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Texas Tech raised $1 billion in 'Tier One' quest

University has raised more money than its competitors; would be state's 4th school of this status

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech University has raised $1 billion in its quest to become the state's next Tier One school, an elite academic status the university said it's close to achieving.

The university has raised more money than any of its competitors— the University of Houston, the University of North Texas, Texas State University and the University of Texas campuses in Arlington, Dallas, El Paso and San Antonio— and would be the state's fourth Tier One school, The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported.

While no designation has been announced, the university posted a booklet online saying it's "well on its way" to receiving the designation. But no timetable was given.

To reach the overall "Tier One" ranking, a university must show elite academics and research activities and receive the designation from several academic institutions, including the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Association of American Universities, or AAU. The AAU is a consortium of 62 leading public and private research universities in the United States and Canada.

Texas Tech Chancellor Robert Duncan said that the designation is a "concept that has a lot of different meanings," but that the university has adopted a strategy to be more "AAU-like."

Texas Tech President Duane Nellis echoed those sentiments, telling the newspaper that "on many criteria we are reaching Tier One level, but to be more AAU-like we still have some more things we need to improve on as far as the size of our graduate program."

While state officials lament that Texas only has three overall Tier One universities —The University of Texas at Austin, Texas A&M at College Station and privately owned Rice University in Houston — they said several others, such as Texas Tech, are moving closer to the elite designation. The University of Houston was named a Tier One school for research activity in 2011 by Carnegie, but it still needed designations then from other institutions for an overall classification.

UT San Antonio President Ricardo Romo told the newspaper his school also is "making great progress toward Tier One," pointing out that the university has been recognized in world rankings.

FLYING: ALL A DREAM

AP file photo

American Airlines pilots Bill Elder, left, and Jim Dees work inside a Boeing 787 flight simulator with New York's JFK airport gate scenery, in Fort Worth in 2014. Look up during the next few weeks, and you might catch a giant commercial jet doing its training runs over the West Texas area. Officials at Midland International Air & Space Port say the jet is no cause for worry, just practice for pilots of American Airlines Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner.

Dreamliner pilots train in West Texas skies

By Corey Paul
Odessa American

Look up during the next few weeks, and you might catch a giant commercial jet doing its training runs over the West Texas area.

Officials at Midland International Air & Space Port said the jet is no cause for worry, just practice for pilots of American Airlines Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner. The jets, far larger than the Southwest 737 planes that commonly fly to and from the airport, are designed to haul 226 passengers and touted for their fuel efficiency and comfort.

The first flight was Feb. 14. They are expected to last for about two months.

The Dreamliner can land at the airport if needed, but that's not anticipated.

"You should not see them on the ground at all," said Justin Millican, the operations manager at MAF, who said there was no set schedule for the plane's flights in the area apart from live tracking monitors. "It's not like it's going to stop here, get fuel or stay for a couple of days. They are mainly doing touch-and-goes and pattern work."

A touch-and-go is exactly what it sounds like — a maneuver where the pilot touches the wheels of the aircraft on the runway for an instant before pulling back up into the sky.

The Dreamliner represents the first in Fort Worth-based American Airlines' fleet. The airline got the jet last month, with plans to add 42 more. None will service MAF, but the local airport does offer connector flights to DFW, where the Dreamliners will call home.

So that means months of training to get pilots, so far mostly practiced on flight simulators, acclimated.

"Several hundred" pilots will undergo the training, accompanied by "check airmen" already trained on the aircraft, American Airlines spokesman Matt Miller told the Odessa American. There are "several dozen" check airmen. They leave each morning and return each night.

The reason for the seeming randomness of the Dreamliner visits above Odessa and Midland is that there are no flight plans, according to the airline.

Instead, each pilot picks where they will fly but generally pick out west, Miller said. That is in part because the international routes from DFW will go west.

"They will do that on the fly," said Matt Miller, an American Airlines spokesman.

Reports of Dreamliner sightings also emerged from El Paso, where a pilot also performed a touch-and-go.

The jet will go into service on May 7 with runs between Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and Chicago O'Hare International Airport. But the long-term plan is to cease domestic flights of the 787 in favor of international travel.

In June, American Airlines will begin nonstop Boeing 787 flights from DFW to Beijing. A separate service would fly to Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Boeing first rolled out the Dreamliner on July 8, 2007. But the project was beset by a series of costly delays.

The maiden flight of the 787-8 variation happened on Dec. 15, 2009. It was certified in August of 2011 and was first delivered to an airline later that year, All Nippon Airways, which still maintains the biggest 787 fleet.

A commercial jet as big as the 787 is unusual for the area. There is not a rental or other payment agreement between the airline for the training flights, Millican said. (If the plane ends up landing, the airport would receive a fee).

But using West Texas for flight training is not uncommon. Sometimes the military uses the area for that purpose, and occasionally calls on MAF to change a flight crew.

"We've got a long enough runway and the air space is not real congested like it is in DFW or Houston," Millican said. "It's just a good place to go. We have a lot of sunny days every year."

Re-fracturing is a cheaper way to drill amid crude price slump

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

Sunken crude prices are forcing the engineers of the shale energy boom to abandon frenzied wildcatting and take a more scientific approach to the oil field, armed with designs to goose more oil from the ground for less money.

"It means questioning everything," said Hans-Christian Freitag, vice president of integrated technology at Baker Hughes.

With U.S. oil below $50 a barrel, wildcatters who want to stay in the game are being forced to rethink their entire approach to the oil field. They are diving deeply into reservoir data and attempting to squeeze more crude out of some existing wells with another round of hydraulic fracturing, called re-fracturing — the process that blasts powerful slurries of water, chemicals and sand into a well to form cracks in shale formations and release hydrocarbons.

Thanks to recent technological breakthroughs, re-fracturing in some cases has restored well output to initial levels or even beyond, and has stemmed rapid production declines, said David Adams, vice president of operations technology for Halliburton.

That could have a major impact on a firm's bottom line, Adams said, as re-fracturing an older well costs about a fourth of the $8 million it takes to drill and complete a new horizontal well.

"The door is open for more of this now," he said. "This is a huge opportunity for the oil industry."

Breakthroughs in hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling by Halliburton, Baker Hughes and their rivals forced oil from dense shale formations in Texas, North Dakota and elsewhere. The new U.S. production over the past decade rocked the global oil landscape, contributing to a worldwide glut that pushed crude prices from above $100 a barrel in June down to less than $50 a barrel Friday.

But shale formations are stubborn, and most oil companies can't afford as much of the expensive drilling now that prices are so much lower.

The reservoirs often release just a fraction of the oil and gas buried underground. With prices so high, the industry's old answer was to keep drilling new wells, over and over — a hit-or-miss strategy that might open nothing but a dry hole.

To get it right in today's market, major oil tool suppliers said, the first step is

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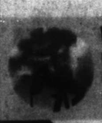

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Caleb Reynolds, left and Elliot Ehlen, right, adjust their Bowtaye's while standing near Baylor's Pat Neff Hall on Feb. 11 in Waco. Bow ties designed by junior Maddie Danielson, raises funds to send to orphans in the Nyakach Plateau region of western Kenya to school.

Student's mission ties one on for orphans

By Regina Dennis
Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO — Style syncs up with global charity through a new men's accessories line launched by a Baylor University fashion design student to raise money for orphaned children in Kenya.

Bowtaye, a collection of bow ties designed by junior Maddie Danielson, raises funds to send to orphans in the Nyakach Plateau region of western Kenya to school.

"Taye" means necktie in the tribal Dholuo language spoken by the Luo people in Kenya.

"For me, it combines all of my passions and everything I want to do," Danielson, who is interested in designing menswear, told the Waco Tribune-Herald.

"One of my biggest passions is helping people and trying to provide something for someone that they wouldn't be able to provide for themselves, or giving people opportunities. Then my other passion is just creating and art.

"This was just a door I saw that was opening. This is what I feel called to do."

Seven of the eight handmade tie designs in the collection are named after orphans living in the Nyakach Plateau. The purchase of 12 to 15 of one tie design covers the namesake's school expenses for a year, including two nutritious meals per day, a uniform and clean drinking water, plus costs for the school's teachers, security and meal preparation. The ties cost between $54.95 and $64.95 apiece.

Bowtaye's website features photos and profiles on the children, three boys and four girls who range in age from 6 to 12.

Proceeds from the eighth design, a solid slate-colored tie, are used to cover operational costs of the school and services to other orphans in the community. Tags are attached to the ties noting how many have been sold and how many more of that design need to be purchased to send the child to school.

"With this first collection, it was really about trying to reach a wide audience," Danielson said. "I really wanted to find different patterns and fabrics that I really like the quality of, but also that would be unique and that would be a statement piece to be something that would start a conversation."

So far, none of the ties has sold out since Bowtaye was launched in October. Just three more each of the brown-and-red plaid "Andrew" ties and the slate blue-and-white plaid "Faith" ties must be sold to sponsor those students' educations.

"We're planning to stage some selling events in the community, maybe try to partner with Dichotomy or Common Grounds and having the baristas wear some of the ties as they're serving," said Ashley Mullen, an apparel merchandising senior and marketing and event coordinator for Bowtaye. "We just want to increase the awareness throughout Baylor and throughout the Waco community."

Danielson was inspired to support the Kenyan orphans by her roommate, Lindsay Adams, who has spent three summers serving the Nyakach Plateau region through mission trips with the nonprofit group Straw to Bread. Founded by Baylor Honors College clinical professor Dr. Lisa Baker, the organization is partnering with a ministry in the community to address residents' water, food, health care, business and education needs.

"I was thrilled, because I love this community so much that when other people jump on board too, it just makes my heart sing," said Adams, an honors student studying to become an elementary teacher. "She grabs my passion for the community and wanted to do something on her own."

The tie collection is just one of several local fundraising efforts to support residents of the Nyakach Plateau. A third-grader at Waco Montessori, where Adams volunteers as a student teacher, organized a bake sale that raised $200 for the community after learning about Adams' mission work in Kenya.

Baylor alum Jolene Damoiseaux started a project called Mothers on the Move that raises money to provide free transportation to women in labor to prevent them from having to walk long distances through the region's rocky terrain to get to a health center or hospital to safely deliver their babies.

"I never would have thought of selling bow ties in a thousand years; that would never have been on my radar screen," Baker said of Bowtaye. "That's the wonderful thing about having a lot of people involved, because they have the energy to do things and they have ideas that I never would think of."

In addition to a providing a free medical clinic for residents each summer, Straw to Bread has sponsored one of the Nyakach Plateau resident's medical school training, which will allow the community to have its own full-time physician for the first time. The organization is raising funds to build an official clinic for the community, and it also markets and sells hand- woven baskets created by women in the region to help them become financially independent.

But there are still significant challenges. Baker said global warming has disrupted the traditional rainy and dry season patterns of Kenya, and that the community has suffered severe annual drought that has led to many deaths in recent years.

Straw to Bread is helping install rainwater harvesting tanks at homes and is preparing to drill a new well for the community this summer.

"They're just dying for lack of water," Baker said. "While we try to get into things that are more sustainable and long-term, they're still in emergency mode. We had to send $1,000 just to help them stay alive and have enough water to drink."

Adams will be returning to Kenya this summer to continue working on projects she started, such as establishing the region's first public library and creating a chicken coop that provides eggs for the students to eat each day.

Danielson, who is studying abroad in Italy, hopes to eventually travel to Kenya herself to connect with the children Bowtaye is assisting. She already is making plans to expand the collection to include traditional neckties, as well as women's accessories that will follow the same business model to sponsor the orphans' educations.

"It's really been an amazing journey and it really is just so much about bringing these kids education and giving them opportunities that we take for granted," Danielson said. "It's trying to show them the love of Jesus and say, 'Here's some hope, in the midst of all this craziness.'"

Proceeds from Bowtaye handmade neckties are used to sponsor a year of education for orphan children living in the Nyakach Plateau region of western Kenya. For more information or to purchase a tie, visit www.bowtaye.com, or follow the company's social media pages: facebook.com/bowtaye, twitter.com/bowtaye, and instagram.com/bowtaye.

Obituaries

Donna Ellen Simer-Miller (Nonni)

Donna Ellen Simer-Miller (Nonni), 58, passed away at 8:30 p.m. on March 5, 2015 in Abilene, Texas, surrounded by her family after a lengthy hospital stay.

She was born on August 22, 1956 to Eddie and Pearl Ellen Simer in Big Spring, Texas. Donna grew up in Borden County and attended Gail High School. She was the recipient of many accolades, including homecoming queen, most beautiful, and head cheerleader. Throughout the years, she has maintained many close relationships with her classmates.

Donna wore many hats. She was very talented and creative. She managed C&G Quickstop, owned and operated Forsan Cafe for many years, and worked with her brother, Gary, at Ponderosa Nursery. Her superior work ethic and dedication to others guided her in both her professional and personal life. She will always be remembered by her smile and infectious laughter.

Donna met Paul Miller in 1988. They later married and built a life together in Big Spring. They loved taking family vacations, spending time with friends and family, enjoying their variety of pets, and loving on their grandchildren.

Donna had many interests. She was a master gardener, loved to bake, travel, and go fishing. Making her famous Christmas candy is a skill she passed down to those she loved. While her interests kept her busy, she lived for time spent with her family. Her pride and joy were her children, grandchildren, brothers and sister, nieces and nephews, and cousins. She always looked forward to family vacations and her yearly trips to Vegas with her sister-in-law.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents, Marion Edward and Pearl Ellen Simer.

She is survived by her husband, Paul Miller of Big Spring; her son, Rodney Robertson and wife Michele of Abilene; her son, Gary Simer and wife Julie of Abilene; brother, Gary Simer and wife Judy of Big Spring; her brother, Larry Simer and wife Patsy of Stanton; and sister, Becky Overby and partner Ami of Denton.

She is also survived by her seven grandchildren, Candyce, Mica, Dalton, Avery, Braydon, Grace, and Brevynn, all of Abilene; and by numerous nieces and nephews.

Donna's memorial service will be on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. at First Christian Church of Big Spring. Her family will receive visitors on Monday, March 9, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral home in Big Spring.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at *www.myersandsmith.com* .

Death Notices

Marguerite Evelyn Stoltz

Marguerite Evelyn Stoltz, 87, of Midland, died on Friday, March 6, 2015.

A Rosary will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at St. Ann's Catholic Church at 7:00 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at St. Ann's Catholic Church at 10:00 a.m.

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AUSTIN

Man arrested for robbery spree

Austin police say a man arrested for a four-day robbery spree has told police he's responsible for at least six holdups.

In each of the heists, police say 26-year-old Gai Won approached the cash register at the business pretending to buy something, then pulled a long-barrel BB gun from a bag.

When he tried doing that at a Starbucks store Friday morning in Austin, two customers wrestled him to the ground.

The Austin American-Statesman reports Won is charged with six counts of aggravated robbery and one count of aggravated assault for hitting one of the coffee shop customers with the gun.

He's being held in the Travis County Jail without bond. Records also show he's also being held on an immigration detainer.

DALLAS

Pricey Italian sports car left abandoned on highway

It's not your usual car abandoned on the side of a road.

A Dallas police impound lot is the new home for a yellow Lamborghini left on the Dallas North Tollway.

Police found the Italian luxury sports car on the shoulder of the highway Sunday after its driver apparently hit a retaining wall and then left the car there.

Dallas TV station WFAA reports police found no identifying information in the vehicle.

Lamborghini prices begin at about $200,000.

Police called for a tow truck which hauled it away.

MINERAL WELLS

A historic Texas hotel could generate millions in profits

An historic Texas hotel now in ruins that drew celebrities and visitors to its mineral waters decades ago could once again generate millions of dollars in profits after renovations.

The Mineral Wells Index reported a study shows the Baker Hotel, about 50 miles west of Fort Worth, could realize $2.1 million in net operating profit if renovated.

The performance study, compiled by Houston-based PKF Consulting USA for Chad Patton and Laird Fairchild of Baker Hotel Development Partners LLC, also found that in 10 years the hotel's annual net profits could reach $5 million. The renovation plans for the 14-story Baker hotel call for its more than 400 guest rooms to be converted to 157, and the transformation of the hotel into a destination resort and spa.

The study, which compared the Baker Hotel to six other comparable Texas resorts, found that a renovated Baker Hotel in its first full year of operation could see $12.5 million in gross revenues, based on room rentals, food and beverage sales, spa revenue, rentals and special events, and other income.

"The conclusions of the market analysis exceeded our expectations," Patton told the newspaper. "Most encouraging was the forecasted occupancy, revenue forecasted per room and the suggested average daily rate."

Immigration ruling shows lawyers playing venue shopping odds

By Seth Robbins
Associated Press

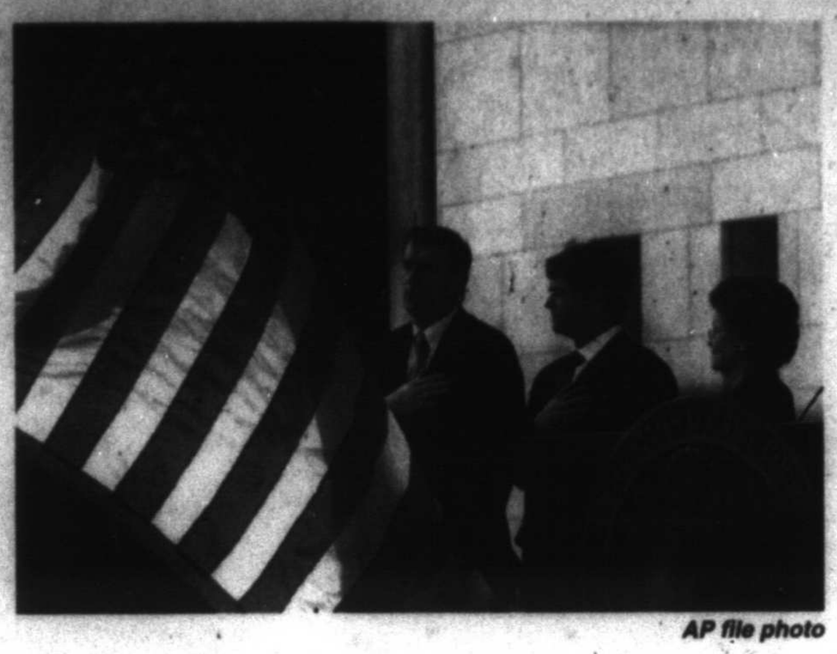
SAN ANTONIO — A federal judge's ruling last month blocking President Barack Obama's immigration executive action lays bare a pervasive practice in federal district courts: venue shopping.

It is a game of odds in which lawyers pick a court to file their case where a judge or case law is likely to be more favorable. Law experts say venue shopping is commonplace in politically-sensitive cases as a way to advance a case toward the ultimate goal of a hearing before the U.S. Supreme Court.

"Everybody does this to the extent they can," said Stephen Yale-Loehr, an immigration professor at Cornell Law School in Ithaca, New York.

When lawyers for Texas filed suit in Brownsville to block the president's executive action on immigration, they knew they had a 50 percent chance the case would be given to U.S. District Judge Andrew Hanen, an appointee of George W. Bush who had previously spoken scathingly of Obama's immigration policies.

Hanen, who was assigned the case through an automated system, is one of only two judges in that division of the Southern District of Texas, so he hears half of all civil cases. The other is U.S. District Judge Hilda Tagle, an appointee of Democratic President Bill Clinton. Not all district courts have just two judges.



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U.S. Southern District Judge Andrew S. Hanen, left, joins with Filemon B. Vela, Jr. and Blanca Vela for the Pledge of Allegiance during the United States Courthouse naming ceremony in Brownsville in 2005. Hanen's move to block President Barack Obama's orders on immigration lays bare a pervasive but not widely known practice in federal district courts: venue shopping. Immigration advocates say that lawyers for the state of Texas were seeking a court with sympathetic judges when they filed their case in Brownsville.

"They knew they would strike gold if they got in front of Judge Hanen," said Kica Matos, spokeswoman for Fair Immigration Reform Movement, a national advocacy organization for immigrants. "This is a judge who has gone out of his way to express his anti-immigrant sentiments."

On Feb. 16, Texas Governor Greg Abbott and 25 other states opposed to Obama's action got exactly what they wanted. Hanen issued a preliminary injunction halting the orders, which would have spared as many as 5 million people who are in the U.S. illegally from deportation.

Venue selection has long been used by the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in cases seeking wide-ranging reforms, said Georgene Vairo, a professor of law at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles. More recently the tactic has been adopted by conservative groups, she said.

