpots in the last two years, boosting player interest and sales. Fueled by the growth of those games and the steady expansion of other offerings, many state lotteries last year reported record revenues and transfers to the state budgets and programs they helped fund.

For every $2 ticket, 50 cents or more might end up paying for police officers in Massachusetts, services for the elderly in Pennsylvania, or education in rural school districts in Idaho, lottery directors say. In all, about $20 billion out of the roughly $70 billion in overall annual lottery revenues is used by states after prize money, retailer commissions, advertising and administrative expenses are taken out. Most states target their lottery revenue to specific causes, with education being the most popular.

Texas Lottery Commission executive director Gary Grief said Powerball sales in his state multiply several times as the jackpots rise, from a normal range of about $3 million per week all the way up to 10 or 15 times that amount. That means millions more dollars for public education in Texas, the lottery's beneficiary, he said.

"That's a very small piece of a big pie, but every dollar counts," he said. "It helps alleviate the drain on other revenue sources for state government."

He and other lottery directors said that revenue from jackpot games still make up a small fraction of overall sales — instant scratch tickets remain their bread and butter.

SAFETY

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doesn't have any regulations specific to oil and gas at all."

OSHA officials responded by saying they view oilfield fatalities as a high priority. The agency also has said it will review the industry's exemption on detailed safety rules developed in 1992 after a series of disasters at refineries and chemical plants.

OSHA has only 95 inspectors to oversee safety rules for all Texas work sites and few have oil and gas-related experience or training, the newspaper found.

Inspectors also can't shut down a drilling rig or well site if life-threatening working conditions exist.

The Texas Railroad Commission monitors oil field fires and blowouts. It can and does shut down operations if it uncovers serious problems, but it doesn't coordinate with OSHA. Commission spokeswoman Ramona Nye told the Chronicle worker safety is not part of its mission.

Drilling and well service industry leaders generally have opposed reforms in U.S. onshore operations. They insist that their mostly mobile work sites are different from refineries.

William Reilly, a former Environmental Protection Agency administrator, said while Texas' death count is disturbing, an investigation like the one he led to examine the Deepwater disaster would be much more difficult because so few land-based oilfield accidents are investigated.

Wingo said when OSHA receives complaints about oil patch employers, inspectors sometimes can't find the companies they're supposed to investigate because of the mobile nature of work sites.

"That rig may be gone by the time the accident's reported," Wingo said.

In 2007, the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, described onshore oil fields as one of America's most dangerous workplaces.

"I don't know that the picture has improved," Daniel Horowitz, the board's managing director, said. "Obviously, the drilling boom has benefits for our country. But as drilling has expanded, there are potentially more new and inexperienced people coming in."

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little more," he said.

Another year would pass before I heard from him again. Finally, in the spring of 2013 we had a series of unforgettable visits. I've never met anyone with such a memory. For many years he battled depression but the condition that would debilitate him physically never took away his ability to remember almost everything: people, events, dates. It was a truly remarkable thing to witness.

I spent many hours collecting Mr. Scharbauer's thoughts on Midland, his family and growing up. He shared unforgettable stories of the death of his father, the murder of his mother-in-law Juliette Turner — about which he spoke in great detail — and his experiences with Alysheba, the family-owned Kentucky Derby champion that he called, "the second greatest horse we've ever seen, after Secretariat."

Uncommonly gracious as a host, Mr. Scharbauer showed me his library, packed with plaques, trophy heads from hunting expeditions and recognitions by any number of associations and organizations related to horses, cattle and most anything with four legs and pointy ears.

"That's Margaret," he said, pointing to a picture of a mule hanging high on his library wall. "I helped start the American Mule Association in California. Margaret outran them all and we roped on her and everything."

Who would have even known there was an American Mule Association?

It was with a growing gleam in his eye that Mr. Scharbauer showed me into his Derby room, a space devoted to the Kentucky Derby trophies won by Alysheba in 1987 and Tomy Lee in 1959.

It is believed that of the 139 Kentucky Derby trophies awarded since May 17, 1875, Midland is the only city in the country that boasts two of those trophies, a rare piece of horseracing history.

"If Willie Shoemaker hadn't stood up on Gallant Man in 1957, Ralph Lowe would have won and there'd be three derby trophies in Midland," Mr. Scharbauer said.

The room also contains Alysheba's championship Preakness cup and mementos of the Scharbauers' numerous racing accomplishments. The time we spent in the Derby room and his library was reflective of his fierce passion for the sport and for livestock. A horseracing cable channel was often a constant fixture in his home.

But if not for a tragedy Clarence Scharbauer Jr. might never have been.

"John Christian, my brother, was born in 1911," Mr. Scharbauer said. "In 1924, a horse fell on him when he was working out at the Five Wells Ranch and killed him. He was just 13. My mother always told me that my daddy nearly lost his mind. They weren't going to have any more children until John Christian died. But then they finally decided to try to have another baby. My mother always told me as long as she had another healthy baby my daddy didn't care if it was a boy or a girl. He put all his cattle work off until I was born, and when I came along mother said he was just like a buzz saw."

Losing Clarence Scharbauer Jr. is like closing a door to a safe filled with history. When he died, Mr. Scharbauer took the key to that safe, and West Texas is poorer today because of his death, but richer for having shared in his triumphs.

Thousands of Midlanders never had the honor of meeting Clarence Scharbauer Jr. But those same Midlanders — along with the thousands who he did know and touch — should be thankful that the city we all call home also was the place the Scharbauer family calls home.

JR still a presence on 3rd 'Dallas' season reboot

Associated Press

PARKER — J.R. Ewing is gone, but his presence still looms large on "Dallas" — along with the influence of the actor who made the conniving oilman one of television's most beloved characters.

The third season of the reboot of the classic series, which premieres Monday on TNT, marks the first full season without Larry Hagman, who died of complications from cancer in November 2012 at age 81. But cast members say the memory and schemes of his character — who was shot to death in the second season to coincide with Hagman's death — live on.

On the cast's call sheets, Hagman's name is even still listed first.

"His character was such a larger-than-life being that we still reference him on the show," said Patrick Duffy, who reprises his role as J.R.'s brother Bobby Ewing in the new series. "And a lot of the plot devices that we're dealing with, we attribute to the character of J.R.: 'Oh my God, if it hadn't have been for that, then this wouldn't have happened. Damn him.' But there he is. He's omnipresent and that's good."

Duffy spoke during filming this month at the fictional family's home base of Southfork Ranch, which is now a tourist attraction, just outside Dallas.

"Once we got the first couple of episodes after Larry's death, handling the demise of J.R., we knew we could do anything and it was a matter of would the audience stay with us. And they did through the end of the season," Duffy said.

CBS aired the original "Dallas" from 1978 to 1991. As the Ewings schemed and the plot twisted season after season, the series contributed to some of TV's most memorable moments, including the 1980 cliffhanger that left the whole world asking "Who shot J.R.?"

In addition to Hagman and Duffy, the new TNT series revival brought back Linda Gray to reprise her role of J.R.'s ex-wife, Sue Ellen, and Ken Kercheval as Cliff Barnes, the Ewings' archenemy. Adding to the family drama in the new series, filmed entirely in the Dallas area, are Josh Henderson as John Ross, J.R. and Sue Ellen's son, and Jesse Metcalfe as Christopher, Bobby's adopted son.

Just before the new series began filming in fall 2011, Hagman announced he had cancer. But J.R., with his signature cowboy hat and boots, emerged on screen as wily as ever. When Hagman died as filming was underway on the second season, writers scrambled to rewrite scripts.

"We'll never be used to shooting this show without Larry. He's always missed and he's always a part of the story line, especially through my character," Henderson said.

Henderson said that in season three, John Ross is "very much into the J.R. style of life," which besides being ruthless in business also means using his charms on women.

Executive producer Cynthia Cidre said John Ross has wanted to fill his father's shoes since the pilot episode of the new series. This season, he struggles with whether he's exactly like his father or his own man.

She said John Ross' emotions run the gamut: "We see him be wicked. We see him cheat. We see him lie. We see him be unfaithful. We see him cry. We see him be crushed by things that he's done and feel guilty about them."

Meanwhile, Metcalfe said his character's focus on a new love interest, played by AnnaLynne McCord, will have him retreating for a bit from the continuous family turmoil. But Metcalfe doesn't expect the respite to last.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Raquel R. Aguirre, 33, of Midland, was charged Saturday with driving while intoxicated with a child passenger under 15 years of age.

Cedric T. Harris, 28, of Midland, was charged Saturday with violation of parole.

Juan L. Limas-Meza, 25, of Andrews, was charged Saturday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Tony V. Marquez, 42, of Midland, was charged Saturday with evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

Beverly L. Wright, 55, of Midland, was charged Saturday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram in a drug-free zone.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

PRIMARY

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misogynistic.

In the lieutenant governor's race, Republicans David Dewhurst, Jerry Patterson, Todd Staples and Dan Patrick all want to outlaw abortion under any circumstances unless the health of the mother is in danger.

The candidates for attorney general have spent much of their campaign establishing their conservative credentials, promising to continue Abbott's tradition of suing the federal government when they pass laws that could hurt the Texas economy.

Finding ways to cut property taxes have popped up in the state comptroller's race, even though that responsibility falls square on the shoulders of the Legislature.

Six of the top seven races on the ballot have no incumbent, which has created crowded races with candidates who have little or no name recognition. That has led each to strive even harder to portray themselves as the true conservative while pointing out the inconsistencies of their opponents.

This quest for ideological purity has also placed the most experienced candidates in the most difficult positions, defending decades-long voting records.

Many of these races will go into two-candidate runoffs slated for May 29, where the pool of Republican voters will shrink further. Only 1.1 million people voted in the Republican runoff in 2012, and that was a record year because of Dewhurst's race against Ted Cruz for the U.S. Senate. Dewhurst entered that race the leader in the primary, only to lose after Cruz portrayed him as a moderate.

Democrats see opportunity in the rightward swing of the Republican candidates, but first they must add to their base. In 2012, only 590,000 people voted in the primary, though in 2008 more than 2.8 million voted in the presidential race between Obama and Hillary Clinton.

The primary should provide some indication if efforts to rebuild and re-energize the Democratic Party have added to their ranks. They may not have the same number of competitive races as the Republicans, but since voting is a habit, they need to establish it among their supporters now if they hope to win in November.

In the first few days of early voting, only the GOP has seen an increase in primary voting. Maybe this year 775,000 people will choose the top Republican candidates.

Also at TEC



SPAIN

Samsung's new smartwatches have fitness features

BARCELONA — Samsung unveiled two new computerized wristwatches Sunday, this time including health sensors and related fitness features to give people a reason to buy one.

Samsung's first Galaxy Gear smartwatch came out last fall amid much fanfare, but it landed with a thud in the marketplace. Samsung and its smartwatch rivals had failed to persuade many consumers that they need to be able to constantly check messages from their wrists. Wearable devices that succeeded tended to be fitness products such as the Fitbit.

The new Gear 2 and Gear 2 Neo will have a heart rate sensor, a pedometer and various tools to measure exercise, sleep and stress levels. The low-resolution, 2-megapixel camera on the Gear 2 is being moved to the main body; it was on the strap on the original Gear. The Gear 2 Neo has no camera and is slightly larger, but lighter. Available colors are also slightly different.

It's unclear whether the new watches will continually display the time. In the original Gear, that was shut off to save battery, which lasted just a day. The new watches promise two or three days under normal use.

Amid shake-up, US cell carriers look to new models

By Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press

BARCELONA, Spain — How's this for gall? Take away hundreds of dollars in subsidies that cellphone customers have enjoyed for years. Then pass it off as an improvement.

The major U.S. wireless companies are doing just that. And many of their customers seem to like it.

The U.S. wireless industry is in the midst of a shake-up, sparked by T-Mobile's decision in March to stop subsidizing phones bought by its customers. National rivals followed with similar plans. Since then, U.S. carriers have been announcing new prices and plans every few weeks.

The move is essentially giving the customer more flexibility — at a price.

With subsidies, consumers typically pay $200 up front for a phone that costs $600 or more. Wireless companies make up the difference by padding the monthly service charges over the life of the two-year contract. Under that approach, customers save some money but are stuck with a phone for two years, which can be frustrating when a new model comes out just months or weeks later.

By forgoing subsidies, customers aren't locked into contracts and can upgrade more frequently.

Driving this trend is the rapid pace with which new phones are released from Apple Inc., Samsung Electronics Co., Sony Corp., LG Electronics Inc., HTC Corp., Nokia Corp. and others.

"It's happening at least every 12 months, if not even faster," said David Christopher, chief marketing officer for AT&T Inc.'s wireless business. "The tech cycles are speeding up."

Many models will be unveiled this week at the Mobile World Congress wireless show, which begins today in Barcelona, Spain. Among the most keenly awaited will be Samsung's successor to its flagship Galaxy S4.

The bevy of new phones could push even more U.S. customers into subsidy-free installment plans such as AT&T's Next, Verizon's Edge or Sprint's Easy Pay. These all let people trade in phones before the two years are up. T-Mobile US Inc., which now sells all phones without subsidies, also lets people trade in phones early if they join a $10-a-month Jump program.

The carriers are beneficiaries from these programs because they no longer have to pay for the subsidies. Instead, they get their customers to pay the entire cost of the phones, all at once or in installments.

In a sense, the shift away from subsidies is inevitable. Subsidies helped attract customers as the wireless industry grew. But most Americans now have cellphones.

Even if T-Mobile hadn't made the move to end subsidies as part of an effort to lift itself from fourth place in the market, competition likely would have forced carriers in the U.S. to do so, just as they already had in parts of Europe.

There, low-cost carriers were poaching customers from the big companies just as they were breaking even on the subsidies, said John Strand, CEO of the telecom research firm Strand Consult in Copenhagen, Denmark. Instead of enjoying profits on that customer, the big carrier had to spend money to acquire a new one. Ultimately, many carriers decided to end subsidies and charge for phones separately.

Mike Katz, vice president of marketing at T-Mobile, said phone bills had gotten confusing with the true costs of phones hidden in monthly service fees. He said many customers mistakenly thought that phones cost just $200, without realizing they were really paying back the carriers for the subsidies over time.

He described subsidies as a drug for carriers. It was an easy way of retaining customers, he said, as subsidies "put handcuffs on and forced people to stay" until their contracts expired. Without subsidies, he said carriers can try to lure customers with good service and prices instead.

Of course, subsidies haven't gone away entirely in the U.S. and might never do so. T-Mobile is the only national carrier to have dropped subsidies completely. There's no exact number on how many subscribers are opting for subsidy-free plans.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ "Hair" at Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.

■ Shrimpfest fundraiser for Ellen Noel Art Museum at Ector County Coliseum. noelartmuseum.org.

Meetings today

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

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

Club meetings today

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

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

Early voting today

Midland County Annex Building, 2110 N. "A" St., 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
Midland County Public Library's Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 North, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Christ Church, 5501 N. Midkiff Road, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Cogdell Learning Center, 211 W. Florida Ave., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Manor Park, 5212 Sinclair Ave., 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Source: www.co.midland.tx.us/elections

What's on the radio

News talk
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
Web: http://www.kwel.com

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

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Community calendar

Keep Midland Beautiful's annual appreciation luncheon is 11:30 a.m. March 4 at the DoubleTree by Hilton. The guest speaker is Mayor Jerry Morales. Among those to be recognized are Lee High ROTC, Midland Christian School's National Honor Society and Eric Siegmund.

Tickets are $35 each. Deadline to make a reservation is Feb. 26. For more information, call 687-7400.

Today in history

Today is Monday, Feb. 24, the 55th day of 2014. There are 310 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1803, in its Marbury v. Madison decision, the Supreme Court established judicial review of the constitutionality of statutes.

In 1821, Mexican rebels proclaimed the Plan de Iguala, their declaration of independence from Spain.

In 1868, the U.S. House of Representatives impeached President Andrew Johnson following his attempted dismissal of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton; Johnson was later acquitted by the Senate.

In 1938, the first nylon bristle toothbrush, manufactured by DuPont under the name "Dr. West's Miracle Toothbrush," went on sale. (Previously, toothbrush bristles were made from animal hair.)

In 1961, the Federal Communications Commission authorized the nation's first full-scale trial of pay television in Hartford, Conn.

Today's Birthdays: Rock singer-musician George Thorogood is 64. Country singer Sammy Kershaw is 56.

Associated Press

Commissioners to vote on transportation zone members

From staff reports

Midland County commissioners will be making member changes to the recently formed County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone on Monday morning.

Commissioners previously approved the formation of the CETRZ on Feb. 10, but the group has yet to conduct a formal meeting.

Counties across the state have formed transportation reinvestment zones in the wake of legislation that appropriated $225 million for road projects in energy-impacted areas. Robin Donnelly, Precinct 2 commissioner and head of the CETRZ, said the Texas Department of Transportation allocated Midland $5.5 million.

But to get the $5.5 million, the CETRZ must submit a list of projects and the proposed boundaries of the tax reinvestment zone to TxDOT by March 6.

Donnelly said he has identified projects that cost a total of $25 million, so the $5.5 million may not be enough.

In addition to the $5.5 million, counties will have to match 20 percent of the grant.

The county plans to hold a public meeting about the CETRZ before it submits its list of projects to TxDOT.

County commissioners will also take action on payment for the Boston Children's Museum's "Arthur's World" exhibit.

The exhibit puts children inside the settings of Marc Brown's books and TV series that features characters such as Arthur, Binky, Buster and D.W. The exhibit promotes reading, understanding feelings, creative problem- solving, being a good friend and connecting with family, according to the Boston Children's Museum website.

The library has hosted several exhibits at the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch including ones about retired Gen. Tommy Franks and entertainment legend Bob Hope.

Powerball, Mega Millions give state budgets a lift

Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa — The scores of losing players in last week's $425 million Powerball jackpot did more than take an extremely long shot at getting rich. Their ticket purchases also helped fund a small but increasingly important part of their states' budgets.

Changes in the nationwide Powerball and Mega Millions games have led to some of the world's largest jackpots in the last two years, boosting player interest and sales. Fueled by the growth of those games and the steady expansion of other offerings, many state lotteries last year reported record revenues and transfers to the state budgets and programs they helped fund.

For every $2 ticket, 50 cents or more might end up paying for police officers in Massachusetts, services for the elderly in Pennsylvania, or education in rural school districts in Idaho, lottery directors say. In all, about $20 billion out of the roughly $70 billion in overall annual lottery revenues is used by states after prize money, retailer commissions, advertising and administrative expenses are taken out. Most states target their lottery revenue to specific causes, with education being the most popular.

Texas Lottery Commission executive director Gary Grief said Powerball sales in his state multiply several times as the jackpots rise, from a normal range of about $3 million per week all the way up to 10 or 15 times that amount. That means millions more dollars for public education in Texas, the lottery's beneficiary, he said.

"That's a very small piece of a big pie, but every dollar counts," he said. "It helps alleviate the drain on other revenue sources for state government."

He and other lottery directors said that revenue from jackpot games still make up a small fraction of overall sales — instant scratch tickets remain their bread and butter.

JR still a presence on 3rd 'Dallas' season reboot

Associated Press

PARKER — J.R. Ewing is gone, but his presence still looms large on "Dallas" — along with the influence of the actor who made the conniving oilman one of television's most beloved characters.

The third season of the reboot of the classic series, which premieres Monday on TNT, marks the first full season without Larry Hagman, who died of complications from cancer in November 2012 at age 81. But cast members say the memory and schemes of his character — who was shot to death in the second season to coincide with Hagman's death — live on.

On the cast's call sheets, Hagman's name is even still listed first.

"His character was such a larger-than-life being that we still reference him on the show," said Patrick Duffy, who reprises his role as J.R.'s brother Bobby Ewing in the new series. "And a lot of the plot devices that we're dealing with, we attribute to the character of J.R.: 'Oh my God, if it hadn't have been for that, then this wouldn't have happened. Damn him.' But there he is. He's omnipresent and that's good."

Duffy spoke during filming this month at the fictional family's home base of Southfork Ranch, which is now a tourist attraction, just outside Dallas.

"Once we got the first couple of episodes after Larry's death, handling the demise of J.R., we knew we could do anything and it was a matter of would the audience stay with us. And they did through the end of the season," Duffy said.

CBS aired the original "Dallas" from 1978 to 1991. As the Ewings schemed and the plot twisted season after season, the series contributed to some of TV's most memorable moments, including the 1980 cliffhanger that left the whole world asking "Who shot J.R.?"

In addition to Hagman and Duffy, the new TNT series revival brought back Linda Gray to reprise her role of J.R.'s ex-wife, Sue Ellen, and Ken Kercheval as Cliff Barnes, the Ewings' archenemy. Adding to the family drama in the new series, filmed entirely in the Dallas area, are Josh Henderson as John Ross, J.R. and Sue Ellen's son, and Jesse Metcalfe as Christopher, Bobby's adopted son.

Just before the new series began filming in fall 2011, Hagman announced he had cancer. But J.R., with his signature cowboy hat and boots, emerged on screen as wily as ever. When Hagman died as filming was underway on the second season, writers scrambled to rewrite scripts.

"We'll never be used to shooting this show without Larry. He's always missed and he's always a part of the story line, especially through my character," Henderson said.

Henderson said that in season three, John Ross is "very much into the J.R. style of life," which besides being ruthless in business also means using his charms on women.

Executive producer Cynthia Cidre said John Ross has wanted to fill his father's shoes since the pilot episode of the new series. This season, he struggles with whether he's exactly like his father or his own man.

She said John Ross' emotions run the gamut: "We see him be wicked. We see him cheat. We see him lie. We see him be unfaithful. We see him cry. We see him be crushed by things that he's done and feel guilty about them."

Meanwhile, Metcalfe said his character's focus on a new love interest, played by AnnaLynne McCord, will have him retreating for a bit from the continuous family turmoil. But Metcalfe doesn't expect the respite to last.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Raquel R. Aguirre, 33, of Midland, was charged Saturday with driving while intoxicated with a child passenger under 15 years of age.

Cedric T. Harris, 28, of Midland, was charged Saturday with violation of parole.

Juan L. Limas-Meza, 25, of Andrews, was charged Saturday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Tony V. Marquez, 42, of Midland, was charged Saturday with evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

Beverly L. Wright, 55, of Midland, was charged Saturday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram in a drug-free zone.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

SAFETY

From 1A

doesn't have any regulations specific to oil and gas at all."

OSHA officials responded by saying they view oilfield fatalities as a high priority. The agency also has said it will review the industry's exemption on detailed safety rules developed in 1992 after a series of disasters at refineries and chemical plants.

OSHA has only 95 inspectors to oversee safety rules for all Texas work sites and few have oil and gas-related experience or training, the newspaper found.

Inspectors also can't shut down a drilling rig or well site if life-threatening working conditions exist.

The Texas Railroad Commission monitors oil field fires and blowouts. It can and does shut down operations if it uncovers serious problems, but it doesn't coordinate with OSHA. Commission spokeswoman Ramona Nye told the Chronicle worker safety is not part of its mission.

Drilling and well service industry leaders generally have opposed reforms in U.S. onshore operations. They insist that their mostly mobile work sites are different from refineries.

William Reilly, a former Environmental Protection Agency administrator, said while Texas' death count is disturbing, an investigation like the one he led to examine the Deepwater disaster would be much more difficult because so few land-based oilfield accidents are investigated.

Wingo said when OSHA receives complaints about oil patch employers, inspectors sometimes can't find the companies they're supposed to investigate because of the mobile nature of work sites.

"That rig may be gone by the time the accident's reported," Wingo said.

In 2007, the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, described onshore oil fields as one of America's most dangerous workplaces.

"I don't know that the picture has improved," Daniel Horowitz, the board's managing director, said. "Obviously, the drilling boom has benefits for our country. But as drilling has expanded, there are potentially more new and inexperienced people coming in."

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little more," he said.

Another year would pass before I heard from him again. Finally, in the spring of 2013 we had a series of unforgettable visits. I've never met anyone with such a memory. For many years he battled depression but the condition that would debilitate him physically never took away his ability to remember almost everything: people, events, dates. It was a truly remarkable thing to witness.

I spent many hours collecting Mr. Scharbauer's thoughts on Midland, his family and growing up. He shared unforgettable stories of the death of his father, the murder of his mother-in-law Juliette Turner — about which he spoke in great detail — and his experiences with Alysheba, the family-owned Kentucky Derby champion that he called, "the second greatest horse we've ever seen, after Secretariat."

Uncommonly gracious as a host, Mr. Scharbauer showed me his library, packed with plaques, trophy heads from hunting expeditions and recognitions by any number of associations and organizations related to horses, cattle and most anything with four legs and pointy ears.

"That's Margaret," he said, pointing to a picture of a mule hanging high on his library wall. "I helped start the American Mule Association in California. Margaret outran them all and we roped on her and everything."

Who would have even known there was an American Mule Association?

It was with a growing gleam in his eye that Mr. Scharbauer showed me into his Derby room, a space devoted to the Kentucky Derby trophies won by Alysheba in 1987 and Tomy Lee in 1959.

It is believed that of the 139 Kentucky Derby trophies awarded since May 17, 1875, Midland is the only city in the country that boasts two of those trophies, a rare piece of horseracing history.

"If Willie Shoemaker hadn't stood up on Gallant Man in 1957, Ralph Lowe would have won and there'd be three derby trophies in Midland," Mr. Scharbauer said.

The room also contains Alysheba's championship Preakness cup and mementos of the Scharbauers' numerous racing accomplishments. The time we spent in the Derby room and his library was reflective of his fierce passion for the sport and for livestock. A horseracing cable channel was often a constant fixture in his home.

But if not for a tragedy Clarence Scharbauer Jr might never have been.

"John Christian, my brother, was born in 1911," Mr. Scharbauer said. "In 1924, a horse fell on him when he was working out at the Five Wells Ranch and killed him. He was just 13. My mother always told me that my daddy nearly lost his mind. They weren't going to have any more children until John Christian died. But then they finally decided to try to have another baby. My mother always told me as long as she had another healthy baby my daddy didn't care if it was a boy or a girl. He put all his cattle work off until I was born, and when I came along mother said he was just like a buzz saw."

Losing Clarence Scharbauer Jr. is like closing a door to a safe filled with history. When he died, Mr. Scharbauer took the key to that safe, and West Texas is poorer today because of his death, but richer for having shared in his triumphs.

Thousands of Midlanders never had the honor of meeting Clarence Scharbauer Jr. But those same Midlanders — along with the thousands who he did know and touch — should be thankful that the city we all call home also was the place the Scharbauer family calls home.

PRIMARY

From 1A

misogynistic.

In the lieutenant governor's race, Republicans David Dewhurst, Jerry Patterson, Todd Staples and Dan Patrick all want to outlaw abortion under any circumstances unless the health of the mother is in danger.

The candidates for attorney general have spent much of their campaign establishing their conservative credentials, promising to continue Abbott's tradition of suing the federal government when they pass laws that could hurt the Texas economy.

Finding ways to cut property taxes have popped up in the state comptroller's race, even though that responsibility falls square on the shoulders of the Legislature.

Six of the top seven races on the ballot have no incumbent, which has created crowded races with candidates who have little or no name recognition. That has led each to strive even harder to portray themselves as the true conservative while pointing out the inconsistencies of their opponents.

This quest for ideological purity has also placed the most experienced candidates in the most difficult positions, defending decades-long voting records.

Many of these races will go into two-candidate runoffs slated for May 29, where the pool of Republican voters will shrink further. Only 1.1 million people voted in the Republican runoff in 2012, and that was a record year because of Dewhurst's race against Ted Cruz for the U.S. Senate. Dewhurst entered that race the leader in the primary, only to lose after Cruz portrayed him as a moderate.

Democrats see opportunity in the rightward swing of the Republican candidates, but first they must add to their base. In 2012, only 590,000 people voted in the primary, though in 2008 more than 2.8 million voted in the presidential race between Obama and Hillary Clinton.

The primary should provide some indication if efforts to rebuild and re-energize the Democratic Party have added to their ranks. They may not have the same number of competitive races as the Republicans, but since voting is a habit, they need to establish it among their supporters now if they hope to win in November.

In the first few days of early voting, only the GOP has seen an increase in primary voting. Maybe this year 775,000 people will choose the top Republican candidates.

Also at TEC



SPAIN

Samsung's new smartwatches have fitness features

BARCELONA — Samsung unveiled two new computerized wristwatches Sunday, this time including health sensors and related fitness features to give people a reason to buy one.

Samsung's first Galaxy Gear smartwatch came out last fall amid much fanfare, but it landed with a thud in the marketplace. Samsung and its smartwatch rivals had failed to persuade many consumers that they need to be able to constantly check messages from their wrists. Wearable devices that succeeded tended to be fitness products such as the Fitbit.

The new Gear 2 and Gear 2 Neo will have a heart rate sensor, a pedometer and various tools to measure exercise, sleep and stress levels. The low-resolution, 2-megapixel camera on the Gear 2 is being moved to the main body; it was on the strap on the original Gear. The Gear 2 Neo has no camera and is slightly larger, but lighter. Available colors are also slightly different.

