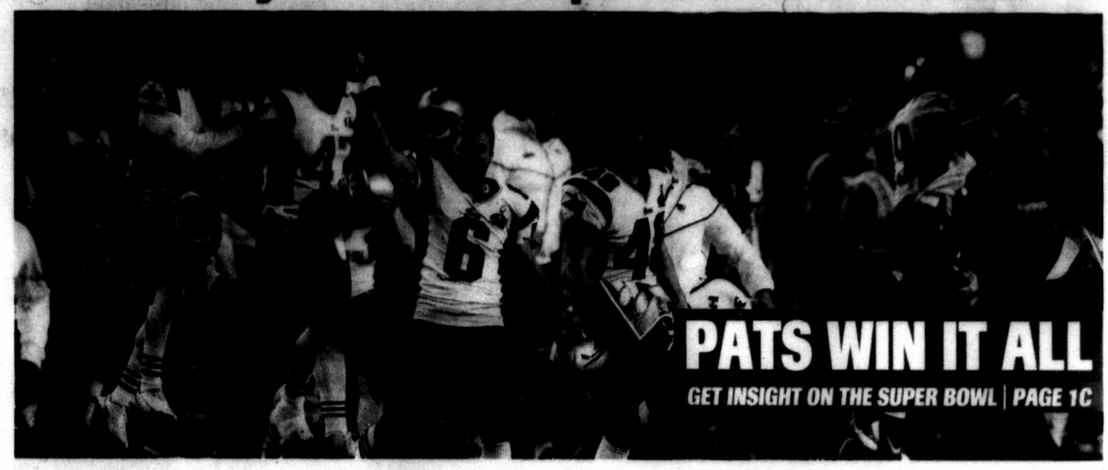
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Job losses in the oil industry strike home

Growing number of workers face new reality of unemployment

Editor's note: The Reporter-Telegram has and will continue to reach out to area industry leaders to offer their take on where the industry is and what the future has in store for the Permian Basin. Any leaders who would like to offer their take can contact Editor Stewart Doreen at sdoreen@mrt.com.

By Ryan Holeywell
Houston Chronicle

After more than a decade as an engineer with Schlumberger, Jack Robbins was surprised at his abrupt dismissal from the company in December.

Robbins and 9,000 others who lost their jobs at the oilfield services company were among the growing numbers of industry workers facing unemployment because of the falling price of crude.

"It was 'go to your desk, get your stuff and get out,'" Robbins said. "I was paraded in front of the whole center. Talk about a walk of shame."

Robbins' experience represents the new reality for growing numbers of oil and gas sector workers.

For the past few years, as the U.S. oil business surged and a barrel brought $100 or more, energy companies lamented the difficulty of finding qualified personnel to fill their ranks. That shortage of workers made employment in the oil and gas sector steady and lucrative.

But today, as oil prices plummet and show no signs of rebounding in the immediate future, employment in the energy sector is getting dicier.

"I've listened to vice presidents and even the CEO come in and whine about retention and ask 'what do we have to do to get people to stay,'" Robbins said. "After all the talk about people being so important — this was swift."

Layoffs and pay freezes

The rapid shift in job security continued last week as oil producers BP and ConocoPhillips announced unspecified numbers of layoffs, along with pay freezes for the

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OPEN PROBLEMS



AP file photo

Gun rights advocates carry rifles while protesting outside the Texas Capitol in Austin on Jan. 13. Although Texas has more than 800,000 concealed handgun license holders, it is one of only six states that don't allow open carry, a ban that dates almost to the Civil War. But open carry looked primed to pass this year with strong support from Gov. Greg Abbott and other top Republicans who have dominated state politics for two decades.

Gun debate turns wild, dangerous at Capitol

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas gun debate has gone wild, wild west.

A confrontation between gun owners and a state lawmaker who later was given a state security detail. Panic buttons installed in legislative offices. Guns made and displayed at the Capitol gates.

What many thought was a slam-dunk in the Republican-controlled Legislature — allowing the open carry of handguns in Texas — turned into a tempest in the opening weeks of the session. And its chances of passing seemed to further diminish when one of the state's most outspoken conservatives flip-flopped on whether it's even a priority issue.

The antics have left some gun-rights advocates shaking their heads.

"(Open carry) has been pushed off the rails by the nut jobs," said Jerry Patterson, a former Marine, gun enthusiast and open-carry advocate who wrote the state's concealed handgun license law as a state lawmaker in the early 1990s.

Although Texas has more than 800,000 concealed handgun license holders, it is one of only six states that don't allow open carry, a ban that dates almost to the Civil War. But open carry looked primed to pass this year with strong support from Gov. Greg Abbott and other top Republicans.

Several bills have already been filed with varying levels of open carry. Most call for licensed open carry similar to the concealed handgun law. Others advocate allowing the open carry of handguns

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Another Eagle Ford south of the border?

■ As price of oil slides, rosy vision of drilling untapped shale in Mexico put on delay

By David McCumber
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — It's not hard to see the Eagle Ford shale play from space.

Antonio Ortiz-Mena, head of the Office of Economic Affairs at the Mexican Embassy, recently gazed at a satellite photo showing the region ablaze with light. To the southwest, across the Mexican border, there was nothing but darkness.

"There's no reason there should be that contrast," said Ortiz-Mena. Mexico's shale reserves are the sixth-largest in the world, right behind the United States. Much of that lies in the dark spot on the photo — the Burgos Basin that shares the Eagle Ford's geology — and the nearby Sabinas Basin.

For the first time in eight decades, Mexico is opening its oil to foreign investment and partnership. But just as Mexico is gearing up its historic drive to turn its huge energy potential into revenue by partnering with foreign investors and producers, those ambitious energy reform plans have hit a major bump in the road: Low oil prices.

"I would think it gives them a little cause for concern in terms of how rapidly they want to attract investment," Ryan Lance, CEO of Houston's ConocoPhillips, said at a recent conference. Foreign investment "would certainly come quicker at higher commodity prices."

Mexico's finance secretary, Luis Videgaray Caso, announced in January that bidding for some fields being opened up in round one of the energy reform process would be delayed — likely deepwater and unconventional explorations more vulnerable to oil-price pressure. That includes some Sabinas shale fields originally set to be part of the first round of bidding.

Some more easily accessible shallow-water offshore fields and some heavy oil onshore plays will probably be put out for bid this spring in the initial stages of the country's energy-reform initiative.

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Maximiano Vazquez-Guevara, left, his wife, Ashley Bowen, and their 6-year-old daughter, Nevaeh Vazquez, pose for a photo outside their home Saturday in the northeast Denver suburb of Commerce City, Colo. The presidential executive order that fast-tracked immigration hearings for last summer's flood of Central American migrants may have had unintended consequences in canceling hearings for non-detained immigrants with longstanding cases such as Vazquez-Guevara. Vazquez-Guevarra, 34, recently won his appeal to become a legal permanent resident. But his case still needs to go in front of an immigration judge one last time, and it has been pulled from the docket. Thousands of immigrants seeking legalization through the U.S. court system have had their hearings canceled and are being told by the government that it may be 2019 or later before their futures are resolved.

Immigrants told legalization hearings canceled

By Seth Robbins
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Thousands of immigrants seeking legalization through the U.S. court system have had their hearings canceled and are being told by the government that it may be 2019 or later before their futures are resolved.

Some immigration lawyers fear the delay will leave their clients at risk of deportation as evidence becomes dated, witnesses disappear, sponsoring relatives die and dependent children become adults.

The increase in cancellations began late last summer after the Justice Department prioritized the tens of thousands of Central American migrants crossing the U.S.-Mexico border, most of them mothers with children and unaccompanied minors.

Immigration lawyers in cities that absorbed a large share of those cases, including New York, San Antonio, Los Angeles and Denver, say they've had hearings canceled with little notice and received no new court dates. Work permits, green cards, asylum claims, and family reunifications hang in the balance.

Denver immigration lawyer David Simmons said he's never seen such a standstill in nearly 30 years of practice. "There is no maneuverability," he said. "It's as if we have no court at all."

One of Simmons' clients, Maximiano Vazquez-Guevarra, 34, recently won his appeal to become a legal permanent resident. But his case still needs to go in front of an immigration judge one last time, and it has been pulled from the docket.

Vazquez, who is from the Mexican state of Guanajuato, entered the U.S. illegally in 1998. He has been fighting deportation since 2011, when he came to authorities' attention after his second driving under the influence charge. He lives in suburban Denver with his American wife, Ashley Bowen, and their 6-year-old daughter, and they are expecting their second child in August.

Meanwhile Vazquez's brother in Mexico is dying of kidney failure, and Vazquez can't leave the country. "It's sad," Vazquez said in a telephone interview. "I feel bad not seeing him, to say one last goodbye."

Before July, only immigrants in detention were considered a priority for the courts. Under the new policies, unaccompanied minors and families facing deportation also have priority status, regardless of whether they're in detention.

The Executive Office for Immigration Review, the Justice Department body that oversees the nation's immigration courts, could not say precisely how many hearings had been canceled. But it said more than 415,000 immigrants who are not in detention have cases pending.

Hearings are being rescheduled for Nov. 29, 2019, as a way to keep cases on the docket, said Lauren Alder Reid, legislative and public affairs counsel for EOIR. Most, however, are likely to receive other dates — either earlier or later, as docket times become available, she said.

Simmons said thousands of non-priority cases in Denver alone have had hearings canceled.

When the surge hit last summer, immigration courts there were already short two judges because of retirements. Two of the three remaining Denver immigration judges are hearing, via videoconference, cases of families detained in a new detention center in South Texas. The third Denver judge is hearing cases involving unaccompanied minors who've been placed with relatives.

David Martin, a law professor at the University of Virginia who worked for two Democratic presidents, criticized Congress and the Obama administration for not funding more immigration judges.

"You fund more investigators, more detention space, more border patrol, almost all of these are going to produce some kind of immigration court case," he said. "You are putting a lot more people into the system. It's just going to be a big bottleneck unless you increase the size of that pipeline."

San Antonio's immigration courts, which like Denver's are handling a large number of unaccompanied children and detained families, also have seen the cancellations of all non-detainee hearings, which are not considered priority.

Lance Curtright, a San Antonio lawyer, said hearings have been postponed for hundreds of cases his firm is handling. Long-time green card holders facing deportation over minor crimes or procedural issues are going to suffer needlessly, along with their families, he said.

"This is their home, and they don't know if they are going to be forcibly removed from it," he said. "And they are not going to get any resolution on that until 2019."

Limbo does not jeopardize all immigrants facing deportation as many are still able to work under existing permits until their cases can be heard. The delays might even provide some immigrants with weaker petitions more time to build a stronger case.

"Moving the docket back four years to some people will be devastating," said Anthony Drago, an immigration lawyer in Boston. "To other people it's, wow, four years in the United States."

Asylum seekers, who often have had to leave behind families in countries ravaged by war and violence, are among the hardest hit, said Bryan Johnson-Xenitelis, an immigration lawyer in New York. His firm has had eight case hearing cancellations so far, including that of a severely disabled young man from Ukraine with an asylum petition. Another dozen asylum claims at his firm have not been scheduled.

Many fear that cases like these will linger indefinitely at the bottom of the pile if there's another wave of Central American migrants.

"Starting May or June, there is likely going to be another surge of unaccompanied kids or families," said Manoj Govindaiah, a lawyer for the San Antonio-based Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services. "Presumably, this issue is going to continue."

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

Gov. Abbott: Common Core fans have 'buyer's remorse'

Gov. Greg Abbott says that states adopting Common Core educational standards continue to suffer from "buyer's remorse" under a wave of conservative criticism.

Abbott argued against the standards in an appearance on "Fox News Sunday."

The Texas Legislature two years ago banned the State Board of Education from adopting Common Core standards statewide.

ENNIS

Police shoot, wound gunman in truck pursuit

Texas Rangers are investigating the police shooting of a man in north Texas who officers say drove toward them in his pickup truck after a pursuit.

A longtime critic of Common Core, Abbott said Sunday that the Obama administration pushing states to adopt the standards explains why "suddenly we've seen so many parents, so many states, so many school districts reject it so harshly."

Police in Ennis, about 30 miles south of Dallas, said the shooting occurred Saturday evening as they were responding to a call about a gunman threatening another driver.

Ennis Police Lt. Mike Hopson said when officers tried to stop him, he refused. He eventually lost control and hit a street sign. Police ordered the man to get out but he began driving toward them.

One officer fired at the pickup windshield, hitting the driver.

Hopson said a loaded bolt-action rifle was found inside the man's truck. The gunman, whose name hasn't been released, is hospitalized in Dallas in critical condition and facing multiple charges.

DALHART

State looking at salmonella cases in Texas Panhandle

State health officials are investigating about a dozen cases of salmonella over the past several weeks in Dallam and Hartley counties in the northwest corner of the Texas Panhandle.

The director of the infection prevention program at Dalhart's Coon Memorial Hospital says the number of cases prompted the alert to state authorities. They're contacting people who have or have had the illness to try to find a common thread.

Salmonella illness is spread by eating contaminated foods, drinking contaminated water or having hand-to-mouth contact with an infected person or animal. It usually develops 12 to 72 hours after infection and can cause diarrhea, fever and abdominal cramps. The illness lasts around four to seven days.

Scientist widely considered father of birth control pill dies

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Carl Djerassi, the chemist widely considered the father of the birth control pill, has died.

Djerrasi died of complications of cancer Friday in his San Francisco home, Stanford University spokesman Dan Stober said. He was 91.

Djerassi, a professor emeritus of chemistry at Stanford, was most famous for leading a research team in Mexico City that in 1951 developed norethindrone, a synthetic molecule that became a key component of the first birth control pill.

"The pill," as it came to be known, radically transformed sexual practices and women's lives. The pill gave women more control over their fertility than they had ever had before and permanently put doctors — who previously didn't see contraceptives as part of their job — in the birth control picture.

"He also is the only person, to my knowledge, to receive from President Nixon the National Medal of Science and to be named on Nixon's blacklist in the same year."

Richard N. Zare, Stanford professor

In his book, "This Man's Pill," Djerassi said the invention also changed his life, making him more interested in how science affects society.

In 1969, he submitted a public policy article about the global implications of U.S. contraceptive research, according to the Stanford News Service. In 1970, he published another article about the feasibility of a birth control pill for men.

"The thoughts behind these two public policy articles had convinced me that politics, rather than science, would play the dominant role in shaping the future of human birth control," he wrote.

Later in life, Djerassi, a native of Austria who came to the U.S. in 1939 with his mother, wrote poems, short stories and plays. He used stock earnings from the company that made the pill to help collect Paul Klee art work, which he donated to the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, the San Francisco Chronicle reported.

"Carl Djerassi is probably the greatest chemist our department ever had," Richard N. Zare, the Marguerite Blake Wilbur Professor in Natural Science at Stanford, said in an obituary released by the university. "I know of no person in the world who combined the mastery of science with literary talent as Carl Djerassi."

"He also is the only person, to my knowledge, to receive from President Nixon the National Medal of Science and to be named on Nixon's blacklist in the same year," Zare added.

Djerassi told the Chronicle last year he was tired of talking about the pill.

"Carl did many things in his life — he was a true Renaissance man and scholar," Philip Darney, a contraceptive scientist and director of the University of California, San Francisco's Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health, told the Chronicle.

Obituaries





Felisitas Valles

Felisitas Valles went peacefully surrounded by family into the arms of her Lord and Savior on January 30, 2015. A Rosary will be held at 7:00 pm Monday, February 2, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. A Funeral Mass will be held at 2:00 pm Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at Our Lady Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Resthaven North Cemetery.

Felisitas was born to Rosalia and Santiago Vasquez and was lovingly raised by Ramona and Rafael Hernandez. Felisitas, known by many as BaBa, served Our Lady of Guadalupe Church as a Guadalupana and on the Altar Society. She loved the Lord with all her heart; in her brief time of illness she still prayed with her children every night.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her sisters Odelia Hughes and Inez Diaz; her brothers, Carlos Hernandez, Guillermo Vasquez, and Jesus Vasquez; and her granddaughter with whom she shared a rare and unique love, Barbara Pacheco.

She leaves to honor and cherish her memories: her husband of 65 years, Merced "ME" Valles, her children Ray (Manuela) Hernandez, Frank (Angie) Valles, Ester (Johnny) Parades, Eva (Raymond) Luna, Tony Valles, Mary (Victor) Perez, and Joe (Lucie) Valles, all of Midland, and Rudy (Mary) Valles of Austin, Texas and Roxanne (Gilbert) Resendez of Bryan, Texas; 21 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, 3 great-great grandchildren, and her sister Ofelia Gonzales, all who she loved with all her heart. Pallbearers will be her grandsons: Anthony Hernandez, Chris Valles, Steven Valles, Eddie Valles, Daniel Valles, Justin Perez, Marcus Perez, J.P. Perez, Christian Perez, and Joshua Resendez.

GiGi, as her family called her, had a huge heart for family and beamed when they came to visit.

Although we know she is in paradise, and await our blessed reunion there, our hearts are heavy at her passing. She was a strong and beautiful woman who will be greatly missed. We love you, our Mama, grandma, and GiGi but are so blessed God gave us you for as long as we had.

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

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JOBS

From 1A

employees who survive the cuts.

Schlumberger and its oilfield services rival Baker Hughes earlier this year announced a combined 16,000 layoffs.

Shell, Halliburton and Apache also have said they'll cut undisclosed numbers of workers.

Karr Ingham, an economist who compiles a monthly index tracking oil industry activity, has projected that Texas alone could lose 50,000 upstream oil and gas jobs.

An estimated 215,100 people worked in the U.S. oil and gas extraction industry in October, the most recent snapshot available from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The category ranged from technical professionals including geologists and engineers to oil field workers like roustabouts and wellhead pumpers. That was a 44 percent increase since 2007, before the surge in producing oil and gas from dense shale rock. Overall U.S. employment during the same time period remained virtually flat.

The oil and gas boom — which occurred as much of the rest of the U.S. economy remained sluggish in the wake of the global economic downturn in 2008 — put a shine on energy work as a safe bet. That's starting to change and is catching workers unaware.

"I didn't see it coming," said a Schlumberger worker laid off recently in California. That employee — and all the others quoted in this story besides Robbins — asked that their names not be used for fear of repercussions.

The 20-year California Schlumberger employee said oil and gas workers are well aware the industry is cyclical but that the crest in recent years seemed firmer. The employee's team always seemed busy, and even as oil prices took a dive, the volume of work didn't slow down.

"I was productive, and I know I'm highly respected by my clients," the California worker said. "I live modestly, so I think I'll be OK. But emotionally, it's been pretty hard."

A Schlumberger spokesman declined to discuss layoff details.

Tobias Read, CEO of Swift Worldwide Resources, an oil and gas industry staffing firm, said the business is resetting after an abnormally flush run.

The U.S. energy sector flourished as high oil prices made shale drilling profitable, and the oil and gas companies had the ability to ramp up onshore quickly to capitalize on those prices. "We've been through a period of seven years of pretty much constant growth," Read said.

The same factors that caused the industry to ramp up so quickly are driving the slowdown now. Falling oil prices make shale drilling less profitable, and operations can be shut down quickly and easily.

U.S. benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude rose $3.71 Friday to $48.24 a barrel in New York Mercantile Exchange trading. But its price has been on a steady downward trend since July, when it was above $100.

Read said energy companies were reluctant to shed workers when oil prices started dropping in the second half of 2014. But with the slump continuing into the new year with few foreseeable factors to reverse the decline, job losses probably will be pervasive, Read said.

Outlook not optimistic

Those who already have lost jobs don't have much reason for optimism in the short-term, he added. "It's going to get worse before it gets better."

Michael Plante, a senior research economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, said the oil price drop could slow the state's job growth from 3.6 percent last year to as little as 1.5 percent in 2015. "We might fall below the national average, in terms of job growth, which is atypical," Plante said.

So far, the most significant announced job cuts have hit oilfield services workers.

"We've all been trying to figure out what the hell is going on," said one Houston-area Baker Hughes employee. "It's obvious that something's happening, but we don't know what, to who or how big."

Robbins, who has kept in touch with former colleagues, said they're nervous.

Though he got a severance package, Robbins said he treated his search for employment as a full-time job in itself.

And gloom in the industry notwithstanding, he accepted an offer Friday from CNPC USA, a subsidiary of China National Petroleum Corp.

He said he found the job search tougher than in the past, but he urged perseverance. "I'd say the situation is not hopeless," Robbins said.

Read said energy sector workers who have lost their jobs will have to become flexible. Those most likely to find employment will be people willing to move to other parts of the country or overseas, he said, and laid-off workers almost certainly will take a pay cut if they want to get back into the industry.

Too tough for some

Some of those workers said they're ready to leave the oil and gas sector altogether.

An oilfield worker in Montana said a regional services company laid off his co-workers and him in January. In his case, the news didn't come as a shock. "I saw the writing on the wall before Thanksgiving," he said.

As oil prices dropped last year, he started saving money and paying off his credit cards in anticipation of losing his job. Now that it's finally happened, he said he's not struggling financially, but his old colleagues are.

"One guy went back home to Texas, and his world is destroyed," he said. "He had a lot riding on this job. And now he has nothing. There's nothing left to go home to."

The Montana worker, who only was in the industry for a year, said he plans on completing a bachelor's degree in order to pursue a career in a different field. The oil industry, he said, "is just too volatile."

Union asks refinery workers to strike after talks break down

The United Steelworkers Union called for its refinery workers to stage their largest walkout in more 30 years Sunday, saying its negotiations with Shell Oil Co. broke down less than two weeks after they began.

The union asked about 3,800 workers at nine refineries mostly in Texas and California to strike shortly after their previous contract expired after midnight.

Negotiations over a new contract started Jan. 21. The call for a strike happened after United Steelworkers, or USW, rejected Shell's fourth contract offer. The union said Shell refused to provide a counter offer and that the company's representatives had left the bargaining table.

"We had no choice but to give notice of a work stoppage," USW International President Leo W. Gerard said in a statement.

A Shell representative said in an email that the company remains "committed to resolving our differences with USW at the negotiating table to reach a mutually satisfactory agreement."

USW Spokeswoman Lynne Hancock said the union wants a three-year contract and is focused on health care costs, safety, the use of contractors and staffing concerns, as well as wages.

United Steelworkers represents about 30,000 workers at refineries, terminals, petrochemical plants and pipelines across the country. Shell is serving as the lead company in national oil bargaining talks with the union.

Any agreement reached between the union and Shell would then be used as a pattern for negotiations involving local unions.

The union called for a strike at the Marathon Galveston Bay Refinery in Texas City the Shell Deer Park Refinery in Deer Park, Texas, and the Tesoro Carson Refinery in Carson, California, among other locations.

Shell said its Deer Park operation has started strike contingency plans and will continue operations "in the normal course of business." It did not elaborate on the plans in a brief statement.

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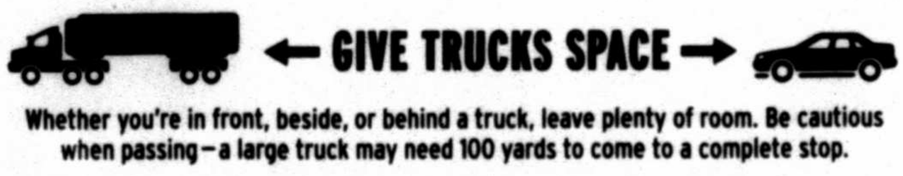
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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Today in Midland history

On Feb. 2, 1985, the National weather Service recorded a low temperature of minus 11 degrees, tying the coldest minimum temperature ever in Midland (Feb. 8, 1933).

Today is Groundhog Day

Groundhog Day falls on Feb. 2 in the United States, coinciding with Candlemas. It is a part of popular culture among many Americans, and it centers on the idea of the groundhog coming out of its home to "predict" the weather.

Source: timeanddate.com

Fourth-wettest January in Midland

The wettest Januarys on record in Midland.

Year	Inches
1. 1939	4.99
2. 1949	3.66
3. 1946	3.18
4. 2015	2.43
5. 1958	1.97

Note: The average precipitation in January is 0.56 of an inch.

Source: National Weather Service

Thing to do

Ernesto Calderon performs at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

Meetings schedule

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

Support groups today

- Midland Parkinson Support Group, 6:30 p.m., HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital, 699-6640.
- For miscarriage grief recovery, call 570-5935.
- For post-abortion healing, call 570-5935.
- Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1303 E. Taylor, bingo games 7 p.m.

What's on the radio

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9-11 a.m. Lynn Woolley
11 a.m.-2 p.m. Rush Limbaugh
2-5 p.m. Dave Ramsey
5-6 p.m. Local news reports
6-9 p.m. Roger Hedgecock
9-midnight Hugh Hewitt
Midnight-6 a.m. Coast to Coast with George Noory
Web: http://www.newstalkkcrs.com

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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
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KMND (AM 1510)
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9 a.m.-noon The Herd with Colin Cowherd
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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.

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Today in Midland

In 1887, Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, held its first Groundhog Day festival.

In 1990, in a dramatic concession to South Africa's black majority, President F.W. de Klerk lifted a ban on the African National Congress and promised to free Nelson Mandela.

Ten years ago: In his State of the Union address, President George W. Bush called for changes in Social Security that would combine reduced government benefits for younger workers with "a chance to build a nest egg" through personal accounts.

Today's birthdays: Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, is 63.



AP file photo

Ben Franklin, right, of Arlington carries an 1858 black powder pistol at a rally to support House Bill 195, which would allow the open carry of handguns with no permitting or background check requirements, at the Capitol on Jan. 13 in Austin.

GUNS

From 1A

by anyone pretty much anywhere.

Another key gun bill, allowing concealed handguns on college campuses, took a hit when University of Texas System Chancellor William McRaven, who directed the special forces raid to kill Osama Bin Laden, recently wrote state leaders opposing it.

The session had barely begun when skirmishes broke out among competing open carry advocates. Several groups armed with assault rifles brought their weapons to a Capitol rally on opening day, exercising a state law that allows the open carry of long rifles.

One group, Come and Take It Texas, also brought a machine that finishes out the lower receiver of an assault rifle.

That was too much, too soon, said C.J. Grisham, founder of Open Carry Texas. He called making parts of weapons at the opening-day rally "confrontational and needless."

Things turned confrontational just a few hours later. Members of Open Carry Tarrant County got into a heated exchange with state Rep. Alfonso "Poncho" Nevarez in his Capitol office.

Video posted online showed the activists calling the Eagle Pass Democrat a "tyrant" and ignoring his requests to leave, putting a foot in the door to keep it from closing.

Rattled House members voted the next day to make it easier to have office "panic buttons" installed. The Department of Public Safety later assigned Nevarez and his family a security detail.

Open carry opponents are sitting back and watching the movement implode.

"The extreme behavior on display is really drawing a picture for the public and lawmakers what open carry would look like," said Claire Larson of the Texas Chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America.

"It may be fun for the media to cover, but the reality is that this is not a TV reality show. We don't have panic buttons on playgrounds."

Republican Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, a tea party favorite, took a surprising step back from his campaign pledge to "fight for open carry." Patrick stunned open carry advocates when he said it wasn't a Senate priority and didn't have the votes to pass.

Open Carry Tarrant County leader Kory Watkins urged open carry advocates to respond and posted "We the people are the power" and "Get your panic buttons ready" on Facebook.

