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The oil industry might have missed an opportunity to show it could be a good steward of the economy and environment.

Coming Tuesday

Diamondback exec: The recovery will come

Speaker: Permian Basin will be first area to 'shine'

By Trevor Hawes
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Diamondback Energy Vice President and CEO Michael Hollis spoke Thursday at an event co-hosted by the Permian Basin chapter of the International Association of Directional Drilling and the Young Professionals group of the Society of Petroleum Engineers.

From home plate, Hollis spoke to a crowd of about 120 sitting in the stands at Security Bank Ballpark and hit on key concerns of vendors and operators alike amid the current state of prolonged depressed oil prices.

To start, he said that speaking at the ballpark was inspiring.

"As I stand here, I can't help but think of the Kevin Costner movie 'Field of Dreams.' He built a ball field in the middle of the cornfield because he was told, 'If you build it, they well come,'" he said, quoting a famous line that has endured since the film's release in 1989. "Now, imagine building an oilfield in the middle of the desert like Midland, Texas. If you build it, they will come."

Hollis said that, despite what many consider a lack of beauty above ground in the Permian, there is a "bountiful basket" of minerals below.

"This rock right here beneath our feet makes many of our geologic brethren get misty-eyed when they think of the rock," he said.

The abundance of oil in the Permian makes the basin the most prolific in the lower 48 states. Hollis noted that the Permian is a safe haven for investors, even amid low oil prices. The downturn won't

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Eggstravaganza

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Victoria Lopez helps her 2-year-old daughter, Amaya, hunt for easter eggs during the annual 2016 Easter Bash car show Saturday at Beal Park. Send in your Easter pictures to news@mrt.com.

County fire marshal to call for burn ban continuation

From staff reports

Midland County Fire Marshal Dale Little plans to call for a continuation of a burn ban that started more than five months ago.

The Commissioners' Court agenda for today calls for commissioners to discuss and take action on the ban.

While the U.S. Drought Monitor didn't classify Midland County as experiencing any drought conditions, the National Weather Service has reported "red flag" conditions, which according to the NWS, "alert land management agencies about the onset, or possible onset, of critical weather and fuel moisture conditions that could lead to rapid or dramatic increases in wildfire activity."

Also, wildfires were reported last week around Big Lake and the Panhandle.

"The best chance of seeing more fire weather will take place the middle of (this) week," Rick Hluchan, meteorologist with the NWS, said last week.

The area has been through a seven-month warming trend for the record books. Even this month is expected to be one of the warmest months of March recorded at Midland International Air and Space Port.

The city is also in need of precipitation. The National Weather Service has reported 0.34 of an inch of rain this month and 0.82 of an inch this year. Even the ample rain in 2015 isn't much help when an area has recorded less than half the rain expected through the first three months of the year. In fact, tall grasses and increased vegetation caused by the wet weather in 2015 adds more fuel should fires break out.

"It is a safety factor," Little said. "Even the controlled burns are putting a community as risk with all the emergency vehicles having to respond."

The Climate Prediction Center is calling for a 33 percent chance of greater-than-average rainfall in April and a 40 percent chance of greater-than-average rainfall over the next three months.

However, Hluchan said that just as most storms this year have impacted areas east of Midland and nothing will change over the next two to three weeks.

"Unfortunately for us, I don't see precipitation anytime soon," Hluchan said. "It will be drier and warmer than normal."

Organizers prepare for 7th annual CrudeFest

By Rich Lopez
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Organizers of the annual country music showcase Crude Fest Texas Music Festival will go before the Commissioner's Court this morning to apply for their mass gathering permit. The permit, which is applied for every year, streamlines the details the festival uses, including protocol such as security, crowd control and emergency procedures.

Crude Fest 2016 is scheduled for May 12-14.

The festival is owned by Townsquare Media, which bought the event from Cody Baker in 2014. Representatives of Townsquare could not be reached for comment over the Easter holiday weekend.

Eighteen bands and artists are scheduled for the event, now in its seventh year. The lineup is as follows:

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Pope Francis waves to the crowd from the central loggia of St Peters' basilica during the "Urbi et Orbi" blessing for Rome and the world following the Easter Sunday mass at St Peter's square in the Vatican. Christians around the world are marking the Holy Week, commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, leading up to his resurrection on Easter. **BELOW:** Pope Francis delivers the Urbi et Orbi (to the city and to the world) message at the end of the Easter mass.

Pope at Easter recalls victims of 'blind, brutal terrorism'

By Frances D'emilio
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis tempered his Easter Sunday message of Christian hope with a denunciation of "blind" terrorism, recalling victims of attacks in Europe, Africa and elsewhere, as well as expressing dismay that people fleeing war or poverty are being denied welcome as European countries squabble over the refugee crisis.

Tens of thousands of people patiently endured long lines, backpack inspections and metal-detecting checks Sunday to enter St. Peter's Square. Under a brilliant sun, they listened to Francis deliver the traditional noon Easter speech from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica.

To their delight, Francis completed a whirl through the square, made colorful with sprays of tulips and other spring flowers, in his open-topped pope-mobile after celebrating Mass on the steps of the basilica. He leaned over barriers to shake hands, as the vehicle ventured past the Vatican's confines, with his bodyguards jogging alongside on the boulevard.

In Jerusalem, the cavernous Holy Sepulcher church — where Christians believe Jesus was crucified, buried and resurrected — was packed with worshippers commemorating the day they believe Jesus was resurrected in Jerusalem some 2,000 years ago.

For years, Islamist extremists in social media have listed the Vatican and Rome as potential targets because of hosting the headquarters of the Roman Catholic church and several basilicas. Despite the threats, Francis has kept to his habit of trying to be in close physical contact with ordinary people.

Francis said, for the faithful, Jesus who rose after death by crucifixion "triumphed over evil and sin." He expressed hope that "will draw us closer to the victims of terrorism, that blind and brutal form of violence."

At the end of Mass, he chatted briefly with the former king and queen of Belgium, Albert II and Paola, who attended the ceremony.

In his speech, Francis cited recent attacks in Belgium, Turkey, Nigeria, Chad, Cameroon, Ivory Coast and Iraq.

Separately, in a condolences telegram, the pope said he was saddened by "the great loss of life caused by the terrorist attack" during a match in an Iraqi soccer stadium Friday. That attack, claimed by Islamic State group, killed more than 40 people.

Francis said he prayed that the Iraqi people would, in response to the attack, "be strengthened in their resolve to reject the ways of hatred and conflict to work together'" for a future of mutual respect and freedom.

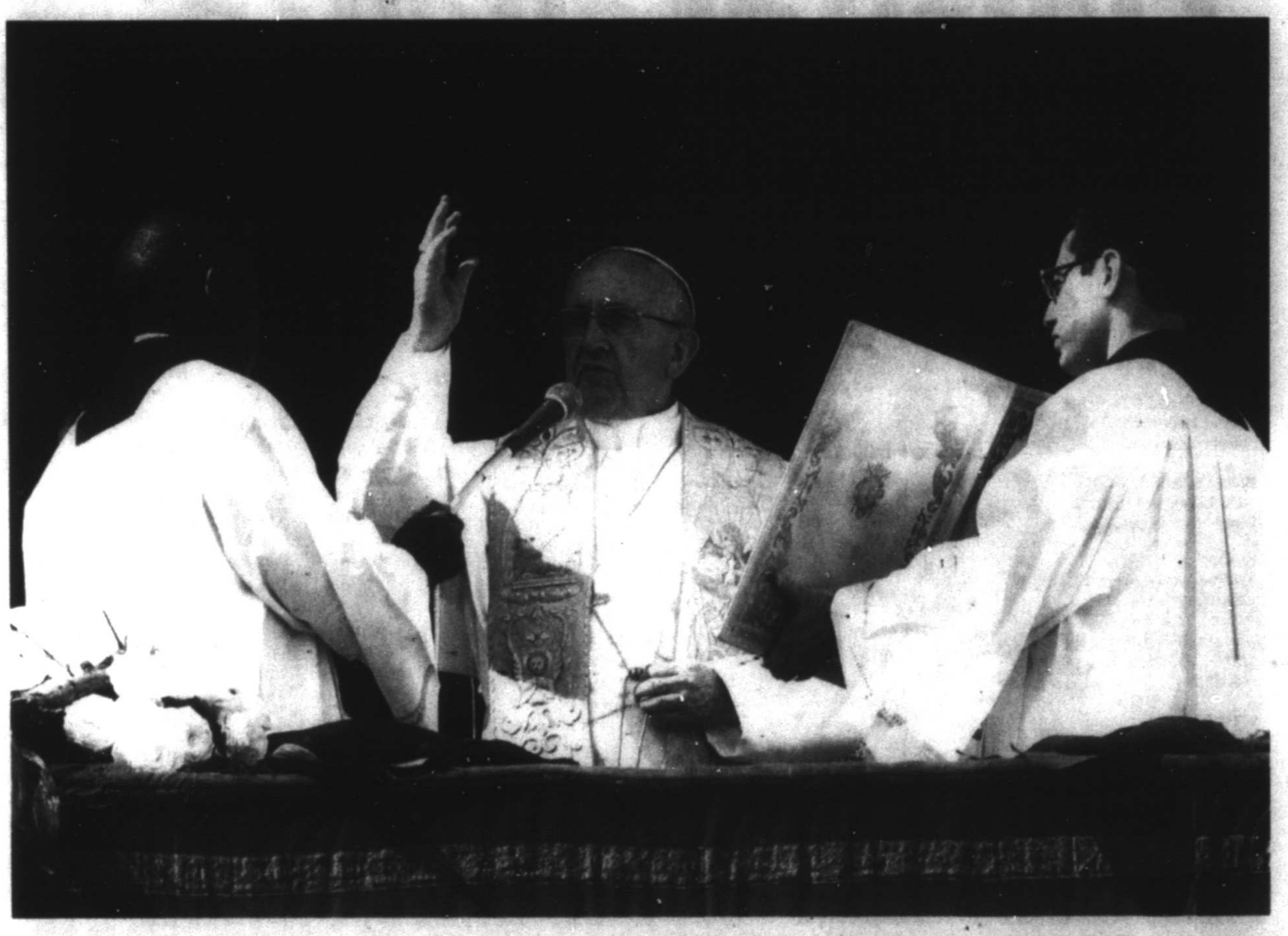
In his balcony speech, Francis said Easter "invites us not to forget those men and women seeking a better future, an ever more numerous throng of migrants and refugees — including many children — fleeing from war, hunger, poverty and social injustice," he said.

As he has done repeatedly, Francis lamented that "all too often, these brothers and sisters of ours meet along the way with death or, in any event, rejection by those who could offer them welcome and assistance."

Some European countries have erected barbed-wire fences and other barriers to keep out those who continue to arrive on Greek and Italian shores after risky sea voyages on smugglers' boats. Another strategy has been for some European countries to express a preference for accepting Christian refugees over Muslim ones — which would effectively rule out the vast majority of Syrian refugees.

Most recently, a host of countries along Europe's main migrant route north of Greece to central Europe have simply closed their borders to refugees, stranding thousands of refugee families at different border points.

Francis also decried the destruction and "contempt for humanitarian law" in Syria, millions of whose people have fled to Europe or to refugee camps closer to their homeland.



Official Vatican text of pope's Easter Urbi et Orbi message

VATICAN CITY — Following is the Vatican's official English-language translation of Pope Francis' Easter "Urbi et Orbi" message delivered Sunday in Italian from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica. Spelling and style are the Vatican's.

"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures for ever" (Ps 135:1)

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Happy Easter!

Jesus Christ, the incarnation of God's mercy, out of love for us, died on the cross, and out of love he rose again from the dead. That is why we proclaim today: Jesus is Lord!

His resurrection fulfils the prophecy of the Psalm: God's mercy endures for ever; it never dies. We can trust him completely, and we thank him because for our sake he descended into the depths of the abyss.

Before the spiritual and moral abysses of mankind, before the chasms that open up in hearts and provoke hatred and death, only an infinite mercy can bring us salvation. Only God can fill those chasms with his love, prevent us from falling into them and help us to continue our journey together towards the land of freedom and life.

The glorious Easter message, that Jesus, who was crucified is not here but risen (cf. Mt 28:5-6), offers us the comforting assurance that the abyss of death has been bridged and, with it, all mourning, lamentation and pain (cf. Rev 21:4). The Lord, who suffered abandonment by his disciples, the burden of an unjust condemnation and shame of an ignominious death, now makes us sharers of his immortal life and enables us to see with his eyes of love and compassion those who hunger and thirst, strangers and prisoners, the marginalized and the outcast, the victims of oppression and violence. Our world is full of persons suffering in body and spirit, even as the daily news is full of stories of brutal crimes which often take place within homes, and large-scale armed conflicts which cause indescribable suffering to entire peoples.

The risen Christ points out paths of hope to beloved Syria, a country torn by a lengthy conflict, with its sad wake of destruction, death, contempt for humanitarian law and the breakdown of civil concord. To the power of the risen Lord we entrust the talks now in course, that good will and the cooperation of all will bear fruit in peace and initiate the building of a fraternal society respectful of the dignity and rights of each citizen. May the message of life, proclaimed by the Angel beside the overturned stone of the tomb, overcome hardened hearts and promote a fruitful encounter of peoples and cultures in other areas of the Mediterranean and the Middle East, particularly in Iraq, Yemen and Libya. May the image of the new man, shining on the face of Christ, favour concord between Israelis and Palestinians in the Holy Land, as well as patience, openness and daily commitment to laying the foundations of a just and lasting peace through direct and sincere negotiations. May the Lord of life also accompany efforts to attain a definitive solution to the war in Ukraine, inspiring and sustaining initiatives of humanitarian aid, including the liberation of those who are detained.

The Lord Jesus, our peace (Eph 2:14), by his resurrection triumphed over evil and sin. May he draw us closer on this Easter feast to the victims of terrorism, that blind and brutal form of violence which continues to shed blood in different parts of the world, as in the recent attacks in Belgium, Turkey, Nigeria, Chad, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire and Iraq. May he water the seeds of hope and prospects for peace in Africa; I think in particular of Burundi, Mozambique, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan, marked by political and social tensions.

With the weapons of love, God has defeated selfishness and death. His son Jesus is the door of mercy wide open to all. May his Easter message be felt ever more powerfully by the beloved people of Venezuela in the difficult conditions which they are experiencing, and by those responsible for the country's future, that everyone may work for the common good, seeking spaces of dialogue and cooperation with all. May efforts be made everywhere to promote the culture of counter, justice and reciprocal respect, which alone can guarantee the spiritual and material welfare of all people.

The Easter message of the risen Christ, a message of life for all humanity, echoes down the ages and invites us not to forget those men and women seeking a better future, an ever more numerous throng of migrants and refugees - including many children - fleeing from war, hunger, poverty and social injustice. All too often, these brothers and sisters of ours meet along the way with death or, in any event, rejection by those who could offer them welcome and assistance. May the forthcoming World Humanitarian Summit not fail to be centred on the human person and his or her dignity, and to come up with policies capable of assisting and protecting the victims of conflicts and other emergencies, especially those who are most vulnerable and all those persecuted for ethnic and religious reasons.

On this glorious day, "let the earth rejoice, in shining splendour" (cf. Easter Proclamation), even though it is so often mistreated and greedily exploited, resulting in an alteration of natural equilibria. I think especially of those areas affected by climate change, which not infrequently causes drought or violent flooding, which then lead to food crises in different parts of the world.

Along with our brothers and sisters persecuted for their faith and their fidelity to the name of Christ, and before the evil that seems to have the upper hand in the life of so many people, let us hear once again the comforting words of the Lord: "Take courage; I have conquered the world! (Jn 16:33). Today is the radiant day of this victory, for Christ has trampled death and destruction underfoot. By his resurrection he has brought life and immortality to light (cf. 2 Tim 1:10). "He has made us pass from enslavement to freedom, from sadness to joy, from mourning to jubilation, from darkness to light, from slavery to redemption. Therefore let us acclaim in his presence: Alleluia!" (Melito of Sardis, Easter Homily).

To those in our society who have lost all hope and joy in life, to the elderly who struggle alone and feel their strength waning, to young people who seem to have no future, to all I once more address the words of the Risen One: "See, I am making all things new. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life" (Rev 21:5-6). May this comforting message of Jesus help each of us to set out anew with greater courage and greater hope to blaze trails of reconciliation with God and with all our brothers and sisters. Of which we have great need!

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Oversight often absent for facilities for migrant laborers

By Jeremy Schwartz
Austin American-Statesman

O'DONNELL — The farmworkers arrived in the spring of 2013 to harvest green chiles for $8 an hour and the promise of temporary housing in a building near the fields.

But when they showed up at the farm just south of Van Horn, operated by AJK Enterprises, workers said they had no alternative but to live in nearby shipping containers that lacked screens or ventilation, to shower with a bucket of cold water and to urinate and defecate in the brush. Some workers slept "in their cars or outside on the boards laid on top of car tires," according to a lawsuit filed against the farm's operators and settled last year.

Under state law, facilities intended to house migrant farmworkers — defined as agricultural laborers who leave their primary residence to follow the harvest from place to place — must be inspected and licensed, ensuring they meet a minimum standard of cleanliness and safety.

The law is supposed to protect workers and their families — many with limited command of English and little time or money to file complaints or find alternative housing — from being exploited by employers or farm labor contractors who might force them to live in filth and squalor.

Yet a four-month Austin American-Statesman investigation has revealed that many housing facilities in Texas elude the reach of the state's limited inspection effort. Even when state regulators have received reports of deplorable conditions, and inspectors verify deficiencies — as they eventually did at the Van Horn chile farm — they don't penalize offenders.

Among the Statesman's findings:

■ The state agency responsible for inspecting migrant farmworker housing, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, hasn't levied a single enforcement action against operators of migrant farmworker facilities, even after they fail inspections. State law spells out a high threshold for enforcement action, resulting in zero fines since at least 2005.

■ Because they don't actively look for them, Texas regulators have failed to uncover numerous unlicensed housing facilities and bring them into compliance. The result: an estimated nine in 10 migrant farmworkers lack access to licensed facilities.

■ While other agricultural states spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to ensure safe and sanitary conditions at facilities for migrant farmworkers, Texas lawmakers provide no funding for the program. Last year, the housing department spent less than $2,500 on it. Inspections are conducted by manufactured housing division workers.

■ Throughout the Panhandle and West Texas, motels often serve as housing of last resort for farmworkers. Yet Texas appears to have surveyed only a single motel since 2001. Other states, such as Indiana and Michigan, regularly inspect motels that house farmworkers.

"We have an agency that doesn't go out and look, that doesn't catch people out of compliance, so there is no incentive even to get a permit," said Daniela Dwyer, head of the farmworker program at Texas RioGrande Legal Aid Inc., which represented farmworkers in Van Horn. The state housing agency inspected 41 facilities in 2015, with a capacity for about 3,750 workers and family members. More than half of that capacity, however, is in two apartment complexes in the Rio Grande Valley, where most farmworkers have permanent housing rather than the temporary, seasonal accommodations the state law envisioned.

A migrant farm worker marks the row of sorghum the workers are walking and working in Plainview on Aug. 18, 2015. While other agricultural states spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to ensure safe and sanitary conditions at facilities for migrant farmworkers, Texas lawmakers provide no funding for the program. Last year, the housing department spent less than $2,500 on it. Inspections are conducted by manufactured housing division workers. *AP file photo*

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> **John Henneberger,** co-director of the Texas Low Income Housing Information Service

That means only a fraction of the state's transitory farmworker population found room at a state-licensed and inspected facility. Estimates of the number of such workers vary widely: A 2012 consultant's estimate of 34,000 counts only farmworkers in 49 of the state's 254 counties and is considered low by advocacy groups. The National Center for Farmworker Health estimates Texas has more than 200,000 agricultural workers (455,000 counting family members), not including those who work off the books.

Joe Garcia, executive director of the state agency's Manufactured Housing Division, called the larger task of finding unlicensed farmworker housing in Texas nearly impossible, adding that inspectors "get a lot done" with no funding. "As critical and important as it is, it's very difficult to be proactive," he said.

"Housing units potentially serving migrant labor are typically isolated and far out of sight from the highway and located on private property, which inhibits further inquiry," agency spokesman Gordon Anderson said.

But advocates point out that the agency also doesn't try that hard. Dwyer said her organization finds problem housing by going to places where farmworkers gather, such as food pantries, churches and laundromats, or contacting Head Start providers and migrant health providers — outreach the housing department doesn't perform.

One sign: State officials were unaware of any complaints from the public regarding farmworker housing, considered key in locating unlicensed housing. States such as Wisconsin employ full-time outreach workers who forward problems to inspectors.

And critics say the agency doesn't check up on facilities that drop out of its licensing program. Roman Ramos, who conducts farmworker outreach for RioGrande Legal Aid, said that in 2015 he saw at least two housing facilities with expired licenses in operation.

A Statesman review of inspection reports also revealed lax enforcement when inspectors discovered problems, a finding that has already led to changes within the agency.

After the newspaper inquired about a facility in the South Plains that received passing grades in 2014 and 2015 despite having the same five so-called deviations (including unsanitary mattresses, screens in poor condition and lack of first aid kits), state officials said they would stop issuing licenses based on promises to fix issues. "I did tell (inspectors) we needed to discontinue the practice," Garcia said. "As a general rule, it's better to say everything has to be checked off the list."

Garcia defended the lack of fines and penalties, saying overly aggressive enforcement could cause growers to close down facilities, resulting in even fewer housing options.

State Sen. Eddie Lucio Jr. said the state must do more to find unlicensed facilities and suggested implementing stiff fines for operators who fail to register. The Brownsville Democrat said the current level of enforcement "questions the state's resolve."

"I am truly shocked," Lucio said. "It is clear the licensing and inspection system needs to be improved."

The Van Horn lawsuit was settled for undisclosed terms. In court filings, the company said housing was made available to the workers, but that nobody was forced to accept it, and the shipping containers weren't offered up as dwellings.

Even though AJK Enterprises admitted to housing farmworkers without a license, state regulators took no follow-up enforcement action. In March 2014, inspectors found nine deficiencies, but two months later the company passed and today remains on the state-licensed migrant housing list.

In June 2012, Ernesto Garza, 35, left his home in the Rio Grande Valley town of Pharr and traveled 300 miles to the border city of Eagle Pass for the summer watermelon packing season. But when he saw the house his employers had arranged for him and his family of seven, he was disgusted. "At night you could hear rats scratching up against the wall," he said.

The house had holes in the kitchen walls, black mildew or mold in the bathroom and rotting floorboards family members feared they would fall through, according to a lawsuit filed earlier this year. Garza said his then-4-year-old son developed a "nasty" rash due to flood-damaged carpeting in the house.

The house wasn't inspected by state officials, even though attorneys said it fit the definition of migrant farmworker housing and so should have been regulated. "I never knew that was a requirement," Garza said.

When he complained to his employer, Garza said, he was told to find alternative housing himself. But with his long work hours, unfamiliarity with the city and lack of money for a deposit, he was unsuccessful.

Decent housing is often hard to come by for migratory farmworkers, especially in rural areas with little infrastructure. A 2012 survey found affordable rental housing in agricultural areas is at 98 percent capacity.

At the same time, advocates say, migrant farmworkers aren't quick to complain. "For the most part, they don't like to create waves or draw attention to themselves," said Kathy Tyler, who directs farmworker housing programs for Motivation, Education and Training Inc. Many, like Garza, are unaware that state law requires their housing to be inspected and licensed.

Texas began inspecting farmworker camps in 1971, part of a wave of state reforms after revelations of horrific living conditions and a growing farmworker rights movement. Yet farmworker advocates have long complained the program was ineffective.

State regulators have "been extremely lenient with Texas growers, canners, and cotton ginners over the past 5 years," researcher David Winn wrote in a 1977 report. "No fines have ever been given and no one has ever gone to jail."

Prior to 2005, migrant housing oversight was handled by the Department of State Health Services, which advocates say was ill-equipped to handle a housing inspection and compliance program. Conditions at the licensed facilities at the time were often appalling, recalled John Henneberger, co-director of the Texas Low Income Housing Information Service.

"Showers with thick gray mold, absence of working locks, broken windows," he said. "It surpassed the stuff I had seen in the worst public housing developments."

In 2005, the program was moved to the state's housing department, which, with its network of field inspectors who looked at manufactured houses across the state, seemed to be a better fit. "They said they could cross-train those guys and do these inspections," Henneberger said.

State officials also hoped the move would accomplish another key goal: find unlicensed facilities and bring them into compliance.

The agency outlined an outreach effort in the Rio Grande Valley and the Panhandle to inform migrant farmworkers of their right to inspected and licensed housing. It said it would contact advocacy groups to learn of "known or suspected facilities that are operating without required licenses."

Yet the plan never resulted in complaints that could lead inspectors to problem properties.

Today, there is no budget for migrant housing outreach, said Anderson, the agency's spokesman. "But our ears are always open if anyone does come to us."

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

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

Community calendar

■ Experience Works hosts a job fair for workers 55 and older 9 a.m.-noon today at Midland Workforce Solutions, 3600 N. Garfield St., Technology Center Room138. The agency focuses on people who desire to learn new skills. For more information, call toll free 855-307-1171, or email liz_cox@experienceworks.org.

■ Midland Police and Fire department officials will promote safety in Midland at a community meeting with District 4 council member J.Ross Lacy. The meeting is 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday at Henderson Elementary library, 4800 Graceland Drive.

Police will give a presentation regarding crime statistics in nearby neighborhoods and discuss services offered by the department, such as home security surveys, RAD classes and Citizens' Police Academy. Tips for residents will include how to prevent identity theft, and how to learn about crime trends throughout the year by using www.crimemapping.com, www.nextdoor.com, and MPD's social media accounts.

Residents will be able to ask questions and approach police before and after the presentation to voice specific concerns.

A representative from the Midland Fire Department Community Risk Reduction Program will discuss installing free smoke detectors in the area. The distribution, in partnership with American Red Cross, is planned for April 16 in the area surrounding Fire Station 6 (intersection of Midland and Thomason drives). This area has been determined as Midland's highest-risk area for fire incidents through analyzation of data for the last three years. Demographic data also shows that the area poses Midland's biggest risk for fire deaths.

■ Midland Animal Services will host a shot clinic 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at the shelter located at 1200 N. Fairgrounds Road. Fee is $30 (cash only). Included in the cost are a rabies shot, a microchip, city license, distemper/parvo vaccine for dogs and FVRCP vaccine for cats.

For more information, call 685-7420.

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■ 2-5 p.m. Dave Ramsey
■ 5-6 p.m. Local news reports
■ 6-9 p.m. Roger Hedgecock
■ 9-midnight Hugh Hewitt
■ Midnight-6 a.m. Coast to Coast with George Noory
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■ 10 a.m.-noon, Herman Cain
■ Noon-2 p.m. Glenn Beck
■ 2-5 p.m. Sean Hannity
■ 5-7 p.m. The West Texas Round-Up of News and Talk
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Today in history

The Associated Press
Today is Monday, March 28, the 88th day of 2016. There are 278 days left in the year.
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In 1930, the names of the Turkish cities of Constantinople and Angora were changed to Istanbul and Ankara.

