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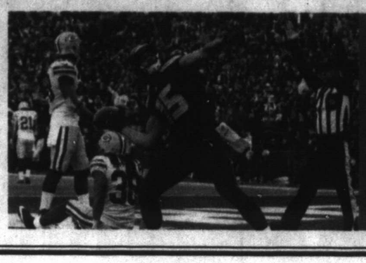

ROAD TO THE BOWL

In an exciting reversal of fate, Green Bay lost to Seattle in overtime to win the NFC. The Patriots dominated the Colts to win the AFC. Now the stage is set for the big game on Feb. 1.

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MLK Day of Service is time for communal spirit

Event planners emphasize coming together to make community a better place

By Steve Kuhlmann
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Tall City residents are invited to come together today for the MLK Day of Service in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

Featuring speakers, the annual march and a town hall discussion with the Midland Police Department, the events will focus on Midland working together to make the community a better, safer place.

"For those of us who have been preparing for it, we've been working on it for months, so when the day comes, we're just there to make sure that we're having a day on and not a day off," said Robbyne Fuller, CEO of Midland African American Roots Historical Cultural Arts Council. "We want to emphasize to everybody that it's important that the community come together, not just the African-American community, but the entire community to come together and have a day of working to make our community better, because only that way can we have a good community to live in and be aware of what the needs of the community are."

New among this year's events is the "Making Midland Better Together" town hall meeting with the MPD.

"Basically, what we want to do with that is we want Midland to talk about some of what they see out there," said Morris Williams, director of the nonprofit Making an Impact. "We want to be better as a community in assisting the police. We can always fuss at the police, but what can we do as a community so that we can work with them to make our community safer?"

Williams, whose nonprofit helped to facilitate the town hall meeting with the MPD, said that it is important to remember that King's work and the civil rights movement should not just be "looked at as a black movement, an African-American movement," but that it was for all

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Midlanders hold up candles during a vigil in 2014 to honor the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Exclusive sneak peek

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

The Wall Street lofts are shown on Jan. 13.

Tour reveals luxury of Wall Street Lofts

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After months of waiting, the Reporter-Telegram was allowed an exclusive view of recently finished apartments at the Wall Street Lofts, the new luxury complex set in the heart of downtown.

Hallways with stained concrete lead to crisp white doors that open up into cozy and well-equipped apartments with 12-foot-high ceilings. The Lofts offer more upscale living areas with granite counter tops in the kitchens and bathrooms. Kitchens in some of the units also have islands.

A common area on the first floor has couches and a full kitchen looking out onto the complex's pool.

The Wall Street Lofts reflect the city's cost of living: Rents range from $1,600 for a 643-square-foot, one-bedroom apartment to more than $2,000 for a 913-square-foot one-bedroom unit. The two-bedroom apartments range from $2,400 to $2,800 for up to 1,136 square feet of space.

Developer Roger Gault hopes to be able to start releasing the first apartments to tenants on Thursday, pending approval of the building inspector. The release is months behind Gault's initial anticipated release date, which was September, but still ahead of the original completion date of March 2015, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article.

"The biggest part of (the delay) has been the labor situation, which is typical of many new construction projects in Midland," Gault told the Reporter-Telegram last week. "Then of course in the last month we got hit with the holiday season and the ice and weather. We were virtually shut down for a couple of weeks there with the weather situation."

With the finish line finally in sight, Gault said that at least 46 percent of the 108 apartments are leased, including all two-bedroom units. At one point more 500 people were on the waiting list for the Lofts, which began construction in the second quarter of 2013.

Concho has signed a lease for a dozen apartments which Gault surmised would be used for employees coming to Midland for training or as temporary housing for new employees looking for more permanent housing. When asked if he was concerned about the fall in oil prices affecting the agreement with Concho, Gault said it was something he had thought about but that the company had not approached him to change or cancel the contract. He also was not concerned about demand diminishing.

"The management people are telling us that with this drop in oil pricing, we're not seeing any decrease in leasing

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Minister dying of cancer sees teaching opportunity

By Sarah Rafique
Associated Press

LUBBOCK — The Rev. Ted Dotts and his wife, Betty, make the same drive to Santa Fe, New Mexico, they've made dozens of times in the past.

The family stops on a country road. Ted stands outside, listening to the wind as he often enjoys during the road trips. He turns around to look at his children and grandchildren, but they're already in the car driving away. He's alone.

Ted wakes up.

He rustles around and realizes it was a dream. Still, it is the closest the 80-year-old Lubbock resident has ever been to fearing death.

Dotts fears becoming an ugly, grouchy old man when medication can't alleviate his physical pain. But he doesn't fear death.

He knows it's inevitable.

He has known that ever since he was diagnosed with prostate and bone cancer in September — ever since he decided to opt against curative treatment for the crippling disease, refusing to put the burden of his health on taxpayers.

"My life — I'm richly happy, probably happier now than I've ever been, and that lasts through the day most of the time," Dotts, pastor emeritus of St John's United Methodist Church, told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. "Death is a matter of releasing me from anything that's less than God ... and I get ushered into a new life and then I'm trusted to make whatever is to be made."

Two yellow folders are taped on a closet near the entryway of the Dottses' home.

Betty's folder is simple: An out-of-hospital do-not-resuscitate order in case she dies at their apartment at the Carillon LifeCare Community in Lubbock.

Ted's orders, written in all caps, are more detailed: No CPR. No hospital. No EMS-ambulance. No ER. No antibiotics. No tracheotomy. No breathing assistance devices.

While the doctor's orders stop there, it's followed by 12 phone numbers for Betty to call when her husband inevitably dies.

The couple has talked about death for years — not every day, but enough to understand each other's end-of-life wishes. But after Ted's cancer diagnosis, death

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The historic Heights Clock Tower, 611 West 22nd St., is shown Nov. 26, 2014, in Houston.

Houston clock tower will be running again

By Erin Mulvaney
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Time stands still on the century-old clock atop a historic industrial building in the Heights. Its hands have stopped ticking, and the building, one of the oldest in Houston, has been largely unused for decades.

The roughly 60,000-square-foot structure was built on the corner of Lawrence and 22nd before the neighborhood was annexed by Houston in 1918 — long before strip centers sprouted along nearby Shepherd Drive and new townhomes proliferated among the historic bungalows and shotgun houses in the neighborhood. Built in phases between 1893 and 1900, it has served as a mattress factory, a textile mill and a Venetian blind manufacturing plant. Its first floor has held antique shops and other small businesses off and on in recent years.

Now the building is entering a new phase as the owners work to convert the top floors, which have been abandoned for decades, into nine office areas and a multistory apartment space just below the clock tower. The restoration took care to utilize the century-old architecture and keep as much intact as possible.

David Bush of Preservation Houston said the restoration project is a good use for the building. He said that type of project, still rare in Houston, is becoming more common.

"These historic buildings offer really unique spaces," Bush told the Houston Chronicle. "It takes a special kind of person to be able to look at these buildings and see their potential. A lot of people look at it and say, 'Oh it's just a factory. That's all it can ever be.' But these buildings can be re-purposed in a lot of ways."

Few they may be, but several examples of restoration and reuse projects can be found in Houston. The downtown Rice Hotel was converted to a multifamily building in the mid-1990s. More recently, another historic downtown building was converted into a J.W. Marriott. And the 100-year-old Sunset Coffee building at Allen's Landing is being converted into an activity center and outdoor venue.

Away from the city center, Fire Station No. 6 on Washington Avenue was also restored for new use as an office space.

And a growing number of homeowners are showing interest in preserving the traditional character of their own neighborhoods. From just above the 610 Loop in Independence Heights to Glenbrook Valley near Hobby Airport, clusters of Houstonians have successfully worked with the city to create historic districts.

The plan to restore the Heights industrial building was decades in the making for the Grenader family. Project manager Jonathan Grenader inherited the property from his father, who had partnered with a group of families to buy the building in 1966.

Grenader's wife, architect Nonya Grenader, took on the project along with Galveston architect David Watson, who is responsible for many restoration projects in the island's historic areas. Son Sam Grenader, who now works for his mother in Houston, moved from an architecture firm in New York City, partially because of the opportunity to restore the building.

"There are just so few older buildings in Houston," Sam Grenader said. "It's fun to not only be able to see this but to put it to a point where people can use it. It's exciting to show off something that is an older part of Houston."

The building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is also protected as a landmark by the city of Houston. The owners receive state and federal tax credits to fund the project.

"We are happy to bring the building up to a higher use so that it will be economically viable and provide really neat spaces," Jonathan Grenader said. "This building has fabulous details and an architectural history. I can't imagine someone tearing it down. There is so much value in rehabilitating and creating a unique space."

Construction started in April and the project should be ready for tenants in March. The owners hope to attract artists, software companies, architects and designers to use the open floor plan spaces. Currently, Kraftsman Bakery occupies a 10,000-square-foot corner of the building, serving coffee and breakfast to the neighborhood and baking bread for local restaurants.

Adjacent structures on the block house live-work spaces, which were renovated in the last 10 years.

Showing off the project, the Grenaders said they took care in the design to use all the existing structures in the life of the building. Walking through the building, the varying beams and pillars show clearly how it was designed over nearly a decade. Stains on the floor show where sewing machines used to be. Antique fire doors, fire-hose reels and a large industrial scale were worked into the design.

All the piping is left exposed, as are many brick walls and the original steel windows.

"Any old building has its mystery and as you get into it, it reveals itself. You have to respond as you peel back the layers of information," said Nonya Grenader, who teaches architecture at Rice University and used the building as a source of her architectural thesis in 1991. "I think that in all phases of work, we just admired the inherent structure and historic materials of the building. We tried to have a light touch to reveal the materials and details."

The original floor remains usable, in part due to the building's time as a textile factory.

"The machinery in the mills spit oil everywhere and created a layer," Sam Grenader said. "Once you sand it off, the floor was preserved."

It was erected by A.R. Morey and Co., a mattress manufacturer. It includes multiple interconnected buildings and two separate structures and the attached clock tower. There are heavy-timber sections, truss-framed sections and stick-framed sections. An original exterior, now an interior masonry wall, has stamped metal two-by-two double-hung windows.

It's a simple industrial structure that preservationists say, "remains a focus and defining element of the community's past roots based in a working class neighborhood." It eventually became known as the Oriental Textile Mill and is currently known as the Heights Clock Tower Building for the five-story landmark tower that dominates the local skyline.

The one-of-a kind, four-sided clock serves as the nucleus of the building and has been a source of interest for the neighborhood over the decades.

In 1971, a Houston Chronicle article about a Heights resident who worked to repair it reported that it's a Seth Thomas timepiece made in 1915 and weighs roughly 200 pounds.

Clayton Lee, a plumber and antique dealer, climbed the four stories and found the clock in bad shape. The glass had turned purple from exposure to the sun. He added that pigeons and "kids with guns" who shot out the glass had put it in a state of disrepair.

A member of the Houston Clock Association at the time said he wanted to repair it "just to hear it strike again." Although it was repaired, a 1978 Chronicle report said that vandals "got inside" and damaged it again, stopping it from chiming every half-hour.

In the 1980s, a group of residents worked to add the building to the National Register, according to preservation records. In 1988, another report said the clock had been dormant for about 30 years. A clock repairman named Floyd Jensen fixed the timepiece.

It's unclear what happened since that time, but the current owners say because of those fixes the clock is functional.

It has not chimed for about five years, as it requires someone to hand crank it. But the rehabilitation plans call for it to work again soon.

"The owners realize they are the caretakers for a building that has been around for 100 years," said Watson, the Galveston architect, "and they want it to be around for another 100 years."

Group provides animal comfort and aid for those in need

By Caitlin Perrone
Bryan-College Station Eagle

COLLEGE STATION — After 13 years of helping others relieve stress, Dexter has a stress-free schedule of naps and treats planned for his future.

The long-haired Dachshund was one of the first animals to join Aggieland Pets with a Purpose, a nonprofit organization launched in 2002 that provides animals for emotional, educational and rehabilitative purposes.

Dexter's owner, Kit Darling, has had the dog since he was eight-weeks-old. Now the nearly 15-year-old dog's muzzle is outlined in tufts of white, and his black eyes are calm. When he trots down the hall behind Darling at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine, someone passing calls out, "Hey Dexter!" He's well-known in Darling's building, where she works as the infection prevention coordinator. A carrier, dog bed and water bowl sit in the corner of Darling's office, and photos of Dexter and her second dachshund, Daschle, line the walls and her computer.

Darling thought the organization would be a good fit for her dog after she started fostering children in the early 2000s. Altogether she cared for eight foster children, even adopting one into her family. Dexter always seemed to know what they needed, Darling said; her first foster child calmed his nerves by lying on his bed and reading a small book to the young dog.

"Dexter was always good when a new child would come to the home, they would be really afraid and he'd come over and sit with them until they felt like they were OK," she told The Eagle of Bryan-College Station. "He just had a real sense about that."

Darling now serves as the president of the nonprofit group, which has more than 60 animals — the majority of those dogs, but the team includes one cat and one miniature horse. The dogs come in all shapes, sizes and colors, from dachshunds and poodles to Labrador retrievers and Rottweilers. Their largest dog, an English mastiff, weighed in at more than 200 pounds.

The service animals must be at least one-year-old to be part of the organization, though most are above two. They must have current vet screenings and pass a test for basic obedience and temperament, which certifies them as a therapy animal. The nonprofit group also evaluates the animals on their overall enjoyment of other people, which is something that cannot be trained, Darling said.

Members from the organization travel around the area to nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, hospices and assisted living facilities,

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Obituaries

Leticia (Tish) Inez Gidney

Letitia (Tish) Inez Gidney, 51, of Midland, Tx passed away peacefully at her home, Wednesday, January 14, 2015 surrounded by her loving family.

Tish was born April 16, 1963, in Safford, Arizona to the late Lee and Renate Robbins. She was raised on ranches in Arizona and South West New Mexico. She graduated from Deming High School and attended NMSU. Tish met the love of her life, Leonard (Butch) Gidney, and they were married on January 8, 1983 in Deming, New Mexico. They moved to Midland, Tx in 1999. Together they loved and raised two sons, Kyle Ray Gidney and Logan Ray Gidney, both of Midland, Tx.

Tish began her career in banking and then specialized in title research. She worked for West Texas Abstract and was currently employed at Permian Abstract as Escrow Officer. Tish was an avid reader, enjoyed needlepoint and crochet, and loved her pets (Zoey, Baily & Sarah) but most of all she loved to travel with Butch.

Tish is preceded in death by her parents, Lee and Renate Robbins.

Those left to cherish her memory are her husband, Butch; her son Logan and son Kyle and wife Misty; her pride and joy, two grandchildren, Konner and Karigan (to them she was GiGi). Tish is survived by her brother, Grady Robbins and his children, Chance, Brianne, McKenzie, and Makayla; sister, Nancy Jackson and her children, Kyleigh and Blythe; brother, Billy Robbins, wife Meredith and their children, Natalie and Jillian. Tish is also survived by her in-laws, Leonard and Connie Gidney of Roswell, NM. They called her (Tisha Ray) and they loved her as a daughter.

Tish was loved by many as was evident by the many friends and family members that have shown infinite love and support during the past three and a half years of her life. The family wishes to thank Dr. Brachetta, Texas Oncology and the doctors and nurses of Hospice of Midland for their support and care during Tish's battle with cancer.

The family will receive visitors from 6-8 p.m. on Monday, January 19, 2015 at American Heritage Chapel. A celebration of life for Tish will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2015, 10:00 a.m. at Calvary Chapel, 1607 N FM 1788; burial to follow at American Heritage Cemetery.

Online condolences can be made at www.thehealingstartshere.com. Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery and Funeral Home.

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Death Notices

Timothy Wayne Neely

Timothy Wayne Neely, age 58, of Odessa, passed away Friday, January 16, 2015, at Deerings Nursing Home.

He was born October 9, 1956, to John and Laurice Jean (Logan) Thomas in Odessa, TX. He was an oilfield service technician.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his brother Dr. Dennis Neely of Midland, and his sister Carol Beth Herrington of Las Vegas, NV.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements entrusted to Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home of Odessa.

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Health of 2 prisoners involved in fatal bus wreck improves

The health of two inmates involved in a deadly bus crash has improved.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Jason Clark said Sunday that Hector Rivera has been upgraded to serious condition and Damien Rodriguez has been upgraded to fair condition at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa. They are among the five survivors of Wednesday's wreck.

Two guards and eight inmates were killed when a prison bus slid off an icy interstate and hit a moving freight train.

A guard and four inmates survived the crash in Penwell, west of Odessa.

Clark says corrections officer Jason Self remained in critical condition at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

At the Odessa hospital, Terry Johnson remained in critical condition and Remigio Pineda was listed in fair condition.

AUSTIN

Health agency official granted lump sum for tuition resigns

A top deputy at Texas' massive state health agency who was granted nearly $100,000 to pay for his graduate school tuition has resigned.

The Austin American-Statesman reported that Texas Health and Human Services Commissioner Kyle Janek's deputy chief of staff Casey Haney resigned Friday after it was reported the commission had paid his tuition for a master's degree in business in one lump sum, a violation of state policy.

Haney is the fourth high-profile employee to resign in the past month. The other three — former Commission chief of staff Erica Stick, former chief counsel Jack Stick and former Inspector General Doug Wilson — stepped down amid scrutiny over lucrative, no-bid contracts to Austin tech company 21CT.

Executives with 21CT have defended the agreement. Prosecutors are reviewing the deal.

RICHMOND

Driver kills self after leading Texas authorities on chase

Authorities say a man suspected of firing shots into a home led multiple law enforcement agencies on a two-hour vehicle chase before fatally shooting himself.

The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office said the Sunday morning chase started after a caller who reported shots being fired into a home identified the suspect as 21-year-old Andres Munez. After authorities arrived at the scene, a chase ensued in which Munez fired at law enforcement officers pursuing him.

Authorities said that eventually, Munez's pickup had a flat tire on U.S. 59, he lost control and crashed the vehicle. Authorities haven't determined whether he shot himself and then crashed or shot himself after the crash.

Munez was taken to an area hospital, where he was pronounced dead. No law enforcement officers were injured.

No plea deal likely in Boston Marathon bombing case

By Eric Tucker
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The focus of the Boston Marathon bombing trial figures to be as much on what punishment Dzhokhar Tsarnaev could face as on his responsibility for the attack.

With testimony expected to start later this month, the Justice Department has given no indication it is open to any proposal from the defense to spare Tsarnaev's life, pushing instead toward a trial that could result in a death sentence for the 21-year-old defendant.

In a deadly terror case that killed three people, including a child, and jolted the city, there may be little incentive for prosecutors who believe they have incontrovertible evidence to negotiate away their ability to seek the maximum penalty possible.

"There would be now, in my judgment, no reason for the government to reverse course and not let 12 citizens decide if the death penalty is appropriate," said Larry Mackey, a former Justice Department prosecutor involved in the case of Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh, who was executed in 2001.

The prospect of a death sentence, a rare punishment in the federal system, raises the stakes of a trial that will revisit in gory detail the 2013 attack that also injured more than 260. Should the jury find Tsarnaev guilty, it would then decide in a separate penalty phase whether he should be sentenced to death. Jury selection is underway and the judge has said he hopes to begin testimony on Jan. 26.

Only three federal inmates, including McVeigh, have been put to death since 2001. Recent botched executions at the state level have placed the practice under scrutiny, with President Barack Obama directing the Justice Department last year to investigate how the death penalty is applied across the nation.

Despite his own personal reservations about the death penalty, Attorney General Eric Holder says the government is committed to seeking that punishment for Tsarnaev. Prosecutors have cited factors including a "lack of remorse," the evident premeditation involved in the attack and allegations that Tsarnaev also killed an MIT police officer after the bombing that left an 8-year-old boy dead.

"The nature of the conduct at issue and the resultant harm compel this decision," Holder said in a statement last January.

There has been no indication the government has wavered in that decision, even though one of Tsarnaev's lawyers, Judy Clarke, has gotten prosecutors to spare the lives of multiple high-profile killers, including Unabomber Ted Kaczynski, Olympic Park bomber Eric Rudolph and Jared Loughner, who killed six people and wounded former U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords.

But there's also no predicting how a trial will play out, including whether a conviction would result in a death sentence — particularly in liberal Massachusetts, which abolished its state death penalty in 1984. In a bid to save his life, defense lawyers may hope to cast Tsarnaev as an impressionable young man pressured into participating in the attack by his older brother, Tamerlan, who died after a firefight with police days after the bombing.

Gerald Zerkin, a Virginia defense lawyer who represented Sept. 11 conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui, who is now serving a life sentence, said there are obvious benefits for the government to accept a plea in death penalty cases, including to reduce the uncertainty of a trial and to spare victims and their loved ones from reliving the horrific facts of a case.

"You can get a resolution that is life without parole, and you could do it for a lot less money, a lot less time, a lot fewer resources" and without "re-traumatizing victims," Zerkin said.

Rob Owen, a professor who runs a death penalty case clinic at Northwestern University, said a death sentence will result in years of legal appeals whereas a guilty plea would presumably help the case fade faster from public attention.

But with the trial's opening arguments projected for later this month, any window for a deal to spare Tsarnaev's life has likely closed and there's little reason for the government to entertain the possibility, Mackey said.

"The calculus was done. I'm sure in this case, the day after the bombing, when people were faced full-front with the ugly scenario left on the streets of Boston," he said.

Freezing rain makes Northeast roads slick; at least 5 killed

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Rain "flash-freezing" on roads and sidewalks left an icy glaze under feet and tires across much of the northeast on Sunday, causing crashes that claimed at least five lives.

A crash involving 30 to 50 vehicles on Interstate 76 outside Philadelphia killed one person, and two others died in a crash involving multiple vehicles on nearby Interstate 476, police said. In northeastern Pennsylvania, a man was killed after his car overturned on an icy road and he was thrown from it and hit by a commercial vehicle. In Connecticut, police cited slippery conditions in a crash that killed an 88-year-old woman who struck a utility pole in New Haven.

"This is the worst type of winter precipitation to combat, because it can freeze instantly and it doesn't need to be the whole pavement for vehicles crossing it to have problems," Pennsylvania Department of Transportation spokesman Eugene Blaum said.

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elementary schools and the juvenile detention center. They currently participate in reading programs at South Knoll and Greens Prairie Elementary schools in College Station, and provided stress relief events at dorms and at the Texas A&M student health center.

For the past four years, the animals have visited the Sterling C. Evans, West Campus and Medical Sciences Libraries on Texas A&M University campuses during finals week, which Darling said are some of her favorite places to go.

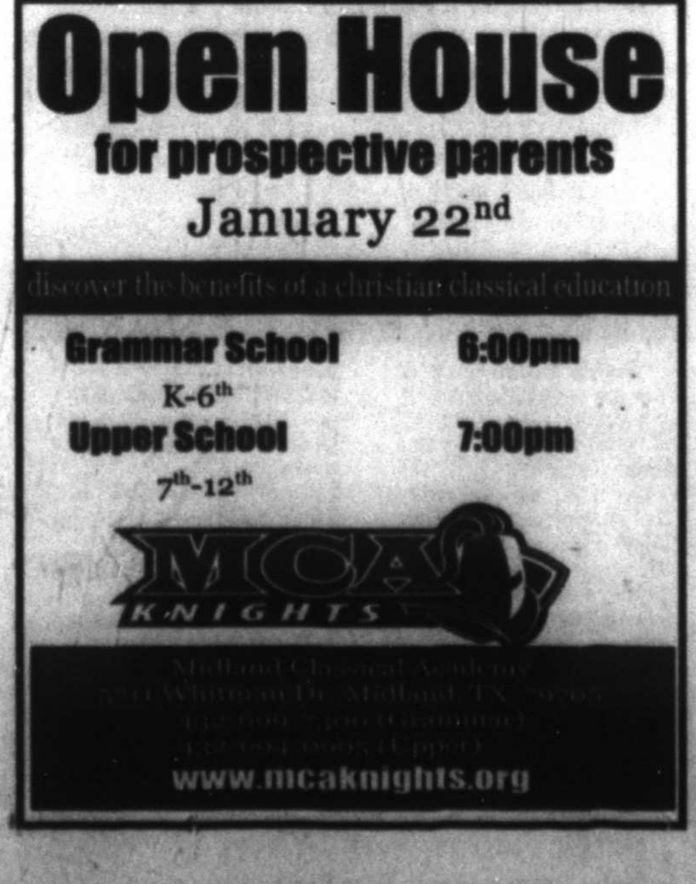
It's also one of the student's favorite events, said Patsy-Rose Goodnight, an office associate for the University Libraries who schedules the finals sessions with Darling. She said the university books the pets twice a year for every fall and spring exam session.

"When they first enter the library and see all these beautiful animals, the students gravitate toward them," Goodnight said. "They pet them and they hug them and they talk to them, for some it's like having their pet from home here."

She said the university tries to provide services to help with stress during finals season, such as hot chocolate, and that the animals are specially requested by the students.

Darling said the animals provide stress relief and therapy; they have helped people in nursing homes open up and come out of their shells, have helped children learn to read and helped patients move forward in physical rehabilitation.

"I've had experiences with Dexter with some patients, and several people in our group have had similar experiences, who weren't responding to people, but they'd respond to a dog," Darling said. "Animals can touch people's lives."



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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Today is Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Martin Luther King Day is a federal holiday commemorated on the third Monday of January. It celebrates the life and achievements of Martin Luther King Jr., an influential American civil rights leader. He is most well-known for his campaigns to end racial segregation on public transport and for racial equality in the United States.

Source: www.timeanddate.com

MPD town hall

The Midland Police Department is hosting the community at a town hall meeting planned for 4-5 p.m. today at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane.

The presentation, which is titled "Making Midland Better Together," is part of a series of events taking place in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. MPD will discuss the latest crime trends, and residents will have the opportunity to speak directly with officers. MPD will also be sharing crime-prevention tips along with information on partnerships such as Neighborhood Watch programs.

The meeting will be facilitated by Making an Impact Inc. and Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance. For more information, call 352-6603 or 352-6233 or email makinganimpact360@gmail.com.

Source: City of Midland

Ben Carson to speak in Hobbs

HOBBS, N.M. — Dr. Ben Carson will be the featured speaker for the University of the Southwest's Jack Maddox Disginguished Lecture Series. His lecture is scheduled for 7 p.m. Feb. 23 at the auditorium of Hobbs (N.M.) High School.

Carson is the author of five books, including "One Nation: What We Can All Do To Save America's Future," which will be available at the event. A book signing will follow his talk.

Carson's presentation is free, but tickets are required. Tickets are available by contacting Andrea Dodson at 575-492-2107 or tickets@usw.edu. There is a limit of six tickets per person.

Meeting

Planning and Zoning Commission
3:30 p.m. Tuesday
City Hall Council Chambers
300 N. Loraine St.
Note: P&Z's typical days are the first and third Mondays of the month

What's on the radio

News talk
KCRS (AM 550)
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9-11 a.m. Lynn Woolley
11 a.m.-2 p.m. Rush Limbaugh
2-5 p.m. Dave Ramsey
5-6 p.m. Local news reports
6-9 p.m. Roger Hedgecock
9-midnight Hugh Hewitt
Midnight-6 a.m. Coast to Coast with George Noory
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
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

Other options
Contemporary Christian: KFRI (FM 88.7). KLVW (FM 90.5)
NPR: KOCV (FM 91.3)

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital has partnered with Medical Center Hospital in Odessa on the telephone nurse triage program "68-NURSE," in order to bring the service to the entire Permian Basin.

The program is designed to help people determine whether or not their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 686-8773.

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

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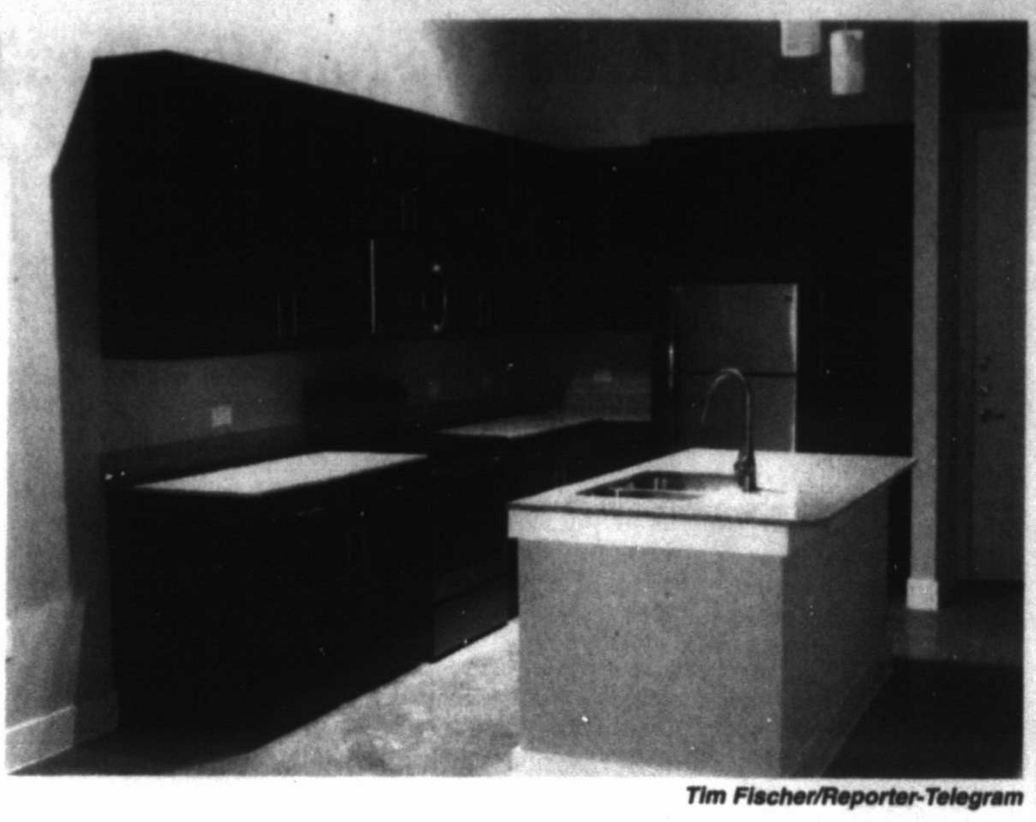
Today in history

Today is Monday, Jan. 19, the 19th day of 2015. There are 346 days left in the year. This is the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Today's highlight:

On Jan. 19, 1915, Germany carried out its first air raid on Britain during World War I as a pair of Zeppelins dropped bombs onto Great Yarmouth and King's Lynn in England.



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An interior view of the Wall Street Lofts is shown on Jan. 13.

LOFTS

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traffic or interest, so as of yet it hasn't affected our interest level," Gault said.

The Lofts have been touted by the City Council as a first step toward developing a livable downtown, bringing a permanent population just blocks away from major institutions. The city approved spending $5 million from the Midland Development Corp. to pay for the parking garage located next to the Lofts, an incentive deemed necessary because of a chronic shortage of downtown parking, according to previous Reporter-Telegram articles. The garage has 301 parking spots — 161 are dedicated to apartments and 140 are public spaces, said Gault in an email. Gault previously said that the Lofts were in negotiations with the city to set aside some of the public spaces for employees.

But the success of the Lofts will be gauged in the next few weeks as the Lofts open their doors to the general public and the apartments are leased or remain vacant, waiting for renters.

MINISTER

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became more imminent.

"(When I found out,) I had a feeling of the heart just sinking, like the bottom had dropped out," Betty said. "But I also, in my thinking, knew 'All right, this is a time to prepare yourself.'"

She is not only preparing herself for the emotions that will surround the death of her husband, but the practicality of it.

Without Ted's help, Betty will be completely alone in running their household, including finances that Ted manages online.

"I don't like computers, so I'm learning about the computer," Betty said. "He's very careful with all our money and how it goes and where it goes to and so forth, so he's teaching me."

When a person maps out different scenarios for his death and decides what he'd like to do in each situation, it lifts a burden from any family who may be stressed out about what to do following a terminal diagnosis, said Charley Wasson, executive director and CEO of Hospice of Lubbock.

He said it also takes away second-guessing and allows families to make end-of-life decisions confidently instead of out of fear.

As Betty takes care of her husband during his illness, Ted knows she's already suffering the grief of losing him.

Ted also experiences grief in not being able to take care of Betty when it's her time to die.

"I'll be gone and who will be that close to her? Children, of course, but they have their own lives," Ted said. "You can hire doctors and nurses, but it won't be anyone that close to her as she is to me. That's a loss that I have and every day I have to see her and know that she'll have to go through much of this death by herself and won't have me there to do what she does for me."

The shots would cost $5,000.

It was too much.

Ted knew the treatment would be covered by Medicare. But, he already had his rules in place, including not using community resources to prolong his life for only a couple of months when he had already exceeded the life expectancy for the average American male.

After the cancer diagnosis, the doctor told him about the recommended treatment, including radiation, surgery and, of course, the shots.

"After you're 80 years old, some studies show you'll spend more on the last six months of your life then you spent your first 80 years of your life," Dotts said. "Some of those expenses are extremely high."

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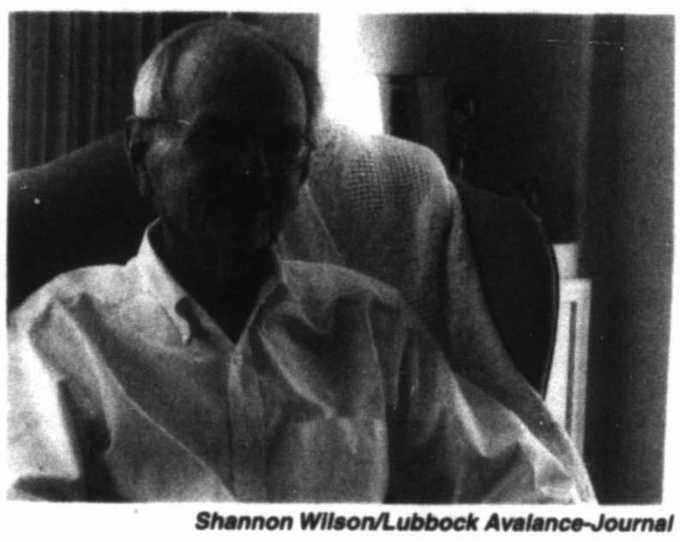

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Ted Dotts, longtime pastor and founder of the Lubbock chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, speaks at his home in Lubbock on Jan. 8. Dotts has decided not to receive any treatment for his bone and prostate cancer.

