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In Texas, school finance battle is a perennial one

Funding public education never an important issue unless under court order

By Ross Ramsey
Texas Tribune

Running the public schools has been a policy issue — and a legal one, too — for the better part of a century in Texas.

State officials have never found a lasting way to pay for or to provide the promised level of public education in all classrooms, and they repeatedly find themselves "solving" the problem, often under court order.

The latest round of court hearings began this week with the state's lawyers defending the fairness of the current system. School districts say they do not have the resources to provide the level of education the state requires and do not have the legal means to obtain those resources, given the state's limits on how high the districts can raise their local property taxes.

This is familiar ground.

A February 1931 copy of The Texas Weekly — no relation to The Texas Tribune's online newsletter of the same name — had a related issue as its top article: "Do we want the schools in state politics?" it asked. "Abolition of the constitutional tax for the school fund would destroy their independence."

That was not the first time the issue had drawn attention, and lawmakers and the courts have been solving the problem ever since. Politicians have used it as a campaign rallying point, both as would-be reformers and as fresh faces trying to knock off the authors of a particular era's latest reforms.

The state got rid of the constitutional tax mentioned in that article 83 years ago. Legislators thought they had it licked in 1949 with the Gilmer-Aikin reforms. Lawsuits originating in the 1970s opened a line of argument that still thrives today, challenging the state to provide adequate levels of education in all of its schools, to all of its student populations.

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Outdoor adventures

ABOVE: Some members of the club scrambled up rocks to summit Emory Peak — the highest of the Chisos Mountains — while others hit up the hot springs and enjoyed the sights and activities of the Chisos Basin. The club set up camp near Dog Canyon — a two-mile trek from the main road — in Big Bend's zone camping region.

RIGHT: Backpacking gear, water jugs and maps were useful tools during the West Texas adventure. Visit www.sibleynaturecenter.org/pboc for more information about the outing club and its monthly trips.

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Commissioners to vote on contracts today

From staff reports

Pending approval today at Commissioners' Court, Midland County Public Library and Petroleum Museum will enter into an agreement that will help the museum with its upcoming renovations.

The library will temporarily combine the museum's petroleum collection with the library's collection, as well as house some of the museum's staff while the museum is being renovated.

"We're good neighbors with a good relationship and we're glad to help them," said John Trischitti, library director.

The museum, located on Interstate 20, has an extensive $18 million renovation in the works. During the Jan. 14 City Council meeting, members approved a $500,000 grant that the museum has to match in order to receive the city funding.

The commissioners are set to vote today on other issues including a grant for body cameras for the Midland Police Department, a waiver of insurance requirement for a Texas Tech University event at the Horseshoe and new security gates for the Midland County Courthouse.

And at the start of the Commissioners' Court meeting, the Midland County Fresh Water Supply District No. 1 will give a presentation about the ClearWater Ranch project.

The project will continue the district's mission to deliver drinking water to Midland by drilling water wells at ClearWater Ranch in Winkler County and creating a pipeline that will combine the water with T-Bar Ranch's water north of the site. The district earlier this month gave the council an update that revealed the project is scheduled to be complete by Dec. 31.

MIDLAND 101

By Jimmy Patterson

Army officer: Region 'not fit for man or beast'

There is a spot that was quiet long ago, but with the buzz of traffic, not so quiet today. It is along a spot on Interstate 20 southeast of town where you will find the historical marker commemorating the Marcy Trail.

In March 1852, according to the Texas State Historical Association, "Captain Randolph Marcy was assigned the command of a seventy-man exploring expedition across the Great Plains in search of the source of the Red River and was directed to 'collect and report everything that may be useful or interesting.'"

When he left northern New Mexico to return to his home base in Fort Smith, Ark., he was instructed by his commander to take a more southern route home. When he did, he stopped in what would one day be known as Midland.

The historical marker denoting Marcy's journey reads, "Plotted in 1849 by a U.S. Army surveying expedition under Capt. Randolph B. Marcy. Guided by Manuel, a Comanche Indian, Marcy crossed the dreaded staked plains of

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Courtesy photo

This historical marker along Interstate 20 southeast of Midland commemorates the Marcy Trail.

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Texas Parks and Wildlife Department file photo

This March 2007 file photo provided by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department shows a male lesser prairie chicken in a mating structure in the Texas panhandle. A first-of-its-kind agreement between federal agencies is designed to ease the concerns of landowners and the energy industry in five states ahead of an expected listing of the lesser prairie chicken as threatened, a move that could curtail their ability to operate in those habitats.

Landowners in lesser prairie chicken areas offered deal

By Ramit Plushnick-Masti
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The federal government is offering first-of-its-kind legal protections for landowners who implement conservation measures to protect the lesser prairie chicken's dwindling populations across five states.

The move is designed to ease the concerns of landowners, ranchers and the energy industry that they would no longer be able to operate in the bird's habitat if the prairie grouse is listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. The agreement could also serve as a model for other areas where industry and landowners could be impacted by a threatened or endangered animal.

The deal is simple: Those who take steps to conserve and preserve habitat will receive a letter guaranteeing they will not be fined or prosecuted if lesser prairie chickens are found dead on their property.

"As long as they continue to implement the ... conservation plan then they have nothing to fear from the Endangered Species Act or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service," Dan Ashe, the wildlife service's director, told The Associated Press.

The wildlife service is expected to announce by March 30 whether to list the lesser prairie chicken as a federally protected threatened species, impacting the plains of Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas and Oklahoma. The pending decision has prompted vocal opposition and sparked a broad state-run initiative designed to conserve areas in hopes of avoiding a federal listing for the bird.

The federal offer is a unique agreement between the wildlife service and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service. The agencies will have conservation practices outlined and agreements available in the coming weeks.

To enter an agreement, landowners would have to undertake specific conservation measures, such as keeping the grasses long enough to hide nests, clearing brush and building ramps in cattle water troughs to ensure the birds don't drown. Grants could help cover the costs.

In Texas, the agreement covers a 23-county region where this grayish brown, medium-sized bird makes its home and nests in the long prairie grasses from March to July.

The prairie grouse was once abundant in its five-state region, but its historical home of grasslands and prairies has been reduced by an estimated 84 percent as development converted habitat to other uses. When federal regulators first proposed in December 2012 to list the bird under the Endangered Species Act, there were fewer than 45,000, according to the wildlife service. A recent survey counted 18,000. Drought and loss of habitat are blamed for the decline.

Jerry Homfeld, whose family has been ranching and farming in the Texas Panhandle town of Hereford since the 1920s, said he would be interested in the federal government's offer. About half his family's 5,000 acres are set aside for conservation; the other half is mostly for cattle grazing with shorter, native grasses where the birds are less likely to thrive.

"It scares me," he said. "If they implement this chicken as an endangered species we might not be able to graze our land, nothing, and that's our living."

The oil and gas industry, which has boomed in recent years in the bird's habitat, has opposed federal protections and worked with state wildlife departments to put together a "range-wide plan" that allows industry, landowners and ranchers to be paid to set aside conservation land or pay more to operate in crucial habitat.

The new agreement allows landowners who entered such a deal to use that land — for example an energy company interested in drilling a well — if they set aside double the acreage elsewhere as protected habitat for the lesser prairie chicken, said Salvador Salinas, head of the NRCS in Texas.

Ultimately, the goal is for the different plans to overlap and provide landowners, ranchers and the energy industry several avenues to work, he said.

Ben Shepperd, president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, which represents drillers in an oil-rich, desert-like area of West Texas that includes prime chicken habitat, said his members have been actively involved in the range-wide plan. He said they could be interested in the new federal offer, though they have yet to see a written document.

He said the oil and gas industry had already set aside at least 1.3 million acres for conservation under the range-wide plan.

"It's a huge area they are talking about severely limiting economic development in, a 20-million acre area in five states," Shepperd said, explaining why all the parties are entering unprecedented agreements ahead of the bird's listing.

"They want to get it right because if they don't they've got a lot of angry people, and the bird suffers," he added, noting that ultimately the industry hopes that through proactive conservation they will be able to prevent the chicken from being listed as threatened.

Family: Brain-dead woman off life support

By Nomaan Merchant
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — A brain-dead, pregnant Texas woman's body was removed from life support Sunday, as the hospital keeping her on machines against her family's wishes acceded to a judge's ruling that it was misapplying state law.

Marlise Munoz's body soon will be buried by her husband and parents, after John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth announced it would not fight Judge R.H. Wallace Jr.'s Friday order to pronounce her dead and return her body to her family. The 23-week-old fetus she was carrying will not be born.

The hospital's decision Sunday brings an apparent end to a case that became a touchstone for national debates about the beginning and end of life, and whether a pregnant woman who is considered legally and medically dead should be kept on life support for the sake of a fetus.

Munoz's husband, Erick Munoz, sued the hospital because it would not remove life support as he said his wife would have wanted in such a situation. Erick and Marlise Munoz worked as paramedics and were familiar with end-of-life issues, and Erick said his wife had told him she would not want to be kept alive under such circumstances.

But the hospital refused his request, citing Texas law that says life-sustaining treatment cannot be withdrawn from a pregnant patient, regardless of her end-of-life wishes.

Wallace sided Friday with Erick Munoz, said in his order: "Mrs. Munoz is dead."

Wallace had given the hospital until 5 p.m. Monday to comply with his order, but officials there announced Sunday morning that it would forego any appeal.

"From the onset, JPS has said its role was not to make nor contest law but to follow it," according to a statement released by hospital spokeswoman J.R. Labbe. "On Friday, a state district judge ordered the removal of life-sustaining treatment from Marlise Munoz. The hospital will follow the court order."

Shortly afterward, Erick Munoz's attorneys announced that she had been disconnected from life support about 11:30 a.m.

"May Marlise Munoz finally rest in peace, and her family find the strength to complete what has been an unbearably long and arduous journey," they said in a statement.

Erick found his wife unconscious in their Haltom City home Nov. 26, possibly because of a blood clot. Doctors soon determined that she was brain-dead, which meant that she was both medically and legally dead under Texas law, but kept her on machines to keep her organs functioning for the sake of the fetus.

Erick Munoz described visiting his wife in the hospital, saying her eyes were now glassy and the smell of her perfume had given way to a smell he knew to be of a dead body. His attorneys told Wallace on Friday that doctors had performed medical care on her body over his protests.

"There is an infant, and a dead person serving as a dysfunctional incubator," attorney Heather King said.

Marlise Munoz's parents, Ernest and Lynne Machado, agreed with Erick Munoz and sat next to him at Friday's hearing.

Obituaries

Lena Maxine Gish

Lena Maxine Gish departed this life to be with her Lord Friday, January 24, 2014 at the age of 88. Maxine was born in Clara, Missouri on January 15, 1926, to Byron and Helen Harmon along with her twin sister Norine.

At a young age, Maxine's family moved to Houston, Missouri where she graduated from Houston High School in 1945. Shortly after high school she traveled to Parsons, Kansas to work in a U.S. Government munitions plant during WWII.

Maxine married Kenneth T. Gish in 1947. They lived in Springfield, Missouri until moving to Midland in 1955. Maxine was a member of First Baptist Church for 48 years where she sang in the church choir for many years. Maxine dedicated 10 years of her life loving and teaching children at First Baptist Church in the nursery and "Mother's Day Out".

Through the years our mother was known as Mema, not only to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, but also to all who loved her so dearly. Her calm accepting spirit was always a guiding example to her children. Her contagious laughter will always bring fond memories. Her example of handling every situation with grace and dignity will always be a source of strength in our lives.

Her daughter Janet and grandson Dillon took care of Mema for many years. Thank you Janet for taking such good care of our mom. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren brought her great joy.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Byron and Helen Harmon; her husband, Kenneth of 44 years; her sisters, Norine and Lois; and her granddaughters, Kimberly and Kristi.

Maxine is survived by her son, Robert Gish of Midland, TX; daughter Sharon Gibson and husband Steve of Midland, TX; her daughter Diane Kuykendall and husband Tommy of Midland, TX; her daughter Janet Burnett of Midland, TX; and five grandchildren, Ashley Welch, Kari Jones, Melissa Thompson, Kevin Kuykendall and Dillon Burnett; two great-grandchildren, Trace Welch and Rylee Thompson; four nieces, Ann, Sue, Dawn and Debra and numerous great-nieces and great-nephews.

Open visitation will be Tuesday, January 28 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home. Services will be at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 29, 2014 in the chapel at First Baptist Church, Midland, TX. with David Johnson leading the service to honor our dearly beloved mom. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

Death Notices

Edna Hayes

Edna Hayes, of Midland, age 76, passed away at her residence under the care of Home Hospice. Services are pending with America Heritage Cemetery.

O. V. "Van" Glaze

O. V. "Van" Glaze, 91, of Stanton, died Saturday, January 25, 2014 in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at the Downtown Church of Christ in Stanton, Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland. The family will receive friends from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Monday at Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

Survivors include one son, O. V. "Vanny" Glaze, Jr. of Tarzan; two daughters, Mary Etta Oaks of Ackerly; and Leatrice Adams of Stanton; nine grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and one great-great- grandchild.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

Psych hospital breaches include Big Spring

There have been five incidents in the last six months where patients' health records have made their way out of some of Texas' 10 public psychiatric facilities, according to a review of state records by a newspaper.

In one incident, an employee at Big Spring State Hospital in West Texas was fired after officials alleged she walked out of the facility with 50 patients' protected health records, the Austin American-Statesman reported Sunday.

In the other cases, which involved a total of about a dozen patients, officials determined that the breaches were caused by mistakes.

"This can't happen," said Christine Mann, spokeswoman for the Texas Department of State Health Services, which oversees the hospitals. "Our patients deserve privacy and expect that their information is kept confidential. We're doing everything we can to figure out what happened and how to address it."

Dr. Deborah Peel, the Austin founder of Patient Privacy Rights, a national watchdog group focused on the protection of medical records, said the multiple incidents at the Texas hospitals indicate a pattern of problems that raise questions about the hospital system's ability to keep patient records safe.

"Incidents like this broadcast loud and clear that the place I go for help might not keep my information safe," Peel said.

At Big Spring, the hospital's investigation determined a psychiatric nursing assistant, whose job involves monitoring patients, was seen taking the information from the unit where the patients lived, Mann said.

A folder containing 47 pages of personal health information — including names, diagnoses and treatments — was found in December in a public trash bin off campus.

James Boucher, one of Big Spring's patients whose records were taken, was upset by what happened.

"I feel like I can't trust the hospital anymore, not with anything personal," he told the newspaper. "I don't even know where the records have been."

Big Spring State Hospital also had another incident in July, when a nurse sent unencrypted texts of a patient's records to another nurse.

Other hospitals with privacy breaches included:

■ San Antonio State Hospital, which released a patient in June with another's discharge packet, including prescriptions and medical information.

■ Terrell State Hospital, which released a patient with another's medication in October.

■ Austin State Hospital, where the records of at least eight patients in September ended up on a television stand and were picked up by another patient.

BAYTOWN

1 hospitalized after Pamplona-style bull run

One person was briefly treated at a hospital and several others suffered minor injuries during a Pamplona-style bull running event held in suburban Houston.

The Great Bull Run mirrors the annual running of the bulls in Pamplona, Spain, where people run in front of a herd of toros let loose in the streets. Organizers said they toned down the U.S. version by creating escape routes for runners and blunting the animal's horn tips.

The Houston Chronicle reported that at Saturday's event in Baytown, 21-year-old Hugo Soto was treated for head injuries at a local hospital after being trampled. He was released a few hours later.

Organizers said 3,500 people participated in Saturday's bull run.

Tamir Kalifa/AP

Maggie Barcellano helps her daughter, Zoe, 3, use a pepper grinder with dinner at Barcellano's father's house in Austin on Saturday. Barcellano, who lives with her father, enrolled in the food stamps program to help save up for paramedic training while she works as a home health aide and raises her daughter. Working-age people now make up the majority in U.S. households that rely on food stamps, a switch from a few years ago when children and the elderly were the main recipients.

The new face of food stamps: working-age Americans

By Hope Yen
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a first, working-age people now make up the majority in U.S. households that rely on food stamps — a switch from a few years ago, when children and the elderly were the main recipients.

Some of the change is because of demographics, such as the trend toward having fewer children. But a slow economic recovery with high unemployment, stagnant wages and an increasing gulf between low-wage and high-skill jobs also plays a big role. It suggests that government spending on the $80 billion-a-year food stamp program — twice what it cost five years ago — may not subside significantly anytime soon.

Food stamp participation since 1980 has grown the fastest among workers with some college training, a sign that the safety net has stretched further to cover America's former middle class, according to an analysis of government data for The Associated Press by economists at the University of Kentucky. Formally called Supplemental Nutrition Assistance, or SNAP, the program now covers 1 in 7 Americans.

The findings coincide with the latest economic data showing workers' wages and salaries growing at the lowest rate relative to corporate profits in U.S. history.

President Barack Obama's State of the Union address Tuesday night is expected to focus in part on reducing income inequality, such as by raising the federal minimum wage. Congress, meanwhile, is debating cuts to food stamps, with Republicans including House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., wanting a $4 billion-a-year reduction to an anti-poverty program that they said promotes dependency and abuse.

Economists said having a job may no longer be enough for self-sufficiency in today's economy.

"A low-wage job supplemented with food stamps is becoming more common for the working poor," said Timothy Smeeding, an economics professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison who specializes in income inequality. "Many of the U.S. jobs now being created are low- or minimum-wage — part-time or in areas such as retail or fast food — which means food stamp use will stay high for some time, even after unemployment improves."

The newer food stamp recipients include Maggie Barcellano, 25, of Austin. A high school graduate, she enrolled in college but didn't complete her nursing degree after she could no longer afford the tuition.

Hoping to boost her credentials, she went through emergency medical technician training with the Army National Guard last year but was unable to find work as a paramedic because of the additional certification and fees required. Barcellano, now the mother of a 3-year-old daughter, finally took a job as a home health aide, working six days a week at $10 an hour. Struggling with the low income, she recently applied for food stamps with the help of the nonprofit Any Baby Can, to help save up for paramedic training.

"It's devastating," Barcellano said. "When I left for the Army I was so motivated, thinking I was creating a situation where I could give my daughter what I know she deserves. But when I came back and basically found myself in the same situation, it was like it was all for naught."

Since 2009, more than 50 percent of U.S. households receiving food stamps have been adults ages 18 to 59, according to the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey. The food stamp program defines non-elderly adults as anyone younger than 60.

As recently as 1998, the working-age share of food stamp households was at a low of 44 percent, before the dot-com bust and subsequent recessions in 2001 and 2007 pushed new enrollees into the program, according to the analysis by James Ziliak, director of the Center for Poverty Research at the University of Kentucky.

By education, about 28 percent of food stamp households are headed by a person with at least some college training, up from 8 percent in 1980. Among those with four-year college degrees, the share rose from 3 percent to 7 percent. High school graduates head the bulk of food stamp households at 37 percent, up from 28 percent. In contrast, food stamp households headed by a high school dropout have dropped by more than half, to 28 percent.

The shifts in food stamp participation come amid broader changes to the economy such as automation, globalization and outsourcing, which have polarized the job market. Many good-paying jobs in areas such as manufacturing have disappeared, shrinking the American middle class and bumping people with higher levels of education into lower-wage work.

An analysis Ziliak conducted for the AP finds that stagnant wages and income inequality play an increasing role in the growth of food stamp rolls.

Taking into account changing family structure, higher unemployment and policy expansions to the food stamp program, the analysis showed that stagnant wages and income inequality explained just 3.5 percent of the change in food stamp enrollment from 1980 to 2011. But from 2000 to 2011, wages and inequality accounted for 13 percent of the increase.

Several economists said food stamp rolls are likely to remain elevated for some time. Historically, there has been a lag before an improving unemployment rate leads to a substantial decline in food stamp rolls; the Congressional Budget Office has projected it could take 10 years.

"We do not expect income inequality stabilizing or declining in the absence of real wage growth or a significant reduction in unemployment and underemployment problems," said Ishwar Khatiwada, an economist for the Center for Labor Market Studies at Northeastern University who reviewed the Labor and Commerce departments' wage data.

Full- and part-time workers employed year-round saw the fastest growth in food stamp participation since 1980, making up 17 percent and 7 percent of households, respectively.

NATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MISSISSIPPI

Odd call: Blowing nose brings big buck running

JACKSON — The deer hunter figured sneezing had blown his chance at a deer, but blowing his nose brought a big buck running.

Ron Manning of Hinds County told The Clarion-Ledger that he's hunted deer for 54 years and never seen anything like what happened earlier this month.

The buck was ready to fight, apparently thinking another buck was nearby.

Manning said the 8-point buck came roaring in, "his ears laid back, his eyes glazed over, and the hair standing up on his back."

He said the deer was wide open, and he shot him at 25 yards.

Manning joked that instead of a grunt/wheeze call, this deer was fooled by a cough/sneeze call.

He said he wishes he knew just what he did so he could do it again.

MARYLAND

Mall gunman was avid skater, no criminal past

COLUMBIA — Police said they have found the Maryland mall gunman's journal and it expressed some general unhappiness, but they said they still are not sure of a motive in the shooting.

Howard County Police Chief William McMahon said Sunday night that they had taken the journal from Darion Marcus Aguliar's house, but he did not give any specifics about what it contained.

He said they are still interviewing friends and family of the gunman and the victims, but authorities are not sure yet whether they knew each other.

Aguliar killed two people at the Mall in Columbia on Saturday before turning the gun on himself. Police said he was armed with a shotgun, plenty of ammunition and a backpack filled with crude homemade explosives.

CHICAGO

Brutal cold returns to Midwest for extended stay

An unusual weather pattern driving bitterly cold air from the Arctic Circle south across a huge swath of the Midwest is expected to send temperatures plummeting today from Minneapolis to Louisville, Ky., the latest punch from a winter that is in some areas shaping up as one of the coldest on record.

Temperatures will remain in the grips of the deep freeze for 2½ days, said meteorologist Mike Hudson, of the National Weather Service in Kansas City, Mo. It will be similar to what happened earlier this month when temperatures dropped quickly and stayed low for days when a piece of the polar vortex — winds that circulate around the North Pole — "broke off and moved south," Hudson said.

In cities where temperatures reached the 40s, 50s and even higher Sunday, people will wake up today to temperatures ranging from the teens to well below zero. And with the wind chill, cities throughout the Midwest will feel far colder than the minus 4 that Hudson said was expected in Barrow, Alaska, the nation's northernmost city.

The weather service said city after city will face wind chills well below zero Monday: minus 43 in Minneapolis, minus 23 in both Milwaukee and Chicago, minus 14 in Kansas City, minus 10 in St. Louis and minus 3 in Louisville.

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

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What: ABCs of marketing
Workshop schedule: noon-1:30 p.m. and 3-4:30 p.m. Tuesday; 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Wednesday.
Location: Sleep Inn & Suites, 5612 Deauville Blvd.
Fee: Free with pre-registration or $20 at the door.
To register: Contact Sandy Moore at 687-8814 or smoore@mrt.com.
Co-sponsors: Chamber of Commerce and the Reporter-Telegram.

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

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

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

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

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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.

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Today in history

Today is Monday, Jan. 27, the 27th day of 2014. There are 338 days left in the year.
Today's highlight:
On Jan. 27, 1944, during World War II, the Soviet Union announced the end of the deadly German siege of Leningrad, which had lasted for more than two years.
On this date:
In 1945, Soviet troops liberated the Nazi concentration camps Auschwitz and Birkenau in Poland.

Associated Press

Fort Bliss soldier free-wheeling to recovery

By David Burge
El Paso Times

FORT BLISS — Nearly five years ago, Sgt. Maj. Jerry W. Hochstedler's life changed forever when he was severely wounded in combat in Afghanistan.

But Hochstedler, still on active duty as the operations sergeant major with Joint Task Force North at Fort Bliss, refuses to be stopped by the injuries he suffered on May 19, 2009.

Hochstedler, a career Special Forces noncommissioned officer, got into a standoff with a sniper that day and got shot in his arm in Marjah, Helmand Province. Since then, he's had to have 28 surgeries on the arm and only has about 30 percent use in it, he said.

"I'd been going toe to toe with a sniper for about six hours," Hochstedler told the El Paso Times. "We finally saw each other and he got me before I got him. He basically shot my arm off."

The bullet shattered two bones in his arm, severed an artery and a nerve and lacerated all the muscles on the bottom side of the arm, said Hochstedler, a 53-year-old Aspen Valley, Colo., native.

He got a nerve graft-transplant which gave him better mobility in the arm but has left him in constant pain, he said. He refuses to take any painkillers after getting addicted to pain and nerve medicines earlier in his recovery process, he said.

Hochstedler has always been an avid bicyclist, but he has rededicated himself to the sport since getting wounded. He cycles at least 250 miles a week and hopes one day to qualify for the Paralympics, an Olympic games for athletes with disabilities.

Bicycling keeps him going and has served as a source of solace as he's dealt with his injured arm, he said.

"It's one of those deals: I'm not any better than anyone else just 'cause I'm Special Forces," he said. "I'm just different. You just don't quit."

While he was recovering at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., he watched a double-amputee Marine Corps sergeant major give up on his recovery and end up dying, he said.

"It's one of the most tragic things I've ever seen," Hochstedler said. "I can't talk about it without getting emotional."

Associated Press

Sgt. Maj. Jerry W. Hochstedler poses with his bicycle at Fort Bliss on Jan. 14. Hochstedler has always been an avid bicyclist, but he has rededicated himself to the sport since getting wounded. He cycles at least 250 miles a week and hopes one day to qualify for the Paralympics, an Olympic games for athletes with disabilities.

Hochstedler said he's gotten lots of help both through a special Care Coalition program offered through U.S. Special Operations Command in Tampa, Fla., and through programs at Fort Bliss. This help has included going to counseling.

"We all have a coping mechanism that we need to discover," Hochstedler said. "Mine happens to be bicycling. You just have to figure out what it is.

"I've seen guys killed, guys blown up," Hochstedler added. "I've seen all that stuff. There are people out there who can help. You just have to go ask for it." Hochstedler was also an avid woodworker and has a woodworking shop at his home in Fayetteville, N.C. outside of Fort Bragg, that would be the envy of many professional furniture makers, he said. Because of his injuries, he can't work with wood the way he once did, but has substituted bicycling in its place.

"Not being able to work with wood just kills me," he said. "Being able to ride the bicycle keeps me going."

His motto of never giving up has served him well, he said. He didn't get it through any Army training he has received over the years. Instead, that toughness and perseverance was instilled in him through his parents — John C. and Dorothy A. Hochstedler, who grew up during and survived the Great Depression. His parents now live in Nebraska.

Brig. Gen. Jon S. Lehr, commander of Joint Task Force North, said he's impressed by how Hochstedler approaches his military job and his recovery from his injuries.

"Sgt. Maj. Hochstedler is a proven leader who has proudly served with our nation's elite Special Forces throughout his military career, including multiple combat deployments," Lehr said. "His unyielding commitment to mission accomplishment, devotion to duty and professionalism is matched only by his untiring efforts to recover from his combat wounds. He clearly serves as a stellar example for all our soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines."

Joint Task Force North provides Department of Defense support to law enforcement in anti-drug efforts.

Want to get the flu? Volunteers sneeze for science

Associated Press

BETHESDA, Md. — Forget being sneezed on: Government scientists are deliberately giving dozens of volunteers the flu by squirting the live virus straight up their noses.

It may sound bizarre, but the rare type of research is a step in the quest for better flu vaccines. It turns out that how the body fends off influenza remains something of a mystery.

"Vaccines are working, but we could do better," said Dr. Matthew Memoli of the National Institutes of Health, who is leading the study that aims to infect up to 100 adults over the next year.

Wait a minute: Flu is sweeping the country, so why not just study the already sick? That wouldn't let scientists measure how the immune system reacts through each step of infection, starting with that first exposure to the virus.

It's not an experiment to be taken lightly. After all, the flu kills thousands of Americans a year. For safety, Memoli chose a dose that produces mild to moderate symptoms — and accepts only volunteers who are healthy and no older than 50.

And to avoid spreading the germs, participants must spend at least nine days quarantined inside a special isolation ward at the NIH hospital, their health closely monitored. They're not released until nasal tests prove they're no longer contagious.

The incentive: About $3,000 to compensate for their time.

"I received a very scolding email from my mother" about signing up, Daniel Bennett, 26, said with a grin.

"Their standards are so high, I don't believe I'm in danger," added Bennett, a restaurant worker from College Park, Md. "I don't get sick that often."

A masked and gloved Memoli had Bennett lie flat for about a minute.

"It will taste salty. Some will drip down the back of your throat," Memoli said, before squeezing a syringe filled with millions of microscopic virus particles, floating in salt water, into each nostril.

Sure enough, a few days later Bennett had the runny nose and achiness of mild flu.

The best defense against influenza is a yearly vaccine, but it's far from perfect. In fact, the vaccine is least effective in people age 65 and older — the group most susceptible to flu — probably because the immune system weakens with age.

Understanding how younger adults' bodies fight flu may help scientists determine what the more vulnerable elderly are missing, clues to help develop more protective vaccines for everyone, Memoli explained.