Oil and gas regulators keep close ties to industry

Associated Press

AUSTIN— The cozy relationship between state oil and gas regulators and the industry they monitor is typified by a revolving door of officials who leave the Texas Railroad Commission to lobby for energy companies, including several who recently departed and made six-figure salaries working the Capitol hallways last year.

The ties are seen in Railroad Commission policies that seek to shield the industry from further federal regulation, and top agency officials who beat back criticism from environmentalists on everything from seismic activity to fracturing, the Austin American-Statesman reported Sunday.

Former Railroad Commissioner Barry Smitherman became a lobbyist and signed up two energy clients within four months of his state term expiring in January 2015 and also went on to work as an attorney at a firm that represents energy clients.

Other commission employees who worked just below the highest ranks found even more lucrative work. Three former chiefs of staff since 2010 have gone on to represent energy companies, including Amy Maxwell, who registered as a lobbyist within five days of leaving the Railroad Commission in 2013 and was paid as much as $585,000 last year, according to Texas Ethics Commission filings.

Maxwell said her work ranges from regulatory advice to her clients to helping them navigate the rule process at the agency. Chris Hose, who was chief of staff to former Commissioner Elizabeth Jones upon leaving the agency in 2010, made as much as $750,000 lobbying for energy companies last year.

Maxwell said agency rules insulate commissioners — the final decision-makers — from companies that have confested business before the agency. She can talk to commissioners about nonspecific matters, helping to arrange meetings between officials at the companies she represents and commissioners on broader issues.

While the relationships she forged at the commission help with her work, she said, "I don't feel like I benefit as a lobbyist because I was a chief of staff. I do well because I can give advice that's legal in nature but also because I work hard."

When lawmakers mull new oil and gas regulation, industry representatives prefer that authority go to the Railroad Commission, which has shown it is sympathetic to business interests.

As evidence mounted in recent years that fracturing-related activities have contributed to an uptick in seismic activity, lawmakers were under constituent pressure to investigate the matter. One proposal would have directed the University of Texas to study earthquakes, but energy companies pushed back, asking for more involvement by the Railroad Commission.

The commission is currently being sued by a former inspector who claims he was fired for voicing concerns about the lax enforcement of environmental rules. A Railroad Commission spokeswoman said the agency is prohibited from commenting on personnel issues.

But commission leaders defend their record. Executive Director Kim Corley, who used to work for Shell Oil, says it's important that agency officials understand the industry they regulate.

"I had retired and wanted to give back, to use my experience and leadership skills in a meaningful way," said Corley, who had retired from Shell in 2015 when she was recruited by the Railroad Commission.

USGS report looks at North Texas seismic, earthquake risks

Associated Press

DALLAS — A U.S. Geological Survey report concludes the risk of earthquakes for the Dallas-Fort Worth area is higher than it's ever been.

The USGS review is scheduled for release Monday, according to The Dallas Morning News. The report incorporates "induced" earthquakes into federal seismic hazard maps. That refers to quakes caused when wastewater from natural gas drilling is injected back into the ground.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency drafted a study of worst-case scenarios for North Texas. The newspaper obtained a study copy through a records request after local and federal agencies initially declined to release it.

A USGS researcher, Robert Williams, says there's no reason to panic and those scenarios are "unlikely but plausible." The new report estimates where, how often and how strongly earthquake ground shaking is expected to occur, according to Williams.

"We still believe the earthquake hazard in the Dallas-Fort Worth region is elevated and that people should continue to learn what to do before, during and after an earthquake," Williams said.

Dallas city officials say they have little data to go on outside of a full year's worth of quakes and some light tremors dating back to 2008.

The strongest quake to rattle Dallas occurred Jan. 6 with a magnitude of 3.6.

FEMA's worst-case scenario imagines a major magnitude-5.6 quake, with northwest Dallas, West Dallas and downtown bearing the brunt, according to the USGS ShakeMap included in the FEMA report.

Levees and dams could collapse. About 80,000 buildings would be at least slightly damaged, causing $9.5 billion in "direct economic losses." About 290 area bridges would need to be inspected to make sure they didn't crack or buckle.

A magnitude-4.8 quake would mean significantly less damage, according to the FEMA report. The cost would be an estimated $2.3 billion in Dallas County building losses.

Rocky Vaz, Dallas' director of emergency management, said that either scenario would have the same result: "You're talking about massive disruptions and evacuations," he said. "A nightmare."

The probability of having a big earthquake — even a 4.6 or 4.8 magnitude — "is very, very low. Less than 1 percent," Vaz said.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

FORT WORTH

Partly blind steer in stock show avoids slaughter

A partly blind steer that was among the winners of the Fort Worth Stock Show has avoided slaughter after critics decried plans to butcher the animal.

Oatmeal was recently moved to an undisclosed ranch, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Saturday.

Kendyll Williams, 13, of Huntsville raised and showed the steer at this year's Fort Worth Stock Show and a buyer paid $8,000.

Then an online effort began to save the animal diagnosed with cataracts.

On Feb. 11, Matt Brockman, the show's publicity manager, hauled Oatmeal to the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences in College Station for examination.

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND

Game wardens find drug bundles in South Padre Island dunes

Texas game wardens have discovered nearly 950 pounds of marijuana in bundles hidden among the dunes at South Padre Island.

The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department has had additional wardens on duty during spring break and the drugs were found during patrols on land and sea.

Game wardens checking beach access points on Friday noticed heavy foot traffic from the water's edge to the dunes.

A search found several plastic-wrapped bundles identified as containing marijuana.

A closer search led to more than a dozen bundles of drugs buried in the sand.

Investigators did not immediately announce any arrests.

DEWEYVILLE

School district students out until April 11 because of flooding

Students in a Southeast Texas district where flooding inundated much of the town won't return to school until next month.

Deweyville Independent School District Superintendent Kevin Clark said Sunday that April 11 is the target date for school to resume.

Early March rainstorms and releases from the Toledo Bend Reservoir led to flooding of the Sabine River.

Much of nearby Deweyville, a town of about 1,000, was evacuated March 12 amid disastrous floods.

The district's more than 600 students have been off since March 11.

The following week was spring break.

Clark says he used a boat to check the elementary school, where the water inside was 4 feet deep.

All classes, for now, will be in the junior-senior high building.

Trustees hold a special school board meeting Monday night.

BUDA

Girl, 13, dies after hit by freight train

Police say a 13-year-old Central Texas girl has died after being hit by a freight train as she walked along the tracks with a friend.

Police in Buda say Tanley Yacos was killed before dawn Saturday.

Another girl who was with Tanley wasn't hurt.

Investigators say a crewmember on the Union Pacific train saw the girls and blew the horn but the victim was still struck.

Counselors will be on hand Monday at Dahlstrom Middle School in Buda, about 15 miles south of Austin, where Tanley attended eighth grade.

3 small earthquakes recorded in northern Oklahoma

Associated Press

ENID, Okla. — Three small earthquakes have been recorded in northern Oklahoma.

The U.S. Geological Survey reports a magnitude 3.6 quake was recorded at 1:01 a.m. Sunday 12 miles northeast of Enid and a 3.3 magnitude temblor was recorded in the same area eight minutes later.

A 2.7 magnitude quake was recorded at 2:20 a.m. near Blackwell, near the Oklahoma-Kansas state line.

No injuries or damage are reported.

The number of magnitude 3.0 or greater earthquakes has skyrocketed in Oklahoma, from a few dozen in 2012 to more than 900 last year.

Scientists have linked the increase to the underground disposal of wastewater from oil-and-gas production and state regulators want oil and gas companies to reduce their wastewater disposal operations.

RECOVERY

From 1A

last, he said. Good times are sure to come back, and when they do, the Permian will be the first to shine.

"When this recovery comes, and it will, when that first dollar goes back into our industry, it will most likely get deployed right here in the Permian Basin," Hollis said.

Hollis discussed the importance of the oil industry in improving quality of life and that the responsibility of those in the oil industry is great.

"Our industry has raised more lives out of poverty than any before it, and most likely more yet to come," he said. "We have fed more people with our fertilizers; we've extended the life expectancy with drugs that are from our product. This is an industry that you need to be proud to be a part of. The world needs what you help to produce, and we cannot maintain our way of life without it."

Current times are tough, however.

"Yes, we are oversupplied," he said. "The price is representative of that. But what we do know is that the system right now is broken, and it'll be real slow to get this glut worked out of the system, (but the capital markets will work)."

The market, he said, is sure to correct itself.

"Supply and demand will fix this oversupply," Hollis said, "Like you always hear: Low oil prices, they are the best solution to low oil prices. The recovery will come."

Hollis said low oil prices have made the industry stronger and more vigilant and that all parties involved in production not only are working together to make the best out of a difficult time, but that they've shown their mettle.

"As with any challenge that we've had in our industry, this price war that we have going on right now is only (prompting) the U.S. producers, business partners and service providers to work harder and squeeze out as much efficiency as we can out of the system," he said. "Right now, we can not only survive, but we can thrive at some of these prices."

"We've shown the world that we are the low-cost operator, and we can compete on this global scale," Hollis said when addressing America's place in the oil industry. "Many of the companies, if they're still around today, they've had to dig deeper than they ever thought they could. We always find a way -- of course we do. It's what we always do. Our industry is a great representation of the American dream. We employ the brightest and the hardest-working and the highest-paid professionals in the business world right here in the Permian."

Hollis said 2016 is not a year of growth, but rather of capital discipline and flexibility. He also said that while the U.S. needed 1,800 rigs during the last boom, less than half that figure will be needed during the recovery.

The Diamondback executive offered advice from a producer's perspective about how service companies can better prepare for the future, saying they should focus on what they can control, such as having quality control and quality personnel. Doing so will differentiate a company from its peers.

Hollis also addressed young professionals directly.

"This is probably the first downturn that you've ever witnessed," he said. "This is a wonderful industry, and it's going to afford you a successful and rewarding career. But you also have to differentiate yourself from the rest of the pack."

He offered this advice: "Hard work is commendable, but we expect it. Results are rewarded. You are not entitled to anything. You have to earn whatever you get."

Hollis told the young professionals to not become dismayed when they see their co-workers get laid off.

"You need to make sure that you can disassociate yourself from this rumor train or rumor mill (because) it can derail your career if you let it," he said. "If you can maintain a positive can-do attitude, if you can work hard and outpace your competition, if you're the best at what you do, even if you get laid off, you're not going to be out of work long."

As for failure itself, "Failure is an event; it's not a person. Don't let yourself become the victim," he said.

Hollis also said young professionals need to prepare themselves for the recovery, because that's when opportunity will present itself.

"As we accelerate into this recovery, many of you are going to be asked to step up in a leadership role," he said. "What you're going to learn in time is that effort times ability does equal those results that we talked about, but it's going to be attitude that's a multiplier of those results. ... Attitude is a choice. You get to choose. And what I'll tell you is that in these times, people are looking to those leaders for stability and inspiration."

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All prices are before any applicable fees. Tickets are available via the website thecrudefest.com.

Photos by Associated Press

Pakistani police officers stand guard at the site of a bomb blast in a park in Lahore, Pakistan, on Sunday. A bomb blast in a park in the eastern Pakistani city of Lahore has killed tens of people and wounded scores, a health official said. **BELOW:** Women comfort each other as they mourn over the death of a family member who was killed in a bomb blast, at a local hospital

Pakistani Taliban faction claims Easter park bombing

By Zarar Khan
Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — A breakaway Pakistani faction of the militant Taliban group has claimed responsibility for an Easter Sunday bombing that killed 65 people in a park in the eastern city of Lahore that was crowded with Christians, including many children.

Ahsanullah Ahsan, spokesman for Jamaat-ul-Ahrar, told the Associated Press that a suicide bomber with the faction deliberately targeted the Christian community.

The explosion took place near the children's rides in Gulshan-e-Iqbal park, local police chief Haider Ashraf said. He said the explosion appeared to have been a suicide bombing, but investigations were ongoing.

The attack killed 65 people and wounded more than 300, said Deeba Shahnaz, a spokesman for Lahore rescue administration.

Punjab's chief minister Shahbaz Sharif announced three days of mourning and pledged to bring the perpetrators to justice, said Zaeem Qadri, a spokesman for the provincial government.

The park was manned by police and private security guards, police chief Haider Ashraf said. "We are in a warlike situation, and there is always a general threat, but no specific threat alert was received for this place," he added.

Schools and businesses in the city will remain closed Monday, the city's schools association and the Union of Lahore Traders said.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif held a meeting to assess the security situation in Lahore, according to a government statement. Pakistan's army chief, Gen. Raheel Sharif, also convened an emergency meeting of the country's intelligence agencies to begin to track down those responsible for the attacks, said army spokesman Gen. Asim Saleem Bajwa.

Salman Rafiq, a health adviser to the Punjab government, called on people to donate blood, saying that many of those wounded were in a critical condition.

One witness, who wished to be identified only by his first name, Afzal, told AP that he had taken 20 children to hospital and carried three dead bodies to a police car. "I can't explain to you the tragic situation," he said.

Another witness, Tariq Mustapha, said he had just left the park when he heard an explosion. He said his friend was still missing.

Footage broadcast on local television stations showed chaotic scenes in the park, with people running while carrying children and cradling the wounded in their laps.

A witness, not identified by name on Pakistan's Geo TV station, said he was heading toward a fairground ride with his wife and two children when he heard a huge bang and all four of them were thrown to the floor. A woman was shown crying while looking desperately for her missing 5-year-old son.

A spokesman for the U.S. National Security Council said that the United States "condemns the attack in the strongest terms," describing it as a "cowardly act in what has long been a scenic and placid park." Ned Price said the U.S. would continue to work with Pakistan and its partners to "root out the scourge of terrorism."

Vikas Swarup, spokesman for India's External Affairs ministry, tweeted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi telephoned Pakistani premier Nawaz Sharif to express his deep condolences. He said Modi "underlined the need for uncompromising efforts to fight against terrorism."

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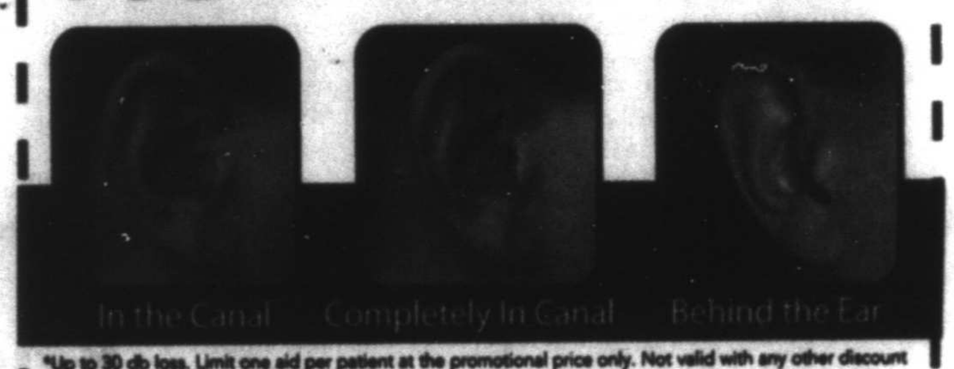

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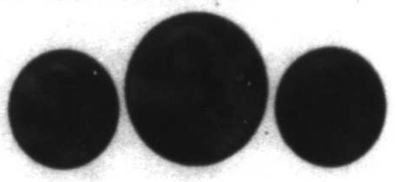

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OPINION

Anti-Muslim rhetoric benefits America's enemy

■ Trump and Cruz advance battle on political correctness that could backfire on country

MICHAEL GERSON
Washington Post Writers Group

After the Brussels murders, and the Paris murders, and the San Bernardino murders and dozens of previous, tragic iterations of innocent blood on the sidewalk, the two leading Republican candidates for president propose to finally get tough on terrorism.

In Ted Cruz's view, America is "voluntarily surrendering to the enemy to show how progressive and enlightened we are." He would have us "carpet bomb" the Islamic State and "patrol and secure Muslim neighborhoods before they become radicalized" here at home.

"Look," says Donald Trump, "we're having problems with the Muslims." He would "knock the hell out of ISIS," close the border to Muslim immigrants "until we figure out what's going on," "do a lot more waterboarding," and purposely target the families of terrorists (at least until he seemed to backpedal).

The argument advanced by Cruz and Trump is straightforward. Out of an excess of political correctness, America has not recognized and confronted the Islamic nature and motivation of terrorism. This, according to the candidates, has hamstrung U.S. law enforcement, counterterrorism and border-control efforts, which should include the heightened scrutiny of Muslims. The migration of Muslims presents a particular, Trojan-horse threat, illustrated by the European experience of segregation and radicalization. "This all happened," argues Trump, "because frankly there is no assimilation."

The emotional urgency of the Republican front-runners is understandable, particularly in light of President Obama's underreaction — a statement about the Brussels attacks of less than a minute, followed by some Cuban baseball. The terrorists — who worship death, fashion bombs out of young men and women and exploit Islam for totalitarian political purposes — deserve our outrage.

But here is the problem. Rhetoric that targets "the Muslims" and singles out Americans for suspicion based on nothing more than their faith complicates the war against terrorism, for these reasons:

■ Anti-Muslim rhetoric strains relations with Sunni Muslim countries, which we are trying to convince to do more to combat the Islamic State. "The leadership of these countries," former acting CIA director Mike Morell told me, "understand American politics enough to know that, for now, this is just rhetoric. But their publics do not get that. And it is the perception that acts to limit what these nations can do overtly to support the U.S."

■ It amplifies Islamic State propaganda that the West is conducting a religious war against the "caliphate," which is a source of terrorist morale. "It certainly feeds extremist recruitment," says Morell, "but it also makes even moderate Muslims wonder if the extremists may be right."

■ Anti-Muslim rhetoric needlessly disrupts relationships with American Muslim communities that are often the first to recognize and report radicalization in their midst. "From the perspective of American Muslims," according to former national security adviser Stephen Hadley, "the rhetoric creates a sense of alienation from their fellow citizens and makes them more susceptible to the [Islamic State] argument that they have no real place in American society — and that their true 'home' is in the caliphate."

In a sense, Trump is right. Assimilation is the key. But by what possible theory of assimilation should America declare Islam to be inconsistent with its ideals?

If our objective were to replicate Europe's dangerous social segregation, what would we do? Maybe conduct the war against terrorism through war crimes; screen for Muslims at the airport (by some mechanism that still escapes me); declare the Muslim faith a target of heightened suspicion; occupy Muslim neighborhoods with a heavy-handed police presence; encourage anti-Muslim attitudes that could easily devolve into hate crimes and violence.

It is no mystery how resented people become resentful. "This ugly rhetoric risks stoking the kind of alienation here that we have seen in some European Muslim communities," former Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff told me.

There is room to strengthen the U.S. immigration system in light of terrorist threats — to tighten the visa and passenger-list systems, and ensure FBI access to information on the smartphones of terrorists. "But let's not forget [that] what makes us vulnerable," says Peter Feaver, a former adviser at the National Security Council, "is not the presence of immigrants in our midst. Rather what makes us vulnerable is the degree of alienation within any community, including immigrants."

Alienating Muslim allies, scapegoating Muslim citizens and resigning ourselves to a global religious conflict would grant the terrorists a victory without a battle. Which makes Trump and Cruz either quite cynical or alarmingly oblivious.

OUR VIEW

Museum of the Southwest, COM Aquatics to unveil big projects this spring

With spring break and the Easter break in our rear-view mirror, we can look to finish the school year strong. Graduations are coming up. Graduation season ends with Midland High and Lee High ceremonies on June 4.

That means there's just a little more than two months to focus on the community before we scatter during the summer, as Midlanders are known to do.

With that being said, here are a few events to keep in mind.

■ **COM Aquatics opens the FMH Natatorium.** Midlanders can see the $10 million facility, the best sports facility in our community, during events Friday and Saturday. COM Aquatics — not affiliated with the city of Midland — outdid itself, and Midlanders should celebrate its latest accomplishment and the seven-pool complex that has long been a feather in our city's cap.

■ **The State of the Education luncheon on April 19.** Oddly, there hasn't been much released to public about this event, which we believe could be the most important chamber event in years. Midland is going through a process that we believe will result in an overhaul of our community's approach to education moving forward. The Reporter-Telegram will begin reports on these efforts, leading up to State of the Education luncheon that will take place at the Horseshoe.

■ **A Day at the Races at the Museum of the Southwest.** Just as COM Aquatics is unveiling its natatorium, another Midland institution, the Museum of the Southwest, is set to celebrate the opening of the museum's latest exhibition in the newly designed Turner Legacy Galleries. This exhibition, according to the museum, highlights the Scharbauer family's two Kentucky Derby-winning horses, Tomy Lee (1959) and Alysheba (1987), and displays their prized Kentucky Derby trophies. We can't think of a more appropriate home than the old Turner home, and it is significant. Not many places on earth can claim one Kentucky Derby trophy. The Museum of the Southwest will be able to claim two. Go to the event, check out the greatest two minutes in sports (the derby), see the transformation of the Turner home and leave an even prouder Midlander. The event is set for May 7. Call the museum for details.

■ **The Railroad Commission run-off elections on May 24.** The race to replace David Porter continues. On the Republican side, Gary Gates and Wayne Christian will be on the ballot. On the Democrat side, Grady Yarbrough and Cody Garrett will face off. The Railroad Commission is a state agency that oversees oil and gas activity in Texas.

■ **The Midland ISD Education Foundation Shining Stars.** This is our off-the-radar event, and will be the sixth year the Education Foundation has honored the top students at Midland, Lee and Coleman high schools and Early College High School at Midland College. That recognition includes scholarship money. The event is scheduled for May 15. Our hope is that you consider a donation to the Education Foundation because being able to honor our community's top students is no small feat. And certainly they are deserving.

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Kasich really should bow out

■ Ohio's governor can't get the delegates or be the nominee at the convention but that probably won't stop him

RICH LOWRY
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This truly is a year when the rules don't apply. If they did, John Kasich would be back in Columbus trying to figure out whether he sells his soul to Donald Trump or endorses Ted Cruz.

Instead, the Ohio governor is still out on the trail running a delusional vanity project masquerading as a presidential campaign. There is no appetite for his pragmatic, "can't we all get along" campaign among Republican primary voters, who have made that abundantly clear.

Kasich must hold the record for the most finishes of 4 percent or below of any candidate who has persisted in saying that he expects to be his party's nominee. He is the Harold Stassen of primary-season futility. Kasich has limped in at roughly 4 percent or lower in Alaska (4.07 percent), Alabama (4.43 percent), Arkansas (3.71 percent), Iowa (1.86 percent), Nevada (3.6 percent), Oklahoma (3.59 percent) and Texas (4.25 percent).

The contests that he has done best in, besides his home state, are Vermont, where he finished a close second to Trump and got eight delegates, and the District of Columbia, where he finished a close second behind Marco Rubio and got nine delegates. This is not exactly an electoral juggernaut.

Kasich's performance on Western Tuesday would have been enough to embarrass any lesser mortal out of the race. In Arizona, he finished in fourth place in a three-man race, which sounds like a setup for a bad joke. Marco Rubio had won enough of the early vote that the anemic Kasich couldn't catch him.

In Utah, Kasich bizarrely sought to keep Ted Cruz beneath 50 percent, the threshold for winning all of the state's delegates. Instead, he succeeded only in holding Cruz below 70 percent, while he finished second — by 52 points.

Kasich has run as a manic, slightly more entertaining version of Jon Huntsman, limiting his appeal to a slice of the party's moderates. Kasich is a genuine man of faith, but he is prone to self-righteousness and psychobabble of the sort that you'd expect to hear from an overtalkative yoga instructor, including his advocacy of more hugging.

For all his foggy rhetoric of uplift, Kasich is AWOL on Trump. Last week, he pronounced himself "very concerned" about Trump's remarks about women but didn't want to say anything further. There's nothing worse than a self-professed healer who won't call out the man who represents everything he should abjure in our politics.

Kasich might as well be a de facto member of the Trump team. Sean Trende of RealClearPolitics crunched the numbers and found that with Kasich in the race, Trump gets to 1,237 delegates, and without Kasich in the race, Trump falls short. Since Kasich's only path is a contested convention, this makes his campaign, on top of everything else, a massive self-contradiction.

Kasich believes that an open convention would turn to him, which is certainly possible — the same way a meteor strike at the Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland is possible.

The delegate game at a convention would be, in part, an organizational contest, and Kasich's organization is all but nonexistent. He'd make an electability case based on his good head-to-head poll numbers against Hillary Clinton, although they are elevated because no one has bothered to attack him.

This is all academic unless Trump is slowed. The next chance to do it is in Wisconsin, where Kasich at the very least will make it more difficult for Cruz to beat Trump, and perhaps tip the state to the mogul.

There is no excuse for Kasich, a politico for decades, not realizing this. It's hard to avoid the conclusion that he is still in the race only because he is less realistic and, sadly, less honorable than the candidates who have dropped out before him.

John, spare us your sanctimony and your unifying patter. Take a cold-eyed look at reality, and do what's best for your party and your cause. No hugs necessary.

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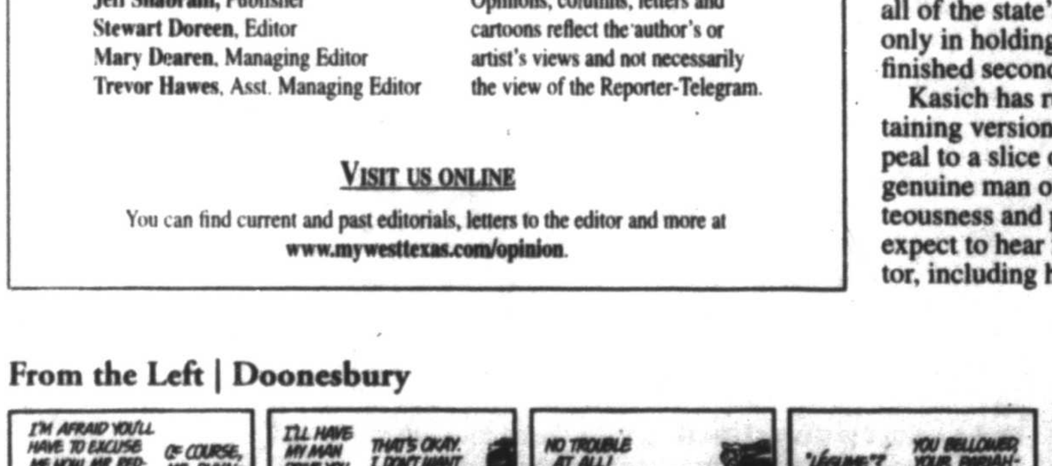

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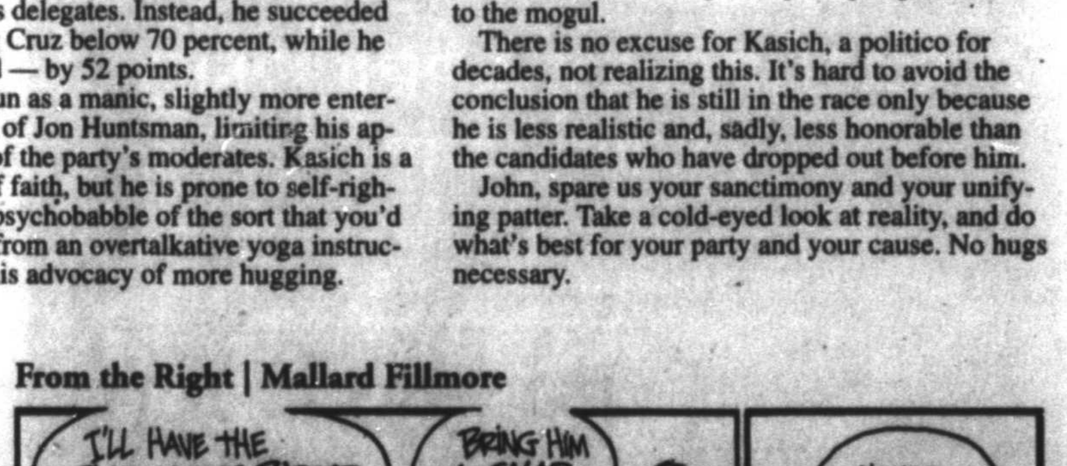

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Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders speaks at a campaign stop Saturday in Madison, Wis.