Medicare was intended to answer growing reports of impoverished seniors languishing or dying because they lacked health insurance.

According to Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, more than 50 million seniors and nearly 3 million Texans are enrolled in the government program. Even though Medicare spending is trending down by nearly $1,200 per beneficiary, overall spending grew 3.4 percent to $585.7 billion in 2013, or 20 percent of the nation's total health expenditures.

Dotts doesn't want any part in it.

Instead of spending Medicare funds on prolonging his already fulfilling life, Dotts said he would rather those funds be available for his 18-year-old grandchild or 40-year-old child.

That's one of the main reasons that outside of pain medication, Dotts isn't taking anything to treat the cancer.

"I've known Ted for years and so he had a very thoughtful, long progression of thought. He's held this standard that this is how he's going to die: He's not going to use community resources and he is going to utilize hospice for years," Wasson said. "That's not only a gift to himself but a gift to his family and the people around him. He's very comfortable in that decision."

Wasson said he agrees with Ted's decision to focus on quality of life rather than prolonging it.

"If many people had the opportunity to talk to Ted and his rationale about why he made that decision many years ago, why he's held true to that decision for many years, I think a lot of people would see wisdom in it," Wasson said. "But I don't think a lot of people get to because they don't have the conversation."

Ted and Betty moved to the Carillon LifeCare Community seven years ago, knowing they're at the other spectrum of life.

Although Betty said Americans may be living longer, there's still a responsibility to take care of future generations.

"It's just not fair for our children and grandchildren, just because he could spend a lot of money (on cancer treatment) and Medicare would pay for it," Betty said. "But somebody is paying for that and money is going to be taken from here to give to there and he said, 'I do not want to take the community resources from others just so I could live a few more months.'"

Betty imagines her husband falling to the floor as he's walking up the stairs to their apartment. Other times she pictures him stumbling and pretending to faint. Betty knows it's not real; they're simply imagining for the inevitable.

"There's so much involved. It's a major event in life to die and we try to get through it without talking about it, but then all of a sudden you'll be faced with it," Ted said. "We get to share that and the rich depth of (imagining death). I thought we were pretty close but we've gotten closer than I ever dreamed now that death is next door."

Although he hasn't broken any bones yet, Ted's pain varies on a daily basis. Eventually it was bad enough that he received a shot that doctors assured him was not for longevity, but rather to help alleviate the severe pain.

"They warned him the pain is going to get worse for two weeks and then it will drop, and so on a scale of 1 to 10 he got at least to a 7 and maybe higher," Betty said. "You can't sleep when you have that kind of pain, but then it did drop after two weeks and it's gone down. . Many people live with pain and it's learning to manage the pain. It's not that he doesn't feel it, but it's where it doesn't dominate him."

Despite the pain Ted endures, Betty said she wasn't surprised by her husband's decision to receive palliative care rather than curative treatment.

"His personality is one in which he thinks things through and reasons things through, tries to see both sides and to see the larger picture. He does not just jump into something, knee-jerk," Betty said.

Political questions swirl around theater shooting prosecutor

By Sadie Gurman and Nicholas Riccardi
Associated Press

CENTENNIAL, Colo. — As a young man going through college on an ROTC scholarship, George Brauchler imagined he'd become Gen. George S. Patton, barking orders on the battlefield. But fellow officers urged him to consider law school, and he rose to become a district attorney who puts himself in the trenches.

Now, Brauchler is overseeing the closely-watched prosecution of Colorado theater shooter James Holmes, and his hands-on style and speculation about his political ambitions have only intensified the spotlight on his office.

Defense attorneys have accused Brauchler, 45, of rebuffing a plea deal that would have spared Holmes, whom they contend was mentally ill during the 2012 attack that killed 12 and injured 70, from the death penalty. Instead, what could become a costly 10-month trial is set to begin Tuesday as 9,000 prospective jurors begin to flood the criminal justice complex in this suburb.

Hanging over the case is Brauchler's future, as many Colorado Republicans hope he runs for senator next year or governor in 2018.

"That insistence upon the death penalty certainly seems politically motivated," said Dan Recht, a Denver defense lawyer who has been following Holmes' case. "(Brauchler) may well believe that his insistence on trying to execute Holmes would shore up his conservative base."

Many survivors of the attack argue Holmes deserves death. A gag order bars the normally outgoing Brauchler from discussing the case. In an interview, he said generally: "The decision to seek death is not insignificant to me. It is one that weighs on my conscience. It is one that keeps me up at night."

Colorado has been reluctant to use the death penalty, executing only one person in the past 40 years. But capital punishment is what made Brauchler a political celebrity.

After graduating from the University of Colorado-Boulder, Brauchler decided to forego his dream of joining the cavalry and instead attend law school. When he was done, he joined the Army Reserves and took a job in the neighboring Jefferson County district attorney's office, where he helped secure prison time for two men involved in selling weapons to the Columbine High School shooters.

Now a lieutenant colonel, the square-jawed prosecutor has had his career interrupted by two tours of active duty, including one that sent him to Iraq shortly after he prosecuted a Fort Carson solider who shot a Taliban leader to death as he lay in an Afghan jail cell.

The married father of four unsuccessfully ran for Arapahoe County district attorney in 2008, when he was briefly a private defense attorney. He said he wanted the top prosecutor's job so badly that he ran again four years later, winning election four months after the theater attack.

But it was another big death penalty case that predated his election by years that thrust him into the political spotlight.

Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper in May 2013 suspended the death sentence of a man Brauchler's predecessors prosecuted for killing four people at a restaurant in 1993. On the front steps of the state capitol, Brauchler laced into the Democratic governor's decision.

His phone began ringing with Republican powerbrokers begging him to challenge Hickenlooper in 2014.

"Everyone was just blown away by how well Brauchler did at being the voice of opposition," said Dick Wadhams, former chairman of the state Republican party. "That created a real buzz among Republicans."

Brauchler concluded it was impossible to challenge Hickenlooper with the Holmes case looming. Instead, he threw himself into his current office in characteristic style. He tries to personally prosecute cases in which law enforcement officers are attacked or killed.

He insisted on pursuing the death penalty against a convicted child killer who killed a prison guard with a kitchen ladle, even though the guard's family opposed capital punishment and picketed the courthouse during jury selection. Brauchler eventually agreed to a plea that spared the man's life.

However, Brauchler bristles at suggestions that he's a tough-on-crime caricature and points to other cases that show his focus is on justice, not punishment.

His office last year agreed that a mentally ill woman who killed her mother by stabbing her 151 times could plead not guilty by reason of insanity and be committed to a mental institution — the same outcome Holmes is seeking. And he has sought the pardon of a convicted robber who reformed his life.

"I truly believe justice is a spectrum," Brauchler said. "Sometimes that spectrum is dismissal. Sometimes that spectrum is death."

Brauchler shares the Holmes case with four other prosecutors, but every tactical decision has been his own.

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Americans.

"Martin Luther King Jr. was a man of the people, of all people," Williams said. "Simply put, he wanted to level the playing field and allow everybody to have a voice (and) I think that it's most significant now because I truly believe that in most aspects we all have a voice, but we don't value it like they would have back in his day. I think it's significant for people to know the history (of) what people went through for us to have a voice. And if we know that, then we will value our voice more.

Schedule of events

Schedule of MLK Day of Service events planned for the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane.

2-4 p.m.: "Your Community Needs You!" Volunteer Expo and Partnering in Education Presentation sponsored by Community & Senior Services of Midland and Midland ISD

4-5 p.m.: "Making Midland Better Together" town hall meeting with the Midland Police Department, facilitated by Making an Impact Inc. and Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance

5:30 p.m.: Annual MLK March, starting north of the Butternut Lane-Oak Street intersection

6:45 p.m.: Presentation of the annual MLK Community Service Award by Midland African American Roots Historical Cultural Arts Council

7 p.m.: Annual MLK Day program featuring the Midland MLK Community Youth Choir, Macedonia Praise Dancers, CWC Steppers and keynote speaker, the Rev. Kenneth Johnson, pastor of Goodwill Baptist Church.

Alleged criminals apprehended

Associated Press

In this January photo made from surveillance video and released by the Grayson County Sheriff's Office, in Kentucky, 18-year-old Dalton Hayes and 13-year-old Cheyenne Phillips walk into a South Carolina Wal-Mart. Kentucky authorities say the two teenage sweethearts suspected in a crime spree of stolen vehicles and pilfered checks across the South have been apprehended in in Panama City Beach Florida early Sunday.

US teens on alleged crime spree captured in Florida

By Jennifer Kay and Dylan Lovan
Associated Press

Two teenage Kentucky sweethearts suspected in a crime spree of stolen vehicles and pilfered checks across the U.S. South have been taken into custody in Florida, authorities said Sunday.

Eighteen-year-old Dalton Hayes and his 13-year-old girlfriend, Cheyenne Phillips, were arrested without incident about 12:10 a.m. Sunday in Panama City Beach, according to authorities in both states. The two had eluded police in multiple states while raising concern about their increasingly bold behavior.

"I spoke to Dalton and he was very scared, and he wanted to come home," said Norman Chaffins, the sheriff of Grayson County, Kentucky, where the teens live. "He wanted me to come bring him home."

Chaffins said the teens were getting by on some cash found in a truck stolen in Georgia.

Authorities said the U.S. Marshal's Service and Panama City Beach Police discovered Hayes and Phillips asleep in a 2001 Toyota Tundra that was stolen in Georgia. Officers surrounded the vehicle, and both Hayes and Phillips were taken into custody.

Chaffins told The Associated Press that the teens should be extradited back to Kentucky by the end of the week.

In Kentucky, the two teens will face the same charges, including burglary, theft, criminal trespassing and criminal mischief, Chaffins said. Phillips will face charges in juvenile court, because she is a minor.

According to Bay County jail records, Hayes was held Sunday on a charge of custodial interference. He is scheduled for a first court appearance at 8:30 a.m. Monday.

Florida's Department of Children & Families was called to assist Panama City Beach Police, but Phillips was not in the state's custody, said DaMonica Rivas, a DCF spokeswoman.

"The juvenile has been taken to a safe location until arrangements with the family are made," Rivas said.

Chaffins said he was relieved the crime spree ended peacefully. If the couple had not been found asleep and surrounded, he said, they may have run again.

"I think me and the family and many other law enforcement agencies were not getting a good feeling about how this was going to turn out," Chaffins said.

Hayes and Phillips began their run from the law and their families earlier this month when they vanished from their small hometown in western Kentucky. Authorities believe their travels took them to South Carolina and Georgia.

Hayes' mother, Tammy Martin, had urged her son and his companion to surrender and "face the consequences."

Martin said the couple had been dating for about three months. She said the girl portrayed herself as being 19, and the family, including Hayes, believed her.

Cheyenne "would go in and write checks, and she would come out with cigarettes and stuff, so I didn't have any reason not to believe she wasn't 19," Martin said. "Because normally you can't buy cigarettes when you're 13 years old.

By the time her son realized she was a mere 13, "he was already done in love with her," Martin said.

When he hit the road, Hayes was running away from trouble back home. He faces burglary and theft charges in his home county, stemming from an arrest late last year, according to Grayson County court records.

He was planning to be at the local judicial center on Jan. 5 to find out if a grand jury had indicted him on the charges, his mother said. His case did not come up, but by that time the teens were gone.

Chaffins said the couple's behavior had become "increasingly brazen and dangerous."

Twice, the teens were able to evade law officers in Kentucky. They crashed the first truck they stole and hid in the woods. Then they later stole another truck nearby, Chaffins said.

At one point, the two were spotted at a Wal-Mart in South Carolina, where the teens are thought to have passed two stolen checks, said Manning, South Carolina, Police Chief Blair Shaffer.

Authorities believe they then headed to Georgia and stole a pickup truck from the driveway of a man's home, about 30 miles (50 kilometers) southeast of Atlanta. The homeowner said he kept two handguns inside the vehicle that was stolen, Henry County police Lt. Joey Smith said.

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OPINION

Checking my watch list to see who's naughty

■ As the Legislature opens, some representatives will stand out

KEN HERMAN
Cox Newspapers

Your druthers aside, it cannot be stopped. For the 84th time, the Texas Legislature, comprised of men and women selected by us as among our finest, (was) gaveled into session Tuesday at high noon. It will end on June 1, though overtime is always a possibility.

Greg Abbott, our next governor, and Dan Patrick, our next lieutenant governor, will be sworn in Jan. 20. People will start swearing at them Jan. 21.

What it means is one week with lame ducks in charge.

Departing Gov. Rick Perry and deposed Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst remain in office until Abbott and Patrick do their swearing on the Capitol's south steps a week after the session gets rolling. Perry and Dewhurst both have full authority to do stuff during their final week in office. Courtesy to their successors probably dictates they won't do anything big, such as declaring war on Oklahoma.

But what if Perry decided to use his authority to declare emergency topics, giving them priority attention at the Capitol? Or what if Dewhurst went ahead and, as leader of the Senate, divided the chamber into committees?

Again, not going to happen — but it would be fun if it did.

I prepare for legislative sessions (my first was in 1981) by compiling the Capitol equivalent to what airport security folks call a "watch list," something that gives us some idea of who and what to watch for as we become vigilant for the approaching entertainment/mayhem. The freshman class is always a good place to look.

One freshman who's sort of raised his hand and said, "Hey, over here!" is Rep.-elect Tony Tinderholt, R-Arlington, who got here by ousting four-term Rep. Diane Patrick in the GOP primary and defeating Democrat Cole Ballweg in November. His district is so heavily Republican, I doubt anybody in the Capitol press corps can type the phrase "D-Arlington."

Tinderholt came to my attention via his Dec. 21 appearance on Dallas-Fort Worth TV station KXAS' "Lone Star Politics" show when he was asked to list his constituents' legislative priorities. No. 1: border security. No. 2: pro-life (or anti-abortion choice, depending on your point of view) legislation.

I sense you sense what's coming.

"And No. 3, uh, was, umm ...," Tinderholt stammered.

Oh, like you've never lived in a state with a governor who couldn't come up with No. 3.

Moderator Kristi Nelson graciously bailed Tinderholt out as he searched for that often-elusive number three. "We'll come across that again," she said.

Perry might be president today if Nelson had been the moderator at the oops debate.

Ten minutes into the 15-minute TV segment, co-host James Ragland of The Dallas Morning News, referring to Tinderholt's "Gov. Rick Perry moment," gave Tinderholt a second chance to come up with No. 3.

"I think we all have those oops moments, right?" Tinderholt said.

Number three, it turns out, is "pushback on federal mandates," particularly Obamacare. Again, no surprise there.

Back in September, Tinderholt, 44, declined to answer the Fort Worth Star-Telegram's questions about his personal and financial life, which includes court proceedings, bankruptcy, five marriages and four divorces.

"I am who I am today because of the things that happened to me in the past," he said.

Aren't we all? And in many cases we do become better people because of the things that happened to us in the past.

Court records posted by a Democratic opposition group during the campaign state that Tinderholt sought counseling for depression after a 1997 divorce. The report said he was granted, at his request, early discharge in April 1998 from the U.S. Air Force. His campaign website notes Tinderholt "re-entered active duty in January 2002 after the events of Sept. 11." His service included an Iraq tour.

Thank you for your service.

Tinderholt's website also notes he is now happily married to Bethany Tyler-Tinderholt, a former Dallas Cowboy Cheerleader. Good for them.

Best we can tell, things now are going well for Tinderholt, proving the past is not always prologue. People can change. And the good people in Texas House District 94 saw something in Tinderholt that moved them to dump the experienced Repub who'd been representing them.

There's much to admire about anybody who has served in our nation's military. And it is important to believe in the ability to overcome or deal with issues. And it's nice when anybody is happily married, even if it took trial and error to get there.

And Tinderholt is right when he says he is "who I am today because of the things that happened to me in the past."

We hope who he is today is somebody who can contribute to the legislative process. But he's on the watch list, as we all buckle up for 140 special days in the specialest state of all.

OUR VIEW

Time for Midland's African-American community to speak out

Today is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. It is a day to celebrate the life of a civil rights leader whose impact on this country is unquestioned.

We wish today there were civil rights leaders of King's stature. Instead, we are given a daily dose of people, who, on the surface, are more interested in being seen and being part of our cable news argument culture.

We hope all Midlanders take time today to think about King's legacy and what it means in Midland, in Texas and across the nation. It doesn't take long to see why he was so influential.

Today, we also would like to challenge African-American leaders in our community to use the Reporter-Telegram as a sounding board for what must be done in the future. What are the big issues facing the African-American population? We are inviting leaders to contact us to use the newspaper to address those topics, whether they concern education, economic development, family, etc.

While African-Americans make up about 10 percent of the population, their impact on this community has been great. We believe that influence isn't a thing of the past. In our view, there are plenty of reasons to think African-Americans will play a significant role in Midland moving forward.

Anyone interested in working with the Reporter-Telegram to engage the community can contact Editor Stewart Doreen (sdoreen@mrt.com). The hope is there will be op-ed articles running every Sunday during the month of February.

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Chamber misses on economy prediction

■ Sky didn't fall because of administration's actions

DANA MILBANK
Washington Post Writers Group

Tom Donohue, the longtime president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, sounded ebullient as he gave his annual report on the health of American business Wednesday.

"The economy is gaining momentum," he declared at the business lobby's marble palace across Lafayette Square from the White House.

"Investing, hiring and consumer spending are firming up," he said in his speech, and there are "millions of new jobs. ... We've had a few good quarters of very solid growth, surprising some of the experts. ... There's no reason to think that another recession is lurking."

Donohue has reason to be upbeat: GDP and payrolls are growing by leaps and bounds, and stock markets and corporate profits have hit record highs. So I felt like a bit of a killjoy at a news conference following the speech when I asked Donohue and the Chamber's top lobbyist, Bruce Josten, about the group's previous warnings of doom.

"It seems to be hard to make the case that Obamacare and Dodd-Frank and the other policies of this administration have destroyed the free-enterprise system," I pointed out. "Do you think those warnings of yours from a few years ago were overwrought?"

"We projected the destruction of the free-enterprise system?" Josten replied, incredulously.

"Something very much like that," I said.

"You're crazy," Josten said.

Added Donohue, "You find one place that we projected the destruction of the free-enterprise system and I'll buy you lunch."

Game on, gentlemen. Here's Thomas Bell, chairman of the board of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, speaking at a Chamber event in July 2010: "For the first time in my 40 years of observation, our free-enterprise system is truly at risk." The then-chairman further accused Washington's leadership of a "general attack on our free-enterprise system" and said, "We're setting ourselves up to be the next Greece."

I propose that Donohue take me to lunch just around the corner from his offices, at AFL-CIO headquarters. Union officials said we're welcome at the cafeteria, which takes cash only.

The point isn't that the economy is booming because of President Obama's policies. The recovery until now had been disappointing by any standard. But if the business lobby and conservatives in Congress aren't going to give Obama any credit now that the recovery is underway, they might at least acknowledge that the sky didn't fall because of his actions, and that the socialist takeover that many on the Hill warned of has not occurred.

There was no such acknowledgment at Wednesday's State of American Business speech. Entering through the stone pillars, walking past the Emerson Electric, 3M and RJR Nabisco rooms, attendees listened to Donohue in a great hall bedecked with the banners of Columbus, Ponce de Leon and other explorers. Donohue explored the limits of chutzpah.

After acknowledging the rather healthy state of the economy, the Chamber president went right on with his complaints about the dire harm that would be caused by administration policies: "Employers are being saddled with another new health care mandate," and, "Some 4,000 new regulations will pour out."

In his Q&A following the speech, he went on about the "unprecedented regulatory onslaught" and said that "while things are improving, the current policies of tax, spend and regulate aren't cutting it." He complained that Obama wants "to do more tax increases," and he cautioned the administration and everybody else against taking a "victory lap."

Donohue's complaints about taxes and spending would have been cleaner if he hadn't just called for full government funding for aviation, water infrastructure, highways and mass transit. The highway bill, he said, should be paid for by raising the gas tax, er, "the federal fuels user fee." Donohue might have acknowledged that the Chamber is on the same page with Obama on its priorities of infrastructure spending, immigration and trade.

Instead, Donohue tried to ride the current populist wave in American politics by propounding the dubious claim that corporate America is a populist movement. "This is the real economic populism," he said. "It's reflected in the more than 28 million businesses of all sizes. ...This is the populism that really works."

And what if Donohue turns out to be wrong in his belief that Americans will embrace corporate chieftains as the true populists? Maybe he'll deny that the Chamber ever said it.

Editor's note: The article was edited for space.

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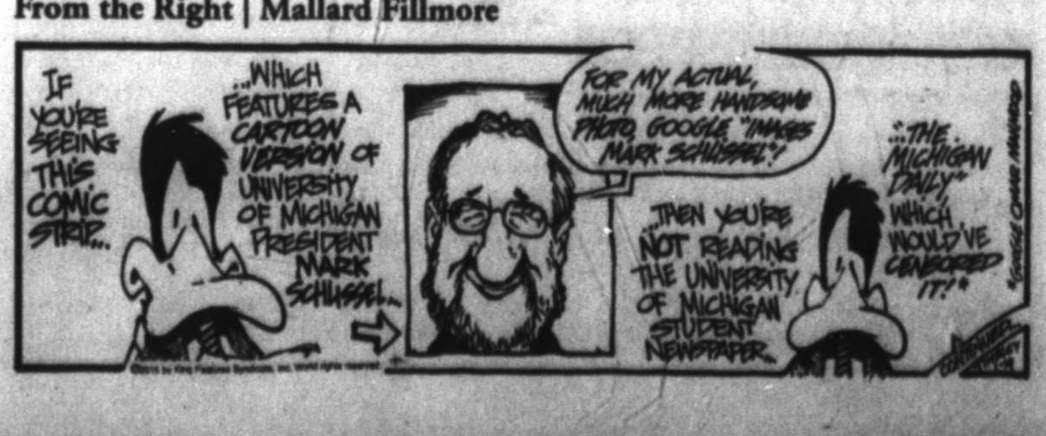

Obama to pitch middle-class economic plan in address

By Julie Pace
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama is turning to his biggest television audience of the year to pitch tax increases on the wealthiest Americans and put the new Republican Congress in the position of defending top income earners over the middle class.

As Obama continues to signal what he will propose during Tuesday's State of the Union address, senior administration officials said during the weekend that he will call for raising the capital gains rate on top income earners and eliminating a tax break on inheritances. The revenue generated by those changes would fund new tax credits and other cost-saving measures for middle-class taxpayers, officials said.

Tax increases are rarely welcomed by congressional Republicans, who now hold majorities in the House and the Senate for the first time in Obama's presidency. Obama's tax proposals will likely be dismissed, if not outright ignored, by lawmakers outside the Democratic Party's liberal base.

"Are they going to agree on everything? Absolutely not. I think we should have a debate in this country between middle class economics and trickle-down economics and see if we can come to an agreement on the things we do agree on," White House senior adviser Dan Pfeiffer said Sunday on CBS's "Face the Nation." He said the theme of the speech would be "middle-class economics."

Rep. Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill., said he had heard all five of President Barack Obama's State of the Union addresses, which are filled with proposals both good and bad. But he said the president has fallen short by failing to establish close ties to Congress.

"He's never reached out to Congress and Democrats will tell you the same thing. You can't get your proposals done unless you're willing to have a relationship with an important branch of government," Kinzinger said on ABC's "This Week."

Obama also is expected to call for lawmakers to make community college free for many students, increase paid leave for workers and enact broad cybersecurity rules. Administration officials disclosed details on the tax proposals on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the proposals by name ahead of the president's speech.

The centerpiece of the president's tax proposal is an increase in the capital gains rate on couples making more than $500,000 per year to 28 percent, the same level as under President Ronald Reagan. The top capital gains rate has already been raised from 15 percent to 23.8 percent during Obama's presidency.

Obama also wants to close what the administration is calling the "trust fund loophole," a change that would require estates to pay capital gains taxes on securities at the time they're inherited. Officials said the overwhelming impact of the change would be on the top 1 percent of income earners.

While GOP leaders have said they share Obama's desire to reform the nation's complicated tax code, the party has long been opposed to many of the proposals the president will outline Tuesday. For example, most Republicans want to lower or eliminate the capital gains tax and similarly want to end taxes on estates, not expand them.

Administration officials pointed to a third proposal from the president as one they hope Republicans would support: a fee on the roughly 100 U.S. financial firms with assets of more than $50 billion. Officials said the fee is similar to a proposal from former Republican Rep. Dave Camp of Michigan, who led the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee. Camp's plan, however, was part of a larger proposal to lower the overall corporate income tax rate.

Raising the capital gains rate, ending the inheritance loophole and tacking a fee on financial firms would generate $320 billion in revenue over a decade, according to administration estimates. Obama wants to put the bulk of that money into a series of measures aimed at helping middle-class Americans. Among them:

- A credit of up to $500 for families in which both spouses work. The administration says 24 million couples would benefit from the proposal, which would apply to families with annual income up to $210,000.
- Expanding the child care tax credit to up to $3,000 per child under age 5. The administration says the proposal would help more than 5 million families with the cost of child care.
- Overhauling the education tax system by consolidating six provisions into two, a move that could cut taxes for 8.5 million families. Republicans have been open to the idea of consolidating education tax breaks.

Obama's call for higher taxes on the wealthy could further antagonize Republicans who are already angry with the president over his vows to veto several of the party's priorities, including legislation to approve construction of the Keystone XL oil pipeline, make changes to the president's signature health care legislation and block his executive actions on immigration.

Even before officials revealed Obama's tax proposals, Republicans were saying that his veto threats are a sign of a president who didn't get the message from voters who relegated his party to minority status in the November election. New Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said the president still has a chance to change his tone.

Beyond rolling out new proposals, Obama's address is also expected to focus on making the case to the public that recent economic gains represent a real and lasting recovery. The approach reflects the White House's belief that it has been too cautious in promoting economic gains out of fear of looking tone deaf to the continued struggles of many Americans.

Communities raise productive citizens; government leaves them dependent

Ben Carson
Creators Syndicate

Warren Buffett became very rich and famous because he is a terrific investor. Not everyone agrees with his political stances, but his ability to achieve great return on investment is unquestioned.

Most people are familiar with the parable in the Bible of the 10 talents. Two servants who made wise investments were praised and rewarded with even more opportunities, while the one servant who simply attempted to preserve his talent was referred to as wicked, and his one talent was taken from him.

The point is, we have these very complex brains for a reason. Our intricate frontal lobes allow us to extract information from the past and the present, process it and project it into the future as a plan. This means we can plan, strategize and figure out ways to maximize the return on our investment. If we are observant and analytical, we also have the ability to see what is happening in our environment and take steps to change direction if we don't like it, or accelerate down the pathway if we do like what we are seeing.

An examination of American society today would show that we are consolidating power in the hands of relatively few politically powerful or financially powerful individuals, while the middle class, which was once the seat of power, is rapidly shrinking and the dependent class is rapidly expanding. This was clearly not the model the founders of this nation were trying to create. In fact, our Constitution was designed to prevent this from occurring. Instead of complaining and despairing, we the people must recognize that this nation was built around us and not around the government. The government is supposed to exist for the purpose of facilitating life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for the citizens of this nation. It must conform to our will, rather than impose its will upon us.

When it comes to investing in the future of our country, we should remember that we had a meteoric rise among the nations of the world because we quickly developed a "can-do attitude." Investments that return us to that kind of thinking will be extremely valuable. Instead of fighting each other, we should use our collective intellect to fashion programs that allow us to invest in our fellow Americans, with the return on investment being deliverance from a state of dependency and realization of the tremendous potential for achievement that resides in each of us — regardless of station of birth. We can indeed become successful investors.

I'm not saying the government is wicked, but like the wicked servant, its programs confine people to a state of dependency rather than advancing them and empowering them to become independent contributors to society.

A tremendous amount of resources resides in American business, industry, Wall Street, churches, charitable community organizations and private families. I have witnessed a number of impressive organizations around the country whose members have decided without government intervention to invest in less fortunate members of their own communities with spectacular results.

Every person we in the private sector invest in is likely to become a contributor to society, which ultimately helps to raise the tide that floats all boats. The purveyors of hatred and division don't like our system and believe we should all worship at the throne of government. They wish to create dissatisfaction with the current system in order to fertilize the ground for a fundamental change.

We don't need a change. We need a fix. With the can-do attitude that was once such an important part of our identity, we can achieve the greatest return on investment our nation has ever seen.

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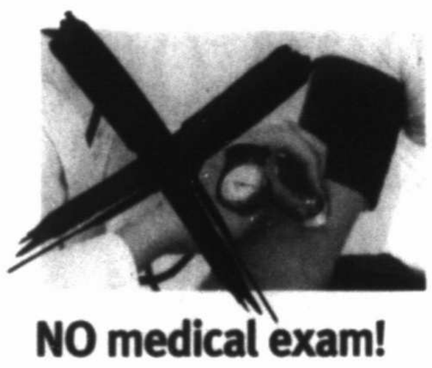

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Record 6 million turn out for pope's final day in Manila

By Nicole Winfield and Teresa Cerojano
Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — A crowd estimated at a record 6 million people by officials poured into Manila's rain-soaked streets and its biggest park Sunday as Pope Francis ended his Asian pilgrimage with an appeal for Filipinos to protect their young from sin and vice so they can instead become missionaries of the faith.

The crowd estimate, which could not be independently verified, included people who attended the pope's final Mass in Rizal Park and surrounding areas, and lined his motorcade route, said the chairman of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, Francis Tolentino.

The Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, said the Vatican had received the figure officially from local authorities and that it was a record, surpassing the 5 million who turned out for St. John Paul II's final Mass in the same park in 1995.

Francis dedicated the final homily of his weeklong Asia trip, which began in Sri Lanka, to children, given that the Mass fell on an important feast day honoring the infant Jesus. His focus was a reflection of the importance that the Vatican places on Asia as the future of the church since it's one of the few places where Catholic numbers are growing — and on the Philippines as the largest Catholic nation in the region.

"We need to see each child as a gift to be welcomed, cherished and protected," Francis said in his homily. "And we need to care for our young people, not allowing them to be robbed of hope and condemned to a life on the streets."

Francis made a triumphant entry into Rizal Park, riding on a popemobile based on the design of a jeepney, the modified U.S. Army World War II jeep that is a common means of public transport here. He wore the same cheap, plastic yellow rain poncho handed out to the masses during his visit to the typhoon-hit eastern city of Tacloban a day earlier.

The crowd — a sea of humanity in colorful rain ponchos spread out across the 60 hectares (148 acres) of parkland and boulevards surrounding it — erupted in shrieks of joy when he drove by, a reflection of the incredible resonance Francis' message about caring for society's most marginal has had in a country where about a quarter of its 100 million people lives in poverty.

"It was a blessing that we saw him. Even if we were soaked by the rain, we feel fine," said Emmie Toreras, 38, who was wearing a garbage bag to guard against the rain. She said she had slept in the park since Friday to score a view of the pope.

"He loves the poor and people like us," said Toreras, whose husband, a rags vendor, stayed home to work.

Francis dedicated his four-day trip to the Philippines to the poor and marginal. He denounced the corruption that has robbed them of a dignified life, visited with street children and traveled to Tacloban to offer prayers for survivors of Typhoon Haiyan, the deadly 2013 storm that devastated one of the Philippines' poorest regions.

Earlier Sunday, Francis drew a huge crowd to Manila's Catholic university, where he came close to tears himself hearing two rescued street children speak of their lives growing up poor and abandoned.

The pope ditched his prepared remarks and spoke off the cuff in his native Spanish to respond to 12-year-old Glyzelle Palomar, who wept as she asked Francis why children suffer so much.

Palomar, a former street child rescued by a church-run foundation, told him of children who are abandoned or neglected by their parents and end up on the streets using drugs or in prostitution.

"Why is God allowing something like this to happen, even to innocent children?" Palomar asked through tears. "And why are there so few who are helping us?"

A visibly moved Francis said he had no answer. "Only when we are able to cry are we able to come close to responding to your question," he said.

"Those on the margins cry. Those who have fallen by the wayside cry. Those who are discarded cry," the pope said. "But those who are living a life that is more or less without need, we don't know how to cry."

And he added: "There are some realities that you can only see through eyes that have been cleansed by tears."

A steady rain from the same tropical storm that forced Francis to cut short his visit to Tacloban on Saturday fell on the crowd, but it didn't seem to dampen spirits of Filipinos who streamed into the capital for his final day.

In his homily, Francis urged the crowd to protect their children from sin, alcohol and gambling, saying the devil "distracts us with the promise of ephemeral pleasures, superficial pastimes."

"Filipinos are called to be outstanding missionaries of the faith in Asia," he said.

Bracing for huge crowds, the government put out a public service announcement warning the elderly, pregnant women and children against coming to the event. They urged the crowd to carry their things in transparent plastic bags since they'd be easier to inspect. An appeal to use raincoats rather than umbrellas went unheeded.

Rommel Monton, a 28-year-old call center agent, said he was struck by Francis' willingness to practice what he preaches, particularly as it concerns the poor.

"He doesn't want to be treated as someone special. Look at his vehicles, they are not bullet-proof: He wanted them to be open so that he can feel he is close to the people," he said. "How will you be able to protect your followers if you are not with them, if you are afraid to show yourself, to stand behind them or stand before them?"

Francis sought to stand with one Filipino family struck by tragedy during his visit: He spent 20 minutes Sunday meeting with the father of Kristel Padasas, a volunteer with Catholic Relief Services, who died Saturday in Tacloban when scaffolding fell on her. Witnesses said a sudden gust of wind toppled the structure, which had served as a platform for a large loudspeaker during the Mass.

The father was overwhelmed by the loss but was "consoled thinking that she had helped prepare the meeting of the people with the pope," said Lombardi, the Vatican spokesman.

Associated Press

Pope Francis kisses a baby during his motorcade at the Quirino Grandstand in Manila, Philippines, on Sunday. Millions filled Manila's main park and surrounding areas for Pope Francis' final Mass in the Philippines on Sunday, braving a steady rain to hear the pontiff's message of hope and consolation for the Southeast Asian country's most downtrodden and destitute.