It was probably a factor in the mammoth job discrimination suit filed against Wal-Mart by 1.5 million women claiming unfair pay and promotion practices, Vairo said. That case was pursued in the California courts, where it would be heard by the liberal-leaning 9th Circuit on appeal. The 9th Circuit ruled in favor of the women, though the Supreme Court in 2011 did not.

"We are not supposed to talk about judges being political," Vairo said. "But in a close case it's likely to make a difference, so they head count, they look at the decisions, they think about all these things before they decide where to file."

Ahmed Taha, a professor of law at Pepperdine University in California, said he has documented venue shopping.

In a 2010 paper, Taha said he found that when the portion of judges appointed by Republican presidents increases by 25 percent in courts, prisoners' rights filings and job discrimination suits drop by about 11 percent, and product-related injury cases by 23 percent, on average. This shows that lawyers in these cases feel their chances are worse with courts leaning conservative, he said.

When filing a case, lawyers must show that a venue is "proper," or that the case has some relationship to where it has been filed. President Obama's wide-ranging actions on immigration meant that any suit attempting to block them could be filed wherever immigrants who stood to benefit lived. Almost any court in Texas would have sufficed.

Abbott, who was Texas attorney general before being elected governor in November, led the lawsuit. His spokeswoman Amelia Chasse said in a statement that the suit was "appropriately filed" in Brownsville, calling the city the "epicenter" of the recent immigration crises.

The Justice Department is appealing Hanen's decision to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court in New Orleans. The 5th Circuit also is considered conservative-leaning, and it hears all Texas appeals. There are currently 15 judges and 8 senior judges in the 5th circuit, and a panel of three will be selected through an automated system to hear the case .

It is impossible to predict the outcome of the appeal just based on the general leaning of the court, said Yale-Loehr, the immigration law professor.

"It really depends on which particular judges in the 5th circuit would get, for example, the stay request," Yale-Loehr said.

Lance Wells, an immigration and criminal attorney in Phoenix, said he doesn't view venue shopping as manipulating the system or that the lawyers for Texas did anything wrong in filing in Brownsville.

"I don't like the outcome from my personal perspective," he said. "But I think it was a smart move."

Bloody Sunday 50th anniversary: Thousands crowd Selma bridge

Associated Press

SELMA, Ala. — Thousands of people crowded an Alabama bridge on Sunday to commemorate a bloody confrontation 50 years ago between police and peaceful protesters that helped bring about the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

A day after President Barack Obama had walked atop the Edmund Pettus Bridge, many jammed shoulder to shoulder, many unable to move, as they recalled the civil rights struggle.

Police said at least 15,000 to 20,000 people had joined the crush on and around the small bridge. Many came around the country for several events commemorating the landmark moment.

William Baldwin, 69, of Montgomery, Alabama, brought his two grandsons, ages 11 and 15, to the bridge Sunday so they could grasp the importance of the historic march he took part in a half century earlier.

"They're going to take this struggle on and we have to understand the price that was paid for them to have what they have now," Baldwin said. "It wasn't granted to them, it was earned by blood, sweat and tears."

Some sang hymns and others held signs, such as "Black lives matter, all lives matter." The crowd was so large that many appeared barely able to move as they peacefully sought to make their way across.

On March 7, 1965, police beat and tear-gassed marchers at the foot of the bridge in Selma in a spasm of violence that shocked the nation. The attack help build momentum for passage of the Voting Rights Act later that year.

Earlier Sunday, Selma officials paid tribute to the late President Lyndon Johnson for the Voting Rights Act. The attack on demonstrators preceded a Selma-to-Montgomery march, which occurred two weeks later in 1965. Both helped build momentum for congressional approval of the Voting Rights Act later that year.

Luci Baines Johnson accepted the award on behalf of her father, saying it meant so much to see him honored.

"You remember how deeply Daddy cared about social justice and how hard he worked to make it happen," she told a crowd Sunday morning. Several hundred gave her a standing ovation and some chanted, "L.B.J., L.B.J."

She said what happened in Selma changed the world, adding that she witnessed the painful injustice of segregation as a child. She also recalled standing behind her father as he signed the act into law.

An anniversary march from Selma to Montgomery is set to begin today and culminate with a rally at the Alabama Capitol Friday afternoon.

On Saturday, Obama joined civil rights leaders and others at the bridge and talked about progress in race relations since the 1960s. He mentioned recent high-profile clashes between citizens and law enforcement on the circumstances leading to fatal police shootings and law enforcement tactics toward minorities.

"We just need to open our eyes, and ears, and hearts, to know that this nation's racial history still casts its long shadow upon us," Obama said. "We know the march is not yet over, the race is not yet won, and that reaching that blessed destination where we are judged by the content of our character requires admitting as much."

Obama was joined by others including Georgia Rep. John Lewis — an Alabama native who was among the demonstrators attacked by law officers on a march for equal voting rights.

Bishop Dennis Proctor of the Alabama-Florida Episcopal District said his group brought five buses to the anniversary commemoration. But he told members not to come to Selma if they couldn't commit to fighting to restore protections in the Voting Rights Act that were recently eliminated.

The U.S Supreme Court in 2013 struck down section 4 of the Voting Rights Act which required states with a history of minority voter suppression to get permission from the Justice Department before changing voting laws.

The Rev. Al Sharpton, speaking at Sunday's unity breakfast, said the changes in voting laws threatened to push minority voters backward down the bridge.

"While we are celebrating, there are those that are trying to dismantle what we are celebrating," Sharpton said.

Groups traveled to Selma from across the nation, including five busloads from Nashville, Tennessee.

Gloria Haugabook McKissack, a retired college history teacher who participated in lunch counter sit-ins in Nashville, was the main organizer of the trip from Nashville.

"It just grew as people began to hear that we were going to make this journey," McKissack said.

Among those on the buses were some Freedom Riders.

"It's up to us ... to explain to them what actually happened and why this march is happening," said Ernest Patton, a Nashville Freedom Rider who made the trip. "They should walk up to somebody and say, 'were you a part of this 50 years ago?' And get the history."

Some states fight to keep their wood fires burning

Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Smoke wafting from wood fires has long provided a familiar winter smell in many parts of the country — and, in some cases, a foggy haze that has filled people's lungs with fine particles that can cause coughing and wheezing.

Citing health concerns, the Environmental Protection Agency now is pressing ahead with regulations to significantly limit the pollution from newly manufactured residential wood heaters. But some of the states with the most wood smoke are refusing to go along, claiming that the EPA's new rules could leave low-income residents in the cold.

Missouri and Michigan already have barred their environmental agencies from enforcing the EPA standards. Similar measures recently passed Virginia's legislature and are pending in at least three other states, even though residents in some places say the rules don't do enough to clear the air.

It's been a harsh winter for many people, particularly those in regions repeatedly battered by snow. And the EPA's new rules are stoking fears that some residents won't be able to afford new stoves when their older models give out.

"People have been burning wood since the beginning of recorded time," said Phillip Todd, 59, who uses a wood-fired furnace to heat his home in Holts Summit. "They're trying to regulate it out of existence, I believe, and they really have no concern about the economic consequences or the hardship it's going to cause."

Others contend the real hardship has fallen on neighbors forced to breathe the smoke from winter wood fires.

The EPA typically relies on states to carry out its air quality standards. But states may not be able to effectively thwart the wood-burning rules, because federal regulators could step in to do the job if local officials don't.

"If the EPA wants to come in here and enforce it, come on in. (But) I'm not going to help them," said Michigan state Sen. Tom Casperson, whose law barring state enforcement of the EPA regulations takes effect March 31.

About 10 percent of U.S. households burn wood, and the number relying on it as their primary heating source rose by nearly a third from 2005 to 2012, the latest year for which federal figures were available.

The EPA's new rules, which are to be phased in over five years, apply only to new wood heaters and won't force anyone to get rid of their older models.

The EPA estimates the restrictions will reduce fine particle emissions from wood heaters by nearly 70 percent. It says that will result in an average of one fewer premature death per day and yield about $100 of public health benefits for every $1 of additional cost to manufacturers.

The rules mark the first update since 1988 for indoor wood stoves, which include both free-standing models and ones that fit inside traditional fireplaces. The EPA also is imposing its first-ever emission mandates on wood-fired furnaces and outdoor boilers, which use fire to heat water that is circulated through pipes to warm homes.

Nine states and dozens of communities already had required cleaner emissions for outdoor wood-fired boilers before the EPA acted, according to the Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association.

The states objecting to the EPA's standards include some of the biggest wood burners. Michigan ranked tops nationally in fine particle emissions from residential wood burning in 2011, the latest year covered by EPA statistics. Missouri and Virginia both ranked in the top 15. Bills to bar enforcement of the EPA regulations also are pending in Wisconsin and Minnesota, which ranked second and third, as well as in West Virginia.

Disputes over wood heaters have sparked intense emotions— and legal battles — among neighbors. In late January, for example, an Indiana judge rejected a request from Mable and Gary Bowling for a preliminary injunction forcing one of their Rush County neighbors to stop using an outdoor furnace. The Bowlings claimed the smoke was unhealthy; the neighbors claimed the Bowlings had harassed them by repeatedly contacting police or firefighters.

Mable Bowling contends the wood smoke has worsened her asthma and led to other respiratory problems.

"What we're breathing is slowly killing us," Bowling, 61, said during a telephone interview occasionally interrupted by coughs.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says fine particle pollution from burnt wood can get deep into people's lungs, causing breathing troubles.

But burning wood can be cheaper for some rural residents than heating their homes with propane, oil or electricity.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Spring break camps

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MLK Adventures Spring Break Camp, 1-5 p.m., Monday through Friday, MLK Center. 685-7355.

Meetings

County commissioners
9 a.m.
Midland County Courthouse auxiliary courtroom.
500 N. Loraine Ave.

Support groups, club meetings today

■ PFLAG Odessa (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians & Gays), 7 p.m. (except on holidays), Alternative Life Solutions Counseling, 2458 E. 11th St., Odessa; 432-279-0749, pflagodessa@yahoo.com or www.pflagodessa.weebly.com.

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

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

Job fair

Experience Works hosts a job fair for workers 55 and older 9 a.m.-noon Mondays 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.

Painter to speak at MCRW

Midland County Republican Women will meet 11:15 a.m. Wednesday at Midland Country Club.

Guest speakers will be Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter and a representative from Homeland Security. Both will speak on security in Midland County.

Tickets are $20 with a reservation; $25 at the door. To RSVP, call 520-3500 or email: mcrwomen@aol.com. Go to www.mcrw.us for more information.

Reading event

The George W. Bush Childhood Home monthly reading event is planned for 4:30-5:30 p.m. March 19. This month's featured book is "Queen of Easter."

Each child will receive a copy of the book. Refreshments will be served. To make a reservation, call 685-1112.

What's on the radio

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

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

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

Other options
Contemporary Christian: KFRI (FM 88.7), KLVW (FM 90.5)
NPR: KDCV (FM 91.3)

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital is offering a nurse triage program "68-NURSE."

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

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

Today in history

Today is Monday, March 9, the 68th day of 2015. There are 297 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On March 9, 1945, during World War II, U.S. B-29 bombers launched incendiary bomb attacks against Tokyo, resulting in an estimated 100,000 deaths.

On this date:

In 1916, Mexican raiders led by Pancho Villa attacked Columbus, New Mexico, killing 18 Americans.

In 1935, the animated cartoon character Porky Pig first appeared in the Warner Bros. animated short "I Haven't Got a Hat."

In 1964, the U.S. Supreme Court, in New York Times Co. v. Sullivan, raised the standard for public officials to prove they'd been libeled in their official capacity by news organizations.

In 1965, the Rev. James Reeb, a white minister from Boston who'd gone to Selma, Alabama, to show support for civil rights marchers, was attacked by a group of white men and struck on the head; he died two days later at age 38.

In 1981, Dan Rather made his debut as principal anchorman of "The CBS Evening News."

AP file photo

This 2014 file photo taken from video by Nigeria's Boko Haram terrorist network, shows their leader Abubakar Shekau speaking to the camera. Shekau has allegedly made a formal allegiance to the Islamic State on Saturday in an Arabic audio message with English subtitles and was posted on Twitter, according to the SITE Intelligence monitoring service.

Boko Haram bid to join IS offers sizable propaganda boost to both

By Michelle Faul
Associated Press

Boko Haram's bid to forge an alliance with the Islamic State group in sub-Saharan Africa will provide only a propaganda boost for now, but in the long term it could internationalize a conflict restricted to Nigeria for nearly six years, analysts said.

The effort comes as both Islamic extremist groups have lost ground in recent weeks and as Nigeria's neighbors are forming a multinational army to confront Boko Haram.

By pledging allegiance to IS, Nigeria's homegrown militants have severed ties to al-Qaida, which is more powerful in the region, said Charlie Winter, a researcher at the London-based Quilliam Foundation.

Boko Haram has never been an affiliate of al-Qaida, but its militants fought alongside al-Qaida-linked groups during northern Mali's Islamic uprising two years ago, and some of its fighters have been trained in Somalia by al-Shabab, another group with ties to al-Qaida, according to the group's propaganda.

Boko Haram's leader, Abubakar Shekau, reportedly pledged allegiance to IS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi in an audio posted Saturday on Twitter. It could take three or four weeks for IS to formally respond, as has been the case with affiliates in Egypt, Yemen and Libya.

An alliance "would lend a more imposing quality to Islamic State with its expansionist model," Winter said. The move was symbolically "a striking development," but he doubted it would "change things on the ground in either Nigeria or Iraq and Syria."

But "over time this pledge of allegiance might lead to the internationalization" of a threat that until now has been mostly confined to a single region of Nigeria with occasional spillover into neighboring countries, warned J. Peter Pham, director of the Washington-based Atlantic Council's Africa Center.

Boko Haram was little known until its April 2014 abduction of nearly 300 Nigerian schoolgirls from a school in the remote town of Chibok drew international outrage. At the time, al-Baghdadi praised the Nigerian insurgents and said the mass kidnapping was justification for the IS abduction of Yazidi women and girls in northern Iraq.

A partnership with IS could also be a recruiting tool. Fighters from IS franchises in North Africa who find it harder to migrate to the Middle East may choose to move to a Boko Haram emirate instead, Pham said.

The international support pouring into anti-Boko Haram forces from the United States, France, the United Kingdom and others "may render the Nigerian militants' fight all the more attractive to these foreign jihadists," Pham said.

The core of Boko Haram's estimated 4,000 to 6,000 militants is from the Kanuri tribe, which spreads across colonial-era borders in a region where people show stronger allegiance to tribes than states.

In August, Boko Haram declared it was reviving an ancient Islamic caliphate in northeastern Nigeria that spilled over those borders, in a move copying the Islamic State group. But Boko Haram's brutality, including beheadings and enslavement, predates and in some cases arguably exceeds that of IS, according to Pham.

Pham expects Boko Haram to engage in even more gruesome tactics if it wins the support of IS.

"The upcoming Nigerian elections and potential postelection upheaval provide too rich of a target environment for the jihadists to pass up," Pham said.

Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan is running for re-election in a March 28 ballot that analysts say is too close to call and that Boko Haram has threatened to disrupt, calling democracy a corrupt Western concept.

In some ways, Pham said, an alliance could work against Boko Haram. Becoming another IS province could mean losing its ethnic appeal among Kanuris and its appeal among ordinary Nigerians for whom denunciations of corruption involving Nigeria's political elites resonate.

Joining IS would also require major strategy changes by Boko Haram that could cause friction, Winter said, explaining that Boko Haram would have to adopt the IS model of an Islamist utopia by providing health care and other social services taken on by IS in its state-building efforts.

Boko Haram has seized a large swath of northeastern Nigeria in the past eight months — an area perhaps as large as Belgium. But it has largely brutalized people who remain behind, enforcing its version of strict Islamic law by carrying out public whippings and severing of limbs of alleged transgressors.

The possibility of an IS-Boko Haram alliance has been on the table for months, and Saturday's pledge probably followed weeks of negotiations about how each group can benefit, Winter said.

What to watch: Road funding in House; school vouchers; pre-K

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Senate raced to pass the session's first bill, approving a road-funding plan that would funnel billions of dollars annually from taxes collected on vehicles sales to transportation projects.

Gov. Greg Abbott made the issue an "emergency item," freeing up the Legislature to pass it quickly. And the proposal's sponsor, Jacksonville Republican Sen. Robert Nichols, sped it through committee.

Nichols said he spent workdays, nights and weekends counting votes among his Senate colleagues to ensure his plan would pass when on the floor — which it easily did. Patrick, who oversees the Senate, applauded the chamber's "energy and efficiency."

The House, however, may not be so speedy. If the road funding bill stalls for weeks there, it might be another sign of disagreement between Patrick and fellow Republican and House Speaker Joe Straus.

Here are other upcoming issues at the Texas Capitol:

SCHOOL VOUCHERS VEXED?: Patrick has yet to unveil a "school choice" package, despite months of promising a Senate plan that would allow parents to get state funding to pull their kids out of struggling public schools and into private and religious alternatives. The Senate also hasn't announced major proposals to expand pre-kindergarten programs, despite Abbott making those another "emergency item." Patrick vows that both are coming soon, and there's still plenty of time for such proposals to sail through the Senate once they're ready. But hammering them out is taking longer than expected.

PRE-K GETS HOUSE HEARING: The House Public Education Committee on Tuesday is hearing a series of pre-kindergarten bills. One most closely tracks Abbott's campaign promises to offer extra funding to districts that can meet new state early education benchmarks that classroom advocates would like to see have more teeth.

TEXAS VS. THE FEDS: Texas has sued in federal court in Brownsville and won a stay against White House executive orders designed to allow millions of immigrants in the country illegally to stay. Now, state Attorney General Ken Paxton is accusing the Obama administration of fibbing about when it began implementing the executive order amid pending legal challenges — and is asking federal courts to provide more details on what actions administration officials took. Whether Paxton will get more information is unclear — but for top Texas Republicans, the matter is already settled. Abbott said, "I'm confident an investigation would find the administration knowingly or recklessly misled" the court, while Patrick called for getting to the bottom of "what appears to be untruths."

CAPITOL GRILLE GRILLED: The recent threat of icy roads led officials to shutter area schools and left many state agencies starting late or operating with skeleton crews. Even the Capitol cafeteria didn't open until 10 a.m. on Thursday, meaning House members went hungry before the week's final floor session. When Bedford Republican Rep. Jonathan Stickland made a formal parliamentary inquiry and demanded, tongue in cheek, that such a transgression not be allowed to occur again, the chamber parliamentarian's response smacked of hunger pangs: "I feel your pain."

McAllen man dies in 2-vehicle crash

■ Fatality is fifth this year on roads in Midland County

From staff reports

A 23-year-old McAllen man died Saturday morning in a two-vehicle crash on Farm-to-Market 1787 in Midland County, according to a press release from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Matias Ignacio Montemayor was a passenger in a Chevrolet Silverado traveling westbound on FM 1787. The driver, a 19-year-old Roma man, attempted to turn left into a work site and collided with a Chevrolet Avalanche traveling eastbound, according to the release.

Montemayor, who died at the scene, is the fifth person to die on roads in Midland County this year, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

Both of the drivers were injured in the wreck that occurred about 7 a.m. about 26 miles south of Midland.

The driver of the Avalanche, a 35-year-old Fort Worth man, was transported to University Medical Center in Lubbock, and the Silverado driver was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital, according to the release.

Both Montemayor and the Silverado driver were wearing seat belts. The press release didn't indicate if the Avalanche driver was.

RE-FRACTURING

From 1A

sifting through thousands of data points gushing out of the oil patch and diagnosing various glitches in the wells.

Horizontal shale wells typically give up only 6 percent to 8 percent of their reserves, compared to conventional vertical wells that can pump 40 percent of the subterranean crude, Freitag said.

"People said we have to live with that," he said. "But we need to change our mindset."

Deeper data analysis could lead engineers back to re-fracture some more rock in an old well. Or it could persuade operators to clean rock debris out of a well using coiled tubing, or use electrical submersible pumps to artificially lift a well's natural output.

A scientific approach, using secondary fracturing and data from U.S. oil wells with the highest production rates, can yield much bigger hauls of crude than the blind "cookie-cutter" strategy often used in fracturing, Freitag said.

"Maybe this is a wakeup call for the industry — to think about how drilling more and more wells isn't the answer."

Ambitions to rejuvenate old wells come as oil traders are watching for signs that U.S. crude production will falter, which could alleviate a global supply glut and lift petroleum prices out of their slump.