About 24 hours later, Patrick issued a statement saying he's never wavered on Second Amendment issues and promised the Senate would "focus" on an open carry bill.

Nevarez had a gun on his desk in his office on Wednesday while two security officers stood watch nearby and shook his head at heated rhetoric.

"It's discouraging, and I feel for them, because I understand what these people are capable of in terms of their rhetoric, and it's real hateful, it's divisive," Nevarez said.

Abbott, who has pledged to sign an open carry bill into law, shrugged off the early-session messiness.

"Open carry is the law in 44 states. ... It hasn't been the outbreak of the OK Corral," Abbott said Friday. "And I don't think it will be in the state of Texas, either."

Texas Legislature this week

Hubbub surrounding proposals to allow open carry of handguns has overshadowed another bill that could spark an equally large battle but actually appears to be on a faster track to becoming law: campus carry.

A proposal allowing students, faculty and staff with proper licenses to carry firearms in college classrooms and buildings has 19 co-sponsors in the Senate, enough to bring it a full floor vote. New Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick has already referred the bill to committee, likely clearing the way for its swift passage through the full chamber.

But opponents got more firepower last week when new University of Texas System Chancellor William McRaven, a former Navy admiral who directed the special forces operation to kill Osama Bin Laden, said concealed handguns at colleges would make campuses less safe.

Staunch university opposition has derailed campus-carry bills in the past — even when they appeared to have the votes to pass.

The issue is likely to grab more of the spotlight moving forward. Here are some other issues to watch for in the Texas Legislature this week:

HOUSE COMMITTEES: Senate committees are set and its Finance, Transportation and Health and Human Services panels are already meeting, or plan to start this week. The House is still waiting on Speaker Joe Straus' assignments. Tradition dictates, though, that the announcement comes late in the week so representatives not picked for what they'd hoped can head back to their districts for the weekend to stew in private — rather than sulking more openly at the Capitol.

CHRIS KYLE DAY: Gov. Greg Abbott is declaring Feb. 2 "Chris Kyle Day" in Texas, honoring the late serviceman whose life is the subject of the Hollywood blockbuster "American Sniper." Spokeswoman Amelia Chasse said Abbott will issue an official proclamation Monday, and that the flag at the Texas State Cemetery, where Kyle is buried, will fly at half-staff. Kyle, from the Fort Worth suburb of Midlothian, was 37 when he was killed in 2013 at a North Texas gun range. He did four tours in Iraq and is considered the deadliest sniper in U.S. military history.

MORE MUSLIM CAPITOL DAY FALLOUT?: Republicans and Democrats alike lined up to react after Rep. Molly White instructed her staff to ask Muslims visiting the Capitol last week to declare their allegiance to America. White, a first-term Republican from Belton, put an Israeli flag in her office and said aides should ask people attending the biennial Texas Muslim Capitol Day to renounce Islamic terrorist groups. Abbott said, "We must have civil discourse." Fellow Republican Straus was more-forceful in releasing a statement saying legislators should treat visitors with respect and that "anything else reflects poorly on the entire body." The all-Democratic legislative delegation from El Paso, meanwhile, accused White of seeking "headlines with hate." The House convenes Monday afternoon, and while lawmakers sometimes close ranks around one of their own in times of adversity, it's not hard to imagine some of Whites' colleagues wanting to bring the issue up on the floor.

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DELAY

From 1A

But those northeast shale plays are what many see as potentially transformative for the border economy.

"Imagine another Eagle Ford right across the border," said Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Laredo. "The Burgos Basin offers pretty much the same thing. If the Mexicans are able to develop their side like we've done our side ... the border area will be the epicenter for all of this."

"It will create direct jobs and indirect jobs," Cuellar added. "A lot of U.S. companies will send people over there. It will create both income and jobs for Americans."

Since the Eagle Ford boom began in 2009 through the use of hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling, the play has produced more than 1 billion barrels of oil and condensates, and it now produces more than 1 million barrels a day. Just last year, it had an $87 billion economic impact in South Texas, according to a University of Texas at San Antonio study.

While geology trumps political borders, there are changes in the formation as it spreads into Mexico. Manik Talwani, a professor emeritus in the Earth Sciences department at Rice University, cautions the Burgos poses some challenges. "The formation is extensive on the Mexican side, but it runs deeper," he said. "It will be more difficult and more expensive to develop."

Other concerns include a lack of infrastructure, including roads and pipelines, and persistent security concerns. While the large companies have experience dealing with potentially insecure environments, and in some cases have their own security, smaller players want assurances that gang activity in development areas will be controlled.

ConocoPhillips' Lance alluded to the challenges to development, saying "Mexico will need to make investment there competitive on a global scale, competing with all the other opportunities. For companies like us who already have North American unconventional opportunities, that's a high bar."

Cuellar has been working to set up a meeting in Laredo between U.S. industry representatives and the Mexican government to discuss the shale opportunities in Mexico. But the meeting, originally planned for January, is on hold. Cuellar hopes to make it happen within the next couple of months.

Another meeting, dubbed "The U.S. Mexico Shale Summit," is set for San Antonio Feb. 17 and 18. Mexican government leaders and industry figures from both sides of the border have been invited.

The sudden oil-price drop and the hesitation it brings is particularly frustrating for Mexican officials after the country, at the urging of President Enrique Pena Nieto, took the historic step of changing its constitution in 2013 to allow foreign oil investment. Now, Mexican oil executives worry that when it comes to their country's new shale opportunities for foreign players, the current price reality might mean nobody comes to the party.

Still, Ortiz-Mena maintains, "Companies will have a very long term outlook. I assume they will see this as a short-term issue that will not delay their plans in the medium to long term."

Reversing its current pattern of oil-output decline is vital to Mexico's future. Pena Nieto's administration realizes the largest benefits will come after his presidency, but that if his vision of greatly increased educational and economic opportunity for the country is to endure, the oil revenue is essential.

Mexican Hydrocarbons Commissioner Juan Carlos Zepeda said in a Bloomberg interview this week that response from oil companies, including Chevron, Exxon Mobil and Shell, has been "gratifying." But Thursday, Bloomberg reported, Occidental Petroleum CEO Stephen Chazen told investors the terms Mexico is offering foreign oil companies are "ridiculous" and untenable.

Even before opening up to foreign investment, Mexico in 2013 earmarked $244 million for a program to continue exploration and additional seismic and geological mapping of shale resources in the northeastern part of the country, Ortiz-Mena said.

And it is well aware of potential investors' security concerns.

Mexican Embassy spokesman Ariel Moutsatsos pointed to the success Mexico has had in restoring order to gang-affected areas with its new federal "gendarmerie," a 5,000-strong force designed to achieve security in areas where local law enforcement has not been able to. "It will grow," he said of the new federal force. In some areas like the sprawling border state of Tamaulipas — including the Burgos Basin — its efforts have been augmented by the Mexican military.

In the past, Pemex activities in Tamaulipas have been hampered by gang kidnappings and outright theft of crude, condensate and other hydrocarbons from pipelines and other facilities.

"Our objective is to provide peace and tranquility to Mexican citizens in municipalities where it has not been present, and to foreign investors," Moutsatsos said. He said violent crime has been dropping significantly across Mexico, which has a homicide rate far below many of its neighboring Central and South American countries.

He also stressed the Pena Nieto strategy is to attack not just the consequences but the causes of gang violence, including the very lack of economic opportunity that a revitalized oil and gas industry could combat.

But will more American companies come to the party?

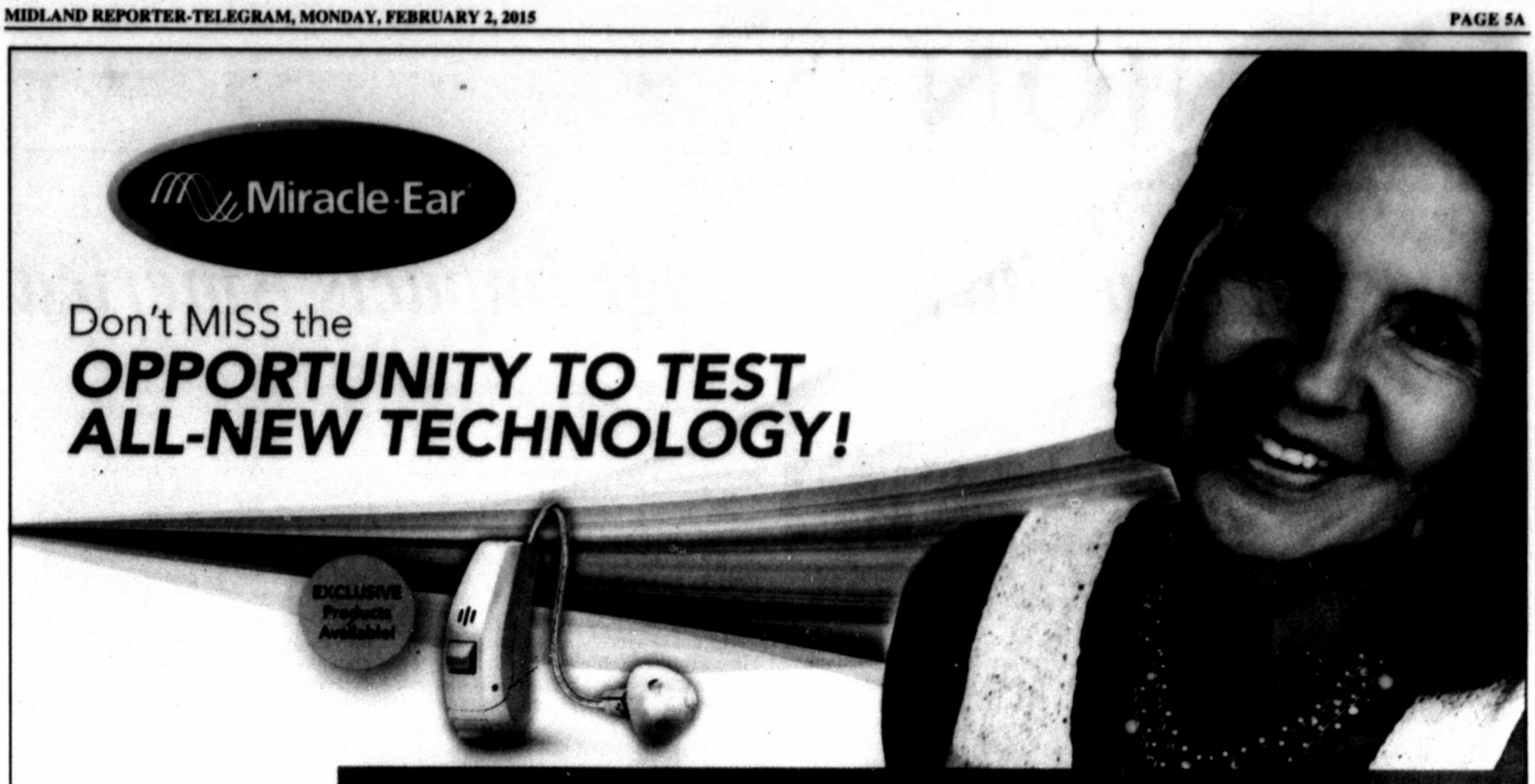
Analyst Lucas Aristizabal, a Chicago-based senior director at Fitch Ratings who specializes in Latin American energy, believes the answer is yes. He views the price downturn as little more than a hiccup.

"The private sector will see the historic nature of this energy reform, and companies will see opportunity," Aristizabal said.

ConocoPhillips' Lance sounded a similar note. "It represents an interesting opportunity for the industry. They are a resource-rich country and there are some things they can do and are doing today to attract investment," Lance said. "I'm looking forward to the opportunity to go participate there."

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OPINION

Invasion of artificial outrage impacts America

■ Extreme rhetoric makes Democratic deliberation difficult or impossible



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The invasion, evidently, has begun. "What's not acceptable," Gov. Bobby Jindal of Louisiana explained recently, "is people that want to come and conquer us." Yes, the conquest of America: pretty unacceptable. "That's not immigration, by the way," he continued, "that's colonization." Ditto on being colonized, as the British learned to their chagrin. "If they want to come here and they want to set up their own culture and values that's not immigration, that's really invasion — if you're honest about it."

By all means, let's lay all the cards on the table. Jindal is talking about a Muslim fifth column intent on establishing Sharia law in unassimilated enclaves and eventually subverting the Constitution and conquering the country. A pretty serious charge against some portion of the several thousand Muslims living in Louisiana, for instance.

The proof? During a recent trip to Great Britain, Jindal was pressed for evidence of Muslim "no-go zones," the supposed beachheads of the Islamist invasion. "I've heard from folks here," he responded, "that there are neighborhoods where women don't feel comfortable going in without veils."

I can't imagine that "heard from folks" would be a sufficient footnote in a paper at Oxford University (where Jindal studied as a Rhodes Scholar). Yet it is apparently enough for a sitting governor making accusations of subversion. Jindal could have used his platform as a prospective presidential candidate to make points about the (very real) dangers of radicalization. Instead, he talks of invasion, colonization and conquest.

This is both appalling and symptomatic. In our politics, ideological assertions tend to gain an immediate, massive velocity. It is not enough to raise questions about global warming; it must be (according to Sen. James Inhofe) the "greatest hoax ever perpetrated on the American people." It is not sufficient to call for improved control of the border; immigrant children may be carriers of Ebola (as Rep. Phil Gingrey once asserted). It is zero to 100 in no time flat.

Some of this emerges from the feedback loop between partisan media and populist leaders (or those desperately seeking to become one). Cable and talk radio pull political ideas into close orbit, then slingshot them outward at tremendous speed. Extreme language yields outrage, audience share and (hopefully) buzz in the conservative movement. Jindal leveled many of his charges on talk radio. The danger comes when talk radio becomes the voice inside your head.

The use of apocalyptic language is often a form of self-elevation. It allows a politician to embrace the role of lonely truth seeker. "Of course," Jindal said, "the politically correct crowd when you say things like that they'll call you racist." Only the honest and brave are willing to risk such opprobrium. Political figures who perceive the hidden threat are not only Diogenes searching for truth, they are Horatius defending the bridge against subversive Muslims, climate scientists, disease-ridden children, or whatever.

This rhetorical strategy is a disaster for democratic discourse. It creates a cartoon version of reality in which actual problems are obscured or misdiagnosed. It avoids the hard work of drawing careful distinctions and offering nuanced judgments. It leaves some people on constant high alert; others are exhausted by an endless series of supposedly existential threats and unable to distinguish the real ones.

Above all, extreme rhetoric shapes a certain view of ideological opponents. Climate scientists and their allies, in the opinion of some on the right, are not just mistaken, they are liars. They are acting out of corrupt financial and ideological motivations. No real debate is possible with people consciously engaged in a fraud or a hoax. They can't be engaged; they can only be defeated. This approach becomes even more dangerous when opponents are defined in ethnic or religious terms. It creates an atmosphere in which neighbors are viewed as potential subversives.

There are, of course, comparable arguments made on the progressive side. Opponents get dismissed as theocrats or as hopeless defenders of privilege. Such people cannot be debated; they can only be delegitimized and silenced. The strategy on both left and right is the same: to present politics as a battle between the children of light and the children of darkness. Opponents become enemies. Democratic deliberation becomes difficult or impossible.

America has enough real problems and real enemies without the manufacture of artificial outrage.

OUR VIEW

Pothole problem shows why good roads are important to Midland

We appreciate that the city of Midland held a press event about a topic that has created a rougher ride for many residents — potholes.

City officials said they are working hard to catch up with the growing number of potholes on Midland's roads. We appreciate their willingness to speak about the issue.

City officials said they filled more than 30,000 potholes last year. After recent cold and wet conditions, it wouldn't be surprising if that number is much higher in 2015.

And, yes, potholes do matter.

One of the basic responsibilities cities face is transportation. That is one reason the city has spent millions of dollars on a traffic light synchronization system that was supposed to save Midlanders time and gas as they traveled from point A to point B.

Roads fit into the quality-of-place discussion. Smooth roads can save a substantial amount of money and prevent a lot of aggravation. We all know the importance of wheel alignment. And as the saying lately goes — "the roads in Midland make good ball joints bad and bad ball joints worse."

In our view, there are few functions cities and counties can provide — outside of the public safety and water services functions — that are more important than roads.

To be honest, we would be delighted to hear a person running for city or county government tell our community that the most important thing they want to see is better roads. It's not politically sexy issue and we are not sure it would motivate many voters to cast a ballot, but after one rain shower or ice storm, we would appreciate that candidate.

At some point, Midlanders will have the opportunity to consider if a change in the city's 4B tax is needed. This newspaper, on many occasions, has called for the community to consider using that quarter-cent of sales tax solely on infrastructure. It would guarantee money for better roads for decades to come.

Last week the city gave us many reasons why using money for infrastructure is a good idea — actually, more than 30,000 reasons.

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GOP finds that governing isn't easy



DANA MILBANK
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"Yeah, there've been a couple of stumbles," John Boehner acknowledged Tuesday. The House speaker had spoken with dry understatement.

What has happened since Republicans took full control of Congress three weeks ago has been less a stumble than a pratfall involving the legislative equivalent of a banana peel, flailing arms, an upended bookcase, torn drapes and a slide across a laden banquet table into a wedding cake.

On Monday, a rebellion by House conservatives forced Boehner to scuttle plans to pass border-security legislation — a topic on which Republicans had supposedly been unified.

The week before, a rebellion by Republican women caused Boehner to pull from the House floor a bill that would have banned abortions after 20 weeks. More than one House Republican has since complained about the "females" in the caucus.

At the same time, Boehner managed to provoke an international incident, and split the American Jewish community, by inviting Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu two weeks before the Israeli elections — without consulting the White House. The invitation, intended to boost prospects for tough new sanctions against Iran, seems instead to have emboldened opposition to the sanctions.

In the Senate, meanwhile, Democrats used procedural powers to delay passage of the Keystone XL pipeline bill — new majority leader Mitch McConnell's top priority — after McConnell retreated on his promise to allow freewheeling amendments.

The Republican majority in both chambers remains divided over the scope of legislation authorizing the use of force against the Islamic State, over a bill granting President Obama new trade powers and over whether to force a showdown next month — and risk a partial government shutdown — to protest Obama's executive actions on immigration.

The House Select Committee on Benghazi, which began with dignity last year, spun out of control Tuesday as Democrats complained that Republicans were abusing their authority and Republicans threatened to spray the Obama administration with subpoenas.

The Republican majority is discovering that running Congress is harder than it looked.

Chaos could be found around every corner of the Capitol on Tuesday morning: Boehner, after meeting with his House GOP caucus, explaining the failure of the border bill; Benghazi panel chairman Trey Gowdy promising, "We're going to ratchet it up" and engage the administration in "formal legal" proceedings; and not much of anything happening on the Senate floor, where the pipeline debate had stalled.

The Dirksen Senate Office Building, meanwhile, became a legislative three-ring circus. On the ground floor met the Armed Services Committee, divided over whether to authorize the use of ground troops in Syria and Iraq. On the fifth floor, Democrats on the Banking Committee withdrew their support for rapid passage of an Iran sanctions bill — fallout from Boehner's Netanyahu gambit. And, on the second floor, Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, faced down hecklers.

Just as Michael Froman, the U.S. trade representative, began his testimony, a half-dozen hecklers rose in succession, waving banners and shouting, "They're going to offshore American jobs and lower our wages! They're going to poison us!"

Capitol police and members of Froman's entourage wrestled the demonstrators away from the witness table. The courtly Hatch, competing with a squawking police radio, appealed for calm. "We would appreciate having the signs removed. ... Show some courtesy here."

When one demonstrator continued to disrupt, Hatch told the police: "Take him out." (He presumably meant to have the man removed from the room.) "Let's just stop the cheap politics," Hatch pleaded.

Tall order, Mr. Chairman. Cheap politics is about the only thing still happening on Capitol Hill.

Cheap: House leaders called off a vote, scheduled for Wednesday, on the border-security bill because they didn't have enough votes after a conservative mutiny. They claimed they pulled the bill because of the snowstorm, but that obvious fiction was exposed by Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, chairman of the Judiciary Committee. "Thanks to house of Rep not moving ahead w BorderSecurity bill," Grassley tweeted. "It wld not secure border."

Cheap: The Benghazi committee's Gowdy, who began his investigation last year with a bipartisan flourish, spent Tuesday's hearing shouting at administration witnesses. Democrats on the panel countered with bitter complaints that Gowdy and his staff had interviewed witnesses without informing the Democratic side or sharing exculpatory information they found.

Rep. Linda Sanchez, D-Calif., for her part, said Gowdy was on a "quest to catch this mythical unicorn."

A unicorn? Why not? You never know what Boehner and his men might stumble into next.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore





Associated Press

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, right, wearing an Arsenal scarf, sits with Rutgers University President Robert Barchi in the stands during the English Premier League soccer match between Arsenal and Aston Villa at the Emirates stadium in London on Sunday.

Christie begins trip with soccer, not politics

By Jill Colvin
Associated Press

LONDON — An unabashed fan of the Dallas Cowboys, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie spent Super Bowl Sunday on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean, watching football of another sort.

Economic development for New Jersey, and presidential politics, waited for Monday.

The likely Republican presidential contender, who recently launched a political action committee that serves as an early campaign operation, is visiting the United Kingdom on a three-day trade mission that conveniently doubles as a chance to shore up his foreign policy experience and build relationships with a key American ally.

Christie joined nearly 60,000 soccer fans as Arsenal thumped Aston Villa 5-0, on the eve of his business. He was not in a mood to talk politics.

Asked about his Friday night dinner with Mitt Romney, after the 2012 GOP nominee said he wouldn't run in 2016, Christie said: "Good to see you all."

Asked about the effect of Romney's decision to skip the race, he said: "I just arrived here a few hours ago. I'm not processing a lot at the moment. I've processed some soccer. That was about it. Or football as they call it."

Visiting Britain has become a rite of passage for would-be presidential nominees, but Christie's trip to London is light on business. He'll meet Prime Minister David Cameron at 10 Downing Street and visit nearby Cambridge to highlight New Jersey's pharmaceutical industry, but there are no major speeches planned and few chances for him to talk about foreign policy.

"Game was great," he said after the Arsenal win, sporting a red-and-white-striped scarf in the home team's signature colors. "We got five goals in one game — highly unusual — so it was good."

Foreign affairs, culture wars split GOP focus

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Need evidence there's no clear path to the Republican presidential nomination? Consider the competing messages some likely candidates delivered on Sunday's talk shows.

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, relatively inexperienced on foreign policy, and Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, a veteran on the issue, appeared open to sending U.S. ground forces take on Islamic State militants. At the same time, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee was trying to win voters by likening being gay to using alcohol or profanity.

Each approach could ultimately prove successful; both highlight the challenge for the crowded field of potential contenders to stitch together a winning coalition of national security hawks, evangelicals, social conservatives, business leaders and moderates who make up the modern Republican Party.

As the 2016 campaign is beginning to gel, each prospective candidate is testing appeals to voters and, perhaps more important at this early stage, donors. No one has taken the formal step of becoming a candidate, yet all are trying to hone a message.

Take Walker, who has garnered increased interest among the party's conservatives. He delivered a well-received speech to Iowa conservatives last weekend.

The Iowa Poll, conducted last week for The Des Moines Register and Bloomberg Politics, showed Walker atop the list of potential candidates but statistically even with Huckabee, Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky and 2012 nominee Mitt Romney when likely caucus goers were asked their top choice for president. The poll was taken before Romney announced he was not running.

That only has increased the unsettled nature of the campaign.

Walker spent his weekend in Washington, wooing party leaders and recruiting aides to a likely campaign. In remarks on Friday — and then again on Sunday — Walker was seeking to cast himself as more than just a Midwestern governor who rolled back unions' bargaining rights.

"We need to take the fight to ISIS and any other radical Islamic terrorist in and around the world," Walker said Sunday.

Pushed on how he would combat the Islamic State militants, Walker could only say, "We have to be prepared to put boots on the ground if that's what it takes."

That position put him in line with another 2016 hopeful, Graham.

"An aerial campaign will not destroy ISIL," the South Carolina Republican said, using another acronym for the Islamic State. "You are going to need boots on the ground, not only in Iraq but Syria."

But that position could prove troublesome for the political fortunes of Walker and Graham. After more than a decade of war in Iraq and Afghanistan, polls show most Americans, including Republicans, wary of greater U.S. involvement in conflicts overseas. Walker spoke to ABC's "This Week." Graham appeared on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Huckabee compares being gay to using alcohol, profanity

By Philip Elliott
Associated Press



Huckabee

WASHINGTON — Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee on Sunday said being gay is akin to choosing to drink alcohol or use profanity — lifestyle choices he says are appealing to others but not to him.

The former Baptist pastor, who is weighing a second run for the 2016 Republican presidential nomination, also claimed that forcing people of faith to accept gay marriage as policy is on par with telling Jews that they must serve "bacon-wrapped shrimp in their deli." That dish would run afoul of kosher rules in the same way Huckabee sees asking Christians to accept same-sex marriages.

"We're so sensitive to make sure we don't offend certain religions, but then we act like Christians can't have the convictions that they have had for over 2,000 years," Huckabee said.

Huckabee has made cultural issues the cornerstone of his likely White House bid. The former Baptist pastor is counting on social conservatives and evangelicals who have great clout in early nominating Iowa to help him.

His comments about gays and lesbians seem targeted at the conservative corners of his party.

Yet he also included a pitch for inclusion in his remarks.

Huckabee said he appreciates different viewpoints on gay marriage, adding that he has gay friends.

"I accept a lot of people as friends maybe whose lifestyle I don't necessarily adhere to, agree with or practice. Doesn't mean that I can't have a good relationship with anyone or lead them or govern them," Huckabee said.

But he remained steadfastly opposed to rights for gays and lesbians, although research has found a biological basis for their attraction to others of the same sex.

"I don't chuck people out of my circle or out of my life because they have a different point of view. I don't drink alcohol, but, gosh, a lot of my friends, maybe most of them, do. You know, I don't use profanity, but, believe me, I have got a lot of friends who do," Huckabee said.

"Some people really like classical music and ballet and opera. It's not my cup of tea. I would like to think that there's room in America for people who have different points of views without screaming, shouting and wanting to shut their businesses down."

Such rhetoric is central to Huckabee's efforts to engage social conservatives.

In recent weeks, Huckabee has picked fights with the White House over President Barack Obama's friendship with Beyonce Knowles. Huckabee says the Obama daughters should not treat the entertainer as a role model because she is overly sexual.

In his latest book, Huckabee also says Beyonce's husband, rapper Jay-Z, is more of a "pimp" than a spouse.

Huckabee spoke on CNN's "State of the Union."

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In accordance with the provisions of the Texas Agriculture Code, Chapter 74, Subchapter D, and 4 Tex. Admin. Code, Chapter 3, Subchapter A, the Texas Department of Agriculture (the Department) will conduct a board election in the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, in order to select a representative of the above-referenced zone to serve on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board of Directors. The board is charged with administering the boll weevil eradication program in Texas.

The Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone consists of all of Dawson, Ector, Howard and Martin Counties; all of Borden County except all land east of a line 7 miles west of the Scurry County line that runs from the Garza County line to the Howard County line; and all of Midland County except for the southern region located south of a line 15 miles south of Interstate 20 running from the Ector County line east to the Glassock County line.