It's unclear whether the new watches will continually display the time. In the original Gear, that was shut off to save battery, which lasted just a day. The new watches promise two or three days under normal use.

Amid shake-up, US cell carriers look to new models

By Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press

BARCELONA, Spain — How's this for gall? Take away hundreds of dollars in subsidies that cellphone customers have enjoyed for years. Then pass it off as an improvement.

The major U.S. wireless companies are doing just that. And many of their customers seem to like it.

The U.S. wireless industry is in the midst of a shake-up, sparked by T-Mobile's decision in March to stop subsidizing phones bought by its customers. National rivals followed with similar plans. Since then, U.S. carriers have been announcing new prices and plans every few weeks.

The move is essentially giving the customer more flexibility — at a price.

With subsidies, consumers typically pay $200 up front for a phone that costs $600 or more. Wireless companies make up the difference by padding the monthly service charges over the life of the two-year contract. Under that approach, customers save some money but are stuck with a phone for two years, which can be frustrating when a new model comes out just months or weeks later.

By forgoing subsidies, customers aren't locked into contracts and can upgrade more frequently.

Driving this trend is the rapid pace with which new phones are released from Apple Inc., Samsung Electronics Co., Sony Corp., LG Electronics Inc., HTC Corp., Nokia Corp. and others.

"It's happening at least every 12 months, if not even faster," said David Christopher, chief marketing officer for AT&T Inc.'s wireless business. "The tech cycles are speeding up."

Many models will be unveiled this week at the Mobile World Congress wireless show, which begins today in Barcelona, Spain. Among the most keenly awaited will be Samsung's successor to its flagship Galaxy S4.

The bevy of new phones could push even more U.S. customers into subsidy-free installment plans such as AT&T's Next, Verizon's Edge or Sprint's Easy Pay. These all let people trade in phones before the two years are up. T-Mobile US Inc., which now sells all phones without subsidies, also lets people trade in phones early if they join a $10-a-month Jump program.

The carriers are beneficiaries from these programs because they no longer have to pay for the subsidies. Instead, they get their customers to pay the entire cost of the phones, all at once or in installments.

In a sense, the shift away from subsidies is inevitable. Subsidies helped attract customers as the wireless industry grew. But most Americans now have cellphones.

Even if T-Mobile hadn't made the move to end subsidies as part of an effort to lift itself from fourth place in the market, competition likely would have forced carriers in the U.S. to do so, just as they already had in parts of Europe.

There, low-cost carriers were poaching customers from the big companies just as they were breaking even on the subsidies, said John Strand, CEO of the telecom research firm Strand Consult in Copenhagen, Denmark. Instead of enjoying profits on that customer, the big carrier had to spend money to acquire a new one. Ultimately, many carriers decided to end subsidies and charge for phones separately.

Mike Katz, vice president of marketing at T-Mobile, said phone bills had gotten confusing with the true costs of phones hidden in monthly service fees. He said many customers mistakenly thought that phones cost just $200, without realizing they were really paying back the carriers for the subsidies over time.

He described subsidies as a drug for carriers. It was an easy way of retaining customers, he said, as subsidies "put handcuffs on and forced people to stay" until their contracts expired. Without subsidies, he said carriers can try to lure customers with good service and prices instead.

Of course, subsidies haven't gone away entirely in the U.S. and might never do so. T-Mobile is the only national carrier to have dropped subsidies completely. There's no exact number on how many subscribers are opting for subsidy-free plans.

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OPINION

It's time to address Syria's uncontained threat

■ U.S. isn't alone; a number of nations seem to be willing to help the Obama administration



MICHAEL GERSON
Washington Post Writers Group

ZAATARI REFUGEE CAMP, Jordan — In a section of the camp designated for newcomers, I'm surrounded by about 20 men from the Damascus suburb of Ghouta, elbowing each other for position. The situation quickly degenerates into a geopolitical discussion.

"We are not just fighting Assad," says one man, "we are fighting Russia, Iran and Hezbollah." Accurate. "The Western countries," adds another "are just waiting around." *True enough.* Their sympathies are with the more moderate Free Syrian Army, but the radical Islamist group Jabhat al-Nusra "gives us food and assistance." *It is clear who has more resources.* The discussion might have taken place, at a Washington think tank, except that one man had been in Ghouta during the chemical weapons attacks. "I couldn't get near," he recalled, "because of all the commotion and screaming. After a while, it was quiet." *After a while, it was quiet.*

The Obama administration is re-examining its failed Syria policy. At some point it becomes hard to downplay the largest number of displaced persons since Rwanda and a death count approaching that of the Bosnian war. Bashar al-Assad is an utterly committed and murderous opponent. Russia seems unlikely to abandon a strategy that has returned it to the center of Middle Eastern power politics. A variety of radical Islamist groups, including tens of thousands of foreign fighters, both contribute to and feed on the chaos.

From a U.S. perspective, this disaster is not just humanitarian but strategic. A Somalia-like future for Syria would be an uncontainable regional and global threat. Lebanon is already being overwhelmed, with one out of four people now a Syrian refugee, adding tension to a combustible sectarian mix. In Jordan, the influx has left public services near the breaking point. Jordanian border guards routinely intercept automatic weapons, hand grenades and bombs with remote detonators coming out of Syria. "Some are headed to sleeper cells in Jordan," a Jordanian general told me, "others are in transit to other countries."

One of the largest challenges related to Syria is strategic despair. It is easy to argue that any given policy change would be inadequate, late or risky.

This has led some to propose a radical option: tacitly concede defeat, accept that Assad is ascendant and engage him in a counterterrorism strategy. But this would not only reward mass atrocities, it would be the acceptance of Russian and Iranian strategic dominance in the Middle East and the betrayal of our current friends. And it *would* reward mass atrocities.

Obama's alternatives are difficult, but not nonexistent. Additional help to acceptable rebels? This is beginning to happen. Leaders of aid organizations in Jordan report seeing trucks with Saudi aid driving north across the border into Syria each night. The consistent American fear has been that arms and assistance will fall into the wrong hands. But it seems a more urgent problem, as the Zaatari refugees indicated, that radical groups have resources while more moderate forces have little to offer. Some American officials believe it is possible to identify acceptable rebel groups, particularly in southern Syria where there are fewer foreign jihadists. And not every Islamist group is favorable to terrorism. The hope is that Syrians, not generally known for religious radicalism, will marginalize religious radicals in a post-Assad government. But first the rebels must survive.

Create humanitarian safe havens within Syria to relieve refugee pressures on neighboring countries? Again, the Saudis are already moving in this direction, providing tents for encampments in southern Syria. But refugee magnets can easily become targets. Effective safe havens would require military protection and a flow of supplies — a major, sustained commitment. Yet several regional powers might be persuaded to join an effort similar to the creation of safe havens during the Bosnian conflict.

Take out the Syrian planes and helicopters? President Obama was once on the verge of aerial strikes — always a grim, final option and a risky escalation. But he might decide that the final option has been reached, to stop the barrel bombs from being dropped on neighborhoods and to push back the range of regime attacks to the reach of their artillery.

With Russia blocking any decisive action at the United Nations, any mix of these approaches would require a coalition of the willing. But there are a number of nations including Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Jordan and France, that seem to be willing. America is not alone; it has simply not led. And a paralyzing fear of unintended consequences, it turns out, can result in massive unintended consequences.

OUR VIEW

Gov. Perry, our state's successes are entirely about Texans

Gov. Rick Perry certainly is acting as if he is running for president. For those who have doubts, go to the Dallas Morning News' blog — bizbeatblog.dallasnews.com — and watch a video of his speech Thursday at the Capitol Hill Club. It was a speech that went beyond the politics of Texas and could be seen as laying the foundation for Perry the presidential candidate.

According to the blog item and the clip provided, Perry talked about the diversity of the state, including his appointment of African-American Wallace Jefferson to the state Supreme Court. He addressed the "economic value of immigration," as reporter Michael Lindenberger described it. He questioned who would fill the jobs being left by Mexicans leaving the United States to take jobs back home as Mexico's economy improves. The impact, he said, would be felt in the hospitality, construction and agricultural industries.

For the record, they are valid points.

But we need to hear more about Perry's comment that Texas' position as the leader in job creation "has more to do with the policies his government and the Legislature have established than any special characteristic of Texans themselves," as Lindenberger wrote.

"It's not that it's us," Perry said. "I will submit it's the policy. ... It will work in California and in New Jersey and anywhere in the United States if you have men and women courageous enough (to put those policies in place.)"

For him to take credit for the economic miracle happening in Texas seems like a leader who doesn't appreciate the spirit of those who make up this great state. In our view, the credit for what is happening in Texas belongs entirely to Texans.

Texans elected the leaders — including Perry — for the type of government we have today. It wasn't the other way around. In our region of the state, Texans work 12- to 14-hour days to perfect the innovation called hydraulic fracturing in order to bring more crude out of the ground to help fund state government, build up the state's reserves and bring down the tax burden on residents in other parts of the state. Government, by the choice of the people, does its best to stay out of the way.

What the governor said about California and New Jersey might very well be true, but it's not the leaders who bring smarter government to the people. The people, in all cases, must demand smarter government from its representatives.

If Gov. Perry decides to run for president, we wish him the best of luck. His venture into that political arena would again put Texas under the nation's microscope. We don't mind that. However, if he continues to insinuate that government, and not its residents, was the reason for Texas' success, we would rather that he opt out of another White House bid.

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GOP should adopt this cause

■ Republicans should live up to their rhetoric about defending family values and supporting smaller government



RUBEN NAVARRETTE
Washington Post Writers Group

I keep waiting for just one prominent Republican elected official to condemn in the strongest possible language President Obama's horrendous record of deporting illegal immigrants.

Next month, the administration is expected to reach the milestone of having deported 2 million people in just over five years. That is more than any administration in the last six decades. Don't expect a ceremony at the White House to mark the occasion. After years of bragging to Congress about how many people it was deporting, and pledging to remove more in the future, now the administration wants to ignore the whole issue.

As for Republicans, attacking Obama's deportation record should be a no-brainer, even for a party that deals with the immigration issue in a way that often comes across as brainless. If it wants to be taken seriously, the GOP has to do better than simply talking tough, obsessing over border security, pandering to nativists, proposing half-baked solutions, spreading misinformation, and retreating from its own "principles" because it doesn't trust President Obama.

What's new about that? On this issue, Obama has never been trustworthy. And the other side is only figuring this out now?

The president is good at campaigning and bad at governing. So he sees immigration not as an opportunity to show leadership but as an effective weapon to use against Republicans by stirring discontent with Latino voters in election years. Just recently, Obama expressed confidence that we can reach a solution on immigration before he leaves office. That is typical Obama. He sets ridiculously high expectations, and makes it seem as if an issue is easy to solve so that, when it doesn't happen, he can blame the GOP.

I realize that Republicans have painted themselves into a corner in railing against "amnesty" for illegal immigrants. They talk a good game about defending the rule of law. Yet, on that score, they're no more trustworthy than Obama. Their kid-glove treatment of employers who violate laws against hiring illegal immigrants should have long ago revealed them as softies.

You didn't think that Obama was the first person to ever give employers an extension on fulfilling a government mandate? One minute, Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, is proposing a bill that will make it mandatory that employers participate in E-Verify, the government-run program that tells them whether prospective employees are legally eligible to work. The next, after well-placed lobbying efforts, Smith is writing up a three-year delay for farmers and ranchers — a dependable Republican constituency. No wonder people are so cynical about politics.

Still, it just shouldn't be that difficult for a party that likes to market itself to religious conservatives as defending "family values," and to tea party conservatives supporting smaller government, to take a principled stand against excessive and misapplied enforcement policies that have destroyed hundreds of thousands of families by dropping foreign-born parents on one side of the border and leaving their U.S.-born children on the other. With thousands of kids dumped into foster care, and thousands more being raised by one parent because the other was deported, we haven't even come close to recognizing the long-term damage all this is going to do to those families and to U.S. society as a whole.

Researchers are looking into the trauma it causes. According to Dr. Schuyler Henderson, a pediatric and adolescent psychiatrist at New York University Langone Medical Center who has studied the effects of parental deportation on children, the consequences of these forced separations include "causing or exacerbating mental health problems such as depressive or anxiety disorders" and other forms of emotional distress.

And the number of people affected is much larger than many Americans realize. According to a report that the Department of Homeland Security made to Congress, in the six-month period between January and June of 2011, more than 46,000 people with U.S.-born children were removed from the United States. That's nearly 8,000 per month.

C'mon Republicans. Live up to your rhetoric about protecting families and making government less intrusive. Under this administration, we have armed agents with Immigration and Customs Enforcement busting down doors and taking grandma away in handcuffs. Immigrant families are under siege. This is what an intrusive government looks like. Isn't there just one conservative who will stand up and say so?

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Tycoons who want to close the wealth gap

By Hannah Dreier
Associated Press

As the middle class struggles to make gains and President Barack Obama strives to shine a spotlight on the issue of income inequality, an unlikely constituency is looking for ways to close the nation's growing wealth gap: A handful of top U.S. business tycoons.

These advocates point to notions of fairness and admit to twinges of guilt, but the core concern driving all of them — left, right and libertarian — is a belief that the economy doesn't function efficiently when the wealth gap is wide. They are proposing solutions that range from pressuring fellow entrepreneurs to pay workers more to simply giving their money back to the government to redistribute.

Here's a look at some of these opponents of the widening gap between the poor and, well, themselves.

BUFFETT: THE BILLIONAIRE PIED PIPER

The most visible of the superrich Robin Hoods is investor Warren Buffett, who has persuaded dozens of billionaires to give away large portions of their fortunes. Buffett, 83, is the second-richest American, according to Forbes magazine, with a net worth of $58.5 billion. He heads Berkshire Hathaway Inc., which owns everything from the insurance company GEICO and Dairy Queen to underwear maker Fruit of the Loom.

For years, he has advocated policies to close the wealth gap, saying reforms are necessary for the nation's continued prosperity. Buffett has famously complained that he pays a lower tax rate than some of his most menial-wage employees. That's because, like many moguls, much of his income comes from capital gains and dividend payments, which are taxed at a lower rate than ordinary wages. His activism gave rise to Obama's proposed "Buffet rule," which would ensure that anyone making more than $1 million per year pay at least the same rate as middle-income taxpayers.

UNZ: THE REPUBLICAN WHO FAVORS A RAISE

Not all members of the super-rich taking up the issue of inequality are progressives. Ron Unz, a Silicon Valley millionaire and registered Republican who once ran for California governor, is advocating the highest minimum wage in the country for his home state. Unz rose to fame when he spearheaded a 1998 ballot proposal that dismantled California's bilingual education system. He later became publisher of The American Conservative, a libertarian-leaning magazine.

Lately, he has become obsessed with the idea that a wage hike is the best way to advance the conservative ideal of reducing dependence on government programs. Frustrated with the gridlock in Congress, Unz is pouring his own money into a November ballot measure that would increase the minimum wage in California to $12 an hour in 2016.

At that level, he said in an interview with The Associated Press, "every full-time worker would be earning almost exactly $25,000 and every full-time worker couple $50,000. Under normal family circumstances, those income levels are sufficiently above the poverty threshold that households would lose their eligibility for a substantial fraction of the various social welfare payments they currently receive, including earned-income tax credit checks, food stamps and housing subsidies."

HANAUER: HELPING PEOPLE BUY WHAT AMAZON SELLS

Seattle venture capitalist Nick Hanauer believes the growing wealth gap threatens the economic system that has given him his wealth. One of the early investors in Amazon, Hanauer started the Internet company aQuantive Inc., which was acquired by Microsoft Corp. in 2007 for $6.4 billion.

But Hanauer said he doesn't consider himself a "job creator." If no one can afford to buy what he's selling, the jobs his companies create will evaporate, he reasons. In his view, what the nation needs is more money in the hands of regular consumers.

"A higher minimum wage is a very simple and elegant solution to the death spiral of falling demand that is the signature feature of our economy," he said in an interview with the AP last summer.

Hanauer, 54, advocates raising taxes for the rich and hiking the minimum wage to the unheard-of heights of $15 an hour. He has co-authored a book and launched an organization called The True Patriot Network to help push such proposals. In 2012, he advanced his ideas in a TED talk — one of the wonky, provocative lectures that have become a required feather in the cap of web-savvy thought leaders. But TED organizers refused to post Hanauer's lecture on the web, because they said it was too partisan.

SILBERSTEIN: THE QUIET ADVOCATE

Steve Silberstein made his fortune in the early days of computers by co-founding Innovative Interfaces, a software company that creates technology for hundreds of college and university libraries. He sold the company, settled in a secluded town in Marin County, Calif., and became a philanthropist.

Now, at 70, he is a low-profile member of a movement to organize institutional investors in opposing what he and others said are exorbitant executive salaries.

Silberstein advocates a policy that would tie corporate tax rates to the difference in compensation between the CEO and an average worker. A company with a CEO-to-worker-compensation ratio at the 1980 level of 50-to-1 would pay tax at the current rate of 35 percent; companies with a larger pay gap would be taxed at a higher level, and those with a narrower gap would pay a lower rate.

Silberstein took a step into the spotlight when he produced the documentary "Inequality for All," featuring former U.S. Labor Secretary Robert Reich. It premiered last year at the Sundance Film Festival.

"He's one of the quiet leaders of the entire movement toward wider prosperity," Reich said. "An increasing number of wealthy businesspeople are becoming concerned that the economy can't function without a strong middle class to keep it going."

Silberstein told the AP his views are not so different from that original American industrialist, Henry Ford, who famously paid his factory workers enough to purchase one of the cars that came off his assembly line.

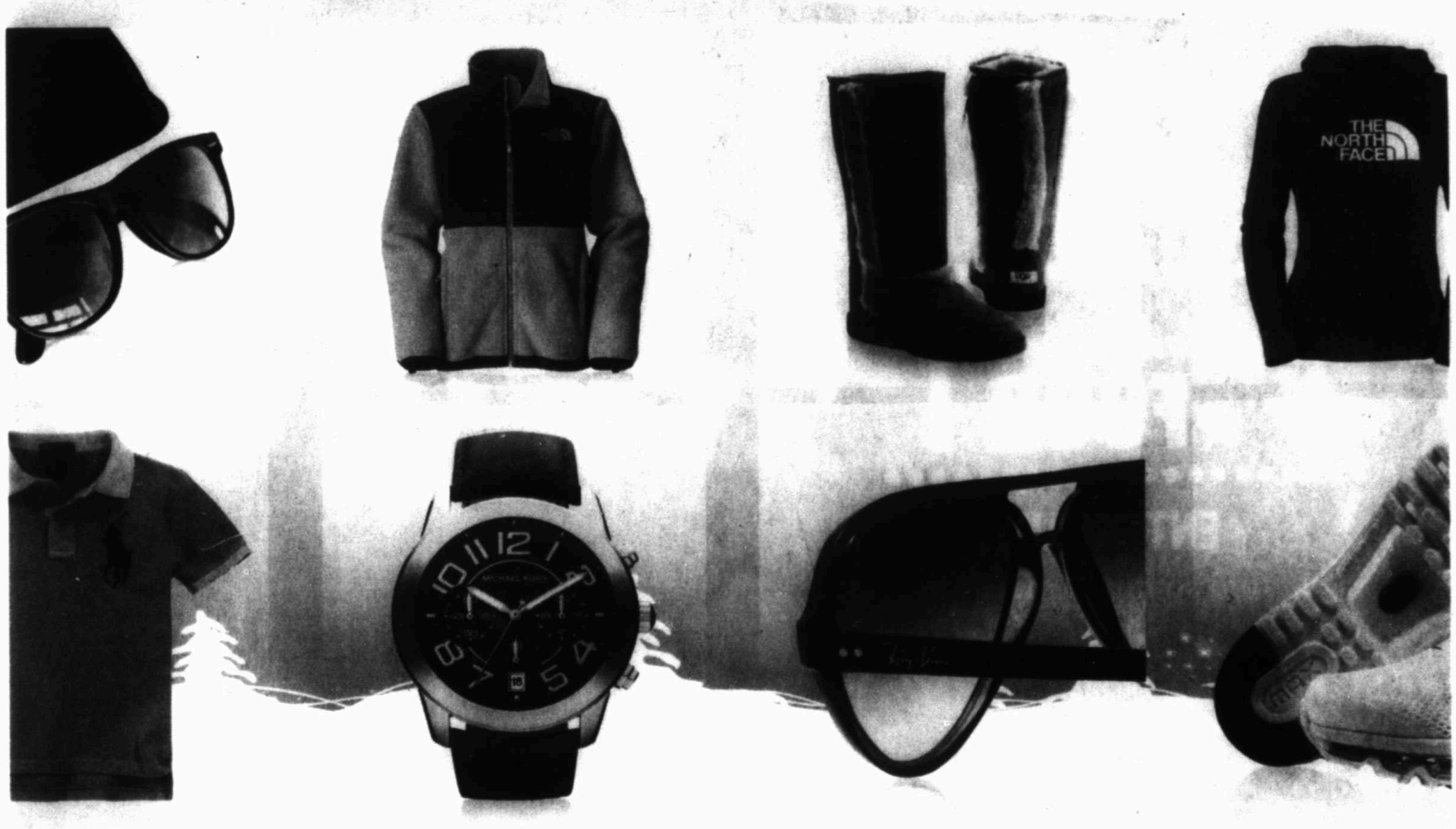
HINDERY: THE TITAN WHO WANTS TO PAY MORE TAXES

Leo Hindery Jr., the New York City media and investing mogul, is one of hundreds of wealthy people directly asking Congress to raise their taxes as a member of Patriotic Millionaires. The group was formed in 2010 to advocate for the end of Bush-era tax cuts for people making more than $1 million a year. Hindery is also a member of Small Capitalists for American Prosperity, and he was among a group of entrepreneurs who went door-to-door in the halls of Congress in early February asking for a higher minimum wage.

A managing partner of the media industry private equity fund InterMedia Partners, Hindery was previously chief executive of AT&T Broadband and of the YES Network, the cable channel of the Yankees. He said he's turned down raises to ensure that he never makes more than 20 times the salary of his employees. He is also one of the biggest Democratic fundraisers in the nation.







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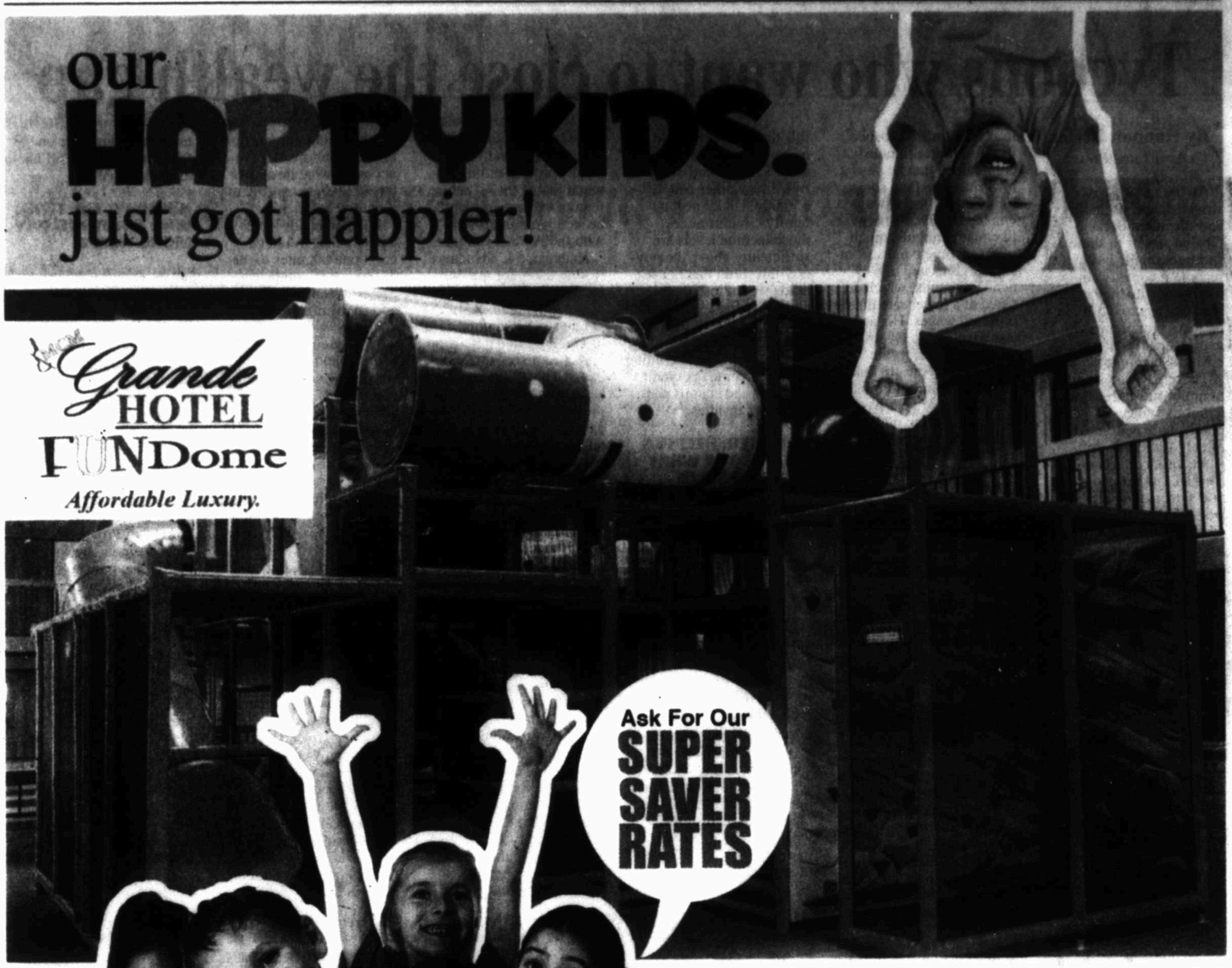
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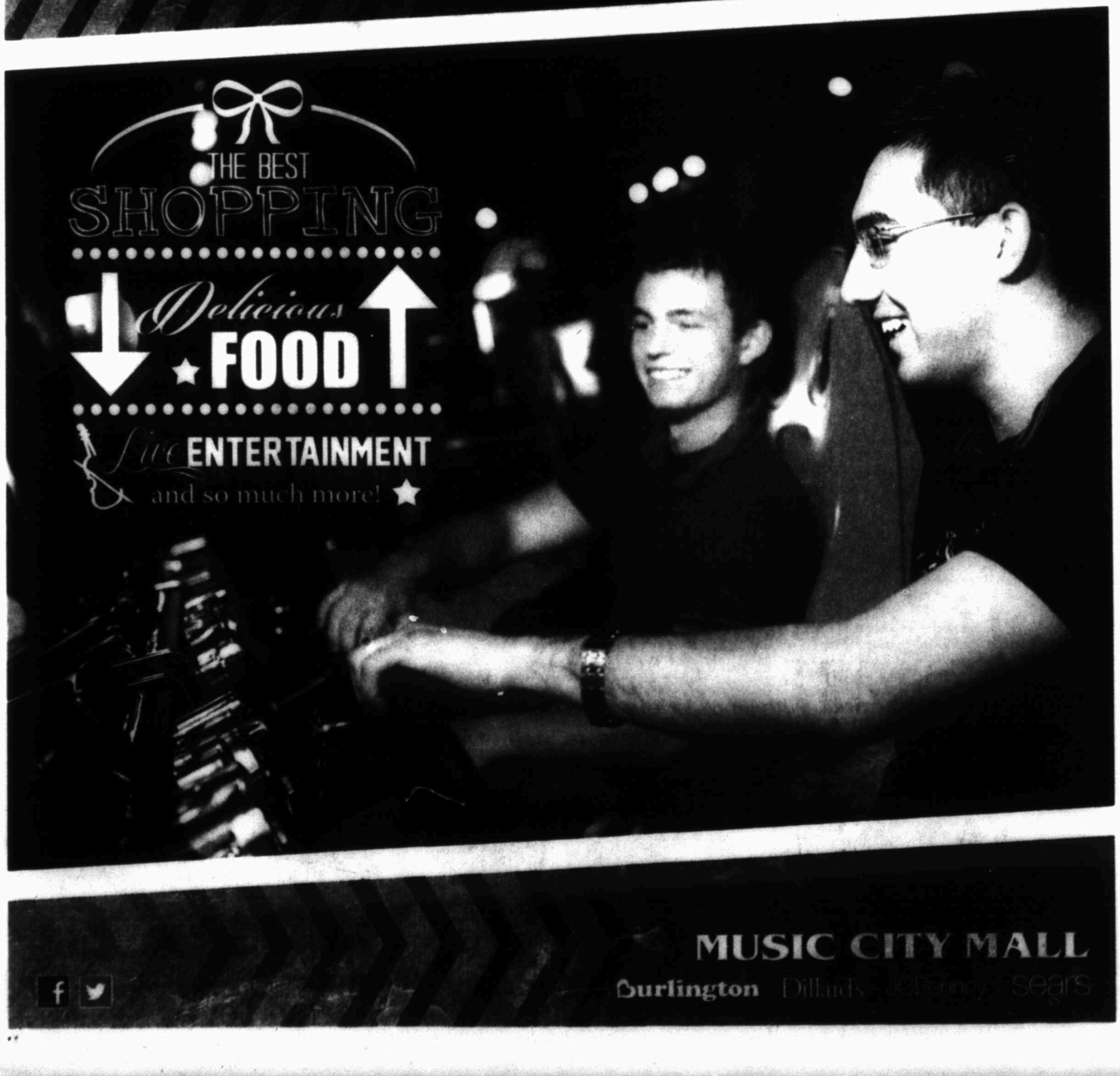
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CHOCOLATE DECADENCE







The Aphasia Center of West Texas' ninth annual Chocolate Decadence was held Feb. 13 at Midland Center. The event, which helped the nonprofit raise nearly 50 percent of its yearly operating funds, included dinner and dessert buffets, an auction and a raffle. Carolyn Tripp, board president, was honored for helping ensure the success of the center, which provides services to stroke survivors coping with a loss of language. Attending the annual event were Melissa Murphy, from left in photo above right, Dan Linebarger and Artie LeBar; and Trae and Angela Porter, from left in photo at top. Terry and DeLaura Gammage, Ben and Susan Taylor and Farris and Patti Parson. Following the theme of "Welcome to the Wonderful World of Oz," volunteers George McAlpine portrayed the Tin Man, at right; and above, Cody Massengale portrayed Scarecrow and Connie Barnes, Glinda the Good Witch.