Sanders wins 3 states; Clinton retains big delegate lead

By Lisa Lerer
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Bernie Sanders scored three wins in Western caucus contests, giving a powerful psychological boost to his supporters but doing little to move him closer to securing the Democratic nomination.

While results in Washington, Alaska and Hawaii barely dented Hillary Clinton's significant delegate lead, Sanders' wins Saturday underscored her persistent vulnerabilities within her own party, particularly with young voters and activists who have been inspired by her rival's unapologetically liberal message.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Sanders cast his performance as part of a Western comeback, saying he expects to close the delegate gap with Clinton as the contest moves to the more liberal northeastern states, including her home state of New York. He also said his campaign is increasing its outreach to superdelegates, the party insiders who can pick either candidate and are overwhelmingly with Clinton.

"The Deep South is a very conservative part of the country," he said. "Now that we're heading into a progressive part of the country, we expect to do much better."

He added: "There is a path to victory." With Clinton far in front, however, it is a difficult path.

Clinton anticipated the losses: She barely campaigned in the three states, making just one day of stops in Washington state, and was spending the Easter weekend with her family.

She is turning her focus to the April 19 contest in New York, seeking to win a large share of the delegates at stake and to avoid the blow of losing to Sanders in a state she represented in the Senate. She is trying to lock up an even larger share of delegates in five northeastern contests a week later, hoping to deliver a big enough haul to unify the Democratic Party and relegate Sanders to little more than a protest candidate.

Sanders, who's found some success in the industrial Midwest, wants to leverage his working-class support and fiery arguments against free trade into an April 5 victory in delegate-rich Wisconsin. He also plans to compete fiercely in New York and is pushing for the party to schedule a debate in the state, saying in the interview that it would be "really absurd" if one did not take place.

After Sanders' three wins on Saturday, Clinton held a delegate lead of 1,243 to 975 over Sanders, according to an Associated Press analysis, an advantage that expands to 1,712 to 1,004 once the superdelegates are included. It takes 2,383 delegates to win.

Based on the AP count, Sanders needs to win more than 57 percent of the remaining delegates from primaries and caucuses to have a majority of those delegates by June's end.

His bar is even higher when the party officials are considered. He needs to win more than 67 percent of the remaining delegates overall — from primaries, caucuses and the ranks of uncommitted superdelegates — to prevail.

He did not emerge from his Saturday sweep with significantly more delegates, winning 55 delegates to Clinton's 20 for the day after his victories in Alaska, Washington and Hawaii. More are likely to be allocated to Sanders in several weeks, when the Washington state Democratic Party releases vote shares by district. Sixty-seven delegates are awarded based on results in the state's congressional districts.

But there's little question that Sanders has tapped into a powerful frustration within the party. He continues to attract tens of thousands to his rallies and has collected more than $140 million from 4.7 million donations.

Most of his 15 primary-season wins have been in states with largely white populations and in caucus contests, which tend to attract the most active liberal Democrats. He's heavily favored by younger voters, who were a key part of the coalition that twice boosted President Barack Obama to victory. Clinton's ability to win the White House, should she capture the nomination, will hinge on how well she can motivate his passionate — and politically active — supporters.

In Spokane, Washington, a huge line of caucus attendees — largely Sanders backers — snaked around a high school parking lot Saturday morning.

"I think one of the biggest things is free tuition for students," said Savannah Dills, 24, a college student who supports Sanders. "And getting big money out of politics. He's not paid for by billionaires."

Retiree Dan McLay, 64, attended the caucus in a hard-hat, which he joked he needed because he was one of the relatively few Clinton supporters in the big crowd.

"Look at this thing in Brussels," McLay said, referring to the deadly attack in Belgium this week. "We need a real experienced leader."

It was strong support for Sanders that brought Kirsa Hughes-Skandijs out to her first caucus in Juneau, Alaska.

"This is the first time I've ever felt that kind of belief in a candidate, that they mean what they say and that they are not saying what they think people want to hear," she said.

Obama and family celebrate Easter at VA church

Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — President Barack Obama and the first family attended Easter service at a historic black church that traces its origins to when Thomas Jefferson was president.

The Rev. Howard-John Wesley, the pastor at Alfred Street Baptist Church, welcomed back the Obamas, whom he described as "the gorgeous family." The Obamas also visited the church last Easter.

The congregation, led by a choir clad in crimson, gold and white robes, joined in song early in the service, with the pastor asking them to share introductions, "but don't act crazy" as the hundreds in attendance exchanged hugs and handshakes.

Many in the choir and audience smiled as they swayed and clapped to the music and sang the refrain "yes, He lives," a reference to the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the event Christians celebrate on Easter.

Wesley delivered a sermon that noted the suffering Jesus endured, and he encouraged the congregation to have faith that, if God could raise Jesus from the dead, he can help them get through their hardships.

"No matter what you're going through, you don't have to be afraid because God can handle it," Wesley said.

Supreme Court nominee formed lasting bonds at Harvard

By Denise Lavoie
Associated Press

BOSTON — From his first days at Harvard, Merrick Garland's classmates pegged him as a star. Smartest guy in the room, self-confident, easygoing and thoughtful are some of the compliments they still pay him 40 years later.

For Garland, President Barack Obama's choice to fill a vacancy on the U.S. Supreme Court, the bonds formed at Harvard College and Harvard Law School have stayed with him and come into play during a career in private practice, as a prosecutor and on the bench.

Classmates said Garland followed a straight and narrow path, even as a young man during a tumultuous time marked by Watergate and protests over the Vietnam War. Every move he made, even back then, seems to have been designed for an unblemished track to success.

"This is something he has modestly prepared himself for his whole career," said Elliot Gerson, a friend from his Harvard undergraduate days who now oversees the U.S. Rhodes Scholarships.

Garland graduated with honors from Harvard College in 1974 and Harvard Law School in 1977, helping to pay for his education by working summers as a shoe-store clerk and selling his comic book collection. Since then he's kept strong ties, teaching antitrust law, serving on the Board of Overseers and participating in moot court for law students.

Former Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff, who worked with Garland on the prestigious Harvard Law Review, recalled how Garland was chosen to edit an article submitted by Supreme Court Justice William Brennan.

"For the law review to get a sitting justice to write an article — to be chosen to be the editor on that required that you be someone who was both at the top of the class in terms of brains, but also having a good demeanor and a way with people ... easy to get along with," Chertoff said.

Brennan later hired Garland as a law clerk.

Susan Estrich, now a well-known political operative, beat Garland when they both ran for law review president in 1976.

"Some people, when they run for something and don't get it, they just walk away and say, 'The heck with you.' Merrick jumped in with both feet and said, 'I'll do anything I can to help you,'" Estrich said.

After her father's death, Estrich said, Garland made a point of including her in his social circle.

"My entire social life that summer consisted of Merrick looking out for me, including me, inviting me, knowing that I had been through a terrible time that spring," she said.

Garland's nomination is now stymied in the Senate by election-year politics, but friends said they couldn't recall him ever espousing any strong political views. In 1973, he was a member of a student-faculty committee involved in a proposal to hold a student referendum on whether Harvard should allow the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) back on campus. It had left in 1969, the year before Garland arrived.

The request came after a socialist-feminist group known as the New American Movement collected more than 2,500 student signatures on a petition asking for the referendum.

The committee decided not to sponsor the referendum after receiving assurances from the school's administration that there was no movement to bring ROTC back.

Garland did not make his position on the ROTC public. At the time, he told The Harvard Crimson that some committee members were concerned that the New American Movement was using the ROTC proposal as an opening to discuss Harvard's involvement in military contracting.

"We would have no problems with discussing things like Harvard's involvement with the military, but those issues should be raised directly, and not through the medium of ROTC," Garland told the Crimson.

During his undergraduate years, Garland was involved in student government, served as a proctor and worked as a tutor.

He also wrote for the Crimson, including theater reviews, an article on proposals to deal with student housing issues and an article on a program to offer free McDonald's hamburgers to students who donated blood.

In law school, Garland had a deep interest in constitutional law and the role of courts.

"He was not an ideological activist or outlier in any way," said Kate Stith-Cabranes, a law school classmate who is now a law professor at Yale.

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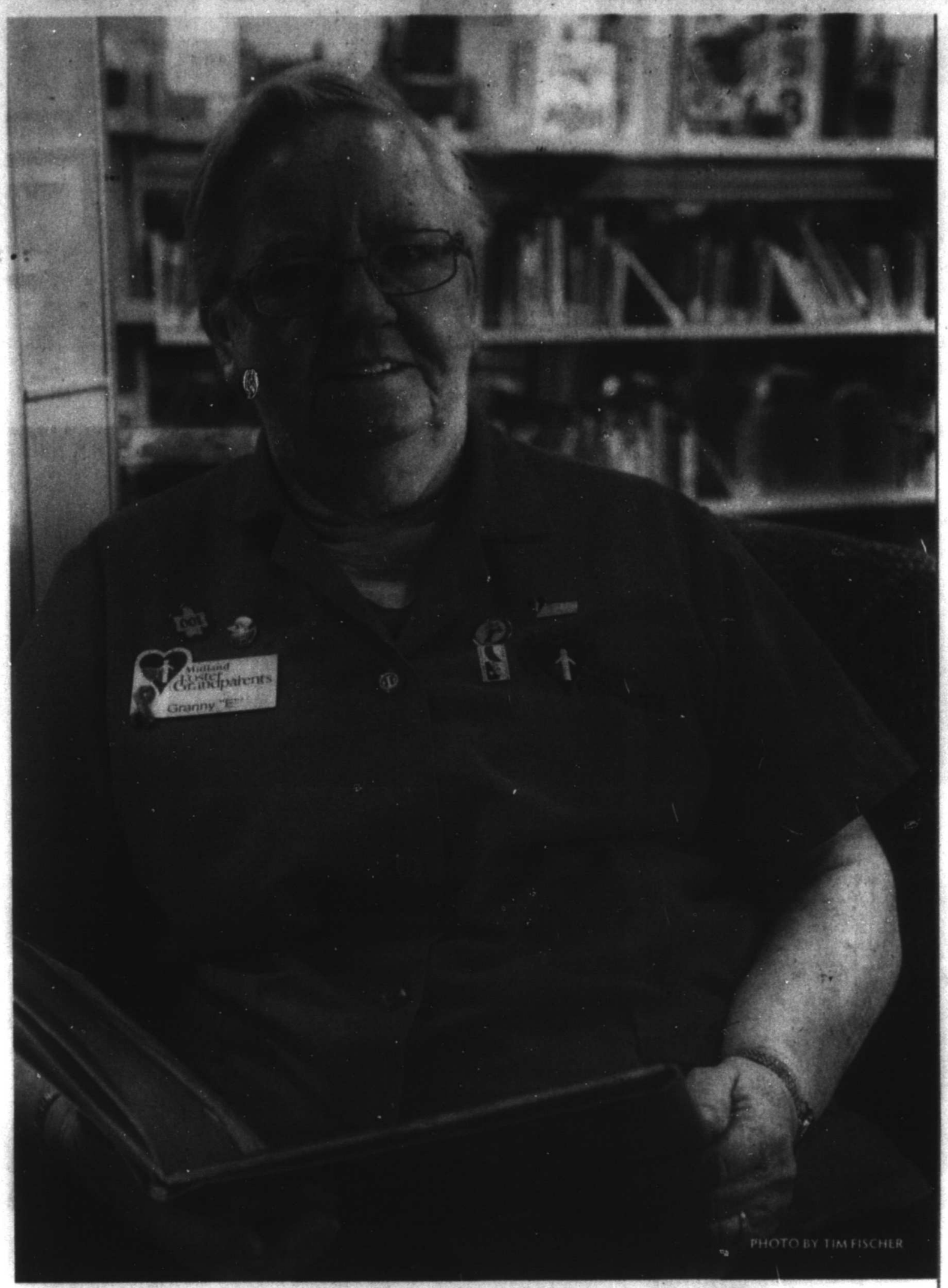

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ETHEL MAPP

(GRANNY E)
FOSTER GRANDPARENT

Community Involvement: Foster Grandparents, Kids First, RSVP, Lions Club, Centers for Children and Families, Girl Scouts, Centennial library (tutoring)

How did you become involved with the Foster Grandparents program, and how does the program improve Midland? Someone came to the Senior Center and told us about the program. I was interested so I took the training. The program improves Midland by giving our children one-on-one help learning to read as well as improving children's self-esteem and learning processes. It teaches them to not say I can't but I can as they accomplish their goals. Reading is important because it also helps with other subjects as well: math, science, writing and testing.

Why is literacy a priority and focus of yours? How have you helped children improve their relationship with reading? Literacy is fundamental in our everyday life. There are so many children who struggle in reading either because of culture differences, learning disabilities or poor motivation. I implemented a reading program 13 years ago to motivate children to want to learn to read. I keep track of how many books they read and give each of them a certificate and a reward if they reach a certain goal.

What unexpected lesson have you learned through your volunteer experiences? There are so many children who need our help with so many things in their life. Many just need to know that someone cares.

How long has Midland been your home, and why have you stayed? I have lived here 22 years. My children live here. And I love all the volunteer programs offered in Midland that accept older adults.

"GRANNY ETHEL REMINDED US THAT THERE IS NO REPLACEMENT FOR READING WITH A CHILD"

Granny Ethel recently broke the Midland County Public Library's record for volunteer hours served in one month; she served a little more than 106 hours in just 30 days. Spending scheduled one-on-one time with primarily emerging and reluctant readers, Ethel Mapp provided an entirely new library service acting as the library's concierge reading coach, and rewarding student achievement with free books. Feedback from parents, and results from children were fantastic.

Just as the science shows, Granny Ethel reminded our library staff and patrons that there is no replacement for reading with a child–reading competencies increase, confidence increases, curiosity increases, and the broader world becomes a playground to explore.

The entrepreneurship, leadership, follow-through and kindness shown by Granny Ethel has enlivened the lives of our library family, and we all look forward to her next month of library wizardry this coming July.

Edward McPherson, *Midland County Public Libraries education and program coordinator*

"GRANNY E HAS BLOSSOMED AS A FOSTER GRANDPARENT"

When I look back at my near 20-year history with Ethel Mapp, I am amazed at the difference volunteerism has made in her life. Ethel, at my first encounter, was someone who came to our agency, Senior Link Midland, seeking answers to what life had in store for her. Like many of us, we often think what our calling in life may be, and for Ethel, perhaps it was volunteerism. Following a nice visit, Ethel and I discovered that despite her low self-esteem she possessed the one ingredient most volunteers have: a caring heart. Ethel was placed with the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) where she continues to be an active member. However, it was a few years later that Ethel truly discovered her calling.

Fifteen years ago, we secured our second Senior Corps Program and the Foster Grandparent Program (FGP). FGP is a federal program utilizing the skills and interests of low-income seniors 55 and older who would enjoy mentoring children in public schools. Ethel quickly applied and joined her second Senior Corps program and became "Granny E."

Granny E has blossomed as a foster grandparent, and the program has given her confidence, happiness and a self-worth as she knows she is making a difference in the lives of so many children — as evidenced by the various letters from the children, teachers and parents.

Granny E has received many awards, including the Presidential Service Award for serving more than 4,000 hours during her lifetime. Granny E loves her children so much she began a reading-incentive program. The program rewards the children for reading 50 to 100 books. Granny E funds the program herself, offering awards and new books to the children.

It's been almost 20 years since Ethel Mapp arrived at our agency in search of her calling, which is being a Foster Grandparent.

Saul Herrera, *Senior Corps director, Senior Link Midland*

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Dean Douglas J. Dempster.

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Kelsey Evans, left, and Dean Linda Hicke.

TEXAS EXES

Karen and Rick Davis.

BYNUM BLOOMS

Bill Maurer, from left, Brenda Stice, Mary Woodard, Keri St. John and Tracy Bush.

BYNUM BLOOMS

Holly Fletcher, from left, Jennifer Petterson and Christy Hudgins.

BYNUM BLOOMS

Sharon Harris, left, and Sue Johns.

BYNUM BLOOMS

Victoria Wantland, from left, Paula Mackey, Kacy Work, Chloe Sawtelle and Zahir Noormohamed.

MCC LADIES ASSOCIATION

Susan Atchison, left, and Colleen McLane.

TEXAS EXES

The Midland Texas Exes Chapter of the University of Texas celebrated Texas Independence Day by raising funds to create an endowed scholarship in honor of UT Exes and longtime Midlanders, **Glenn and Louan Rogers.**

Chapter President **Dave Joyner** welcomed guests to the event at Midland Country Club, the **Rev. Steve Schorr** gave the invocation and **Joan Baskin** served as emcee for the evening.

Those seen toasting the Rogers couple were **Dean Linda Hicke** from the College of Natural Sciences, Dean **Douglas J. Dempster** from the College of Fine Arts, and former Midlander **Jerry Hilton**, a former pastor of First Presbyterian Church. Special guest **Jessica Hernandez,** who was awarded the Donald L. Evans Scholarship four years ago and will graduate in May, thanked the group for their support while she was a student at UT.

Texas Exes spotted in the crowd were **Jackie and Robert Rendall, Leah and Stephen Robertson, Missy and Link Grimes, Laurie and Miles Boldrick, Marie Hall, Margaret and Jim Purvis, Linda and Jim Hicks, Jann and Vince Bash, Jean and John Lawrence, Arlen Edgar, Becky and Doug Ferguson** and **Peggy and Bob Cowan.**

BYNUM BLOOMS

Bynum Blooms was held earlier this month in the home of **Holly and Clint Fletcher.** The fundraiser, which benefits Bynum School, featured a variety of homemade treats, including cookies, Texas Trash and brownies. Artwork by current students and handmade crosses and picture frames were also for sale.

The school is a private, nonprofit, year-round special-needs school for ages 3 to adult.

MCC LADIES ASSOCIATION

Two authors spoke at the March luncheon of the Midland Country Club Ladies Association.

Susan Atchison, mother of two grown children, presented her book, "Spirit Walk," stories about lessons in shepherding her family during their growing up years. **Diann Pass,** a workplace chaplain for the last seven years, presented her book, "Lessons in Living and Dying, Reflections on a Life Well Lived."

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FXNEWS		53	63	34	42	33	(5:00) ★ Matilda		The Fosters (N)		Recovery Road (N)		The Fosters	The 700 Club		★ Bruce Almighty	
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FX		31	56	59	64	69	(4:30) ★ That's My B...		★★★ Just Go With It ('11, Com) Adam Sandler.				★★★ Just Go With It ('11, Com) Adam Sandler.				
HALLMARK		54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
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HISTORY		71	59	29	50	43	Swamp People		Swamp: Blood (N)		Swamp People (N)		(:05) Wrec5. (N)		(:05) Wreck		Swamp: Blood
LIFETIME		28	30	25	28	48	(5:00) ★ The First Wives Club		★ Walk the Line ('05, Bio) Joaquin Phoenix. The life of country music star Johnny Cash from his childhood to marriage to June Carter.					Little Women: LA "The Party Continues"		★★★ Walk the Line Joaquin Phoenix.	
MSNBC		47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	43				NHL Live	NHL Hockey	Buffalo Sabres at Detroit Red Wings (L)				NHL Hockey Los Angeles Kings at San Jose Sharks (L)				Overtime
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SYFY		66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) ★ The Chronicles of Narnia: The Li...		The Magicians (N)				Internet	Internet	Bitten (N)		The Magicians
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TLC		51	61	32	38	52	Long Lost Family		Lost Family "Nobody Knew I Existed"		Long Lost Family		Lost Family "Am I Who I Think I Am?" (N)	Long Lost Family		Lost Family "Nobody Knew I Existed"	
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USA		26	55	42	27	49	Modern Family	Modern "Fizbo"	WWE Monday Night Raw						(:05) Chrisley	(:35) Chrisley	(:05) ★★ 3 Days to Kill Kevin Costner.
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Nursing home: You do not have to lose your home or savings

One of the greatest fears of seniors who must go to a nursing home is that in order to qualify for Medicaid help, they must spend down all their assets and give up their home.

Taylor Allen of The LADYMAN LAW OFFICE for senior planning services and a Medicaid specialist for the law firm of W. Tim Ladyman, PC, says this does not have to be the case.

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"We had consulted with other professionals in this field, but only Senior Planning Services truly seemed to understand how to go about preserving nearly all their assets for Mom's future use while still getting Dad immediately qualified for Medicaid."

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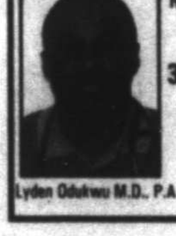

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March 9
Grimes-Servatius, Ann Parish-Belle Harris, Brenneman-Baggett, Patti Heard-Kay Arrell

March 10
David Hudson-Peggy Cook, Brenneman-Baggett, Arrell-Scarpelli, Marty Massie-Parish, Richard Stein-Greg Keys, Jeanie Marsh-Kelly Murphy

March 11
Harris-Servatius, Debbie Kemp-Blumentritt, Evans-Curry, Arrell-Nancy Hull, Perry-Tommie Strack, Frances Mills-Sally Reeder, Bonnie Hubbard-Janet Stoltz

March 13
Deborah Brookins-Joy Hardy, Sarana Savage-Harris, Anita Albert-Perry, Mercedes Barker-Debra Jones-Ann Smith-Baggett, Martha Poss-Scott Vaughan, Shirley Davenport-Amanda Shaw

March 14
Harris-Don Troy, Cook-Servatius, Brenneman-Marilyn Higgins, Massie-Parish, Keys-Scarpelli, Sandy Hill-Sarah Ellis

March 15
Strack-Arrell, Jean Pistole-Gloria Crites, Blumentritt-Stoltz, Brenda Brauner-Higgins

March 17
Patricia Kern-Harris, Helen Davis-Frances Levin, Vaughan-Servatius, Baggett-Brenneman, Dorothy Baird-Ellis, Les Neal-John Seymour, Hudson-Massie-Rebecca Osborne-Brookins, Georgia Temple-Higgins, Lonnie Yee-Carol Warrington, Mary Tift-Ann Brooks

March 18
Curry-Jane Myers, Evans-Kemp, Blumentritt-Strack, Dale Beck-James Hawkins, Martha Poss-Stoltz, Sue Marshall-Reeder

March 19
Brenda Dennard-Dorothy Blair, Brooks-Tift, William Kern-Linda Melson, Michael Melson-P. Kern

March 20
Curry-Blumentritt, Grimes-Servatius, Ward-Harris, Albert-Marilyn Matthews, Bob Bacon-Yee, Perry-Evans

Day gets the No. 1 ranking and the Match Play title

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Jason Day made his return to No. 1 in the world feel even sweeter Sunday by winning the Dell Match Play.

Day outlasted Rory McIlroy in an epic battle in the morning semifinals by making a 12-foot par putt on the 18th hole. The championship match against Louis Oosthuizen turned into a victory lap at Austin Country Club.

And to think Day thought about pulling out Thursday morning when his back seized up on him. Three days later, he looked better than ever.

"It's been a memorable week, not only to win the Dell Match Play but to get back to No. 1 in the world," Day said.

Day pulled ahead with a 10-foot birdie putt on the par-3 fourth hole, stretched his lead to 3 up at the turn and was relentless with his power and short game the rest of the way. He closed out Oosthuizen with a wedge to 3 feet for a conceded birdie on the 14th hole and a 5-and-4 victory.

It was the largest margin in the championship match since Tiger Woods beat Stewart Cink, 8 and 7, in 2008 at Dove Mountain in a 36-hole match.

Day was assured of the No. 1 ranking when Jordan Spieth lost Saturday morning in the fourth round and Day won his quarterfinal match that afternoon. But he said it would have felt hollow without leaving town with the trophy.

Oosthuizen, who knocked out Spieth, won the opening hole with a par and that was it. His only birdie was an 8-foot putt on No. 5 after Day had stuffed his wedge from the rough into 2 feet.

"I couldn't buy a birdie," Oosthuizen said. "I played OK, but nothing spectacular. Up against a guy like Jason, you need to play 3 or 4 under to have a chance."

Day joined Woods and Geoff Ogilvy as the only multiple winners of the Match Play. Along with replacing Spieth at No. 1 in the world, the 28-year-old Australian figures to be the favorite when he goes to Augusta National next week to start preparing for the Masters on April 7-10.

Day, coming off a victory last week in the Arnold Palmer Invitational, has won six of his last 13 tournaments dating to the PGA Championship.