Any person eligible to vote in the board member election that resides in the Permian Basin Zone and meets the seven-year experience requirement may place their name in nomination for election to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board by written application to the Department at the address provided below. Nomination forms are provided by the Department and must be signed by the nominee and at least ten other eligible voters. The nomination form must be received by the Department at its office located in Austin by February 25, 2015, and must provide the legal residence of the applicant. A nomination form may be obtained by contacting the Department office or any county agent located in the voting area.

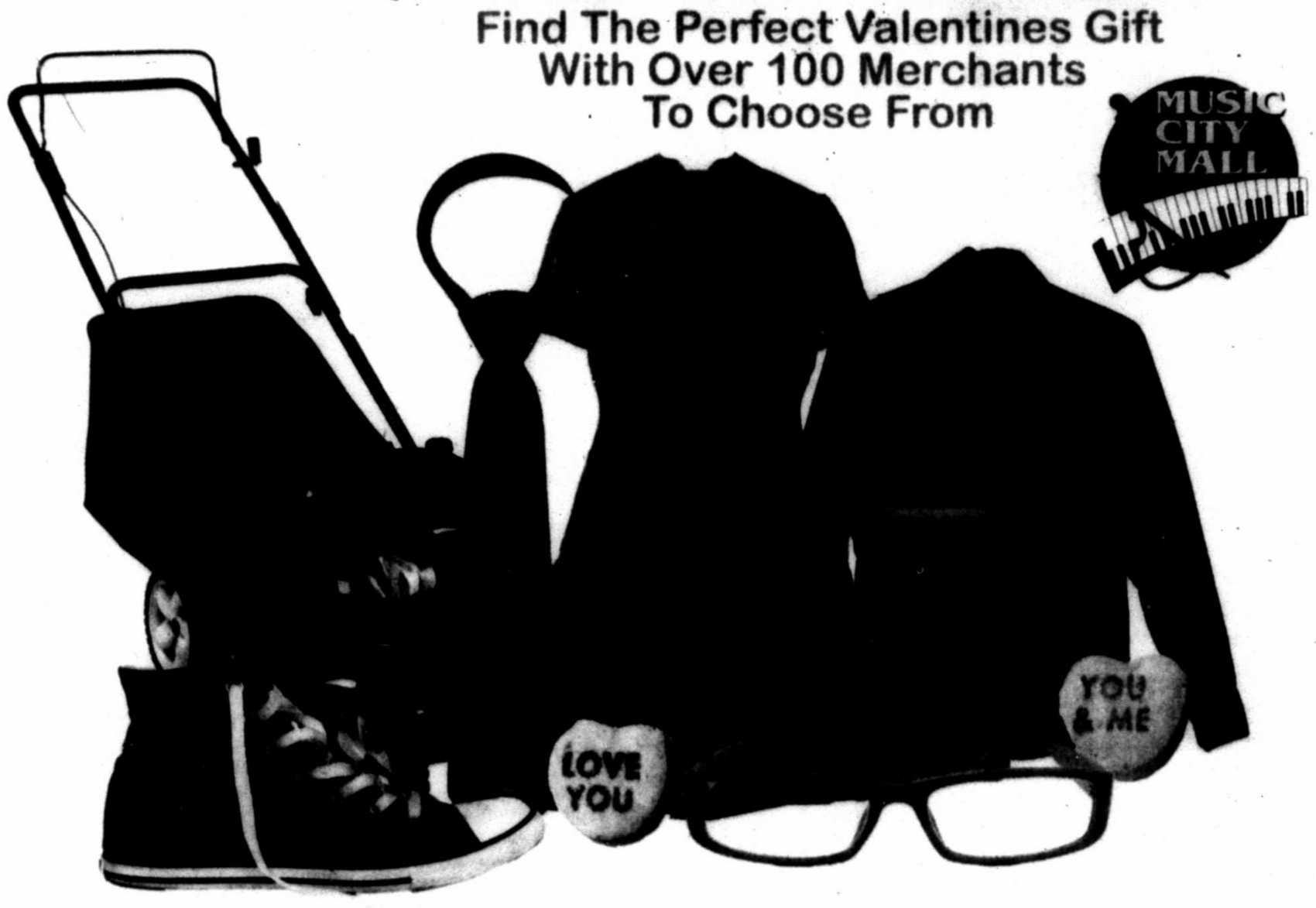
The board election will be held by mail balloting. Ballots will be mailed to cotton growers by March 31, 2015. All ballots cast by mail must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2015, in order to be valid. Any cotton grower having planted cotton in the year 2014 within the zone defined above is eligible to vote, and, if he or she resides in the Permian Basin Zone and has at least seven years experience as a cotton grower, can have his or her name placed on the ballot as a candidate in the board member election. A cotton grower is defined as a person who grows cotton intended to be commercial cotton. The term includes an individual who, as owner, landlord, tenant or sharecropper, is entitled to share in the cotton grown and available for marketing from the farm, or share in the proceeds from the sale of the cotton from the farm or from an indemnity or other payment received from or related to the planting, growing, or failure of the cotton.

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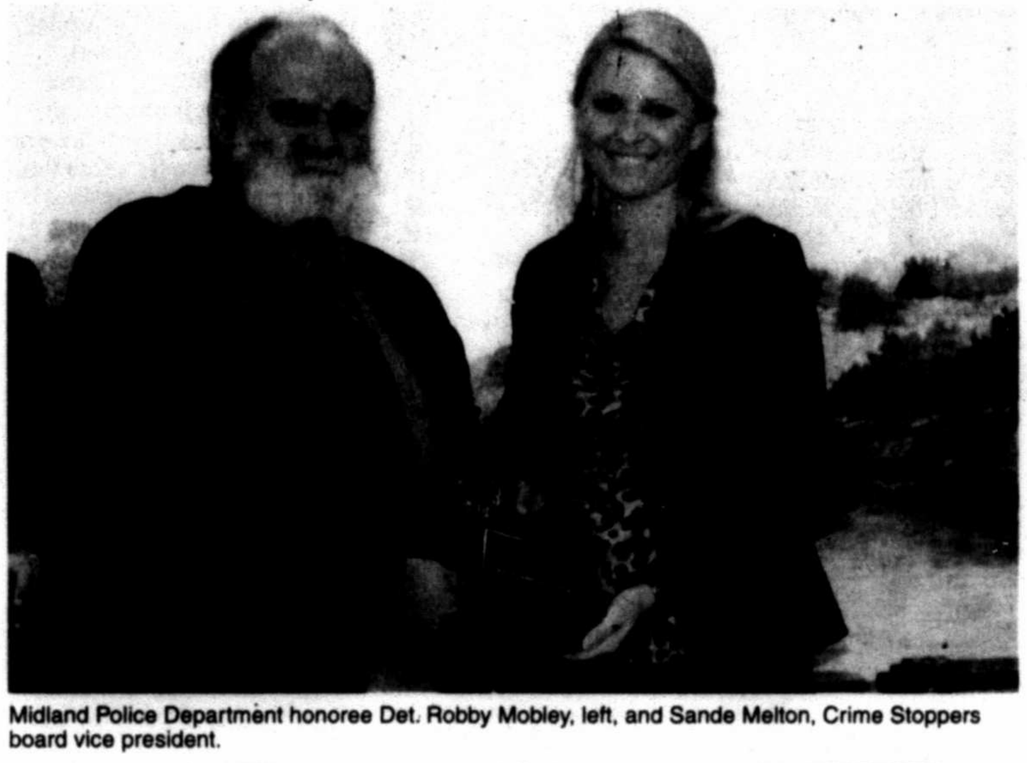
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NAMES & FACES



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Midland County Sheriff's Office honorees, members of the U.S. Marshal Lone Star Fugitive Task Force.



Midland Police Department honoree Det. Robby Mobley, left, and Sande Melton, Crime Stoppers board vice president.

CRIME STOPPERS AWARDS

The 31st annual Crime Stoppers Awards luncheon was Thursday at the Petroleum Club. The awards are presented each January in conjunction with Crime Stoppers Month. A winner is named from each local law enforcement agency. The Crime Stoppers board of directors selects a secondary school campus for the Campus of the Year Award. This year's keynote speaker was U.S. District Judge Robert Junell.



Midland Fire Department honoree, Fire Investigator Alan Kilgore, right, and Melton.



Campus of Year was Lee High School, represented by Assistant Principal Jumon Hailey, left, and MISD Police Officer Michael McLendon, with Melton.



U.S. Marshals Service honoree, Deputy U.S. Marshal Thomas Reese, left, and Melton.



Recipient of the David Cobos Award, Midland Police Department Sgt. Ben Chavez, and Melton.



Texas Department of Public Safety honorees, Texas Rangers, Company E, Midland Area.



NEW ZEALAND TOUR

Marion and John Kimberly.





PUERTO RICO TRIP

LEFT: Megan Hilty and David Theobold. **ABOVE:** Cheyenne Jackson, from left, Gail Theobold and Laura Benanti.



DELTA GAMMA

Katie Marcum, clockwise from peft, Ashley Mast, Irma Mast, Sue Solari, Deb Solari, Hope Williams, Kelly Williams, Kathy Robbins and Victoria Kuzmich.



HAGLE BIRTHDAY

Eva Hagle, left, and Rita Ehler.



PEO

CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: Katie Moore, left, and Laaron Hebert. Marty Massie, left, and Sarana Savage. Michele Burns, from left, Tami Stallings, Marilyn Mathis and Ann Parish. Lori Julian, left, and Chris Makii. Melissa Murphy, from left, Ann Westerman and Freda Benton.









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BY MARILYN MCKNIGHT HARRISON



NEW ZEALAND TOUR

Frequent travelers Marion and John Kimberly toured New Zealand by Sea under the auspices of the Harvard Alumni Association's Worldwide Travel Program.

Their two-week trip aboard the Caledonian Sky took them from Milford Sound on the South Island to Auckland on the North Island. They were awed by New Zealand's magnificent natural beauty, spectacular wildlife and fascinating Maori culture.

The couple visited the Maori settlement of Rotorua and learned about the original inhabitants of New Zealand, who are of Polynesian stock; observed animals and birds in their natural habitats, including yellow-eyed penguins and albatrosses; hiked through the rain forest of Marlborough Sounds; and visited the monument of Captain Cook, the British explorer who discovered New Zealand.

The couple explored Queenstown, the gateway to the South Island's breathtaking alpine and glacial scenery, on their own.The Kimberlys also enjoyed sightseeing tours of Christchurch and a visit to the Canterbury Museum and its famous Antarctic section; the capital city of Wellington; and Auckland, which included a visit to a nearby winery.

After a steamboat cruise to the Walter Peak Sheep Station and a down-home barbecue on New Year's Day, they explored Queenstown, the gateway to the South Island's breathtaking alpine and glacial scenery. The Kimberleys also enjoyed sightseeing tours of Christchurch and a visit to the Canterbury Museum and its famous Antarctic section; the capital city of Wellington; and Auckland, which included a visit to the Maritime Museum and a nearby winery.

While in Auckland, they and had the opportunity to sail on one of the sailboats that was a semifinalist in the 1995 America's Cup.

The trip included onboard lectures by professors from Harvard, MIT and Smith College on topics related to the tour.

PUERTO RICO TRIP

Playbill's Broadway by the Sea enticed Gail and David Theobald to the St. Regis Bahia Beach, Puerto Rico, in December. Seth Rudetsky of Sirius Radio fame was master of ceremonies for the event, which included "Chatterboxes," musical performances and tours of art galleries and old San Juan.

Tony Award-winners Tommy Tune, Paulo Szot, Christine Ebersole, Laura Benanti, Donna McKechnie and Faith Prince gave nightly concerts. Also performing were stage, television and screen actors Cheyenne Jackson and Megan Hilty.

A highlight of the trip for David was his opportunity to play golf with golfing legend Chi Chi Rodriguez, while Gail enjoyed a day at the spa.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

"Work hard. Mind your own business. Keep dancing." That's the philosophy of Eva Hagle, who recently celebrated her 103rd birthday.

The Permian Basin Dance Club honored Hagle Jan. 20 at its weekly dance at St. Stephen's Catholic Church ballroom. Members presented her with a beautifully decorated cake and sang "The Birthday Song." Hagle is accompanied to the weekly dances by her daughter, Rita Ehler. Her birthday celebration included a party at the Grand Buffet on Jan. 24.

Hagle, the middle of 13 children, was born Jan. 28, 1912. She grew up on a ranch in Stonewall County between Aspermont and Hamlin. She met her future husband while working at her sister's boarding house in Eunice, New Mexico, where he frequently ate his meals. They were married in Loving County in New Mexico and moved to Crane in 1936. During World War II, a friend convinced the couple to move to Wilmington, California, to work in the shipyards.

Last week, Hagle spoke to one of her great-grandchildren's classes about living through and observing the events of World War II.

After the war, the Hagles returned to Crane, where they raised their daughter. Hagle moved to Midland in 1981. She has two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Her enthusiasm for her "greats'" activities continues into her second century. She often attends their sporting events and dance recitals.

DELTA GAMMA ALUMNAE

The Midland/Odessa Delta Gamma sorority alumnae hosted a luncheon at Manny's Italian Village Ristorante over the Christmas holidays for new active members and their mothers.

Attending were Ashley Mast, a member at Texas Tech University, and her mother, Irma Mast, and Hope Williams, a member at the University of Oklahoma, and her mother, Kelly Williams.

Two other new members from Midland are McKinzie Kirby and Hope Rogers, both students at Texas Tech, who were unable to attend.

COFFEE TASTING

PEO Chapter DD hosted what has become an annual and much-anticipated tradition — a coffee tasting — on Jan. 27 at the home of Freda Benton.

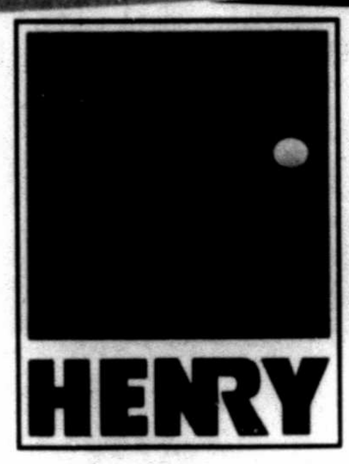
Members and guests enjoyed their choice of Irish Coffee, Coffee Grog, Café Benedictine, Coffee Alexander and Café Hollander. In addition, they were treated to a variety of sweets, featuring a chocolate fountain and fruits.

Among the 40 attendees were guests Marty Massie, Katie Moore, Angela Stanaford, Janie Hofer, Darla Pepper, Janet Garrett, Mary Jo Kendall, Carolyn Thompson, Sue Solari, Melissa Murphy, Marisa Hafley and Barbara Scribner of Odessa. Also present were the chapter's four new initiates, Sarana Savage, Lori Julian, Chris Makii and Laaron Hebert.

The chapter's social committee, headed by Benton, was in charge of arrangements. Members are Denise Hampton, Celista Halpert, Nona Nix, Lynn Phillips, Sara Sumrall, Ann Westerman, Patricia Kern, Tami Stallings, Linda Munden, Jane Dial, Marsha Crawford and D'Ann Botkin.

The coffee tasting began when the late Grace Osadchuk, a longtime member, gave the chapter her coffee recipes and laminated and decorated recipe cards for each. The first event was in 2008, the year after her death, and was dedicated to her memory.

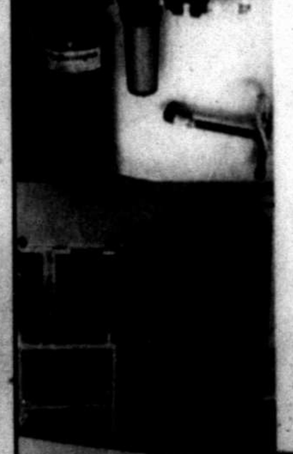
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HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	Swamp "Metalhead"		Swamp People		Swamp People (N)		(:05) Outlaws (N)			(:05) Men "Wild River"		Swamp People	
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	(5:00) Jodi Arias: Dirty Little Secret		Beautiful and Twisted (2015, Drama) Paz Vega, Candice Bergen, Rob Lowe.							The Novack Murders	Jodi Arias "Beyond the Headlines"	Beautiful and Twisted Rob Lowe.	
MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word			All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	39				(5:00) Deadline Day (L)		Blazers	Premier L	NASCAR Challenge		Blazers	Premier League Deadline Day				Soccer	
NICK		55	34	39	34	37	WitchWay	Sam & Cat	F.House	F.House	F.House		Fresh P.	Fresh P.		Friends	Friends	(:10) Ray	(:50) Ray
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	Troy (2004, Action) Orlando Bloom, Eric Bana, Brad Pitt.											Wrath of the Titans Sam Worthington.	
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	Catacombs ('07, Hor) Shannyn Sossamon.									The Eye ('08, Hor) Jessica Alba.		Blindness ('08, Dra) Julianne Moore.	
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	Sein. "The Finale"	Seinf. "The Finale" 2/2	Family Guy	Family Guy	American Dad	AmerDad "CIAPOW"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory		Conan (N)	The Office	Conan	
TCM		41	61	24	63	66	(4:45) Imitation o...		Little Women					42nd Street			(:45) The Public Enemy		
TELE		20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Los miserables		Tierra de reyes		Dueños del paraiso			Al rojo	(:35) Tinlar.	Tierra de reyes	
TLC		51	33	32	38	52	Kate Plus Eight "The Room Project"		My Weight Is Killing "Cut Me Loose" (N)		My 600-lb Life "Chuck and Paula" (N)		Big Fat Fabulous	Big Fat Fabulous		My 600-lb Life "Chuck and Paula"	Big Fat Fabulous	Big Fat Fabulous	
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	Castle "Nanny McDead"		Castle "Hedge Fund Homeboys"		Castle "Hell Hath No Fury"		Bones "The Death of the Queen Bee"			Bones "The Predator in the Pool"	Law & Order	"For the Defense"	
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	Walker, Texas Ranger		Fam.Feud	Fam.Feud	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens		Queens	Queens	Friends	Friends
USA		26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Patriot Down"		WWE Monday Night Raw							(:05) Sirens	(:35) Sirens	(:05) Chrisley	(:35) Chrisley
WGN		19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.		Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	Parks and Rec	Parks and Rec

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Permian Bridge Club

Jan. 13
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Jan. 14
Dorothy Brenneman-South, Ann Parish-Belle Harris, Flo Curry-Blumentritt, Nancy Ward-Linda Scarpelli, Lonnie Yee-Kay Sewell-Scott Vaughan-David Hudson

Jan. 15
Don Troy-Sewell, Helen Davis-Bill Dent, Amanda Shaw-Marty Massie, Les Neal-John Seymour

Jan. 16
Frances Mills- Perry, Jane Myers-Curry, Sue Marshall-Janet Stoltz-Bob Bacon-Servatius, Roz Grover-Sandy Thomas, Strack-Blumentritt

Jan. 18
Brenneman-South, Harris-Servatius, Blumentritt-Curry, Gloria Jackson-Nancy Ward, Linda Scarpelli-Vaughan

Jan. 19
Sarana Savage-Harris, Ward-Dorothy Baird, Servatius-Brenneman, Parish-Massie

Jan. 20
Bonnie Hubbard-Bitsy Loewenstein, Vaughan-Servatius, Lena Nichols-Crites, Thomas-Blumentritt, Brenda Leonard-Patti Witt, Scarpelli-Brauner, Kay Arrell-Peggy Cowan

Jan. 21
Curry-Blumentritt, Charlie Grimes-Servatius, Parish-Harris-South-Brenneman, Ward-Scarpelli, Yee-Troy

Jan. 23
Ricki Perry-Strack, Servatius-Grimes, Blumentritt-Curry, Hubbard-Frances Mills, Roberta Bacon-Bob Bacon, Judy Duke Miller-Janet Stoltz

Jan. 25
Servatius-Grimes, South-Brenneman, Harris-Savage, Shirley Davenport-Blumentritt, R. Bacon-B. Bacon, Jackson-Ward



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway, friends and supporters congratulate him Jan. 23 following the oath of office ceremony held by Judge Robert Junell at the George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush United States Courthouse.

ARMEDFORCESNEWS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Army Pvt. Caroline S. Pappas has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina.

She is the daughter of Tim Pappas of Midland and Stephanie Patterson of Burbank, California.

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Air Force Airman Michael C. Dawkins graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland inSan Antonio.

Dawkins is the son of Michael Dawkins of Midland and Amy Richards and William Ashley of Hueytown, Alabama, and the grandson of Debra Ashley of Hueytown, Alabama. He is a 2013 graduate of James Madison High School in San Antonio.

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Tech. Sgt. Logan Humphries has been assigned to the Air Force recruiting office at Music City Mall in Odessa. His previous assignment was with the 35th Security Forces Squadron at Misawa Air Base in Japan.

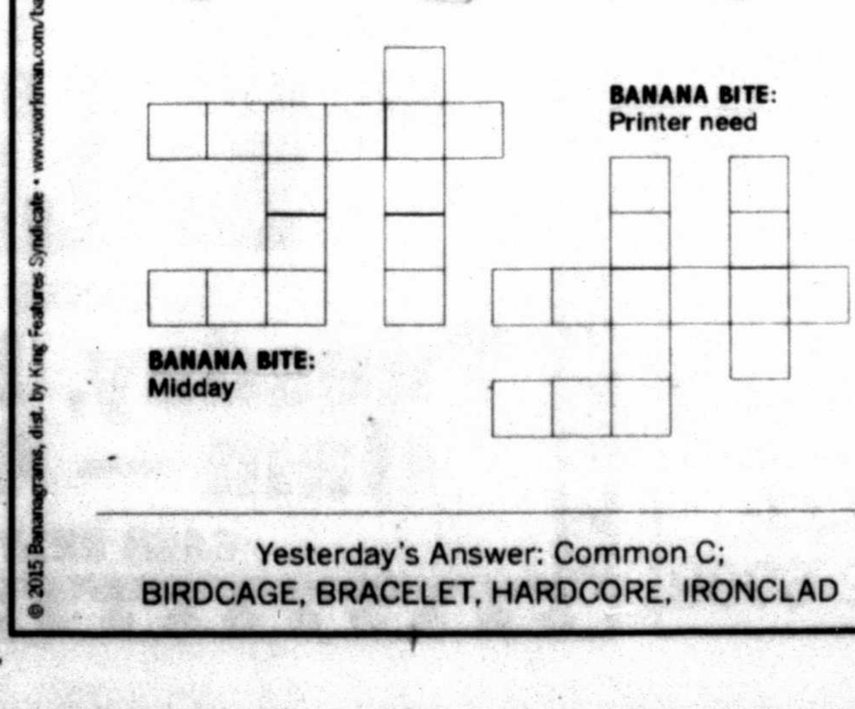
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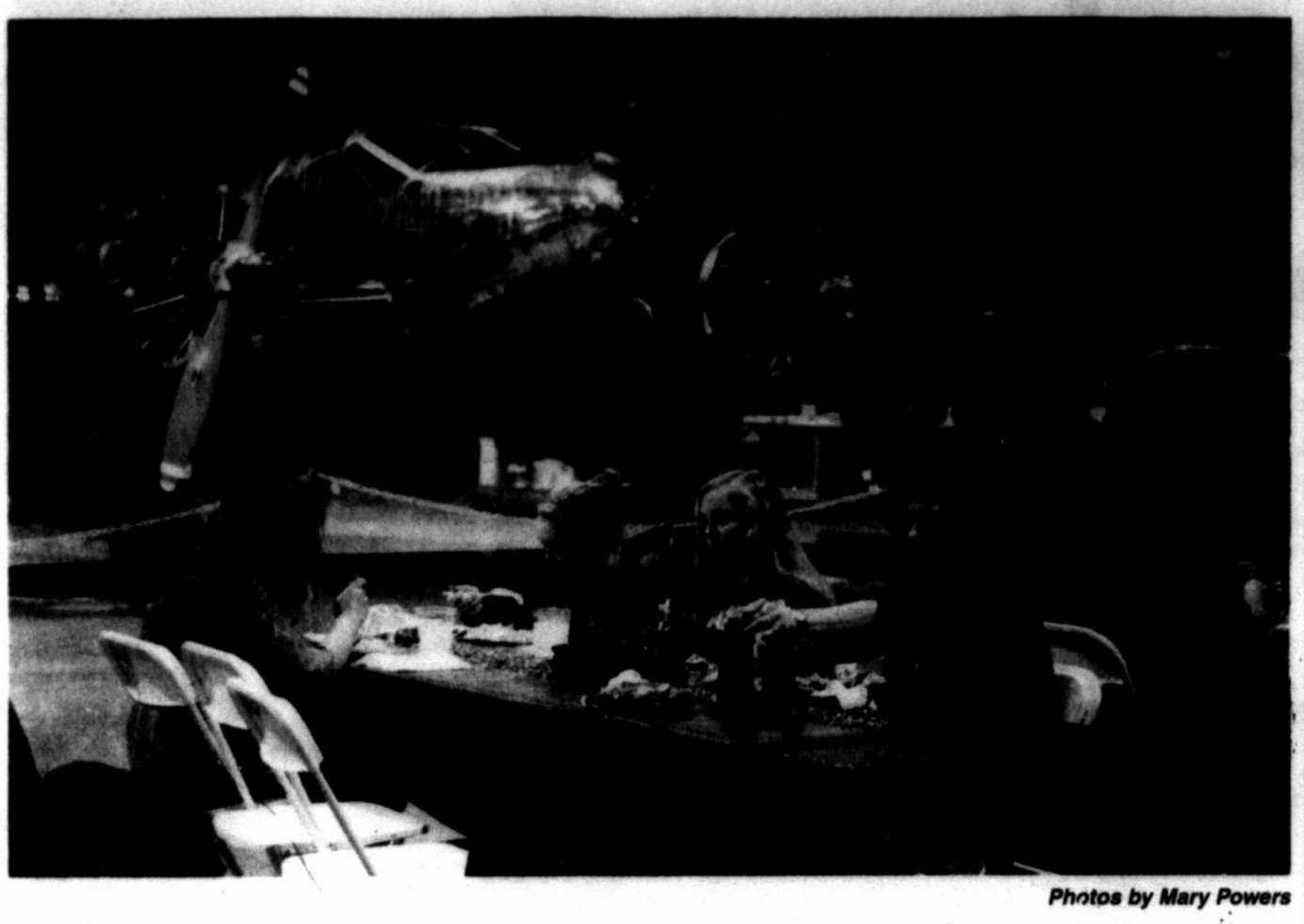


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Photos by Mary Powers

Tool Box Bash was Jan. 24 at the Commemorative Air Force hangar. The annual fundraiser, a benefit for Midland Habitat for Humanity, features a catered dinner, a silent auction and presentation of the Mark B. Merrit Golden Hammer Award to an individual or organization that has made a significant impact on Habitat. This year's recipient was Javaid Anwar.