Courtesy photos

COFFEE
with a cop







Midlanders had the chance to grab a cup of coffee and chat with a police officer for the Midland Police Department's first Coffee with a Cop, Feb. 12 at the Starbucks on Loop 250 and Midland Drive. The gathering provided a chance for residents to ask questions and learn more about the department's work, and is a way to build relationships with the community, said Sara Higgins, public information officer for the city.

Photos by James Durbin

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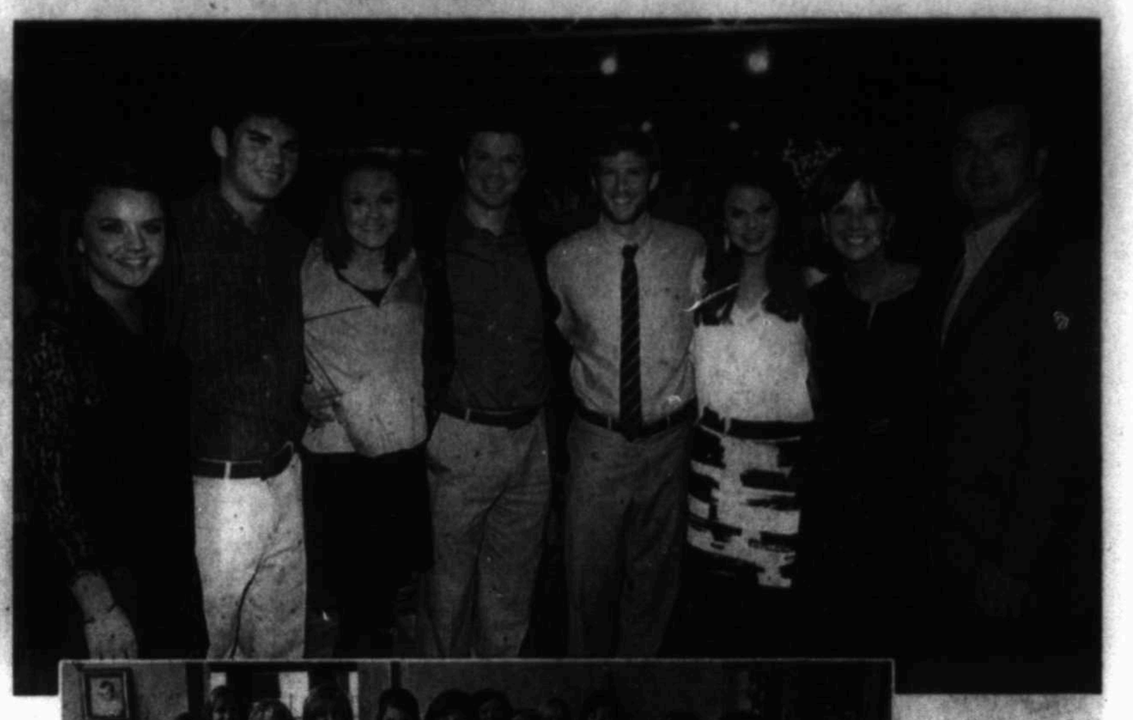
BY MARILYN MCKNIGHT HARRISON





CHARLIE MCCOY PARTY

Judy Devenport and Charlie McCoy.





CULP-SCHWAB WEDDING

TOP

Rehearsal dinner: Kristin Culp, from left, Tanner Culp, April Culp, Corey Culp, Garrett Schwab, Lindsay Culp Schwab, Annette Culp and Tim Culp.

ABOVE

Bridal shower: Michele Shannon, from left, Vanessa Wynne, Lisa Frosch, Deborah Dean, Annette Schwab, Lindsay Culp Schwab, Annette Culp, Janabeth Cook, Jan Harp, Karol Ann Eads, Leslie Hinton, Pam Cunningham, Kathy West and Molly Williams.





SECOND TUESDAY CLUB

ABOVE

DeLayne Wellen, from left, Susan South and Kris Hodge.

RIGHT

Helen Shelton, from left, Andrea Freeman, Roxanne Strickling and Megan Booth.



IRISH MUSIC

Dolores McCall and Nicholas Elderkin



MONMOUTH DUO

Liz Carter, from left, Bethany Etheredge, Alli Brown and Shelley Harper



PALS

Sharon Woodard, from left, Holly Elliott, Kim Butterfield, LaVerne Kraft, Constance Angus and Allison Frey.

MCCOY BIRTHDAY PARTY

To celebrate Charlie McCoy's 75th birthday, Judy Devenport hosted an evening of dinner and dancing Feb. 8 at the Petroleum Club of Midland. Approximately 140 guests attended.

The Larry Johnson Band, of Lubbock, opened the festivities with a rendition of "A White Sport Coat and a Pink Carnation," as a tribute to the honoree, who was dressed in that attire. Special guest, Louie Austen of Vienna, performed in the manner of Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin.

Harry Spannaus served as the designated roast master for the evening. Among those taking part in McCoy's public roasting were Morris Burns, Jim Shatzall, Howard Kemp, John Key, Arlen Edgar and Jerry Hancock.

Devenport's great-niece, photographer Tammy Kelly, of Decatur, provided photo sessions for the guests.

The buffet dinner delicacies included shrimp, quail, tenderloin and pecan pralines.

Guests included the Rev. Tim Walker, senior pastor of First United Methodist Church, the Partners Class at FUMC, members of Midland Arts Association and the Arkansas High School Class of 1956.

McCoy is owner of Permian Production Equipment Inc.

CULP-SCHWAB WEDDING

Congratulations and best wishes to Lindsay Culp and Garrett Schwab, who were married Jan. 11 at First United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Jay Gage officiating.

After a honeymoon to La Fortuna, Costa Rica, the couple live in Wichita, Kan., where Garrett is in his first year of medical residency and practices family medicine at Via Christi Hospital.

The bride's parents, Annette and Tim Culp, hosted the wedding reception at the Petroleum Club of Midland, where guests enjoyed music by the Project Band of Dallas. An artist painted the couple's first dance, and caricature artists sketched guests upon request.

Wedding weekend festivities began Jan. 10 with a rehearsal dinner hosted by the groom's parents, Annette and Randy Schwab of Edmond, Okla., at the Café at the Gardens.

On the wedding day, the bride's extended family members hosted a bridal brunch and devotional at the Culp residence. Schwab and his groomsmen, ushers and family members attended a skeet shoot at Jake's Clays. Jeri and Reggie McCaslin hosted lunch after the shoot.

The couple were honored at several parties, including two in Midland: a bridal shower at the home of Deborah and Dr. John Dean and a couples party at the home of Penny and Dale Redman.

Out-of-town parties were hosted by Catherine Corrigan, of Dallas; Lisa Winter, of Edmond, Okla.; and Nancy and Bruce Smith, of Oklahoma City.

SECOND TUESDAY CLUB

Members of the Second Tuesday Club recently enjoyed a cooking demonstration and tasting with former Midlander Molly Cole Fowler, aka "The Dining Diva," of Houston.

The group — a social organization for sustainers of the Junior League of Midland — convened at league headquarters for the demonstration that featured food prepared in advance by the program committee: chicken salad, bruschetta with bleu cheese mousse, marinated shrimp on crackers, brownies and kuela.

Co-chairmen for the event were Dianne Anderson and Kay Sirgo. Hostesses were Suzy Boldrick, Megan Booth, Rhonda Braun, Johnna Clements, Sharon Floyd, Andrea Freeman, Connie Glasscock, Debby Gilliam, Edna Hibbitts, Kris Hodge, Jeri McCaslin, D'Ann Norwood, Susan South, Terry Staub, Roxanne Strickling, DeLayne Wellen and Sandra Woerndle.

BOOK-LAUNCHING PARTY

Local author Stacy Overman Morrison was honored with a book launch party last month at the Spring Hill Suites Convention Center. Hostesses for the event, which was attended by more than 70 guests, were Janell Hanlon, Rachel Overman and Kala Schmidt.

Morrison talked about "Comfort of Fences" and then signed copies of her book.

Seen in the crowd were Paul St. Hilaire, Pat Hanlon, James Parks and Leslie Short, Rosie Neupert, Gail Heathington, Edward McPherson, Randy Ham, Nancy Dunnam, Michele Harmon, and author Joyce Shaughnessy and her husband, Dennis Shaughnessy.

MUSIC OF IRELAND

Midlander Dolores McCall was instrumental in bringing a special Irish concert to Midland earlier this month. McCall is the foundation patron of the Irish American Art and Music Foundation, which was established in 2011 by Bing Crosby's nephew, Howard Crosby, and Terence Browne.

"An Irish Lullaby: The Historic, the Romantic and Magical Music of Ireland," which was presented at Midland College's Allison Fine Arts Building, featured the Irish trio Affinity and Irish violinist Aveen McEntee, leader of the Dublin Symphony Orchestra. Crosby performed a rendition of some Irish American songs from his uncle's repertoire. Browne accompanied him on piano.

McCall hosted a reception in the McCormick Gallery after the concert. During the reception she presented Nicholas Elderkin, MC's program chair of visual and performing arts, with a two-volume set of the "Encyclopedia of Music in Ireland."

PALS' TRIP

A group of friends, who call themselves PALS (Peerless Adventurers Limited Society), recently spent several days at Selah Springs Ranch located on the San Saba River near Brady. The women met as Midland newcomers many years ago, and since than have forged a strong bond.

The trip was to provide a send-off to Constance Angus, who has moved with her husband to Goodyear, Ariz.

Also making the trip were Sharon Woodard, Holly Elliott, Kim Butterfield, of Houston, LaVerne Kraft, and Allison Frey.

Another member, Lori Morrison, has moved to Alberta, Canada, and periodically joins the group.

SORORITY GATHERING

Celebrating their joint heritage, Midland alumnae of Pi Beta Phi and Kappa Kappa Gamma sororities gathered Feb. 13 at the home of Jenni Hord for their annual Monmouth Duo.

The Kappas hosted this year's event. Co-hostesses were Alli Brown, Liz Carter, Bethany Etheredge and Shelley Harper.

There was a viewing of jewels from Sam L. Majors and items on display from The Canopy. Liz Carter was the winner of a gift card from Joe James Salon 7 Day Spa.

Among others turning out for the event were Pi Phis Jennifer Ready, Natalie Prieto, Abbie Giraud, Becca Heidelberg and Ceci Westmoreland, and Kappas Julia Swallow, Diana Blake, Leslie Ortloff, Kendra Leonard and Alex Guisinger.

The sororities were founded on the campus of Monmouth College in Monmouth, Ill. — the Pi Phis in 1867 and the Kappas in 1870.

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FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	Birth "The Scream"		Switched at Birth (N)		The Fosters (N)		The Fosters		The 700 Club		Switched at Birth	
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Support groups

■ Midland Parkinson Support Group, 6:30 p.m. the first Monday, HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital, 699-6640.

■ for miscarriage grief recovery, call 570-5935.

■ for post-abortion healing, call 570-5935.

■ survivors of sexual abuse interactive Bible study to help deal with the consequences of sexual abuse meets Tuesdays. Child care available; House of Hope, 570-5935.

■ Chronic fatigue fibromyalgia syndromes support group meets noon the second Thursday at Rays of Hope Grief Centre; 520-3500.

■ Bariatric Support Group, 11:30 a.m. third Wednesday, ACT Counseling Center, 2445 E. 11th St., Odessa; 272-4333.

■ A support group for those with diabetes or at risk for diabetes, 11:30 a.m. the first Saturday, Furr's Cafeteria; 570-9412.

■ Midland Chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays, First Presbyterian Church (Koinonoa Room); Judith Craig, 683-3648.

■ West Texas Amputee Support Group, 11 a.m. third Saturday, HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital; 550-4371.

■ ODESSA — Tourettes syndrome support group, 2 p.m. second Sunday, Neuroscience Institute, 3610 22nd St. Pam Weaks, 806-438-6601, pzweaks@yahoo.com, or Rene Howell, 806-549-7788.

■ Overeaters Anonymous noon Wednesdays and 4:30 p.m. Sundays; B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-1031.

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

■ The Knot Adoption Support Group, 11:30 a.m. second and fourth Wednesdays at First Presbyterian Church; Kathy Hagler, Kathy@WTIE.net.

■ Midland Memorial Hospital's Better Breathing Club meets 11:30 a.m. second Tuesday at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus, 522-2273 or Joanna at 682-4229.

■ PFLAG Odessa (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays), 7 p.m. the second Monday (except on holidays), Alternative Life Solutions Counseling, 2458 E. 11th St., Odessa, 559-5909 or 432-337-3684, pflagodessa@yahoo.com or www.pflagodessa.weebly.com.

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

■ Parent Quest, for parents of special-needs children, meets 6-8 p.m. the first Tuesday at First Christian Church. For more information, contact Malissa Roach, SHARE program coordinator, at 349-1069.

■ Stroke Support Group meets noon fourth Friday at Midland Memorial Hospital, West Campus private dining room. For more information, call 221-1677 for any questions.

■ Midland Odessa Chapter of the United Ostomy Association, 2:30 p.m. third Sunday, Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus.

■ Permian Basin Community Service Organization (for individuals, organizations or businesses that provide services to improve quality of life), 11:45 a.m. second Thursday, Mi Piaci Italian Restaurant, 2607 N. Grandview Ave., Odessa; 432-210-4234.

Hobbies and activities

■ Permian Basin Needle Arts Chapter of Embroiderer's Guild of America, 7 p.m. first Thursday, Barnes & Noble; Paula Millhollon, 520-3250.

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

■ Permian Basin Coin and Stamp Club, 7p.m. second Tuesday, Michael's Charcoal Grill; Dave Taylor;559-9890 or www.midlandcoins.com.

■ Midland Gem and Mineral Society, 7 p.m.fourth Thursday at Sibley Nature Center; 687-6467.

■ Permian Basin Chess Club, 6 p.m. Thursdays at University of Texas of the Permian Basin student union; Steve Dudley, 556-1920; Brian Farrell, 288-7141; pbcc.50gigs.net; odessachess@cableone.net.

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

■ Comanche Trails Wood Turners, 10 a.m. the second Saturday; 682-1700.

■ High Sky Squares, second Saturday, M-Squarena Square Dance Hall, 2800 W. CR 130, 7:30 - 9:30 pm; 685-3226, 697-1830, www.pbsrda.com.

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

■ Midland Walkabout Volkssport Club, 5 p.m. third Sunday, First Presbyterian Church; 687-2588.

■ Oops Alley Clowns of West Texas, third Thursday, 520-3512.

■ American Legion Post No. 19, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane; 682-5511.

■ ACT IX, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday, Cole Theater; Carolyn Schoolcraft, 685-7416.

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■ Uptown Midland BPW, noon, second and fourth Wednesdays, Petroleum Club; Glenda Knox, 686-2819.

■ Children's Service League, 9:30 a.m. first Thursday at Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center; Brooke Mueller, 498-2053.

■ Newcomers Club, 10 a.m. first Thursday; Stephanie Sparkman at 684-8065 or Freida Robertson at 218-7239.

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

■ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, Christian Church of Midland, 2609 Neely Ave.; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. 694-8643.

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

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

■ The Midland Blue Star Military Family, 7 p.m. second Thursday, Koinonia Room at First Presbyterian Church; Doc Weathers, 631-7646 or doc-weathers@suddenlink.net.

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

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Toastmasters Clubs

■ Slyker's Professional Toastmasters Club, 10 a.m. second and fourth Saturdays, Texas Tech University Health Science Building, Room 1C12 (west side), 800 W. Fourthth St., Odessa; 522-2716, marken1986-slykers1@yahoo.com, http://slykersprofessionaltoastmastersclub.blogspot.com.

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

■ Permian Toastmasters 1509, noon Fridays at Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, 208 S. Marienfeld; Celeste Perez, 682-2960 or celeste@midlandhcc.com.

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Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

■ Serenity Group, 8 p.m. daily, 3101 N. A St., Building C; 685-3100.

■ 710 Group, 7 a.m., noon and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 710 Ohio Ave.; 682-8162.

■ Alpha Omega, 8 p.m. Tuesdays and 11 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays, 311 S. Pecos St.

■ 12-Step Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Saturdays, 206 N. Midkiff Road; 697-0272.

Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

■ Laundry Group, 8 p.m. daily and noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 104 N. Marshall St.

■ Xodus Group, 5:30 p.m. Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 7 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, 206 N. Midkiff Road.

■ CODA Group, 12-step program for relationships, 7 p.m. Thursdays, 206 N. Midkiff Road; 697-0272.

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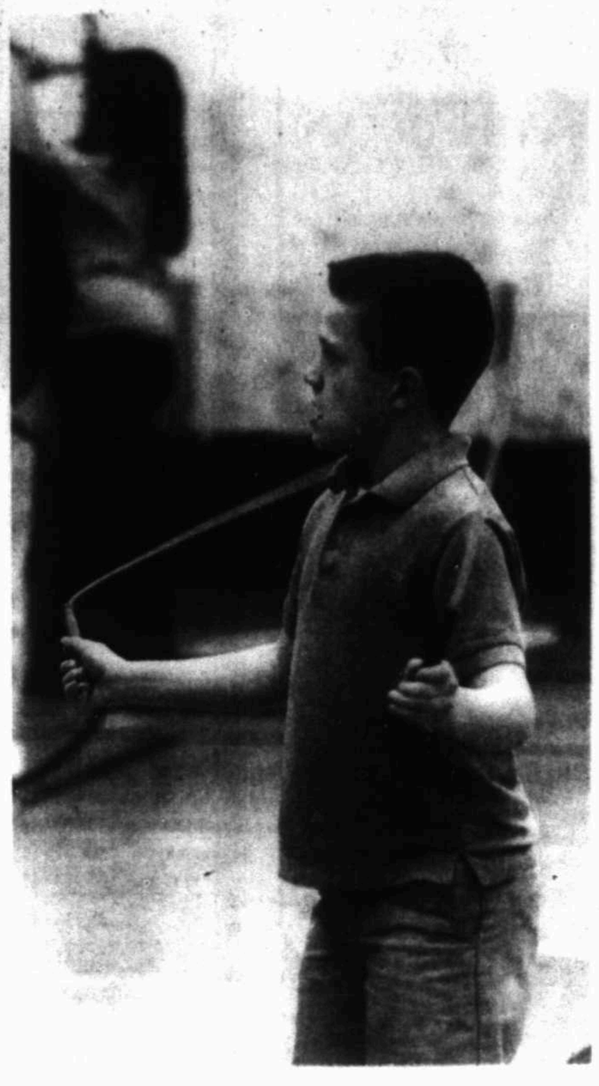
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Photos by James Durbin

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Feb. 4

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Feb. 5

Roberta Bacon-Bob Bacon, Pistole-Crites, Marlene Blumentritt-Flo Curry, Ann Parish-Belle Harris

Feb. 6

Les Neal-John Seymour, Shirley Davenport-Amanda Shaw, Linda Scarpelli-Don Troy, Kay Arrell-Heard, Linda Farrar-Harris, Helen Davis-Gloria Jackson

Feb. 7

Janette Kuzmich-Hubbard, Sally Reeder-Janet Stoltz, Harris-Servatius, Sue Marshall-Frances Mills, Parish-Edward McPherson, Liza Philpy-Arrell

Feb. 9

Paula Baggett-Fleta Pruett, Dorothy Brenneman-Servatius, Marilyn Matthews-B. Bacon, Sarana Savage-Harris, Gregory Bartha-Frances Levin, Bill Dent-Nancy Ward, Heard-Philpy

Feb. 10

Servatius-Brenneman, Blumentritt-Tommie Strack, Grimes-Richard Stein-Marty Massie-Kay Sewell, B. Bacon-Savage, Harris-Philpy

Feb. 11

Blumentritt-Strack, Loewenstein-Betty Marlow, Anguish-Pistole, Heard-Dorothy Baird

Feb. 12

Curry-Blumentritt, R. Bacon-B. Bacon, Anguish-Servatius, Helen South-Brenneman, Higgins-Pistole

Feb. 13

Jackson-Servatius-Davis-Brenda Leonard, Harris-Linda Ferrar-Amanda Shaw-Davenport, Savage-Massie-Ward-Higgins

Feb. 14

Betty Dickerson-Vicky Fisher, Judy Wilde-Iris Warren, Phyllis White-Higgins, Crites-Lena Nichols, Marshall-Strack, Davis-Leonard, Cowan-Hubbard, Vangie Lindsey-Stoltz, Pruett-Levin, Brauner-Blumentritt, Reeder-Mills, Arrell-Philpy, Loewenstein-Marlow, Baggett-Shirley Glass

Feb. 16

B. Bacon-Servatius, South-Brenneman, Pruett-Ward, K.C. Evans-Dickerson, Bartha-Levin, Harris-Savage, Scarpelli-Baggett, Matthews-Davenport

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Michael Melson
Melson and Associates

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8. How successful have you been with your planning methods?

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9. How do we get started?

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Canada beats Sweden for Olympic hockey gold

By Greg Beacham
Associated Press

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SOCHI — Sidney Crosby skated in alone on Henrik Lundqvist, faking Sweden's goalie to the ice with a textbook-quality deke and sliding a perfect backhand into the net.

Canada did everything by the book at the Sochi Olympics, winning all six games with a ferocious commitment to defense and discipline. When Canada's captain finally got his first goal of the games Sunday, it had none of the dramatics of Crosby's last Olympic goal four years ago in Vancouver.

But it was every bit as golden.

Jonathan Toews scored in the first period, Carey Price made 24 saves in his second consecutive shutout, and Canada defended its Olympic men's hockey title with a 3-0 victory over Sweden.

"We're just an amazing team to watch, the way we work together," Toews said. "We were just all over them. It's fun to be a part of."

Chris Kunitz also scored as the Canadians confirmed their worldwide dominance in their national game by winning the gold for the third time in the last four Olympics. No team in the NHL era has controlled a tournament like this group, which allowed just three goals in six games and never trailed at any point in the 12-day tournament on the shores of the Black Sea.

"Not quite as dramatic as the other one," Crosby said. "Just real solid all the way through. We knew the way we wanted to play, and the last couple of games, we were solid. With each game, we seemed to build more and more confidence."

By the final event of the Sochi Olympics, that confidence was unshakable. Canada became the only repeat Olympic champ in the NHL era and the first team to go unbeaten through the Olympic tournament since the Soviet Union in Sarajevo in 1984.

Canada won its record ninth Olympic hockey gold medal — its first outside North America since 1952 — and joined the women's team to complete Canada's second straight Olympic hockey sweep.

The Canadians didn't allow a goal in their final 164-plus minutes at the Bolshoy Ice Dome after the first period

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Julio Cortez/AP

Canada forward Matt Duchene celebrates with teammates after Canada beat Sweden in the men's gold medal game at the Winter Olympics on Sunday in Sochi, Russia.

Dancing at Daytona

Earnhardt Jr. wins second Daytona 500 in a decade

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Through rain and wrecks, on Daytona's longest day, this was a drought Dale Earnhardt Jr. was determined to end.

NASCAR's most popular driver won the Daytona 500 on Sunday night for the second time — a decade after his first victory — to snap a 55-race losing streak dating to 2012.

The victory ended a streak of futility at Daytona International Speedway, where he finished second in three of the previous four 500s.

"Winning this race is the greatest feeling that you could feel in this sport besides accepting the trophy for the championship," said Earnhardt, who climbed from his car in Victory Lane and hugged every member of his Hendrick Motorsports crew. "I didn't know if I'd ever get the chance to feel it again and it feels just as good."

As he crossed the finish line in his No. 88 Chevrolet, the few who withstood a rain delay of 6 hours, 22 minutes screaming their support, Earnhardt euphorically radioed his crew, saying: "This is better than the first one!" He was met by Rick Hendrick after his victory lap, and the team owner climbed into the driver's window for a ride to Victory Lane.

"The world is right right now — Dale Junior just

Please see **DAYTONA**/3C



Chuck Burton/AP

Dale Earnhardt Jr. celebrates in after winning the Daytona 500 on Sunday at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Blair: Aggies must improve mightily in time for postseason

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By Brent Zwerneman
San Antonio Express-News

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M will play host to the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament in March for a third consecutive season, and Aggies coach Gary Blair considers that a good thing. Maybe.

"Right now we've got to get a lot better to even think about going anywhere in the NCAA tournament," a perturbed Blair said Sunday, following the No. 16 Aggies' 83-74 setback to No. 15 Kentucky in Reed Arena.

Why might not welcoming visitors to the Aggies' home court in the postseason be such a good thing? Blair figures A&M has been a little too welcoming to quality competition of late, after A&M also dropped a home game 76-55 to current No. 10 Tennessee on Jan. 26.

"We appreciate the crowd that was here," Blair apologized to a rowdy bunch of 7,343 that on Sunday exited the arena deflated. "I'm sorry we couldn't pull it off."

Kentucky (20-7, 8-6), in rebounding

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Bias leads No. 12 Cowgirls over Texas Tech

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Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Tiffany Bias went the length of the court for the game-winning basket with 1.5 seconds left on Sunday as No. 12 Oklahoma State narrowly avoided an upset with a 63-62 win over Texas Tech.

Bias took the inbounds pass and raced down the court, but slowed down as she neared the right wing and shook free of her defender, Amber Battle, who flew by. Bias then went uncontested to the hoop for the layup.

Battle had just given Texas Tech a 62-61 lead on a three-point play with 7.1 seconds to go.

Bias led OSU (21-5, 10-5 Big 12) with 22 points and eight assists. Liz Donohoe scored 17 points and three 3-pointers, and LaShawn Jones added 12 points and nine rebounds.

Battle had 19 points and 10 rebounds as Texas Tech (6-20, 0-15) almost avoided its 16th straight loss.

Day survives the magic of Dubuisson in Match Play

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

MARANA, Ariz. — Jason Day never stopped believing he would win the Match Play Championship, even in the midst of so many shots by Victor Dubuisson that simply defied belief.

With his ball at the base of a cactus, Dubuisson took an all-or-nothing swing though the sharp needles and a TV cable and incredibly hit it to 4 feet to save par. Seemingly out of it on the next playoff hole, the 23-year-old Frenchman somehow whacked a wedge through a desert bush and rocks and onto the green for another par.

Mon dieu!

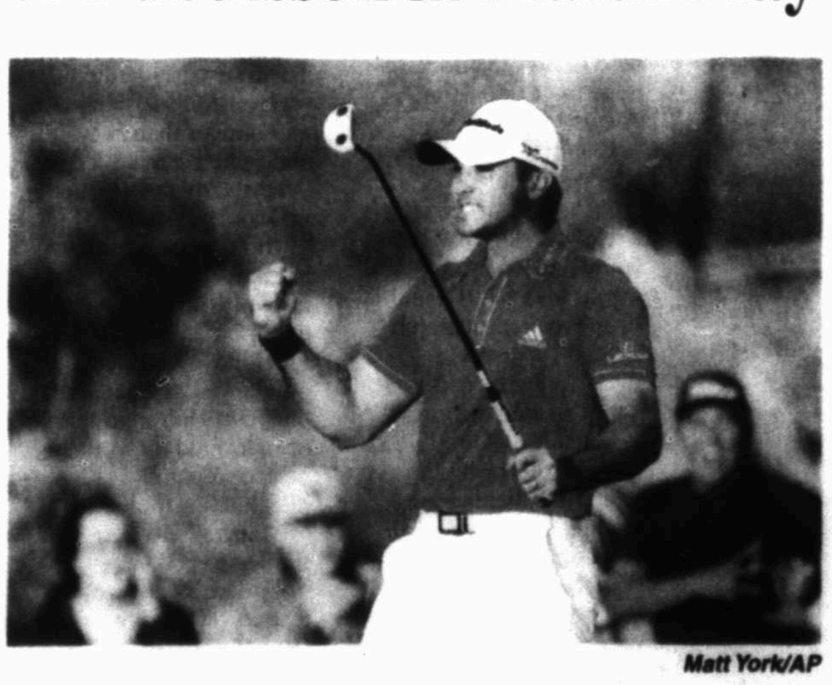
Day finally ended the madness Sunday on the 23rd hole with a pitch to 4 feet on No. 15 for birdie.