Here's the issue: The vaccine is designed to raise people's levels of a particular flu-fighting antibody. It targets a protein that acts like the virus' coat, called hemagglutinin — the "H" in H1N1, the strain that caused the 2009 pandemic and that is causing the most illness so far this winter, too.

But it's not clear what antibody level is best to aim for — or whether a certain amount means you're protected against getting sick at all, or that you'd get a mild case instead of a severe one.

"As mind-boggling as it is, we don't know the answer to that," said Dr. Anthony Fauci, chief of NIH's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. "We made some assumptions that we knew everything about flu."

Just targeting hemagglutinin probably isn't enough, Memoli added. Already, some people in his study didn't get sick, despite remarkably low antibody levels, meaning something else must be protecting them.

Could it be antibodies against the "N" in flu's name, the neuraminidase protein? Specific T cells that are activated to fight infection? Genes that switch on and off when a virus invades?

To begin finding out, Memoli first developed a laboratory-grown copy of the H1N1 flu strain and sprayed different amounts into volunteers' noses until he found the right dose to trigger mild flu. He hopes eventually to test the harsher H3N2 strain, too.

Now he's infecting two groups — people with low antibody levels and those with high levels. Some were recently vaccinated, and some weren't. He'll compare how sick they get, how long they're contagious and how the immune system jumps into action.

Called a human challenge study, this kind of research hasn't been performed with flu viruses in the U.S. for more than a decade, before scientists had ways as sophisticated to measure what happens.

NATIONBRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

PENNSYLVANIA

Russian teen sets off mini-bombs

ALTOONA — The roommate of a Penn State student from Russia charged with building a suspected bomb in his bedroom said the 18-year-old recently set off three "mini-bombs" just outside their apartment.

Andrew Leff told the Altoona Mirror that he had advised Vladislav Miftakhov to get rid of the bomb-making materials. He called Miftakhov a "dumb" and "crazy" kid who was bored and impulsive, but not dangerous.

"He was off the wall," Leff told the Mirror.

Miftakhov, a student at Penn State's satellite campus in Altoona, was in jail Sunday after being arrested Friday and charged with possessing a weapon of mass destruction, risking a catastrophe and several other drug and weapons counts, according to court records. The records did not list a lawyer for Miftakhov, who was being held on $500,000 bail.

FINANCE

From 1A

That became the rationale for the state's controversial top 10 percent rule, which requires schools like the University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University to give preference to the top performers in every Texas high school's graduating class. The logic behind it is tight: If the state argues — and it does — that the school districts across Texas are substantially equal and adequate, then it follows that their graduates are adequately and equally prepared for the state's colleges. The colleges ought to admit them, no matter which high school awarded their diplomas.

Reality is somewhat messier: The students are not getting the same preparation for college in all of the state's schools. Just ask the colleges. But the state cannot concede the argument without forfeiting its argument in school finance cases like the one that restarted this week in Austin.

Schools are expensive. Lawmakers from both parties were elected by price-sensitive voters who responded enthusiastically to antitax pledges. And the only times lawmakers have been willing to spend more on schools — or to allow local school districts to spend more on schools — is when the courts have told them to do so.

Periodically, the public schools or their constituents become so frustrated with the state's funding mechanisms that they ask the courts to intervene. And the Legislature, when faced with episodic judicial rulings that the money machine is busted, responds with fixes that either raise state funding, allow higher local taxes or some combination of those things.

On one end of the seesaw: no new taxes. On the other: public education.

That may sound cynical, but it has worked that way for years. Lawmakers change the formulas for school finance whenever the courts tell them things have veered outside the margins described in the state Constitution. This time, the argument is that the schools do not have the means to meet the state's standards. The state gives them some money and leaves them to raise most of their budgets with local property taxes. The districts can charge whatever they want, below a state-set maximum. If they max out the tax rates and still need money, they argue that the state has imposed their property tax rates, violating the state constitutional ban on a statewide property tax.

If the courts buy that — appeals will certainly follow the current district court's ruling — it will fall to the Legislature to fix it again. Most previous fixes lasted for a decade or two before the system once again went out of whack and the courts intervened.

It is not particularly elegant, but that is not news.

FELONYARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Billy G. Arredondo, 33, of Midland, was charged Saturday with possession of a prohibited substance in a corrections facility.
Jordan M. Childress, 22, (no place of residence listed), was charged Saturday with tampering with or fabricating physical evidence and fugitive from justice.
Mary A. Grado, 35, of Midland, was charged Saturday with criminal mischief between $1,500 and $20,000.
Dijawon McMaryion, 18, of Midland, was charged Saturday with evading arrest or detention, failure to appear or bail jumping, and theft.
Jose Rodriguez, 21, of Midland, was charged Saturday with evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.
Luis A. Sanchez-Macias, 31, of Horizon, was charged Saturday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

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From 1A

West Texas, proving their feasibility for travel, and opening a new and shorter road west. Marcy's trail from Dona Ana, N.M., to Fort Smith, Ark., became a major road to the California gold fields. Later the overland stage followed it for about 125 miles and in 1881, Texas and Pacific Railroad built along part of the route."

While there are certainly a number of significant points of progress that made Midland what it is today, Marcy's stop here was the first vital piece of history relevant to the future of Midland recorded in those early days. Had Marcy never stopped here, one wonders when, where and maybe even if the town would have been settled.

Upon his visit, Marcy uttered a quote now somewhat famous to West Texas historians: "The Great Creator of the universe has made this the perfect place for the railroad. We will not have to build a single tunnel."

He is somewhat lesser known for another quote about where we all live now: "It is not fit for man or beast and will forever be largely uninhabitable."

One out of two isn't bad. Marcy's disaffection for the region mattered not in the history books. But his observation that the area is ideal for the railroad is what really matters 165 years later.

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

Minimum wage bills pushed in at least 30 states

By Michael Hill
Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — Minimum-wage increase proposals are getting the maximum push from Democrats in statehouses in more than half of U.S. states, highlighting the politically potent income inequality issue this year.

Lawmakers in at least 30 states are sponsoring or are expected to introduce wage hike measures, according to a national review by The Associated Press. They hope to notch state-level victories as President Barack Obama and congressional Democrats remain stymied in attempts to raise the federal minimum wage above $7.25 an hour. The president is expected to mention the minimum wage in his State of the Union address Tuesday.

Even in Republican-dominated capitals where the bills are longshots, the measures still give Democrats a chance to hammer home the popular theme of fair wages in what is an election year in most places.

"It's a no-brainer for any Democrat," said Neil Sroka, a strategist for progressive groups who is communications director at the Howard Dean-founded Democracy for America. "Congress is failing. They can take real action right in the states and have a demonstrable impact right here at home. For politics and policy, it's a winning strategy."

Minimum wage is a perennial issue that has taken on a higher profile amid the slowly recovering economy and growing public debate about income inequality. A Quinnipiac University poll this month found 71 percent of Americans in favor of raising the minimum wage — including more than half of Republicans polled.

Michael Sargeant, executive director of the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee, calls it an "organic issue that's bubbling up from the grassroots." But it's also being pressed by politicians and labor unions. Democrats challenging Republican governors have taken up the issue, and there are ballot initiatives in several states.

"We are facing a huge income gap that only continues to widen, where the workers at the top see large wage increases, and the workers at the bottom are at a standstill. That needs to change," said Massachusetts Democratic Senate President Therese Murray.

Five states passed minimum wage measures last year, and advocates hope that number will grow as states from New Hampshire to Washington consider proposals. Many would push families above the federal poverty line, which is $15,730 for a family of two. In Iowa, a bill would hike the minimum wage from $7.25 an hour to $10.10. A Rhode Island bill would raise it from $8 to $9. And a year after New York approved a multiyear minimum wage hike, Assembly Democrats introduced another bill for 2014 sponsored by Labor Committee Chairman Carl Heastie of New York City that would accelerate the increase.

Labor unions and other advocates point to workers like Andrew Lloyd, who cleans the cabins, bathrooms and cockpits of airplanes between flights at John F. Kennedy Airport in New York City for $8 an hour. With a wife and 1-year-old, he relies on food stamps to help stock the refrigerator, and his paychecks barely cover diapers and other needs of his daughter. He said he can't afford a new pair of socks for himself.

"It's not enough. What we're making is not enough to support," Lloyd said. "There's just no way they can justify what is going on is right."

Opponents, many of them Republicans, argue that the higher wages translate into fewer jobs and higher consumer costs. So wage hike bills in Republican-controlled legislatures, like Florida and South Carolina, are not expected to pass. In Florida, Gov. Rick Scott said the claim that working families need the boost to make ends meet makes him "cringe, because I know that statement is a lie."

"Even if we did raise the minimum wage, working families will still not be able to make ends meet on those jobs," Scott said. "We need good jobs that lead to good careers for our families, and that's what I am focused on."

Already, a Democrat-backed bill to increase Indiana's minimum wage by $1 was blocked by majority Republicans on a party-line vote Tuesday.

Win or lose, the legislation gives Democrats a potential weapon against Republican opponents. Eddie Vale, a Democratic strategist with close ties to labor unions, said Republicans who oppose a wage hike will face fierce criticism.

"There's a lot of people in this state that are making the minimum wage that are voting Republican right now," said House Democratic Caucus Chairman Mike Turner of Tennessee, where they plan to introduce a minimum wage bill this year. "Maybe if they see that they don't have their best interests in their heart, they might change their minds."

There's hope that success will breed more success. Vale, a top adviser at the Democratic super PAC American Bridge, said the thinking behind the push is to get things started at the state level, where lawmakers come into more direct contact with their constituents. Once state legislatures start moving, it will lend momentum to a federal expansion.

In Minnesota, Rep. Ryan Winkler said as the debate spreads to more states, lawmakers might be more comfortable boosting the wage floor in his state.

"It's not peer pressure, but it's safety in numbers," Winkler said. "It makes people feel like this is a mainstream thing to do."

A look at minimum wage legislation in states

Some minimum wage legislation and initiatives in states around the nation:

■ Alabama: Proposed constitutional amendment would raise minimum wage by steps to $9.80 on Jan. 1, 2016. Voters would also have to approve the measure.

■ Alaska: Supporters of an effort to raise the minimum wage turned in signatures with hopes of getting the issue on the August ballot.

■ Arkansas: Supporters hope to gather enough signatures for a ballot proposal in November that would raise the minimum wage by steps to $8.50 per hour by 2017.

■ Delaware: A bill would raise the minimum wage from $7.25 to $8.25, in two 50-cent increments.

■ Florida: Bills would raise the rate to $10.10.

■ Georgia: Two bills sponsored by House Democrats would raise the minimum wage.

■ Hawaii: Lawmakers have filed paperwork on bill to raise the minimum wage.

■ Idaho: An effort is underway to get a minimum wage hike on next November's ballot. The initiative would hike the lowest legal pay in Idaho to $9.80 an hour by 2017.

■ Illinois: Democratic Gov. Pat Quinn wants to raise the rate from $8.25 to at least $10.

■ Indiana: A Democrat-backed bill to increase Indiana's minimum wage by $1 was blocked by majority Republicans on a party-line vote.

■ Iowa: Bill would hike the minimum wage from $7.25 an hour up to $10.10.

■ Kentucky: Bill would raise the minimum wage from $7.25 to $10.10 an hour over three years.

■ Louisiana: Louisiana's legislative session begins in March, and a Democratic lawmaker has said he intends to introduce wage legislation.

■ Maryland: Democratic Gov. Martin O'Malley is backing an increase of $10.10 an hour by 2016.

■ Massachusetts: The state Senate approved an increase in the minimum wage from $8 to $11 over three years. The House hasn't taken up the measure. The issue could also land on the ballot this year.

■ Michigan: Bills introduced in 2013 would raise the minimum wage from $7.40 to $10 an hour over three years. Michigan has two-year legislative sessions.

■ Minnesota: Democratic backers have been holding hearings around the state and hope to win passage of a wage bill within weeks of the Legislature's session opening in late February.

■ Missouri: Four bills seek to raise the minimum wage, either to $8.25, $9, $10 or $10.25. Advocacy groups also have filed four versions of a proposed ballot initiative seeking to raise the minimum wage.

■ Nebraska: A group of lawmakers is pushing for a minimum-wage increase to $9 per hour, phased in over three years.

■ New Hampshire: Democrats who control the House are pushing a minimum wage increase.

■ New Mexico: A proposed constitutional amendment introduced in the Senate would automatically increase the state's minimum wage each year to adjust it for inflation. If approved by lawmakers, the measure would be placed on the November ballot.

■ New York: Bill would accelerate the state's scheduled minimum wage increase to $9 by 2015 and tie it to the inflation rate.

■ Pennsylvania: At least half a dozen bills would raise the state's $7.25-an-hour minimum wage.

■ Rhode Island: Bill would raise the minimum wage from $8 to $9 in 2015.

■ South Carolina: One bill would require employers to pay at least $10 an hour or whatever federal law requires, whichever is greater. Another would require employers to pay $1 more than the federal minimum wage. Additionally, there is a resolution to ask voters whether the state constitution should change to allow for a minimum wage greater than the federal minimum wage.

■ South Dakota: Ballot measure would raise the minimum wage from the current $7.25 an hour to $8.50 an hour beginning in January 2015.

■ Tennessee: House Democrats plan to introduce a minimum wage bill this year.

■ Utah: A Democratic lawmaker is working on a proposal to increase Utah's minimum wage by $1 from $7.25 to $8.25.

■ Vermont: A bill in the House would raise the minimum wage to $12.50 in 2015, while a bill in the Senate would boost it to $12 per hour in 2016. Both would adjust it for inflation afterward.

■ Virginia: One bill would raise the wage to $8.50 an hour, another to $8.25.

■ Washington: A bill would increase what is already the highest state minimum wage in the nation to $12 an hour over the next three years.

■ West Virginia: House Democratic delegates are pushing a $1 increase to the minimum wage.

■ Wisconsin: Bills would raise the general minimum wage from $7.25 to $7.60.

■ Wyoming: A bill would raise the minimum wage to $9 an hour for non-tipped employees.

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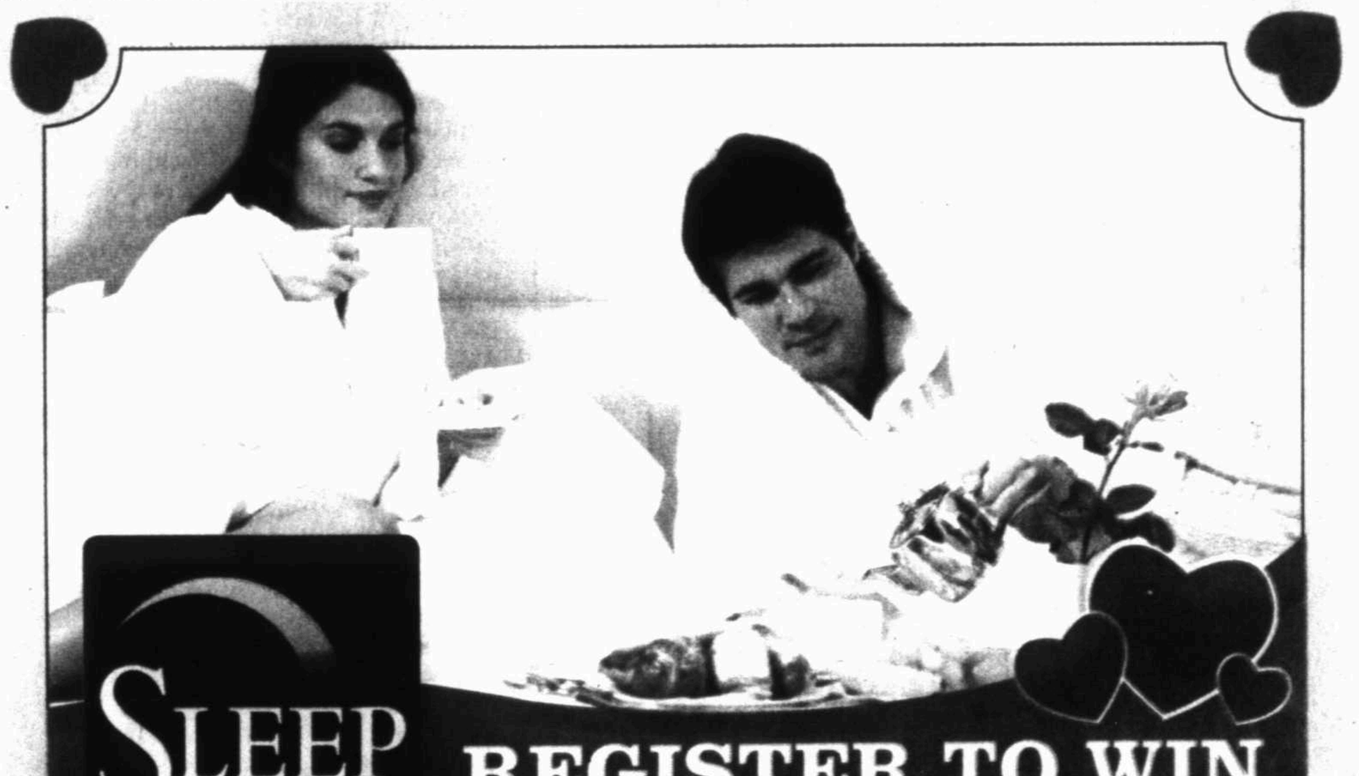

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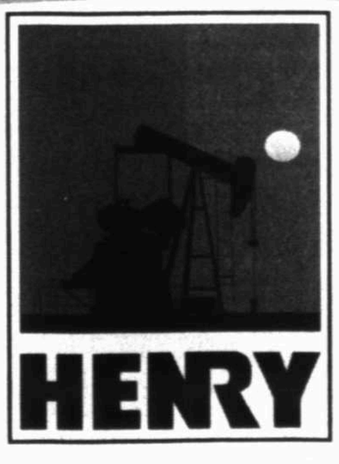

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Proverbs 10:28

The prospect of the righteous is joy, but the hopes of the wicked come to nothing.

Is the president too complex for our own good?

■ For the intellectual Obama, every question requires a sermon. Whether that's good for government remains to be seen

MICHAEL GERSON
Washington Post Writers Group

There have always been two, not entirely consistent, elements of Barack Obama's powerful political appeal: his aspirational ambition and his personal sense of complexity and limits.

The aspirational — the promise of transcending our national divisions, resetting our relations with Russia and the Muslim world, slowing the rise of the oceans and healing the planet — is behind us. In a recent, remarkable interview with David Remnick of The New Yorker, Obama admits as much. Assuming the role of political commentator, the president talks of being overexposed "after six, seven years of me being on the national stage" and asks, "Is there somebody else out there who can give [people] that spark of inspiration or excitement?" Perhaps someone else is the change we have been waiting for.

But it is exactly this objectivity — this ability to emotionally distance himself from, well, himself — that impresses many journalists and commentators. Remnick calls it the "archetypal Obama habit of mind and politics, the calm, professorial immersion in complexity." Like many before him, Remnick is impressed with Obama's "philosophical ambivalences" and his ability to "nimbly" argue the other side of debates.

Obama seems impressed with these traits as well. In the course of the interview, he states: "I'm not a purist." And: "I'm pretty pragmatic." And: "I'm not a particularly ideological person." And: "I do think one of my strengths is temperament. I am comfortable with complexity." On marijuana legalization, Obama convincingly argues for every possible side of the issue. On parenting, he favors both open-mindedness and structure. On federalism, he sees virtues and drawbacks. On pro football, he is a big fan but would not allow his son to play. Every question is an opportunity for a seminar.

I have to admit — like many people in the business of producing and distributing symbolic knowledge — that I love seminars. Writers, commentators, journalists and historians have often chosen their profession because they never wanted their late-night dorm room discussions to end. Those who write about politics have a natural affinity for President Obama's mode of discourse. This is not so much an ideological bias — though that can play a part — but a kinship of intellectual approach and style. Just as Middle America found Richard Nixon to be "one of us," America's knowledge class knows that Obama is very much like them.

Remnick's portrait of Obama typically leaves out the less attractive side of the academic persona — the tendency to view opponents as rubes and knaves. Few presidents have more consistently or aggressively questioned the motives of their political rivals. None, to my knowledge, used an inaugural address the way Obama used his second -- to accuse his opponents of mistaking "absolutism for principle" and treating "name-calling as reasoned debate," and wanting the twilight years of seniors "spent in poverty" and ensuring that parents of disabled children have "nowhere to turn," and reserving freedom "for the lucky." Those outside the seminar aren't treated quite as well.

But even judged on the terms of Remnick's praise, Obama is in deep, second-term trouble. The president who embraces complexity is now besieged by complexity on every front. The American health care system has not responded as planned to the joystick manipulations of the Affordable Care Act. On the evidence of the article, Obama and his closest advisers are in denial about the structural failures of the program — the stingy coverage, narrow provider networks, high deductibles and adverse selection spirals already underway in several states.

And complexity is not a sufficient word to describe the chaos in the Middle East. Here Remnick raises questions about the utility of ambivalence in Obama's approach to Syria. In the article, the president recounts the careful, systematic study that preceded inaction, as more than 100,000 people died and American-affiliated groups were crushed. "We have looked at this from every angle," he insists.

In fact, at the outset of the struggle, Obama declared that Syrian President Bashar al-Assad must go without having a plan to make him go. Then the Obama administration announced it would supply arms to the rebels, which never materialized on a serious scale. This is a case where disengagement has undermined national credibility and betrayed friends. Obama is likely to spend a portion of his post-presidency defending his studied inaction in the face of mass atrocities.

The largest question raised by the Remnick article goes unasked: Is the intellectual style that journalists find so amenable actually an effective governing strategy? The answer, it turns out, is complex.

OUR VIEW

Hard to get excited about the new GOP primary process

Republicans got some good news last week. Their party's presidential selection process has been shortened. In theory, that will limit the damage for other GOP snipers on the eventual party nominee.

Republicans in Texas got some bad news last week. Their party's presidential process is still horribly flawed as Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina and Nevada were given placing assuring their states' unneeded influence on the process.

We have written before that Texas and the Southwest deserve a more prominent place at the table. Our state and region aren't insignificant in Republican primary politics, and while RNC chairman Reince Preibus declared Friday to be a "historic day for our party," We don't see it.

Iowa and New Hampshire are king-making states and hardly represent the electorates that the party needs to get right for future success. Border issues are real. Energy issues should be talked about, and bowing down to ethanol industry doesn't count.

New Hampshire might have the "first in the nation" primary, but it is confusing to us that Republicans allow a state with a smaller population than at least three major Texas metropolitan areas to have its primary before Texas. We also are not sure how New Hampshire, 90 percent white and 3 percent Hispanic according to the U.S. Census, provides the party an exercise in diverse thinking.

We can go on. Basically we believe if the GOP wants to show it's the party of the 21st century, then it must not revert to a primary playbook that is outdated and out of touch with the new America. And it's not just about Texas having a greater influence; it's making sure the process matters. The process should deliver a higher-quality candidate than what we have seen recently, and one that has been picked by a greater representation of Americans. Whether because of region or race, the changes made this past week to shorten that time span might prevent candidates from beating up each other, but they leave the us wondering who's the Republican Party trying to appeal to and who is its audience.

The all-important Rust Belt isn't a big player. Neither is the Southwest. The major battleground states are pushed to the back seat and the most populated states are left hoping their number will be called. How does this help the party again? Well, because it reduces the number of debates to limit those who are most dangerous — the politicians with little substance but armed with one-liners that will push them to victory in the post-game analysis programs.

Does it provide Republicans the best chance selecting a conservative who can win in November? Not in our view.

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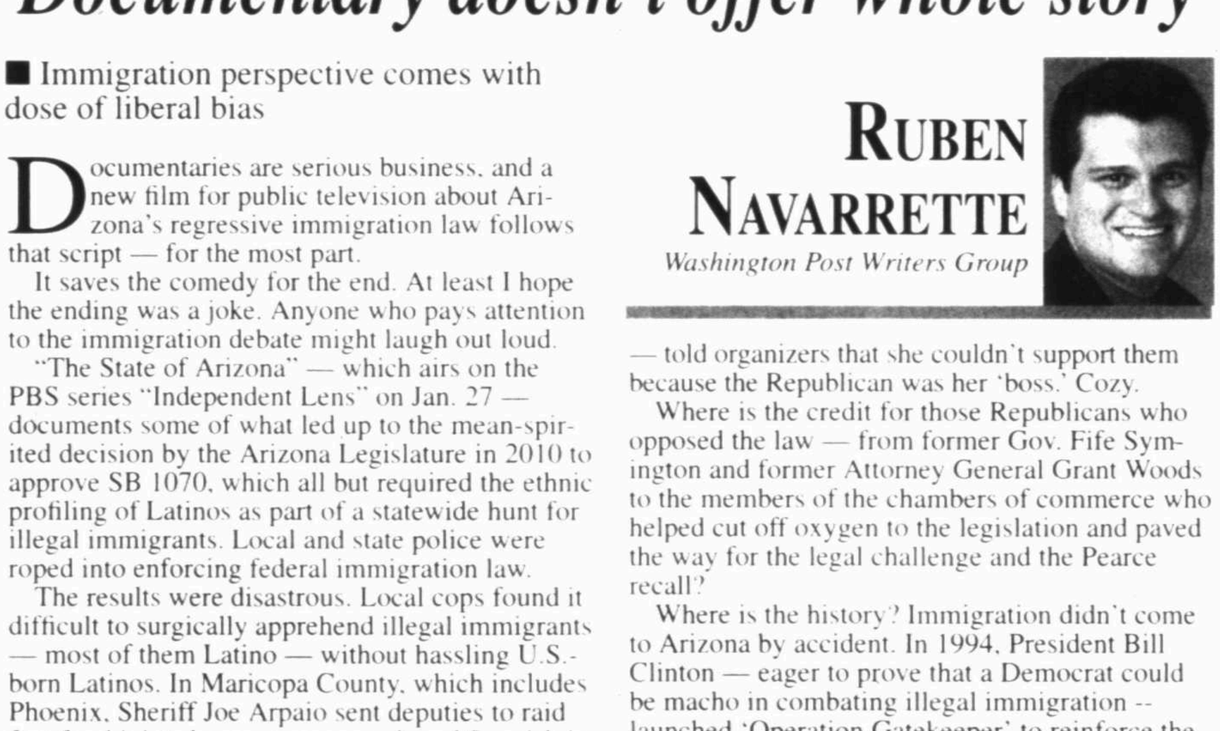

Documentary doesn't offer whole story

■ Immigration perspective comes with dose of liberal bias

RUBEN NAVARRETTE
Washington Post Writers Group

Documentaries are serious business, and a new film for public television about Arizona's regressive immigration law follows that script — for the most part.

It saves the comedy for the end. At least I hope the ending was a joke. Anyone who pays attention to the immigration debate might laugh out loud.

"The State of Arizona" — which airs on the PBS series "Independent Lens" on Jan. 27 — documents some of what led up to the mean-spirited decision by the Arizona Legislature in 2010 to approve SB 1070, which all but required the ethnic profiling of Latinos as part of a statewide hunt for illegal immigrants. Local and state police were roped into enforcing federal immigration law.

The results were disastrous. Local cops found it difficult to surgically apprehend illegal immigrants — most of them Latino — without hassling U.S.-born Latinos. In Maricopa County, which includes Phoenix, Sheriff Joe Arpaio sent deputies to raid fast-food joints because someone heard Spanish in the kitchen.

What happened in Arizona was complicated. But for Carlos Sandoval and Catherine Tambini, the co-producers and co-directors, it's a simple story of villains and heroes. The villains are three Republican elected officials — Arpaio, Gov. Jan Brewer, and former state Sen. Russell Pearce, who authored the law. The heroes are the immigrants who fight back by becoming politically active and registering voters.

'They were ready for the fight,' Sandoval told me.

Sandoval and Tambini seem earnest. I just wish the two New York-based filmmakers had done more investigating, tapped more sources and conducted more research. They needed to get beyond their liberal politics and think outside the box. They might have found what I discovered in writing about the law since 2010 -- and while working as a reporter for The Arizona Republic in Phoenix in the late 1990s: The best part of the immigration story is the complexity.

Where are the interviews with Mexican-Americans who live along the U.S.-Mexico border in southern Arizona and support the law because they think that drug violence is out of control, and that illegal immigration has to be curtailed?

Where is the expose of Arizona Democrats, many of whom either hid under their desks while the bill was being debated or made excuses for their Republican colleagues? When a recall effort was launched against Pearce, who was at the time president of the Arizona Senate, state Sen. Kyrsten Sinema — a Democrat who has since been elected to Congress — told organizers that she couldn't support them because the Republican was her 'boss.' Cozy.

Where is the credit for those Republicans who opposed the law — from former Gov. Fife Symington and former Attorney General Grant Woods to the members of the chambers of commerce who helped cut off oxygen to the legislation and paved the way for the legal challenge and the Pearce recall?

Where is the history? Immigration didn't come to Arizona by accident. In 1994, President Bill Clinton — eager to prove that a Democrat could be macho in combating illegal immigration -- launched 'Operation Gatekeeper' to reinforce the U.S.-Mexico border near San Diego, and hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants on their way to California took a detour through Arizona. Many of them stuck around because employers were hiring.