SUPPORTGROUPS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Note: To make corrections to this listing, submit information to news@mrt.com

- Midland Parkinson Support Group, 6:30 p.m. the first Monday, HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital, 699-6640.
- for miscarriage grief recovery, call 570-5935.
- for post-abortion healing, call 570-5935.
- survivors of sexual abuse; interactive Bible study to help deal with the consequences of sexual abuse meets Tuesdays. Child care available; House of Hope, 570 5935.
- Chronic fatigue fibromyalgia syndromes support group meets noon the second Thursday at Rays of Hope Grief Centre; 520-3500.
- Bariatric Support Group, 11:30 a.m. third Wednesday, ACT Counseling Center, 2445 E. 11th St., Odessa; 272-4333.
- Diabetes support group meets 6:30-7:30 p.m. third Thursday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch; sponsored by Midland Memorial Hospital; 221-3286.
- Diabetes Support Group for Spanish Speakers meets 2-3 p.m. third Thursday at Casa de Amigos; sponsored by Midland Memorial Hospital; 221-3286.
- The Helping Hand Metastatic Cancer Support Group meets noon first and third Tuesday at Texas Tech Physicians of the Permian Basin Clinic, Room 210B. Lunch will be served. To RSVP, call Amber Chavez at 620-1023.
- Midland Chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays, First Presbyterian Church (Koinonoa Room); Judith Craig, 683-3648.
- West Texas Amputee Support Group, 11 a.m. third Saturday, HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital; 550-4371.
- ODESSA — Tourettes syndrome support group, 2 p.m. second Sunday, Neuroscience Institute, 3610 22nd St.; Pam Weaks, 806-438-6601, pzweaks@yahoo.com, or Rene Howell, 806-549-7788.
- Overeaters Anonymous; noon Wednesdays and 4:30 p.m. Sundays; B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-1031.
- A confidential peer-to-peer support gathering for combat veterans, first, third and fifth Tuesdays at Midland College Cogdell Center, 201 Florida Ave.; Steve Cree, 770-7469.
- The Knot Adoption Support Group, 11:30 a.m. second and fourth Wednesdays at First Presbyterian Church; Kathy Hagler, Kathy@WTIE.net
- Midland Memorial Hospital's Better Breathing Club meets 11:30 a.m. second Tuesday at Midland Memorial Hospital Scharbauer Tower meeting room. Don at 221-4864 or Joanna at 682-4229.

PRETTY IN PINK



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

McKenzie Jackson cuts out shapes at a children's table before the Midland Police Department's town hall meeting Jan. 19 at the Martin Luther King Jr. Center.

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Associated Press

New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady (12) celebrates after Super Bowl XLIX against the Seattle Seahawks on Sunday in Glendale, Ariz. The Patriots won 28-24.

Brady rallies Patriots to win over Seahawks

Patriots 28
Seahawks 24

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Tom Brady and the Patriots made this Super Bowl all about football, not footballs.

Clutch football, spiced by a sensational fourth-quarter rally and a goal-line, game-saving interception.

The record-setting Brady threw for four touchdowns, including a 3-yarder to Julian Edelman with 2:02 remaining Sunday night as New England rallied from a 10-point deficit to win its fourth Super Bowl in the Brady-Bill Belichick era, 28-24 over Seattle.

But the Patriots (15-4) had to survive a last-ditch drive by the Seahawks (14-5), who got to the 1, helped by a spectacular juggling catch by Jermaine Kearse. Rookie Malcolm Butler stepped in front of Ricardo Lockette and picked off Russell Wilson's off-target pass to complete one of the wildest Super Bowl finishes.

Brady leaped for joy on the Patriots sideline after Butler's interception.

"It wasn't the way we drew it up," said Brady, who won his third Super Bowl MVP award.

Brady surpassed Joe Montana's mark of 11 Super Bowl touchdown passes with a 5-yarder to Danny Amendola to bring the Patriots within three points.

Seattle, seeking to become the first repeat NFL champion since New England a decade ago, was outplayed for the first half, yet tied at 14. The Seahawks scored the only 10 points of the third period, but the NFL-leading defense couldn't slow the brilliant Brady when it counted most.

It didn't matter how much air was in the balls, game Brady was unstoppable when the pressure was strongest. While pushing aside the controversy over air pressure in the footballs stemming from the AFC title game, the Patriots toyed with Seattle in the final 12 minutes.

Seattle didn't quit — it never does — and Kearse's 33-yard catch with 1:06 remaining got it to the 5. Marshawn Lynch rushed for 4 yards, then backup cornerback Butler, who was victimized on Kearse's reception, made the biggest play of his first NFL season with 20

Please see **PATRIOTS**/3C



Associated Press

New England Patriots strong safety Duron Harmon celebrates after Super Bowl XLIX against the Seattle Seahawks on Sunday in Glendale, Ariz.

Pats QB wins 3rd Super Bowl MVP award

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — As a kid, years before he became a pretty good quarterback in his own right, Tom Brady idolized Joe Montana.

Now, at age 37, Brady owns just as many Super Bowl championships — and just as many Super Bowl MVP awards — as the Pro Football Hall of Famer.

And no QB in history has more.

Brady completed 37 of 50 passes for 328 yards with four touchdown passes, each to a different receiver, including an 8-for-8 bit of perfection on the drive that led to the go-ahead score with about 2 minutes left Sunday night.

That performance, and a victory-clinching interception by rookie cornerback Malcolm Butler, lifted the New England Patriots to a 28-24 comeback victory over the defending champion Seattle Seahawks in a Super Bowl with a slow start and a "Whoa!" finish.

This was not Brady at his best throughout. He threw two interceptions, including one deep in Seattle territory in the first quarter, and another in the third that led to points for the Seahawks.

That's part of why the Patriots trailed 24-14 in the fourth quarter, before Brady got the comeback going.

"It wasn't the way we drew it up. Certainly, throwing a couple of picks didn't

Please see **BRADY**/3C

A bunch of 5: Djokovic wins another Australian Open title

By John Pye
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — This was one occasion where Novak Djokovic couldn't really empathize with Andy Murray, his long-time friend.

As he prepared to receive the trophy for the Australian Open winner for a fifth time in five trips to the final at Melbourne Park, Djokovic turned to Murray late Sunday and offered his congratulations on his friend's recent engagement.

Nice segue. Murray — to set the record straight — had just lost an Australian Open final for the fourth time, including three at the hands of Djokovic. Murray won the U.S. Open in 2012 and Wimbledon in 2013 to end decades-long droughts at the majors for British men, but was clearly upset at his inability to crack it in Melbourne after this 7-6 (5), 6-7 (4), 6-3, 6-0 defeat.

"I wish you a wonderful wedding and many kids," Djokovic said, kicking off his trophy acceptance speech. Murray smiled. His fiancee, Kim Sears, applauded from her seat in the crowd. She'd already drawn attention for her shirt that was emblazoned with the words "Parental Advisory Explicit Content" — a humorous reaction to being caught on camera apparently using expletives during Murray's semifinal.

"It's slightly different thinking for me now since I became a father and a husband," Djokovic explained. "I apologize for changing the subject."

His outlook on life had changed between his two most recent trips to Australia. He married long-time partner, Jelena, and the couple had a son, Stefan, in late October.

He said his first Grand Slam title since his marriage and the birth of his son had a "deeper meaning, more intrinsic value."

"Getting married and becoming a father was definitely something that gave me a new energy, something that I never felt before," he said. "And right now everything has been going in such a positive direction in my life. I'm so grateful for that. So I try to live these moments with all my heart."

Djokovic now has eight major titles, including his five in Australia, where he won his first Grand Slam title in 2008 and then won three straight from 2011 before losing in the quarterfinals last year to Stan Wawrinka.

The 27-year-old Serbian is

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Associated Press

Novak Djokovic holds the trophy after defeating Andy Murray in the men's singles final at the Australian Open tennis championship in Melbourne, Australia, on Sunday.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

WHAT'S ON TV

CARIBBEAN BASEBALL
Venezuela vs. Puerto Rico, 5:30 p.m., ESPNDEP

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Virginia at North Carolina, 6 p.m., ESPN
Morgan State at Coppin State, 6 p.m., ESPNU
Iona at Fairfield, 6 p.m., SNY
American at Holy Cross, 6:30 p.m., CBSSN
Lamar at Sam Houston State, 6:30 p.m., ROOT
Iowa State at Kansas, 8 p.m., ESPN
Alabama A&M at Texas Southern, 8 p.m., ESPNU

MEN'S SOCCER
La Liga: Malaga vs. Valencia, 1:45 p.m., beIN/beIN2

NBA
Atlanta at New Orleans, 7 p.m., NBAtv
Minnesota at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Michigan State at Ohio State, 5:30 p.m., BTN
Louisville at Duke, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Syracuse at Florida State, 6 p.m., FSSWP
Missouri at LSU, 6 p.m., SEC
Washington State at California, 7 p.m., P12
Purdue at Indiana, 7:30 p.m., BTN
Washington at Stanford, 9 p.m., P12

WHAT'S ON DECK

JUNIOR COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL
Midland College at Clarendon College, 7:45 p.m.
JUNIOR COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Midland College at Clarendon College, 5:45 p.m.
JUNIOR COLLEGE SOFTBALL
Cisco at Midland College (DH), 1 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NEW YORK KNICKS — Recalled F Cleanthony Early from Westchester (NBADL).
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
DALLAS STARS — Reassigned D Jamie Oleksiak and RW Brett Ritchie to Texas (AHL).
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Recalled G Andrei Vasilevskiy from Syracuse (AHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Reassigned D Cameron Schilling to Hershey (AHL).
American Hockey League
SPRINGFIELD FALCONS — Released D Nathan Oystrick from his professional tryout contract.
COLLEGE
AUBURN — Dismissed women's senior basketball F Hasina Muhammad from the team

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	51	32	15	4	68	166	133
Montreal	49	32	14	3	67	130	111
Detroit	50	29	12	9	67	149	129
Boston	50	27	16	7	61	134	124
Florida	47	21	16	10	52	115	132
Ottawa	48	20	19	9	49	136	136
Toronto	51	22	25	4	48	144	156
Buffalo	50	14	33	3	31	94	179

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Islanders	49	32	16	1	65	158	139
Pittsburgh	50	28	14	8	64	145	129
N.Y. Rangers	47	28	15	4	60	139	112
Washington	50	25	15	10	60	147	129
Philadelphia	51	22	22	7	51	140	151
New Jersey	50	19	22	9	47	113	138
Columbus	48	21	24	3	45	120	151
Carolina	49	17	26	6	40	105	129

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	49	32	11	6	70	149	115
St. Louis	49	32	13	4	68	160	120
Chicago	50	31	17	2	64	155	115
Winnipeg	51	26	17	8	60	142	132
Dallas	49	23	19	7	53	157	159
Colorado	50	21	18	11	53	131	141
Minnesota	49	23	20	6	52	135	140

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	50	32	12	6	70	147	134
San Jose	50	27	17	6	60	139	135
Vancouver	48	27	18	3	57	131	124
Calgary	50	27	20	3	57	144	129
Los Angeles	49	21	16	12	54	134	132
Arizona	50	18	26	6	42	116	170
Edmonton	50	13	28	9	35	115	166

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

Sunday's Scores
Arizona 3, Montreal 2
St. Louis 4, Washington 3
Nashville 4, Pittsburgh 0
Minnesota 4, Vancouver 2
Colorado 3, Dallas 2
Florida at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
Winnipeg at Calgary, 8 p.m.
Edmonton at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

SPEED SKATING WORLD CUP

Sunday
At Hamar, Norway
Men

1,500: — 1. Denis Yuskov, Russia, 1:45.07. 2. Kjeld Nuis, Netherlands, 1:45.80. 3. Denny Morrison, Canada, 1:46.03. 4. Thomas Krol, Netherlands, 1:46.59. 5. Haralds Silovs, Latvia, 1:46.60. 6. Sverre Lunde Pedersen, Norway, 1:46.64. 7. Shani Davis, United States, 1:46.80. 8. Zbigniew Brodka, Poland, 1:46.84. 9. Konrad Niedzwiedzki, Poland, 1:46.95. 10. Li Bailin, China, 1:47.55. Also 11. Joey Mantia, United States, 1:47.61. Division B. 19. Jonathan Garcia, United States, 1:50.46. 21. KC Boutiette, United States, 1:50.80. 27. Jeffrey Swider-Peltz, United States, 1:51.37.

Standings (after five races): — 1. Kjeld Nuis, Netherlands, 336 points. 2. Sverre Lunde Pedersen, Norway, 285. 3. Jan Szymanski, Poland, 261. 4. Wouter olde Heuvel, Netherlands, 261. 5. Denny Morrison, Canada, 259. Also: 6. Shani Davis, United States, 255. 18. Joey Mantia, United States, 53. 31. Jeffrey Swider-Peltz, United States, 20.

Mass Start: — 1. Lee Seung-hoon, South Korea, 7:50.52. 2. Marco Weber, Germany, 7:50.82. 3. Bart Swings, Belgium, 7:50.87. 4. Andrea Giovannini, Italy, 8:08.07. 5. Armin Hager, Austria, 8:04.29. 6. Sverre Lunde Pedersen, Norway, 7:57.12. 7. Sun Longjiang, China, 8:28.88. 8. Linus Heidegger, Austria, 7:53.77. 9. Shane Williamson, Japan, 7:56.01. 10. Alexis Contin, France, 7:50.91. Also: 14. Jeffrey Swider-Peltz, United States, 7:52.41.

Standings (after five races): — 1. Lee Seung-hoon, South Korea, 450. 2. Andrea Giovannini, Italy, 286. 3. Bart Swings, Belgium, 237. 4. Kim Cheol-min, South Korea, 179. 5. Joint Bergsma, Netherlands, 160. Also: 16. Jeffrey Swider-Peltz, United States, 67. 46. Edwin Park, United States, 2.

Women

3,000: — 1. Martina Sablikova, Czech Republic, 4:03.68. 2. Carlin Achtereekte, Netherlands, 4:05.13. 3. Ireen Wust, Netherlands, 4:05.20. 4. Marije Joling, Netherlands, 4:06.70. 5. Jonen Voorhuis, Netherlands, 4:07.87. 6. Diane Valkenburg, Netherlands, 4:09.22. 7. Olga Graf, Russia, 4:09.75. 8. Claudia Pechstein, Germany, 4:10.81. 9. Ida Njatun, Norway, 4:11.95. 10. Luiza Ziolkowska, Poland, 4:12.37. Also: Division B, 1. Heather Richardson, United States, 4:09.49. 27. Carlijn Schoutens, United States, 4:22.67. 31. Erin Bartlett, United States, 4:27.67.

Standings (after five races): — 1. Martina Sablikova, Czech Republic, 430. 2. Ireen Wust, Netherlands, 350. 3. Claudia Pechstein, Germany, 270. 4. Jonen Voorhuis, Netherlands, 250. 5. Marije Joling, Netherlands, 230. Also: 30. Heather Richardson, United States, 32. 37. Maria Lamb, United States, 15.

Mass Start: — 1. Irene Schouten, Netherlands, 8:47.47. 2. Ivanie Blondin, Canada, 8:47.51. 3. Mariska Huisman, Netherlands, 8:47.67. 4. Miho Takagi, Japan, 8:49.60. 5. Claudia Pechstein, Germany, 8:50.06. 6. Marina Zuyeva, Belarus, 8:51.25. 7. Francesca Lollobrigida, Italy, 8:47.83. 8. Jelena Peeters, Belgium, 8:49.96. 9. Nikola Zdrahalova, Czech Republic, 8:50.75. 10. Bente Kraus, Germany, 8:50.99. Also: 18. Carlijn Schoutens, United States, 8:50.77. 19. Erin Bartlett, United States, 8:50.85.

Standings (after five races): — 1. Ivanie Blondin, Canada, 430. 2. Irene Schouten, Netherlands, 420. 3. Martina Sablikova, Czech Republic, 255. 4. Claudia Pechstein, Germany, 213. 5. Nana Takagi, Japan, 210. Also: 26. Maria Lamb, United States, 18. 29. Carlijn Schoutens, United States, 8. 31. Erin Bartlett, United States, 6. 36. Heather Richardson, United States, 2.

SKI REPORT

New Mexico

Angel Fire — Sun 6:54 am 2 new packed powder machine groomed 36 - 36/base 73 of 78 trails 94% open. 525 acres, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Thu 9a-4p. Fri 9a-8p. Sat 9a-8p
Sun 9a-4p;
Pajarito — Sun 7:37 am powder machine groomed 34 - 34 base 32 of 44 trails 73% open. 5 of 7 lifts, Fri 9a-4p. Sat/Sun 9a-4p; Open Fri-Sun.
Red River — Sun 7:41 am 1 new powder machine groomed 25 - 34 base 57 of 57 trails 100% open. 257 acres. 7 of 7 lifts, sm Mon-Fri. 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.
Sandia Peak — Sun 9:54 am 1 new variable 12 - 20 base 39 of 39 trails 100% open. 4 of 5 lifts. Fri- 9a-4p; Sat/Sun. 9a-4p; Open Fri-Sun.
Sipapu — Sun 5:27 am 2 new MG machine groomed 28 - 36 base 41 of 41 trails 100% open. 5 of 5 lifts. Mon-Fri. 9a-4p. Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.
Ski Apache — Sat 11:13 pm MG machine groomed 20 - 52 base 52 of 55 trails 95% open. 22 miles. 550 acres. 8 of 10 lifts. sm Mon-Fri. 9a-4p;
Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.
Ski Santa Fe — Sat 4:13 pm 8 new variable machine groomed 46 - 46 base 74 of 77 trails 97% open. 7 of 7 lifts. Mon-Fri. 9a-4p. Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.
Taos — Sun 6:13 am 2 new MG machine groomed 43 - 44 base 83 of 113 trails 74% open. 13 of 15 lifts. Mon-Fri. 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Enchanted Forest XC — Sat 7:00 pm powder machine groomed 12 - 24 base 40 of 40 trails. 22 miles Mon-Fri. 9a-4:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4:30p.

Colorado

Arapahoe Basin — Sun 7:56 am 1 new powder machine groomed 38 - 38 base 99 of 109 trails, 91% open. 952 acres. 8 of 8 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p
Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Aspen Highlands — Sun 7:41 am 3 new packed powder machine groomed 36 - 51 base 122 of 122 trails, 100% open. 1040 acres, 5 of 5 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p
Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;
Aspen Mountain — Sun 7:40 am 2 new packed powder machine groomed 28 - 31 base 76 of 76 trails, 100% open. 675 acres, 6 of 8 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p
Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;
Beaver Creek — Sun 5:59 am 4 new packed powder machine groomed 40 - 40 base 139 of 150 trails, 93% open, 1736 acres, 24 of 25 lifts. Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p
Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Breckenridge — Sun 5:59 am 1 new packed powder machine groomed 51 - 51 base 175 of 187 trails, 95% open, 2758 acres, 34 of 35 lifts. Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p;
Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Buttermilk — Sun 7:43 am 2 new packed powder machine groomed 28 - 30 base 38 of 44 trails
68% open, 434 acres, 7 of 8 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;
Copper Mountain — Sun 4:55 am 2 new packed powder machine groomed 46 - 52 base 142 of 143 trails, 98% open, 2465 acres, 23 of 23 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p
Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Crested Butte — Sun 4:33 am 1 new packed powder machine groomed 38 - 38 base 89 of 121 trails, 97% open, 818 acres, 13 of 16 lifts. sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Eldora — Sun 1:15 pm 3 new packed powder machine groomed 42 - 42 base 50 of 53 trails 95% open. 10 of 11 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Keystone — Sun 5:56 am 2 new packed powder machine groomed 35 - 35 base 118 of 135 trails
88% open. 2953 acres. 19 of 20 lifts. Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Loveland — Sun 7:05 am 2 new packed powder machine groomed 44 - 44 base 91 of 93 trails 93% open. 1710 acres, 9 of 10 lifts. sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Monarch — Sun 12:54 pm 3 new powder machine groomed 52 - 52 base 60 of 62 trails. 97% open. 800 acres. 6 of 6 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Powderhorn — Sun 5:49 am 4 new powder machine groomed 34 - 34 base 38 of 54 trails 90% open. 4 of 5 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Purgatory at Durango — Sun 7:03 am powder machine groomed 33 - 37 base 84 of 88 trails. 96% open. 9 of 10 lifts. Mon-Fri 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Silverton Mountain — Sun 8:25 am powder 40 - 70 base 69 of 69 trails. 100% open. 1819 acres. 1 of 1 lift Thu/Fri: 9a-3p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3p
Open Thu-Sun;
Ski Cooper — Sun 5:30 am 1 new packed powder machine groomed 43 - 44 base 38 of 39 trails.
100% open. 400 acres, 4 of 4 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Ski Granby Ranch — Sat 8:49 am variable machine groomed 26 - 26 base 37 of 41 trails 91% open. 5 of 5 lifts. sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat: 9a-4p, 9a-8p; Sun: 9a-4p;
Snowmass — Sun 7:42 am 3 new packed powder machine groomed 28 - 43 base 87 of 94 trails
99% open. 3112 acres, 18 of 21 lifts. Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Steamboat — Sun 5:21 am 2 new powder machine groomed 39 - 46 base 163 of 165 trails 100% open. 2919 acres, 16 of 18 lifts. Mon: 8:30a-4:30p
Tue/Wed: 8:30-4:30p; Thu/Fri: 8:30a-8:30p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4:30p;
Sunlight — Sun 7:01 am 1 new powder machine groomed 29 - 32 base 49 of 67 trails 85% open. 324 acres, 3 of 3 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Telluride — Sun 5:44 am 2 new packed powder machine groomed 44 - 44 base 106 of 127 trails
97% open, 1940 acres, 18 of 18 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Vail — Sun 5:55 am 3 new packed powder machine groomed 41 - 41 base 195 of 195 trails 100% open. 5289 acres, 31 of 31 lifts. Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4:30p
Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4:30p;
Winter Park — Sun 5:30 am 2 new packed powder machine groomed 44 - 46 base 135 of 143 trails, 95% open. 2571 acres, 23of 26 lifts. sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p
Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Wolf Creek — Sun 6:51 am 1 new packed powder machine groomed 53 - 59 base 77 of 77 trails
100% open. 1600 acres, 7 of 8 lifts. Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;
Ashcroft XC — Operating, no details
Aspen/Snowmass XC — Operating, no details
Crested Butte XC — Operating, no details
Snow Mountain XC — Operating, no details
Vail Nordic Center — Operating, no details

Lee teams, MCS' Houston win in Fort Stockton

From staff reports

FORT STOCKTON — The Lee girls golf team and the Lee boys golf team each won their respective divisions of the Fort Stockton Invitational on Saturday.

The Lee girls won the tournament by 16 strokes over Sonora, as the Lady Rebels finished with a 375-380—755 total. Ryleigh Stump (94-82—176) finished in third, Alex Sparks (92-95—187) finished in a tie for fourth with Midland Christian's Chloe Brice (93-94—187), while Alexis Adkinsson (93-96—189) finished in a tie for sixth.

The Lee boys edged Odessa High by five shots for the title as the Rebels finished with a 350-328—678 total. Midland Christian was third with a 354-340—694 total.

Midland Christian's Coleman Houston won the individual title with a 79-73—152 total, finishing seven shots ahead of Lee's Jared Valez (84-75—159). Midland Christian's Reagan Brown (83-86—169) finished in a tie for sixth individually, while Lee's Justin Valdez (89-82—171) was in a tie for ninth.

Fort Stockton Invitational
Friday-Saturday, Desert Pines Golf Course, Fort Stockton
GIRLS
Final Results
Team Standings

1. Lee, 375-380—755; 2. Sonora, 397-374—771; 3. Monahans, 387-415—802; 4. Pecos, 422-395—817; 5. Alpine, 421-422—843; 6. Odessa Permian II, 425-426—851; 7. San Angelo Lake View, 476-448—924; 8. Fort Stockton, 470-473—943; 9. El Paso Irvin, 500-515—1,015.

Top 10 Individuals

1. Gabi Cano, Monahans, 89-78—163; 2. Darby Ramsdell, Sonora, 84-83—167; 3. Ryleigh Stump, Lee, 94-82—176; 4. (tie) Alex Sparks, Lee, 92-95—187; and Chloe Brice, Midland Christian, 93-94—187; 6. (tie) Alexis Adkinsson, Lee, 93-96—189; and Caitlyn Thomas, Odessa High, 98-91—189; 8. (tie) Aumbree Cox, Odessa High, 93-99—192; and Kylie Reiner, Sonora, 101-91—192; 10. Sydney Lewis, Monahans, 95-99—194.

Area Team Results

Lee (375-380—755): Alexis Adkinsson, 93-96—189; Ryleigh Stump, 94-82—176; Alex Sparks, 92-95—187; Sophie Sutter, 95-107—203; Kelly Jones, 121-107—228.
Monahans (387-415—802): Gabi Cano, 85-78—163; Sydney Lewis, 95-99—194; Sommer Hummel, 109-119—228; Aylin Mena, 121-119—240; Jordan Strickland, 96-119—217.
Odessa Permian II (425-426—851): Shelby Knighton, 101-106—207; Deanna Flores 111-105—216; Emily Serrano, 101-101—202; Katelyn Winehell, 112-114—226; Isabella Salmon, 121-124—245.

Other Medalists

Odessa High: Aumbree Cox, 93-99—192; Caitlyn Thomas, 98-91—189; Melina Cortez, 106-105—211.
Monahans: Caitlyne Bolin, 110-113—223; Remee Gilliam, 115-110—225.
Midland Christian: Chloe Bice, 93-94—187.

BOYS

Team Standings

1. Lee 350-328—678; 2. Odessa High, 336-347—683; 3. Midland Christian, 354-340—694; 4. Monahans, 354-350—704; 5. Alpine, 411-368—779; 6. Van Horn, 471-332—803; 7. Fort Stockton A, 412-420—832; 8. Pecos, 444-404—848; 9. San Angelo Lake View, 430-423—853; 10. Fort Stockton C, 550-368—918; 11. Fort Stockton B, 565-478—1,043.

Top 10 Individuals

1. Coleman Houston, Midland Christian, 79-73—152; 2. Jared Valez, Lee, 84-75—159; 3. Logan Lee, Odessa High, 81-81—162; 4. Blane Heflin, Monahant, 82-82—164; 5. Brandon Grant, Odessa High, 78-88—166; 6. (tie) Reagan Brown, Midland Christian, 83-86—169; and Zac Zuniga, San Angelo Lake View, 86-83—169; 8. Cameron Eddings, Monahans, 88-82—170; 9. (tie) Matthew Munoz, Odessa High, 86-85—171; and Justin Valdez, Lee, 89-82—171.

Area Team Results

Lee (350-328—678): Jared Valez, 84-75—159; Jarred Arras, 93-83—176; Chase White 91-82—183; Justin Valdez, 89-82—171; Ethan Hobbs, 86-89—174.
Odessa High (336-347—683): Logan Lee, 81-81—162; Brandon Grant, 78-88—166; Wade Westfall, 95-99—194; Blake Barber, 91-93—184; Matthew Munoz, 86-85—171.
Midland Christian (354-340—694): Coleman Houston, 79-73—152; Reagan Brown, 83-86—169; Gunnar Gault, 94-92—186; Trennon Parish, 104-108—212; Joe Smith, 88-99—187.
Monahans (354-350—704): Blane Heflin, 82-82—164; Cameron Eddings, 88-82—170; Logan Smith, 95-95—190; Trevor Doege, 92-91—183; Buck Watson, 92-98—190.

