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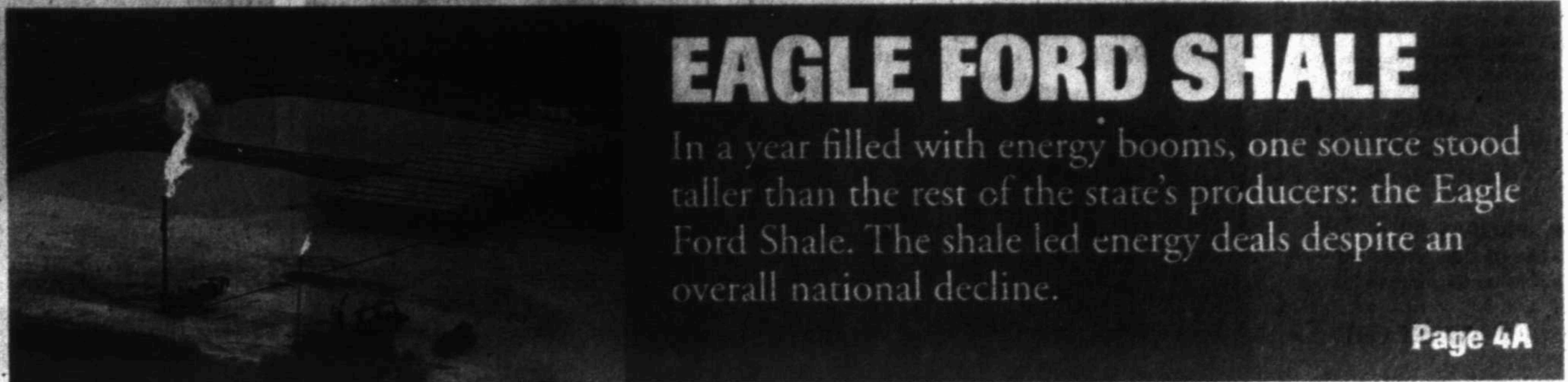
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Public library may do away with late fees

New measure to boost patronage hinges on county commissioners' approval

By Joseph Basco
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Pending approval from Midland County commissioners today, Midland County Public Library will get rid of late fees for overdue items as a way to boost circulation and patronage.

The elimination of the 10-cent-per-day fee will be replaced with a referral to a third party collections agency, Unique Management Services, that will attempt to collect the face value of the material loaned out, as well as a freeze on the library account. Though the maximum loan-out period length has yet to be determined, library staff

have pondered 45-, 60-, or 90-day periods that are longer than the current three-week period for books.

The library system plans to implement the new policy at a time when on average 1,500 items worth about \$50,000 are lost and 200 items worth about \$4,500 are damaged annually.

Even though fees will still be charged for lost and damaged items, the library hopes to eliminate late fees because it views them as a deterrent for patrons to return often.

"My concern is that we had the mom with three kids that has \$5 in fines," said Library Director John Trischitti III. "And the fine wasn't coming to the library because she is thinking, 'Oh, I owe fines.' We don't want that bar-

rier there."

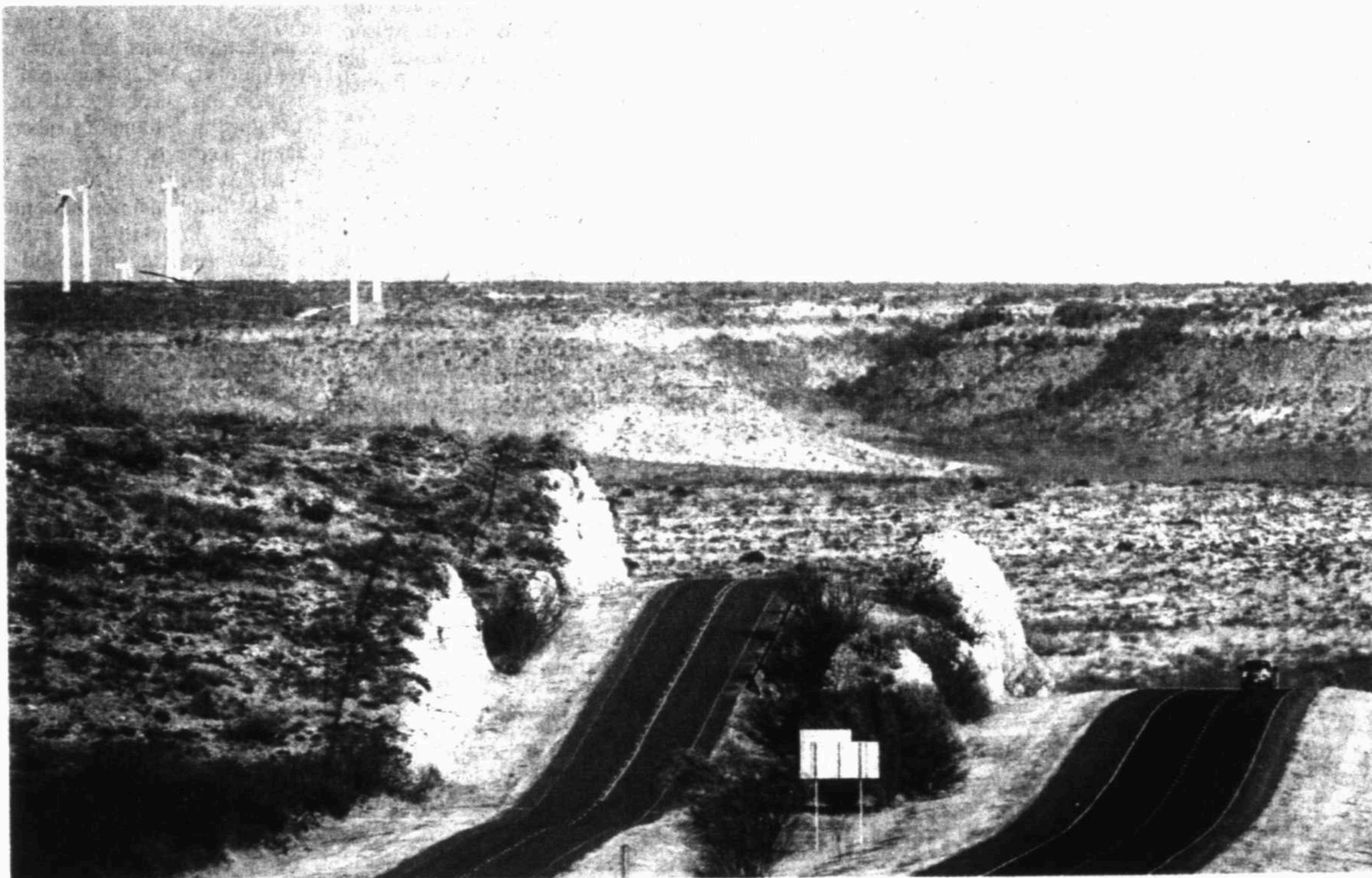
Trischitti said the revenue collected from fines was about \$18,000 to \$23,500. In weighing the costs and benefits of retaining late fee revenue, Trischitti said the revenue pales in comparison to the materials' value.

"I would much rather you return the materials, have the fee waived, and continue using the library," Trischitti said.

Stacy Morrison, an author who was picking up books for her children Friday at the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, said she thinks doing away with late fees is a positive progression for the library

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POWER OF THE WIND



Michael Paulsen/Houston Chronicle

Travelers on Interstate-10 whizz by the BP Sherbino Mesa II Wind Farm, Feb. 19, 2012, in Fort Stockton. After cutting its solar program last year, BP is beefing up its investments into wind energy and recently launched its fourth Texas wind farm, in Fort Stockton. On 20,000 acres in Pecos County, the Sherbino II farm has 60 wind turbines to generate enough electricity to power more than 175,000 homes.

Fair wind blew in national power crisis

By Emily Pickrell
Houston Chronicle

The cold wind from last week's norther spun turbines that helped keep Texas furnaces running — but also stirred up questions about whether the state counts too much on the intermittent power source.

Amid freezing temperatures statewide Monday morning, Texas generating capacity was just one power plant failure away from falling short of Texans' demand for power.

Wind power helped keep the lights on, providing about 1,800 megawatts of the 56,000 megawatts of generation capacity available that morning — enough wind power to provide electricity to at least

360,000 typical Texas residences.

But the close brush with blackouts Monday has some wondering if the state is depending too much on wind.

"The more the state relies on wind, there is a potential for having a very unstable grid," said Ed Hirs, an energy economics professor at the University of Houston.

Wind advocates respond that while the breeze itself may be fickle, forecasting technology is such that grid operators can figure fairly precisely how much wind power will be available.

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which manages most of the state's grid, includes a set amount of wind generation when projecting the state's power capacity.

"The wind that morning was exactly what had been anticipated in the forecasting and modeling that takes place in the days prior," said Jeff Clark, executive director of The Wind Coalition, an Austin-based nonprofit association focused on wind resources throughout the state and the Midwest. "This is very much a science."

Hirs said, however, that wind capacity varies enough to make it inferior to nuclear or fossil fuel power plants for base load — the minimum power typically required around the clock — and peak load that occurs as demand rises and more plants come online. "Wind is not 100 percent reliable," he said.

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MIDLAND 101

By Jimmy Patterson

Midland's former nickname was Windmill Town

In Midland's early days, residents often journeyed downtown to collect water for their personal needs. A Texas State Historical Marker indicates the vicinity of the town's first water well, which was dug by hand in 1884.

That one well supplied water for the entire town, as well as the cattle trough. Before digging the well, Midlanders had their water hauled in from Monahans, 50 miles to the west.

Water, always critical to West Texans, was especially so in those days because so many cattle ranchers relied on the resource for their livelihoods. When it was apparent that the water supply was dwindling, Bill Oden and his boss, rancher Frank Divers, began to study ways to more efficiently bring water to town for Midlanders' basic needs.

Divers told Oden that Nelson Morris, who owned a ranch north of Midland, had been retrieving water through a device called a windmill. Divers sent his young hand to speak to Morris to learn what he could about the windmill and see if it would be practical to use the new technology in town.

Oden returned with a favorable report and Divers proceeded to buy two of the water-pumping machines. While they were being built, Oden began to tinker with them, trying to make them more efficient. Morris had built his windmill using lumber, which invariably warped, rendering the contraptions useless.

Oden's tweaking of the design proved

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Todd Staples, running for lieutenant governor, speaks to the Midland County Republican Women in this March 2012 photo.

Staples sees border as path to victory

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Border security never mattered much to the Texas Department of Agriculture, even when Gov. Rick Perry was commissioner. Then Todd Staples took over.

Now after years of hitching drug cartel threats to a job better known for keeping grocery scales honest, Staples is running for lieutenant governor. But to hear the Republican talk about the ease of illegally crossing the U.S.-Mexico border, a path to victory for Staples may be harder by comparison.

No statewide contest heading into the March primaries is more competitive — and crowded with big names — than the lieutenant governor's race. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst wants a fourth term while Staples, state Sen. Dan Patrick and Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson want to move up after years of pent-up ambition.

They're four ideologically indistinguishable conservatives, none of whom want to be left behind when Perry's departure in 2015 sets off the biggest reshuffling of Texas' power structure in more than a decade.

Border security is one of Staples' ways of sticking out, in hopes that he'll stick around. He said the issue hasn't gone away.

"(It) hasn't died down to landowners who are getting chased off their property," Staples said in an interview with The Associated Press.

If Staples can win the No. 2 job in the post-Perry era, he'll continue mimicking Perry's footsteps.

Both Perry and Staples grew up in rural towns and joined Future Farmers of America as teenagers. Both attended Texas A&M University. When they arrived in Austin, they both spent six years as lawmakers — Perry in the House, Staples in the Senate — before winning the job of agriculture commissioner and serving two terms.

Perry's next stop was lieutenant governor in 1998 — but times and politics have changed. Perry ran unopposed in the primary that year before clinching a narrow victory over his Democratic opponent.

Staples would likely face an easier path in the general election given that Texas

is more fiercely Republican today but he must survive a bruising primary first.

Staples, 50, said as lieutenant governor he would pursue efficiency audits at state agencies and eliminate the state's margins tax for businesses. He's also for eliminating lucrative taxpayer-funded grants to private companies that Perry has made part of his legacy.

"Politicians are like socks. They need to be changed fairly regularly," said Staples, who was first elected agriculture commissioner in 2006. "It offers new energy, new ideas. It forces people to stand for office without the benefit of incumbency."

The Texas Department of Agriculture regulates fuel pumps, protects crops from disease and oversees the National School Lunch program in schools. But Staples has added sizzle to the agency by delving into border security, saying his office has a duty to look after farmers and ranchers along the Rio Grande, thereby protecting the state's food supply.

His office in 2010 launched the website ProtectYourTexasBorder.com, which features first-hand accounts of confrontations with violent drug traffickers in videotaped interviews. When a message board on the state-run website quickly filled with postings calling for vigilante justice and killing immigrants entering the country illegally, Staples removed the posts and condemned the remarks, but that episode remains one of the biggest embarrassments of his tenure.

But Staples persisted. He published the book "Broken Borders, Broken Promises" in 2012 and continues to reject federal crime data that show decreasing levels of violent crime and Democrats who accuse Republicans of wildly exaggerating the danger for the sake of politics.

Staples said his office hasn't put a financial number on the losses that encroaching violence has cost Texas crop owners.

"I haven't tried to quantify the cash losses," Staples said. "What we have done though is shown that the violence is real, that we have a failed immigration system that is aiding the drug cartels and giving them cover to come into our nation."

It's not an issue Staples monopolizes. Just last month, Dewhurst said he would help find \$60 million in the state budget and reallocate those funds for a border security surge.

Public education tops campaign debates

By Chris Tomlinson
Associated Press

ANALYSIS

AUSTIN — Public schools are shaping up to become the top issue in the 2014 election campaigns, with Democrats complaining about Republican budget cuts and conservatives calling for more choice and less government involvement in an issue that impacts every Texan.

Expect candidates to offer a barrage of statistics about schools and student achievement, since something can be found for every political persuasion. Money is likely to be the biggest talking point, with Democrats complaining about cuts in per-pupil spending and low salaries in Texas, while Republicans will say there is no correlation between government spending and student success.

Fact checkers will find that both sides are about half-right.

The Republican-controlled Legislature rewrote the formula for public school funding in 2011 to cut \$5.4 billion from the state's public education budget, the first such reduction in spending since World War II. In 2013, the Legislature restored about \$3 billion but is still not spending as much as it did in 2010. Texas teachers also make about \$1,000 less a year than the national average, prompting many teachers to leave the field or move elsewhere.

Increased spending over time, though, does not result in commensurate increases in student performance, conservative groups point out. Conservative

groups want better-educated high school graduates and parents complain of too much testing. The Legislature recently dropped the requirement that all students take Algebra II in order to graduate from high school.

Striking the balance will be difficult at a time when, by some key measures, Texas students continue to lag behind.

The Texas Education Agency on Thursday said the number of schools falling short of minimum standards doubled from 2012 because of newer, higher standards. That means at least half the students at those schools have failed the accountability tests in two of the three previous years or the schools were rated academically unacceptable in 2011 or "Improvement Required" last year. Texas ranked 47th in the nation in SAT scores last year.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst also joined the education debate, praising the progress in student performance since 2000, when the state adopted a long-term strategy called "Closing the Gaps 2015." He called on Texas senators on Thursday to examine the lessons learned and make a plan for the next 15 years.

There is no doubt that public education always has been, and likely always will be, a challenge for the state's leaders. The number of children growing up in poverty and homes where English is not the first language is on the rise. The 2014 election allows voters to choose whose vision they trust more for solving these problems.

Obituaries



Lawanna Underwood Nelson

Lawanna Underwood Nelson died January 1, 2014 at Midland Memorial Hospital in Midland, Texas. Memorial services will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at the First Baptist Church Chapel at 11:00 a.m. in Midland, Texas.

Private graveside services will be held at the old Cleburne Cemetery, Cleburne, Texas in the Nelson family plot.

Lawanna was born February 16, 1934 to H.E. "Bill" Underwood and Foy Flurry Underwood in El Reno, Oklahoma, moving with her family from Marlow, Oklahoma to Vernon, Texas in 1944. She has been a resident of Midland, Texas since 1951. She was a long-time employee of Gulf Oil Corporation, from 1953 until her early retirement in 1985, working for Production Department of Management the last 25 years of her service.

On June 10, 1961 she married Thomas Joseph Nelson in Midland, Texas. He preceded her in death on November 30, 2003. Her parents and stepson, David Barrington Nelson, also preceded her in death.

She is survived by her stepson, Thomas Keith Nelson, of Gallatin, Tennessee; her grandchildren, Adam Russell Nelson, Brendan Rigel Parsons, and Thai Lien Parsons, and their parents, Regina Davey and Neil Lehan (Lee) Parsons, Jr., all of Damariscotta, Maine; her sister and spouse, Sue U. and Robert W. Hazard, of Cordova, Tennessee; a sister, Cheryl U. Cowart, of Sherman, Texas; and other family members, as well as a host of friends from near and far, considered as part of her extended family.

Memorials may be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 50, Memphis, TN 38101-9929. Gifts of Hope, Inc., P.O. Box 1323, Midland, TX 79702, or to a charity of choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Death Notices

Elwin Ross Standefer

Elwin Ross Standefer, of Odessa, age 75, died at Odessa Regional Hospital on January 10, 2014. He was born to the late Hyrum and Lillian Standefer on February 26, 1938 in rural Martin County.

He is survived by his two sons, Terry D. Standefer and Randy R. Standefer; one daughter, Dinah Davis; one brother, Eddie Standefer; two sisters, Frieda Ellis and Sarah Lands; five grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren.

Viewing will be Monday, January 13, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and again on Tuesday, January 14, 2014. The family will receive visitors on Tuesday evening from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at American Heritage Chapel. Funeral service will be Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at American Heritage.

Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery and Funeral Home.

James Allen Gardner

James Allen Gardner, District Chief for the Midland Fire Department, passed away January 9, 2014, at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa following his battle with Hodgkin's Lymphoma at the age of 50.

Born on November 4, 1963, to Helen Phyllis and E.G. "Butch" Gardner, James was a resident of Odessa for almost all of his life.

He is survived by his wife, Maria; his daughters, Hollie Gardner and Becky Gardner; his grandson, Mason Higginbotham; his parents, Butch and Helen Gardner; his brothers, William Gardner and Paul Gardner; his nieces, Mylissa Taylor, Kristina Spratlan, Brittany and Tiffany Gardner, and Brittany Salisbury; his nephew, David Coggins; and numerous other family members.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be sent to the Professional Fire Fighters Association of Midland Benevolence Fund at 602 N. Baird, Ste 207, Midland, TX 79701 or by contacting (432) 559-2074.

A private family visitation will take place at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home Sunday, January 12, 2014, at 2 pm; followed by the public visitation at 3 pm. Services will be held at First Baptist Church Odessa on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at 2 pm with Captain Mike "Pooh Bear" Winford officiating.

Services entrusted to Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home of Odessa.

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AP file photo

This undated file photo provided by Arthur Caso shows a captive jaguarundi from near Tamaulipas, Mexico, about 120 miles south of Brownsville on Mexico's Gulf Coast. The federal government has established a recovery plan for the jaguarundi, nearly four decades since the small wildcat was listed as an endangered species and nearly three decades since one was confirmed in the U.S.

Plan developed for endangered cat

Associated Press

McALLEN — The federal government has established a recovery plan for the jaguarundi, nearly four decades since the small wildcat was listed as an endangered species and nearly three decades since one was confirmed in the U.S.

But don't expect to see the reddish brown or grey feline returning to what remains of the thick brush in South Texas anytime soon. The plan recently approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is heavy on additional research and habitat restoration but is not especially optimistic about its prospects for success.

The jaguarundi, a bit bigger than the average house cat, had much of its preferred thorn scrub habitat cleared long ago in Texas for agriculture and more recently for development in the rapidly growing border

region. The cats still prowl in northeast Mexico, where much of the research would take place.

"There's just not a whole lot of information on the jaguarundi," said Taylor Jones, of the nonprofit WildEarth Guardians, which sued and reached a settlement with the government that called for the recovery plan. She hopes the plan will spark new research, and in the near term contribute to additional efforts to conserve and restore the cat's habitat. "You certainly couldn't bring them back if they didn't have any place to live."

The federal wildlife agency expects the recovery will require decades of research and planning and have to overcome some major obstacles, including not having any known jaguarundi populations left in the U.S. and little information of the status of the species in Mexico.

NATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON Loss of jobs aid leaves many with bleak options

A cutoff of benefits for the long-term unemployed has left more than 1.3 million Americans with a stressful decision:

What now? Without their unemployment checks, many will abandon what had been a futile search and will no longer look for a job — an exodus that could dwarf the 347,000 Americans who stopped seeking work in December. Beneficiaries have been required to look for work to receive unemployment checks.

Some who lost their benefits said they'll begin an early and unplanned retirement. Others will pile on debt to pay for school and an eventual second career. Many will likely lean on family, friends and other government programs to get by.

WASHINGTON Court weighs president's recess appointments power

The Supreme Court is refereeing a politically charged dispute between President Barack Obama and Senate Republicans over the president's power to temporarily fill high-level positions.

The case being argued at the high court today is the first in the nation's history to consider the meaning of the provision of the Constitution that allows the president to make temporary appointments to positions that otherwise require Senate confirmation, but only when the Senate is in recess.

The court battle is an outgrowth of increasing partisanship and the political stalemate that's been a hallmark of Washington for years, and especially since Obama took office in 2009.

Senate Republicans' refusal to allow votes for nominees to the National Labor Relations Board and the new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau led Obama to make the temporary, or recess, appointments in January 2012.

Three federal appeals courts have said Obama overstepped his authority because the Senate was not in recess when he acted. The Supreme Court case involves a dispute between a Washington state bottling company and a local Teamsters union in which the NLRB sided with the union. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit overturned the board's ruling. Hundreds more NLRB rulings could be voided if the Supreme Court upholds the appeals court decision.

More broadly, if the justices ratify the lower court ruling, it would make it nearly impossible for a president to use the recess power. Under such a ruling, presidential nominees could be blocked indefinitely when the president's party does not control the Senate.

Three federal appeals courts have upheld recess appointments in previous administrations.

Senate Republicans also are taking part in the case, in support of the company, Noel Canning.

NEW JERSEY Partisans divided over scandal fallout for gov

TRENTON — Prominent Republicans leapt to GOP Gov. Chris Christie's defense Sunday, insisting that an ongoing traffic scandal wouldn't ruin any presidential ambitions, while Democrats said it's difficult to believe such a hands-on manager knew nothing about a plan by a top aide to close lanes at a bridge into New York City.

Politicians from both sides of the aisle took to the Sunday talk shows to debate the fallout from the traffic jams near the George Washington Bridge in September and any role Christie may have played. Documents show Christie's aides appeared to engineer lane closures at the heavily traveled bridge for political retribution.

Republican National

Committee Chairman Reince Priebus told NBC's "Meet the Press" Christie could move past the scandal and still win support from primary voters in the 2016 presidential race.

Mark Sokolich, the Democratic mayor of Fort Lee whose town was clogged with traffic, said he wanted to believe Christie's staffers acted without his knowledge but was having a tough time buying it.

"Anything his name was even remotely involved in, he was involved in," said Sokolich, who met with Christie on Thursday, when the governor traveled to Fort Lee to apologize personally. The traffic delayed emergency vehicles and school buses and infuriated commuters in his town.

KENTUCKY Food stamp cut hits one county harder than most

BOONEVILLE — Rosanna Troyer is coping with the drop in her federal food assistance from \$367 to \$303 by cutting back on meat purchases and buying more canned goods and macaroni and cheese.

Her 12-year-old daughter is already sick of the hot dogs they've been eating at their home in Owsley County, which has the lowest median household income of any U.S. county outside Puerto Rico.

Troyer is one of the more than 47 million Americans who receive food stamps, all of whom saw their allotment drop on Nov. 1 as a temporary benefit from the 2009 economic stimulus ran out. Few places feel the difference as profoundly as Owsley County, an overwhelmingly white and Republican area whose own representative in Congress voted against renewing the benefit.

The drop came ahead of the 50th anniversary of President Lyndon Johnson's call for a "War on Poverty," an initiative aimed at expanding the government's role in education and health care as poverty reduction strategies. The food stamp program grew out of the initiative Johnson launched with his Jan. 8, 1964 speech.

The programs played a role in bringing Owsley County and other parts of Appalachia out of what has been described as "third-world conditions" where people died of starvation, said Jason Bailey, director of the Kentucky Center for Economic Policy in Frankfort.

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Water tests encouraging after chemical spill

Associated Press

DRY BRANCH, W.Va. — For Bonnie Wireman, the white plastic bag covering her kitchen faucet is a reminder that she can't drink the water.

The 81-year-old woman placed it there after forgetting several times the tap water was tainted after a coal processing chemical leaked into the area's water supply. Every time she turned on the water, she quickly stopped and cleaned her hands with peroxide — just to make sure she was safe.

The widow of a coal miner, Wireman was angered about the chemical spill that's deprived 300,000 West Virginians of clean tap water for four days but doesn't blame the coal or chemical industries.

"I hope this doesn't hurt coal," said Wireman, who lives in an area known as Chemical Valley because of all the plants nearby. "Too many West Virginians depend on coal and chemicals. We need those jobs."

And that's the dilemma for many West Virginians: The industries provide thousands of good-paying jobs but also pose risks for the communities surrounding them, such as the chemical spill or coal mine disasters. The current emergency began Thursday after a foaming agent used in coal processing escaped from a Freedom Industries plant in Charleston and seeped into the Elk River.

Since then, residents have been ordered not to use tap water for anything but flushing toilets. Gov. Earl Tomblin said Sunday water tests were encouraging, but he didn't give a timetable for when people might be able to use water again.

"The numbers look good. They are very encouraging," Tomblin said. Schools, restaurants and other businesses were to close today, but the governor said all state offices would be open.

Maj. Gen. James Hoyer, of the West Virginia National Guard, said testing near the water treatment facility has consistently been below one part per million for 24 hours, a key step officials needed before they can lift the ban. Some tests have shown the chemical was not present at all in water coming in and out of the plant.

West Virginia American Water President Jeff McIntyre said they will lift the water bans by zone, but he didn't say how soon it would be. West Virginia is a

picturesque, mountainous state, with deep rivers and streams that cut through lush valleys. But along the twisting, rural roads there are signs of the state's industrial past and present: Chemical plant storage tanks rise from the valley floor. Coal mines — with heavy equipment and steel structures used to extract and then transport the fuel — are part of the rural landscape. White plumes of smoke drifting from factories offer a stark contrast to the state's natural beauty.

"You won't find many people in these parts who are against these industries. But we have to do a better job of regulating them," said Wireman's son, Danny Scott, 59, a retired General Electric worker who has been helping take care of his mother. "The state has a lot to offer. We don't want to destroy it."