It was the first time the championship match went overtime since the inaugural year in 1999 at La Costa, when Jeff Maggert chipped on the second extra hole of a 36-hole final. That was like watching paint dry compared to the show Dubuisson put on.

"Those two shots were amazing," Dubuisson said. "I just played it like I had nothing to lose."

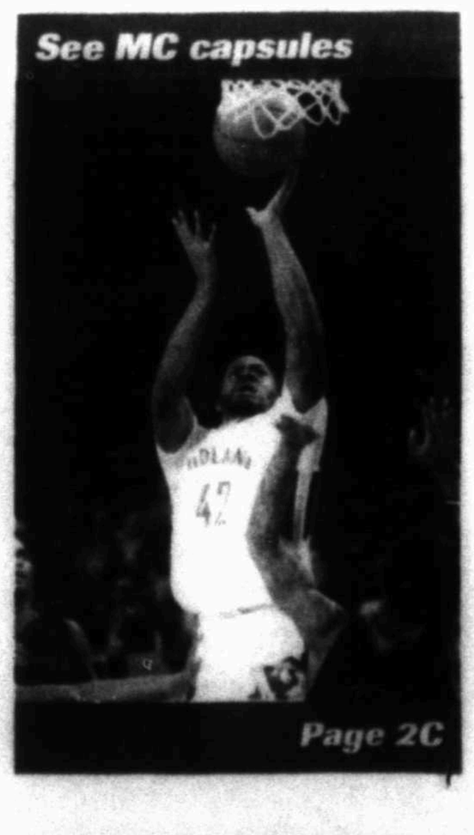
Day, with his first World Golf Championship, walked away with his second PGA Tour title that

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Matt York/AP

Jason Day celebrates on the 23rd hole after winning his championship match against Victor Dubuisson during the Match Play Championship on Sunday in Marana, Ariz.



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DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

WHAT'S ON TV
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Syracuse at Maryland, 6 p.m., ESPN
Oklahoma St. at TCU, 6 p.m., ESPNU
Oklahoma at Kansas, 8 p.m., ESPN

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Penn St. at Nebraska, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Oklahoma at Baylor, 6 p.m., Fox Sports 1

NBA
Dallas at New York, 6:30 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY
JUNIOR COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL
South Plains at Midland College, 7:45 p.m.
JUNIOR COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
South Plains at Midland College, 5:45 p.m.

YOUTH SPORTS



Courtesy photo

The Midland United Chivas 03 boys soccer team won the League Championship Cup in Plano recently. The team outscored its five opponents, 15-1, on the way to the title. Top row from left to right, Jody Lockhart, Christian Romero, AJ Salcido, Mason Deller and coach Eloy Leal; bottom row from left to right, Kaden Woody, Gannon Williams, Christian Olivas, Tyler Villalva, Matthew Leal, Israel Ramirez Jr., Jaden Johnson and Alejandro Bujanda.

LOCAL SPORTS

SOCKERS ANNOUNCE SIGNINGS

Sockers FC announced that it had signed five players on Friday.

The Premier Development League club announced that goalkeeper Tim Beauvais, midfielder Tanner Brock, defender Johnny Clifford, forward/defender Xavier Fuerte and forward Fabio Pena have all inked with the club for the 2014 season.

Beauvais plays college soccer at SUNY-Cortland, and Brock plays at Fort Hays State in Kansas. Clifford, a native of Scotland, plays for Benedictine College in Kansas, and Fuerte is from Hawaii and plays at the University of Hawaii-Hilo. Pena is a Brazilian that plays at Embry-Riddle in Arizona.

SMITH ACES AT GREEN TREE

San Smith recorded a hole-in-one on No. 6 West at Green Tree Country Club on Saturday.

Witnesses were Kelly Cooke, Eric Boyt, Mitch Malouf and Alan White.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
NEW YORK YANKEES — Agreed to terms with OF Brett Gardner on a four-year contract.
National League
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Designated SS Justin Sellers for assignment.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NEW JERSEY NETS — Signed C Jason Collins to a 10-day contract.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
MONTREAL CANADIENS — Recalled D Jarred Tinordi from Hamilton (AHL).
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Claimed D Mike Kostka off waivers from Chicago.
American Hockey League
SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Recalled D Josh McFadden from Cincinnati (ECHL). Loaned G Rob Madore to Cincinnati.
Central Hockey League
ALLEN AMERICANS — Waived G Mark Guggenberger. Signed G Thomas Speer.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	57	37	16	4	78	176	125
Tampa Bay	58	33	20	5	71	168	145
Montreal	59	32	21	6	70	148	142
Toronto	60	32	22	6	70	178	182
Detroit	58	26	20	12	64	151	163
Ottawa	59	26	22	11	63	169	191
Florida	58	22	29	7	51	139	183
Buffalo	57	15	34	8	38	110	172

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	58	40	15	3	83	186	138
N.Y. Rangers	59	32	24	3	67	155	146
Philadelphia	59	30	23	6	66	162	167
Columbus	58	29	24	5	63	172	181
Washington	59	27	23	9	63	171	175
Carolina	57	26	22	9	61	144	158
New Jersey	59	24	22	13	61	135	146
N.Y. Islanders	60	22	30	8	52	164	200

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	57	39	12	6	84	196	135
Chicago	56	35	11	10	80	201	143
Colorado	58	37	16	5	79	174	153
Minnesota	59	31	21	7	69	143	142
Dallas	58	30	21	7	67	164	164
Winnipeg	59	28	26	5	62	168	177
Nashville	59	25	24	10	60	146	167

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	60	37	14	9	83	196	147
San Jose	59	37	16	6	80	175	142
Los Angeles	58	34	17	7	75	139	129
Phoenix	58	32	21	5	69	163	169
Vancouver	59	32	23	4	68	146	166
Calgary	58	27	23	8	62	137	179
Edmonton	59	19	32	8	46	153	199

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

Sunday's Scores
No games scheduled.

Monday's Games
No games scheduled.

Tuesday's Game
Carolina at Buffalo, 6 p.m.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

SOUTHWEST
Castleton St. 9, Austin 7
N. Illinois 0-3, New Mexico 1-3, 2nd game 10 innings, tie
Texas Pan American 9, Prairie View 1
SOUTH
Alice Lloyd 11, Ohio Chillicothe 0
Canisius 10, Charlotte 1
Campbellsville 8, Judson (Ill.) 0
Catawba 7, Newberry 5
Clemson 10, Maine 2
Cumberlands 3-14, Holy Cross (Ind.) 2-2
Dayton 4, Belmont 1
Duke 5, Akron 2
E. Mennonite 23-9, Mount St. Vincent 11-4
2nd game 6 innings
E. Stroudsburg 9, N. Chowan 7-7
Florida 6, Miami 4
Fordham 9, Pittsburgh 2
Georgia at Florida St., ccd.
Georgetown (Ky.) 6-3, St. Xavier 2-2
Georgia Southern 8, Mid. Eastern Short 1
Georgia Tech 12, UNC Greensboro 3
Hampden-Sydney 9, Wesley 6
High Point 9, William & Mary 8, 11 innings
Indiana St. 9, Middle Tennessee 0
Juniata 8-4, Bridgewater (Va.) 7-1
Lake Erie 10-2, Kentucky St. 1-1
Kentucky Wesleyan 3-2, Limestone 1-0
Mansfield 6, Post (Conn.) 5
Maryland 7, Bryant 1
Maryville (Tenn.) 5, Transylvania 1
Miami (Ohio) 9, Lipscomb 1
Mount Olive 23, California (Pa.) 2
Murray St. 6, Bowling Green 3
North Carolina 7, Xavier 2
NC State 5, Appalachian St. 3
Notre Dame (Ohio) 4, King Tenn. 3-1
Ohio St. 5, Liberty 4
Pikeville 4, Cincinnati Clermont 1-6
Rhodes 2-6, Washington (Mo.) 1-3
St. Catharine 3, Indiana Tech 2-1
Santa Clara 9, Pacific (Calif.) 1
Sewanee 4, Centre 3
Shelton 7, Bochim College 1
Tennessee Tech 13, NC State 3
Tenn. Wesleyan 7-4, Hiwassee 2-0
Union (Ky.) 8-7, Ohio St. Lima 6-8
UNC Wilmington 9, Ohio 1
UT Arlington at Mt. Nerve St., ccd.
UT Martin 13, Michigan 1
Vanderbilt 12, Ill. Chicago 1
Virginia 8, East Carolina 4
Virginia Tech at Toledo, ccd.
Wake Forest 5, Radford 4
W. Kentucky 11, UNC Asheville 1
West Liberty 11, St. Augustine's 1
W. Michigan 4, Louisville 1
Winston-Salem 14, Wheeling Jesuit 4
MIDWEST
Drake 7-14, Grand View 1-3
Slippery Rock 11, Walsh 1
FAR WEST
Arizona St. 7, Wright St. 3
Cal Poly, SLO, 4
Cal St. Fullerton 5, San Francisco 1
Fresno St. 11, Nevada 1
Grand Canyon 9, Hofstra 1
San Diego 14, N. Kentucky 4
UC Irvine 7, Long Beach St. 2

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Feb. 28
At Turning Stone Resort Casino Event Center Verona, N.Y. (SHO): Mickey Bey Jr. vs. Alan Herrera, 10, lightweights; Badou Jack vs. Derek Edwards, 10, super middleweights.
March 1
At Emperors Palace, Johannesburg, South Africa, Hekkie Budler vs. Karlius Diaz, 12, for Budler WBA World-IBO minimumweight titles.
At Getec Arena, Magdeburg, Germany: Robert Stieglitz vs. Arthur Abraham, 12, for Stieglitz's WBO super middleweight title.
At The SECC, Glasgow, Scotland, Ricky Burns vs. Terence Crawford, 12, for Burns WBO lightweight title.
At Atlantic City Convention Center, Atlantic City, N.J. (HBO): Lamont Peterson vs. Dierry Jean, 12, for Peterson's WBC welterweight title; Jesus Soto Karass vs. Mickey Bey, 12, for Karass' WBC interim lightweight title.
At Alamodome, San Antonio (HBO), Julio Cesar Chavez Jr. vs. Bryan Vera, 10, super middleweights; Orlando Salido vs. Vasyl Lomachenko, 12, for Salido's WBO featherweight title; Juan Diaz vs. Gerardo Robles, 10, lightweights; Karim Mayfield vs. Francisco Contreras, 10, light welterweights.
March 7
At Pala Casino Spa and Resort, Pala, Calif. (ESPN), Rustam Nugaev vs. Marvin Quintero, 10, lightweights; Roman Morales vs. Khabir Suleymanov, 10, featherweights.
March 8
At Max-Schmeling-Halle, Berlin, Yoan Pablo Hernandez vs. Pawel Kolodziej, 12, for Hernandez's IBF cruiserweight title.
At MGM Grand, Las Vegas (SHO), Omar Figueroa vs. Ricardo Alvarez, 12, for Figueroa's WBC lightweight title; Leo Santa Cruz vs. Cristian Mijares, 12, for Santa Cruz's WBC super bantamweight title; Carlos Molina vs. Jermall Charlo, 12, for Molina's IBF junior middleweight title; Jorge Linares vs. Nihito Arakawa, 10, lightweights; Saul Alvarez vs. Alfredo Angulo, 12, junior middleweights.
March 14
At Villa La Nata Sporting Club, Buenos Aires, Argentina: Juan Carlos Reveco vs. Manuel Vides, 12, for Reveco's WBA World flyweight title.
March 15
At Coliseo Ruben Rodriguez, Bayamon, Puerto Rico (SHO): Danny Garcia vs. Mauricio Herrera, 12, for Garcia's WBA Super World and WBC super lightweight titles; Deontay Wilder vs. Malik Scott, 10, heavyweights; Juan Manuel Lopez vs. Daniel Ponce de Leon, 10, for Lopez's WBO international junior lightweight title.
At Sands Casino Resort Bethlehem, Pa. (NBCSN), Tomasz Adamek vs. Vyacheslav Glazkov, 12, IBF heavyweight eliminator; Ronald Cruz vs. Kermit Cintron, 10, welterweights.
March 17
At The House of Blues, Boston (FS1): Danny O'Connor vs. Andrew Farmer, 10, welterweights.
March 21
At Morongo Casino Resort & Spa, Cabazon, Calif. (ESPN2), Vanes Martirosyan vs. Luciano Cuello, 10, super welterweights.
March 22
At Moscow, Russia: Eduard Troyanovsky vs. Richard Abril, 12, for Troyanovsky's WBA World lightweight title.
At Roberto Duran Arena, Panama City, Panama, Anselmo Moreno vs. Javier Nicolas Chacon, 12, for Moreno's WBA Super World bantamweight title.
March 26
At Tokyo, Denkaosen Kaovichit vs. Kohei Kono, 12, for the vacant WBA World super flyweight.
March 29
At Newcastle, England: Stuart Hall vs. Martin Ward, 12, for Hall's IBF bantamweight title.
April 5
At Stadthalle, Rostock, Germany, Juergen Braehmer vs. Enzo Maccarinelli, 12, for Braehmer's WBA World light heavyweight title.

MC BASKETBALL TODAY

BY OSCAR LEROY

Women
SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE AT MIDLAND COLLEGE
When/where: 5:45 p.m. today, Chaparral Center
Records: Midland College 17-11, 7-6 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; South Plains College 15-10, 9-3
Last WJCAC game: Odessa College 54, Midland College 43; South Plains College 81, Frank Phillips College 69
Notes: Midland College will look to snap a two-game losing streak and gain some momentum going into the NJCAA Region V Tournament in Lubbock in less than two weeks. ... MC is coming off a loss to rival Odessa College in which the Lady Chaparrals committed 30 turnovers, which left head coach Ron Jones dumfounded and disappointed. "I've never had a team commit 30 turnovers in February," he said after the game. Take away those turnovers, the Lady Chaps' didn't play that bad as they shot 42.6 percent and held OC to 32.8 percent shooting. Cleaning up those turnovers will surely be a point of emphasis for Jones and his team in the final two games of the regular season. Mary Savoy was the only player in double figures on Thursday with a game-high 21 points, although Catherine Kruschke added nine points and eight rebounds. ... With the loss to OC, the Lady Chaps can finish no better than fourth in the WJCAC standings, meaning they will face the No. 1 seed out of the North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference, which is currently Weatherford College, in the first round of the regional tournament at the Rip Griffin Center, beginning March 5. ...South Plains defeated MC, 71-65, Jan. 23 in Levelland as the Lady Chaps blew a big lead in the first half. ... The Lady Texans rely heavily on three sophomores — 5-foot-10 P Jasmine Brainard, 5-4 G Alexius Dawn and 5-7 W Tasheena Moore — for the majority of their scoring. In the win over Frank Phillips on Thursday, Dawn had a game-high 22 points to go with six assists, Moore had 19 points, eight rebounds and eight assists, while Brainard added 18 points.
Next: Midland College at Southwest Texas JC, 6 p.m. Thursday; Odessa College at South Plains College, 5:45 p.m. Thursday

Statistics

Midland College Women (17-11, 7-6)

Player	GP	FG	FT	FTA	Pts.	Avg.	Reb.	RPG
Mary Savoy	28	169	67	111	405	14.5	235	8.1
Catherine Kruschke	28	143	70	125	357	12.8	233	8.3
Dianeliss Rivera	28	113	62	79	288	10.3	178	6.4
Tajaney Vega	27	79	43	68	234	8.7	137	5.1
Ellyn Avery	28	76	27	41	229	8.2	95	3.4
Dawn Green	4	7	2	6	20	5.0	14	3.5
Mattie Turner	23	36	9	12	103	4.5	21	0.9
Nakisha Swinnel	28	42	24	49	111	4.0	83	3.0
*Ashleigh Sparks	26	33	16	33	85	3.4	57	2.2
Marisela Garate	25	35	10	14	80	3.2	99	4.0
Rose Bow	16	22	4	11	48	2.7	36	2.0
Gabriela Martins	27	18	14	30	59	2.2	54	2.0
Sabrina Ochoa	11	9	1	2	20	1.8	14	1.3
Tyler Hamilton	26	3	0	1	9	0.3	49	1.9
Totals	**28**	**784**	**349**	**582**	**2,052**	**73.3**	**1,397**	**49.9**

3-point goals (135) — Avery 46, Vega 33, Turner 22, Martins 13, Sparks 6, Green 4, Swinnel 3, Ochoa 3, Hamilton 3, Kruschke 1, Savoy 1

Midland College Men (11-17, 3-12)

Player	GP	FG	FT	FTA	Pts.	Avg.	Reb.	RPG
Demetric Austin	13	78	70	95	242	18.6	128	9.7
Kevin Thomas	24	89	65	100	244	10.2	164	7.7
Daniel Hernandez	28	84	68	93	268	9.6	42	1.5
Herve Aholode	26	101	39	68	245	9.4	* 131	5.0
Darren Williams	25	68	65	100	214	8.6	* 80	3.2
Kenan Guzonjic	27	87	42	65	226	8.4	144	5.3
Dominique Bull	26	68	44	65	187	7.2	106	4.1
LeBrent Walker	28	59	50	96	176	6.3	70	2.5
Cory Scott	21	42	28	39	125	6.0	45	2.1
Jason Francois	21	36	23	29	117	5.6	39	1.9
Totals	**28**	**713**	**494**	**747**	**2,408**	**73.1**	**1,028**	**36.7**

3-point goals (126) — Hernandez 32, Francois 22, Austin 16, Scott 13, Williams 13, Guzonjic 10, Walker 8, Bull 7, Aholode 4, Thomas 1

WJCAC Standings

Men

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
South Plains	11	3	24	4
Howard College	11	3	23	5
New Mexico JC	10	4	22	5
Odessa College	10	5	22	6
Western Texas	9	5	21	7
Frank Phillips	5	9	15	13
Clarendon College	3	11	8	19
Midland College	3	12	11	17
New Mexico Military	2	12	12	14

Thursday's Scores
Odessa College 78, Midland College 71, OT; Howard College 67, New Mexico Military Institute 59; South Plains College 78, Frank Phillips College 64; Western Texas College 77, Clarendon College 69; New Mexico JC was open

Today's Games
South Plains College at Midland College; New Mexico JC at Howard College; Western Texas College at Frank Phillips College; Clarendon College at New Mexico Military Institute; Odessa College is open

Women

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
New Mexico JC	11	1	20	5
x-Odessa College	11	2	21	6
x-South Plains	9	3	15	10
x-Midland College	7	6	17	11
Frank Phillips	4	9	10	10
Clarendon College	4	9	12	14
Howard College	3	9	12	15
Western Texas	1	11	6	17

x-clinched Region V Tournament berth

Thursday's Scores
Odessa College 54, Midland College 43; South Plains College 81, Frank Phillips College 69; Clarendon College 77, Western Texas College 61; Howard College and New Mexico JC were open

Today's Games
South Plains College at Midland College; New Mexico JC at Howard College; Western Texas College at Frank Phillips College; Odessa College and Clarendon College are open

Men
NO. 7 SOUTH PLAINS AT MIDLAND COLLEGE
When/where: 5:45 p.m. today, Chaparral Center
Records: Midland College 11-17, 3-12 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; South Plains College 24-4, 11-3
Last WJCAC game: Odessa College 78, Midland College 71, OT; South Plains College 78, Frank Phillips College 64
Notes: Midland College looks to shake off a disappointing loss to rival Odessa College on Thursday as MC jumped out to 12-0 and 18-3 leads, only to see it whittled away in the second half. MC coach Jordan Dreiling loved his team's effort but added that his team missed too many shots. The Chaparrals were just 18 of 36 at the free-throw line and shot 34.6 percent from the field. LeBrent Walker led MC with 18 points, Kenan Guzonjic had 17 points and 12 rebounds, Domonique Bull added 12 points and 10 rebounds, and Herve Aholode chipped in with 11 rebounds and five points. ...The Chaps look to play spoiler again versus a South Plains team that is fighting for both the WJCAC title and a regional berth in a crowded five-team race at the top of the standings. ... SPC rolled past Midland, 81-50, on Jan. 23 in Levelland. ...The Texans will bring a deep and talented team to Chaparral Center tonight as they had five players score in double figures against FPC. Michael Karena, a 6-foot-10 F, led the Texans with 13 points, 6-0 sophomore G Malik Nichols and 6-0 sophomore G Sekou Harris each had 12, 6-8 sophomore F Ryan Martin had 11, and Andre Spight chipped in with 10.
Next: Midland College at Southwest Texas JC, 8 p.m. Thursday; Odessa College at South Plains College, 7:45 p.m. Thursday

Chaparrals get sweep of Seward County CC

From staff reports

The Midland College baseball team got a doubleheader sweep of Seward County (Kan.) Community College on Sunday at Christensen Stadium, winning 2-1 and 17-10.

In the first game, the Chaparrals (8-4) scored the eventual game-winning run in the sixth inning when Midland High grad Brent Stewart hit an inside-the-park solo home run to left field to break a 1-all tie.

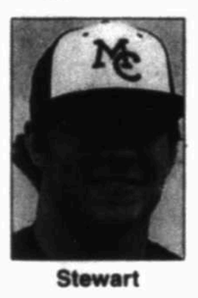
Clay O'Dell got the win in relief of Jayden O'Dell, who allowed just one run on two hits in 5 2/3 innings with three walks and six strikeouts.

Tony Reyes added two hits for the Chaps.

In the second game, the Chaps overcame four errors by belting out 17 hits in the wild victory over the Saints.

The Chaps added a six-run third and a pair of four-run frames as they took a 17-3 lead after six innings.

Blaine Prescott went 4 for 5 with a double, triple, four RBI and three runs scored for MC. Chris Thibideau was 2 for 4 with a double, RBI and three runs scored; Reyes was 2 for 4 with a double and five RBI, and Justin Clarkson was 2 for 4 with an inside-the-park home run, two RBI and two runs scored.



Stewart

Connor Kenwood (1-0) got the win on the mound

Midland College will begin defense of their Western Junior College Athletic Conference crown this weekend with a four-game home series against Frank Phillips College. The first doubleheader is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday at Christensen Stadium.

FIRST GAME
MIDLAND COLLEGE 2, SEWARD COUNTY COLLEGE 1

Seward County	000 001	0—1	3 3
Midland College	100 001	x—2	6 1

Hall and Williams, Jayden O'Dell, Clay O'Dell (6) and Brendan Arredondo. W — C. O'Dell (1-0). L — Hall. HR — MC, Brent Stewart (1).

SECOND GAME
MIDLAND COLLEGE 17, SEWARD COUNTY COLLEGE 10

Seward County	100 020 511	—1014	3
Midland College	016 442 00x	—1717	4

Valenzuela, Glaze (3), Guay (5), McCutchen (7), Sheets (8) and Williams and Bilodeau, Connor Kenwood, Daniel Crooks (7) and Arredondo and Caleb Koedyker (8). W — Kenwood (1-0). L — Valenzuela (2-3). SV — Bilodeau (1). HR — MC, Koedyker, Prescott, Reyes, Stewart, Allen, Williams, MC, Tony Reyes, Jay Gonzales, Arredondo, Blaine Prescott, Chris Tibideau (8), MC, Koedyker, Prescott, HR, SC, Stewart, Allen, MC, Justin Clarkson (1).

Record: 8-4
Next: Frank Phillips at Midland College 1 p.m. Saturday

Chaparral golf team finishes 3rd at NMMI Invite

From staff reports

ROSWELL, N.M. — The Midland College golf team finished in third place of the NMMI Invitational played Sunday at the NMMI Golf Course.

The Chaparrals shot 285-280—565 total to finish 10 strokes back of first-place New Mexico Junior College, which shot 279-276—555. Western New Mexico University finished in second after shooting 276-281—557.

Midland College's Jake Boggus, playing as an individual, finished in fifth place in the individual standings after shooting 64-73—137, which was two strokes behind medalist Ian Patterson, of UTEP, who shot a 68-67-135.

Fellow Chap David Wicks finished in a tie for eighth with a 71-68—139 total, while Oswin Schlenkrich was 14th with a 71-69—140 total.

Also for MC, Trinity grad Trace Morrow, playing as an individual, shot a 3-under par 141, Chris Schriedel shot a 2-under 142, Russell Lara was even at 144, Ryder Skillern was 2-over 146, and Midland High grad Zarek Crowder finished with a 160 total.

The Chaps next play in the Ronnie Black Invitational March 2-3 in Lovington and Hobbs, N.M.

NMMI INVITATIONAL
at NMMI Golf Course, Roswell, N.M
Par: 72; Yards: 6,652
Sunday's final results
Team standings — 1. New Mexico Junior College 279-276—555; 2. Western New Mexico 276-281—557; 3. Midland College 285-280—565; 4. Northern New Mexico 296-292—588; 5. Garden City Community College 302-295—597; 6. New Mexico Military Institute 308-318—626.

Individual standings — Ian Patterson, UTEP 68-67—135; 2. Frederick Dreyer, UTEP 68-68—136; Jordan Ayre, NMJC 68-68—136; Prescott Mann, UTEP 67-73—136; 5. Jake Boggus, Midland College 64-73—137; 6. Ivan Mauricio Sanchez, NMJC 70-68—138; Calum Hall, WNMU 71-67—138; 8. (tie) David Wicks, Midland 71-68—139; David Metz, WNMU 70-69—139; Thomas Neve, WNMU 70-69—139; Jackson Rehbein, Lamesa College 69-70—139; Darren Mantei, NMJC 71-68—139; Jerry Perales, WNMU 69-70—139.

Midland College (285-280—565) — David Wicks 71-68—139; Owen Schenkerich 73-67—140; Chris Schriedel 70-72—142; Russell Lara 73-71—144.

Ryder Skillern 73-73—146.

Other McMurry College individuals — Jake Boggus, 64-73—137; Trace Morrow, 70-71—141; Zarek Crowder 80-80—160.

New CF Fowler steps in seamlessly to lead Astros

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Dexter Fowler spent his entire career with Colorado before an offseason trade to the Houston Astros.

But the center fielder isn't taking the quiet approach of a new guy. He's already perfectly at home with Houston, taking over a leadership role this young team desperately needed.

"It's a good chance to get to nurture the guys," Fowler said. "Guys are here and I'm trying to get them over that learning curve because we've all gone through it."

As for his leadership style, Fowler lets each player dictate how he deals with them. At times he'll offer advice and other times he'll sit back and wait for someone to come to him.

At just 27, Fowler is one of the most experienced position players on Houston's roster after starting full time for the Rockies the past five years. The four other outfielders on Houston's roster are all younger than Fowler and none even has a full year of service time in the majors.

"It's a younger crowd, but that keeps me young," he said with a laugh. "I'm going on 28 years old and I feel like I'm the old, old guy here. I've been around the Todd Helton's and I've been around the young guys coming in so I feel like that has molded me."

Manager Bo Porter was thrilled to add someone of Fowler's caliber to his team. Fowler came to Houston in a trade that sent last year's starting center fielder Brandon Barnes and pitcher Jordan Lyles to the Rockies.

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Maybe Michael Sam will fit in NFL just fine

By Dave Campbell
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The NFL locker room has long been an unforgiving place.

There's a reason the popular behind-the-scenes training camp reality show on HBO is called "Hard Knocks," right?

The aggression and confidence inherent with elite athletes playing a physically punishing sport can bring about a boys-will-be-boys atmosphere that, considering the case in Miami last season, has the potential to turn brutal.

But with Michael Sam on the verge of becoming the league's first openly gay player, maybe he'll fit in just fine. This is 2014, after all. Sexual orientation isn't as big of a deal for Sam's generation as it was for their fathers'.

Though the stigma of the offensive linemen bullying scandal was still swarming the Dolphins, there were signs at the NFL scouting combine this weekend that the locker room is a more modern, tolerant environment it might be given credit for. It's easy to say the right things, but some of those words still spoke volumes inside Lucas Oil Stadium.

"Those problems in Miami, those surprise me because I think that we never had those issues in Denver when it came down to the things that went on in that locker room and the things that were said," said Hall of Famer John Elway, Denver's executive vice president of football operations and general manager. "I think every locker room that I've ever been in in the NFL and the guys I've been around have always respected the right of other players. There is a line you don't cross. I still believe that's the way the majority of the NFL is."