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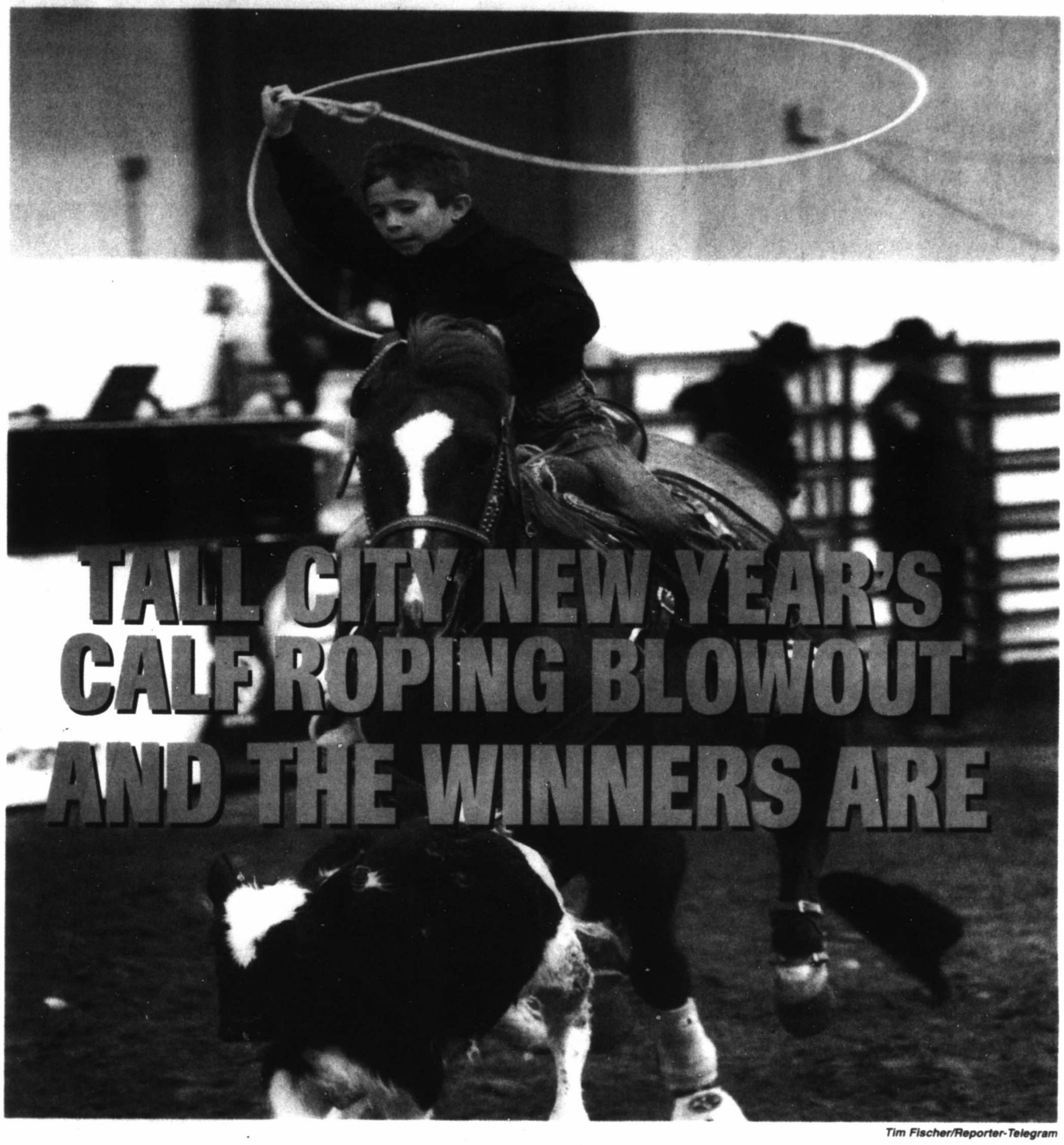

TALL CITY NEW YEAR'S CALF ROPING BLOWOUT AND THE WINNERS ARE

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Rendon Fowledge chases a calf Dec. 30 at the New Year's Calf Roping Blowout at the Horseshoe Arena. The fourth annual Tall City New Year's Calf Roping Blowout was Dec. 30-Jan. 1 at the Horseshoe. Competitors were from across Texas, as well as Louisiana, Colorado, Mississippi and New Mexico. Winners took home prizes totaling more than $37,000. Cash prizes were presented through fourth place; the first-place winner in each category also received a saddle.

Courtesy photos

Westyn Hughes of Caldwell, 19 & under boys event and match roping.

Jordan Driver of Garden City, 13 and under girls event.

Maddie Christian of Sealy, 19 & under and 16 & under girls events.

Trevor Hale of Perryton, 13 & under boys event.

Cooper Matthews of Cleburne, 16 & under boys event.

Dax Reed of Clint, 9 & under boys and girls event.

HAVEYOUHEARD

BY MARILYN MCKNIGHT HARRISON

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Schatzie Tighe, from left front row, Mary Lou Hall, Carol Ann Hunt, Della Neal, Emily Goodfellow and Audrey L. Curry; and Barbara Kirk Norris, from left back row, Betsy Casselman Porter, Tish Deffenbaugh, Pat Epley, Jo Sneed, Barbara Adams, Evalyn Halvorsen, Sheree Robb, Denise White, Katherine A. Curry, Julie Edwars and Laine Miller.

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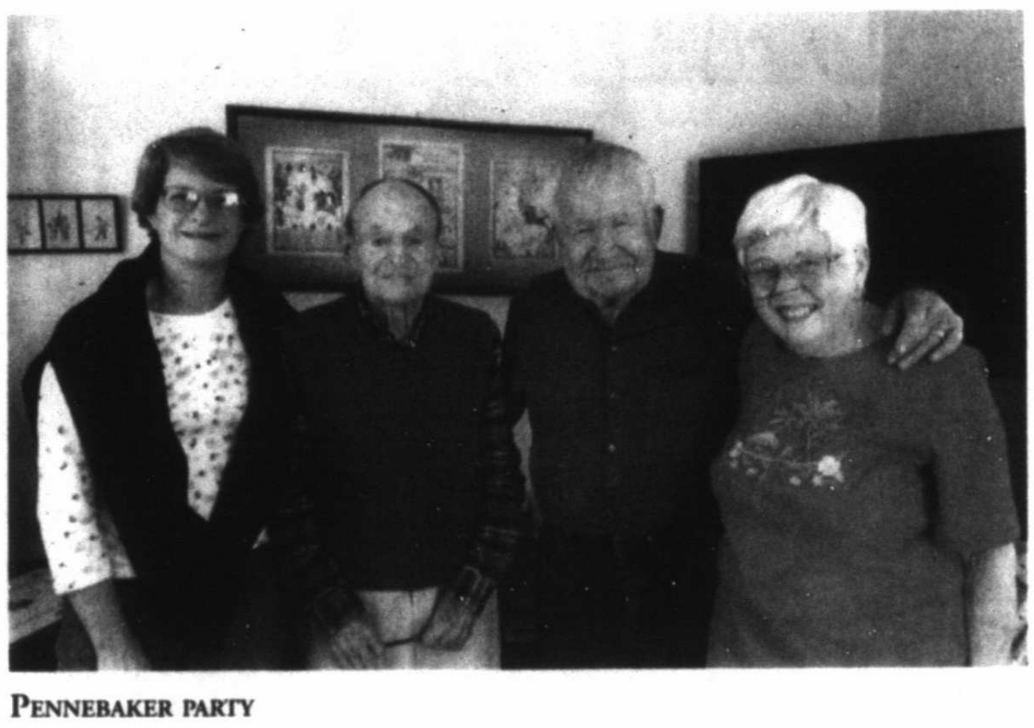

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Mary Truitt, from left, Shirley Qualia, Donna Webb and Peggy Jones.

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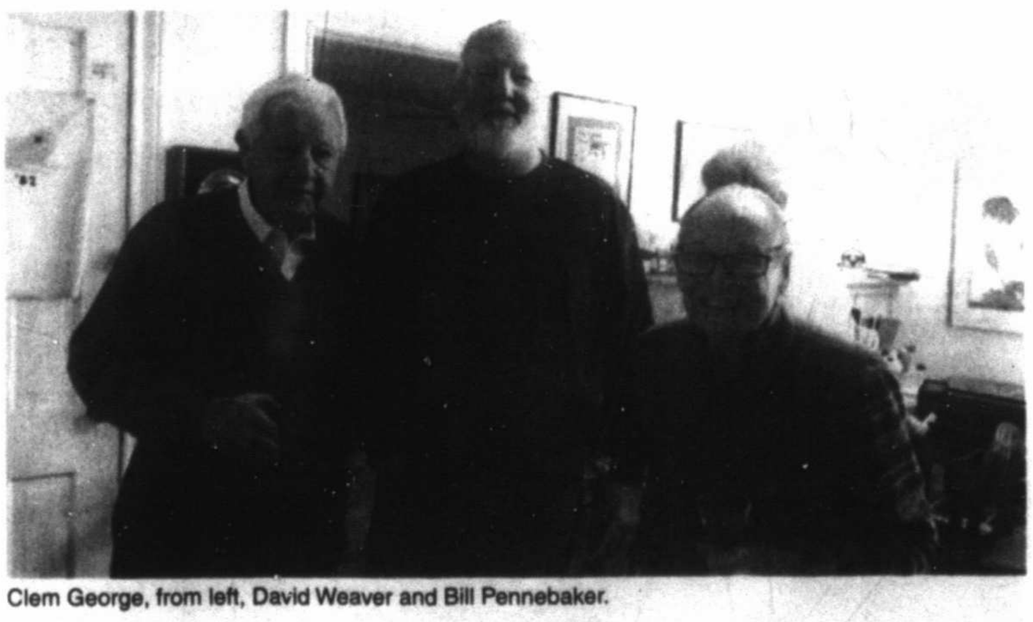

Clem George, from left, David Weaver and Bill Pennebaker.

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The Midland Country Club Ladies Association began the new year on a high note with an inspiring performance by storyteller and singer **Sue Roseberry,** following their monthly luncheon Friday.

Roseberry combined story and song in her poignant presentation, which focused on the influences her grandmother played in her life — from the time she was born in the piney woods of East Texas through adulthood. She quoted many of the jewels and pearls of wisdom her grandmother shared with her throughout the years.

Roseberry said that more important than the sage advice she received, was that her grandmother always ended their conversations with the words, "I love you, girl."

The guest artist is recognized for various community theater portrayals and her role in the Midland storytelling festival.

Kim Hatchett, the association's newly elected president, presided over the meeting and introduced the speaker.

Those attending included **Carolyn Roden, Leila Seal, Sylvia Laufer, Mary Beck, Linda Satterwhite, Doris Redfern, Carole Hinkle, Jo Ann Minnix** and **Anne Herbig.**

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Bill Pennebaker, his daughter and son-in-law, **Mary and Jim Truitt,** and family friend, **Shirley Qualia,** invited friends to a New Year's Eve party at the Pennebaker home. But because of the ice storm, the party was postponed twice. The party finally took place on Jan. 3.

Guests gathered for good conversation, watching football on a big-screen TV and a buffet of finger foods.

Among the partygoers were **Donna Webb, Jheri and Bill Rutter, Clem George, Candy and Steve Drummond, David and Pat Long Weaver, Margaret Kepple, BeaLea Somerville, Peggy and Doyle Jones, Diane Bailey and Ivan Ard.**

PARTY WITH A PURPOSE

The second Party with a Purpose toy drive benefit was held last month at the Boardroom Lounge above Torino's Pizza Bar. The event netted about $10,000.

Admission to the party was a $10 donation or a new, unwrapped toy, with the purpose of making the holidays a little brighter for area children. Benefiting from the event were Toys for Tots, High Sky Children's Ranch, Janet's Closet at Midland Memorial Hospital and CASA of West Texas.

The party included live music by On the Rocks, a silent auction and food catered by **Zack Hill.**

Party with a Purpose is a business venture created by **Steven Palma** and **Alex Albrecht** to promote parties at local venues with proceeds earmarked for various local charities. This year's benefit was sponsored by Rockstar Karaoke, Rednecks Drafthouse and Billiards, The Boardroom and Torino's Pizza Bar.

The Torino Entertainment Group generously offered to match all cash donations given for the event.

CHI OMEGA ALUMNAE

Evalyn Halverson hosted the Chi Omega sorority alumnae's annual Christmas ornament exchange. Co-hostesses for the luncheon were **Karen Williamson** and **Schatzie Tighe.**

Before the ornament exchange, the alums enjoyed spinach-mushroom quiche and an assortment of Christmas cookies.

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BROADCAST																	
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Bachelor (N)				Castle "Private Eye Caramba!" (N)		KMID News	(:35) J. Kimmel Abbi Jacobson, Ilana Glazer		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	2 Broke Girls (N)	Mike & Molly (N)	Scorpion "Charades" (N)		NCIS: LA "In the Line of Duty" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman		(:35) Late Show (N)
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H "Dreams"	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Hogan's Heroes	Cheers	B.New-hart	B.New-hart	Carol Burnett	Perry Mason		McMillan and Wife
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Gotham (N)		Sleepy "Pittura Infamante" (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	Hot in Cleveland	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr. William	Dr. R.Booker	Update News	Day of Discovery	Light of the Southwest				House Call	Mani Erfan	Rocks/Manuscripts	Y.Salamanca
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		The Celebrity Apprentice "I Wish I Had a Project Manager" (N)				State of Affairs "Cry Havoc" (N)		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) Jimmy Fallon		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Antique "New York City (Hour Three)" (N)		Antiques Roadshow "San Jose (Hour Two)"		IndependentLens "The Kill Team/ Confusion Through Sand" (N)		Yellowstone: Land	Tavis Smiley (N)		Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La Gata		Mi corazón es Tuyo		Hasta el fin del mundo		Que te perdone Dios... Yo no (P) (N)		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	La Que No Podia Amar	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Fam.Feud	Million..	SVU "Streetwise"		SVU "Signature"		My News	Million..	Anger M.	M&M	Office	Access H.
PREMIUM																	
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:15) Mr. Jealousy		(:05) ★★ Crazy/ Beautiful Kirsten Dunst.				★★ Save the Last Dance Julia Stiles.			★ A Walk on the ...		
HBO	300	68	14	14		(:15) ★★★ X-Men: The Last Stand				★★ Divergent ('14, Act) Shailene Woodley.				(:25) Girls	Together	Movie	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(4:45) ★ 42		Bill Maher		Together	Looking	Girls	★ The Normal Heart ('14, Dra) Matt Bomer.			Movie	
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(4:45) ★★★ King Kong Adrien Brody.				★★ Beautiful Creatures				(:15) ★★ Ender's Game Asa Butterfield.			
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(4:00) ★ The Godfa...		Banishee	(:50) ★ Devil's Due Zach Gilford.			(:20) ★★★ Oblivion ('13, Act) Tom Cruise.					Banishee
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(:15) ★★ Swordfish John Travolta.				★★ R.I.P.D. Ryan Reynolds.		(:40) Sin City Diaries "To Die For"					Movie
PLEX			96			(5:20) ★ The Yearling		★★ Drop Dead Gorgeous				(:40) ★★ Life Stinks		(:15) ★★ Fire in the Sky D.B. Sweeney.			
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:15) ★ Last Vegas		Shameless		Lies	Episodes	Shameless		Episodes	Lies	Therapy	Movie
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:25) ★ The Long W...		★★★ The Butler ('13, Dra) Forest Whitaker.					★ Fruitvale Station			★ Get Rich or Die ...	
CABLE																	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	The First 48 "The Graveyard Shift"		The First 48 "Hot Lot/ Blind Faith"		The First 48 "Jacked/Fallen Idol"		The First 48 "Cold Embrace"		The First 48 "Calling For A Killer/ Boiling Point"		The First 48 "Hot Lot/ Blind Faith"	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(4:00) ★ X2: X-Men ...		Breaking Bad		(:05) Breaking Bad		(:10) BreakBad "Bug"		(:15) Breaking Bad		(:20) Breaking Bad	
BET	58	26		40		(5:30) ★ The Rosa Parks Story Angela Bassett.				★★ Freedomland ('06, Dra) Julianne Moore. Samuel L. Jackson.						Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Vanderpump Rules		Vanderpump (N)		Vanderpump (N)		Friends/ Lovers (N)		Watch (N)	Vanderpump Rules		Atlanta
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Restaurant Startup		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		CNNI	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Street Outlaws		Street Outlaws (N)		Street Outlaws (N)		Fast N' Loud (N)		Street Outlaws		Street Outlaws	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Austin	KCUnder	★ Mirror Mirror ('12, Adv) Lily Collins.				Jessie	Liv/Mad	Dog Blog	A.N.T.	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball Pittsburgh vs. Duke (L)				NCAA Basketball Oklahoma vs. Kansas (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Tennessee vs. Notre Dame (L)								ITF Tennis Australian Open First Round Site: Melbourne Park -- Melbourne, Australia (L)			
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(4:30) ★ The Proposal		The Fosters (N)				Chasing Life (N)		Fosters "Over/ Under"		The 700 Club	Fosters "Over/ Under"
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Diners...	Diners, Dr.	Diners...	Diners...	Diners, Drive-Ins		Best "Breakfast" (N)		Diners...	Diners...	Diners, Drive-Ins	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	(4:00) NBA Basketb.	Mavericks Live (L)	Sport-sDay (N)	TrophyA wards (N)	H.S. Football UIL State Championship 6A Division II Cedar Hill vs. Katy						Cowboys Legends	SportsDay OnAir
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(5:30) ★★★★ Looper Joseph Gordon Levitt.											
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Waltons "The Captive"		The Waltons		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Love It or List It (N)		H.Hunt	House (N)	Love It or List It		Love It or List It	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Pawn S.	Pawn Star	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	(:05) Pawn	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	(5:00) ★ To Be Announced		★ Whitney (2015, Biography) Arlen Escarpeta.		★ To Be Announced				To Be Announced		★ Whitney ('15, Bio) Yaya DaCosta.	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	39				NHL Live! (L)		NHL Hockey Colorado Avalanche at St. Louis Blues (L)					Overtime	Blazers	Barclays Review (N)		Soccer
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	WitchWay	Bella "Newbie QB"	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	(:10) Ray	(:50) Ray
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Wild Police Videos	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(5:30) ★★★ The Fifth Element Bruce Willis.				★★★★ Raiders of the Lost Ark Harrison Ford.					(:35) 12 Monk. "Pilot"		(:35) Helix
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinf. "The Little Kicks"	Family Guy "It's a Trap!"		American Dad	American Dad	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)		The Office	Conan
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(4:45) ★★ Glory		★★★ The Defiant Ones Tony Curtis.				★★★ To Sir, With Love Sidney Poitier.				★ Guess Who's C...	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Los miserables		Tierra de reyes		Dueños del paraiso		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	Tierra de reyes	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Kate Plus Eight "New England Adventures"		My Weight is Killing Me "Deathly Ill" (N)		My 600-lb Life: Now "Olivia and James"		Big Fat Fabulous Li. "A Fat Girl Dancing"		My 600-lb Life: Now "Olivia and James"		Big Fat Fabulous Li. "A Fat Girl Dancing"	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	NBA Tip-Off (L)	NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Cleveland Cavaliers Site: Quicken Loans Arena -- Cleveland, Ohio (L)					NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Phoenix Suns Site: U.S. Airways Center -- Phoenix, Ariz. (L)					Inside the NBA
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Walker, Texas Ranger		Fam.Feud	Fam.Feud	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	Friends	Friends
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Branded"		WWE Monday Night Raw						(:05) Chrisley	(:35) Chrisley	(:05) Tykes "Finish What We Started" (N)	
WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.

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Dec. 28
Charlie Grimes-Servatius, David Hudson-Shirley Glass, Gregory Bartha-Frances Levin, Marlene Blumentritt-Ricki Perry, Harris-Jackson, Brenda Brauner-Brenneman, Nancy Ward-Bob Bacon

Dec. 29
Harris-Parish, Servatius-Higgins, Blumentritt-Flo Curry, Richard Stein-Philpy, Ward-Georgia Temple

Jan. 4
Brauner-Curry, Servatius-Harris, Grimes-Irene Oppenheim, Jackson-Ward, Jeanne Lantz-Philpy, Perry-Blumentritt, Brenneman-Helen South, Levin-Bartha

Jan. 5
Harris-South, Grimes-Oppenheim, Curry-Blumentritt, Brenneman-Servatius, Linda Farrar-Kay Arrell, Peter Berzanskis-Stein, Parish-Edward McPherson, Don Troy-Sewell, Marsh-Kelly Murphy, George Freeman-Philpy, Lori Julian-Levin

Jan. 6
Betty Dickerson-Bob Baker, Sandy Thomas-Perry, Arrell-Servatius, Tommie Strack-Blumentritt, Jackson-Levin, Janet Stoltz-Frances Mills, Martha Poss-South

Jan. 7
Curry-Blumentritt, Brenneman-Servatius, Grimes-Oppenheim, Parish-Harris, Lonnie Yee-Sewell, Arrell-Philpy, Marty Massie-Sarana Savage

Jan. 8
Don Troy-Sewell, Helen Davis-Bill Dent, Jackson-Servatius, John Seymour-Les Neal, Farrar-Harris, Parish-McPherson, Trudie Thomason, Marsh-Philpy

Jan. 9
Jane Myers-Blumentritt, Thomas-Perry, K.C. Evans-Debbie Kemp, Poss-Mills, Sally Reeder-Strack, Sue Marshall-Stoltz

Jan. 11
Perry-Thomas, Grimes-Oppenheim-Curry-Blumentritt, Ward-Jackson, Evans-Kemp, Brenneman-South

BRIDGE RESULTS
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ASCO DONATION

Courtesy photo

ASCO Equipment, a Texas-based construction equipment distributor, recently presented a $262,708 check to A Soldier's Child Foundation to benefit the foundation's efforts to provide birthday and Christmas gifts for children of fallen soldiers. Daryl Mackin, executive director of A Soldier's Child Foundation, far right, received the donation from John Wright, from left, Courtney Vanderham and Chase Key — all ASCO third-generation family members — and manager Kyle Smith. The funds were raised throughout 2014 by employees at the company's 22 locations, which include Midland and Odessa.

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GRANDE DONATIONS

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Grande Communications, the Texas-based broadband communications company, recently presented grants for $1,500 to American Red Cross Permian Basin Chapter and Fraternal Order of Eagles. The donation was made on behalf of its employee philanthropy club, Grande Cares. **ABOVE:** Accepting for the Red Cross was Chuck Jones, third from left, and David Avila, from left, Miguel Jaquez, Mike Rizzo, Michael Gray and Casey Ryburn. **BELOW:** Accepting for the Fraternal Order of Eagles were Chaplain Wayne Merman, far right in back row, and his wife, Tanara Merman, front row right, and Carolina Melendez, front row left, and Chris Mellino, from left in back row, Israel Chavez, Jim Lucas, Efren Gutierrez, Eric Burkhart and Josh Silva.

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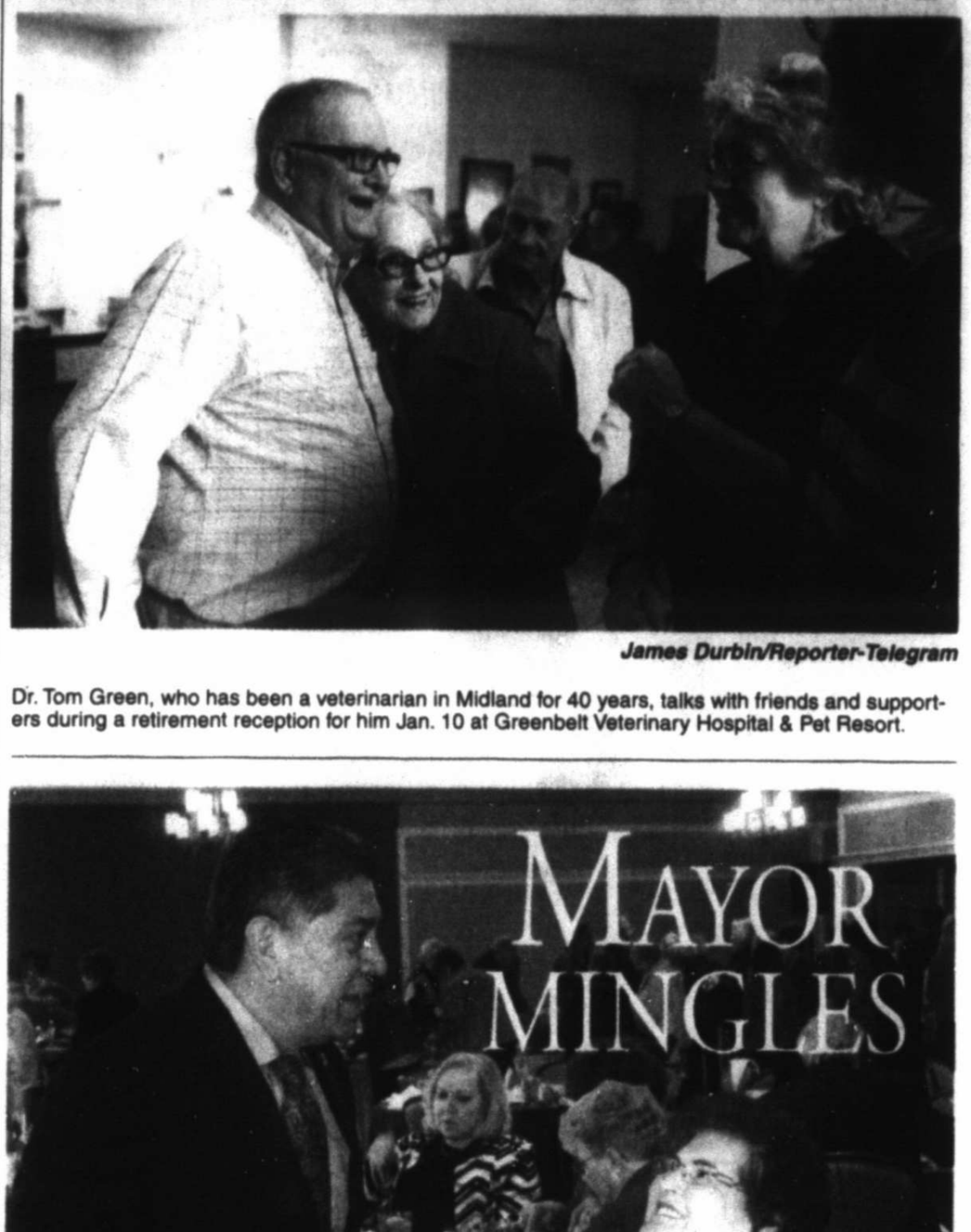
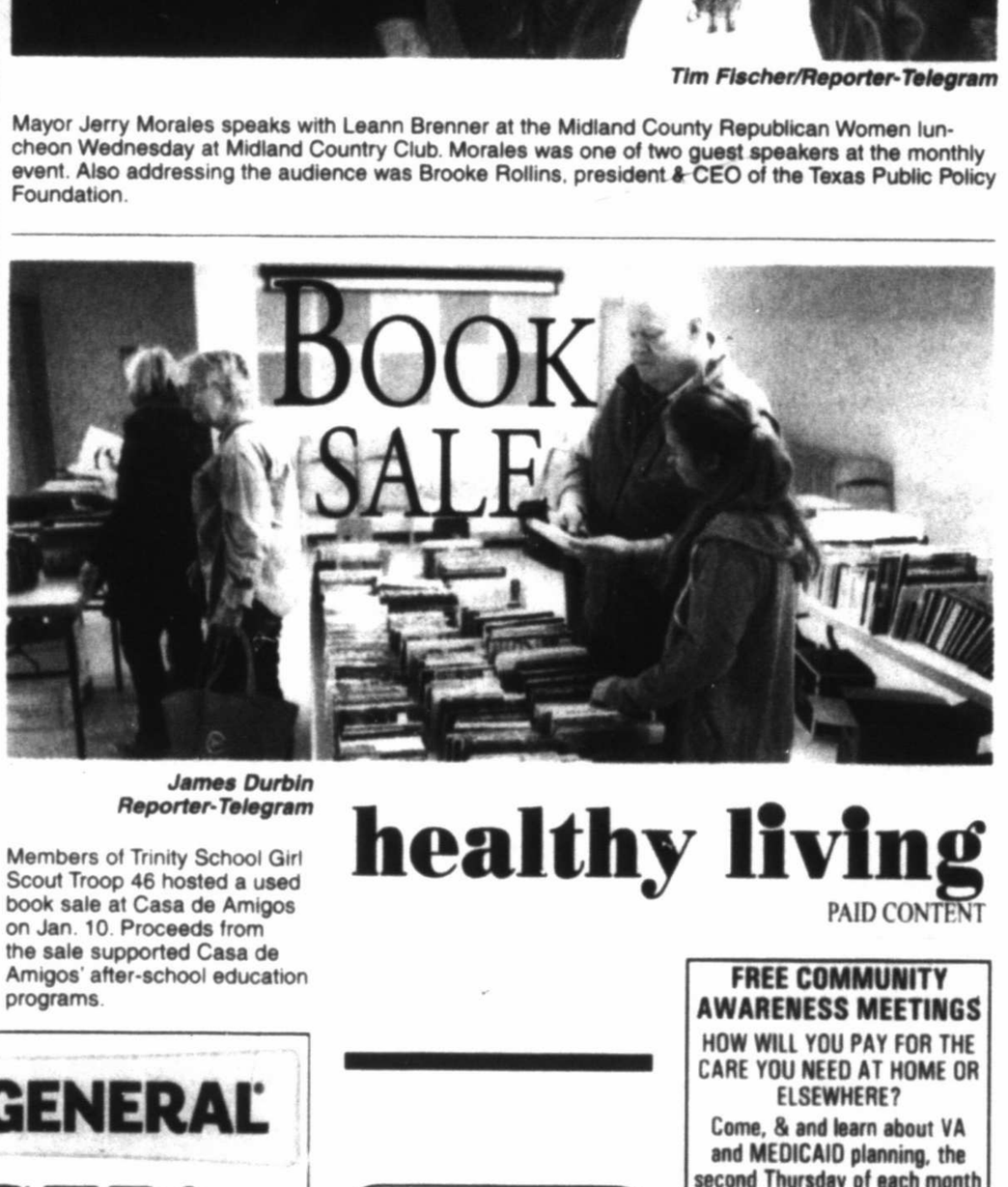


James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Dr. Tom Green, who has been a veterinarian in Midland for 40 years, talks with friends and supporters during a retirement reception for him Jan. 10 at Greenbelt Veterinary Hospital & Pet Resort.

MAYOR MINGLES



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Mayor Jerry Morales speaks with Leann Brenner at the Midland County Republican Women luncheon Wednesday at Midland Country Club. Morales was one of two guest speakers at the monthly event. Also addressing the audience was Brooke Rollins, president & CEO of the Texas Public Policy Foundation.

BOOK SALE

James Durbin Reporter-Telegram

Members of Trinity School Girl Scout Troop 46 hosted a used book sale at Casa de Amigos on Jan. 10. Proceeds from the sale supported Casa de Amigos' after-school education programs.

SELFIE WITH SPIKE

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High School's mascot, Spike, hangs out in the stands during the girls basketball game against Permian High School on Jan. 9 at Chaparral Center.

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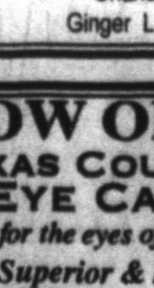

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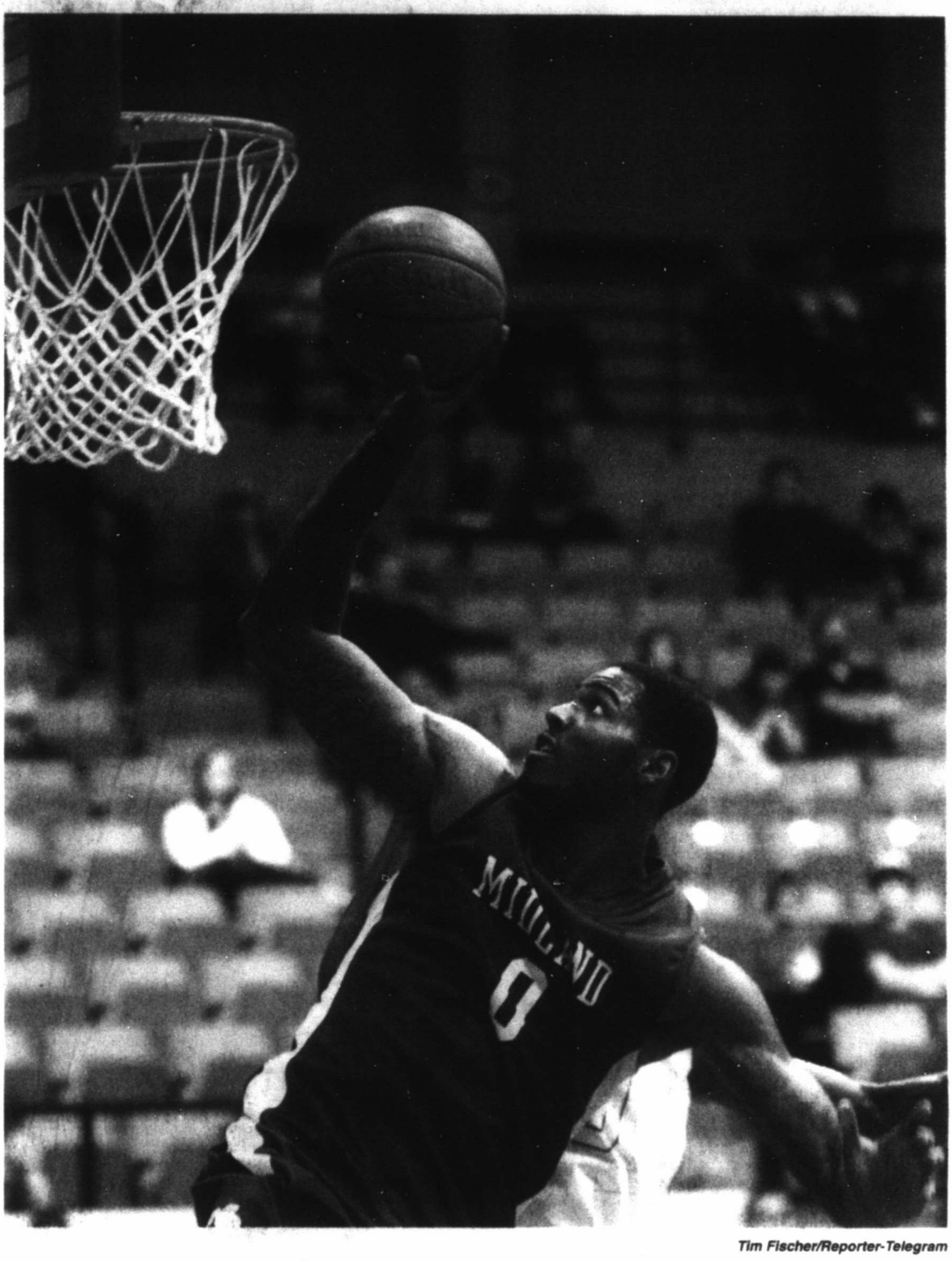

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College's Torren Jones puts up a shot during a Dec. 3 game against Howard College at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Jones taking advantage of 2nd chance at MC

By Oscar LeRoy
oleroy@mrt.com

Late last summer Torren Jones was looking for a fresh start.