We don't get that in the documentary. We get comedy. As the film closes, captions explain that, in response to the law, Latinos voted in record numbers in the 2012 election. And 71 percent of them voted for President Obama, "who campaigned on immigration reform." Finally, about these Latino voters, the captions insist: "Their show of strength changed the political landscape. Pushing immigration reform to the forefront of the national agenda."

Cue laughter. Really?

First, immigration reform is not on the forefront of any national agenda. That's a feel-good fantasy. Both parties spent the last year playing dodge ball around the issue.

Next, if you say that Obama "campaigned" on immigration reform, shouldn't you mention that during his first term — and now, a year into his second — he broke his campaign promise?

Finally, why would any self-respecting Latino voter who supports immigration reform brag about helping to re-elect Obama? This is the same guy who thanked Latinos for their support by deporting nearly 2 million people, most of them Latino, and widely expanding the federal program known as Secure Communities, which — similar to the Arizona law — ropes local cops into enforcing immigration law.

This is a powerful film, and it's worth watching. It's a good story. It's just not the whole story.

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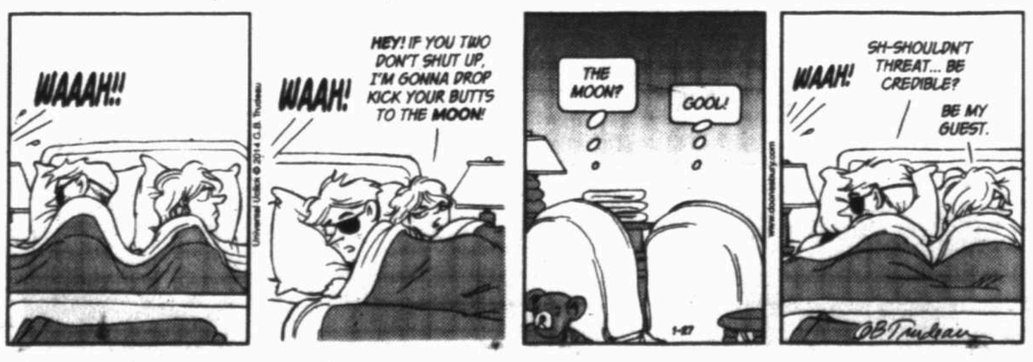

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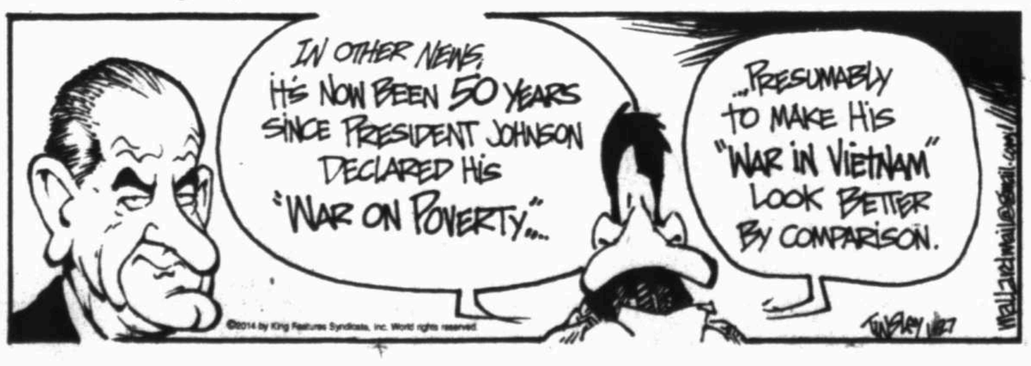

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Paul McCartney, left, and Ringo Starr perform on stage at the 56th annual Grammy Awards at Staples Center on Sunday, in Los Angeles.

Daft Punk dominate Grammy Awards with 4 big wins

By Mesfin Fekadu
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Daft Punk's electronic-funk grooves have won big at the Grammys.

The French electronic duo's "Random Access Memories" won album of the year, and their infectious hit, "Get Lucky," won record of the year at the awards show. The song features Pharrell Williams and Nile Rodgers.

Daft Punk, who sport helmets in public, won four awards, as did Pharrell Williams and Macklemore & Ryan Lewis.

"Well, I suppose the robots would like to thank ..." joked Williams, who also won non-classical producer of the year. "You know honestly, I bet, France is really proud of these guys right now."

Daft Punk also picked up honors for best dance/electronica album for "Random Access Memories" and pop duo/group performance for "Get Lucky," which earned Williams a trophy. Williams had seven nods, but competed with himself and could only take home four awards, which he did.

While the men dominated, Lorde was the princess of the Grammys: Her hit "Royals" won record of the year and best pop solo performance.

"Thank you everyone who has let this song explode, because it's been mental," she said.

Macklemore & Ryan Lewis won best new artist and rap album for "The Heist," beating efforts from Kendrick Lamar, Jay Z, Kanye West and Drake.

"Wow, we're here on the stage right now," said Macklemore, thanking fans first, then his fiancee and team. "I want to say we made this album without a record label, we made it independently and we appreciate all the support."

The duo performed the gay-acceptance hit "Same Love," and 33 couples — some same-sex — got married in the middle in the performance as Queen Latifah officiated. Madonna joined in wearing an all-white suit and hat, and sang "Open Your Heart" and some of "Same Love" with Mary Lambert. Keith Urban cried and Katy Perry caught a bouquet during the performance.

Beyonce kicked off the Grammys with a steamy and smoky performance of "Drunk In Love." She started on a chair and then grinded in a revealing black outfit. Jay Z emerged in a fitted suit to rap his verse, and the couple — parents of little Blue Ivy — held hands and danced together.

Imagine Dragons and Kendrick Lamar collaborated onstage to create an electrifying performance, as the acts sported all-white and went from rap song to rock song. Robin Thicke performed with Chicago, singing the group's hit songs before going into "Blurred Lines," which energized the crowd. Thicke finished the performance singing on the floor.

Perry sang "Dark Horse" in an eerie forest with fire that mirrored the song's vibe, and John Legend and Taylor Swift — who whipped her head, and hair, back and forth — played pianos during their slow songs. Pink twirled in the air in her signature Cirque du Soleil-form.

Swift, who was nominated for album of the year, lost best country album in a surprise upset to rising singer-songwriter Kacey Musgraves.

"Oh my goodness. Oh my god. I can't even. I can't even," said a teary-eyed, but happy Musgraves, whose "Same Trailer Different Park" won the honor. "I got to make a record that I poured myself into, and I'm so proud of."

The singer also beat Swift for best country song and was nominated for new artist.

Macklemore & Lewis' wins, which include best rap song and rap performance for "Thrift Shop," come after the Grammy rap committee almost ousted the group from its categories. A source told The Associated Press that the rap committee rejected the duo, but that was later overruled by the general Grammy committee. The rap committee felt Macklemore & Lewis should qualify for the pop awards instead because of their massive success on Top 40 radio. The source, who attended the general Grammy meeting, spoke on the condition of anonymity because the meeting was private.

Justin Timberlake, who wasn't up for any of the major awards, won three trophies, including best R&B song for "Pusher Love Girl" and music video for "Suit & Tie," which also earned Jay Z a Grammy. Jay Z and Timberlake also won best rap/sung collaboration for "Holy Grail."

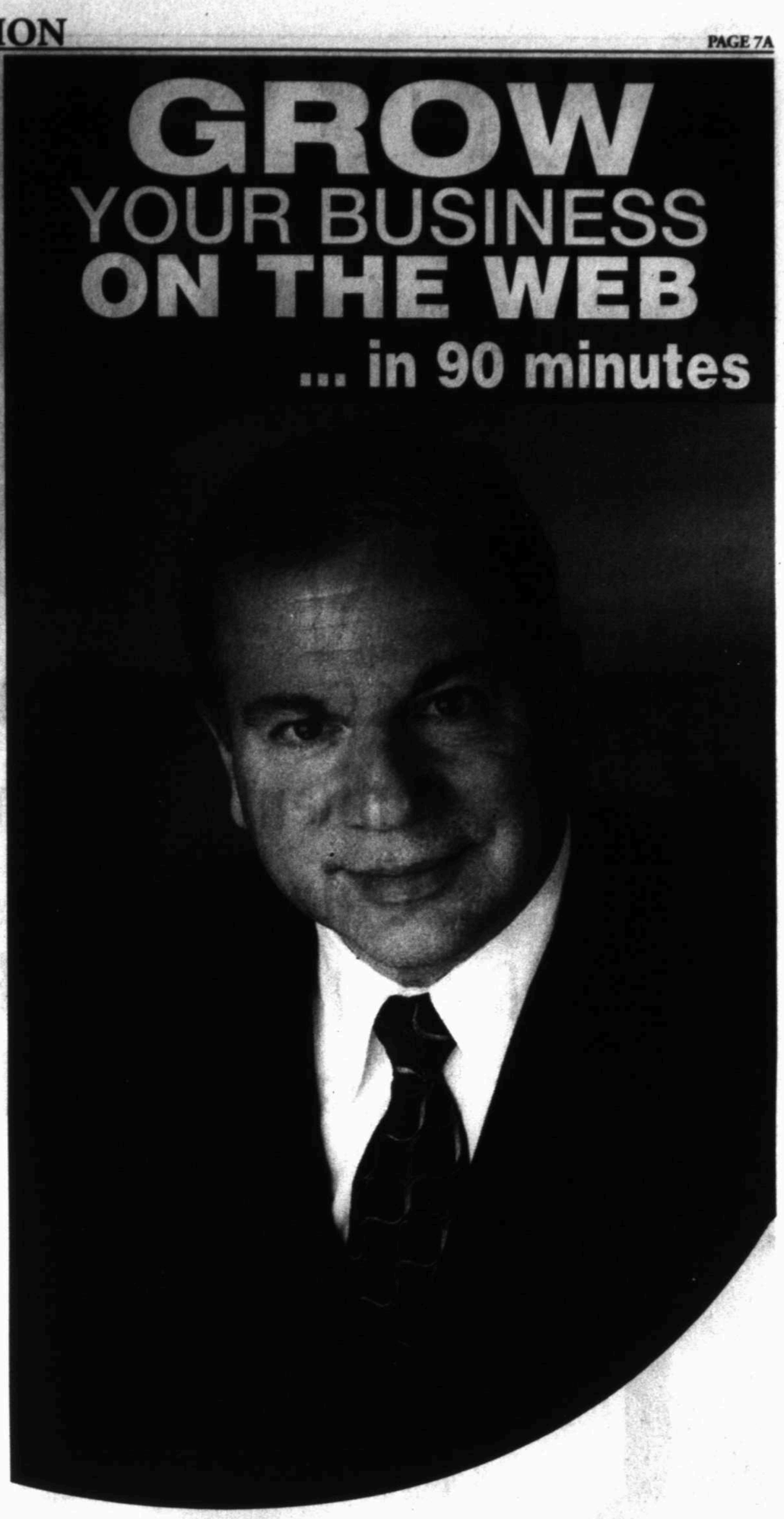
"I want to thank God — I mean a little bit for this award — but mostly for all the universe for conspiring and putting that beautiful light of a young lady in my life," Jay Z said, looking at Beyonce. "I want to tell Blue that, look, 'Daddy got a gold sippy cup for you.'"

Jay Z, keeping up the decade-long Grammy tradition of rappers leading in nominations, was the night's front-runner with nine.

Bruno Mars won best pop vocal album with his sophomore release, "Unorthodox Jukebox."

"Ma, I know you're watching. I hope you're smiling. I love you very much," said Mars, remembering his mother, who passed away last year. Mars' father attended the awards show.

Paul McCartney, engineer Bob Ludwig and gospel singer Tye Tribett were double winners. Imagine Dragons and Rihanna also picked up trophies.



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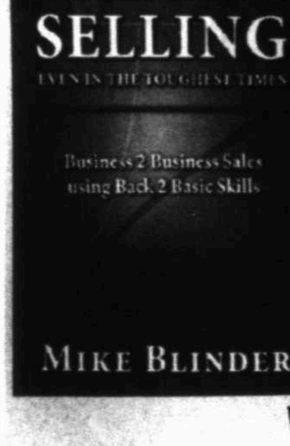

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2. "Timber (feat. Ke$ha)," Pitbull
3. "Say Something," Christina Aguilera, A Great Big World
4. "The Man," Aloe Blacc
5. "Counting Stars," OneRepublic
6. "Talk Dirty (feat. 2 Chainz)," Jason Derulo
7. "Team," Lorde
8. "The Monster (feat. Rihanna)," Eminem
9. "Pompeii," Bastille
10. "Let Her Go," Passenger

TOP ALBUMS

1. "Frozen ", Various Artists
2. "BEYONCÉ," Beyoncé
3. "High Hopes," Bruce Springsteen
4. "Pure Heroine," Lorde
5. "That Girl ", Jennifer Nettles
6. "Fading West," Switchfoot
7. "Kidz Bop 25," Kidz Bop Kids
8. "Night Visions," Imagine Dragons
9. "The Marshall Mathers LP2 ", Eminem
10. "My Own Lane," Kid Ink

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MAC TURNS 30

FAR LEFT
This January 1984 file photo, shows Steven P. Jobs, left and John Sculley as they present the new Macintosh Desktop Computer at a shareholder meeting in Cupertino, Calif. in this January 1984 file photo. Friday marked 30 years after the first Mac computer was introduced, sparking a revolution in computing and in publishing.

LEFT
Steve Jobs, CEO of Apple Computer Inc. shows off the inside of his company's new Power Macintosh G4 during his keynote address at MacWorld Expo in New York, in this July 19, 2000 file photo.

AP file photos

Apple's Mac still influences, 30 years after debut

By Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press

NEW YORK —

Look around. Many of the gadgets you see drew inspiration from the original Mac computer.

Computers at the time typically required people to type in commands. Once the Mac came out 30 years ago, people could instead navigate with a graphical user interface. Available options were organized into menus. People clicked icons to run programs and dragged and dropped files to move them.

The Mac introduced real-world metaphors such as using a trash can to delete files. It brought us fonts and other tools once limited to professional printers. Most importantly, it made computing and publishing easy enough for everyday people to learn and use.

Apple sparked a revolution in computing with the Mac. In turn, that sparked a revolution in publishing as people began creating fancy newsletters, brochures and other publications from their desktops.

These concepts are so fundamental today that it's hard to imagine a time when they existed only in research labs — primarily Xerox's Palo Alto Research Center in California. Apple co-founder Steve Jobs and his team got much of its inspiration from PARC, which they visited while designing the Mac.

The Mac has had "incredible influence on pretty much everybody's lives all over the world since computers are now so ubiquitous," said Brad Myers, a professor at Carnegie Mellon University's Human-Computer Interaction Institute. "Pretty much all consumer electronics are adopting all of the same kinds of interactions."

Apple didn't invent these tools, nor was the Mac the first to use them. Xerox Corp. sold its own mouse-based Star computer, and Apple's Lisa beat the Mac by months. It's impossible to say what would have happened if those machines hadn't flopped with consumers or whether others would have come along if the Mac hadn't.

But the Mac prevailed and thus influenced generations of gadgets that followed.

The Mac owes much of its success to the way Apple engineers adapted those pioneering concepts. For instance, Xerox Corp. used a three-button mouse in its Alto prototype computer. Apple settled on one, allowing people to keep their

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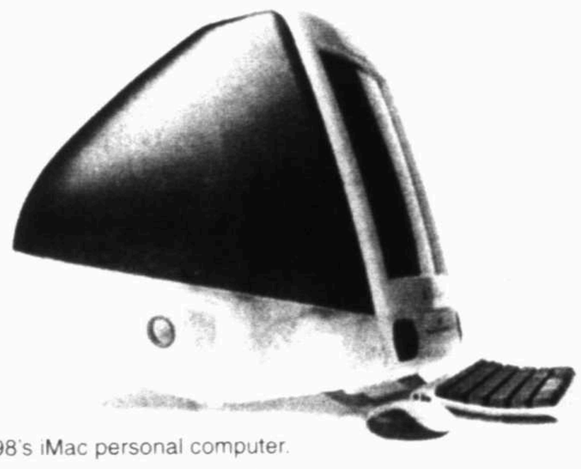

1998's iMac personal computer.

Notable Macs from 1984 to the Pro

By Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press

NEW YORK — From the start, Apple's Macintosh shattered conventional notions of what a computer should be.

In a 1984 Super Bowl commercial that is still considered one of the best ads ever, an athlete tries to save humanity from conformity. The 60-second ad, which aired 30 years ago this week, alluded to Big Brother from George Orwell's "1984" and was seen as a dig at Apple's leading rival at the time, IBM Corp. The Mac, the ad implied, would save people from a computing future dominated by IBM.

Apple's Macs never succeeded in toppling IBM's PC's, which live on through clones made by countless other

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Six smart lessons from Data Day Texas

OMAR GALLAGA
Cox Newspapers

I believe that one of the best ways to learn is to continually put yourself in situations where you're the dumbest person in a room.

It did not take me long to find such a room.

It was a pretty large room, too, with about 450 people in it.

The event was called Data Day Texas, a conference on Jan. 11 geared toward engineers, information architects and tech developers. I rarely go to conferences like this because I'm not an engineer, I don't perform architecture on information beyond building paragraphs such as this one and I don't develop apps or write code.

These are not things to be proud of. Increasingly, journalists are embracing programming and performing data-driven feats of magic. But even if I possessed those skills (spoiler: I do not), what I saw at Data Day Texas would probably still have been pretty far over my head. Like on another planet.

This isn't false modesty; it's to point out that the speakers and audience members at this event brought a level of brainpower that I could only admire from a distance. Even organizer Lynn Bender, a former Austinite who began dabbling in data back in the 1980s, said the topics of the event were pretty advanced.

"I can hardly keep up with all of this stuff," said Bender, who is organizing a series of similar events in other cities, including Seattle in April. "I talk with lots of people and find out the technologies they're interested in. I find out the speakers they want to see. And that's pretty much entirely what drives the content of the conference."

So what do smart data people want to talk about? Machine learning. Data mining. Specific technology tools with names such as "Spark" and "Titan."

I had a fantasy, a very short-lived one, that spending the day amid such high-level minds would somehow rub off on me, that I would become the Good Will Hunting of data crunching by catching some sort of digital airborne bug. That didn't happen. (BOY, did that not happen.)

However, I paid close attention and, after a full day of having my mind blown, I did come away having absorbed a few lessons. Here are the six things I learned at Data Day Texas:

1. Not all data is Big Data and that's OK. "Big Data" is a buzzy

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manufacturers. But Macs did make a lasting impact. By 1995, Windows PCs came to look much like Macs.

The Mac's user-friendly approach to computing is now a fundamental part of all consumer electronics. The Mac was the first successful computer to incorporate a graphical user interface and a mouse, rather than require people to type in commands.

The first Mac had a 3.5-inch floppy disk drive at a time when a 5.25-inch drive was the standard. The Mac used the smaller drive for practical reasons; the larger floppies weren't reliable. But it paved the way for computers to get even smaller.

Over the next three decades, Apple Inc. would release several other notable Macs:

■ Apple's first laptop, the Macintosh Portable, came out in 1989. The machine itself wasn't noteworthy, but it would lead Apple on a path of making devices for use on the go — culminating with iPhones and iPads, which represent the bulk of Apple Inc.'s business today.

■ Do computers have to look boring? Not according to Steve Jobs, the Apple co-founder who returned from exile to lead the company in 1997. In 1998, Apple came out with its first iMac. PCs at the time were typically housed in uniform, beige boxes. The first iMacs looked more like TVs and came in a variety of colors over the years. At one point, Jobs even teased consumers to collect all five. Later iMacs would sport other notable designs, including ones shaped like a sunflower. The iMacs were also famous for ditching floppy drives in favor of CDs and incorporating USB ports — now standard in computers.

■ The iBook G3 in 1999 was among the first laptops to come with a Wi-Fi card. It was so new that Jobs used a hula-hoop on stage to show — just like a magician — that he was surfing the Web without any wires.

■ The Power Mac G4 Cube in 2000 was praised for its design, even though it didn't sell well. The entire computer fit into a cube measuring 7 inches on each side. A crystal-clear casing made the Cube slightly larger, but it also made the device memorable. It's now in the collection of the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

■ In 2008, Apple started selling the MacBook Air, notable for being thin and light. In introducing the device, Jobs stuffed one into a standard-sized manila office envelope. Apple pulled this off by eliminating the CD drive and the wired Ethernet port, figuring that people could download files from the Internet over Wi-Fi. Later Airs and MacBook Pros would stay thin and light by also ditching the traditional, spinning hard drive in favor of solid-state memory, the kind used in phones and tablets.

■ Last month marked the debut of Apple's newest Mac. Aimed at professionals, the Mac Pro has more computer power than most consumers would need, squeezed into a black, cylinder-shaped case that is about one-eighth the volume of the previous, boxy model.

The original Mac had 128 kilobytes of memory. The Pro starts at 12 gigabytes, or more than 90,000 times as much.

AP file photo

This Apple Macintosh was unveiled in Cupertino, Calif., on Jan. 23, 1984. The main console contains a 32 bit microprocessor, a built-in 3 1/2 inch disk drive, a nine inch display, 64k ROM and 128k RAM.

Between: App for lovers emphasizes commitment

By Youkyung Lee
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — If ever in doubt about your guy's commitment to a relationship, ask him if he would commit to an app.

A growing number of young couples in Asia are sharing special moments in the privacy of Between, a tight networking app that links only two people.

In an age of social media overload where tweets, Instagram and Facebook postings can invite unwanted attention from parents and employers, Between feels like a digital safe haven that blocks outside noise and keeps memories just for two.

Created by Seoul-based startup Value Creators & Company, Between hit 5 million downloads in two years. About two-thirds of the users are in South Korea with their average age in the mid-20s. Between has attracted more than half a million users in Japan and is expanding in Thailand and Singapore. Hundreds of thousands of Chinese and American couples have also joined.

Value Creators CEO Park Jaeuk said social media fatigue is the main driver behind Between. As more people join Facebook, Twitter, and chat-based services such as Line and Kakao Talk, Between sees a bigger chance to grow its user numbers.

How it works

You install Between on your Apple or Android device and provide the mobile number of the person you want to use the app with. Most use the app, which is free, with someone they are romantically involved with, though that's not required. Once the request is accepted, the two can use instant messaging, keep journals, exchange voice messages, post pictures and leave comments. Between also offers a blog-like space where the two users can create photo albums and long notes. Pictures can be tagged to a "Memory Box," which arranges them in a stream of tiles. Reminders for anniversaries, birthdays or any special days such as the day the couple first met can be set in the app's calendar. The content created is private to the two users and the app can be password protected.

Digital couple ring

CEO Park said the company envisioned a closed social network akin to a "digital couple ring." While any two people can use Between regardless of their relationship status, Park said many users see the app as a sign of commitment and loyalty, similar to rings that South Korean couples wear even before promising marriage. Agreeing to use the app or asking someone to join the app shows affection. A shy Korean may prefer saying "Do you want to do Between with me?" to ask someone out, he said.

While some mobile apps have given rise to exchanging naked pictures or hooking up with a stranger nearby, Between's design encourages an exclusive and lasting relationship. The one-account-per-email rule supports the idea of monogamy, although Park laughed saying the company wouldn't deter a person managing multiple accounts. Ham Yoon-seok, a 29-year-old finance professional in Seoul, said he writes poems and letters of apology on Between after a quarrel with his girlfriend.

Between will never add a location-tracking feature, Park said, because the app maker believes that trust is key in a relationship.

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eyes on the screen without worrying about which button to press.

While Lisa had those improvements first, it cost about $10,000. The Mac was a "low" $2,495 when it came out on Jan. 24, 1984.

Apple insisted on uniformity, so copying and pasting text and deleting files would work the same way from one application to another. That reduced the time it would take to learn a new program.

And Apple put a premium on design. Early Macs showed a happy face when they started up. Icons and windows had rounded corners. Such details made computers appear friendlier and easier to use — at least subconsciously, Myers said.

One of the first applications enabled by the Mac's interface was desktop publishing.

Early computers generated text the way a typewriter would — character by character, one line at a time. Users had a limited number of characters, with no variation in appearance. The Mac was one of the first to approach displays like a TV: Text gets incorporated into a graphic that the computer projects on the screen pixel by pixel.

With those tools, would-be publishers could change fonts, adjust typeface sizes and add attributes such as italics. They could also mix images with text. The earliest Macs popularized "what you see is what you get," or WYSIWYG; formatting on the screen largely reflected how the page would look in print. Instead of going to a professional printer, anyone could simply design and print newsletters on a Mac.

Of course, the Mac's success was never guaranteed.

Initially, many people "thought it was a waste of time and a gimmick," said Dag Spicer, senior curator of the Computer History Museum in Silicon Valley.

He said longtime computer users already knew how to perform computing tasks "very efficiently with just two or three keystrokes. It might have been more efficient for them than to use a mouse."

The Mac didn't run software for the company's Apple II computer, so there was little people could do with it until Aldus — now part of Adobe — released PageMaker publishing software in 1985. The original Mac had little memory and a small screen, and it lacked a hard drive. Although the Mac's processor was fast for its time, much of that power went to the graphical interface instead of tasks common for research and commerce.

With the Mac came "the dawn of the notion of we can waste computing power to make it easier for people," said Jim Morris, who worked on the Xerox Alto before joining Carnegie Mellon by the time the Mac came out. "The Macintosh was not a business machine."

Tim Bajarin, a Creative Strategies analyst who has followed Apple for more than three decades, said he was baffled, yet intrigued when he saw the Mac's unveiling at an Apple shareholders meeting in 1984.

"This really was a complete departure from the computing that we knew," he said. "None of us had any clue what its potential would be."

In fact, despite its radical interface, sales were lukewarm. For years, it was mostly a niche product for publishers, educators and graphic artists. Corporate users stuck with IBM Corp. and its various clones, especially as Microsoft's Windows operating system grew to look like Mac's software. (There were years of lawsuits, capped by a settlement.)

Now the world's most valuable company, Apple Inc. nearly died in the 1990s as its market share dwindled. After a 12-year exile from Apple, Jobs returned in 1997 to rescue and head the company. A year later, he introduced the iMac, a desktop computer with shapes and colors that departed from beige Windows boxes at the time.

Then came the iPod music player in 2001, the iPhone in 2007 and the iPad tablet in 2010. They weren't Macs, but shared the Mac's knack for ease of use. Elements such as tapping on icons to open apps have roots in the Mac. The popularity of these devices drove many Windows users to buy Macs.

In recent years, PCs have declined as consumers turn to mobile devices. Apple sold 16 million Macs in the fiscal year ending Sept. 28, down 10 percent from a year earlier. By contrast, iPhone sales grew 20 percent to 150 million and iPads by 22 percent to 71 million.

The Mac has aged to the point that it's starting to draw inspiration from iPhones and iPads. Several Mac apps have been refined to look and work more like mobile versions. Macs now have notifications and other features born on mobile devices. Windows computers, meanwhile, now emphasize tablets' touch-base interfaces.

Yet without the Mac, we may never have had the iPhone or the iPad, and phones might do little more than make calls and send email.

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phrase in the tech industry that has become so overused that it's become a catch-all for pretty much any large-scale data analysis. But the vast majority of work going on doesn't fall into "Big Data," which typically means projects so large they require the help of supercomputing clusters. "That's why I don't call it 'Big Data Day,'" Bender said. "That way I just get over the whole buzz."

2. Scaling can be a great thing and a nightmare at the same time. Say you're a tiny company with a new product called "Twitter" that nobody's heard of. Then you get wildly popular and have millions of new users calling upon data and it causes so much processing strain that Twitter goes down every day. Yes, you're successful, but you haven't grown in a way that keeps everything from melting down, or "scaled," properly.

Sam Ritchie, who was part of the Twitter team that rebuilt Twitter behind the scenes when that happened, discussed the problems that occur when a project goes from tiny to medium to gigantic. For engineering teams, learning the right tools for the job and employing them at the right time can be overwhelming and offer imperfect solutions. It's one price of success.

3. Machine learning is hot. Plenary speaker Paco Nathan, a computer scientist and author, led an "intro to machine learning" workshop the day before the conference for about 50 participants. He described it as "the state of the art in what's going on in data right now." In short, machine learning means teaching computers to change their behavior or adjust the way they function by learning from data. It's a growing area of artificial intelligence study.

4. Data analysis affects your music and movie options. Until speaker Chris Johnson began busting out with actual algorithms, his session on music discovery was one of the most approachable at the conference. Johnson, a machine learning engineer at Spotify, talked about how the company makes music recommendations from its catalog of 20 million songs for its 25 million users.

There are no user ratings on Spotify, unlike the movie service Netflix. Instead, Spotify tracks how many times users listen to songs, what they put on their playlists, whether they searched for artists or stumbled upon them and many other behaviors. On Netflix, watching a movie all the way through and giving it a good rating means you like it. On Spotify, listening to a song only once could mean you hated it. The interesting ways Spotify analyzes user data to match up listeners with relevant artists and songs could fill up an entire column on its own.