MCBASKETBALLCAPSULES

BY OSCAR LEROY

Women

MIDLAND COLLEGE AT CLARENDON COLLEGE
When/where: 5:45 p.m. today, Bulldog Arena, Clarendon
Records: Midland College 15-8, 6-2 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Clarendon College 13-11, 3-5
Last WJCAC game: Midland College 56, Howard College 45; Odessa College 74, Clarendon College 42
Notes & quotes: The Lady Chaparrals are looking to extend their three-game winning streak tonight. ...MC is coming off a win over Howard College despite not playing one of its better games. The Lady Chaps shot just 38.5 percent and had nine of their 12 turnovers coming in the second half. "I'm obviously happy with the win," MC coach Ron Jones said, "but what I told the girls is that we didn't play as hard for the full 40 minutes like we had done in previous games. That is something we tried to correct this weekend in practice." ...Four Lady Chaps scored in double figures against Howard. Tajanay Veiga had 14 points to go with eight rebounds; Walnatia Wright had 14 points and 11 rebounds; Mary Savoy had 13 points to go with eight boards; and Sierra Dixon added 10 points. ...Clarendon was crushed by Odessa College on Thursday as the Lady Bulldogs shot just 25.8 percent. Ja'lee Carver had 13 points and Amber Dubois added 11 for Clarendon. ... Jones said his team shouldn't take Clarendon lightly and added that just like any other conference road game, a team has to earn its victory. "Just can't just show up and expect to win," Jones said. "Our goal is to get the girls in the right frame of mind going up there." ...MC defeated Clarendon 83-58 in the previous meeting on Dec. 6 at Chaparral Center. ...Jones said freshman guard and Midland Christian grad Morgan Ashton, who's been out for two months with wrist and calf injuries, is expected to play tonight.
Next: Frank Phillips College at Midland College, 5:45 p.m. Thursday; Clarendon College at Howard College, 5:45 p.m. Feb. 9

WJCAC Women

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
New Mexico JC	6	0	21	1
Odessa College	6	0	20	4
Midland College	5	2	15	8
Frank Phillips	4	4	16	9
South Plains	3	4	7	14
Clarendon College	3	5	13	11
Western Texas	1	6	9	11
Howard College	0	8	6	17

Thursday's Scores
Midland College 56, Howard College 45;
Odessa College 74, Clarendon College 42;
New Mexico JC 91, Frank Phillips 53; South Plains College and Western Texas College were open

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

WJCAC Men

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Howard College	8	1	17	5
South Plains	8	1	17	7
New Mexico JC	6	3	17	6
Odessa College	5	4	17	5
New Mexico Military	5	4	11	8
Frank Phillips	3	6	14	9
Midland College	3	6	13	10
Western Texas	2	7	11	10
Clarendon College	1	8	4	18

Thursday's Scores
Howard College 73, Midland College 70;
Odessa College 93, Clarendon College 65;
New Mexico JC 74, Frank Phillips College 67;
New Mexico Military Institute 70, Western Texas College 67; South Plains College was open

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

College Athletic Conference; Clarendon College 4-18, 1-8
Last WJCAC game: Howard College 73, Midland College 70; Odessa College 93, Clarendon College 65
Notes & quotes: From here on out, the Chaparrals are in must-win mode if they want to qualify for next month's regional tournament. Going into today, the Chaps are two games back of the fourth and final postseason spot out of the WJCAC. ...The Chaps made a valiant effort to come back from an 11-point deficit against rival Howard College on Thursday, but in the end the Hawks made enough plays to pull out the win. ...Four Chaps were in double figures, led by Torren Jones with 17 points and 11 rebounds. Jamal Evans added 17 points, while Quay King and Maurice O'Field each had 11 points. ... Despite the loss, MC coach Jordan Dreiling was pleased that his team showed fight in the second half after facing a double-digit deficit and having key players in foul trouble. He hopes that fight carries over into today's road game. "I'm excited," he said. "I just hope we take where we left off in the second half where we were more disciplined with what we were doing and had only six turnovers. We need keep the turnovers down to 10 to 12 per game and not give up double figures on the offensive boards." Dreiling said being disciplined with what they do on the court and rotating more can help cut down on foul trouble, which has plagued the Chaps in the last two games. ...Clarendon is coming off a blowout loss at Odessa College on Thursday as the Bulldogs turned the ball over 19 times. Freshman wing D'Tavian Walker led Clarendon with 20 points. ...Dreiling said he expects a tough game tonight as the Bulldogs tend to play better at home. "It's going to be important that we come out and establish a plan of attack, stick to it and be stubborn about it," Dreiling said. ...Dreiling said freshman guard Tyler Whitehead, who sat out Thursday for disciplinary reasons, should be available today. ...MC defeated Clarendon 104-69 at Chaparral Center in the first meeting of the season on Dec. 6.
Next: Frank Phillips College at Midland College, 7:45 p.m. Thursday; Clarendon College at Howard College, 7:45 p.m. Feb. 9

Men

MIDLAND COLLEGE AT CLARENDON COLLEGE
When/where: 7:45 p.m. today, Bulldog Arena, Clarendon
Records: Midland College 13-10, 3-6 in Western Junior

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HEAT 83
CELTICS 75

BOSTON — Hassan Whiteside was hardly shocked when Miami coach Erik Spoelstra designed a play for him late in the third quarter of a tight game.

He was surprised when Spoelstra kept doing it, though.

Whiteside scored half of his 20 points during a dominant stretch spanning the third and fourth quarters to help the Miami Heat stave off Boston's rally and snap a two-game slide with an 83-75 victory over the Celtics on Sunday.

"He drew up a play and I scored on it, he just kept drawing them up," said Whiteside, who went 10-for-17 from the field with nine rebounds and three blocked shots. "I really think he started believing I can make plays down there."

Whiteside also had nine rebounds and blocked three shots, while Chris Bosh added 18 points and Tyler Johnson had 13, helping overcome the absences of Dwyane Wade and Luol Deng.

Wade missed his second game in a row with a strained right hamstring, while Deng sat out his third straight with a strained calf. Wade, who injured himself in Tuesday's loss to Milwaukee, is averaging 21.4 points and 5.4 assists per game.

Whiteside is more than making up for their absence, though, and Spoelstra isn't his only supporter.

The 25-year-old has most of Miami in a frenzy following a wild week that included a triple-double and franchise-record 12 blocks last Sunday, and 24 rebounds on Friday.

It's quite the story for the former castoff who signed with the Heat in November after playing in both Lebanon and China last year.

"He continues to surprise me," Bosh said. "He's a talented young fellow. We want to continue to push him and encourage him to play and do well."

Avery Bradley and Tyler Zeller led the Celtics with 17 points apiece, and Brandon Bass had 15. It was Boston's third straight loss and fourth in its last five.

KNICKS 92
LAKERS 80

NEW YORK — Carmelo Anthony hears those voices saying he's getting old, that he can't jump like he once did.

Hard not to, since some of them are coming from right in his locker room.

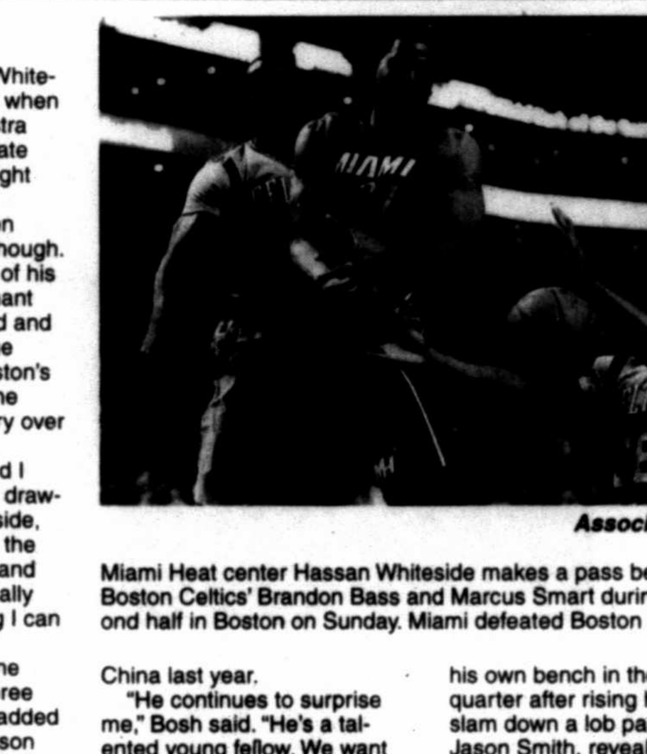
Anthony answered in his own way Sunday, scoring 18 of his 31 points in the third quarter as the New York Knicks beat the Los Angeles Lakers 92-80.

He stared back toward his own bench in the second quarter after rising high to slam down a lob pass from Jason Smith, revealing that his teammates were teasing the 30-year-old forward recently after seeing him dunk.

"They said they haven't seen that before in a long time," Anthony said, "and we had this conversation before the game today, so it was just one of those moments where I had to look at the bench and let them know that I've still got it."

With Kobe Bryant out for the season and both teams among the worst in the NBA, it was anything but a Super Sunday in New York, where the national TV audience that was originally scheduled to see it missed the Lakers shooting 35.5 percent from the field.

Anthony stood out above the ugliness, turning mostly to his jumper in the third quarter to help New York pull away. He shot 13 of 25 and grabbed eight rebounds.



Associated Press

Miami Heat center Hassan Whiteside makes a pass between Boston Celtics' Brandon Bass and Marcus Smart during the second half in Boston on Sunday. Miami defeated Boston 83-75.

"Melo got hot, had it going and gave them a nice cushion," Lakers forward Carlos Boozer said. "We tried to fight back a little bit but it was a little too late."

Langston Galloway added 13 points for the Knicks, who have won five of seven and did it easily, building their first 20-point lead since they were up 21 in a victory over Philadelphia on Nov. 22.

Boozer had 19 points and 10 rebounds for the Lakers, who lost for the 11th time in 11 games. Jordan Clarkson also scored 19 points.

The Lakers had snapped their nine-game losing streak with a double-overtime victory over Chicago on Thursday but they remain lost on the road, where they fell for the seventh straight time.

"We just got off to a bad start in the first quarter," Lakers coach Byron Scott said. "I thought New York's energy was a whole lot harder than ours and their effort was a lot better than ours. They just played better."

The Knicks are 10-38, slightly worse than the Lakers' 13-35 mark. Missing half its star power with Bryant sidelined after shoulder surgery, the game was yanked from ESPN — the Knicks' fourth consecutive game that was dropped from the NBA's national TV schedule.

It was Derek Fisher's first time coaching against the team he helped win five championships, and now Phil Jackson, the coach of those teams, will have to figure out how to build the Knicks into contenders. Fisher said that doesn't require landing another star like the Lakers did when they got Shaquille O'Neal or Pau Gasol, but acknowledged they may not be able to build gradually as teams such as Oklahoma City and Portland have.

NBA BOX SCORES AND STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	33	15	.688	—
Brooklyn	18	28	.391	14
Boston	16	30	.348	16
New York	10	38	.208	23
Philadelphia	10	38	.208	23

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	40	8	.833	—
Washington	31	17	.646	9
Miami	21	26	.447	18½
Charlotte	20	27	.426	19½
Orlando	15	35	.300	26

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	30	19	.612	—
Cleveland	29	20	.592	1
Milwaukee	25	22	.532	4
Detroit	19	30	.375	11½
Indiana	17	32	.347	13

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	35	12	.745	—
Houston	33	15	.688	2½
Dallas	32	17	.653	4
San Antonio	30	18	.625	5½
New Orleans	25	22	.532	10

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	32	16	.667	—
Oklahoma City	23	24	.489	8½
Denver	19	29	.396	13
Utah	17	30	.362	14½
Minnesota	8	39	.170	23½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	37	8	.822	—
L.A. Clippers	33	15	.688	5½
Phoenix	28	21	.571	11
Sacramento	17	29	.370	20½
L.A. Lakers	13	35	.271	25½

Sunday's Scores
Miami 83, Boston 75
New York 92, L.A. Lakers 80

Today's Games
Charlotte at Washington, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Milwaukee at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.
Atlanta at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

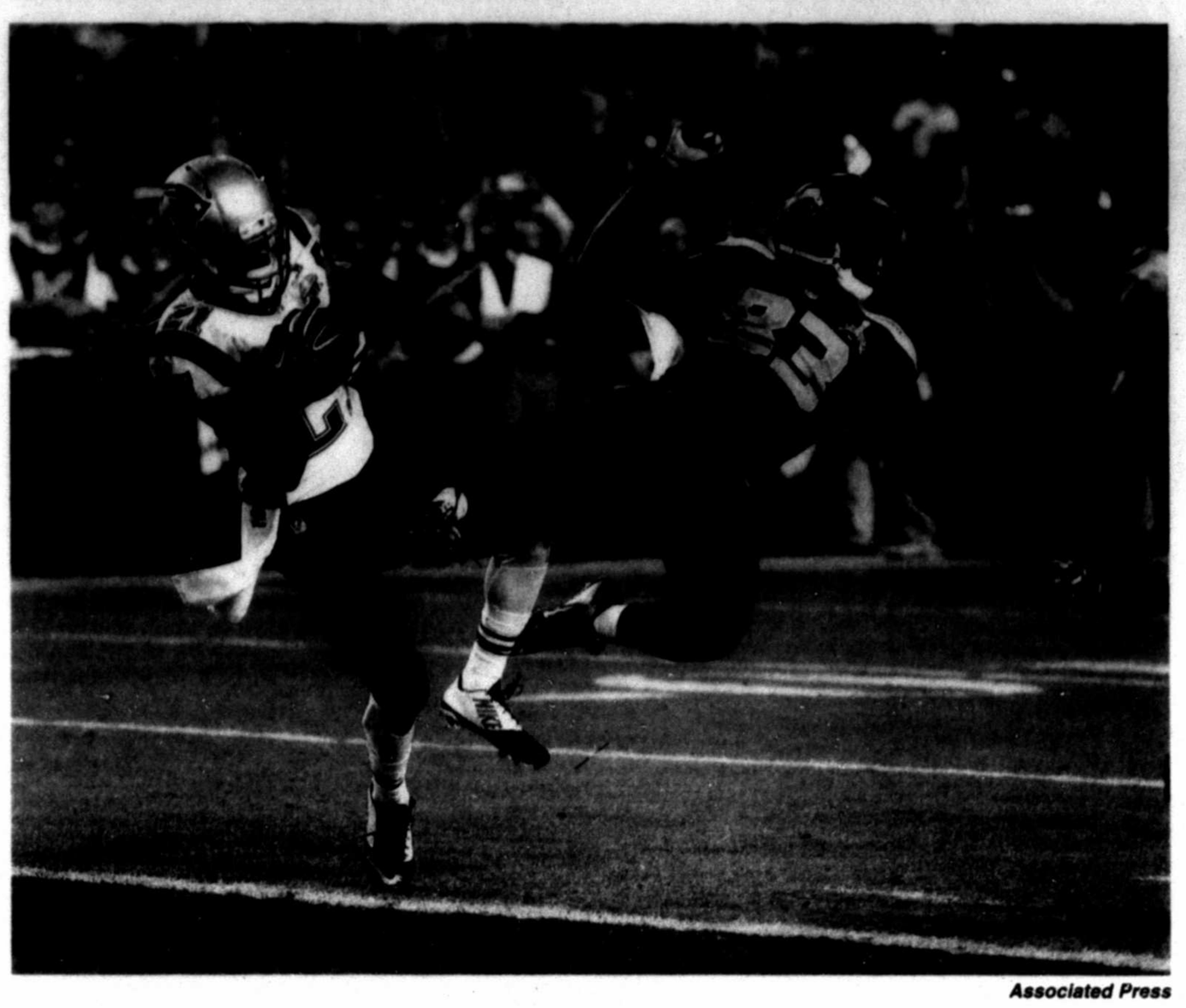
SUNDAY'S BOX SCORES

HEAT 83, CELTICS 75

MIAMI (83): Deveraux 2-6 2-2 6, Bosh 6-19 5-7 18, Whiteside 10-17 0-0 20, Napier 2-8 0-0 5, Chalmers 1-4 2-4 4, Williams 0-1 0-0 0, Andersen 2-2 0-0 5, Johnson 4-9 4-6 13, Cole 2-5 0-0 4, Ennis 3-6 2-2 8. Haslem 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-77 15-21 83.

BOSTON (75): Crowder 1-2 0-0 3, Bass 7-14 1-2 15, Zeller 6-13 5-8 17, Bradley 8-15 0-0 17, Turner 0-6 0-0 0, Thornton 3-9 2-2 9, Bullinger 3-11 1-2 7, Smart 1-6 0-0 3, Young 1-2 1-2 3, Wallace 0-1 0-0 0, Pressey 0-2 1-2 1. Totals 30-81 11-18 75.

Miami	25	19	17	22 — 83



Associated Press

New England Patriots strong safety Malcolm Butler intercepts a pass intended for Seattle Seahawks wide receiver Ricardo Lockette during the second half of Super Bowl XLIX on Sunday in Glendale, Ariz.

Butler's pick saves the Super Bowl for New England

By John Marshall
Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — A late-game interception by defensive back Malcolm Butler saved the Super Bowl for the New England Patriots.

That the pass was thrown at all may haunt Seattle coach Pete Carroll.

A quick rundown of the play that clinched Sunday's Super Bowl, won by the Patriots 28-24:

THE SETUP

The Patriots took a 28-24 lead when Patriots quarterback Tom Brady hit Julian Edelman on a 3-yard touchdown pass with 2:02 left.

The Seahawks started the next drive at their 20-yard line and moved 75 yards in five plays. Jermaine Kearse had one of the greatest catches in Super Bowl history during the drive, juggling the ball before hauling it in while on his back.

Kearse's 33-yard grab put the Seahawks on New England's 5-yard line with 1:06 left, seemingly plenty of time to go in for the winning score.

THE PLAY

Seattle ran another play after Kearse's catch, reaching the 1-yard line on a run by Marshawn Lynch.

The Seahawks still had 26 seconds left, but instead of running again, Carroll called for a pass.

The play was supposed to be quick-hitting, with Ricardo Lockette ducking inside Kearse to interrupt New England's coverage.

Butler reacted quickly, though, going around Kearse and teammate Brandon Browner to reach the ball at the same time as Lockette. Butler ran into Lockette around the goal line and came up with the ball, falling forward after making the interception.

THE DECISION

Carroll has been known as a gambler and he rolled the dice with success at the end of the first half, calling for a pass play with 6 seconds left that led to a touchdown.

With the Seahawks seemingly in position to win their second straight Super Bowl, Carroll took another risk by deciding to throw the ball instead of running.

Seattle had some success running the ball and Lynch, who ran for 102 yards on 24 carries, is one of the NFL's toughest running backs to tackle.

Lynch gained four yards on the play after Kearse's spectacular catch and the Seahawks still had 26 seconds left, enough time to run the ball at least twice more.

Instead, Carroll called for a pass and Butler picked it off to seal the Patriots' fourth Super Bowl title.

"For it to come down to a play like that, I hate that we have to live with that," Carroll said.

Super Bowl advertisers strike unusually serious tone

By Mae Anderson
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Forget slapstick and sex in Super Bowl ads: This year, serious was the name of the game.

Nationwide ran an ad on preventable childhood death. Carnival struck a somber note with a voiceover by John F. Kennedy speaking lyrically about the sea. And a public service announcement by coalition No More depicted a chilling 911 call from a battered woman to demonstrate the terror of domestic abuse.

Other advertisers had positive, albeit equally serious themes: McDonald's said it would let some customers pay with acts of kindness, Coca-Cola showed online negativity and bullying turning positive and Procter & Gamble's ad for its Always feminine products brand tried to redefine what it means to do things like a girl.

The serious tone is an effort to win over Americans who have a lower tolerance for crass ads with an overuse of sexually explicit themes and sophomoric humor. They also have short attention spans these days, thanks to bite-sized communication of social media.

With 30-second ads costing $4.5 million for the chance to market their brand to 110-plus million Americans, advertisers were trying to make their mark by marketing socially-conscious messages. In the process, they hoped to boost the image of their brands.

"The Super Bowl reflects what's happening in the country," said Tim Calkins, a marketing professor at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. "Maybe in the country today we're a little more reflective and a little more pensive."

SUPER BOWL BOX AND PAST CHAMPIONS

Super Bowl Stats

New England	0	14	0	14 —28
Seattle	0	14	10	0 —24

Second Quarter

NE—LaFell 11 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 9:47.
Sea—Lynch 3 run (Hauschka kick), 2:16.
NE—Gronkowski 22 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), :31.
Sea—Matthews 11 pass from Wilson (Hauschka kick), :02.

Third Quarter

Sea—FG Hauschka 27, 11:09.
Sea—Baldwin 3 pass from Wilson (Hauschka kick), 4:54.

Fourth Quarter

NE—Amendola 4 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 7:55.
NE—Edelman 3 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 2:02.
A—70,288.

	NE	Sea
First downs	25	20
Total Net Yards	377	396
Rushes-yards	21-57	29-162
Passing	320	234
Punt Returns	3-27	2-6
Kickoff Returns	3-49	0-0
Interceptions Ret.	1-3	2-14
Comp-Att-Int	37-50-2	12-21-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-8	3-13
Punts	4-48.0	6-44.8
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-36	7-70
Time of Possession	33:46	26:14

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—New England, Blount 14-40, Vereen 4-13, Edelman 1-7, Brady 2-(minus 3). Seattle, Lynch 24-102, Wilson 3-39, Turbin 2-21.

PASSING—New England, Brady 37-50-2-328. Seattle, Wilson 12-21-1-247.

RECEIVING—New England, Vereen 11-64, Edelman 9-109, Gronkowski 6-68, Amendola 5-48, LaFell 4-29, Develin 1-6, Hoomanawanui 1-4. Seattle, Matthews 4-109, Lockette 3-59, Kearse 3-45, Lynch 1-31, Baldwin 1-3.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

Super Bowl Champions

2015 — New England (AFC) 28, Seattle (NFC) 24
2014 — Seattle (NFC) 43, Denver (AFC) 8
2013 — Baltimore (AFC) 34, San Francisco (NFC) 31
2012 — N.Y. Giants (NFC) 21, New England (AFC) 17
2011 — Green Bay (NFC) 31, Pittsburgh (AFC) 25
2010 — New Orleans (NFC) 31, Indianapolis (AFC) 17
2009 — Pittsburgh (AFC) 27, Arizona (NFC) 23
2008 — N.Y. Giants (NFC) 17, New England (AFC) 14
2007 — Indianapolis (AFC) 29, Chicago (NFC) 17
2006 — Pittsburgh (AFC) 21, Seattle (NFC) 10
2005 — New England (AFC) 24, Philadelphia (NFC) 21
2004 — New England (AFC) 32, Carolina (NFC) 29
2003 — Tampa Bay (NFC) 48, Oakland (AFC) 21
2002 — New England (AFC) 20, St. Louis (NFC) 17
2001 — Baltimore Ravens (AFC) 34, N.Y. Giants (NFC) 7
2000 — St. Louis (NFC) 23, Tennessee (AFC) 16
1999 — Denver (AFC) 34, Atlanta (NFC) 19
1998 — Denver (AFC) 31, Green Bay (NFC) 24
1997 — Green Bay (NFC) 35, New England (AFC) 21
1996 — Dallas (NFC) 27, Pittsburgh (AFC) 17
1995 — San Francisco (NFC) 49, San Diego (AFC) 26
1994 — Dallas (NFC) 30, Buffalo (AFC) 13
1993 — Dallas (NFC) 52, Buffalo (AFC) 17
1992 — Washington (NFC) 37, Buffalo (AFC) 24
1991 — N.Y. Giants (NFC) 20, Buffalo (AFC) 19
1990 — San Francisco (NFC) 55, Denver (AFC) 10
1989 — San Francisco (NFC) 20, Cincinnati (AFC) 16
1988 — Washington (NFC) 42, Denver (AFC) 10
1987 — N.Y. Giants (NFC) 39, Denver (AFC) 20
1986 — Chicago (NFC) 46, New England (AFC) 10
1985 — San Francisco (NFC) 38, Miami (AFC) 16
1984 — L.A. Raiders (AFC) 38, Washington (NFC) 9
1983 — Washington (NFC) 27, Miami (AFC) 17
1982 — San Francisco (NFC) 26, Cincinnati (AFC) 21
1981 — Oakland (AFC) 27, Philadelphia (NFC) 10
1980 — Pittsburgh (AFC) 31, L.A. Rams (NFC) 19
1979 — Pittsburgh (AFC) 35, Dallas (NFC) 31
1978 — Dallas (NFC) 27, Denver (AFC) 10
1977 — Oakland (AFC) 32, Minnesota (NFC) 14
1976 — Pittsburgh (AFC) 21, Dallas (NFC) 17
1975 — Pittsburgh (AFC) 16, Minnesota (NFC) 6
1974 — Miami (AFC) 24, Minnesota (NFC) 7
1973 — Miami (AFC) 14, Washington (NFC) 7
1972 — Dallas (NFC) 24, Miami (AFC) 3
1971 — Baltimore Colts (AFC) 16, Dallas (NFC) 13
1970 — Kansas City (AFL) 23, Minnesota (NFL) 7
1969 — N.Y. Jets (AFL) 16, Baltimore Colts (NFL) 7
1968 — Green Bay (NFL) 33, Oakland (AFL) 14
1967 — Green Bay (NFL) 35, Kansas City (AFL) 10

BASINNFLCONNECTION

FROM STAFF REPORTS



Cannon

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

Cannon played as a substitute in the New England Patriots' 28-24 win over the Seattle Seahawks in the Super Bowl played Sunday in Glendale, Ariz. It was the Patriots' fourth Super Bowl title, and it was the first Super Bowl title for Cannon in his four years in New England.

PATRIOTS

From 1C

seconds remaining.

"I just had a vision that I was going to make a big play and it came true," said Butler, an undrafted rookie from West Alabama. "I'm just blessed. I can't explain it right now. It's crazy."

Seahawks linebacker Bruce Irvin was ejected in the final seconds for instigating a near-brawl, delaying the celebration for the Patriots.

Soon they were mobbing one another on the same field where their 2007 unbeaten season was ruined in the Super Bowl by the Giants. They also fell to the Giants for the 2011 title.

But thanks to superstar Brady and the obscure Butler, they are champions again.

Brady now has equaled Montana with four Lombardi Trophies and three Super Bowl MVPs. He stands alone with 13 Super Bowl touchdown passes. He was 37 for 50 for 328 yards against the NFL's top-ranked defense.

He also was picked off twice. Brady had been intercepted a total of two times in his previous five Super Bowls.

Yet, he picked apart the Seahawks on drives of 68 and 64 yards, solidifying his legacy as one of the greats of the game.

His heroics offset those of Chris Matthews, one of Seattle's least-used players before the postseason. Matthews recovered the onside kick that helped the Seahawks beat Green Bay in overtime for the NFC crown, and had a breakout performance Sunday.

Having never caught a pass in the NFL, Matthews grabbed four for 109 yards and a touchdown. Lynch ran for 102 yards, but didn't get the ball at the 1 on the decisive play — a decision the Seahawks will rue.

BRADY

From 1C

help," Brady said. "It was a lot of mental toughness. Our team has had it all year. We never doubted each other, so that's what it took. That was a great football team we beat. I'm just so happy for our team."

Sitting in his family's season-ticket seats at San Francisco's Candlestick Park while growing up, Brady would wear a No. 16 jersey, just like Montana, and cheer for his favorite player's team.