None of this looked possible when he winced and grabbed his back on the final hole he played in his 3-and-

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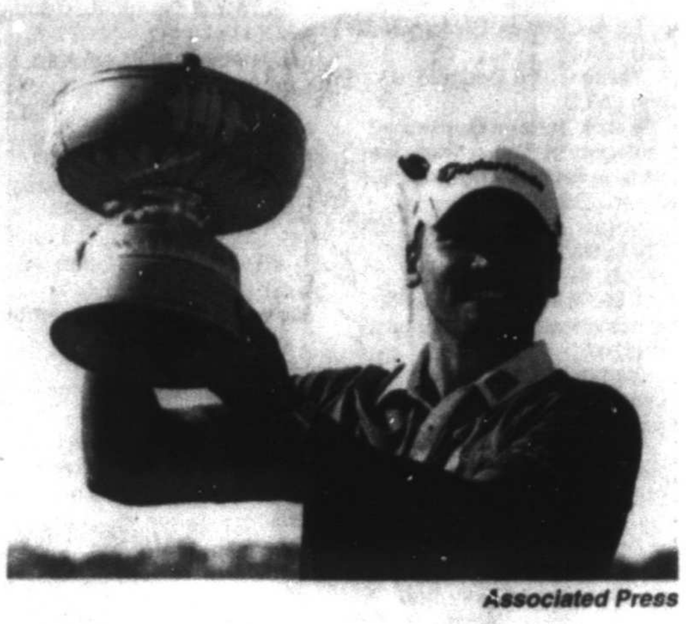

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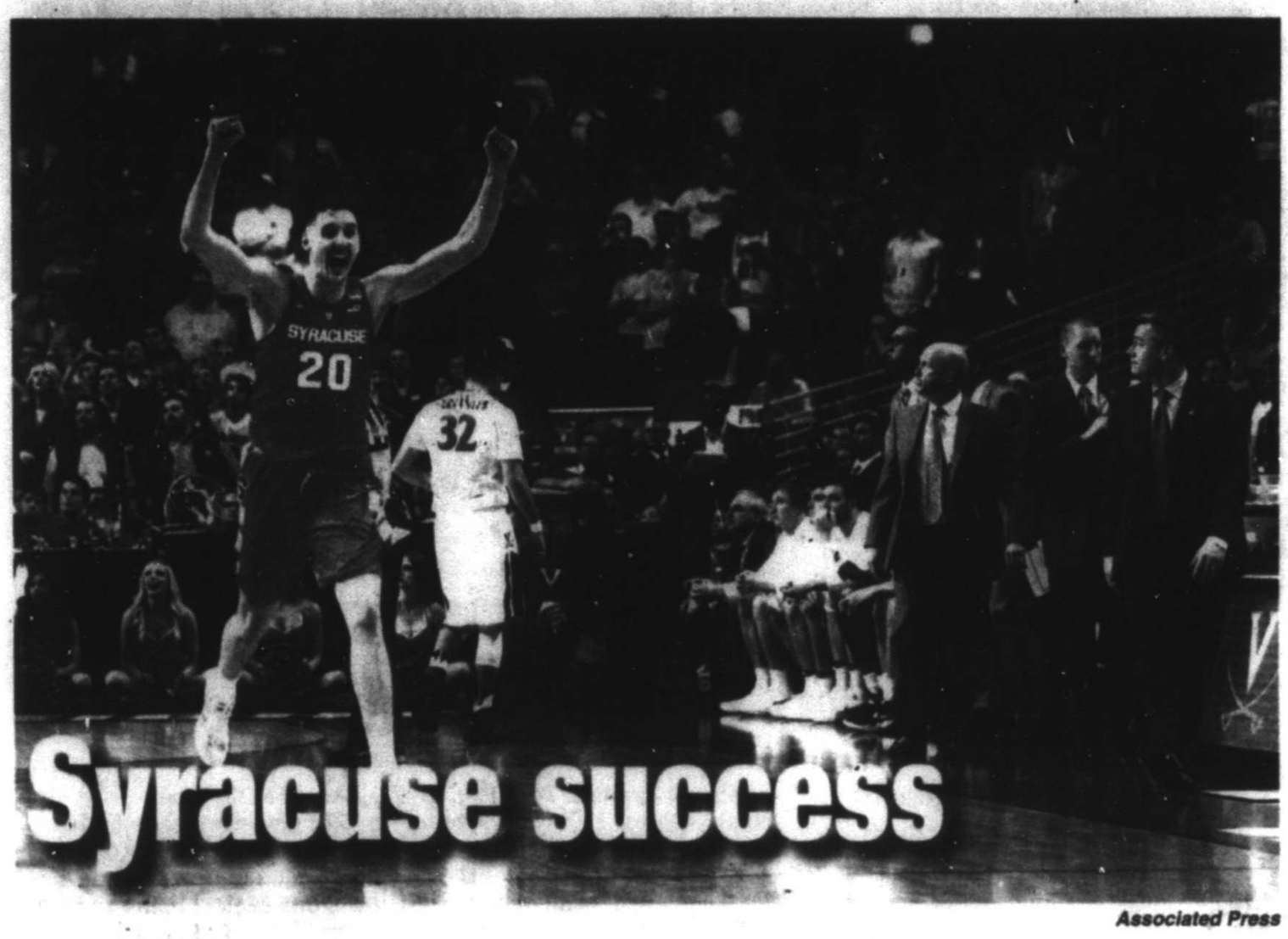
Jason Day, of Australia, holds the trophy after winning the Dell Match Play Championship golf tournament at Austin Country Club, Sunday, in Austin.



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Syracuse's Tyler Lydon (20) celebrates after a college basketball game against Virginia in the regional finals of the NCAA Tournament, Sunday, in Chicago.

Syracuse rallies for spot in Final Four

By Jay Cohen
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Malachi Richardson and Syracuse scrapped and fought their way from the bubble to the Final Four.

Richardson scored 21 of his 23 points in the second half, and Syracuse extended its improbable run with a 68-62 victory over top-seeded Virginia on Sunday.

The Orange were among the last teams to get into the NCAA Tournament after a rough closing stretch, but slipped in as a 10 seed before storming to its first Final Four since 2013 and No. 6 overall. It comes at the end of a challenging season for coach Jim Boeheim, who was suspended for nine games as the result of an NCAA investigation.

"It was a whole team effort and these guys really deserve it," Boeheim said. "We beat a great basketball team. I've never been prouder in all my 40 years as coach of a basketball team as I am of this team tonight."

Syracuse (23-13), which trailed by 16 at the start of the second half, becomes the first 10 seed to make it to the Final Four and just the fourth double-digit seed to accomplish the feat. It's the lowest seeded team to reach the national semifinals since VCU in 2011, according to STATS.

Michael Gbinije and freshman Tyler Lydon each scored 11 points for the Orange, who will face the winner of the East Regional final between North Carolina and Notre Dame on Saturday in Houston. Tyler Roberson finished with 10 points and eight rebounds.

"We worked so hard," Gbinije said. "We've been through a lot."

London Perrantes scored 15 of his 18 points in the first half for Virginia (29-8), which blew a 16-point lead in the second half. Malcolm Brogdon, the ACC player of the year, had 12 points on 2-of-14 shooting in the final game of his Cavaliers career.

Syracuse trailed 54-39 before it ripped off 25 of the next 29 points, including 15 in a row. And Richardson led the way, often taking the ball right at Brogdon.

Richardson's driving layup made it 59-58 Orange with 5:47 remaining for their first lead since early in the first half.

After Perrantes missed a long 3, Richardson connected from deep and smiled as he ran up the court while making circles around his eyes with his hands.

"I started slow, I had a couple of bad turnovers and Coach got on me at halftime," Richardson said. "I knew I had to pick it up for my teammates. We were down, and I just wanted to come back, and we did it."

The confident freshman, who scored 21 points in Syracuse's first-round win against Dayton, added another layup for his seventh straight point before Anthony Gill stopped Virginia's drought with a basket inside.

The Cavaliers had a chance to tie in the final seconds after Gbinije went 1 for 2 at the line.

But Devon Hall missed a 3-point attempt and Lydon and DaJuan Coleman combined for three free throws to close it out for the Orange.

Syracuse also trailed in the regional semifinal against Gonzaga, erasing a nine-point deficit in the final 6 1/2 minutes.

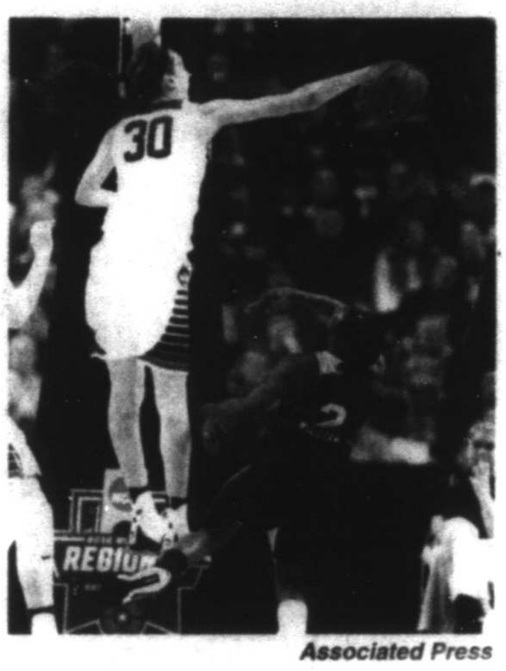
Virginia, which beat Syracuse 73-65 on Jan. 24, shot 35.7 percent in the second half. Gill and Mike Tobey finished with 10 points apiece.

Richardson went 6 for 16 from the field and 8 for 9 at the line. The 6-foot-6 forward, who was voted the most outstanding player of the region, also had seven rebounds.

"This is a dream come true for me," he said.

Bouncing back from a jittery start, Virginia grabbed control with a 19-2 run in the first half. Perrantes sparked the turnaround with two straight 3-pointers and Darius Thompson finished it off with a circus layup on the break, making it 21-10 with 6:33 left and drawing an "ooohhh" from the crowd of 20,155.

Despite a memorable play from Lydon — the freshman lost his left shoe and threw it off to the side before draining a 3 — the Orange shot 30.8 percent from the field in the first half and trailed 35-21 at the break.



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Connecticut's Breanna Stewart, left, blocks a shot by Mississippi State's Morgan William during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in the regional semifinals of the women's NCAA Tournament on Saturday, in Bridgeport, Conn.

Auriemma has no apologies for UConn's dominance

By Doug Feinberg
Associated Press

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. — Geno Auriemma and his UConn Huskies have been steamrolling through the NCAA Tournament without much trouble at all.

They stand three wins away from a fourth straight national championship, an unprecedented feat in the sport. Up next is Texas, a team they beat by a record 51 points in the Sweet 16 last year.

Instead of talking about the Longhorns, however, Auriemma and his team were left answering whether their dominance was good for the sport a day after they beat Mississippi State by 60 points in the regional semifinals. It's a question the Hall of Fame coach has heard many times over the last 15 years when the Huskies have won nine of their 10 titles.

"When Tiger was winning every major, nobody said he was bad for golf," Auriemma said. "Actually he did a lot for golf. He made everybody have to be a better golfer. And they did. And now there's a lot more great golfers because of Tiger."

Women's basketball is still waiting for someone to consistently challenge the Huskies for the throne.

The Huskies have won 72 consecutive

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Elite Eight not enough for Baylor women vs Oregon State

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

DALLAS — Baylor players have been wearing those green "Eight Is Not Enough" bracelets so long that Nina Davis figures she probably has a permanent mark on her arm.

Those rubbery bands are a reminder of where the Lady Bears ended their last two seasons — in a women's NCAA Tournament regional final — and motivation to go farther this season. They have made it to the Elite Eight for the third year in a row, this time against Pac-12 champion Oregon State on Monday night.

"The job is not done yet," said point guard Niya Johnson, one of three Baylor seniors with their last shot at getting to a Final Four after losses to Notre Dame at this point in each of the past two years.

"I'm definitely ready for the opportunity to get rid of it tomorrow," Davis said about the bracelets they have worn since last summer.

As the No. 1 seed in the Dallas Regional, Big 12 champion Baylor (36-1) is playing only about 100 miles from its Waco campus. The Lady Bears are in the same NBA arena where they lost a regional final five years ago against Texas A&M, the eventual national champion they beat three previous times that season.

The Big 12 champion Lady Bears are in their seventh regional final, and have been to three Final Fours under coach Kim Mulkey. Second-seeded Oregon State (31-4) had never gotten this deep in the NCAA Tournament.

"They have a confidence and they know what at that to expect, and they have been there and they've played the biggest stage," Oregon State guard Jamie Weisner said. "But I think we have confidence, too. We're going places we've never been before, and that alone is a lot of confidence we can ride on."

Weisner, who had career highs

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Associated Press

Oregon State guard Sydney Wiese, left, speaks as she sits by teammate guard Jamie Weisner during a news conference ahead of a regional final of the women's NCAA Tournament Sunday, in Dallas. Baylor faces Oregon State on Monday.

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Powerade Jam Fest, 7 p.m., ESPN2.
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Texas vs. LA Dodgers, 9 p.m., MLB
Men's College Basketball
Vegas 16 Quarterfinal: Tennessee Tech vs. Old Dominion, 2 p.m., CBSSN
Vegas 16 Quarterfinal: UC Santa Barbara vs. Northern Illinois, 4:30 p.m., CBSSN
CBI Final, Gm 1: Nevada at Morehead State, 7:30 p.m. ESPNU
Vegas 16 Quarterfinal: Oakland vs. Towson, 8 p.m., CBSSN
Vegas 16 Quarterfinal: Louisiana Tech vs. East Tennessee State, 10:30 p.m., CBSSN
Men's Soccer
Friendly: Romania vs. Spain, 4 p.m., beIN
National Basketball Association
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San Antonio at Memphis, 7 p.m., FSSW+, FSSWSA
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Boston at LA Clippers, 9:30 p.m., NBAtv
National Hockey League
Buffalo at Detroit, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN
Los Angeles at San Jose, 9 p.m., NBCSN
Rugby
Super League: Widnes vs. St. Hellen's, 8:40 a.m., FSP
Super League: Catalans vs. Castleford, 11 a.m., FSP
Tennis
ATP/WTA: Miami Open, 10 a.m., TENNIS
Women's College Basketball
NCAA: Connecticut vs. Texas, 6 p.m., ESPN
NCAA: Baylor vs. Oregon State, 8 p.m., ESPN
Women's Hockey
IIHF World Championship: USA vs. Canada, 9:30 p.m., NHL

RADIO
National Basketball Association
Dallas at Denver, 8 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring)

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Western Texas at Midland College (DH), 1 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Optioned 1B Christian Walker to Norfolk (IL). Released RHP Dale Thayer.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Released OF Chris Denorfia. Optioned INF Rob Refsnyder to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Optioned OF Jake Smolinski to Nashville (PCL). Reassigned C Carson Blair to their minor league camp.
National League
COLORADO ROCKIES — Optioned RHP David Hale to Albuquerque (PCL).
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Traded LHP Eric O'Flaherty to Atlanta for cash considerations.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Announced RHP Blake Smith cleared waivers and was assigned back to the Chicago White Sox.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Optioned RHP Mike Broadway, OFs Jarrett Parker and Mac Williamson to Sacramento (PCL). Reassigned LHP Braulio Lara, OF Gorkys Hernandez, INFs Grant Green, Ramiro Rena and Conor Gillespie and C George Kottaras to their minor league camp.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Assigned 1B Tyler Moore outright to Syracuse (IL). Traded INF/OF Tyler Moore to Atlanta for 1B Nate Freiman.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS — Signed F Christian Wood to a 10-day contract. Waived G-F Sonny Weems.
GOLF
PGA TOUR — Signed commissioner Tim Finchem to a one-year contract extension until June 2017.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
COLORADO AVALANCHE — Recalled F Andrew Agozzino and D Nikita Zadorov from San Antonio (AHL).
MONTREAL CANADIENS — Assigned D Mac Bennett from St. John's (AHL) to Brampton (ECHL).
American Hockey League
BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS — Assigned G Parker Milner to Missouri (ECHL).
HARTFORD WOLF PACK — Recalled D Kodie Curran from Greenville (ECHL).
ST. JOHN'S ICECAPS — Assigned D Travis Brown and F Angelo Miceli to Brampton (ECHL).
SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Recalled D Cody Corbett and Mason Geertsen from Fort Wayne (ECHL).
SAN JOSE BARRACUDA — Assigned D Rick Pimkston to Allen (ECHL).
STOCKTON HEAT — Returned G Mark Owuya to Utah (ECHL).
ECHL
ADIRONDACK THUNDER — Signed D Conor Riley to an amateur tryout agreement.
ALLEN AMERICANS — Released F Nicholas Miglio.
BRAMPTON BEAST — Released D Travis Armstrong and Fs Colin Murray and Jesse Stoughton.
COLORADO EAGLES — Released G Eric Levine.
EVANSVILLE ICEMEN — Released D Scott Morongell.
IDAHO STEELHEADS — Signed F Kruise Reddick.
KALAMAZOO WINGS — Signed F Justin Hoornstan.
MISSOURI MAVERICKS — Released D Mike Donnellan.
UTAH GRIZZLIES — Released G Justin Masterman as emergency backup.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
D.C. UNITED — Signed M Andrew Mancini.
COLLEGE
PITTSBURGH — Named Kevin Stallings men's basketball coach.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Atlantic Division							
Florida	75	42	24	9	93	216	184
Tampa Bay	75	43	27	5	91	211	182
Boston	76	40	28	8	88	222	207
Detroit	75	37	27	11	85	192	206
Ottawa	76	34	33	9	77	217	234
Montreal	76	34	36	6	74	201	221
Buffalo	75	31	34	10	72	179	202
Toronto	74	27	36	11	65	181	217
Metropolitan Division							
z-Washington	74	53	16	5	111	232	174
N.Y. Rangers	76	43	24	9	95	219	199
Pittsburgh	75	42	25	8	92	214	186
N.Y. Islanders	74	40	25	9	89	208	192
Philadelphia	74	36	25	13	85	193	197
Carolina	76	33	28	15	81	186	206
New Jersey	76	36	32	8	80	171	193
Columbus	75	30	37	8	68	194	233
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
x-Dallas	76	45	22	9	99	247	218
x-St. Louis	76	45	22	9	99	203	185
Chicago	76	44	25	7	95	212	188
Nashville	75	39	23	13	91	210	190
Minnesota	76	37	28	11	85	206	189
Colorado	75	38	33	4	80	200	212
Winnipeg	75	31	38	6	68	192	220
Pacific Division							
x-Los Angeles	75	45	25	5	95	206	175
x-Anaheim	74	41	23	10	92	194	177
San Jose	75	41	28	6	88	219	196
Arizona	75	34	34	7	75	197	221
Calgary	75	31	38	6	68	205	238
Vancouver	75	27	35	13	67	171	217
Edmonton	78	30	41	7	67	193	232

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.
x-clinched playoff spot
z-clinched conference

Scores & schedule

Sunday's Scores
Carolina 3, New Jersey 2
Pittsburgh 3, N.Y. Rangers 2, OT
Chicago 3, Vancouver 2
Monday's Games
Winnipeg at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Columbus at Washington, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Colorado at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Calgary at Arizona, 9 p.m.
Los Angeles at San Jose, 9 p.m.

SKI REPORT

New Mexico
Sipapu — Sun 4 10 am spring snow machine groomed 21-29 base 20 of 42 trails, 48% open 5 miles, 92 acres, 4 of 6 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9:30a-4p Sat/Sun: 9:30a-4p
Ski Santa Fe — Sun 7 25 am 2 new spring snow machine groomed 53-53 base 79 of 79 trails 100% open, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p Apr 3: Last day
Taos — Sun 5:42 am packed powder machine groomed 62-62 base 68 of 110 trails, 62% open 850 acres, 12 of 15 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Colorado
Arapahoe Basin — Sun 6:00 am 2 new powder machine groomed 72-72 base 105 of 109 trails, 100% open, 960 acres 8 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p
Aspen Highlands — Sun 6:24 am 1 new powder machine groomed 68-91 base 122 of 122 trails, 100% open, 1053 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p Apr 10: Last day
Aspen Mountain — Sun 6:23 am 2 new powder machine groomed 60-65 base 76 of 76 trails, 100% open, 675 acres, 6 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p Apr 17: Last day
Beaver Creek — Sun 5:17 am packed powder machine groomed 66-66 base 150 of 150 trails 100% open, 1832 acres, 24 of 25 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p
Breckenridge — Sun 5:15 am 3 new powder machine groomed 81-84 base 187 of 187 trails, 100% open, 2908 acres, 34 of 35 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p
Buttermilk — Sun 6:21 am packed powder machine groomed 48-68 base 41 of 44 trails 93% open, 450 acres, 7 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p Apr 3: Last day
Cooper — Sun 7:51 am 1 new packed powder machine groomed 44-52 base 39 of 39 trails 100% open, 26 miles, 400 acres, 4 of 4 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p
Copper Mountain — Sun 5:06 am 1 new powder machine groomed 65-83 base 139 of 143 trails, 97% open, 2465 acres, 23 of 23 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p
Crested Butte — Sun 5:31 am powder machine groomed 56-58 base 118 of 121 trails 98% open, 1091 acres, 15 of 16 lifts, am Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p
Echo Mountain — Operating, no details
Eldora — Sun 6:13 am 3 new powder machine groomed 55-55 base 54 of 54 trails 100% open, 880 acres, 11 of 11 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p
Keystone — Sun 5:12 am 1 new packed powder machine groomed 65-68 base 131 of 131 trails 100% open, 3148 acres, 19 of 20 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p
Loveland — Sun 5:12 am 2 new powder machine groomed 80-80 base 94 of 94 trails 100% open, 1800 acres, 10 of 10 lifts, am Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p
Monarch — Sun 6:57 am 3 new powder machine groomed 78-78 base 62 of 62 trails 100% open, 800 acres, 6 of 6 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p
Powderhorn — Sun 5:52 am packed powder machine groomed 65-65 base 41 of 44 trails 93% open, 5 of 5 lifts, am Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p
Purgatory — Sun 5:42 am 3 new packed powder machine groomed 50-54 base 90 of 91 trails 99% open, 1360 acres, 9 of 9 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9:30a-4:30p Sat/Sun: 9:30a-4:30p
Silverton Mountain — Sun Reopen 4/1 3 new powder machine groomed 65-120 base 69 of 69 trails, 100% open, 1819 acres, 1 of 1 lift Fri: 9a-3p Sat/Sun: 9a-3p Open Fri-Sun Apr 10: Last day
Ski Granby Ranch — Fri 8:11 am variable machine groomed 31-31 base 39 of 40 trails 98% open, 5 of 5 lifts, Mon-Thu: 9a-4p Fri: 9a-4p, 5p-8p Sat: 9a-4p 5p-8p Sun: 9a-4p
Snowmass — Sun 6:22 am 1 new powder machine groomed 58-78 base 91 of 91 trails 100% open, 3342 acres, 19 of 20 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p Apr 10: Last day
Steamboat — Sun 5:15 am powder machine groomed 75-101 base 165 of 165 trails 100% open, 2965 acres, 16 of 18 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4:30p Mon Thu/Fri: 6p-9p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4:30p, 6p-9p
Sunlight — Sat 4:51 am powder machine groomed 61-67 base 67 of 67 trails 100% open, 680 acres, 3 of 3 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p Apr 3: Last day
Telluride — Sun 5:18 am 2 new powder machine groomed 72-72 base 106 of 127 trails 97% open, 1880 acres, 18 of 18 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p
Vail — Sun 5:07 am packed powder machine groomed 73-73 base 194 of 195 trails, 100% open 5289 acres, 31 of 31 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p
Winter Park — Sun 5:45 am packed powder machine groomed 87-95 base 135 of 143 trails 94% open, 2870 acres, 24 of 25 lifts, am Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p
Wolf Creek — Sun 10:35 am 9 new powder machine groomed 85-131 base 77 of 77 trails, 100% open, 42 miles, 1600 acres, 7 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p
Ashcroft XC — Tue No Recent information powder machine groomed 68-72 base 12 of 20 trails, 11 miles Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p
Crested Butte XC — Sun " 32 am 1 new packed powder machine groomed 8-45 base 23 of 23 trails, 31 miles Mon-Fri: 8a-5p Sat/Sun: 8a-5p

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MC completes 4-game sweep with victory

From staff reports

LAS VEGAS, N.M. — The Midland College baseball team completed a four-game sweep of Luna Community College with a run-rule 11-0 victory in five innings Sunday.

The game was postponed Saturday because of inclement weather.

The Chaparrals (16-11, 10-2 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference) had 11 hits for the game and had a four-run second inning and a six-run third.

Alexander

Hill Alexander led MC by going 2-for-2 with a home run; three RBI and three runs scored. Connor Beck was 2-for-4 with a home run; Tony Beam was 2-for-3 with a double, RBI and a run scored; and Nick Russell drove in two runs.

Brock Barger got the win on the mound as he allowed just three hits, didn't walk a batter and struck out three in the complete-game performance.

MC next goes to New Mexico Junior College at 3 p.m. (CDT) Wednesday for a non-conference game.

MIDLAND COLLEGE 11, LUNA CC 0, 5 INNINGS

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Brock Barger and Tony Beam, Maverez; Maxwell (3), Peters-Valdez (4), Whitaker (5) and Navarro, W.— Barger, L.— Maverez. 2B — MC: Yahir Gurrola Beam. HR — MC: Hill Alexander, Connor Beck.
Records: Midland College 16-11, 10-2 in WJCAC; Luna CC 8-22, 3-8.
Next: Midland College at New Mexico JC, 3 p.m.

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

PADRES 21 ASTROS 6

MEXICO CITY — Jabari Blash, Adam Rosales and Jon Jay homered during a nine-run first inning and the San Diego Padres routed the Houston Astros 21-6 in a split-squad game Sunday, finishing up the first Major League Baseball series in Mexico City in 12 years.

Blash, forced to leave Saturday night's game in the sixth after being hit in the head by a pitch, connected for a three-run shot. Rosales added a two-run drive and Jay hit a three-run shot.

Travis Jankowski and Casey McElroy homered later for the Padres, taking advantage of Mexico City's altitude of 7,350 feet.

Yangervis Solarte added two RBIs for the Padres, who lost 11-1 to the Astros a day earlier.

Colin Moran homered for Houston.

Mexico City hosted major league games for the first time since March 2004, when the Astros played the Marlins at Foro Sol. This game was played at Fray Nano stadium, which seats 5,000 fans.

RANGERS 5 DIAMONDBACKS 4

SURPRISE, Ariz. — Prince Fielder hit a three-run homer, Colby Lewis pitched effectively into the seventh inning and the Texas Rangers beat an Arizona Diamondbacks' split-squad 5-4 Sunday.

Fielder homered to right-center field in the fourth on the first pitch from Josh Collmenter, who was the Diamondbacks' 2015 opening day starter.

Robinson Chirinos went 3 for 3 and led off the four-run inning with a single.

Lewis gave up four runs on six hits, including home runs to Chris Owings and Phil Gosselin, and struck out six in 6 2/3 innings.

"Colby was much sharper today," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said.

"He had more success throwing first pitches, getting his pitches to where he wanted to. His breaking stuff was measurably sharper. I thought he used the changeup when he needed to. He was able to work both sides of the plate, quick outs, quick innings and limited any damage that he got himself into. It was a really good outing for Colby."

Yoan Lopez, a 23-year-old Cuban right-hander the Diamondbacks signed for $8.27 million in January 2015, tossed three scoreless innings, allowing four hits, walking one and striking out four. Lopez, who has a 1.29 ERA in four outings, went 1-6 with a 4.69 ERA last season with Double-A Mobile.

"I grew a lot last year," Lopez said through an interpreter. "This is my second year in America. I feel ready."

Matt Bush made his second spring appearance and worked a scoreless eighth, allowing a leadoff double and a walk. Bush was the first overall pick in the 2004 draft and signed with the Rangers on a minor league deal in December after being released from prison in October.