Oil companies have idled hundreds of U.S. drilling rigs and may have to cut spending by $70 billion to keep their debt levels flat, if oil hovers around $60 a barrel this year, according to Wood Mackenzie.

But the remaining drilling units are migrating to the most lucrative, productive regions in places like the Eagle Ford in South Texas and the Bakken Shale in North Dakota, in a bid to get more oil out of the least stubborn rock.

With 80 percent of the nation's output stemming from just a third of these shale plays, output growth could continue to be resilient.

"People are laying down rigs, but we're not seeing production fall off too fast yet," said Steve Trammel, research director at IHS.

Oil companies are also delaying hooking up newly drilled wells to gathering pipelines and other processes that prepare a well to flow oil, a stage the industry calls completion, which make up more than 50 percent of the cost of developing new wells, according to IHS.

State regulators say that in January and February, well completions were off by 44 percent compared to the same period the year before.

So while drilling rigs are sent to the sidelines and even newly drilled wells lie fallow, bolstering production from existing wells seems to be one of the few avenues producers have to increase their output.

Analysts aren't predicting a re-fracturing boom, and they say the current level of re-fracturing isn't enough to keep the nation's oil production from leveling off, probably later this year, after years of growth.

But bolstering production is an all-important task for some debt-laden explorers. "Improved productivity is a great way to survive this downturn," Trammel said.

"Super-frac" jobs which use more ingredients in the powerful hydraulic fracturing slurry, including more sand or other material called proppant that keeps reservoir fissures open after fracturing — have boosted output as much as 30 percent in some wells in the Eagle Ford and the Bakken Shale, Trammel said.

From 2011 to late 2014, 50,000 wells in North America have been hydraulically fractured, but only 1,100 of those have been fractured a second time — but that figure has been growing over the past few years, according to analytics firm PacWest.

"That's almost a sideshow, and not a very big sideshow, at least not yet," said Marshall Adkins, an analyst with Raymond James.

Still, industry observers say tapping into old wells could bring big rewards for the company that puzzles out how to do it well. And the industry already has made some technological advances in hopes of breaking shale's stubbornly low output rates.

Ryan Carbrey, an analyst at PacWest in Houston, said the biggest technical challenge in re-fracturing jobs is learning how to isolate and target certain productive zones within a horizontal well for another dose of the blast.

"This is still in experimental stages," Carbrey said. "I think there is a large opportunity out there for the company that can figure out how to do this cost-effectively, but I do not see it making a significant impact on production anytime soon."

NCS Multistage, an oil field services company, has developed a technology that can close off sections within a wellbore and that, in a re-fracturing job, will enable producers to target specific zones where they think they can goose the most oil.

"In the history of downturns, you typically will see a lot of reworks happening," said Joe DeGeare, vice president of sales and operations at NCS Multistage.

"We're seeing an increased amount of customers wanting to discuss re-fracks," he said. "The technology still has a lot of improvement to be had, and we're constantly looking at new technologies for that."

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Protesters rally outside Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif., protesting what they say is excessive police force used by Anaheim police in 2012. Ferguson, Mo., has become an emblem of the tensions between minorities and police departments nationwide since Darren Wilson, a white officer, shot and killed Michael Brown, an unarmed black teenager, last summer. A U.S. Justice Department report released the first week of March 2015, cleared Wilson of criminal wrongdoing. Though the study centered on Ferguson, its findings have resonated nationwide as residents in some communities across the country say they feel they face the same struggles with their police departments and city leadership.

Justice Department's Ferguson report resonates across the US

By Gene Johnson
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Felix Vargas read the Justice Department's report on Ferguson, Missouri, and thought some of it sounded awfully familiar: a mostly white police department overseeing a mostly minority town; questionable uses of force; officers ill-equipped to deal with mentally ill residents.

They're the same issues his heavily Hispanic community, the agricultural Washington city of Pasco, has confronted since the fatal police shooting of an immigrant farmworker last month.

"We know Pasco is only the most recent area where this has happened," said Vargas, chairman of a local Hispanic business organization called Consejo Latino. "We have a national problem. We continue to struggle with this issue of policing."

Ferguson has become an emblem of the tensions between minorities and police departments nationwide since Darren Wilson, a white officer, shot and killed Michael Brown, an unarmed black 18-year-old, last summer. The Justice Department cleared Wilson of criminal wrongdoing, but in its report last week, it made numerous allegations against the city's police department that included racial disparities in arrests, bigotry and profit-driven law enforcement — essentially using the black community as a piggy bank to support the city's budget through fines.

Though the report centered on Ferguson, its findings have resonated beyond the St. Louis suburbs as residents in some communities across the country say they feel they face the same struggles with their police departments and city leadership.

President Barack Obama addressed the issue Friday on the eve of the 50th anniversary of "Bloody Sunday" when police beat scores of people at a civil rights march in Selma, Alabama. While not typical, the issues raised in the Ferguson report also were not isolated, he said.

On Saturday, protesters took to the streets in Madison, Wisconsin, after the fatal shooting of an unarmed black 19-year-old by a white police officer, chanting "Black Lives Matter." Authorities said the police officer fired his weapon after he was assaulted. The officer was placed on administrative leave pending results of an investigation by an outside state agency.

"These communities are vulnerable because they don't believe the law is there to protect them," said Kevin Jones, a black, 36-year-old Iraq war veteran who lives in Saginaw, Michigan, a once predominantly white city that's now about half black. He recalled being pulled over and arrested in 2011 for having his music too loud in the wrong part of town. The noise complaint was dropped when an officer failed to show for his hearing, but Jones said he still had to pay to get his car back.

Saginaw's police force, which is three-quarters white, came under scrutiny after officers killed a homeless, mentally ill, black man in 2012 when he refused to drop a knife. The American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan has called for the Justice Department to conduct a review of the department's practices. The city meanwhile established a citizens committee to try to improve relations with police.

Community leaders in Anaheim, California, have also been seeking a federal review of their department. Demonstrators rioted over two officer-involved shootings in 2012, and residents said Hispanics seemed to be singled out by police in a city that had gone from mostly white when Disneyland was built to mostly Latino.

Jose Moreno, president of Los Amigos of Orange County, a Latino community group, said he didn't believe the overt profiling uncovered in Ferguson occurred in Anaheim, but unless there's a federal investigation he may never know.

"I think it is great the Department of Justice decided to do it somewhere. It just begs the question: Why not here?" he said.

In Pasco, where Vargas lives, the racial makeup of the city has changed over the years and now it's more than half Hispanic, but only one in five of its police are. Even fewer speak fluent Spanish.

In February, three officers — two white and one Hispanic — fatally shot Antonio Zambrano-Montes, a 35-year-old Mexican immigrant, near a busy intersection after police said he threw rocks at them. Vargas said Zambrano-Montes may have suffered from mental illness or substance abuse.

Mayor Matt Watkins said Pasco is open to a federal or state review of its policing and he'd be interested to see more data on arrest rates or other potential indicators of discriminatory policing.

That's something police everywhere should be looking at, said former Seattle U.S. Attorney Jenny Durkan, who helped oversee a federal investigation that found Seattle police were too quick to use force.

"At this time in our history, every police department in America should be reevaluating their relationships with the people they serve," Durkan said. "But it doesn't fall just to the police departments. We all have to look hard at the economic disparities that cause some of the inequality, at how we deal with mental illness, and at what we want the role of our police departments to be."

San Diego State University Professor Joshua Chanin, who has studied Justice Department efforts to reform police departments, said departments could more systematically collect and publish arrest, traffic stop and citation data by race. That could help deter biased policing, because police would be more sensitive to what their statistics show, and it could help validate — or dispel — notions in the community that some groups are singled out.

Even when investigations bring reform, perceptions can be slow to change.

In Miami, the Justice Department came in after seven black men were killed by officers over an eight-month period ending in 2011. The controversy forced out the police chief and brought changes on how police use deadly force, though some say there still aren't enough blacks among the department's brass.

In Liberty City, an impoverished, mostly black neighborhood, suspicions remain.

Standing outside the salon and tattoo parlor where he works, Ronnie Bless put it this way: "If you fit a certain profile, they can do what they want to you."

Struggling Puerto Rico cracks down on tax cheats

By Danica Coto
Associated Press

AP file photo

Puerto Rico Gov. Alejandro Garcia Padilla speaks during a state of the commonwealth address at the Capitol building in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in 2013. A new plan backed by Garcia aims to boost revenue and tackle the U.S. territory's spiraling public debt by creating a 16 percent value-added tax, or VAT. If approved, manufacturers would pay the tax on raw materials and include it in the price of the product sold to retailers, who then would pass it on to consumers.

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — With recession biting into profits at their chain of burger restaurants and surf shops, two brothers responded in a way Puerto Rico authorities say is common: by shortchanging the government.

Javier and Oscar Juelle failed to turn over $1.27 million in sales taxes they collected over four years, a move their lawyer Joaquin Monserrate said was meant to help keep them afloat on an island where many businesses have failed in recent years.

"It was a way to try and survive," Monserrate said. "They were and are in a tight economic situation and were using the money to pay for other things."

While the brothers were caught and ordered last year to pay the money owed, many others go unpunished, according to officials who say widespread tax evasion by businesses and individuals is one reason the island is in dire financial straits. Economists say Puerto Rico captures just over half the tax revenue it should, failing to collect on an estimated $800 million in unreported income each year.

A new plan backed by Gov. Alejandro Garcia aims to boost revenue and tackle the U.S. territory's spiraling public debt by creating a 16 percent value-added tax, or VAT. If approved, manufacturers would pay the tax on raw materials and include it in the price of the product sold to retailers, who then would pass it on to consumers.

Having the tax levied and recorded at each stage would make it harder for businesses to evade taxes. It also would replace the island's current 7 percent sales tax, approved in 2006, that many people avoid through cash transactions.

"We currently have a tax system that penalizes work and productivity while encouraging evasion," Garcia said. "It is inefficient and unfair."

Advocates say the VAT would boost revenue collection as Puerto Rico struggles to pay off a $73 billion public debt, which leads to higher interest rates and makes it hard for the government to borrow money. Garcia, who faces re-election next year, is likely to win support from the legislature, where his party holds the majority, despite strong public opposition. The proposal currently is being debated, although some lawmakers including the president of the local House of Representatives, are demanding changes.

Garcia was scheduled to make an announcement today about the VAT. His chief of staff dismissed speculation the measure would be withdrawn.

The VAT system is used widely in the European Union and elsewhere, but not in the United States. Supporters say it helps boost revenue in financially strapped countries with high unemployment and limited income. Puerto Rico, mired in an 8-year recession, has an unemployment rate of 13 percent, more than twice that of the U.S. mainland.

Business owners in Puerto Rico, however, say it will be costly to implement and will lead to a drop in consumption.

"Our main concern is that it would cause an enormous contraction in the economy, which is already extremely fragile," said Ruben Pinero, president of a local retailers' association.

Puerto Rico's government has addressed those concerns and others through a barrage of TV, radio and newspaper ads, saying a VAT would help end pervasive tax evasion.

According to the Treasury Department, more than 80 percent of self-employed people, including attorneys, claim to earn less than $15,000 a year; 69 percent of sole business proprietors report earnings below $11,000 a year; 37 percent of corporations report losses. And of the more than 1 million tax returns filed, only 12,000 people on the island of 3.65 million claim to make more than $150,000 a year.

"Tax evasion is massive," said government prosecutor Alberto Valcarcel, who oversees such cases. "When you see the number of gated communities, of marinas, of the cars they own, obviously it's more than what they claim."

The 2014 prosecution of the Juelle brothers is the biggest case so far to be prosecuted in a new crackdown on tax evasion. The brothers closed several of their businesses, leaving open only one Bora Bora surf store and and about five Flamers restaurants.

"They were caught at a crucial moment and used as a warning to other business owners," Monserrate said.

Not counting illegal ventures such as drug trafficking, Puerto Rico's underground economy is estimated to be worth $16 billion, about one-quarter of total gross national product, compared to the estimated 13 percent to 19 percent in the U.S. proper.

Even many medical and legal professionals accept only cash payments, while some businesses, including restaurants that frequently are crowded with diners, report suspiciously low earnings or losses, said economist Jose Villamil, a former U.N. consultant and CEO of an economic and planning consulting firm.

Puerto Rico has stepped up prosecution of tax evaders in recent years, hiring 150 auditors and investing $350,000 in new technology. But the VAT is a more powerful tool, said Treasury Secretary Juan Zaragoza, because it makes record-keeping largely unavoidable.

He said it makes financial sense to apply it in an island where, despite its troubled economy, people love to shop.

"I can activate the National Guard and go after all these people, but the question is whether that's the most efficient and effective way of doing it," he said. "At the end of the day, all these people, what do they do with their money? They spend it."

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LOS ANGELES

'Chappie' tops slow weekend, 'Unfinished Business' tanks

Neither a hyper-intelligent robot nor Vince Vaughn could save the box office this weekend, which is down 38.5 percent from the same weekend last year, according to Sunday estimates from box office firm Rentrak.

While Neill Blomkamp's R-rated "Chappie" might have taken the No. 1 spot in its 3,201 theater debut, its modest $13.3 million gross is hardly anything to celebrate. It's a career low for Blomkamp, whose previous films "Elysium" and "District 9" debuted at $29.8 and $37.4 million, respectively.

Distributor Sony remains optimistic about its $49 million film about a police robot (voiced by Sharlto Copley) that learns how to think and feel.

"It certainly opened in our realm of expectations for it for the weekend," said Rory Bruer, Sony's president of worldwide distribution. He noted that the demographic breakdown of 60 percent male and 57 percent under 30 was good for the film.

The R-rated Vince Vaughn comedy "Unfinished Business" fared even worse, opening at No. 10 to a dismal $4.8 million. The $35 million film about a chaotic European business trip also stars Dave Franco and Tom Wilkinson.

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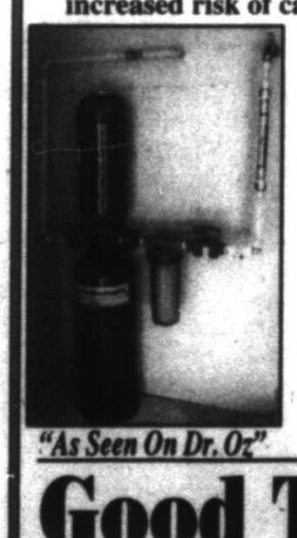

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OPINION

Why Latinos sense hostility from the GOP

■ Not enough Republicans can stomach crazies, racists in their midst

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Fox News host Megyn Kelly and Rep. Luis Gutierrez, D-Ill., are quite the political odd couple.

They came together recently when Gutierrez appeared as a guest on Kelly's show, "The Kelly File."

Kelly is a smart and pragmatic conservative, albeit one who has bursts of moderation. On one occasion, she scolded Fox News colleague Lou Dobbs over his Ward Cleaver-era notions about female breadwinners. On election night in 2012, she cut off Karl Rove, a Fox News contributor, when he refused to acknowledge that the race was over and Mitt Romney had lost. Kelly's brand seems to be about honesty, straight talk and common sense. She drives liberals crazy, but I've also heard right-wingers say that she's not conservative enough. That's a good place to be.

Meanwhile, Gutierrez is an unrepentant liberal who has been one of the loudest voices in Congress in support of immigration reform. But he has sometimes had trouble juggling his support for immigrants with loyalty to his party. During President Obama's first term, Gutierrez was twice arrested outside the White House for protesting Obama's overzealous deportation policies. And yet, during his speech at the 2012 Democratic National Convention, Gutierrez fell back in line and praised Obama for giving undocumented young people who were brought here as children a temporary deferment from deportation.

During his appearance on Kelly's show — where Gutierrez discussed the ruling by U.S. District Judge Andrew Hanen blocking implementation of Obama's recent array of executive actions to slow deportations — Gutierrez did not cover himself in glory. Instead, he was evasive, combative and inarticulate. And those were his good points.

Days earlier, the congressman had essentially blamed Hanen's decision on the Republican Party and told a gathering of supporters that the judge's ruling was indicative of how "mean and xenophobic" the GOP could be when it comes to immigration.

Kelly wasn't having any of it and asked Gutierrez what he meant by that. She seemed to not understand why Gutierrez would say such a thing, and the congressman didn't do a good job of explaining.

Allow me. Even though I think Kelly got the better of that exchange, it seems she could benefit from a tutorial on why so many Latinos feel that Republicans are hostile to immigrants — especially those from Mexico and Latin America.

Three reasons:

■ History. Ever since Benjamin Franklin railed against German immigrants in the 18th century, the preferred narrative of many Americans has been that immigrants are inferior. Today, such thinking is often advanced by GOP lawmakers — at the local, state and federal levels — who compare Latino immigrants to animals and insects including dogs, pigs, cattle and grasshoppers. A few years ago, Tennessee state Rep. Curry Todd was so upset that health care providers do not determine the citizenship of babies before treating them that he complained that illegal immigrants "can go out there like rats and multiply."

■ Anxiety. With Latinos expected to make up more than a quarter of the population by 2050, many Americans are terrified of changing demographics. See: Arizona. The GOP has opened its door to this constituency and used the immigration debate and coded language promising secure borders to begin the courting process. Former Rep. Tom Tancredo, R-Colo., who was in his day one of the most outspoken nativists in Congress, figured this out. In 2006, Tancredo said of Miami: "It has become a Third World country. You just pick it up and take it and move it someplace. You would never know you're in the United States of America. You would certainly say you're in a Third World country." Among those who took umbrage: Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, a likely 2016 GOP presidential hopeful.

■ Enabling. Edmund Burke may have had it right. The 18th-century Irish philosopher and statesman supposedly surmised, "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." There are good people in the Republican Party. But not enough of them have the stomach to confront the crazies and the racists in their midst. They pretend not to hear what is being said on their side of the aisle. They play dumb. They change the subject. And in doing so, they take a tiny faction and empower it to the point where, suddenly, it's not so tiny anymore.

That's what Gutierrez should have told Kelly. And that's what more Americans need to be saying out loud to anyone who will listen — and especially to those who would rather not.

OUR VIEW

Judge GOP leadership by what matters most — elections in 2016

The frustration from the right over last week's vote on a bill that will fund the Homeland Security Department through the end of the year is interesting.

There is plenty of conservative anger that House Speaker John Boehner let down the country. They say he let down a movement set on reversing an executive order that the right says will grant amnesty to 5 million illegal immigrants.

Even Midland congressman Mike Conaway offered on his Facebook page the following against the Boehner plan: "Every attempt that the Republicans in the House of Representatives made to conference with the Senate on this funding bill was met with indifference by obstructionist Senate Democrats."

Still, Boehner will continue to take his lumps with a portion of the Republican Party that never really liked him and probably never will. The same can be said about their feelings toward Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell.

That brings us to the point of this editorial. No matter how reprehensible people think current GOP leadership is in the House and Senate, their legacy will be made not today, not last week, not next week or next month but in 2016. In our view, November's elections were about the ability to govern. Americans from red and blue states lost their faith in the president's party and decided to send a message. They decided to give Republicans an opportunity — although it was maybe more of a get-out-of-jail-free card.

But make no mistake — they said govern. They demanded to get things done. Stop the inaction. Republicans, fair or not, must accept the hand they have been dealt. They can pass items such as Keystone XL pipeline, only to see the president veto it. They can pass a different version of a DHS bill only to see Senate Democrats block it. Between now and November 2016, they can get out the bucket list, and for one reason or another it won't matter. The president isn't willing to work with Republicans, and Senate Democrats are willing to fall on the grenade.

This brings us back to Boehner and McConnell. They ultimately have one option. Make government work and take a few bullets. We expect they know what some on the right apparently have forgotten. You don't win a battle if it means losing the war. And for Republicans, the No. 1 goal — and it's not even close — has to be to win back the White House.

If the GOP wins the White House and keeps control of the House and Senate, all of these short-term losses won't matter. Executive orders, if needed, can be reversed, pipelines can go forth as planned, oil exports will likely be a reality and a new era for the Republican Party can begin.

If Republicans lose, its identity as a national party will be called into question. You don't lose five of seven presidential elections and honestly believe better days are around the corner.

Those on the right can continue to spread their version of what's wrong with Republican leadership today, but if they forget about the ultimate goal — winning the White House in 2016 -- they put the party in a much worse position than it is in today. It's time to think about the long term, and time for those so hellbent on running the House and Senate a different way, to tell us how you do so and still govern. Tell us how you win in the short and long term. Tell us how not governing now makes the Republican brand a winner in 2016. The electoral map is tough enough as it is.