Brady did a fairly good impression of Joe Cool against Seattle.

He connected with Danny Amendola for a 4-yard touchdown with about 8 minutes left. That gave Brady 12 TD passes in Super Bowls, breaking Montana's mark. Then, with 2:02 to go, Brady hit Julian Edelman from 3 yards for TD toss No. 13 in Super Bowls — and, more importantly, the lead.

Brady turned to New England's sideline, pointed, then raised his right fist.

Only after Butler grabbed Russell Wilson's pass from the 1-yard line in the final half-minute could Brady really begin to celebrate, leaping up and down on the sideline and embracing coach Bill Belichick.

Now Brady, Montana and Terry Bradshaw of the Pittsburgh Steelers are the only starting quarterbacks to earn four Super Bowl rings.

At the outset of Brady's career after being a sixth-round draft pick, he and Belichick combined to win three championships in a four-year span, in the 2002, 2004 and 2005 Super Bowls. Brady was the MVP in the first two of those.

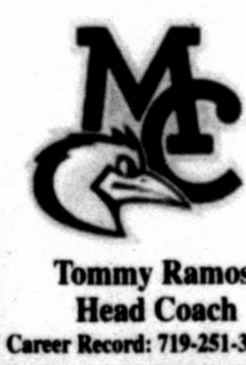
But Sunday's victory ended a decade title drought, after losses in the big games in 2008 and 2012, both times against the New York Giants.

"Well, it's been a long journey. I've been at it for 15 years and we've had a couple of tough losses in this game," Brady said. "This one came down to the end, and this time, we made the plays."



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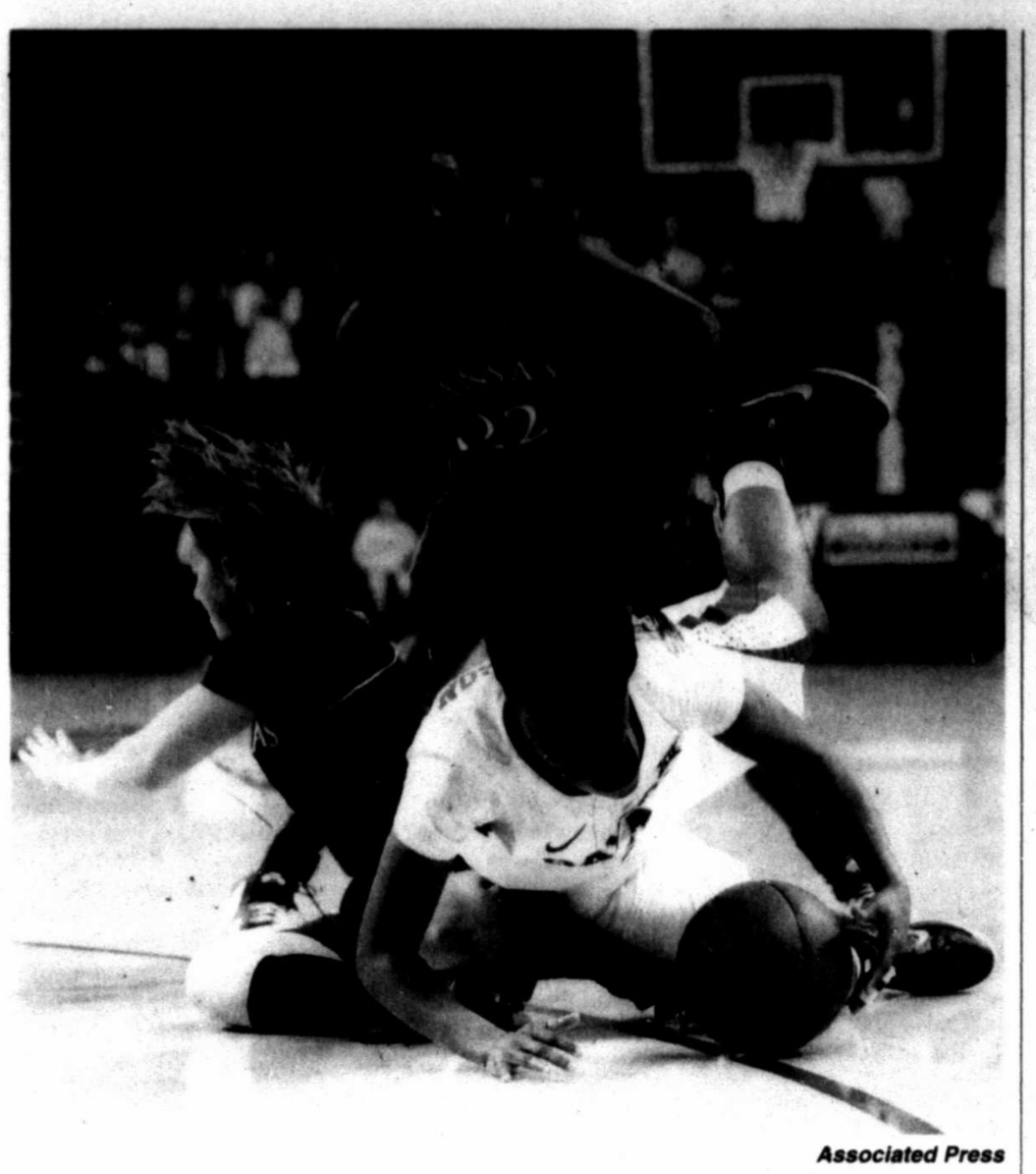
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Baylor guard Niya Johnson falls to the ground chasing a loose ball that was stripped away by Kansas' Lauren Aldridge, left, and Chayla Cheadle in the second half of the game on Sunday in Waco. Baylor won 66-58.

New York Giants matriarch Ann Mara dies at 85

By Tom Canavan
Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey — Ann Mara, the matriarch of the NFL's New York Giants for the past 60 years, died Sunday. She was 85.

Giants co-owner John Mara announced his mother's death on Super Bowl Sunday. Ann Mara slipped in front of her home in Rye, New York, during an ice storm two weeks ago and was hospitalized with a head injury the following day. While there were initial hopes for recovery, John Mara said, complications developed and she died early Sunday surrounded by her family.

Ann Mara and her children owned 50 percent of the Giants, one of the founding families of the league, since the death of her husband, Hall of Famer Wellington Mara, in 2005. While she was not active in daily operations, her opinion was valued greatly.

"Mrs. Mara was a tower of strength, dignity and inspiration for her family and all of us in the NFL," Commissioner Roger Goodell said in a statement. "Her family and the Giants organization have always reflected Mrs. Mara's competitive spirit, integrity, and wonderful sense of humor. Our thoughts and prayers are with John Mara and the entire Mara family."

The NFL held a moment of silence for Ann Mara minutes before the coin toss at the Super Bowl.

Ann Mara was a prominent philanthropist who supported educational organizations. Mara also helped children with cancer through the Ronald McDonald House of New York. In November, she dedicated the opening of a new building for the San Miguel Academy for children at risk, which was built through the NFL Snowflake Foundation.

Three days before MetLife Stadium was the site of the Super Bowl last year, Ann Mara received the Paul J. Tagliabue Award of Excellence. It is presented to a league or team executive who demonstrates the integrity and leadership that he exhibited in career development opportunities for minority candidates and advocacy for diversity on the league and club level when he was NFL commissioner.

"She has been the leader of our family in every way, and we will miss her dearly," John Mara said.

Married to Wellington Mara in 1954 after a chance meeting in a Roman Catholic church, Ann Mara attended almost every Giants home and away game. She was a fierce defender of the team.

After the Giants beat the San Francisco 49ers in the 2011 NFC Championship game en route to their fourth Super Bowl title, she approached Fox broadcaster and Hall of Fame quarterback Terry Bradshaw, poking his arm to get his attention.

"You never pick the Giants," Ann Mara said.

Bradshaw turned toward the camera and said, "I know. I know. I'm sorry. I'm getting hammered for not picking the Giants."

Ann Mara, sometimes referred to as "The First Lady of Football," also let her sons know how she felt. Three of them work in the Giants' front office. Along with John, Chris is the senior vice president of player evaluation and Frank is the vice president of community relations.

She used to like to remind John Mara that "you're an employee."

Trial of ex-Patriot Aaron Hernandez delayed by weather

Associated Press

FALL RIVER, Mass. — The murder trial of ex-New England Patriots star Aaron Hernandez is being delayed by a snowstorm expected today.

A state courts spokeswoman said Sunday the trial is expected to resume Tuesday.

Hernandez is charged in the June 2013 killing of Odin Lloyd, who was dating his fiancee's sister. Lloyd's girlfriend testified Friday that Lloyd and Hernandez were cordial but not close, and had the beginnings of a friendship. She's expected to return to the stand when testimony continues.

Hernandez's lawyer has said the men were friends and Hernandez had no reason to kill Lloyd.

Jail officials said Hernandez is held in isolation and won't be watching the Patriots play Seattle in the Super Bowl Sunday night. He scored a touchdown in the Patriots' last Super Bowl appearance in 2012.

COLLEGEROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Women

NO. 3 BAYLOR 66 KANSAS 58

WACO — Nina Davis and Niya Johnson were right in the middle of the decisive run for No. 3 Baylor.

The undersized post player and dynamic point guard are two big reasons the Lady Bears have won 19 games in a row.

Davis and Johnson combined for all the points in an 11-0 second-half spurt that put Baylor ahead to stay in a 66-58 victory over turnover-plagued Kansas on Sunday.

"We go as those two go, in a lot of respects. Those two have had great years, and when they're playing well, it rubs off on everybody," coach Kim Mulkey said. "They made some big shots and made some big plays when we were on a run there in the second half when they took the lead."

Davis had 22 points, while Johnson scored 13 and added 10 assists to her NCAA-leading total.

After Kansas scored 12 straight early in the second half, a three-point play by Davis with 11:05 left put the Lady Bears (20-1, 9-0 Big 12) ahead and started the spurt.

Davis then had a putback, giving the sophomore 1,000 career points.

"The kid that just shoots and chases it from 6 feet? Impressive. Really, really impressive. And not just today," Kansas coach Bonnie Henrickson said. "It's all just second effort and energy that she plays with off her own misses."

Three layups by Johnson, the first on a bounce pass from Davis, pushed the Lady Bears ahead 52-43.

"It just gives us confidence. Every game is going to give us confidence," Davis said. "We know every game coming up is going to be hard. Everybody is out to get us."

Asia Boyd scored 14 points, while Terriell Bradley had 13 and Lauren Aldridge 12 for Kansas (12-10, 3-6), which had its three-game winning streak snapped.

Kansas had 28 turnovers that led to 32 points for Baylor. The Jayhawks had six turnovers in under two minutes as the Lady Bears started their go-ahead run.

That was after two turnovers in the first 12 seconds of the second half led to two baskets by the Lady Bears, who quickly added to their 32-28 halftime lead.

Baylor was up 41-31 with 16 minutes left before Kansas had a 12-0 run that included a 3-pointer by Boyd and a three-point play by Chelsea Gardner. Two free throws by Aldridge with 11:55 to go gave the Jayhawks their last lead at 43-41.

NO. 12 TEXAS A&M 78 AUBURN 45

COLLEGE STATION — Courtney Williams scored a career-high 23 points to lead No. 12 Texas A&M past Auburn 78-45 on Sunday for its 14th straight win at home.

Williams was 10 of 18 from the field and had all of her points by the 9:25 mark of the second half.

Courtney Walker had 13 points and seven rebounds for Texas A&M (17-5, 5-3 SEC). Jordan Jones dished out 10 assists as the Aggies hit 31 of 56 shots (55.4 percent).

Texas A&M took a 39-17 into the intermission behind Williams' 13 points. The Aggies outscored the Tigers 18-1 in the final six minute of the first half.

Auburn, losers of 10 straight games, was held to 6-of-21 shooting in the first 20 minutes and finished the game at 34 percent.

Tra'Cee Tanner and Brandy Montgomery scored 10 points apiece for Auburn (9-13, 0-9). Tanner grabbed 10 rebounds.

TCU 65 NO. 14 TEXAS 59

FORT WORTH — Veja Hamilton scored 16 points and TCU broke a tie with seven straight points down the stretch on Sunday to upset No. 14 Texas 65-59.

The Longhorns scored six straight points on free throws by Ariel Atkins, the last four with 2:26 remaining after a foul and technical on Klara Bradshaw, to tie the game at 57. Chelsea Prince then hit a 3-pointer, Zahna Medley had a layup and Natalie Ventress two free throws to pull off the upset.

It was the second year in a row TCU (13-7, 5-4 Big 12) beat Texas at home after going 0-33 against the Longhorns, who lead the series 34-2.

Texas (15-5, 4-5), coming off a double overtime win over No. 24 Oklahoma, got a season-high 22 points from Imani McGee-Stafford and had 47-28 rebounding advantage but was done in by 25 turnovers.

TCU made 9 of 22 3-pointer attempts while Texas was 2-6 behind the arc.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES AND SCHEDULES

Men

SUNDAY'S SCORES
SOUTHWEST
Houston 70, UConn 68
SOUTH
Centre 79, Oglethorpe 63
East Carolina 50, Cincinnati 46
Florida St. 58, Miami 54
Sewanee 74, Berry 63
FAR WEST
California 90, Washington 88
Utah 67, Southern Cal 39
MIDWEST
Dayton 101, Fordham 77
Michigan St. 76, Michigan 66, OT
N. Dakota St. 64, W. Illinois 62
Oakland 96, Youngstown St. 80
EAST
Manhattan 87, Monmouth (NJ) 76
Marist 75, Canisius 67
NYU 96, Emory 92
Niagara 105, Quinnipiac 100, 2OT

TODAY'S GAMES
SOUTHWEST
Lamar at Sam Houston St., 6:30 p.m.
Abilene Christian at Houston Baptist, 7 p.m.
Alabama St. at Prairie View, 7:30 p.m.
Alabama A&M at Texas Southern, 7:30 p.m.
SOUTH
Virginia at North Carolina, 6 p.m.
Morgan St. at Coppin St., 6:30 p.m.
Md.-Eastern Shore at Howard, 6:30 p.m.
Florida A&M at NC Central, 6:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Nicholls St., 6:30 p.m.
McNeese St. at SE Louisiana, 7 p.m.
Charleston Southern at Winthrop, 7 p.m.
MVSU at Grambling St., 7:30 p.m.
Ark.-Pine Bluff at Jackson St., 7:30 p.m.
MIDWEST
Green Bay at Wright St., 7 p.m.
Iowa St. at Kansas, 8 p.m.
EAST
Iona at Fairfield, 6 p.m.
Hampton at NJIT, 6 p.m.
Bryant at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
Rider at Siena, 6 p.m.
American U. at Holy Cross, 6:30 p.m.

TOP 25 FARED SUNDAY

1. Kentucky (21-0) beat Missouri 69-53; beat Alabama 70-55.
2. Virginia (19-1) lost to No. 4 Duke 69-63.
3. Gonzaga (22-1) beat Portland 64-46; beat Memphis 82-64.
4. Duke (18-3) lost to No. 8 Notre Dame 77-73; beat No. 2 Virginia 69-63.
5. Wisconsin (19-2) beat Iowa 74-63.
6. Arizona (20-2) beat Oregon 90-56; beat Oregon State 57-34.
7. Villanova (19-2) beat DePaul 68-55.
8. Notre Dame (20-3) beat No. 4 Duke 77-73; lost to Pittsburgh 76-72.
9. Kansas (18-3) beat TCU 64-61; beat Kansas State 68-57.
10. Louisville (18-3) beat Boston College 81-72; beat No. 13 North Carolina 76-68, OT.
11. Utah (17-4) lost to UCLA 69-59; beat Southern Cal 67-39.
12. Wichita State (19-3) beat Loyola of Chicago 58-47; lost to No. 16 Northern Iowa 70-54.
13. North Carolina (17-5) beat Syracuse 83-63; lost to No. 10 Louisville 76-68, OT.
14. VCU (17-4) beat Georgia Washington 72-48; lost to Richmond 64-52.
15. Iowa State (16-4) beat No. 19 Texas 89-86; beat TCU 83-66.
16. Maryland (18-4) lost to Ohio State 80-58.
17. West Virginia (18-3) beat Kansas State 65-59; beat Texas Tech 77-58.
18. Northern Iowa (20-2) beat Southern Illinois 59-52; beat No. 12 Wichita State 70-54.
19. Texas (14-7) lost to No. 15 Iowa State 89-86; lost to No. 20 Baylor 83-60.
20. Baylor (16-5) lost to Oklahoma State 64-53; beat No. 19 Texas 83-60.
21. Georgetown (15-6) lost to Xavier 66-53; beat Creighton 67-40.
22. Indiana (16-6) lost to Purdue 83-67; beat Rutgers 72-64.
23. Miami (14-7) lost to Georgia Tech 70-58; lost to Florida State 55-54.
24. Oklahoma (14-7) beat Texas Tech 81-36; beat Oklahoma State 64-56.
25. Butler (16-6) beat Marquette 72-68, OT.

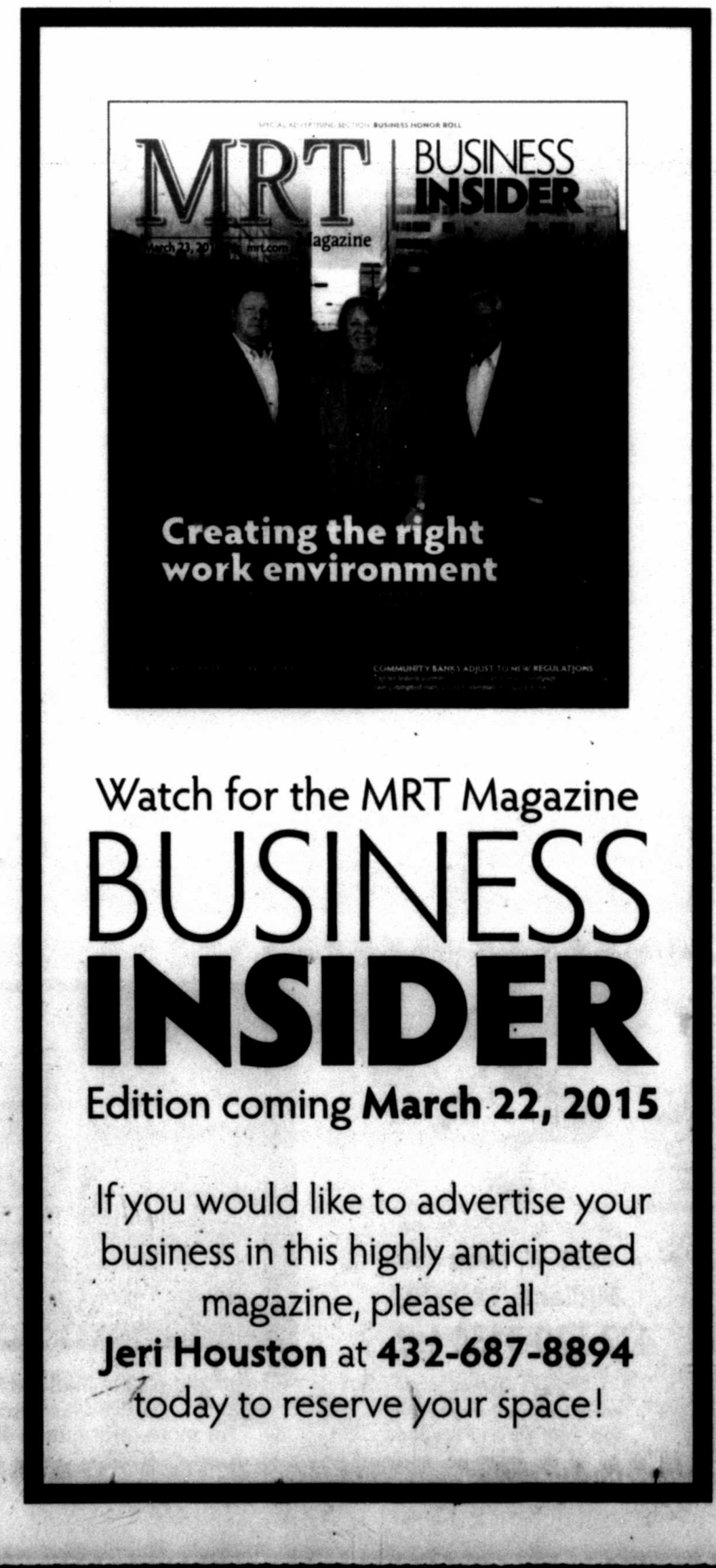
Women

SUNDAY'S SCORES
SOUTHWEST
Baylor 66, Kansas 58
Rice 58, North Texas 55, OT
TCU 64, Texas 59
Texas A&M 78, Auburn 45
SOUTH
Arkansas 53, Alabama 42
Drexel 61, UNC Wilmington 44
Florida 67, Vanderbilt 58
Georgia Tech 79, Virginia Tech 71
Kentucky 80, Georgia 72
Maryland 93, Iowa 88
North Carolina 72, Boston College 60
Tennessee 79, Mississippi St. 67
Virginia 77, Clemson 72
FAR WEST
Arizona St. 58, Utah 48
Colorado 81, Arizona 69
MIDWEST
Creighton 62, Butler 55
DePaul 49, Villanova 47
Drake 64, Wichita St. 61
Illinois St. 72, Loyola of Chicago 56
Indiana St. 67, Evansville 52
Marquette 80, Georgetown 73
N. Iowa 64, Missouri St. 56
Nebraska 75, Michigan 60
Northwestern 70, Minnesota 49
Notre Dame 92, Wake Forest 63
S. Illinois 76, Bradley 59
Wisconsin 73, Illinois 62
EAST
Delaware 73, Hofstra 62
Fairfield 54, Monmouth (NJ) 52, OT
Hartford 60, Vermont 49
Maine 52, Albany (NY) 44
Mass.-Lowell 66, Binghamton 49
NYU 74, Emory 62
Pittsburgh 81, Miami 66
Quinnipiac 81, St. Peter's 50
Rider 52, Canisius 51
Rutgers 78, Penn St. 65
Seton Hall 78, St. John's 73
Stony Brook 60, New Hampshire 52
Towson 71, Coll. of Charleston 59
UConn 83, Temple 49
West Virginia 76, Oklahoma 69
William & Mary 72, Northeastern 66, 2OT
Xavier 66, Providence 57
Yale 60, Cornell 53

TODAY'S GAMES
SOUTHWEST
Alabama St. at Prairie View, 5:30 p.m.
Alabama A&M at Texas Southern, 5:30 p.m.
SOUTH
Chattanooga at ETSU, 10 a.m.
Morgan St. at Coppin St., 3 p.m.
Md.-Eastern Shore at Howard, 4:30 p.m.
Florida A&M at N.C. Central, 4:30 p.m.
W. Carolina at Wofford, 5 p.m.
MVSU at Grambling St., 5:30 p.m.
Ark.-Pine Bluff at Jackson St., 5:30 p.m.
Winthrop at Campbell, 6 p.m.
UNC Asheville at Charleston Southern, 6 p.m.
Louisville at Duke, 6 p.m.
Syracuse at Florida St., 6 p.m.
Presbyterian at Gardner-Webb, 6 p.m.
Radford at Liberty, 6 p.m.
High Point at Longwood, 6 p.m.
Missouri at LSU, 6 p.m.
Furman at UNC Greensboro, 6 p.m.
Mercer at Samford, 6 p.m.
FAR WEST
Washington St. at California, 7 p.m.
Southern Cal at Oregon, 7 p.m.
UCLA at Oregon St., 9 p.m.
Washington at Stanford, 9 p.m.
MIDWEST
Michigan St. at Ohio St., 5:30 p.m.
Purdue at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
EAST
Fairleigh Dickinson at Robert Morris, 9 a.m.
CCSU at LIU Brooklyn, 6 p.m.
Mount St. Mary's at St. Francis (N.Y.), 6 p.m.
Bryant at St. Francis (Pa.), 6 p.m.
Sacred Heart at Wagner, 6 p.m.

TOP 25 FARED SUNDAY

1. South Carolina (21-0) beat Mississippi 77-59. Next: at No. 21 Georgia, Thursday.
2. UConn (20-1) beat Temple 83-49. Next: vs. Cincinnati, Tuesday.
3. Baylor (20-1) beat Kansas 66-58. Next: at Oklahoma State, Wednesday.
4. Notre Dame (21-2) beat Wake Forest 92-63. Next: vs. Virginia, Thursday.
5. Maryland (19-2) beat No. 20 Iowa 93-88. Next: at Penn State, Thursday.
6. Tennessee (19-3) beat No. 18 Mississippi State 79-67. Next: at Florida, Sunday.
7. Oregon State (19-1) did not play. Next: vs. UCLA, Monday.
8. Louisville (19-2) did not play. Next: at No. 17 Duke, Monday.
9. Florida State (20-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 23 Syracuse, Monday.
10. Kentucky (17-5) beat No. 21 Georgia 80-72. Next: at Vanderbilt, Sunday.
11. Arizona State (20-2) beat Utah 58-48. Next: vs. No. 12 Stanford, Friday.
12. Stanford (18-5) did not play. Next: vs. Washington, Monday.
12. Texas A&M (17-5) beat Auburn 78-45. Next: at Missouri, Thursday.
14. Texas (15-5) lost to TCU 64-59. Next: at Kansas State, Wednesday.
15. Nebraska (17-4) beat Michigan 75-60. Next: at No. 22 Rutgers, Thursday.
16. North Carolina (18-4) beat Boston College 72-60. Next: at No. 23 Syracuse, Thursday.
17. Duke (15-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 8 Louisville, Monday.
18. Mississippi State (22-3) lost to No. 6 Tennessee 79-67. Next: vs. Texas A&M, Sunday.
19. Princeton (19-0) did not play. Next: vs. Columbia, Friday.
20. Iowa (17-4) lost to No. 5 Maryland 93-88. Next: vs. Ohio State, Thursday.
21. Georgia (17-5) lost to No. 10 Kentucky 80-72. Next: vs. No. 1 South Carolina, Thursday.
22. Rutgers (16-5) beat Penn State 78-65. Next: vs. No. 15 Nebraska, Thursday.
23. Syracuse (15-6) did not play. Next: at No. 9 Florida State, Monday.
24. Oklahoma (13-7) lost to West Virginia 78-69. Next: vs. Iowa State, Wednesday.
25. Chattanooga (18-3) did not play. Next: at ETSU, Monday.



GOLFROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ARIZONA

Koepka rallies to win Phoenix Open for maiden PGA Tour title

SCOTTSDALE — With an eagle putt that looked as long as his golf journey around the world, Brooks Koepka surged into the lead and stayed there Sunday with a 5-under 66 to capture the Phoenix Open for his first PGA Tour victory.

Lingering for most of the final round, Koepka holed a 50-foot eagle putt from the fringe on the 15th hole and didn't make any mistakes the rest of the way.

The victory ended a long, arduous road for the 24-year-old from Florida. With no status in America, Koepka played the Challenge Tour in faraway lands like Kazakhstan and Kenya, winning four times to earn his European Tour card and then validating his status as a rising star by winning the Turkish Open last year.

But winning at home brought the strongest validation.

"It feels amazing," Koepka said after his one-shot win over Hideki Matsuyama, Masters champion Bubba Watson and Ryan Palmer.