Sam's former Missouri teammate, wide receiver L'Damian Washington, wondered what all the fuss was about with questions about whether Sam would be welcomed by his peers in the league when the Tigers had no problem doing so.

"Most of the guys already knew him and it wasn't a big deal, but we had freshmen on the team who were 17 years old out of high school — 17 years out of high school you're pretty immature," Washington said. "They just could be like, 'Aw, we've got a gay guy on our team.' But those guys embraced it, because he was a great teammate. He was a great guy. He never brought any of that to the locker room. I feel like if a 17-year-old freshman can accept the fact that a teammate has a different preference in sex, then why can't 33-year-old vets accept that fact?"



Nam Y. Huh/AP

Michael Sam speaks during a news conference at the NFL scouting combine in Indianapolis on Saturday. Sam came out to the entire country Feb. 9, and could become the first openly gay player in the NFL.

DAYTONA

From 1C

won the Daytona 500," teammate Jeff Gordon said. "That's a sign it's going to be a great season."

Rain stopped the race about 45 minutes after it began for a delay of more than six hours. When it resumed, Earnhardt dominated at the track where his father was killed in an accident on the last lap of the 2001 race.

He led six times for a race-high 54 laps — all after the rain delay — and seemed to have it under control until things got chaotic near the end. There were 42 lead changes and four multi-car accidents as the field closed in on the checkered flag.



John Chilton/Ap

Kyle Larson (42) and Marcos Ambrose (9) crash during the Daytona 500 on Sunday at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla.

An accident with seven laps to go triggered by pole-sitter Austin Dillon, driving the No. 3 — Earnhardt's father's number making its return to the Daytona 500 for the first time since 2001 — set up a final two-lap shootout to the finish.

Earnhardt got a great jump past Brad Keselowski on the restart, and had Gordon behind him protecting his bumper. But Denny Hamlin came charging through the field and Earnhardt suddenly had a challenger with one lap to go.

Then an accident farther back involving former winners Kevin Harvick and Jamie McMurray brought out the caution and the win belonged to Earnhardt.

"We could fight off battle after battle. We got a little help at the end there from Jeff to get away on the restart," Earnhardt said. "This is amazing. I can't believe this is happening. I never take this for granted, man because it doesn't happen twice, let alone once."

Hamlin was second in a Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota, followed by Keselowski in a Team Penske Ford.

Hendrick took fourth and fifth with Gordon and last year's race winner, Jimmie Johnson, in what quickly became a company-wide celebration.

"He's been knocking on the door of the 500 for a lot of years. He got it done tonight — did an awesome job," said Johnson, who beat Earnhardt to the finish line a year ago.

The win means Hendrick already has one of his four drivers in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship. Under the new win-and-get-in format announced last month, Earnhardt is now eligible to race for the title and can spend the next 25 races preparing for the postseason.

"We might be in the Chase — I ain't going to worry about that," Earnhardt said from Victory Lane. "Trust me, man, we're going to have a blast this year."

Rain wreaked havoc on the event for the third time in six years, and this year's race was stopped after 38 laps as a strong storm blew into the area.

The National Weather Service issued a tornado warning in the area and advised people to take shelter, and fans fled from the grandstands.

NASCAR rolled out the track drying system Air Titan for several failed attempts over the delay. It was the only on-track activity for more than six hours, but there was plenty of behind-the-scenes fun as drivers desperately tried to stay entertained.

David Ragan made a pizza run in his firesuit. Hamlin played basketball. Clint Bowyer answered fans questions on Twitter and Ricky Stenhouse Jr.'s crew practiced tornado drills.

HSBASKETBALL PAIRINGS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Boys

Class 5A
Region I
Regional Quarterfinals

Keller (24-5; W4) vs. Lubbock Coronado (25-6; W2; 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Abilene Christian University's Moody Coliseum

Killeen Harker Heights (27-4; W8) vs. DeSoto (27-3; W7; 7 p.m. Tuesday, Waco University, HS

Arlington Bowie (26-4; W3) vs. El Paso Coronado (24-4; W1; TBA Tuesday

Duncanville (19-11; W1) vs. Lewisville Hebron (25-7; W5; 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, UT Arlington's College Park Center

Class 3A
Region I
Regional Quarterfinals

Abilene Wylie (27-3; W4) vs. Lubbock Estacado (20-11; W2; 7 p.m. Tuesday, The Coliseum, Snyder

Wichita Falls Hirschi (17-12; W5) vs. Stephenville (13-14; W7; 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jacksboro HS

Shallowater (30-4; W2) vs. Monahans (27-6; R4), 7 p.m. Tuesday, D.W. Follis Gym, Lamesa

Kennedale (35-0; W6) vs. Burkburnett (24-6; W5; 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Bridgeport HS

Class 2A
Region I
Region Quarterfinal

Brownfield (22-5; W4) vs. Littlefield (21-9; R2); TBA, Lubbock Christian University's Rip Griffin Center

Idalou (25-5; R5) vs. Breckenridge (26-1; W7; 6 p.m. Tuesday, The Coliseum, Snyder

Idalou (18-13; R3) vs. Bushland (21-6; W6; 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dimmitt HS

Wall (16-6; W6) vs. Comanche, TBD, 7 p.m. Tuesday, McMurry University's Kimbrell Arena, Abilene

Class A Division I
Region I
Region Quarterfinals

Hale Center (18-7; W4) vs. Panhandle (14-9; W2; 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Canyon HS

Tahoka (15-11; T6) vs. Smyer (25-1; W6; 6 p.m. Tuesday, Lubbock Christian University's Rip Griffin Center

Shamrock (20-5; W3) vs. Memphis (20-6; T3); TBA

Forsan (19-7; R6) vs. Farwell (20-8; W6); TBA

Class A Division II
Region I
Region Quarterfinals

Anton (21-6; W4) vs. Nazareth (21-11; R3), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wayland Baptist's Hutcherson Gym, Plainview

Meadow (22-6; R5) vs. Grady (21-6; W6), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wolfforth Frenship HS

Texline (24-3; W3) vs. Happy (13-12; T3), 7 p.m. Monday, West Texas A&M's First United Bank Center, Canyon

Sands (R6) vs. Petersburg (19-2; W1; 7 p.m. Tuesday, Wolfforth Frenship HS

Region II
Regional Quarterfinals

Eula (W12) vs. Crowell (W10), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Hamlin HS

Bronte (14-4) vs. Water Valley (W14; TBA, Stafford (W7) vs. Iraan (R12; TBA Tuesday, Hyte HS

Garden City (R14) vs. Ira (W13), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Angelo State University's Junell Center, San Angelo

Girls

Class 5A
Region I-5A Tournament
Wilkerson-Grimes Activity Center
Fort Worth
Friday's Semifinals

Duncanville (33-1; W1) vs. Arlington Bowie (32-4; W3); Sat. 2 p.m.

Saturday's Regional Final

Duncanville (34-1; W1) vs. Keller (29-6; W2); Sat. 2 p.m.

Class 3A
Region I-3A Tournament
United Spirit Arena
Lubbock
Friday's Semifinals

Abilene Wylie (29-4; W4; 54, Stephenville (W2; 32, Kennedale 54

Saturday's Regional Final

Abilene Wylie (30-4; W4; 71, Shallowater 54

Class 2A
Region I-2A Tournament
Chaparral Center
Friday's Semifinals

Wall (W6; 76, Sudan 27

Wall (W6; 43, Canadian 27

Saturday's Regional Final

Wall (30-5; W6; 47, Jim Ned 27

Class A Division I
Region I-A Division I Tournament
Texan Dome
Levelland
Friday's Semifinals

Sunnyvale (31-7; W2; 56, Sundown 53

Plains (R6; 27, 3-11, Wellington 39

Saturday's Regional Final

Plains (28-3; R6; 49, Calendon 41

Class A Division II
Region I-A Division II Tournament
Texan Dome
Levelland
Friday's Semifinals

Anton (23-6; W4; 52, Rankin 38

Nazareth (33-1; W3; 68, Petersburg 24

Saturday's Regional Final

Nazareth (34-1; W3; 79, Anton 27

Region II-A Division II Tournament
Moody Coliseum
Abilene
Friday's Semifinals

Garden City (32-1) 38, Eula 16

Highland (W 3; R6; Roby 29

Saturday's Regional Final

Highland (W13) 51, Garden City 37

DAYTONA RESULTS

NASCAR Sprint Cup-Daytona 500 Results
Sunday
At Daytona International Speedway
Daytona Beach, Fla.
Lap length: 2.5 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

19) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 200 laps, 133.1 rating, 48 points, $1,506,963.
2) 44) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 200, 113.8, 43.
5) 48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 200, 123.4, 42.
4) 6) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 200, 102.
42) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 200, 111.
42) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 200, 93.3, $331,618.
23) Alex Bowman, Toyota, 200, 81.
9) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 200, 81.
40) Chip Ganassi, Chevrolet, 200, 76.
6) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 200, 68.2, 38.
34) David Ragan, Ford, 200, 64.
31) Greg Biffle, Ford, 200, 44.
1) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 200, 83.4, 36.
24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 200, 76.
78) Martin Truex Jr., Furniture Row/Chevrolet, 200, 76.
47) Bobby Labonte, Chevrolet, 200, 66.
29) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 200, 85.
31) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 200, 58.
13) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 200, 45.
22) Joey Logano, Ford, 200, 104.
36) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 199, 32.
88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 200, 41.
27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 199, 30.
98) Josh Wise, Ford, 199, 28.
38) David Gilliland, Ford, 199, 27.
55) Michael Waltrip, Toyota, 199, 26.
26) Jose Nunez, Toyota, 199, 25.
7) Alex Kennedy, Chevrolet, 199, 24.
32) Ryan Truex, Ford, 199, 23.
51) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 199, 22.
83) Parker Kligerman, Toyota, 198, 21.
98) Aric Almirola, Ford, 198, 20.
10) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 198, 19.
43) Aric Almirola, Ford, 198, 18.
33) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 174, accident, $349,021.
37) David Gilliland, Ford, 171, 41.5, $322,968.
14) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, accident, 42.5, $313,605.
16) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, accident, 32.2, $310,248.
77) Josh Wise, Ford, accident, 146, $317,939.
27) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, accident, 134.5, $282,778.
42) Michael Waltrip, Toyota, accident, 44.1, $278,629.
20) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, engine, 127, $302,344.
3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, engine, 127, $292,344.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 145.296 mph
Time of Race: 3 hours, 26 minutes, 29 seconds
Margin of Victory: Under Caution
Caution Flags: 7 for 39 laps
Lead Changes: 42 among 18 drivers
Lap Leaders: A.Dillon 1; D.Hamlin 2-10; K.Busch 11-25; P.Menard 26-30; D.Hamlin 31; Ky.Busch 32-45; K.Kahne 46; Ky.Busch 47; K.Kahne 48; Ky.Busch 49; D.Hamlin 50-55; Ky.Busch 56; B.Keselowski 57; Ky.Busch 58-70; B.Keselowski 60-63; P.Menard 64-70; J.Logano 71-72; B.Keselowski 73-75; T.Bayne 76-77; A.Almirola 78-82; A.Allmendinger 83; A.Allgaier 84; D.Patrick 85-86; J.Allgaier 87; M.Waltrip 88-89; P.Menard 90-106; J.Johnson 107-120; B.Keselowski 116-120; J.Johnson 121-126; J.Allgaier 127-128; M.Waltrip 129-130; D.Earnhardt Jr. 131-140; C.Edwards 144; D.Earnhardt Jr. 145-150; G.Biffle 151-153; D.Earnhardt Jr. 154-155; G.Biffle 156-158; D.Earnhardt Jr. 159-172; G.Biffle 173-174; C.Edwards 175-177; D.Earnhardt Jr. 178; C.Edwards 179-182; D.Earnhardt Jr. 183-200.

Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led Laps Led): D.Earnhardt Jr., 6 times for 54 laps; P.Menard, 3 times for 29 laps; Ky.Busch, 5 times for 19 laps; D.Hamlin, 3 times for 16 laps; J.Johnson, 2 times for 15 laps; Ku.Busch, 1 time for 15 laps; B.Keselowski, 4 times for 13 laps; G.Biffle, 3 times for 8 laps; C.Edwards, 3 times for 8 laps; A.Almirola, 1 time for 5 laps; J.Allgaier, 3 times for 4 laps; M.Waltrip, 2 times for 4 laps; J.Logano, 1 time for 2 laps; K.Kahne, 2 times for 2 laps; T.Bayne, 1 time for 2 laps; D.Patrick, 1 time for 2 laps; A.Dillon, 1 time for 1 lap; A.Allmendinger, 1 time for 1 lap.

Top 12 in Points: 1) D.Earnhardt Jr., 48; 2) D.Hamlin, 43; 3) Bra.Keselowski, 42; 4) J.Gordon, 40; 5) J.Johnson, 40; 6) M.Kenseth, 38; 7) R.Stenhouse Jr., 37; 8) G.Biffle, 37; 9) A.Dillon, 36; 10) C.Mears, 34; 11) J.Logano, 34; 12) K.Harvick, 31.

NASCAR Driver Rating Formula
A maximum of 150 points can be attained in a race.

The formula combines the following categories: Wins, Finishes, Top-15 Finishes, Average Running Position While on Lead Lap, Average Speed Under Green, Fastest Lap, Led Most Laps, Lead-Lap Finish.

DeJoria races to her first Funny Car victory

Associated Press

CHANDLER, Ariz. — Alexis DeJoria raced to her first career Funny Car victory Sunday in the CARQUEST Auto Parts NHRA Nationals, beating Robert Hight in the final.

DeJoria, the wife of television personality Jesse James and daughter of entrepreneur John Paul DeJoria, had a run of 4.043 seconds at 309.63 mph in her Toyota Camry. Hight's Ford Mustang lost traction.

DeJoria became the fourth female Funny Car winner and 14th female winner in a Mello Yello Series race.

Antron Brown won in Top Fuel and Allen Johnson topped the Pro Stock field at Wild Horse Pass Motorsports Park.

NHRA RESULTS

1. Antron Brown, 2. Brittany Force, 3. Doug Kalitta, 4. Steve Torrence, 5. Shawn Langdon, 6. Spencer Massey, 7. Khalid alBalooshi, 8. Tony Schumacher, 9. David Grubnic, 10. Leah Pritchett, 11. Richie Crampton, 12. Clay Millican, 13. Scott Palmer, 14. Bob Vandergriff, 15. Terry McMillen, 16. Troy Buff

Funny Car

1. Alexis DeJoria, 2. Robert Hight, 3. Tommy Johnson Jr., 4. John Force, 5. Bob Tasca III, 6. Jack Beckman, 7. Tim Wilkerson, 8. Del Worsham, 9. Jeff Arend, 10. Matt Hagan, 11. Chad Head, 12. Ron Capps, 13. Courtney Force, 14. Cruz Pedregon, 15. Tony Pedregon, 16. Jeff Diehl

Pro Stock

1. Allen Johnson, 2. V Gaines, 3. Dave Connolly, 4. Vincent Nobile, 5. Jason Line, 6. Shane Gray, 7. Erica Enders-Stevens, 8. Shane Tucker, 9. Chris McGaha, 10. Jimmy Alund, 11. Rodger Brogdon, 12. Greg Stanfield, 13. Larry Morgan, 14. Steve Kent, 15. Matt Hartford, 16. Jeg Coughlin

Final Results

Top Fuel: Antron Brown, 3.755 seconds, 324.20 mph def. Brittany Force, 3.793 seconds, 322.04 mph.

Funny Car: Alexis DeJoria, Toyota Camry, 4.043, 309.63 def. Robert Hight, Ford Mustang, 5.491, 142.19.

Pro Stock: Allen Johnson, Dodge Avenger, 6.543, 212.23 def. V Gaines, Avenger, 8.042, 115.10.

Top Dragster: Val Torres Jr. Dragster, 6.694 def. Phil Unruh, Dragster, 6.548, 210.77.

Top Sportsman: Ed Dipin, Chevy Camaro, 7.366, 187.13 def. Paul Mitsos, Dodge Stratus, 7.655, 185.98.

Super Stock: Dan Fletcher, Chevy Camaro, 10.296, 124.41 def. Scott Pearson, AMX, foul.

Stock Eliminator: Mark Paul, Chevy El Camino, 11.691, 102.95 def. Robert Pond, Ford Fairlane, 10.133, 124.87.

Super Comp: Shane Thompson, Dragster, 8.916, 169.13 def. Chad Langdon, Dragster, 8.887, 172.83.

Super Gas: Aaron Kinard, Chevy Corvette, 9.903, 160.75 def. Craig Anderson, Corvette, 9.891, 156.75.

Super Street: Gary Reust, Chevy Bel Air, 10.943, 125.55 def. Dave Gotts, Chevy Camaro, foul.

Round-by-round
Top Fuel

Round One: Khalid alBalooshi, 3.778, 325.14 def. Leah Pritchett, 4.416, 234.00.
Brittany Force, 3.821, 316.97 def. David Grubnic, 3.826, 320.13. Tony Schumacher, 3.779, 326.56 def. Terry McMillen, 10.390, 81.69. Doug Kalitta, 3.791, 324.67 def. Scott Palmer, 6.851, 106.79. Steve Torrence, 3.775, 325.22 def. Troy Buff, 17.163, 28.71. Shawn Langdon, 3.745, 320.36 def. Clay Millican, 6.132, 100.48. Antron Brown, 3.825, 314.83 def. Richie Crampton, 5.067, 149.48. Spencer Massey, 3.826, 319.90 def. Bob Vandergriff, 6.546, 90.13.

Quarterfinals: Force, 3.805, 322.58 def. Schumacher, 5.017, 179.06. Kalitta, 4.458, 250.04 def. alBalooshi, 4.563, 216.31. Torrence, 3.793, 319.98 def. Massey, 4.223, 230.17. Brown, 3.771, 322.34 def. Langdon, 3.851, 291.95.

Semifinals: Force, 3.814, 319.75 def. Torrence, 4.187, 247.02. Brown, 3.782, 321.81 def. Kalitta, 3.794, 322.96.

Final: Brown, 3.755, 324.20 def. Force, 3.793, 322.04.

Funny Car

Round One: Jack Beckman, Dodge Charger, 4.057, 312.71 def. Matt Hagan, Charger, 4.135, 306.53. Del Worsham, Toyota Camry, 4.121, 303.03 def. Courtney Force, Ford Mustang, 4.499, 291.95. Tommy Johnson Jr., Charger, 4.095, 313.37 def. Tony Pedregon, Camry, 6.848, 92.26. John Force, Mustang, 7.501, 94.53 def. Jeff Diehl, Toyota Solara, broke. Robert Hight, Mustang, 4.484, 262.69 def. Cruz Pedregon, Camry, 4.903, 241.15. Alexis DeJoria, Camry, 4.065, 309.27 def. Jeff Arend, Charger, 4.105, 305.49. Tim Wilkerson, Mustang, 4.263, 286.95 def. Chad Head, Camry, 4.401, 211.46. Bob Tasca III, Mustang, 4.090, 312.42 def. Ron Capps, Charger, 4.411, 280.86.

Quarterfinals: Johnson Jr., 4.098, 306.64 def. Wilkerson, 4.186, 300.26. Hight, 4.059, 314.97 def. Beckman, 4.127, 306.81. J. Force, 4.106, 312.78 def. Tasca III, 4.120, 306.88. DeJoria, 4.123, 298.21 def. Worsham, 4.900, 183.12.

Semifinals: DeJoria, 4.052, 311.41 def. J. Force, 5.899, 127.64. Hight, 4.047, 316.08 def. Johnson Jr., 4.063, 311.49.

Final: DeJoria, 4.043, 309.63 def. Hight, 5.491, 142.19.

Pro Stock

Round One: V Gaines, Dodge Avenger, 6.573, 210.28 def. Rodger Brogdon, Chevy Camaro, 6.589, 210.54. Dave Connolly, Camaro, 6.551, 211.30 def. Jeg Coughlin, Avenger, 6.993, 163.51. Allen Johnson, Avenger, 6.558, 211.76 def. Jimmy Alund, Camaro, 6.587, 210.97. Shane Gray, Camaro, 6.576, 211.43 def. Greg Stanfield, Camaro, 6.612, 209.26. Jason Line, Camaro, 6.589, 211.56 def. Steve Kent, Camaro, 6.634, 209.98. Shane Tucker, Chevy Cobalt, 6.627, 209.39 def. Chris McGaha, Camaro, 6.571, 211.53. Erica Enders-Stevens, Camaro, 6.531, 212.09 def. Matt Hartford, Avenger, 6.645, 209.49. Vincent Nobile, Camaro, 6.563, 210.44 def. Larry Morgan, Ford Mustang, 6.629, 209.01.

Quarterfinals: Gaines, 6.584, 210.83 def. Tucker, 7.337, 145.67. Nobile, 6.577, 210.57 def. Gray, 6.572, 210.64. Johnson, 6.543, 212.16 def. Line, 6.556, 210.93. Connolly, 6.561, 211.10 def. Enders-Stevens, 6.617, 210.54.

Semifinals: Gaines, 6.581, 211.00 def. Nobile, 7.282, 205.51. Johnson, 6.550, 211.99 def. Connolly, 6.629, 210.41.

Final: Johnson, 6.543, 212.23 def. Gaines, 8.042, 115.10.

MATCH

From 1C

will take the Australian to No. 4 in the world.

This tournament might better be remembered for Dubuisson's magical escapes.

"Vic, man, he has a lot of guts," Day said. "He has a great short game — straight out of the cactus twice. For a 23-year-old kid, he's got a lot of game. We're going to see a lot of him for years to come."

Even the great Seve Ballesteros would have saluted this performance.

Two holes down with two holes to play, Dubuisson rapped in a 15-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole and then took advantage of a rare lapse by Day, who bogeyed the 18th hole with a three-putt from 50 feet on the upper tier. The Frenchman saved par from the bunker to force extra holes.

It looked like it would be over quickly.

From the first fairway, Dubuisson went so far long that bounced hard off the back of the green and into the desert, the ball nestled at the base of a cholla. During regulation, he would have taken a penalty drop. In this case, he felt he had no choice. He stepped up to the ball and, with nothing to lose, swung away. The club got caught on a TV cable, and the ball scooted up the slope of 3-inch grass and onto the green.

It was reminiscent of the shot Bill Haas pulled off at East Lake from shallow water on the 17th hole. This was better.

And it came with an encore.

On the next extra hole, the par-5 ninth, Dubuisson tugged his shot left of the green, left of the bleachers and into a desert bush surrounded by rocks. He took another crack at it, and the shot came out perfectly through thick grass and onto the green.

Day could only laugh, though he had every reason to believe this was not his day.

"I kept shaking my head because there was a couple of time there where I thought he was absolutely dead — the tournament was mine," Day said.

It was — eventually.

After matching bogeys and pars on the next two holes — this time from the green grass — the match ended on the 333-yard 15th hole when Dubuisson's drive strayed too far right into side of a hill, leaving him an awkward pitch.

"I'm disappointed because I made some terrible shots," Dubuisson said, ignoring the two that were as close to a miracle as golf allows.

Day won $1.53 million. Lost in all the theater was that he never trailed over the final 53 holes of this fickle tournament.

Dubuisson earned $906,000, all but assuring a PGA Tour card for next year. And he all but clinched a spot on the Ryder Cup team in September, moving to the top of the points table by the equivalent of about $1.5 million.

Results

WGC-Accenture Match Play Championship Results
By The Associated Press
Sunday
At Dove Mountain, The Ritz-Carlton Golf Club
Marana, Ariz.
Purse: $9 million
Yardage: 7,791; Par: 72
(Seedings in parentheses)
Championship

Jason Day (8), Australia, $1.53 million, def. Victor Dubuisson (27), France, $906,000, 23 holes.

Third Place

Rickie Fowler (53), United States, $630,000, def. Ernie Els (31), South Africa, $510,000, 19 holes.

Semifinals

Jason Day (8), Australia, def. Rickie Fowler (53), United States, 3 and 2.

Victor Dubuisson (27), France, def. Ernie Els (31), South Africa, 1 up.

SMU upsets No. 21 Connecticut

By Pat Eaton-Robb
Associated Press

STORRS, Conn. — SMU added a quality road win to its already solid NCAA tournament resume.

Nick Russell and Nic Moore each scored 15 points to lead the Mustangs (22-6, 11-4 American Athletic Conference) to a 64-55 win Sunday over No. 21 UConn and a sweep of their season series with the Huskies.

Markus Kennedy had 13 points and seven rebounds for SMU, which has won 11 of its past 13 games.

"It's not about getting to the tournament," Kennedy said. "It's about getting a good seed and making a run for it. We've got the Final Four in our city and it should be a home game for us."

The Mustangs likely will go as far as their defense will carry them. They held UConn (21-6, 9-5) to 16 baskets and just under 30 percent shooting from the floor.



Fred Beckham/AP

Connecticut's Niels Giffey (5) and SMU's Cannen Cunningham (15) fight for the loose ball during the first half of Sunday's game in Storrs, Conn.

The Huskies' guard tandem of Ryan Boatright and Shabazz Napier combined to shoot 8 for 28.

Each finished with 15 points.

"They are a terrific defensive team," Boatright said. "You can't beat them off the first option. You've got to go to the second or third options."

Mustangs	64
No. 21 Huskies	55

The Mustangs never trailed. They led by two at halftime, but extended that to 10 points midway through the second half.

The Huskies cut the lead to 55-49 on a 3-pointer by Napier, but Sterling Brown answered with a 3-pointer and SMU held on down the stretch.

"We have as good a defensive guard as there is in the country in Nick Russell, and we have some length behind him" SMU coach Larry Brown said. "I thought both teams defended like crazy."

Neither team could find the basket early.

The first points came more than four minutes into the game on a layup by Kennedy. The teams were a combined 0 for 7 with eight turnovers before that.

It was 7-0 when before Philip Nolan gave UConn its first points on a layup more than six minutes into the game.

Kennedy had eight first-half points for the Mustangs.

But SMU never led by more than seven in the first half and UConn tied the game at 25 with under a minute to play. SMU took the lead back on a pair of Kennedy free throws, and scored the first two baskets of the second half.

AGGIES

From 1C

from an 81-58 trouncing on its own home court by league-leader South Carolina, pulled off the A&M victory by employing a 2-3 zone defense — the Aggies' Achilles' heel all season, and a code they must crack before the postseason.

"We hadn't played a lot of zone, but the players worked real hard on it the past two days and it paid off," Kentucky coach Matthew Mitchell said. "We (also) tried to make it tough for the Aggies to get points in the paint."

The Wildcats prevailed on all counts, and A&M guard Jordan Jones said that must change in a hurry for an Aggies squad (21-7, 11-3) angling for a sprint in the postseason.

"We settled too much," Jones said of A&M relying on long shots (3 of 10 on 3-pointers). "At the end of the day it just comes down to guard penetration and making shots in the lane, and Kentucky was quick enough to take away the paint from us."

A&M, which did win home games against LSU and Georgia between the Tennessee and Kentucky losses, earns one more chance to get it right in Reed prior to the NCAA tournament. The Aggies, who saw a four-game win streak snapped Sunday, play host to Arkansas — Blair's prior team — on Thursday night.

"We lost on senior day last year to LSU," an irate Blair said Sunday. "(A loss) should never happen on senior day. You honor your seniors, and we'll honor those seniors from last year, too, (against Arkansas). When you're at home, you're supposed to win."

TOP25ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

NO. 11 CREIGHTON 72 SETON HALL 71

OMAHA, Neb. —

Doug McDermott had 29 points to become one of the top-10 scorers in college basketball history, and No. 11 Creighton survived shaky free throw shooting at the end to post a hard-earned 72-71 victory over Seton Hall on Sunday.

Grant Gibbs added a season-high 16 points, and the Bluejays (23-4, 13-2) took a half-game lead over Villanova in the Big East standings.

NO. 20 MICHIGAN 79 NO. 13 MICHIGAN STATE 70

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Nik Stauskas scored 21 of his 25 points in the second half, and Michigan beat Michigan State to take over first place in the Big Ten.

Caris LeVert added 23 points for the Wolverines (19-7, 11-3), who won both regular-season meetings against their in-state rivals. Michigan has now won six of its last eight against Michigan State.

Women

NO. 2 NOTRE DAME 81 NO. 7 DUKE 70

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Kayla McBride scored 31 points and No. 2 Notre Dame jumped to an 18-point lead early and held on to beat seventh-ranked Duke 81-70 Sunday to claim the Atlantic Coast Conference title in its inaugural season in the league.

The Blue Devils scored six points in the final 7 seconds of the first half and eventually cut the lead to seven points three times in the second half, the final time when Kendall McCravey-Cooper hit a jumper to make it 66-59. But McBride answered with back-to-back baskets to spark an 8-0 run.