Midland College was the place that has provided him with one.

Jones, a 6-foot-8 sophomore forward from Chandler, Arizona, has been a leader for the Chaparrals as he's brought a tough, inside presence to go with 18.6 points and 11.5 rebounds per game.

Jones has been everything that has been expected as a former highly recruited high school player and former NCAA Division I signee.

MC coach Jordan Dreiling is glad to have a player like Jones when his Chaparrals (12-8, 2-4 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference) host No. 10 Odessa College (16-3, 4-2) tonight at Chaparral Center.

The game

NO. 10 ODESSA COLLEGE AT MIDLAND COLLEGE

When: 7:45 p.m. today
Location: Chaparral Center
Radio: KZFZ 102.1 FM

"He's a big guy who plays big, he's tough, he's very athletic, has a high motor, and does a lot for his team," Dreiling said. "When he gives us all he's got, he's all-conference. We just need a more consistent effort on that part, and he knows that. We just need other guys around him to do the same."

While Jones is thriving at the junior college level, he was hoping he would still be playing at the NCAA Division I level.

Last August, Jones was dismissed from the University of Missouri for violation of undisclosed team rules.

Jones said the dismissal stemmed from some trouble he got into back in his home state of Arizona, although he respectfully declined to elaborate.

It was then that he got in touch with Dreiling and MC assistant coach Bryan Hodgson about attending Midland College. After discussions about what he needed to do at Midland College in order to have that second chance, the decision was made for Jones to transfer to MC in

Please see **JONES**/2C

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College's Walnatia Wright (24) goes up for a shot as she is fouled by Western Texas' Kendall Festervand during a Jan. 12 game at Chaparral Center.

Wright, Lady Chaps seek energy against No. 6 OC

By Oscar LeRoy
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Walnatia Wright is not unlike most of her teammates on the Midland College women's basketball team.

The 6-foot-2 freshman post from Augusta, Georgia, has shown the talent and potential to be a solid player at the collegiate level. She just has to get that to a level where she's playing at the top of her game most every night.

Wright and the Lady Chaps (12-8, 3-2 in WJCAC) would like to put together one of those complete games tonight when they host rival and No. 6-ranked Odessa College (18-3, 4-1) in a key conference game at Chaparral Center.

"I hope we come prepared and with the energy that we need," Wright said.

MC head coach Ron Jones said that despite Thursday's 58-53 loss at No. 9 New Mexico Junior College, the Lady Chaps showed more consistency than they had in previous games.

"I know we came up a little short. I thought we competed as much in the New Mexico game as we have in a while," Jones said. "That was good to see. Hopefully we can duplicate that."

Wright hopes her team uses that as a springboard to getting that consistency it wants.

"We just had a few bad possessions on offense, but we did pretty good with the energy," said Wright of the loss at NMJC. "We've come a long way. Most of us are new this year, and I think the freshmen have bonded pretty well on the court. We just need to step up a little bit, but we're there."

Wright has had a solid freshman season at MC, starting 18 of 20 games played and averaging 8.2 points and 6.6 rebounds per game. While those are solid numbers, Wright knows that there is plenty of

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The game

NO. 6 ODESSA COLLEGE AT MIDLAND COLLEGE

When: 5:45 p.m. today
Location: Chaparral Center
Radio: KZFZ 102.1 FM

Seahawks rally past Packers in overtime

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

Seahawks	28
Packers	22 (OT)

SEATTLE — The loudest stadium in America was silent. A return trip to the Super Bowl was slipping away.

Time for the Seattle Seahawks to show why they are champions.

"You have the belief these guys have in one another, there is nothing you can't do," coach Pete Carroll said after an implausible comeback for a 28-22 victory over Green Bay in the NFC championship game Sunday.

Plagued by turnovers and outplayed much of the day, the Seahawks staged a stunning rally built on resilience. Russell Wilson, who struggled until the final minutes, hit Jermaine Kearse for a 35-yard touchdown 3:19 into the extra period to win it.

The Seahawks became the first defending champion to make the Super Bowl in 10 years, and will play the AFC champion New England Patriots, who routed Indianapolis 45-7. How Seattle got there was stunning.

"The will and the drive of these men is unbelievable," Wilson said. "We always find a way to finish."

Seattle (14-4) trailed 19-7 with about four minutes remaining and had been ineffective on offense all game. Wilson finally put a drive together with passes to Doug Baldwin and Marshawn Lynch — initially ruled a touchdown but called back because he stepped out of bounds. Wilson finished with a 1-yard scoring run to cut the lead to 19-14 with 2:09 left.

The onside kick went high to Packers tight end

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Jeff Chiu/AP

Seattle's Jermaine Kearse (15) throws the ball into the stands after scoring the game-winning touchdown against the Green Bay Packers during overtime of the NFC Championship game Sunday in Seattle.

Belichick, Brady make 6th Super Bowl

By Howard Ulman
Associated Press

Patriots	45
Colts	7

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Bill Belichick and Tom Brady are headed to a special place where no coach or player has gone more — the Super Bowl.

They earned their trip with the second most lopsided AFC championship victory ever.

The New England Patriots dominant duo earned a sixth trip to the Super Bowl with a 45-7 wipeout of the Indianapolis Colts in the AFC championship game before a raucous, rain-soaked crowd Sunday night.

Scoring touchdowns on their first four second-half possessions, the Patriots (14-4) moved on to face defending champion Seattle (14-4) for the NFL title on Feb. 1 in Glendale, Arizona. Belichick will face Pete Carroll, whom he replaced as Patriots coach 2000. The Seahawks beat the Green Bay Packers 28-22 in overtime in the NFC title game.

"I only have one thing to say. We're on to Seattle," Belichick said, echoing the statement he repeated several times, "We're on to Cincinnati," after a 41-14 loss at Kansas City dropped the Patriots to 2-2.

Brady threw three touchdown passes, LeGarrette Blount ran 30 times for 148 yards and three scores and the Patriots charged away after leading just 17-7 at halftime.

"I know we've had some ups and downs this year," Brady said, "but right now

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ON THE AIR

TODAY

WHAT'S ON TV

HANDBALL

Spain vs. Chile, 7:55 a.m., beIN

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Bishop O'Dowd (California) vs. Wheeler (Georgia), 10 a.m., ESPNU

Oak Hill Academy (Virginia) vs. Villa Angela-St. Joseph (Ohio), Noon, ESPNU

Bishop Gorman (Nevada) vs. Montverde (Florida), 2 p.m., ESPNU

Chaminade (Missouri) vs. Paul VI (Virginia), 4 p.m., ESPNU

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

UMass Lowell at New Hampshire, 2:30 p.m., FCSA

Pittsburgh at Duke, 6 p.m., ESPN

Texas at TCU, 6 p.m., ESPNU

Oklahoma at Kansas, 8 p.m., ESPN

Florida State at Clemson, 8 p.m., ESPNU

Villanova at Georgetown, 8 p.m., FS1

MEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Stanford at USC, 7 p.m., P12 BAY/P12 LA

MEN'S SOCCER

CAF Orange African Cup of Nations: Ghana vs. Senegal, 9:55 a.m., beIN/beIN2

CAF Orange African Cup of Nations: Algeria vs. South Africa, 12:55 p.m., beIN/beIN2

English Premier: West Bromwich Albion vs. Everton, 1:45 p.m., NBCSN/mun2

Friendly: Canada vs. Iceland, 2:55 p.m., beIN

FIFA U-20: Chile vs. Colombia, 3:45 p.m., beIN2

CONCACAF U-20: El Salvador vs. Mexico, 4:30 p.m., FS2/UniDep

FIFA U-20: Brazil vs. Venezuela, 5:45 p.m., beIN2

NBA

Detroit at Atlanta, 1:30 p.m., ESPN

Dallas at Memphis, 4 p.m., FSSW

Chicago at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m., TNT

LA Lakers at Phoenix, 9 p.m., TNT

NBA D-LEAGUE

Showcase: Championship, Noon, NBAtv

NHL

Philadelphia at NY Islanders, Noon, NHL

Colorado at Saint Louis, 7 p.m., NBCSN

TENNIS

Australian Open, 6 p.m.,TENNIS

Australian Open, 8 p.m., ESPN2

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

UMass Lowell at New Hampshire, Noon, FCSA

Oklahoma State at Oklahoma, 3:30 p.m., FS1

Arizona State at Stanford, 5 p.m., P12

Texas at Baylor, 5:30 p.m., FS1

South Carolina at Florida, 6 p.m., SEC

Purdue at Nebraska, 6 p.m., BTN

Washington at Oregon State, 7 p.m., P12

WOMEN'S COLLEGE GYMNASTICS

Arizona at UCLA, 3 p.m., P12

WHAT'S ON RADIO

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Women's: Odessa College at Midland College, 5:45 p.m., KFZX 102.1 FM

Men's: Odessa College at Midland College, 7:45 p.m., KFZX 102.1 FM

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY

JUNIOR COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Odessa College at Midland College, 7:45 p.m.

JUNIOR COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Odessa College at Midland College, 5:45 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CHICAGO BEARS — Named Josh Lucas director of player personnel

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CAROLINA HURRICANES — Assigned D Austin Levi from Charlotte (AHL) to Stockton (ECHL)

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Assigned C Sean Collins to Springfield (AHL)

DETROIT RED WINGS — Assigned F Martin Frk from Toledo (ECHL) to Grand Rapids (AHL)

MONTREAL CANADIENS — Assigned G Joey MacDonald to Hamilton (AHL). Assigned D Dalton Thrower to Hamilton (AHL) from Brampton (ECHL)

NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Reassigned D Anthony Bitetto to Milwaukee (AHL)

NEW YORK RANGERS — Agreed to terms with D Marc Staal on a contract extension

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Assigned F Denver Manderson to Orlando (ECHL)

WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Reassigned D Steven Oleksy to Hershey (AHL)

American Hockey League

AHL — Suspended Binghamton LW Max McCormick one game

ALBANY DEVILS — Assigned D Eric Baier to Orlando (ECHL)

HAMILTON BULLDOGS — Assigned G Franky Palazzese to Wheeling (ECHL). Recalled D David Makowski from Wheeling. Signed F Shane Bakker to a professional try out contract

SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Assigned D Josh McFadden to Cincinnati (ECHL)

ECHL

ALLEN AMERICANS — Released D Daniel Barnes. Signed F Josef Fojtik

BAKERSFIELD CONDORS — Released F Dan DeLisle

EVANSVILLE ICEMEN — Signed Fs Mark Anthoine and Jordan Sims

IDAHO STEELHEADS — Released F Mike Curry

INDY FUEL — Released G John Havnlack as emergency backup. Added G Chris Kamal as emergency backup

ORLANDO SOLAR BEARS — Released F Mike Sgroi

READING ROYALS — Released G Chris Bourgeois as emergency backup

WHEELING NAILERS — Released G Brandon Billie as emergency backup

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

VANCOUVER WHITECAPS — Signed coach Carl Robinson to a multiyear contract extension

COLLEGE

FLORIDA — Dismissed G Antoinette Bannister from the women's basketball team

HAMPDEN-SYDNEY — Announced the resignation of soccer coach Josh Laux

NEW MEXICO — Announced the resignation of Nate Burney, athletic trainer for men's basketball

VANDERBILT — Announced QB Stephen Rivers will transfer

GLANTZ-CULVER

COLLEGE

NFL

Feb. 1

Super Bowl

At Glendale, Ariz.

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
Seattle	3	Pk	(49)	New England

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Tuesday

At 2300 Arena, Philadelphia (FS1), Eric Hunter vs. Rene Alvarado, 10, featherweights

Saturday

At 1stBank Center, Broomfield, Colo. (HBO), Mike Alvarado vs. Brandon Rios, 12, welterweights; Gilberto Ramirez vs. Maxim Vlasov, 10, super middleweights

At GPG Event Center, Pennsauken, N.J., Chazz Witherspoon vs. Cory Phelps, 10, heavyweights

Jan. 26

At Cowboys Dance Hall, San Antonio (FS1), Rocky Juarez vs. Robinson Castellanos, 10, featherweights

Jan. 30

At Foxwoods Resort, Mashantucket, Conn. (ESPN2), Karl Dargan vs. Tony Luis, 10, lightweights

Feb. 6

At Beau Rivage Resort & Casino, Biloxi, Miss. (ESPN2), Jermain Taylor vs. Sergio Mora, 12, for Taylor's IBF middleweight title

Feb. 14

At Tepic, Mexico, David Sanchez vs. Juan Alberto Rosas, 12, for the interim WBA super flyweight title

Feb. 21

At Monte Carlo, Monaco (HBO), Gennady Golovkin vs. Martin Murray, 12, for Golovkin's WBA Super World-WBC World-IBO middleweight titles; Hekkie Budler vs. Jesus Silvestre, 12, for Budler's WBA-IBO minimumweight titles; Lee Haskins vs. Omar Lamiri, 12, for the vacant EBU bantamweight title

At O2 World Arena, Berlin, Arthur Abraham vs. Paul Smith, 12, for Abraham's WBO super middleweight title

Feb. 27

At Paramount Theatre, Huntington, N.Y. (ESPN2), Cletus Seldin vs. Johnny Garcia, 10, junior welterweights

At Fantasy Springs Casino, Indio, Calif., Randy Caballero vs. Alberto Guevara, 12, for Caballero's IBF bantamweight title

Feb. 28

At Odyssey Arena, Belfast, Northern Ireland, Carl Frampton vs. Chris Avalos, 12, for Frampton's IBF super bantamweight title

At O2 Arena, London, Dmitry Chudinov vs. Chris Eubank Jr., 12, for the interim WBA middleweight title

March 6

At Echo Arena, Liverpool, England, Zolani Tete vs. Paul Butler, 12, for Tete's IN+BF super flyweight title

March 7

At Macao, China, Amnat Ruenroeng vs. Zou Shimin, 12, for Ruenroeng's IBF flyweight title

March 14

At the Bell Centre, Montreal (HBO), Sergey Kovalev vs. Jean Pascal, 12, for Kovalev's WBO-IBF-WBA light heavyweight titles; Steve Cunningham vs. Vyacheslav Glazkov, 12, heavyweights

NBADL

East Conference

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Fort Wayne	15	10	.600	—
Grand Rapids	13	9	.591	1/2
Sioux Falls	12	11	.522	2
Iowa	10	11	.476	3

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Maine	17	5	.773	—
Canton	13	11	.542	5
Delaware	8	13	.381	8 1/2
Westchester	8	15	.348	9 1/2
Erie	8	16	.333	10

West Conference

Southwestern Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Austin	16	7	.696	—
Oklahoma City	13	10	.565	3
Texas	12	10	.545	3 1/2
Rio Grande Valley	10	12	.455	5 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Bakersfield	16	8	.667	—
Santa Cruz	13	9	.591	2
Reno	9	12	.429	5 1/2
Los Angeles	8	17	.320	8 1/2
Idaho	4	19	.174	11 1/2

Saturday's Scores

Oklahoma City 116, Idaho 95

Bakersfield 104, Sioux Falls 88

Austin 102, Canton 94

Grand Rapids 100, Santa Cruz 77

Sunday's Scores

Maine 106, Texas 101

Erie 110, Iowa 100

Los Angeles 116, Delaware 96

Reno at Rio Grande Valley, late

Today's Games

Grand Rapids at Bakersfield, Noon

Oklahoma City at Westchester, 2:45 p.m.

Fort Wayne at Idaho, 5:30 p.m.

SKI REPORT

ROCKIES

New Mexico

Angel Fire — Sun 6:47 am packed powder machine groomed 28-28 base 64 of 78 trails 85% open, 450 acres, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Thu: 9a-4p Fri: 9a-8p Sat: 9a-8p Sun: 9a-4p

Red River — Sun 8:17 am packed powder machine groomed 25-30 base 44 of 57 trails 78% open, 225 acres, 7 of 7 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Sipapu — Sun 4:37 am MG machine groomed 21-29 base 41 of 41 trails, 96% open 5 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Ski Apache — Sun 6:03 am packed powder machine groomed 20-52 base 50 of 55 trails 91% open, 22 miles, 550 acres, 6 of 10 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Ski Santa Fe — Sun 3:07 pm variable machine groomed 33-36 base 70 of 77 trails 91% open, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Taos — Sun 6:01 am MG machine groomed 36-37 base 60 of 113 trails, 54% open 14 of 15 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Enchanted Forest XC — Wed No Recent Information powder machine groomed 12-24 base 40 of 40 trails, 22 miles Mon-Fri: 9a-4:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-4:30p

Colorado

Arapahoe Basin — Sun 7:50 am packed powder machine groomed 35-35 base 98 of 109 trails 90% open, 936 acres, 8 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Aspen Highlands — Sun 7:30 am packed powder machine groomed 35-51 base 122 of 122 trails 100% open, 1040 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p

Aspen Mountain — Sun 7:32 am packed powder machine groomed 26-31 base 76 of 76 trails 100% open, 675 acres, 6 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p

Beaver Creek — Sun 5:47 am packed powder machine groomed 38-38 base 138 of 150 trails 92% open, 1724 acres, 24 of 25 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Breckenridge — Sun 5:49 am packed powder machine groomed 50-50 base 175 of 187 trails 94% open, 2758 acres, 34 of 35 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Buttermilk — Sun 7:29 am packed powder machine groomed 26-28 base 36 of 44 trails 82% open, 411 acres, 4 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p

Copper Mountain — Sun 5:04 am packed powder machine groomed 45-53 base 143 of 143 trails 100% open, 5 miles, 2465 acres, 23 of 23 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

MCBASKETBALLTODAY

BY OSCAR LEROY

WJCAC basketball

MEN

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
Howard College	5	0	14	4
South Plains	4	1	14	4
Odessa College	4	2	16	3
Frank Phillips	3	2	14	5
New Mexico JC	3	3	14	6
New Mexico Military	2	3	8	7
Midland College	2	4	12	8
Western Texas	1	4	10	7
Clarendon College	0	4	3	14

Thursday's Scores

New Mexico JC 66, Midland College 64; Howard College 76, Odessa College 58; Frank Phillips College 84, Clarendon College 64; South Plains College 92, New Mexico Military Institute 82; Western Texas College was open

Today's Games

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

WOMEN

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
New Mexico JC	5	0	18	1
Odessa College	4	1	18	3
Frank Phillips	3	2	15	3
Midland College	3	2	12	8
South Plains	2	2	5	11
Clarendon College	2	3	11	7
Western Texas	0	4	8	9
Howard College	0	4	5	13

Thursday's Scores

New Mexico JC 58, Midland College 53; Odessa College 65, Howard College 43; Frank Phillips College 73, Clarendon College 62; South Plains College and Western Texas College were open

Today's Games

Odessa College at Midland College; Western Texas College at Clarendon College; Frank Phillips College at South Plains College; Victoria College at Howard College (non-conference); New Mexico JC is open

Women

NO. 6 ODESSA COLLEGE AT MIDLAND COLLEGE

When/where: 5:45 p.m. today, Chaparral Center

Records: Midland College 12-8, 3-2 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Odessa College 18-3, 4-1

Last WJCAC game: New Mexico JC 58, Midland College 53; Odessa College 65, Howard College 43

Notes & quotes: Midland College looks to not only bounce back from Thursday's loss at NMJC but stay within two games of the league-leading Lady Thunderbirds with a win. ... MC shot just 30.9 percent and turned the ball over 25 times against NMJC, but coach Ron Jones saw more consistent play from his team. "The first two minutes of the second half I thought we were a little tentative, but the rest of the game, offensively and defensively, I thought we were in the right frame of mind," he said. "Except for a few missed free throws and poor possessions, we did everything we needed to to have a chance to win over there, so I'm happy with that. I think we can build on that, but the key is making sure we're consistent with our effort and aggressiveness for 40 minutes." ... Tajanay Veiga and Marielka Garate each had 11 points to lead MC in the loss. ... OC is coming off a rout of Howard College on Thursday. Sophomore F Elise Spann led OC with 14 points, while fellow sophomore F Octavian Reedy added 12 points in the winning effort. ... Jones said OC is not only deep but balanced. "They put about 10 people out there who can all contribute and score like a lot of teams I've had in the past," he said. "It will be a real challenge to contain their guard play."

Next: South Plains College at Midland College, 5:45 p.m. Thursday; Odessa College at South Plains College, 5:45 p.m. Jan 26

Men

NO. 10 ODESSA COLLEGE, MIDLAND COLLEGE

When/where: 7:45 p.m. today, Chaparral Center

Records: Midland College 12-8, 2-4 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Odessa College 16-3, 4-2

Last WJCAC game: New Mexico JC 66, Midland College 64; Howard College 76, Odessa College 58

Notes & quotes: Midland College looks to bounce back from a tough, close loss at NMJC. The Chaparrals had opportunities to win that game, but they missed two late free throws and coach Jordan Dreiling said they had some tough calls go against them. "We put ourselves in that position," Dreiling said. "The game would have been a lot different if we had hit free throws and finished plays." ... Torren Jones led MC on Thursday with 21 points and nine rebounds, while Dontay Caruthers added 14 points. ... With the tough start to WJCAC play, Dreiling said his team knows that every game is huge from here on out. "I think we're all driven and dedicated to bringing it back around," he said. "I see it in the guys. I know they want to and they know I want to. If we're all the same page there, we'll do whatever it takes to get there. It all starts with a home win (today). One of our goals at the start of the year was to go undefeated at home, and at least we still have that going. We need to take care of business." ... Dreiling believes OC is going to come in as a hungry team after losing two straight, including an embarrassing home loss to Howard College. "We just need to maintain defensive consistency with our approach and finish plays," he said. "I like their depth, I like their versatility. They have a really good point guard and I think Will Conner is their best player at the off guard position. We have to play team defense. We just can't key on one or two guys, and we have to rebound with five." ... Conner, a 6-foot-5 sophomore guard, leads the Wranglers with 17.6 ppg, 6-1 freshman G and Maryland signee Jaylen Brantley averages 15 ppg, 6-7 sophomore F Clyde Santee is averaging 13.2 ppg, and 6-8 sophomore F Devarus Craig is chipping in with 10.5 ppg.

Next: South Plains College at Midland College, 7:45 p.m. Thursday; Odessa College at South Plains College, 7:45 p.m. Jan. 26

WRIGHT

From 1C

room for improvement.

"To be a starter as a freshman I think I've done well, but I think I can do better," she said. "I've had my downs. I need to work on being consistent and just keep fighting. I know that's what coach wants. I know it's hard, but if someone pushes you on the sidelines you have to give it your all."

Jones said Wright is having a typical freshman year.

"She's had some good games and has had some other games where she hasn't been as active as she should be," Jones said. "She's steadily improving, and I think she's going to continually get better. I do think she's been our most consistent post player."

Like most players on the 11-player roster for MC, Wright is far from home. She admits she was hesitant at first about coming all the way to Texas to play junior college ball. But after talking to her mom and high school coach, they all felt it was the best decision for her.

"My high school coach told me about this school," Wright said. "That's when coach (Jones) came down to visit me. We had practice that day, he saw me scrimmage with my teammates, we talked and I ended up here."

Now the goal for Wright is to get MC to play on that consistent level the team is striving for, compete for a WJCAC title and beat rival Odessa College.

"We need to keep that energy up like we did Thursday, run the offense, and if everyone on the bench keeps their energy up and keeps encouraging each other we should win," she said.

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JONES

From 1C

hopes of opening up his recruitment back to the NCAA Division I level.

"I looked at it as a fresh start, a learning process, a bump in the road or whatever metaphor you want to use," Jones said. "I felt it was a good decision to come here and try get back to the Division I level next year."

As for leaving Missouri, Jones said: "It was disappointing because I had spent a year there, I had made friends and connections and stuff like that. Not being able to go back and continue those friendships was kind of hard."

Despite the setback, Jones doesn't sit around and mope. He's friendly and he greets people with a smile. He appears to be also taking this opportunity at the junior college level and trying to make the most of it.

"Obviously I would like to be at the Division I level, but it's still a competition I'm comfortable at, thriving in right now," he said. "I feel it's kept my confidence level up to go back to Division I and there have been opportunities to work on some things for the Division I game. I got my jump shot down now and have added couple more post moves, and those are things I probably wouldn't been able to do if I was still at that level."

Starring at a 2-4 conference record, the Chaps not only needs Jones to play at a high level but needs other players to be more consistent as well on both ends of the floor.

"I feel we just have to get a win and keep it at a high level with every game," he said. "Everybody's got to embrace their role. I feel that something we shouldn't be talking about at this point of the season, but there's still an issue about people questioning their role and doing what they need to do within themselves. I feel that once we do that, we're going to go far in this conference."

Jones said he hopes his team takes that next step tonight against rival Odessa College, which has won four straight meetings against the rival Chaparrals.

"I feel like everybody circled this game on their calendar," Jones said. "It's a rivalry game and everybody is going to come ready to play. I know I'm going to do whatever I can to help my team get prepared and get the win."

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Gedefa, Arage win Houston with PRs for Ethiopia sweep

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Ethiopians swept the men's and women's titles at the Houston Marathon.

Birhanu Gedefa came from behind in the last mile to win in a personal record of 2 hours, 8 minutes, 3 seconds on Sunday, and countrywoman Yebrgual Arage also came from behind for a PR, winning in 2:23:23.

Gebo Burka broke away from Debebe Tolossa at the 23-mile mark, extending his lead to 14 seconds by the 25-mile mark, but Gedefa closed the gap quickly, passing his countryman with a quarter mile to go, beating his previous personal best set in Rome in 2012 at 2:11:30 and winning his first marathon.

"I had some pain at the beginning," Gedefa said through an interpreter. "Once I reached the 400 meters, I was encouraged. I wanted to finish in 2:07, but I couldn't make it."

Temperatures rose through the upper 50s during the race, and the lack of elevation helped the Ethiopians, who are used to training in thinner air.

"The reason we do well here is because we work hard over there," Gedefa said. "The weather and altitude here is very comfortable."

Diego Estrada won the men's U.S. Half Marathon Championships in 60:51, and Kim Conley won the women's U.S. Half Marathon Championships in 69:44.

In the half, Estrada pulled away from the lead pack around the four-mile mark, growing the lead to 20 seconds over Matthew Llano and Jared Ward by the halfway point of the race and cruising to his first half marathon championship, besting Ward by 51 seconds. Defending champion Meb Keflezighi finished fourth.

Conley began to pull away from the pack around the 10-mile mark and grew her lead to 22 seconds over Brianne Nelson by the 12-mile mark. Conley, who was the 2014 US 10,000 meter champion, won her first half marathon championship. Nelson finished second 32 seconds behind Conley.

Wilder wins piece of heavyweight title over Stiverne

By Tim Dahlberg
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — No one doubted Deontay Wilder could punch, not after knocking out his first 32 opponents as a pro.

Saturday night he showed he could box a little bit, too. And the payoff was huge.

Wilder became the first American to win a piece of the heavyweight title in nearly a decade, staggering Bermane Stiverne early on his way to a 12-round unanimous decision that kept him unbeaten in 33 fights.

Going deep into a fight for the first time in his career, Wilder controlled the bout with a big left jab, often followed by right hands up the middle as he piled up points early on his way to the biggest win of his career.

"Who can't box? Who can't box?" Wilder shouted at the ringside media as the fight ended.

The 2008 Olympic bronze medalist, who had never been past the fourth round in winning all 32 of his previous fights, had to go the distance in this one. But the payoff was the WBC heavyweight title and a chance to be a big man on a big stage.

One ringside judge gave Wilder every round, scoring it 120-107, and he won 119-108 and 118-109 on the other two. The Associated Press had Wilder winning 117-111.

"I'm going to bring excitement back to the heavyweight division," Wilder said. "I'm not going to sit around. Whoever is ready, I'm ready."

Wilder had stopped 18 fighters in the first round and had never gone past the fourth. But his opponents were a suspect lot, and Stiverne (24-2-1) was his first big test as a pro.

He passed it with flying colors, staggering Stiverne on several occasions and dominating the fight with his left jab.

"I think I answered a lot of questions tonight," Wilder said. "We knew we could go 12 rounds, we knew we could take a punch."

Ringside punch stats showed Wilder's dominance, crediting him with landing 227 of 621 punches, including 120 of 420 jabs. Stiverne landed 110 of 327 punches, and only 38 jabs.

"You don't win a fight not throwing punches," Stiverne's promoter, Don King, said. "He wasn't active enough. Everybody could see he wasn't active enough."

It was the first heavyweight title fight at the MGM Grand since Mike Tyson bit off a piece of Evander Holyfield's ear in the infamous Bite Fight 18 years ago. Both Tyson and Holyfield were on hand to watch, as was Larry Holmes, who fought often on the big stage as heavyweight champion in the 1970s and '80s.

And the Alabama native became the first American to hold a piece of the heavyweight title since Shannon Briggs in 2006.

"You've got to give it to him, he's got a great chin," Wilder said. "But I just wanted to show the world what Deontay Wilder is capable of and I proved it tonight."

Broncos finalizing 4-year deal with Kubiak

By Arnie Stapleton
Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Gary Kubiak is John Elway's No. 2 again.

The Denver Broncos general manager and executive vice president was hashing out a four-year contract with his former backup QB to become the team's head coach, a person with knowledge of the negotiations told The Associated Press on Sunday night.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the agreement wasn't expected to be announced until Monday with an introductory news conference Tuesday.

Kubiak replaces John Fox, who was ousted last Monday following Denver's stunning playoff loss to home to Indianapolis. Elway complained that Fox's teams didn't show enough fire in big games. Fox was hired as the Chicago Bears' new coach on Friday.

Elway and team president and CEO Joe Ellis met with Kubiak in Houston for several hours Sunday.

Kubiak was Elway's backup from 1983-91 and Denver's offensive coordinator from 1995-2005 under Mike Shanahan. He helped build the blueprint for the back-to-back Super Bowls the Broncos won that capped Elway's Hall of Fame playing career.

Kubiak

Hall of Fame finalist and NFL Network analyst Terrell Davis, Elway's co-pilot on those title runs in 1997 and '98, said: "Oh, man, if it's Kubiak, that would be great. I'd love to see him back in Denver. John Elway said at the podium the other day that he knew what it took to win a championship. Well, who else was there when he won a championship? Kubiak."

Kubiak, who was the Ravens' offensive coordinator this past season, went 63-66, counting the playoffs, as head coach of the Texans from 2006-13. He had a health scare during that last season in Houston and was fired by the Texans with three games left.

Although Kubiak, 53, gets a second chance in Denver, his comeback actually began in Baltimore last season.

Under Kubiak, the Ravens improved from 30th in the league in rushing to eighth and Joe Flacco's sacks dropped from 48 to 19. Kubiak bypassed chances to interview for the head coaching vacancies with the Bears and the Jets, saying he was happy in Baltimore.

That was before his dream job opened up last Monday.

Pro Bowl cornerback Chris Harris Jr., told the AP Sunday night that he didn't know much about Kubiak's deep history in Denver.

"I just know he was the offensive coordinator for the Ravens last year and he did a great job," Harris said. "I'm excited to meet him and get the season rolling."

"From all I'm hearing, he'll be a great hire," Harris added. "I know he's getting a lot of talent here and we're ready to get rolling together."

Kubiak will be the 15th head coach in Broncos history, and talks between him and Elway surely included discussions about Kubiak's health. Kubiak collapsed at halftime of a Texans game in 2013 but quickly returned to the sideline.

Elway interviewed two other candidates: Broncos offensive coordinator Adam Gase and Bengals defensive backs coach Vance Joseph. Two others, former Bills head coach Doug Marrone and Lions defensive coordinator Teryl Austin, withdrew their names as it became clear that Kubiak was the heavy favorite.

Kubiak takes over a team that may or may not have Peyton Manning under center in 2015. The five-time MVP is mulling his future after a promising season turned sour down the stretch and ended unexpectedly with a 24-13 loss to his former team in the AFC divisional round.

Elway asked Manning not to make a rash decision and said he won't need an answer for a few weeks. Manning, who turns 39 in March, is due $19 million each of the next two seasons.

If he decides to retire, the Broncos would give a long look to Brock Osweiler, whom Elway drafted in the second round in 2012 and who has served a three-year apprenticeship under Manning.

Manning pulled out of next week's Pro Bowl because a strained right thigh hasn't gotten much better since his season ended. He was one of the Broncos' league-high 10 Pro Bowlers, only two of whom are pending free agents — Demaryius Thomas and Julius Thomas — and Elway said re-signing them were his top priorities once he found a new coach.

Kubiak is expected to bring Ravens quarterbacks coach Rick Dennison with him back to Denver. Dennison has served as an assistant with Kubiak in Denver, Houston and Baltimore. Joseph, who was Kubiak's secondary coach in Houston, could emerge as Denver's new defensive coordinator, too.

Among assistants who could stay in Denver include running backs coach Eric Studesville, quarterbacks coach Greg Knapp and strength & conditioning coach Luke Richesson.