Of the five players who had a share of the lead in a wild final hour at the TPC Scottsdale, Matsuyama had the last chance to catch Koepka until his 18-foot birdie putt on the final hole missed well to the right.

Martin Laird, who had a three-shot lead going into the final round, was tied with Koepka going to the 17th until he sprayed it well right into the gallery on the short par-4 hole and made bogey, and then pulled his tee shot into the water on the 18th and made double bogey. He closed with a 72.

Palmer shared the lead with a birdie on the 15th, but he had to settle for pars the rest of the way for a 66. So did Watson, who reached the front of the 17th green only to three-putt from just over 100 feet and made par. He closed with a 65.



Associated Press

Brooks Koepka hits out of a sand trap on the fourth hole during the final round of the Phoenix Open golf tournament on Sunday in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Matsuyama, who holed out from 129 yards for eagle on the first hole and was the first player to catch up to Laird, took the lead with a beautiful pitch behind the green on the par-5 13th. He went 44 consecutive holes without a bogey until Matsuyama three-putted on the 14th hole, and he never recovered. He shot 67.

Koepka already was eligible for the Masters with his tie for fourth at the U.S. Open last summer, and his victory during the final stretch of the Race to Dubai in Europe last year raised his stock. The victory Sunday should put him at No. 19 in the world.

This was his second victory in his last four starts, both against strong fields.

Koepka had not played since the Nedbank Challenge in South Africa two months ago, taking a full month off away from his clubs and working hard over the last few weeks after a change to his putting stroke.

Back-to-back birdies near the end of the front nine kept him in range. A solid chip from behind the 13th green for a 4-foot birdie kept him within two shots of Matsuyama. And his fortunes changed mightily with his eagle putt on the 15th.

A Florida State alum who describes himself as "chill" had plenty of adrenaline pumping on the 17th hole when he hit 3-wood on the 322-yard hole onto the green and over the back. It came to rest on the red hazard line, a foot from going into the water. He chipped to about 12 feet and missed the birdie putt that might have clinched it.

PANAMA CITY

Australia's Mathew Goggin wins Web.com Tour opener

Australia's Mathew Goggin won the Web.com Tour's season-opening Panama Claro Championship on Sunday, closing with a 3-under 67 for a four-stroke victory.

Also the 2011 winner, the 40-year-old Goggin finished at 11-under 269 at Panama Golf Club. He earned $112,500 for his fifth victory on the tour and first since 2011.

Harold Varner III was second after a 71.

Dicky Pride and Shane Bertsch tied for third at 6 under. Pride shot 65, and Bertsch had a 70.

China's Li Hao-tong, the third-round leader, had a 76 to finish 11th at 3 under. The 19-year-old Li was making his first tour start after earning a card as PGA Tour China's money leader.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

McIlroy wins Dubai Desert Classic

DUBAI — An unrelenting Rory McIlroy secured his second Dubai Desert Classic title in six years with a 2-under 70 in the final round to win by three shots on Sunday.

The Northern Irishman's 22-under 266 total matched the lowest in the history of the tournament, set by Stephen Gallacher in 2013 and Thomas Bjorn in 2001.

The top-ranked McIlroy, whose win here in 2009 was his first as a professional, made just three birdies Sunday but kept mistakes off his card. His only bogey of the round came on the par-3 seventh hole at Emirates Golf Club's Majlis course.

DJOKOVIC

From 1C

now second on the list of all-time Australian Open winners — behind only Roy Emerson, who won six titles in the 1960s and who was in the crowd Sunday.

After two tough first sets decided in tiebreakers, when there was eight breaks of serve and plenty of tension, Djokovic broke open the match after the sixth game of the third set and won 12 of the last 13 games. In the first set, he tumbled to the court, lunging to reach a volley, and needed treatment on his right thumb — shaking his right hand repeatedly. The second set was disrupted for five minutes by a political protester running onto the court, causing a lockdown of sorts, and another momentum shift. In the third set, it was fatigue, with Djokovic appearing to be struggling badly.

"I was just weak. I went through the physical crisis in the matter of 20 minutes and, honestly, didn't feel that too many times in my career," Djokovic said. "But knowing in the back of my mind that it was a similar situation two years ago in Australian Open final, where two sets went over two hours, was a similar battle. Then I felt that I had some physical edge over him in that match. That was in back of my mind. That was something that kept me going."

After the match, Djokovic had plenty left in his legs, able to high-five a long line of ballboys after the presentation.

"Novak has won five times here now, there's no disgrace in losing to him," said Murray, who now trails 16-8 in career head-to-head matches.

Murray and Djokovic have known each other since their early junior days, and often hit against each other for practice. Seeing Djokovic in pain apparently unnerved Murray.

"The third set was frustrating because I got a bit distracted when he, like, fell on the ground after a couple of shots," Murray said. "It appeared that he was cramping, and then I let that distract me a little bit. That's what I'm most disappointed about, not so much the fourth set because I think, especially at the end of it, he was just going for everything, and it was going in. But the third set was more frustrating for me.

"Obviously had opportunities in the first three sets. Then the fourth set ... he was just ripping everything. Once he got up a break, he just loosened up and was just going for his shots. I couldn't recover."

Djokovic's win on Sunday followed up on top-ranked Serena Williams' win in the women's final Saturday night against Maria Sharapova, giving the 33-year-old American a sixth Australian and 19th Grand Slam title.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN RESULTS

Sunday
At Melbourne Park
Melbourne, Australia
Purse: $32.9 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Singles
Men
Championship
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Andy Murray (6), Britain, 7-6 (5), 6-7 (4), 6-3, 6-0

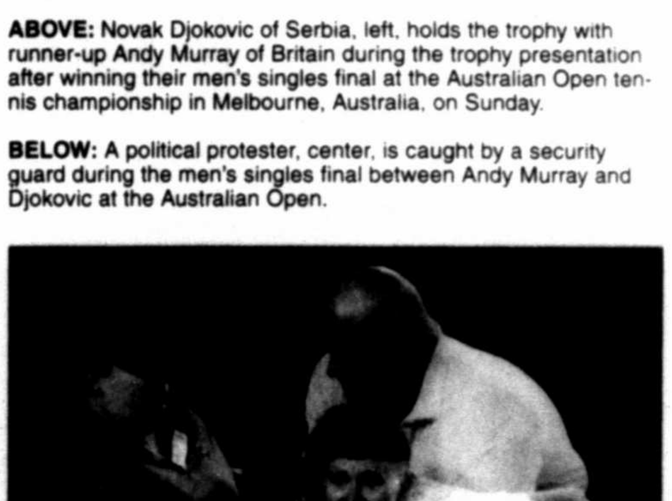
Doubles
Mixed
Championship
Martina Hingis, Switzerland, and Leander Paes (7), India, def. Kristina Mladenovic, France, and Daniel Nestor (3), Canada, 6-4, 6-3



Associated Press

ABOVE: Novak Djokovic of Serbia, left, holds the trophy with runner-up Andy Murray of Britain during the trophy presentation after winning their men's singles final at the Australian Open tennis championship in Melbourne, Australia, on Sunday.

BELOW: A political protester, center, is caught by a security guard during the men's singles final between Andy Murray and Djokovic at the Australian Open.



GOLF SCORES

PGA-Phoenix Open Scores
Sunday
At TPC Scottsdale, Stadium Course
Scottsdale, Ariz.
Purse: $6.3 million
Yardage: 7,266; Par: 71
Final

Brooks Koepka (500), $1,134,000	71-68-64-66—269
Bubba Watson (208), $470,400	65-71-69-65—270
Ryan Palmer (208), $470,400	64-72-68-66—270
Hideki Matsuyama (208), $470,400	69-71-63-67—270
a-Jon Rahm	70-68-66-68—272
Martin Laird (105), $252,000	66-66-68-72—272
Freddie Jacobson (85), $211,050	68-73-68-64—273
Jordan Spieth (85), $211,050	70-68-70-65—273
Graham DeLaet (85), $211,050	67-70-69-67—273
Brandt Snedeker (65), $157,500	70-68-70-66—274
Brian Stuard (65), $157,500	72-68-67-67—274
Daniel Berger (65), $157,500	65-69-71-69—274
Robert Streb (65), $157,500	66-70-69-69—274
Zach Johnson (65), $157,500	66-70-67-71—274
Angel Cabrera (56), $116,550	67-69-69-70—275
Russell Knox (56), $116,550	69-71-65-70—275
Aaron Baddeley (52), $94,500	68-71-71-66—276
Keegan Bradley (52), $94,500	65-73-71-67—276
Andrew Svoboda (52), $94,500	70-70-68-68—276
Ryan Moore (52), $94,500	69-67-69-71—276
Justin Thomas (52), $94,500	67-68-69-72—276
Tony Finau (48), $68,040	72-68-70-67—277
K.J. Choi (48), $68,040	68-69-72-68—277
Rory Sabbatini (48), $68,040	68-71-67-71—277
Francesco Molinari (48), $68,040	70-71-64-72—277
Brendan Steele (44), $50,243	71-67-71-69—278
Brendon de Jonge (44), $50,243	67-71-72-68—278
Kevin Na (44), $50,243	73-69-66-70—278
Pat Perez (44), $50,243	70-69-68-71—278
Boo Weekley (37), $36,729	69-71-70-69—279
Shawn Stefani (37), $36,729	67-74-69-69—279
Billy Horschel (37), $36,729	69-70-71-69—279
Hunter Mahan (37), $36,729	69-71-71-68—279
Sung Joon Park (37), $36,729	71-69-69-70—279
Michael Putnam (37), $36,729	71-70-67-71—279
Matt Kuchar (37), $36,729	70-70-68-71—279
William McGirt (37), $36,729	67-71-74-67—279
Kevin Chappell (37), $36,729	75-66-65-74—279
Kevin Streelman (37), $36,729	70-72-73-64—279
Chad Campbell (29), $25,200	70-70-69-71—280
Mark Wilson (29), $25,200	70-70-71-69—280
Patrick Reed (29), $25,200	71-69-71-69—280
Harris English (29), $25,200	72-70-71-67—280
Jason Kokrak (29), $25,200	72-71-70-67—280
Ben Martin (29), $25,200	66-73-75-66—280
George McNeill (22), $17,658	70-72-67-72—281
Jhonattan Vegas (22), $17,658	71-72-67-71—281
Seung-Yul Noh (22), $17,658	68-75-67-71—281
Jamie Donaldson (22), $17,658	68-73-68-72—281
Martin Flores (22), $17,658	69-72-71-69—281
Geoff Ogilvy (22), $17,658	68-69-70-74—281
Rickie Fowler (22), $17,658	70-72-72-67—281
Carlos Ortiz (16), $14,616	69-73-69-71—282
Justin Leonard (16), $14,616	67-73-72-70—282
Lucas Glover (16), $14,616	70-70-72-70—282
Morgan Hoffmann (16), $14,616	72-67-73-70—282
Charley Hoffman (16), $14,616	69-73-71-69—282
Troy Merritt (16), $14,616	71-72-71-68—282
Matt Jones (9), $13,734	70-71-70-72—283
Stewart Cink (9), $13,734	70-71-67-75—283
Luke Guthrie (9), $13,734	70-72-70-71—283
James Hahn (9), $13,734	67-73-66-77—283
Nick Taylor (9), $13,734	71-71-71-70—283
Russell Henley (9), $13,734	69-71-65-78—283
Cory Renfrew (6), $13,734	70-73-74-66—283
J.B. Holmes (4), $13,041	68-73-70-73—284
Charlie Beljan (4), $13,041	69-74-70-71—284
Brian Harman (4), $13,041	68-75-70-71—284
Jason Bohn (4), $13,041	71-70-73-70—284
Bryce Molder (1), $12,726	72-70-71-72—285
Charles Howell III (1), $12,537	70-71-72-73—286
Michael Thompson (1), $12,537	67-75-71-73—286
Ricky Barnes (1), $12,348	71-71-71-75—288
Rafel Gooseen (1), $12,222	70-71-71-77—289
Brian Davis (1), $12,096	74-68-77-71—290
Bill Haas (1), $11,970	71-72-72-77—292

Web.com Panama Claro Championship Scores
Sunday
At Panama Golf Club
Panama City
Purse: $625,000
Yardage: 7,171; Par: 70
Final

Mathew Goggin, $112,500	67-65-70-67—269
Harold Varner III, $67,500	67-64-71-71—273
Shane Bertsch, $36,250	68-70-69-70—277
Dicky Pride, $36,250	71-69-69-65—274
Henrik Norlander, $25,000	68-67-68-72—275
Rick Cochran, $19,563	71-69-65-71—276
Glen Day, $19,563	72-70-69-65—276
Rhein Gibson, $19,563	75-64-71-66—276
Curtis Thompson, $19,563	68-69-70-69—276
Aaron Watkins, $19,563	68-68-73-67—276
Hao Tong Li, $15,625	67-69-65-76—277
Oliver Goss, $13,125	68-69-67-74—278
Tim Herron, $13,125	71-70-69-68—278
Damon Stiles, $13,125	71-71-68-68—278
Abraham Ancer, $9,688	72-68-69-70—279
Cody Gribble, $9,688	72-70-69-68—279
Ashley Hall, $9,688	71-69-68-71—279
Timothy Madigan, $9,688	68-71-68-72—279
Vaughn Taylor, $9,688	72-71-68-68—279
Peter Tomasulo, $9,688	67-73-73-66—279
Matt Fast, $6,092	72-68-70-70—280
Jamie Lovemark, $6,092	70-70-70-70—280
Brett Stegmaier, $6,092	73-70-73-64—280
Troy Matteson, $6,092	69-71-70-70—280
Trey Mullinax, $6,092	70-69-69-72—280
Martin Piller, $6,092	70-69-64-77—280
Patrick Rodgers, $6,092	69-72-69-70—280
Julian Etulain, $4,234	73-69-71-68—281
Jeff Gove, $4,234	66-75-72-68—281
Si Woo Kim, $4,234	72-71-69-69—281
Steve Allan, $4,234	72-69-69-71—281
Brian Richey, $4,234	70-69-71-71—281
Jose de Jesus Rodriguez, $4,234	69-70-70-72—281
Michael Kim, $3,266	71-71-70-70—282
Kevin Tway, $3,266	71-69-72-70—282
Charlie Wi, $3,266	70-72-70-70—282
Brett Drewitt, $3,266	68-70-71-73—282
Andrew Landry, $3,266	68-69-71-74—282
T.J. Vogt, $3,266	67-74-67-74—282
Peter Malnati, $2,267	70-70-74-69—283
Mark Anderson, $2,267	69-71-70-73—283
Greg Eason, $2,267	68-73-70-72—283
Christian Espinoza, $2,267	70-70-68-75—283
Zack Fischer, $2,267	69-66-73-75—283
Brock Mackenzie, $2,267	74-65-70-74—283
Rod Pampling, $2,267	72-71-71-69—283
Roland Thatcher, $2,267	69-71-73-70—283
Chase Wright, $2,267	70-67-72-74—283
Tyler Aldridge, $1,784	68-71-70-75—284
Justin Bolli, $1,784	75-68-70-71—284
Jeff Klauk, $1,784	73-70-73-68—284
Mark Silvers, $1,784	72-71-73-68—284
Trevor Simpby, $1,784	68-70-75-71—284
Kelly Kraft, $1,694	71-71-70-73—285
Tim Petrovic, $1,694	71-68-71-75—285
Cameron Wilson, $1,694	74-67-70-74—285
Ariel Canete, $1,656	68-74-72-72—286
Ben Kohles, $1,656	71-72-75-68—286
Todd Baek, $1,613	72-69-74-72—287
D.H. Lee, $1,613	70-72-74-71—287
Hugo Leon, $1,613	69-73-69-76—287
Marc Turnesa, $1,613	72-68-74-73—287
Manuel Villegas, $1,613	72-71-73-71—287
John Mallinger, $1,556	70-71-68-79—288
Mikey Moyers, $1,556	68-74-70-76—288
Scott Parel, $1,556	65-74-77-72—288
Victor Verona, $1,556	70-73-74-71—288
Kelvin Day, $1,519	72-70-75-72—289
Aron Price, $1,519	72-69-76-72—289
Joel Dahmen, $1,494	68-75-70-77—290
Tain Lee, $1,494	73-68-74-75—290
Richy Werenski, $1,475	69-72-69-81—291
Ted Brown, $1,463	71-72-75-78—296

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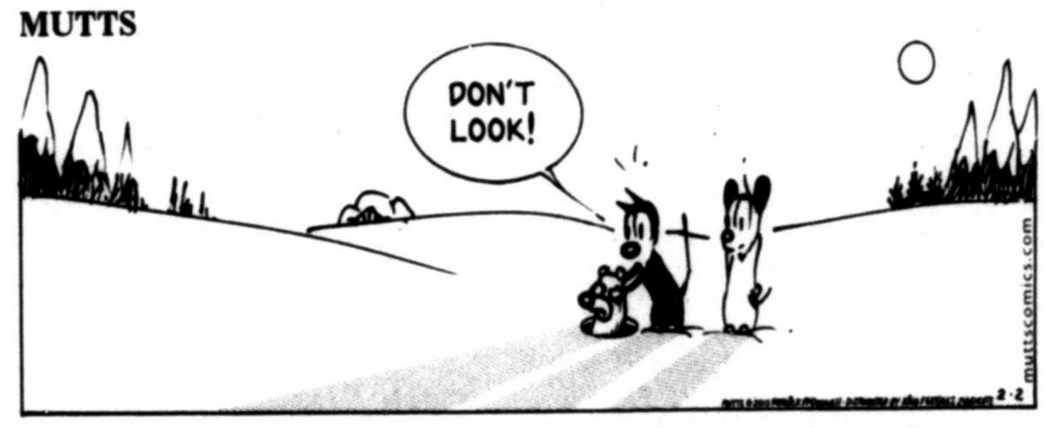
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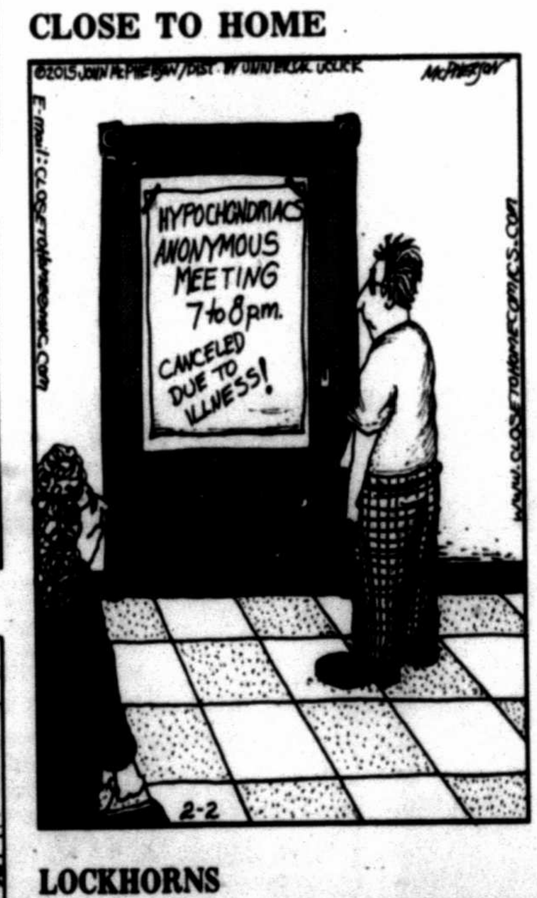
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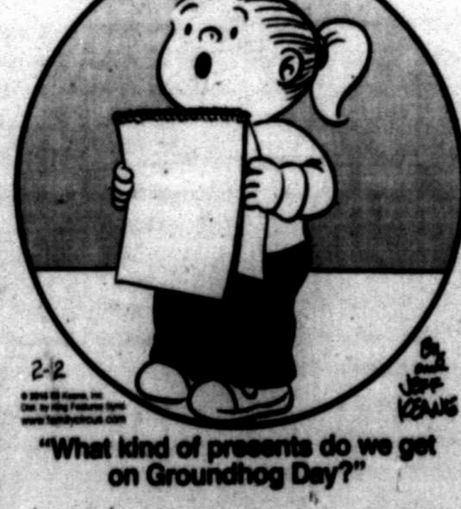
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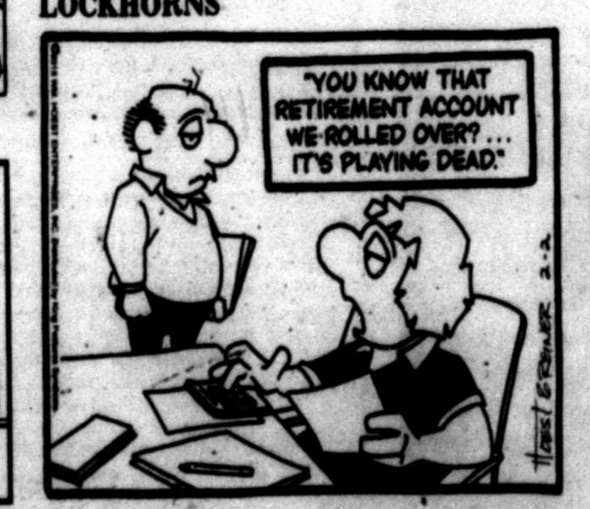
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TODAY: Sunny High: 52 Low: 31

TUESDAY: Mostly sunny High: 63 Low: 39

WEDNESDAY: Sunny High: 70 Low: 33

THURSDAY: Sunny High: 60 Low: 33

FRIDAY: Sunny High: 63 Low: 40

SATURDAY: Sunny High: 76 Low: 46

Local forecast

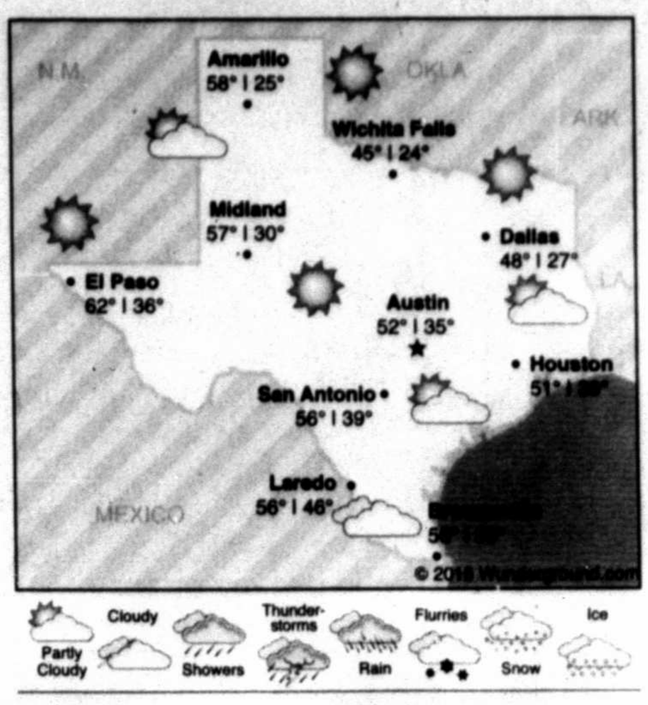
Today's forecast calls for sunny skies with a high around 52 and southeast winds 5-10 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a low around 31 and south winds 5-15 mph.

On Tuesday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high near 63 and south winds between 5-10 mph. On Tuesday night look for partly cloudy skies with a low around 39 and south winds 5-10 mph.

The high on Sunday reached 51, while the low dropped to 44. The record high for Feb. 1 is 80 set in 1963. The record low is minus 8 set in 1985.

National forecast

A winter storm will track across the Northeast today, spreading accumulating snowfall over a majority of the region. The heaviest snow is forecast to fall from the coast of New England to central New York, where more than 6 inches of snow is expected. Warm air will allow for rain and sleet to mix with the snow from Cape Cod to Long Island, limiting snowfall totals to just a few slushy inches. This may still cause travel delays. Flurries will fly as far west as Detroit and Cincinnati on the back side of this storm.

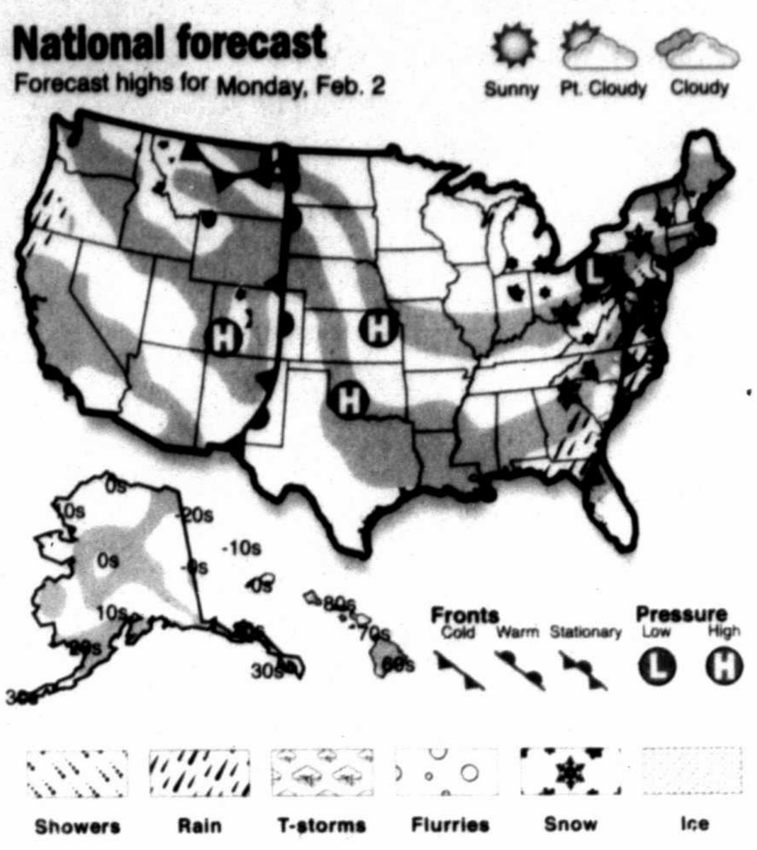


Precipitation

Saturday	0.55 in.
Sunday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.55 in.
Year total	2.43 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.59 in.

Sunday's temperatures

High	51
Low	44
Normal high	59
Normal low	32
Sunrise	7:42 a.m.
Sunset	6:24 p.m.



Woman's red face gains her wanted attention

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 have a problem with blushing. Whenever I'm the center of attention, even if it's with just one other person, my face goes bright red. This even happens when I'm not feeling embarrassed.

I've learned to cope with the feeling of my face flushing. What I'm having trouble with is people's comments about why my face is so red. I've never been able to come up with a good response. Telling them I'm not really embarrassed is met with skepticism. Please help. — RED-FACED IN MEMPHIS

DEAR RED-FACED: My advice is to be upfront and tell the questioner that you don't know why it happens, but you're not embarrassed. As you already know, blushing can happen if someone suffers from a social phobia. In cases like that, counseling and support groups can help. However, because you find it happening even when you are not pressured or embarrassed, discuss it with your physician to be sure there isn't an underlying physical problem.

DEAR ABBY: I've been dating my 42-year-old boyfriend, "Mike," for a year. I love him, but he's a heavy drinker. He has a glass or two of whiskey on a daily basis and goes through a huge bottle of whiskey every weekend. (He also drinks beer like water.) When I asked him to cut back, he refused because he "loves" whiskey. I have never seen him drunk or act intoxicated, so he obviously has a high tolerance.