NO. 3 LOUISVILLE 73 NO. 25 RUTGERS 58

LOUISVILLE, Ky — Asia Taylor had 25 points and 15 rebounds to Lo-3 Louisville to a win over Rutgers.

NO. 4 SOUTH CAROLINA 69 FLORIDA 55

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Tiffany Mitchell scored 20 points. Alaina Coates added 16 points and 12 rebounds as South Carolina won its ninth straight game with a victory over Florida.

NO. 5 STANFORD 65 UCLA 56

LOS ANGELES — Chiney Ogwumike scored 26 points and had 15 rebounds to help Stanford beat UCLA.

NO. 8 MARYLAND 79 GEORGIA TECH 62

ATLANTA — Alyssa Thomas had 15 points and 10 rebounds, Katie Rutan and Brionna Jones each added 15 points and Maryland beat Georgia Tech.

NO. 10 TENNESSEE 56 MISSOURI 50

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Meighan Simmons scored 20 points and Mercedes Russell grabbed 11 rebounds to help Tennessee edge Missouri.

VIRGINIA TECH 50 NO. 11 NORTH CAROLINA 47

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Vanessa Panousis tied a career-high with 24 points as Virginia Tech won for the first time in Chapel Hill, upsetting North Carolina.

NO. 14 N.C. STATE 68 VIRGINIA 66

RALEIGH, N.C. — Markeisha Gatling scored 22 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, while Kody Burke sank the game-winning 3-pointer, as N.C. State slipped past Virginia.

NO. 18 CALIFORNIA 76 SOUTHERN CAL 67

LOS ANGELES — Reshanda Gray scored 22 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead California past USC.

ARKANSAS 57 NO. 19 LSU 53

BATON ROUGE, La. — Jessica Jackson scored 25 points to lead Arkansas in an upset of LSU.

NO. 20 ARIZONA STATE 60 UTAH 40

TEMPE, Ariz. — Promise Amukamara hit a 3-pointer in the closing second seconds of the first half to give Arizona State the lead at halftime and the Sun Devils took charge to start the second half en route to a win over visiting Utah.

NO. 21 PURDUE 70 WISCONSIN 54

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — April Wilson scored 18 points and dished off eight assists to lead Purdue to a win over Wisconsin, sweeping the season series with the Badgers.

CREIGHTON 65 NO. 22 ST. JOHN'S 62

OMAHA, Neb. — Marissa Janning scored 24 points, including a trio of 3-pointers, to lead Creighton to an upset win over St. John's.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES & SCHEDULES

Men

SUNDAY'S TOP 25 FARED

1. Syracuse (25-2) did not play. Next: at Maryland, Monday.
2. Florida (25-2) did not play. Next: at Vanderbilt, Tuesday.
3. Wichita State (29-0) did not play. Next: at Bradley, Tuesday.
4. Arizona (25-2) did not play. Next: vs. California, Wednesday.
5. Duke (22-6) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Tuesday.
6. San Diego State (23-3) did not play. Next: vs. San Jose State, Tuesday.
7. Cincinnati (24-4) did not play. Next: at No. 21 UConn, Saturday.
8. Kansas (21-6) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma, Monday.
9. Villanova (24-3) did not play. Next: vs. Butler, Wednesday.
10. Saint Louis (25-2) did not play. Next: vs. Duquesne, Thursday.
11. Creighton (23-4) beat Seton Hall 72-71. Next: vs. Xavier, Saturday.
11. Louisville (23-4) did not play. Next: vs. Temple, Thursday.
13. Michigan State (22-6) lost to No. 20 Michigan 79-70. Next: vs. Illinois, Saturday.
14. Virginia (23-5) did not play. Next: vs. Miami, Wednesday.
15. Iowa (19-7) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Tuesday.
16. Wisconsin (22-5) did not play. Next: vs. Indiana, Tuesday.
17. Kentucky (21-6) did not play. Next: vs. West Virginia, Wednesday.
18. Kentucky (21-6) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas, Thursday.
19. Texas (20-7) did not play. Next: vs. Baylor, Wednesday.
20. Michigan (19-7) beat No. 13 Michigan State 79-70. Next: at Purdue, Wednesday.
21. UConn (21-6) lost to SMU 64-55. Next: at South Florida, Wednesday.
22. Memphis (21-6) did not play. Next: at Houston, Thursday.
23. UCLA (21-6) did not play. Next: vs. Oregon, Thursday.
24. Ohio State (22-6) did not play. Next: at Penn State, Thursday.
25. Gonzaga (23-6) did not play. Next: at Pacific, Thursday.

SUNDAY'S SCORES

SOUTH

Florida Gulf Coast 78, Kennesaw St. 68
Mercer 73, Stetson 52
UNC Greensboro 88, Chattanooga 84

MIDWEST

Cent. Michigan 70, N. Illinois 67
Creighton 72, Seton Hall 71
Miami (Ohio) 55, Bowling Green 52
Michigan 79, Michigan St. 70
N. Iowa 72, Illinois St. 59
Nebraska 76, Purdue 57
Providence 87, Butler 81
Toledo 85, Ball St. 74
W. Michigan 75, E. Michigan 67

EAST

Bucknell 63, Boston U. 53
Columbia 62, Yale 46
Delaware St. 67, Pittsburgh 66
Holy Cross 74, Navy 71
Iona 86, Marist 67
SMU 64, UConn 55
Siena 69, Rider 60
Stony Brook 83, Maine 79
Vermont 72, Hartford 47

TODAY'S GAMES

SOUTHWEST

Oklahoma St. at TCU, 8 p.m.
Texas Southern at Ark.-Pine Bluff, 1 p.m.

SOUTH

Elon at Furman, 6 p.m.
Syracuse at Maryland, 6 p.m.
Samford at The Citadel, 6:05 p.m.
Morgan St. at Delaware St., 6:30 p.m.
Norfolk St. at Howard, 6:30 p.m.
Hampton at Md.-Eastern Shore, 6:30 p.m.
Alcorn St. at Alabama A&M, 7:30 p.m.
Southern U. at Alabama St., 7:30 p.m.
Prairie View at MVSU, 8 p.m.

MIDWEST

Chicago St. at E. Illinois, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma at Kansas, 8 p.m.

FAR WEST

Portland St. at E. Washington, 8:05 p.m.

EAST

Wagner at Fairleigh Dickinson, 6 p.m.
Bryant at Mount St. Mary's, 7:30 p.m.

Women

SUNDAY'S TOP 25 FARED

1. UConn (28-0) did not play. Next: at SMU, Tuesday.
2. Notre Dame (27-0) beat No. 7 Duke 81-70. Next: vs. No. 11 North Carolina, Thursday.
3. Louisville (27-2) beat No. 25 Rutgers 73-58. Next: at Cincinnati, Saturday.
4. South Carolina (25-2) beat Florida 69-55. Next: vs. Georgia, Thursday.
5. Stanford (26-2) beat UCLA 65-56. Next: vs. Washington, Thursday.
6. Baylor (24-3) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma, Monday.
7. Duke (24-4) lost to No. 2 Notre Dame 81-70. Next: vs. Wake Forest, Thursday.
8. Maryland (22-5) beat Georgia Tech 79-62. Next: at Boston College, Thursday.
9. Penn State (21-5) did not play. Next: at No. 17 Nebraska, Monday.
10. Tennessee (22-5) beat Missouri 56-50. Next: at No. 19 LSU, Thursday.
11. North Carolina (21-7) lost to Virginia Tech 50-47. Next: at No. 2 Notre Dame, Thursday.
12. Oklahoma State (21-5) beat Texas Tech, 63-62. Next: vs. Iowa State, Wednesday.
13. West Virginia (25-3) did not play. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Wednesday.
14. N.C. State (23-5) beat Virginia 68-66. Next: at Pittsburgh, Thursday.
15. Kentucky (20-7) beat No. 16 Texas A&M 83-74. Next: at Mississippi State, Thursday.
16. Texas A&M (21-7) lost to No. 15 Kentucky 83-74. Next: vs. Arkansas, Thursday.
17. Nebraska (20-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 9 Penn State, Monday.
18. California (20-7) beat Southern Cal 76-67. Next: vs. Washington State, Thursday.
19. LSU (18-9) lost to Arkansas 57-53. Next: vs. No. 10 Tennessee, Thursday.
20. Arizona State (22-4) beat Utah 60-40. Next: at Oregon, Friday.
21. Purdue (20-7) beat Wisconsin 72-54. Next: vs. No. 12 Nebraska, Sunday.
22. St. John's (19-7) lost to Creighton 65-62. Next: vs. Marquette, Wednesday.
23. Michigan State (18-8) did not play. Next: vs. Minnesota, Monday.
24. Gonzaga (24-4) did not play. Next: vs. Saint Mary's, Thursday.
25. Rutgers (20-6) lost to No. 3 Louisville 73-58. Next: vs. Temple, Wednesday.

SUNDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

Kentucky, 83, Texas A&M 74
Oklahoma St. 63, Texas Tech 62

SOUTH

Alabama 66, Vanderbilt 62
Arkansas 57, LSU 53
Auburn 67, Georgia 59
Florida St. 59, Clemson 43
James Madison 78, Hofstra 47
Louisville 73, Rutgers 58
Maryland 79, Georgia Tech 62
Miami 72, Wake Forest 64
Mississippi St. 72, Mississippi 70, OT
NC State 68, Virginia 66
South Carolina 69, Florida 55
UNC Wilmington 60, Towson 59
Virginia Tech 50, North Carolina 47

MIDWEST

Creighton 65, St. John's 62
Dayton 82, Saint Joseph's 56
Drake 70, Loyola of Chicago 64
E. Michigan 62, Ball St. 60
Evansville 67, S. Illinois 31
Illinois St. 66, Missouri St. 57
Indiana St. 63, Wichita St. 51
Kent St. 67, Miami (Ohio) 51
Milwaukee 80, Cleveland St. 78
N. Iowa 81, Bradley 77
Notre Dame 81, Duke 70
Ohio St. 71, Northwestern 62
Purdue 72, Wisconsin 54
Tennessee 56, Missouri 50
W. Michigan 60, Toledo 59
Youngstown St. 72, Green Bay, 63

FAR WEST

Arizona St. 60, Utah 40
California 76, Southern Cal 67
Colorado 61, Arizona 56, OT
Oregon St. 77, Washington 57
Stanford 65, UCLA 56
Washington St. 108, Oregon 88

EAST

Colgate 67, Loyola (Md.) 65, OT
Fairfield 57, Siena 47
Marist 81, Manhattan 54
Northeastern 78, Drexel 73, 2OT
Syracuse 67, Pittsburgh 36
UMass 69, Rhode Island 56
Villanova 65, Georgetown 52
William & Mary 68, Delaware 64

TODAY'S GAMES

SOUTHWEST

Texas Southern at UAPB, 5:30 p.m.
Oklahoma at Baylor, 6 p.m.

SOUTH

Morgan St. at Delaware St., 4:30 p.m.
Norfolk St. at Howard, 4:30 p.m.
Hampton at Md.-Eastern Shore, 4:30 p.m.
Alcorn St. at Alabama A&M, 5:30 p.m.
Southern U. at Alabama St., 5:30 p.m.
Prairie View at MVSU, 5:30 p.m.
Appalachian St. at Davidson, 6 p.m.
Belmont at E. Kentucky, 6 p.m.
Furman at Elon, 6 p.m.
W. Carolina at Georgia Southern, 6 p.m.
Chattanooga at Samford, 6 p.m.
Wofford at UNC Greensboro, 6 p.m.
Morehead St. at Murray St., 7 p.m.
SE Missouri at Tennessee Tech, 7 p.m.

MIDWEST

Minnesota at Michigan St., 6 p.m.
Penn St. at Nebraska, 6 p.m.

FAR WEST

E. Washington at Portland St., 9 p.m.

EAST

Sacred Heart at Bryant, 6 p.m.
Wagner at CCSU, 6 p.m.
Army at Lehigh, 6 p.m.
Fairleigh Dickinson at LIU Brooklyn, 6 p.m.
St. Francis (Pa.) at Mount St. Mary's, 6 p.m.
Robert Morris at St. Francis (N.Y.), 6 p.m.



NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ROCKETS 115 SUNS 112

PHOENIX — Patrick Beverley sank the go-ahead 3-pointer with 34.3 seconds to play and Houston escaped with the win.

NETS 108 LAKERS 102

LOS ANGELES — Jason Collins played his first game with the Brooklyn Nets on Sunday night, becoming the first openly gay player in the four major U.S. professional sports leagues, and Deron Williams had 30 points in a 108-102 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers.

HEAT 93 BULLS 79

MIAMI — With LeBron James watching from the bench in a suit and tie, Chris Bosh and Dwyane Wade powered Miami to the victory.

CLIPPERS 125 THUNDER 117

OKLAHOMA CITY — Jamal Crawford scored 36 points to help the Clippers get the win.

KINGS 109 NUGGETS 95

DENVER — Isaiah Thomas scored 33 points, Rudy Gay had 32 and Sacramento earned its first win in Denver in six years.

TRAIL BLAZERS 108 TIMBERWOLVES 97

PORTLAND, Ore. — Damian Lillard had 32 points and the short-handed Trail Blazers rallied for the victory.

WIZARDS 98 CAVALIERS 83

CLEVELAND — John Wall scored 21 points and Bradley Beal had 17, leading Washington to the road victory.

RAPTORS 105 MAGIC 90

TORONTO — Kyle Lowry scored 28 points, DeMar DeRozan had 24 and the Raptors handed the Magic their 15th straight road loss.

NBA STANDINGS AND BOXES

STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	31	25	.554	—
Brooklyn	26	28	.481	4
New York	21	35	.375	10
Boston	19	38	.333	12 1/2
Philadelphia	15	41	.268	16

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	40	14	.741	—
Washington	28	28	.500	13
Charlotte	27	30	.474	14 1/2
Atlanta	26	29	.473	14 1/2
Orlando	17	41	.293	25

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	42	13	.764	—
Chicago	29	26	.527	13
Detroit	23	33	.411	19 1/2
Cleveland	22	35	.386	21
Milwaukee	10	45	.182	32

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	40	16	.714	—
Houston	38	18	.679	2
Dallas	34	23	.596	6 1/2
Memphis	31	24	.564	8 1/2
New Orleans	23	32	.418	16 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	43	14	.754	—
Portland	38	18	.679	4 1/2
Minnesota	27	29	.482	15 1/2
Denver	25	30	.455	17
Utah	19	36	.345	23

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	38	20	.655	—
Golden State	34	22	.607	3
Phoenix	33	22	.600	3 1/2
Sacramento	20	36	.357	17
L.A. Lakers	19	37	.339	18

Sunday's Scores

L.A. Clippers 125, Oklahoma City 117
Miami 93, Chicago 79
Washington 96, Cleveland 83
Toronto 105, Orlando 90
Sacramento 109, Denver 95
Brooklyn 108, L.A. Lakers 102
Portland 108, Minnesota 97
Houston 115, Phoenix 112

Today's Games

Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Golden State at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at New York, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Boston at Utah, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY'S BOXES

ROCKETS 115, SUNS 112

HOUSTON (115): Parsons 5-12 2-2 13, Jones 7-10 1-1 15, Howard 10-12 5-7 25, Beverley 6-12 7-8 20, Harden 6-15 9-9 23, Lin 1-6 0-0 2, Motiejunas 2-4 3-4 7, Asik 1-2 1-1 3, Cassipi 3-5 0-0 7. Totals 41-78 28-32 115.

PHOENIX (112): Tucker 4-10 0-0 9, Frye 2-11 0-0 6, Plumlee 4-7 0-0 8, Dragic 14-20 2-5 35, Green 8-18 5-7 23, Len 0-0 0-0 0, Mark Morris 7-11 7-9 21, Smith 1-3 0-0 2, Marc Morris 2-6 3-3 8. Totals 42-86 17-24 112.

Houston	30	30	23	32—115
Phoenix	16	40	37	19—112

3-Point Goals—Houston 5-16, Harden 2-7, Beverley 1-2, Cassipi 1-2, Parsons 1-4, Motiejunas 0-1, Phoenix 11-26, Dragic 5-8, Green 2-4, Frye 2-7, Tucker 1-2, Marc Morris 1-3, Mark Morris 0-1, Smith 0-1. Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Houston 51 (Howard 9), Phoenix 41 (Tucker, Plumlee, Mark Morris 7). Assists—Houston 25 (Harden 7), Phoenix 16 (Smith 4). Total Fouls—Houston 19, Phoenix 18. Technicals—Houston defensive three second, Frye. A—15,511 (18,422).

HEAT 93, BULLS 79

CHICAGO (79): Dunleavy 5-12 1-2 13, Boozer 3-8 2-2 8, Noah 7-16 2-6 16, Hinrich 4-10 0-0 10, Snell 2-10 0-0 6, Augustin 0-1 0-2 2, Gibson 8-18 4-4 20, Mohammed 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 29-81 9-16 79.

MIAMI (93): Batter 1-5 0-0 3, Bosh 10-21 4-4 24, Odom 2-4 1-1 5, Chalmers 5-10 1-2 12, Wade 10-22 1-1 21, Anderson 3-8 1-4 7, Allen 4-8 0-0 10, Beasley 2-4 0-0 5, Cole 0-4 0-0 0, Douglas 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-88 10-14 93.

Chicago	24	16	12	27—79
Miami	20	20	25	28—93

3-Point Goals—Chicago 6-21 (Hinrich 2-2, Snell 2-7, Dunleavy 2-7, Augustin 0-5, Miami 1-2, Bosh 1-4, Allen 2-3, Beasley 1-1, Chalmers 1-2, Batter 1-5, Cole 0-1, Anderson 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Chicago 62 (Noah 16), Miami 47 (Bosh, Wade 10). Assists—Chicago 18 (Augustin 5), Miami 22 (Chalmers 9). Total Fouls—Chicago 15, Miami 19. A—19,848 (19,600).

CLIPPERS 125, THUNDER 117

L.A. CLIPPERS (125): Barnes 6-14 2-2 24, Griffin 6-15 7-10 20, Jordan 6-6 6-11 18, Paul 5-12 7-7 18, Crawford 13-20 5-5 36, D.Collison 3-8 1-2 7, Dudley 1-2 2-2 4, Hollins 0-0 0-0 0, Bullock 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 42-81 28-39 125.

OKLAHOMA CITY (117): Durant 15-30 10-12 42, Ibaka 10-16 0-0 20, Adams 0-1 1-2 1, Westbrook 3-13 5-6 13, Sefolosha 4-8 0-0 10, N.Collison 2-3 1-2 5, Jackson 3-12 0-0 7, Lamb 1-2 2-2 4, Fisher 1-8 0-0 3. Totals 49-93 19-24 117.

L.A. Clippers	28	44	27	26—125
Oklahoma City	32	34	27	24—117

3-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers 13-30 (Barnes 6-10, Crawford 5-8, Griffin 1-1, Paul 1-4, D.Collison 0-3, Bullock 0-4). Oklahoma City 12-29 (Fisher 5-7, Westbrook 2-4, Sefolosha 2-5, Durant 2-6, Jackson 1-5, Lamb 0-1, Ibaka 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Clippers 54 (Jordan 12), Oklahoma City 51 (Ibaka 9, N.Collison, Adams 6). Assists—L.A. Clippers 26 (Paul 12), Oklahoma City 26 (Durant 10). Total Fouls—L.A. Clippers 23, Oklahoma City 30. Technicals—Crawford, Paul, L.A. Clippers Coach Rivers, Oklahoma City defensive three second. A—18,203 (18,203).

RAPTORS 105, MAGIC 90

ORLANDO (90): Harkless 1-3 0-0 2, Harris 10-15 7-8 28, Vucevic 4-12 3-4 11, Nelson 4-9 1-2 9, Oladipo 4-13 1-1 11, Nicholson 0-5 0-0 0, Moore 7-15 1-2 16, Lamb 1-4 0-0 3, O'Quinn 5-11 0-0 10. Totals 36-87 13-17 90.

TORONTO (105): Ross 6-11 1-1 16, Johnson 5-7 2-2 12, Valanciunas 1-5 2-5 7, Lowry 7-13 10-11 28, DeRozan 9-17 6-6 24, Salmons 0-1 1-2 1, Patterson 1-5 0-0 2, Hansbrough 1-2 3-7 5, Vasquez 4-7 0-0 10. De Colo 0-0 0-0 0. Hayes 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-65 28-36 105.

Orlando	14	34	17	25—90
Toronto	19	25	36	25—105

3-Point Goals—Orlando 5-14 (Oladipo 2-3, Lamb 1-1, Harris 1-2, Moore 1-3, Harkless 0-1, Nicholson 0-1, Nelson 0-3). Toronto 9-17 (Lowry 4-5, Ross 3-6, Vasquez 2-3, DeRozan 0-1, Patterson 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Orlando 37 (Harris 6), Toronto 57 (Valanciunas 9). Assists—Orlando 20 (Nelson 8), Toronto 23 (Lowry 9). Total Fouls—Orlando 25, Toronto 22. Technicals—Orlando defensive three second, Toronto defensive three second A—17,435 (19,800).

WIZARDS 98, CAVALIERS 83

WASHINGTON (98): Ariza 6-10 0-0 15, Nene 4-10 0-0 8, Gortat 5-14 3-4 13, Wall 8-18 2-4 21, Beal 8-15 1-2 17, Booker 1-2 0-0 2, Webster 3-8 0-0 7, Seraphin 3-8 0-0 6, Miller 1-4 0-0 2, Temple 0-0 0-0 0, Harrington 2-7 0-0 5. Totals 41-96 6-10 98.

CLEVELAND (83): Deng 4-13 9-9 17, Thompson 4-9 3-5 11, Zeller 3-7 0-0 6, Jack 3-11 0-0 6, Irving 6-17 2-2 15, Bennett 2-3 0-0 4, Hawes 5-10 5-6 16, Dellavedova 1-5 0-0 2, Gee 2-3 2-4 6, Karasev 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 30-78 21-26 83.

Washington	30	28	20	19—98
Cleveland	27	25	20	11—83

3-Point Goals—Washington 8-20 (Ariza 3-6, Wall 3-6, Harrington 1-3, Webster 1-4, Beal 0-1), Cleveland 2-18 (Hawes 1-4, Irving 1-5, Deng 0-2, Jack 0-3, Dellavedova 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Washington 54 (Gortat 12), Cleveland 58 (Thompson, Hawes 12). Assists—Washington 26 (Wall 9), Cleveland 15 (Irving 5). Total Fouls—Washington 19, Cleveland 17. A—17,726 (20,562).

KINGS 109, NUGGETS 95

SACRAMENTO (109): Gay 12-23 8-9 32, Thompson 2-3 0-0 4, Cousins 8-16 11-12 27, Thomas 12-16 5-6 33, McLemore 2-10 1-1 6, Gray 0-0 0-0 0, Landry 1-2 0-2 3, Williams 0-4 2-4 2, Outlaw 0-0 0-0 0, Acy 0-0 0-0 0, McCallum 0-4 2-2 2, Evans 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-78 30-36 109.

DENVER (95): Chandler 2-7 0-0 6, Faried 5-10 0-0 10, Hickson 0-2 1-6 1, Brooks 3-12 1-2 9, Foye 8-18 5-5 27, Mozgov 3-15 0-0 6, Fournier 8-11 7-8 27, Miller 1-7 0-0 3, Vesely 3-5 0-0 6, Randolph 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 33-88 14-21 95.

Sacramento	27	21	39	22—109
Denver	27	25	18	25—95

3-Point Goals—Sacramento 5-13 (Thomas 4-5, McLemore 1-4, Williams 0-2, Gay 0-2, Denver 15-32 (Foye 6-11, Fournier 4-5, Brooks 2-5, Chandler 2-4, Miller 1-4, Randolph 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Sacramento 57 (Gay 11, Denver 52 (Foye, Hickson, Faried 9). Assists—Sacramento 18 (Thomas 6), Denver 23 (Brooks 8). Total Fouls—Sacramento 21, Denver 28. Technicals—Randolph, A—16,263 (19,155).

TRAIL BLAZERS 108, TIMBERWOLVES 97

MINNESOTA (97): Brewer 3-11 0-0 6, Cunningham 6-14 2-2 17, Love 11-21 7-9 31, Rubio 2-6 1-1 5, Budinger 3-6 0-0 8, Barea 1-6 3-3 5, Mbah a Moute 1-3 0-0 2, Hummel 1-3 0-0 2, Muhammad 1-4 0-1 2, Dieng 0-1 1-4 3, Shved 0-1 0-0 0. Price 2-4 0-0 5. Totals 37-94 14-20 97.

PORTLAND (108): Batum 9-15 1-1 22, Wright 1-2 0-0 3, Lopez 3-5 0-0 6, Lillard 11-17 5-5 32, Matthews 4-14 6-6 17, Claver 1-3 2-2 5, Williams 2-7 0-0 4, Robinson 6-13 2-2 14, McCollum 0-1 0-0 0, Barton 2-6 0-0 6, Watson 0-0 0-0 0, Crabbe 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-83 16-16 108.

Minnesota	34	26	20	17—97
Portland	26	26	32	24—108

3-Point Goals—Minnesota 9-28 (Barea 4-6, Budinger 2-3, Love 2-8, Price 1-3, Mbah a Moute 0-1, Rubio 0-1, Brewer 0-2, Hummel 0-2), Portland 13-28 (Lillard 5-8, Batum 3-6, Matthews 3-6, Wright 1-2, Barton 1-3, Claver 0-1, Williams 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Minnesota 61 (Love 10), Portland 46 (Robinson 18, Aldrich, Minnesota 18). Assists—Minnesota 21 (Rubio 11), Portland 29 (Lillard 5). Total Fouls—Minnesota 21, Portland 23. Technicals—Minnesota defensive three second, Barton, Robinson. A—19,458 (19,980).

NETS 108, LAKERS 102

BROOKLYN (108): Kirilenko 4-8 2-6 10, Pierce 9-17 3-3 25, Plumlee 3-5 0-0 6, Williams 3-16 11-12 20, Johnson 0-0 0-0 0, Teague 0-1 0-0 0, Blatche 2-10 6-8 10, Anderson 2-2 2-2 8, Teletovic 3-7 0-0 9, Collins 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 36-76 22-32 108.

L.A. LAKERS (102): Bazemore 6-13 4-6 17, Johnson 1-1 0-0 3, Gasol 8-12 6-7 22, Marshall 4-8 0-0 8, Meeks 7-13 3-4 19, Hill 5-8 1-2 11, Farmar 1-6 0-0 3, Young 3-4 3-5 10, Kaman 4-8 0-2 8, Brooks 3-7 0-0 7. Totals 43-86 17-26 102.

Brooklyn	33	30	23	22—108
L.A. Lakers	21	26	27	28—102

3-Point Goals—Brooklyn 12-25 (Pierce 4-7, Teletovic 3-5, Anderson 2-2, Johnson 2-3, Williams 1-5, Kirilenko 0-1, Blatche 0-2). L.A. Lakers 7-17 (Meeks 2-5, Johnson 1-1, Brooks 1-1, Young 1-1, Bazemore 1-3, Farmar 1-5, Marshall 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Brooklyn 50 (Kirilenko 10), L.A. Lakers 44 (Gasol 11). Assists—Brooklyn 28 (Johnson 8), L.A. Lakers 17 (Marshall 7). Total Fouls—Brooklyn 20, L.A. Lakers 24. A—18,997 (18,997).

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A flame dies, an Olympics ends

By Fred Lief
Associated Press

SOCHI, Russia — The Olympic flame was snuffed out.

The Sochi Games completed a 17-day run Sunday.

The end of the $51 billion extravaganza came on a day when Russia captured the medals race, and IOC President Thomas Bach lauded the host city for its "amazing" transformation.

Only three sports were on the schedule, with the other gold medals coming from Russian cross-country skier Alexander Legko and bobsledder Alexander Zubkov leading the way for the hosts in the four-man.

The fifth and sixth doping cases surfaced, involving NHL and Sweden star Nicklas Backstrom — by far the standout name of the group — and Austrian cross-country skier Johannes Duerr.

At the closing ceremony, the athletes stuck to tradition by mugging for cameras and taking a last celebratory prance. The flag was handed over to the next winter host, and a giant mascot bear blew out the flame and sent the Olympics on their way to Pyeongchang, South Korea.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING: Alexander Legkov got down to work in a hurry. He led a Russian sweep of the men's 50-kilometer cross-country race. He was followed by Maxim Vylegzhanin and Ilia Chernousov. That assured Russia of finishing with the most medals. It was also the host nation's first gold in the sport in Sochi. "This is priceless," Legkov said. "It's more valuable than my life."

BOBSLED: After struggling these last years, Alexander Zubkov set things right. He drove Russia to victory in the four-man sled, adding to his two-man title in Sochi. He is the sixth pilot to sweep those events at an Olympics but the first to do so in his home country. Steven Holcomb, the 2010 Olympic champ, won bronze to give the U.S. seven sliding medals in Sochi, tops among all countries. Oskars Melbardis of Latvia took the silver. Germany had no medals in the four-man for the first time since 1968.