MLB SPRING TRAINING GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE	W	L	Pct
Toronto	16	5	.762
Los Angeles	15	8	.652
Houston	18	9	.640
Detroit	15	10	.600
Minnesota	15	10	.600
Texas	16	11	.593
Seattle	14	12	.538
Chicago	13	12	.520
Cleveland	12	12	.500
Tampa Bay	11	11	.500
Oakland	11	12	.478
Boston	12	14	.462
New York	10	13	.435
Kansas City	12	17	.414
Baltimore	9	14	.391
NATIONAL LEAGUE	**W**	**L**	**Pct**
Washington	17	4	.810
Arizona	20	6	.769
Philadelphia	14	9	.609
Colorado	13	9	.591
Milwaukee	12	11	.522
Los Angeles	12	12	.500
Cincinnati	12	15	.444
Miami	9	12	.429
San Francisco	11	17	.393
St. Louis	8	13	.381
New York	7	13	.350
Chicago	8	17	.320
San Diego	8	18	.308
Pittsburgh	7	18	.280
Atlanta	6	17	.261

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Scores and schedule

Sunday's Scores
Minnesota 5, N.Y. Yankees 2
Miami 4, St. Louis 2
Houston 8, Detroit 3
Toronto 7, Tampa Bay 3
Boston 5, Philadelphia 1
Washington (ss) 7, Atlanta 2
N.Y. Mets 4, Washington (ss) 4, tie
San Diego 21, Houston 6
Chicago White Sox 13, San Francisco 9
Oakland 10, Kansas City 1
Cleveland 10, Milwaukee 3
Seattle 12, Chicago Cubs 9
Cincinnati 7, L.A. Dodgers 6
Texas 5, Arizona (ss) 4
L.A. Angels 11, San Diego 2
Colorado 8, Arizona (ss) 6, 10 innings
Baltimore 5, Pittsburgh 3

Today's Games
Miami vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Baltimore vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 12:07 p.m.
Cleveland vs. Oakland at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. Kansas City (ss) at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City (ss) vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
Houston vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 5:05 p.m.
Detroit vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 5:35 p.m.
Texas vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.
Arizona vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.

Finchem gets 1-year contract extension

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Tim Finchem has signed on for one more year as the PGA Tour commissioner, even though he plans to leave at the end of this year.

Finchem's contract was to expire on June 1. The PGA Tour board recently gave him an extension until June 2017 that he said would allow him more time to work on projects to develop more structure to the worldwide nature of golf.

"The length of the contract is really a placeholder," Finchem said Sunday at the Dell Match Play. "I wouldn't anticipate staying that long."

Finchem, who turns 69 next month, was appointed PGA Tour commissioner in 1994, when Tiger Woods was about to start college and Greg Norman was No. 1 in the world. He negotiated the first of three television contracts shortly after Woods won his first major at the 1997 Masters, and prize money has soared. He also used Woods' popularity to launch The First Tee with hopes of broadening golf's appeal to youth.

Jay Monahan was appointed deputy commissioner two years ago. Earlier this week, Monahan received the additional title of chief operating officer. Finchem said Monahan already has been running the day-to-day operations of the tour, and that it was important for a transition plan to be in place.

Monahan still would have to be appointed by the board.

"The great news is not that I may step aside, but that our succession plan is working exceedingly well," Finchem said.

Finchem is chairman this year of the World Golf Foundation, and one of his goals is to measure interest and growth in the game and find new ways to get more people playing. He was vague on details except to say that tours around the world need to collaborate to better tap into the corporate marketplace.

The latest TV contracts for the PGA Tour were 10-year deals with CBS Sports and NBC Sports so that they would be concurrent with the 15-year deal the tour previously signed with Golf Channel. All TV deals expire in 2021.

DAY

From 1C

2 victory over Graeme McDowell on Wednesday. Day said he thought about going back to Ohio for tests, especially with the Masters around the corner. He went through therapy every day, and stuck it out. And while his back got progressively better, so did his game.

Day played only 101 holes over seven matches — one match was six holes when Paul Casey withdrew with a stomach ailment — and only had one match go the distance.

Rafa Cabrera Bello of Spain, who lost to Oosthuizen in the other semifinal, won the last three holes to beat McIlroy in the consolation match. The real consolation for the Spaniard was moving into the top 50 in the world ranking to earn a trip to the Masters for the first time.

Day might have won this tournament in the morning.

His semifinal match with McIlroy — only the second semifinal in the 18-year history of this event that the Nos. 2 and 3 seeds met — lived up to the expectation. The lead changed seven times.

They combined for 11 birdies in chilly, blustery conditions.

The match turned on the 11th hole when Day got up-and-down for par with a 12-foot putt, while McIlroy missed a 6-foot birdie. Day got up-and-down eight times in his match against McIlroy.

On the par-5 12th, McIlroy was first to hit and played well right of the green, away from the water. Day took on the hazard, and his shot cleared the water by about a foot to set up a two-putter birdie that gave him the lead for good.

Day had never seen the 18th hole in his life until he had to get up-and-down from a tough spot short and left of the pin. He played the slope too hard and the ball rolled 12 feet on the other side of the hole. McIlroy was 6 feet away for par when Day made the putt to win.

Oosthuizen was no match for him in the warmth of the afternoon. The South African hit out of a bunker into the hazard to lose the third hole, missed a 7-foot par putt on the seventh hole to fall 2 down, and Day took control with a 6-foot birdie on the ninth.

Austin Country Club
Austin
Yardage: 7,073; Par: 71
Semifinals
Sunday
(Seedings in parentheses)
Jason Day (2), Australia, def. Rory McIlroy (3), Northern Ireland, 1 up.
Louis Oosthuizen (16), South Africa, def./Rafa Cabrera Bello (52), Spain, 4 and 3.
Championship match
Jason Day (2), Australia, def. Louis Oosthuizen (16), South Africa, 5 and 4.
Consolation match
Rafa Cabrera Bello (52), Spain, def. Rory McIlroy (3), Northern Ireland, 3 and 2.

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Notre Dame's Bonzie Colson, left, and North Carolina's Brice Johnson, right, chase a loose ball during the second half of a regional final men's college basketball game in the NCAA Tournament on Sunday in Philadelphia.

N Carolina races to another Final Four, beats Notre Dame

By Jim O'Connell
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Brice Johnson had 25 points and 12 rebounds to lead North Carolina to an 88-74 victory over Notre Dame on Sunday night, leaving the Tar Heels as the only No. 1 seed in the Final Four.

The Tar Heels reached the Final Four for a record 19th time and the first since 2009, when they won the last of their five national championships.

North Carolina (32-6) will face Syracuse, the 10th seed from the Midwest Regional, in another all-Atlantic Coast Conference matchup in the Final Four on Saturday in Houston. The Orange beat top-seeded Virginia 68-62.

The game was two different halves. In the first, the teams went shot for shot with both teams shooting over 58 percent and neither leading by more than six points.

The second half was run for run and the Tar Heels, by taking control of the boards, had the last and biggest one to take control over the final 10 minutes.

Marcus Paige added 13 points and Joel Berry II had 11 points and eight assists for North Carolina, which has won its four tournament games by an average of 15.4 points. The Tar Heels finished with a 32-15 rebound advantage, including 13-5 on the offensive end.

Demetrius Jackson had 26 points and V.J. Beacham had 18 for sixth-seeded Notre Dame (24-12).

The teams split their games in the regular season. Notre Dame won 80-76 at home and the Tar Heels prevailed 78-47 in the ACC Tournament semifinals just two weeks ago. Notre Dame has made just one Final Four in 1978.

The second half Sunday seemed like it was going to be like the ACC Tournament game in which the Tar Heels used a 24-0 run to take control.

This time, a 12-0 run that gave the Tar Heels a 63-52 lead with 9:19 to play. North Carolina showed its depth in the run with the final eight points coming from reserves Isaiah Hicks and Theo Pinson.

North Carolina opened the second half with an 8-2 run and Kennedy Meeks scoring all the Tar Heels' points down low. Notre Dame answered with 12 straight points. During that run, Johnson was charged with a technical foul for throwing the ball high in the air after he was called for a foul.

But that's when the Tar Heels, with Johnson on the bench, took off.

After an incredible first half in which both teams played about as well as they could offensively, North Carolina led 43-38.

ELITE

From 1C

with 38 points and seven 3-pointers in the Beavers' Sweet 16 win over DePaul, is among a senior group that as freshmen won only 10 games and endured a 10-game Pac-12 losing streak.

"Seems like a lifetime ago in some regards because we've come so far and developed the program so far since then," 6-foot-6 senior center Ruth Hamblin said. "But we have really experienced it all just climbing up this mountain, and I think we're excited for the next step."

The Beavers are one win away from joining fellow Pac-12 team Washington in the Final Four. Oregon, under sixth-year coach Scott Rueck, won the conference tournament this year while sharing the regular-season title with Arizona State after winning it outright last season.

"I think everybody is watching each other closely," Rueck said. "We would be lying if we didn't say it was giving each other confidence watching each other succeed."

A few tidbits before Oregon State and Baylor play for the first time since 1995:

BIG STREAKS: Baylor carries a 23-game winning streak into the regional final. Oregon State has won 21 of its last 22 games.

30-30: Davis has scored 30 points in each of Baylor's last two NCAA Tournament games, matching the junior's season high set in November. "Just doing what I do," Davis said. "Attacking the goal and trying to cause the defense to collide on me and dish it out to my teammates, and if they don't come try, to get a shot off.

LONG TIME AGO: Oregon State has won the only two games in the series against Baylor. But those wins by the Beavers were in 1983 and 1995, when Mulkey was a player and then an assistant coach at Louisiana Tech.

FUTURE GENERATIONS: There is a picture of Mulkey from Baylor's 2005 national championship with her young daughter and son on the ladder as she cuts the net. Daughter Makenzie is now part of Baylor's staff after four seasons as a player, and son Kramer is a junior shortstop at LSU. Rueck's three young children are in Dallas with him. "Nothing better," Rueck said, with 12-year-old son Cole sitting in the second row during the coach's media availability. "That's what this whole thing is about, and I pray someday that I can be his assistant."

APOLOGIES

From 1C

games and no team has come within single digits of them during that streak — the second longest in NCAA history, trailing only their own 90-game run a few years ago. If they get three more wins, which almost seems like a foregone conclusion, then Auriemma will pass vaunted UCLA men's coach John Wooden for the most championships in college basketball history.

Auriemma has said that what his team has accomplished comes at a time in the sport that is similar to when Wooden and UCLA were dominating men's college basketball.

"We don't appreciate people for how good they are and what a good job they do; we always have to compare it to something," Auriemma said. "It's only in women's basketball. It's the only sport where that happens. The only sport. Day in, day out, year in, year out, we're faced with those questions and those comparisons."

There have been signs of change.

In three of the past four seasons, two No. 1 seeds have lost in the Sweet 16, including South Carolina and Notre Dame this year. There have been more upsets in the women's tournament than the men's this season.

"I think that, for women's basketball, we're trying to continue to grow the game, and you can tell that we are with how the tournament has played out so far, with the upsets and that kind of stuff," UConn star Breanna Stewart said.

"But it needs to continue. Teams need to get better, players need to get better and that starts from before we even get to college."

Texas is hoping it's improved from last season's rout.

The Longhorns (31-4) have already advanced further and are trying to reach their first Final Four since 2003.

"I think that experience from last year and trying not to have that deer in the headlights look that, obviously, everyone seems to have against them hopefully will help us," Texas coach Karen Aston said.

The Longhorn players didn't want to dwell on last year's loss.

"Last year, I think they put the hammer on us because we gave up," Texas' 6-foot-7 center Imani Boyette said. "... We learned that we have to stay together when times get hard on the court and make sure we've locked into each other and helping each other regardless of what's happening."

Here are other tidbits from the Texas-UConn matchup:

MEASURING UP: On the bus ride over to the arena for practice Sunday, former Texas coach Jody Conradt tried to find a favorable matchup for the Longhorns against the Huskies.

"I couldn't really come up with one, except I really believe that Tina Thompson could take Chris Daley," she said, laughing.

The Hall of Fame coach then went on to discuss UConn's dominance.

"There is always going to be a standard. There is always going to be someone who is up there and that's what motivates us," Conradt said.

"That's what athletics is. Whatever the standard is, we're going to try and get there, and eventually we will. It used to be the four-minute mile was unattainable. The first time somebody did it, then everybody eventually did it. We went through a time at Texas when we won 180-plus games against conference opponents. But, Arkansas, Texas Tech, eventually raised their bar and got there."

CHASING HISTORY: With a win tonight, UConn will have 22 consecutive NCAA Tournament victories, passing Tennessee for the longest streak ever.

NCAA WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NO. 7 WASHINGTON 85 NO. 4 STANFORD 76

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Chantel Osahor and Kelsey Plum always believed they could help make Washington a championship-caliber program.

They signed with the Huskies as out-of-state recruits even though Washington had never reached the Final Four and hadn't won an NCAA Tournament game since 2006. Their faith was rewarded Sunday when the junior tandem led the seventh-seeded Huskies to an 85-76 victory over No. 4 seed Stanford in the NCAA Lexington Regional women's basketball final.

"I don't think it's really hit us," said Osahor, wearing a piece of the Rupp Arena net tied to her Final Four hat. "I mean, we're in the Final Four. That's a huge accomplishment. I think we've got to look back and appreciate it and soak it in because it's an opportunity a lot of people don't get."

Osahor, selected the regional's most valuable player, matched a career high with 24 points and had 18 rebounds. Plum, who began the day as the third-leading scorer in Division I, had 26 points and eight assists.

Their efforts made Washington the first team seeded seventh or lower to reach a Final Four since Minnesota got there in 2004. Washington (26-10) will face Syracuse (29-7) in a semifinal April 3 in Indianapolis.

"We're not done yet," Washington coach Mike Neighbors said. "'What's Next?' has been our motto. It's going to continue to be all the way through Indy."

This marked the first regional final between two Pac-12 schools since Stanford beat Southern California 82-62 on its way to winning the national championship in 1992, when the conference was still known as the Pac-10.

Washington scored the game's first 12 points, had a 22-7 lead at the end of the first quarter and stayed ahead the rest of the way.

Stanford (27-8) pulled to 78-73 on Lili Thompson's 3-pointer with 1:07 left. An offensive foul on Plum allowed Stanford to get the ball back, but Thompson missed a 3-pointer with a minute remaining.

Washington went 7 of 8 on free throws in the final minute.

SYRACUSE 89 TENNESSEE 67

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — Alexis Peterson ran to midcourt at the final buzzer, dropped to her knees and buried her face in her hands. She cried tears of joy as her Syracuse teammates swarmed her.

The Orange are going to the women's Final Four for the first time, and Peterson is the one leading the way to Indianapolis after an 89-67 victory over Tennessee on Sunday in the Sioux Falls Regional final.

"We have all worked relentlessly to get to this point," she said. "I was overcome with emotion."

Peterson scored a season-high 29 points in a performance that earned her Most Outstanding Player of the regional and followed a 26-point night in an upset of top-seeded South Carolina on Friday.

"She's a special kid. She's competing. It's her time to shine," Tennessee coach Holly Warlick said. "She stepped up and made things happen. She ran her basketball team. She kind of put them on her back and said, 'We're not going to be defeated.'"

The fourth-seeded Orange (29-7) will play No. 7 seed Washington in a national semifinal next Sunday in Indianapolis.

"We did what we had to do," Syracuse coach Quentin Hillsman said. "We knew we had to control the paint, and we did a good job of that. We knew we had to make 3s, and to be 14 for 30 behind the arc is really knocking down shots. That was the key to the game."

Brianna Butler hit three straight 3-pointers early in the fourth quarter to break open the game and finished with 18 points. She made a total of 10 3s in the regional.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL GLANCE

NCAA

MEN
EAST REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 27
North Carolina 88, Notre Dame 74
SOUTH REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 26
Villanova 64, Kansas 59
MIDWEST REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 27
Syracuse 68, Virginia 62
WEST REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 26
Oklahoma 85, Oregon 66
FINAL FOUR
At NRG Stadium
Houston
National Semifinals
Saturday, April 2
Villanova (33-5) vs. Oklahoma (29-7), 5:09 p.m.
North Carolina (32-6) vs. Syracuse (23-13), 7:49 p.m.
National Championship
Monday, April 4
Semifinal winners
WOMEN
BRIDGEPORT REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Monday, March 28
UConn (35-0) vs. Texas (31-4), 6 p.m.
DALLAS REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Monday, March 28
Baylor (36-1) vs. Oregon State (31-4), 8 p.m.
SIOUX FALLS REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 27
Syracuse 89, Tennessee 67
LEXINGTON REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 27
Washington 85, Stanford 76
FINAL FOUR
At Indianapolis
National Semifinals
Sunday, April 3
Bridgeport champion vs. Dallas champion, 5 or 7:30 p.m.
Washington (26-10) vs. Syracuse (29-7), 5 or 7:30 p.m.
National Championship
Tuesday, April 5
Semifinals winners, 7:30 p.m.

NIT

Semifinals
At Madison Square Garden
New York
Tuesday, March 29
Valparaiso (29-6) vs. BYU (26-10), 6 p.m.
George Washington (26-10) vs. San Diego State (28-9), 8:30 p.m.
Championship
Thursday, March 31
Semifinal winners, 6 p.m.

WNIT

Monday, March 28
Hofstra (25-8) at Florida Gulf Coast (31-5), 6 p.m.
Temple (23-11) at Michigan (20-13), 6 p.m.
Oregon (23-10) at UTEP (29-4), 8 p.m.
Semifinals
March 30-31
Hofstra-Florida Gulf Coast winner vs. Temple-Michigan winner, TBA
South Dakota (30-6) vs. Oregon-UTEP winner, TBA
Championship
Saturday, April 2
Semifinal winners, 2 p.m.

NBA ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

KINGS 133 MAVERICKS 111

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Rookie Willie Cauley-Stein followed a breakout offensive performance with 21 points and DeMarcus Cousins had 20 points and 12 rebounds to lead Sacramento over Dallas.

The Mavericks have dropped three straight and 10 of 12. They are ninth in the Western Conference and trail Houston by half a game for the final playoff spot.

Cauley-Stein, the sixth overall pick in last year's draft, set a career high with 26 points on Friday night against Phoenix and followed up with just his second 20-plus point game.

Darren Collison had 17 points and Seth Curry and Ben McLemore each had 14 for the Kings. Rajon Rondo had 11 points and 11 assists.

Raymond Felton had 15 points and both J.J. Barea and Dirk Nowitzki had 14 for the Mavericks. Wesley Matthews and David Lee each scored 12 points.

PACERS 104 ROCKETS 101

INDIANAPOLIS — Paul George scored 16 of his 25 points in the first quarter and Indiana overcame 34 points from James Harden to beat Houston.

Monta Ellis had 23 points and Ian Mahinmi tied his career high with 19 points for the Pacers, who have won three of four.

Harden also had eight rebounds and Trevor Ariza had 14 points for the Rockets, who have lost two straight.

Ellis scored the go-ahead basket with 4:46 left to give the Pacers a 96-95 lead and Mahinmi scored back-to-back baskets to put Indiana ahead 100-95.

The Pacers took a 16-point lead in the third quarter and appeared to have the game put away before the Rockets went on a run and took a lead early in the fourth quarter with a dunk by Ariza.

CLIPPERS 105 NUGGETS 90

LOS ANGELES — DeAndre Jordan had 16 points and 16 rebounds and the Los Angeles Clippers beat the Denver Nuggets 105-90 on Sunday to become the fourth Western Conference team to clinch a playoff spot.

Chris Paul added 14 points, six rebounds and nine assists, Jamal Crawford also had 14 points, Jeff Green and Wesley Johnson each added 13, and J.J. Redick had 12. The Clippers had a 25-8 edge in fast-break points.

Jusuf Nurkic had 19 points, and D.J. Augustin added 18 for Denver. Gary Harris finished with 11 points, Joffrey Lauvergne had 10, and Darrell Arthur grabbed 12 rebounds.

The Nuggets, 10th in the West with eight games remaining, fell 5 1/2 games behind the Utah Jazz and Houston Rockets in the race for the conference's eighth and final playoff berth.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Toronto	49	23	.681	—
Boston	43	30	.589	6½
New York	30	44	.405	20
Brooklyn	21	51	.292	28
Philadelphia	9	64	.123	40½

Southeast Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	41	30	.595	—
Miami	42	30	.583	1
Charlotte	42	31	.575	1½
Washington	35	37	.486	8
Orlando	30	43	.411	13½

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Cleveland	52	21	.712	—
Indiana	39	34	.534	13
Detroit	39	35	.527	13½
Chicago	39	36	.500	15½
Milwaukee	29	44	.409	22½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-San Antonio	61	12	.836	—
Memphis	41	32	.562	20
Houston	38	38	.499	25½
Dallas	35	39	.479	28
New Orleans	26	48	.351	34½

Northwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Oklahoma City	51	22	.699	—
Portland	38	36	.514	13½
Utah	36	37	.493	15
Denver	31	43	.419	20½
Minnesota	24	49	.329	27

Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Golden State	65	7	.903	—
L.A. Clippers	45	27	.625	20
Sacramento	29	44	.397	36½
Phoenix	20	53	.274	45½
L.A. Lakers	15	57	.208	50

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Scores & schedule

Sunday's Games
L.A. Clippers 105, Denver 90
Sacramento 133, Dallas 111
Indiana 104, Houston 101
Philadelphia at Golden State, late
Washington at L.A. Lakers, late
Monday's Games
Oklahoma City at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Brooklyn at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
New York at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Denver, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 9 p.m.
Sacramento at Portland, 9 p.m.
Boston at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

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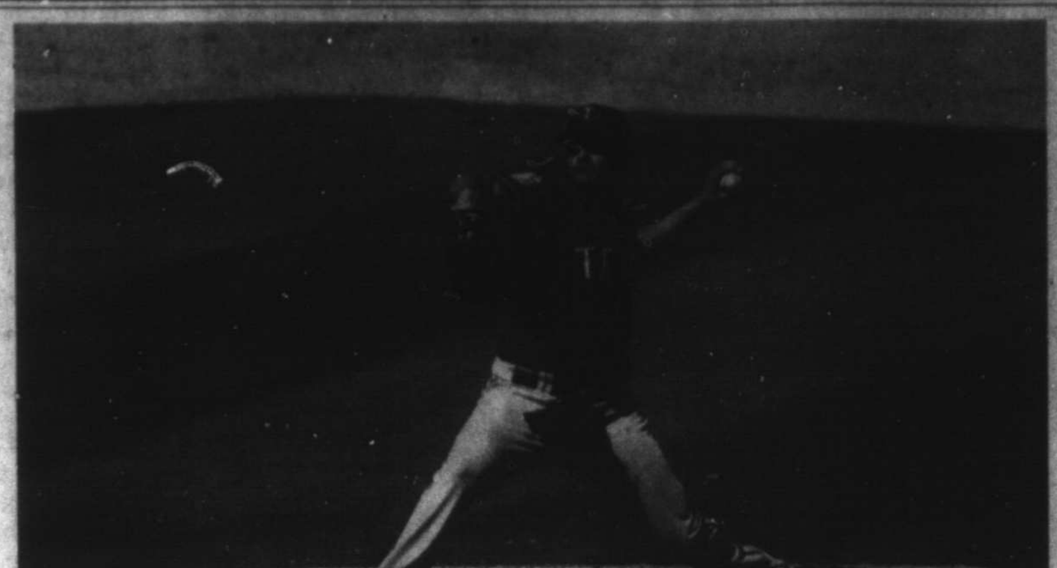

Associated Press

Texas Rangers' Martin Perez throws during a spring training baseball game against the Colorado Rockies, Saturday, in Scottsdale, Ariz.

American League East capsules

Capsules of American League East teams, listed in order of finish last year:

Toronto Blue Jays

2015: 93-69, first place, lost to Kansas City in ALCS.

Manager: John Gibbons (fourth season).

He's Here: LHP J.A. Happ, RHP Drew Storen, RHP Jesse Chavez, LHP Randy Choate, RHP Gavin Floyd, RHP Joe Biagini, OF Darrell Ceciliani, OF Junior Lake, RHP Arnold Leon, RHP/LHP Pat Venditte.

He's Outta Here: LHP David Price, OF Ben Revere, LHP Mark Buehrle, LHP Jeff Francis, RHP LaTroy Hawkins, RHP Liam Hendriks, RHP Mark Lowe, C Dioner Navarro, INF Cliff Pennington.

Projected Lineup: CF Kevin Pillar (.278, 12 HRs, 56 RBIs), 3B Josh Donaldson (.297, 41, 123; AL MVP), RF Jose Bautista (.250, 40, 114), DH Edwin Encarnacion (.277, 39, 111), SS Troy Tulowitzki (.280, 17, 70 with Colorado and Toronto), 1B Chris Colabello (.321, 15, 54), C Russell Martin (.240, 23, 77), LF Michael Saunders (.194, 0, 3 in 9 games), 2B Ryan Goins (.250, 5, 45).

Rotation: RH Marcus Stroman (4-0, 1.67 ERA in 4 starts), RH Marco Estrada (13-8, 3.13), RH R.A. Dickey (11-11, 3.91), LH J.A. Happ (11-8, 3.61 with Seattle and Pittsburgh), RH Aaron Sanchez (7-6, 3.22 in 41 games, 11 starts).

Key Relievers: RH Roberto Osuna (1-6, 2.58, 20 saves), RH Drew Storen (2-2, 3.44, 29 saves with Washington), LH Brett Cecil (5-5, 2.48, 5 saves), LH Randy Choate (1-0, 3.95 with St. Louis), RH Jesse Chavez (7-15, 4.18 in 30 games, 26 starts, with Oakland).

Outlook: There's no time like 2016 for the power-packed Blue Jays to build on last season's AL East title, which marked their first playoff appearance in 22 years. Bautista and Encarnacion are two of 10 Toronto players eligible for free agency at season's end. Others who can hit the open market next winter include such key cogs as Cecil, Dickey and Storen, meaning Toronto's roster could see major turnover before next spring. With that in mind, there's an attitude of World Series or bust around these Blue Jays, whose prolific bats could well match or exceed the MLB-high 891 runs they scored last season.

New York Yankees

2015: 87-75, second place, lost to Houston in wild-card game.

Manager: Joe Girardi (ninth season).

He's Here: 2B Starlin Castro, LHP Aroldis Chapman, OF Aaron Hicks.

He's Outta Here: RHP Adam Warren, LHP Justin Wilson, OF Chris Young, LHP Chris Capuano, 2B Stephen Drew, INF Brendan Ryan.

Projected Lineup: CF Jacoby Ellsbury (.257, 7, 33, 21 SBs), LF Brett Gardner (.259, 16, 66, 20 SBs), RF Carlos Beltran (.276, 19, 67, 34 2Bs), 1B Mark Teixeira (.255, 31, 79), C Brian McCann (.232, 26, 94), 3B Chase Headley (.259, 11, 62), SS Didi Gregorius (.265, 9, 56), 2B Starlin Castro (.265, 11, 69 with Cubs).

Rotation: RH Masahiro Tanaka (12-7, 3.51), RH Michael Pineda (12-10, 4.37, 156 Ks, 169 2-3 IP), RH Luis Severino (5-3, 2.89 in 11 starts), RH Nathan Eovaldi (14-3, 4.20), RH Ivan Nova (6-11, 5.07 in 17 starts following return from Tommy John surgery) or LH CC Sabathia (6-10, 4.73).