5. What's a "data scientist?" Good question. One thing I found interesting is that even those who work in data analysis, programming or statistics sometimes struggle to tell each other apart. Josh Wills, a veteran data scientist at software and service company Cloudera, offered a few amusing ideas on what a "data scientist" does. Some call it a "data analyst who lives in California," while Wills himself defines it as a "person who is better at statistics than any software engineer and better at software engineering than any statistician."

Over lunch, I spoke to a computer science grad who told me that at his company, coders and statisticians are frequently asked to do each others' jobs even though they're completely different disciplines.

Lesson: Not all data geeks have the same skills.

6. Austin is evolving as a data town. Judging from the attendance rate and from chatter about data-driven startups at the conference, it seems as if Austin is coming into its own with a growing community of data experts. Bender, who lives in San Francisco, said he's noticed the change since he started putting on the annual event here.

"The first Data Day Texas in 2010, people were just grasping to come to grips with a lot of the new technologies," Bender said. "A lot of the technologies were just words that they had heard. Now they're talking about predictive analytics, algorithm design ... we had a talk on genetic programming.

"The Austin audience is maturing very fast."

Security options for Windows XP

AUSTIN — A reader, Christine, asks, "We have Windows XP — what should we do regarding continuing security online after Microsoft discontinues supporting it in February?"

The cut-off date for Microsoft to stop supporting Windows XP and Office 2003 is actually April 8, but last week, Microsoft announced that it would extend its anti-malware security updates for XP until July 14, 2015. That gives XP users a little bit more wiggle room, but it's still not a lot of time.

The choices seem to be to hope that any anti-virus software you have will continue to update and be effective in preventing security threats after July 2015. More realistically, though, if you're worried about computer security, you may need to start looking at either upgrading from Windows XP to something such as Windows 7 or 8.1, or migrating to a new computer (say a newer PC laptop, tablet or Mac).

If your computer is so old that it still runs Windows XP, it's very likely it could be replaced by something much faster for less than $300. Microsoft and Apple both offer migration tools to move over all your data, though some older software may not run on a newer system.

How secure a Windows XP computer is after next year will really depend on how much Internet use it gets. If it's critical that you keep a Windows XP computer around, another option would be to use it for offline activity only and get a newer machine for browsing the Web and everything else.

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Are wristband trackers data handcuffs or handy helpers?

By Omar L. Gallaga
Cox Newspapers

At long last, I wrapped the slate-colored device around my wrist.

The rubbery strap was tricky to clasp. I'd already read reviews online complaining about its tendency to come loose, but after a few seconds, I had it secured.

It was a little tight. I loosened it.

Even with the better fit, why did I suddenly feel like I'd handcuffed myself? Wasn't this what I wanted? Prowling stores for the best price with Web searches, deciding instead to go brick-and-mortar on a shopping quest, racing to a southwest Austin Target to grab the last one.

And now I had doubts? What was I committing to, exactly?

The device is a $130 gadget, a fitness device called a Fitbit Force. Starting this month, it's become a part of my body.

At the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, an annual event that took place recently, tech product makers try to set the tone for the year's must-have gadgets (never mind that Apple does not attend). There, wrist-worn fitness trackers were red-hot.

Devices from companies including Nike, Fitbit and Jawbone already dominate the market. But that's not stopping Sony, Garmin, Razer and many others from trying to get into the act with dozens of products with names like "Vivofit" and "Misfit Shine."

Every year at the show, a few categories of emerging products catch fire. In the past, it's been tablets, HDTV sets and 3-D television (remember that fad?). For 2014, tech companies are pushing higher-res, smarter TV sets, connected auto gear and home appliances — even the humble Crock-Pot — that connect to the Internet.

But the wristbands are worth considering on their own as part of a larger wave of so-called "Wearables," electronics meant to be on your body all the time. This category includes smart watches; the idea is that you'll want the kind of technology that's on your smartphone, complete with a screen and Internet connection, on your wrist all the time.

Despite hype, smart watches have not yet proved popular. Samsung's first attempt, the Galaxy Gear, earned poor reviews and, apparently, low sales. The company is already talking about ways it will improve the next version. Apple, long rumored to be working on an iWatch, has kept quiet. Smart watches so far seem clunky and impractical.

But the fitness activity trackers, simpler devices that let wirelessly connected smartphones or computers do most of the data heavy lifting, have started to become mainstream. Some models disappeared from store shelves before and after the holidays, shifting cleverly from good gift idea to New Year's resolution must-have.

I know because shortly before and long after Christmas, I tried to find a Fitbit Force, a newer, well-reviewed version of the kind of activity-and-sleep trackers that Fitbit has been making for a few years.

It was sold out online. It was sold out in stores. When I found one available at a local Target, I rushed over. As I skimmed the shelves to find the item the Target app had told me was only available at this particular store, I overheard a clerk speaking to a woman on the phone. She was asking about wristband sizes. The clerk told her he'd save two wristbands for her.

When I asked him to get me the Force wristband, the clerk didn't mind selling it to me. "You're already here," he said with a smile.

You know what they say about being careful what you wish for?

Now that I had the Fitbit, charged and synced to my phone, I began to realize what I was getting myself into.

Living with a smartphone, for those of us who fully commit, is agreeing to take on a life partner. You trust it with your contacts, your appointments, your personal photos and videos, your music, games and phone calls.

But you probably don't have it on you every hour of the day. It might lay muted next to you at night, but you don't sleep with it.

The Fitbit I'm using is a constant companion. It tracks sleep, so it's on even then. The only time it leaves my wrist is when I take a shower and that's only because it's not waterproof.

It's quietly counting. Sizing up things. When I sleep, it hopes I keep very still, but is monitoring things just in case I wake up at 3 a.m. to get a glass of water or if I'm tossing and turning (what it calls "Restless sleep") at 5:35 a.m. when the kids have abandoned their own bed for ours an hour before it's time to get up.

I want the data. I'd like to know how many steps I took in a day and how many calories I burned. I'd love to be able to look back six months and see if my activity was greater than it is now and try to figure out what that is.

But I'm also a little uncomfortable with being tracked all the time even when I'm in on the surveillance and the target is myself.

There are all kinds of worries you could have about where that data goes — who has access to it, who could steal or sell it or what sneaky marketing could be done to push products at you based on your private habits and preferences.

But at a more personal level, I worry that I'm stepping into a zone where what I put out there about myself is becoming more and more involuntary. I actively control what emails I send, what Tweets I post, when I'm visible online for a Google Talk chat.

The Fitbit, however, adds another layer of information about me that I'll forget is even there, an ever-growing pile of information that is probably useful to someone in some way. Will it be useful to me?

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Change one letter in the top word to one of the letters that appears in the bottom word, then rearrange the tiles to form a new common word. Do the same with each new word until you arrive at the bottom word. For example, one path from BARK to PLUM is BARK, MARK, RAMP, RUMP, PLUM.

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Yesterday's Answer: DAYTIME, MANHUNT, PITFALL, ROBOTIC, DILEMMA, SHAKEUP

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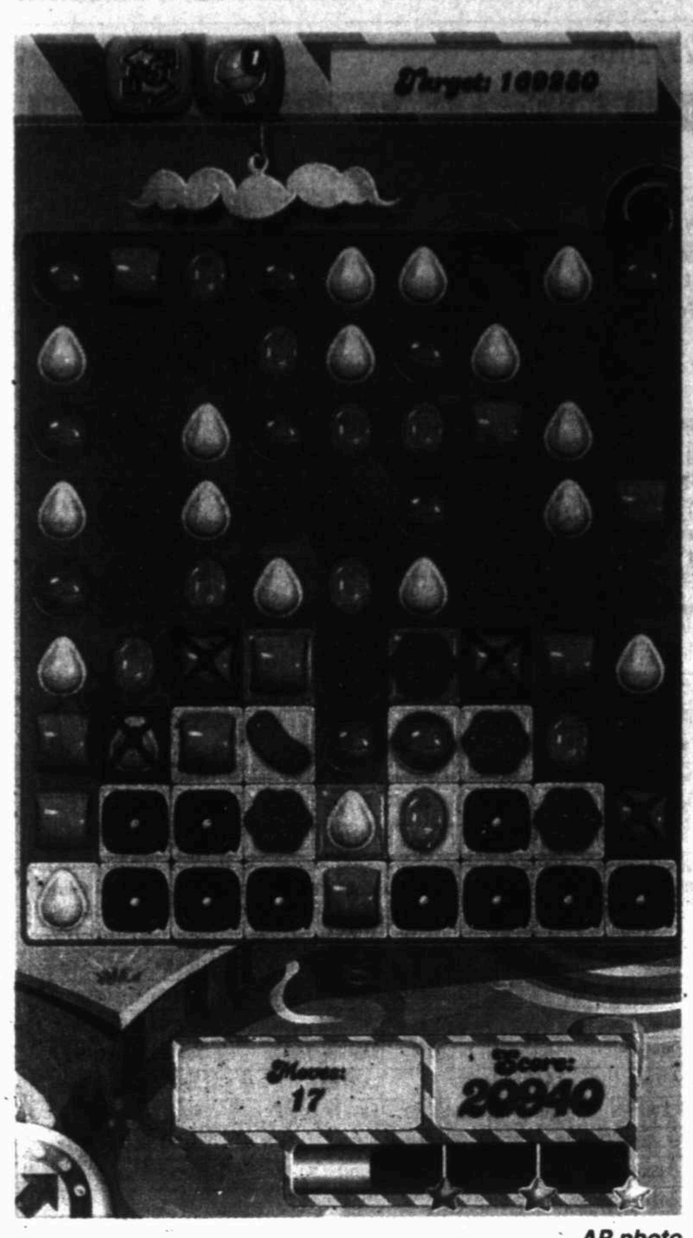

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This undated screenshot shows Candy Crush Saga, the mobile game that involves matching bright-hued virtual candies in a row to have them disappear, only to be replaced by more.

Review: Crushed by 'Candy Crush Saga'

By Barbara Ortutay
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Many people remember where they were when man first walked on the moon. I remember where I was when I passed Level 86 of "Candy Crush Saga," the maddeningly addictive game that involves matching bright-hued virtual candies to have them disappear, only to be replaced by more.

I had spent nearly two weeks trying to complete that level over the holidays — on the plane, on the subway, in the car with my family. I was matching candies in bed when I first woke up and before falling asleep. I tried to conquer the sweets on the couch when I should have been wrapping presents. I even brought my phone, um, to the toilet. Don't you?

So it was a moment to remember when, walking up the stairs at the Columbus Circle subway stop during a slushy January commute, the words "sugar crush" appeared on my screen, signaling that I had passed Level 86. In my head, fellow commuters stopped in their path to cheer my accomplishment. I am not sure this was actually the case.

I'm on Level 95 now. There are currently about 500 levels, but more are constantly being added. It recalls Sisyphus, the mythical Greek king forced by the deities to roll a stone up a mountain, only to see it fall back down. Forever.

I'm reading less and spending less time with friends and family, but I keep telling myself that I can quit any time. Really, I can. All it takes is holding a finger on the "Candy Crush" app for a few seconds until a black "x" appears on the top left corner. Then it's one tap to delete. Any time.

The other day, a friend and I spent a pleasant evening drinking wine and sharing empanadas at a cozy Chilean bar. Afterward, we boarded the subway and she declared it was "'Candy Crush' time!" I felt a sense of relief and a tingling rush course through my body. We sat in silence, crushing candies until we got to our respective stops.

How did it come to this

It started innocently enough. Preparing for a long bus ride from New York to Philadelphia in November, I downloaded "Candy Crush" after months of mocking people who play it. I'd encounter them on my morning commute, methodically tapping their phones while I occupied myself with more high-brow activities, such as scanning through the day's news or reading a book.

Not anymore. I'm on Team Candy now.

The other day, a guy sat next to me on the subway. There was no secret handshake. He simply glanced at my phone and exclaimed "Daaaaang, that 'Candy Crush,' huh?" I said yes, no kidding.

I saw that I was ahead of him in the number of levels completed and therefore was a better and more successful human being. "Just wait 'til you get to Level 86," I warned. I thought to myself after he left, wait until you get to the chocolate, which spreads like the plague until you run out of room to crush more candy.

The game is free. The first few levels are easy while you get the hang of things. Swipe with a finger to line up three, four or five candies in a row, and they disappear. There are ways to create special candies with special powers that do special things.

The best one comes after you line up five of the same color. It's often called the color bomb. It's a chocolate ball with sprinkles. Swipe it against any other candy, and it will shoot every other candy of that color into the netherworld. Poof.

You get five lives, five chances to fail. There are a few options to get more, including asking your Facebook friends (no, thanks), paying for more (no, thanks), or waiting. Wait 30 minutes and you get a new life.

I have not spent any money so far, tempted as I have been. You have to draw the line somewhere.

I play on my iPhone, though there are versions available for Android and Facebook. A Web version pits you against strangers online. I sometimes resort to that when I'm out of lives on the iPhone.

Descent into the vortex

There are plenty of other addictive mobile games out there. There's "Tetris," of course, which I played on my brother's GameBoy back in the day. There's "Bejeweled," but the sparkly gems never held the same appeal for me as "Candy Crush." And I don't even like candy.

I'm not alone. "Candy Crush" was the most downloaded free app on both iPhones and iPads in 2013, beating Facebook, Google Maps and YouTube.

It's also the app that made the most money on both. Put another way, even with cheapskates like me, plenty of players are spending the 99 cents here and there to get more lives or other perks. It's also the No. 1 application on Facebook going by both monthly and daily users, according to research firm AppData.

There are thousands of guides, cheats and in-depth tips online by people who make my obsession with the game seem like child's play.

Good luck. Now if you'll excuse me, I am one quest away from Level 96.

DIGITAL

From 3B

I squeeze the tiny button on its side to scroll through the things it knows about me, what it wants to tell me about my day. Time, steps walked, distance in miles, calories burned, stairs climbed, amount of active time.

I'm not sure what any of that information means, really. So I take more steps and try to find a set of stairs to climb so I won't disappoint the quiet trainer on my wrist.

Then, I begin to feel a little sorry for this humble-looking wristband of plastic, silicon and glass. I'm expecting an awful lot for $130.

I want it to motivate me to be more active, to exercise more and, eventually, to lose a little weight. I want it to help me sleep better. It wouldn't hurt if it helped me keep track of what I'm eating and drinking.

Dual-boot devices

The idea of installing and using more than one operating system on a computer or other device is not new. It's called "dual-booting" or "multi-booting." Users who want to be able to run different versions of Windows on the same computer, an option to boot into Linux on a PC, or Windows running on an Intel-powered Apple Mac Boot Camp, have long been able to do so.

But dual-boot devices that are sold configured that way are suddenly hot after last week's Consumer Electronics Show. There, Intel pushed the idea of systems that can run Windows 8.1 as well as Android. Device makers are playing along with new tablets and PCs that can run both systems, giving users more app options. Video gamer enthusiasts might also find themselves going dual-boot: some so-called "steam boxes" running video game developer Valve's new Steam OS will be built to boot into Windows in addition to that game-centric computing system.

With more exercise and better sleep, I'll be able to write more productively, to more patiently parent my kids, to be a kinder, better person.

Is that crazy, like expecting this thing to lead me to a pot full of gold coins? Isn't it enough that the device cares enough to pay attention to my boring daily habits without complaint?

Fitness wristbands very likely help a lot of people get hold of their habits, helping them see what they're not doing enough of and creating an awareness that, in the best-case scenario, fosters change.

But I suspect these wristbands, some of which chime and flash lights and send email alerts, are just as much about our need to be told, at every-increasing frequency, that we're on the right track. A positive-reinforcement nanny state. But stylish and fun to wear.

Eventually, smartphones, smart watches, activity trackers and whatever technology comes out of the freaky-deaky Google Glass project will merge in some way. Ideally, this digital uber-companion of the future will do a better job staying out of the way, getting your attention a lot less often.

For the time being, the purest expression of wearable tech is the fitness wristband, which can do a lot by just being there, always counting, never judging.

OK, fine, maybe just a little bit of judging. I haven't hit my stairs goal today. Up the steps I climb.

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Drs. Blake and Heather Kern Golson explain popular eye care myths

In this information age there are still misunderstandings about many things, and eye care is one of them. The Texas Country Eye Care husband-and-wife team of Dr. Blake Golson and Dr. Heather Kern Golson, address some of the most common myths.

Myth #1: Wearing glasses will make my vision worse. The wearing of corrective lenses of any sort—glasses or contacts—will neither worsen nor improve your eyes themselves. Your vision's status depends on factors, such as eyeball shape, condition of the macula and others, that are not affected by lenses. Your lenses simply change the way light is refracted to match the area where your eyes are out of specs, if you will.

Myth #2: Smoking marijuana helps glaucoma. Here there is actually a tiny grain of truth—but the Drs. Golson say it is not nearly enough to prompt the planting of a weed patch in your back yard, which is illegal in Texas anyway. "Any benefits to marijuana are small and short-lived," Dr. Kern points out. "It only reduces glaucoma pressure a little bit, and the effects last for about 30 minutes." Glaucoma, a condition that can threaten a patient's eyesight, is properly treated with precisely dosed medication and regular monitoring by an eye care specialist.

Myth #3: Three-D movies will make your eyes cross. Haven't heard this one? The Drs. Golson hear it more often than you'd think. "The truth is, if you already have an eye issue, such as amblyopia (wandering or crossed eyes), watching a 3-D movie will indeed make that more obvious," Dr. Golson says, "but it's not the cause."

Myth #4: Kids should move away from the TV set. The only reason this might be wise is if they're blocking everyone else's view. As far as "ruining their eyesight," it is not true. "Small children, because of their short arm span, like to be right up close to whatever they're doing, and TV is no different," says Dr. Kern. "But it will not harm their vision."

Myth #5: I can improve my eyesight with certain exercises I found on Youtube. Exercises only affect your eye muscles, and muscles do not affect how clearly you see. This myth, closely related to myth #1, is making certain people some money, but is not helping anyone's vision.

Myth #6: My eye doctor only wants me to have yearly exams in order to sell me new frames or lenses. The truth is, your eyes are the only places in your body where the circulatory system can be easily and clearly seen. Your eyes are the window to your health status for more than just vision. Macular degeneration, diabetes, tumors and other issues can often be detected early—before obvious symptoms occur—in time to begin proper treatment. "Your lenses and frames are pretty far down the list of what we're concerned about in an annual checkup," says Dr. Golson. "This is more about your overall health."

Call Texas Country Eye Care today to make an appointment for yourself, your child or a family member.

Texas Country Eye Care, owned by Blake Golson, O.D. and Heather Kern Golson, O.D., is at 2200 West Wadley, Ste 22, in the Oak Ridge Square, across from La Bebe Boutique. Hours are 9-5:30 M-F. The phone number is 684-7287. Same day appointments in most cases. Look for them on Facebook.

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Miami beats San Antonio to win finals rematch

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

Heat	113
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MIAMI — Dwyane Wade came off the bench for the first time in more than six years. The Larry O'Brien Trophy wasn't at stake. Spurs coach Gregg Popovich sported a casual, no-tie look.

An NBA Finals rematch, yes. An NBA Finals replay, it was not.

Either way, it still wound up going how the Miami Heat wanted.

Chris Bosh scored 24 points on 9 for 10 shooting — making him 17 for his last 18 from the floor — and LeBron James added 18 points as the Heat rolled past the San Antonio Spurs 113-101 on Sunday, never trailing and leading by as many as 29 points along the way.

"Did that feel like The Finals? No, it did not feel like The Finals," is how Heat coach Erik Spoelstra opened his postgame remarks, without anyone even asking the question.

Mario Chalmers scored 16 points for Miami, which used Wade as a reserve for the first time since Jan. 6, 2008. Wade — an All-Star starter again this season — had not played in any of Miami's most recent four games while dealing with ongoing knee rehabilitation, and finished with eight points and five assists in 24 minutes.

Wade said not starting was his idea, and seemed generally pleased with his first game in nine days.

"I've only had one practice in a while," Wade said. "Team was in a good groove. I wanted to work my way into my rhythm."

Michael Beasley scored 12, Norris Cole scored 11 and Ray Allen added 10 for Miami (32-12). Spoelstra said afterward that nothing is set in stone about Wade's status going forward.

"It was just good to have him out there," Spoelstra said.

Tim Duncan led San Antonio with 23 points. Boris Diaw added 15, Marco Belinelli scored 12 and Tony Parker finished with 11 for the Spurs, who were without three players who played key roles in last year's Finals. Kawhi Leonard (hand), Danny Green (hand) and Tiago Splitter (shoulder) all remain sidelined for San Antonio (33-11), which lost for just the fourth time in 20 road games.

"Everybody has injuries. You have to deal with them during the season," said Parker, who jammed a finger Sunday but didn't seem concerned. "Obviously, it's hurting us but they're going to come back. We just have to

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Miami's Michael Beasley (8) and Chris Andersen (11) block San Antonio's Manu Ginbobil (20) during the first half of Sunday's game in Miami.

Stunning finish

Wawrinka completes surprising run to win Australian

By John Pye
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Stan Wawrinka added a win over Rafael Nadal to his list of firsts in a stunning run to his maiden Grand Slam title, extending his rival's injury-cursed run at the Australian Open with a 6-3, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 upset in Sunday's final.

The 28-year-old Wawrinka had never taken a set off Nadal in 12 previous meetings, but attacked from the start against the 13-time major winner and regained his nerve after dropping the third set against the injured Spaniard.

Nadal appeared to be on the verge of retiring in the second set, when he hurt his back and needed a medical time out, but he refused to quit.

"It's really not the way you want to win a tennis match, but in a Grand Slam final I'll take it," said Wawrinka, the first man in 21 years to beat the No. 1 and No. 2 ranked players en route to a Grand Slam title.

Nadal was a hot favorite to win at Melbourne Park and become the first man to win each of the four Grand Slam tournaments twice in the Open era — instead, his injury curse struck again. It remains the only major he's hasn't won at least two times.

"Rafa, I'm really sorry for you, I hope your back is going to be fine, you're a really great guy, good friend and really amazing champion," Wawrinka said as he accepted his first major trophy. "Last year I had a crazy match, I lost it. I was crying a lot after the match. But in one year a lot happened — I still don't know if I'm dreaming or not but we'll see tomorrow morning."

Wawrinka lost in five sets to

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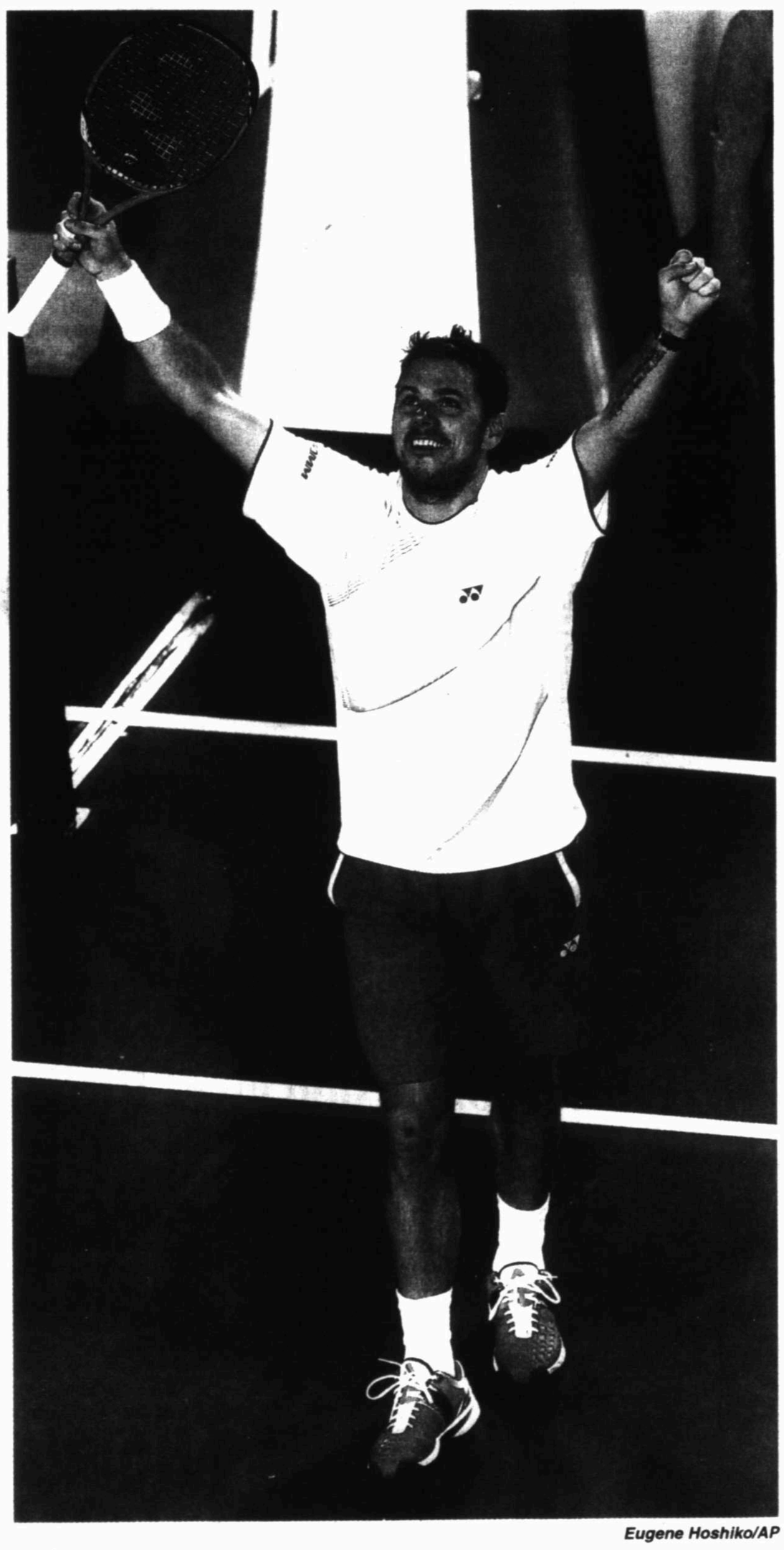

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Stanislas Wawrinka celebrates after defeating Rafael Nadal in the men's singles final at the Australian Open on Sunday in Melbourne, Australia.

Sims lifts Baylor past Oklahoma St.

No. 12 Lady Bears	69
No. 8 Cowgirls	66 (OT)

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

STILLWATER, Okla. — Oklahoma State was a few inches away from one of its biggest wins.

With the score tied late in regulation against Baylor, OSU guard Tiffany Bias drove hard to the hoop but just missed a layup, forcing overtime. Baylor's Odyssey Sims converted a three-point play with 3.8 seconds remaining in the extra period to give the 12th-ranked Lady Bears a 69-66 victory over the eighth-ranked Cowgirls on Sunday.

Bias scored 14 of her 17 points after halftime to help Oklahoma State rally from 16 points down in the second half, but she couldn't hit the shot she needed.

"It's just one of those things where, it's in and out and it was a tough night for me the whole night," she said. "I wish I would have made it, but at the same time, it's just one of those things."

Sims, who entered the game as the nation's leading scorer with 30.4 points per game, had a season-low 17 on 7-for-27 shooting. Bias, who led the charge against Sims, was proud of the way the Cowgirls defended Sims.

"My team had my back the whole night," Bias said. "It was a team effort the whole night. We did a great job shutting her down. She was way below her average, and that's all you can hope for."

Sims had eight rebounds and eight assists. Makenzie Robertson scored 18 points and Nina Davis added 16 points and 17 rebounds for the Lady Bears (16-3, 6-1 Big 12), who moved past the Cowgirls to the top of the conference standings. It was Baylor's second straight win since back-to-back losses to Connecticut and Kansas.

Roshunda Johnson scored 15 points, Kendra Suttles scored 12 and Brittney Martin added nine points and 11 rebounds for the Cowgirls (17-2, 6-2).

With Sims sitting out with four fouls and the Lady Bears trailing by four late in regulation, Robertson hit a three that cut Oklahoma State's lead to 57-56 with 1:36 to go. The basket allowed Baylor coach Kim Mulkey to bring Sims back into the game.

Suttles made a hook shot with 40.8 seconds left to put the Cowgirls up by three.

Baylor's Robertson hit another 3-pointer with six seconds left to tie the score at 61. Oklahoma State pushed the ball down the floor, and Bias missed the layup.

Oklahoma State had the ball late in overtime with the score tied, but Suttles' 3-pointer was blocked by Kristina Higgins and Sims rebounded before scoring the game-winning bucket. OSU had one last chance, but Sims stole the ball from Bias to end the game.

Baylor led 33-24 at halftime, and two

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Action Express takes win in Rolex 24 at Daytona

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — After more than 2,400 miles and 23 1/2 hours of racing, the most prestigious North American sports car race came down to eight minutes and a final five-lap sprint.

The first race of the unified United SportsCar Championship — the NASCAR-owned and IMSA-sanctioned series born from the merger between American Le Mans and Grand-AM — ended with a NASCAR flair. A late, full-course caution swallowed Joao Barbosa's 13-second lead and gave Max Angelelli a last-ditch chance to win the Rolex 24 at Daytona.

Barbosa never gave him a chance, pulling away on the restart with 8:23 to race Sunday to give Action Express Racing its second victory in four years.