West Virginia is the second-largest coal producing state behind Wyoming, with 538 mines and 26,619 people. The state has about 150 chemical companies that employ 12,000 workers.

Over the years, there have been accidents in both industries that have killed workers and harmed the environment. In January 2010, a worker died at a DuPont plant after inhaling a lethal dose of phosgene, which was used as a chemical weapon during World War I and today is used as a building block in synthesis of pharmaceuticals and other organic compounds. An explosion at the Upper Big Branch coal mine killed 29 people in 2010.

Coal is critical to West Virginia's economy. Strong coal prices and demand proved vital to the state budget during and after the national recession, from 2009 through 2011.

In November 2009, the state's unemployment rate was 8.4 percent, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Four years later — November 2013 — the unemployment rate was down to 6.1 percent, below the national rate of 7 percent.

In Tomblin's recent State-of-the-State speech, he touted the chemical industry, saying it was among those that grew

substantially over the last year.

The spill that tainted the water supply involved a chemical used in coal processing. But it didn't involve a coal mine — and that's a point state officials are trying to convey to the public.

When asked if the emergency is one of the risks of being a state that relies heavily on the coal industry, Tomblin quickly responded: "This was not a coal company incident, this was a chemical company incident."

The coal industry, too, said they should not bear the blame in this case.

"This is a chemical spill accident. It just so happens that the chemical has some applications to the coal industry, just that fact alone shouldn't cause people to point fingers at the coal industry," said Jason Bostic, vice president of the West Virginia Coal Association.

Bostic said the coal industry is very carefully regulated by the state Department of Environmental Protection and several federal agencies that ensure it is safe from the very first step in opening a mine to ongoing operations.

"The environmental risk that's associated with coal mining, we feel it's well regulated," Bostic said.

There's no doubt the coal and chemical industries are a hugely important part of the state's economy. Even as he lamented the loss of business caused by the spill, Matt Ballard, president of the Charleston Area Alliance, the state's largest regional chamber of commerce, talked about the importance of chemical companies in the Kanawha Valley, which includes the capital.

"The chemical industry, that's what started the valley," Ballard said. "We've got a long history of a really good safety record, but with any business ... there's always a risk."

Kent Sowards, the associate director for Marshall University's Center for Business and Economic Research, said that there's a delicate balance between offsetting economic needs and potential costs associated with the coal and chemical industries.

"There are risks inherent with everything. Whether

the risk is something that someone wants to continue to bear, that ultimately becomes their decision," he said.

In West Virginia's case, he believes the state is doing a good job of maintaining that balance.

And since the emergency is ongoing, it's hard to assess at this point whether the response was successful, he said.

But in communities across the region, with names like Nitro and Dry Branch, people are beginning to wonder if it's worth it.

Steve Brown, 56, lives outside of Nitro in the shadow of chemical plants. Over the years, he's worked in some of those places, and knows firsthand about the risks and rewards.

"You made enough to support your family," said Brown, who is unemployed. "But you also see what it's done to the environment. People stay away from fishing in rivers and streams near chemical plants. You have fish advisories. You know better. You just know."

The chemical spill has brought out the best and worst in people, he said. He watched folks deliver water to elderly and disabled neighbors who couldn't get out of the house. But he also glimpsed people fight in grocery stores over bottles of water.

"When I saw that, I couldn't believe it," he said. "It was really sad."

Chris Laws, 42, a coal miner who grew up in the Kanawha Valley, has worked in the mines for 20 years. He said he's worried what will happen in a few days when people still aren't able to shower, wash clothes or clean dishes.

"This ain't even the bad times. The bad times aren't here yet," he said as he waited outside the Kroger grocery store for water to be delivered.

He said it bothers him that officials have downplayed the impact on people.

"They make believe it's no big deal. But it is a big deal. You have 300,000 people without water. If this goes on much longer, it's going to cause mass chaos," he said.

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Midland Center, 105 N. Main St.

Midland ISD
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MISD board room
615 W. Missouri Ave.

Greenwood ISD
6:30 p.m.
GISD Distance Learning Center
2700 Farm-to-Market Road 1379

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

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

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

Energy meetings

■ Members of the West Texas Geological Society will meet 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Midland Center.

Harry Rowe, research scientist, Bureau of Economic Geology at the University of Texas, will speak on "Chemostratigraphic Applications of Handheld X-ray Fluorescence to Several Shale Plays: Methods, Pitfalls, Limitations, Aspirations and Good Examples."

Cost is \$15, including lunch. Additional information may be found at www.wtgs.org under "Upcoming Events." Reservations can be made by calling 683-1573 or e-mail at wtgs@wtgs.org.

■ The Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists will meet 11:15 a.m. Jan. 22 at Midland Country Club.

Glen Winters, staff geophysicist with Fasken Oil and Ranch, will offer a presentation on "Obstacles and Pitfalls of the Everyday Interpreter: The Role of Geophysics in Resource Plays."

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5-6 p.m. Local news reports
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Midnight-6 a.m. Coast to Coast with George Noory
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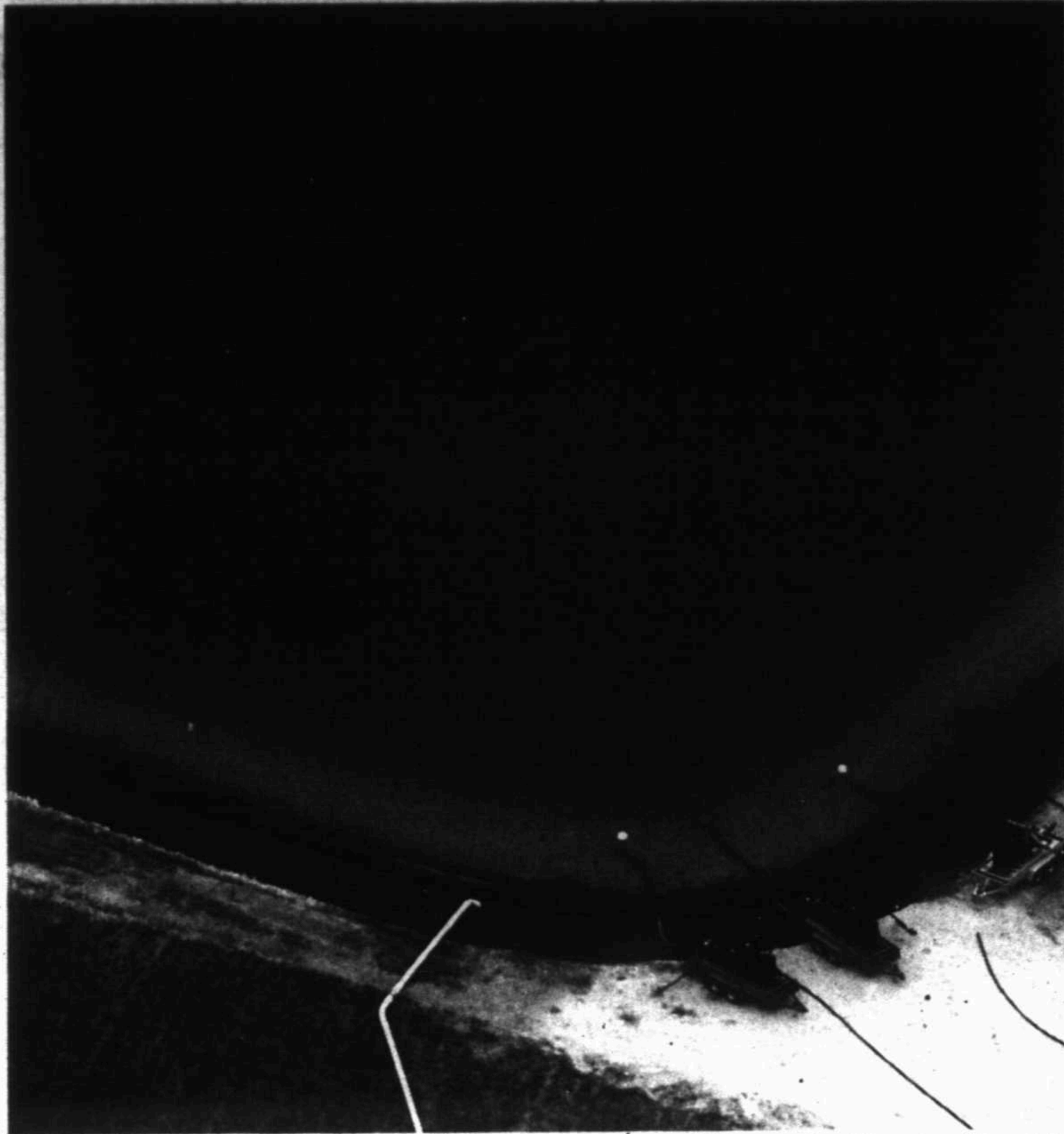
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Today in history

Today is Monday, Jan. 13, the 13th day of 2014. There are 352 days left in the year.

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In 1941, a new law went into effect granting Puerto Ricans U.S. birthright citizenship.

Associated Press



A water retention pond and three water pumps are seen on Dec. 13 in the Eagle Ford Shale region between Karnes City and Falls City.

Eagle Ford led energy deals in 2013, despite national decline

By Simone Sebastian

Houston Chronicle

The Eagle Ford Shale drew \$8.8 billion in upstream oil and gas deals in 2013, the largest value in the country, according to a new PLS report.

The shale play in South Texas also was the site of the year's largest energy deal, with Devon Energy's \$6 billion Eagle Ford land grab announced in November, the Houston-based research firm noted.

In West Texas, unconventional regions of the Permian Basin were targets of the second-largest disclosed value of deals, a total of 7.5 billion. Other high-value regions included, in order of disclosed deal totals:

Rockies conventional plays, \$5.5 billion
Gulf of Mexico shelf, \$4.2 billion
Bakken Shale, \$2.9 billion

Deal value declines

These multibillion-dollar numbers notwithstanding, 2013 brought the lowest total deal value in global upstream oil and gas since 2008.

Upstream companies, which produce and explore for oil and gas, spent \$138 billion to expand their assets and buy other firms in 2013, according to PLS. That's a 49 percent drop from 2012, when the

industry recorded \$271 billion in value-disclosed deals.

The decline largely occurred in North America, where the land grab that characterized the early U.S. shale boom has waned.

The disclosed value of upstream oil and gas deals in North America totaled \$62.9 billion in 2013, down from \$143 billion the year before.

International record Meanwhile, outside of the United States, asset sales (not including corporate deals) set a record value of \$66.3 billion in 2013, according to the report.

In Africa, total disclosed deal value jumped 50 percent to \$20.3 billion in 2013. In Asia, deal value grew 35 percent to \$5.3 billion. In South America, it grew 88 percent to \$9.2 billion.

"Looking at the international markets outside of the United States, asset transactions remained strong in 2013," said Derrick Petroleum Services Director Mangesh Hirve in a written statement. Derrick Petroleum Services partnered with PLS on the report.

Deal value declined in Australia by 82 percent to \$2.5 billion; in Europe by 47 percent to \$5.7 billion; in the Middle East by 98 percent to \$3.1 billion; and in the former Soviet Union by 59 percent to \$31.2 billion.

WIND

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But wind planners say such criticism may not make enough distinction between wind itself and wind power capacity.

Weather forecasting technology has improved significantly in recent years, and the Texas grid has about a 90 percent to 95 percent accuracy rate in short-term wind projections, said Bill Blevins, manager of operations and planning for the Electric Reliability Council.

California - second only to Texas in wind power generation - uses the Lone Star state as its model for methodologies in predicting wind power, said Case Van Dam, chair of the California Wind Energy Collaborative and a professor of mechanical engineering at the University of California at Davis.

"The forecasts go out several days in advance, and of course there is some uncertainty in that," Van Dam said. "But as you get closer to the day of operation, you get less uncertainty in those forecasts."

In 2012, wind provided about 9 percent of Texas' power, according to the American Wind Energy Association. But on Monday it only contributed about 3 percent of electricity used during peak demand, temper-

ing any perception that wind alone saved the day and kept parts of the grid from going dark in rolling blackouts.

"It's a nice story for wind, but it's scary that they are relying on it in emergency situations," said Adam Sinn, a Houston-based independent energy trader. "I think wind should be looked at as a buffer and that the grid should always have fossil fuel resources to prevent an event."

The number of wind turbines available doesn't vary much from day to day, but the wind needed to turn them does. For example, a cold front in February 2013 included strong winds. Wind generation ended up providing 28 percent of the system load on Feb. 9, 2013, adding what then was a record 9,481 megawatts.

But planners can't count on such windblown bounty, and instead have to predict how much power to expect from wind-driven generators based on weather conditions.

The state has more than 12,000 megawatts of wind capacity - the amount all the turbines could produce if operating at full tilt - and that figure is set to reach 14,000 megawatts by the end of this year.

But because of wind's variable nature, the Electric Reliability Council only

The total number of 2013 deals also declined, to 1,028 from 1,235 in 2012.

Healthy market

PLS Managing Director Brian Lidsky noted in the report that the results could be skewed since the value of some deals is not made public. (643 deals had disclosed values in 2013.)

Also, 2012 included three megadeals that significantly increased that year's total, including Rosneft's \$61 billion acquisition of TNK-BP.

"2013 actually is a year in which upstream oil and gas M&A activity by and large reverted back to the mean of the last several years of activity, after adjusting for the megadeals," Lidsky said in a written statement. "Overall, the market remains healthy with ample deal flow and a host of motivated buyers."

Three of the year's five biggest upstream oil and gas deals occurred in the United States:

In November, Devon Energy announced plans to buy South Texas assets from GeoSouthern for \$6 billion.

In February, Linn Energy announced plans to buy Berry Petroleum for \$4.9 billion.

In July, Fieldwood Energy announced plans to buy Gulf of Mexico assets from Apache for \$3.75 billion.

includes 8.7 percent of wind turbines' total capacity in estimating available power at peak conditions, even though the turbines often generate much more.

While Monday morning's wind was much lower than the previous or following mornings, it still exceeded the 8.7 percent standard, providing around 15 percent of total capacity - and right on target with forecasts, said Clark of The Wind Coalition.

"The wind is a variable resource, but the important thing is that it is not a random resource," Clark said. "It is highly predictable, it is forecastable and in this situation, the forecast and the actual generation were very close together."

How wind is calculated as an available resource will be a key question in continuing debates over whether Texas has sufficient generation capacity to keep a safety margin when demand is greatest, usually to run air conditioners on the hottest summer days.

ERCOT had considered a proposal by technical advisors last year to increase the amount of wind capacity in its forecasts to 14.2 percent for non-coastal wind resources and 32.9 percent for coastal wind resources, but has delayed any decisions on the proposal until later this year.

Black rhino hunting permit auctioned for \$350,000

Associated Press

DALLAS — A permit to hunt an endangered African black rhino sold for \$350,000 at a Dallas auction held to raise money for conservation efforts but criticized by wildlife advocates.

Steve Wagner, a spokesman for the Dallas Safari Club, which sponsored the closed-door event Saturday night, confirmed the sale of the permit for a hunt in the African nation of Namibia. He declined to name the buyer.

The Safari Club's executive director, Ben Carter, has defended the auction, saying all money raised will go toward protecting the species. He also said the rhino that the winner will be allowed to hunt is old, male and nonbreeding — and that the animal was likely to be targeted for removal anyway because it was becoming aggressive and threatening other wildlife.

But the auction drew howls from critics, including wildlife and animal rights groups, and the FBI said it was investigating death threats against members of the club.

Officials from the Humane Society and the International Fund for Animal Welfare have said that while culling can be appropriate in abundant animal populations, all black rhinos should be protected, given their endangered status.

An estimated 4,000 black rhinos remain in the wild, down from 70,000 in the 1960s. Nearly 1,800 are in Namibia, according to the Safari Club.

Critics have also said any hunting of a rhino sends a bad message to the public.

"This auction is telling the world that an American will pay anything to kill their species," Jeffrey Flocken, North American regional director of the Massachusetts-based IFAW, said this past week. "This is, in fact, making a spectacle of killing an endangered species."

The auction took place in downtown Dallas under tight security. Organizers

hoped to at least break the previous high bid for one of the permits in Namibia, which was \$223,000, and had said the amount could be as high as \$1 million. The nation offers five permits each year, and the one auctioned Saturday was the first to be made available for purchase outside of Namibia.

The winning bidder could have come from anywhere in the world, and at least some bidders were expected to enter by phone.

About 40 protesters gathered early Saturday evening outside the convention center where the auction and a pre-auction dinner were to take place. They held signs and chanted. Most dispersed by just after 6 p.m.

Jim and Lauren Ries traveled with their children from Atlanta to protest the auction of the rare black rhino hunting permit in Dallas. Jim Ries said it was his son Carter, 12, and daughter Olivia, 11, who pushed for them to go and participate.

"We heard that the Dallas Safari Club was doing and we thought it was just wrong that they were auctioning off to kill a black rhino, and we really got upset that they were thinking this," Carter Ries said.

Jim Ries said his children are passionate about animal conservation and were working to help adopt cheetahs in Africa. The family started a nonprofit called One More Generation, dedicated to saving endangered species.

"There's less than 5,000 black rhinos left on the planet," the father said, "and if our kids ever want to see a rhino left in the wild, we can't be pulling the trigger on every one we say is too old to breed."

Poachers long have targeted all species of rhino, primarily for its horn, which is valuable on the international black market. Made of the protein keratin, the chief component in fingernails and hooves, the horn has been used in carvings and for medicinal purposes, mostly in Asia. The near-extinction of the species also has been attributed to habitat loss.

LIBRARY

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system, but had concerns that people will abuse the system and hold onto materials for much longer than needed.

"That (the proposed 45-, 60- or 90-day loan period) is still a long time to have a book or movie out of circulation," Morrison said.

Trischitti said people will always abuse the system, but the number of patrons who do is a "small percentage."

The switch to no late fees is part of Trischitti's overall vision of dispelling the tropes of what a library is. He wishes to move the Midland County library system away from "leather chairs and old ladies that

shush you" to a technologically advanced center for the arts.

At the Centennial branch, which opened in April, touchscreen displays to locate books, RFID chips for self-checkout, and events such as a two-week residency for artist Sara Drescher Braswell

advance the library from a place full of dusty hard-cover books and 10-cent fees.

"We want to continue to do things that change the definition of what a public library is, of what a public library could be for the community, and changing what people's expectations and perceptions are," Trischitti said.

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futile at first, and he became the subject of scorn and ridicule among fellow ranchers and cowboys who viewed him and his efforts as failures. But Oden continued his work, and soon came his final adjustment.

"He stood back to await the results," John Howard Griffin wrote in his book, "Land of the High Sky." "A thick stream of water poured into the pond too fast for the cattle to muddy. Oden had increased the speed of the wheel by removing every other blade and lengthened the pump stroke to six inches. With the improvement, windmills proved their effectiveness in the West and opened the entire plains country to cattle grazing." Griffin wrote that Oden's

advancement "opened a new era for ranchers even during the worst of the drought," and that the coming of the windmill was second only to the coming of the railroad in raising the hopes of West Texans.

Midlanders would no longer have to trek downtown to fill their buckets. So many residents constructed windmills on their property that Midland was soon known throughout the region as "The Windmill Town."

Source: "Land of the High Sky," by John Howard Griffin.

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

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Health care website frustrates Spanish speakers

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Mirroring problems with the federal health care website, people around the nation attempting to navigate the Spanish version have discovered their own set of difficulties.

The site, CuidadoDeSalud.gov, launched more than two months late.

A Web page with Spanish instructions linked users to an English form.

And the translations were so clunky and full of grammatical mistakes that critics said they must have been computer-generated — the name of the site itself can literally be read “for the caution of health.”

“When you get into the details of the plans, it’s not all written in Spanish. It’s written in Spanglish, so we end up having to translate it for them,” said Adrian Madriz, a health care navigator who helps with enrollment in Miami.

The issues with the site underscore the halting efforts across the nation to get Spanish-speakers enrolled under the federal health care law. Critics said that as a result of various problems, including those related to the website, many people whom the law was designed to help have been left out of the first wave of coverage.

Federal officials said they have been working to make the site better and plan further improvements soon. Also, administrators said they welcome feedback and try to fix typos or other errors quickly.

“We launched consumer-friendly Spanish online enrollment tools on CuidadoDeSalud.gov in December,

which represents one more way for Latinos to enroll in Marketplace plans,” said Health and Human Services Department spokesman Richard Olague in an email to The Associated Press. “Since the soft-launch, we continue to work closely with key stakeholders to get feedback in order to improve the experience for those consumers that use the website.”

Still, efforts to enroll Spanish-speakers have fallen short in several states with large Hispanic populations, and critics said the translated version of HealthCare.gov could have helped boost those numbers.

In California, officials have acknowledged the need for improvements, saying fewer than 5,500 people signed up for health care in Spanish in October and November, the most recent period for which records are available. About 4.3 million California residents speak only Spanish, according to census data. It’s not clear how many of these residents are without health insurance, but observers said few groups are more vulnerable.

“Spanish speakers are typically the ones who need to sign up for health insurance,” said Veronica Plaza, a professor who teaches medical Spanish at the University of New Mexico. “They are the ones who could use the support.”

In New Mexico, the state with the nation’s highest percentage of Latino residents and where more than 20 percent of the state’s population goes without health insurance, fewer than 1,000 people total signed up for coverage in October and November.

In Florida, federal health

officials have not said how many of the state’s nearly 18,000 enrollees for October and November were Latino, but that group accounts for about one-third of the roughly 3.5 million uninsured people in the state. About 1.2 million people in the state speak only Spanish.

Across the U.S., about 12 percent of the 317 million people in the country speak only Spanish, but federal officials have said less than 4 percent of calls to a national hotline were Spanish-only as of last month.

Many blame at least some of the enrollment problems on the trouble-plagued site.

“In my opinion, the website doesn’t work,” said Grettl Diaz, a 37-year-old Miami gas station cashier who is originally from Cuba.

Diaz said she tried to sign up at home using CuidadoDeSalud.gov. After she couldn’t get the website to accept a scanned document, she called the government’s Spanish hotline seeking help. However, she was repeatedly told to call back because the site was down. She got through days later and waited over an hour for an operator before she was ultimately disconnected.

“I’m very frustrated,” she said through a translator this month. “I’ve spent at least one week on the phone, and I couldn’t get it done.”

Diaz, who speaks very little English, finally went to a counselor for help and is now waiting for an email from health officials saying she can proceed with her application.

Diaz hasn’t had insurance since moving to Florida two years ago. She will likely qualify for a tax subsidy to help pay her premiums.

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OPINION

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Poll: Immigration fight isn't about citizenship

■ Survey indicates that while most politicians are concerned about citizenship for immigrants, the majority of people don't seem to care.

Americans are so accustomed to conservatives imploding over the immigration issue that it's a refreshing change to see liberals struggle with it as well.

Of course, the left has never been one big happy family on this issue. There has always been a split between blue-collar workers who oppose legalizing the undocumented and Latinos who support it.

Organized labor fought the 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act that legalized more than 3 million undocumented people, most of them Latino, because union leaders were afraid that the newly legalized would compete for the jobs of working-class Americans. During the George W. Bush administration, while Latino immigrant groups were marching in the streets in support of immigration reform, unions — more covertly, this time — helped derail efforts to reach a bipartisan compromise.

Still, this schism rarely gets noted by a news media more interested in covering the split between pro-business conservatives who want more immigration and

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nativist conservatives who want less. The latest immigration divide on the left is not so easy to ignore. It's about including U.S. citizenship as part of any plan that legalizes the estimated 11-million illegal immigrants currently in the United States.

This is usually where reform efforts begin, and where they end. Most Republicans — having behaved egregiously over the years toward immigrants and Latinos, or made excuses for those in their party who have — will never support a bill that gives citizenship because that comes with the ability to vote.

This suits Democrats just fine, because they have a secret that never gets talked about: They know that if immigration reform were to pass, they wouldn't just get most of the credit from Latinos, but also most of the blame from everyone else. They don't want to face those people, any more than Republicans want to increase the number of Latino voters.

So Democrats do the only thing they can. They bluff, and they bet the farm that a Republican elected official will say or do something dumb on immigration. It's a bet that usually pays off.

Now the Democrats are betting on citizenship, with many of them calling it essential and saying they won't support any legislative proposal that leaves it out of the mix.

Who are they kidding? See above. Democrats don't want to give immigrants citizenship either, because they know those votes would come at a high cost. Imagine the harm that would come from being labeled the "amnesty party" for the elections in 2014, 2016, 2018 ...

It's all part of the elaborate dance that the two parties perform on the immigration debate. Democrats call for giving the undocumented citizenship, and Republicans push back. So nothing ever gets done, which is the preferred outcome for the parties anyway. After all, the status quo may be flawed but it's not likely to result in anyone losing their seats. Reforming the immigration system just might.

I've long supported giving the undocumented an earned path to legal status, but the immigrants whose lives would be transformed for the better have to be invested in the process. While those who

climb their way to legal status should not be barred from seeking citizenship, they should have to travel the rest of that distance on their own once they are ready and interested — and understand the value of being a citizen. It shouldn't be part of the legislation just because it suits politicians.

Yet, what about the foot soldiers in the immigration reform movement? Do most U.S.-born Latinos who support immigration reform think that citizenship should be a deal-breaker?

The answer is an emphatic no, according to a recent survey by the Pew Research Center. While most Latinos still support a path to citizenship, many are more concerned with giving the undocumented legal status so they are not deported. Fifty-five percent of Latinos think that it is more important for immigrants to be able to live and work legally in the United States than it is for them to become citizens.

That's a game changer. This survey makes clear what many of us have been saying for some time: while politicians care a lot about citizenship, not many other people do. So the elected officials need to ease up on the citizenship demand and put someone else's interests ahead of their own.

That would be another refreshing change.

OUR VIEW

This week will offer more proof not just anyone can win election

It's a new week, and we want to offer some thoughts as the community appears settled in for the winter/spring semester. There are 37 days until early voting for the primary elections and 139 days until Midland Independent School District's graduation.

We do have business to focus on this week. Even today, that is very clear.

■ **Swearing in.** Three members of Midland's new City Council will be sworn in today. They are Jerry Morales (mayor), Sharla Hotchkiss (District 3) and J. Ross Lacy (District 4). We want to remind Hotchkiss and Lacy, specifically, that we remember the promises each of you made — to watch over our city's resources and get government out of the way of progress, respectively. Now is your time to shine as there are big-ticket items that will challenge you (water and housing top that list). Good luck representing the residents of your districts.

■ **Tax office business again on the agenda.** We have been told that item No. 13 on the Midland County Commissioners' Court agenda has to do with the tax office and the recent departures related to the selection of Karen Hood as interim tax assessor/collector. We understand this item will allow for the public to make comments. We hope those in the community who have something to say (one way or another) take advantage of this opportunity. We believe the commissioners made an unforced error in naming a primary candidate as interim tax assessor/collector. The court also has the opportunity to easily undo it.