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Recent Chicago vote isn't about history

■ Takeaway from the mayoral election is picking person best-suited for tackling city's problems

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Who would have thought that something as seemingly inevitable as the re-election of Rahm Emanuel as mayor of Chicago would thrust Hispanics into the national spotlight?

Four outspent, outgunned challengers forced President Obama's former right-hand man into a mayoral runoff, the first the city has ever had. And Chicagoans are left with a showdown that pits establishment power and big money against population and the city's unions.

Now, Emanuel, aka "Rhambo," aka "Mayor 1 percent," is running against a Mexico native named Jesus with a huge bristly mustache and a nickname, "Chuy," that sounds like the name of a Wookiee from "Star Wars."

Yet Jesus Garcia's candidacy and runner-up status don't offer any real insights into the racial and ethnic tensions of a town once dubbed "Beirut by the lake." The first round of the election was essentially an "Anyone But Rahm" referendum, and among the four non-Rahms, Garcia had the most money.

His surprising success does, however, generate several questions that have the potential to shape views of the Hispanic electorate well beyond the Midwest.

Why?

Because Hispanics are already known for weak turnout — U.S. Census figures have shown for years that Latinos vote in far smaller numbers than those who are eligible. An internal Democratic National Committee document that was leaked last week noted that nationwide Latino turnout in 2014 was the worst of the last three election cycles.

Also, Hispanics tend to feel that even when they do vote, they're still invisible: either taken for granted by Democrats or chalked up as a Democratic lock not worth fighting for by the Republicans right.

Which brings us to the Hispanic-vote questions swirling around a mayoral election that is really less about ethnic voting patterns than it is about the progressive wing of the liberal left showing its might against corporate-funded, business-friendly Democrats.

If Hispanics turn out to vote in the April 7 Chicago runoff, will it be because they have the potential to elect the city's first Hispanic mayor? Or because they believe Garcia is the right person for the job?

Will Hispanics turn out to re-elect a sitting mayor who may be better suited for the tough decisions ahead but who previously neglected to vigorously court the Hispanic vote and has a reputation for having been unfriendly to immigrants in his roles in both the Clinton and Obama administrations?

Alas, any of these outcomes has the potential to contribute to the pervasive stereotype of the monolithic leftist Latino vote.

And how bad will it look if Hispanics don't turn out at all? Or worse — elect a Hispanic mayor who turns out to be a total dud?

The pitfalls seem endless. You see, this was never expected to be Garcia's time.

He was an accidental candidate who took on the starring role as the Democratic alternative to Emanuel after having been the understudy's understudy. Garcia launched his run only after one prominent female African-American politician fell ill and a second took a pass.

From all reports, Garcia is a good guy. You'd be hard-pressed to find someone who could credibly say anything substantively negative about him. But praise takes the spotlight off the real "star" of this election, Chicago's problems. Like many others, America's third largest city is facing violence, low credit ratings, budget shortfalls and crippling pension woes.

When Emanuel was elected in 2011 — after running against five candidates, two of whom were Hispanic — I proudly proclaimed that the city's Hispanics shattered stereotypes and voted in their self-interest. In the 19 city wards where the Hispanic population is heavily concentrated, Emanuel won almost 13,000 more votes than both his Hispanic competitors combined.

This time, unofficial results showed Garcia beat out Emanuel in 15 of the city's 50 wards, including 11 of 12 overwhelmingly Latino wards.

The city seems to be filled with ethnic pride and so far there have been few Hispanic voices saying, "I don't want the vote to be about having the first Latino mayor. I want to vote for the best person for the job."

The big story surrounding who will be Chicago's next mayor really isn't about Hispanic pride, parity for minority government leaders or prognostication about the 2016 presidential election.

The takeaway for every voter in America should be to focus on picking candidates who can best tackle immense fiscal messes and bring divided communities together.

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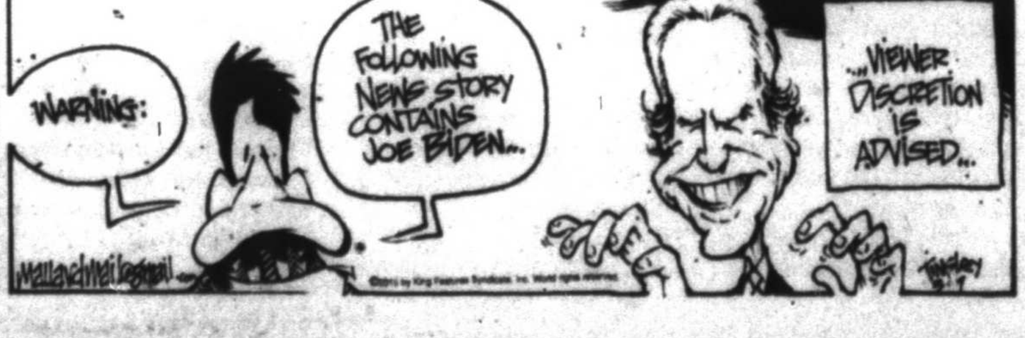

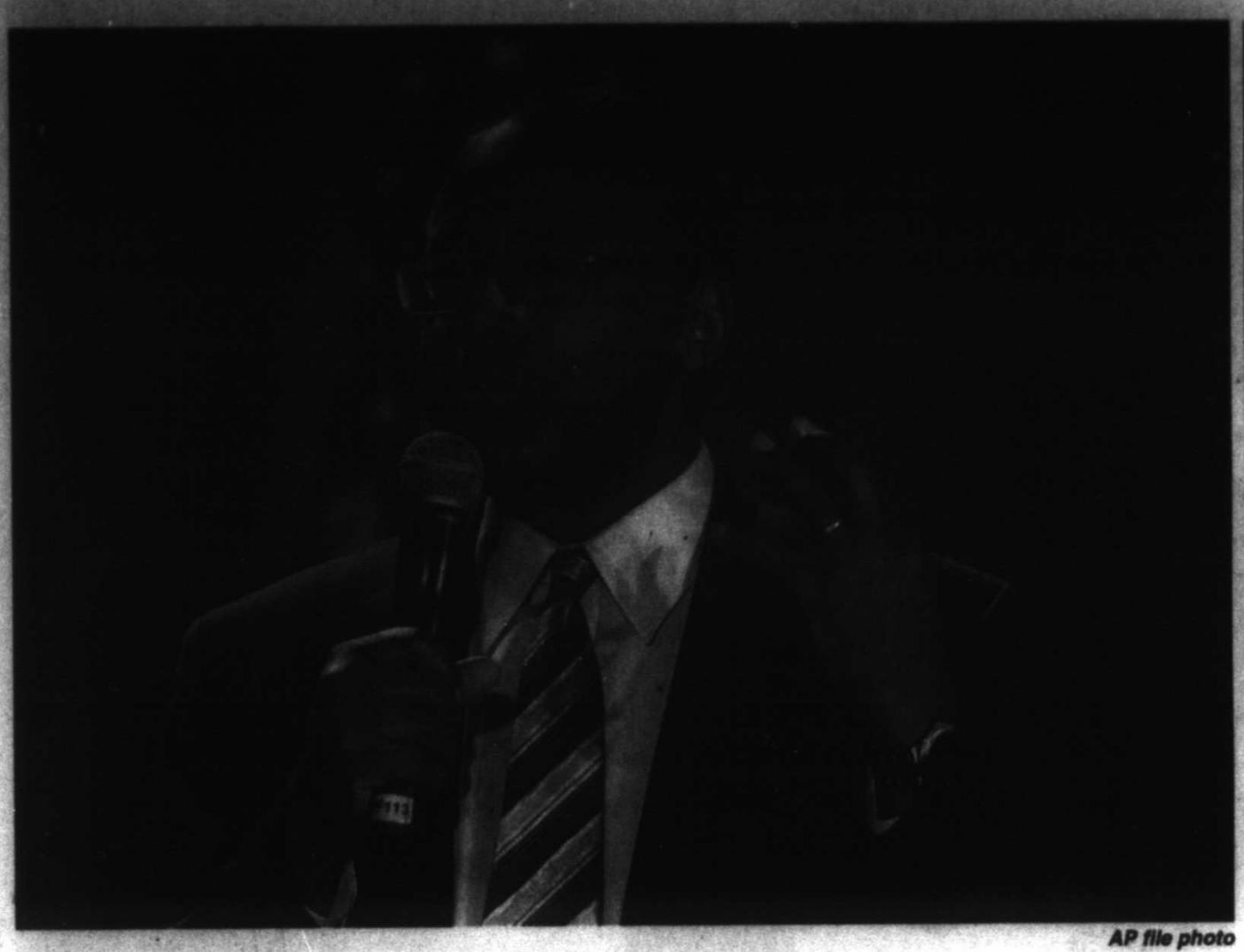

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Dr. Ben Carson speaks in San Diego on Jan. 15. Most U.S. presidential candidates really don't want to spend nearly two years bowing and scraping to voters and campaign donors. And most voters sure don't want to hear about the presidential race for anywhere near that long. Yet 20 months out from the November 2016 presidential election, no fewer than two dozen potential candidates are maneuvering to run and elbowing one another for advantage. Candidates are hiring political staff, donors are taking sides, party operatives are researching potential opponents and activist groups are holding straw polls of dubious value.

Failure to launch not a concern in the 2016 presidential race

By Nancy Benac
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Most U.S. presidential candidates really don't want to spend nearly two years bowing and scraping to voters and campaign donors.

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Why, then, does it take so loooong to pick a U.S. president? Blame American-style democracy?

Blame the pollsters and consultants who feed off the horse race. Blame the unquenchable thirst for campaign cash. If you're a candidate, blame other candidates for forcing you to get going so early.

Whatever the reason, 20 months out from the November 2016 presidential election, no fewer than two dozen potential candidates are maneuvering to run and they're already elbowing one another for advantage. Candidates are hiring staff, donors are taking sides, party operatives are digging up dirt on potential opponents and activist groups are holding straw polls of dubious value.

Contrast that with the rest of the world.

Israelis will spend about four months picking their next prime minister. In India, the formal campaign season for national elections was even shorter last year. In Canada, federal elections typically last about five weeks, although political positioning starts earlier.

A look at why this exercise in democracy is so drawn out in the U.S.:

The system

American presidents serve for a set four-year term. Future contenders start planning for the next election years in advance, with no limits on what they can spend in the primaries and often no limits in the general election. That's different from many parliamentary democracies, in which elections may be called without much notice and where there are limits on paid advertising and spending.

The U.S. system is particularly complex. Candidates compete in a maze of state caucuses and primaries to get their party's nominations, then orchestrate summer party nominating conventions before competing head-to-head in the fall general election.

"It's a hard thing to figure out, and it's not something you do quickly," says Tom Rath, a GOP activist in New Hampshire, the first primary state on the political calendar.

Any hope of dominating in the primaries requires months of advance work to lock up supporters in the states. That requires even earlier work to attract key staff and raise the money needed for a strong campaign. This period sometimes is called the invisible primary.

"Campaigns last so long because we have something called the First Amendment, which means that you can't do what other democracies do, which is to say the campaign will only last for five weeks, or that you can't campaign except in the last five weeks and you can't advertise," says former Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis, the Democratic nominee in 1988. "If someone wants to start in Iowa six years ahead of time, you can't stop them."

The hired guns

It used to be that pollsters and consultants went all-out during campaigns, then took off to do other things during a period of governing before the next election season, says Norman Ornstein of the American Enterprise Institute, a longtime observer of politics and author of "The Permanent Campaign and Its Future."

But starting in the 1980s and into the 1990s, he says, "the pollsters and the campaign consultants weren't melting away. They were sticking around."

The end of one election is quickly followed by planning for the next. The midterm congressional elections are seen as an informal kickoff for the presidential race. "It's kind of a symbiotic relationship involving consultants, pollsters and candidates eager to get out ahead of everybody else," says Ornstein.

The money chase

As the cost of U.S. campaigns goes up, the quest for campaign cash — and the desire to impress outside groups flush with their own money — starts earlier and earlier. The private Center for Responsive Politics estimates that candidates, parties and independent interest groups put $2.6 billion into the 2012 presidential race and $2.8 billion into the 2008 race, when there was no incumbent running. Those numbers compare with $1.9 billion in 2004 and $1.4 billion in 2000.

"Everybody is motivated to move a little bit earlier," says Ornstein. "And the flood of outside money adds to the pressure to have enough inside money that you can at least be credible to get some of that outside money backing you, or to counter it if you don't have it."

The candidates

Even though candidates often would rather wait to begin a campaign, not a single politician dares risk being left behind. Once one candidate starts moving, others feel compelled to follow. Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush's declaration in December that he actively would explore the possibility of running injected momentum into the whole Republican field.

In addition, many candidates opt for a "breakthrough strategy," settling in to a particular state early in hopes of surprising observers by doing well someplace unexpected. "As a consequence, we look ever further out into the future for a set of tea leaves we can trust," New Hampshire's Rath. "It gets late very quickly in this game."

Jeb Bush jumps into retail politics of Iowa's caucuses

By Thomas Beaumont
Associated Press

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa — Since announcing on Facebook his plan to explore running for president, Jeb Bush has courted high-dollar donors in private rooms and luxury resorts, and delivered weighty speeches in hotel ballrooms and city clubs.

This weekend, he was at a Pizza Ranch.

The former Florida governor arrived in Cedar Rapids behind schedule, a sign as strong as any that he is, in fact, running for president. Looking a bit disheveled, with his open-collared shirt coming untucked, Bush took questions for more than 30 minutes at a location of the Iowa-based pizza chain that's as much a part of politics in the state as the caucuses themselves.

"Are you with me?" Bush said to one visitor, throwing his arm over the man's shoulder. Standing side by side and grinning, Bush said, "Ten years from now, I know at least two guys who are going to be 10 years older."

Bush appears certain to get into the 2016 race with an early and dominating lead in fundraising. He's hired some of the best talent in the Republican Party and earned generally solid reviews at the early "cattle calls" where White House prospects gather en masse to address party loyalists.

But he acknowledged this weekend that winning over his party will depend just as much on his success at working the room and posing for pictures. Viewed by many as the ultimate establishment Republican, thanks to his family ties, he set out to introduce himself to voters, one at a time, in the "retail" politics that defines the campaign for president in Iowa and the other early voting states.

"A lot of people know me as George's boy or Barbara's boy or W.'s brother," Bush said, referring to family who have already lived at the White House. "But I've been on my own journey as well, and a lot of people don't know that."

Other likely candidates have for months headlined county party dinners or fundraisers for local politicians, but this was Bush's first trip to Iowa since campaigning in 2000 for his brother. He'll return after some retail politicking in New Hampshire next weekend and South Carolina later this month.

At a fundraiser Friday night near Des Moines for Rep. David Young, Bush got some encouragement from Mary Ellen Miller, who lives in northern Iowa. "I applaud you for your support of Common Core," she said, imploring him to "keep on that topic."

Bush replied without calling the education standards developed in the states by name. Common Core has become a rallying cry for some conservatives against what they see as government overreach.

"I'm not going to back down on that," he told Miller, while offering an olive branch to any skeptical conservatives who might have been listening to their conversations. "What I can tell you is the federal government shouldn't be involved in this," he added.

Bush aides believe such question-and-answer settings will showcase his personality — they call it a blend of the "guy next door" and a deep-thinking policy geek — better than formal campaign appearances. In the series of speeches Bush gave on the economy, foreign policy and his fiscal record in Florida in February, aides groaned quietly that he often rushed through the text, impatiently running over natural breaks for applause.

Some of that was on his display this weekend at the agricultural policy forum hosted by Bruce Rastetter, an Iowa agribusiness magnate and GOP donor. Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker drew more applause that Bush, and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie earned more laughs.

But the crowd of roughly a thousand responded with silence when Bush, leaning forward in his chair, answered a question about immigration by saying those living in the U.S. illegally "need to have a path to legalized status."

"I don't know him very well, but immigration might be an issue I have a problem with," said Gene Brodrecht, a Republican from eastern Iowa at Saturday's forum.

To sell his message that higher education standards in individual states and a robust legal immigrant workforce are key to the nation's economic health, veteran Iowa strategist Doug Gross said Bush "has to say it over and over."

"I think he'd be making a mistake to kowtow," said Gross, a Bush supporter. "He needs to be who he is."

And there's no better place to do that than in one-on-one conversation.

"He's very down to earth," said Darcy Shaw, a Republican from central Iowa who met Bush at Friday's fundraiser. "He seems to be the personality he displays."

Democratic ally urges Clinton to explain her email actions

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton should fully explain her actions involving the use of a private, nongovernment email account when she was the country's top diplomat, California Sen. Dianne Feinstein said on Sunday, becoming the first major Democrat to urge Clinton to share more details of the private account.

Feinstein said the former first lady and New York senator "needs to step up and come out and say exactly what the situation was," adding that from "this point on, the silence is going to hurt her."

Clinton's husband, former President Bill Clinton, avoided the controversy Sunday morning.

Asked whether his wife was treated fairly, Bill Clinton replied, "I'm not the one to judge that. I have an opinion, but I have a bias."

"I shouldn't be making news on this," he said, in remarks reported on CNN.com.

Hillary Clinton has been criticized for her use of the private email account and whether she complied with federal rules requiring officials to retain their communications. Clinton says that she's turned over all relevant emails to the State Department for review.

Last week, the House committee investigating the Benghazi, Libya, attacks, issued subpoenas for Clinton's emails, and the chairman said Sunday, "We're not entitled to everything. I don't want everything. I just want everything related to Libya and Benghazi."

Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-S.C., said "there are gaps of months and months and months" in the emails the committee had previously received. "It's not up to Secretary Clinton to decide what's a public record and what's not."

Clinton is considered the front-runner for the party's 2016 presidential nomination, but hasn't entered the race yet. So far, a tweet has been her only comment on the controversy. She did not address the issue Saturday night during an event in Coral Gables, Florida, for the Clinton Global Initiative University.

One of Clinton's predecessors, former Secretary of State Colin Powell said Sunday he has retained none of the emails sent from his personal email account during his tenure at the department in the first George W. Bush administration.

"I don't have any to turn over," he said on Sunday. "I did not keep a cache of them."

Powell added: "A lot of the emails that came out of my personal account went into the State Department system. They were addressed to State Department employees and the State.gov domain. But I don't know if the servers (for) the State Department captured those or not."

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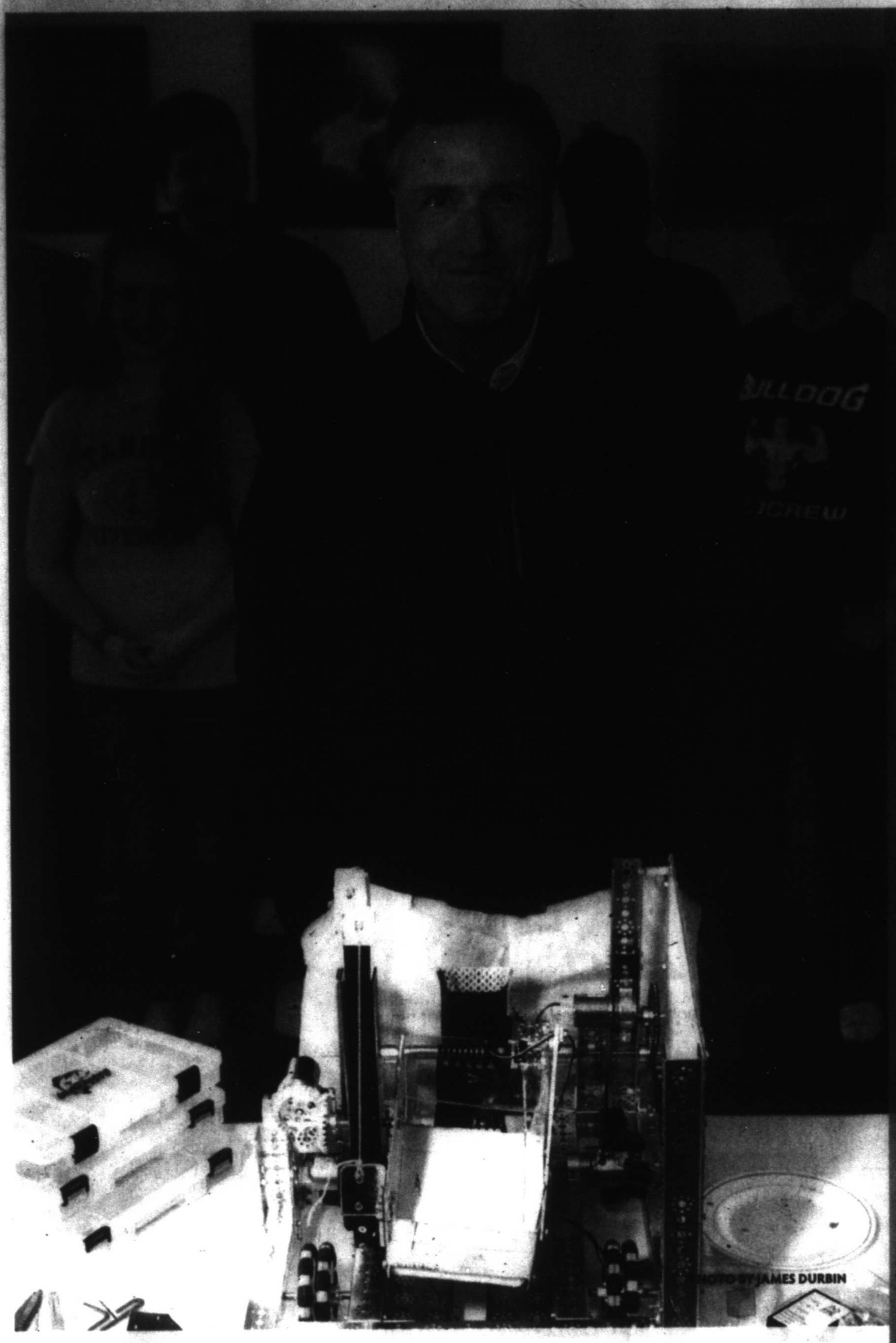

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ROB MCALPINE

MIDLAND HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAM VOLUNTEER

Occupation:
I'm a petroleum engineer and owner/president of Sahara Operating Co., along with my brother, George, who is also an engineer.