AFC

From 1C

we're up, baby, and we're going to try to stay up for one more game."

In his first year as a starter, Brady led the Patriots to a Super Bowl win in the 2001 season, starting a run of three championships in four years. Now he and Belichick have a chance for their first in 10 years.

The list of milestones is long:

■ Brady surpassed John Elway for most Super Bowls for a quarterback and tied defensive lineman Mike Lodish for most by any player.

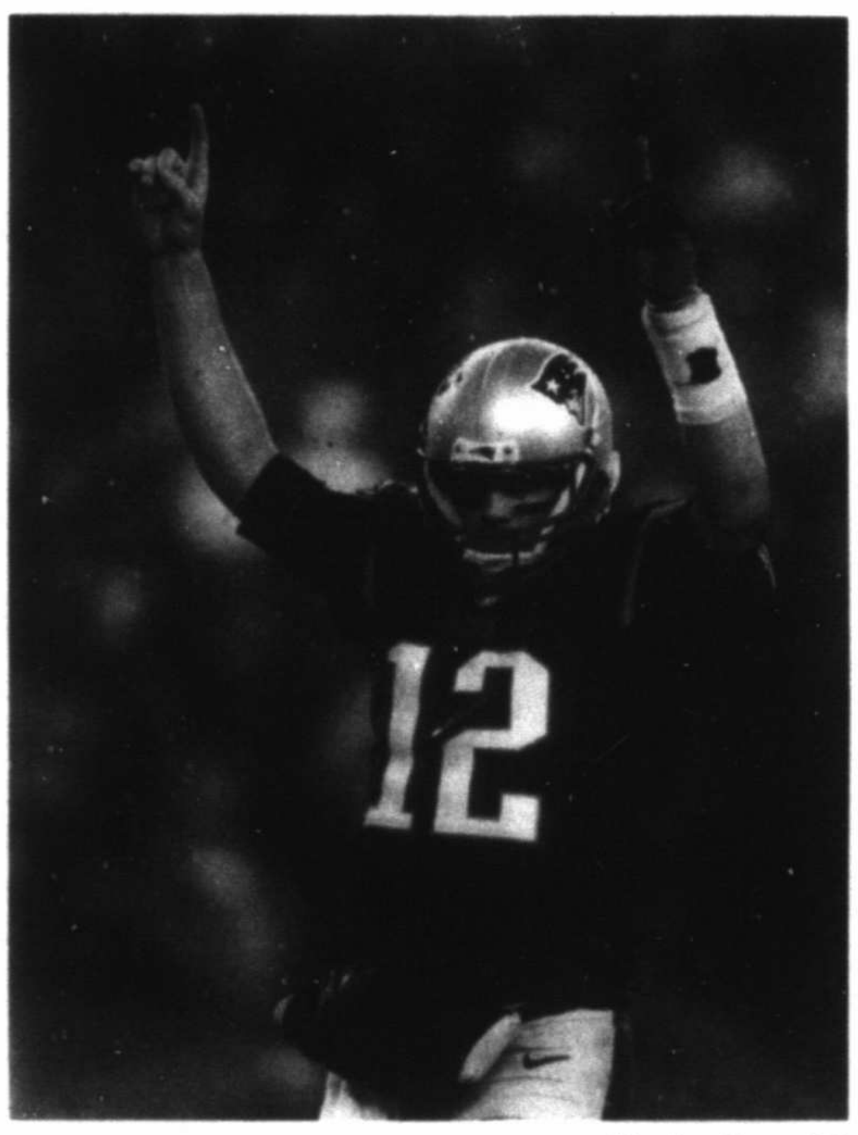
■ Belichick tied Don Shula for most Super Bowls for a coach and broke a tie with Tom Landry with his 21st postseason win.

■ New England tied Dallas and Pittsburgh for most appearances in the big game with eight.

Brady completed 23 of 35 passes for 226 yards before being replaced by Jimmy Garoppolo with 3:20 left. Brady went to the sideline where he was embraced by Belichick. Moments earlier, while sitting on the bench, Brady was shown on the video board with soaked hair. He pumped his fist in the air 12 times then slapped hands with teammates.

The biggest blowout in AFC title history was Buffalo's 51-3 win over the Los Angeles Raiders in the 1990 season.

For Colts quarterback Andrew Luck, it was the worst game of his three-year career and the fourth rout in his four career games against the Patriots, all by at least three touchdowns. He completed 12 of 33 passes for 126 yards, no touchdowns and two interceptions.


Charles Krupa/AP

New England quarterback Tom Brady celebrates LeGarrette Blount's two-yard touchdown run during Sunday's AFC Championship game against the Indianapolis Colts in Foxborough, Mass.

"My play wasn't up to par to give you a chance to beat a great team," he said.

He lost 43-22 in last season's divisional playoff with Blount rushing for 166 yards and four touchdowns. And on Nov. 16, he lost 43-22 as Jonas Gray rushed for 201 yards and four touchdowns.

"It's a very disappointing loss," Colts coach Chuck Pagano said. "We'll learn from this. We'll grow from this."

When Luck threw an interception that Darrelle Revis late in the third quarter, Blount ran 13 yards for the touchdown that made it 38-7.

One fan held up a sign: "No Luck In Our House"

But there was plenty of skill — and a touch of surprise — from the Patriots.

Eight days after baffling Baltimore with a four-man offensive linemen formation that drew a loud protest from Ravens coach John Harbaugh in the Patriots 35-31 divisional win, Belichick called a pass to left tackle Nate Solder, who was eligible, that resulted in a 16-yard touchdown that made it 24-7 with just under five minutes gone in the third quarter.

The Patriots kept rolling with touchdowns on each of their next three series — a 5-yard pass from Brady to Rob Gronkowski, and Blount's runs of 13 and 2 yards.

"He made some great cuts in not good conditions," Belichick said of Blount. "He's a tough guy to tackle."

All that added up to a shot at another championship for the Patriots after losing the Super Bowl to the New York Giants in the 2007 and 2011 seasons.

Turnovers led to two of the three touchdowns in the first half.

Josh Cribbs fumbled a punt after the Patriots went three-and-out on their first possession and Darius Fleming recovered at the Colts 26. Six plays later, Blount scored on a 1-yard run.

The Patriots took a 14-0 lead with just over a minute left in the first quarter on Brady's 1-yard pass to James Develin, the 11th catch in 37 career games for the blocking back, and were driving again.

But with a first-and-10 at the Colts 26, Brady threw a pass that was picked off by D'Qwell Jackson.

Starting from his 7-yard line, Luck marched the Colts 93 yards to a 1-yard touchdown run by Zurlon Tipton with 4:54 left in the half. Luck set up the score with a 36-yard completion to T.Y. Hilton that put the ball at the Patriots 31 and consecutive 11-yard completions to Coby Fleener on the play before Tipton scored.

Then the Colts defense came up with a big stand, forcing Brady into three straight incompletions from their 3. The Patriots settled for Stephen Gostkowski's 21-yard field goal nine seconds before intermission.

NFC

From 1C

Brandon Bostick, but he couldn't gather it, and Seattle's Chris Matthews recovered at the 50. The crowd, quiet since Seattle fell behind 16-0, came alive, and Lynch sped and powered his way to a 24-yard TD run. On the 2-point conversion, Wilson — about to be sacked — threw a desperate pass hauled in by Luke Willson to make it 22-19 with 1:25 remaining.

Aaron Rodgers, limping on an injured calf, calmly led the Packers (13-5) downfield to set up Mason Crosby's fifth field goal, a 48-yarder with 14 seconds to go to force overtime.

Then Wilson and Kearse struck, with Kearse — the target on all four of Wilson's interceptions — beating Tramon Williams on the winning pass.

Kearse has also caught the winning score in last year's conference title win over San Francisco.

"Just making the plays at the end and keep believing," said Wilson, who was overwhelmed and sobbing after the game. "There was no doubt ... we had no doubt as a team."

Kearse, who has caught touchdown passes in four straight postseason games, and several other Seahawks leaped into the stands behind the end zone, saluting the stadium-record crowd of 68,538. Wilson ran through cameramen to jump on Kearse's back, and defensive end Michael Bennett borrowed a bicycle from a police officer and rode around the edge of the field saluting the "12s."

Until the final minutes, there seemed to be no doubt the Packers were headed to the big game Feb. 1 in Glendale, Arizona. Despite All-Pro Rodgers' injury, Green Bay and its overlooked defense was carrying the day.

"It's going to be a missed opportunity that I'll probably think about for the rest of my career," Rodgers said. "We were the better team today, we played well enough to win. We can't blame anybody but ourselves."

Special teams trickery lifted the Seahawks back into the game after falling behind 16-0. Their first touchdown came on a fake field goal when holder Jon Ryan threw 19 yards to tackle eligible Garry Gilliam in the third quarter. And Matthews' onside kick recovery kept the Seahawks alive.

Lynch rushed for 157 yards on 25 carries and was the one consistent offensive force Seattle had. He was crucial to both late scoring drives in regulation.

And after the Packers tied it, Seattle wouldn't be denied in overtime, winning the coin toss and going 87 yards in six plays.

The 16-point comeback was the largest ever in a conference title game. The Colts defeated the Patriots after trailing 21-6 in 2006.

"It takes everybody and everybody had to contribute to get that done," Carroll said. "It was so much heart, so much belief today. Somehow, somehow we pulled it out."

The matchup of Green Bay's top-ranked scoring offense against the league's stingiest defense instead was being controlled by the Packers' ability to stop — and turn over — the Seahawks. The five giveaways were the most in the Carroll era that began in 2010.

BASINNFLCONNECTION

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Cannon

MARCUS CANNON
OL, NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS
(ODESSA HIGH SCHOOL)

Cannon played as a substitute in the New England Patriots' 45-7 win over the Indianapolis Colts in the AFC Championship game on Sunday in Foxborough, Massachussetts. The Patriots play the Seattle Seahawks in the Super Bowl, 28-22 winner over the Green Bay Packers.

GLANCE

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 3
Carolina 27, Arizona 16
Baltimore 30, Pittsburgh 17
Sunday, Jan. 4
Indianapolis 26, Cincinnati 10
Dallas 24, Detroit 20
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday
New England 35, Baltimore 31
Seattle 31, Carolina 17
Sunday
Green Bay 26, Dallas 21
Indianapolis 24, Denver 13

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 18
Seattle 28, Green Bay 22, OT
New England 45, Indianapolis 7
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 25
At Glendale, Ariz.
Team Irvin vs. Team Carter, 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 1
At Glendale, Ariz.
New England vs. Seattle, 5:30 p.m. (NBC)

BOXES

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SUNDAY'S BOXES
SEAHAWKS 28, PACKERS 22, OT

Green Bay	13	3	0	6	0	—22
Seattle	0	0	7	15	6	—28

First Quarter
GB—FG Crosby 18, 8:07.
GB—FG Crosby 19, 5:07.
GB—Cobb 13 pass from A.Rodgers (Crosby kick), :00.
Second Quarter
GB—FG Crosby 40, 9:37.
Third Quarter
Sea—Gilliam 19 pass from Ryan (Hauschka kick), 4:44.
Fourth Quarter
GB—FG Crosby 48, 10:53.
Sea—Wilson 1 run (Hauschka kick), 2:09.
Sea—Lynch 24 run (Willson pass from Wilson), 1:25.
GB—FG Crosby 48, :14.
Overtime
Sea—Kearse 35 pass from Wilson, 11:41.
A—68,538.

	GB	Sea
First downs	19	20
Total Net Yards	306	397
Rushes-yards	30-135	35-194
Passing	171	203
Comp-Att-Int	19-34-2	15-30-4
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-7	5-25
Punts	5-39.4	5-42.4
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	5-45	8-40
Time of Possession	32:15	31:04

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Green Bay, Lacy 21-73, Starks 5-44, A.Rodgers 1-12, Kuhn 2-3, Cobb 1-3. Seattle, Lynch 25-157, Wilson 7-25, Turbin 2-8, Lockette 1-4.
PASSING—Green Bay, A.Rodgers 19-34-2-178. Seattle, Wilson 14-29-4-209, Ryan 1-1-0-19.
RECEIVING—Green Bay, Cobb 7-62, Nelson 5-71, R.Rodgers 4-35, D.Adams 1-7, Kuhn 1-3, Starks 1-0. Seattle, Baldwin 6-106, Lockette 2-25, Willson 2-11, Kearse 1-35, Lynch 1-26, Gilliam 1-19, Tukuafu 1-8, Turbin 1-(minus 2).
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

PATRIOTS 45, COLTS 7

Indianapolis	0	7	0	0	—7
New England	14	3	21	7	—45

First Quarter
NE—Blount 1 run (Gostkowski kick), 10:15.
NE—Develin 1 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 1:20.
Second Quarter
Ind—Tipton 1 run (Vinatieri kick), 4:54.
NE—FG Gostkowski 21, :09.
Third Quarter
NE—Solder 16 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 10:03.
NE—Gronkowski 5 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 3:19.
NE—Blount 13 run (Gostkowski kick), 2:08.
Fourth Quarter
NE—Blount 2 run (Gostkowski kick), 10:05.
A—68,756.

	Ind	NE
First downs	[illegible]	28
Total Net Yards	209	397
Rushes-yards	19-83	40-177
Passing	126	220
Comp-Att-Int	12-33-2	23-35-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	[illegible]	1-6
Punts	[illegible]	3-36.[illegible]
Fumbles-Lost	[illegible]	1-0
Penalties-Yards	3-23	6-45
Time of Possession	22:11	37:49

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Indianapolis, Herron 10-51, Luck 4-18, Tipton 5-14. New England, Blount 30-148, Brady 3-13, Edelman 1-12, Gray 4-4, Vereen 1-2, Amendola 1-(minus 2).
PASSING—Indianapolis, Luck 12-33-2-126. New England, Brady 23-35-1-226.
RECEIVING—Indianapolis, Allen 4-30, Fleener 3-30, Herron 2-11, Hilton 1-36, Nicks 1-15, Tipton 1-4. New England, Edelman 9-98, LaFell 4-28, Vereen 3-41, Gronkowski 3-28, Solder 1-16, Amendola 1-8, Hoomanawanui 1-6, Develin 1-1.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Indianapolis, Vinatieri 51 (WR).

Manning to miss Pro Bowl with thigh injury

By Arnie Stapleton
Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — As Peyton Manning ponders his football future, he's concluded one thing: He won't play in the Pro Bowl next weekend in Glendale, Arizona.

Manning

Manning said his right thigh injury hasn't gotten much better in the week since the Denver Broncos were bounced from the playoffs by Indianapolis.

The five-time NFL MVP extended his QB record with his 14th Pro Bowl selection this season, tying center Bruce Matthews and tight end Tony Gonzalez for the most in NFL history.

Manning calls it "a great honor" to be selected to the game and he's "always taken the obligation to play in it very seriously."

"I've believed that, if healthy, it's a player's responsibility to play in the game because of what it means to be voted in by your peers and the fans," Manning said.

"I'm disappointed that I'm just not healthy enough this year to be part of it. It's going to be tough not being down there with the other guys, but it hasn't had enough time to heal."

The NFL was informed of Manning's decision Sunday. Detroit's Matthew Stafford was added to the Pro Bowl to replace him.

Manning was injured late in the first half of a 22-10 win at San Diego on Dec. 14 and missed a handful of snaps to get treatment just before halftime. He returned to play the entire second half and didn't miss any more time with the injury.

It clearly affected his play, however, culminating with eight overthrows in Denver's 24-13 loss to the Colts last weekend. He also had an incompletion into tight coverage on a third-and-5 play in which he bypassed the run even though he had a 20-yard gap between him and any defender.

Manning blamed the thigh injury on dehydration from a nasty flu bug the night before the game.

This is the first time Manning is skipping the league's annual all-star game for a reason other than preparing for an upcoming Super Bowl. He missed it in 2010 with the Colts and again in 2014 with the Broncos. He played in the 2007 all-star game a week after winning his only Super Bowl title.

Manning finished second in the league this year with 39 touchdown passes and was in the top five with 4,727 yards passing and a 101.5 passer rating. But he faded down the stretch when he was bothered by both the thigh injury and opponents clogging underneath crossing routes.

Manning was one of a league-high 10 Broncos selected to the Pro Bowl, five on each side of the ball. With such a star-studded roster, the Broncos had a "Super Bowl or bust" mentality as they sought to return to the title game and atone for last year's 35-point loss to the Seahawks.

Their flat performance in losing 24-13 to the Colts last weekend rocked the organization and led to a split with coach John Fox, who was hired Friday as Marc Trestman's replacement in Chicago.

That loss also led Manning to reassess his future. After saying in December that he planned to return for an 18th season in the NFL and fourth in Denver, Manning said after the game that he was unsure about returning or retiring.

Manning, who turns 39 in March, has two years and $38 million left on his five-year contract.

GM John Elway met with Manning on Monday and asked him not to make a rash decision.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TODAY

WHAT'S ON TV

HANDBALL

Spain vs. Chile, 7:55 a.m., beIN

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Bishop O'Dowd (California) vs. Wheeler (Georgia), 10 a.m., ESPNU

Oak Hill Academy (Virginia) vs. Villa Angela-St. Joseph (Ohio), Noon, ESPNU

Bishop Gorman (Nevada) vs. Montverde (Florida), 2 p.m., ESPNU

Chaminade (Missouri) vs. Paul VI (Virginia), 4 p.m., ESPNU

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

UMass Lowell at New Hampshire, 2:30 p.m., FCSA

Pittsburgh at Duke, 6 p.m., ESPN

Texas at TCU, 6 p.m., ESPNU

Oklahoma at Kansas, 8 p.m., ESPN

Florida State at Clemson, 8 p.m., ESPNU

Villanova at Georgetown, 8 p.m., FS1

MEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Stanford at USC, 7 p.m., P12 BAY/P12 LA

MEN'S SOCCER

CAF Orange African Cup of Nations: Ghana vs. Senegal, 9:55 a.m., beIN/beIN2

CAF Orange African Cup of Nations: Algeria vs. South Africa, 12:55 p.m., beIN/beIN2

English Premier: West Bromwich Albion vs. Everton, 1:45 p.m., NBCSN/mun2

Friendly: Canada vs. Iceland, 2:55 p.m., beIN

FIFA U-20: Chile vs. Colombia, 3:45 p.m., beIN2

CONCACAF U-20: El Salvador vs. Mexico, 4:30 p.m., FS2/UniDep

FIFA U-20: Brazil vs. Venezuela, 5:45 p.m., beIN2

NBA

Detroit at Atlanta, 1:30 p.m., ESPN

Dallas at Memphis, 4 p.m., FSSW

Chicago at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m., TNT

LA Lakers at Phoenix, 9 p.m., TNT

NBA D-LEAGUE

Showcase: Championship, Noon, NBAtv

NHL

Philadelphia at NY Islanders, Noon, NHL

Colorado at Saint Louis, 7 p.m., NBCSN

TENNIS

Australian Open, 6 p.m.,TENNIS

Australian Open, 8 p.m., ESPN2

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

UMass Lowell at New Hampshire, Noon, FCSA

Oklahoma State at Oklahoma, 3:30 p.m., FS1

Arizona State at Stanford, 5 p.m., P12

Texas at Baylor, 5:30 p.m., FS1

South Carolina at Florida, 6 p.m., SEC

Purdue at Nebraska, 6 p.m., BTN

Washington at Oregon State, 7 p.m., P12

WOMEN'S COLLEGE GYMNASTICS

Arizona at UCLA, 3 p.m., P12

WHAT'S ON RADIO

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Women's: Odessa College at Midland College, 5:45 p.m., KFZX 102.1 FM

Men's: Odessa College at Midland College, 7:45 p.m., KFZX 102.1 FM

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY

JUNIOR COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Odessa College at Midland College, 7:45 p.m.

JUNIOR COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Odessa College at Midland College, 5:45 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CHICAGO BEARS — Named Josh Lucas director of player personnel.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CAROLINA HURRICANES — Assigned D Austin Levi from Charlotte (AHL) to Stockton (ECHL).

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Assigned C Sean Collins to Springfield (AHL).

DETROIT RED WINGS — Assigned F Martin Frk from Toledo (ECHL) to Grand Rapids (AHL).

MONTREAL CANADIENS — Assigned G Joey MacDonald to Hamilton (AHL). Assigned D Dalton Thrower to Hamilton (AHL) from Brampton (ECHL).

NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Reassigned D Anthony Bitetto to Milwaukee (AHL).

NEW YORK RANGERS — Agreed to terms with D Marc Staal on a contract extension.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Assigned F Denver Manderson to Orlando (ECHL).

WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Reassigned D Steven Oleksy to Hershey (AHL).

American Hockey League

AHL — Suspended Binghamton LW Max McCormick one game.

ALBANY DEVILS — Assigned D Eric Baier to Orlando (ECHL).

HAMILTON BULLDOGS — Assigned G Franky Palazzese to Wheeling (ECHL). Recalled D David Makowski from Wheeling. Signed F Shane Bakker to a professional try out contract.

SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Assigned D Josh McFadden to Cincinnati (ECHL).

ECHL

ALLEN AMERICANS — Released D Daniel Barnes. Signed F Josef Fojtik.

BAKERSFIELD CONDORS — Released F Dan DeLisle.

EVANSVILLE ICEMEN — Signed Fs Mark Anthoine and Jordan Sims.

IDAHO STEELHEADS — Released F Mike Curry.

INDY FUEL — Released G John Havrilack as emergency backup. Added G Chris Kamal as emergency backup.

ORLANDO SOLAR BEARS — Released F Mike Sgro.

READING ROYALS — Released G Chris Bourgeois as emergency backup.

WHEELING NAILERS — Released G Brandon Bilbie as emergency backup.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

VANCOUVER WHITECAPS — Signed coach Carl Robinson to a multiyear contract extension.

COLLEGE

FLORIDA — Dismissed G Antoinette Bannister from the women's basketball team.

HAMPDEN-SYDNEY — Announced the resignation of soccer coach Josh Laux.

NEW MEXICO — Announced the resignation of Nate Burney, athletic trainer for men's basketball.

VANDERBILT — Announced QB Stephen Rivers will transfer.

GLANTZ-CULVER

COLLEGE

NFL

Feb. 1

Super Bowl

At Glendale, Ariz.

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
Seattle	3	Pk	(49)	New England

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Tuesday

At 2300 Arena, Philadelphia (FS1): Eric Hunter vs. Rene Alvarado, 10, featherweights.

Saturday

At 1stBank Center, Broomfield, Colo (HBO): Mike Alvarado vs. Brandon Rios, 12, welterweights. Gilberto Ramirez vs. Maxim Vlasov, 10, super middleweights.

At GPG Event Center, Pennsauken, N.J.: Chazz Witherspoon vs. Cory Phelps, 10, heavyweights.

Jan. 26

At Cowboys Dance Hall, San Antonio (FS1): Rocky Juarez vs. Robinson Castellanos, 10, featherweights.

Jan. 30

At Foxwoods Resort, Mashantucket, Conn. (ESPN2): Karl Dargan vs. Tony Luis, 10, lightweights.

Feb. 8

At Beau Rivage Resort & Casino, Biloxi, Miss (ESPN2): Jermain Taylor vs. Sergio Mora, 12, for Taylor's IBF middleweight title.

Feb. 14

At Tepic, Mexico: David Sanchez vs. Juan Alberto Rosas, 12, for the interim WBA super flyweight title.

Feb. 21

At Monte Carlo, Monaco (HBO): Gennady Golovkin vs. Martin Murray, 12, for Golovkin's WBA Super World-WBC World-IBO middleweight titles. Hekkie Budler vs. Jesus Silvestre, 12, for Budler's WBA-IBO minimumweight titles. Lee Haskins vs. Omar Lamiri, 12, for the vacant EBU bantamweight title.

At O2 World Arena, Berlin: Arthur Abraham vs. Paul Smith, 12, for Abraham's WBO super middleweight title.

Feb. 27

At Paramount Theatre, Huntington, N.Y. (ESPN2): Cletus Seldin vs. Johnny Garcia, 10, junior welterweights.

At Fantasy Springs Casino, Indio, Calif.: Randy Caballero vs. Alberto Guevara, 12, for Caballero's IBF bantamweight title.

Feb. 28

At Odyssey Arena, Belfast, Northern Ireland: Carl Frampton vs. Chris Avalos, 12, for Frampton's IBF super bantamweight title.

At O2 Arena, London: Dimitry Chudinov vs. Chris Eubank Jr., 12, for the interim WBA middleweight title.

March 6

At Echo Arena, Liverpool, England: Zolani Tete vs. Paul Butler, 12, for Tete's IN+BF super flyweight title.

March 7

At Macao, China: Amnat Ruenroeng vs. Zou Shimin, 12, for Ruenroeng's IBF flyweight title.

March 14

At the Bell Centre, Montreal (HBO): Sergey Kovalev vs. Jean Pascal, 12, for Kovalev's WBO-IBF-WBA light heavyweight titles; Steve Cunningham vs. Vyacheslav Glazkov, 12, heavyweights.

NBADL

East Conference

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Fort Wayne	15	10	.600	—
Grand Rapids	13	9	.591	1/2
Sioux Falls	12	11	.522	2
Iowa	10	11	.476	3

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Maine	17	5	.773	—
Canton	13	11	.542	5
Delaware	8	13	.381	8 1/2
Westchester	8	15	.348	9 1/2
Erie	8	16	.333	10

West Conference

Southwestern Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Austin	16	7	.696	—
Oklahoma City	13	10	.565	3
Texas	12	10	.545	3 1/2
Rio Grande Valley	10	12	.455	5 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Bakersfield	16	8	.667	—
Santa Cruz	13	9	.591	2
Reno	9	12	.429	5 1/2
Los Angeles	8	17	.320	8 1/2
Idaho	4	19	.174	11 1/2

Saturday's Scores

Oklahoma City 116, Idaho 95

Bakersfield 104, Sioux Falls 88

Austin 102, Canton 94

Grand Rapids 100, Santa Cruz 77

Sunday's Scores

Maine 108, Texas 101

Erie 110, Iowa 100

Los Angeles 116, Delaware 96

Reno at Rio Grande Valley, late

Today's Games

Grand Rapids at Bakersfield, Noon

Oklahoma City at Westchester, 2:45 p.m.

Fort Wayne at Idaho, 5:30 p.m.

SKI REPORT

ROCKIES

New Mexico

Angel Fire — Sun 6:47 am packed powder machine groomed 28-28 base 64 of 76 trails 80% open, 450 acres, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Thu: 9a-4p Fri: 9a-6p Sat: 9a-6p Sun: 9a-4p

Red River — Sun 8:17 am packed powder machine groomed 25-30 base 44 of 57 trails 78% open, 225 acres, 7 of 7 lifts, am Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-5p

Sipapu — Sun 4:37 am MG machine groomed 21-29 base 41 of 41 trails, 96% open 6 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Ski Apache — Sun 6:03 am packed powder machine groomed 20-52 base 50 of 55 trails 91% open, 22 miles, 550 acres, 6 of 10 lifts, am Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Ski Santa Fe — Sun 3:07 pm variable machine groomed 35-36 base 70 of 77 trails 91% open, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Taos — Sun 6:01 am MG machine groomed 36-57 base 60 of 110 trails, 54% open 14 of 15 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Enchanted Forest XC — Wed No Recent information powder machine groomed 12-24 base 40 of 40 trails, 22 miles Mon-Fri, 9a-4:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-4:30p

Colorado

Arapahoe Basin — Sun 7:50 am packed powder machine groomed 35-35 base 98 of 109 trails 90% open, 936 acres, 8 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Aspen Highlands — Sun 7:30 am packed powder machine groomed 35-51 base 122 of 122 trails 100% open, 1040 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p

Aspen Mountain — Sun 7:32 am packed powder machine groomed 26-31 base 76 of 76 trails 100% open, 675 acres, 5 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p

Beaver Creek — Sun 5:47 am packed powder machine groomed 36-43 base 138 of 150 trails 92% open, 1724 acres, 24 of 25 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Breckenridge — Sun 5:49 am packed powder machine groomed 50-50 base 175 of 187 trails 94% open, 2758 acres, 34 of 35 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Buttermilk — Sun 7:29 am packed powder machine groomed 26-28 base 36 of 44 trails 82% open, 411 acres, 4 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p

Copper Mountain — Sun 8:04 am packed powder machine groomed 45-53 base 143 of 143 trails 100% open, 5 grms, 2465 acres, 23 of 23 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

MC BASKETBALL TODAY

BY OSCAR LEROY

Women

NO. 6 ODESSA COLLEGE AT MIDLAND COLLEGE

When/where: 5:45 p.m. today, Chaparral Center

Records: Midland College 12-8, 3-2 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Odessa College 18-3, 4-1

Last WJCAC game: New Mexico JC 58, Midland College 53; Odessa College 65, Howard College 43

Notes & quotes: Midland College looks to not only bounce back from Thursday's loss at NMJC but stay within two games of the league-leading Lady Thunderbirds with a win. ... MC shot just 30.9 percent and turned the ball over 25 times against NMJC, but coach Ron Jones saw more consistent play from his team. "The first two minutes of the second half I thought we were a little tentative, but the rest of the game, offensively and defensively, I thought we were in the right frame of mind," he said. "Except for a few missed free throws and poor possessions, we did everything we needed to to have a chance to win over there, so I'm happy with that. I think we can build on that, but the key is making sure we're consistent with our effort and aggressiveness for 40 minutes." ... Tajanay Veiga and Marielka Garate each had 11 points to lead MC in the loss. ... OC is coming off a rout of Howard College on Thursday. Sophomore F Elise Spann led OC with 14 points, while fellow sophomore F Octavian Reedy added 12 points in the winning effort. ... Jones said OC is not only deep but balanced. "They put about 10 people out there who can all contribute and score like a lot of teams I've had in the past," he said. "It will be a real challenge to contain their guard play."

Next: South Plains College at Midland College, 5:45 p.m. Thursday; Odessa College at South Plains College, 5:45 p.m. Jan 26

WJCAC basketball

MEN

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
Howard College	5	0	14	4
South Plains	4	1	14	4
Odessa College	4	2	16	3
Frank Phillips	3	2	14	3
New Mexico JC	3	3	14	6
New Mexico Military	2	3	8	7
Midland College	2	4	12	8
Western Texas	1	4	10	7
Clarendon College	0	4	3	14

Thursday's Scores

New Mexico JC 68, Midland College 64; Howard College 76, Odessa College 58; Frank Phillips College 84, Clarendon College 64; South Plains College 82, New Mexico Military Institute 62; Western Texas College was open

Today's Games

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

WOMEN

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
New Mexico JC	5	0	18	1
Odessa College	4	1	16	3
Frank Phillips	3	2	15	3
Midland College	3	2	12	6
South Plains	2	2	11	6
Clarendon College	2	3	11	7
Western Texas	0	4	8	9
Howard College	0	4	3	10

Thursday's Scores

New Mexico JC 58, Midland College 53; Odessa College 65, Howard College 43; Frank Phillips College 73, Clarendon College 62; South Plains College and Western Texas College were open

Today's Games

Odessa College at Midland College; Western Texas College at Clarendon College; Frank Phillips College at South Plains College; Victoria College at Howard College (non-conference); New Mexico JC is open

Men

NO. 10 ODESSA COLLEGE, MIDLAND COLLEGE

When/where: 7:45 p.m. today, Chaparral Center

Records: Midland College 12-8, 2-4 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Odessa College 16-3, 4-2

Last WJCAC game: New Mexico JC 66, Midland College 64; Howard College 76, Odessa College 58

Notes & quotes: Midland College looks to bounce back from a tough, close loss at NMJC. The Chaparrals had opportunities to win that game, but they missed two late free throws and coach Jordan Dreiling said they had some tough calls go against them. "We put ourselves in that position," Dreiling said. "The game would have been a lot different if we had hit free throws and finished plays." ... Torren Jones led MC on Thursday with 21 points and nine rebounds, while Dontay Caruthers added 14 points. ... With the tough start to WJCAC play, Dreiling said his team knows that every game is huge from here on out. "I think we're all driven and dedicated to bringing it back around," he said. "I see it in the guys. I know they want to and they know I want to. If we're all the same page there, we'll do whatever it takes to get there. It all starts with a home win (today). One of our goals at the start of the year was to go undefeated at home, and at least we still have that going. We need to take care of business." ... Dreiling believes OC is going to come in as a hungry team after losing two straight, including an embarrassing home loss to Howard College. "We just need to maintain defensive consistency with our approach and finish plays," he said. "I like their depth, I like their versatility. They have a really good point guard and I think Will Conner is their best player at the off guard position. We have to play team defense. We just can't key on one or two guys, and we have to rebound with five." ... Conner, a 6-foot-5 sophomore guard, leads the Wranglers with 17.6 ppg, 6-1 freshman G and Maryland signee Jaylen Brantley averages 15 ppg, 6-7 sophomore F Clyde Santee is averaging 13.2 ppg, and 6-8 sophomore F Devarus Craig is chipping in with 10.5 ppg.

Next: South Plains College at Midland College, 7:45 p.m. Thursday; Odessa College at South Plains College, 7:45 p.m. Jan. 26

WRIGHT

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room for improvement.

"To be a starter as a freshman I think I've done well, but I think I can do better," she said. "I've had my downs. I need to work on being consistent and just keep fighting. I know that's what coach wants. I know it's hard, but if someone pushes you on the sidelines you have to give it your all."

Jones said Wright is having a typical freshman year.

"She's had some good games and has had some other games where she hasn't been as active as she should be," Jones said. "She's steadily improving, and I think she's going to continually get better. I do think she's been our most consistent post player."

Like most players on the 11-player roster for MC, Wright is far from home. She admits she was hesitant at first about coming all the way to Texas to play junior college ball. But after talking to her mom and high school coach, they all felt it was the best decision for her.

"My high school coach told me about this school," Wright said. "That's when coach (Jones) came down to visit me. We had practice that day, he saw me scrimmage with my teammates, we talked and I ended up here."

Now the goal for Wright is to get MC to play on that consistent level the team is striving for, compete for a WJCAC title and beat rival Odessa College.

"We need to keep that energy up like we did Thursday, run the offense, and if everyone on the bench keeps their energy up and keeps encouraging each other we should win," she said.