■ **The big money of politics.** Sometime this week, we will be reminded that running for office is not for those lacking resources. The latest round of campaign expenditure reports will be released, and among other things, we expect they will tell us the most recent race for mayor was the most expensive in city history. We also should get a sneak peek into who's supporting whom in the District 31 state Senate race and county judge's race. We have no problem with people writing checks to their favorite candidates, but let's also not pretend that anyone can run for office and win.

■ **Can't wait to see you.** Last week, we offered to have a representative of the newspaper visit your group or organization. All you have to do is call. We can say three groups — the Newcomers Club and those with affiliations to First United Methodist Church and Memorial Christian Church — have called. The offer still stands if any other group is interested. We will answer questions, listen to concerns and hear more about what you expect of us. Send your requests to news@mrt.com or call Editor Stewart Doreen at 687-8856.

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Gov. Christie: The 'I's' have it

■ The New Jersey governor appears to take narcissism to another level

Here are some things we learned about Chris Christie during his 108-minute apology:

- "I'm a very loyal guy."
- "I am not a focus-group-tested, blow-dried candidate."
- "I've worked for the last 12 years in public life developing a reputation for honesty."
- "I've engendered the sense and feeling among the people closest to me that we're a family."
- "I'm a person who cares deeply about doing my job well."
- "I'm incredibly loyal to my people."
- "I was the class president and athlete."
- And this was all in the process of saying what he had done wrong in the George Washington Bridge fiasco that threatens to upend his presidential hopes. Christie apologized profusely — but not for anything he did. "I'm telling you, I had nothing to do with this," he pleaded. Instead, he blamed bad people who lied to him, taking advantage of his trusting and honorable nature.
- Even in disgrace, the New Jersey governor — and the nominal front-runner for the 2016 GOP nomination — managed to turn his nationally televised news conference into a forum on the virtues of his favorite subject: himself.
- Use of the word "I": 692 times.
- I'm: 119.
- I've: 67.
- Me: 83.
- My/myself: 134.

When Christie delivered the keynote address at the 2012 nomination, the criticism was that he spoke more of himself than of Mitt Romney, the nominee. Now we see that, in adversity as well, Christie regards himself as the hero.

This tendency is what is likeliest to doom Christie's presidential hopes — more than the details of "Bridgegate" or the question of whether he is a bully. Christie's greatest obstacle is his own self-regard, and his blindness to the possibility that he might have erred.

Narcissism is the dominant theme in American politics today, and the man Christie would succeed in the Oval Office appears to suffer from an acute sense of his own righteousness. But Christie takes worship of self to a whole new level.

The governor said he fired Bridget Kelly, the aide at the center of the scandal, "because she lied to me" — not because she ordered up a traffic jam that ensnared thousands, to exact retribution on a political foe.

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Christie spoke of the scandal in terms of what it meant — to him: "I am a very sad person ... I probably will get angry at some point, but I got to tell you the truth. I'm sad. I'm a sad guy standing here today."

Christie accepted responsibility, but only in the technical sense: "I have 65,000 people working for me every day. And I cannot know what each one of them is doing at every minute, but that doesn't matter. I'm ultimately responsible for what they do."

Christie invoked the Nixonian "mistakes were made" formulation, but they were not made by him. "There's no way that anybody would think I know about everything that's going on, not only in every agency of government at all times, but also every independent authority," he reasoned.

The excuses flowed as if in their own HOV lane. "I was blindsided yesterday morning. ... That was the first time I knew about this ... I had no knowledge or involvement in this issue, in its planning, or its execution. ... I was told this was a traffic study. ... Why would I believe that anybody would not be telling the truth? ... I delegate enormous authority to my staff. ... Mayor Sokolich was never on my radar screen. ... I wouldn't have been able to pick him out of a lineup. ... Sometimes, despite the best background checks beside, you know, despite the best interviews, despite your best instincts, sometimes people are a mistake hire. ... I probably wouldn't know a traffic study if I tripped over it."

The closest Christie came to self-awareness was when he told CNN's John King that he asked himself "what did I do wrong to have these folks think it was OK to lie to me?"

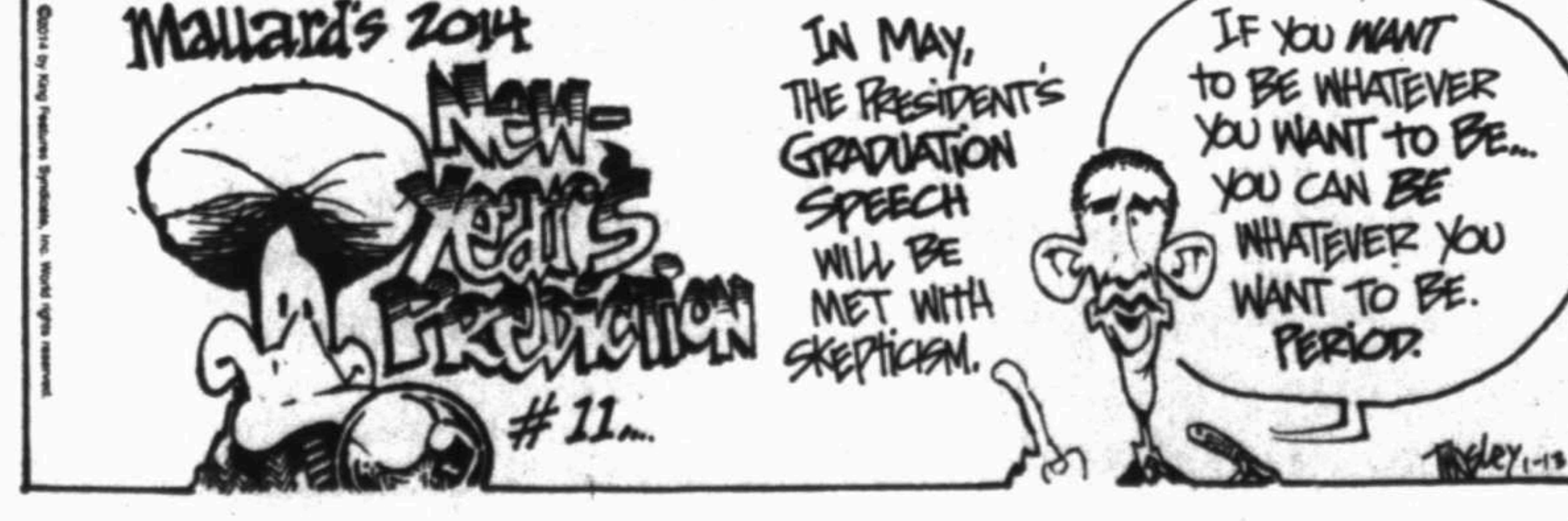
The answer: not much, if anything. "I think the history of this administration shows that we have hired outstanding people with great ethical standards who have done their jobs extraordinarily well," Christie said, and, "I claimed to have the best government I could possibly make," and, "I'm just trying to be a safe and careful steward of the public trust."

This certainty of his own infallibility will be more of an impediment to Christie than any lane closures in Fort Lee.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



Sabbaticals may help military keep women in ranks

Associated Press

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C.

Navy Cmdr. Valerie Overstreet wanted to start a family. But her job as a Navy pilot and the fact that she and her husband, also a naval officer, were stationed in different parts of the country made it complicated.

So she decided to take advantage of a fledgling Navy program that allowed her to take a year off and return to duty without risking her career or future commands.

Now, three years later, she's got a 2-year-old daughter and a 9-month old son, she's back at work at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and her promotion to captain has been confirmed.

For Overstreet, the year off gave her precious time to have her daughter and get started on her master's degree. The Navy retains an officer if it considers promising without requiring her to sacrifice her family life.

Across the military services, leaders are experimenting with programs that will give valued officers and enlisted troops, men and women, the incentive to stay. Also, as the Pentagon moves to bring women into more jobs closer to the combat zone, military officials believe it is crucial to keep midcareer female officers in the services so they can mentor those on the front lines.

"We have innovative things we're trying to retain women in the service," said Vice Adm. Mark Ferguson, vice chief of naval operations. "It's about creating the personnel policies that

enable someone to say it's Navy and family, instead of Navy or family."

At Camp Lejeune, the Bergstrom sisters are part of a Marine family tradition.

Identical twins Katherine and Sarah watched their older sister, Rachel, join the Marine Corps' ROTC at their high school in Cumming, Ga. Rachel, now working as an administrative officer in the Pentagon, was intrigued when she saw ROTC members playing soccer at school, and she decided to join the program. "She's a very aggressive young lady," said retired Marine Maj. Mac Kelly, who runs the program at North Forsyth High School. "You could take her to a formal dance or to a knife fight, and she'd know how to act in both situations."

The twins eventually followed their sister into the ROTC. Both went on to the Naval Academy and then into combat, with Sarah heading to Afghanistan for a one-year tour and Katherine to the Mideast. At one point, Sarah and Rachel were deployed at the same time to Camp Leatherneck in Helmand province.

Standing in the early morning sun outside the headquarters for II Marine Expeditionary Force, Sarah and Katherine recently acknowledged that as women in the Marine Corps, they stand out a bit, and the scrutiny can be more intense.

"You do have to be more aware that you have a little bit higher visibility, so be more within standards and ensure that you are being strict with regulations as every Marine should," said Katherine, who deployed to the USS Iwo Jima with the 24th

Marine Expeditionary Unit. "There is a bit more pressure on females, women in general, because we do have family issues. We're just more prone to that."

That's why, she said, there aren't as many women in the higher ranks. In fact, she was facing that very dilemma: family or the Marine Corps.

In October, Katherine left the service and moved from Camp Lejeune to California to be with her fiancé. It was a difficult decision. But in the end, she said she chose stability.

"For women to have a family and a career, it's just extremely difficult. And, being in the military, it is extra sacrifice, you have deployments, you have workups, and it just makes it that much more challenging," she said. "The Marine Corps is a lifestyle, it's not a job. You dress it, you eat it, you breathe it, you live it. For me, I want to focus on getting married."

So far, Sarah has chosen to stay in. "I love being a Marine, I love the people I work with," she said. But not long ago, Rachel said she also is weighing similar issues.

It's not an uncommon dilemma. More often than men in the military, women choose their family over service.

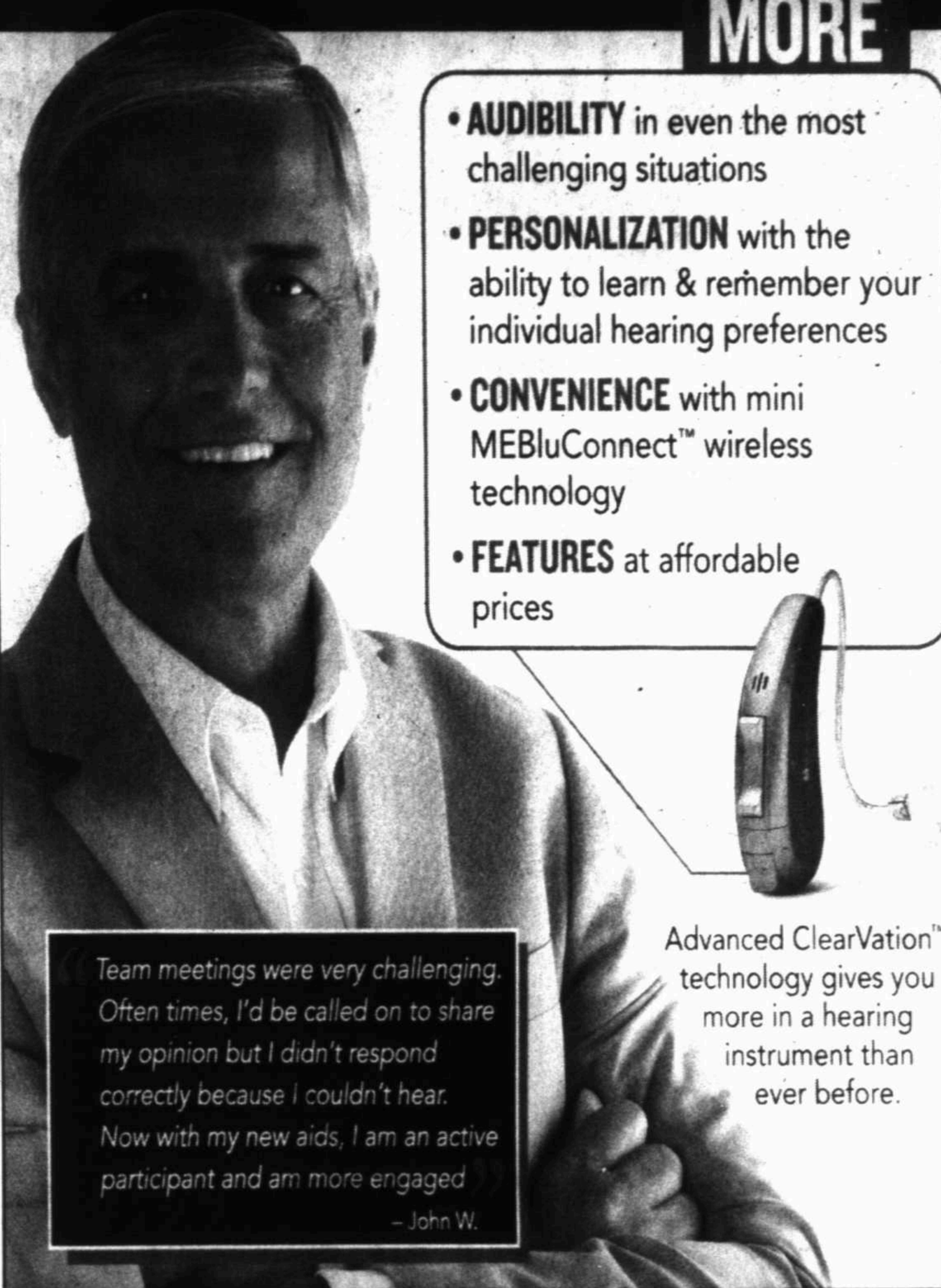
The sabbatical program is one way of encouraging women to stay, said Ferguson, and Army leaders agree.

Lt. Gen. Howard B. Bromberg, the Army's deputy chief of staff, said the program is under review and has not yet been approved by the Army secretary. A decision is expected early in the year.

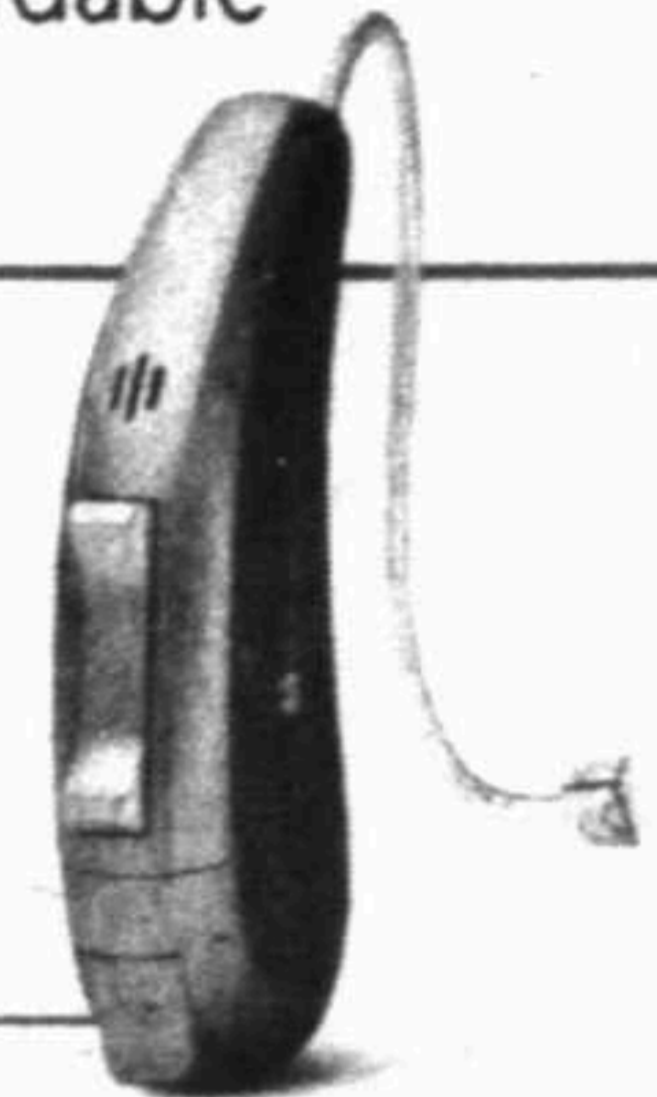
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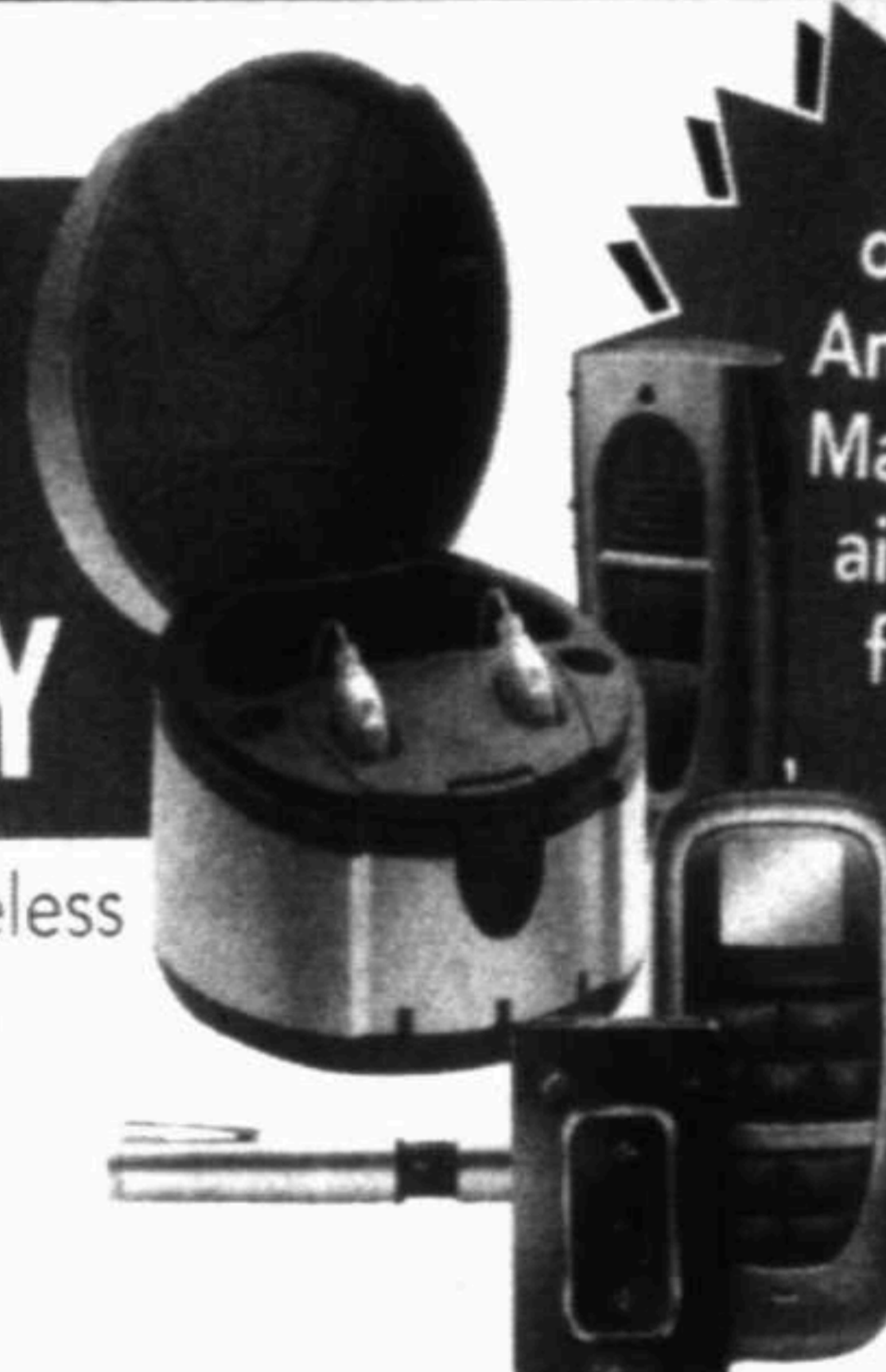
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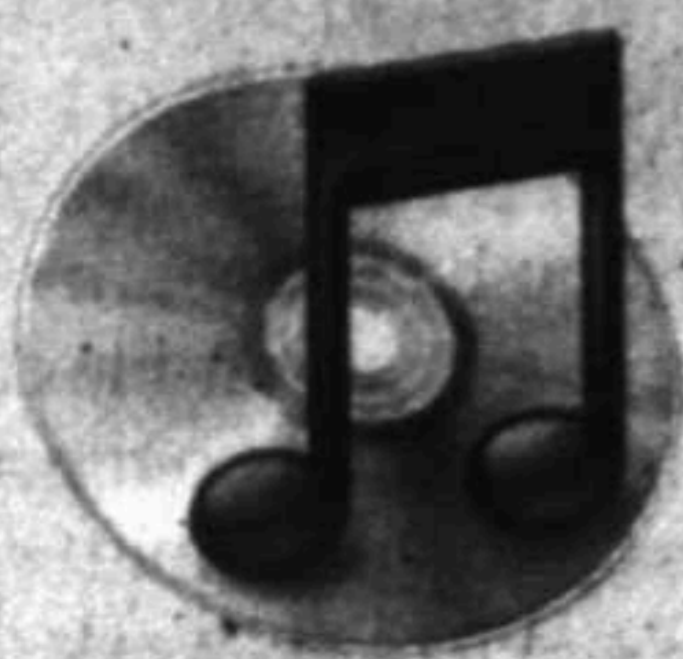
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TOP SONGS

1. "Timber (feat. Ke\$ha)," Pitbull
2. "Counting Stars," OneRepublic
3. "Dark Horse (feat. Juicy J)," Katy Perry
4. "The Monster (feat. Rihanna)," Eminem
5. "Say Something," Christina Aguilera, A Great Big World
6. "Royals," Lorde
7. "Let Her Go," Passenger
8. "Story of My Life," One Direction
9. "Roar," Katy Perry
10. "Wake Me Up," Avicii

TOP ALBUMS

1. "Frozen," Various Artists
2. "BEYONCÉ," Beyoncé
3. "Pure Heroine," Lorde
4. "PRISM," Katy Perry
5. "Crash My Party," Luke Bryan
6. "Native," OneRepublic
7. "The Marshall Mathers LP2," Eminem
8. "Midnight Memories," One Direction
9. "Night Visions," Imagine Dragons
10. "NOW That's What I Call Music, Vol. 48," Various Artist

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TOP PAID BOOKS



1. Divergent by Veronica Roth (Katherine Tegen Books)
2. Lone Survivor by Marcus Luttrell & Patrick Robinson (Little, Brown and Company)
3. Insurgent by Veronica Roth (Katherine Tegen Books)
4. The Fault in Our Stars by John Green (Penguin Group US)
5. Allegiant by Veronica Roth (Katherine Tegen Books)
6. Sycamore Row by John Grisham (Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group)
7. The Casual Vacancy by J.K. Rowling (Little, Brown and Company)
8. The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt (Little, Brown and Company)
9. Mockingjay by Suzanne Collins (Scholastic Inc.)
10. Fifty Shades of Grey by E.L. James (Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group)

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4. "Sky Guide: View Stars Night or Day", Fifth Star Labs LLC
5. "Afterlight", Simon Filipp

TOP FREE IPHONE APPS:

1. "Flipagram", Cheerful, Inc.
2. "Rayman Jungle Run", Ubisoft
3. "Mr. Crab", Illusion Labs
4. "Scanner Pro by Readdle", Readdle
5. "Jet Car Stunts 2", True Axis

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A model stands next to a display of Samsung's curved 4K UHD TVs Jan. 5 during a preview event at the 2014 Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas. Samsung showcased their line of curved Ultra HD televisions in preparation for CES with ran through Friday.

GADGET SHOW

Will your next TV be Ultra HD?

By Ryan Nakashima
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — After attempts to hawk 3-D and OLED TVs fizzled in recent years, television manufacturers are taking small steps toward making a new technology, Ultra HD, more viable for mainstream consumers.

It's the first TV format to be driven by the Internet video-streaming phenomenon, and at the International CES gadget show last week, major streaming players Netflix and Amazon said they'll offer movies and TV shows in the format, and Sharp introduced a relatively inexpensive TV with near-Ultra HD quality.

The moves are meant to coax consumers to pedal faster on their TV upgrade cycles. At the moment, most Americans buy new TVs about once every seven years. TV manufacturers would love to create another wave of buying such as the one that sent millions of people to stores a few years ago to upgrade from standard definition, tube TVs to flat-screen HD models.

Unlike the 3-D TV trend, which quickly eroded into a tech fad in recent years, analysts said Ultra HD may actually catch on. With screens that house four times more pixels than regular HD TVs, Ultra HD is a simple enough upgrade to gain widespread adoption in the next few years. Aside from being visually jarring, 3-D required sometimes pricey special glasses and gave some people headaches. Because Ultra HD content can be delivered over a standard high-speed

Internet connection, it isn't likely to get bogged down in a format war that plagued the Blu-ray disc standard.

"You see it, you get it. It's a big, awesome picture," said Ben Arnold, a consumer electronics analyst at NPD Group. "Consumers will be interested in it as prices come down. Consumers are also moving toward bigger screens. All of this is good news for (Ultra HD)."

In side-by-side comparisons, Ultra HD is remarkably crisper than HD. It displays richer skin textures, finer details and less pixelation. The extra resolution becomes more important as consumers spend more money on bigger screens that amplify images.

But Ultra HD, or 4K, is in its very early stages. Although prototypes and demonstration models have been around for years, the first sets for consumer use didn't hit the market until 2012 with prices in the tens of thousands of dollars. Only about 60,000 Ultra HD sets were sold last year in the U.S., with 485,000 estimated this year, according to the Consumer Electronics Association.

Today, the lowest-priced Ultra HD TV being sold on Amazon.com is a 39-inch model from Seiki Digital for \$500. The cheapest name-brand manufacturer's model, a 58-inch screen from Toshiba, sells for \$2,750. And LG announced this week it would sell an Ultra HD set as small as 49 inches diagonally, which could bring entry level prices closer to \$2,000 for top brands. Sharp's new Quattron+ brand, which brings near-4K resolution to sets by making better use of HD pixels, plans to price a 70-inch set around \$3,200.

While those price tags are only likely to appeal to early-adopters, they're getting closer to prices people currently pay for big screens running only HD.

But that still isn't close enough, said James McQuivey,

principal analyst with research firm Forrester. "These TVs won't actually sell well as long as they are priced high, something TV makers already know because in the last year they've dropped prices considerably," he said.