Family:
I'm married to my college sweetheart, Beth. We have two children. Our daughter lives here – the robotics shop is in her home near the school – and our son is at college.

How did you get involved with the Midland High robotics team?
I was drafted. When the MHS team was first organized, Curt Cowdrey, then the district robotics coordinator who taught at San Jacinto Junior High, had a group of eighth-graders, including our son, whom he wanted on the high school team. During the organizational meeting he asked the kids if they had anyone in mind that might make a good engineering mentor and a couple kids, I think it was Jake Pannell and Axel Durham, shouted my name. I'm still trying to think of some appropriate revenge. This is my fifth year working with the team, and the second since my son left. We've won the district meet four of the five years, and taken two teams to (world championships) in that time. To put it in perspective, there are now more than 9,000 teams in the world, and only 128 can go to worlds each year. If you think of it as varsity sports for the brain, these kids are competing at an elite level.

What character traits do you hope to instill in the teenagers you work with?
I tend to think we get kids who already have great character traits, maybe we help to strengthen or imbed them deeper. In competition, nobody gives you anything. You get what you earn, and there is little more satisfying than success earned through hard work. These are extraordinary young people, hardworking, faithful, generous of their time, gracious in competition. They are a real credit to their parents and community, the kids every parent should want their children to hang out with. They are unfailingly gracious and polite, high-achievers with a strong sense of honor. I think robotics attracts these types, as I've observed exactly the same traits in the kids from other teams. These competitions are a joy to attend. The Lee High School team, led by Mr. Alan Pitkin, is also a top program with great kids.

What unexpected lessons have you learned through your involvement with the Midland High robotics team?
I'm not sure it was entirely unexpected, but I continue to be amazed at just how capable these kids are. I get to watch these kids grow before my eyes, as they learn machining, tool use, mechanical engineering and analytical skills. They develop a lot of self-reliance and self-confidence in robotics. I'll give advice, but it's their job to build and fix the machine. I guess I'm surprised by how much I still enjoy it. When you see a kid realize "Hey, I can really do this!" it's pretty gratifying. I'll never get tired of that.

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"HELPED DOZENS RECOGNIZE THEIR PASSION"

Over the past five years Rob McAlpine has helped dozens of high school students recognize their passions for science and engineering. When the Midland High robotics team was formed in 2011 Mr. McAlpine came up to the school nearly every day to attend the team's meetings. At these meetings, and at hundreds of other meetings since, he has shared his extensive knowledge of engineering with the students of the robotics club. Mr. McAlpine has taught these students – many of whom had never picked up a wrench or drill in their lives before joining the team – not only how to solve specific mechanical problems, but also how to develop innovative solutions to design challenges on their own. However, Mr. McAlpine has offered much more than just his engineering know-how to the Midland High robotics team. He has sponsored the club by purchasing parts and tools that have proven crucial to the team's success. He provided the team with a larger, more accessible workspace after the club outgrew its original lab at the school. He has traveled with the team to Lubbock, San Antonio, and St. Louis to offer his expertise at the FIRST Tech Challenge robotics regional, super-regional, and world championship events. Because of Rob McAlpine's contributions to the Midland High robotics team, the club has been able to thrive during the past five years.

***Axel Durham**, MHS senior and robotics team president*

"A CHAMPION FOR STEM EDUCATION"

Community members such as Rob McAlpine are invaluable for the success of our schools. Rob is a wonderful representation of many community members who have invested in our students through not only finances, but also through their time and expertise. Mr. McAlpine has worked with Midland High School's Robotics Club since it began in spring 2011. Throughout the past five years he has helped raise community support, personally invested in the program at the local and regional levels, and he has directly helped our teams learn the skills needed to succeed in an engineering competition. Our community is in great debt to Mr. McAlpine and others like him. As STEM education increases in demand, our schools and nation need more and more community members to step into roles to help us achieve these goals. While Mr. McAlpine works with this program through our school, he is actually working alongside students, by mentoring them and helping them learn real engineering skills. He has helped provide equipment, materials and even space for the students to work. Mr. McAlpine has been a champion for STEM education because he loves our community and schools, but most importantly, because he loves our students.

***Cory Callaway**, MHS science department chairman and robotics team sponsor*

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The 59th annual Midland Downtown Lions Club Pancake Jamboree was Feb. 28 at the Lions Club building on Plaza Street. The community-wide event featured all-you-can pancakes, sausage and drinks. It benefitted Lions Club projects such as camp for special needs children, eyeglass recycling center and college scholarships.

PANCAKE PALOOZAS

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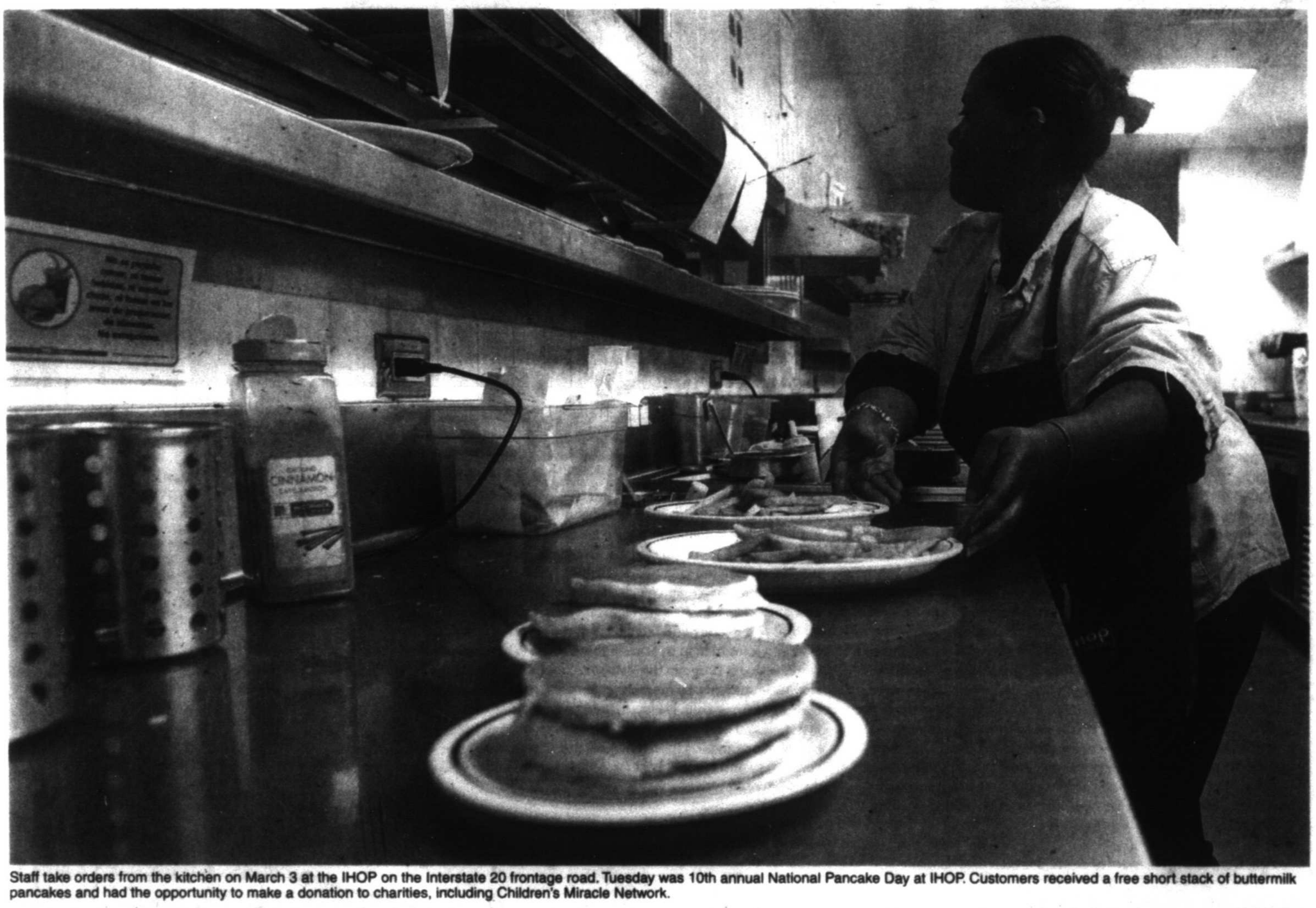
Volunteers man the griddles at the Pancake Jamboree.



Staff take orders from the kitchen on March 3 at the IHOP on the Interstate 20 frontage road. Tuesday was 10th annual National Pancake Day at IHOP. Customers received a free short stack of buttermilk pancakes and had the opportunity to make a donation to charities, including Children's Miracle Network.

Jose Ramos, general manager of IHOP, talks with guests.

From left, Alexis Washington, Alexandrea Washington and Keshia Collins dig into their pancakes.

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BROADCAST																	
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Bachelor (SF) (N)				The Bachelor "After the Final Rose" (N)		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	2 Broke Girls (N)	Mike & Molly (N)	Scorpion "Once Bitten, Twice Die" (N)		NCIS: Los Angeles "Savoir Fare" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman		(:35) Late Show
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Hogan's Heroes	Twilight Zone	B.New-hart	B.New-hart	Carol Burnett	Perry Mason		McMillan and Wife
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Gotham "Penguin's Umbrella"		The Following "Boxed In" (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	Hot in Cleveland	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Dr. William	Dr. B.Booker	Update News	Day of Discovery	Light of the Southwest				House Call	Mani Erfan	Rocks/Ma nuscripts	Y.Sala-manca
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		The Voice "Blinds End and Battles Begin" (N)				The Night Shift "Eyes Look Your Last" (N)		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Antiques Rd. "Des Moines (Hour Two)"		Basin PBS	Basin PBS	Ind. Lens "Seeking Asian Female"		Charlie Rose (N)		Tavis Smiley (N)	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La sombra del pasado		Mi corazón es Tuyo		Hasta el fin del mundo		Que te perdone Dios... Yo no		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Fam.Feud	Million...	SVU "Stranger"		LawO: SVU "Smut"		My News	Million..	Anger M.	M&M	Office	Access H.
PREMIUM																	
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:15) ★ Homegrown		★★★ Return to Paradise Vince Vaughn.				★★★ Alive (93, Dra) Ethan Hawke.			(:10) ★ Love, Hono...		
HBO	300	68	14	14		(:15) ★ The Incredible Burt Wonderstone				The Jink		(:05) ★ Grudge Match Sylvester Stallone.			(:45) Real Sports		(:45) Girls
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Movie	Last Week	Bill Maher		Together	Looking	Girls	Vice	(:15) ★ Free Ride Anna Paquin.			Movie
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(:10) ★★ Admission		(13, Com) Tina Fey.		★ Walk of Shame			Making	★★ Moonrise Kingdom			Movie
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:15) ★★ Timecop		Banshee	(:45) ★★★ King Kong (2005, Action) Naomi Watts, Jack Black, Adrien Brody.							Banshee	Chemist.
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(5:35) ★★ The Devil's Advocate				★★ Waist Deep			(:40) Guide	(:15) Spring	(:45) ★★★ The Untouchables		
PLEX			96			(5:20) ★ The Naked ...		★ Racing With the Moon			(:50) ★★ The Mothman Prophecies				(:50) ★ Invasion of the Body S...		
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:15) ★ The Words		Shame. "Uncle Carl"		House Lies	Episodes	Shame. "Uncle Carl"		Episodes	House Lies	Earthquake	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:50) ★★★ Hotel Rwanda Don Cheadle.				★ Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom (13, Bio) Idris Elba.				★ The First Grader			
CABLE																	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	The First 48 "Game Over/ Long Walk Home"		The First 48 (N)		Bates Motel "A Death in the Family" (N)		The Returned "Camille" (P) (N)		The Returned "Camille"		(:05) The First 48	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(5:00) ★★★★ Jaws		(75, Hor) Roy Scheider.		Better Call Saul		Call Saul "Five-O" (N)		Call Saul "Five-O"		★★★★ Jaws	
BET	58	26		40		Being Mary Jane		★ Mr. Right (2014)				Being Mary		Being Mary		Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Vanderpump		Vanderpump R. (N)		Shahs of Sunset (N)			S. Charm	Watch (N)	Vanderpump Rules		Shahs
CNBC	46	45		39	72	American Vice		Shark Tank		Restaurant Startup		Startup "Pie vs. Pie"		American Vice		American Greed	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		CNN Special Report		CNN Tonight		CNN Special Report		CNNI	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Street Outlaws: Full		Fast N' Loud		Street Outlaws (N)		Fat 'N Furious (N)		Street Outlaws		Street Outlaws: Full	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Liv/Mad	KC Under	★ 16 Wishes Kendall Cross.			(:40) Austin	(:05) Jessie	I Didn't	Liv/Mad	Dog Blog	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball ACC Tournament (L)				NCAA Basketball WCC Tournament (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball SoCon Tournament (L)				NCAA Basketball MAAC Tournament (L)				NCAA Basketball WCC Tournament (L)			
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	The Fosters		The Fosters (N)		Chasing Life (N)		The Fosters		The 700 Club		Boy MW	Boy MW
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Diners...	Diners, Dr.	Diners...	Diners...	Diners, Drive-Ins (N)		Food Fortunes (N)		Diners...	Diners...	Diners, Drive-Ins	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Hoops	SportsDay OnAir (N)	Champio. "Swimming and Diving" (N)		H.S. Basketball UIL State Championship Girls 6A			Girls on the Go	Rodeo Wrap (L)	O'Brien-Award (N)	HS Spotlight	SportsDay OnAir
FX	31	31	59	64	69	★★★ Zombieland		Woody Harrelson.		M&M	M&M	M&M	M&M	M&M	M&M	M&M	M&M
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Waltons "The Bequest"		The Waltons		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Love It or Lirt It (N)		H.Hunter	House (N)	Love/List "Tall Tale"		Love It or List It	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Swamp People		Swamp People		Swamp People (N)		(:05) Outlaws (N)		(:05) Superstition Mo.		Swamp People	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Life Flight Trauma "Life Flight"		Life Flight Trauma "Cinco de Mayo"		Life Flight "Getting Your Wings." (N)		Life Flight Trauma "It Takes a Village" (N)		Born in the Wild		Life Flight Trauma "Cinco de Mayo"	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	39				NCAA Basketball CAA Tournament (L)				NHL Live! (L)		NHL Hockey Pittsburgh Penguins at San Jose Sharks (L)					Overtime
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Thunder	Hathaway	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	(:10) Ray	(:50) Ray
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	(4:30) ★ Safe		★★★ Parker ('13, Act) Jennifer Lopez, Jason Statham.						★★★ Death Race Jason Statham.			
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	★★ Paul ('11, Com)		Simon Pegg, Nick Frost.		★★ Jack the Giant Slayer Nicholas Hoult.				★★ Paul ('11, Com) Nick Frost.			
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Sein. "The Scofflaw"	Seinf. "The Kiss Hello"	Family Guy	Family Guy	American Dad (N)	American Dad,	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Billy Eichner		The Office	Conan
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	Movie	MGM Par.	★★★ Nevada Smith ('66, West) Steve McQueen.					★★★ The Thomas Crown Affair				Movie
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Los miserables		Tierra de reyes		Dueños del paraíso		Al rojo	(:39) Titular.	Tierra de reyes	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Str. Addiction	Str. Addiction	My 600-lb Life "Zsalynn's Story"		600 Life: Supersized "Bettie Jo's Story" (N)		Str. Addiction	Str. Addiction	600 Life: Supersized "Bettie Jo's Story"		Str Addiction	Str Addiction
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Castle "Knockout"		Castle "Rise"		Castle "Heroes and Villains"		Bones "The Repo Man in the Septic Tank"		Bones "The Carrot in the Kudzu"		Law & Order "Hitman"	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Walker TR "Days Past"		Fam.Feud	Fam.Feud	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Friends	Friends
USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Prime Suspect"		WWE Monday Night Raw						(:05) DIG "Pilot"			(:35) NCIS LA
WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		★★ Blade II (2002, Action) Kris Kristofferson, Norman Reedus, Wesley Snipes.				Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother

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Bowling for Beads, the team from Johnson Miller & Co., were Kristina Allen, from left, Stephen Chieffo, Sandi Brown, Blake Henry and Lacchin Cox.

BOWL FOR KIDS' SAKE

The 19th annual Bowl for Kids' Sake was Feb. 21. Among those participating in the fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters were the teams Pink Ladies and Bowling for Beads. Teams enjoyed two hours of bowling and lunch provided by local restaurants. For more photos from the event, see Tuesday's Culture section.

The Pink Ladies are Veronica Abila, from left, Kristi Mize and Elizabeth Williams.

BRIDGE RESULTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Permian Bridge Club

Feb. 24

Kay Arrell, Bitsy Loewenstein, Ann Parish, Brenda Brauner, Marlene Blumentritt, Sandy Thomas, Ann Servatius, Marilyn Higgins

Feb. 25

Flo Curry-Blumentritt, Dorothy Brenneman-Charlie Grimes, Marty Massie-Higgins, Liza Philpy-Scott Vaughan, Helen South-Servatius, Belle Harris-Parish

Feb. 26

Georgia Temple-Higgins, Gloria Jackson-Servatius, Linda Farrar-Harris, Kay Sewell-Don Troy, Bill Dent-Helen Davis, John Seymour-Les Neal, Dorothy Baird-Philpy, Dorothy Blair-Sarana Savage, Peter Berzanskis-Terri Melton, Jeanie Marsh-Kelly Murphy

March 1

Vaughan-Grimes, Curry-Blumentritt, Servatius-Shirley Davenport, Nancy Ward-Jackson, Tommie Strack-Ricki Perry, Savage-Harris, Gregory Bartha-Frances Levin, Edward McPherson-Parish

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Each of the two-letter groups below may be extended both on the right and the left to form a six-letter word. Use the tiles directly above each group to fill in the blanks.