DOPING: Sochi had six doping cases; Vancouver had one four years ago. As IOC President Thomas Bach sees it, that's good news — the drug cheats are getting caught. "The number of the cases for me is not really relevant," he said. Nicklas Backstrom, who plays for the NHL's Washington Capitals, tested positive for a substance found in allergy medication that Sweden's Olympic Committee said he had been taking for seven years. Austrian cross-country skier Johannes Duerr was cited for the blood booster EPO, the most serious of the Sochi cases.

MEDALS: The arithmetic was clear: Russia was king of the medals, be it total or gold. The host country finished with 33 medals overall and 13 gold. Russia started the day tied with Norway for the most gold. It's the first time Russia has topped both medals tables since the breakup of the Soviet Union. The U.S. won 28 total, including nine gold. Norway had 26 medals, 11 of them gold. Of the Netherlands' 24 medals, 23 came in speedskating. "Nobody believed that Russia would even be in the top three in total medals," Zubkov said. "But we have won."

SOCHI 2014 OLYMPICS

Medal count

COUNTRY	G	S	B	TOT
Russia	13	11	9	33
United States	9	7	12	28
Norway	11	5	10	26
Canada	10	10	5	25
Netherlands	8	7	9	24
Germany	8	6	5	19
Austria	4	8	5	17
France	4	4	7	15
Sweden	2	7	6	15
Switzerland	6	3	2	11
China	3	4	2	9
South Korea	3	3	2	8
Czech Republic	2	4	2	8
Slovenia	2	2	4	8
Japan	1	4	3	8
Italy	0	2	6	8
Belarus	5	0	1	6
Poland	4	1	1	6
Finland	1	3	1	5
Britain	1	1	2	4
Latvia	0	2	2	4
Australia	0	2	1	3
Ukraine	1	0	1	2
Slovakia	1	0	0	1
Croatia	0	1	0	1
Kazakhstan	0	0	1	1

WINTER OLYMPICS

Sunday's medalists
BOBSLEIGH
Men's Four-Man

GOLD—Russia (Alexander Zubkov, Alexey Negodaylo, Dmitry Trunenkov, Alexey Voevoda)
SILVER—Latvia (Oskars Melbardis, Daumants Dreiskens, Arvis Vilkaste, Janis Strenga)
BRONZE—United States (Steven Holcomb, Park City, Utah; Curt Tomasevicz, Shelby, Neb; Steve Langton, Melrose, Mass.; Chris Fogt, Alpine, Utah)

ICE HOCKEY
Men

GOLD—Canada (Roberto Luongo, Duncan Keith, Dan Hamhuis, Shea Weber, Drew Doughty, Matt Duchene, Patrick Sharp, Patrick Marleau, Chris Kunitz, Ryan Getzlaf, Jonathan Toews, Jay Bouwmeester, John Tavares, Jamie Benn, Corey Perry, Martin St-Louis, Alex Pietrangelo, Carey Price, Patrice Bergeron, Mike Smith, Marc-Edouard Vlasic, Rick Nash, PK Subban, Jeff Carter, Sidney Crosby)
SILVER—Sweden (Jhonas Enroth, Oliver Ekman-Larsson, Niklas Hjalmarsson, Henrik Tallinder, Daniel Alfredsson, Patrik Berglund, Marcus Kruger, Jakob Silfverberg, Nicklas Backstrom, Alexander Steen, Loui Eriksson, Daniel Sedin, Alexander Steen, Johnny Oduya, Henrik Lundqvist, Henrik Zetterberg, Gustav Nyquist, Jimmie Ericsson, Jonas Gustavsson, Jonathan Ericsson, Niklas Kronwall, Carl Hagelin, Erik Karlsson, Marcus Johansson, Gabriel Landeskog)
BRONZE—Finland (Olli Maatta, Olsi Vaananen, Lasse Kukkonen, Sami Salo, Teemu Selanne, Olli Jokinen, Tuomo Ruutu, Aleksander Barkov, Sami Lepisto, Jori Lehtera, Sakari Salminen, Jarkko Immonen, Petri Kontiola, Lauri Korpikoski, Antti Niemi, Kari Lehtonen, Juuso Jokinen, Juuso Hietanen, Tuukka Rask, Antti Pihlstrom, Kimmo Timonen, Sami Vatanen, Juhamatti Aaltonen, Mikael Granlund, Leo Komarov)

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING
Men
50km Free (Mass Start)

GOLD—Alexander Legkov, Russia
SILVER—Maxim Vylegzhanin, Russia
BRONZE—Ilia Chernousov, Russia

Sunday's U.S. Olympians Fared
BOBSLEIGH
Men's Four-Man

3. United States 1 (Steven Holcomb, Park City, Utah; Curt Tomasevicz, Shelby, Neb; Steve Langton, Melrose, Mass.; Chris Fogt, Alpine, Utah), 3:40.99 — BRONZE
12. United States 2 (Nick Cunningham, Monterey, Calif.; Justin Olsen, San Antonio; Johnny Quinn, McKinney, Texas; Dallas Robinson, Georgetown, Ky.), 3:42.70

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING
Men's 50km Mass Start Free

26. Noah Hoffman, Aspen, Colo., 1:48.04.3
51. Brian Gregg, Winthrop, Wash., 1:55.02.3
57. Kris Freeman, Thornton, N.H., 1:59.46.7
NR. Tonn Koos, Leavenworth, Wash., DNS

Men's Olympics Hockey
Sunday
Gold Medal

Canada 3, Sweden 0

Sunday's Winter Olympic Results
BOBSLED
Men's Four-Man

1. Russia 1 (Alexander Zubkov, Alexey Negodaylo, Dmitry Trunenkov, Alexey Voevoda), 3:40.60.
2. Latvia 1 (Oskars Melbardis, Daumants Dreiskens, Arvis Vilkaste, Janis Strenga), 3:40.99.
3. United States 1 (Steven Holcomb, Park City, Utah; Curt Tomasevicz, Shelby, Neb.; Steve Langton, Melrose, Mass.; Chris Fogt, Alpine, Utah), 3:40.99.
4. Russia 2 (Alexander Kasjanov, Ilvir Huzin, Maxim Belugin, Aleksei Pushkarev), 3:41.02.
5. Britain 1 (John James Jackson, Stuart Benson, Bruce Tasker, Joel Fearon), 3:41.10.
6. Germany 1 (Maximilian Arndt, Marko Huebenbecker, Alexander Roediger, Martin Putzel), 3:41.42.
7. Germany 2 (Thomas Florschuetz, Joshua Bluhm, Kevin Kuske, Christian Poser), 3:41.51.
8. Switzerland 1 (Beat Hefti, Alex Baumann, Juerg Egger, Thomas Lamparter), 3:41.75. Other U.S. Finishers
12. United States 2 (Nick Cunningham, Monterey, Calif.; Justin Olsen, San Antonio; Johnny Quinn, McKinney, Texas; Dallas Robinson, Georgetown, Ky.), 3:42.70.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKING
Men's 50km Free (Mass Start)

1. Alexander Legkov, Russia, 1:46:55.2
2. Maxim Vylegzhanin, Russia, 1:46:56.9
3. Ilia Chernousov, Russia, 1:46:56.0
4. Martin Johnsrud Sundby, Norway, 1:46:56.2
5. Sergei Dolidovich, Belarus, 1:47:09.5
6. Robin Duvillard, France, 1:47:10.1
7. Anders Soedergren, Sweden, 1:47:13.6
8. Daniel Richardsson, Sweden, 1:47:19.6

U.S. Finishers

26. Noah Hoffman, Aspen, Colo., 1:48:04.3
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2014 U.S. Winter Olympic Medalists
GOLD (9)

Jamie Anderson, South Lake Tahoe, Calif., women's slopestyle snowboard
Maddie Bowman, South Lake Tahoe, Calif., women's halfpipe freestyle skiing
Joss Christensen, Park City, Utah, men's slopestyle freestyle skiing
Meryl Davis, West Bloomfield, Mich., and Charlie White, Bloomfield Hills, Mich., ice dance
Kaitlyn Farrington, Sun Valley, Idaho, women's halfpipe snowboard
Sage Kotsenburg, Park City, Utah, men's slopestyle snowboard
Ted Ligety, Park City, Utah, men's giant slalom
Mikaela Shiffrin, Eagle-Vail, Colo., women's slalom
David Wise, Northstar, Calif., men's halfpipe freestyle skiing

SILVER (7)

Gus Kenworthy, Telluride, Calif., men's slopestyle freestyle skiing
Devin Logan, West Dover, Vt., women's slopestyle freestyle skiing
Noelle Pikus-Pace, Orem, Utah, women's skeleton
Andrew Weibrecht, Lake Placid, N.Y., men's Super G
United States (Elana Meyers, Douglasville, Ga.; Lauryn Williams, Rochester, Pa.), women's bobsled
United States (Jordan Malone, Denton, Texas; J.R. Celski, Federal Way, Wash.; Eddy Alvarez, Miami; Chris Creveling, Kintersville, Pa.), men's 5000 relay short track
United States (Lee Stecklein, Monique Lamoureux, Megan Bozek, Meghan Duggan, Julie Chu, Brianna Decker, Anne Schleper, Kelli Stack, Jocelyne Lamoureux, Lindsey Fry, Gigi Marvin, Hilary Knight, Kacey Bellamy, Michelle Picard, Josephine Pucci, Alex Carpenter, Kendall Coyne, Amanda Kessler, Brianne McLaughlin-Bittle, Molly Schaus, Jessie Vetter), women's ice hockey

BRONZE (12)

Matt Antoine, Prairie du Chien, Wis., men's skeleton
Kelly Clark, West Dover, Vt., women's halfpipe snowboard
Alex Deibold, Manchester, Vt., men's cross snowboard
Nick Goepper, Lawrenceburg, Ind., men's slopestyle freestyle skiing
Erin Hamlin, Remsen, N.Y., women's luge
Hannah Kearney, Norwich, Vt., women's moguls freestyle skiing
Julia Mancuso, Squaw Valley, Calif., women's super combined
Bode Miller, Easton, N.H., men's Super G
United States (Steven Holcomb, Park City, Utah; Curt Tomasevicz, Shelby, Neb.; Steve Langton, Melrose, Mass.; Chris Fogt, Alpine, Utah), four-man bobsled
United States (Gracie Gold, Chicago; Ashley Wagner, Alexandria, Va.; Jeremy Abbott, Aspen, Colo.; Marissa Castelli, Cranston, R.I.; Simon Shnapir, Sudbury, Mass.; Meryl Davis, West Bloomfield, Mich.; Charlie White, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.), team ice dance
United States (Steven Holcomb, Park City, Utah; Steve Langton, Melrose, Mass.), two-man bobsled
United States 2 (Jamie Greubel, Newtown, Pa.; Aja Evans, Chicago), women's bobsled

CANADA

From 1C

of the quarterfinals against Latvia, shutting out the U.S. and Sweden.

Steve Yzerman, the architect of this roster for Hockey Canada, called it the greatest display of defensive hockey by any Canadian national team. Yzerman also said he's stepping down as Canada's Olympic executive director.

The Swedes also were unbeaten until the final, but they couldn't compete with Canada's formidable defense and Price, a first-time gold medalist who played splendidly in Sochi, allowing three goals in five games.

"That was the hardest-working team I've ever seen," Price said. "I really can't say enough about that group of defensemen and that overall team in front of me. Our work ethic was what won us this championship."

The Canadians exchanged hugs and leaped over the boards at the final horn, gathering at Price's net for a celebration that had seemed inevitable since Crosby scored in the second period.

Toews, who scored on a first-period tip-in, and Crosby are among Canada's 11 returning players from the 2010 championship team. Kunitz, widely criticized for failing to finish chances earlier in Sochi, capped the scoring with a vicious wrist shot in the third.

If these games were the last with NHL players joining their national teams, Canada's pros put on a landmark show. The NHL won't decide for several months whether to allow its players to go to Pyeongchang.

"It is amazing to see the guys that have the raw talent and ability commit themselves to doing all the little things right," said Toews, who has two Stanley Cup titles and two Olympic gold medals at 25. "We knew that's what it was going to take in this tournament to win the championship, and guys were willing to do that."

Lundqvist stopped 33 shots, but the depleted Swedes couldn't keep pace with the new Big Red Machine in Russia.

While Canada got goals from its two best centers, Sweden had to play without its top three centers. With Henrik Sedin and Henrik Zetterberg already out for the tournament, Nicklas Backstrom was scratched shortly before game time. Swedish Olympic officials said Backstrom had a positive drug test because of an allergy medicine.

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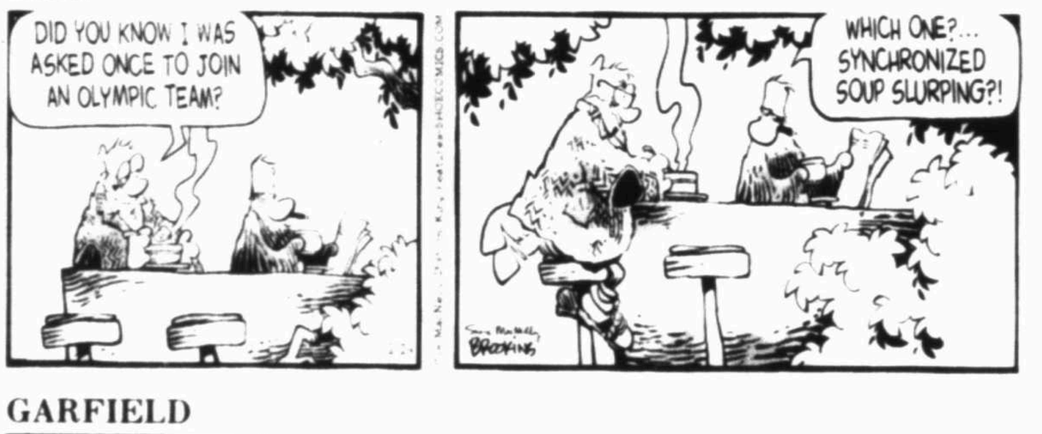
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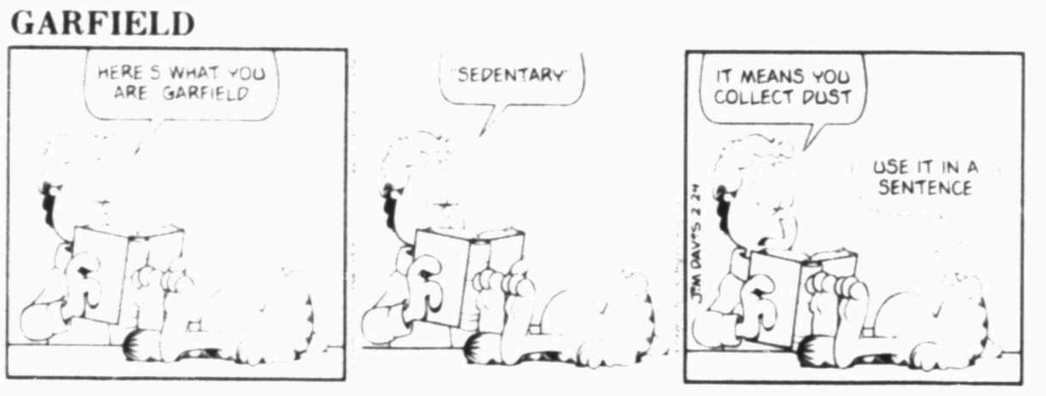
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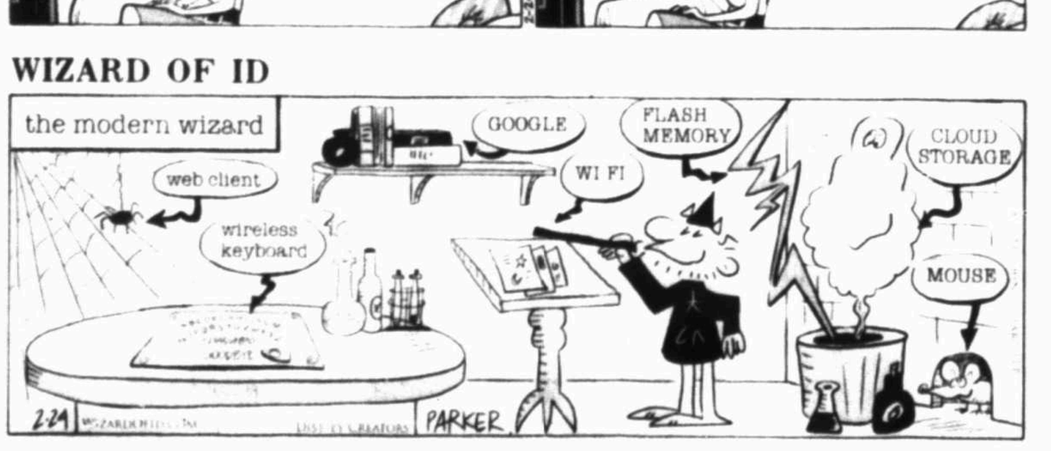
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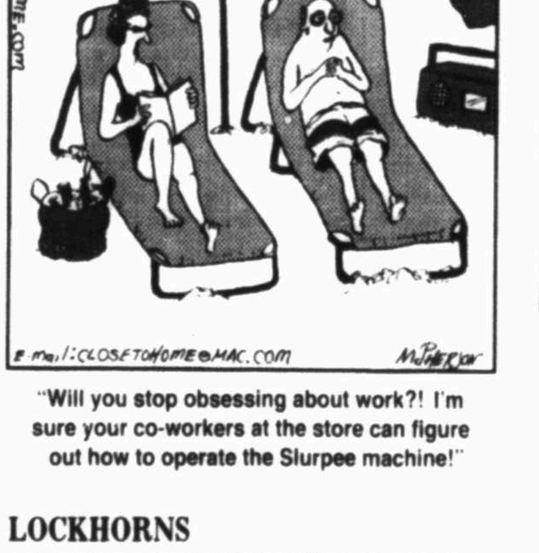
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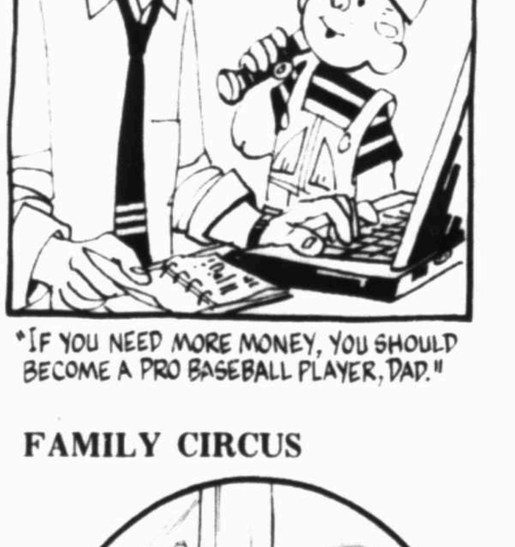
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TODAY: Partly sunny High: 73 Low: 54

TUESDAY: Partly sunny High: 66 Low: 34

WEDNESDAY: Mostly cloudy High: 48 Low: 40

THURSDAY: Mostly sunny High: 60 Low: 48

FRIDAY: Sunny High: 74 Low: 42

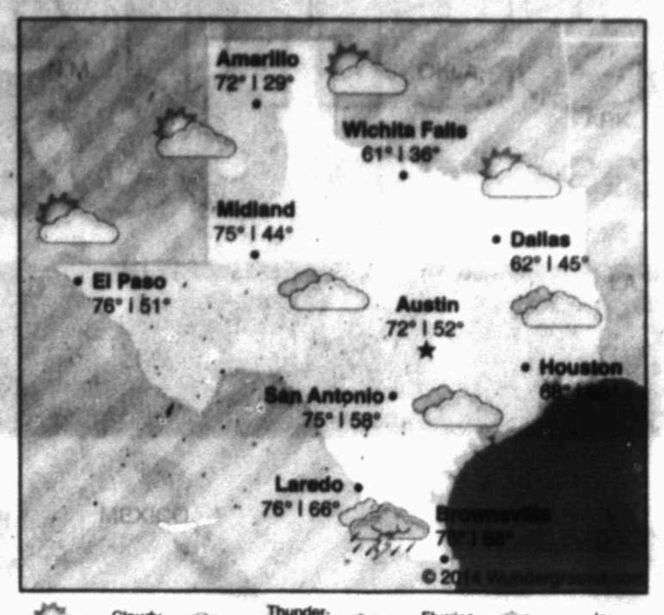
SATURDAY: Mostly sunny High: 70 Low: 49

Local forecast

Expect partly sunny skies today with a high around 73 and northeast winds between 5 and 10 mph becoming light and variable. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly cloudy conditions with a low around 54 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph becoming light and variable after midnight.

Tuesday, look for partly sunny skies with a high around 66 and west winds between 5 and 10 mph becoming north between 10 and 15 mph in the morning. Expect mostly cloudy conditions at night, with a low around 34 and northeast winds between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday, the forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies during the day, partly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 48 and a low around 40.



National forecast

Brisk winds will usher in a significantly colder air mass across the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic today. Highs will be roughly 10 to 20 degrees colder than those recorded Sunday.

Frigid air will also be in place across the Midwest and northern Plains.

Precipitation

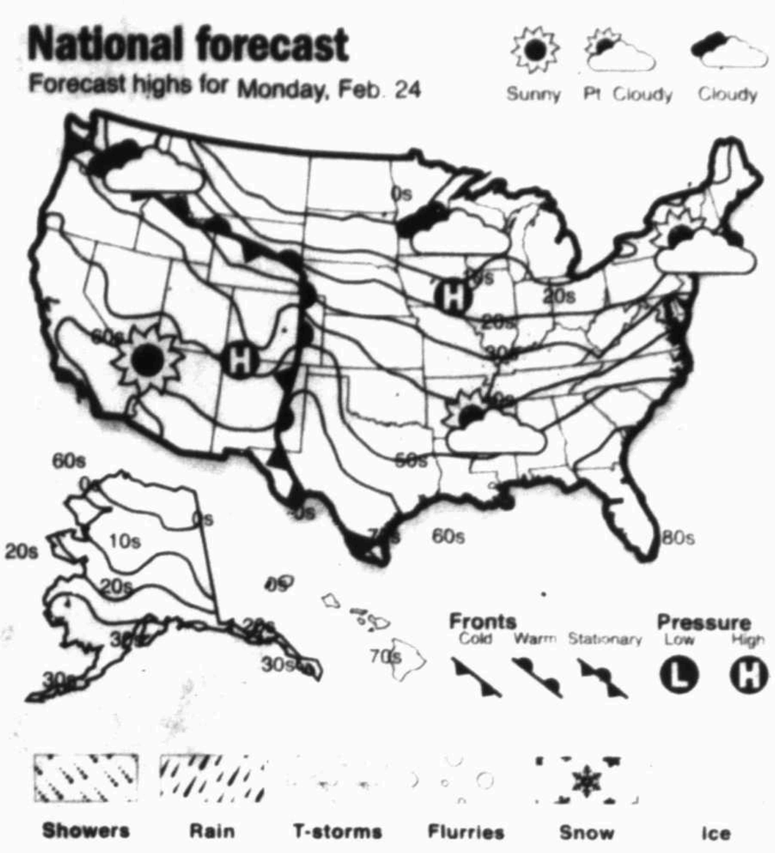
Saturday	0.00 in.
Sunday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.24 in.
Year total	0.24 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.15 in.

Sunday's temperatures

High	77
Low	40
Normal high	65
Normal low	36
Sunrise	7:22 a.m.
Sunset	6:43 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Monday, Feb. 24



Wife weighs charging coarse husband with harassment

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: Can you be sexually harassed/abused by your spouse? My husband talks dirty to me and grabs at my breasts. I have repeatedly asked him to stop, but he doesn't listen and continues to do it. We have two small kids at home, and by the time they go to bed, I could care less about being intimate.

His behavior disgusts me, and to be honest, I don't want to have sex with him. I have female problems and have told him it hurts, but it makes no difference to him. He touches me in front of the kids, and I have to slap his hand away.

I can't leave him because I don't have a car or income for myself, nor do I have family or friends close by. I can't go to his family because they see him in a different light. What would you suggest, and is it harassment — and could I press charges? — LEAVE MY AURA ALONE

DEAR AURA: You have mentioned so many problems in your short letter that it's hard to know where to begin. While your husband's attempts at foreplay are beyond clumsy and ineffective, I can't help but feel some sympathy for him because it appears you have him on a starvation diet.

How long this can continue for either of you is uncertain. Rather than try to charge harassment, why not schedule an appointment with your gynecologist and find out WHY having sex is painful for you. It is not supposed to be, and your doctor may be able to help you resolve the problem. Marriage counseling might also help, because it's clear you and your husband aren't communicating on any meaningful level.

If these problems are not resolvable, you can't continue living like this and neither can he. Because your family isn't nearby and you have no transportation, call or write them and let them know you may need their help to return. If they are unable to help you, contact a domestic abuse hotline. Unwanted sexual advances could be considered harassment, and sex without consent is rape.

DEAR ABBY: It absolutely frosts me when parents head for the toy department so their children will have something to play with while they shop. Then, after the kids have spent time drooling, teething, sneezing, etc., they leave the dirty toys at the end of the aisle for someone else to buy.

Yesterday I saw a child sucking on the paw of a stuffed animal. When I commented on how that must be the child's favorite toy, the mother said it wasn't theirs — she was just keeping the little boy quiet while she shopped.

Last week I stood behind someone in the checkout line. In her child's mouth was the ribbon from a Mylar balloon. When the mother finished loading her groceries onto the conveyor belt, she said, "Time to put this back now!"

It's my pet peeve: First the germs they get from sucking on this stuff, then the ones everyone else is exposed to from the child. And on top of that there's the stealing, because I have seen children break toys.

This is wrong, and we're all paying for it. Why can't these parents throw something in the diaper bag before they leave home? — PUT IT DOWN! IN VIRGINIA

DEAR PUT IT DOWN: Because the parents aren't doing their job — they are forgetful or lazy, and have no consideration for the store owners or other shoppers. Sadly, parents like the ones you have described raise children who are just like themselves.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ 10 4 ♡ A J 9 8 5 2 ♢ J 8 3 ♣ A J
Three passes to you. What call would you make?
A — You can pass the hand out and redeal, so it makes no sense to open unless you feel you can make a plus score. This hand has prospects. Fourth-seat pre-empts don't exist — bad hands just pass. This hand would be about minimum for a fourth-seat two-bid, but we like it. Open two hearts.

Q 2 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ J 10 7 4 ♡ A 10 9 ♢ 8 5 2 ♣ J 9 3

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1C	1S	Pass	2S
3C	Pass	Pass	?

What call would you make?
A — The popular "Law of Total Tricks" tells us that we are safe competing to the three-level if we have nine trumps between us. Bidding again on this junk will stretch that "Law" to its' limits, but at least we'll have something to blame if it doesn't work. Bid three spades.

Q 3 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ J 10 7 ♡ K 10 6 ♢ A 5 ♣ A Q J 9 6
Right-hand opponent opens one club. What call would you make?
A — It is usually right to pass when right-hand opponent bids our best suit, but this is an exception. One no-trump overcall shows the same strength as a one no-trump opening, but it also guarantees a stopper in the opponent's bid suit. Bid one no-trump.

Q 4 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ Q 6 2 ♡ A K 7 5 ♢ A 10 8 5 3 ♣ 9
As dealer, what is your opening bid?
A — There has been much discussion as to the correct opening with four goodish hearts and five diamonds. Some always open one heart, some one diamond, and others decide based on their re-bid choices. This hand can raise a one spade response. Open one diamond.