To entice consumers even further, a handful of content companies promised to make more movies and shows available for the super-sharp screens.

Netflix Inc. CEO Reed Hastings made the rounds at news conferences Monday to declare that the streaming video company is working on distributing 4K video over the Internet. Hastings said all Netflix original series are being shot in 4K and that the company is working with studios on formatting movies and TV shows in 4K, with one of the first series being Sony's "Breaking Bad."

Both Amazon.com Inc. and Hulu are shooting original series in 4K, and Amazon said it was working with major content producers Warner Bros., Lionsgate, 20th Century Fox and Discovery to make 4K content available.

The emergence of Ultra HD marks the first time a major TV standard is being pushed forward with the Internet. "It's a chance for the Internet to really shine," Hastings said.

Downloading huge Ultra HD files would take download speeds of only 15 megabits per second and could even work with a Wi-Fi connection, Hastings said. LG's chief technology officer, Skott Ahn, told The Associated Press that 4K content could be streamed with 8-15 Mbps Internet speeds using the latest HEVC video compression standard.

It's not clear how close the industry is on a Blu-ray disc standard for Ultra HD. No announcements about a format were made at the show, even as The Digital Entertainment Group, an industry consortium of studios and electronics makers,



Case makes iPhone a BlackBerry clone

By Ryan Nakashima
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — If you love your iPhone but would prefer a physical keyboard, Typo could be for you.

But you might want to order soon. BlackBerry, the company that made physical typing on mobile devices an addictive craze, is suing Typo Products LLC, accusing it of copying its world-famous keyboard.

The idea is great: With BlackBerry's ongoing struggles and the rise of touch-only iPhones and Android phones, physical keyboards on mobile devices were headed to obsolescence. That's a big loss for people who can use their thumbs to type as fast as 60 words per minute on a physical keyboard.

Enter the Typo Keyboard, a Ryan Seacrest-backed phone case that was showcased at last week's International CES gadget show in Las Vegas.

How it works

Typo's keyboard slips over an

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Omarstadamus predicts drones, Fiber envy and wacky phones in 2014

Ready for some future talk? In what's become an annual tradition, the digital soothsayer Omarstadamus has now donned the mystical aluminum foil beanie of foretelling. Five predictions for 2014 will now be revealed by this seer, who has a bad tendency of speaking of himself in the third person.

After that, we'll take a look at how Omarstadamus did on five predictions published a year ago for 2013.

Future foil beanie, ACTIVATE! Netflix goes live: In 2013, Netflix had more success than any other new media company at creating original content, scoring Emmy nominations and lots of

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eyeballs for its shows "House of Cards" and "Orange is the New Black" as well as its resurrection of "Arrested Development." In 2014, it will continue to pump out whole seasons of buzz-generating shows at a time, but it will also experiment with live programming such as stand-up comedy specials, concerts or series pre-

mieres that will also be available for later viewing. Sure, that gets into YouTube's territory, but when has Netflix ever shied away from stepping on toes? It will help turn Netflix into a content provider that can also create event TV.

Google Glass hits stores ... and fails to catch on: There's certainly game-changing technology in Google Glass, the device you wear on your face that can record video, snap photos and connect to the Internet. But when Google finally releases its retail version of Glass this year, at what I expect will cost about \$1,000, it will remain a niche product. Many people are intrigued by

Glass, but many more are creeped out by the concept, and the stigma of wearing Glass in public won't be outweighed by what it can do. Even some early cheerleaders of Glass suggest it has huge obstacles to overcome to be a big seller. A device similar to Glass will eventually go mainstream, but Glass itself won't become ubiquitous.

Smartphone design gets wacky: In order to stand out from iPhones and ever-larger Android phone screens, designers will go out on a limb with unusual smartphone designs. Expect curved glass, crazy colors and weird materials

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GADGET SHOW



Julie Jacobson/AP

Members of the media photograph a glass speaker called Clio during the International Consumer Electronics Show on Jan. 5 in Las Vegas. The speaker, produced by ClearView Audio uses a single piece of curved millimeter-thick acrylic glass that sits on a dock that vibrates it in a finely tuned way so that it can play music. It works with Bluetooth streaming and with a 3.5 millimeter jack.

Gadget Watch: Crystal clear sound in glass speaker

By Ryan Nakashima
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS— Ever tried to play a tune by rubbing the rim of a crystal wine glass?

One company has polished that idea so much that the phrase "crystal clear sound" will now have a different meaning.

ClearView Audio has come up with a speaker made of acrylic glass. It's called Clio.

How it works

Clio uses a single piece of curved acrylic glass that is a millimeter

thick. It sits on a dock, which holds the glass in place and vibrates it in a finely tuned way so that it can play music.

Choice of material

Such a speaker could be used with any type of material, but glass produced the right sound and is thin, making future applications possible.

"You can excite any material if you energize it," said Allan Evelyn, vice president and co-founder. "What is difficult is to make it sound good."

In practice

The speaker can receive music using a Bluetooth wireless connection

or through a cable plugged into its 3.5 millimeter jack.

In a demo, the glass speaker produced excellent sound when connected to a song stored on an iPhone. The sound goes in both directions — toward the concave and convex sides of the glass. Touching it, or even scratching it, doesn't alter the sound quality, although that might harm its design aesthetic.

Target audience

The Waltham, Mass., company is marketing the Clio to tech-lovers and home decor experts for \$349. It's expected to ship in late March.

Razer unveils smartwatch with fitness tracker

By Ryan Nakashima
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS—Razer Inc., whose gaming tablet won last year's "Best of Show" award at the International CES gadget show, has unveiled a wristband that combines the functionality of a fitness tracker and a smartwatch.

As a fitness tracker, the Nabu wristband tells you about your sleep patterns and the number of steps taken and the stairs climbed. As a smartwatch, it offers notifications about incoming texts and emails.

The Nabu wristband is just one of several wearable gadgets unveiled at this year's CES. LG, for instance, announced a fitness wristband that allows the user to control music, accept incoming calls and receive alerts on incoming text messages.

What makes Nabu notable

The Nabu extends battery life because it can recognize gestures. It can notify you of texts or emails with a small indicator on the top of the wristband, but it won't display the text unless you

turn over your wrist.

The Nabu also senses other Nabu bands nearby — making it a location-based social tool — and connects wirelessly to your smartphone or Wi-Fi network.

Availability

The company is developing the Nabu as an open platform so that outside software developers can write apps for them. Razer is selling the Nabu to developers for \$49 starting immediately. It plans to sell it more broadly by the end of March, likely at a higher price.

Lifestyle gaming

Razer won the "Best of Show" award last year after reviews site CNET's original pick, Hopper with Sling, was rejected by CNET's parent company, CBS Corp., because of ongoing legal disputes. CNET was then dropped as the award's picker, and Razer's game-focused Edge tablet was elevated to co-winner.

Although Razer has its roots in gaming, it expanded to fitness devices in part to tap the large demand for those products and to "gamify" your life away from the couch.

Sharp unveils TV positioned between HD and 4K

By Ryan Nakashima
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Japanese electronics maker Sharp is bridging the gap between expensive 4K TVs and HD versions with an in-between solution that's also priced in the middle.

Its new Quattron+ technology doubles the vertical resolution of a high-definition set by chopping the existing pixels in half. Meanwhile, it uses a mathematical formula to double the horizontal resolution for everything but certain parts of an image.

According to Sharp, that gives its Quattron+ televisions 16 million subpixels, versus 8 million for its Quattron line and 6 million for HD. It's a middle ground before stepping up to a 4K TV, also known as "ultra HD," which has 24 million subpixels.

Quattron+ TVs can receive 4K signals. A 70-inch model is expected to retail

for about \$3,200, far less than a similar 4K model that will retail for about \$5,500.

Up close, the Quattron+ screen is noticeably more detailed than standard HD. Side-by-side footage of people kayaking, snowboarding or getting makeup applied — with the technology turned on and off — revealed richer skin texture in close-ups and sharper details all around. The Quattron+ images even compared well to Sharp's 4K screen nearby, although the demo footage was different.

During a demonstration of footage of a melting glacier, part of an image that didn't seem to get the 4K treatment and details appeared to blur inside some of the light blue areas of the ice.

Sharp representatives said that was because its special use of subpixels horizontally won't reveal all of the fine gradations of color that would be seen with a true 4K monitor.

Netflix app to stream 4K on new TVs immediately

By Ryan Nakashima
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Netflix said video streaming of its programming in ultra-high definition will work for buyers of new UHD sets from Sony, LG, Samsung, Vizio and others upon purchase.

That's because Ultra HD models from those makers will include the Netflix app and chips that decode signals in the so-called High Efficiency Video Coding standard, or HEVC.

The chip is required to decode signals that Netflix Inc. will compress by more than 100 times and squeeze through the Internet at a speed of 15.6 megabits per second. That's a download speed widely available from Internet providers in the U.S.

When the sets go on sale in the next few months, Netflix will be ready with Ultra HD programming, including some nature documentaries and the second season of its original series, "House of Cards." Ultra HD streaming will be part of the standard Netflix streaming price of \$8 a month, the company said.

Netflix showed off streaming in Ultra HD, or 4K, on the sidelines of the International CES

gadget show last week. The format has four times as many pixels as standard HD and vastly improves the clarity of larger screens that measure 60 or more inches diagonally. Netflix videos that are available in the sharper format are labeled with the "Ultra HD 4K" symbol.

The picture was crisp on a large Sony Bravia screen when running off hotel Internet that was boosted to 50 Mbps, and didn't seem to take any longer than standard Netflix video to load.

Neil Hunt, Netflix's chief product officer, said the company was in a "unique place" by being able to order original programming in 4K and then being able to deliver it to the small group of early adopters while the format is still in its early stages. "People are recognizing that disc formats are yesterday's solution," Hunt said.

Because of the cost challenges of making a new disc format or upgrading TV production facilities for small audiences, most content early on "is bound to be Internet-delivered," he said.



AP photo

This photo provided by Anki shows the toy race-car company's new iPhone-controlled car game. At the International CES gadget show in Las Vegas, Anki gave onlookers hands-on time with its high-tech game, Anki Drive, where several players control different toy cars on a plastic track that can roll up and go anywhere.

Gadget Watch: Car game leaves Hot Wheels in dust

By Ryan Nakashima
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — So long, Hot Wheels.

You just got lapped by toy race-car company Anki, which showcased its iPhone-controlled car game at Apple's developers conference in June. At the International CES gadget show in Las Vegas last week, Anki gave onlookers hands-on time with its high-tech game, Anki Drive.

Several players control different toy cars on a plastic track that can roll up and go anywhere.

Boy, was it fun.

The controls

The track appears to be painted with a pattern that is readable by a tiny infrared camera on the bottom of each car. Using the pattern, the cars know exactly where they are on the

track, and even where the other cars are.

The iPhone app, which also works on iPads and iPod Touches, controls the cars. There are two main buttons: a throttle that swipes up or down, and a weapon button that drivers tap to shoot straight ahead. Enough hits will disable the vehicle in front of yours, allowing you to take the lead.

Rotating the iPhone left or right steers the car, though it can't leave the painted-on borders of the track. Keeping the device straight keeps the car going round and round the track in roughly the same lane.

Lots of fun

Playing the game is kind of exhilarating, and scoring enough hits or wins earns you points. You can use those points to upgrade your car with better weapons or shields. It's like a video game in that way, except it all

plays out in the real world.

Sometimes the cars spin off the track or get stuck by accident, but it happens less frequently than you might think. Setting them back on the track in a hurry is part of the fun.

The thinking

Stephan Ilberg, Anki's director of marketing, said the game helps tech-savvy kids have mind-blowing fun without staring at a computer screen or game console.

"It gets the kids off the video screen and back to the family room," he said.

Pricing

Anki, which is based in San Francisco, has a \$200 starter kit that comes with two cars. Each extra car costs \$70. iPhone not included.

Online:
Anki: <http://www.anki.com>

App Watch: Query your human network with Jelly

By Barbara Ortutay
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jelly is an app for when you walk by a tree and want to know what type of tree it is, so you snap a photo of it and ask your Facebook and Twitter friends.

Jelly is an app for when you wonder if you should trim your beard, so you snap a photo of said beard and ask your Facebook and Twitter friends.

It's an app for asking what sights you should see during your next vacation in Budapest and Bratislava (ask Jelly if you're wondering where that is). It's an app to take a photo of a bottle of Knob Creek bourbon and ask people whether you should drink some if you have a sore throat.

Jelly comes from Twitter Inc. co-founder Biz Stone, who unveiled the app this week.

How it works

Download the free Jelly app on your iPhone or Android mobile device. It's easier to find by searching "Jelly Industries." Connect the app to your Facebook and Twitter accounts.

To ask a question, take a photo, use one you've already taken or find one in Google images. Ask away. The query will go to people in your Facebook and Twitter networks, provided they also use Jelly. Your friends can also forward your question to their non-Jelly friends.

To answer questions,

tap the icon on the top left. Questions will appear one by one. You can swipe the question away forever, star it to see what other people say, answer it or forward it your non-Jelly network.

But why?

Sure, you could do all this on existing social networks, or on services such as Quora, which lets users query people with first-hand experience. In fact, I got advice on reviving a dead plant simply by posting an image on my regular Facebook feed.

But Jelly extends your network by pulling in information not just from people you know, but the people they know.

Stone said Jelly seeks to prove that no matter how sophisticated computer algorithms become, "they are still no match for the experience, inventiveness and creativity of the human mind."

Hands on

In the few hours I spent trying Jelly, I asked a half-serious question wondering when our office bathroom's hot water will be turned back on and got some half-serious feedback. It was fun to answer someone's question about what to do in Budapest, where I'm from. I sent a couple of answers and got a note back saying "Thanks!"

I don't see using Jelly every day, but I'm not deleting it either. It could come in handy while bird watching, walking around a new city and, well, who knows.

TV

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declared that strong consumer interest in 4K "bodes well for the home entertainment industry."

Enough people have to own Ultra HD sets for pay TV providers to start enabling service. If the CEA's forecast of 485,000 units sold in the U.S. comes true, that could provide enough of a base for cable, telcoms and satellite to begin to upgrade their systems, according to Pat Esser, president of cable TV provider Cox Communications, which serves about

CASE

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iPhone 5 or iPhone 5S like a protective case.

Its similarities with BlackBerry phones are notable: It has angle-cut keys suitable for thumb-typing. The keyboard layout is nearly identical — for example, with parentheses above the "T" and "Y" instead of the "9" and "0" on a typical keyboard. Thick silver bars separate rows of keys.

Physically, there are a few differences. Because the Typo case covers the iPhone's home button, it added one with the same function on the bottom right. There's a Bluetooth function on the "0" key so the Typo can connect to the iPhone wirelessly. A light bulb key on the bottom left gives Typo's keys some lighting to use in dark environments.

The dispute

In a federal lawsuit filed Friday in San Francisco, BlackBerry Ltd. alleges that "Typo chose to copy BlackBerry's iconic keyboard design" and is making money off of BlackBerry's widespread recognition and goodwill.

Typo responded in a statement that BlackBerry's claims "lack merit" and that the company is excited about its "innovative keyboard design."

Look and feel

In my hands, the Typo works fine — just like a BlackBerry — except it is blocked from using Apple Inc.'s autocorrect function while typing. So that means you have to tap misspelled words that are underlined in red later and choose from options to fix them. If you have an iPhone 5S, the fingerprint sensor will be covered up, so you'll have to resort to inputting a passcode.

10 percent of U.S. pay TV subscribers. If 50,000 Cox subscribers buy Ultra HD TVs, "then you've got my attention," Esser said in an interview.

Widespread adoption by live-TV producers still seems a ways off.

Sony Corp. promised an end-to-end production suite for professionals, and Sony Electronics President Mike Fasulo on Monday unveiled a Handicam that shoots in ultra HD for the home enthusiast, priced at \$2,000 — "As I like to say, 4K for \$2K."

Development

Laurence Hallier, the CEO and co-founder of Typo, said testers of the device included BlackBerry users and others.

"We wanted that thumb-typing like the BlackBerry," he said. "We went out and priced it out. We built prototypes. It took us 18 months."

Typo Products is a Los Angeles startup co-founded by Seacrest and Hallier.

Availability

Typo sells for \$99 and is expected to start shipping on Monday. It works only with the iPhone 5 and 5S, not the 5C or older iPhones.

Online:
Typo: <http://typokeyboards.com>

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in a wave of smartphone products attempting to out-craze each other. Ditto on tablets, digital cameras and HDTVs, all products that are due for a big design shake-up. Apple itself may try something a little different on its next phone, the iPhone 6, likely to be a departure from its flagship iPhone 5 and 5S devices.

3-D printing in unusual places: 3-D printing still has a long way to go before it's mainstream enough to be found in most homes, but expect to see amazing things happening in 3-D printing wrapped inside other kinds of technology. Imagine a toy chest kiosk that could produce simple plastic toys on command or a high-tech toolbox that could manufacture custom household devices and tools. People who wouldn't buy a stand-alone 3-D printer may spring for a product in which 3-D printing is but one feature or at least use such a vending machine-like device at a store.

Gigabit fuels giga-

envy: This year's rollout of Google Fiber Internet service (and competing ultra-high-speed Internet from AT&T and Time Warner Cable) will cause a wave of jealousy for those not in the first wave of so-called "Fiberhoods." It will be alleviated a bit by community organizations getting the service, but tech addicts without home access to Fiber speeds will be doing a lot of complaining for a while.

How did Omarstradamus do on those 2013 predictions?

"Yes, an Apple TV": NO! No Apple-made television set was released! Apple has been slow to launch entirely new products, perhaps a sign that CEO Tim Cook is more conservative about releasing unfinished products than Steve Jobs was. Rumors of a TV set and an Apple smart watch persist for 2014, but at this point, we don't know when Apple will venture into a new product category.

"Amazon makes a big move": No phone or other new product from Amazon in 2013, but the company did surprise late in the year by revealing to "60 Minutes" that it's working on half-hour drone deliveries of some kinds of packages to arrive in a few years. The timing of the TV segment was smart, too: it ran the night before Cyber Monday.

"Social media shake-out": Twitter and Facebook did not fade away, but 2013 definitely felt like a year when more people complained about being overloaded and overstimulated by social media and said they needed a break. Social media networks focused more on doing things than talking about them — pinning on Pinterest, posting photos on Instagram, job-seeking on LinkedIn and exchanging self-destructing messages on Snapchat — stole focus from the bigger social nets. "Microsoft's worst year": Microsoft acquired

Nokia's device business, lost CEO Steve Ballmer, doubled down on Windows 8.1 and tablets and re-released the Xbox One game console. Financially, it did not collapse, but the PC industry it helped create was hit with steep declines as people bought fewer computers. Microsoft made lots of money, but its future remains cloudy and questionable.

"Mobile wallet payments denied": Mobile wallets continued to struggle for acceptance amid competing standards and app fatigue. But e-money had some bright spots: Square introduced an easy, fee-free way to transfer money called "Cash," and a little something called Bitcoin rattled a lot of cages in 2013 with the scary promise of anonymous money transfers and volatile value swings.

Whew, all that soothstaying is exhausting! Here's to enjoying the present, right here in futuristic early 2014.

BANANAGRAMS!

Rearrange the tiles below to spell a five-letter word that fits in the first row. Then remove one letter and rearrange the remaining tiles to spell a four-letter word in the next row. Continue removing one letter until you complete all four words. One tile has been placed in each row.

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Yesterday's Answer: MELODRAMA, HERMITAGE, TIMETABLE

Kindle FreeTime gives parents peace of mind

By Bree Fowler
Associated Press

NEW YORK — It's no secret that kids love tablets, but the devices also can get them into trouble.

By the time my daughter, turned 3, she knew how to pull up "Sesame Street" clips on YouTube and scroll through photos of friends and relatives. Although that free entertainment was incredibly helpful at times, there also were times she managed to post old pictures to Facebook or watch an inappropriate movie.

Amazon.com Inc.'s Kindle FreeTime gives parents an easy way to block grown-up content. Kindles aren't alone in offering parental controls, but FreeTime goes further with an optional subscription service. With that, you get thousands of kid-friendly books, games and videos for a monthly fee. The quality is mixed, but the service is hassle-free, safe and relatively cheap — starting at \$3 a month.

It works only with the 2012 and later models of the Kindle Fire.

Basic controls

All Kindle Fires come with Kindle FreeTime already installed. The app itself is free to use. Once opened, all content not placed in your child's FreeTime account is blocked. That means no access to Facebook, YouTube or Netflix, if you don't want your child to have it. You need a password to exit FreeTime.

You can also limit your child's screen time by having access shut off after a specified amount of time. You can even specify how much of a certain kind of media your child can view. For example, you can give a child unlimited access to books, while limiting video and app usage to 30 minutes each.

Different time limits can be set for weekdays and weekends, and "curfews" can be set to keep kids from playing games after bedtime.

You can also require kids to read or use educational apps for a certain amount of time before unlocking other content.

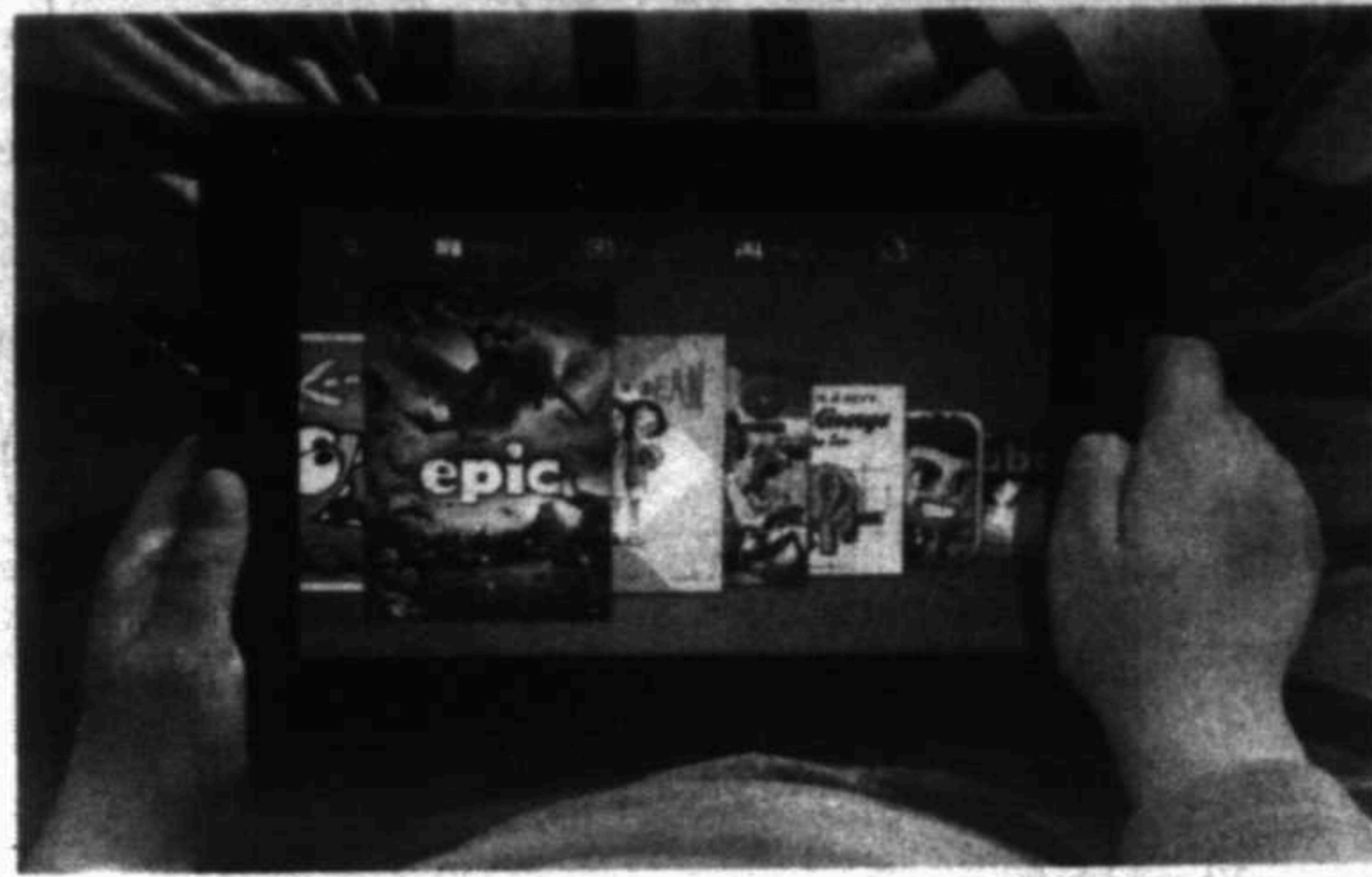
Subscription service

Again, the FreeTime app is free. Where you have to pay is to access Amazon's FreeTime Unlimited service.

Geared toward children ages 3 to 8, FreeTime Unlimited allows kids to download anything they want from its large library of kid-friendly apps, books and videos, largely without the help of an adult. It also suggests content that they might like based on what they've already downloaded. Parents get to walk away and not worry about what they're up to.

But the suggestions are based on what's already stored in your child's account. I wish the app did a better job at filtering content based on a child's age. My daughter, now 4, doesn't need to be watching Batman cartoons or playing "Plants vs. Zombies."

Amazon touts the service's "all-you-can-eat" pricing, noting that it eliminates the need to negotiate with your kids what and how much content you're willing to pay for. It also helps with buyer's remorse. If your kids don't find a book or app particularly entertaining, just delete it and let them find something



AP photo

This undated photo provided by Amazon shows the Kindle FreeTime app displayed on a Kindle Fire HDX. Amazon.com Inc.'s Kindle FreeTime gives parents an easy way to block grown-up content. With FreeTime, kids get thousands of kid-friendly books, games and videos for a monthly fee.

else. Plus, it protects your wallet from kids who might not understand they're spending real money on virtual toys.

Another plus: It strips out advertising included in other versions of the apps.

A single-child membership costs \$3 per month for Amazon Prime members and \$5 for others. If you want to set up separate profiles for multiple children, you can opt for a family membership, which costs \$7 per month with Amazon Prime, or \$10 without. Although FreeTime

Unlimited isn't as intuitive as some of the apps on our family iPad, it didn't take long for my daughter to figure out how to download books and apps on her own. She added so much content that it ate up all of the storage on my otherwise largely empty Kindle Fire.

In addition to being organized by form of media, the content is also indexed by character. My daughter can't read the words "Apps," "Books," and "Video" yet, but she knows exactly who Elmo, Sponge Bob and Curious George

are. FreeTime Unlimited makes it easy for her to find and download content featuring them.

The icons also are fairly large, which helps kids with small hands. The number of icons displayed on the screen can still be dizzying, which can make it tough for both children and adults to find what they're looking for. There's a search function, but most young kids would need an adult's help for that.

Range of offerings

Although most young kids aren't particular when it comes to books and TV, I was disappointed by the quality of the offerings.