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JONES

From 1C

hopes of opening up his recruitment back to the NCAA Division I level.

"I looked at it as a fresh start, a learning process, a bump in the road or whatever metaphor you want to use," Jones said. "I felt it was a good decision to come here and try get back to the Division I level next year."

As for leaving Missouri, Jones said: "It was disappointing because I had spent a year there, I had made friends and connections and stuff like that. Not being able to go back and continue those friendships was kind of hard."

Despite the setback, Jones doesn't sit around and mope. He's friendly and he greets people with a smile. He appears to be also taking this opportunity at the junior college level and trying to make the most of it.

"Obviously I would like to be at the Division I level, but it's still a competition I'm comfortable at, thriving in right now," he said. "I feel it's kept my confidence level up to go back to Division I and there have been opportunities to work on some things for the Division I game. I got my jump shot down now and have added couple more post moves, and those are things I probably wouldn't been able to do if I was still at that level."

Starring at a 2-4 conference record, the Chaps not only needs Jones to play at a high level but needs other players to be more consistent as well on both ends of the floor.

"I feel we just have to get a win and keep it at a high level with every game," he said. "Everybody's got to embrace their role. I feel that something we shouldn't be talking about at this point of the season, but there's still an issue about people questioning their role and doing what they need to do within themselves. I feel that once we do that, we're going to go far in this conference."

Jones said he hopes his team takes that next step tonight against rival Odessa College, which has won four straight meetings against the rival Chaparrals.

"I feel like everybody circled this game on their calendar," Jones said. "It's a rivalry game and everybody is going to come ready to play. I know I'm going to do whatever I can to help my team get prepared and get the win."

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Gedefa, Arage win Houston with PRs for Ethiopia sweep

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Ethiopians swept the men's and women's titles at the Houston Marathon.

Birhanu Gedefa came from behind in the last mile to win in a personal record of 2 hours, 8 minutes, 3 seconds on Sunday, and countrywoman Yebrgual Arage also came from behind for a PR, winning in 2:23:23.

Gebo Burka broke away from Debebe Tolossa at the 23-mile mark, extending his lead to 14 seconds by the 25-mile mark, but Gedefa closed the gap quickly, passing his countryman with a quarter mile to go, beating his previous personal best set in Rome in 2012 at 2:11:30 and winning his first marathon.

"I had some pain at the beginning," Gedefa said through an interpreter. "Once I reached the 400 meters, I was encouraged. I wanted to finish in 2:07, but I couldn't make it."

Temperatures rose through the upper 50s during the race, and the lack of elevation helped the Ethiopians, who are used to training in thinner air.

"The reason we do well here is because we work hard over there," Gedefa said. "The weather and altitude here is very comfortable."

Diego Estrada won the men's U.S. Half Marathon Championships in 60:51, and Kim Conley won the women's U.S. Half Marathon Championships in 69:44.

In the half, Estrada pulled away from the lead pack around the four-mile mark, growing the lead to 20 seconds over Matthew Llano and Jared Ward by the halfway point of the race and cruising to his first half marathon championship, besting Ward by 51 seconds. Defending champion Meb Keflezighi finished fourth.

Conley began to pull away from the pack around the 10-mile mark and grew her lead to 22 seconds over Brianne Nelson by the 12-mile mark. Conley, who was the 2014 US 10,000 meter champion, won her first half marathon championship. Nelson finished second 32 seconds behind Conley.

Wilder wins piece of heavyweight title over Stiverne

By Tim Dahlberg
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — No one doubted Deontay Wilder could punch, not after knocking out his first 32 opponents as a pro.

Saturday night he showed he could box a little bit, too. And the payoff was huge.

Wilder became the first American to win a piece of the heavyweight title in nearly a decade, staggering Bermane Stiverne early on his way to a 12-round unanimous decision that kept him unbeaten in 33 fights.

Going deep into a fight for the first time in his career, Wilder controlled the bout with a big left jab, often followed by right hands up the middle as he piled up points early on his way to the biggest win of his career.

"Who can't box? Who can't box?" Wilder shouted at the ringside media as the fight ended

The 2008 Olympic bronze medalist, who had never been past the fourth round in winning all 32 of his previous fights, had to go the distance in this one. But the payoff was the WBC heavyweight title and a chance to be a big man on a big stage.

One ringside judge gave Wilder every round, scoring it 120-107, and he won 119-108 and 118-109 on the other two. The Associated Press had Wilder winning 117-111.

"I'm going to bring excitement back to the heavyweight division," Wilder said. "I'm not going to sit around. Whoever is ready, I'm ready."

Wilder had stopped 18 fighters in the first round and had never gone past the fourth. But his opponents were a suspect lot, and Stiverne (24-2-1) was his first big test as a pro.

He passed it with flying colors, staggering Stiverne on several occasions and dominating the fight with his left jab.

"I think I answered a lot of questions tonight," Wilder said. "We knew we could go 12 rounds, we knew we could take a punch."

Ringside punch stats showed Wilder's dominance, crediting him with landing 227 of 621 punches, including 120 of 420 jabs. Stiverne landed 110 of 327 punches, and only 38 jabs.

"You don't win a fight pot throwing punches," Stiverne's promoter, Don King, said. "He wasn't active enough. Everybody could see he wasn't active enough."

It was the first heavyweight title fight at the MGM Grand since Mike Tyson bit off a piece of Evander Holyfield's ear in the infamous Bite Fight 18 years ago. Both Tyson and Holyfield were on hand to watch, as was Larry Holmes, who fought often on the big stage as heavyweight champion in the 1970s and '80s.

And the Alabama native became the first American to hold a piece of the heavyweight title since Shannon Briggs in 2006.

"You've got to give it to him, he's got a great chin," Wilder said. "But I just wanted to show the world what Deontay Wilder is capable of and I proved it tonight."

Broncos finalizing 4-year deal with Kubiak

By Arnie Stapleton
Associated Press

Kubiak

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Gary Kubiak is John Elway's No. 2 again.

The Denver Broncos general manager and executive vice president was hashing out a four-year contract with his former backup QB to become the team's head coach, a person with knowledge of the negotiations told The Associated Press on Sunday night.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the agreement wasn't expected to be announced until Monday with an introductory news conference Tuesday.

Kubiak replaces John Fox, who was ousted last Monday following Denver's stunning playoff loss to home to Indianapolis. Elway complained that Fox's teams didn't show enough fire in big games. Fox was hired as the Chicago Bears' new coach on Friday.

Elway and team president and CEO Joe Ellis met with Kubiak in Houston for several hours Sunday.

Kubiak was Elway's backup from 1983-91 and Denver's offensive coordinator from 1995-2005 under Mike Shanahan. He helped build the blueprint for the back-to-back Super Bowls the Broncos won that capped Elway's Hall of Fame playing career.

Hall of Fame finalist and NFL Network analyst Terrell Davis, Elway's co-pilot on those title runs in 1997 and '98, said: "Oh, man, if it's Kubiak, that would be great. I'd love to see him back in Denver. John Elway said at the podium the other day that he knew what it took to win a championship. Well, who else was there when he won a championship? Kubiak."

Kubiak, who was the Ravens' offensive coordinator this past season, went 63-66, counting the playoffs, as head coach of the Texans from 2006-13. He had a health scare during that last season in Houston and was fired by the Texans with three games left.

Although Kubiak, 53, gets a second chance in Denver, his comeback actually began in Baltimore last season.

Under Kubiak, the Ravens improved from 30th in the league in rushing to eighth and Joe Flacco's sacks dropped from 48 to 19. Kubiak bypassed chances to interview for the head coaching vacancies with the Bears and the Jets, saying he was happy in Baltimore.

That was before his dream job opened up last Monday.

Pro Bowl cornerback Chris Harris Jr., told the AP Sunday night that he didn't know much about Kubiak's deep history in Denver.

"I just know he was the offensive coordinator for the Ravens last year and he did a great job," Harris said. "I'm excited to meet him and get the season rolling."

"From all I'm hearing, he'll be a great hire," Harris added. "I know he's getting a lot of talent here and we're ready to get rolling together."

Kubiak will be the 15th head coach in Broncos history, and talks between him and Elway surely included discussions about Kubiak's health. Kubiak collapsed at halftime of a Texans game in 2013 but quickly returned to the sideline.

Elway interviewed two other candidates: Broncos offensive coordinator Adam Gase and Bengals defensive backs coach Vance Joseph. Two others, former Bills head coach Doug Marrone and Lions defensive coordinator Teryl Austin, withdrew their names as it became clear that Kubiak was the heavy favorite.

Kubiak takes over a team that may or may not have Peyton Manning under center in 2015. The five-time MVP is mulling his future after a promising season turned sour down the stretch and ended unexpectedly with a 24-13 loss to his former team in the AFC divisional round.

Elway asked Manning not to make a rash decision and said he won't need an answer for a few weeks. Manning, who turns 39 in March, is due $19 million each of the next two seasons.

If he decides to retire, the Broncos would give a long look to Brock Osweiler, whom Elway drafted in the second round in 2012 and who has served a three-year apprenticeship under Manning.

Manning pulled out of next week's Pro Bowl because a strained right thigh hasn't gotten much better since his season ended. He was one of the Broncos' league-high 10 Pro Bowlers, only two of whom are pending free agents — Demaryius Thomas and Julius Thomas — and Elway said re-signing them were his top priorities once he found a new coach.

Kubiak is expected to bring Ravens quarterbacks coach Rick Dennison with him back to Denver. Dennison has served as an assistant with Kubiak in Denver, Houston and Baltimore. Joseph, who was Kubiak's secondary coach in Houston, could emerge as Denver's new defensive coordinator, too.

Among assistants who could stay in Denver include running backs coach Eric Studesville, quarterbacks coach Greg Knapp and strength & conditioning coach Luke Richesson.

AFC

From 1C

we're up, baby, and we're going to try to stay up for one more game."

In his first year as a starter, Brady led the Patriots to a Super Bowl win in the 2001 season, starting a run of three championships in four years. Now he and Belichick have a chance for their first in 10 years.

The list of milestones is long:

■ Brady surpassed John Elway for most Super Bowls for a quarterback and tied defensive lineman Mike Lodish for most by any player.

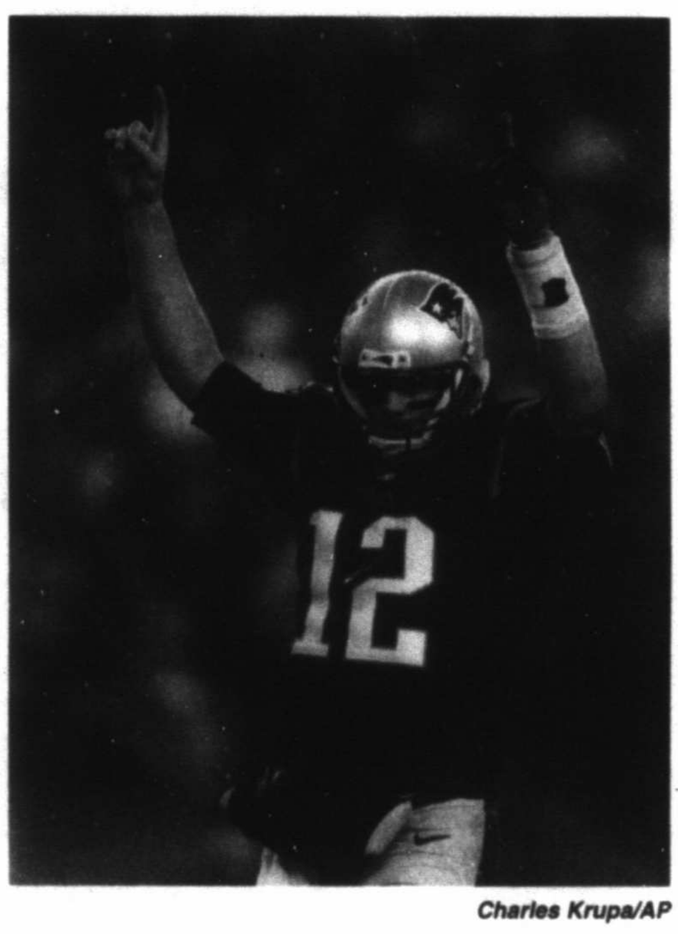
■ Belichick tied Don Shula for most Super Bowls for a coach and broke a tie with Tom Landry with his 21st postseason win.

■ New England tied Dallas and Pittsburgh for most appearances in the big game with eight.

Brady completed 23 of 35 passes for 226 yards before being replaced by Jimmy Garoppolo with 3:20 left. Brady went to the sideline where he was embraced by Belichick. Moments earlier, while sitting on the bench, Brady was shown on the video board with soaked hair. He pumped his fist in the air 12 times then slapped hands with teammates.

The biggest blowout in AFC title history was Buffalo's 51-3 win over the Los Angeles Raiders in the 1990 season.

For Colts quarterback Andrew Luck, it was the worst game of his three-year career and the fourth rout in his four career games against the Patriots, all by at least three touchdowns. He completed 12 of 33 passes for 126 yards, no touchdowns and two interceptions.


Charles Krupa/AP

New England quarterback Tom Brady celebrates LeGarrette Blount's two-yard touchdown run during Sunday's AFC Championship game against the Indianapolis Colts in Foxborough, Mass.

"My play wasn't up to par to give you a chance to beat a great team," he said.

He lost 43-22 in last season's divisional playoff with Blount rushing for 166 yards and four touchdowns. And on Nov. 16, he lost 43-22 as Jonas Gray rushed for 201 yards and four touchdowns.

"It's a very disappointing loss," Colts coach Chuck Pagano said. "We'll learn from this. We'll grow from this."

When Luck threw an interception that Darrelle Revis late in the third quarter, Blount ran 13 yards for the touchdown that made it 38-7.

One fan held up a sign: "No Luck In Our House"

But there was plenty of skill — and a touch of surprise — from the Patriots.

Eight days after baffling Baltimore with a four-man offensive linemen formation that drew a loud protest from Ravens coach John Harbaugh in the Patriots 35-31 divisional win, Belichick called a pass to left tackle Nate Solder, who was eligible, that resulted in a 16-yard touchdown that made it 24-7 with just under five minutes gone in the third quarter.

The Patriots kept rolling with touchdowns on each of their next three series — a 5-yard pass from Brady to Rob Gronkowski, and Blount's runs of 13 and 2 yards.

"He made some great cuts in not good conditions," Belichick said of Blount. "He's a tough guy to tackle."

All that added up to a shot at another championship for the Patriots after losing the Super Bowl to the New York Giants in the 2007 and 2011 seasons.

Turnovers led to two of the three touchdowns in the first half.

Josh Cribbs fumbled a punt after the Patriots went three-and-out on their first possession and Darius Fleming recovered at the Colts 26. Six plays later, Blount scored on a 1-yard run.

The Patriots took a 14-0 lead with just over a minute left in the first quarter on Brady's 1-yard pass to James Develin, the 11th catch in 37 career games for the blocking back, and were driving again.

But with a first-and-10 at the Colts 26, Brady threw a pass that was picked off by D'Qwell Jackson.

Starting from his 7-yard line, Luck marched the Colts 93 yards to a 1-yard touchdown run by Zurlon Tipton with 4:54 left in the half. Luck set up the score with a 36-yard completion to T.Y. Hilton that put the ball at the Patriots 31 and consecutive 11-yard completions to Coby Fleener on the play before Tipton scored.

Then the Colts defense came up with a big stand, forcing Brady into three straight incompletions from their 3. The Patriots settled for Stephen Gostkowski's 21-yard field goal nine seconds before intermission.

NFC

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Brandon Bostick, but he couldn't gather it, and Seattle's Chris Matthews recovered at the 50. The crowd, quiet since Seattle fell behind 16-0, came alive, and Lynch sped and powered his way to a 24-yard TD run. On the 2-point conversion, Wilson — about to be sacked — threw a desperate pass hauled in by Luke Willson to make it 22-19 with 1:25 remaining.

Aaron Rodgers, limping on an injured calf, calmly led the Packers (13-5) downfield to set up Mason Crosby's fifth field goal, a 48-yarder with 14 seconds to go to force overtime.

Then Wilson and Kearse struck, with Kearse — the target on all four of Wilson's interceptions — beating Tramon Williams on the winning pass. Kearse has also caught the winning score in last year's conference title win over San Francisco.

"Just making the plays at the end and keep believing," said Wilson, who was overwhelmed and sobbing after the game. "There was no doubt ... we had no doubt as a team."

Kearse, who has caught touchdown passes in four straight postseason games, and several other Seahawks leaped into the stands behind the end zone, saluting the stadium-record crowd of 68,538. Wilson ran through cameramen to jump on Kearse's back, and defensive end Michael Bennett borrowed a bicycle from a police officer and rode around the edge of the field saluting the "12s."

Until the final minutes, there seemed to be no doubt the Packers were headed to the big game Feb. 1 in Glendale, Arizona. Despite All-Pro Rodgers' injury, Green Bay and its overlooked defense was carrying the day.

"It's going to be a missed opportunity that I'll probably think about for the rest of my career," Rodgers said. "We were the better team today, we played well enough to win. We can't blame anybody but ourselves."

Special teams trickery lifted the Seahawks back into the game after falling behind 16-0. Their first touchdown came on a fake field goal when holder Jon Ryan threw 19 yards to tackle eligible Garry Gilliam in the third quarter. And Matthews' onside kick recovery kept the Seahawks alive.

Lynch rushed for 157 yards on 25 carries and was the one consistent offensive force Seattle had. He was crucial to both late scoring drives in regulation.

And after the Packers tied it, Seattle wouldn't be denied in overtime, winning the coin toss and going 87 yards in six plays.

The 16-point comeback was the largest ever in a conference title game. The Colts defeated the Patriots after trailing 21-6 in 2006.

"It takes everybody and everybody had to contribute to get that done," Carroll said. "It was so much heart, so much belief today. Somehow, somehow we pulled it out."

The matchup of Green Bay's top-ranked scoring offense against the league's stingiest defense instead was being controlled by the Packers' ability to stop — and turn over — the Seahawks. The five giveaways were the most in the Carroll era that began in 2010.

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FROM STAFF REPORTS

Cannon

MARCUS CANNON
OL, NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS
(ODESSA HIGH SCHOOL)

Cannon played as a substitute in the New England Patriots' 45-7 win over the Indianapolis Colts in the AFC Championship game on Sunday in Foxborough, Massachussetts. The Patriots play the Seattle Seahawks in the Super Bowl, 28-22 winner over the Green Bay Packers.

GLANCE

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 3
Carolina 27, Arizona 16
Baltimore 30, Pittsburgh 17
Sunday, Jan. 4
Indianapolis 26, Cincinnati 10
Dallas 24, Detroit 20
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday
New England 35, Baltimore 31
Seattle 31, Carolina 17
Sunday
Green Bay 26, Dallas 21
Indianapolis 24, Denver 13

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 18
Seattle 28, Green Bay 22, OT
New England 45, Indianapolis 7
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 25
At Glendale, Ariz.
Team Irvin vs Team Carter, 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 1
At Glendale, Ariz.
New England vs. Seattle, 5:30 p.m. (NBC)

BOXES

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SUNDAY'S BOXES

SEAHAWKS 28, PACKERS 22, OT

Green Bay	13	3	0	6	0—22
Seattle	0	0	7	15	6—28

First Quarter
GB—FG Crosby 18, 8:07
GB—FG Crosby 19, 5:07
GB—Cobb 13 pass from A.Rodgers (Crosby kick), :00
Second Quarter
GB—FG Crosby 40, 9:37
Third Quarter
Sea—Gilliam 19 pass from Ryan (Hauschka kick), 4:44
Fourth Quarter
GB—FG Crosby 48, 10:53
Sea—Wilson 1 run (Hauschka kick), 2:09
Sea—Lynch 24 run (Wilson pass from Wilson), 1:25
GB—FG Crosby 48, :14
Overtime
Sea—Kearse 35 pass from Wilson, 11:41
A—68,538

	GB	Sea
First downs	19	20
Total Net Yards	306	397
Rushes-yards	30-135	35-194
Passing	171	203
Comp-Att-Int	19-34-2	15-30-4
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-7	5-25
Punts	5-39.4	5-42.4
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	5-45	8-40
Time of Possession	32:15	31:04

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Green Bay, Lacy 21-73, Starks 5-44, A.Rodgers 1-12, Kuhn 2-3, Cobb 1-3. Seattle, Lynch 25-157, Wilson 7-25, Turbin 2-8, Lockette 1-4.

PASSING—Green Bay, A.Rodgers 19-34-2-178, Seattle, Wilson 14-29-4-209, Ryan 1-1-0-19.

RECEIVING—Green Bay, Cobb 7-62, Nelson 5-71, R.Rodgers 4-35, D.Adams 1-7, Kuhn 1-3, Starks 1-0. Seattle, Baldwin 6-136, Lockette 2-25, Willson 2-11, Kearse 1-35, Lynch 1-26, Gilliam 1-19, Tukuafu 1-8, Turbin 1-(minus 2).

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None

PATRIOTS 45, COLTS 7

Indianapolis	0	7	0	0	—7
New England	14	3	21	7	—45

First Quarter
NE—Blount 1 run (Gostkowski kick), 10:15
NE—Develin 1 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 1:20
Second Quarter
Ind—Tipton 1 run (Vinatieri kick), 4:54
NE—FG Gostkowski 21, :09
Third Quarter
NE—Solder 16 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 10:03
NE—Gronkowski 5 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 3:19
NE—Blount 13 run (Gostkowski kick), 2:08
Fourth Quarter
NE—Blount 2 run (Gostkowski kick), 10:05
A—68,756

	Ind	NE
First downs	13	28
Total Net Yards	209	397
Rushes-yards	19-80	40-177
Passing	129	220
Comp-Att-Int	12-33-2	23-35-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	1-6
Punts	5-49.6	3-36.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	3-23	6-45
Time of Possession	22:11	37:49

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Indianapolis, Herron 10-51, Luck 4-18, Tipton 5-14. New England, Blount 30-148, Brady 3-13, Edelman 1-12, Gray 4-4, Vereen 1-2, Amendola 1-(minus 2).

PASSING—Indianapolis, Luck 12-33-2-129. New England, Brady 23-35-1-226.

RECEIVING—Indianapolis, Allen 4-30, Fleener 3-30, Herron 2-11, Hilton 1-36, Nicks 1-15, Tipton 1-4. New England, Edelman 9-98, LaFell 4-28, Vereen 3-41, Gronkowski 3-28, Solder 1-16, Amendola 1-8, Hoomanawanui 1-6, Develin 1-1.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Indianapolis, Vinatieri 51 (WR).

Manning to miss Pro Bowl with thigh injury

By Arnie Stapleton
Associated Press

Manning

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — As Peyton Manning ponders his football future, he's concluded one thing: He won't play in the Pro Bowl next weekend in Glendale, Arizona.

Manning said his right thigh injury hasn't gotten much better in the week since the Denver Broncos were bounced from the playoffs by Indianapolis.

The five-time NFL MVP extended his QB record with his 14th Pro Bowl selection this season, tying center Bruce Matthews and tight end Tony Gonzalez for the most in NFL history.

Manning calls it "a great honor" to be selected to the game and he's "always taken the obligation to play in it very seriously."

"I've believed that, if healthy, it's a player's responsibility to play in the game because of what it means to be voted in by your peers and the fans," Manning said.

"I'm disappointed that I'm just not healthy enough this year to be part of it. It's going to be tough not being down there with the other guys, but it hasn't had enough time to heal."

The NFL was informed of Manning's decision Sunday. Detroit's Matthew Stafford was added to the Pro Bowl to replace him.

Manning was injured late in the first half of a 22-10 win at San Diego on Dec. 14 and missed a handful of snaps to get treatment just before halftime. He returned to play the entire second half and didn't miss any more time with the injury.

It clearly affected his play, however, culminating with eight overthrows in Denver's 24-13 loss to the Colts last weekend. He also had an incompletion into tight coverage on a third-and-5 play in which he bypassed the run even though he had a 20-yard gap between him and any defender.

Manning blamed the thigh injury on dehydration from a nasty flu bug the night before the game.

This is the first time Manning is skipping the league's annual all-star game for a reason other than preparing for an upcoming Super Bowl. He missed it in 2010 with the Colts and again in 2014 with the Broncos. He played in the 2007 all-star game a week after winning his only Super Bowl title.

Manning finished second in the league this year with 39 touchdown passes and was in the top five with 4,727 yards passing and a 101.5 passer rating. But he faded down the stretch when he was bothered by both the thigh injury and opponents clogging underneath crossing routes.

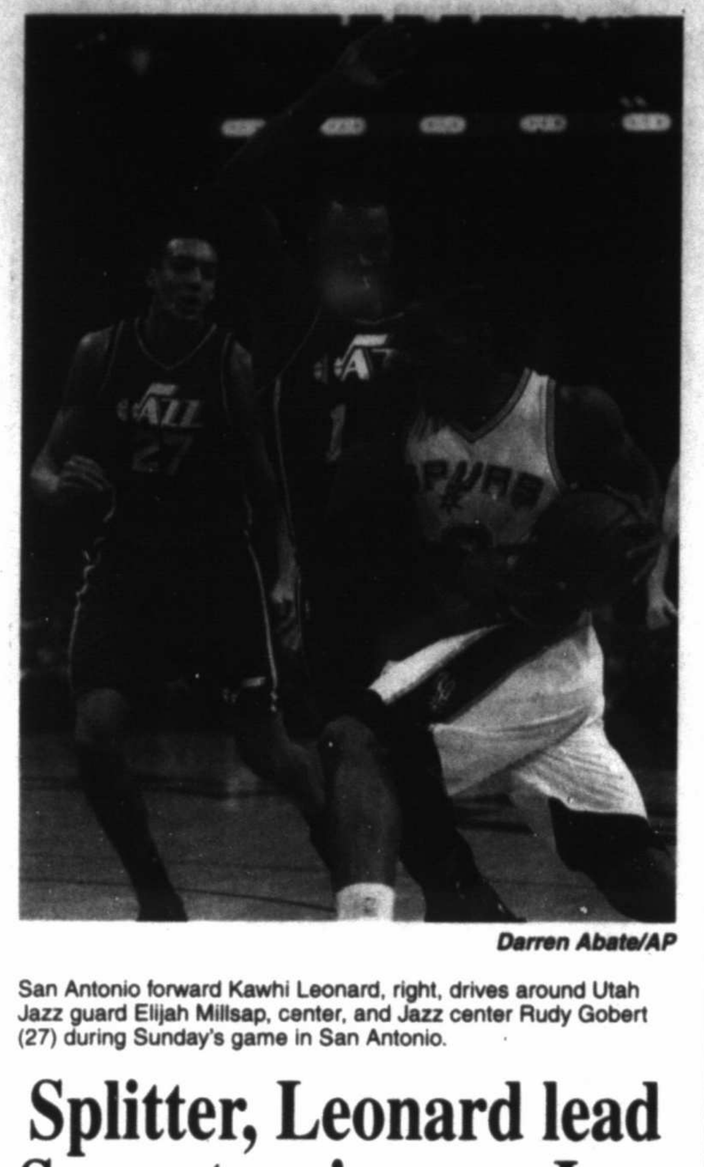
Manning was one of a league-high 10 Broncos selected to the Pro Bowl, five on each side of the ball. With such a star-studded roster, the Broncos had a "Super Bowl or bust" mentality as they sought to return to the title game and atone for last year's 35-point loss to the Seahawks.

Their flat performance in losing 24-13 to the Colts last weekend rocked the organization and led to a split with coach John Fox, who was hired Friday as Marc Trestman's replacement in Chicago.

That loss also led Manning to reassess his future. After saying in December that he planned to return for an 18th season in the NFL and fourth in Denver, Manning said after the game that he was unsure about returning or retiring.

Manning, who turns 39 in March, has two years and $38 million left on his five-year contract.

GM John Elway met with Manning on Monday and asked him not to make a rash decision.



Darren Abate/AP

San Antonio forward Kawhi Leonard, right, drives around Utah Jazz guard Elijah Millsap, center, and Jazz center Rudy Gobert (27) during Sunday's game in San Antonio.

Splitter, Leonard lead Spurs to win over Jazz

By Raul Dominguez
Associated Press

Spurs	**89**
Jazz	**69**

SAN ANTONIO — Tiago Splitter scored 14 points, Kawhi Leonard had 12 points and nine rebounds and the San Antonio Spurs never trailed while holding Utah to a season-low scoring total in an 89-69 victory over the Jazz on Sunday night.

Tim Duncan added 11 points in 23 minutes for San Antonio, which has won three straight — including the last two with Leonard back in the lineup.

Rudy Gobert had 13 points and a season-high 18 rebounds and Gordon Hayward added 10 points for Utah. The Jazz shot 33 percent while also setting season lows in points by a San Antonio opponent for the game and in the first half (27).

Utah beat San Antonio 100-96 on Dec. 9 in a game that Leonard initially injured his right hand, suffering a small tear to a ligament while bracing his fall following a failed dunk attempt.

Leonard gave the Spurs another scare Sunday when he remained down for about 45 seconds after tumbling to the floor following a hard foul by Gobert with 9:14 left in the first half.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

PELICANS 95 RAPTORS 93

TORONTO — Tyreke Evans scored on a driving layup with less than 2 seconds to go and the New Orleans Pelicans beat Toronto 95-93 on Sunday, their first victory in seven meetings with the Raptors.

Evans scored 26 points, and Alexis Ajinca had 22 to help the Pelicans win without injured starters Anthony Davis and Jrue Holiday. Davis and Holiday sat out for the second straight game. Davis is sidelined by a sprained toe on his left foot, and Holiday has a sore right ankle.

Eric Gordon added 14 points for New Orleans, and Omer Asik had 11.

DeMar DeRozan led Toronto with 22 points, and Amir Johnson had 14 points and 10 rebounds. The Raptors have lost seven of their last nine games.

Lou Williams added 17 points, Greivis Vasquez had 16 and Patrick Patterson 10 for Toronto.

THUNDER 127 MAGIC 99

ORLANDO, Fla. — Kevin Durant had 21 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists, and the Oklahoma City Thunder ran past the Orlando Magic 127-99 on Sunday night.

Russell Westbrook finished with 17 points and six assists. Serge Ibaka and Dion Waiters each added 16 points.

The Thunder never trailed, and led by as many as 38 on their way to snapping a four-game road losing streak. They also shot 57 percent in the first of five road games in nine nights.

Victor Oladipo led Orlando with 23 points; Elfrid Payton added 19 points and eight assists.

The Magic gave up a franchise-record 79 first-half points on their way dropping their second straight game. The Thunder were also the sixth consecutive opponent to score 100 or more points against them.

NBA STANDINGS AND BOXES

STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	26	14	.650	—
Brooklyn	17	24	.415	9 1/2
Boston	13	25	.342	12
Philadelphia	8	32	.200	18
New York	5	36	.122	21 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	33	8	.805	—
Washington	28	13	.683	5
Miami	18	22	.450	14 1/2
Charlotte	16	25	.390	17
Orlando	15	29	.341	19 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	27	15	.643	—
Milwaukee	21	19	.525	5
Cleveland	21	20	.512	5 1/2
Detroit	16	25	.390	10 1/2
Indiana	15	27	.357	12

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	29	11	.725	—
Houston	28	13	.683	1 1/2
Dallas	28	13	.683	1 1/2
San Antonio	26	16	.619	4
New Orleans	20	20	.500	9

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	30	11	.732	—
Oklahoma City	20	20	.500	9 1/2
Denver	18	22	.450	11 1/2
Utah	14	27	.341	16
Minnesota	7	32	.179	22

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	32	6	.842	—
L.A. Clippers	27	14	.659	6 1/2
Phoenix	24	18	.571	10
Sacramento	16	24	.400	17
L.A. Lakers	12	29	.293	21 1/2

Sunday's Scores

New Orleans 95, Toronto 93
Oklahoma City 127, Orlando 99
San Antonio 89, Utah 69

Today's Games

Philadelphia at Washington, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Charlotte, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Atlanta, 1:30 p.m.
Boston at L.A. Clippers, 2:30 p.m.
Denver at Golden State, 3 p.m.
Dallas at Memphis, 4 p.m.
Indiana at Houston, 4:30 p.m.
New Orleans at New York, 4:30 p.m.
Chicago at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Portland, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY'S BOXES

SPURS 89, JAZZ 69

UTAH (69): Hayward 4-15 1-2 10, Favors 4-11 1-2 9, Kanter 2-6 0-0 4, Burke 4-15 0-0 8, Ingles 1-4 0-0 3, Gobert 5-10 3-5 13, Hood 1-5 2-4 5, Exum 1-5 0-0 2, Booker 2-3 0-0 4, Millsap 2-7 3-3 7, Evans 2-5 0-0 4, Novak 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-84 10-16 69.

SAN ANTONIO (89): Leonard 4-11 3-4 12, Duncan 3-8 5-6 11, Splitter 5-12 4-4 14, Parker 2-5 0-0 4, D.Green 5-7 2-0 13, Mills 3-7 0-0 8, Diaw 2-6 0-0 5, Ginobili 2-7 1-2 6, Baynes 4-10 4-5 12, Bonner 0-1 0-0 0, Joseph 1-6 2-2 4. Ayres 0-0 0-0 0, J.Green 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 31-80 19-23 89

Utah	15	12	20	22	— 69
San Antonio	23	20	23	23	— 89

3-Point Goals—Utah 3-10 (Hayward 1-2, Hood 1-2, Ingles 1-3, Exum 0-1, Burke 0-2), San Antonio 8-17 (D.Green 3-4, Mills 2-4, Diaw 1-2, Leonard 1-2, Ginobili 1-3, Bonner 0-1, Baynes 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Utah 61 (Gobert 18), San Antonio 54 (Baynes 11). Assists—Utah 23 (Burke 8), San Antonio 23 (Duncan, Ginobili, Diaw, Joseph 4). Total Fouls—Utah 17, San Antonio 14. A—18,581 (18,797).

PELICANS 95, RAPTORS 93

NEW ORLEANS (95): Cunningham 1-5 0-2 2, Anderson 3-11 1-2 9, Asik 5-10 1-2 11, Evans 9-14 7-9 26, Gordon 6-15 1-1 14, Pondexter 1-5 0-1 2, Ajinca 10-13 2-2 22, Wolters 1-3 0-0 2, Fredette 3-8 0-0 7. Totals 39-82 12-20 95.