Key Relievers: LH Aroldis Chapman (4-4, 1.63, 33/36 saves, 116 Ks, 61 1-3 IP with Reds), LH Andrew Miller (3-2, 2.04, 36/38 saves, 100 Ks, 61 2-3 IP), RH Dellin Betances (6-4, 1.50, 9/13 saves, 131 Ks, 84 IP), LH Chasen Shreve (6-2, 3.09, 64 Ks, 58 1-3 IP), RH Branden Pinder (0-2, 2.93), RH Nick Rumbelow (1-1, 4.02), RH Bryan Mitchell (0-2, 6.37).

Outlook: New York hopes Castro, a right-handed bat, will lessen its vulnerability to left-handed pitching. The Yankees also are counting on Ellsbury, Gardner, Rodriguez and McCann to rebound from their late-season slumps. After missing the playoffs in consecutive seasons, the Yankees returned last year — for nine innings. New York's hopes for a long postseason run largely rest on health. With the contracts of Teixeira and Beltran, and possibly Sabathia, expiring after this season, New York will have more opportunity to retool next fall and winter. Still, this is a team that seems intent on getting under the luxury-tax threshold in 2018, in time to pursue that autumn's talented free-agent class.

Baltimore Orioles

2014: 81-81, third place.

Manager: Buck Showalter (seventh season).

He's Here: OF Hyun Soo Kim, OF-1B Mark Trumbo, RHP Yovani Gallardo, DH Pedro Alvarez, RHP Odrisamer Despaigne, RHP Vance Worley.

He's Outta Here: LHP Wei-Yin Chen, OF Gerardo Parra, 1B Steve Pearce, C Steve Clevenger.

Projected Lineup: 3B Manny Machado (.286, 35, 86, 20 SBs, 162 games), DH Pedro Alvarez (.243, 27, 77 with Pirates), CF Adam Jones (.269, 27, 82), 1B Chris Davis (.262, 47, 117), RF Mark Trumbo (.262, 22, 64 with Arizona and Seattle), C Matt Wieters (.267, 8, 25 in 75 games), LF Hyun Soo Kim (played in South Korea), SS J.J. Hardy (.219, 8, 37), 2B Jonathan Schoop (.279, 15, 39).

Rotation: RH Chris Tillman (11-11, 4.99, 120 Ks, 173 IP), RH Yovani Gallardo (13-11, 3.42 ERA, 33 starts with Rangers), RH Kevin Gausman (4-7, 4.25, 112 1-3 IP), RH Ubaldo Jimenez (12-10, 4.11, 168 Ks, 184 IP), RH Miguel Gonzalez (9-12, 4.91, 109 Ks, 144 2-3 IP).

Key Relievers: LH Zach Britton (4-1, 1.92, 36/40 saves), RH Darren O'Day (6-2, 1.52, 6 saves), RH Brad Brach (5-3, 2.72, 1 save), LH Brian Matusz (1-4, 2.94), LH T.J. McFarland (2-2, 4.91), RH Oliver Drake (0-0, 2.87).

Outlook: The Orioles spent a whole lot of money to improve a team that slipped to .500 last year after reaching the ALCS in 2014. Not only did they fork over big bucks to maintain Davis and O'Day, but they added free agents Alvarez and Gallardo, traded for Trumbo, retained Wieters and took a flyer on Kim. Expect the Orioles to hit plenty of homers and score quite a few runs, but they'll need to back that up with pitching to contend in the talent-laden AL East.

Tampa Bay Rays

2015: 80-82, fourth place.

Manager: Kevin Cash (second season).

He's Here: OF-DH Corey Dickerson, SS Brad Miller, C Hank Conger, 1B-OF Logan Morrison, OF-INF Steve Pearce, RHP Ryan Webb, LHP Dana Eveland, RHP Danny Farquhar.

He's Outta Here: LHP Jake McGee, SS Asdrubal Cabrera, 1B-DH John Jaso, C J.P. Arencibia, OF Daniel Nava, RHP Brandon Gomes, RHP Kirby Yates, LHP C.J. Riefenhauser, RHP Nathan Karns, OF Grady Sizemore, OF Joey Butler.

Projected Lineup: 2B Logan Forsythe (.281, 17, 68), SS Brad Miller (.258, 11, 46 in 144 games with Seattle), 3B Evan Longoria (.270, 21, 73), DH Corey Dickerson (.304, 10, 31 in 65 games with Colorado), LF Desmond Jennings (.268, 1, 7 in 28 games), CF Kevin Kiermaier (.263, 10, 40, 12 triples, 18 SBs), 1B James Loney (.280, 4, 32 in 104 games), RF Steven Souza Jr. (.225, 16, 40), C Rene Rivera (.178, 5, 26 in 110 games).

Rotation: RH Chris Archer (12-13, 3.23, 252 Ks in 212 IP), LH Drew Smyly (5-2, 3.11 in 12 starts), LH Matt Moore (3-4, 5.43 in 12 starts), RH Jake Odorizzi (9-9, 3.35 in 28 starts), RH Erasmo Ramirez (11-6, 3.75 in 34 appearances, 27 starts).

Key Relievers: RH Brad Boxberger (4-10, 3.71, 41/47 saves), LH Xavier Cedeno (4-1, 2.09, 1 save in 61 appearances), RH Alex Colome (8-5, 3.94), LH Dana Eveland (0-1, 5.40 in 10 appearances with Atlanta), RH Steve Geltz (2-6, 3.74, 2 saves), RH Matt Andriese (3-5, 4.11 in 25 games, 8 starts), RH Danny Farquhar (1-8, 5.12 in 43 appearances with Seattle), RH Ryan Webb (1-0, 3.20 in 40 appearances with Cleveland), LH Enny Romero (0-2, 5.10 in 23 appearances).

Outlook: The Rays believe they have everything it takes to return to the playoffs after a two-year hiatus, including an improved lineup. Their sub-.500 finish last season left them with consecutive losing records for the first time since 2006-07, and the team's offensive shortcomings were the main culprit. With Dickerson, Morrison and Pearce potentially adding more pop to the middle of the lineup, the hope is the Rays will score more runs while not sacrificing anything defensively. The plan also is to fare better in close games after going 46-48 in games decided by two runs or fewer last season.

Boston Red Sox

2015: 78-84, fifth place.

Manager: John Farrell (fourth season).

He's Here: LHP David Price, RHP Craig Kimbrel, OF Chris Young, RHP Carson Smith, LHP Roenis Elias.

He's Outta Here: LHP Wade Miley, LHP Craig Breslow, LHP Rich Hill, RHP Alexi Ogando.

Projected Lineup: RF Mookie Betts (.291, 18, 77, 21 SBs), 2B Dustin Pedroia (.291, 12, 42), SS Xander Bogaerts (.320, 7, 81), DH David Ortiz (.273, 37, 108), 1B Hanley Ramirez (.249, 19, 53), 3B Pablo Sandoval (.245, 10, 47), LF Rusney Castillo (.253, 5, 29), C Blake Swihart (.274, 5, 31), CF Jackie Bradley Jr. (.249, 10, 43).

Rotation: LH David Price (18-5, 2.45, 225 Ks, 220 1-3 IP with Detroit and Toronto), RH Clay Buchholz (7-7, 3.26), RH Rick Porcello (9-15, 4.92), RH Joe Kelly (10-6, 4.82), LH Roenis Elias (5-8, 4.14 ERA with Seattle) or RH Steven Wright (5-4, 4.09).

Key Relievers: RH Craig Kimbrel (4-2, 2.58, 39/43 saves, 87 Ks in 59 1-3 IP with San Diego), RH Koji Uehara (2-4, 2.23, 25 saves, 47 Ks), RH Junichi Tazawa (2-7, 4.14, 3 saves, 56 Ks), RH Carson Smith (2-5, 2.31, 13 saves, 70 IP, 92 Ks with Seattle), LH Robbie Ross Jr. (0-2, 3.86, 6 saves, 60 2-3 IP, 53 Ks), LH Tommy Layne (2-1, 3.97, 1 save, 47 2-3 IP, 45 Ks).

Outlook: The Red Sox are coming off their third last-place finish in four years. In 2013, they won the World Series. Farrell returns to the dugout after missing the last six weeks of the 2015 season receiving treatment for cancer; the team went 28-20 under bench coach Torey Lovullo. Ramirez, one of last year's big free agent signings, will move to first base after struggling to adapt to the outfield during his first season in Boston. Sandoval also will try to bounce back in his second season at Fenway Park. If the Red Sox start poorly, attention will turn quickly to the farewell tour for Ortiz, who has said this will be his final season.

American League Central capsules

Capsules of American League Central teams, listed in order of finish last year:

Kansas City Royals

2015: 95-67, first place, World Series champions.

Manager: Ned Yost (seventh season).

He's Here: RHP Ian Kennedy, RHP Joakim Soria.

He's Outta Here: RHP Greg Holland, 2B-OF Ben Zobrist, RHP Johnny Cueto, RF Alex Rios, RHP Ryan Madson, LHP Franklin Morales, RHP Jeremy Guthrie, LF Jonny Gomes.

Projected Lineup: SS Alcides Escobar (.257, 3 HRs, 47 RBIs, 17 SBs), CF Lorenzo Cain (.307, 16, 72, 28 SBs), 1B Eric Hosmer (.297, 18, 93), DH Kendrys Morales (.290, 22, 106), 3B Mike Moustakas (.284, 22, 82), C Salvador Perez (.260, 21, 70), LF Alex Gordon (.271, 13, 48), 2B Omar Infante (.220, 2, 44), RF Paulo Orlando (.249, 7, 27).

Rotation: RH Edinson Volquez (13-9, 3.55), RH Yordano Ventura (13-8, 4.08), RH Ian Kennedy (9-15, 4.28 with Padres), RH Chris Young (11-6, 3.06), RH Kris Medlen (6-2, 4.01).

Key Relievers: RH Wade Davis (8-1, 0.94, 17/18 saves), RH Kelvin Herrera (4-3, 2.71), RH Joakim Soria (3-1, 2.85, 23/26 with Tigers and Pirates), LH Danny Duffy (7-8, 4.08), RH Luke Hochevar (1-1, 3.73).

Outlook: Sure, the Royals have questions in their rotation. But signing Gordon to a $72 million, four-year deal means virtually their entire lineup from last year's World Series championship is back. And that means not only balanced production but one of the game's best defenses, one that made marvelous plays at every turn to beat the New York Mets in five games for the title. Throw in one of the game's deepest bullpens, anchored by Davis, and folks in Kansas City believe their team can make a run to its third consecutive World Series.

Minnesota Twins

2015: 83-79, second place.

Manager: Paul Molitor (second season).

He's Here: DH Byung Ho Park, C John Ryan Murphy, LHP Fernando Abad.

He's Outta Here: RF Torii Hunter, CF Aaron Hicks, RHP Blaine Boyer, RHP Mike Pelfrey, LHP Brian Duensing, C Chris Herrmann.

Projected Lineup: 2B Brian Dozier (.236, 28, 77), 1B Joe Mauer (.265, 10, 66), RF Miguel Sano (.269, 18, 52 in 80 games), 3B Trevor Plouffe (.244, 22, 86), LF Eddie Rosario (.267, 13, 50), DH Byung Ho Park (.343, 53, 146 for Nexen Heroes in Korean Baseball Organization), SS Eduardo Escobar (.262, 12, 58), C Kurt Suzuki (.240, 5, 50) or John Ryan Murphy (.277, 3, 14 in 67 games for Yankees), CF Byron Buxton (.209, 2, 6 in 46 games).

Rotation: RH Ervin Santana (7-5, 4.00 in 17 starts), RH Phil Hughes (11-9, 4.40, MLB-most 29 HRs allowed in 155 1-3 IP), RH Kyle Gibson (11-11, 3.84, team-high 194 2-3 IP), RH Tyler Duffey (5-1, 3.10 in 10 starts), LH Tommy Milone (9-5, 3.92) or RH Ricky Nolasco (5-2, 6.75 in 37 1-3 IP).

Key Relievers: LH Glen Perkins (3-5, 3.32, 32/35 saves), RH Kevin Jepsen (1-1, 1.61, 10 saves in 28 IP after being acquired from Tampa Bay), RH Trevor May (8-9, 4.00 in 114 2-3 IP), RH Casey Fien (4-6, 3.55), LH Fernando Abad (2-2, 4.15 in 62 games with Oakland).

Outlook: The Twins were one of baseball's biggest surprises last year behind their widely respected rookie manager Molitor and a much-deeper rotation that combined for a 4.14 ERA that ranked 16th in the majors. Twins starters were last in 2014, last in 2013 and second-to-last in 2012. The starting five has the potential to be even better in 2016, with a full season from Santana, who was suspended for the first half of 2015, and an improvement from a slimmed-down Hughes, whose uncanny career statistics have produced solid performances in even-numbered years and not-so-good ones in the odd seasons. The Twins could also use a bounce-back from Mauer, the three-time AL batting champ who hasn't been the same since a concussion in 2013 forced him out from behind the plate. The team's first postseason appearance in six years is a possibility if young outfielders Buxton, Rosario and Sano take more steps forward and Park's transition is smooth.

Cleveland Indians

2015: 81-80, third place.

Manager: Terry Francona (fourth season).

He's Here: 3B Juan Uribe, 1B Mike Napoli, OF Rajai Davis, OF Collin Cowgill, OF Will Venable, RHP Joba Chamberlain, RHP Craig Stammen, RHP Dan Otero, OF Marlon Byrd.

He's Outta Here: INF Mike Aviles, OF Ryan Raburn, RHP Scott Atchison, OF Michael Bourn, OF Nick Swisher, OF Chris Johnson, LHP Marc Rzepczynski.

Projected Lineup: 2B Jason Kipnis (.303, 9, 52, career highs in hits, average, doubles, OBP), SS Francisco Lindor (.313, 12, 51 in 99 games; league-high .345 average in second half), LF Michael Brantley (.310, 15, 84, league-leading 45 doubles), 1B Mike Napoli (.224, 18, 50 for Red Sox and Rangers; batted .295 in 35 games for Texas), DH Carlos Santana (.231, 19, 85; 2nd in AL with 108 walks), C Yan Gomes (.231, 12, 45; missed 37 games with knee injury), 3B Juan Uribe (.253, 14, 43 for Dodgers, Braves, Mets), RF Lonnie Chisenhall (.280 3, 21; 5 assists in 52 games in outfield), CF Rajai Davis (.258, 8, 30, 18 steals for Tigers).

Rotation: RH Corey Kluber (9-16, 3.49, 245 Ks), RH Carlos Carrasco (14-12, 3.63, 216 Ks), RH Danny Salazar (14-10, 3.45; 7-2 at home), RH Josh Tomlin (7-2, 3.02 began season on DL following shoulder surgery), RH Trevor Bauer (11-12, 4.55, AL-high 79 walks).

Key Relievers: RH Cody Allen (2-5, 2.99, 34/38 saves), RH Bryan Shaw (3-3, 2.95, 74 games), RH Jeff Manship (1-0, 0.92), RH Zach McAllister (4-4, 3.00, 61 games), RH Joba Chamberlain (0-2, 4.88 in 36 games for Tigers and Royals), RH Dan Otero (2-4, 6.75 with Athletics).

Outlook: Brimming with young talent and one of baseball's best rotations, the Indians could be the AL's sleeper. They shook off another poor start in 2015 and Francona had them in the playoff hunt until the final week. The Indians appear poised to take the next step. Kluber may have had the best 16-loss season in history last year. He tied for first in the league in complete games, finished second in innings and third in strikeouts. He was doomed by a lineup that scored just 82 runs in his 32 starts, scoring two or fewer 21 times. Brantley worked hard to get back from offseason shoulder surgery and hopes to stay healthy after dealing with a variety of medical issues in '15. The club made a mistake in not having Lindor on the 25-man roster from the start last season, but he's implanted on the left side of the infield and is on the verge of stardom. Gomes is one of the league's most overlooked players and could have a huge year. If the Indians hit, and that's a big IF, they will challenge for a wild-card spot.

Chicago White Sox

2015: 76-86, fourth place.

Manager: Robin Ventura (fifth season).

He's Here: 3B Todd Frazier, 2B Brett Lawrie, SS Jimmy Rollins, OF Austin Jackson, RHP Mat Latos, C Dioner Navarro, C Alex Avila.

He's Outta Here: DH-1B Adam LaRoche, SS Alexei Ramirez, RHP Jeff Samardzija.

Projected Lineup: OF-DH Adam Eaton (.287, 14, 56), LF-DH Melky Cabrera (.273, 12, 77), 1B Jose Abreu (.290, 30, 101), 3B Todd Frazier (.255, 35, 89 with Cincinnati), CF Austin Jackson (.267, 9, 48 with Mariners and Cubs), RF-DH Avisail Garcia (.257, 13, 59), 2B Brett Lawrie (.260, 16, 60), C Alex Avila (.191, 4, 13 with Detroit) or Dioner Navarro (.246, 5, 20), SS Jimmy Rollins (.224, 13, 41 with Dodgers) or Tyler Saladino (.225, 4, 20).

Rotation: LH Chris Sale (13-11, 3.41, AL-leading 274 Ks, 42 BBs), LH Jose Quintana (9-10, 3.36), LH Carlos Rodon (9-10, 4.13), RH Mat Latos (4-10, 4.95 with Marlins, Dodgers and Angels), LH John Danks (7-15, 4.71).

Key Relievers: RH David Robertson (6-5, 3.41, 34/41 saves), RH Jake Petricka (4-3, 3.63), LH Zach Duke (3-6, 3.41), RH Zach Putnam (3-3, 4.07), LH Dan Jennings (2-3, 3.99), RH Nate Jones (2-2, 3.32).

Outlook: The White Sox were enjoying a rather quiet offseason before the big blowup. They were hoping LaRoche would bounce back after struggling in a big way last season — his first in Chicago. They were banking on more consistency from some of the other players whose arrival a year ago sparked high expectations, such as Cabrera and Robertson. And they were confident that Frazier's arrival would fill a big hole at third base they had been trying to plug for years. The biggest question now is whether they can put the LaRoche saga behind them. If they do and get the production they expect from certain players, the White Sox believe they can get back to winning after three losing seasons.

American League West capsules

Capsules of American League West teams, listed in order of finish last year:

Texas Rangers

2015: 88-74, first place, lost to Toronto in Division Series.

Manager: Jeff Banister (second season).

He's Here: RHP Tony Barnette, RHP Tom Wilhelmsen, OF Justin Ruggiano.

He's Outta Here: OF Leonys Martin, 1B Mike Napoli, RHP Yovani Gallardo.

Projected Lineup: CF Delino DeShields (.261, 2 HRs, 37 RBIs, 25 SBs), RF Shin-Soo Choo (.276, 22, 82, .375 OBP), DH Prince Fielder (.305, 23, 98), 3B Adrian Beltre (.287, 18, 83), 1B Mitch Moreland (.278, 23, 95), LF Ian Desmond (.233, 19, 62 with Nationals), SS Elvis Andrus (.208, 7, 62, 25 SBs), 2B Rougned Odor (.261, 16, 61), C Robinson Chirinos (.232, 10, 34).

Rotation: LH Cole Hamels (7-1, 3.66 in 12 starts with Rangers; 6-7, 3.64 in 20 starts with Phillies), RH Colby Lewis (17-9, 4.66 in 33 starts), LH Derek Holland (4-3, 4.91), LH Martin Perez (3-6, 4.46), RH Nick Martinez (7-7, 3.96 in 24 games, 21 starts).

Key Relievers: RH Shawn Tolleson (6-4, 2.99, 35/37 saves), LH Jake Diekman (0-0, 2.08 in 26 games with Rangers; 2-1, 5.15 in 41 games with Phillies), RH Sam Dyson (2-1, 1.15 in 31 games with Rangers; 3-3, 3.68 in 44 games with Marlins), RH Keone Kela (7-5, 2.39 in 68 games), RH Tom Wilhelmsen (2-2, 3.19, 13 saves in 53 games with Mariners), RH Tony Barnette (3-1, 1.29, 41 saves in Japan), LH Andrew Faulkner (0-0, 2.79 in 11 games).

Outlook: The Rangers won the AL West in Banister's first season, even without ace pitcher Yu Darvish and after losing 95 games in 2014. Darvish is more than a year removed from Tommy John surgery and is expected back by late May. Hamels will be in the rotation from the start of this season and has already been tabbed to start on opening day. The Rangers also added Diekman and Dyson in trades last summer, and bolstered their bullpen even more over the winter with the addition of two more pitchers with closing experience: Barnette (from Japan) and Wilhelmsen (trade from Seattle). Tolleson had all 35 of his saves after taking over as the closer in late May. With the exception of Desmond, the everyday lineup is very familiar to Texas fans.

Houston Astros

2015: 86-76, second place, wild card, lost to Kansas City in Division Series.

Manager: A.J. Hinch (second season).

He's Here: RHP Ken Giles, RHP Doug Fister.

He's Outta Here: 1B Chris Carter, INF Jed Lowrie, LHP Brett Oberholtzer.

Projected Lineup: 2B Jose Altuve (.313, 15, 66, 40 2Bs, 38 SBs), RF George Springer (.276, 16, 41, 16 SBs), SS Carlos Correa (.279, 22, 68; AL Rookie of Year), CF Carlos Gomez (.255, 12, 56, 17 SBs with Milwaukee and Houston), DH Evan Gattis (.246, 27, 88), 3B Luis Valbuena (.224, 25, 56), LF Colby Rasmus (.238, 25, 61), 1B Jon Singleton (.191, 1, 6 in 19 games) or Tyler White (.362, 7, 59 in 57 games at Triple-A Fresno), C Jason Castro (.211, 11, 31).

Rotation: LH Dallas Keuchel (20-8, 2.48, 216 Ks, 232 IP; AL Cy Young Award), RH Collin McHugh (19-7, 3.89), RH Mike Fiers (7-10, 3.69, no-hitter), RH Scott Feldman (9-13, 3.57), RH Doug Fister (5-7, 4.19 in 25 games, 15 starts with Washington).

Key Relievers: RH Ken Giles (6-3, 1.80, 15/20 saves with Philadelphia), RH Luke Gregerson (7-3, 3.10, 31/36 saves), LH Tony Sipp (3-4, 1.99), RH Will Harris (5-5, 1.90), RH Pat Neshek (3-6, 3.62), RH Josh Fields (4-1, 3.55).

Outlook: Expectations are high for the Astros following last year's surprising return to the playoffs after a 10-year absence. The question will be if they can build on the success of 2015 and outdo in-state rival Texas in for the AL West crown. If they hope to repeat or eclipse last year's success, they'll need another strong season from Keuchel, and more growth from Correa. They know they can count on Altuve to get the offense going, but they'll have to get production from their corner infielders if they hope to take another step. Houston boosted its bullpen with the addition of Giles, a young closer who throws hard. But there are questions about the back of the rotation behind Keuchel and McHugh. Promising youngster Lance McCullers (5-7, 3.22 in 22 starts) will begin the season on the DL with a sore right shoulder. Gattis also is expected to start the year on the DL as he recovers from sports hernia surgery. But the bottom line is these Astros aren't going to sneak up on anyone the way they did last year, and they'll need to improve across the board to win that first World Series title as Sports Illustrated predicted.

Los Angeles Angels

2015: 85-77, third place.

Manager: Mike Scioscia (17th season).

He's Here: 3B Yunel Escobar, SS Andrelton Simmons, RHP Al Alburquerque, OF Craig Gentry, C Geovany Soto, OF Daniel Nava, INF Gregorio Petit, INF Cliff Pennington.

He's Outta Here: SS Erick Aybar, 3B David Freese, OF David Murphy, C Chris Iannetta, RHP Trevor Gott, INF Grant Green, OF Matt Joyce.

Projected Lineup: 3B Yunel Escobar (.314, 9, 56 with Nationals), LF Daniel Nava (.194, 1, 10, 36 Ks in 139 ABs for Red Sox and Rays), CF Mike Trout (.299, 41, 90, 11 SBs), DH Albert Pujols (.244, 40, 95), RF Kole Calhoun (.256, 26, 83), 1B C.J. Cron (.262, 16, 51), SS Andrelton Simmons (.265, 4, 44 with Braves), C Carlos Perez (.250, 4, 21), 2B Johnny Giavotella (.272, 4, 49).

Rotation: RH Garrett Richards (15-12, 3.65, 176 Ks), RH Jered Weaver (7-12, 4.64), LH Andrew Heaney (6-4, 3.49), LH Hector Santiago (9-9, 3.59), LH C.J. Wilson (8-8, 3.89).

Key Relievers: RH Huston Street (3-3, 3.18, 40 saves), RH Joe Smith (5-5, 3.58, 32 holds), RH Fernando Salas (5-2, 4.24), RH Al Alburquerque (4-1, 4.21 with Tigers), RH Mike Morin (4-2, 6.37), LH Jose Alvarez (4-3, 3.49).

Hot Spots: Left Field and Third Base. The Angels declined to sign a marquee name to fill their obvious gaps at these two key offense-producing positions, yet their relatively cautious moves have looked great so far. Nava and Gentry are both hitting well above .300 in spring training, suggesting their likely regular-season platoon could improve left field, where Los Angeles had the worst offensive production in the majors last season. The Angels also didn't re-sign Freese, instead giving up promising reliever Gott in a trade for a well-traveled Escobar to play the hot corner. The veteran also is having a strong spring, and he's likely to get the first chance to be Scioscia's leadoff hitter.

Outlook: Many prognosticators believe the big-budget Angels will come up just short of a playoff spot out of the competitive AL West after a season of taking on defending champ Texas, up-and-coming Houston and improved Seattle. The Angels' rotation is capable (if healthy) but not spectacular, while their lineup around Trout doesn't appear to be seriously improved on paper. Yet any team with Trout is a daily threat, and he still has talent around him. Pujols' recovery from offseason surgery has been promising so far, and the Angels are hoping for another step forward from Calhoun, their slugging Gold Glove winner. Plenty of eyes will be on Simmons, whose arrival to replace longtime shortstop Aybar could turn the Angels into an outstanding defensive team. They're also hoping for one more solid season out of veteran starters Weaver and Wilson, who are both due to be lavishly compensated in the final years of their contracts. If everything comes together, the Angels could be in position to get Trout's first playoff victory.