According to Amazon, more than half of the content available through the service is "educational." Indeed, there were picture books by notable children's authors such as Eric Carle and Chris Van Allsburg. But many of the books focused on TV characters such as Sponge Bob, Dora the Explorer and Scooby Doo — not exactly classic children's literature.

The videos included a lot of Nickelodeon and PBS shows currently popular with small children. I appre-

ciate the inclusion of classic "Sesame Street" and "Reading Rainbow" episodes I loved as kid.

The same videos are already offered free to Amazon Prime members, though. You don't need FreeTime Unlimited, or even a Kindle, to watch them.

You do need FreeTime

Unlimited and the Kindle Fire for the books and the apps.

For me, \$3 a month is a small price to pay to keep my daughter's account stuffed with content she likes, so she won't notice that she can't access potentially problem-causing apps such as YouTube and Netflix.

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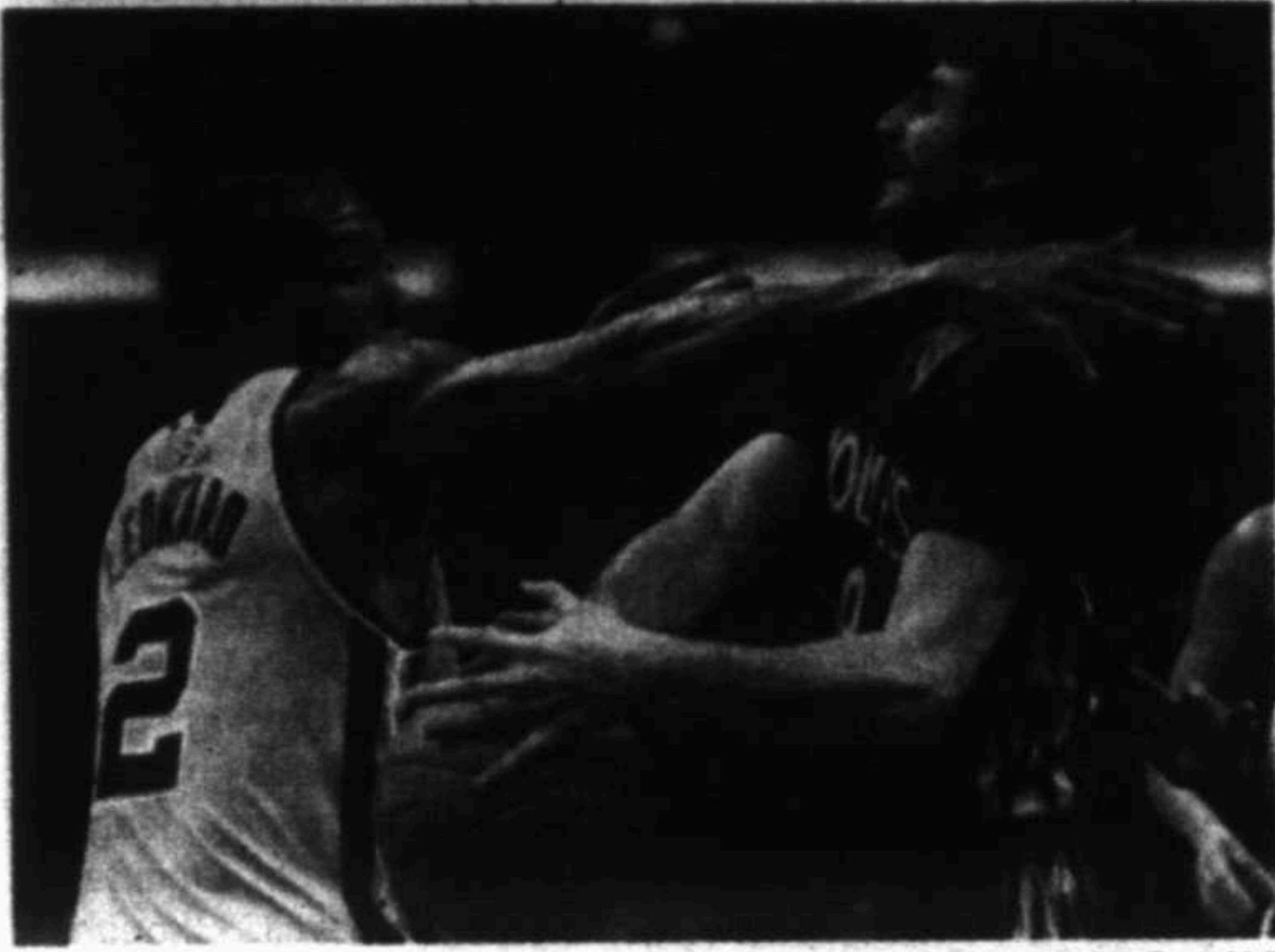
Meet **Snowflake** She is a 6 year old blonde Pug mix. She is a little picky about her other dog friends, but is a very sweet and cuddly girl with people. Her previous owner went into the military. She could not go with him, so now she is looking for a new family to give her love and devotion to.

SPORTS

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Leonard scores 17 as Spurs beat Timberwolves

By Raul Dominguez
Associated Press



Eric Gay/AP

Minnesota's Ricky Rubio, right, is pressured by San Antonio's Kawhi Leonard (2) during the second half of Sunday's game in San Antonio.

SAN ANTONIO — The San Antonio Spurs have been touting their depth all season, and it was sorely needed to overcome the loss of another key player Sunday night.

Kawhi Leonard scored 13 of his 17 points in the second half and San Antonio beat the Minnesota Timberwolves 104-86 Sunday night for its fourth straight win.

Already without Manu Ginobili and Tiago Splitter, the Spurs lost Danny Green early in the second quarter to a sprained finger. Minus two of their top wings and their starting center, Leonard and the team's bench took over in the second half.

Tim Duncan had 15 points and Tony

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Parker added 14 points and 10 assists for Western Conference-leading San Antonio. Matt Bonner also scored 14 points — including 4-for-5 shooting on 3-pointers — and Marco Belinelli had 13 points and Patty Mills added 10.

"You've got to stay ready, especially around here," Duncan said of overcoming the latest injury. "That's what we preach, we're getting everybody ready and you'll get your opportunity whether it comes at the beginning or in the middle or in the end whenever it may be. When your time comes, you need to be ready to go because you're going to earn your minutes."

Leonard, who came in averaging 11.7 points in 35 games, had nine

points in the third quarter, continually cutting to the basket to escape his defender for a series of dunks and layups. Leonard's final basket of the quarter was a layup off an assist from Aron Baynes to put San Antonio up 81-71 entering the fourth.

Leonard finished 6 for 9 from the field in the second half.

San Antonio's reserves, who average a league-leading 46 points per game, had 51 points. They scored 37 in the final three quarters after Green's injury.

"Our whole team does a great job of staying ready," Bonner said. "We work hard on off days, even on game days, to keep our wind up and stay sharp so we can come in and help the team win games. We pride ourselves on being a

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NFL PLAYOFFS

Championship games set



Gerry Broome/AP

San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick (7) runs the ball against the Carolina Panthers during the first half of a divisional playoff game on Sunday in Charlotte, N.C.

Kaepernick lifts San Francisco over Carolina

By Steve Reed
Associated Press

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Colin Kaepernick and the San Francisco 49ers are headed to the NFC championship game once again — to face a familiar opponent in a place where they've struggled.

Kaepernick threw one touchdown pass and ran for another score as the 49ers shut down Cam Newton and defeated the Carolina Panthers 23-10 on Sunday to advance to the NFC title game for the third straight season.

Kaepernick completed 15 of 28 passes for 196 yards, avenging his worst statistical performance of the season two months ago against the Panthers.

Anquan Boldin had eight catches for 136 yards and Frank Gore ran for 84

yards on 17 carries for the 49ers (14-4), who will visit Seattle next Sunday looking for a return trip to the Super Bowl.

San Francisco split two games with the Seahawks this season. The 49ers lost 29-3 at Seattle in September and were beaten 42-13 at CenturyLink Field in December 2012.

Kaepernick had all sorts of trouble at Seattle a few months ago. The 49ers were missing receiver Michael Crabtree in that lopsided loss.

"We're different team than we were the first time we played them up there. We have a lot of key playmakers back and we're ready to go," Kaepernick said.

The 49ers held Newton in check, inter-

cepting him twice and sacking him five times while stopping the Panthers (12-5) twice on the 1-yard line in the first half.

It was a rough playoff debut for the former Heisman Trophy winner.

Linebacker Ahmad Brooks stopped Newton on a fourth-down sneak early in the second. Later, Brooks vaulted over the line and past Newton — he was called for offside, but the 49ers showed the Panthers it wouldn't be easy.

Kaepernick was held to 91 yards passing and 16 yards rushing in the first meeting with Carolina, a 10-9 loss at Candlestick Park.

But he played efficient football on Sunday.

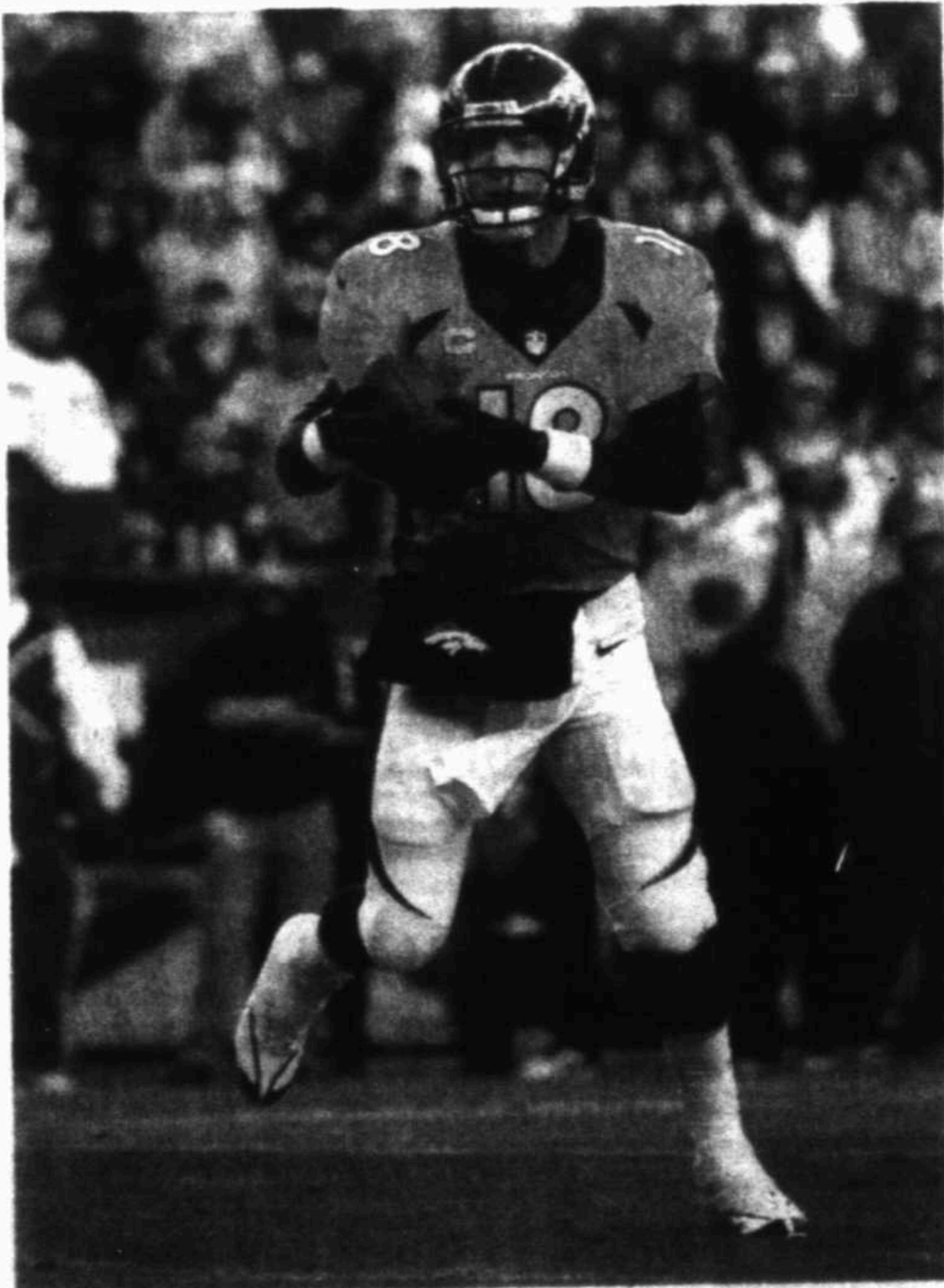
"We had to get settled down. We came

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Manning, Broncos to meet Pats for AFC title

By Arnie Stapleton
Associated Press

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Jack Dempsey/AP

Denver quarterback Peyton Manning looks to pass against the San Diego Chargers in the second quarter of an AFC division playoff game Sunday in Denver.

DENVER — Peyton Manning welcomed Wes Welker back into the lineup with a touchdown toss and the Denver Broncos narrowly avoided a repeat of their playoff slip from last year, advancing to the AFC championship game with a 24-17 win over the San Diego Chargers on Sunday.

The Broncos (14-3) took a 17-0 lead into the fourth quarter. Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers then capitalized on an injury to cornerback Chris Harris Jr. to stage a comeback reminiscent of Baltimore's shocking win at Denver exactly a year earlier.

This time, however, Manning rescued the Broncos from the brink of another crushing collapse and sent them into the title game for the first time in eight seasons.

They'll host the New England Patriots (13-4) on Sunday.

Get ready for Brady vs. Man-

ning once more.

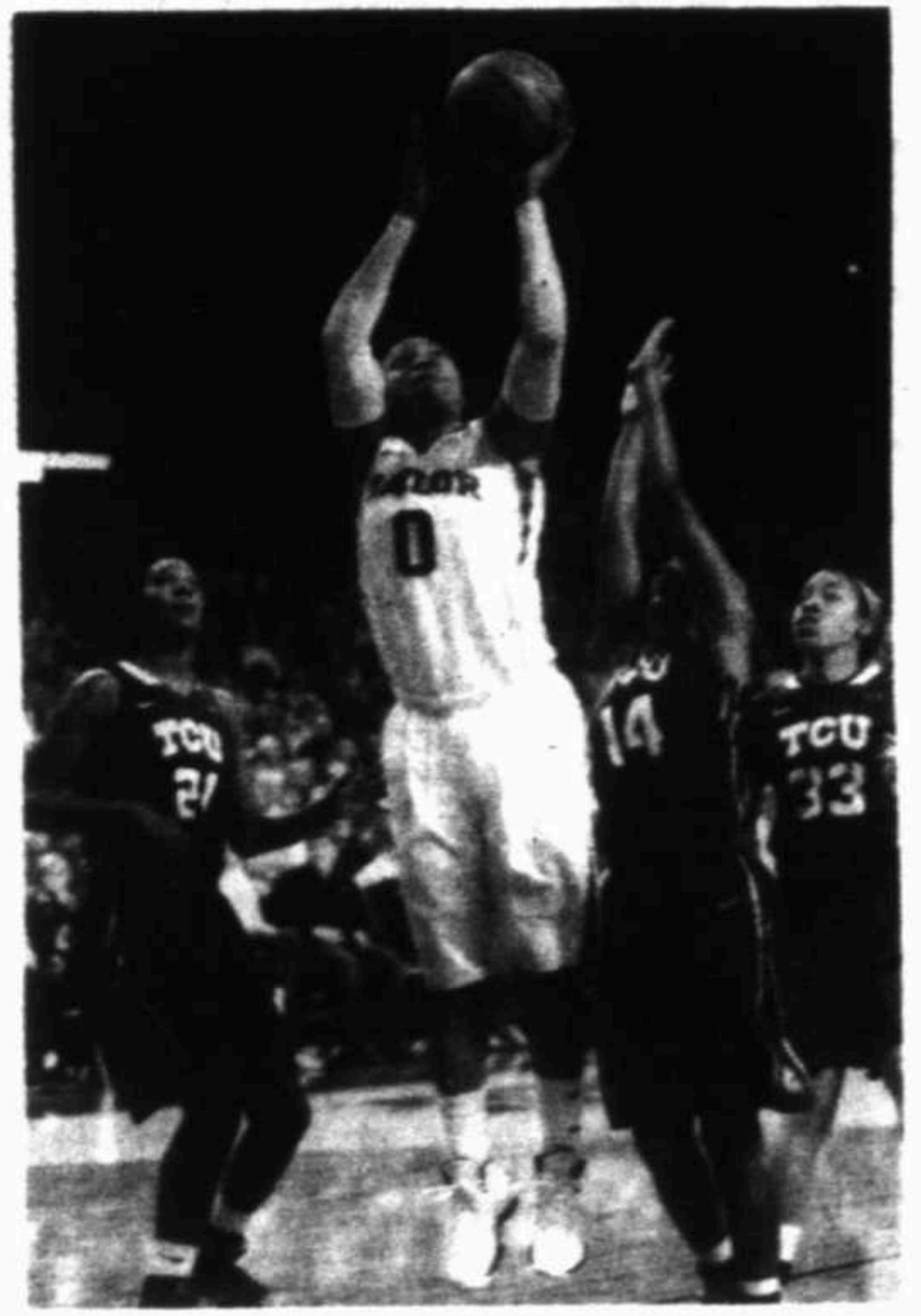
In the most recent matchup of QBs with Hall of Fame credentials, Tom Brady and the Patriots rallied past Manning and the visiting Broncos 34-31 in overtime on Nov. 24.

"It's the Broncos versus the Patriots and certainly Tom and I have played against each other a lot," Manning said after beating San Diego. "But when you get to the AFC championship, it's about two good teams that have been through a lot to get there."

Manning ended a personal three-game postseason skid in winning for the first time since leading Indianapolis over the Jets 30-17 in the AFC championship game on Jan. 24, 2010.

Manning completed 25 of 36 passes for 230 yards and two TDs, numbers that weren't quite

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LM Otero/AP

Baylor guard Odyssey Sims (0) shoots as TCU center Latricia Lovings (21), guard Zahna Medley (14) and Donielle Breaux (33) look on during the first half of Saturday's game in Waco.

Baylor women 69-game home streak on line vs. UConn

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

WACO — Odyssey Sims has never lost a home game with Baylor, which has a 69-game home winning streak spanning the career of the All-American senior guard.

That current nation's best streak gets a significant test when the No. 7 Lady Bears (14-1) host top-ranked Connecticut (17-0) tonight.

"It will be a good game. They're pretty big in size. We're a little undersized this year. But we'll figure it out," said Sims, the national scoring leader at 31.8 points a game. "And I'll just tell you, it won't be a blowout. It will be a tough game for them and us, so just be ready for it."

UConn coach Geno Auriemma's teams have been involved in many home-court winning streaks.

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Venus Williams out in 1st round at Australian Open

By John Pye
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Just as she was starting to show glimpses of returning to form, Venus Williams was let down by her serve and her concentration at crucial times and lost 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 to Ekaterina Makarova on day one of the Australian Open.

The No. 22-seeded Makarova upset Serena Williams in the fourth round here in 2012, but was comprehensively outplayed in the first set against the elder of the Williams sisters on Monday, dropping serve three times.

Williams had chances in the second set, too, missing a break-point opportunity to go up 4-2, and then serving three consecutive double-faults after leading the ninth game 40-30 to surrender a crucial break.

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Williams

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

WHAT'S ON TV
COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Virginia at Duke, 6 p.m., ESPN
NBCSN — Charleston at Northeastern, 6 p.m., NBC Sports Network
Kansas at Iowa St., 8 p.m., ESPN
NBA
Orlando at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest
SOCCER

Premier League, Arsenal at Aston Villa, 2 p.m., NBC Sports Network
TENNIS
Australian Open, first round, 8 p.m., ESPN2
Australian Open, first round, 2 a.m., ESPN2
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
UCConn at Baylor, 6 p.m., ESPN2

WHAT'S ON DECK

JUNIOR COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL
MC at Western Texas, 7:45 p.m.
JUNIOR COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
MC at Western Texas, 5:45 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

FOOTBALL
National Football League
CHICAGO BEARS — Fired defensive line coach Mike Pinar and linebackers coach Tim Theas.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
PHOENIX COYOTES — Recalled F Jordan Swartz from Portland (AHL). Assigned D Connor

Murphy to Portland.
WINNIEP JETS — Fired coach Claude Noel. Named Paul Maurice coach.
HARTFORD WOLF PACK — Signed F Justin Vaive to a professional tryout agreement. ECHL. ECHL — Fired Kalamazoo RW Chris Lawrence an undisclosed amount for his actions in a Jan. 11 against Fort Wayne.

FISHING REPORT

WEST
ALAN HENRY Water lightly stained, 39-46 degrees, 13.3 low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and Rat-L-Traps. No reports on crappie or catfish.
ARROWHEAD: Water off color, 40-45 degrees, 15.85 low. Catfish are fair on prepared bait, cut bait and nightcrawlers. One ramp open — low angled out.
COLORADO CITY: 20.05 low. No report available.
FORTH PHANTOM HILL: Water clear, 39-45 degrees, 12.18 low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and Rat-L-Traps. No reports on crappie or catfish.
HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color, 38-46 degrees, 21.85 low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.
NASWORTHY: No report available.
OAK CREEK: Water stained, 38-44 degrees, 21.12 low. Black bass are fair on Rat-L-Traps and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair on good cut bait and nightcrawlers.
O.H. WIVE: Water stained, 39-45 degrees, 42.83 low. Black bass are fair on Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows.
POSSUM KINGDOM: Water fairly clear, 39-44 degrees, 12.25 low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on minnows. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.
SPENCE: 65.15 low. No report available.
STAMFORD: 11.33 low. No report available.
SWEETWATER: Water murky, 38-43 degrees, 22.82 low. Black bass are fair on Rat-L-Traps and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on prepared bait.
WHITE RIVER: Water stained, 37-44 degrees, 34.18 low. No report available.
PANHANDLE
GREENBELT: 47 low. No report available.
MACKENZIE: 96.15 low. No report available.
MEREDITH: 94.17 low. No report available.

PALO DURO: 48.04 low. No report available.
SOUTH
AMISTAD: Water fairly clear, 62-66 degrees, 35.85 low. Black bass are fair on Rat-L-Traps, spinnerbaits, and soft plastics in 18-25 feet. Striped bass are fair on jugging spoons. White bass are fair on jugging spoons and spinnerbaits. Catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing on not.
BRAUNING: Water clear. Black bass are slow. Striped bass are fair on live shad and silver jugging spoons. Redfish are slow. Channel catfish are fair on live, frozen shrimp, and cut shad. Blue catfish are slow.
CALAVERAS: Water clear. Black bass are fair on small crankbaits. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Redfish are fair on live perch and shad. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.
CHOKO CANYON: Water clear, 65-69 degrees, 23.03 low. Black bass are good on watermelon soft plastic worms and weedless crankbaits in heavy grass. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Drum are fair on live worms. Channel and blue catfish are good on stinkbait. Yellow catfish are fair on live perch.
COLETO CREEK: Water stained, 80 degrees at hot water discharge. 4.61 low. Black bass are slow. White bass are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.
FALCON: Water clear, 65-69 degrees, 25.78 low. Black bass are fair on football jigs, large soft plastic worms, 7-inch Carolina rigged Senkos, and slow rolling spinnerbaits in 14-18 feet. Striped bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on minnow and doughbaits. Yellow catfish are slow. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Jan. 17
At the Cook Convention Center, Memphis, Tenn. (SHOW), Ivan Redkach vs Tony Luis, 10, lightweight.
Jan. 18
At Bell Center, Montreal (HBO), Jean Pascal vs Lucian Bute, 12, light heavyweight.
Eliader Alvarez vs Thomas Costhuizen, 12, light heavyweight. Mike Perez vs Carlos Takam, 10, heavyweight.
Jan. 24
At Resorts International, Atlantic City, N.J. (NBCSN), Curtis Stevens vs Patrick Mahoney, 10, middleweights. Thabiso Mchunu vs Olanrewaju Durodola, 10, cruiserweights.
At Fantasy Springs Casino, Indio, Calif. (FS1), Cornelius Bundrage vs Joey Hernandez, 12, IBF junior middleweight eliminator. Antonio Orozco vs Miguel Angel Huerta, 10, junior welterweights.
At Little Creek Casino Resort, Shelton, Wash. (ESPN2), Javier Molina vs Kendall Holt, 10, welterweights. Rico Ramos vs Jonathan Arrellano, 10, featherweights.
Jan. 25
At Stuttgart, Germany, Marco Huck vs Frat Arslan, 12, for Huck's WBO cruiserweight title.
At New York (HBO), Mike Garcia vs Juan Carlos Burgos, 12, for Garcia's WBO junior lightweight title. Bryant Jennings vs Artur Szpilka, 10, lightweight. Saeema Moraghatian vs Fabio Garrido, 10, light heavyweight.
At DC Army, Washington (SHOW), Lamont Peterson vs Derry Jean, 12, for Peterson's IBF junior welterweight title. Jermell Charlo vs Gabriel Rosado, 10, junior middleweights.
At The Golden Nugget, Atlantic City, N.J., Deric Rossy vs Joey Dawkins, 10, heavyweight.
Jan. 30
At Barclays Center, Brooklyn, N.Y. (FS1), Victor Ortiz vs Luis Collazo, 10, welterweights. Eddie Gomez vs Dagan Arnett, 10, junior middleweights.
Jan. 31
At Richard J. Cooney Arena, West Orange, N.J. (ESPN2), Jorge Diaz vs Luis Rosa, 10, super bantamweights.
Feb. 1
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At Monte Carlo, Gennady Golovkin vs Osumanu Adama, 12, for Golovkin's WBA world middleweight title. Martin Murray vs Jamrod Fletcher, 12, for Murray's WBA interim middleweight title. Jungta Makubo vs Nathan Cleverly, 10, cruiserweights. Nicklas Ekelund vs Rey Loreto, 12, for vacant IBF light flyweight title.
Feb. 5
At Kaikou, China, Xiong Zhao Zhong vs Oswardo Novoa, 12, for Xiong's WBC minimumweight title. Qu Xiao Jun vs Jason Cooper, 10, super bantamweights.
Feb. 7
At UIC Pavilion, Chicago (ESPN2), Jonathan Gonzalez vs Norberto Gonzalez, 10, middleweights. Kamil Laszczyk vs Daniel Diaz, 10, featherweights.
Feb. 14
At Benavidez, Argentina, Juan Carlos Reveco vs Manuel Vides, 12, for Reveco's WBA World flyweight title.
At the Paramount Theatre, Huntington, N.Y. (ESPN2), Chris Argon vs Emmanuel Taylor, 10, junior welterweights.
Feb. 22
At Macau, China (HBO), Sempow Veitayake vs Akulom Shimoto, 12, for Veitayake's WBA featherweight title. Miguel Vazquez vs Denis Shafikov, 12, for Vazquez's IBF lightweight title. Ren Tiso vs Marco Masuyama, 10, super flyweights. March 1
At Magdeburg, Germany, Robert Stegitz vs Arthur Abraham, 12, for Stegitz's WBO super middleweight title.
At Glasgow, Scotland, Ricky Burns vs Terence Crawford, 12, for Burns' WBO lightweight title.
At Alamo Dunes, San Antonio (HBO), Julio Cesar Chavez Jr. vs Bryan Vera, 10, super middleweights. Orlando Salido vs Vasily Lomachenko, 12, for Salido's WBO featherweight title.
March 8
At MGM Grand Las Vegas, Omar Figueroa vs Ricardo Alvarez, 12, for the WBC interim lightweight title.
March 26
At Tokyo, Denkaosen Kaovichit vs Kone Kono, 12, for the vacant WBA World super flyweight.