TORONTO (93): Ross 0-3 0-0 0, A.Johnson 6-7 2-4 14, Valanciunas 2-5 2-2 6, Lowry 4-10 0-0 8, DeRozan 7-18 7-9 22, Williams 4-9 9-10 17, Hansbrough 0-0 0-0 0, Patterson 3-5 2-2 10, Vasquez 5-14 2-2 16, J.Johnson 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 31-72 24-29 93.

New Orleans	21	29	14	31	— 95
Toronto	14	22	36	22	— 93

3-Point Goals—New Orleans 5-17 (Anderson 2-7, Fredette 1-1, Evans 1-3, Gordon 1-5, Pondexter 0-1), Toronto 7-25 (Vasquez 4-8, Patterson 2-4, DeRozan 1-4, Ross 0-2, Williams 0-3, Lowry 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Orleans 53 (Asik 9), Toronto 44 (A.Johnson 10). Assists—New Orleans 19 (Gordon, Evans 5), Toronto 18 (Vasquez 9). Total Fouls—New Orleans 20, Toronto 18. Technicals—J.Johnson. A—19,800 (19,800).

THUNDER 127, MAGIC 99

OKLAHOMA CITY (127): Durant 7-10 7-7 21, Ibaka 5-10 2-2 16, Adams 2-4 1-3 5, Westbrook 7-12 3-6 17, Robertson 3-4 2-4 10, Morrow 1-7 0-0 2, Waiters 7-9 1-1 16, Perkins 5-7 1-3 11, Jackson 4-8 5-6 13, Collison 3-5 0-0 6, Lamb 3-4 0-0 8, Jones 1-3 0-0 2, Smith 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 48-83 22-30 127.

ORLANDO (99): Marble 1-4 0-0 3, Frye 2-9 3-3 9, Vucevic 7-19 2-2 16, Payton 8-17 1-2 19, Oladipo 7-18 7-7 23, B.Gordon 0-3 0-0 0, O'Quinn 1-2 2-4 4, Ridnour 0-0 0-0 0, A.Gordon 2-4 3-5 8, Fournier 3-8 1-2 8, Harkless 1-1 0-0 2, Dedmon 0-2 2-2 2, Green 2-3 0-0 5. Totals 35-88 21-27 99.

Oklahoma City	37	42	24	24	— 127
Orlando	20	25	31	23	— 99

3-Point Goals—Oklahoma City 9-25 (Ibaka 4-8, Lamb 2-2, Robinson 2-3, Waiters 1-2, Durant 0-1, Jackson 0-1, Jones 0-1, Westbrook 0-3, Morrow 0-4), Orlando 8-23 (Oladipo 2-6, Frye 2-6, A.Gordon 1-1, Green 1-1, Marble 1-2, Fournier 1-4, B.Gordon 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Oklahoma City 63 (Durant 11), Orlando 41 (Vucevic 7). Assists—Oklahoma City 28 (Durant 5), Orlando 18 (Payton 8). Total Fouls—Oklahoma City 24, Orlando 29. Technicals—Durant, Westbrook, Vucevic. A—16,128 (18,500).

5th-seeded Ivanovic out in 1st round of Australian Open

By John Pye
Associated Press

Bernat Armangue/AP

Lucie Hradecka celebrates after beating Ana Ivanovic during their first-round match at the Australian Open on Monday in Melbourne, Australia.

Australian Open results

Monday
At Melbourne Park
Melbourne, Australia
Purse: $32.3 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Men
First Round
Grigor Dimitrov (10), Bulgaria, def. Dustin Brown, Germany, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.
Martin Klizan (32), Slovakia, def. Tatsuma Ito, Japan, 7-6 (6), 6-2, 6-4.
Joao Sousa, Portugal, def. Jordan Thompson, Australia, 6-4, 7-6 (5), 6-4.
Jeremy Chardy (29), France, def. Borna Coric, Croatia, 3-6, 6-4, 7-5, 6-4.
Andreas Seppi, Italy, def. Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, 5-7, 6-3, 2-6, 6-1, 6-4.
Ricardas Berankis, Lithuania, def. Igor Sijsling, Netherlands, 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 (2), 6-7 (6), 8-6.
Marinko Matosevic, Australia, def. Alexander Kudryavtsev, Russia, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 4-6, 7-5, 6-3.
Kevin Anderson (14), South Africa, def. Diego Schwartzman, Argentina, 7-6 (5), 7-5, 5-7, 6-4.
Richard Gasquet (24), France, def. Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, 6-1, 6-3, 6-1.
Women
First Round
Julia Goerges, Germany, def. Belinda Bencic (32), Switzerland, 6-2, 6-1.
Magdalena Rybarikova, Slovakia, def. Ana Konjuh, Croatia, 6-4, 6-4.
Lara Arruabarrena, Spain, def. Renata Voracova, Czech Republic, 6-1, 6-2.
Simona Halep (3), Romania, def. Karin Knapp, Italy, 6-3, 6-2.
Jarmila Gajdosova, Australia, def. Alexandra Dulgheru, Romania, 6-3, 6-4.
Klara Koukalova, Czech Republic, def. Storm Sanders, Australia, 7-5, 6-4.
Peng Shuai (21), China, def. Tatjana Maria, Germany, 6-4, 7-5.
Caroline Garcia, France, def. Svetlana Kuznetsova (27), Russia, 6-4, 6-2.
Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic, def. Ana Ivanovic (5), Serbia, 1-6, 6-3, 6-2.
Kristina Mladenovic, France, def. Sabine Lisicki (28), Germany, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Lucie Hradecka celebrates after beating Ana Ivanovic during their first-round match at the Australian Open on Monday in Melbourne, Australia.

MELBOURNE, Australia — Fifth-seeded Ana Ivanovic struggled with her serve and lost in three sets to Czech qualifier Lucie Hradecka in first big upset of the Australian Open.

The former No. 1-ranked Ivanovic, a finalist at the 2008 Australian Open, breezed through the first set in 21 minutes with three service breaks on Monday before No. 142-ranked Hradecka rallied to win their first-round match 1-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Ivanovic, who had a tour-leading 58 match wins in 2014 and started this season by reaching the final at the Brisbane International, had 10 double-faults and made 30 unforced errors and slumped to her earliest exit in a major since 2011.

"The whole match I didn't really feel like myself out there," Ivanovic said. "It's probably the worst thing could happen. But still, the year is young and I really have to now sit and work on few things and just maybe try to have a different approach to this kind of event and try to see what was lacking."

For Hradecka, it made amends for a missed opportunity in her only previous meeting with Ivanovic, when she wasted a match point before losing in the first round at Wimbledon in 2009.

"I was so nervous in the beginning, same at the end," said Hradeck, who has never advanced past the second round at a major.

"My hand was so shaky."

Three other seeded players were eliminated in early first-round matches in the women's draw, while No. 3 Simone Halep advanced with a 6-3, 6-2 win over Karin Knapp of Italy.

Caroline Garcia beat No. 27 and two-time major winner Svetlana Kuznetsova 6-4, 6-2, Kristina Mladenovic beat No. 28 Sabine Lisicki 4-6, 6-4, 6-2 and Julia Goerges routed No. 32 Belinda Bencic 6-2, 6-1.

No. 11 Texas A&M women stymie Mississippi, win by 9

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Courtney Williams had 21 points and seven rebounds to help No. 11 Texas A&M women beat Mississippi 58-49 on Sunday.

Courtney Walker added 12 points, Achiri Ade had nine points and 13 rebounds and Jordan Jones finished with eight rebounds, six assists and six steals for Texas A&M (16-3, 4-1 SEC), which held Ole Miss to its lowest-scoring output of the season.

The Rebels (14-5, 4-2), who had won eight of their last nine games and three in a row, led 29-27 at halftime but committed 17 turnovers and made just 1 of 8 from 3-point range in the second half.

Erika Sisk made a layup to give Mississippi a 41-38 lead with 13:28 left, but Texas A&M scored 11 straight as the Rebels went scoreless over the next six minutes and 20 seconds.

COLLEGEBASKETBALL

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

SUNDAY'S SCORES

SOUTH

North Carolina 68, Virginia Tech 53

MIDWEST

DePaul 71, St. John's 67, OT
IUPUI 89, Nebraska-Omaha 84
Indiana 80, Illinois 74
N. Iowa 80, Missouri St. 46
Oakland 83, Albion 68
S. Illinois 59, Loyola of Chicago 52

FAR WEST

Boise St. 69, New Mexico 59
Washington 85, Oregon 77

EAST

Canisius 78, Iona 74
Loyola (Md.) 91, Boston U. 86, OT
Monmouth (NJ) 77, Fairfield 70
Quinnipiac 72, Marist 71
Rider 82, Manhattan 79, OT
Robert Morris 85, Sacred Heart 65
Siena 74, Niagara 70
St. Bonaventure 70, Saint Joseph's 61
St. Francis (NY) 60, St. Francis (Pa.) 59

TODAY'S GAMES

SOUTHWEST

Texas at TCU, 6 p.m.
Gard. Arkansas at Houston Baptist, 7 p.m.
SE Louisiana at Lamar, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at Stephen F. Austin, 7 p.m.
Texas St. at Texas-Arlington, 7:15 p.m.
Georgia St. at Arkansas St., 7:30 p.m.
Grambling St. at Prairie View, 7:30 p.m.
Jackson St. at Texas Southern, 7:30 p.m.

SOUTH

Bethune-Cookman at Morgan St., 3 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Duke, 6 p.m.
Tusculum at ETSU, 6 p.m.
Longwood at High Point, 6 p.m.
UNC Asheville at Charleston Southern, 6:30 p.m.
Florida A&M at Coppin St., 6:30 p.m.
Savannah St. at Delaware St., 6:30 p.m.
SC State at Md.-Eastern Shore, 6:30 p.m.
NC Central at Hampton, 7 p.m.
NC A&T at Norfolk St., 7 p.m.
UALR at South Alabama, 7:05 p.m.
Louisiana-Monroe at Louisiana-Lafayette, 7:15 p.m.
Ark.-Pine Bluff at Alcorn St., 7:30 p.m.
Appalachian St. at Troy, 7:30 p.m.
Florida St. at Clemson, 8 p.m.
MVSU at Southern U., 8 p.m.

MIDWEST

Oklahoma at Kansas, 8 p.m.

EAST

NJIT at Maine, Noon
Hartford at UMBC, Noon
Detroit at Northeastern, 1 p.m.
Mass.-Lowell at New Hampshire, 2:30 p.m.
Albany (NY) at Stony Brook, 6 p.m.
Binghamton at Vermont, 6 p.m.
Villanova at Georgetown, 8 p.m.

Women

SUNDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 73, Missouri 55
Texas A&M 58, Mississippi 49

SOUTH

Coll. of Charleston 59, Northeastern 38
Duke 68, Miami 53
East Carolina 60, Memphis 39
Elon 58, Towson 43
Florida St. 59, Virginia Tech 44
Georgia 64, Vanderbilt 53
James Madison 66, Drexel 51
LSU 84, Kentucky 79
Louisville 67, Virginia 55
Maryland 74, Illinois 54
Mississippi St. 66, Alabama 50
NC State 78, Wake Forest 70
North Carolina 78, Clemson 56
Pittsburgh 75, Georgia Tech 72, OT
Richmond 77, George Mason 49

MIDWEST

Butler 63, Georgetown 58
Davidson 53, Saint Louis 50
Evansville 63, S. Illinois 58
Indiana St. 60, Illinois St. 36
Iowa St. 82, Michigan St. 50
Minnesota 65, Indiana 61
Missouri St. 78, Bradley 64
Ohio St. 69, Penn St. 60
Rutgers 75, Wisconsin 63
Villanova 54, Xavier 34
Wichita St. 65, Loyola of Chicago 41

FAR WEST

California 68, Arizona 56
Colorado 73, Utah 54
Washington St. 79, Oregon 76

EAST

Army 67, Bucknell 45
Canisius 57, St. Peter's 45
Dayton 86, St. Bonaventure 70
Duquesne 63, Saint Joseph's 54
Fordham 60, VCU 51
George Washington 69, UMass 54
Harvard 66, NJIT 54
Hofstra 71, UNC Wilmington 57
Marist 65, Siena 58
Niagara 59, Monmouth (NJ) 45
Quinnipiac 85, Manhattan 51
Rhode Island 55, La Salle 54, OT
Rider 85, Iona 81, OT
Seton Hall 107, DePaul 87
St. John's 67, Marquette 52
Syracuse 64, Boston College 46
UConn 92, South Florida 50
William & Mary 50, Delaware 48

TODAY'S GAMES

SOUTHWEST

Oklahoma St. at Oklahoma, 3:30 p.m.
Texas St. at Texas-Arlington, 5 p.m.
Georgia St. at Arkansas St., 5:05 p.m.
Texas at Baylor, 5:30 p.m.
Grambling St. at Prairie View, 5:30 p.m.
Jackson St. at Texas Southern, 5:30 p.m.

SOUTH

W. Carolina at Samford, 1 p.m.
Florida A&M at Coppin St., 4:30 p.m.
Savannah St. at Delaware St., 4:30 p.m.
S.C. State at Md.-Eastern Shore, 4:30 p.m.
Bethune-Cookman at Morgan St., 4:30 p.m.
N.C. Central at Hampton, 5 p.m.
Louisiana-Monroe at Louisiana-Lafayette, 5 p.m.
N.C. A&T at Norfolk St., 5 p.m.
Bluefield at Wofford, 5 p.m.
UALR at South Alabama, 5:05 p.m.
Appalachian St. at Troy, 5:15 p.m.
Ark.-Pine Bluff at Alcorn St., 5:30 p.m.
MVSU at Southern U., 5:30 p.m.
Morehead St. at Austin Peay, 6 p.m.
South Carolina at Florida, 6 p.m.
Furman at Mercer, 6 p.m.
Chattanooga at UNC Greensboro, 6 p.m.

MIDWEST

Purdue at Nebraska, 6 p.m.
Tennessee at Notre Dame, 6 p.m.

FAR WEST

Arizona St. at Stanford, 5 p.m.
Washington at Oregon St., 7 p.m.

EAST

UMass-Lowell at New Hampshire, Noon
Mount St. Mary's at Fairleigh Dickinson, 1 p.m.
UMBC at Hartford, 1 p.m.
Sacred Heart at Robert Morris, 1 p.m.
Binghamton at Maine, 2:30 p.m.
Wagner at Bryant, 4 p.m.
Stony Brook at Albany (N.Y.), 6 p.m.
LIU Brooklyn at CCSU, 6 p.m.
St. Francis (N.Y.) at St. Francis (Pa.), 6 p.m.

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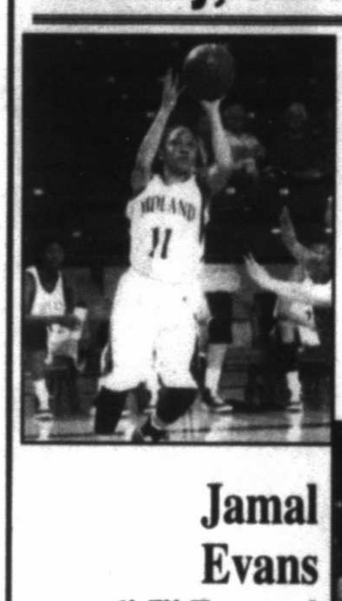

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6' 7" Forward
St. Petersburg, FL

5:45 PM
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vs
Midland College Lady Chaps

7:45 PM
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vs
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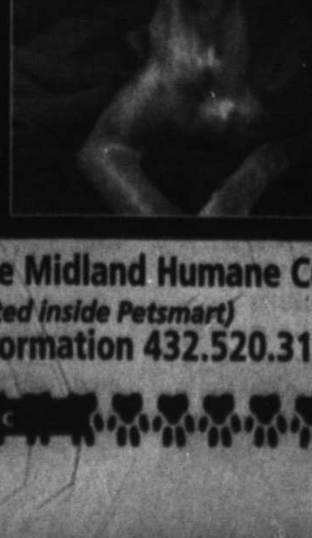

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Jimmy Walker wins Sony Open by record 9 strokes

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

HONOLULU — Jimmy Walker was getting coffee Sunday morning when he saw that U.S. Open champion Martin Kaymer had lost a 10-shot lead with 13 holes to play in Abu Dhabi. He went back to his room and told his wife, "Winning is hard."

Later that afternoon, Walker made it look easy.

With the most impressive performance of his career, Walker blew away the field Sunday in the Sony Open by closing with a 7-under 63 to win by nine shots, a record margin for the tournament and the biggest rout on the PGA Tour in nearly six years.

Hugh Gentry/AP

Jimmy Walker celebrates with the trophy after winning the Sony Open on Sunday in Honolulu.

Walker watched Jordan Spieth win the Hero World Challenge last month by 10 shots against an 18-man field and wondered if he was on another planet.

"And that's kind of the way it feels when you watch those performances," Walker said. "You see them and are like, 'Man, what golf course is that guy playing?' And to be able to say you've done that and you've distanced yourself like that, it's really cool. I think it's a good learning experience. Definitely happy to keep the pedal down."

The timing could not have been better.

Six days ago on Maui, Walker lost a tournament he felt he should have won. Sunday on Oahu, he played like he was on his own island.

On a course that lends itself to a free-for-all, Walker shot 62-63 on the weekend and never gave anyone much of a chance. The previous Sony Open record for margin of victory was seven shots, last done by Paul Azinger in 2000. Walker became the first repeat winner of this tournament since Ernie Els in 2004.

Scott Piercy closed with a 66 to finish alone in second. Matt Kuchar, who started the final round two shots out of the lead, didn't make a birdie and shot 71 to tie for third with Harris English and Gary Woodland, who each had a 67. Kuchar ended his streak of 255 rounds on the PGA Tour with at least one birdie.

But this was Walker's show, and it came with a small measure of redemption. Walker had a three-shot lead with five holes to play at Kapalua last Monday when he wound up losing to Patrick Reed in a playoff at the Tournament of Champions. With a quick turnaround, he quickly put it behind him.

"I really wanted to finish out the day like I didn't do last week," Walker said.

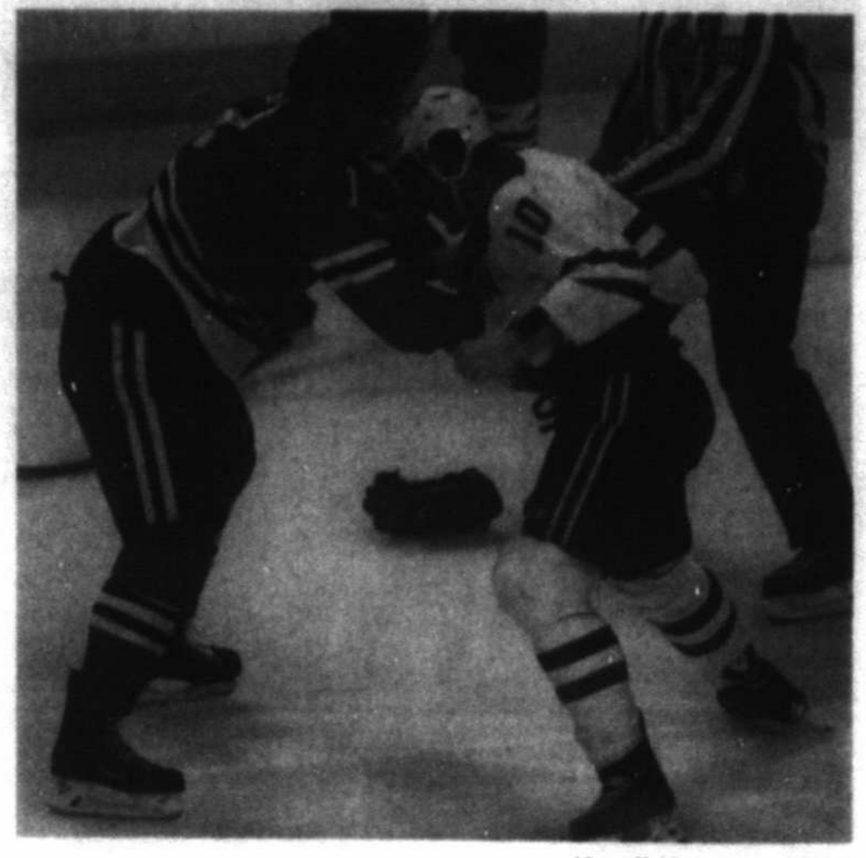
He finished at 23-under 257.

The text message Sunday morning from swing coach Butch Harmon was to "keep the pedal down today." The message from caddie Andy Sanders over just about every putt was, "Don't let up."

Eakin helps Dallas Stars beat Chicago Blackhawks

Stars.................................6
Blackhawks..........................3

By Jay Cohen
Associated Press



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Chicago Blackhawks left wing Patrick Sharp, left, fights with Dallas Stars center Shawn Horcoff, right, during the second period Sunday in Chicago

CHICAGO — Cody Eakin, Erik Cole and Shawn Horcoff scored in the third period, leading the Dallas Stars to a 6-3 victory over the slumping Chicago Blackhawks on Sunday.

Eakin also had a short-handed goal in the first as Dallas won for the third time in four games. The Stars also earned their first victory of the season against the Blackhawks after they dropped their first three meetings.

Tyler Seguin had a goal and an assist for Dallas, which was coming off a 5-4 victory over Washington on Saturday night. Seguin is tied with Rangers star Rick Nash for the NHL lead with 28 goals.

Chicago dropped consecutive games for the first time since Nov. 1-2 against Toronto and Winnipeg. The Blackhawks are just 3-5 in January after they went 10-2-1 in December.

Brandon Saad scored two goals for Chicago, which had a 41-33 advantage in shots on goal. Saad has five goals and an assist in his last four games.

The Stars and Blackhawks were tied at 3 when Chicago defenseman Johnny Oduya was sent off for tripping Seguin at 1:22 of the third. Eakin then capped a nifty passing sequence for Dallas with a tap-in goal on the power play.

Cole made it 5-3 when he finished off a 2-on-1 with Jason Spezza, and Horcoff added an empty-netter with a minute left.

The six goals allowed were a season high for Chicago.

Vernon Fiddler also scored for Dallas, and Jamie Benn had three assists. Kari Lehtonen had 38 saves.

Patrick Kane scored his 21st goal for Chicago, and Corey Crawford finished with 28 stops.

The first two periods featured a little bit of everything, including a rare fight for Chicago's Patrick Sharp and Horcoff. The forwards dropped the gloves midway through the second after Horcoff had a big hit on Sharp near the boards.

The Stars jumped to a 2-0 lead on Eakin's short-handed goal on 10:49 of the first. Eakin and Jamie Benn had a 2-on-1 with only Duncan Keith back for the Blackhawks, and Benn made a great play to get a pass over to Eakin for his eighth goal.

The Blackhawks got on the board on Kane's rebound score at 12:22, and then turned a strange play by defenseman Jordie Benn into the tying score. Benn was sent off for interference after he skated up to Marian Hossa from behind and flipped the forward's stick out of his hands, all the way to the protective netting behind the Dallas net.

Saad scored on the resulting power play, tipping home a rebound after a long shot for Sharp. After Fiddler scored on his own rebound in the final minute of the first, Saad tied it again when he spun around and flung the puck past Lehtonen for his 15th goal at 7:13 of the second.

Chicago had a chance to go in front with 2:44 left in the period, but Lehtonen made a nice glove save at his left post on Hossa's backhand try.

GOLFROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

PGA European

ABU DHABI HSBC GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP: At Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, France's Gary Stal took advantage of Martin Kaymer's collapse to win the Abu Dhabi HSBC Golf Championship for his first European Tour title.

Stal closed with a 7-under 65 to finish at 19-under 269 and beat top-ranked Rory McIlroy (66) by a stroke. Kaymer, 10 strokes ahead with 13 holes left, had a 75 to finish two strokes back. The U.S. Open champion won the Abu Dhabi event in 2008, 2010 and 2011.

GOLF SCORES

PGA

Sony Open Scores
Sunday
At Waialae Country Club Course
Honolulu
Purse: $5.6 million
Yardage: 7,044; Par: 70
Final
(a-amateur)

Jimmy Walker (500), $1,008,000	66-66-62-63—257
Scott Piercy (300), $604,800	67-67-66-66—266
Harris English (145), $291,200	66-69-65-67—267
Gary Woodland (145), $291,200	70-65-65-67—267
Matt Kuchar (145), $291,200	65-63-68-71—267
Jerry Kelly (81), $163,600	73-62-67-66—268
Brian Davis (81), $163,600	66-70-65-67—268
Zac Blair (81), $163,600	71-66-64-67—268
Rory Sabbatini (81), $163,600	64-67-74-63—268
Max Homa (81), $163,600	69-67-63-69—268
Shawn Stefani (81), $163,600	69-66-65-68—268
Justin Thomas (81), $163,600	67-61-70-70—268
Daniel Berger (57), $105,000	68-66-68-67—269
Russell Knox (57), $105,000	66-65-69-69—269
Webb Simpson (57), $105,000	62-66-72-69—269
Brian Harman (57), $105,000	66-67-64-72—269
Russell Henley (50), $68,444	72-64-67-67—270
Jason Day (50), $68,444	65-69-68-68—270
Stuart Appleby (50), $68,444	68-69-67-66—270
Colt Knost (50), $68,444	70-68-66-66—270
Ryan Palmer (50), $68,444	69-63-69-69—270
Robert Streb (50), $68,444	63-69-69-69—270
Pat Perez (50), $68,444	67-68-70-65—270
D. Summerhays (50), $68,444	66-67-67-70—270
Jason Kokrak (50), $68,444	67-69-64-70—270
James Hahn (44), $42,280	69-64-69-69—271
Chez Reavie (44), $42,280	67-67-68-69—271
Charles Howell III (44), $42,280	69-66-67-69—271
Chris Kirk (44), $42,280	66-67-74-64—271
Chad Collins (38), $33,280	69-65-69-69—272
J.J. Henry (38), $33,280	65-67-70-70—272
Paul Casey (38), $33,280	62-70-69-71—272
Scott Langley (38), $33,280	70-68-67-67—272
Hyung-Sung Kim (0), $33,280	69-69-62-72—272
Troy Merritt (38), $33,280	66-64-67-75—272
Tim Clark (38), $33,280	65-65-68-74—272
Stewart Cink (31), $24,080	69-69-65-70—273
Marc Leishman (31), $24,080	70-62-71-70—273
Francesco Molinari (31), $24,080	67-68-69-69—273
Jeff Overton (31), $24,080	67-68-69-69—273
Kenny Perry (31), $24,080	68-69-67-69—273
Steven Bowditch (31), $24,080	70-64-71-68—273
John Peterson (31), $24,080	65-70-66-72—273
Jhonattan Vegas (24), $16,528	68-68-68-70—274
Nicholas Thompson (24), $16,528	69-67-66-72—274
Camilo Villegas (24), $16,528	63-70-67-74—274
Boo Weekley (24), $16,528	69-65-72-68—274
K.J. Choi (24), $16,528	68-67-65-74—274
Justin Leonard (24), $16,528	70-65-72-67—274
Brendon Todd (24), $16,528	69-69-69-67—274
Andrew Svoboda (16), $12,967	70-66-67-72—275
Tom Johnson (0), $12,967	70-66-67-72—275
Luke Donald (16), $12,967	68-69-67-71—275
Morgan Hoffmann (16), $12,967	70-67-68-70—275
Spencer Levin (16), $12,967	69-69-67-70—275
Ben Martin (16), $12,967	71-67-68-69—275
Sang-Moon Bae (16), $12,967	67-70-70-68—275
Kevin Streelman (16), $12,967	72-66-69-68—275
David Hearn (16), $12,967	67-71-69-68—275
Scott Pinckney (10), $12,152	71-63-69-74—277
Mark Hubbard (10), $12,152	68-66-70-73—277
Blayne Barber (10), $12,152	66-69-71-71—277
Michael Putnam (10), $12,152	66-71-70-70—277
Kevin Na (6), $11,700	66-67-71-74—278
Zach Johnson (6), $11,760	68-69-68-73—278
WC Liang (0), $11,760	68-68-71-71—278
Roger Sloan (4), $11,536	70-67-69-73—279
Nick Taylor (3), $11,368	70-68-68-74—280
Derek Fathauer (3), $11,368	68-66-73-73—280
Matt Jones (1), $11,200	68-67-72-75—282
Made cut did not finish	
William McGirt (1), $10,864	68-68-72—208
Tom Hoge (1), $10,864	71-64-73—208
Fabian Gomez (1), $10,864	71-66-71—208
Mark Wilson (1), $10,864	69-68-71—208
George McNeill (1), $10,864	71-67-70—208
Lucas Glover (1), $10,526	70-66-73—209
a-Kyle Suppa	69-69-71—209
Jim Herman (1), $10,192	70-66-74—210
John Huh (1), $10,192	69-68-73—210
Hideki Matsuyama (1), $10,192	72-66-72—210
Martin Flores (1), $10,192	70-68-72—210
Jonathan Randolph (1), $10,192	65-73-72—210
John Senden (1), $9,856	70-68-73—211
Kevin Kisner (1), $9,744	70-67-75—212
Luke Guthrie (1), $9,632	68-70-75—213

PGA European

Abu Dhabi Championship Leading Scores
Sunday
At Abu Dhabi Golf Club
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Purse: $2.7 million
Yardage: 7,583; Par: 72
Final

Gary Stal, France	68-69-67-65—269
Rory McIlroy, Northern Ireland	67-66-71-66—270
Martin Kaymer, Germany	64-67-65-75—271
Victor Dubuisson, France	69-72-64-67—272
Thomas Pieters, Belgium	65-67-70-70—272
Tyrrell Hatton, England	66-71-70-67—274
James Morrison, England	68-67-72-67—274
Jamie Donaldson, Wales	73-67-65-70—275
Ross Fisher, England	71-69-69-66—275
Charl Schwartzel, South Africa	71-68-65-71—275
An Byeong-hun, South Korea	67-75-65-69—276
Alejandro Canizares, Spain	69-70-71-66—276
Ernie Els, South Africa	70-72-69-65—276
Oliver Fisher, England	69-70-70-67—276
Morten Orum Madsen, Denmark	68-69-69-70—276
Justin Rose, England	73-69-69-65—276
Anthony Wall, England	70-71-66-69—276
Steve Webster, England	73-67-67-69—276
Niclas Fasth, Sweden	69-70-68-70—277
Branden Grace, South Africa	66-74-67-70—277
Miguel Angel Jimenez, Spain	72-67-67-71—277
Paul Lawrie, Scotland	68-73-67-69—277
Alexander Levy, France	66-70-67-74—277
Dawie Van der Walt, South Africa	70-70-65-72—277
Also	
Peter Uihlein, United States	67-68-70-74—279
Mikko Ilonen, Finland	66-75-68-73—282
Rickie Fowler, United States	67-75-73-71—286

NHLROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

RED WINGS 6
SABRES 4

DETROIT — Henrik Zetterberg scored three goals in the third period to cap an impressive Detroit comeback, lifting the Red Wings to a 6-4 victory over Buffalo on Sunday night — the Sabres' 11th consecutive loss.

It was the sixth career hat trick for the Detroit captain, and it came after the Red Wings wiped out an early three-goal deficit against the struggling Sabres.

All 11 of Buffalo's defeats during this skid have been in regulation. The last time a team lost 11 in a row, all in regulation, was when Pittsburgh dropped 13 straight from Jan. 13-Feb. 12, 2004, according to STATS.

Tyler Ennis scored twice for the Sabres.

RANGERS 5
PENGUINS 2

PITTSBURGH — Rick Nash scored twice and the Rangers drummed the Penguins.

Derek Stepan also scored twice for the surging Rangers and Derick Brassard had a goal and an assist as New York improved to 15-3 over its past 18 games.

Henrik Lundqvist made 32 saves for the Rangers, who needed 26 seconds to jump in front and cruise.

Sidney Crosby scored his 15th goal of the season and David Perron added his fifth since coming over from Edmonton two weeks ago. Marc-Andre Fleury stopped just 13 of the 17 shots he faced before being pulled early in the second period.

JETS 4
COYOTES 3, SO

WINNIPEG, Manitoba — Bryan Little scored the only goal of the shootout after tallying in regulation, and the Jets beat Arizona for its fourth straight win.

Michael Frolik and Dustin Byfuglien also scored for the Jets (25-14-8), who wasted a late two-goal. Winnipeg has earned points in its last six games dating to Jan. 10.

Lauri Koripikoski and Tobias Rieder scored for the Coyotes (16-24-5) to force overtime.

Oliver Ekman-Larsson also scored for Arizona and Shane Doan had two assists.