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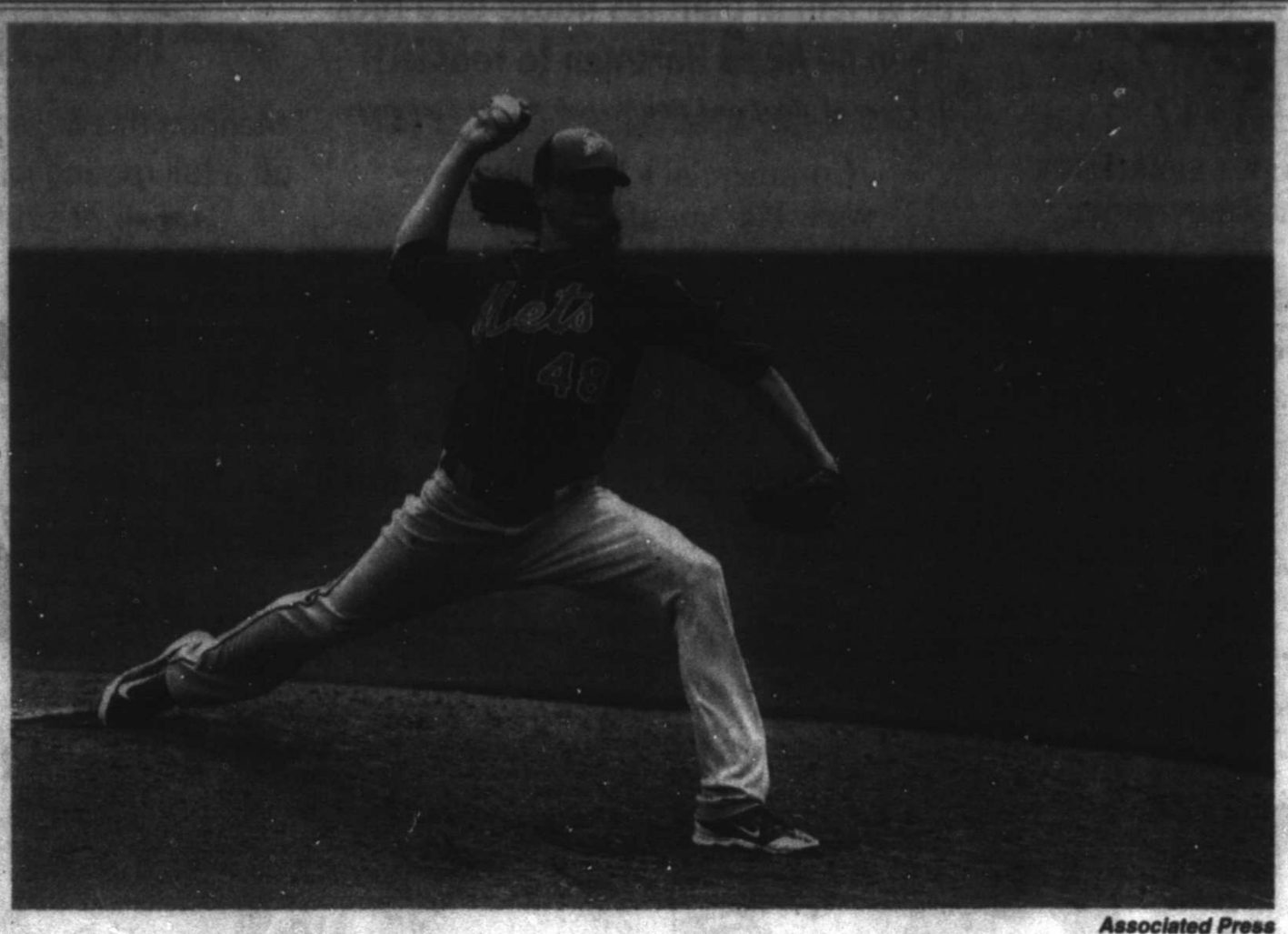

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New York Mets starting pitcher Jacob deGrom throws against the Atlanta Braves in a spring training baseball game Saturday in Kissimmee, Fla.

National League East capsules

Capsules of National League East teams, listed in order of finish last year:

New York Mets

2015: 90-72, first place, lost to Kansas City in World Series.

Manager: Terry Collins (sixth season).

He's Here: 2B Neil Walker, SS Asdrubal Cabrera, LHP Antonio Bastardo, OF Alejandro De Aza, RHP Jim Henderson, OF Roger Bernadina.

He's Outta Here: 2B Daniel Murphy, LHP Jonathon Niese, LF Michael Cuddyer, SS Ruben Tejada, RHP Tyler Clippard, 3B-2B Juan Uribe, INF-OF Kelly Johnson, RHP Carlos Torres, RHP Bobby Parnell, RHP Dillon Gee, RHP Jenrry Mejia, OF Kirk Nieuwenhuis, C Anthony Recker, LHP Alex Torres, OF Darrell Ceciliani, OF Eric Young Jr., LHP Eric O'Flaherty, LHP Jack Leathersich, RHP Tim Stauffer.

Projected Lineup: RF Curtis Granderson (.259, 26 HRs, 70 RBIs, .364 OBP, 98 runs, 91 BBs, 11 SBs, 151 Ks), 3B David Wright (.289, 5, 17 in 152 ABs, .379 OBP), CF Yoenis Cespedes (.291, 35, 105, 101 runs, 42 2Bs with Tigers and Mets), 1B Lucas Duda (.244, 27, 73, 33 2Bs, 138 Ks), 2B Neil Walker (.269, 16, 71, 32 2Bs with Pirates), C Travis d'Arnaud (.268, 12, 41, .825 OPS in 239 ABs), LF Michael Conforto (.270, 9, 26, .841 OPS in 174 ABs), SS Asdrubal Cabrera (.265, 15, 58 with Rays) or Wilmer Flores (.263, 16, 59).

Rotation: RH Matt Harvey (13-8, 2.71 ERA, 188 Ks, 189 1-3 IP), RH Jacob deGrom (14-8, 2.54, 205 Ks, 191 IP), RH Noah Syndergaard (9-7, 3.24, 166 Ks, 150 IP), LH Steven Matz (4-0, 2.27 in 6 starts), RH Bartolo Colon (14-13, 4.16, 217 hits allowed, 24 BBs, 194 2-3 IP).

Key Relievers: RH Jeurys Familia (2-2, 1.85, 43/48 saves, 76 games, 86 Ks, 78 IP), RH Addison Reed (3-3, 3.38, 4 saves with Diamondbacks and Mets), LH Antonio Bastardo (4-1, 2.98, 1 save, 66 games, 64 Ks, 26 BBs, 39 hits allowed, 57 1-3 IP with Pirates), RH Hansel Robles (4-3, 3.67, 61 Ks, 54 IP), LH Jerry Blevins (1-0, 0.00, 7 games, 5 IP, retired all 15 batters faced; missed almost entire season with broken arm), LH Sean Gilmartin (3-2, 2.67).

Outlook: Following their first World Series berth in 15 years, the Mets are a threat to repeat as NL champs. This time, they want to finish the job and take home the crown. Keeping all those young, power arms healthy and fresh will be crucial — especially after Harvey, deGrom and Syndergaard carried extended workloads through October. Colon, who turns 43 in May, was brought back as a stopgap to soak up innings until another talented young starter, Zack Wheeler (11-11, 3.54 ERA in 2014), returns from Tommy John surgery. The target date is July 1. Bastardo was signed to help set up Familia, the lineup is balanced top to bottom and there is depth at most spots on the diamond. New York's shaky defense, however, was exposed in the World Series and might not be much better. Cabrera injured his knee in spring training but still could be ready for the opener. Walker replaces Murphy, the record-setting postseason star who relocated to rival Washington. Robles is suspended for the first two games of the season for throwing near the head of Phillies catcher Cameron Rupp last September. The underdog Mets were a feel-good story last year as they took down an underachieving Washington team. Now the NL East favorites, they should expect a challenge from the rededicated Nationals.

Washington Nationals

2015: 83-79, second place.

Manager: Dusty Baker (first season).

He's Here: 2B Daniel Murphy, OF Ben Revere, INF Stephen Drew, RHP Trevor Gott, RHP Shawn Kelley, LHP Oliver Perez, RHP Yusmeiro Petit.

He's Outta Here: Manager Matt Williams, RHP Jordan Zimmermann, SS Ian Desmond, RHP Drew Storen, CF Denard Span, 3B Yunel Escobar, RHP Doug Fister, RHP Casey Janssen, 2B Dan Uggla, RHP Craig Stammen.

Projected Lineup: CF Ben Revere (.306, 2, 45, 31 SBs with Phillies and Blue Jays), 3B Anthony Rendon (.264, 5, 25), RF Bryce Harper (.330, 42, 99, 118 runs, .460 OBP, NL MVP), 1B Ryan Zimmerman (.249, 16, 73), 2B Daniel Murphy (.281, 14, 73 with Mets), LF Jayson Werth (.221, 12, 42), C Wilson Ramos (.229, 15, 68), SS Danny Espinosa (.240, 13, 37).

Rotation: RH Max Scherzer (14-12, 2.79, 276 Ks, 228 2-3 IP, 2 no-hitters), RH Stephen Strasburg (11-7, 3.46), LH Gio Gonzalez (11-8, 3.79), RH Tanner Roark (4-7, 4.38), RH Joe Ross (5-5, 3.64).

Key Relievers: RH Jonathan Papelbon (4-3, 2.13, 24/26 saves with Phillies and Nationals), LH Felipe Rivero (2-1, 2.79, 2 saves), RH Shawn Kelley (2-2, 2.45 with Padres), RH Trevor Gott (4-2, 3.02 with Angels), LH Oliver Perez (2-4, 4.17 with Diamondbacks and Astros), RH Blake Treinen (2-5, 3.86), RH Yusmeiro Petit (1-1, 3.67, 1 save with Giants).

Outlook: There is plenty new about the Nationals. After being considered the team to beat in recent seasons but never winning a playoff series, the Nats have become the chasers, trying to catch the league champion Mets in the NL East. Washington flopped a year ago under Williams and he was replaced by Baker, a quick-turnaround artist with seven trips to the playoffs and three Manager of the Year awards in 20 seasons of National League experience on the bench. Several familiar faces are gone, including Zimmermann, Desmond, Span and Storen. But Washington is hoping that with Harper — the youngest unanimous MVP in baseball history — anchoring the lineup, Scherzer leading the rotation, and a rebuilt relief corps, Baker's touch can help the club finally reach its potential.

Miami Marlins

2015: 71-91, third place.

Manager: Don Mattingly (first season).

He's Here: LHP Wei-Yin Chen, INF Chris Johnson, RHP Edwin Jackson.

He's Outta Here: Manager Dan Jennings, RHP Henderson Alvarez, INF Casey McGehee, INF Donovan Solano.

Projected Lineup: 2B Dee Gordon (NL-best .333, 4, 46, MLB-high 205 hits and 58 SBs), CF Marcell Ozuna (.259, 10, 44), LF Christian Yelich (.300, 7, 44), RF Giancarlo Stanton (.265, 27, 67 in 74 games), 1B Justin Bour (.262, 23, 73), 3B Martin Prado (.288, 9, 63), C J.T. Realmuto (.259, 10, 47), SS Adeiny Hechavarria (.281, 5, 48).

Rotation: RH Jose Fernandez (6-1, 2.92 in 11 games), LH Wei-Yin Chen (11-8, 3.34 for Orioles), RH Tom Koehler (11-14, 4.08), RH Jarred Cosart (2-5, 4.52 in 14 games), LH Adam Conley (4-1, 3.76 in 15 games).

Key Relievers: RH A.J. Ramos (2-4, 2.30, 32/38 saves), LH Mike Dunn (2-5, 4.50), RH Edwin Jackson (4-3, 3.97, 2 saves for Cubs and Braves), RH Bryan Morris (5-4, 3.14), RH David Phelps (4-8, 4.50).

Outlook: The biggest changes in the offseason came on the bench, where the Marlins hired Mattingly and added Barry Bonds as hitting coach. They'll try to help an offense that ranked next-to-last in the majors in runs and homers but has considerable young talent. Chen provides much-needed veteran durability but the rotation is thin, and the bullpen took a blow even before spring training games began when Carter Capps required Tommy John surgery. Miami is 90 games under .500 since the team moved into Marlins Park in 2012, and this year could be more of the same.

Atlanta Braves

2015: 67-95, fourth place.

Manager: Fredi Gonzalez (sixth season).

He's Here: OF Ender Inciarte, SS Erick Aybar, RHP Bud Norris, RHP Jim Johnson, 3B-1B Kelly Johnson, C Tyler Flowers, OF Jeff Francoeur, LHP Alex Torres, INF Gordon Beckham, RHP Jhoulys Chacin, LHP Ian Kroll, INF-OF Emilio Bonifacio, RHP Alexi Ogando.

He's Outta Here: SS Andrelton Simmons, OF Cameron Maybin, RHP Shelby Miller, OF Eury Perez, LHP Mike Minor, 3B Pedro Ciriaco, C Christian Bethancourt, RHP Edwin Jackson, RHP Peter Moylan, LHP Ross Detwiler, OF Todd Cunningham.

Projected Lineup: CF Ender Inciarte (.303, 6, 45, 21 SBs with Diamondbacks), SS Erick Aybar (.270, 3, 44, 15 SBs with Angels), 1B Freddie Freeman (.276, 18, 66), 3B Adonis Garcia (.277, 10, 26 in 58 games), RF Nick Markakis (.296, 3, 53), LF Hector Olivera (.253, 2, 11 in 24 games), C A.J. Pierzynski (.300, 9, 49), 2B Jace Peterson (.239, 6, 52, 12 SBs).

Rotation: RH Julio Teheran (11-8, 4.04), RH Bud Norris (3-11, 6.72 with Orioles and Padres), RH Matt Wisler (8-8, 4.71), RH Williams Perez (7-6, 4.78), RH Jhoulys Chacin (2-1, 3.38 in 5 games with Diamondbacks) or RH Mike Foltynewicz (4-6, 5.71) or LH Manny Banuelos (1-4, 5.13 in 6 starts).

Key Relievers: RH Arodys Vizcaino (3-1, 1.60, 9/10 saves, 37 Ks in 33 2-3 IP), RH Jason Grilli (3-4, 2.94, 24/26 saves, 45 Ks, 33 2-3 IP, coming back from Achilles injury), RH Jim Johnson (2-6, 4.46, 10/17 saves with Braves and Dodgers), RH Jose Ramirez (1-0, 12.91 in 8 games with Yankees and Mariners), LH Alex Torres (0-0, 3.15 with Mets), RH Alexi Ogando (3-1, 3.99 with Red Sox), LH Ian Krol (2-3, 5.79 with Tigers).

Outlook: The Braves lost 95 games a year ago — their most since 1990 — and it likely will be another long season in Atlanta as the organization continues a massive overhaul. The rotation is a far cry from the glory days, when Hall of Famers such as Tom Glavine, Greg Maddux and John Smoltz anchored the staff. The lineup lacks a threatening power hitter outside of Freeman. All eyes are on the future as the Braves await prospects such as Dansby Swanson, last year's No. 1 overall pick acquired from Arizona, and prepare to move into a new suburban ballpark in 2017. The final year at Turner Field figures to be utterly forgettable outside of some new concession items, including the $26 "Burgerizza," a hamburger between two slices of pizza.

Philadelphia Phillies

2015: 63-99, fifth place.

Manager: Pete Mackanin (first full season).

He's Here: RHP Jeremy Hellickson, RHP Charlie Morton, RHP Vince Velasquez, LHP Brett Oberholtzer, OF Peter Bourjos, OF Tyler Goeddel, RHP David Hernandez, RHP Andrew Bailey, OF David Lough.

He's Outta Here: RHP Ken Giles, RF Jeff Francoeur, OF Domonic Brown, RHP Aaron Harang, RHP Jerome Williams, LHP Cliff Lee.

Projected Lineup: RF Peter Bourjos (.200, 4, 13, 5 SBs with St. Louis), 2B Cesar Hernandez (.272, 1, 35, 19 SBs), CF Odubel Herrera (.297, 8, 41, 16 SBs), 3B Maikel Franco (.280, 14, 50), 1B Ryan Howard (.229, 23, 77), SS Freddy Galvis (.263, 7, 50), C Carlos Ruiz (.211, 2, 22) or Cameron Rupp (.233, 9, 28), LF Tyler Goeddel (.279, 12, 72, 28 with Double-A Montgomery).

Rotation: RH Jeremy Hellickson (9-12, 4.62 with Arizona), RH Aaron Nola (6-2, 3.59), RH Charlie Morton (9-9, 4.81 with Pittsburgh), RH Jerad Eickhoff (3-3, 2.65), RH Vince Velasquez (1-1, 4.37 with Houston) or LH Adam Morgan (5-7, 4.48).

Key Relievers: RH Andrew Bailey (0-1, 5.19 with Yankees), RH David Hernandez (1-4, 4.28 with Arizona), RH Dalier Hinojosa (2-0, 0.73 with Red Sox and Phillies), RH Luis Garcia (4-6, 3.51, 2 saves).

Outlook: The Phillies are in rebuilding mode after finishing last in the majors, but they could be better than most expect. They've added a slew of talented young players, many of whom are still in the minors working their way up. The starting staff has more depth, but the bullpen lacks a legitimate closer for the first time in more than a decade. The lineup has a chance to be exciting with speed at the top and Franco anchoring the middle. The lower half of the order won't scare pitchers. The goal is to compete in 2017, so finding core players to build around is a priority this season.

National League Central capsules

Capsules of National League Central teams, listed in order of finish last year:

St. Louis Cardinals

2015: 100-62, first place, lost to Chicago Cubs in Division Series.

Manager: Mike Matheny (fifth season).

Hes Here: RHP Mike Leake, INF Jedd Gyorko, RHP Seung Hwan Oh, SS Ruben Tejada, C Brayan Pena, RHP Matt Bowman.

He's Outta Here: RF Jason Heyward, RHP John Lackey, INF-OF Mark Reynolds, OF Jon Jay, C Tony Cruz, OF Peter Bourjos, INF Pete Kozma, RHP Carlos Villanueva, RHP Matt Belisle, LHP Randy Choate, RHP Steve Cishek.

Projected Lineup: 3B Matt Carpenter (.272, 28 HRs, 84 RBIs, 44 2Bs), RF Stephen Piscotty (.305, 7, 39 in 63 games), LF Matt Holliday (.279, 4, 35 in 73 games), 1B Brandon Moss (.226, 19, 58 with Cleveland and St. Louis), CF Randal Grichuk (.276, 17, 47 in 103 games), 2B Kolten Wong (.262, 11, 61, 15 SBs), C Yadier Molina (.270, 4, 61), SS Ruben Tejada (.261, 3, 28 with Mets) or Jedd Gyorko (.247, 16, 57 with Padres).

Rotation: RH Adam Wainwright (2-1, 1.61 ERA in 7 games; left Achilles surgery), RH Michael Wacha (17-7, 3.38), RH Mike Leake (11-10, 3.70, 2 CGs with Cincinnati and San Francisco), LH Jaime Garcia (10-6, 2.43), RH Carlos Martinez (14-7, 3.01, 184 Ks in 179 2-3 IP).

Key Relievers: RH Trevor Rosenthal (2-4, 2.10, 48/51 saves, 83 Ks in 68 2-3 IP), RH Seung Hwan Oh (2-3, 2.73, 41 saves in Japan), RH Jonathan Broxton (3-3, 2.66 in 26 games with Cardinals; 1-2, 5.89 in 40 games with Brewers), LH Kevin Siegrist (7-1, 2.17, 6 saves, 81 games), RH Seth Maness (4-2, 4.26, 3 saves, 76 games), RH Jordan Walden (0-1, 0.87 in 12 games), LH Tyler Lyons (3-1, 4.35, 8 starts).

Outlook: The division-rival Cubs grabbed headlines by signing two former Cardinals, Heyward and Lackey. Chicago has a lot of young talent but so do the Cardinals, who remain the team to beat. They've won the NL Central three straight seasons and been to the playoffs a franchise-best five consecutive years, including a World Series championship in 2011 and another Series appearance in 2013. In the outfield, Piscotty, Grichuk, Holliday and Tommy Pham are all capable of hitting 20 homers. Behind the plate, Molina is on track for opening day after recovering from a pair of thumb operations. He began playing defense in early March and by the middle of the month was taking at-bats. There's an abundance of quality arms in the starting rotation even though St. Louis was outbid by Boston for David Price and lost Lance Lynn to reconstructive elbow surgery. The 34-year-old Wainwright healed from a torn left Achilles last April in time to make the postseason roster. He's won at least 19 games in four of his past five healthy seasons. Leake could provide results similar to Lackey's, and is much younger. Garcia has a baffling array of pitches and Martinez, injured late last season, consistently throws in the high-90s (mph). Lyons provides depth while targeted for long relief.

Pittsburgh Pirates

2015: 98-64, second place, lost to Cubs in wild-card game.

Manager: Clint Hurdle (sixth season).

He's Here: LHP Jon Niese, INF David Freese, 1B John Jaso, RHP Juan Nicasio, RHP Neftali Feliz, INF Jason Rogers.

He's Outta Here: 1B Pedro Alvarez, 2B Neil Walker, RHP A.J. Burnett, RHP Charlie Morton, LHP J.A. Happ, RHP Joaklim Soria, RHP Vance Worley, 3B Aramis Ramirez, OF Travis Snider.

Projected Lineup: RF Gregory Polanco (.256, 9, 52, 27 SBs), 2B Josh Harrison (.287, 4, 28), CF Andrew McCutchen (.292, 23, 96), LF Starling Marte (.287, 19, 81, 30 SBs), 1B John Jaso (.286, 5, 22, 17 2Bs in 185 ABs with Rays) or Michael Morse (.231, 5, 19 with Marlins and Pirates), 3B David Freese (.257, 14, 56 with Angels), C Francisco Cervelli (.295, 7, 43), SS Jordy Mercer (.244, 3, 43).

Rotation: RH Gerrit Cole (19-8, 2.60, 202 Ks, 208 IP), LH Francisco Liriano (12-7, 3.38, 205 Ks, 186 2-3 IP), LH Jon Niese (9-10, 4.13, 176 2-3 IP with Mets), RH Ryan Vogelsong (9-11, 4.67, 135 IP with Giants), LH Jeff Locke (8-11, 4.49, 168 1-3 IP).

Key Relievers: RH Mark Melancon (3-2, 2.33, 51/53 saves), LH Tony Watson (4-1, 1.91, 62 Ks in 75 1-3 IP), RH Jared Hughes (3-1, 2.28 in 76 appearances), RH Arquimedes Caminero (5-1, 3.62, 73 Ks in 74 2-3 IP), RH Neftali Feliz (3-4, 6.38, 10 saves with Texas and Detroit), RH Juan Nicasio (1-3, 3.86 with Dodgers).

Outlook: Three straight playoff appearances have put the franchise's two decades in the cellar firmly in the rearview mirror. The fiscal strains of success, however, are starting to show. The Pirates kept Melancon at $10 million but balked at paying the homegrown Walker the same kind of money and wanted no part of the $6 million Alvarez might have fetched in arbitration. The front office has been raided, too, with several key contributors who set the cornerstone for the franchise's renaissance taking higher-profile jobs elsewhere. The Pirates, as usual, declined to splurge in free agency. Their ability to keep up with St. Louis and the Chicago Cubs will likely hinge on their talented outfield and if the bullpen can once again shorten games to six innings.

Chicago Cubs

2015: 97-65, third place, wild card, lost to Mets in NLCS.

Manager: Joe Maddon (second season).

He's Here: OF Jason Heyward, RHP John Lackey, 2B Ben Zobrist, RHP Adam Warren.

He's Outta Here: 2B Starlin Castro, OF Chris Coghlan, OF Austin Jackson, RHP Jason Motte, RHP Fernando Rodney, RHP Tommy Hunter, RHP Dan Haren, OF Chris Denorfia, INF Jonathan Herrera.

Projected Lineup: CF Dexter Fowler (.250, 17, 46, 20 SBs), RF Jason Heyward (.293, 13, 60, 23 SBs with St. Louis), 1B Anthony Rizzo (.278, 31, 101, .387 OBP), 3B Kris Bryant (.275, 26, 99; NL Rookie of Year), LF Kyle Schwarber (.246, 16, 43), 2B Ben Zobrist (.276, 13, 56 with Oakland and Kansas City), C Miguel Montero (.248, 15, 53), SS Addison Russell (.242, 13, 54).

Rotation: RH Jake Arrieta (22-6, 1.77, 236 Ks, 48 BBs, 229 IP; NL Cy Young Award), LH Jon Lester (11-12, 3.34, 207 Ks, 47 BBs), RH John Lackey (13-10, 2.77 with St. Louis), RH Jason Hammel (10-7, 3.74), RH Kyle Hendricks (8-7, 3.95).

Key Relievers: RH Hector Rondon (6-4, 1.67, 30/34 saves), RH Pedro Strop (2-6, 2.91), RH Adam Warren (7-7, 3.29 with Yankees), LH Travis Wood (5-4, 3.84).

Outlook: Expectations are soaring after the Cubs broke out in a huge way last season and fueled hope that their first championship since 1908 is within reach. The optimism has only escalated since the final out of Game 4 in the NLCS. That's because the Cubs added to a team that already included the NL Cy Young Award winner (Arrieta), Rookie of the Year (Bryant) and Manager of the Year (Maddon), not to mention a two-time All-Star in Rizzo and another slugger in Schwarber who made a big impact as a rookie. They signed Heyward ($184 million, eight years) and Lackey ($32 million, two years) away from division-rival St. Louis, along with two-time All-Star Zobrist ($56 million, four years) from Kansas City, and acquired Warren from the Yankees in the Castro deal. They did all that before spring training, then pulled off another big move when they re-signed Fowler to a $13 million, one-year contract in late February. That allowed them to keep three-time Gold Glove winner Heyward in right field rather than move him to center. For all the moves the Cubs made, they did not have to part with any of their prized prospects. That gives them depth and flexibility to make trades down the line. For now, the only major item left on the to-do list is an extension for executive Theo Epstein. The architect of the team's overhaul, he is entering the fifth and final season of his contract.

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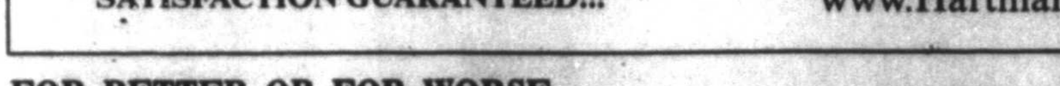

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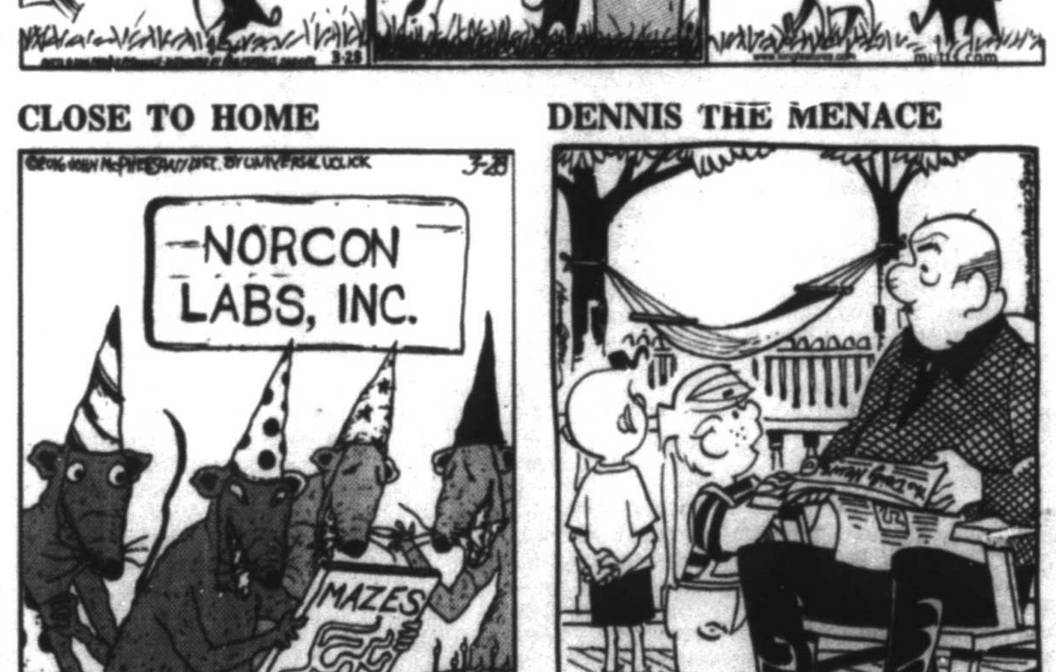

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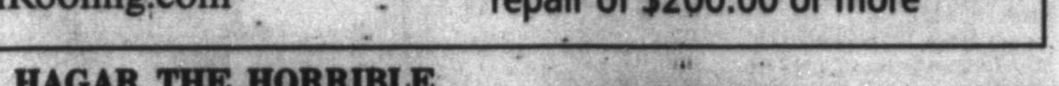

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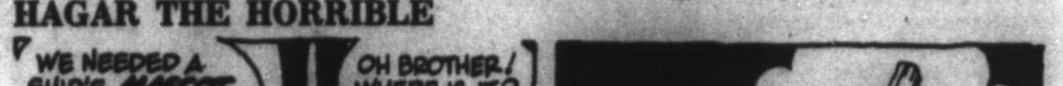


"I AM A GOOD LISTENER, LORETTA...I JUST HAPPEN TO PREFER QUALITY OVER QUANTITY."