GLANTZ-CULVER LINE

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SKI REPORT

ROOKIES
New Mexico
Angel Fire — Sun 6:50 am packed powder machine groomed 20 - 20 base 55 of 78 trails 71%, open, 460 acres, 6 of 7 lifts, sm Mon-Thu 9a-4p, Fri 9a-4p, Sat 9a-4p, Sun 9a-4p
Pagayito — Fri 12:43 pm packed powder machine groomed 18 - 18 base 2 of 44 trails, 5% open 2 of 7 lifts, Fri 9a-4p, Sat/Sun 9a-4p, Open Fri-Sun
Red River — Sun 11:06 am packed powder machine groomed 21 - 24 base 52 of 57 trails 92% open, 7 of 7 lifts, sm Mon-Fri 9a-4p, Sat/Sun 9a-4p
Sandia Peak — Sun 11:53 am variable machine groomed 15 - 15 base 23 of 39 trails 69%, open, 4 of 5 lifts, Wed-Fri 9a-4p, Sat/Sun 9a-4p, Open Wed-Sun
Saguao — Sat 9:13 pm MG machine groomed 18 - 25 base 30 of 41 trails, 74% open 160 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, sm Mon-Fri 9a-4p, Sat/Sun 9a-4p
Ski Apache — Sun 7:35 am variable machine groomed 13 - 18 base 47 of 55 trails 86%, open 520 acres, 7 of 10 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p, Sat/Sun 9a-4p
Ski Santa Fe — Fri 1:54 pm packed powder machine groomed 37 - 37 base 72 of 77 trails 94% open, 6 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p, Sat/Sun 9a-4p
Taos — Sun 5:43 am packed powder machine groomed 34 - 36 base 96 of 113 trails, 84% open, 14 of 14 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p, Sat/Sun 9a-4p
Enchanted Forest XC — Operating, no details
Colorado
Anapahoe Basin — Sun 5:45 am 1 new packed powder machine groomed 46 - 46 base 64 of 109 trails, 59% open, 960 acres, 8 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p, Sat/Sun 8:30a-4p
Aspen Highlands — Sun 7:59 am powder machine groomed 46 - 61 base 118 of 124 trails 96% open, 1040 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p, Sat/Sun 9a-3:30p
Aspen Mountain — Sun 5:02 am powder machine groomed 35 - 37 base 76 of 76 trails 100% open, 675 acres, 6 of 8 lifts, sm Mon-Fri 9a-3:30p, Sat/Sun 9a-3:30p
Beaver Creek — Sun 7:25 am powder machine groomed 44 - 44 base 144 of 150 trails 97% open, 1770 acres, 24 of 25 lifts, Mon-Fri 8:30a-3:30p, Sat/Sun 8:30a-3:30p
Breckenridge — Sun 7:26 am powder machine groomed 61 - 61 base 157 of 187 trails 94% open, 2382 acres, 33 of 34 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p, Sat/Sun 9a-4p
Buttermilk — Sat 11 am powder machine groomed 31 - 31 base 41 of 44 trails 78% open, 452 acres, 7 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-3:30p, Sat/Sun 9a-3:30p, Copper Mountain — Sun 5:24 am powder machine groomed 50 - 50 base 135 of 140 trails 95% open, 1958 acres, 23 of 23 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p, Sat/Sun 8:30a-4p, Crested Butte — Sun 4:51 am powder machine groomed 51 - 51 base 95 of 121 trails 85% open, 939 acres, 15 of 15 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p, Sat/Sun 9a-4p
Eldora — Sun 12:06 pm 4 new powder machine groomed 39 - 39 base 48 of 53 trails 91% open, 9 of 11 lifts, sm Mon-Fri 9a-4p, Sat/Sun 9a-4p
Irwin — Operating, no details
Kendall Mountain — Operating, no details
Keystone — Sun 7:24 am powder machine

groomed 40 - 40 base 114 of 135 trails 75%, open 2356 acres, 19 of 20 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p, Sat/Sun 9a-6p
Loveland — Sun 7:34 am powder machine groomed 44 - 44 base 79 of 93 trails 84%, open, 1278 acres, 8 of 9 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p, Sat/Sun 8:30a-4p
Meachuck — Sun 12:41 pm 1 new powder machine groomed 54 - 54 base 61 of 62 trails 99%, open 5 of 6 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p, Sat/Sun 9a-4p
Powderhorn — Sun 7:20 am packed powder machine groomed 50 - 50 base 38 of 44 trails 95%, open 4 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p, Sat/Sun 9a-4p
Purgatory at Durango — Sun 5:20 am powder machine groomed 39 - 43 base 67 of 88 trails 100% open, 1360 acres, 9 of 10 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p, Sat/Sun 9a-4p
Shiverton Mountain — Sun 6:45 am powder, 40 - 100 base 59 of 69 trails 100% open, Thu-Fri 9a-3p, Sat/Sun 9a-3p, Open Thu-Sun
Ski Cooper — Sun 7:18 am powder machine groomed 45 - 45 base 35 of 35 trails 100%, open 400 acres, 4 of 4 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p, Sat/Sun 9a-4p
Ski Grandby Ranch — Sun 8:30 am 1 new powder machine groomed 25 - 28 base 37 of 41 trails, 91% open, 360 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, sm Mon-Fri 9a-4p, Sat 9a-4p, Sun 9a-4p
Ski Hesperus — Operating, no details
Snowmass — Sun 5:01 am powder machine groomed 33 - 44 base 92 of 94 trails 96%, open 3012 acres, 15 of 21 lifts, Mon-Fri 8:30a-4p, Sat/Sun 8:30a-4p
Steamboat — Sun 4:59 am powder machine groomed 57 - 69 base 165 of 165 trails 100%, open, 2965 acres, 16 of 18 lifts, Mon-Thu 8:30a-4p, Fri 5:30p-8:30p, Sat/Sun 8:30a-4p, 5:30p-8:30p
Sunlight — Sun 6:54 am packed powder machine groomed 39 - 45 base 67 of 67 trails 100%, open 3 of 3 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p, Sat/Sun 9a-4p
Telluride — Sun 5:39 am packed powder machine groomed 49 - 49 base 91 of 93 trails 98%, open 17 of 18 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p, Sat/Sun 9a-4p
Vail — Sun 7:22 am powder machine groomed 48 - 48 base 185 of 193 trails, 96% open, 4526 acres, 30 of 31 lifts, Mon-Fri 8:30a-4p, Sat/Sun 8:30a-4p
Winter Park — Sun 5:44 am packed powder machine groomed 51 - 52 base 132 of 143 trails 93% open, 2298 acres, 23 of 26 lifts, sm Mon-Fri 9a-4p, Sat/Sun 8:30a-4p
Wolf Creek — Sun 7:13 am 1 new powder machine groomed 89 - 80 base 77 of 77% open, 100% open, 42 miles, 1600 acres, 6 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri 8:30a-4p, Sat/Sun 8:30p-4p
Axtell XC — Fri 8:32 am powder machine groomed 36 - 48 base 12 of 20 trails 24 miles
Mon-Fri 9a-4p, Sat/Sun 9a-4p
Aspen Snowmass XC — Sun 6:59 am packed powder machine groomed 8 - 12 base 14 of 15 trails 85 miles Mon-Fri 7a-5p, Sat/Sun 7a-5p
Crested Butte XC — Operating, no details
Devil's Thumb XC — Operating, no details
Grand Lake XC — Operating, no details
Mon-Fri 9a-4p, Sat/Sun 9a-4p
Grand Lake XC — Operating, no details
Snow Mountain XC — Operating, no details
Steamboat XC — Operating, no details
Tennessee Pass XC — Operating, no details

WOMEN NO. 20 MIDLAND COLLEGE AT WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE

When/where: 5:45 p.m., The Coliseum, Snyder
Records: Midland College 11-6, 1-1 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Western Texas 5-9, 0-3
Last WJCAC game: Frank Phillips 54, Midland College 50 (Jan. 6); Odessa College 73, Western Texas College 54
Notes & quotes: Midland College looks to get back in the WJCAC win column after dropping last Monday's home game against Frank Phillips. The Lady Chaparrals shot 29.8 percent in that game to go with 20 turnovers. "We already lost a game we shouldn't," said MC coach Ron Jones. "Because we dropped a game, we have to make up some lost ground in conference. Every team is fighting for a postseason spot and some teams are not dropping many more games this season." ...The Lady Chaps had a much better performance in a 94-43 non-conference victory against Ranger College on Thursday night. MC shot 46.8 percent, had only 13 turnovers and had five players in double figures, led by Catherine Kruschke with 16 points. Mary Savoy and Mattie Turner each had 15 points. Marielka Garate had 12 and Diamalises Rivera added 11 points and 14 rebounds. "We played much harder and much better in that game after realizing we didn't play our best game on Monday," Jones said. "That's one game where we sustained our energy and had great effort throughout. We have to do that game after game." ... WTC is coming off a loss to Odessa College in which it held to 33 percent shooting. Brechelle Beachum, a 5-foot-8 freshman guard, was the only Lady Westerner to score in double figures with 13 points. ... Jones said the Lady Westerners are athletic and similar to last year. He said his team needs to focus on defense, rebounding, and also try to get the transition game going.
Next: New Mexico Junior

MC BASKETBALL TODAY

BY OSCAR LEROY

Statistics

Midland College Women (11-4, 1-1)
Player GP FG FT FTA Pts. Avg. Reb. RPG
Mary Savoy 17 67 44 77 238 14.0 137 8.1
Catherine Kruschke 17 85 46 72 217 12.8 145 8.5 6.3
Diamalises Rivera 17 75 27 38 177 10.4 107 6.3
Elysi Avery 17 50 15 20 140 8.2 62 3.6
Tajayya Vega 16 44 24 36 130 8.1 79 4.9
Mattie Turner 14 27 8 10 77 5.5 13 0.9
Dawn Green 4 7 2 2 20 5.0 14 3.5
Marielka Garate 15 33 6 8 72 4.8 85 5.7
Ashleigh Sparta 17 28 12 25 74 4.4 36 2.1
Rose Sow 13 19 3 6 41 3.2 29 2.2
Gabriela Martins 17 14 10 23 50 2.9 34 2.0
Sabrina Ochoa 8 8 1 2 20 2.5 12 1.5
Tyler Hamilton 17 3 0 1 9 0.5 33 1.9
Totals 17 9 9 1 9 9.5 52 1.8
3-point goals (90) — Avery 25, Vega 15, Turner 12, Sparta 6, Green 4, Sabina 3, Ochoa 3, Hamilton 3, Kruschke 1

Midland College Men (9-7, 1-2)
Player GP FG FT FTA Pts. Avg. Reb. RPG
Demetrius Austin 13 78 70 80 242 18.6 126 9.7
Haviv Alshod 15 21 8 8 59 3.9 18 1.2
Daniel Hernandez 16 52 39 45 183 10.2 23 1.4
Kevin Thomas 12 42 34 46 119 9.9 30 7.5
Darnell Williams 16 49 39 63 147 9.2 51 3.2
Jason Francisco 9 20 14 17 65 7.2 19 2.1
Dominique Bull 16 35 32 45 107 6.7 63 3.9
Kanan Guzman 15 37 11 21 80 5.3 51 3.4
Cory Walker 15 30 15 20 84 5.6 36 2.4
Leshawn Walker 16 21 25 44 70 4.4 33 2.1
Totals 16 434 303 438 1,255 78.4 581 36.3
3-point goals (141) — Wesleyby 29, Coleman 22, Hilliard 19, Gardner 17, Egharevba 16, Bamba 13, Lucas 9, Nicholson 6, Norris 2

WJCAC Standings

Women
Team Conference Overall
New Mexico JC 3 0 11 4
South Plains 15 2 11 8 8
Odessa College 2 0 12 4
Frank Phillips 1 1 13 2
Midland College 1 1 11 6
Howard College 1 2 10 8
Clarendon College 0 2 8 7
Western Texas 0 3 9 9
Thursday's Scores
Odessa College 73, Western Texas College 54; Howard College 70, Clarendon College 66; New Mexico JC 53, South Plains College 49; Midland College 94, Ranger College 43 (non-conference); Frank Phillips College 67, Victoria College 49 (non-conference)
Today's Games
Midland College at Western Texas College; New Mexico JC at Odessa College; Howard College at Frank Phillips College; Clarendon College at South Plains College
Men
Team Conference Overall
South Plains 3 0 16 1
Odessa College 3 0 15 1
New Mexico JC 2 2 14 3
Western Texas 2 2 14 4
Howard College 2 2 14 3
Frank Phillips 1 1 11 5
Midland College 1 2 9 7
Clarendon College 0 2 5 10
New Mexico Military 0 4 10 6
Thursday's Scores
Midland College 58, New Mexico Military Institute 58; Odessa College 74, Western Texas College 67; Howard College 95, Clarendon College 77; South Plains College 73, New Mexico JC 71; Frank Phillips College was open
Today's Games
Midland College at Western Texas College; New Mexico JC at Odessa College; Howard College at Frank Phillips College; Clarendon College at South Plains College; New Mexico Military Institute is open
The Coliseum, Snyder
Records: Midland College 9-7, 1-2 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Western Texas 14-4, 2-2
Last WJCAC game: Midland College 58, New Mexico Military Institute 56; Odessa College 74, Western Texas

Midlanders go 2-0 at MMA event Saturday

By Ruben Ochoa
MRT Correspondent
Midland fighters went 2-0 during 24/7 Entertainment's Welcome to Texas card Saturday night at the Midland Center.
Edgar Baeza took a unanimous decision (30-27, 30-27, 30-27) from Abilene's Isaac Castillo. The hometown favorite Baeza and Castillo fought a grueling, mostly stand-up, fight that had the crowd on its feet.
The other Midland fighter, Kevin Calhoun,

used an armbar-submission to defeat his opponent Daniel Medina at the two-minute, 39-second mark in the second round.
Other local fighters that picked-up victories were Big Spring's Jonathan Nieto and Matt Castaneda.
Nieto used a barrage of kicks and punch combinations to defeat San Angelo's Carlos Govea. The referee stopped the fight in the second round at the 1:40 mark because of strikes.
Matt Castaneda defeated Mauro Matai with

a second-round technical knockout at the 1:29 mark after Matai couldn't continue to fight. The fight saw plenty of back and forth punches between the two fighters before it came to an end.
In other action, Plainview's K.C. Ware took a split decision (29-28, 28-29, 29-28) from Abilene's Tyler Pacheco.
It took Odessa's Frank Cavasos 22 seconds to score a TKO, referee stoppage, due to strikes against Abilene's Brian Nalepa.
San Angelo's An-

gel Delgado submitted Abilene's Alexander Esparza at the 2:29 mark of the opening round.
Abilene's Nick Armstrong needed one minute to defeat San Angelo's Jonathan Reyna. Armstrong scored a TKO on strikes to take the match.
San Angelo's Dink Nichols and Abilene's Britton Hale had a back-and-forth battle that lasted until 47 seconds into the second round when Nichols scored a submission victory with a triangle-choke.

HSBASKETBALL ROUNDUP

LEE BOYS FINISH 4-1 AT FORNEY TOURNAMENT
The Lee boys soccer team finished 4-1 at the Forney Tournament over the weekend, including a 2-1

showing in the last two days of competition.
The Rebels defeated Hallsville 2-1 as Colten Cox and Cesar Gonzalez had goals, while Carlos Aranda

and Darius Strambler each had assists.
Lee then lost Pinetree 2-1 as Strambler had a goal with Allen Avila getting the assist. The Rebels then closed out

with a 2-1 win over Mesquite Horn as Gonzalez and Strambler got unassisted goals.
Lee returns to action on Jan. 25 with District 2-5A game at Lubbock Coronado.

MHS swimmers finish 3rd in three events

From staff reports
LUBBOCK — A pair of Midland High swimmers and a relay team each finished third at the Lubbock Invitational this past weekend at the Pete Ragus Aquatic Center.
The Midland High girls 200-yard medley relay team of Blythe Lary, Kile

Carriger, Jordin Newman and Cassidy Hale combined to finished third in that event. The team clocked in at 1 minute, 54.98 seconds.
Carriger also finished third in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:08.67, and was sixth in the girls 200 freestyle at 2:01.41.

Midland High's Zach Breeding finished third in the boys 100-yard breaststroke at 1:03.75.
Jordin Newman finished sixth in the girls 100 butterfly with a time of 1:03.09.
In diving, Midland

High's Sarah Blank finished fifth in the 1-meter with a score of 348.60, and was sixth in 3-meter at 148.40.
The next meet for Midland ISD competitors is the District 3-5A meet set for January 25 in San Angelo.

Rodman apologizes for not helping US missionary

Associated Press
BEIJING — Former basketball star Dennis Rodman apologized today for not being able to help an American missionary detained in North Korea during his trip there to play in a game to celebrate the birthday of leader Kim Jong Un.
"I'm sorry, I'm sorry I couldn't do anything," Rodman told media on his arrival at Beijing airport from a weeklong trip. "It's not my fault. I'm sorry. I just want to do some good stuff, that's all I want to do."
Rodman and the squad of retired NBA players he took to North Korea for an exhibition game marking Kim's birthday have met with criticism

in the U.S. because of North Korea's human rights record and its development of nuclear weapons.
Rodman apologized last week for comments he made about Kenneth Bae, who has been detained for more than a year for "anti-state crimes." He had implied that Bae was at fault in a CNN interview.
Rodman and Kim struck up a friendship when the former first traveled to the secretive state last year.

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SAN FRANCISCO

From 1C

out, they did some unorthodox things against us. We settled down, we got into our rhythm, we started making plays," Kaepernick said.

San Francisco led 13-10 at the half, and Kaepernick scored midway through in the third quarter on a 4-yard touchdown run off a read option. Kaepernick then imitated Newton's Superman celebration by pretending to rip open his shirt.

Newton and the Panthers offense had no answer, failing to score in the second half.

The game was not without its share of disputes. The 49ers took a 13-10

lead into the locker room after Vernon Davis caught a 1-yard touchdown pass in the back of the end zone from Kaepernick with 5 seconds left in the first half.

After a pass interference on cornerback Drayton Florence set the 49ers up with a first and goal at the 1, Davis was initially ruled out of the end zone, prompting 49ers coach Jim Harbaugh to come racing on to the field to dispute the call, drawing a 15-yard penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct. But after reviewing the play, officials ruled Davis dragged his left foot and overturned the call on the field.

But that wasn't all. Television replays

showed the 49ers had 12 men in the huddle before the play, which should have resulted in a 5-yard dead ball penalty.

The touchdown was the first time in 18 possessions for the 49ers against the Panthers this season.

Carolina spotted San Francisco a 6-0 lead with two defensive penalties — an unnecessary roughness on safety Mike Mitchell and a headbutt on cornerback Captain Munnerlyn — leading to field goals.

Wide receiver Steve Smith, who was questionable all week with a sprained knee ligament, gave Carolina a 7-6 lead with a 31-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter. Smith was well

covered, but turned just in time to see the ball coming over cornerback Tarell Brown's shoulder for his 10th touchdown in nine postseason games.

Carolina led 10-6 before Davis' touchdown catch put the 49ers ahead for good.

It's the second time since 2008 the Panthers have lost at home in the divisional playoffs after winning the NFC South and claiming a first-round bye with the No. 2 seed.

The win set up the third game of the season between Seattle and San Francisco. The Seahawks romped at home 29-3 on Sept. 15, then the 49ers won at home 19-17 on Dec. 8.

BASINNFLCONNECTION

FROM STAFF REPORTS



Cannon

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

Cannon started at right tackle for the Patriots and was key in their 43-22 victory against the Indianapolis Colts in a AFC divisional playoff game Saturday. Cannon helped pave the way for 234 yards and six TDs on the ground for the Patriots.



Bird

BRONT BIRD LB, SAN DIEGO CHARGERS (ODESSA PERMIAN HIGH SCHOOL)

Bird played in the Chargers' 24-17 AFC divisional playoff game to the Denver Broncos on Sunday. Bird had 3 tackles, one assisted.

NFL PLAYOFF GLANCE AND BOXES

Table with NFL Playoff Glance and Individual Statistics for 49ers vs Panthers and Broncos vs Chargers.

BRONCOS

From 1C

up to the standards he set during a record-breaking regular season when he established new benchmarks with 55 TD throws and 5,447 yards through the air.

But it was windy and the Broncos were intent on establishing the run and controlling the clock. San Diego had Manning and his high-octane offense cooling their cleats on the sideline for more than 38 minutes in both of their meetings during the regular season, when both teams won on the road.

Denver had the ball for 35 minutes, 27 seconds in this game, to San Diego's 24:33.

After gaining just 18 yards on the ground against San Diego last month, the Broncos ran for 133 yards, including 82 by Knowshon Moreno, whose 3-yard TD run put them ahead 24-7 with 8:12 left.

After that, things got interesting. Quentin Jammer, who

gave up San Diego's first TD, a 16-yarder to Keenan Allen early in the fourth quarter, surrendered a 49-yard catch by Allen on fourth-and-5 from the San Diego 25 with seven minutes left.

That led to Allen's second TD, also from 16 yards out, that pulled the Chargers to 24-14 with 5:43 left.

Eric Decker then made his third big blunder of the day, flubbing the onside kick, which San Diego recovered.

Nick Novak's 30-yard field goal with 3:53 pulled the Chargers (10-8) to within a touchdown.

Novak followed with a pooch kick, and Trindon Holliday secured the ball at the Denver 27 with 3:51 left. Manning converted two third-down throws to tight end Julius Thomas, the first one a nifty 21-yarder on third-and-17 from his 20 and then a third-and-6 from his 45-yard line.

Then, on third-and-1, Moreno burst up the

middle for 5 yards with a minute left and the offensive linemen high-fived each other.

All Manning had to do at that point was take a knee — just like he did last year at the end of regulation after Jacoby Jones had hauled in Joe Flacco's 70-yard desperation throw with 31 seconds left to tie the game.

In that game, coach John Fox ordered Manning to take a knee even though he had three timeouts left so he could take his chances in overtime. And the Broncos lost 38-35 in double overtime.

Those boos were replaced by cheers in this game, the scowls by smiles.

Allen finished with six catches for 142 yards as the Chargers lost for the first time in six weeks.

The Broncos took a 14-0 halftime lead that could have easily been 21-0 if not for blunders by Decker, who tripped with no defender near him at the San Diego 30-yard line after a

47-yard punt return.

Then, on third-and-goal from the 4, Manning hit him with a perfect pass as he cut across the back of the end zone, but it bounced off his chest and into the arms of linebacker Donald Butler with 30 seconds left.

Manning threw up his arms in disbelief after his first red zone interception of the season — following 39 red-zone TDs.

Thomas also had a turnover, but it wasn't that costly as Novak slipped and his foot hit the ground on a 53-yard field goal try that was short and wide left.

The Chargers were the only opponent to win in Denver all season, prevailing 27-20 exactly a month earlier when the Broncos were missing Welker (concussion) and went 2 for 9 on third down.

Welker finished with six catches for 38 yards, although he dropped his first pass and also couldn't hold onto another 27-yarder at the goal line.

Late surge leads Walker to victory at Waialae

By Doug Ferguson Associated Press

HONOLULU — Jimmy Walker went seven years and 187 tournaments before he finally won on the PGA Tour. Now he seems to have it figured out.

Walker pulled away from the pack with three straight birdies on the back nine of Waialae on Sunday and closed with a 7-under 63 to win the Sony Open for his second tour victory in his last six starts.

"It took me a long time to do it," Walker said. "I felt very calm and controlled. That's what you've got to feel and do when it's time to win. It's easy to say, hard to do. But today was awesome. Really cool golf."

This wasn't easy. The final round was so tight there was a five-way tie for the lead with two hours remaining.

Walker's big run began with a 12-foot par on the 14th hole. One shot behind Harris English, Walker rolled in a 15-foot birdie putt on the 15th hole, and took the outright lead when English — behind him in the final group — failed to save par from a bunker.

Walker made a 7-foot birdie putt on the 16th, and stuck his tee shot into 6 feet for birdie on the par-3 17th. A par on the last hole made him wait just a little bit longer.

Chris Kirk had a 30-foot eagle chip from just short of the green on the par-5 18th that would have forced a playoff. It stayed right of the hole, and Kirk made the birdie putt for a 66 to finish alone in second place.



Eugene Tanner/AP

Jimmy Walker kisses the championship trophy after winning the Sony Open on Sunday at Waialae Country Club in Honolulu.

Jerry Kelly (65) was alone in third. English never recovered from his bogey. He missed birdie putts on the last three holes for a 67.

Walker won the Frys.com Open in October, the first tournament of the new wraparound season. As the first multiple winner on the PGA Tour this season, he went to No. 1 in the Ryder Cup standings and is closing in on cracking the top 30 in the world.

Walker finished at 17-under 263 and earned \$1.08 million. He already

qualified for his first Masters by winning in October. Now he's piling up the wins.

With so many players in contention, the key was to keep bogeys off the card. Walker had made at least two bogeys in each of the three previous rounds, and it looked as if he was headed for one at the wrong time on the 14th hole when he chipped from an awkward stance near the bunker to about 12 feet. Kelly missed a 15-foot par putt from the same line, and Walker poured it in.

Tavares leads NY Islanders over Stars

Associated Press

DALLAS — John Tavares scored with 1:24 to go and Brock Nelson added an empty-netter, leading the streaking New York Islanders to a 4-2 victory over the slumping Dallas Stars on Sunday.

Kyle Okposo had two goals in New York's fourth consecutive victory. The Islanders (18-22-7) also have won seven straight road games.

The Islanders rallied past the Stars after trailing 2-0 after one period for the second time in a week. This time, New York scored three goals in the final 4:16.

Dallas (20-18-7) has lost six in a row for the first time since March 2011.

Ray Whitney and Sergei Gonchar scored first-period goals for the Stars against goalie Kevin Poulin, who finished with 29 saves.

Tavares got a cross-ice pass from Calvin DeHaan and beat Dan Ellis from the right faceoff circle for his 21st goal of the season, including four against the Stars. Ellis scrambled to get back across the goal, and tried in vain to glove the puck before it went into the short side of the net.