Ondrej Pavelec made 28 saves and for the Jets. Mike Smith stopped 27 shots for the Coyotes.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	47	29	14	4	62	152	126
Detroit	46	26	11	9	61	134	115
Montreal	44	28	13	3	59	121	105
Boston	46	24	16	6	54	121	117
Florida	43	20	13	10	50	106	120
Toronto	46	22	21	3	47	138	142
Ottawa	44	18	18	8	44	120	122
Buffalo	47	14	30	3	31	89	167

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Islanders	45	30	14	1	61	144	125
Pittsburgh	44	26	12	6	58	134	111
N.Y. Rangers	43	26	13	4	56	131	104
Washington	45	24	13	8	56	133	115
Philadelphia	46	18	21	7	43	123	137
Columbus	43	19	21	3	41	110	137
New Jersey	46	16	22	8	40	102	132
Carolina	45	15	25	5	35	94	119

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	44	30	10	4	64	136	102
St. Louis	45	28	13	4	60	145	110
Chicago	45	28	15	2	58	139	105
Winnipeg	47	25	14	8	58	131	117
Dallas	45	21	17	7	49	143	148
Colorado	46	19	17	10	48	121	132
Minnesota	44	20	19	5	45	123	129

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	46	30	10	6	66	133	121
San Jose	46	24	16	6	54	125	125
Vancouver	43	25	15	3	53	121	109
Calgary	45	24	18	3	51	131	118
Los Angeles	45	20	14	11	51	126	120
Arizona	45	16	24	5	37	104	150
Edmonton	46	11	26	9	31	104	154

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

Sunday's Scores

Winnipeg 4, Arizona 3, SO
N.Y. Rangers 5, Pittsburgh 2
Dallas 6, Chicago 3
Detroit 6, Buffalo 4

Today's Games

Philadelphia at N.Y. Islanders, Noon
Carolina at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Colorado at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.
New Jersey at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

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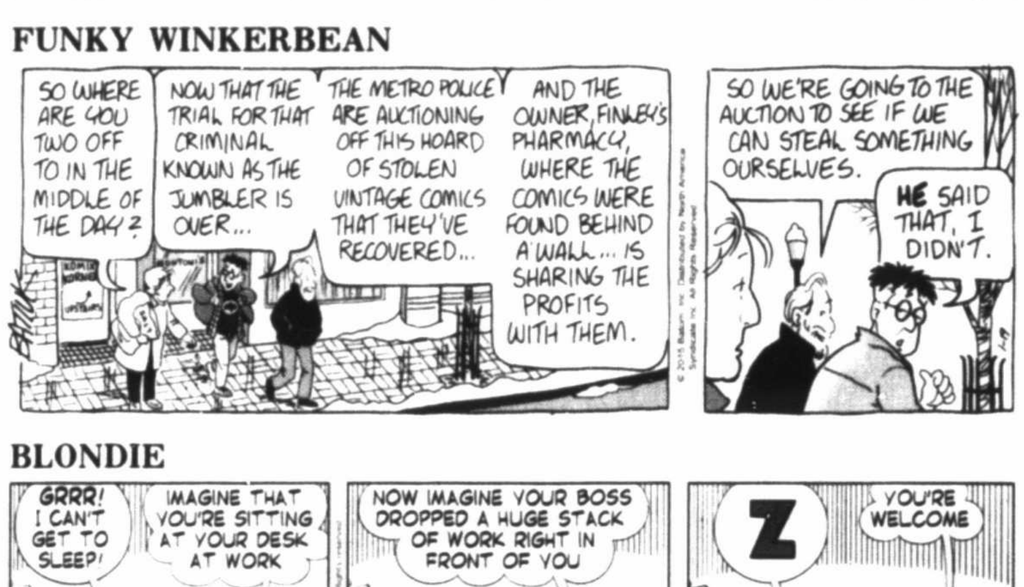

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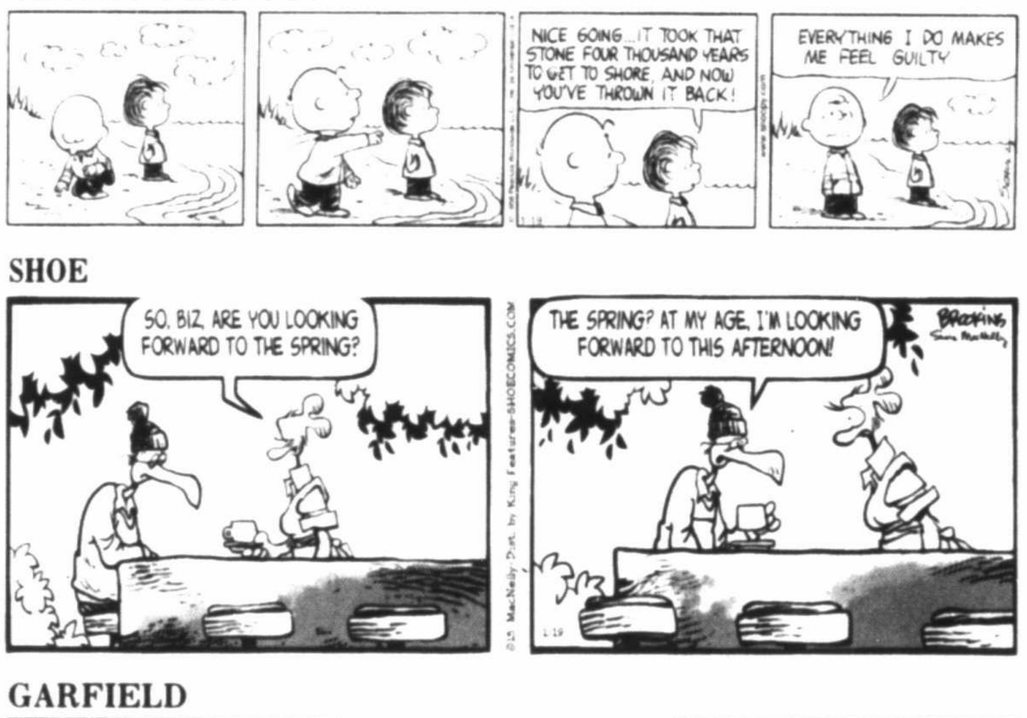

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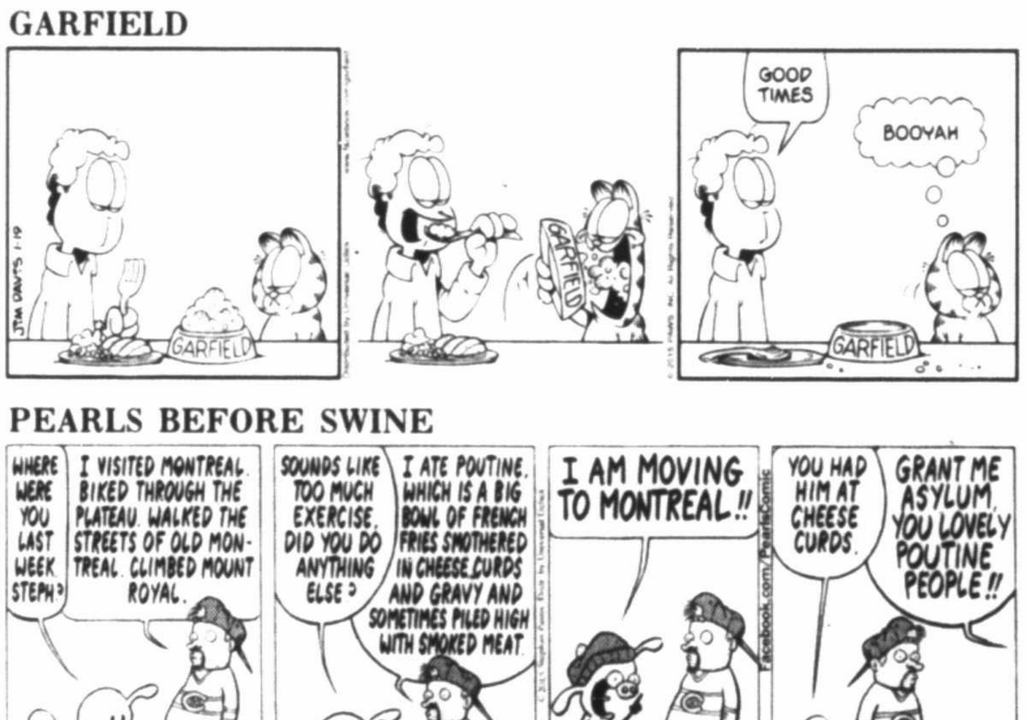

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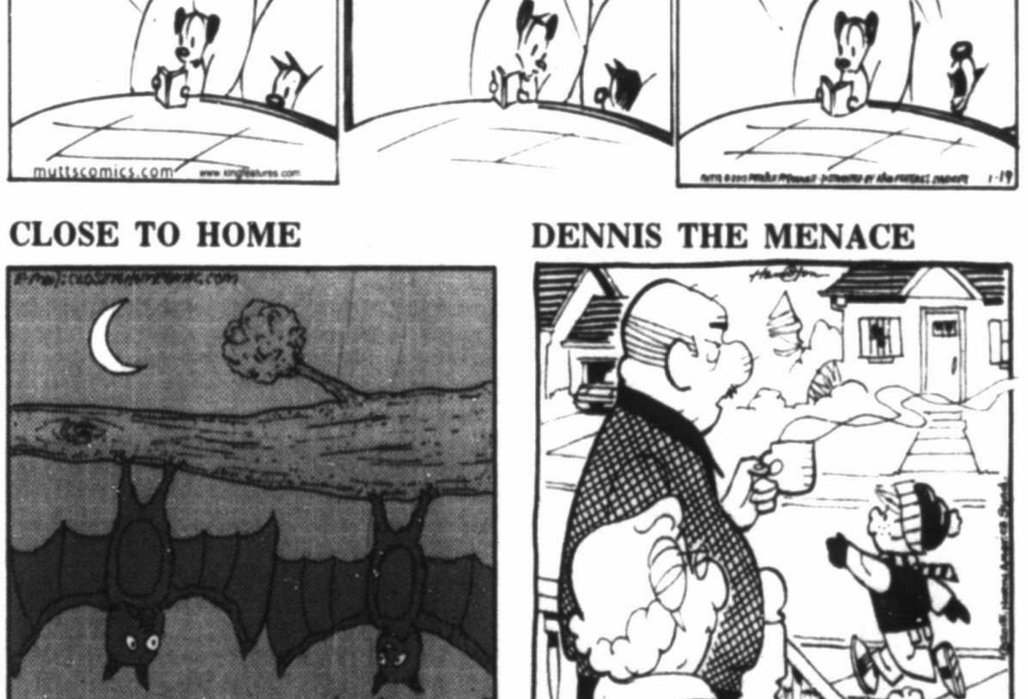

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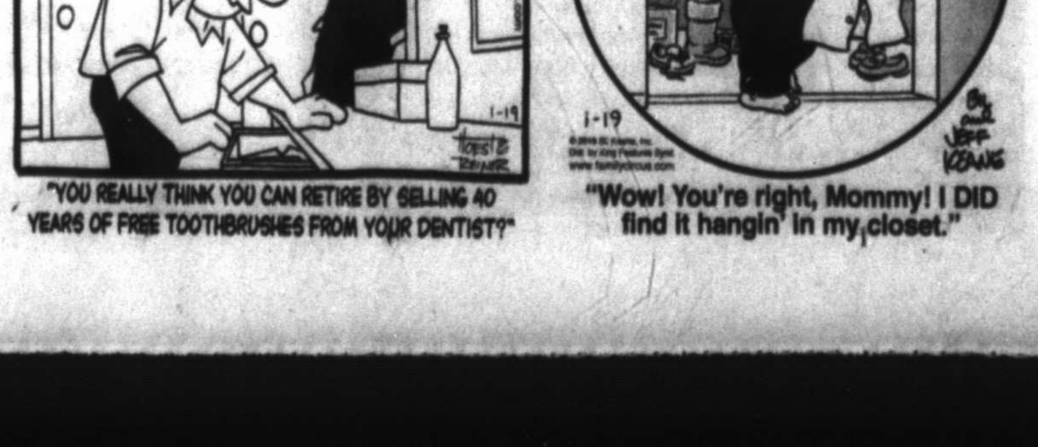
MUTTS



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TODAY: Sunny High: 72 Low: 38

TUESDAY: Sunny High: 63 Low: 34

WEDNESDAY: Mostly cloudy High: 50 Low: 34

THURSDAY: Mostly cloudy High: 42 Low: 31

FRIDAY: Sunny High: 52 Low: 32

SATURDAY: Sunny High: 55 Low: 35

Local forecast

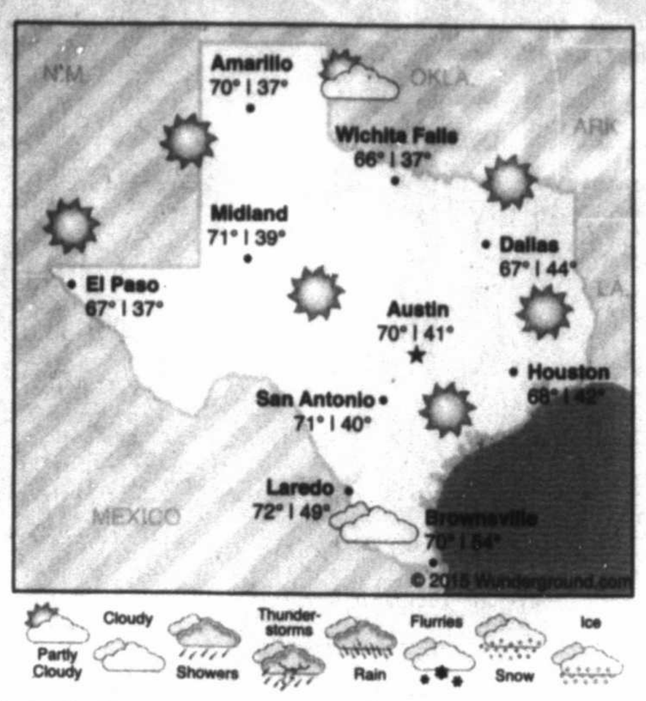
Expect a sunny skies today with a high around 72 andwest winds between 5 and 10 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 38 and west winds about 5 mph.

On Tuesday, look for sunny skies with a high near 63 and west winds between 5 and 15 mph. On Tueday night look for partly cloudy skies with a low around 34 and northeast winds 5-10 mph.

The high on Sunday reached 67, while the low dropped to 27. The record high for Jan. 18 is 83 set in 2000. The record low is 8 set in 1963.

National forecast

Heavy rain and localized flooding will affect parts of Maine today, as a storm strengthens while moving to the north. Snow and a wintry mix are expected farther west over northern New England. As colder air circulates in west and south of the departing storm, snow showers will affect parts of the lower Great Lakes and the central Appalachians. A gusty wind will add a chill, despite the near- to above-average temperatures in the Northeast.



Partly Cloudy · Cloudy · Showers · Thunder-storms · Rain · Flurries · Snow · Ice

Precipitation

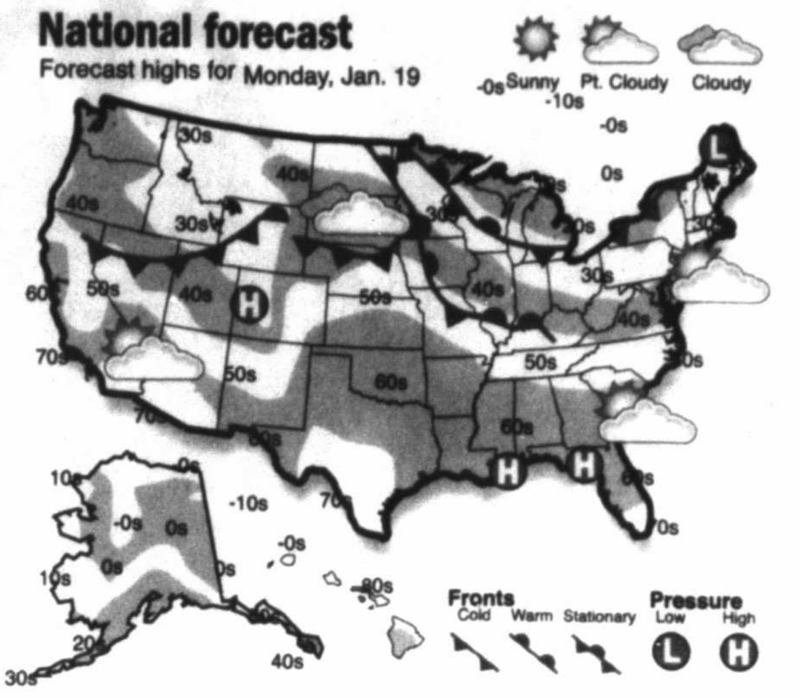
Saturday	0.00 in.
Sunday	0.00 in.
Month total	1.53 in.
Year total	1.53 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.24 in.

Sunday's temperatures

High	67
Low	27
Normal high	57
Normal low	30
Sunrise	7:48 a.m.
Sunset	6:11 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Monday, Jan. 19



Couple's age gap poses challenges to be overcome

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: I am dating a man, "Richard," who is significantly older — 17 years, actually. I'm in my mid-20s. I have no problem with it, as I have always been attracted to men who are older and have their lives together.

My parents are cool with it, but I know they have their reservations. Richard is not a sugar daddy; I don't love him for his money. I have my own success. I don't have "daddy issues," as my father is an amazing person who has raised me and my siblings well. My parents are still together and are great role models.

My friends can't find anything in common with Richard when we all hang out. It seems everyone around us is giving us grief — including his parents. I understand the concern, but how can I convince everyone that I'm happy and willing to take this relationship wherever it goes? — AGE IS JUST A NUMBER

DEAR AGE: The way to do that is simply to BE happy and take the relationship one step at a time. While you're doing that, accept that relationships with this kind of age disparity are not without challenges. The friends you have now may never be comfortable around Richard, and you may have to make new ones closer to his age. Also, the women may look askance at you for being so young.

These things can be overcome. What bothers me about this scenario is that this man's parents are weighing in. By now one would think they would have accepted that their son is an adult and capable of making his own decisions about the women in his life.

DEAR ABBY: A good friend and I are having a disagreement. My 17-year-old son has a 16-year-old girlfriend. I know they are sexually active.

I spoke to my son and asked if she's on the pill. He said her mom refuses to put her on the pill. I gave my son $10, had a long talk about unwanted pregnancy, and told him to buy a box of condoms every few weeks and bring me the receipt so I know the money is being spent on condoms.

My problem is, my friend disagrees with me about what I did. She accused me of encouraging them. If I had a daughter, I'd buy the pill for her, so why not pay for condoms for my son? Who is right and who is wrong here? — MISSOURI MOM

DEAR MISSOURI MOM: The girl's mother may think that by not providing her sexually active daughter with birth control, she is discouraging her from having sex. Clearly that hasn't happened. Of course you are right to make sure your son doesn't impregnate his girlfriend. Neither one of them is ready for the financial and emotional responsibility of a child.

Something I'm unclear about is why your friend is trying to guilt you out of it, when she should be minding her own business. Please tell her I said so.

DEAR READERS: Today we remember the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., who was martyred in the cause of civil rights in 1968. His words ring as true today as when he first spoke them: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

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, Jan. 19, 2015:

This year your ingenuity soars. You seem to have the right solution for nearly everything. Others often seek you out for advice as your reputation grows. If you are single, be careful, as you could fall for someone who is married or otherwise unavailable, especially in the first half of your birthday year. The second half of the year, someone special who seems to fit your needs is likely to enter your life. If you are attached, guard against being too me-oriented. Remember that your significant other is an equal partner in the relationship. You could be dealing with an unusual amount of CAPRICORNS this year. You all seem to have a tremendous need for control.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ The unexpected is likely to play a role in your morning events. As a result, someone might become very controlling. Pressure continues to build, yet you'll be able to dispel that heaviness through your sense of humor. Focus on one item at a time. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Be willing to detach, especially if a situation seems off. A comment could trigger you to look at the matter objectively. You might be pushing yourself a little too hard. A friend is likely to present a problem, but know that some details are missing. Tonight: A must appearance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by everything that is happening. Deal with a loved one directly, and you will feel better. You might feel as if you are pushing yourself too hard and as if others don't seem to appreciate your efforts. Tonight: Spend some time with a favorite person.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ People know how to get you to react. You might not be sure about the outcome of a matter involving others because of details that seem to be missing. Your creativity will open doors for you. Tonight: Defer to someone else, especially if you are not sure of yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You'll be on top of a situation, yet the unexpected might play a significant role. Listen to others carefully, because you or another person easily could misinterpret a situation. Be careful when dealing with a controlling person. Tonight: Get some form of exercise.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Open up to new possibilities. Your logic might not be as strong as your intuition right now. You could be unusually vague without intending to. How you follow through on a major project will depend on new information. Tonight: Ignore the fact that it is Monday.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by everything that falls on your plate. A partner seems to be adding to the excitement around you. Be direct in your dealings, and ask for a clarification if you feel confused. Your ability to see past the obvious allows greater flexibility. Tonight: At home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Stay on top of someone's demands, especially if you feel as though you should remain responsive. You could see that there is another way to handle a problem. Follow through on that thought. Tonight: A misunderstanding could happen with a loved one. Be explicit.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You could feel as if someone is manipulating you financially. You also might not be sure which way to turn in order to handle the problem. Make sure that all parties involved are on the same page as far as objectives go. Tonight: Handle a problem now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You are likely to go back and forth regarding a personal matter. It's likely that you'll need to use your clout to handle this properly. You might be harder on the other party than you realize. Be as clear as possible with your instructions. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You could feel pushed beyond your normal levels, and you might be in a position where you are feeling unsure about the best way to express your feelings. Honor a change of pace and slow down. Give it a day or two, and your position will change. Tonight: Easy works.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You might feel as if you have no choice. Remain secure about your choices, and know what your alternatives are. A meeting could be a little too controlled for your taste. Be willing to reveal more of what ails you. Tonight: A friend will appreciate your call.

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Bidding Quiz

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

♠ 7 5 4 2 ♡ Void ♢ A Q J 9 8 7 2 ♣ J 3

As dealer, what call would you make?

A — Our forefathers, it is said, would refuse to pre-empt with a side four-card major, but even George Washington wouldn't ignore this lovely suit because he held four small spades. Open three diamonds.

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

♠ A Q 10 ♡ K 10 8 6 4 ♢ K 10 5 ♣ A 4

Three passes to you. What call would you make?

A — Opening no-trump decisions are not affected by your position at the table. Do you like to open one no-trump with a five-card major? We do! Open one no-trump.

Q 3 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 10 ♡ J 6 5 4 ♢ K J 5 ♣ 9 8 7 6 4

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	Dbl	?	

What call would you make?

A — Forget about the four scrawny hearts. The big club fit is what gives this hand life. Bid three clubs, pre-emptive, before they find their spade fit.

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Q J 9 8 6 ♡ J 5 ♢ K 3 ♣ K J 8 7

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
Pass	Pass	1♢	Pass

What call would you make?

A — Jump-shifting, as a passed hand, to show a near opening bid, is a relic from a bygone era. It wastes too much space. Bid one spade.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Pod used to thicken gumbo
5 Moonshine containers
9 "24" superagent Jack
14 __-chef
15 Jacob's twin
16 Happen next
17 Military bed-making features
20 Rose pest
21 Pimply breakout
22 On the __ precisely
23 Civil rights activist Parks
26 Chancellor von Bismarck
28 Classic jazz vocal group originally composed of four siblings, with "The"
33 Financial claim
35 Sport __: versatile wheels
36 OB/GYN test
37 Goof
38 Comic strip with Snoopy
41 Md. neighbor
42 Pierre's "There it is!"
44 Bigheadedness
45 "Should __ acquaintance ..."
46 "Special" lobbying faction
50 Mideast strip
51 In the mail
52 Magazine fillers
55 Intravenous process
57 Ride without pedaling
61 UN organ ... or what the first words of 17-, 28- and 46-Across comprise?
65 San Antonio battle site
66 Cookie added to a McFlurry
67 Banned fruit spray
68 Make into confetti
69 Enjoy a Kindle, e.g.
70 Printed goof

DOWN

1 Fed. workplace monitor
2 Surgeon general under Reagan
3 Make haste
4 Pain-relieving pill
5 Jumbo __
6 Stars and Stripes land: Abbr.
7 Black-tie party
8 Relief
9 Italian pistols
10 Cape NNW of Cod
11 Second-hand
12 Franc replacement
13 What's leftover with "the"
18 Revered star
19 Not hoodwinked by
24 Revolve on an axis
25 Nick and Nora's dog
27 Electrical unit
28 Be worthy of
29 Poet Stephen Vincent __
30 Turn out to be
31 Cambodian currency
32 Happy sign for a Realtor
33 Jeans maker Strauss
34 Crease remover
38 Send down using chutes, as supplies
39 Fleecy footwear brand
40 Injured, as a ligament
43 Table support
45 Quaint coin-op eatery
47 Poet Pound
48 Crew member
49 A single time
52 Lab gel
53 Pastrami purveyor
54 Lose it
56 Remove, as a peel
58 With skill
59 High-five, e.g.
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62 Outback bird
63 Mediterranean __
64 Clump of turf

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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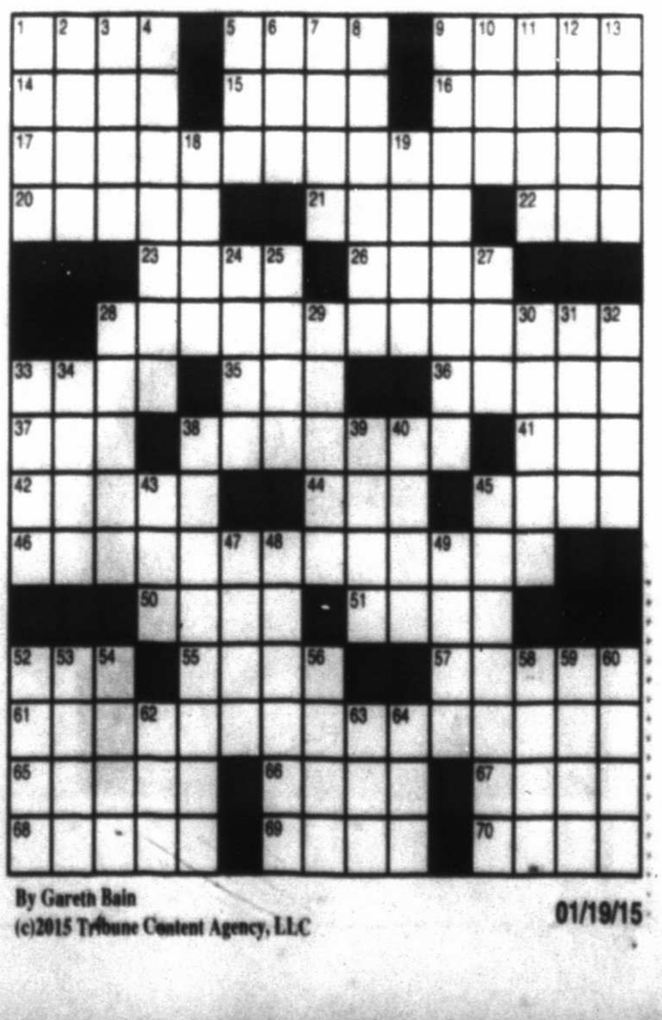

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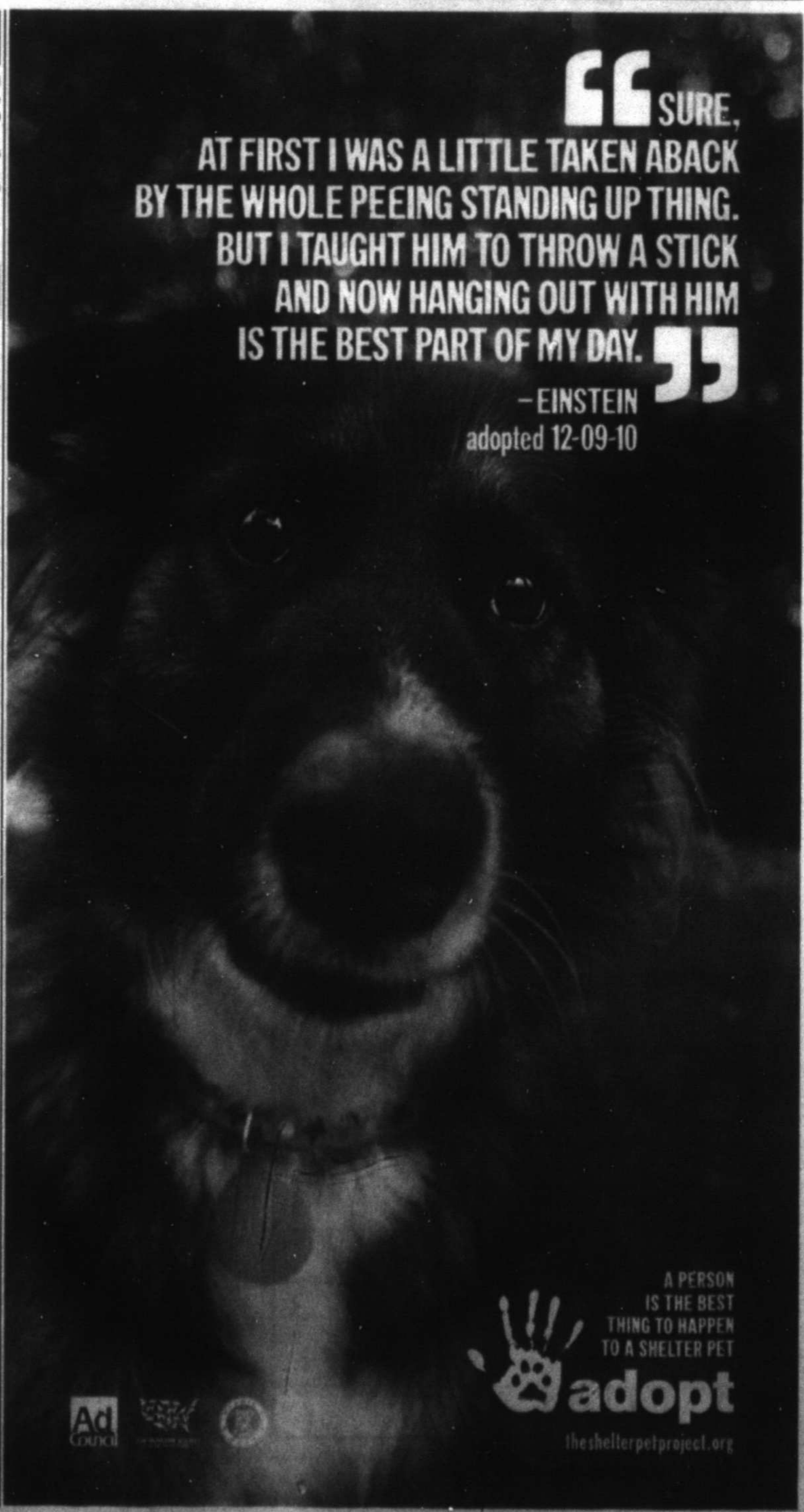

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Quality Control Inspector
Natural Gas Services Group FT
NCSG has immediate opening for a **Quality Control Inspector** for Flares and Compressor Packages. This individual is required to have knowledge of ASME and AWS Code, will arrange and document all radiographs, manage all hydrostatic testing, perform visual inspections and dimensional checks of fabricated equipment and outsourced equipment and able to read drawings. The ability to read P&IDs is a plus. CWI certification is a plus but not required. Excellent Salary and Benefit package. For more information or to submit your resume contact employment@ngsgi.com or call (432) 262-2700.

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Leasing Agent
Midland Village & Silver Creek Apartments now hiring Leasing Agent. For appointment call 432-687-0053 or 432-683-9726

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

Available Positions
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Host Staff, Cooks and Dishwashers
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Manager
Little Caesars Pizza is accepting applications/resumes for store Manager in Odessa for a new store opening soon. Requires about 50 hours per week. Must work many nights and most weekends (we are closed Sundays). Involves hiring, training, product ordering, inventory control, scheduling, making pizzas and cash handling. Must be good with people! Must have experience and good references. About $50k per year + benefits (health plan + paid vacation) + performance bonuses. Email resume to eric_carr49@hotmail.com

SALES JOBS

Designer
FLOWERLAND FT
Designer needed. Some experience preferred. Saturdays & holidays included. Fax resume to 432-682-8949, apply in person, or email resume to tomwilliams@flowerlandmidland.com, no phone calls please.

FULL-PART TIME SALES ASSOCIATES
We are looking for **Insurance Associates** who possess these important qualities. *Cool under pressure, *Enjoy working hard, *Relate well to all kinds of people *Energetic, *Dedicated to meet customers needs. P&C license preferred. Must have customer service experience. Bilingual a plus. Please fax your resume to: **432-570-9501** or Mail to **P O Box 8830**, Midland, TX 79708. Bring by **4410 N Midkiff, Ste D1F, Midland, TX 79705.**

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Automotive Mechanic - Journeymen
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Flare Service Technician
Natural Gas Services Group FT
NGSG has an opening for a Flare Service Technician. This person will provide major maintenance and repairs on Customer-owned flares as well as company rental fleet. The individual must have a mechanical background and be familiar with hand tools, electronics and electrical power. A good driving record is required. **Excellent Salary and Benefits for the right person.** To apply submit your resume to employment@ngsgi.com or call 432-262-2700

Housekeeping Personal
The Hilliard Companies needs a full time (benefits included) Housekeeping Personal. Perform any combination of cleaning duties to maintain private households and commercial establishment's in a clean and orderly manner. Please call Sterling Hilliard at 432-683-9100 for more details.
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Utilities Crews
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Warehouse Person/Driver
Basin Engine & Pump is looking for an industrial oilfield warehouse person. Pump and or warehouse experience preferred. This position includes uniforms and a benefits package. Please submit resume by fax to 432-570-1115 or email to Todd@basinengine.com. Applications may also be filled out at 1914 S. County Rd. 1083, Greenwood/Midland.

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

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CDL Drivers
Horizon Transportation FT
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Drivers
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OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN IT'S DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

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

Starting pay $10.00 per hour/after 60 days pay will be $11.00 per hour

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

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN IT'S DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person

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SKILLED LABOR

Forklift Operator

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

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

- Ability to read and write
- Ability to lift up to 50 lbs.
- Ability to bend and reach overhead
- Ability to count accurately and do simple math
- Able to operate a forklift and willing to be certified
- Be reliable, responsible and able to follow instructions
- Capable of standing and walking for extended period of time
- Able to work in various environments that include winter and summer conditions.
- Must be able to work weekends when necessary

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Accurate loading and unloading of printed materials in a safe and efficient manner
- Ensure material are efficiently/properly stacked and stored in appropriate and designated areas
- Perform other non-forklift duties when assigned

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Send resume and salary requirements to: **John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities**
c/o Midland Reporter Telegram • 201 E. Illinois St - Midland, TX 79701
Email to: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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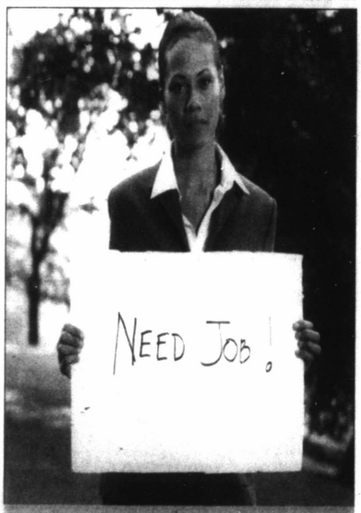

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