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Yesterday's Answer: TOURNEY, PRIZE, WEPT, TAUNT

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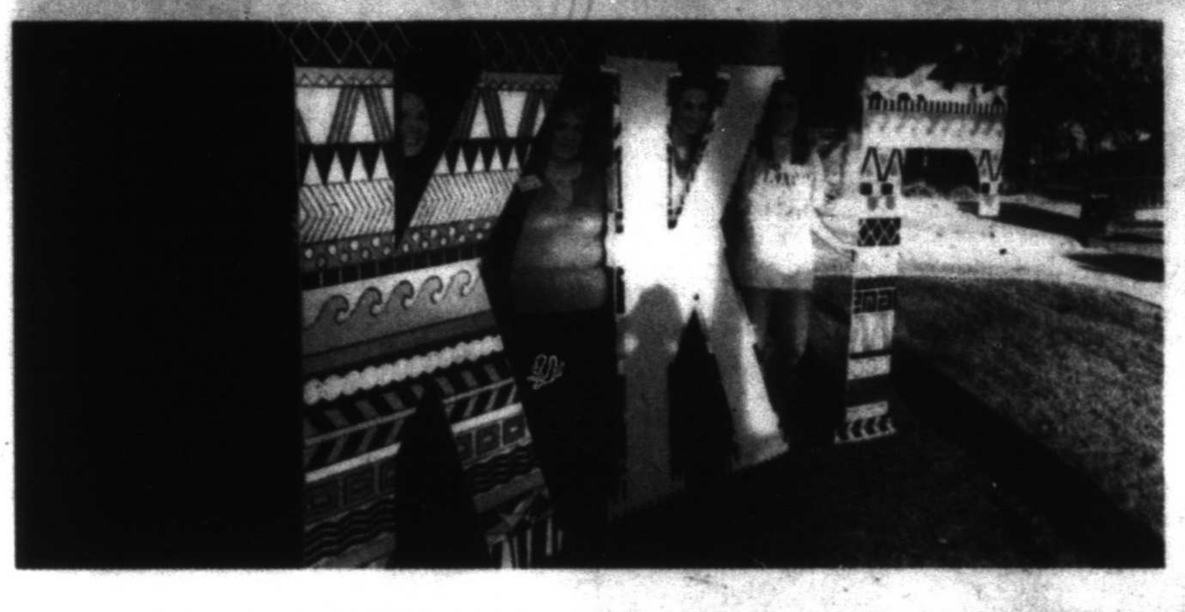
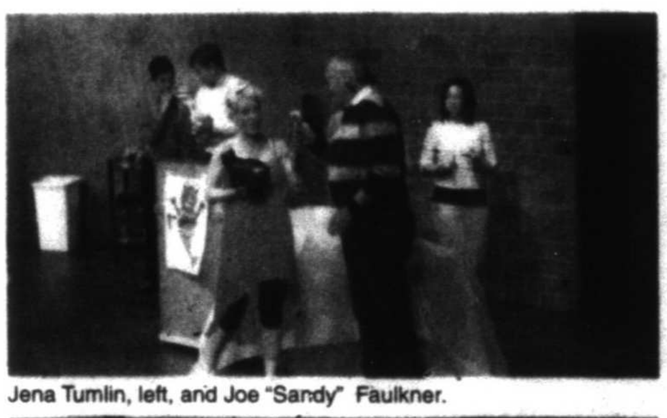


MONMOUTH DUO

ABOVE: Jessica Johnson, from left, Laura Szymanski, Lucy Lennox and Carolyn Roden. **LEFT:** Mary Jane Holmes, from left, Lynn Mashburn, Bethany Etheredge and Liz Carter.

HAMHOCK AWARDS

"Urinetown the Musical" cast and crew.



Jena Tumlin, left, and Joe "Sandy" Faulkner.

Ben Spencer, from left, Jena Tumlin, Jenna Petty, Michelle Tate-Kaufman and Jason Kelliher.

Liz Koeninger.

MONMOUTH DUO

Alumnae of Pi Beta Phi and Kappa Kappa Gamma sororities gathered recently for Monmouth Duo to celebrate their mutual heritage. Both groups were founded at Monmouth College in Monmouth, Illinois — the Pi Phis in 1867 and the Kappas in 1870.

The party, hosted this year by the Pi Phis, was held at the home of **Jessica Johnson**, who had pulled out all the stops to make this celebration memorable. She drove to Lubbock to borrow the tall wooden Greek letter signs of both sororities, which display the signs on Bid Day at Texas Tech University.

A continuous slide show featured photos from a university yearbook website of local members in their college days. Sorority memorabilia was used throughout the party rooms.

The attendees were encouraged to wear university and sorority attire. Prizes were awarded to the most spirited Pi Phi, **Becca Heidelberg,** and Kappa, **Catherine Niblo.**

A trunk show featured the jewelry of **Laura J Finery**, and **Pi Phi Laura Earl** won a piece of jewelry.

Co-hostesses were **Lucy Lennox** and **Laura Szymanski.**

Among those seen in the throng were Johnson's mother, **Karen Killam,** visiting here from Oklahoma City; Pi Phis **Jennifer Ready, Kathy Nobles, Julie Donnelly, Ellen Hinson** and **Catherine Hyde;** and Kappas **Shelley Harper, Jill Hamm, Betsy Sheets, Kristen Johnson Anabelle Gardaphe.**

HAMMY AWARDS

The Benevolent Order of HamHocks, the service wing of Midland Community Theatre, last month celebrated the Best of the Best in 2014 at Cole Theatre.

The annual Hammy Awards roasted and toasted the best and the brightest stars both onstage and off for their work during the previous season.

Top honors went to **Liz Koeninger**, who received a Lifetime Achievement Award; **Sandy Faulkner,** the Ruth Cole Backstage Award for the most hours spent behind the scenes; and **Kevin Leoffler,** the Ham of the Year for his appearance on stage in the most productions.

"Urinetown the Musical" was voted the best production. **Cody Tumlin** took home the award for best actor as Officer Lockstock in "Urinetown," while **Kristen Loyd** was voted best actress for the title role in "Mary Poppins."

About 100 people attended the event, which began with a social hour and dinner.

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PAID CONTENT

AUDIO ACOUSTICS

Smart buying decisions—How hearing aids give you a great return on your investment

By Orland Purcell, Au. D., CCC-A

If you're one of the nearly 40 million Americans who suffer with hearing loss, maybe it's time to consider investing in your hearing health.

Research shows that the rewards can be substantial. In fact, identifying and addressing hearing loss has been shown to positively influence virtually every aspect of life, helping people personally, professionally and even financially.

ORLAND PURCELL, AU. D.

New technological advances have revolutionized hearing aids in recent years. Today's hearing aids can automatically adjust to all kinds of sound environments and filter out noise. Many are virtually invisible, sitting discreetly and comfortably inside the ear canal. Some are even waterproof, and others are rechargeable. Many are wireless, so you can stream sound from smartphones, home entertainment systems and other electronics directly into your hearing aid(s) at volumes just right for you.

Here are six ways that investing in professionally fitted hearing aids—if recommended by a hearing care professional following a comprehensive hearing evaluation—could bring you a greater return on your investment than you ever imagined.

Unleash your earning potential. Using hearing aids reduced the risk of income loss by 90-100 percent for those with milder hearing loss, and from 65-77 percent for those with severe to moderate hearing loss, according to a Better Hearing Institute (BHI) study. People with untreated hearing loss lost as much as $30,000 in income annually, the study showed.

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Strengthen your relationships. Research shows that using hearing aids can help improve interpersonal relationships. In one BHI study of people with hearing loss, more than half of the respondents said using hearing aids improved their relationships at home, their social lives and their ability to join in groups. Many even saw improvements in their romantic lives.

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12-run 5th inning sends Hawks to sweep of Chaps

By Oscar LeRoy
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Hawks	8-16
Chaparrals	4-3

If the Midland College baseball team was looking for consistency out of its pitching staff, the fifth inning of the second game against Howard College certainly wasn't what the Chaparrals were looking for.

Howard College scored 12 runs in that inning on six hits, five walks and two hit batters. The Hawks also sent 15 batters to the plate in the nightmare frame. It all equaled a 16-3 run-rule loss in five innings for MC. Howard won the earlier game, 8-4, to sweep the Western Junior College Athletic Conference doubleheader at Christensen Stadium.

"We've a few days like this where we've gone to the bullpen and just can't get anything to come out of there," said Coleman, who used seven pitchers in that fifth inning. "We kept shuffling the deck and we couldn't find anybody that wanted to earn a spot, it looked like. Disappointing in the relief pitching, that's for sure."

Thibideau

Coleman

The Hawks (14-5, 5-1) were certainly patient at the plate as they drew six walks and only needed nine hits to get the run-rule victory.

"Approach-wise at the plate, that's as good as we've been all year," Howard coach Britt Smith said. "We've had better results, but as far as our team approach, being unselfish and doing things we needed to do to win, that's the best we've been offensively all year."

After Howard took a 2-0 lead early against MC starter Brett Hinson (0-2), the Chaps (8-9, 3-3) took a 3-2 lead in the third inning off a three-run home run by Chris Thibideau, who had two on the day.

But that lead was short-lived as the Hawks answered with two runs in the fourth to go ahead for good.

A 13-run lead was more than enough for Hawk starter Zach Winn, who allowed three runs on three hits with three walks and eight strikeouts.

Coleman said the struggles out of the bullpen seemed to carry over to the rest of the team, which he said was "lethargic."

"There was no energy, there

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BIG 12 CONFERENCE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Looking 5 in a row

No. 6 Baylor women beat Cowgirls in Big 12 semi

No. 6 Lady Bears	69
Cowgirls	52

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

DALLAS — Nina Davis made another strong move to the basket, converting the layup while being fouled. The Big 12 player of the year made the free throw and then went to the bench for good.

Davis had done her part for No. 6 Baylor in the Big 12 Conference tournament semifinal game, scoring 29 points in 25 minutes and the Lady Bears advanced to play for their fifth consecutive tournament title after beating Oklahoma State 69-52 on Sunday.

"It means a lot, it's amazing the dynasty they have built here, the tradition they have," Davis said. "Don't want to be the team to end it."

Alexis Prince added 12 points and Niya Johnson 10 for the Lady Bears (29-3), the Big 12 regular-season champion for the fifth year in a row. They have won 14 consecutive conference tournament games.

"I know they're as competitive as the other teams," Baylor coach Kim Mulkey said of her squad that has only one senior. "They may not be as experienced and certainly they're not as mature and they're not older. ... They made it this far, let's go win it."

Baylor plays tonight against Texas, which beat Oklahoma 59-46 in the other semifinal Sunday.

Roshunda Johnson had 16 points while Brittney Martin had 13 points and 11 rebounds for Oklahoma State (20-11), which lost to Baylor in a Big 12 semifinal for the third year in a row.

Davis, an undersized post at 5-foot-11, was picked by coaches as the top player after her Big 12-best 20.7 points a game during the regular season. She then scored 30 points as the Lady Bears beat Kansas State

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LM Otero/AP

Baylor forward Nina Davis, right, shoots against Oklahoma State forward Liz Donohoe, left, during the first half of Sunday's semifinal round of the Big 12 Conference tournament in Dallas.

LM Otero/AP

Texas center Imani McGee-Stafford, left, and guard Brianna Taylor, right, celebrate after the Longhorns beat Oklahoma in the semifinal round of the Big 12 Conference tournament Sunday in Dallas.

Texas women beat Oklahoma to get to Big 12 title game

Longhorns	59
Sooners	46

Associated Press

DALLAS — Imani McGee-Stafford had 11 points and 10 rebounds as Texas advanced to its first Big 12 tournament championship game since 2004 with a 59-46 win over Oklahoma on Sunday.

McGee-Stafford's layup with 5:15 left wrapped up a 14-0 run that put the Longhorns (22-9) up by 10 points.

Brady Sanders also had 11 points for pre-season Big 12 favorite Texas, which plays in the title game tonight against regular season champion Baylor. The Lady Bears are going for their fifth consecutive tournament championship.

Inside

See more of Sunday's college basketball scores including a roundup from Texas games and other tourament scores.

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Oklahoma (20-11) made only 26 percent of its field goals (15 of 58), and went without one for more than 10 minutes in the first half before Gabbi Ortiz made a 3-pointer with six seconds left.

Peyton Little and Gioya Carter each had 11 points for the Sooners, who led 34-30 on a 3-pointer by Carter with 10:35 left before the late Texas run.

Parker leads San Antonio over Chicago

By Raul Dominguez Jr.
Associated Press

Spurs	116
Bulls	105

SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan went without a basket, ending a record-setting streak that lasted 1,310 games.

Good thing for the San Antonio Spurs that Tony Parker delivered his best game of the season.

Parker had a season-high 32 points and just one turnover in leading Spurs to their fifth straight victory, 116-105 over the Chicago Bulls on Sunday.

"Tony is playing at a high level again, that makes a big difference for them," Chicago center Pau Gasol said. "It's tough to beat them that way."

Duncan failed to make a basket for the first time in his 18-year career, going 0 for 8 while finishing with just three points. But his struggles were lessened by balanced scoring and Parker's brilliance.

Parker is returning to his All-Star form after being hindered much of the season by a strained hamstring that forced him to miss 13 games. He is again driving hard to the lane for his usual array of spins, layups, floaters and quick passes to teammates for corner 3-pointers.

"I'm still dealing with some stuff, but I'm going to fight through it," Parker said. "I'm tired of talking about it. I kept saying I'm going to fight through it and I would rather play than stay out."

Parker, averaging 25 points in his past three games, shot 13 for 19 and had two assists in 30 minutes.

Kawhi Leonard added 20 points, Patty Mills had 15 and Manu Ginobili 14 for the Spurs.

Chicago had 22 turnovers, which resulted in 32 points for San Antonio. The Spurs had 15 steals, including three each by Leonard and Ginobili.

"They are very active with their hands and they got a lot of steals," Bulls power forward Joakim Noah said. "They got them into the open floor and we had no answer for that."

Parker stole a soft pass from Nazr Mohammed to E'Twaun Moore near midcourt and sprinted down court for an uncontested layup.

"He's been in that mode for the last two or three games and feeling pretty confident about his health," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "He was very explosive today and played a decent number of minutes, too. I think he's where we would like him to be."

Leonard later raced down court for a one-handed dunk on Moore and

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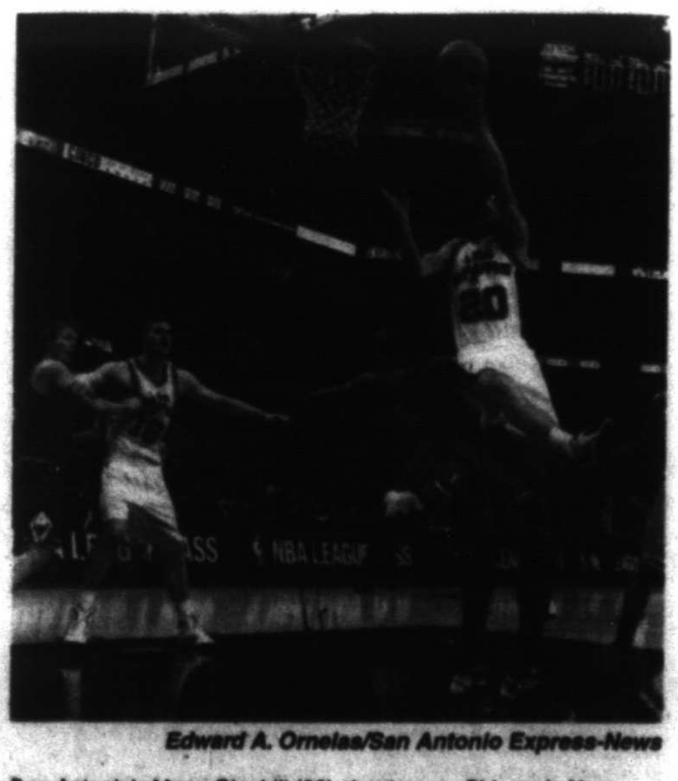
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San Antonio's Manu Ginobili (20) shoots over Chicago's Nazr Mohammed during Sunday's game at the AT&T Center. Ginobili was fouled by Mohammed on the play.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TODAY

WHAT'S ON TV

COLLEGE SOFTBALL
Missouri at South Carolina, 6 p.m., SEC

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
Spring Training: Atlanta vs. Washington, Noon, MLB
Spring Training: Cleveland vs. Seattle, 3 p.m., MLB

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
SoCon Championship, 6 p.m., ESPN2
CAA Championship, 6 p.m., NBCSN
WCC Semifinal, 8 p.m., ESPN
MAAC Championship, 8 p.m., ESPN2
WCC Semifinal, 10:30 p.m., ESPNU

MEN'S SOCCER
La Liga: Cordoba vs. Getafe, 1:45 p.m., beIN/beIN2
FA Cup: Manchester United vs. Arsenal, 2:30 p.m., FS1
CONCACAF U-17: Mexico vs. Haiti, 3:30 p.m., FOX-SOCP/UDN
CONCACAF U-17: Costa Rica vs. Panama, 6 p.m., UDN

NBA
Memphis at Chicago, 7 p.m., NBAtv

NHL
Pittsburgh at San Jose, 9 p.m., NBCSN

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
WCC Semifinal, 2 p.m., BYUtv
MAAC Championship, 3:30 p.m., ESPNU
WCC Semifinal, 4:30 p.m., BYUtv
Big East Semifinal, 5:30 p.m., FS1
AAC Final, 6 p.m., ESPN
Big 12 Final, 8 p.m., FS1
Big East Semifinal, 8 p.m., FS2

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY

JUNIOR COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL
Howard College at Midland College (DH) (OSCAR), noon

JUNIOR COLLEGE GOLF
Diamondback GC Spring Invitational, Abilene

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL
Alpine at Midland Christian, 5 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Agreed to terms with RHPs Matt Barnes, Heath Hembree, Joe Kelly, Zeke Spruill, Anthony Varvaro, Brandon Workman and Steven Wright; LHPs Edwin Escobar, Tommy Layne, Eduardo Rodriguez and Robbie Ross Jr.; Cs Blake Swihart and Christian Vazquez; INFs Xander Bogaerts, Garin Cecchini, Sean Coyle, Brock Holt, and Travis Shaw; and OFs Mookie Betts, Jackie Bradley Jr. and Bryce Brentz on one-year contracts.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
MIAMI HEAT — Signed F Michael Beasley to a second 10-day contract.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Agreed to terms with G Todd Herremans.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Agreed to terms with LS Beau Brinkley and with P Brett Kern on a five-year contract.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
DALLAS STARS — Recalled D Jamie Oleksiak from Texas (AHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Reassigned C Andre Burakovsky to Hershey (AHL).
American Hockey League
MANCHESTER MONARCHS — Recalled F Maxim Kitsyn from Ontario (ECHL).
MILWAUKEE ADMIRALS — Reassigned D Garrett Noonan to Cincinnati (ECHL).
SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Reassigned D Josh McFadden to Cincinnati (ECHL).

COLLEGE
PENNSYLVANIA — Announced the resignation of men's basketball coach Jerome Allen, effective after March 10.
UTAH — Fired women's basketball coach Anthony Levrets.

SPRING TRAINING

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Kansas City	5	0	1.000
Oakland	4	1	.800
New York	4	2	.667
Boston	3	2	.600
Detroit	3	2	.500
Houston	2	2	.500
Los Angeles	2	2	.500
Minnesota	2	2	.500
Seattle	3	3	.500
Texas	3	3	.500
Toronto	3	3	.500
Chicago	2	3	.400
Cleveland	2	3	.400
Tampa Bay	2	4	.333
Baltimore	2	5	.286

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Arizona	5	1	.833
Los Angeles	4	1	.800
St. Louis	3	1	.750
Washington	3	1	.750
Pittsburgh	3	2	.600
Cincinnati	3	3	.500
Miami	2	2	.500
New York	3	3	.500
Colorado	2	3	.400
Philadelphia	2	3	.400
San Diego	2	3	.400
San Francisco	2	5	.286
Atlanta	1	4	.200
Chicago	0	4	.000
Milwaukee	0	4	.000

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

Sunday's Scores
Minnesota 2, Baltimore 1
Philadelphia 5, Tampa Bay 4
Houston (ss) 14, Detroit 9
N.Y. Yankees 3, Washington 2
St. Louis 5, Miami 2
Houston (ss) 2, Atlanta 2, tie, 10 innings
Pittsburgh 1, Toronto 0
Boston 6, N.Y. Mets 3
L.A. Dodgers 4, Milwaukee 3
Chicago White Sox 10, Oakland 4
Texas (ss) 6, Chicago Cubs 4
Colorado 7, San Diego 5
Cincinnati 10, Seattle 1
Texas (ss) 8, Cleveland 2
Arizona 12, San Francisco 2
Kansas City 6, L.A. Angels 4
Arizona 10, San Francisco 5

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

MLS GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto FC	1	0	0	3	1	0
D.C. United	1	0	0	3	1	0
New York	0	0	1	1	1	1
New York City FC	0	0	1	1	1	1
Orlando City	0	0	1	1	1	1
Philadelphia	0	0	1	1	1	1
New England	0	1	0	0	0	1
Columbus	0	1	0	0	0	1
Montreal	0	1	0	0	0	2
Chicago	0	1	0	0	0	2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	1	0	0	3	2	0
Houston	1	0	0	3	1	0
FC Dallas	1	0	0	3	1	0
Sporting KC	0	0	1	1	1	1
Portland	0	0	1	1	1	1
Real Salt Lake	0	0	1	1	1	1
Colorado	0	0	1	1	0	0
Seattle	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Jose	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vancouver	0	1	0	0	0	3

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Friday's Score
Los Angeles 2, Chicago 0

Saturday's Scores
D.C. United 1, Montreal 0
Philadelphia 0, Colorado 0, tie
Toronto FC 3, Vancouver 1
FC Dallas 1, San Jose 0
Houston 1, Columbus 1
Portland 0, Real Salt Lake 0, tie

Sunday's Scores
Orlando City 1, New York City FC 1, tie
Sporting Kansas City 1, New York 1, tie
New England at Seattle, late

Friday's Game
Orlando City at Houston, 6 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Vancouver at Chicago, 5 p.m.
Toronto FC at Columbus, 6:30 p.m.
Sporting Kansas City at FC Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Real Salt Lake, 8:30 p.m.
San Jose at Seattle, 9 p.m.