Okposo scored in the second, and tied it at 15:44 of the third with a drive from the top of the right faceoff circle.

Ellis stopped 27 shots. The Stars' first goal was at 11:45 of the first period. Vernon Fiddler hustled in to pick up the puck against the back boards, and pushed it across to Alex Chiasson. He passed to Whitney skating into the left circle, and his shot went in past Poulin's left leg.

Gonchar then intercepted a pass inside the blue line, skated to the top of the right circle and fired a shot inside the left post at 18:12. It was the first goal of Gonchar's 19th NHL season.

Ellis stopped nine shots in the period to hold the Islanders scoreless.

Islanders..... 4 Stars..... 2

NHL Standings

NHL Standings table with Eastern and Western Conference divisions.

His best saves came on Thomas Vanek's drive from the left circle and Cal Clutterbuck's short-handed breakaway.

The Islanders began their comeback in the second period. They nearly scored 9 minutes in, but Ellis stopped Colin McDonald's tip from in front of the net.

Okposo then broke through for New York at 10:47 of the second, scoring from low in the right circle. Assistants went to Vanek and Tavares, who combined for three goals and four assists in the first meeting between the teams.

NOTES: In last Monday's game, Tavares tied a career high with five points. Vanek added two assists, but Okposo missed the game because of the birth of his first child.

SONY OPEN SCORES

Table of Sony Open scores for the top 20 players.

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NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

KINGS 124 CAVALIERS 80
SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Isaiah Thomas scored 26 points and the Sacramento Kings won their third straight game with this season's biggest rout, a 124-80 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Sunday night.

The Kings scored 16 straight points in the third quarter and led by 28 points heading into the fourth. The three-game winning streak is Sacramento's first since December 2012. The 44-point victory margin was the largest in the NBA this season, according to STATS.

C.J. Miles had 14 points and Luol Deng added 12 for the Cavaliers, who had won two straight.

Cleveland went just over five minutes without a basket in the third quarter, when it shot 4 of 20 and was outscored 30-11. The Cavaliers were outscored 65-30 in the second half.

Kyrie Irving, the Cavaliers' leading scorer, missed 11 of

14 shots, 3 of 4 free throws, and finished with seven points.

GRIZZLIES 108 HAWKS 101
MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Mike Conley had 21 points and 13 assists and Zach Randolph added 18 points and 12 rebounds to lead Memphis over Atlanta.

Paul Millsap scored 21 points to lead the Hawks, who had won two straight. It was only the Hawks' third loss to the Grizzlies in the past 15 games.

Memphis pulled away in the fourth quarter behind Conley, who tied a career best with 31 points in a victory over the Phoenix Suns on Friday. Conley had eight points in the final quarter, including two free throws that gave the Grizzlies a 102-92 lead with 2:46 left.

Mike Miller also had eight points in the fourth quarter for the Grizzlies, including two 3-pointers. He finished with 15 points.

Men NO. 12 LOUISVILLE 71 SMU 63
LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Luke Hancock had a career-high 23 points, including two free throws with 46 seconds remaining, for Louisville in a meeting of Hall of Fame coaches.

Hancock's second straight 20-point game helped Rick Pitino's Cardinals (14-3, 3-1 American Athletic Conference)

get the final word in his first collegiate matchup against Larry Brown and his Mustangs (11-4, 1-2).

Making his first start despite dealing with a left Achilles issue, the senior guard made 8 of 15 from the field — 4 of 9 from 3-point range — to help keep Louisville ahead in a tense game that Montrezl Harrell finally settled with a dunk and a block after Hancock's free throws.

Women TEXAS A&M 58 NO. 25 GEORGIA 44
ATHENS, Ga. — Courtney Walker scored 16 points to lead Texas A&M to its second straight win over a ranked team, beating No. 25 Georgia 58-44 on Sunday.

The Aggies (13-4, 3-0 SEC) took an early lead and never lost it, controlling the boards 50-35 and holding the Lady Bulldogs to 16-for-55 shooting

(29 percent). Both teams shot poorly from 3-point range, with Texas A&M hitting just 1 of 10 and Georgia faring even worse, making 1 of 15.

Jordan Jones contributed 13 points for the Aggies, while Tori Scott added 11, including the team's only 3-pointer to cap a 14-5 run early in the second half that kept the game out of reach. Achiri Ade pulled in 16 rebounds.

Georgia (12-5, 0-5) has now lost four straight.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES

Men SUNDAY'S TOP 25 FARED

1. Arizona (17-0) beat Southern Cal 73-53. Next: vs. Arizona State, Thursday.
2. Syracuse (16-0) did not play. Next: at Boston College, Monday.
3. Ohio State (15-2) lost to No. 20 Iowa 84-74. Next: at Minnesota, Thursday.
4. Wisconsin (16-0) did not play. Next: at Indiana, Tuesday.
5. Michigan State (15-1) did not play. Next: at Northwestern, Wednesday.
6. Wichita State (17-0) did not play. Next: vs. Bradley, Tuesday.
7. Baylor (13-2) did not play. Next: at Texas Tech, Wednesday.
8. Villanova (15-1) did not play. Next: vs. DePaul, Saturday.
9. Iowa State (14-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 18 Kansas, Monday.
10. Florida (12-2) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia, Tuesday.
11. Oklahoma State (14-2) did not play. Next: vs. TCU, Wednesday.
12. Louisville (14-3) beat SMU 71-63. Next: vs. Houston, Thursday.
13. San Diego State (14-1) beat Air Force 79-72. Next: vs. Fresno State, Wednesday.
14. Kentucky (12-3) did not play. Next: at Arkansas, Tuesday.
15. Kansas (11-4) lost to Washington 71-54. Next: vs. UCLA, Thursday.
16. Duke (12-4) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia, Monday.
17. Oregon (13-3) lost to Stanford 82-80. Next: at Oregon State, Sunday.
18. Kansas (11-4) did not play. Next: at No. 9 Iowa State, Monday.
19. UMass (14-1) did not play. Next: at George Mason, Wednesday.
20. Iowa (14-3) beat No. 3 Ohio State 84-74. Next: vs. Minnesota, Sunday.
21. Missouri (13-2) did not play. Next: at Vanderbilt, Thursday.
22. Gonzaga (14-3) did not play. Next: at Pepperdine, Thursday.
23. Illinois (13-4) lost to Northwestern 49-43. Next: vs. Purdue, Wednesday.
24. Memphis (12-3) did not play. Next: vs. UConn, Thursday.
25. Kansas State (12-4) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma, Tuesday.

Women SUNDAY'S TOP 25 FARED

1. UConn (17-0) did not play. Next: at No. 7 Baylor, Monday.
2. Notre Dame (15-0) beat Virginia 79-72. Next: at Pittsburg State, Thursday.
3. Duke (16-1) beat Boston College 78-57. Next: vs. Virginia, Thursday.
4. Stanford (15-1) beat No. 17 Colorado 87-77. Next: at Arizona, Friday.
5. Louisville (16-1) beat South Florida 62-54. Next: vs. UCF, Wednesday.
6. Maryland (14-1) did not play. Next: vs. Syracuse, Thursday.
7. Baylor (14-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 1 UConn, Monday.

Florida St. 85, Maryland 61
Louisville 71, SMU 63

MIDWEST
Akron 83, Ohio St. 80, 207
Brescia 84, Indiana-East 82
Crestmont 85, Xavier 89
Green Bay 83, Milwaukee 86, OT
Iowa St. 84, Ohio St. 74
N. Illinois 45, Bowling Green 36
Northwestern 49, Illinois 43
Purdue 70, Nebraska 64
Wright St. 58, Ill.-Chicago 53

EAST
Cantius 87, Monmouth (NJ) 67
Iona 87, Siena 78
La Salle 75, Duquesne 56
Marquette 88, Marist 79, OT
Rider 90, Niagara 78
St. Peter's 74, Quinnipiac 67
Stony Brook 73, Hartford 50

TODAY'S GAMES SOUTH
Virginia at Duke, 6 p.m.
Texas St. at Louisiana-Lafayette, 6 p.m.
NC Central at Bethune-Cookman, 6:30 p.m.
SC State at Coppin St., 6:30 p.m.
Northfolk St. at Delaware St., 6:30 p.m.
NC A&T at Florida A&M, 6:30 p.m.
Savannah St. at Howard, 6:30 p.m.
MVSU at Alabama A&M, 7:30 p.m.
Ark.-Pine Bluff at Alabama St., 7:30 p.m.
Grambling St. at Alcorn St., 7:30 p.m.
Jackson St. at Southern U., 7:30 p.m.
Tennessee St. at UTMartin, 7:30 p.m.

MIDWEST
Cleveland St. at Youngstown St., 6:05 p.m.
Kansas at Iowa St., 6 p.m.

FAR WEST
N. Arizona at S. Utah, 7 p.m.

EAST
CCNY at NJIT, 6 p.m.
Coll. of Charleston at Northeastern, 6 p.m.
Texas at West Virginia, 6 p.m.
Lafayette at Loyola (Md.), 6:30 p.m.
Syracuse at Boston College, 8 p.m.

8. Tennessee (13-3) lost to Vanderbilt 74-63. Next: at Mississippi State, Thursday.

9. Kentucky (14-3) beat Missouri 80-69. Next: at Auburn, Sunday.

10. South Carolina (16-1) beat Auburn 72-66. Next: at Texas A&M, Thursday.

11. Iowa State (14-1) did not play. Next: vs. West Virginia, Wednesday.

12. LSU (13-3) beat Florida 82-68. Next: at Missouri, Thursday.

13. North Carolina (14-3) beat No. 18 Florida State 65-61. Next: vs. Clemson, Thursday.

14. Penn State (11-4) lost to No. 21 Purdue 84-74. Next: vs. Ohio State, Thursday.

15. Oklahoma State (15-1) did not play. Next: vs. TCU, Tuesday.

16. Nebraska (12-3) beat Illinois 75-56. Next: vs. Minnesota, Thursday.

17. Colorado (11-4) lost to No. 4 Stanford 87-77. Next: at Washington State, Friday.

18. Florida State (14-2) lost to No. 13 North Carolina 65-61. Next: at No. 20 N.C. State, Thursday.

19. California (12-3) beat Utah 68-59. Next: at No. 23 Arizona State, Friday.

20. N.C. State (15-2) beat Wake Forest 62-54. Next: vs. No. 19 California, Friday.

21. Purdue (11-4) beat No. 14 Penn State 84-74. Next: vs. Michigan, Wednesday.

22. Indiana (14-1) did not play. Next: at Wisconsin, Wednesday.

23. Arizona State (14-2) beat UCLA 59-57. Next: vs. No. 18 Florida State, Thursday.

24. San Diego (15-2) did not play. Next: vs. BYU, Saturday.

25. Georgia (12-5) lost to Texas A&M 58-44. Next: vs. Arkansas, Thursday.

SUNDAY'S SCORES SOUTHWEST
Mississippi St. 54, Arkansas 50

FAR WEST
Arizona St. 59, UCLA 57
California 68, Utah 59
Bowling Green 61, Akron 65
Cleveland St. 98, Wright St. 82
Evansville 71, Drake 67
Indiana St. 47, Illinois St. 44
Iowa 82, Wisconsin 65
Loyola of Chicago 63, Missouri St. 61
Michigan St. 79, Michigan 72
Minnesota 84, Northwestern 59
N. Illinois 77, E. Michigan 54
N. Iowa 87, S. Illinois 53
Nebraska 75, Illinois 56
Ohio 70, W. Michigan 53
Toledo 68, Miami (Ohio) 52
Wichita St. 74, Bradley 72

SOUTH
Alabama 93, Mississippi 79
Clemson 77, Pittsburgh 67
Coll. of Charleston 101, William & Mary 65
Duke 78, Boston College 57
Hofstra 84, UNC Wilmington 85
James Madison 87, Delaware 51
Kentucky 80, Missouri 69
LSU 82, Florida 68
Louisville 62, South Florida 54
Miami 64, Virginia Tech 62
NC State 62, Wake Forest 54
North Carolina 65, Florida St. 61
Notre Dame 79, Virginia 72
South Carolina 72, Auburn 66
Texas A&M 58, Georgia 44
VCU 73, Saint Joseph's 69
Vanderbilt 74, Tennessee 63

EAST
Albany (NY) 69, Hartford 52
Cantius 76, Rider 72
Cent. Michigan 82, Buffalo 68
Purdue 84, Penn St. 74
Quinnipiac 77, Manhattan 74
St. Peter's 67, Niagara 55
Syracuse 76, Georgia Tech 70
Towson 66, Northeastern 65
West Virginia 56, Texas 49, OT

TODAY'S GAMES SOUTHWEST
UConn at Baylor, 6 p.m.

SOUTH
N.C. Central at Bethune-Cookman, 4:30 p.m.
S.C. State at Coppin St., 4:30 p.m.
Northfolk St. at Delaware St., 4:30 p.m.
Savannah St. at Howard, 4:30 p.m.
Chattanooga at Appalachian St., 5 p.m.
N.C. A&T at Florida A&M, 5 p.m.
Austin Peay at Morehead St., 5 p.m.
MVSU at Alabama A&M, 5:30 p.m.
Ark.-Pine Bluff at Alabama St., 5:30 p.m.
Jackson St. at Southern U., 5:30 p.m.
SE Missouri at UT Martin, 5:30 p.m.
Murray St. at Belmont, 6 p.m.
Winthrop at Coastal Carolina, 6 p.m.
UNC Greensboro at Davidson, 6 p.m.
Eion at Georgia Southern, 6 p.m.
Samford at W. Carolina, 6 p.m.
SIU Edwardsville at Jacksonville St., 7 p.m.
E. Illinois at Tennessee Tech, 7 p.m.
Grambling St. at Alcorn St., 7:30 p.m.

FAR WEST
S. Utah at Utah, 7:30 p.m.
Oregon at Oregon St., 9 p.m.

EAST
Moumt Ida at UMass-Lowell, 5 p.m.
CCSU at LIU Brooklyn, 5 p.m.
Iona at Marist, 6 p.m.
St. Francis (N.Y.) at Mount St. Mary's, 6 p.m.
Fairleigh Dickinson at Robert Morris, 6 p.m.
Bryant at St. Francis (Pa.), 6 p.m.
Sacred Heart at Wagner, 6 p.m.

NBA STANDINGS AND BOXES

STANDINGS EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	18	17	.514	—
Brooklyn	15	22	.405	4
New York	14	22	.389	4 1/2
Boston	13	25	.342	6 1/2
Philadelphia	12	25	.324	7

Southwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	27	10	.730	—
Atlanta	20	18	.526	7 1/2
Washington	16	19	.457	10
Charlotte	15	23	.395	12 1/2
Orlando	10	27	.270	17

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	29	7	.806	—
Chicago	17	18	.486	11 1/2
Detroit	16	22	.421	14
Cleveland	13	24	.351	16 1/2
Milwaukee	7	29	.194	22

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	29	8	.784	—
Houston	24	14	.632	5 1/2
Dallas	22	16	.579	7 1/2
Memphis	17	19	.472	11 1/2
New Orleans	15	21	.417	13 1/2

Northwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	28	9	.757	—
Oklahoma City	26	9	.757	—
Denver	19	17	.526	8 1/2
Minnesota	18	19	.486	10
Utah	12	26	.316	16 1/2

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	26	13	.667	—
Golden State	25	14	.641	—
Phoenix	21	15	.583	3 1/2
L.A. Lakers	14	23	.378	11
Sacramento	13	22	.371	11

Sunday's Scores
Sacramento 124, Cleveland 80
Memphis 108, Atlanta 101
San Antonio 104, Minnesota 86

Today's Games
Milwaukee at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Houston at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Utah, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY'S BOXES
SPURS 104, TIMBERWOLVES 86
MINNESOTA (8): Brewer 15-0-2, Love 3-14-8-11, Pekovic 10-15-2-22, Rubio 3-8-0-7, Martin 2-12-2-26, Budinger 2-8-0-5, Shved 4-7-0-11, Tunali 0-1-0-0, Barea 3-9-3-3, Cunningham 3-8-0-6, Mban 1-0-0-0, Pritch 2-3-0-4, Deng 0-0-0-0. Totals 33-93, 15-18-86.

SAN ANTONIO (104): Leonard 8-11-0-17,

Duncan 5-9-5-6-15, Diaw 3-4-0-0-7, Parker 5-11-4-14, Green 0-1-0-0-0, Bellinelli 5-8-2-13, Bonner 5-10-0-4-14, Ayres 4-7-0-8, Mills 4-6-0-0-10, Joseph 0-4-0-0-0, Baynes 1-1-0-0-2, De Colo 2-2-0-4, Totals 42-74-11-14, 104.

MINNESOTA 21 28 22 -15 -- 86
SAN ANTONIO 28 24 28 23 -- 104
3-Point Goals—Minnesota 5-17 (Shved 3-4, Budinger 1-2, Rubio 1-2, Brewer 0-1, Mban 0-1, Love 0-2, Barea 0-2, Martin 0-3), San Antonio 9-13 (Bonner 4-5, Mills 2-3, Diaw 1-1, Leonard 1-1, Bellinelli 1-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Minnesota 44 (Love 7), San Antonio 54 (Duncan 8). Assists—Minnesota 17 (Rubio 8), San Antonio 31 (Parker 10). Total Fouls—Minnesota 13, San Antonio 19. Technicals—Duncan A—18,098 (18,797).

GRIZZLIES 108, HAWKS 101
ATLANTA (101): Carroll 5-9-3-4-15, Millsap 7-14-6-21, Ayon 0-1-0-0-0, Teague 9-18-1-3-20, Korver 4-10-0-0-9, Scott 6-13-0-0-15, Brand 4-4-0-8, Williams 0-6-4-6-4, Mack 3-5-2-3-9. Totals 38-80, 16-24, 101.

MEMPHIS (108): Prince 5-11-0-0-11, Randolph 5-10-8-9-18, Koufos 5-6-1-2-11, Conley 7-15-7-7-21, Lee 7-12-0-0-15, Davis 3-6-0-2-6, Calathes 1-2-0-0-2, Miller 6-8-0-0-15, Johnson 3-7-0-0-7, Leuer 1-6-0-0-2. Totals 43-83, 16-20, 108.

ATLANTA 18 23 31 29-101
MEMPHIS 21 27 29 31-108
3-Point Goals—Atlanta 9-27 (Scott 3-8, Carroll 2-5, Korver 1-2, Millsap 1-3, Mack 1-3), Teague 1-3, Williams 0-3, Memphis 6-15 (Miller 3-5, Prince 1-1, Lee 1-3, Johnson 1-3, Conley 0-1, Leuer 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 48 (Korver, Ayon 7), Memphis 46 (Randolph 12). Assists—Atlanta 25 (Millsap 6), Memphis 26 (Conley 13). Total Fouls—Atlanta 16, Memphis 17 A—16,841 (18,119).

KINGS 124, CAVALIERS 80
CLEVELAND (80): Deng 5-11-12-12, T.Thompson 2-5-2-2-6, Varejao 4-7-2-2-10, Irving 3-14-1-4-7, Miles 5-8-1-1-14, Walters 1-7-1-2-4, Zeller 3-4-0-4-6, Jack 1-6-0-0-2, Clark 4-7-1-2-11, Dellavedova 0-1-0-0-0, Bennett 1-5-1-2-3, Gee 1-3-2-3, Karasev 1-2-0-0-2. Totals 31-80, 11-23, 80.

SACRAMENTO (124): Gay 8-12-1-20, J.Thompson 4-11-0-0-8, Cousins 5-9-6-7-16, Thomas 7-15-10-11-26, Thornton 2-4-0-0-5, Acy 2-3-1-1-5, Williams 4-6-3-5-13, McLemore 2-7-4-4-9, Fredette 5-9-0-1-13, Outlaw 2-4-0-0-6, McCullum 1-1-0-0-3. Totals 42-81, 25-30, 124.

Cleveland 32 18 11 19 -- 80
Sacramento 30 29 30 35 -- 124
3-Point Goals—Cleveland 7-21 (Miles 3-3, Clark 2-3, Deng 1-3, Walters 1-5, Karasev 0-1, Dellavedova 0-1, Jack 0-2, Irving 0-3), Sacramento 15-30 (Fredette 3-5, Gay 3-5, Williams 2-3, Outlaw 2-3, Thomas 2-7, McCullum 1-1, Thornton 1-3, McLemore 1-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Cleveland 46 (Varejao 7), Sacramento 59 (J.Thompson 13). Assists—Cleveland 23 (Varejao 6), Sacramento 21 (Thomas 6). Total Fouls—Cleveland 23, Sacramento 23. Technicals—Cleveland defensive three, second A—16,072 (17,317).

STREAK

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maintaining their own and breaking others.

Baylor is the third team to reach 69 straight home wins. Tennessee had its streak broken by UConn in 1996; the Huskies had their string snapped by Duke in 2004.

UConn holds the NCAA record with 99 wins in a row at home, a streak ended nearly two years ago by St. John's. The closest any team has gotten to that was Stanford, with 82 straight until UConn won at Maples Pavilion last season.

"Games like this always kind of test you and test how much your team has grown," said Breanna Stewart, UConn's top scorer at 18.1 points per

game. "Everyone is going to have to show up and prove how much they've gotten better."

This will be the fifth meeting between the powerhouse women's programs with the two active coaches who have won the largest percentage of their games. Auriemma has an 856-133 record (.866 winning percentage) in his 29th season, and Kim Mulkey is 386-82 (.825) in her 14th season at Baylor. They are 2-2 against each other.

"I like getting away from whatever league games you are playing. I like the bigness of it. I like the challenge of it," Auriemma said.

Both teams are coming off lopsided home wins Saturday to stay undefeated in their respective

conferences. American Athletic Conference-leading UConn beat Temple 80-36. Baylor won 80-46 over TCU and is the only Big 12 team without a league loss.

"It's not like (today) is going to take all the focus and all the attention away from winning your conference championship," Auriemma said. "When was the last time a conference championship was important? Baylor is playing for a national championship. Connecticut is playing for a national championship."

Mulkey, the only women's coach to win a national title as a player and a coach, takes a different approach. "I just prioritize. I think your conference is more important," Mulkey said. "I said that when we were No. 1 in the conference.

Your conference comes first, then the NCAA tournament. I guess he just has a difference of opinion. He's certainly entitled to his opinion, he's won eight championships. But for our team, we're not over-emphasizing it."

UConn and the Lady Bears first met in the 2010 Final Four, a 70-50 win by the Huskies that ended Brittney Griner's freshman season. This will be the first meeting without the 6-foot-8 center and two-time AP player of the year.

No. 2 Baylor lost 65-64 at the No. 1 Huskies early in the next season. The Lady Bears were the No. 1 team and won the last two meetings — a 1-2 matchup in Waco two seasons ago and at then-No. 3 UConn last year.

SPURS

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team, one through 14 or 15, and everybody's ready to step in and contribute."

The reserves also were critical defensively against a Timberwolves team that was averaging 107.6 point per game.

Nikola Pekovic scored 22 points to lead Minnesota, but was held to eight in the second half. Kevin Love had 14 points and Alexey Shved added 11.

Love had 42 points in his previous matchup with San Antonio on Dec. 13, shooting 8 for 9 on 3-pointers. He was unable to generate anything close to that Sunday, missing his only two 3-point attempts. He finished 3-for-14 shooting, struggling to get clean looks off against Bonner, Jeff Ayres and Boris Diaw.

"They were very physical with Kevin Love everywhere he moved," Minnesota coach Rick Adelman said. "We have to figure out a way to help him out a little bit, see if we can't have an answer for that."

The Timberwolves went inside to Pekovic early, who rewarded the team with a pair of short jumpers over Duncan. He finished with 14 points and three rebounds in the first half, but was limited to eight points and three rebounds in the second half while battling Duncan, Ayres and Baynes for positioning.

"Pek's huge, he's a strong boy," Duncan said. "He killed us on the offensive glass, especially in the first half. He had a great game tonight all around."

With the defense limiting Minnesota, San Antonio turned to its ball-sharing offense to seal the victory. The Spurs had 31 assists on their 42 field goals while shooting 57 percent from the field.

"That's just Spurs basketball," Love said. "They're very unselfish, they make the extra play and that's tough to beat, especially

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The 33-year-old Williams, the second-oldest player in the tournament and seven-time Grand Slam singles champion, took some time out after the second set to change her zebra-striped dress and came back strongly, taking a 3-0 lead. But Makarova rallied again and Williams' error count rose — she had 21 of her 56 unforced errors in the deciding set.

She has struggled with injuries and illness in recent seasons but reached the final of the WTA event at Auckland to open the year and said after arriving at Melbourne Park that she was feeling better than she had in years.

"The last 12 months I have had issues, but this year I definitely am looking forward to having a good run and feeling well."

That didn't happen today. "My level was a little bit too up and down. Obviously my error count was a little high," Williams said. "I have



Andrew Brown/ILWAP

Venus Williams yells in frustration during her first round loss to Ekaterina Makarova today at the Australian Open in Melbourne, Australia.

to give her a lot of credit, though, she was very determined, played hard."

It was only the second time in 14 appearances that Williams lost in the first round at the Australian Open, where her best run remains a loss to her sister in the 2003 final.

"It was a really tough match to play someone like Venus in the first

round, she is such a great player," Makarova said. "At 3-0 down (in the final set), I decided I had to fight for every point. I just kept fighting and I turned around the match."

Makarova will meet another American in the second round after qualifier Irina Falconi beat Anabel Medina Garrigues of Spain 6-3, 6-1.

Two-time finalist Li Na beating Ana Konjuh of Croatia — the youngest player in the tournament — 6-2, 6-0 in 61 minutes in the first round to set up a meeting with another 16-year-old in the next after Belinda Bencic of Switzerland accounted for 43-year-old Japanese veteran Kimiko Date-Krumm in three sets. Date-Krumm was 27 years older than Bencic, the reigning French Open and Wimbledon junior champion.

Li, who lost finals to Victoria Azarenka last year and Kim Clijsters in 2011, has advanced to at least the fourth round every year since 2010.

"This is my favorite Grand Slam," said Li. "Always looking forward to come back to Melbourne."

No. 18-seeded Kirsten Flipkens, a Wimbledon semifinalist last year, was the first woman to advance when she beat Britain's Laura Robson 6-3, 6-0. Flipkens made only four unforced errors against

32 for Robson, who was ranked 48th and knocked out 2011 Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova in reaching the third round at last year's Australian Open.

Also advancing on the women's side were No. 9 Angelique Kerber and No. 31 Daniela Hantuchová.

Eighth-seeded Stanislas Wawrinka was the first man through to the second round, advancing after just 15 games when Andrej Golubev retired with an injured left leg.

Wawrinka, who lost 12-10 in the fifth set to eventual champion Novak Djokovic in the fourth round here last year in the longest Grand Slam match of 2013, was leading 6-4, 6-1 when his Kazakhstan rival quit after 65 minutes.