It gave Barbosa his second overall win and third in class. Co-driver Sebastien Bourdais won the Rolex for the first time, while Christian Fittipaldi won for the second time.

Action Express' second entry finished third — and Chevrolet's new Corvette swept the podium — in an outstanding day for the Bob Johnson-owned organization. Action won its first Rolex in 2010, and Barbosa was part of that team.

"This one wasn't unexpected," Johnson said. "This one we expected to win."

It wasn't easy. Barbosa was black-flagged for avoidable contact while running second Sunday morning, a penalty he called "really harsh" at the time. But the team worked its way back into contention.

The caution nearly unraveled the comeback. While Angelelli thought there was enough debris to warrant the caution, Barbosa disagreed.

"Max, he said he saw a lot of debris that I really didn't see," Barbosa said. "I was really surprised by that caution, but it's racing, and we just

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John Raoux/AP

The Action Express team, from left, Christian Fittipaldi, Joao Barbosa and Sebastien Bourdais celebrate after winning the IMSA Series Rolex 24-hour race on Sunday at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla.

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ON THE AIR

WHAT'S ON TV
COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Duke at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m., ESPN
Norfolk St. at Savannah St., 6 p.m., ESPNU
Oklahoma St. at Oklahoma, 8 p.m., ESPN
Ark.-Pine Bluff at Texas Southern, 8 p.m., ESPNU
Villanova at Georgetown, 8 p.m., Fox Sports 1
NHL
Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m., NBC Sports Network
Colorado at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest
Los Angeles at San Jose, 9 p.m., NBC Sports Network
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Notre Dame at Maryland, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Southern Cal at Stanford, 8 p.m., ESPN2

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
National League
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Agreed to terms with 2B Joe Thurston and OF Jeremy Hermida on minor league contracts.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
MIAMI DOLPHINS — Named Dennis Hickey general manager.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Named Randy Jordan running backs coach.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Activated F Blake Comeau from injured reserve. Recalled D Tim Erixon from Springfield (AHL). Assigned F Cody Bass to Springfield.
DETROIT RED WINGS — Reassigned RW Mikael Samuelsson to Grand Rapids (AHL).
FLORIDA PANTHERS — Activated D Alex Petrovic from injured reserve and assigned him to San Antonio (AHL).
American Hockey League
AHL — Suspended Grand Rapids D Brennan Evans three games and Grand Rapids LW Triston Grant and Lake Erie RW Guillaume Desbiens one game for their actions during recent games.
ECHL
ECHL — Suspended Wheeling F Chaz Johnson and Cincinnati D David MacDonald indefinitely. Fines F Corey Bellemore game and Florida D Charles Landry and Toledo F Aaron Bogosian and fined them, along with Wheeling coach Clark Donatelli undisclosed amounts for their actions during recent games.
Central Hockey League
ST. CHARLES CHILL — Signed D Darryl McArthur.
COLLEGE
FLORIDA STATE — Announced QB Jacob Coker will transfer to Alabama.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	50	32	15	3	67	147	110
Tampa Bay	52	31	16	5	67	155	128
Toronto	54	27	21	6	60	155	168
Montreal	52	27	20	5	59	128	134
Detroit	52	23	18	11	57	135	144
Ottawa	52	22	20	10	54	147	165
Florida	52	21	24	7	49	127	158
Buffalo	50	14	29	7	35	97	144

Metropolitan Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	52	36	14	2	74	168	128
N.Y. Rangers	54	28	23	3	59	139	138
Columbus	51	26	21	4	56	150	145
Philadelphia	53	25	22	6	56	142	158
Carolina	51	23	19	9	55	131	145
New Jersey	53	22	20	11	55	127	132
Washington	52	23	21	8	54	148	154
N.Y. Islanders	54	21	25	8	50	154	179

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	54	32	10	12	76	190	149
St. Louis	51	35	11	5	75	177	119
Colorado	51	32	14	5	69	149	134
Minnesota	54	28	20	6	62	129	133
Dallas	52	24	20	8	56	151	153
Winnipeg	54	25	24	5	55	152	158
Nashville	54	23	23	8	54	132	163

Pacific Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	54	39	10	5	83	182	130
San Jose	52	34	12	6	74	165	126
Los Angeles	53	29	18	6	64	132	113
Vancouver	53	27	17	9	63	135	134
Phoenix	52	24	18	10	58	151	160
Calgary	52	18	27	7	43	119	165
Edmonton	54	16	32	6	38	140	198

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

Sunday's Scores
Florida 5, Detroit 4, SO
N.Y. Rangers 7, New Jersey 3
Winnipeg 3, Chicago 1
Edmonton 5, Nashville 1
Vancouver 5, Phoenix 4, OT

Today's Games
Boston at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Columbus at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Colorado at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Los Angeles at San Jose, 9 p.m.

GLANTZ-CULVER LINE

NFL
Feb. 2
Super Bowl
At East Rutherford, N.J.

Denver	+1	2 1/2 (47)	Seattle

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Jan. 30
At Barclays Center, Brooklyn, N.Y. (FS1): Victor Ortiz vs. Luis Collazo, 10, welterweights; Eddie Gomez vs. Daquan Arnett, 10, junior middleweights

Jan. 31
At Richard J. Codey Arena, West Orange, N.J. (ESPN2): Jorge Diaz vs. Luis Rosa, 10, super bantamweights.

Feb. 1
At Monte Carlo, Roman Belaiev vs. Dean Byrne, 12, for the vacant WBA Continental welterweight title; Gennady Golovkin vs. Osumanu Adama, 12, for Golovkin's WBA World middleweight title; Max Bursak vs. Jarrod Fletcher, 12, for Bursak's WBA Continental middleweight title; Ilunga Makabu vs. Ruben Angel Mino, 10, cruiserweights; Nkosinathi Joyi vs. Rey Loreto, 12, for the vacant IBO light flyweight title

Feb. 5
At Kaikou, China, Xiong Zhao Zhong vs. Oswaldo Novoa, 12, for Xiong's WBC minimumweight title; Yang Xing Kin vs. Simmongkol Singwancha, for Yang's WBC Asia Council Continental welterweight title; Qiu Xiao Jun vs. Jason Cooper, 10, super bantamweights.

Feb. 7
At UIC Pavilion, Chicago (ESPN2): Jonathan Gonzalez vs. Norberto Gonzalez, 10, middleweights; Kamil Laszczyk vs. Daniel Diaz, 10, featherweights.
At TBA, Ohio (SHO): Angelo Santana vs. Mark Davis, 10, lightweights; Amir Imam vs. Jared Robinson, 10, junior welterweights.

Feb. 8
At TBA, Mexico: Adrian Hernandez vs. Jamel Herrera, 12, for Hernandez's WBC junior flyweight title

Feb. 10
At San Antonio (FS1): Fidel Maldonado Jr. vs. Steve Forbes, 10, junior welterweights

Feb. 14
At Benavidez, Argentina: Juan Carlos Reveco vs. Manuel Vides, 12, for Reveco's WBA World flyweight title
At the Paramount Theatre, Huntington, N.Y. (ESPN2): Chris Algieri vs. Danielt Dwaa, 10, junior welterweights.

Feb. 15
At Kempton Park, South Africa: Rync Liebenberg vs. Joey Vegas, 12, vacant WBC international light heavyweight title; Johnny Muller vs. Wilberforce Sihlepo, 12, for the vacant WBC international Silver light heavyweight title
At Buenos Aires, Argentina: Juan Carlos Reveco vs. Manuel Vides, 12, for Reveco's WBA World flyweight title

Feb. 17
At the Storm House, Salinas, Calif. (FS1): Manuel Avila vs. Enrique Quevedo, 10, featherweights; Paul Mendez vs. Raul Casarez, 10, for Mendez's IBA Continental middleweight title.

Feb. 22
At Macau, China (HBO): Sergiiev Vetyeka vs. Akifumi Shimoda, 12, for Vetyeka's WBA featherweight title; Miguel Vazquez vs. Denis Shafikov, 12, for Vazquez's IBF lightweight title; Rex Tso vs. Makoi Matsuyama, 10, super flyweights.

March 1
At Magdeburg, Germany: Robert Stieglitz vs. Arthur Abraham, 12, for Stieglitz's WBO super middleweight title
At Glasgow, Scotland: Ricky Burns vs. Terence Crawford, 12, for Burns' WBO lightweight title
At Alamodome, San Antonio (HBO): Julio Cesar Chavez Jr. vs. Bryan Vera, 10, super middleweights; Orlando Salido vs. Vasyl Lorsachenko, 12, for Salido's WBO featherweight title; Juan Diaz vs. Gerardo Robles, 10, lightweights

March 8
At Berlin, Yoan Pablo Hernandez vs. Pawel Kolodziej, 12, for Hernandez's IBF cruiserweight title
At MGM Grand, Las Vegas (SHO): Omar Figueroa vs. Ricardo Alvarez, 12, for Figueroa's WBC interim lightweight title; Leo Santa Cruz vs. Cristian Mijares, 12, for Santa Cruz's WBC super bantamweight title; Carlos Molina vs. Jermall Charlo, 12, for Molina's IBF junior middleweight title; Jorge Linares vs. Nihito Arakawa, 10, lightweights; Canelo Alvarez vs. Alfredo Angulo, 12 rounds, junior middleweights

March 15
At Bethlehem, Pa. (NBCSN): Tomasz Adamek vs. Vyacheslav Glazkov, 12, IBF heavyweight eliminator

March 26
At Tokyo, Denkansen Kaiovicht vs. Kohei Kono, 12, for the vacant WBA World super flyweight

April 5
At TBA, Mexico, Marco Antonio Rubio vs. Domenico Spada, 12, for the WBC interim middleweight title

April 12
At MGM Grand, Timothy Bradley vs. Manny Pacquiao, 12, for Bradley's WBO welterweight title; Khabib Allakhverdiev vs. Jesse Vargas, 12, for Allakhverdiev's WBA World-IBO light welterweight titles

SKI REPORT

ROCKIES
New Mexico

Angel Fire — Sun 6 53 am packed powder machine groomed 20-20 base 52 of 78 trails 70% open 455 acres 6 of 7 lifts sm Mon-Thu 9a-4p Fri 9a-8p Sat 9a-8p Sun 9a-4p

Pajarito — Reopen TBA Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun 9a-4p Open Fri-Sun

Red River — Sun 8 14 am packed powder machine groomed 21-24 base 52 of 57 trails 92% open 7 of 7 lifts sm Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat Sun 9a-4p

Sandia Peak — Sat 9 09 am MG machine groomed 14-14 base 3 of 39 trails 8% open 2 of 5 lifts Wed-Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun 9a-4p Open Wed-Sun

Sipapu — Sun 6 08 am MG machine groomed 17-25 base 30 of 41 trails 74% open 160 acres 5 of 5 lifts sm Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat Sun 9a-4p

Ski Apache — Sun 7 25 am hard packed machine groomed 11-16 base 38 of 55 trails 70% open 400 acres 7 of 10 lifts sm Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun 9a-4p

Ski Santa Fe — Sat 10 04 am packed powder machine groomed 32-32 base 71 of 77 trails 93% open 7 of 7 lifts Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat Sun 9a-4p

Taos — Sun 5 55 am packed powder machine groomed 34-36 base 94 of 113 trails 84% open 14 of 14 lifts sm Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat Sun 9a-4p

Angel Fire Resort XC — Operating, no details

Enchanted Forest XC — Fri 7 00 pm packed powder machine groomed 6-20 base 30 of 40 trails 30 miles Mon-Fri 9a-4 30p Sat/Sun 9a-4 30p

Colorado

Arapahoe Basin — Sun 5:36 am packed powder machine groomed 46-46 base 95 of 109 trails 90% open, 862 acres, 8 of 8 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Aspen Highlands — Sun 8:32 am packed powder machine groomed 44-58 base 118 of 124 trails 96% open, 1040 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;

Aspen Mountain — Sun 8:32 am packed powder machine groomed 32-36 base 76 of 76 trails 100% open, 675 acres, 6 of 8 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;

Beaver Creek — Sun 7:14 am packed powder machine groomed 41-41 base 144 of 150 trails 100% open, 1831 acres, 24 of 25 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-3:30p;

Breckenridge — Sun 7:15 am packed powder machine groomed 56-56 base 176 of 187 trails 94% open, 2782 acres, 33 of 34 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Buttermilk — Sun 8:33 am packed powder machine groomed 29-31 base 35 of 44 trails 80% open, 408 acres, 4 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;

Copper Mountain — Sun 5:34 am MG machine groomed 46-58 base 140 of 140 trails 100% open, 2184 acres, 23 of 23 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Crested Butte — Sun 4:39 am packed powder machine groomed 48-48 base 103 of 121 trails 99% open, 1163 acres, 14 of 15 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Eldora — Sun 5:45 am packed powder machine groomed 44-44 base 51 of 53 trails, 97% open 5 of 11 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/ Sun: 9a-4p;

Irwin — Operating, no details

Kendall Mountain — Operating, no details

Keystone — Sun 7:15 am packed powder machine groomed 37-37 base 123 of 135 trails 96% open, 3027 acres, 19 of 20 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-6p;

Loveland — Sun 7:17 am packed powder machine groomed 46-46 base 87 of 93 trails 94% open 1522 acres, 8 of 9 lifts Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Monarch — Sun 7:28 am packed powder machine groomed 46-132 base 61 of 62 trails 100% open 6 of 6 lifts Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat Sun: 9a-4p

Powderhorn — Sat 7 33 am packed powder machine groomed 43-43 base 40 of 44 trails 95% open 4 of 5 lifts Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/ Sun: 9a-4p

Purgatory at Durango — Sun 5 19 am packed powder machine groomed 30-34 base 88 of 88 trails 100% open 1360 acres 9 of 10 lifts Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Silverton Mountain — Sun 5 43 am powder 50-100 base 69 of 69 trails 100% open Thu-Fri: 9a-3p Sat/Sun: 9a-3p Open Thu-Sun

Ski Cooper — Sun 5 16 am packed powder machine groomed 46-46 base 35 of 35 trails 100% open 400 acres 4 of 4 lifts Mon-Fri: 8a-4p Sat/Sun: 8a-4p

Ski Granby Ranch — Sun 7 58 am MG machine groomed 27-30 base 40 of 41 trails 98% open, 400 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat 9a-4p Sp-8p Sun 9a-4p

Ski Hesperus — Operating, no details

Snowmass — Sun 8 31 am packed powder machine groomed 32-44 base 94 of 97 trails 97% open 3217 acres, 15 of 21 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Steamboat — Sun 5:11 am packed powder machine groomed 51-65 base 165 of 165 trails 100% open, 2965 acres, 16 of 18 lifts, Mon-Thu: 8:30a-4p; Fri: 5:30p-8:30p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p; 5:30p-8:30p;

Sunlight — Sun 6 53 am MG machine groomed 32-38 base 67 of 67 trails 100% open, 3 of 3 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Telluride — Sun 5:16 am hard packed machine groomed 47-47 base 92 of 93 trails 99% open, 18 of 18 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/ Sun: 9a-4p;

Vail — Sun 7:13 am packed powder machine groomed 43-43 base 193 of 193 trails, 100% open 5289 acres, 31 of 31 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Winter Park — Sun 5:34 am packed powder machine groomed 43-44 base 134 of 143 trails 94% open, 2541 acres, 23 of 26 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Wolf Creek — Sun 6:46 am packed powder machine groomed 57-58 base 77 of 77 trails 100% open, 42 miles, 1600 acres, 6 of 7 lifts. Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30p-4p;

Ashcroft XC — Fri 5:42 am powder machine groomed 36-48 base 12 of 20 trails 24 miles Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Aspen/Snowmass XC — Sun 6:59 am packed powder machine groomed 8-12 base 14 of 15 trails 85 miles Mon-Fri: 7a-5p; Sat/Sun: 7a-5p;

Crested Butte XC — Operating, no details

Devil's Thumb XC — Operating, no details

Gold Run XC — Operating, no details Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Grand Lake XC — Operating, no details

Snow Mountain XC — Operating, no details

Steamboat XC — Operating, no details

Low helps Wayne Taylor Racing to 2nd-place finish

■ Rusty Mitchell and his RSR Racing team completed 177 laps in just under 10 hours

From staff reports

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Midlaner Paul Low helped Wayne Taylor Racing to a second-place overall finish in the annual Rolex 24 at Daytona endurance Sports Car race this weekend. Low is an engineer and engine tuner for the Wayne Taylor Racing team, which competes in the prototype class and was using a Corvette DP car, in this year's Rolex 24 at Daytona.

Drivers Wayne Taylor, Max Angelelli, Ricky Taylor and Jordan Taylor completed 695 laps around Daytona International Speedway's road course and finished 1.461 seconds behind Action Express Racing's Corvette DP.

Midlander Rusty Mitchell and the RSR Racing team he was driving for at this year's Rolex 24 at Daytona left the race after just under 10 hours of competition and completed 177 laps this weekend.

Mitchell, who is contracted to drive with the team for three more races this season, teamed with Duncan Ende, former IndyCar driver Bruno Junqueira and David Heinemeier Hansson this weekend during North America's longest and most prestigious endurance road race.

The team was competing in the PC Class and finished 63rd overall and ninth in class during the race.

The Rolex 24 at Daytona is part of the Tudor United Sports Car Championship series.

The series is next set to race on Feb. 20-21 at Sebring International Raceway in Sebring, Fla.

DAYTONA

From 1C

had to deal with it. But we're here, we won the race."

Wayne Taylor Racing finished second for the second consecutive year.

Co-owner Wayne Taylor came out of retirement to drive for the first time since 2010, seeking a chance to share the seat with Angelelli and sons Ricky and Jordan. The 58-year-old Taylor drove one stint Saturday and then retreated to the pit stand to strategize for what he hoped would be a third — and most memorable — victory.

"It was a great result, and to have my family and my kids drive with me and Max, it's been an emotional roller-coaster," Wayne Taylor said.

Action Express' second car, with drivers Brian Frisselle, Burt Frisselle, John Martin and Fabien Giroix, was third.

Ford was shut out in its debut of its new EcoBoost engine. The No. 01 car of Chip Ganassi Racing team wasn't able to defend its race win because of a series of problems that plagued the car starting very early in the race.

John Raoux/AP

The Wayne Taylor Racing team, from left, Wayne Taylor, Jordan Taylor, Ricky Taylor and Max Angelelli take a group photo to celebrate their second-place finish in the IMSA Series Rolex 24-hour race Sunday at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Ganassi's No. 02 entry was taken out of contention when it developed a flat rear tire while Scott Dixon was running second with roughly five hours remaining. The car went to the garage with 48 minutes remaining when the floor of the Ford Riley began to unravel and Dixon could see the pavement under his feet.

Michael Shank Racing's entry, the 2012 race winning team, was halted by a broken gearbox.

CORE autosport finished a lap ahead of 8Star Motorsport to win the Prototype Challenge class.

Porsche North America claimed the GT Le Mans class with its No. 911 RSR entry.

The crowded GT Daytona class had the most thrilling — and controversial — finish of the race. The victory initially went to Flying Lizard Motorsports when IMSA officials penalized Level 5 Motorsports for avoidable contact on the last lap. But hours after the race ended, IMSA reversed its decision and gave the victory to Level 5.

Alessandro Pier Guidi in the Level 5 Ferrari traded the lead in the final laps with FLM's Markus Winkelhock, who was driving an Audi. With the Audi mounting a challenge heading into the kink portion of the course, the two cars battled side-by-side through the tight corner. The Audi ran off course, and although replays showed no contact between the two cars, the Ferrari was penalized.

Level 5's drivers and team personnel charged toward Victory Lane to argue their case. They eventually got what they wanted, a reversal.

"It's been such a roller coaster," co-driver Townsend Bell said.

Flying Lizard driver Spencer Pumpelly was adamant teammate Winkelhock was in the right.

"We don't win races by driving people off the road," Pumpelly said. "They tried to do that and it didn't work."

GRAND AM ROLEX RESULTS

Sunday
At Daytona International Speedway
Daytona Beach, Fla.
Lap length: 3.56 miles
(Starting position in parentheses)

1 (4) Joao Barbosa/Christian Fittipaldi/Sebastien Bourdais (5-P), Corvette DP, 695 laps
2 (7) Ricky Taylor/Wayne Taylor/Max Angelelli (10-P), Corvette DP, 695
3 (5) Burt Frisselle/Brian Frisselle/John Martin (9-P), Corvette DP, 695
4 (2) Richard Westbrook/Michael Valiante/Mike Rockenfeller (90-P), Corvette DP, 693
5 (11) Klaus Graf/Lucas Luhr/Alexander Brundle (6-P), Oreca Nissan, 692
6 (26) Nick Tandy/Richard Lietz/Patrick Pilet (911-GTLM), Porsche 911 RSR, 679
7 (32) Bill Auberlen/Andy Praulix/Joey Hand (55-GTLM), BMW Z4 GTE, 679
8 (23) Olivier Pla/Romain Rusinov/Gustavo Yacaman (42-P), Morgan Nissan, 678
9 (14) Jon Bennett/James Gue/Colin Braun (54-PC), Oreca FLM 09 Chevrolet, 678
10 (65) Tom Kimber-Smith/Mike Marsal/Enzo Potolicchio (25-PC), Oreca FLM 09 Chevrolet, 677
11 (16) Johannes van Overbeek/Simon Pagenaud/Anthony Lazzaro (2-P), HPD ARX 03b, 676
12 (25) Marc Goossens/Ryan Hunter-Reay/Dominik Farnbacher (91-GTLM), SRT Viper GTS-R, 675
13 (18) Raphael Matos/Tomy Drissi/Gabriel Casagrande (38-PC), Oreca FLM09 Chevrolet, 669
14 (31) Dirk Mueller/John Edwards/Graham Rahal (56-GTLM), BMW Z4 GTE, 668
15 (6) Scott Dixon/Tony Kanaan/Marino Franchitti (02-P), Riley DP Ford EcoBoost, 667
16 (28) Oliver Gavin/Tommy Milner/Robin Liddell (4-GTLM), Chevrolet Corvette C7.R, 666
17 (22) Gunnar Jeannette/Frankie Montecalvo/Mike Guasch (52-PC), Oreca FLM 09 Chevrolet, 662
18 (39) Townsend Bell/Bill Sweedler/Scott Tucker (555-GTD), Ferrari F458 Italia, 662
19 (54) Tim Pappas/Markus Winkelhock/Nelson Canache Jr (45-GTD), Audi R8 LMS, 662
20 (50) Jan Heyler/Marco Seefried/Madison Snow (58-GTD), Porsche 911 GT America, 662
21 (43) Mike Salo/Mikhail Aleshin/Boris Rotenberg (72-GTD), Ferrari F458 Italia, 662
22 (56) Seth Neiman/Dion von Moltke/Alessandro Latif (35-GTD), Audi R8 LMS, 661
23 (41) Terry Borcheller/Guy Cosmo/Scott Tucker (556-GTD), Ferrari F458 Italia, 661
24 (15) Renger van der Zande/Eric Lux/Sam Bird (8-PC), Oreca FLM 09 Chevrolet, 659
25 (45) Dane Cameron/Paul Dalla Lana/Augusto Farfus (94-GTD), BMW Z4, 659
26 (49) Leh Keen/Shane van Gisbergen/J.P Dumoulin (22-GTD), Porsche 911 GT America, 656
27 (27) Jonathan Bomarito/Kuno Wittmer/Rob Bell (93-GTLM), SRT Viper GTS-R, 653
28 (51) Kuba Giermaziak/Christina Nielsen/Nick Tham (30-GTD), Porsche 911 GT America, 652
29 (37) Daniel Serra/Xandinho Negrao/Marcos Gomes (65-GTD), Ferrari F458 Italia, 649
30 (35) Toni Vilander/Lorenzo Case/Alessandro Balzan (63-GTD), Ferrari F458 Italia, 647
31 (48) Andy Lally/Wolf Henzler/JF Dumoulin (44-GTD), Porsche 911 GT America, 645
32 (52) Kevin Estre/Connor DePhillippo/Jason Hart (73-GTD), Porsche 911 GT America, 645
33 (60) Ken Wilden/David Empringham/Rod Randall (64-GTD), Ferrari F458 Italia, 645
34 (53) Ian James/Marco Fainchtein/Marco Holzer (23-GTD), Porsche 911 GT America, 639
35 (13) Jim Pace/Frank Beck/David Hinton (50-P), Riley DP Dinan, 631
36 (34) Christopher Haase/Matthew Bell/Bryce Miller (48-GTD), Audi R8 LMS, 626
37 (33) Nic Jonsson/Andrea Bertolini/Peter Dumbreck (57-GTLM), Ferrari F458 Italia, 625
38 (58) Jack Gerber/Matt Griffin/Marco Cioci (51-GTD), Ferrari F458 Italia, 620
39 (87) Gianluca Roda/Paolo Ruberti/David Rigon (49-GTD), Ferrari F458 Italia, 618
40 (40) Jeroen Bleekemolen/Sebastian Bleekemolen/Emmanuel Collard (33-GTD), SRT Viper GTS-R, 615
41 (12) Eric Curran/Boris Said/Bradley Smith (31-P), Corvette DP, 613
42 (24) Pierre Kaffer/Isaac Tutumlu/Martin Fuentes (7-PC), Oreca FLM 09 Chevrolet, 612
43 (9) Scott Pruett/Memo Rojas/Jamie McMurray (01-P), Riley DP Ford EcoBoost, 610
44 (30) Stefan Mucke/Darren Turner/Pedro Lamy (97-GTLM), Aston Martin Vantage V8, 610
45 (61) Randy Pobst/Robert Gewirtz/Mark Kvamme (19-GTD), Porsche 911 GT America, 603
46 (59) Lance Willsey/Franz Konrad/Christian Engelhart (28-GTD), Porsche 911 GT America, 601
47 (10) Oswaldo Negri Jr/AJ Allmendinger/Justin Wilson (60-P), Riley DP Ford EcoBoost, 599
48 (38) James Davison/David Block/Al Carter (007-GTD), Aston Martin V12 Vantage, 580
49 (42) Norbert Siedler/Timo Bernhard/Jim Norman (71-GTD), Porsche 911 GT America, 566
50 (46) Andrew Davis/Marc Lieb/Joe Foster (27-GTD), Porsche 911 GT America, 566
51 (55) Damien Faulkner/Patrick Huisman/Bob Faieta (81-GTD), Porsche 911 GT America, 560
52 (44) Jonny Adam/Calum Lockie/Pete McIntosh II (009-GTD), Aston Martin V12 Vantage, 516
53 (47) Earl Bamber/Brad Blum/Alexandre Imperiatori (18-GTD), Porsche 11 GT America, 492
54 (29) Patrick Long/Michael Christensen/Jorg Bergmeister (912-GTLM), Porsche 911 RSR, 489
55 (21) Sean Rayhall/James Kovacic/Doug Beilefeld (87-PC), Oreca FLM 09 Chevrolet, 460
56 (63) Joel Miller/Tristan Nunez/Tristan Vautier (07-P), Mazda, 445
57 (62) Sylvan Tremblay/Tom Long/James Hinchcliffe (70-P), Mazda, 369
58 (20) Alex Tagliani/Rusty Mitchell/Conor Daly (08-PC), Oreca FLM 09 Chevrolet, 361
59 (19) Scott Sharp/Ryan Dalziel/David Brabham (1-P), HPD ARX-03b, 359
60 (66) Jan Magnussen/Antonio Garcia/Ryan Briscoe (3-GTLM), Chevrolet Corvette C7.R, 329
61 (8) Andy Meyrick/Katherine Legge/Alexander Rossi (0-P), DeltaWing DWC13 Elan, 288
62 (3) Brendon Hartley/Alex Popow/Scott Mayer (78-P), Riley DP Dinan, 238
63 (17) Bruno Junqueira/David Heinemeier Hansson/Gustavo Menezes (09-PC), Oreca FLM 09 Chevrolet, 177
64 (57) Frank Stippler/Marc Basseng/Alex Welch (32-GTD), Audi R8 LMS, 161
65 (1) Alex Gurney/Jon Fogarty/Memo Gidley (99-P), Corvette DP, 92
66 (64) Gianmaria Bruni/Oliver Beretta/Matteo Malucelli (52-GTLM), Ferrari F458 Italia, 88
67 (36) Charlie Putman/Charles Espenlaub/Oliver Jarvis (46-GTD), Audi R8 LMS, 5

Race Statistic
Winners' average speed: 103.050 mph
Time of Race: 24 hours
Margin of Victory: 1.461 seconds

Tolbert conversion gives Rice Pro Bowl win

By Oskar Garcia
Associated Press

HONOLULU — Dallas running back DeMarco Murray caught a 20-yard pass for a touchdown and Carolina running back Mike Tolbert plunged into the end zone for a 2-point conversion with less than 1 minute to give Jerry Rice a win over Deion Sanders in the first schoolyard-style Pro Bowl on Sunday.

Baltimore's Justin Tucker missed a 67-yard field goal on the game's final play after missing a 66-yarder earlier in the game.

The touchdown and conversion gave Rice a comeback after Philadelphia quarterback Nick Foles threw a 12-yard touchdown to Cleveland tight end Jordan Cameron with less than 5 minutes to play to give Sanders a 21-14 lead.