FAMILY CIRCUS

"I wish the Easter Bunny had a sleigh and reindeer. Then he could bring us a lot more stuff."

TODAY: Sunny — High: 77 Low: 56
TUESDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 85 Low: 57
WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 79 Low: 46
THURSDAY: Sunny — High: 72 Low: 47
FRIDAY: Partly sunny — High: 69 Low: 44
SATURDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 65 Low: 46

Local forecast

The National Weather Service forecast is calling for gusts reaching 40 mph tonight. On Tuesday, gusts slow down to 25 mph, but the NWS has added a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. April starts off with a slight chance of showers.

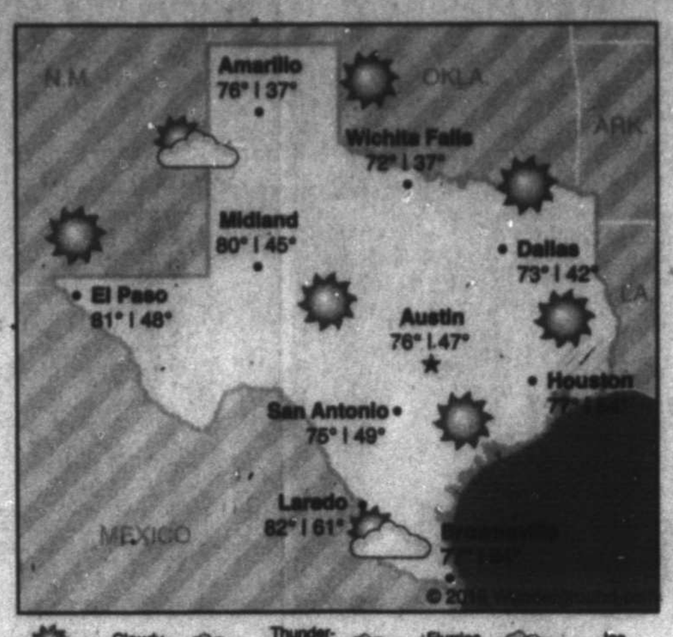
The record high for March 27 is 95 set in 1971. The record low is 14 set in 1931. On March 27 of last year, the high was 78 and the low was 40.

Weather brief

The Fuel Behind Louisiana's Rains, Floods

Neighborhoods have been turned into lakes and roads into streams as record-breaking rain has fallen relentlessly on Louisiana and other parts of the Gulf Coast this week. The deadly flooding and eye-popping rainfall amounts — reaching above 21 inches in the worst hit areas — came courtesy of a slow-moving system pulling abundant moisture from the tropics.

Such heavy downpours are expected to happen more often and be more intense as the world heats up because of the increase of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.



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Precipitation

Saturday	0.00 in.
Sunday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.34 in.
Year total	0.82 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.79 in.

Sunday's temperatures

High	65
Low	38
Normal high	73
Normal low	43
Sunrise	7:42 a.m.
Sunset	8:06 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Monday, March 28

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Married woman with lover is happy with things as they are

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: I met a man eight years ago who has become everything to me. We see each other weekly and discuss life, work, home and more. We are both married to other people. Our relationship is not only emotional but also physical. We are secretive about our relationship only with our children — we appear in public together, and my spouse knows about it. Many people at our regular venues comment on how much in love we seem to be. A few of my friends are privy to our relationship and wonder when we're leaving our spouses to be together.

My question is: Can't it just be OK to be happy with what we have? We enjoy the times we have traveled, talked and loved. I am virtually ignored by my spouse, as is he. The time he has been in my life is the happiest I have ever been. But I don't want more. It's hard to explain. People think I'm in denial, but I'm not. He has issues I wouldn't want full time, as I suppose everyone does, and I wouldn't want to ruin what we have. Thoughts? — PART-TIME LOVER

DEAR PART-TIME: You and your lover have "an arrangement" that seems to work not only for you, but also for your spouses. It's unconventional, to put it mildly. Because you are so open about it, I'm surprised your children haven't caught wind of it by now. My question to you would be what you and this man plan to do when they find out, because I don't think you can keep them in the dark forever.

DEAR ABBY; My wife and I are friends with a couple we have known for many years. When the four of us eat together, it's obvious to me that the husband directs the conversation toward my wife. Even when the topic is general in nature, his eye contact is with her to the point where it makes me uncomfortable. On a cruise last year, when we ate together regularly, I intentionally sat across from him and, sure enough, he talked diagonally across the table to my wife.

I have always made a conscious effort in mixed company to direct the majority of my conversation toward my male counterpart and not his wife. I feel that it's more appropriate. I really don't think there is any threat from him, maybe just bad manners on his part.

How should I handle this? Should I ignore it, or make him aware of it? — BOTHERED BY IT IN ALABAMA

DEAR BOTHERED: If there is a rule of etiquette covering this, I have never heard of it. You have two choices — continue to ignore it and let it bother you, or ask him why he does it. He may be doing it unconsciously because he finds your wife to be an interesting conversationalist.

DEAR ABBY: My husband has been wearing a T-shirt with a picture of a tombstone and the caption "Married and Buried" on the front. I have asked him repeatedly not to wear it because it hurts my feelings, but he only laughs and says it's just a gag. What do I do? — OFFENDED IN FLORIDA

DEAR OFFENDED: Because your husband persists in doing something he knows hurts your feelings, I can't blame you for feeling offended. While I'm tempted to advise you to have a T-shirt made that reads "Married to an Insensitive Clod" and wear it when he puts his on, I think you'd be better off simply ignoring him when he does it. Eventually he'll quit wearing it when the novelty wears off.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Q J 6 5 ♡ 3 ◇ A J 10 5 ♣ K J 10 2

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

What call would you make?

A — A three-diamond bid would be game forcing, but you don't really have any slam interest, and nine tricks are easier than 11. Bid three no-trump.

Q 2 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A ♡ A 10 5 4 ◇ A 6 ♣ Q J 10 8 6 5

With the opponents passing, you open one club and partner responds one spade. What rebid would you choose?

A — Not strong enough for a reverse bid of two hearts, you must choose between two and three clubs. Move one of our aces into the club suit and we would jump. We like two clubs with this hand.

Q 3 — East West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A J 9 8 ♡ J 10 4 ◇ A Q 8 ♣ 9 8 4

As dealer, what call would you make?

A — We make it a rule never to open the bidding with 4-3-3-3 distribution and only 12 points. The lovely intermediate cards in this hand would cause us to break the rule. Open one club.

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K 7 5 4 ♡ A J 8 6 ◇ 10 ♣ K Q 8 5

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass

What call would you make?

A — This hand revalues to about 16 points in support of spades. Bid three spades.

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

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: Difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, March 28, 2016:

This year you open up to many new ideas. These different concepts often come through your comrades at work or through casual acquaintances. The ideas you hear are likely to be provocative, as these people live such a different lifestyle from yours. If you are single, you will find that others are drawn to you. However, not until fall 2016 are you likely to meet someone of significance. Be careful, as you might find it difficult to get out of this relationship once you have committed. If you are attached, the two of you often enjoy going out together as a couple. Do not underestimate the importance of your one-on-one time. SAGITTARIUS knows how to get you energized!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Keep pushing to accomplish what you want. You see a path that few others do. You seem to be able to bypass a problem with ease. Others observe and follow in your footsteps. Open up to positive change and a new opportunity. Confusion surrounds you. Tonight: Break past barriers.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Togetherness surrounds a change that means a lot to you. Getting help from a friend will make the experience far more agreeable. Understand your limitations, and know where you are heading. Tonight: Do not hesitate to ask for more of what you need and want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Defer to others, and know full well where you are heading and why. Investigate different possibilities, and honor a fast change of pace. A partner seems to be unusually demanding, as he or she pushes you hard to accomplish a goal. Tonight: Confusion surrounds plans.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You might want to defer to others. Listen to someone who feels strongly about what is going on. This person could appear to be bossy, but know that it is only because he or she feels very confident about his or her ideas. Express any trepidations you have. Tonight: Make it easy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Allow your creativity to take the reins. As long as you can absorb any negative effects, you'll be able to deal with a loss. Confusion surrounds partnerships and finances. Rethink a decision involving a loved one; you can't be too careful. Tonight: Pretend it's still the weekend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You could be on a roll and not see what is going on. Listen to your inner voice. Honor a fast change of pace that could affect your personal plans. A vocal personality dominates the conversation. Still, you can follow through on what needs to happen. Tonight: Close to home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You could feel cornered by someone you care about. How you handle a personal matter depends on your mood. You might prefer to be relaxed, yet confusion could be the result. Understand that you are on top of a situation. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You could be in a situation that seems to be very difficult and time-consuming. You have a way about you that makes others want to get closer in order to get to know you. Curb a tendency to go overboard and exhaust yourself. Tonight: Let someone else pick up the tab.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Those around you believe that you are driven, and you are. You have a lot of energy right now, which could exhaust others beyond belief. You are full of get-up-and-go, but you might want to head in a new direction. Don't expect others to keep up with you. Tonight: All smiles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You have a way about you that makes all the difference. Others often want to be around you or share more with you; however, today might be the perfect day to be a recluse. Tonight: Beam in more of what you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ A friend could be overly assertive and touchy. You tend to draw others in quickly. Be imaginative in how you deal with someone you care about. You might feel as if you have little choice in what you do. Slow down; otherwise, you'll miss something. Tonight: Not alone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ You might discover that a higher-up is touchy and perhaps a bit angry. Is it possible that this person has expectations of you that you don't even know about? Open up a conversation, but refuse to take on anything that has nothing to do with you. Tonight: Out and about.

BORN TODAY

Singer/songwriter Lady Gaga (1986), singer/songwriter Reba McEntire (1955), former U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Henry Paulson (1946)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 5th Dimension vocalist Marilyn
6 Degrees for mgrs.
10 On a trip
14 Like cheering stadiums
15 Honolulu's island
16 Give (out) sparingly
17 Not glossy, as a finish
18 Sourpuss
19 Short comic sketch
20 Accepts a grim reality
23 Thickening agent used in ice cream
24 "Way cool!"
25 Rock's __ Speedwagon
26 Slalom need
28 Cavs-vs.-Mavs event
32 Tax deadline mo.
35 In need of calamine lotion
38 Cobb or Waldorf dish
39 Hams it up
42 Enjoys an elegant meal
43 Bothered big-time
44 Ballot markings in boxes
45 Train amenity with drinks and food
47 Eeyore's pal
49 Nonstick spray brand
50 Troop gp.
52 Small notebooks
56 Is raring to go
60 Layered hairdo
61 Japanese rice drink
62 Irritate
63 Stretch out, say
64 Pigmented eye layer
65 Not at all lenient
66 Verses of praise
67 Exec's benefit
68 American Pharoah, e.g.

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1 Deadly African snake
2 Newmark with an online list
3 Terra __: earthenware
4 Many John Wayne flicks
5 Valuable rocks
6 Coffee-and-chocolate flavor
7 Uncovered
8 Captain in Ishmael's tale
9 Many a commuter's home
10 Lay's "Betcha can't eat just one" is one
11 Responded to the alarm
12 Touched down
13 "Still and all ..."
21 "Foolish Pride" singer Travis
22 Charge for using, as an apartment
27 Smooch shower on a Jumbotron
28 Wall St.'s "Big Board"
29 "Jeopardy!" host Trebek
30 Fully grown filly
31 Nestlé ice cream brand
32 Electrical adapter letters
33 Golfer Mickelson
34 Brand in contact lens care
36 Scorch
37 In a lather, with "up"
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41 Gemstone weight
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50 Cake maker
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53 Mammy Yokum's lad
54 Christian's dresses?
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56 Libya neighbor
57 Thin fog
58 Squirrel away
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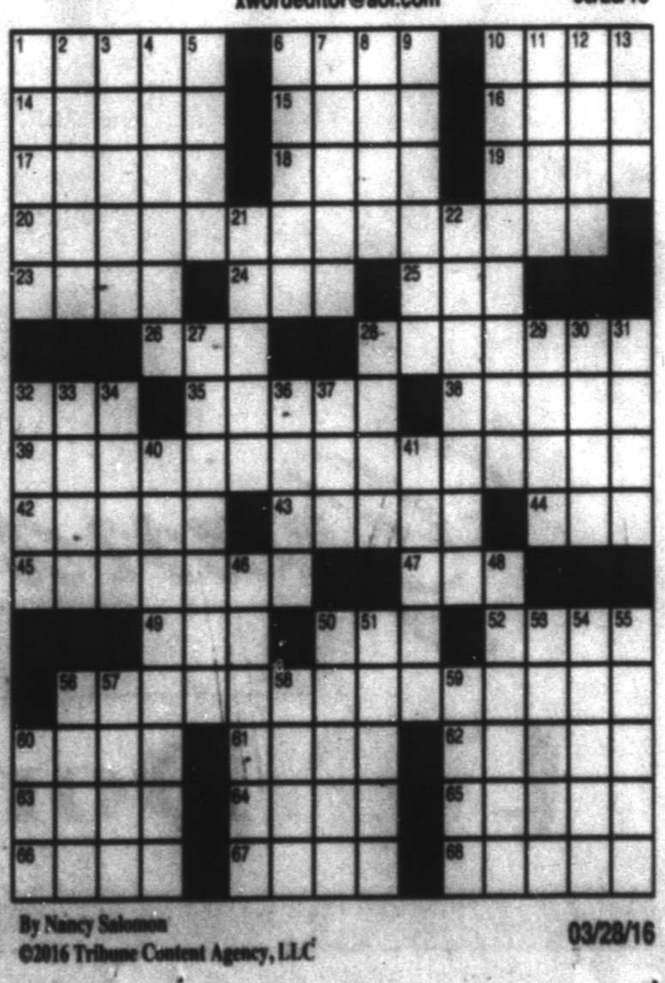

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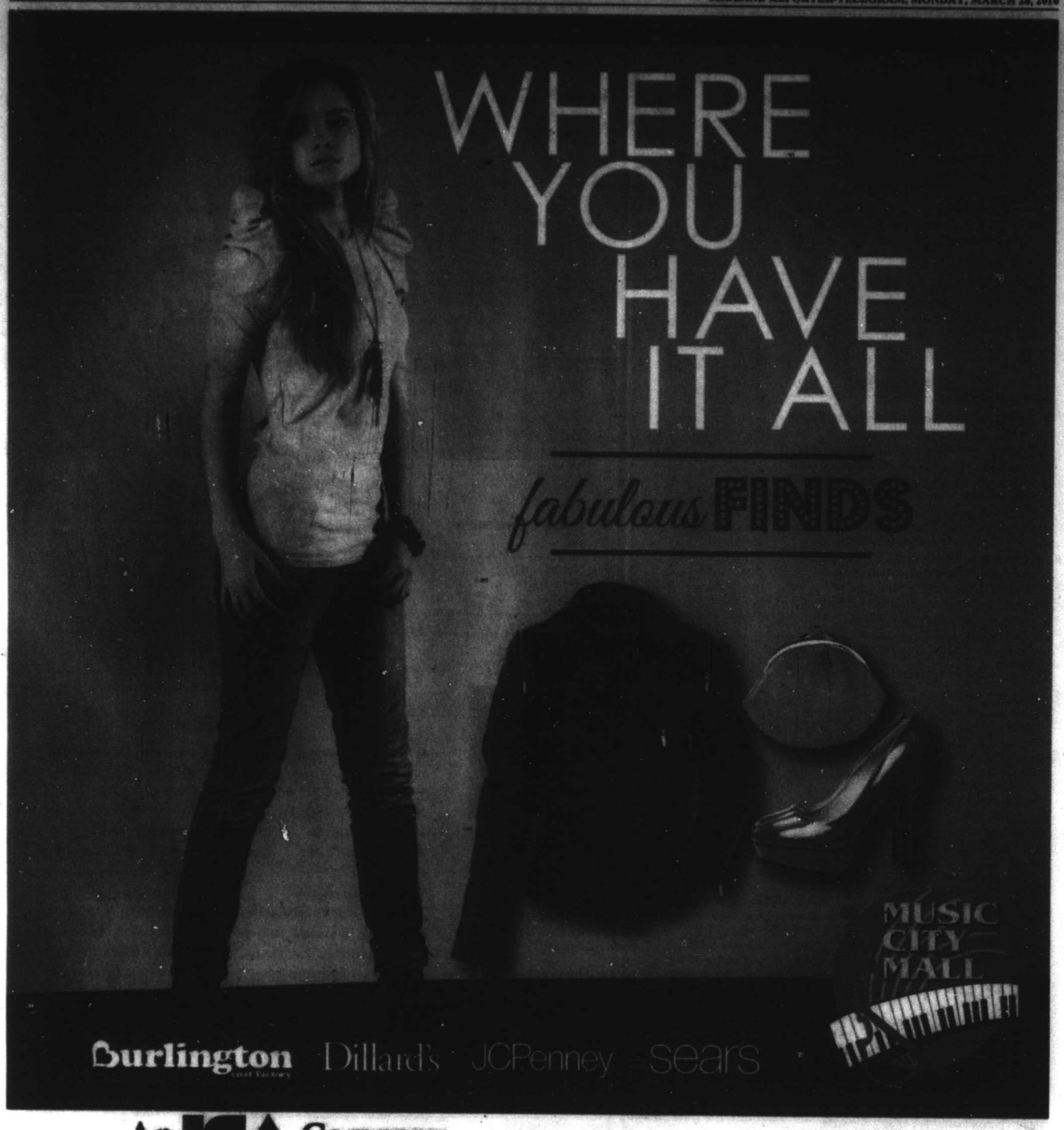

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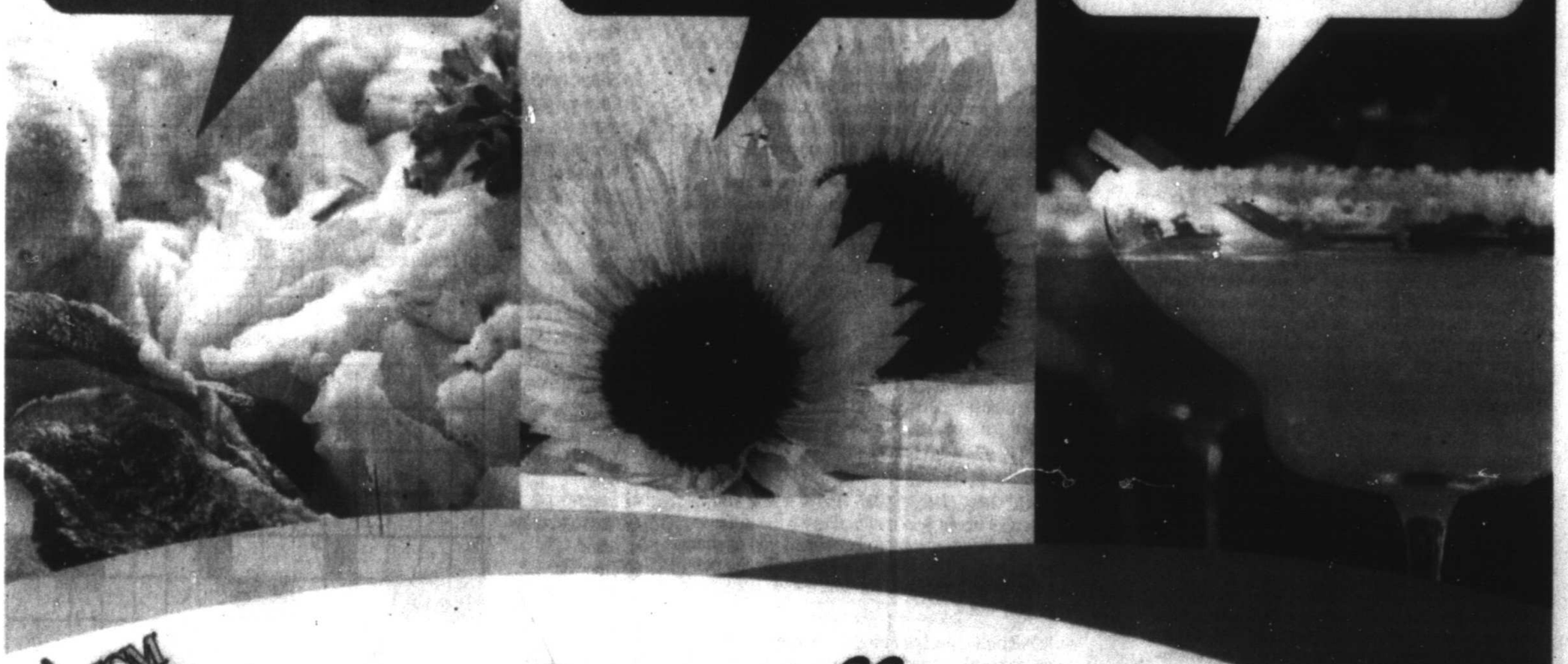

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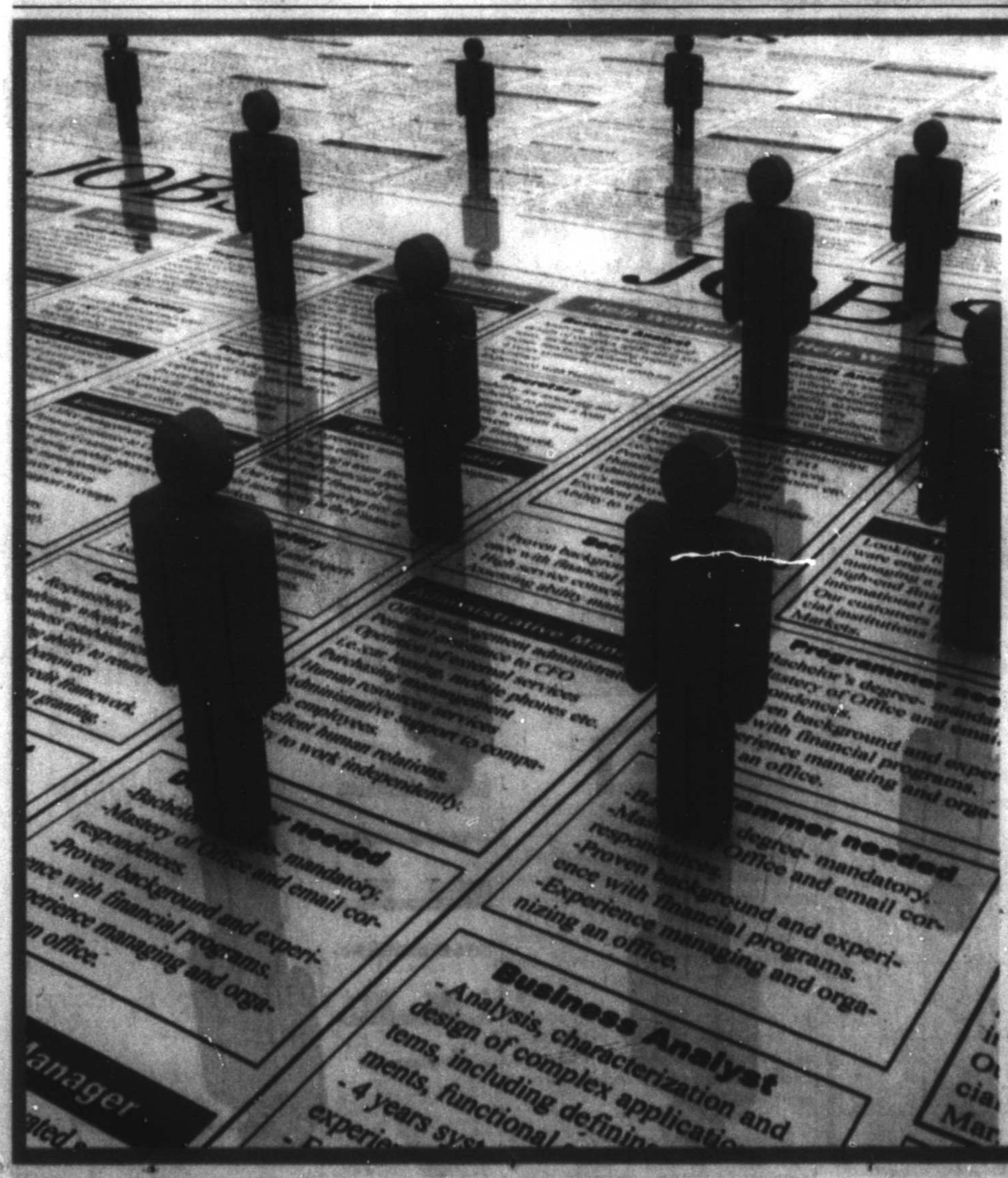

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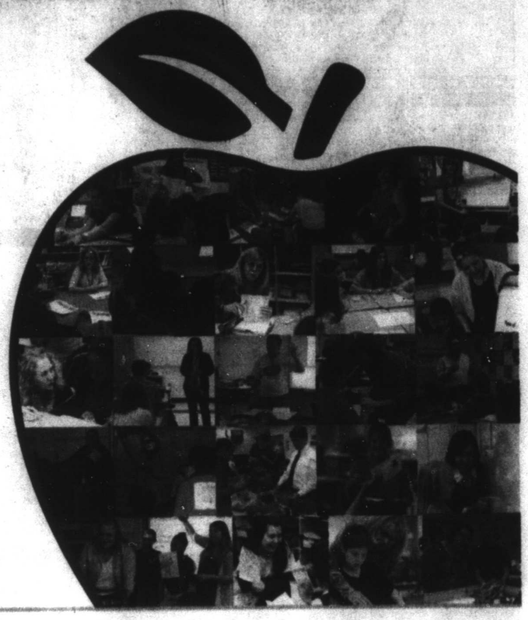

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