It bothers me that Mike drinks so much and that he won't cut back. I told him I wouldn't marry him unless he does. My problem is, I don't know whether he's an alcoholic since he doesn't ever show signs of intoxication. I've been told that alcoholism is a progressive disease and that it will only increase.

What constitutes an alcoholic? Is it possible for Mike to drink every day but not be one? I don't want to lose him, but he also has a very bad temper, and I'm afraid it's not a good combination if we were to get married. — TORN IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR TORN: You are right to be concerned. Even if Mike promised "not to drink so much," he might backslide on his promise after the wedding.

Also, has it occurred to you that the whiskey may be part of what is causing Mike's bad temper? Large quantities of alcohol have been known to alter a person's perception, and the results can be explosive. If you haven't already done so, consider attending an AL-Anon meeting, which may confirm this.

I'm not a medical doctor, but it would be interesting to know what your boyfriend's physician thinks about the amount of alcohol he consumes, because the quantity you say Mike puts away may put him at risk for cirrhosis of the liver.

This may be more information than you asked for, but I don't think Mike is marriage material because it appears he is already wedded to his bottle.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A K Q J 7 ♡ J 8 5 ◇ A 10 ♣ Q J 2
The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
3♣	Pass	Pass	?

What call would you make?
A — You must do something, but what? Three spades is too timid. Double followed by three spades, if you are able, might be best, but we would do the obvious — bid three no-trump.

Q 2 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A 9 8 7 ♡ 7 6 3 ◇ Q 8 7 3 ♣ 5 2
Partner opens one spade and right-hand opponent doubles. What call would you make?
A — East's double gives us some extra options. Redouble shows all good balanced hands, freeing up a jump to two no-trump to show a good hand with a fit. Another option is to bid three spades, pre-emptive. That's our choice.

Q 3 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ 9 6 4 2 ♡ 7 5 ◇ A Q J 2 ♣ 10 7 6
The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♡	1♠	?	

What call would you make?
A — You have half the deck between you, so you should let partner know it. Double, negative, showing values with no clear bid.

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ Void ♡ A 10 8 ◇ A Q 10 9 7 2 ♣ K 10 6 4
The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1◇	Pass	1♡	1♠

What call would you make?
A — Using a double to show three-card support in this situation has become quite popular in recent years. Should you play that convention, you must use it now. Failing that, we prefer the natural bid of two clubs. We'll show our heart fit next.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Feb. 2, 2015:

This year you will experience a lot of activity around you. You become more aware of the people in your life and their expectations. As you evolve into a more empathetic person, you could question how much more you should give of yourself. Expect the unexpected, and you won't be disappointed. If you are single, you might change your idea of the type of person you are attracted to. In any case, you are likely to meet someone of significance. If you are attached, the two of you might redefine the boundaries of your relationship. Life won't be boring, and you will love all the excitement. LEO always seems ready to have fun.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Excitement surrounds the morning. You'll get past an immediate hassle with ease. Meeting times will need to be confirmed. If you think someone's remark seems out of whack, just repeat back what you thought you heard. Tonight: Act as if it were Friday night.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You will want to straighten out a situation that involves a headstrong friend or loved one. This person might seem to be quite closed off, but in reality, he or she probably just wants to get past the present misunderstanding. Take your time, rather than push. Tonight: Mosey on home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Share more of what ails you. A partner or loved one might seem distant and difficult. The unexpected is likely to affect a meeting and/or an interaction with this person. Avoid making any judgments, and try stating your point in a different way. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You might want to be more aware of your spending and your budget. You could feel as if your finances are out of whack. Worry less, and stay centered. You are likely to experience a certain amount of boredom in your daily routine. Tonight: Pay bills first.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You will be in the position to convince someone that the less exciting option would be best. Misunderstandings could lurk, and you might choose to see a situation a lot differently from how those around you see it. Confirm important statements. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Assume a low profile, even if someone tries to shock you out of complacency. You'll need to observe rather than react. Ask yourself what would be best to do in order to move forward. You are much more together than you ever thought possible. Tonight: Get some R and R.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You could be stuck on the wrong side of a problem. As you try to resolve the issue, others might seem bent on creating uproar. If you try to intervene, you probably will find yourself in the middle of an argument. Ride the winds of fate. Tonight: Hang with friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Be willing to stand up and assume your role in a particularly difficult situation. You might not want all the attention on you, but it seems to be inevitable. Your role is dominant, and others will want to learn how to lead in the way in which you do. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You'll be full of unexpected news. Though you might not react as you used to, you still will have a strong response. Be aware of others' confusion. You know what is workable and what is not. Try to convey what you know to those around you. Tonight: Surf the Web.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Deal with a partner or associate directly. In fact, the response you receive could be totally different than if you were to discuss the same issue with someone else there. Take advantage of a quiet moment. Be willing to state the same point several different ways. Tonight: Togetherness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You might have mixed feelings and be overly serious, especially after a morning surprise. Nothing is as it seems and all is subject to change. Remain open to various ideas and you will head down the right path. Tonight: Confusion reigns. Maintain a sense of humor.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ You could be somewhat fixated on your schedule and on what you must accomplish. You will have a surprising change occur at some point throughout the day. You might want to rethink a decision with more care. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

BORN TODAY

Novelist James Joyce (1882), novelist Ayn Rand (1905), model Christie Brinkley (1954)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Burst into tears
5 Wander off the point
11 Rainy
14 Hodgepodge
15 In the plane's cabin, say
17 New Year's __
18 Pennsylvania borough in today's news
20 Clinton's instrument
21 Ambulance VIP
22 '50s nuclear experiments
23 Founded, on signs
25 Foe
27 Approved, briefly
29 Pop singer Diamond
31 Henry VIII's sixth wife Catherine
32 Conk out
35 "Make up your mind!"
37 Germany's __ Republic, 1919-'33
40 Flip-flops
41 What we'll have of 3-Down, according to folklore, if 18-Across 62-Down sees his 50-Down on 65-Across
43 Puppies
45 Bahamas capital
46 Thick fog metaphor
48 Dirt road groove
49 Amt. on a new car window
53 Venus de __
54 Mess of hair
56 Employee handing out playbills
57 Stoolie
59 Workshop grippers
63 Word after Iron or Stone
64 Corp. leader
65 February 2, every year
68 Coffee hour vessel
69 Asian language in a region famous for tigers
70 __ vault
71 Letter before tee
72 La Brea discovery
73 Filled with wonder

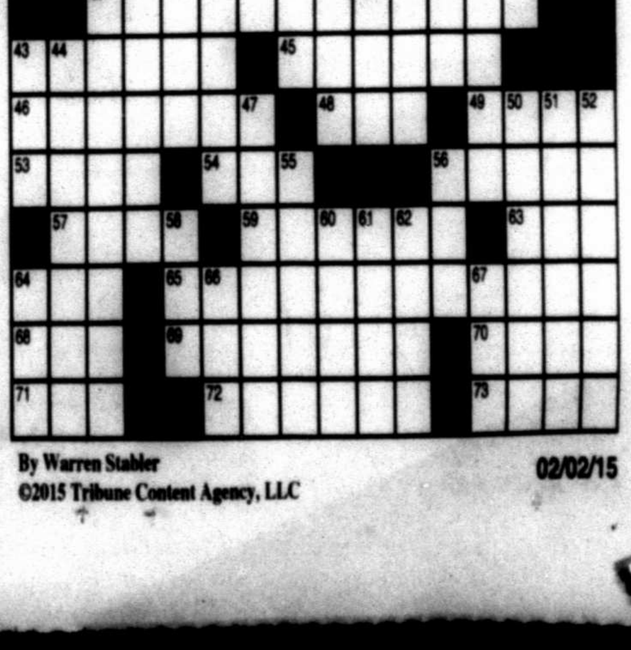
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1 Girl who lost her sheep
2 Barnard graduate
3 Cold season
4 Bagel go-with
5 Landslide victory
6 Poker pot starter
7 Corp. execs' degrees
8 Bend before in reverence
9 Lucky Luciano cohort Meyer __
10 Before, in poetry
11 Cowboy movies
12 Shirking, as taxes
13 LBJ's home state
16 Salon coloring
19 Speak
24 Sweetie pie
26 Dennis the Menace's grumpy neighbor
28 Hate
30 Part of UCLA
32 Chinese appetizer
33 "I think ...," in texts
34 Make, as money
36 Mets' old stadium
38 Old Montreal baseballer
39 Back
41 Flippered aquarium attractions
42 Sch. with a Spokane campus
43 Typist's stat.
44 Some young cows
47 Pennsylvania raceway
50 Sundial casting
51 Entertain in style
52 Victimized, with "on"
55 Outlet inserts
56 GI show gp.
58 USSR secret service
60 Santa __ West Coast winds
61 1551, to Caesar
62 Given name of the critter in today's news
64 Billiards stick
66 NBA official
67 Dean's list no.

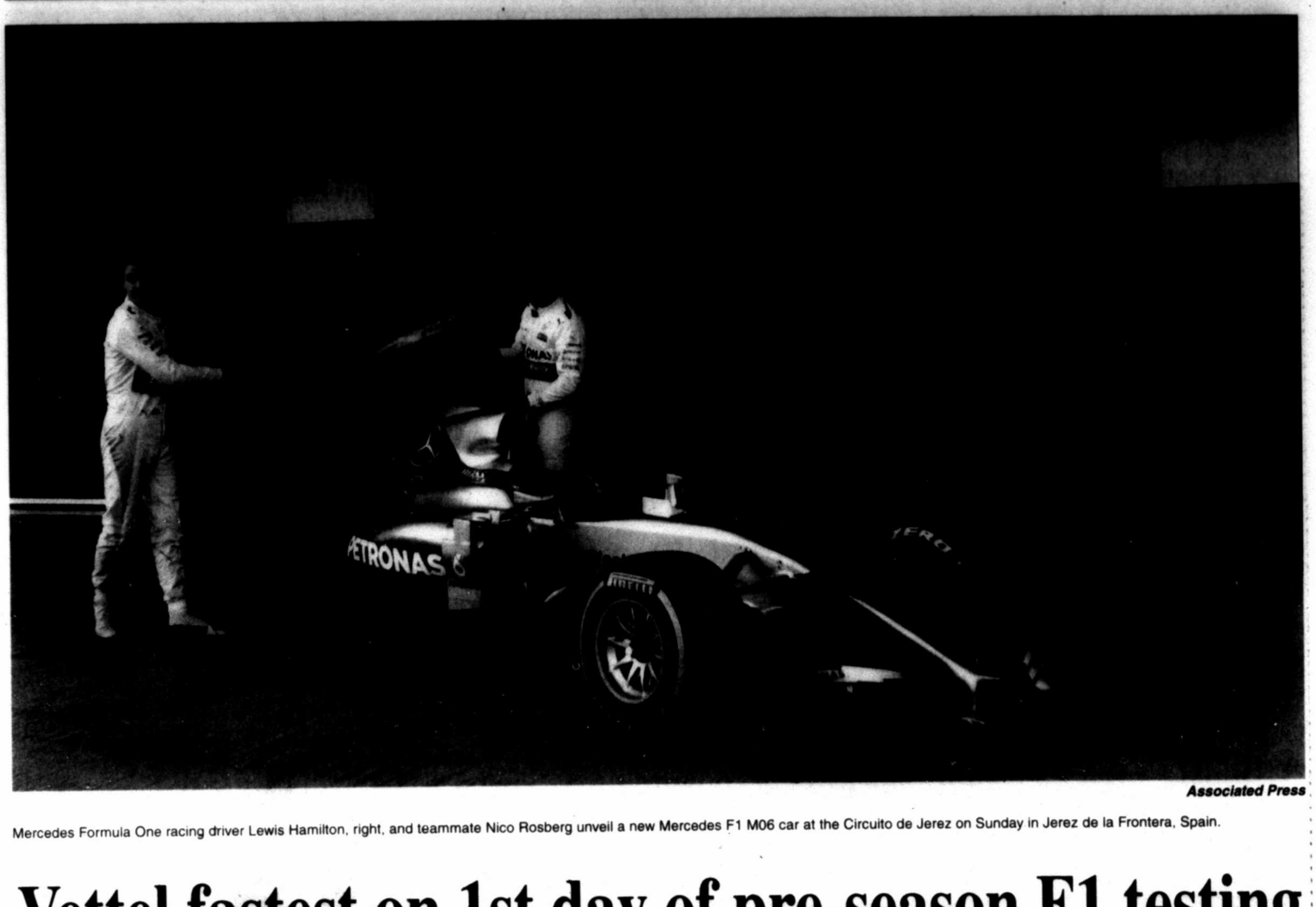
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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Mercedes Formula One racing driver Lewis Hamilton, right, and teammate Nico Rosberg unveil a new Mercedes F1 M06 car at the Circuito de Jerez on Sunday in Jerez de la Frontera, Spain.

Vettel fastest on 1st day of pre-season F1 testing

By Jerome Pugmire
Associated Press

JEREZ, Spain — Sebastian Vettel posted the fastest lap for Ferrari on the first day of pre-season Formula One testing, while last year's championship runner-up Nico Rosberg clocked a massive 157 laps.

Rosberg lost out on the title to Mercedes teammate Lewis Hamilton in a gripping and often tense tussle last year that went down to the final race in Abu Dhabi.

"Today every lap counts; I can feel I'm rusty," Rosberg said. "I'm definitely not as good now as I was on Sunday in Abu Dhabi. So I need to use these days to get back up to speed."

The season opens on March 15 in Melbourne, and if Sunday's testing is anything to go by, Rosberg is in the mood to upstage Hamilton.

"I want to become an even better driver this year," Rosberg said. "That's my aim and my personal challenge and it's a great challenge."

The German driver was so keen to pile on the laps that he even had lunch sitting in his car.

"That was the goal, to do a lot of mileage. Of course I'm feeling pains here and there," he said. "The good thing is that we haven't found any major problems yet. Reliability is very important for us. Try to find problems and get them sorted before the first race."

Vettel's best lap of 1 minute, 22.62 seconds was .157 quicker than Swedish driver Marcus Ericsson and .486 better than Rosberg.

There are four days of testing. Hamilton drives on Monday and Wednesday.

Daniel Ricciardo was fourth fastest — .716 behind — and completed 35 laps in his Red Bull.

"The first impressions are good. We'll get a few more laps over the next few days, but so far everything seems pretty encouraging," the Australian driver said. "I can feel a step forward. I won't go into too much detail but it is there."

Ricciardo was the only driver to break Mercedes' stranglehold last season, winning three races and outdoing four-time F1 champion Vettel — who left Red Bull to join Ferrari.

"We knew (Mercedes) came out with a pretty awesome package last year and they probably just refined it and perfected it," Ricciardo said. "I expect them again to be the ones to beat coming into Melbourne. But I'm not intimidated either. I think it's a reachable target for us."

Ferrari is desperate to find a way back to the top in F1, and last year failed to win a race for the first time since 1993.

The team shakeup saw Fernando Alonso leaving to join McLaren, but it proved an unhappy day for the Spaniard as he managed only six laps.

The long session was interrupted twice, with the red flag coming out for the second time when Carlos Sainz Jr stalled his Toro Rosso.

Testing continues until Wednesday.

Lord Nelson wins San Vicente for 3-year-olds at Santa Anita

Associated Press

ARCADIA, Calif. — Lord Nelson won the $200,000 San Vicente Stakes for 3-year-olds by a neck Sunday at Santa Anita, upsetting Breeders' Cup Juvenile champion Texas Red in an early prep for the Kentucky Derby.

Ridden by Rafael Bejarano, Lord Nelson ran seven furlongs in 1:22.15 and paid $5.80, $2.60 and $2.20.

Texas Red returned $2.20 and $2.10 as the 3-5 favorite, while 23-1 shot Sir Samson was another three-quarters of a length back in third and paid $3.40 to show.

Bejarano swung 9-5 second choice Lord Nelson four horses wide turning for home.

"I had a perfect trip," Bejarano said. "He broke a little slow but then he took off and I was able to find a position right away. I let him go once we were clear. Texas Red was the horse to beat and I was waiting for him. When he came to us I let him go and my horse took off again."

Texas Red was making his first start since winning the Juvenile in November over the same track. He was last in the field of six turning for home behind a slow pace under Kent Desormeaux, whose brother Keith trains Texas Red. The colt carried high weight of 123 pounds — five more than the rest of the field.

"It's a little disappointing, you know, because it's so close to winning, but the long-term goal (Kentucky Derby) is well within reach," said Keith Desormeaux, who purchased the chestnut son of Afleet Alex on behalf of his owners for $17,000 as a yearling. "The pace was slow. Still to do what he did, you can't be disappointed."

Desormeaux said Texas Red would be pointed toward the Grade 2 Risen Star at the Fair Grounds in New Orleans on Feb. 21 and return for the Santa Anita Derby on April 4.

Bench Warrant was fourth, followed by Jazzy Josh and Serbian Syclone.

The victory, worth $120,000, increased Lord Nelson's career earnings to $249,571, with three wins in five starts.

WESTTEXASSPORTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

To submit an item for West Texas Sports, please either fax, bring in, mail or email your information in hard-copy form to the Reporter-Telegram sports department.

Please make your submission as detailed as possible, including dates of events, deadlines, fees, age groups, etc.

To bring your item to the MRT, come to 201 E. Illinois Ave. in Midland. To mail your information, send it to Reporter-Telegram, c/o Sports Department, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701.

To fax your information, send to 570-7650.

Baseball

GCM Baseball Academy
What: Professional private baseball lessons & clinics covering pitching, fielding, catching and hitting provided by three former professional players.
For: Ages 5 & up.
Cost: Individual lessons $65 an hour or $40 for 30 minutes. Bulk purchases & group lesson rates available at discount.
For more info: Call (432) 425-6108

Private batting and pitching instruction
For more info: Call Danny Jordan at 230-0096 for instruction on mechanics and pitch selection in a one-on-one setting.

Private hitting and catching instruction
For more info: Call Scott Chapman at 967-2364 for instruction in a one-on-one environment.

Pitching, hitting and fielding lessons
For more info: Call Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell at 296-2438

Private Baseball/Softball lessons
For more info: Contact Extra Innings Midland/Odessa at (432) 617-4487 or visit www.extrainnings-midlandodessa.com

Midland Little League Umpires Needed
For more info: Contact 889-6080

WTX Baseball
What: Instruction for players 5 and up
For more info: wtxbaseball.com; facebook.com/wtxbaseballmidland; 413-0329

Basketball

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox, 685-4143 or 553-3714

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551

Midland Hoops 32 Basketball Skills Training
Cost: $25 per session, one to two people; $15 for groups of three or more.
For more info: Contact Eddie Venzant at 254-6894 or go to midlandhoops32.com; venzantedie@yahoo.com

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men'd League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Rost 684-5176 or Cactus Lanes 694-0177

Edith McElmore Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

Camps/Clinics

Ten Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure

COM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755

Beginner tennis clinics
Where: Midland High School tennis courts
When: Monday-Thursday from 8:30 to 10 a.m or 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For: Kindergarten-12th grade, community-based organizations, parents and adults
Deadline: Two weeks before week wanting to attend
For more info: Call Luis Valdez at 570-6245, Brandi at 687-7059 or Elizabeth at 699-6058

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: Beak Park Ranch House, 5200 W Wall Street, Midland
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbabi.com

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W Wall
For more info: Call 520-6633

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call 682-2551

Football

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Don Orren at 631-2395

Golf

4-Person Scramble
When: Feb. 21-22
Where: Big Spring Country Club
Cost: $120 per player plus golf cart
For more info: Call 267-5354

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155

Private Martial Artsfself-Defense Lessons
Ages: Men/Women/Children
What: Learn Basic Skills to Advanced Techniques
Note: Private, Semi-Private and Group Lessons are available
For more info: Call Master Oscar Jimenez 432-559-5009, Ojimenez3@att.net

Women's Self Defense Class
When: Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8554

Private Tae Kwon-Do lessons
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8554

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
When: 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m. Saturdays
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 350 N. Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 634-9621 or (469) 248-8472

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships.
For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at (915) 240-1030

Poker

Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments.
For: Beginners to experienced players, Ages 21 and up.
When/where: 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woofers & Tweeters; 6:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at Rednecks Drafthouse.
Players must be signed in by 6:15 p.m. each night.
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net

Professional Wrestling

Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages.
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 2-6 p.m. Sunday
Cost: $50 down; $35 a month
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 349-3055

Rugby

Mad Dog Rugby Football Club
Practices: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at Reyes-Washburn Park (north field)
For more info call: 432-697-6418

Running

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: $20 per year for individual membership; $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Hailey, president at haileyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0988

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m., Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter); Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1402

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 state and sporting clays.
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday.
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7092 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee.
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com.
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodlot Fastpitch Association
What: Men's fastpitch softball
For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyotestpitch@gmail.com

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Mabee Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards or freestyle or backstroke
For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
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When: Early morning, morning and evening
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West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area.
For more info: Call 432-563-1333 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information.

Bush Tennis Center Clinics
What: Balloon Tennis 34 (ages 3-4); Redball 58 (ages 5-6); Orange and Green Ball 910 (ages 9-10); Junior Development (6th-8th grade; freshman-JV); Junior Select (varsity); RSR Adults (adult beginners); Intermediate Adults; 4.0-5.0 Adults (advanced adults); Also Junior Team Tennis registration now open
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bushtenniscenter.com and or call, 620-8180.

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 620-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

Midland College tennis classes
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30 to 1:50 p.m.
Where: Midland College
For more info: Call 686-4266

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When: For children 4-8 years of age (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30 to 4 p.m.) and 9-15 years of age (Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: 686-4266

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For more info: 689-4340

Midland Tennis Club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual dues: Adults $65; youth $30; families $140
For more info: Call 686-4266 or email midlandtennisclub@yahoo.com

Walking

Midland Walkabout AVA Club Meetings
When: Fun Walks, 10K, 3rd Saturday morning of the month; Monthly meeting 3rd Sunday at 5 p.m.
Where: Fun Walks, vary; meetings in Room 227, First Presbyterian Church, 800 W Texas Ave.
Who: All ages
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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT

AIR QUALITY PERMIT NUMBER 5665A

APPLICATION DCP Midstream, LP, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an amendment to Air Quality Permit Number 5665A, which would authorize modifications to the High Pressure Acid Gas Flare at the Sprayberry Gas Plant located at 13701 East County Road 230, Midland, Midland County, Texas 79706. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=31.8575&lng=-101.7919&zoom=13&type=r. The facility will emit the following contaminants: nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, organic compounds and hydrogen sulfide.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on December 19, 2014. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Midland regional office, and the Midland County Library, 2503 West Loop 250 North, Midland, Midland County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Midland regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.**

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

The executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments. If a hearing request is timely filed in Response to this Notice of Receipt of Application and Intent to Obtain Air Permit, the time period for requesting a contested case hearing will be extended to thirty days after the mailing of the executive director's response to comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following the Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. **Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application.** A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decisions on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues raised by you or others during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing"; (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or an association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests which the group or association seeks to protect, must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from DCP Midstream, LP, 10 Desta Drive, Suite 400W, Midland, Texas 79705-4528 or by calling Mr. Martin W. Smith, Senior Environmental Specialist at (432) 620-5463.

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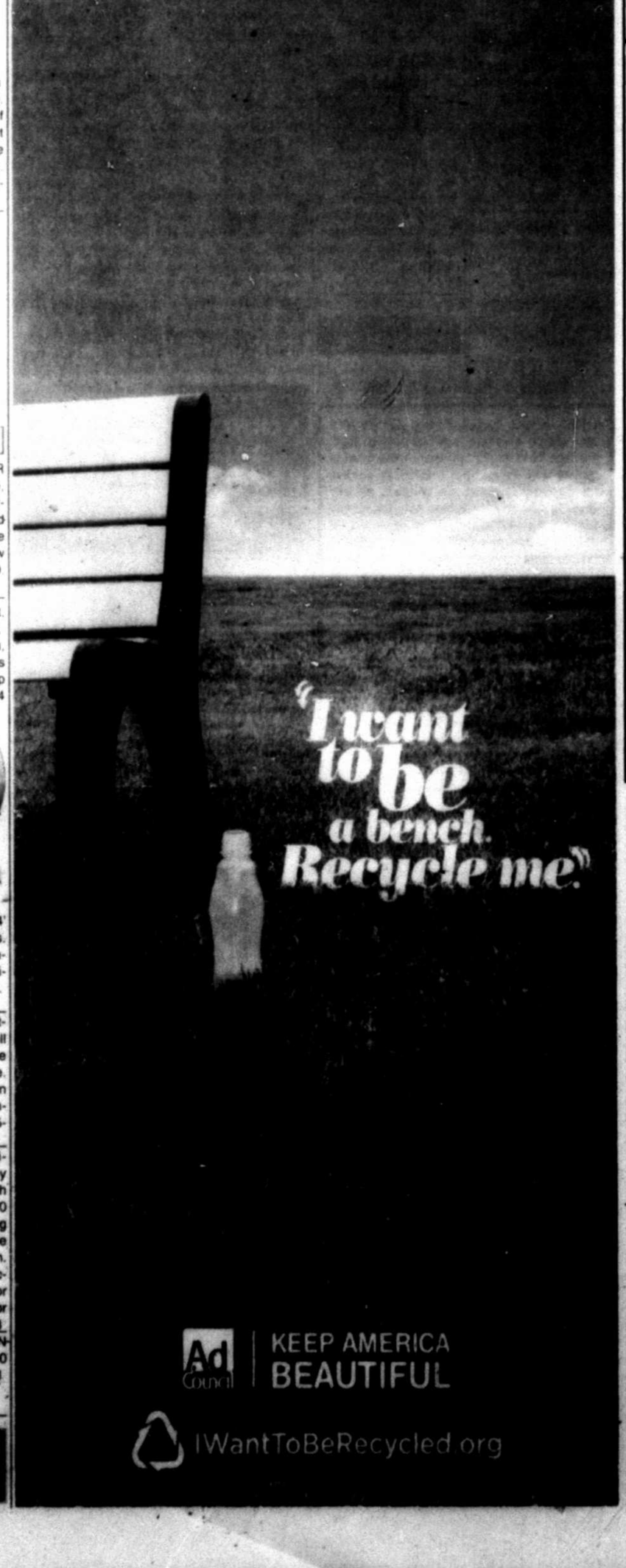
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Miscellaneous for Sale

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1306 S CO RD 1118-LOT 66-4 BDRMS, 2 BATH,FORMAL DINING, 2 CAR GARAGE, FENCED YARD,1.353 AC LOT,SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN APRIL OR MAY $324,900

1314 S CO RD 1118-LOT 99.3 BDRMS, 2 BATHS,FORMAL DINING, 2 CAR GARAGE, FENCED YARD,1.37 AC LOT,SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN MAY $284,900

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Modular & Mobile Homes

Mobile Homes for Sale

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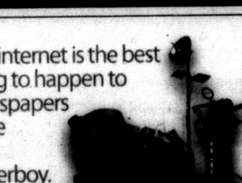
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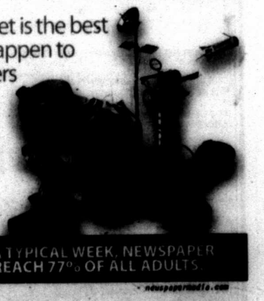
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