The touchdowns by Cameron and Murray were the only scores of the second half in a game that had eight turnovers — including six interceptions — and nine sacks.

Foles was the only quarterback of six in the game to not throw an interception. He was named offensive MVP.

Philadelphia wide receiver DeSean Jackson and Carolina quarterback Cam Newton also had touchdowns for Team Sanders. New Orleans tight end Jimmy Graham and Cleveland wide receiver Josh Gordon caught touchdowns for Team Rice.

The Pro Bowlers were split up by the NFL greats in a new draft format meant to improve the game. The picks made earlier in the week created matchups that pitted usual teammates against each other and challenged Rice and Sanders to compare the all-stars against one another.

NFL Playoff Glance
Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 4
Indianapolis 45, Kansas City 44
New Orleans 26, Philadelphia 24
Sunday, Jan. 5
San Diego 27, Cincinnati 10
San Francisco 23, Green Bay 20
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 11
Seattle 23, New Orleans 15
New England 43, Indianapolis 22
Sunday, Jan. 12
San Francisco 23, Carolina 10
Denver 24, San Diego 17
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 19
Denver 26, New England 16
Seattle 23, San Francisco 17
Pro Bowl
Sunday
At Honolulu
Team Rice 22, Team Sanders 21
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 2
At East Rutherford, N.J.
Denver vs. Seattle, 5:30 p.m. (FOX)

TEAM RICE 22, TEAM SANDERS 21

Team Rice	0	14	0	8—22
Team Sanders	7	7	0	7—21

First Quarter
SAN—Jackson 36 pass from Luck (Tucker kick), 10:10.
Second Quarter
RIC—Graham 8 pass from Brees (Gostkowski kick), 9:05.
SAN—Newton 1 run (Tucker kick), 5:42.
RIC—Gordon 10 pass from Rivers (Gostkowski kick), :36.
Fourth Quarter
SAN—Cameron 12 pass from Foles (Tucker kick), 4:41.
RIC—Murray 20 pass from A.Smith (Tolbert run), :41.
A—47,270.

	RIC	SAN
First downs	24	14
Total Net Yards	384	285
Rushes-yards	20-114	17-62
Passing	270	223
Punt Returns	5-56	3-8
Kickoff Returns	0-0	0-0
Interceptions Ret	2-0	4-101
Comp-Att-Int	26-54-4	20-34-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-21	5-41
Punts	4-49.0	5-49.2
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-1
Penalties-Yards	4-20	2-10
Time of Possession	32:47	27:13

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Team Rice, Forte 6-31, Murray 4-25, L.McCoy 3-14, Tolbert 3-14, Gordon 1-13, A.Smith 1-13, Brees 2-4, Team Sanders, Charles 5-43, Lacy 7-14, Morris 2-4, Newton 2-1, Luck 1-0.

PASSING—Team Rice, A.Smith 9-22-1-116, Rivers 8-13-2-94, Brees 9-19-1-81. Team Sanders, Newton 8-17-1-95, Foles 7-10-0-89, Luck 5-7-1-80.

RECEIVING—Team Rice, Gordon 6-66, Graham 5-51, Murray 4-37, Gonzalez 3-50, Forte 3-24, Jeffery 2-22, Marshall 1-21, L.McCoy 1-18, McCluster 1-2. Team Sanders, Morris 4-69, Jackson 3-40, Cameron 3-27, Reece 2-31, Witten 2-26, Bryant 2-12, A.Brown 1-39, Lacy 1-9, Green 1-7, Charles 1-4.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Team Rice, Gostkowski 53 (WR). Team Sanders, Tucker 66 (SH), 67 (SH).

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Dallas' Dirk Nowitzki (41) drives to the basket against Detroit's Kentavious Caldwell-Pope (5) in the second half of Sunday's game in Dallas. Nowitzki had a game-high 28-points in the 116-106 Mavericks win.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MAVERICKS 116
PISTONS 106

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki scored 28 points and Devin Harris had a season-high 14 for the second straight game to carry Dallas past Detroit.

Nowitzki was 10 of 16 from the field in his second straight game wearing a sleeve on his sore left knee after sitting out a loss in Toronto. It's not the knee that required surgery and sidelined him the first 27 games last season.

Harris scored five straight points in the final minute of the third quarter to break a 79-all tie. His 3-pointer early in the fourth capped a 15-2 run for a 94-81 Dallas lead.

Brandon Jennings had 26 points and seven assists to lead the Pistons, who lost their fourth straight. Josh Smith had 25 points and eight rebounds.

WARRIORS 103
TRAIL BLAZERS 88

OAKLAND, Calif. — Stephen Curry had 38 points, eight assists and seven rebounds, and Golden State used a smothering defense to beat Portland.

The newly elected All-Star starting point guard, wearing shiny gold shoes, shot 13 of 23 from the floor to carry the offensive load. The Warriors did it all on defense, too, building a 22-point lead midway through the fourth quarter to put the game out of reach.

NETS 85
CELTICS 79

BOSTON — Andray Blatche scored 17 points to lead Brooklyn to victory in the first visit by Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett to Boston since they were traded last July.

The cornerstones of the Celtics' 2008 championship team received video tributes early in the game with career highlights shown on the scoreboard. They didn't have any highlights on the court until Garnett stole the ball from Rajon Rondo and dribbled ahead of the field for a layup that ended Boston's last threat.

KNICKS 110
LAKERS 103

NEW YORK — Carmelo Anthony followed his 62-point game with 35 more, and New York beat Los Angeles.

NUGGETS 125
KINGS 117

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Ty Lawson scored 27 points, Wilson Chandler had 20 and Denver defeated short-handed Sacramento for its second straight victory.

PELICANS 100
MAGIC 92

NEW ORLEANS — Anthony Davis had 22 points, a career-high 19 rebounds and seven blocked shots, and New Orleans beat Orlando to win its second straight game.

SUNS 99
CAVALIERS 90

CLEVELAND — Markieff Morris scored 27 points and Phoenix rallied from an 18-point halftime deficit to defeat Cleveland.

SPURS

From 1C

keep pushing and try to get better."

The game was tied at 44 late in the first half. Before long, it was a runaway.

Miami closed the second quarter with a 14-6 spurt, outscored San Antonio 33-21 in the third and opened the fourth on a 13-4 run, just in case there was any remaining doubt, which hardly seems likely.

Add it up, and over a 20-minute stretch the two-time defending champs outscored the Spurs 60-31.

"They kind of got in a comfort zone," Duncan said. "Obviously a very good team and very good at what they do, just didn't get them off their game at all."

Sunday's game was the first official meeting between the teams since Miami won Game 7 of last season's Finals. San Antonio visited Miami in the preseason, a night where the title rematch was the only thing really worth talking about, but at least the Spurs didn't have to see Miami's third championship banner hanging from the rafters of AmericanAirlines Arena that night.

"Obviously, it brought back memories, for sure," James said. "But it's a regular-season game where both teams were trying to get better."

The third quarter decided just about everything. Bosh was 4 for 4 from the field, on the way to a 12-point quarter. Miami outrebounded San Antonio 14-3 in the period, with James and Cole each grabbing one more rebound than the entire Spurs roster did collectively.

"It's a bad combination when we're not disciplined enough defensively and they're making shots," Popovich said. "They shot it really well — came with their 'A' game."

NBA STANDINGS AND BOXES

STANDINGS
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	22	21	.512	—
Brooklyn	20	22	.476	1-2
New York	17	27	.386	5-1/2
Boston	15	31	.326	8-1/2
Philadelphia	14	30	.318	8-1/2
Southeast Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Miami	32	12	.727	—
Atlanta	23	20	.535	8-1/2
Washington	21	22	.488	10-1/2
Charlotte	19	27	.413	14
Orlando	12	33	.267	20-1/2
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Indiana	34	9	.791	—
Chicago	22	21	.512	12
Detroit	17	27	.386	17-1/2
Cleveland	16	28	.364	18-1/2
Milwaukee	8	35	.186	26

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	33	11	.750	—
Houston	29	17	.630	5
Dallas	26	20	.565	8
Memphis	22	20	.524	10
New Orleans	18	25	.419	14-1/2
Northwest Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Oklahoma City	35	10	.778	—
Portland	33	12	.733	2
Denver	22	21	.512	12
Minnesota	21	22	.488	13
Utah	15	29	.341	19-1/2
Pacific Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
L.A. Clippers	31	15	.674	—
Golden State	27	18	.600	3-1/2
Phoenix	25	18	.581	4-1/2
L.A. Lakers	16	29	.356	14-1/2
Sacramento	15	28	.349	14-1/2

Sunday's Scores

Miami 113, San Antonio 101
New York 110, L.A. Lakers 103
New Orleans 100, Orlando 92
Phoenix 99, Cleveland 90
Brooklyn 85, Boston 79
Dallas 116, Detroit 106
Golden State 103, Portland 88
Denver 125, Sacramento 117

Today's Games

Phoenix at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Utah, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY'S BOXES

HEAT 113, SPURS 101

SAN ANTONIO (101): Splitter 4-9 4-5 12, Duncan 9-13 5-5 23, Diaw 6-10 0-0 15, Parker 4-9 2-2 11, Joseph 2-6 2-2 6, Ginobili 1-7 11-3, Ayres 3-3 1-2 7, Mills 1-6 0-0 3, Jeffers 2-3 1-2 5, Bonner 1-3 0-0 3, Baynes 3-3 0-0 6, De Colo 2-4 3-4 7. Totals 38-76 19-23 101.

MIAMI (113): James 8-15 1-1 18, Battier 0-1 0-0 0, Bosh 9-10 5-5 24, Chalmers 6-8 2-2 16, Allen 3-5 2-2 10, Wade 3-8 2-2 8, Cole 4-9 2-2 11, Andersen 3-4 2-2 8, Beasley 5-8 2-2 12, Oden 1-3 1-2 3, Mason Jr. 1-2 0-0 3, Lewis 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 43-74 19-20 113.

San Antonio	28	22	21	30	— 101
Miami	34	34	33	22	— 113

3-Point Goals—San Antonio 6-22 (Diaw 3-3, Parker 1-2, Bonner 1-3, Mills 1-5, De Colo 0-1, Duncan 0-1, Ginobili 0-2, Joseph 0-2, Belinelli 0-3), Miami 8-19 (Allen 2-3, Chalmers 2-3, Mason Jr. 1-2, Bosh 1-2, Cole 1-3, James 1-3, Lewis 0-1, Andersen 0-1, Battier 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—San Antonio 33 (Baynes 6), Miami 41 (James 7). Assists—San Antonio 24 (Parker 7), Miami 28 (Chalmers 7). Total Fouls—San Antonio 17, Miami 22. Technicals—James A—19,663 (19,600).

MAVERICKS 116, PISTONS 106

DETROIT (106): Smith 10-24 5-7 25, Monroe 9-13 2-4 20, Drummond 2-5 0-2 4, Jennings 10-18 4-8 26, Caldwell-Pope 4-7 0-1 9, Singler 4-11 0-0 9, Stuckey 3-11 5-6 11, Harrison 1-2 0-0 2, Mitchell 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 43-91 16-28 106.

DALLAS (116): Marion 4-9 0-0 8, Nowitzki 10-16 5-5 28, Dalembert 3-5 0-0 6, Calderon 7-8 2-2 17, Ellis 4-8 3-3 11, Carter 4-8 4-6 13, Blair 4-9 1-2 9, Wright 2-2 4-4 8, Harris 4-7 4-4 14, Crowder 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 43-74 23-28 116.

Detroit	25	21	35	25	— 106
Dallas	28	28	28	32	— 116

3-Point Goals—Detroit 4-13 (Jennings 2-5, Singler 1-2, Caldwell-Pope 1-2, Dalembert 0-1, Stuckey 0-1, Smith 0-2), Dallas 7-21 (Nowitzki 3-5, Harris 2-4, Calderon 1-2, Carter 1-5, Crowder 0-1, Ellis 0-1, Marion 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 49 (Monroe 9), Dallas 47 (Nowitzki 9). Assists—Detroit 18 (Jennings 7), Dallas 23 (Harris 7). Total Fouls—Detroit 21, Dallas 19. Technicals—Dallas defensive three second, A—19,662 (19,200).

KNICKS 110, LAKERS 103

L.A. LAKERS (103): Young 5-11 3-4 13, Kelly 2-2 0-0 5, Gasol 8-15 4-6 20, Marshall 5-11 0-0 12, Meeks 8-13 2-2 24, Johnson 3-8 0-0 6, Harris 5-9 4-4 18, Hill 2-3 1-2 5, Sacre 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 39-75 14-18 103.

NEW YORK (110): Shumpert 2-7 0-0 5, Anthony 14-31 5-6 35, Chandler 5-11 3-3 13, Felton 8-10 2-2 20, Prigioni 0-3 0-0 0, Smith 6-12 2-4 16, Aldrich 1-2 0-0 2, Hardaway Jr. 7-12 0-1 18, Tyler 0-2 1-2 1. Totals 43-90 13-18 110.

L.A. Lakers	25	22	34	22	— 103
New York	22	29	32	27	— 110

3-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 11-23 (Meeks 6-8, Harris 2-3, Marshall 2-5, Kelly 1-1, Young 0-2, Johnson 0-4), New York 11-26 (Hardaway Jr. 4-5, Felton 2-2, Smith 2-4, Anthony 2-7, Shumpert 1-5, Prigioni 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Lakers 40 (Gasol 13), New York 52 (Chandler 14). Assists—L.A. Lakers 16 (Marshall 5); New York 21 (Anthony, Felton 5). Total Fouls—L.A. Lakers 20, New York 19. A—19,812 (19,763).

PELICANS 100, MAGIC 92

ORLANDO (92): Affalo 9-14 6-8 25, Harris 7-14 3-3 17, G.Davis 4-10 1-1 9, Nelson 6-14 1-1 15, Oladipo 6-12 6-6 18, Moore 3-7 0-0 6, O'Quinn 0-4 0-0 0, Harkless 1-2 0-0 2, Lamb 0-0 0-0 0, Nicholson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-77 17-19 92.

NEW ORLEANS (100): Aminu 2-4 3-4 7, A.Davis 9-21 4-6 22, Ajinca 0-1 0-0 0, Roberts 6-9 2-2 15, Gordon 6-17 1-2 14, Evans 7-13 9-11 23, Miller 3-4 0-0 9, Rivers 2-4 2-2 6, Morrow 1-2 0-0 2, Withey 1-6 0-0 2. Totals 37-81 21-27 100.

Orlando	21	23	25	23	— 92
New Orleans	27	27	21	25	— 100

3-Point Goals—Orlando 3-15 (Nelson 2-6, Affalo 1-4, Moore 0-1, Harris 0-2, Oladipo 0-2), New Orleans 5-12 (Miller 3-3, Roberts 1-3, Gordon 1-5, Rivers 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Orlando 42 (Harris 9), New Orleans 51 (A.Davis 19). Assists—Orlando 15 (Nelson 8), New Orleans 21 (Evans 7). Total Fouls—Orlando 24, New Orleans 25. Technicals—New Orleans defensive three second, A—17,197 (17,188).

SUNS 99, CAVALIERS 90

PHOENIX (99): Tucker 5-14 2-2 13, Frye 5-9 2-2 16, Plumlee 1-3 1-2 3, Dragic 6-14 2-2 15, Green 4-14 2-2 12, Mark.Morris 8-16 10-12 27, Len 0-0 0-0 0, Barbosa 2-6 1-2 5, Smith 0-2 1-2 1, Marc.Morris 3-4 1-2 7. Totals 34-82 22-28 99.

CLEVELAND (90): Deng 7-16 4-6 18, Thompson 8-9 5-7 17, Varejao 1-9 0-0 2, Irving 8-23 8-8 24, Miles 5-11 0-0 12, Waiters 2-5 0-0 4, Zeller 1-1 0-0 2, Jack 3-8 0-0 6, Clark 1-2 0-0 3, Dellavedova 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-86 17-24 90.

Phoenix	22	21	25	31	— 99
Cleveland	29	32	6	23	— 90

3-Point Goals—Phoenix 9-27 (Frye 4-7, Green 2-8, Mark.Morris 1-2, Dragic 1-3, Tucker 1-4, Marc.Morris 0-1, Barbosa 0-2), Cleveland 5-16 (Jack 2-2, Miles 2-7, Clark 1-2, Deng 0-2, Irving 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Phoenix 63 (Mark.Morris 15), Cleveland 50 (Thompson 13). Assists—Phoenix 23 (Dragic 7), Cleveland 23 (Irving 9). Total Fouls—Phoenix 24, Cleveland 23. Technicals—Phoenix defensive three second, A—15,872 (20,562).

NETS 85, CELTICS 79

BROOKLYN (85): J.Johnson 2-7 1-2 6, Pierce 2-10 2-2 6, Garnett 3-6 0-0 6, Livingston 4-8 1-2 9, Anderson 4-10 0-0 11, Blatche 6-15 5-6 17, Williams 3-8 1-2 7, Teletovic 4-11 0-0 9, Kirilenko 4-6 3-4 11, Terry 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 33-84 13-18 85.

BOSTON (79): Green 2-13 3-4 8, Sullinger 6-6 5-6 17, Sullinger 1-7 0-0 2, Rondo 5-14 1-1 13, Wallace 4-8 2-2 12, Pressey 2-8 0-0 4, Humphries 2-5 2-2 6, C.Johnson 4-6 2-2 12, Olynyk 1-6 1-2 3, Faverani 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 28-74 16-19 79.

Brooklyn	11	24	24	26	— 85
Boston	17	17	19	26	— 79

3-Point Goals—Brooklyn 6-25 (Anderson 3-7, Terry 1-3, J.Johnson 1-3, Teletovic 1-6, Blatche 0-1, Williams 0-2, Pierce 0-3), Boston 7-26 (C.Johnson 2-3, Wallace 2-4, Rondo 2-6, Green 1-7, Olynyk 0-1, Pressey 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Brooklyn 54 (Livingston 8), Boston 51 (Bass, Rondo 8). Assists—Brooklyn 20 (Williams 7), Boston 17 (Rondo 8). Total Fouls—Brooklyn 20, Boston 21. A—18,624 (18,624).

NUGGETS 125, KINGS 117

DENVER (125): Chandler 6-16 5-6 20, Faried 7-12 1-2 15, Hickson 2-4 4-8 8, Lawson 9-15 8-10 27, Foye 4-13 2-2 12, Mozgov 5-5 4-4 14, Fournier 2-4 4-4 9, Q.Miller 3-4 0-0 8, Robinson 4-8 3-4 12. Totals 42-81 31-40 125.

SACRAMENTO (117): Williams 3-5 6-7 12, Thompson 5-7 3-4 13, Gray 3-4 0-0 6, Thomas 7-21 7-8 22, Thornton 8-13 3-3 19, Acy 2-3 0-0 4, Landry 1-4 4-4 6, McLemore 6-12 4-6 18, Outlaw 4-7 2-2 10, Fredette 3-5 0-0 7, McCallum 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 42-81 29-34 117.

Denver	30	35	30	30	— 125
Sacramento	31	28	34	24	— 117

3-Point Goals—Denver 10-25 (Chandler 3-7, Q.Miller 2-2, Foye 2-9, Lawson 1-1, Fournier 1-2, Robinson 1-4), Sacramento 4-16 (McLemore 2-4, Fredette 1-2, Thomas 1-6, Outlaw 0-1, Thornton 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Denver 44 (Faried 11), Sacramento 48 (Thompson 10). Assists—Denver 28 (Robinson 8), Sacramento 23 (Thomas 8). Total Fouls—Denver 25, Sacramento 31. A—15,939 (17,317).

WARRIORS 103, TRAIL BLAZERS 88

PORTLAND (88): Batum 1-4 3-4 5, Aldridge 2-14 6-6 10, Lopez 4-7 2-2 10, Lillard 5-16 4-6 16, Matthews 5-14 9-11 21, Freeland 4-4 0-0 8, Williams 3-9 0-0 7, McCollum 2-7 1-2 6, Robinson 2-6 1-2 5, Watson 0-0 0-0 0, Barton 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 28-83 26-33 88.

GOLDEN STATE (103): Iguodala 5-11 0-0 12, Lee 6-16 5-6 17, Bogut 2-3 0-0 4, Curry 13-23 7-10 38, Thompson 6-21 3-3 17, Barnes 2-5 2-2 6, Crawford 2-6 0-0 5, Green 1-4 0-0 2, Speights 0-0 0-0 0, Bazemore 0-0 0-0 0, Brooks 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 38-91 17-21 103.

Portland	22	33	12	21	— 88
Golden State	28	26	22	27	— 103

3-Point Goals—Portland 6-21 (Matthews 2-6, Lillard 2-7, Williams 1-2, McCollum 1-4, Barton 0-1, Batum 0-1), Golden State 10-25 (Curry 5-8, Iguodala 2-3, Thompson 2-8, Crawford 1-2, Barnes 0-1, Green 0-2). Fouled Out—Green. Rebounds—Portland 65 (Robinson, Aldridge 11), Golden State 54 (Lee 12). Assists—Portland 16 (Lillard 4), Golden State 22 (Curry 8). Total Fouls—Portland 19, Golden State 21. Technicals—Aldridge, Bogut. A—19,596 (19,596).

TEXASCOLLEGEBASKETBALL

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Men

SMU 75
HOUSTON 68

HOUSTON — Nic Moore had a career-high 28 points as Southern Methodist overcame a sluggish first half to defeat Houston 75-68 Sunday and push the Mustangs' win streak to five games.

Moore was 8 of 18 and connected on 11 of 12 from the free throw line as SMU (16-4, 5-2 American Athletic Conference) shot 61.5 percent in the second half. Markus Kennedy added 15 points and 10 rebounds, and Nick Russell had 10 points for SMU.

Danuel House led Houston with 22 points, and TaShawn Thomas added 13 points and 11 rebounds for the Cougars (11-9, 3-4), who dropped their fourth in the last five games.

Houston shot 56.5 percent in the second half and just under 48 percent in the game, including 8 of 18 from behind the arc, but the Cougars turned the ball over 16 times, leading to 16 points off turnovers.

Women

NO. 11 TENNESSEE 76
NO. 17 TEXAS A&M 55

COLLEGE STATION, — Meighan Simmons scored 26 points as No. 11 Tennessee raced past No. 17 Texas A&M 76-55 on Sunday.

Simmons scored nearly as many points (15) as the Aggies in the first half, as the Lady Vols roared to a 36-20 lead over the first 20 minutes and A&M never threatened after the break. Tennessee, playing without guard Ariel Massengale, snapped A&M's nine-game winning streak in its first visit to College Station. Massengale suffered a face injury in the first half of UT's Thursday victory against Florida.

Simmons was 12 of 19 from the field. Bashaara Graves, Isabelle Harrison, and Andraya Carter each chipped in 10 points for Tennessee (16-4, 5-2 SEC).

Courtney Walker led Texas A&M (16-5, 6-1) with 20 points. Courtney Williams scored 14 points, and Karla Gilbert added 14 points with 11 rebounds for the Aggies.

BAYLOR

From 1C

3-pointers by Robertson helped Baylor expand its lead to 45-29 in the early minutes of the second half before Oklahoma State rallied.

"We're a fighting team," Bias said. "We've always fought. As we've matured over the years, that's one thing we have thrived on. We don't just back down. We're going to keep pushing."

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES AND SCHEDULES

Men

SUNDAY'S TOP 25 FARED

1. Arizona (20-0) beat Utah 65-56. Next: at Stanford, Wednesday.
2. Syracuse (19-0) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest, Wednesday.
3. Michigan State (18-2) did not play. Next: at No. 10 Iowa, Tuesday.
4. Villanova (17-2) did not play. Next: at Georgetown, Monday.
5. Wichita State (21-0) did not play. Next: vs. Loyola of Chicago, Tuesday.
6. Florida (17-2) did not play. Next: at Mississippi State, Thursday.
7. San Diego State (18-1) did not play. Next: vs. Colorado State, Saturday.
8. Kansas (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 16 Iowa State, Wednesday.
9. Wisconsin (17-3) did not play. Next: vs. Northwestern, Wednesday.
10. Iowa (16-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3 Michigan State, Tuesday.
11. Oklahoma State (16-3) did not play. Next: at No. 25 Oklahoma, Monday.
12. Louisville (17-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 15 Cincinnati, Thursday.
13. UMass (17-2) beat Fordham 90-52. Next: at St. Bonaventure, Wednesday.
14. Kentucky (15-4) did not play. Next: at LSU, Tuesday.
15. Cincinnati (19-2) beat Temple 80-76. Next: at No. 12 Louisville, Thursday.
16. Iowa State (15-3) did not play. Next: at No. 8 Kansas, Wednesday.
17. Ohio State (16-4) did not play. Next: vs. Penn State, Wednesday.
18. Duke (16-4) did not play. Next: at No. 20 Pittsburgh, Monday.
19. Saint Louis (18-2) did not play. Next: vs. Richmond, Wednesday.
20. Pittsburgh (18-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 18 Duke, Monday.
21. Michigan (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. Purdue, Thursday.
22. Kansas State (14-6) did not play. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Tuesday.
23. Memphis (15-4) beat South Florida 80-58. Next: at UCF, Wednesday.
24. Baylor (13-6) did not play. Next: vs. West Virginia, Tuesday.
25. Oklahoma (16-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 11 Oklahoma State, Monday.

SUNDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST
SMU 75, Houston 68

SOUTH
Centre 91, Berry 73
Georgetown (Ky.) 91, Lindsey Wilson 87
Memphis 80, South Florida 58
NC State 80, Georgia Tech 78, OT
North Carolina 80, Clemson 61

MIDWEST
Aquinas at Indiana Tech, ppd.
Evansville 66, Bradley 60
Green Bay 62, Detroit 52
Indiana 56, Illinois 46
Indiana-East 89, St. Louis Pharmacy 74
Nebraska 82, Minnesota 78
Toledo 81, Kent St. 78
W. Michigan 62, Ball St. 53

FAR WEST
Arizona 65, Utah 56
Oregon 71, Washington St. 44
Stanford 79, Southern Cal 71, OT
UCLA 76, California 64

EAST
Canisius 78, Marist 65
Cincinnati 80, Temple 76
Harvard 80, Dartmouth 50
Iona 71, St. Peter's 63
NYU 78, Rochester 58
New Hampshire 61, Mass.-Lowell 32
Princeton 84, Kean 54
Quinnipiac 90, Manhattan 86, OT
Rider 77, Monmouth (NJ) 71, OT
Siena 64, Fairfield 56
Stony Brook 75, Maine 61
UMass 90, Fordham 52
Vermont 72, Binghamton 39

TODAY'S GAMES

SOUTHWEST
MVSU at Prairie View, 7:30 p.m.
Oklahoma St. at Oklahoma, 8 p.m.
Ark.-Pine Bluff at Texas Southern, 8 p.m.

SOUTH
NJIT at Delaware St., 6 p.m.
Coll. of Charleston at William & Mary, 6 p.m.
Howard at Bethune-Cookman, 6:30 p.m.
Morgan St. at NC Central, 6:30 p.m.
Hampton at SC State, 6:30 p.m.
Coppin St. at NC A&T, 7 p.m.
Norfolk St. at Savannah St., 7 p.m.
Alabama A&M at Alcorn St., 7:30 p.m.
Alabama St. at Southern U., 8 p.m.

FAR WEST
E. Washington at Portland St., 9:05 p.m.

EAST
Duke at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
Hofstra at Towson, 6 p.m.
Villanova at Georgetown, 8 p.m.
Colgate at Lafayette, 8 p.m.

Women

SUNDAY'S TOP 25 FARED

1. UConn (21-0) beat South Florida 81-53. Next: at Temple, Tuesday.
2. Notre Dame (18-0) did not play. Next: at No. 6 Maryland, Monday.
3. Duke (20-1) beat Pittsburgh 111-67. Next: at Miami, Thursday.
4. Stanford (18-1) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Cal, Monday.
5. Louisville (20-1) beat Memphis 88-61. Next: at Rutgers, Tuesday.
6. Maryland (16-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 2 Notre Dame, Monday.
7. North Carolina (17-3) did not play. Next: vs. Syracuse, Thursday.
8. Oklahoma State (17-2) lost to No. 12 Baylor 69-66, OT. Next: at TCU, Wednesday.
9. Kentucky (16-4) beat Arkansas 68-58. Next: at Georgia, Thursday.
10. South Carolina (18-2) beat No. 16 Vanderbilt 61-57. Next: vs. Mississippi, Thursday.
11. Tennessee (16-4) beat No. 17 Texas A&M 76-55. Next: vs. Arkansas, Thursday.
12. Baylor (16-3) beat No. 8 Oklahoma State 69-66, OT. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Wednesday.
13. Penn State (15-4) beat Minnesota 83-53. Next: at No. 22 Purdue, Thursday.
14. Arizona State (17-3) beat Colorado 68-66. Next: vs. Oregon State, Friday.
15. LSU (16-4) beat Mississippi 66-56. Next: vs. Mississippi State, Thursday.
16. Vanderbilt (16-4) lost to No. 10 South Carolina 61-57. Next: at Missouri, Thursday.
17. Texas A&M (16-5) lost to No. 11 Tennessee 76-55. Next: at Auburn, Thursday.
18. West Virginia (17-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 20 Iowa State, Wednesday.
19. California (14-5) beat UCLA 69-53. Next: at No. 4 Stanford, Thursday.
20. Iowa State (15-4) did not play. Next: at No. 18 West Virginia, Wednesday.
21. Nebraska (13-5) lost to Northwestern 63-59. Next: vs. Michigan, Wednesday.
22. Purdue (14-5) did not play. Next: at Illinois, Monday.
23. N.C. State (18-3) beat Georgia Tech 80-73. Next: vs. No. 6 Maryland, Thursday.
24. Florida State (15-5) beat Virginia Tech 70-54. Next: at Wake Forest, Sunday.
25. Gonzaga (18-3) did not play. Next: vs. Santa Clara, Thursday.

SUNDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST
Baylor 69, Oklahoma St. 66, OT
Tennessee 76, Texas A&M 55

SOUTH
Alabama 69, Georgia 66
Clemson 60, Miami 52
Coll. of Charleston 68, Delaware 66
Duke 111, Pittsburgh 67
Florida 87, Auburn 69
Florida St. 70, Virginia Tech 54
James Madison 77, UNC Wilmington 41
Kentucky 68, Arkansas 58
LSU 66, Mississippi 56
Louisville 88, Memphis 61
Mississippi St. 69, Missouri 62
NC State 80, Georgia Tech 73
South Carolina 61, Vanderbilt 57
UNC Asheville 73, Charleston Southern 48
William & Mary 69, Towson 50

MIDWEST
Akron 101, E. Michigan 79
Bowling Green 57, N. Illinois 44
Buffalo 73, Ball St. 69
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California 69, UCLA 53
Denver 87, W. Illinois 83
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Utah 60, Arizona 57

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Drexel 55, Northeastern 52
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Iona 66, St. Peter's 54
Monmouth (NJ) 75, Manhattan 70
New Hampshire 75, Mass.-Lowell 68
Penn St. 83, Minnesota 53
Saint Joseph's 75, Dayton 63
St. John's 66, Georgetown 53
Stony Brook 65, Maine 49
Syracuse 84, Virginia 75
UConn 81, South Florida 53
Vermont 65, Binghamton 57
Wake Forest 56, Boston College 50

TODAY'S GAMES

SOUTHWEST
MVSU at Prairie View, 5:30 p.m.
Ark.-Pine Bluff at Texas Southern, 5:30 p.m.

SOUTH
Elon at Wofford, 10:30 a.m.
E. Kentucky at Tennessee St., 11 a.m.
Davidson at W. Carolina, 11 a.m.
Howard at Bethune-Cookman, 4:30 p.m.
Wesley at Delaware St., 4:30 p.m.
Morgan St. at N.C. Central, 4:30 p.m.
Hampton at S.C. State, 4:30 p.m.
Georgia Southern at Appalachian St., 4 p.m.
Coppin St. at N.C. A&T, 5 p.m.
Norfolk St. at Savannah St., 5 p.m.
Alabama A&M at Alcorn St., 5:30 p.m.
Alabama St. at Southern U., 5:30 p.m.
Morehead St. at Belmont, 6 p.m.
UNC Greensboro at Furman, 6 p.m.
Notre Dame at Maryland, 6 p.m.
Jacksonville St. at Austin Peay, 7 p.m.
Tennessee Tech at Murray St., 7 p.m.
E. Illinois at UT Martin, 7 p.m.

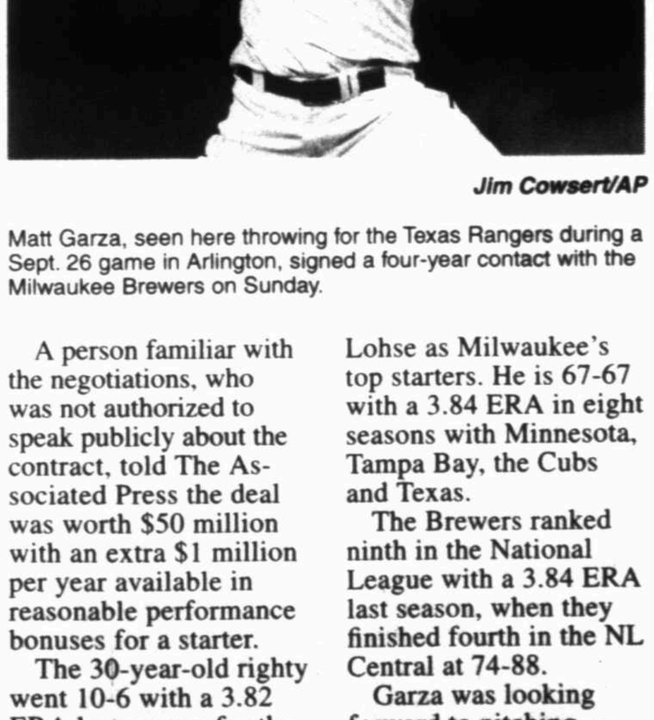
MIDWEST
Purdue at Illinois, 6 p.m.
Wichita St. at Indiana St., 6:05 p.m.
SIUE at SE Missouri, 6:30 p.m.
Missouri St. at Illinois St., 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland St. at Valparaiso, 7:05 p.m.

FAR WEST
Southern Cal at Stanford, 8 p.m.

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

RHP Matt Garza, Brewers reach $50M, 4-year deal

By Genaro C. Armas
Associated Press



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Matt Garza, seen here throwing for the Texas Rangers during a Sept. 26 game in Arlington, signed a four-year contract with the Milwaukee Brewers on Sunday.

MILWAUKEE — After committing $50 million to free agent Matt Garza, the Milwaukee Brewers are feeling much better about their pitching staff.

Garza completed a four-year contract with Milwaukee on Sunday, strengthening the top of the rotation and boosting the Brewers' hopes following a disappointing season.

The team made the announcement, saying the contract included a vesting option for 2018. Earlier in the afternoon, team owner Mark Attanasio was on stage during a question-and-answer session at a fan event and said a deal was in place.

General manager Doug Melvin called Garza an "established, top-of-the-rotation pitcher."

"The thing about signing Matt now, it gives us a lot more depth and, as you know, during a baseball season, you never use five starters," Melvin said. "So, just kind of wait and see how spring training unfolds, and always having the available depth is important to stay in a 162-game season."

A person familiar with the negotiations, who was not authorized to speak publicly about the contract, told The Associated Press the deal was worth $50 million with an extra $1 million per year available in reasonable performance bonuses for a starter.

The 30-year-old righty went 10-6 with a 3.82 ERA last season for the Chicago Cubs and Texas Rangers. He missed most of the first two months while recovering from an injury that affected his side and back.

Garza will join Yovani Gallardo and Kyle Lohse as Milwaukee's top starters. He is 67-67 with a 3.84 ERA in eight seasons with Minnesota, Tampa Bay, the Cubs and Texas.

The Brewers ranked ninth in the National League with a 3.84 ERA last season, when they finished fourth in the NL Central at 74-88.

Garza was looking forward to pitching — and hitting — in the NL Central again.

"It's fun. I like the Central, I like pitching in the Central," he said on a conference call. "I like swinging the bat in the big parks."

AUSTRALIAN OPEN RESULTS

Sunday
At Melbourne Park
Melbourne, Australia
Purse: $29.72 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Singles
Men
Championship
Stanislas Wawrinka (8), Switzerland, def. Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, 6-3, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

Doubles
Mixed
Championship
Kristina Mladenovic, France, and Daniel Nestor, Canada, def. Sania Mirza, India, and Horia Tecau (6), Romania, 6-3, 6-2.

Australian Open Champions
Men's Singles — Stanislas Wawrinka (1), Switzerland
Women's Singles — Li Na (4), China
Men's Doubles — Lukasz Kubot, Poland, and Robert Lindstedt (14), Sweden
Women's Doubles — Sara Errani and Roberta Vinci (1), Italy.
Mixed Doubles — Kristina Mladenovic, France, and Daniel Nestor, Canada
Men's Legends Doubles — Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde, Australia
Women's Legends Doubles — Nicole Bradtke and Rennae Stubbs, Australia
Boys' Singles — Alexander Zverev (1), Germany
Girls' Singles — Elizaveta Kulichkova (4), Russia
Boys' Doubles — Lucas Miedler, Austria, and Bradley Mousley (5), Australia
Girls' Doubles — Anhelina Kalinina, Ukraine, and Elizaveta Kulichkova (1), Russia
Men's Wheelchair Singles — Shingo Kunieda (1), Japan
Women's Wheelchair Singles — Sabine Ellerbrook (1), Germany
Quad Wheelchair Singles — David Wagner (1), United States
Men's Wheelchair Doubles — Stephane Houdet, France, and Shingo Kunieda (1), Japan
Women's Wheelchair Doubles — Yui Kamiji, Japan, and Jordanne Whiley (1), Britain
Quad Wheelchair Doubles — Andrew Lapthorne, Britain, and David Wagner (1), United States

OPEN

From 1C

Novak Djokovic in the fourth round of the 2013 Australian Open, in the longest Grand Slam match of the season. Djokovic went on to win his third consecutive title at Melbourne Park, and then beat Wawrinka again in five sets in the U.S. Open semifinals.

But Wawrinka avenged those losses this time, beating Djokovic in five sets in the quarterfinals — ending a run of 14 straight losses to the Serbian player.

Now he'll move from No. 8 to No. 3. In doing so, he'll surpass Federer, a 17-time Grand Slam winner who lost to Nadal in the semifinals — to become the highest-ranked Swiss player for the first time in his career.

A constant supporter of his countryman, Federer was one of the first people to call and congratulate Wawrinka after his win.

Wawrinka also broke up a sequence of wins for the Big Four — with 34 of the previous 35 majors going to either Nadal, Djokovic, Roger Federer or Andy Murray.

"Stan, you really deserve it," Nadal said. "Luck was against me today but you really deserve it.

"Last thing that I wanted to do was retire. I hate to do that, especially in a final. Same time, is tough to see yourself during the whole year you are working for a moment like this, and arrives the moment and you feel that you are not able to play at your best. "

Nadal has had a terrible stretch with injuries at the Australian Open, and has described it as his unluckiest Grand Slam. He won the title in 2009, and lost an epic five-set final to Djokovic in 2012. But he missed the 2013 edition during a seven-month layoff with knee injuries and illness, and his quarterfinal losses in 2010 and 2011 were affected by injuries.

"It has been a very emotional two weeks — I'm sorry to finish this way," he told the Rod Laver Arena crowd. "I tried very, very hard — this year was one of the more emotional tournaments in my career."

A possible retirement was looming when Nadal was serving at 0-2 in the second set. He bent over at the waist to stretch his back and then grabbed his lower back with his hand and grimaced in pain. His serve immediately dipped to 87 mph.

When Nadal took a medical timeout after falling behind a set and a break, and returned to a chorus of boos without a shirt after 7 minutes, it seemed that an early finish was on the cards.

Wawrinka was aggravated during the time out, demanding that officials tell him why Nadal needed the break. And he came out aggressively to finish off the second set.

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Pat Perez (167), $366,000	72-70—280
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Charley Hoffman (85), $190,117	75-67—281
Ryo Ishikawa (85), $190,117	69-70—281
Will MacKenzie (85), $190,117	70-70—281
Trevor Immelman (64), $135,217	71-69—282
Seung-Yul Noh (64), $135,217	72-69—282
Russell Knox (64), $135,217	74-70—282
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Brad Fritsch (64), $135,217	72-71—282
Gary Woodland (64), $135,217	70-74—282
Hideki Matsuyama (54), $97,800	70-69—283
Keegan Bradley (54), $97,800	71-71—283
Morgan Hoffmann (54), $97,800	72-73—283
Erik Compton (51), $76,555	74-72—284
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D.H. Lee (9), $13,176	75-72—291
Cameron Tringale (5), $12,627	76-74—292
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Ben Crane (3), $12,383	73-76—293
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Nicholas Thompson (1), $12,017	76-77—295
Charlie Wi (1), $12,017	77-76—295
Greg Owen (1), $11,834	74-82—300
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Aaron Baddeley (1), $11,712	71n-73s-76—220
Camilo Villegas (1), $11,346	72s-71n-78—221
Brice Garnett (1), $11,346	75n-68s-78—221
Tim Herron (1), $11,346	70n-74s-77—221
Steven Bowditch (1), $11,346	68n-76s-77—221
Will Claxton (1), $11,346	71n-73s-77—221
Bobby Gates (1), $10,919	69n-72s-81—222
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Paula Creamer, $63,581	71-65-71-69—276
Lizette Salas, $63,581	72-67-66-71—276
Na Yeon Choi, $63,581	70-68-66-72—276
Christel Boeljon, $31,543	71-67-73-66—277
Sandra Gal, $31,543	71-69-71-66—277
Lydia Ko, $31,543	68-70-71-68—277
P.K. Kongkraphan, $31,543	69-69-71-68—277
Morgan Pressel, $23,945	70-73-69-66—278
Thidapa Suwannapura, $23,945	70-71-68-69—278
Brittany Lincicome, $19,289	70-71-71-66—280
Chella Choi, $19,289	73-69-67-71—280
Michelle Wie, $19,289	72-65-72-71—280
Amelia Lewis, $19,289	69-73-66-72—280
Jenny Suh, $19,289	71-66-71-72—280
Alena Sharp, $15,220	75-69-70-68—282
Kristy McPherson, $15,220	73-73-68-68—282
Hee Young Park, $15,220	69-72-72-69—282
Sandra Changkija, $15,220	71-72-68-71—282
Azahara Munoz, $15,220	70-71-69-72—282
Haru Nomura, $13,344	73-74-70-66—283
Jodi Ewart Shadoff, $13,344	75-68-71-69—283
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Gerina Piller, $11,230	71-75-68-71—285
Pernilla Lindberg, $9,975	70-71-74-71—286
Karine Icher, $9,975	74-73-67-72—286
Tiffany Joh, $9,975	73-74-68-73—286
Mirim Lee, $7,531	69-77-72-69—287
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Mi Jung Hur, $5,128	75-68-74-71—288
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Kathleen Ekey, $5,128	75-69-72-72—288
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Jennifer Song, $4,162	70-76-72-71—289
Kelly Tan, $4,162	76-71-70-72—289
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Seon Hwa Lee, $3,765	75-72-72-71—290
Danah Bordner, $3,765	69-74-75-72—290
Mo Martin, $3,386	70-76-76-69—291
Dewi Claire Schreefel, $3,386	74-71-76-70—291
Lee Thompson, $3,386	73-73-73-72—291
Cindy LaCrosse, $3,386	70-74-70-77—291
Lisa Ferrero, $3,105	73-74-74-71—292
Ai Miyazato, $3,105	75-71-75-71—292
Lisa McCloskey, $3,105	74-70-76-72—292
Perrine Delacour, $2,939	73-73-78-69—293
Vicky Hurst, $2,939	74-73-73-73—293
Don Carter, $2,774	73-74-76-71—294
Birdie Kim, $2,774	73-72-77-72—294
Candie Kung, $2,774	69-72-81-72—294
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Korda wins Bahamas LPGA Classic

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PARADISE ISLAND, Bahamas — Jessica Korda laughed about her winning up-and-down and being sprayed with shaving cream. She choked up, too, thinking about her cancer-stricken coach.

The 20-year-old Korda won the season-opening Bahamas LPGA Classic on Sunday for her second tour title, holing a 6-foot birdie putt on the final hole to beat Stacy Lewis by a stroke.

Korda recently started working again with Grant Price after struggling with a swing she felt led to left shoulder and wrist injuries.

"Grant means so much to me," Korda said. "He's so positive, and that's really kind of shown. It's given me a lot of confidence this week. His positivity, and he's like, 'You're going to be ready for this week. You're going to be ready for this week.' ... Him being on the range and constantly kind of encouraging the positive in me, into my mind, it helped me so much."

Price, Hall of Famer Nick Price's nephew, is fighting testicular cancer.

"I've known Grant since I was 15 years old, so I know how it is and what's going on," Korda said. "But first thing I did, and I asked him, I was like, 'Can you help me? And if you can't, it's completely OK. Like, 'If you don't feel up to it, then it's fine.' Like, 'I don't mind, but I need to know if you're going to be OK first.' And that's how every practice started."

Korda closed with a 7-under 66 for a 19-under 273 total at Atlantis Resort's Ocean Club.

The third-ranked Lewis parred the final four holes — two of them par 5s — for a 66.

"I only birdied the 18th hole once this week and that made the difference," Lewis said. "Three of the four days I went over the green to the same place, so obviously that wasn't the place to be. But you are not doing a lot wrong if you a finish second. And that's what I'll take away from this week."

Korda tied Lewis for the lead with a 12-foot birdie putt on the par-3 17th, then got up-and-down for birdie on the par-5 18th. Korda's 4-iron approach on 18 scampered through the green and up against the grandstand. She took relief from the grandstand and, with an official and a TV announcer holding up cords that would have interfered with her stroke, putted under the wires to set up the winning birdie.

Stallings rallies from 3 behind to win at Torrey

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

Gregory Bull/AP

Scott Stallings holds the trophy after winning the Farmers Insurance Open on Sunday in San Diego.

SAN DIEGO — Scott Stallings was in the 18th fairway at Torrey Pines, 222 yards from the front of the green, needing a birdie to give himself a shot at outright victory Sunday in the Farmers Insurance Open. That's when his caddie told him, "Let's see what you've got."

Above all, he had experience.

One year and one week ago, Stallings was in a similar situation at the Humana Challenge. He hit a 6-iron from 220 yards, forgetting to account for a hanging lie until the ball sailed left and bounded into the water, the final mistake on a day he blew a five-shot lead.

He didn't make the same mistake twice.

Stallings hammered a 4-iron that narrowly cleared the water and set up two putts from 40 feet for a birdie. It gave him a 4-under 68 and a one-shot lead that turned into a victory when no one could catch him.

"I don't think one would happen without the other," Stallings said. "I actually thought about 18 at Humana the whole time on 18 today. Not that I was like, 'Oh, don't hit it in the water.' But it was, 'Just make sure you pay attention to everything that's going on.'"

His final birdie capped off a wild day at Torrey Pines, one that didn't include Tiger Woods or Phil Mickelson for the first time in two decades. Nine players had a share of the lead at one point. Eight players still had a reasonable chance in the final hour.

Stallings emerged the winner with one big shot, and now he's headed back to the Masters.

K.J. Choi had the best score of the week on the South Course with a 66 and was among five players who tied for second. The pins were set up in favorable positions for birdies, making the course play the easiest it had all week.

But that didn't make it easy — not for Gary Woodland, Jordan Spieth, Pat Perez and so many others who squandered a good chance to win.

Woodland appeared to have the best chance to catch Stallings. He was one shot behind — with plenty of length to reach the 18th in two — until he chose fairway metal off the tee on No. 17 and hooked it into the canyon. He felt he had to make his 45-foot par putt to have any chance, and three-putted for double bogey. Woodland, who had a one-shot lead going into the final round, missed an easy birdie attempt on the 18th and closed with a 74.

"This will be hard to swallow," Woodland said. "I felt like I kind of gave one away today."

Marc Leishman of Australia had the last chance to force a playoff, but his drive on the 18th went well right and bounced off the cart path and a fan. He had no chance to even consider going for the green in two. His wedge for an eagle stopped a few feet to the side of the hole, and a tap-in birdie gave him a 71.

Stallings finished at 9-under 279.

Jason Day (68) and Graham DeLaet of Canada (68) each made birdie on the last hole to tie for second. So did Perez, the San Diego native who grew up at Torrey Pines and whose father is the longtime starter on the first tee at the Farmers Insurance Open. Perez missed a 10-foot birdie chance on the 17th. He closed with a 70.

"It's great and bad," Perez said about his runner-up finish. "This is the one I want to win more than anything in the world, and I came up short. ... I thought today would have been my day. I would like to be in that position again."

Spieth didn't make a birdie over the last 15 holes, and he fell back with back-to-back birdies late in the round. The 20-year-old Texan made a meaningless bogey on the last hole that only cost him a spot in the top 10. By then, his day was over. He closed with a 75.

"I just lost control of the golf ball," Spieth said.

He also revealed that he tweaked his ankle Friday and felt it kept him from getting into the right position on his back swing.

Stallings, who started the final round three shots behind, won for the third time in his career. Two of those were tournaments that Woods played, yet Woods wasn't around on Sunday either time. He missed the cut in the Greenbrier Classic and did not make the 54-hole cut at Torrey Pines.

Stallings made six birdies over his last 11 holes, along with a pair of bogeys. Most remarkable is that he managed to hit only four fairways in the final round. But one that he did was important — the 537-yard closing hole, giving him a chance to get home in two for a birdie at worst.

He never considered laying up and trying to make birdie with a wedge in his hand.

"You don't get very many opportunities to win golf tournaments on this tour," he said. "I didn't necessarily understand the situation I was in as far as the score, but I did know I had an opportunity. ... I was playing to win."

Charley Hoffman, another San Diego native, made a hole-in-one on the third hole and closed with a 67 to tie for seventh, along with Ryo Ishikawa of Japan and Will MacKenzie, who each had a 70.

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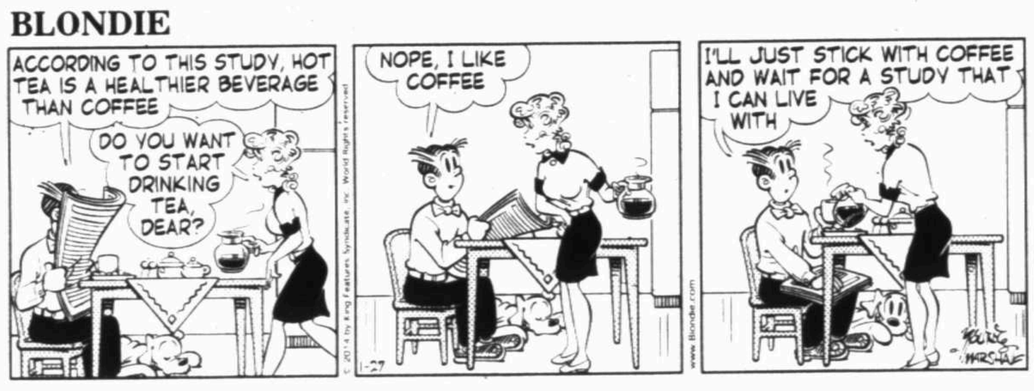

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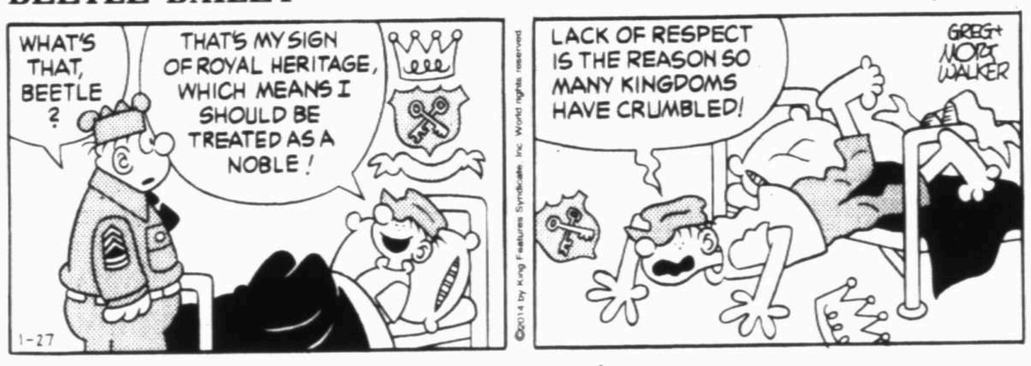

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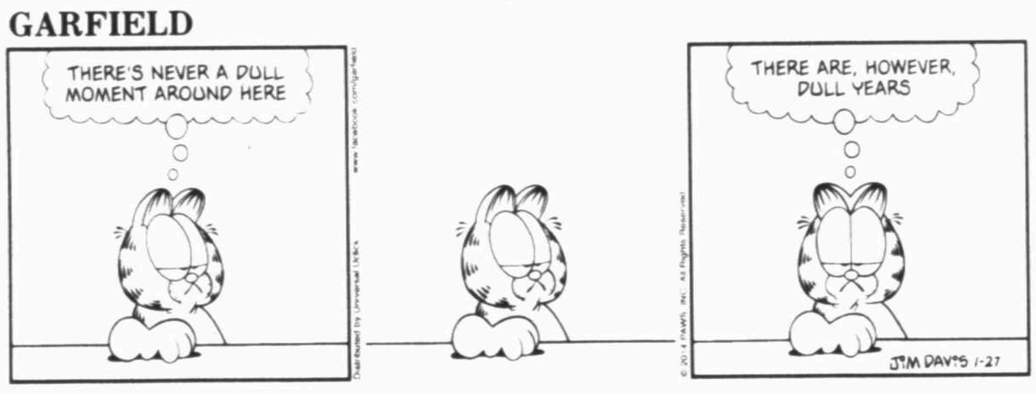

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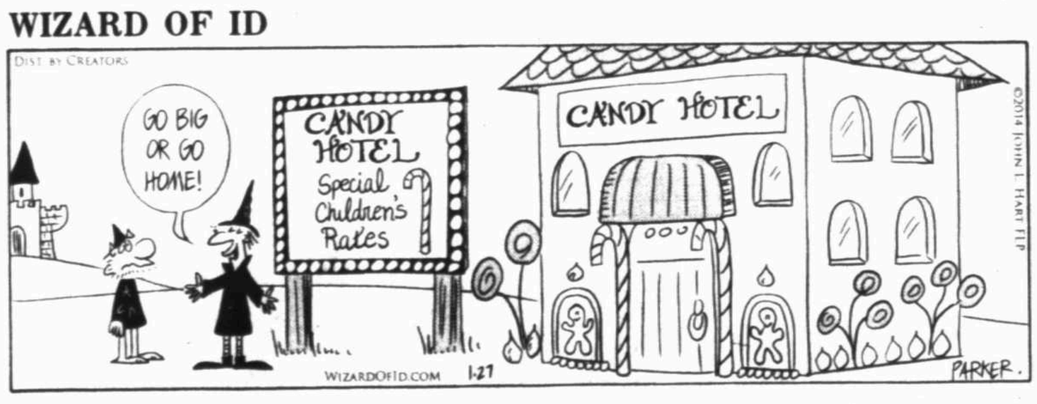

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TUESDAY: Mostly cloudy High: 35 Low: 19

WEDNESDAY: Sunny High: 50 Low: 37

THURSDAY: Mostly sunny High: 79 Low: 41

FRIDAY: Sunny High: 78 Low: 45

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny High: 72 Low: 44

Local forecast

Expect partly sunny skies today with a high around 33 and northeast winds between 25 and 30 mph decreasing to between 15 and 20 mph in the afternoon. Expects areas of blowing dust before 11 a.m. and wind gusts as high as 35 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly cloudy conditions with a low around 19 and northeast winds between 5 and 15 mph.

Tuesday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 35 and northeast winds between 5 and 10 mph. Expect mostly clear conditions at night, with a low around 19 and northeast winds between 5 and 10 mph becoming west after midnight.

Wednesday, the forecast calls for sunny skies during the day, mostly clear skies at night, with a high around 50 and a low around 37.

National forecast

An Alberta clipper system will push a cold front and snow showers into the Northeast today. The snow showers will leave some accumulation across northern New England, downwind of the Great Lakes and in the central Appalachians.

Precipitation

Saturday	0.00 in.
Sunday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	0.00 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.44 in.

Sunday's temperatures

High	73
Low	39
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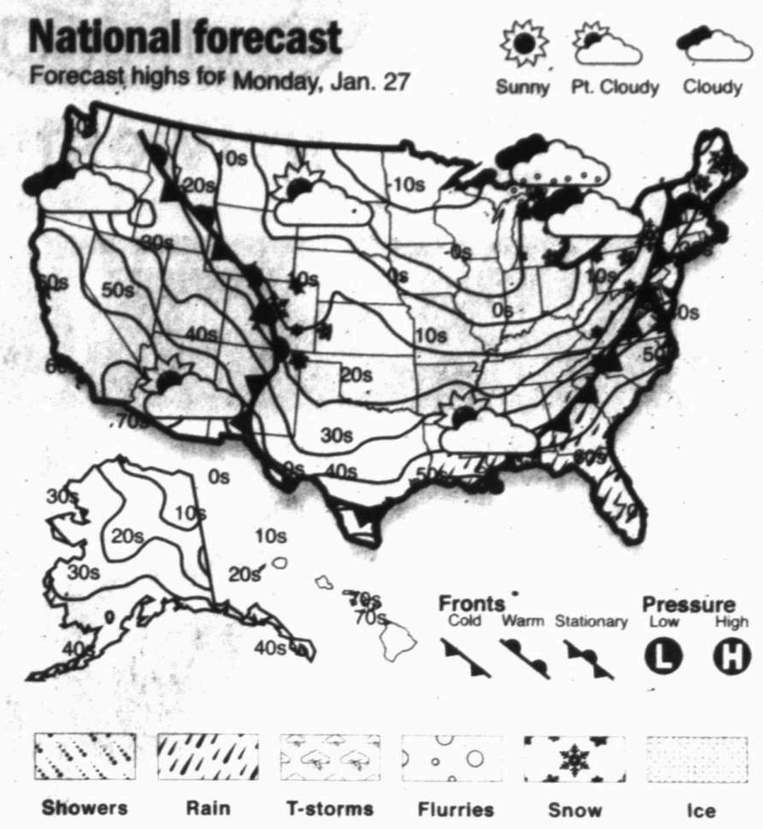
Normal low	31
Sunrise	7:45 a.m.
Sunset	6:18 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Monday, Jan. 27



Celebrate girl's big birthday without spending big bucks

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'm a 14-year-old girl going on 15. I am half-Mexican. In the Mexican culture, a girl's 15th birthday is the year in which she becomes a woman. Most girls have a "quinceanera" party for this birthday. But these celebrations cost a lot of money — almost as much as a wedding.