Sunday, March 15
New England at New York City FC, 4 p.m.
Los Angeles at Portland, 6 p.m.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

SOUTH
Armstrong St. 4, Lander 3
Benedictine (Ill.) at Spalding, ccd
Birmingham-Southern 11, Centre 1
Bradley 12, Belmont 5
Chowan 13-0, Salem International 2-3
Concordia (Ill.) at Brescia, ccd
Duke 9, North Carolina 2
NC A&T 11, Fayetteville Dickinson 8
Georgia Southern 6, Appalachian St. 5, 10 innings
Georgia Tech 4, Notre Dame 1
Flagler 3, UNC-Pembroke 2
Florida St. 8, Boston College 4
High Point 9, LIU Brooklyn 0
Iowa Wesleyan 15, Stockton 5
Lincoln Memorial 16, Carson-Newman 5
Louisville 5, Miami 4
Lourdes at Berea, ccd
Middle Tennessee 9, Iowa 8
Milligan 3, Union, Ky. 1
Morehead St. 6, Tennessee Tech 5
Mount Olive 12, Limestone 4
Murray St. 4, UT-Martin 2
NC State 14, Clemson 6
Ohio St. at W. Kentucky, ccd
Pikeville 8, Goshen 7
Radford 11, Coll. of Charleston 7
Rhodes 9, Sewanee 3
Rice 6, Charlotte 3
San Diego St. 10, New Mexico 8
Samford at Memphis, ppd
Spring Hill 14, Tuskegee 4
Tennessee 7, Grand Canyon 1
Thiel 6, Oliver 4
Transylvania 11, Berry 9
Tuskulum 5, Wingate 3
Miami at Kentucky, ccd
Union (Ky.) 6, Milligan 1
Virginia 10, Pittsburgh 3
Wake Forest 12, Virginia Tech 4
Wardof at Georgetown, ccd
Wentworth 8-13, Becker 3-0
West Virginia 13, ETSU 4
William Woods at Freed-Hardeman, ppd
Winston-Salem St. 9-13, California (Pa.) 6-6
Young Harris 8-7, GRU Augusta 2-13

EAST
Stevens Tech 7, CCNY 4

SKI REPORT

ROCKIES
New Mexico
Angel Fire — Sun 6:55 am packed powder machine groomed 66 - 66 base 77 of 78 trails 99% open, 545 acres, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Thu 9a-4p; Fri 9a-5p; Sat 9a-6p Sun. 9a-4p; Mar 22 Last Day
Pajarito — Sun 7:17 am packed powder machine groomed 39 - 39 base 32 of 44 trails, 73% open 5 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri 9a-4p; Sat/Sun 9a-4p; Open Fri-Mon
Red River — Sun 8:41 am packed powder machine groomed 50 - 55 base 57 of 57 trails 100% open, 257 acres, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.
Sandia Peak — Sat Reopen 03/14 variable 18 - 31 base 37 of 39 trails 95% open, 4 of 5 lifts, Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Open Sat/Sun,
Sipapu — Sun 4:13 am packed powder machine groomed 37 - 45 base 46 of 41 trails, 100% open 5 of 9 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Ski Apache — Sat 8:53 pm MG machine groomed 14 - 43 base 55 of 55 trails 100% open, 27 miles, 750 acres, 10 of 10 lifts, am Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p
Ski Santa Fe — Sun 9:59 am variable machine groomed 50 - 58 base 73 of 77 trails 100% open, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p
Taos — Sun 8:06 pm MG machine groomed 81 - 81 base 83 of 113 trails, 72% open 15 of 15 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p
Enchanted Forest XC — Tue No-Recent information packed powder machine groomed 24 - 50 base 22 miles Mon-Fri: 9a-4:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4:30p
Colorado
Arapahoe Basin — Sun 7:49 am packed powder machine groomed 50 - 50 base 104 of 109 trails 98% open, 960 acres, 8 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p
Aspen Highlands — Sun 8:13 am packed powder machine groomed 57 - 78 base 122 of 122 trails 100% open, 1040 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p
Aspen Mountain — Sun 8:12 am packed powder machine groomed 49 - 51 base 76 of 76 trails 100% open, 675 acres, 7 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p
Beaver Creek — Sun 5:15 am packed powder machine groomed 58 - 58 base 145 of 150 trails 100% open, 1832 acres, 24 of 25 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p
Breckenridge — Sun 5:19 am packed powder machine groomed 70 - 70 base 175 of 187 trails 94% open, 2758 acres, 34 of 35 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p
Buttermilk — Sun 8:11 am packed powder machine groomed 43 - 45 base 42 of 44 trails 95% open, 459 acres, 7 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p
Copper Mountain — Sun 4:53 am packed powder machine groomed 62 - 72 base 142 of 143 trails 99% open, 93 miles, 2465 acres; 23 of 23 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p
Crested Butte — Sun 5:22 am packed powder machine groomed 61 - 61 base 94 of 121 trails 98% open, 678 acres, 14 of 16 lifts, am Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p
Eldora — Sun 11:57 am packed powder machine groomed 58 - 58 base 53 of 53 trails, 100% open 10 of 11 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p
Keystone — Sun 5:18 am packed powder machine groomed 48 - 48 base 118 of 135 trails 94% open, 2853 acres, 19 of 20 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Grady to play Calvert in state tourney

From staff reports

The University Interscholastic League announced on Sunday that Grady will face Calvert in a Class A state semifinal game at 8:30 a.m. Thursday at San Antonio's Alamodome.

No. 4-ranked Grady (30-4) advanced to the state tournament with a 58-46 win over Menard in the Region II-A final on Saturday.

Calvert comes in with a record of 22-2 and and ranked No. 7.

2015 UIL Boys State Basketball Tournament At San Antonio's Alamodome

Thursday
Class A Semifinals
8:30 a.m.: Calvert (22-2) vs. Grady (30-4)
10 a.m.: Tadine (23-3) vs. Groford (30-3)
Class 3A Semifinals
1:30 p.m.: Brock (35-2) vs. Kountze (33-6)
3 p.m.: Universal City Randolph (30-3) vs. Childress (30-4)
Class 5A Semifinals
7 p.m.: El Paso Andress (33-1) vs. Lancaster (32-4)
8:30 p.m.:Beaumont Ozen (32-3) vs. Cedar Park (29-6)

Friday
Class 2A Semifinals
8:30 a.m.: Dallardsville Big Sandy (37-3) vs. Schulenburg (29-7)
10 a.m.: Carrollton (19-1) vs. Martin's Mill (33-4)
Class 4A Semifinals
1:30 p.m.: Bridgeport (33-4) vs. Dallas Madison (25-7)
3 p.m.: Houston Sterling (30-6) vs. La Marque (28-9)
Class 6A Semifinals
7 p.m.: Plano West (31-2) vs. Irving MacArthur (27-6)
8:30 p.m.:Houston Clear Lake (34-2) vs. Schertz Clemens (30-4)

Saturday
8:30 a.m.: Class 1A final
10 a.m.: Class 3A final
1:30 p.m.: Class 2A final
3 p.m.: Class 5A final
7 p.m.:Class 4A final
8:30 p.m.: lass 6A final

HALFMANN NAMED ALL-TOURNEY

Garden City's Holly Halfmann was named to Class A UIL Girls All-Tournament Team.

The 5-foot-8 senior scored 15 points in a 55-28 loss to Lipan in Thursday's state semifinal game.

O'Field commits to play at University of Buffalo

By Oscar LeRoy
oleroy@mrt.com

It only took one visit for Midland College freshman guard/forward Maurice O'Field to know that the University of Buffalo would be the right place for him.

O'Field confirmed Sunday night that he had verbally committed to play for coach Bobby Hurley, a former All-American at Duke, and the Bulls next season after getting back from an official visit.

The 6-foot-6 O'Field picked Buffalo over offers from Maryland, Gonzaga, Marquette, and Louisiana Tech.

O'Field

"I watched them play Bowling Green (a 77-75 win on Friday) when they won the MAC East regular season championship and the gym was packed and sold out," O'Field said. "Coach Hurley was great, and I also watched them work out the guards, and I thought it would be an amazing place to play and develop over the next three years.

"I've been talking to a lot of different programs. They're all great places but what was going on with the Buffalo program, I just want to be a part of it."

O'Field only spent one year at Midland College after transferring from East Tennessee State, where he sat out a year because of academics. As a Chap, he averaged 15.6 points and 4.1 rebounds per game.

O'Field said it also helped that the University of Buffalo was not too far from his hometown of Cleveland.

"It's only two hours away and Buffalo plays Toledo, Bowling Green and all those schools in Ohio, so that would be great for my family to come and watch," he said.

The first day that O'Field can officially sign will be on April 15 when the signing period begins for NCAA basketball.

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was no shark, there's no confidence, there's no poise, and you can see the whole atmosphere of the team diminish," Coleman said. "So the hitters have to do a better job of picking those guys up. They've got to continue to have energy, they have to continue to grind out at-bats. You can't give up 12 runs in one inning and then come out and go three up and three down. You've got to fight a little more than that. I see a non-competitive spirit of accepting where we're at instead of doing something about. And that's troublesome."

In the first game, the Hawks used a five-run second inning and three-run fourth against MC starter Daniel Crooks (2-2), who had been MC's most reliable starter, to get the win.

And once again, Howard got a complete-game performance from Kenny Roder, who allowed four runs on seven hits with one walk and six strikeouts. Two of the runs came off a Thibideau (2-for-3) home run, while Josh Narvaiz (2-for-2) drove in the other two.

"To be as short-staffed as we are, to get two complete games was huge," Smith said. "And to get them in the fashion we did, with minimal pitch counts, is going to be big for us down the road."

The teams will meet again in another doubleheader at noon today at Christensen Stadium. Coleman hopes to not only have enough arms available but an improved performance out of his pitching staff.

"We have to start right now," Coleman said. "It's got to get fixed by (today) because the games are going to keep coming. We have to change. It's not physical, because we see them in the bullpen, and we see them at practice, so the ability is there. We just have a hard time taking it to the game."

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FIRST GAME
HOWARD COLLEGE 8, MIDLAND COLLEGE 4

Howard	050	300	0	8	11 0
Midland	001	200	1	4	7 0

Kenny Roder and Ryan McCarvel. Daniel Crooks, Dustin Angel (4) and Bryndan Arredondo. W — Crooks, L — Roder. 2B — HC: McCarvel, MC: Gilbert Sanchez, Josh Narvaiz. HR — HC: Jamet DeHart, MC: Chris Thibideau (3). RBIs — HC: DeHart 2, McCarvel 2, Ishmael Edwards 2, Matthew Holcombe, Rahman Williams. MC: Thibideau 2, Narvaiz 2.

SECOND GAME
HOWARD COLLEGE 16, MIDLAND COLLEGE 3, 5 INNINGS

Howard	110	2(12)	16	9	1
Midland	003	00	3	4	1

Zach Winn and McCarvel. Brett Hinson, Aaron Rumfield (4), Jesse Borden (5), Jason Conway (5), Jacob DeAnda (5), Bryce Kidwell (5), Cade Davis (5) and Arredondo. W — Winn. L — Hinson (0-2). 2B - HC: Skyler Bean, Williams, DeHart. HR - HC: Edwards, MC: Thibideau (4). RBI — HC: Eddie Paparella 3, Edwards 2, DeHart 2, McCarvel 2, Williams 2, Bean 2, James Davison, Brandon Wagner, Holcombe.

Records: Midland College 8-9 3-3 in WJC AC, Howard College 14-5, 5-1

UTPB tennis teams split matches at Bush Tennis Center

From staff reports

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin tennis teams split their matches against Western New Mexico on Sunday at the Bush Tennis Center.

The Falcon women won their match, 5-4. Individual results were not available.

Then in the men's match, WNMU defeated UTPB, 9-0.

MEN
WESTERN NEW MEXICO 9, UTPB 0
Singles — 1 Juan Pablo Fuentes def Justin Pena 6-3, 6-2. 2 JeanLaurent Pageault def Thomas Ricet6-0, 6-4. 3 Tristan Da Lio def Devon Douglis 6-0, 3-1. 4 Alvaro Nunez def Leo Luna 6-1, 6-2. 5 Vladimir Ginitcoubov def Caio Aguiar 6-3, 6-1. 6 Omar Lopez def Josh Jones 6-3, 6-4.
Doubles — 1 Juan Pablo Fuentes-JeanLaurent Pageault def Justin Pena-Adam Cherney 8-6. 2 Tristan Da Lio-Omar Lopezdef Caio Aguiar-Thomas Rice 8-6. 3 Pablo Santibanez Alvaro Nunez def Devon Douglis-Leo Luna 8-3

Doping was ignored in Armstrong era, inquiry finds

By Ian Austen
N.Y. Times

For years, cycling's top officials turned a blind eye to doping, operating in deference primarily to one rider — Lance Armstrong — according to a reform commission that spent the past year excavating the sport's doping problems.

The three-member commission issued a scathing indictment of the sport's officials Sunday, laying much of the blame on a governing body that, it said, had interests that ran counter to any genuine efforts to expose doping.

The 227-page report detailed how Armstrong's extraordinary influence had not only compelled officials to ignore drug use but had also enabled his lawyer to secretly write and edit the report of an earlier investigation into Armstrong's doping practices.

The panel was appointed by the main target of its criticism, the International Cycling Union, commonly known as UCI, in January 2014 as part of an effort by its newly elected president to rebuild the sport after revelations of the sophisticated doping program of Armstrong and his team. In October 2012, the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency exposed Armstrong's years of cheating in devastating breadth and detail.

"For a long time, the main focus of UCI leadership was on the growth of the sport worldwide, and its priority was to protect the sport's reputation; doping was perceived as a threat to this," the report said, adding that "the emphasis of UCI's anti-doping policy was, therefore, to give the impression that UCI was tough on doping rather than actually being good at anti-doping."

Armstrong, the report suggests, personified the problem. Through interviews and internal documents, the commission found that his first Tour de France victory, a year after a police raid nearly shut down the 1998 race, was seen by the cycling union's leaders as the salvation of both the sport and their organization.

His stardom, the report suggests, effectively blinded the cycling union's leadership.

"Lance Armstrong was considered as a veritable icon by the institution: A cancer survivor who had managed to beat his disease, helped the sport to recover and to return some credibility to UCI," the panel wrote. "The UCI leadership did not know how to differentiate between Armstrong the hero, seven-time winner of the Tour, cancer survivor, huge financial and media success and a role model for thousands of fans, from Lance Armstrong the cyclist, a member of the peloton with the same rights and obligations as any other professional cyclist."

Representatives for Armstrong said Sunday that they had not seen the report. Armstrong has confessed to using performance-enhancing drugs for much of his cycling career.

The sweeping report, which documents the history of doping in cycling as well as current doping practices, also focuses much of its attention on Hein Verbruggen and Pat McQuaid, two former presidents of the cycling union who were close allies. The rise of powerful forms of doping based on synthetic human hormones like EPO, a blood booster, coincided with substantial growth in the size, power and finances of the cycling union under the leadership of Verbruggen and McQuaid.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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TEXAS ROUNDUP

Men

NO. 22 SMU 67 TULSA 62

DALLAS — Markus Kennedy scored 12 of his 16 points in the second half and No. 22 SMU won its first league title in 22 years Sunday, rallying past Tulsa 67-62 in a game that decided the American Athletic Conference regular-season championship.

The victory gave Hall of Fame coach Larry Brown and the Mustangs (24-6, 15-8) another item for their NCAA Tournament resume a year after getting snubbed and reaching the NIT championship game.

SMU is looking for its first NCAA berth since winning the old Southwest Conference in 1993.

James Woodard scored all of his career-high 30 points on 3-pointers for the Golden Hurricane (21-9, 14-4), who settled for second place after starting 10-0 in the conference but finishing 4-4 under first-year coach Frank Haith.

HOUSTON 72 EAST CAROLINA 54

HOUSTON — Jherrod Stiggers scored 17 points and Devonta Pollard added 14 with 11 rebounds on Sunday as Houston defeated East Carolina 72-54.

LeRon Barnes also had 14 and Wes VanBeck 10 for the Cougars (12-18, 4-14 American), who take a three-game winning streak to the conference tournament in Hartford, Connecticut next week.

The game was the 800th of UH coach Kelvin Sampson's career with his record in 26 season standing at 511-288.

Terry Whisnant led East Carolina (13-18, 6-12) with 13 points.

Houston shot 52 percent in the first half to open a 35-24 lead. With Stiggers scoring 14 of his points in the second half the Cougars steadily pulled way, leading by 21 late.

The Cougars are the 10-seed and face seventh-seeded Tulane on Thursday after eighth-seeded East Carolina meets No. 9 seed Central Florida. The other opening round game is defending national champion UConn, the sixth seed, facing No. 11 South Florida.

RAMS EARN AT-LARGE BID TO NCAA D-II SOUTH CENTRAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Rams (26-5) will be the NCAA Division II South Central Championship's sixth seed and will play No. 3 Texas A&M-Commerce in the first round of the tournament which will be held in Stephenville at Wisdom Gym.

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in their first Big 12 tournament opener Saturday.

"Nina Davis is a very, very tough matchup for us and she shows why she's the best player in the league," Cowgirls coach Jim Littell said. "Just outstanding the things that she can do athletically set her apart from a lot of people."

With a third game in three days upcoming, Davis was done after that last highlight play with 13:39 left that put Baylor up 59-32. She made 12 of 17 shots.

Johnson, the point guard and national assists leader, joined Davis on the bench less than a minute later.

The Lady Bears led by 31 points with 11:38 left before all their starters were out of the game.

"That will help a lot," Davis said. "Any type of rest that you can get is always great."