Wawrinka won the Chennai Open in India to start 2014 and is one of the big threats on the bottom half of the draw that includes three-time defending champion Djokovic and No. 3 David Ferrer.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN RESULTS

Monday
At Melbourne Park
Melbourne, Australia
Prize: \$29.72 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Men
First Round
Stanislas Wawrinka (9), Switzerland, def. Andrej Golubev, Kazakhstan, 6-4, 4-1, retired.
Mikhail Youzhny (14), Russia, def. Jan-Lennard Struff, Germany, 6-1, 6-4, 6-2.
Ivan Dodig (32), Croatia, def. Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, 7-6 (8), 6-3, 7-6 (4).
Sam Querrey, United States, def. Santiago Giraldo, Colombia, 6-3, 6-2, 3-6, 7-6 (3).
Daniil Medvedev, Russia, def. Jan Hajek, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-2, 6-1.
Adrian Panatta, France, def. Steve Johnson, United States, 3-6, 6-3, 6-0, 5-7, 6-4.
Alejandro Falla, Colombia, def. Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, 6-7 (2), 6-2, 6-2, 6-3.
Florian Mayer, Germany, def. Denis Kudla, United States, 6-4, 6-2, 6-4.
Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, def. Dudi Sela, Israel, 3-6, 7-6 (3), 6-7 (3), 6-3, 6-3.

Women
First Round
Karolina Pliskova, Czech Republic, def. Pauline Parmentier, France, 6-0, 6-1.
Kirsten Flipkens (18), Belgium, def. Laura Robson, Britain, 6-3, 6-0.
Irina Falconi, United States, def. Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, 6-3, 6-1.
Monica Puig, Puerto Rico, def. Anne Tatishvili, Georgia, 6-2, 6-4.
Angelique Kerber (9), Germany, def. Jarmila Gajdosova, Australia, 6-3, 0-6, 6-2.
Alia Kudryavtseva, Russia, def. Caroline Garcia, France, 6-2, 7-6 (7).
Belinda Bencic, Switzerland, def. Kimiko Date-Krumm, Japan, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.
Casey Dellacqua, Australia, def. Vera Zvonareva, Russia, 6-2, 6-2.
Ekaterina Makarova (22), Russia, def. Venus Williams, United States, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.
Daniela Hantuchova (31), Slovakia, def. Heather Watson, Britain, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3.
Li Na (4), China, def. Ana Konjuh, Croatia, 6-2, 6-0.
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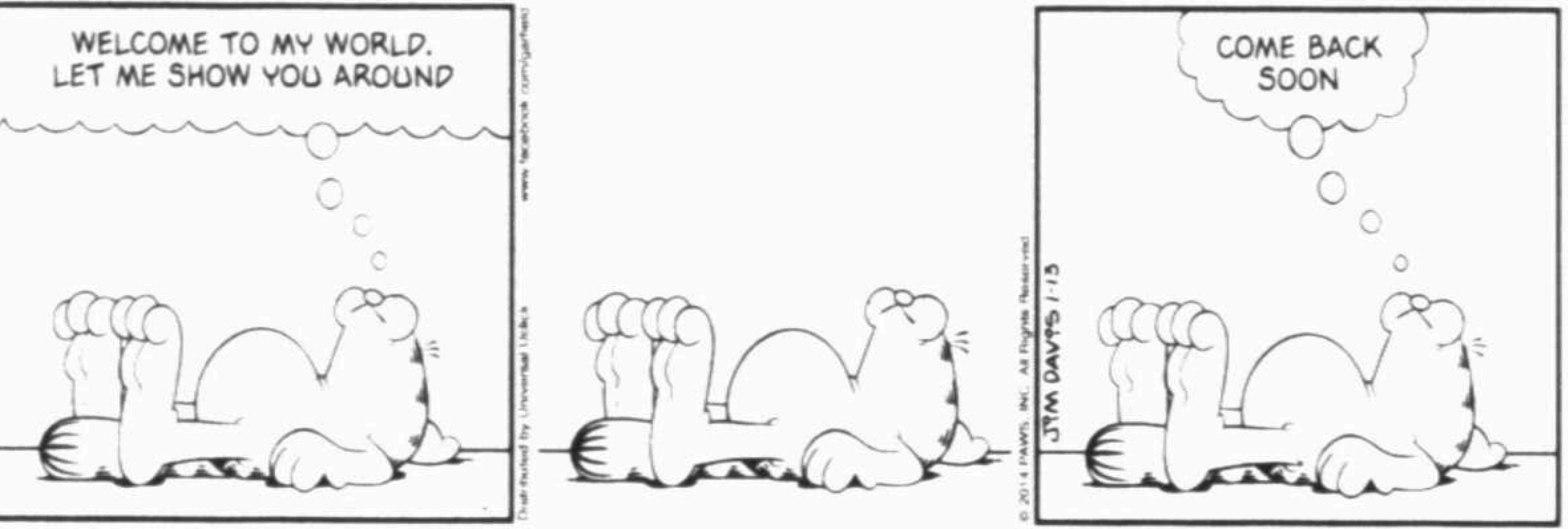
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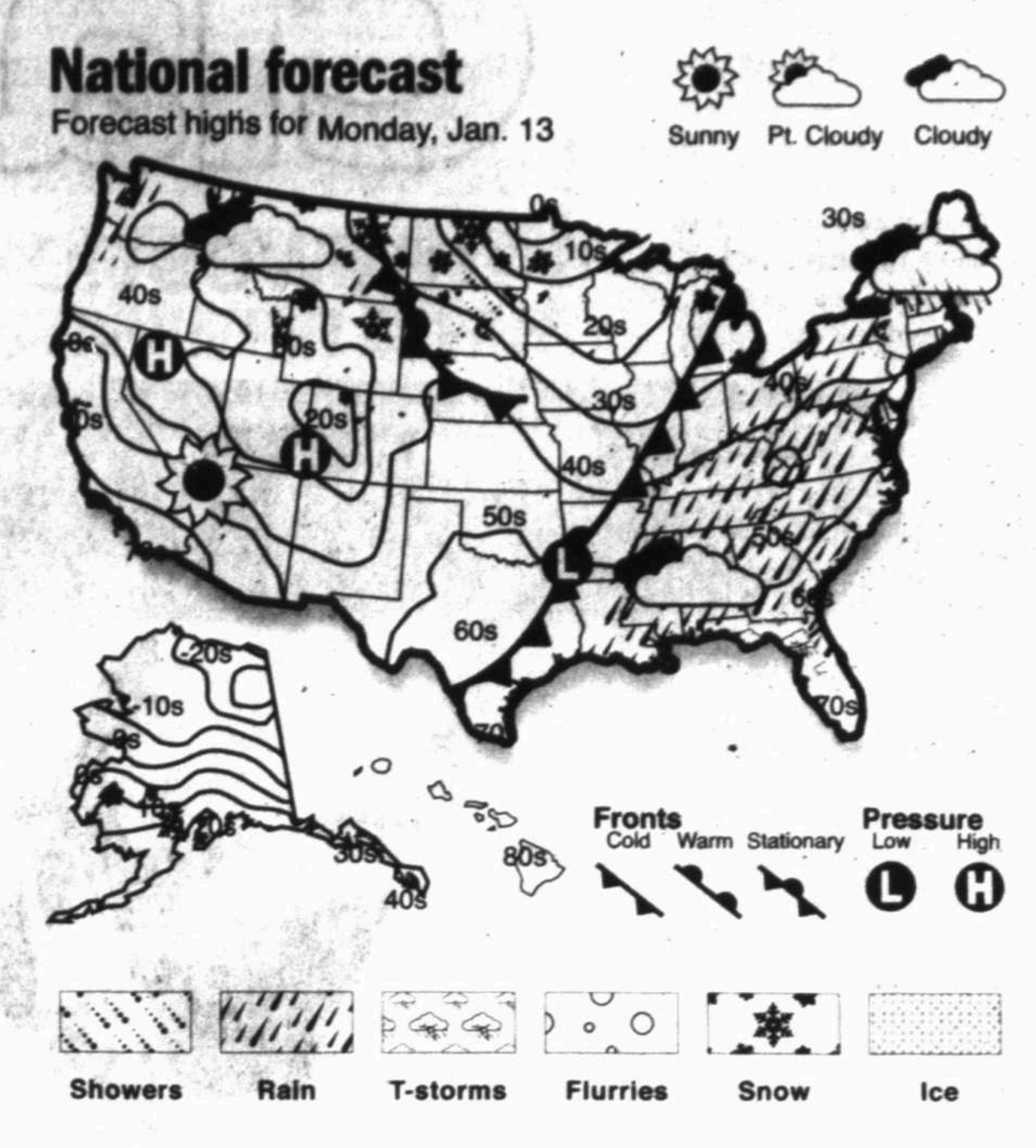
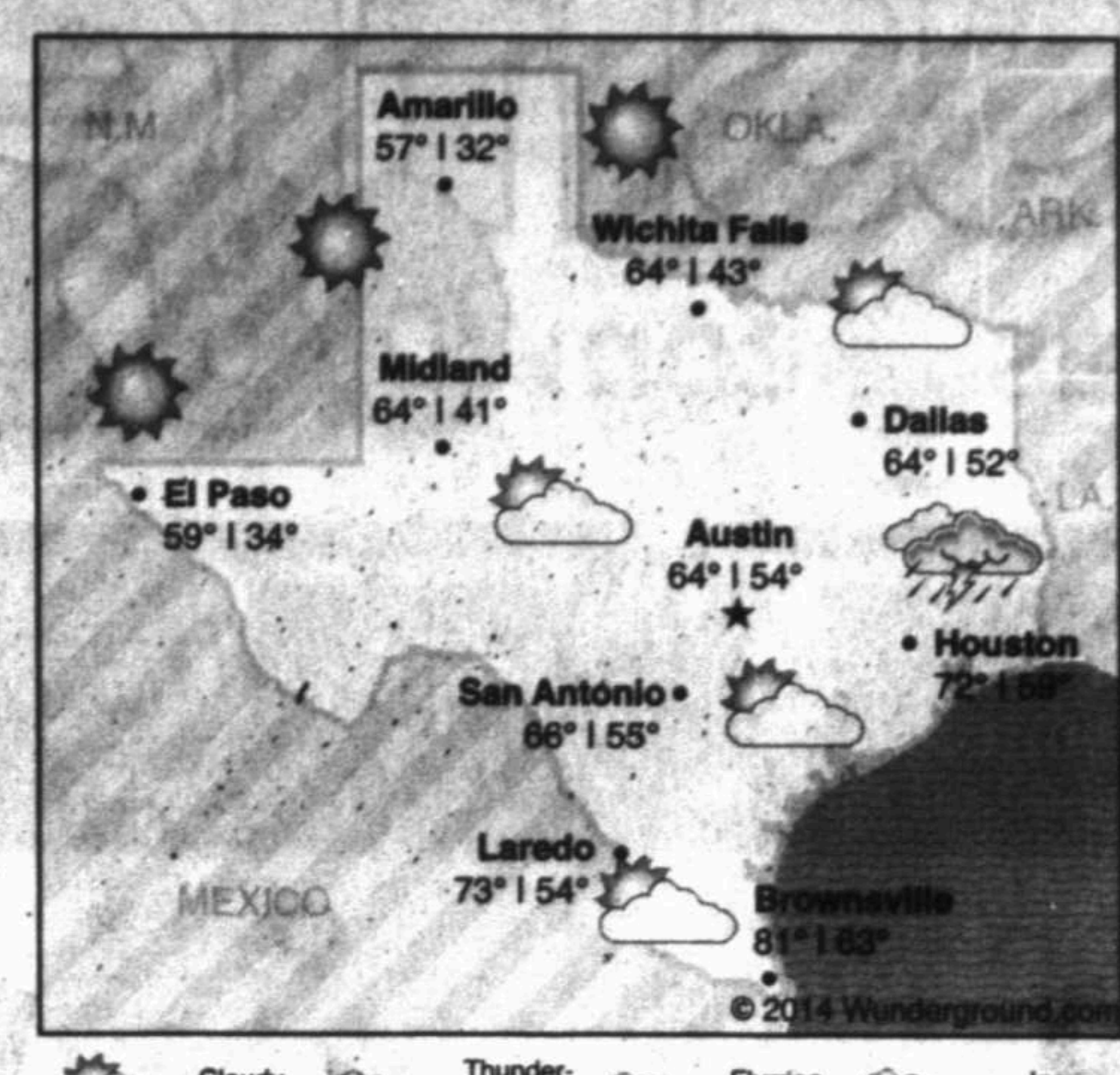
Local forecast

Expect sunny skies today with a high around 61 and northwest winds between 5 and 10 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for clear conditions with a low around 31 and west winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday, look for sunny skies with a high around 62 and west winds between 5 and 15 mph becoming northeast in the afternoon. Expect mostly clear conditions at night, with a low around 31 and northeast winds between 5 and 10 mph becoming south after midnight.

Wednesday, the forecast calls for sunny skies during the day, clear skies at night, with a high around 62 and a low around 36.

The high on Sunday reached 78, while the low dropped to 45. The record high for Jan. 12 is 79 set in 2000. The record low is 5 set in 1963.



National forecast

Milder air will get pumped across the East Coast on Monday with an area of high pressure sitting offshore.

The warming will occur ahead of a cold front causing rain to stretch from the eastern Great Lakes to the central Gulf Coast, which will also have thunderstorms.

Precipitation

Saturday	0.00 in.
Sunday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	0.00 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.17 in.

Sunday's temperatures

High	78
Low	45
Normal high	57
Normal low	30
Sunrise	7:50 a.m.
Sunset	6:05 p.m.

Reformed bully still regrets the pain she caused others

DEAR ABBY: You said in your Nov. 14 column on bullying that you hadn't received a single letter from anyone who had bullied others. Well, I was a bully.

As a young girl I'd tease and taunt, and when I was older I used sarcasm as a way to bully. I was involved in an abusive relationship in my 20s. With support and counseling, I was able to stop being abused and being abusive.

I learned the feelings I had repressed — shame, fear and low self-worth from a childhood of sexual and physical abuse — were misdirected at the people around me instead of at my abuser, my father, as they should have been. I'm not saying this is an excuse for the hurt I inflicted on others, but for me there was a correlation.

I'm now in a loving and supportive relationship. We have raised our children to be kind, thoughtful and confident individuals. I'm involved with an organization supporting nonprofit programs in our community that empower abused children, reach out to the sexually exploited and help women experiencing domestic violence.

Because of the life I lead now, I have been able to let go of the negativity and shame of being abused, but the shame of being abusive stays with me. I hope the people I hurt have forgiven me and have been

DEAR ABBY

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able to move forward. But I will never know for sure.

Thank you for allowing me to share my story. Even if it doesn't get printed, writing it has lifted a little bit of the weight that I still carry from my bullying days. — REDEEMING MYSELF OUT WEST

DEAR REDEEMING: Confession is good for the soul, and if getting this off your chest has been helpful, I'm glad. Obviously, you have grown since the days when you were an abuser, and your focus on helping vulnerable people in your community is laudable. I hope you will continue the work that you're doing because there is great need for it.

If your letter makes just one person stop and think twice about WHY he or she would deliberately hurt or diminish someone else, it will have been worth the space in my column because sometimes those scars can last a lifetime.

DEAR ABBY: I recently lost a niece. She had struggled

with substance abuse and was away at college when she died. I believed in what a wonderful person she was and could be, and often sent her cards of encouragement.

When my sister and her husband went to retrieve her belongings, they mentioned that she had my cards around her room. I had hoped that her parents would give them to me, but three months later, they have not. Would it be wrong for me to ask for them? — LOVING AUNT IN THE SOUTH

DEAR LOVING AUNT: Please accept my sympathy for your family's loss. The cards may not have been offered because your sister and her husband are experiencing the depths of grief. While it would not be "wrong" to ask if you can have them, don't be surprised if they refuse to let them go -- at least for the time being. Having the possessions their daughter surrounded herself with may be important to them right now as a way of feeling closer to her.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ K 9 5 2 ♥ A K 9 2 ♦ A 7 ♣ 10 9 3
Right-hand opponent opens one club. What call would you make?
A — Many experts today believe that a hand like this, with four cards in each major, full values to enter the auction, but flawed by holding only two cards in the unbid minor, is worth a take-out double. Should partner bid diamonds, pass and hope he has a lot of them. Double!

Q 2 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ K J 10 9 ♥ A K Q J 9 8 ♦ Void ♣ 8 7 2
The bidding:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1♥ 1♠ 2♥ 2♠
What call would you make?
A — Without the spade overcall on our left, we would bid four hearts and expect to have good play for it. The overcall is a red flag and we should take heed of it. Bid three hearts.

Q 3 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A 8 6 4 2 ♥ A K Q 4 3 ♦ Void ♣ A 7 4
The bidding:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
2♣ Pass ?
Partner opens with a weak two-bid. What call would you make?
A — A void in partner's suit is a good reason to be cautious, but this hand is just too good. Should he hold three cards in either major, we should have a fair to excellent chance for 10 tricks. Bid two spades, forcing, and bid three hearts next if he doesn't raise spades.

Q 4 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A K 7 5 ♥ A 9 7 4 ♦ J ♣ A J 9 2
The bidding:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1♠ Pass 1♥ Pass
What call would you make?
A — Should you and your partner employ splinter bids as part of your system, this hand is perfect. Bid four diamonds, showing game-forcing values and at most one diamond. Bid four hearts if that gadget is not available.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Business attire
- Somewhat
- Punches hard
- Tolstoy's "Karenina"
- Jazz singer
- Packing rope
- Hot spot
- What gears do
- Addition to a school, say
- Noncash executive compensation
- Siamese or Abyssinian
- Solo in "Star Wars"
- Seminary deg.
- Dog tags, for instance
- Close boxing match outcome
- Part of a foot
- Norway's capital
- Low soccer score
- Aquatic plant
- Work wk. end for many
- "Lama Ding Dong": doo-wop hit
- Enter
- Hurricane rescue op
- Omnivorous Looney Tunes devil, familiarly
- Folgers competitor
- Greek letter between phi and psi
- Airline approx.
- Tee or blouse
- Sandwich meat
- Randomly determined NBA draft choice
- "Me, too"
- Use a piggy bank
- Overflow with, as charm
- Prelude, for short
- Hawaiian strings
- Thief's haul
- Explosive experiment
- Felt tips and ballpoints
- Dumbo's wings

DOWN

- Log cutters
- Condo division
- "Inside" facts, briefly
- Meditative exercise regimen
- Teardrop-shaped nutlike snacks
- Answering machine cue
- Part of MIT: Abbr.
- South Seas getaway
- Substitute (for)
- "To thine ___ self be true"
- Ohio city
- Work on dough
- Titillating cellphone messages
- Green Hornet's sidekick
- Extremely
- Male deer
- Game on horseback
- Valid
- Christmas toymaker
- Gadget used on an apple
- ___ the fields we go"
- PC alternative
- Relax in a hammock
- California's Santa ___
- ICU drips
- Poet whose work inspired "Cats"
- Director
- Preminger
- Woman on stage
- Bok ___: Chinese cabbage
- Consumes avidly
- Take a stand against
- Series of links
- Lacks
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- State known for its caucuses
- Business bigwig
- Gunpowder holders
- "Doubtfire"

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Jan. 13, 2014:

This year your focus remains on your daily life and on your relationships. You'll have a goal in mind and, with endurance, you can make it happen. Don't focus on the obstacles; instead, focus on the end results. If you are single, in the next six months, you could meet someone of significance. Do not settle right now. Go for what you want. If you are attached, the two of you might disagree about who should take out the garbage, but your relationship will evolve to a much closer and intimate level. **CANCER** challenges you in many ways.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You could be set on having certain results, most likely involving your finances. You will communicate your determination, but there are others involved who might be less enthusiastic. This conversation could continue for several days. Tonight: At home, indulging in a fun pastime.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Others will want to have a discussion with you involving your funds. You might need to distance yourself a bit, but still be aware of where they are coming from. Try not to cut off the parties involved; instead, just change the topic. Tonight: Have a long-overdue chat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You will turn whatever is going on into a social happening. Be aware of what you are doing and why. In this case, you might want to help someone lighten up. However, keep in mind that sometimes your actions could backfire. Tonight: Buy a special gift for a loved one.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★ Take a back seat until you gain a greater perspective and a better sense of direction. You might not be as tuned in to a situation as you think you are. Do some research, and keep your judgments to yourself for now. Tonight: Let go of today, and enjoy living.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Use the daylight hours to the max. You could feel as if a family member is holding you back. Listen to your inner voice in this situation. Your ability to go for what you want will be unfettered by this person. Tonight: Go for some extra R and R.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Others will follow, once they understand why you're doing what you're doing. You might feel as if you have taken on too much. You need to emphasize what you want from others. Understand that they will be more responsive later in the evening. Tonight: A late discussion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Reach out for new information. If you don't, you won't be able to make a solid decision. There will be a lot going on around you; sort through as much of it as you can. You might note that a common thread runs through these different issues. Tonight: Work late.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Your instincts will kick in when dealing with a partner and/or a financial matter. Your sixth sense could go against your logic, but it likely is right-on. Detach some, and revisit this issue later. You will understand a lot more at that time. Let go for now. Tonight: As you like it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Others really want you to hear what they think. Your knee-jerk response might not be positive. Stop, and get to the bottom of what is happening with you first. Try not to give feedback until you clear up your feelings. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Pace yourself. Stop and visit with someone in your daily life who could seem off. You have the capacity and organization to make time for this person. You might decide to return calls and schedule a meeting toward the end of the day. Tonight: Reach out to a loved one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Your playfulness might be ending to some, but it won't be to a boss, who might be quite stern and difficult to deal with. Stop, take a deep breath and adjust to the moment. How you see a situation could change radically as a result. Tonight: Be constructive.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Realize that it is OK if you have a difficult time starting the day. If you can take a personal day, you could enjoy some extra time at home. Know that you will lighten up in either case; you just have a case of the Monday blues. This, too, will pass. Tonight: Choose a stressbuster.

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Sealed proposals addressed to the Superintendent and Board of Trustees of Greenwood Independent School District will be received at the Administration Building, 2700 FM 1379, Midland, Texas 79706 until February 5, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. for the Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment System.
Immediately following the closing time for receipt of bids, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Distance Learning Center. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Bids will be tabulated and presented to the Board of Trustees for action at a later date.
Information for bidders, proposal forms, specifications and plans are on file at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. Consulting Engineers, 4222 85th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79423.
Copies of the plans, specifications and contract documents may be secured at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. Consulting Engineers, 4222 85th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79423 (Phone 806 473 2200 as follows:
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FOUND ON Nelson Road, ladies ring Call 694-6116 to identify.

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FEMALE LAB MIX small brown and tan 35-40 lbs found on Edgewood between Cuthbert and Illinois, no tags, no collar, please call 432-631-3533

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BMW of the Permian Basin
2715 Andrews Hwy - Midland
437-577-3900

2009 BMW 528i
Alpine/Cream Beige
Prem Xenon Assist & Bluetooth, 98k miles

2011 BMW X5 50i
Jet Black / Bik Sport Activity, Cold, Tech, Spare saver, Head up Active seats 13k miles, CPO

2013 BMW 335i Convertible
Jet Black/Bik Conv, Prem, Nav, Sat, Tough Loading System heated seats 4k miles, DEMO

2013 BMW 535i Dark Graphite / Bik M sport, Tech, Prem, heated, head up display 6k miles, Service loaner

2013 BMW 528xi
Space Gray/Oyster Prem, Heated seats, rear view camera, Nav, 4k miles, Demo

2007 GMC Yukon
Gray/Bik Sat, Rear Seat Ent, 3rd row, 125k Super Clean

2012 BMW 535i
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Bik/Bik Harman Kardon, Nav, 20k miles

2012 BMW 328i Coupe
Mineral White/Oyster M sport, Prem, hi-fi, nav, 12k miles

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Duties for this position will include, but are not limited to selling advertising in all print publications of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and all online products, including mywesttexas.com.

Qualifications & Skills:

- Ability to work in a fast-paced, deadline oriented environment
- Excellent customer service and time management skills
- Highly organized with the ability to work independently with minimal supervision
- Detail-oriented with good communication, spelling and math skills

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This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position, requires: night shift/weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.

Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities
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JOB REQUIREMENTS:

- Ability to read and write
- Ability to lift up to 50 lbs.
- Ability to bend and reach overhead
- Ability to count accurately and do simple math
- Able to operate a forklift and willing to be certified
- Be reliable, responsible and able to follow instructions
- Capable of standing and walking for extended period of time
- Able to work in various environments that include winter and summer conditions.
- Must be able to work weekends when necessary

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Accurate loading and unloading of printed materials in a safe and efficient manner
- Ensure material are efficiently/properly stacked and stored in appropriate and designated areas
- Perform other non-forklift duties when assigned

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Looking for experienced backhoe operator with Class A CDL. Call: (432) 556-6534 or (432) 557-2025

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Minimal 2 yrs experience or 5 yrs manual lathe experience. Must have knowledge of all gauge use and API connections. Pay depends on experience. Contact Ismael at 432-557-8535

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Custom Powder Coater-2 years custom coating experience desired. Wage depends on experience. Benefits include medical insurance, paid time off, life insurance (employer paid), long term disability (employer paid), dental insurance, paid holidays & 401K. Please reply at Composite Lining Systems, 7812 W Hwy 80, Midland, TX 79706 or email humanresources@glassbore.com. Call 432-617-0242 for more information.

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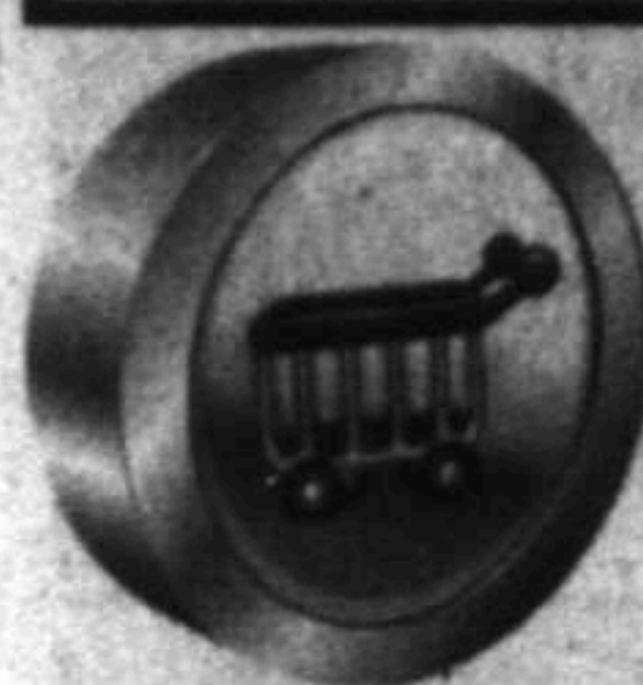


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