I have been debating whether or not I should have one. My mom says she would rather put the money toward my college fund. I agree with her, but I also feel like I should acknowledge my Mexican background as much as I do the Caucasian part. I don't want to pressure my parents, but I also don't want to be left out when my friends talk about their quinceaneras. What do you think? — PARTY OR NOT IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

DEAR PARTY OR NOT: A quinceanera may cost almost as much as a wedding, but there are weddings for every budget. We have all heard of families who have gone into debt to finance a wedding, but I never advise readers to go into debt for something like that.

If your primary reason for wanting a quinceanera is so you won't feel left out of the conversation when friends talk about theirs, consider a small celebration with some of your girlfriends. That way your college fund won't be depleted, and you'll spend fewer years paying off student loans.

One of my friends, Fabiola, told me that some godmothers ("madrinas") help to defray the cost of a quinceanera. There can be a godmother for the cake, another for the dress, etc. But she also told me that although her mother insisted she have a quinceanera, in thinking back about it, she wishes she'd had that money for college. There are other ways to celebrate your Mexican heritage than spending a lot of money, so please give this some serious thought.

DEAR ABBY: I just learned that my unborn child is a boy. Some people tell me that it's harder to raise a baby boy, but others tell me differently. I don't know who to believe anymore. I am only five months pregnant and already feeling stressed. — 19 AND CONFUSED

DEAR 19 AND CONFUSED: Your pregnancy and subsequent motherhood will be 100 percent easier if you stop listening to people who relish putting negative thoughts in the heads of others. If you want RELIABLE information about raising your little boy, the person to get it from is your pediatrician.

DEAR ABBY: I saw your Christmas column in which you included a note to all your Christian readers, and frankly I found it a little rude. Not only Christian people celebrate Christmas; many of us celebrate it as a secular holiday, a time to celebrate the love and joy in our lives and our family (both blood relatives and the people we make our family).

I don't recall you wishing a Happy Hanukkah, a Blessed Ramadan or a Happy Yule to your Jewish, Muslim and Pagan readers (although I may have missed it). I'm not usually one to care about such things, but since people from all walks of life come to you for advice, it would be nice to see you reach out to all of your readers. — HAPPY PAGAN CHICK IN DENVER

DEAR HAPPY PAGAN CHICK: You must not be a regular reader if you miss all of my holiday greetings. It has long been my practice to offer good wishes to my readers during the major holidays. This includes greetings to my Christian readers at Easter and Christmas, my Jewish readers at Yom Kippur and Hanukkah, and my Muslim readers when the fast of Ramadan is broken.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ 9 ♡ K Q 5 4 3 ◇ A Q J ♣ K Q 5 2
Right-hand opponent opens two-spades, weak. What call would you make?
A — Should you overcall three hearts or make a take-out double? Bidding three hearts after doubling requires a very good hand, 18 points minimum. We think this hand is good enough to double first and bid three hearts later, but it is a close decision. We would not fault a player who simply bid three hearts directly.

Q 2 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ K Q J 10 ♡ A 2 ◇ 10 6 5 4 ♣ A 10 5
The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
4♡	Pass	?	

What call would you make?
A — The players of yesteryear will remember a gadget called a "Culbertson Asking Bid," where a five-diamond bid here would ask about a diamond control for slam. That convention is a relic, and this hand isn't quite worth it anyway. Pass.

Q 3 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ Q 10 8 6 ♡ Void ◇ K Q 8 2 ♣ A K J 10 8
The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♡	Pass	2♣	Pass
2◇	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	?	

What call would you make?
A — Three no-trump would be a reasonable bid, but that would give up on a possible slam. A five-diamond contract is another option and, if we jump there right now, it will pinpoint our extreme heart shortness. Should partner hold a suitable hand without much wastage in hearts, he might raise to six. We would bid five diamonds.

Q 4 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ 9 ♡ Q J 8 5 3 ◇ 2 ♣ A 10 9 6 5 2
With the opponents silent, partner opens 1NT. What is your plan?
A — This hand is worth a game-force. Should you employ transfers, bid two diamonds, transferring to hearts and continue with a bid of three clubs. Without transfers, jump to three clubs now and bid hearts at your next turn, at the four-level, if necessary.

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. 27, 2014:

This year you open up to a different way of thinking. As a result, your long-term goals become more possible than in the past. You communicate effectively, and others respond. A better relationship will develop between you and a sibling or neighbor in the next 12 months. If you are single, a trip you take in the next year could be significant. You are likely to meet someone very different who opens you up to change. If you are attached, the two of you become much better friends. Traveling as a couple will bring you much closer. CAPRICORN understands you, perhaps too well.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ A friend or associate expresses his or her high energy, which matches your enthusiasm. A meeting allows an even broader perspective to be gained. Express your appreciation to an older friend or relative who goes to bat for you. Tonight: Say "yes." There is no room for "no."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ The mix of drive, energy and endurance that you manifest will be hard to beat. As a result of your performance, you will establish a newfound rapport with a supervisor. A conversation lets you know how appreciated you are. Tonight: Make it cozy, even if it is Monday.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Consider taking a new route or a different approach. You are so determined to get where you want to go that you barely can hear anyone else. Slow down, and you'll get powerful feedback. Be grateful for others' persistence. Tonight: Hang with a carefree friend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You might want to try to evolve to a new level of understanding, especially as you sense a roommate's or close friend's anxiety rising. Others will offer many suggestions, but one person demonstrates a better understanding of the dynamics. Listen well. Tonight: Show compassion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You could be surprised by what comes down your path. You tend to work well with unexpected occurrences. Think before you leap, as returning to where you were could be close to impossible. Pace yourself. Tonight: Slow down a little.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Be aware of your limits, especially regarding a difficult situation. Use your instincts with a domestic or personal matter involving your house. Your finances appear to be an issue. Don't worry — you will find a creative solution. Tonight: Add in more fun.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You have been more direct and far more feisty than usual. Notice how heated someone else becomes when he or she interacts with you. You might not realize how feisty you can be, but look at the reactions of those around you, and you'll get it. Tonight: Mosey on home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Be aware of your finances. You could be swallowing some anger and choose to deal with it by spending money. Slow down, and make an assessment. Learn a more effective way of expressing your more difficult feelings. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ If you feel pushed, you might be more than happy to go along with a change of pace. You might want to lighten up the moment. Return calls before settling on plans. Be aware of how possessive someone is before getting into a partnership with him or her. Tonight: Your treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Understand what is going on around you. Listen to your inner voice when dealing with a boss. Much that happens during the daytime might not be to your liking. Given space, you might recognize that it is all for the better. Tonight: Whatever appeals to you the most.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Focus on friends and your objectives. You will see that your inner circle supports your long-term desires. Be more open in sharing what you desire. Communication will flourish, and you'll feel unstoppable as a result. Tonight: Not to be found.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Responsibilities drop on you, whether you like it or not. Let a friend or loved one help you. There is no reason for you to carry the weight of this situation alone. Tonight: Find your friends. You simply will not be happy alone.

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Composer Wolfgang Mozart (1756), U.S. Chief Justice John Roberts (1955), writer Lewis Carroll (1832)

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4 Dinner bills
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14 Dean's email suffix
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16 "Respect" singer Franklin
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25 Far from being in agreement
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31 Before today
33 Contact lens care brand
35 Indian prince
39 What a pep talk is meant to do
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44 Strong veiny cheese
45 Chanced upon
46 Chess corner piece
49 Pizazz
51 Graduation garb
55 Quantity of 53-Down
58 Grifter's game
59 Diminish
60 Prima __: opera star
61 Schoolchildren
63 Time relaxing in a chalet, and where the first words of 17-, 25-, 39-, and 51-Across may appear
66 Some nuclear trials
67 Earth's natural satellite
68 Archaic
69 Nobel Prize-winning poet Pablo
70 Graph's x or y
71 Nintendo's Super __ console

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3 Took out, gangland-style
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5 Bordeaux boyfriend
6 Offer at Sotheby's
7 Great bargain
8 "Honor Thy Father" writer Gay
9 1,000-year Eur. realm
10 Come back into view
11 In a total fog
12 Use wool clippers on
13 Owned, in the Old Testament
18 K.C. Royal, e.g.
22 E.B. White's "Charlotte's __"
25 Ball-__ hammer
26 Normandy river
27 Naturally lit courtyard
29 Clothing patch type
31 Pale or malt brew
32 Baseball's Hodges
34 PC-to-printer port
36 "Sesame Street" puppeteer
37 Had a meal
38 FDR successor
40 Italian dessert sometimes made with espresso
41 Like much post-Christmas business
42 Drudge
47 Black Sea port
48 Old USSR spy gp.
50 Golf instructors
51 TV from D.C.
52 Sharp, as an eagle's eyesight
53 Photocopier supply
54 Only U.S. president born in Hawaii
56 Foot-to-leg joint
57 Hotel cleaning crew
60 Cozy rooms
62 U.K. business abbr.
64 Chicken __
65 French king

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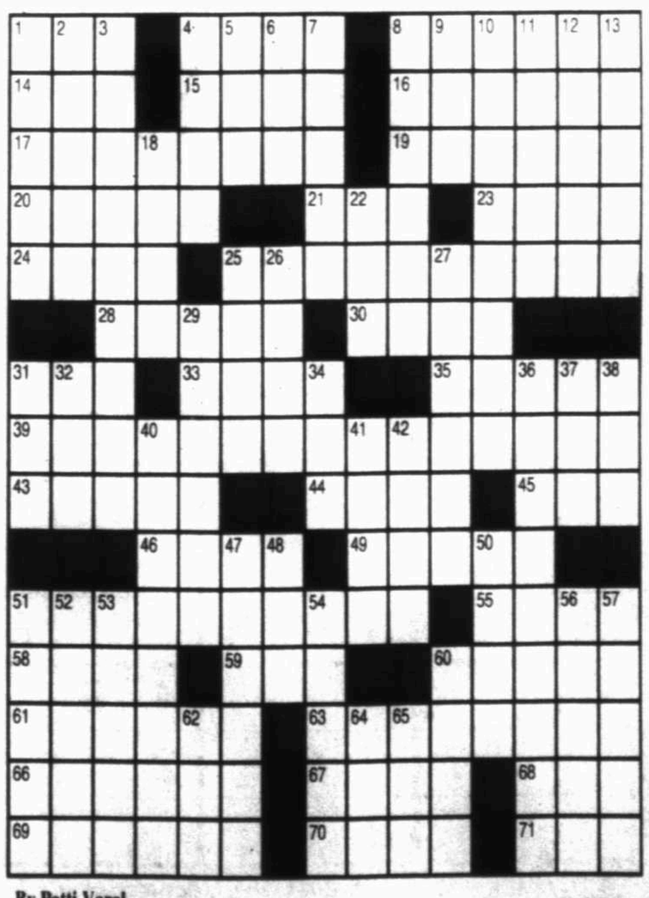

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Passenger Cars

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Passenger Cars

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2009 BMW 528i
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Blk/Blk Harman Kardon, Nav., 20k miles

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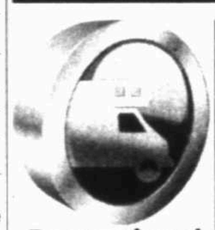

Recreational Vehicles

1994 FLEETWOOD Flair 34ft Turbo Diesel 6.5 69K miles, dual air, super clean. Suitable for full time living $10,000. Call Terry 325-725-9633

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38' GULF Stream motor home, 8.3 Cummins Diesel, rear engine Allison 6 speed automatic, 6 new Toyo tires, new awning, new paint, 2 roof airs, 2 flat screen TV's cable ready, full kitchen, 3 way refrigerator, ice maker, 6.5 Onan generator, sleeps 6. 83K miles, fully self contained ready to live in. $38,500. Cost $178,000 new. Must sell. Call 940-781-1735 8am-6pm

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REVENUE ANALYST

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Pay will be discussed at interview.

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TELLER POSITIONS AVAILABLE

MTCU is looking for individuals that are enthusiastic, and would like to build a career in Financial Services. We currently have **Teller postions** available. For more information send your resume to **PO Box 4307, Midland, TX 79704** or contact Cynthia at **432-688-7300**. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Church Administrator

Christ Church Anglican seeks full-time Administrator. Coordinate office functions, computer systems, events. Prior office or admin experience a must. Competitive salary & benefits. www.ccanglican.com/jobs Send resume/references to: admin@ccanglican.com.

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Christ Church Anglican seeks part-time custodian. Set up for events/classes, minor repairs & cleaning, access facility needs. Some night/weekend hours. www.ccanglican.com/jobs. Send resume/references to: admin@ccanglican.com.

Office Assistant

FULL -TIME -Office Assistant Needed for small office. Answer phone, filing,10 key, scanning, computer knowledge, must get a long well with others, must have organizational skills and attention to detail. Bi-lingual a plus. Please send resumes to 201 E Illinois, Box P-105, Midland, TX 79701

Office Personnel

Local company seeking full time experienced office personnel for clerical duties. **Kandace@horizontransportation.net**.

SECRETARY

3D Oilfield Services

Looking for an experienced **secretary**. Responsibilities will include answering telephone,preparing time sheets and expense reports,scanning and emailing invoices and other clerical duties as assigned. Basic knowledge of MS Excel. Hours 8:00am to 5:00pm, Monday to Friday. Apply in person at: **12800 WCR 133, Odessa,Tx** or email resume to **rogfoot@yahoo.com**

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Animal Krackers FT/PT

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ENERGY & UTILITIES

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Lighthouse Energy Solutions FT

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

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Entry Level Helpers

Production Lift Systems FT

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

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A family owned and growing Big Spring Oil Company needs individual with primarily geological/geophysical experience with management skills. Prefer some engineering experience also. Must be able to assume multiple responsibilities with a desire to grow with this family owned growing company. Must be willing to live in Big Spring. Company will pay partial moving expenses. Salary is negotiable with insurance, etc. Please send resume to **Sharp Image Energy, Inc., PO Box 1888, Big Spring, Tx 79721** or email to **mdevans@basin-net.net**.

OILFIELD AUTOMATION TECHNICIAN

Must be computer savvy. Prefer candidate with automation or controls experience. Experience with electronics a plus. High School education or equiv. required. Competitive pay + benefits. Journeyman Electrician a plus. Email resume to: **jobs@tanklogix.com**

OTHER JOBS

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

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person

Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

These positions require some physical 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.

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This position will assist in the distribution and delivery of Home Delivery and Single Copy newspapers. The successful candidate may also receive work assignments within many areas of the distribution function, which may include route delivery, transportation, customer service, and redelivery operations. The primary role of the Asst. District Manager is to provide exceptional customer service to both our subscribers and our independent contractor carrier force. This position works part of the time in an office or distribution center environment and the majority of the time within the assigned newspaper district or distribution area. Flexible work hours are required and may accommodate the applicants other obligations. Must have reliable transportation, high school diploma & positive work attitude.

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Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person

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ENERGY & UTILITIES

SUPERVISOR

ROUSTABOUT COMPANY SEEKING **SUPERVISOR** WITH EXPERIENCE IN OILFIELD SERVICE, MAINTENANCE AND SUPERVISING MULTIPLE CREWS. PLEASE SUBMIT RESUME TO **ROXANNE@MIDLANDROUSTABOUT.COM** OR COMPLETE APPLICATION AT **5800 E I-20, MIDLAND, TX 79706**.

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Thomas Campagna, DMD FT

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Clinic Nurse LVN- Addiction Treatment Center

Midland/Odessa

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Medical Office Receptionist

Experienced Receptionist needed for two busy offices. Must be willing to travel between Midland and Odessa. Attractive salary and benefits. Medical experience required. Please mail resume to: PO Box 8729, Midland, Tx 79708

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LaQuinta Inn & Suites - Loop 250 & Hwy 191 FT/PT

Full time and part-time. Bilingual a Plus! Please Apply at LaQuinta Inn & Suites, Loop 250; Next to Kohl's

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Midland, TX **0-1 Years Exp.**

HOUSEKEEPING AND MAINTENANCE NEEDED! Applicants must be able to lift 25lbs or more. Experience preferred. Apply in person

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Salary position with benefits. Previous cleaning experience helpful and bilingual a plus. Please apply in person at LaQuinta Inn & Suites; next to Kohl's on Loop 250.

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All Positions

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Midland, TX 79701

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Midland, TX 79701

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Construction Laborer, 12 temporary pos. Belmontes Quality Construction LLC, Midland, TX. 2/1/2014-12/1/2014. Dig, spread, level dirt/gravel; left, carry, hold & clean building materials, equipment, tools, supplies. No exp req, will train, able to lift up to 50 lbs, pre-employment & random drug testing, criminal background check. $9.00 - $12.00/hr, $13.50 - $18.00/hr OT. 40hrs/wk OT varies. 7a-4p, M-F, some Saturday's required. Transportation provided from central location for multiple job sites in Midland County. Call 432-978-8757 to schedule an interview or email resume to belmontes.lb87@gmail.com. Refer to JO#3214094

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Hiring for Seasonal Help!
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QSN Realty: Needs Full Time & Part Time Office Clerk for corporate office. Fax resume 432-520-9434, apply in person only at 5010 W. Loop 250 N. or email: barely7007@hotmail.co

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Experienced Housekeeper needed for private home, English speaking & references. Pay DOE. Call 432-214-3276

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Would you like to make **$15-$20** an hour? Now hiring Hibachi Chefs, Managers, Waitresses, Hostesses, Cashiers, Bartenders, Bus Help, Dishwashers & Kitchen Help. Please apply in person: **1207 Tradewinds Blvd. 79706.**

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SALES JOBS

Multi-Media Sales Consultant

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

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

Qualifications & Skills:

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

The Hearst Corporation is one of the largest diversified communications companies. Its major interests include magazine, newspaper and business publishing, cable networks, television and radio broadcasting, Internet businesses and more. As an associate of the Midland Reporter-Telegram; you join more than 20,000 in the Hearst family. The Multi-Media Sales Consultant is a full-time, outside sales position. We offer a competitive compensation plan and benefits package, comprehensive training, mileage allowance, and the opportunity to advance your career in an exciting, progressive, and innovative organization in one of the fastest growing markets in Texas.

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

Jeri Houston, Advertising Sales Manager
Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Avenue, Midland, TX 79701
or email to: jhouston@mrt.com

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Forklift Operator

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

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

- Ability to read and write
- Ability to lift up to 50 lbs.
- Ability to bend and reach overhead
- Ability to count accurately and do simple math
- Able to operate a forklift and willing to be certified
- Be reliable, responsible and able to follow instructions
- Capable of standing and walking for extended period of time
- Able to work in various environments that include winter and summer conditions.
- Must be able to work weekends when necessary

RESPONSIBILITES:

- Accurate loading and unloading of printed materials in a safe and efficient manner
- Ensure material are efficiently/properly stacked and stored in appropriate and designated areas
- Perform other non-forklift duties when assigned

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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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BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

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

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

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

If interested in starting a newspaper route:
Please CALL LINDA at 687.8807 or stop by
The Midland Reporter-Telegram
201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701

OTHER JOBS

Senior Accountant/Controller
Equipment company has immediate opening for **Senior Accountant/Controller**. Qualifications include: Bachelors Degree in Accounting. Minimum 5 years accounting experience. knowledge of US GAAP. experience with general ledger and sub ledgers. ability to work independently with strong communication skills. must be able to handle multiple priorities and meet deadlines. Competitive Salary & Benefits
Please send resume to ktrujillo@ciscoeq.com.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Emergency Shelter Administrator
Emergency Shelter Administrator: Full time position with benefits for a respected Child Placing Agency, High Sky Children's Ranch. Requires strong leadership skills, ability to develop a team, monitor a high volume documentation requirements, light travel and on call. Position requires a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree. Preference given to applicants with Master's in Social Work or related field. 2 years supervisory experience preferably in the Social Work field including a GRO or CPA setting. If you would like a full job description or to send a resume, contact Shawna Bowerman at shawnab@highsky.org. Position closes 2/3/14. No phone calls please.

Shelter Case Manager
Shelter Case Manager: Full time position with benefits for High Sky Children's Ranch. Requires strong writing skills and the ability to develop a team focused on improving the lives of children's and meeting their behavioral and developmental needs. Must be able to self-manage a high volume of documentation requirements and meet deadlines as requested. Requires ability to do on call and work outside of regular business hours at times. Position requires a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree, preferably in the social service filed, 2 years of full time work and supervisory experience with children, families, and staff. For a full job description please contact Karen Kendrick at karenb@highsky.org. Position closes on 02/28/14. No phone calls please.

RETAIL JOBS

Available Positions
Walgreens new location, 3221 W. Wadley Avenue, Midland opening soon. Hiring for all positions including Pharmacy. Excellent Benefits, employee discounts, great pay. Apply online @ www.walgreens.com

SALES JOBS

APPRENTICE
Peerless Tyre Company FT
Looking for full time and part time tire Apprentices. Must be over 18 years of age, possess a valid driver's license and pass a pre-employment drug screen and background check. Starting **$12/hour** or depending on experience. Apply **2804 W. Wall, Midland** or **3401 Andrews Hwy, Odessa or call Royce at 720-300-7854**

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with your name and phone number and we will call you to answer any question you may have before you decide to apply! We will make the hiring process as easy as possible for you! As always, come on down to any of our Midland/Odessa locations and apply at any time!
Or apply at www.indeed.com
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SALES JOBS

Sales And Designer
FLOWERLAND FT
Designer needed. Must have good customer relations and phone etiquette. Computer experience preferred. Saturdays & holidays required. Fax resume to 432-682-8949, apply in person, or email resume to tomwilliams@flowerlandmidland.com, no phone calls please.

Salesperson
Salesperson needed for mattress store in Midland. Are you tired of working furniture store hours from dawn to dark? Personable, energetic individual needed for part time position. Should be good with people and have a professional appearance. Job description includes both sales and clerical/administrative duties. No late hours or Sundays. Mail resume to Sleep Shop, 3303 W. Illinois, Midland, TX. 79703

STORE MANAGERS and CASHIERS
Smoker's Outlet is looking for **Store Managers** and **Cashiers** in the Midland area. We offer competitive wages and a good work environment. Paid weekly. Go by your nearest **Smoker's Outlet** to apply.

SKILLED LABOR

Commercial Journeyman Electricians
Electrical Maintenance Construction is looking for **Commercial Journeyman Electricians**. Pay DOE. Excellent benefits including 401(k), dental, vision, paid holidays and free medical for employee. Please send resumes to **sbarr@aeronline.com** or call **432-563-5000**.

SALES JOBS

GUARDIAN A ShawCor Company

Guardian, A Division of ShawCor, is a leading provider of a complete range of tubular management services including web-based inventory systems, mobile and in-plant inspection, straightening and repair of drill pipe, production tubing and casing, and a wide range of machining and fabrication.

We are seeking an aggressive, enthusiastic and determined Sales Representative for our Midland -Odessa, Texas location who can professionally represent our products and services to new and existing customers throughout West Texas.

Responsibilities:

- Responsible for maintaining and expanding new and existing sales accounts.
- Service accounts by direct and indirect contact with customers, preparing quotations, and follow up on pending quotes.
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- Maintain professional and technical knowledge by attending sales meetings to provide and obtain updates on industry developments, market trends and customer needs.
- Co-ordinate customer orders by confirming pricing, deliveries and any other information.
- Resolve customer issues by investigating problems, developing solutions, and making recommendations.
- Preparation of timely sales reports.

Qualifications:

- College diploma in related discipline combined with 3-5 years in a similar role
- Proven experience in developing new business, repeat business and managing a sales territory in the oilfield
- Excellent relationship building skills
- Experience in oil field tubular goods
- Superior customer service skills and excellent telephone manner closing skills
- Ability to self-start and work independently
- Valid driver's license.

We offer an attractive compensation package commensurate with experience.

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We thank all applicants for their interest but advise that only those selected for an interview will be contacted. No Phone calls please.

SKILLED LABOR

ENTRY LEVEL SHOP ASSISTANT
Oilfield company seeking entry level **Shop Assistant**. Position offers competitive wages and excellent benefits. Please email resume to: **scasbeer@pdclogic.com** or fax to: **432-684-4811**.

HVAC PROJECT MANAGER
Berger Engineering Company, a national mechanical contractor based in Dallas, Texas has a career opportunity for a qualified **Project Manager** to direct our operations in the Midland-Odessa, Texas area. A Mechanical Engineering degree or equivalent experience is desirable with a full understanding of HVAC systems. We offer a full benefit package. Please respond to: **dberger@berger-engr.com** or fax to **214-459-1064**.

I & E Tech
IMMEDIATELY NEEDED: I & E TECH for natural gas processing plant and gathering system near Rankin, Texas. Must have experience with electronic and pneumatic instrumentation and be able to troubleshoot 480V 3 phase electrical service. Experience with generators and plant automation a plus. Must be willing to take night and weekend call outs. Fax resume to (432) 693-2132 or mail to Benedum Gas Plant, HC 34 Box 63, Midkiff, Texas. 79755

Invoicing Clerk
Basin Engine and Pump FT
Invoicing Clerk needed for Oilfield Service Company. Pay DOE, insurance and 401K provided. Please send resume to shawn@basinengine.com.

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

Maintenance Person
Full time maintenance person for locally owned complex. Duties will include routine repairs and make readies. Must be willing to follow directions and have dependable transportation. Salary DOE. Apply in person at Live Oak Village, 2700 N. Midland Dr. beginning Monday the 27th thru Friday the 31st between 1:00 p.m and 5:30 p.m.

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Plant Operator
Plant Operator Needed Immediately: Experience preferred but not required. Location near Stanton, TX. Fax resume to 432-458-3423 or mail to Sale Ranch, 2873 FM 829, Stanton, TX 79782. Can Email resume to: dsatterfield@wtgbenedum.com

PRESSMAN
The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an immediate opening in its Production Department for the position of: PRESSMAN for our Harris N 1650 Printing presses.
This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position, requires: night shift/weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.
Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701. E-mail:jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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Slickline Operators
Needed: Experienced Slickline Operators. Experince needed in the following areas: Cutting Paraffin, Broaching, fishing, plunger work, T.D's cement tops ect. Must pass a drug test. Need to have a desire to work with a new growing company, with great benefits & new equipment. Call 432-788-8501 for details.

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TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

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CDL Drivers
AES Drilling Fluids Permian, LLC needs drivers for our yards in Midland, Ozona and Pecos. Must have class A CDL with Hazmat Endorsement. Tanker and flatbed drivers are needed, call Farrell at 432-853-4884

CDL Driver
T&J Hotshot - Midland, TX Looking for **CDL driver**, Hazmat Endorsement a plus. Must have good driving record, 3 year work history and 3 references. For more information and to apply, email resumes to **tlockhart6268@yahoo.com** or call **432-254-2862**.

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Seeking Vacuum Driver. Must have good driving record and be able to pass drug test. Experienced applicants only. Competitive wages, paid health insurance/dependant, uniforms & retirement benefits. Call 432-682-2405 or apply in person.

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Miscellaneous for Sale

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Miscellaneous for Sale

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Residential Sales

Homes for Sale

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Residential Sales

Homes for Sale

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Residential Sales

Homes for Sale

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Residential Sales

Vacation & Resort Property

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Lots & Land

Acreage

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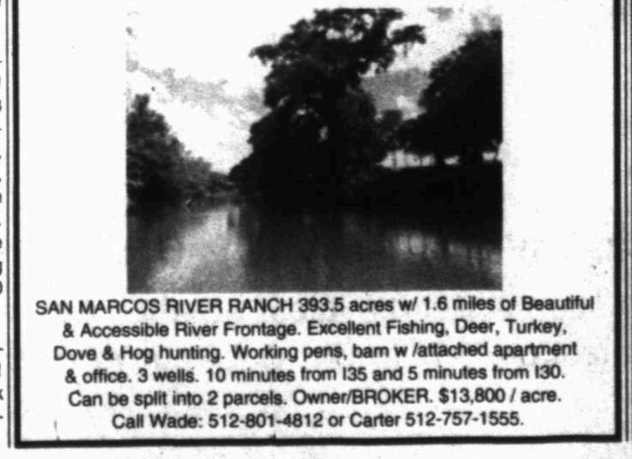

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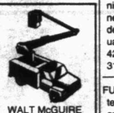

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