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. 24, 2014:

This year your networking and interpersonal skills pay off in a way that you had not anticipated. You see the power of social media in your life as well. Maintain control over your finances, as the unexpected is likely to happen when taking risks. Use care with emotional and financial matters. If you are single, you could meet someone whose company you thoroughly enjoy. Recognize what you need in a long-term relationship. If you are attached, as a couple, you will manifest a goal, but you might be taken aback by its implications. CAPRICORN can be sly at times and wise at other times.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Encourage others to verbalize their thoughts. Be as direct as possible when dealing with an associate with whom you often get involved. Steer clear of any financial agreements for now. You might be uncomfortable with what is happening. Tonight: Go along with a surprise.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Decide to head in a new direction. Detach first, so that you can gain a broader perspective of what is possible. Your long-term goals will take the lead right now; let them guide you in making important choices. Tonight: Surf the Web or read a good book.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Deal with a loved one directly. You need to follow through on what is important to you. A partner or close friend will ask for more feedback, so share your thoughts. At the same time, make sure that you are on the course you want to be on. Tonight: Make nice.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You might feel as though someone is crossing the line. You know your limits, but this person seems to have forgotten what they are. In your most caring manner, do your best to communicate your boundaries; hopefully you will be heard. Tonight: Sort through offers.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ When are you focused, little can disrupt you. Understand your limits with a partner who might not be as enthusiastic as you are. Jump into what you want to do. Deal with surprising news first. Tonight: Let others wonder what is going on with you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Tap into your endless well of ingenuity when making plans with someone who has a difficult personality. Understand that the unexpected seems to surround this person. Communication could have an oversensitive tone. Tonight: Let off some steam.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You might want to have a discussion, but a loved one always seems to change the topic or not be available. Could you be getting a hint that this person might not want to talk? Let go of the issue for now. You'll make an excellent impression on a boss. Tonight: A must appearance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You are full of enthusiasm, but you tend to hold a lot back. A key person might think you are too serious. Make it a point to verbalize the extent of your imagination and express more of your innate passion. Think positively. Tonight: Where your friends are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ A friend could push you to react or go along with his or her pressure. Your response should be based on whether you are for or against the issue in question. The unexpected will occur with a child or a new friend — be prepared. Tonight: Follow a dream.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You might feel as if you can't be stopped, no matter what you do. Share a vision with others, whether it involves your personal life or work. The unexpected could occur with close loved ones. Understand that you can't control anyone but yourself. Tonight: As you like it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ You might want to face a problem after revisiting former solutions. You could get an urge to be rebellious and do the unexpected, yet your good sense will point to a different solution. Share your softer feelings with a child or loved one. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You'll beam in much more of what you want. People also seem more open and friendly. Use caution around a purchase or money matter. Though you might think you know about the pros and cons of the situation, a fact could be hidden. Tonight: Find your friends.

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BORN TODAY

Actor Billy Zane (1966), entrepreneur Steve Jobs (1955), former U.S. senator Joe Lieberman (1942)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 To-do list item
5 Short-lived crazes
9 Destroy beyond repair
14 Yodeler's feedback
15 Landed
16 "Laughing" critter
17 Teensy bit
18 A hop, skip and jump away
19 Savanna antelope
20 "Powerful stratum of society
23 In high spirits
24 Spread out, as one's fingers
25 __ New Guinea
27 Large seaweed
30 Mixed in a glass
33 Travel book inserts
36 Bard's nightfall
38 Take care of
39 Game with Wild Draw Four cards
40 Continue with the fun, and a hint to each part of the answers to starred clues
42 Keebler cookie character
43 Stone-faced
45 Side with green eggs
46 Part of MIT: Abbr.
47 Unit of explosive force
49 Anjou, e.g.
51 Memorable labor leader Jimmy
52 Rinsed the soap from, as a car
56 GI R&R provider
58 "When brandy may be served
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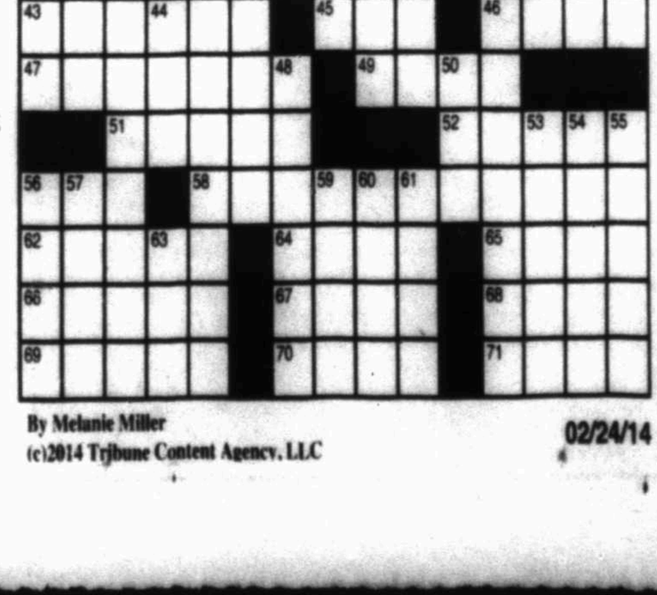
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1 Glum drops
2 Behave poorly
3 "I __ return" MacArthur
4 Large Alaskan bears
5 Vampire tooth
6 Baldwin in Capital One ads
7 Call on a retro phone
8 Bra parts
9 Many an Actors Studio member
10 Popeye's Olive
11 "Picturesque spot for a warm drink
12 Actress Paquin of "True Blood"
13 British noblewoman
21 TV educator Bill in a lab coat
22 Didn't go out
26 Vessel on a mantel
28 Bat first
29 Each
31 Angled pipes
32 Adept
33 Cologne scent
34 Not pro
35 "Place for changing out of a wet suit
37 To the __ degree
40 Traps for the unwary
41 Big mouth, informally
44 John of London?
46 Armored superhero
48 One who was born there
50 Yellowfin tuna
53 Noise from a sleeper
54 Otherworldly
55 Deep anxiety
56 Capitalizes on
57 Three-handed card game
59 Blissful place
60 Senator Harry of Nevada
61 Aykroyd and Quayle
63 Moon lander, for short

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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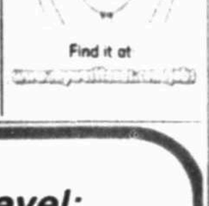
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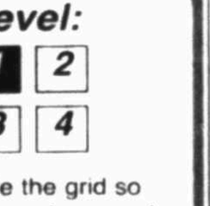
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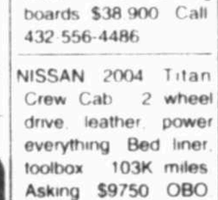


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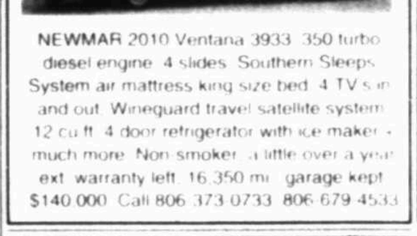
2004 39.5 Open Road, 5th wheel, 4 Slideouts (3 over sized) spacious front living room with sleeper sofa. Entertainment center, new TV. Rear bedroom, new pillow top mattress, 50 amp. Double air conditioners. Brand new tires. Goose neck adapter. Washer/dryer hook ups. Non-smoker. Excellent condition. REDUCED $16,200. 432-520-8222.

2007 CEDAR Creek M-34STATS. $32,000. Gas generator. 5KW. Auto satelite seek, 32" LCD TV and 20" TV in bedroom. Surround sound with DVD Player. Electric Jacks. 3 slide outs with awnings. Shower enclosure glass, skylight. Water purifier. Central vacuum Cleaner. Fully furnished. Call Scott 432-238-8007.

38' PREMIER by Hyline 2011 5th Wheel. 3 slide outs, washer/ dryer, microwave, and many extras. $25,000 obo. 817-694-8268.

FLEETWOOD 2006 Discovery 39L. Diesel, 4 slides, 17k miles $89,000. Call 432-631-9868.

MONTE CARLO 2012 bumper pull 42ft self contained travel trailer, 3 slides, 2 bdrms, king & bunk beds, washer/dryer, lots of options, like NEW. $28,900. Call 817-373-5331.



NEWMAR 2010 Ventana 3933. 350 turbo diesel engine. 4 slides. Southern Sleep System air mattress, king size bed. 4 TV's in and out. Winegard travel satellite system. 12 cu.ft. 4 door refrigerator with ice maker + much more. Non smoker. Little over a year ext. warranty left. 16,350 mi. garage kept. $140,000. Call 806-373-0733, 806-679-4533.

Passenger Cars



SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

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SOLUTION TO SATURDAY'S PUZZLE

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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

A/P Specialist

Natural Gas Service Group **FT**

NGSG has immediate opening for A/P Specialist. This person will be responsible for coding & entry of invoices, organizing check runs, distributing checks, filing checks in A/P files, reconciling statements & back-up receptionist. Familiarity with SYSPRO a plus. Must have 3-5years + experience. Excellent Salary and Benefit package for the right person. For more information or to submit your resume contact employment@ngsgi.com or call (432) 262-2700.

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Administrative Assistant / Receptionist

Reset Energy is a fast growing natural gas/oilfield solutions manufacturer and is seeking an administrative assistant in Midland with the following qualifications: Must have proficiency in QuickBooks, Microsoft Office. General office responsibilities includes file maintenance of customers, vendors and equipment. Candidates meeting the requirements are invited to call Bryan Lamar (432) 682-2020 x304 or submit their resumes by email to bryan@resetenergy.com.

RESETENERGY

Document Prepper!

LOOKING FOR AN ENTRY LEVEL OFFICE POSITION? Kelly Services has the perfect job! Immediate openings. Join our team as a Document Prepper! • Do you have attention to detail? • Can you work as a team? • Want to earn bonuses? • Are you flexible with your work hours and able to work a/o Saturday? • Do you have excellent attendance? • Want a Weekly paycheck? • High School Diploma/GED required. No prior industry experience. $12.00/ hour. If this is YOU... call us today. 432-363-0123

CONSTRUCTION & FACILITIES

Construction

Construction laborer needed must have drivers license and be able to pass drug test. $13.00 to $15.00 a hour depending on experience. 432 894-9941 Shane

Remodel Specialist Needed

Remodel specialist needed. Top pay. Growing compnay. Call David **432-599-5903.**

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Office Assistant

Office Assistant needed must have general computer skills. Monday-Friday 9am-6pm with valid Driver License. Starting pay $10/ hour. Please apply at WTAB, 3239 Franklin Ave, Midland, TX 79701. No Phone Calls Please!!!

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Caregiver

Animal Krackers **FT/PT**

Patient and driven employees needed to care for children. Flexible hours and good pay. Part-time or Full-time, experience preferred. Needs to be available from 8:00 am-5:30 pm. Please call Amee Janna at **432-687-4000**

CHILD CARE WORKER

Mrs. Irene's Child Care **FT/PT**

Need Full and Part-time Child Care Workers. Will train. Starting wages $10-$11/ hour. Paid holidays and vacation. Call 432-520-8888.

ENERGY & UTILITIES

Drill Collar Inspector

NEEDED IMMEDIATELY: Experienced Drill Collar Inspector for our Midland location. Must have valid driver's license and good driving record. Must be 21 to apply and be available 7 days a week all hours of day. Competitive salary and benefits. Qualified applicants only may apply by submitting resume to: compliance@protecinspection.com

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**

Parts Runner/Shophand

CDL and Oilfield Experience a plus. Call 432-682-3030

HEALTHCARE

Caregivers

Legacy Ranch
Midland, TX

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

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

Sowders 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: P.O Box 8870, Midland, TX 79708 or fax 432-682-6290. All applicants will be kept confidential.

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

Legacy Ranch **FT**
Midland, TX

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

Laundry Aide

Legacy Ranch **FT**
Midland, TX

Now Hiring FT Laundry Aide to work with elderly clients in a professional environment. Apply in person at 4800 Briarwood Ave. Midland, Tx 79707

Medical Business Office

Texas Surgical Center **FT**

Fast paced ambulatory surgery center is offering an exciting opportunity to be a part of an exceptional team in our medical business office. Candidate must be willing to cross train in scheduling, collections, and insurance verification. Previous medical office experience is required. Organization and prioritizing skills are essential. Benefits include medical, dental, and vision health coverage, seven paid holidays, 401K and profit sharing. Must be available for early morning shifts.

Send resume to:
TEXAS SURGICAL CENTER
5609 DEAUVILLE BLVD
MIDLAND, TX 79706
FAX: 432-699-8110
Email: jrubio@uspi.com

Phlebotomy Certification Class (blood drawing)

Odessa, March 8th & 9th, $300. Call 505-410-7889 or 505-410-9559 swphlebotomy.com

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

OTHER JOBS

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

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

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person

Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

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

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstrtp.com

NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

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

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person

Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

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HEALTHCARE

RN Case Manager, PRN RNs, LVNs

Martin County Home Health is now taking applications for a Full Time RN Case Manager. Hospice experience preferred and Spanish speakinng a plus! Monday through Friday 8:30 to 5:00 with some call. Excellent Benefits with competitive pay and mileage. Also looking for PRN RNs and LVNs. Call Allison Roy RN/DON at 432-607-3249 or fax resume to 432-607-3299

LAW ENFORCEMENT & SECURITY

Security Guard

Finley Investigations & Security (Lic# C09211)
7500 N CR 1294, Midland, TX 79707.

Hiring now! Full-time security guards. Growing company. Retirees welcome. Safe environment. We will train. Competitive pay. Starting pay $10 - $12 per hour. 432-561-5660. tomfinley@oilfieldsecurity.com

OTHER JOBS

Abstractor

Need experienced abstractor to cover 20+ counties in Midland area. Please send resume to Mike at miker@nsinfoserv.com

COORDINATOR / HOST

Provide support and activities for high school exchange students as a host or program rep. Apply online: **www.aspectfoundation.org**

Custodian

First United Methodist Church **FT/PT**

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

Direct Care Staff

Job Description

We are seeking energetic, youth oriented persons for part time/full time employment as a direct care staff working directly with children who have been removed from their families due to abuse or neglect. Children range in age from 0-17. This person should be at least 25 years of age, have a good driving record, valid driver's license, clear criminal history, drug screen, High School diploma or GED, ability to attend trainings as assigned, and preferred bachelor's degree.

Shifts Open: Part time weekend awake night position per week. Awake night hours are 10p-8a

Part time evening/weekends position. 3p-11p weekdays and 8a-11p weekends. Please contact Shawna Bowerman by email only at shawnab@highsky.org

HOUSEKEEPING POSITION AVAILABLE

Must be dependable. 30 hrs/week. Apply in person at **COM Aquatics**, **3003 North A Street**, Midland, TX. NO PHONE CALLS.

PIPEYARD SUPERVISOR

United Casing, Inc.

Requirements: Knowledge of oilfield casing & tubing, 3-5 years experience. Must be able to work extended hours (weekends on-call) and handle high volume (trucks, production lines, inventory) in a fast paced environment. Knowledge of Microsoft applications (Word, Excel, Outlook). Must be able to schedule all yard functions: trucks, employees, thread lines, etc. Pay rate based on skills and experience. Send all inquiries and resumes to **bquigley@unitedcasing.com** or bring to **3610 E. Highway 158, Midland. Qualified Applicants Only**

REAGENT CHEMICAL & RESEARCH, INC.

Stanton & Hobbs, NM positions available
CDL-HAZMAT DRIVERS
With at least
*1 YEAR TANKER EXPERIENCE
*2 YEARS CDL DRIVING
*MUST BE OVER 23 YEARS OLD
FULL-TIME PLANT OPERATOR
*MUST BE OVER 21 YEARS OLD
*SELF-MOTIVATED, DETAIL ORIENTATED, LIFT 50LBS, AND WORK IN ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS
BOTH POSITIONS REQUIRE A FEDERAL BACKGROUND CHECK (No Felonies, Period) & DRUG TESTING.

GREAT PAY AND EXCELLENT BENEFIT PACKAGE WITH BOTH POSITIONS

APPLY
Monday-Friday
8:00am-4:00pm
2833 I-H 20, South Service Rd.
Stanton, TX
432-458-3405 or 432/458-3946

Resident Monitor, Relief Cook, Administrative Clerk

Dismas Charities **FT/PT**
Midland, TX 79701

Dismas Charities is hiring Full-time, Part-time & relief staff for the positions of Resident Monitor, Administrative Clerk and Relief Cook (part-time, up to 25hrs/wk $9.64/hr + $3.81). Walk-in applicants are welcome at 24 W. Industrial Loop.

CARTER'S

Sales Person **Full-Time**
2101 W. Wadley #6 **Midland, TX 79705**

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

Security Officers

Imperial Guard Service **FT/PT**
Midland, TX 79701

No experience necessary. Will train. Uniforms provided. $9 to $11 per hour. Call 866-840-2066. TX Lic# 12202

SHIPPING / RECEIVING CLERK

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Teacher Assistants

The Midland YMCA is currently seeking to full time Teacher Assistants for the new Childcare Learning Center located at 800 N. Big Spring. Pay DOE, and benefits to include, gym membership, paid health and life insurance, sick days, holidays, vacation, and paid retirement after two years of employment. Please submit resumes to cthomas@midlandymca.org.

Wyndham Garden Hotel & Wall Street After 5 Sports Lounge
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

Lease Analysist

Lease Analyst needed for small Independent Oil & Gas Company. 5 years land experience. Send resume to permianbasin2013@yahoo.com

Shelter Case Manager

Shelter Case Manager: Full time position with benefits for High Sky Children's Ranch. Requires strong writing skills and the ability to develop a team focused on improving the lives of children's and meeting their behavioral and developmental needs. Must be able to self-manage a high volume of documentation requirements and meet deadlines as requested. Requires ability to do on call and work outside of regular business hours at times. Position requires a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree, preferably in the social service field, 2 years of full time work and supervisory experience with children, families, and staff. For a full job description please contact Shawna Bowerman at shawnab@highsky.org. Position closes on 03/31/14. No phone calls please.

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

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

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

MANAGEMENT & BAKER OPENINGS

Fast-Casual restaurant in Midland now has openings for General Help, salaried Management and Bakers also. Call 432-230-1218 to setup an interview or email resume to: rm.schlotzskys@yahoo.com. General help, please apply in person.

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SALES JOBS

Multi-Media Sales Consultant



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

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

Qualifications & Skills:

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

The Hearst Corporation is one of the largest diversified communications companies. Its major interests include magazine, newspaper and business publishing, cable networks, television and radio broadcasting, Internet businesses and more. As an associate of the Midland Reporter-Telegram, you join more than 20,000 in the Hearst family. The Multi-Media Sales Consultant is a full-time, outside sales position. We offer a competitive compensation plan and benefits package, comprehensive training, mileage allowance, and the opportunity to advance your career in an exciting, progressive, and innovative organization in one of the fastest growing markets in Texas.

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

Jeri Houston, Advertising Sales Manager
Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Avenue, Midland, TX 79701
or email to: jhouston@mrt.com

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SKILLED LABOR

Forklift Operator

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

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

- Ability to read and write
- Ability to lift up to 50 lbs.
- Ability to bend and reach overhead
- Ability to count accurately and do simple math
- Able to operate a forklift and willing to be certified
- Be reliable, responsible and able to follow instructions
- Capable of standing and walking for extended period of time
- Able to work in various environments that include winter and summer conditions.
- Must be able to work weekends when necessary

RESPONSIBILITES:

- Accurate loading and unloading of printed materials in a safe and efficient manner
- Ensure material are efficiently/properly stacked and stored in appropriate and designated areas
- Perform other non-forklift duties when assigned

The Hearst Corporation is one of the largest diversified communications companies. Its major interests include magazines, newspapers and business publishing, cable networks, television and radio broadcasting, Internet businesses and more. As an associate of the Midland Reporter-Telegram, you join more than 20,000 in the Hearst family.

Send resume and salary requirements to: **John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities**
c/o Midland Reporter Telegram - 201 E. Illinois St - Midland, TX 79701
Email to: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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Supplement your income by delivering newspapers for a few hours in the early mornings between 12:00am - 6:00am. The Midland Reporter-Telegram is currently seeking individuals who are interested in delivering newspapers in the residential areas in and around the City of Midland. If interested, MUST have a reliable vehicle, proof of automobile insurance in your name, a valid driver's license, must understand that this is a 7 day a week delivery commitment as an Independent Contractor.

THE PROFIT FOR THESE ROUTES IS ABOUT $650-$1,000 a month,
depending on the size of the route. *This is a perfect way to generate the extra money you need.*

If interested in starting a newspaper route:
Please CALL CATHY at 432-687-9002 or stop by
The Midland Reporter-Telegram
201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701

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RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

Restaurant Positions
Osaka Japanese Steakhouse FT
Would you like to make $15-$20 an hour? Now hiring Hibachi Chefs, Managers, Waitresses, Hostesses, Cashiers, Bartenders, Bus Help, Dishwashers & Kitchen Help. Please apply in person: **1207 Tradewinds Blvd. 79706**

Strawberry Fields Cafe has openings for motivated individuals with a great attitude and self starters. Great work environment, great management, pleasant customers. Part time and Full time positions are available. Apply in person at 2311 W Wadley Ave., Midland. Hours of operation are 9:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday thru Friday / 9:30 am to 7:00 pm on Saturday. We are closed on Sundays!

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Excellent working environment! Now adding **DAY & EVENING SERVERS** to our Team. Come join a group that fosters membership, not just employment. Excellent pay. Will train. Closed Sundays. Apply at **Loop 250 & A Street** or call **432-967-9823** & speak to someone immediately

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

CASHIERS
Smoker's Outlet is looking for **Cashiers** in the Midland area. We offer competitive wages and a good work environment. Paid weekly. Go by your nearest **Smoker's Outlet** to apply.

SKILLED LABOR

Certified Riggers & Swampers
LSE Crane & Transportation is now hiring Certified Riggers and Swampers. Apply online at **www.lsecrane.com** or in person at:
2011 S. Crane
Odessa, TX 79764
If applying in person, please call ahead to 806-392-3899 to ensure someone is available.

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

MECHANIC
Strong Electric is now hiring a **full-time Mechanic** for our growing fleet of service trucks and heavy equipment. Applicants must have a clean driving record and pass a drug test. To apply visit **www.strongelectric.net/about/careers** or call **512.252.9500**.

Oilfield Technician
Building, repairing, and installing CCTV and communication equipment on drilling rigs. For more info go to royalservices.com and click on JOBS. Send resumes to jobs@royalservices.com

PRESSMAN
The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an immediate opening in its Production Department for the position of: PRESSMAN for our Harris N 1650 Printing presses.
This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position, requires: night shift/weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.
Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701. E-mail:jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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Project Superintendant &General Superintendant
Mid-Tex of Midland, Inc. Now hiring General Superintendent and commercial construction Project Superintendent. Competitive pay plus excellent benefits. Experience in commercial construction a must. Please send resumes to 5206 W. Wadley, Midland, Texas 79707 or you may fax your resume to 432-694-9627.

PUMP MECHANIC
DXP is seeking a **Pump Mechanic** in Odessa. 2+ years of pumps & rotating equipment experience. Will train the right candidate with mechanic experience. Shop & field work. Apply at **3900 W Loop 338 Odessa, TX 79764** **432-337-5401** EOE/M/F/D/V

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL Drivers
B & B Wrecker Service is looking to hire **CDL Drivers**. Must be 21 years or older. Good driving record. Paid every Friday. Health Insurance provided. Please come by **2823 S. Rankin Hwy**

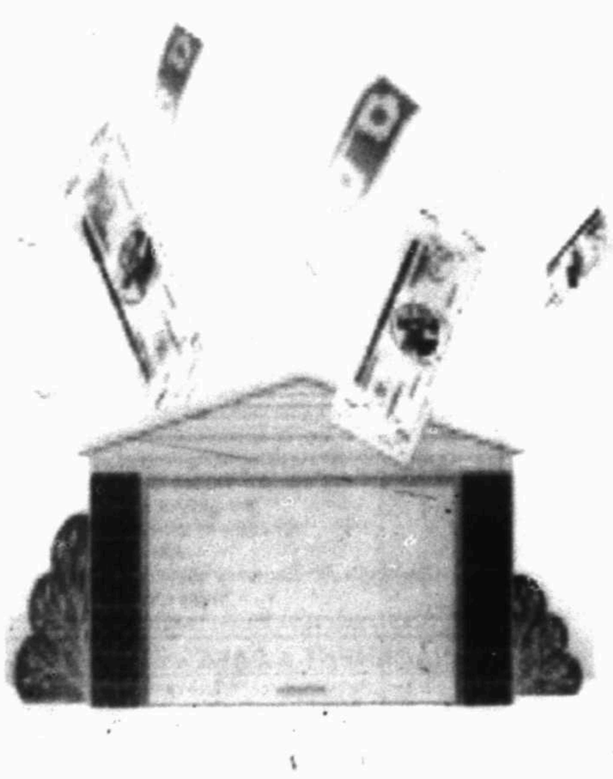
Class A CDL Driver
$5,000.00 Sign On Bonus. Most weekends off! Stable company with a competitive hourly wage and excellent benefits located in Midland, TX is looking for a full time Class A CDL Driver with Hazmat endorsement. Position requires a minimum of 3 to 5 years verifiable professional driving experience with a clean driving and background record. Ideal candidates need to be dependable, reliable, and trustworthy. If you meet these qualifications, please contact Hope or Rudy at 432-570-9414 or send an email to tammy@oilcenter.com

Class A CDL Truck Drivers
Prefer drivers with Pneumatic Tanker experience. Benefits include medical, life and dental insurance, and paid vacation. Applicants having experience hauling sand and or dry cement helpful. Good driving record, DOT, drug & alcohol testing required. Apply in person, call **432-563-1894** for interview or online @ **www.rockwaterenergy.com**

DRIVERS
Drivers wanted to transport railroad crews in the Midland, TX area. Paid training, benefits, and company vehicle provided. Starting pay $12.00/hour. Applications accepted online only at **www.renzenberger.com**

Vacuum Truck Driver
Midkiff Transports, Inc **Class A CDL Req.**
6601 FM 715, Midland **Apply in Person**
Seeking Vacuum Driver. Must have good driving record and be able to pass drug test. Experienced applicants only. Competitive wages, paid health insurance/dependant, uniforms & retirement benefits. Call 432-682-2405 or apply in person.

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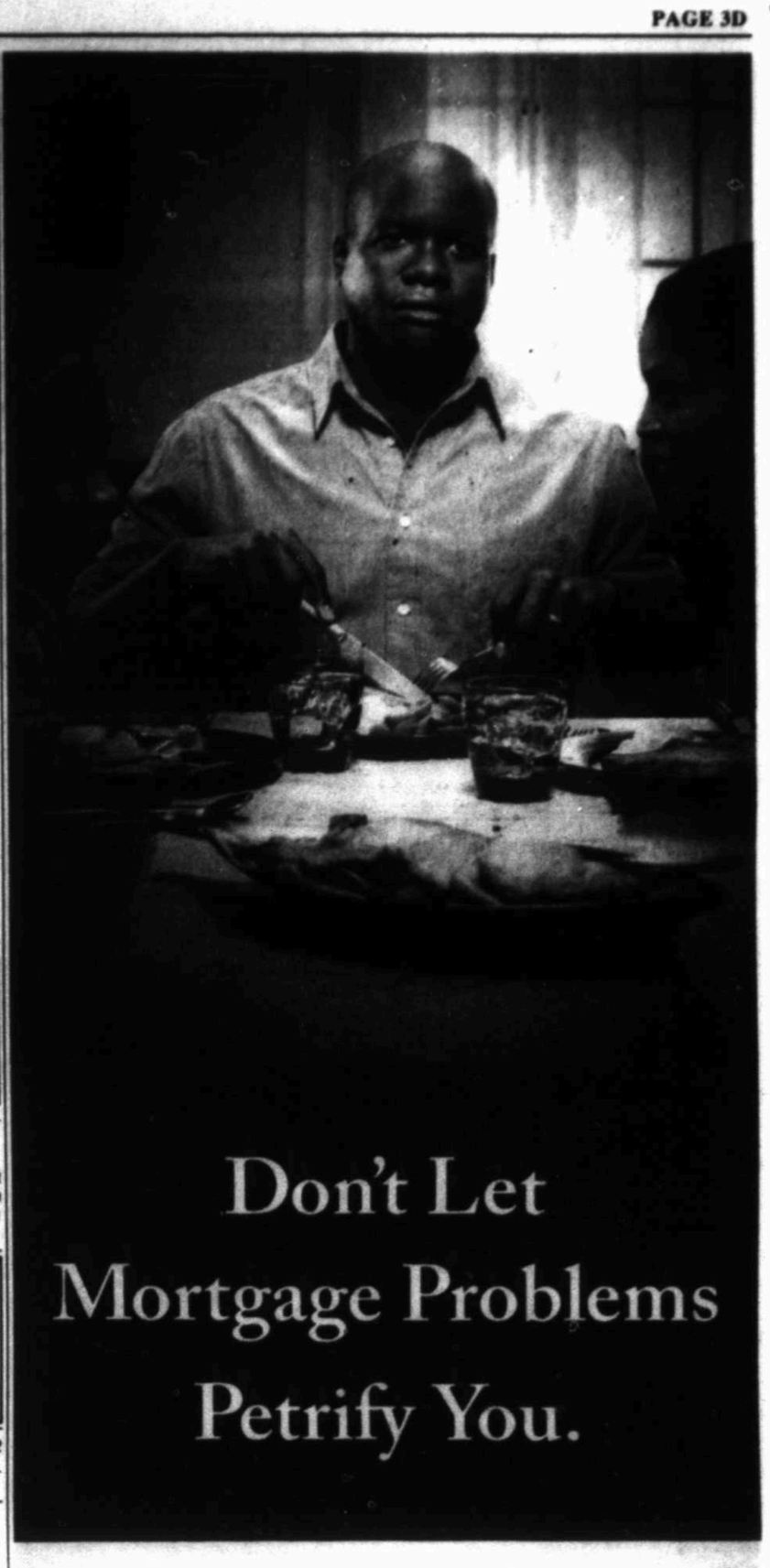
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