SCORES & TODAY'S GAMES

Men

SUNDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

Houston 72, East Carolina 54
SMU 67, Tulsa 62

SOUTH

McNeese St. 70, Cent. Arkansas 68

MIDWEST

Cincinnati 77, Memphis 65
Maryland 64, Nebraska 61
Penn St. 79, Minnesota 78
Wisconsin 72, Ohio St. 48

TOURNAMENT

America East Conference
Semifinals

Albany (NY) 80, New Hampshire 58
Stony Brook 79, Vermont 77

Atlantic Sun Conference
Championship

North Florida 63, SC-Upstate 57

Big South Conference
Championship

Coastal Carolina 81, Winthrop 70

Colonial Athletic Association
Semifinals

Northeastern 78, UNC Wilmington 71
William & Mary 92, Hofstra 91, 2OT

Conference Carolinas
Championship

North Greenville 68, Mount Olive 66

Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
Semifinals

Iona 95, Monmouth (NJ) 77
Manhattan 65, St. Peter's 48

Mid-South Conference
Championship

Campbellsville 72, Cumberlands 69

Missouri Valley Conference
Championship

N. Iowa 69, Illinois St. 60

Patriot League
Semifinals

American U. 73, Colgate 62
Lafayette 80, Bucknell 74

Southern Conference
Semifinals

Furman 52, Mercer 49
Wofford 73, W. Carolina 61

Summit League
First Round

Oral Roberts 58, IUPUI 56
South Dakota 82, IPFW 73

NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Glance

First Round
Thursday, March 5
At Washington, D.C
Catholic 87, Alvernia 80
At St. Louis
DePauw 83, Washington (Mo.) 73
Friday, March 6
At Alliance, Ohio
Calvin 78, Oswego State 69
Mount Union 87, Neumann 59
At Whitewater, Wis.
St. Olaf 90, Ohio Wesleyan 78
Defiance 83, Wisconsin-Whitewater 71
At Marietta, Ohio
Wooster 84, Misericordia 59
Marietta 120, Medaille 81
At Babson Park, Mass
Scranton 72, Baruch 62
Babson 75, Westfield State 62
At Baltimore
Skidmore 81, Wesleyan (Conn.) 66
Johns Hopkins 95, Keene State 78
At Galloway, N.J
Bates 92, St. Vincent 79
Richard Stockton 81, Endicott 61
At Hartford, Conn.
Salisbury 66, Eastern Connecticut State 54
Trinity (Conn.) 80, Colby-Sawyer 55
At Rochester, N.Y
Amherst 91, Sage 57
John Fisher 76, WPI 70
At Carlisle, Pa.
Albertus Magnus 68, Springfield 58
Dickinson 74, Regis (Mass.) 64
At Wayne, N.J
Virginia Wesleyan 101, John Carroll 86
William Paterson 80, Cobleskill State 54
At DePere, Wis.
Northwestern (Minn.) 71, St. Thomas (Minn.) 70
Elmhurst 110, St. Norbert 98
At Marshall
Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 79, Texas Lutheran 55
East Texas Baptist 75, Hendrix 73
At Stevens Point, Wis
Illinois Wesleyan 72, Dubuque 53
Wisconsin-Stevens Point 88, Concordia (Wis.) 56
At Atlanta
Whitworth 88, LaGrange 60
Emory 88, Spalding 59

Second Round
Saturday, March 7
At Rock Island, Ill.
Augustana (Ill.) 68, DePauw 66
At Ashland, Va.
Randolph-Macon 78, Catholic 65
At Alliance, Ohio
Mount Union 81, Calvin 69
At Whitewater, Wis.
St. Olaf 68, Defiance 63
At Marietta, Ohio
Marietta 88, Wooster 86
At Babson Park, Mass.
Babson 54, Scranton 47
At Baltimore
Johns Hopkins 61, Skidmore 58
At Galloway, N.J.
Bates 68, Richard Stockton 59
At Hartford, Conn.
Trinity (Conn.) 60, Salisbury 47
At Rochester, N.Y.
St. John Fisher 87, Amherst 70
At Carlisle, Pa.
Dickinson 74, Albertus Magnus 72
At Wayne, N.J.
Virginia Wesleyan 77, William Paterson 74
At DePere, Wis.
Northwestern (Minn.) 84, Elmhurst 75
At Marshall
East Texas Baptist 80, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 75
At Stevens Point, Wis.
Wisconsin-Stevens Point 70, Illinois Wesleyan 53
At Atlanta
Emory 85, Whitworth 84

Third Round
Friday
At Rock Island, Ill.
Marietta vs. St. Olaf, 6:30 p.m.
Mount Union at Augustana (Ill.), 8:30 p.m.
At Babson Park, Mass.
Trinity (Conn.) vs. Bates, 4:30 p.m.
Johns Hopkins at Babson, 6:30 p.m.
At Ashland, Va.
Dickinson vs. Virginia Wesleyan, TBA
St. John Fisher at Randolph-Macon, TBA
At Stevens Point, Wis.
Northwestern (Minn.) vs. East Texas Baptist, TBA
Emory at Wisconsin-Stevens Point, TBA

Quarterfinals
Saturday
At Rock Island, Ill.
Augustana (Ill.)/Mount Union winner vs. Marietta/St. Olaf winner, 8 p.m.
At Babson Park, Mass.
Johns Hopkins/Babson winner vs. Trinity (Conn.)/Bates winner, 7 p.m.
At Ashland, Va.
Randolph-Macon/St. John Fisher winner vs. Dickinson/Virginia Wesleyan winner, TBA
At Stevens Point, Wis.
Northwestern (Minn.)/East Texas Baptist winner vs. Wisconsin-Stevens Point/Emory winner, TBA
At Salem (Va.) Civic Center
Semifinals
Friday, March 20
TBD, 4:30 p.m.
TBD, 7 p.m. Championship
Saturday, March 21
Semifinal winners, 2 p.m.

TODAY'S GAMES
TOURNAMENTS

Colonial Athletic Association
At Baltimore
Championship
William & Mary vs. Northeastern, 6 p.m.
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
At Albany, N.Y
Championship
Iona vs. Manhattan, 8 p.m.
Mid-American Conference
First Round
Ball State at Bowling Green, 6 p.m.
Northern Illinois at Akron, 6 p.m.
Miami (Ohio) at Eastern Michigan, 6 p.m.
Ohio at Western Michigan, 7 p.m.
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
At Norfolk, Va
First Round
Delaware State vs. Savannah State, 5:30 p.m.
Hampton vs. Morgan State, 8 p.m.
Southern Conference
At Asheville, N.C
Championship
Wofford vs. Furman, 6 p.m.
Summit League
At Sioux Falls, S.D
Semifinals
South Dakota State vs. South Dakota, 6 p.m.
North Dakota State vs. Oral Roberts, 8:30 p.m.
West Coast Conference
At Las Vegas
Semifinals
Gonzaga vs. Pepperdine, 8 p.m.
Portland vs. BYU, 10:30 p.m.

Women

TOURNAMENT

America East Conference
Semifinals

Albany (NY) 66, UMBC 37
Hartford 65, Maine 54

American Athletic Conference
Semifinals

South Florida 78, Tulane 69
UConn* 106, East Carolina 56

Atlantic 10 Conference
Championship

George Washington 75, Dayton 62

Atlantic Coast Conference
Championship

Notre Dame 71, Florida St. 58
Baylor 69, Oklahoma St. 52
Texas 59, Oklahoma 46

Big East Conference
Quarterfinals

DePaul 87, Xavier 53
Seton Hall 77, Marquette 51
St. John's 57, Creighton 54
Villanova 70, Butler 49

Big South Conference
Championship

Liberty 74, High Point 64

Big Ten Conference
Championship

Maryland 77, Ohio St. 74

Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
Semifinals

Marist 67, Fairfield 50
Quinnipiac 64, Siena 47

Mid-South Conference
Championship

Shawnee St. 74, Campbellsville 67, OT

Northeast Conference
First Round

Bryant 76, Mount St. Mary's 54
CCSU *2, LIU Brooklyn 51
Robert Morris 88, Fairleigh Dickinson 61
St. Francis (NY) 77, Sacred Heart 59

Pacific-12 Conference
Championship

Stanford 61, California 60

South Atlantic Conference
Championship

Newberry 64, Anderson (SC) 58
Southeastern Conference Championship
Sous. Carolina 62, Tennessee 46

Southern Conference
Championship

Chattanooga 61, ETSU 56, OT

Summit League
First Round

IUPUI 66, W. Illinois 59
Oral Roberts 71, N. Dakota St. 58

NCAA DIVISION III TOURNAMENT

First Round
Friday, March 6
At Newberg, Ore.
Puget Sound 61, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 56
George Fox 83, Penn State-Abington 28
At Grand Rapids, Mich.
Wisconsin-Oshkosh 87x North Central (Ill.) 82
Calvin 80, Baldwin Wallace 66
At Greencastle, Ind.
Marryville (Tenn.) 68, John Carroll 56
DePauw 83, Hanover 57
At Montclair, N.J.
Stevens 67, Williams 55
Montclair State 78, Regis (Mass.) 45
At Brunswick, Maine
Ithaca 82, Mount St. Vincent 72
Bowdoin 70, Babson 57
At Salisbury, Md.
Richard Stockton 68, McDaniel 49
Salisbury 68, Bridgewater State 63
At New York
Amherst 88, Eastern 51
NYU 51, Virginia Wesleyan 50
At Medford, Mass.
St. John Fisher 62, Skidmore 60
Tufts 87, Pine Manor 46
At Scranton, Pa.
Baruch 70, Stevenson 59
Eastern Connecticut State 50, Scranton 48 At Madison, N.J
New England 54, Catholic 50
FDU-Florham 84, Johnson & Wales (R.I.) 80
At Geneseo, N.Y
Muhlenberg 60, Cabrini 57
Geneseo State 84, Castleton 40
At Crestview Hills, Ky.
Eastern Mennonite 77, La Roche 76
Thomas More 83, Greensboro 61
At St. Louis
Wittenberg 80, Transylvania 73
Washington (Mo.) 75, Spalding 64
At St. Paul, Minn
Luther 72, St. Norbert 61
St. Thomas (Minn.) 70, Minnesota Morris 31
At Wheaton, Ill
Hope 75, Bethel (Minn.) 63
Wisconsin-Lutheran 70, Wheaton (Ill.) 67
Saturday, March 7
At Richardson
Texas-Tyler 75, Southwestern 41
Texas Dallas 63, Rhodes 38

Second Round
Saturday, March 7
At Newberg, Ore
George Fox 67, Puget Sound 49
At Grand Rapids, Mich
Calvin 91, Wisconsin-Oshkosh 72
At Greencastle, Ind.
DePauw 76, Marryville (Tenn.) 53
At Montclair, N.J
Montclair State 53, Stevens 48
At Brunswick, Maine
Bowdoin 71, Ithaca 66 At Salisbury, Md
Salisbury 61, Richard Stockton 54
At New York
Amherst 70, NYU 47
At Medford, Mass
Tufts 72, St. John Fisher 67 At Scranton, Pa
Eastern Connecticut State 73, Baruch 62
At Madison, N.J
FDU-Florham 91, New England 75
At Geneseo, N.Y
Geneseo State 69, Muhlenberg 54
At Crestview Hills, Ky
Thomas More 85, Eastern Mennonite 65
At St. Louis
Washington (Mo.) 80, Wittenberg 58
At St. Paul, Minn
St. Thomas (Minn.) 60, Luther 57
At Wheaton, Ill
Hope 72, Wisconsin-Lutheran 44
Sunday
At Richardson
Texas-Tyler 67, Texas Dallas 65

Third Round
Friday, March 13
At Grand Rapids, Mich
George Fox vs. Texas-Tyler TBA
DePauw at Calvin TBA
At Medford, Mass
FDU-Florham vs. Geneseo State TBA
Eastern Connecticut State at Tufts TBA
At Crestview Hills, Ky
St. Thomas (Minn.) vs. Hope TBA
Washington (Mo.) at Thomas More TBA
At Monclair, N.J
Salisbury vs. Amherst TBA
Bowdoin at Montclair State TBA

Quarterfinals
Saturday, March 14
At Grand Rapids, Mich
George Fox-Texas-Tyler winner vs. Calvin/DePauw winner TBA
At Medford, Mass
Tufts-Eastern Connecticut State winner vs. FDU-Florham-Geneseo State winner TBA
At Crestview Hills, Ky
Thomas More-Washington (Mo.) winner vs. St. Thomas (Minn.)-Hope winner TBA
At Monclair, N.J
Montclair State-Bowdoin winner vs. Salisbury-Amherst winner TBA

Semifinals
At Grand Rapids, Mich
Friday, March 20
4 or 6 30 p.m
4 or 6 30 p.m
Saturday, March 21
Third Place
Semifinal losers, 3 p.m
Championship
Semifinal winners, 6:30 p.m

TODAY'S GAMES
TOURNAMENTS

American Athletic Conference
At Uncasville, Conn.
Championship
UConn vs South Florida, 6 p.m
Big East Conference
At Rosemont, Ill.
Semifinals
Seton Hall vs. St. John's, 5:30 p.m
DePaul vs. Villanova, 8 p.m
Big 12 Conference
At Dallas
Championship
Baylor vs. Texas, 8 p.m
Horizon League
At Campus Sites
First Round
Valparaiso at Milwaukee, 7 p.m
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
At Springfield, Mass.
Championship
Quinnipiac vs. Marist, 1 p.m
Mid-American Conference
First Round
Kent State at Eastern Michigan, 4 p.m
Bowling Green at Western Michigan, 4:30 p.m
Central Michigan at Northern Illinois, 5:30 p.m
Miami (Ohio) at Toledo, 8 p.m
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
At Norfolk, Va.
First Round
Norfolk State vs. Delaware State, 10 a.m
S.C. State vs. Howard, 12:30 p.m.
Bethune-Cookman vs. Florida A&M, 3 p.m
Mountain West Conference
At Las Vegas
First Round
San Jose State vs. Utah State, 4 p.m
San Diego State vs. Nevada, 6:30 p.m
Wyoming vs. Air Force, 9 p.m.
Patriot League
At Campus Sites
Semifinals
Navy at American, 6 p.m.
Lehigh at Army, 6 p.m.
Summit League
At Sioux Falls, S.D.
Semifinals
South Dakota vs. IUPUI, Noon
South Dakota State vs. Oral Roberts, 2:30 p.m.
West Coast Conference
At Las Vegas
Semifinals
Gonzaga vs. BYU, 2 p.m.
Santa Clara vs. San Francisco, 4:30 p.m.

NBA ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MAVERICKS 100 LAKERS 93

LOS ANGELES — Monta Ellis scored 18 of his 31 points in the third quarter, and the Dallas Mavericks closed with a 16-3 spurt in the final 6:36 to beat the Los Angeles Lakers 100-93 on Sunday night.

Dirk Nowitzki had 12 points for the Mavericks, who had lost four of five. They played without point guard Devin Harris for the second straight game because of an injured right hand, but Chandler Parsons returned to the lineup and finished with 11 points and six rebounds in 35 minutes after missing seven games with a sprained left ankle.

Carlos Boozer had 17 points and eight rebounds off the bench for the Lakers, who have lost five straight and 21 of 25.

Al-Farouq Aminu scored six points in a 1:36 span and Rajon Rondo added a 17-footer to give the Mavericks a 92-90 edge with 4:12 remaining after they trailed by six on Boozer's reverse layup with 6:36 to play.

WARRIORS 106 CLIPPERS 98

OAKLAND, Calif. — Draymond Green had 23 points and six assists and the Golden State Warriors beat the Los Angeles Clippers 106-98 on Sunday for their sixth straight home victory.

Klay Thompson added 21 points on 9-for-13 shooting in the matinee with both teams leaving town and having a game Monday.

Shaun Livingston gave Golden State another nice lift off the bench with a season-best 21 points and eight rebounds in 28 minutes as the supporting cast took some pressure off do-everything point guard Stephen Curry.

Curry, greeted by chants of "M-V-P!," didn't score his first field goal until 5:16 before halftime and finished with 12 points and four assists.

Austin Rivers had 22 points off the bench and JJ Redick scored 18 points to lead Los Angeles in another physical, testy matchup between the rivals after the Clippers eliminated Golden State in the first round of last season's playoffs.

JAZZ 95 NETS 88

NEW YORK — Gordon Hayward scored 24 points, including five straight to stop a Nets rally, and the Utah Jazz beat Brooklyn 95-88 on Sunday night.

Former Nets forward Derrick Favors added 22 points and eight rebounds for the Jazz, who won for the seventh time in nine games and finished off a 3-1 road trip in which they were a second away from being perfect.

Hayward's flurry started a 10-0 run after the Nets were within a point midway through the fourth quarter.

Brook Lopez had 19 points and 10 rebounds in his return to the Nets starting lineup. Thaddeus Young also was inserted into the lineup to make his first start since being acquired from Minnesota for Kevin Garnett at the trade deadline. He also scored 19 highs of 11 points and 16 rebounds.

HORNETS 108 PISTONS 101

AUBURN HILLS — Al Jefferson scored 24 points and the streaking Charlotte Hornets beat the Detroit Pistons 108-101 on Sunday night in a matchup of Eastern Conference playoff hopefuls.

The Hornets have won five straight to strengthen their bid for a postseason berth, while Detroit has dropped six in a row.

Mo Williams had 19 points and nine assists for the Hornets, and Gerald Henderson added 13 points, nine assists and six rebounds. Charlotte put all five starters in double figures for the fifth time in six games.

Reggie Jackson led the Pistons with 25 points, but scored only four on 2-of-9 shooting in the second half. Greg Monroe added 18 points and 11 rebounds, but the Pistons continued to struggle from outside, shooting only 3 of 14 on 3-pointers.

THUNDER 108 RAPTORS 104

OKLAHOMA CITY — Russell Westbrook posted his fifth triple-double in six games to help the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the Toronto Raptors 108-104 on Sunday night.

Westbrook, the NBA's leading scorer, had 30 points, matched a career high with 17 assists and grabbed 11 rebounds for his seventh triple-double of the season and 15th of his career.

Enes Kanter had 21 points and 12 rebounds and Serge Ibaka had 21 points and five blocks for the Thunder, who remained alone in eighth place in the Western Conference standings.

The Thunder shot 51 percent from the field and outrebounded the Raptors 49-33.

DeMar DeRozan scored 24 points and Terrence Ross added 20 for the Raptors, who lost their third straight

SPURS

From 1C

Noah after stripping Mike Dunleavy as he drove the lane for a 91-77 lead with 11 minutes remaining.

"It starts with Kawhi," Parker said. "Kawhi has been unbelievable the last four or five games getting steals and getting stuff going on defense."

Gasol had 23 points and Aaron Brooks added 22 to lead Chicago.

Kirk Hinrich's 3-pointer pulled the Bulls to 93-85, but the Spurs then made three straight 3-pointers midway through the final quarter to pull away.

Already without All-Star point guard Derrick Rose, Chicago was missing Jimmy Butler and Taj Gibson.

"I was worried if we were going to have the ability to score enough and I think we can score enough," Bulls coach Tom Thibodeau said. "The big thing is taking care of the ball and making sure we get back defensively."

San Antonio (39-23) ned Dallas for sixth in the Western Conference. The Mavericks play the Los Angeles Lakers on Sunday night.

TIP-INS

Bulls: Gasol, who leads the NBA in double-doubles, recorded his 42nd early in the second half Sunday. ... Nikola Mirotic was averaging 22 points in his previous four games and had 19 on 5-for-10 shooting against the Spurs. ... Butler (left elbow sprain) and Gibson (left ankle) both sat out.

Spurs: Parker is averaging 25 points and four assists during the team's current homestand. ... San Antonio is halfway through a six-game homestand after returning from a nearly month long Rodeo Road Trip. The Spurs will host Toronto, Cleveland and Minnesota before embarking on a two-game road trip. ... San Antonio wore its "Los Spurs" jerseys to commemorate its Latin Nights promotion.

A DUBIOUS FIRST

Popovich was jokingly asked if he would talk to Duncan so he wouldn't have a basket-less game again.

"I don't talk to Timmy too much anymore," Popovich said. "So, if you want to tell him, go ahead. Say, 'What the hell was that all about? What are you doing?'"

TOUGH SCHEDULE

Chicago is in the midst of playing four games in five nights. They lost to Indiana on Friday to split a back-to-back against the Pacers and the Oklahoma City Thunder and will host Memphis on Monday night.

NBA STANDINGS AND BOXES

STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	38	25	.603	—
Boston	25	36	.410	12
Brooklyn	25	36	.410	12
Philadelphia	14	49	.222	24
New York	12	49	.197	25

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Atlanta	49	13	.790	—
Washington	35	26	.556	14 1/2
Charlotte	28	33	.459	20 1/2
Miami	28	34	.452	21
Orlando	21	43	.328	29

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	40	25	.615	—
Chicago	39	25	.609	1/2
Milwaukee	33	29	.532	5 1/2
Indiana	28	34	.452	10 1/2
Detroit	23	39	.371	15 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	44	18	.710	—
Houston	43	20	.683	1 1/2
Dallas	41	24	.631	4 1/2
San Antonio	39	23	.629	5
New Orleans	34	29	.540	10 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	41	20	.672	—
Oklahoma City	35	28	.556	6
Utah	26	36	.419	15 1/2
Denver	22	41	.349	20
Minnesota	14	47	.230	27

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	49	12	.803	—
L.A. Clippers	40	23	.635	10
Phoenix	33	31	.516	17 1/2
Sacramento	21	40	.344	28
L.A. Lakers	16	46	.258	33 1/2

x-clinched playoff spot

Sunday's Scores

San Antonio 116, Chicago 105
Golden State 106, L.A. Clippers 98
Orlando 103, Boston 98
Charlotte 108, Detroit 101
Utah 95, Brooklyn 88
Oklahoma City 108, Toronto 104
Dallas 100, L.A. Lakers 93

Today's Games

Washington at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Sacramento at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m
Boston at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Memphis at Chicago, 7 p.m
New Orleans at Milwaukee, 7 p.m
New York at Denver, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY'S BOXES

SPURS 116, BULLS 105

CHICAGO (105): Dunleavy 3-5 4-4 12, Gasol 9-16 5-6 23, Noah 2-3 0-0 4, Brooks 7-12 7-8 22, Snell 0-6 0-0 0, Mohammed 4-4 0-0 8, Hinrich 2-6 1-2 6, Mirotic 5-10 9-9 19, Moore 4-8 0-0 8, McDermott 1-5 0-0 3. Totals 37-73 28-29 105.

SAN ANTONIO (116): Leonard 9-20 2-2 20, Duncan 0-8 3-4 3, Splitter 4-7 0-0 8, Parker 13-19 5-8 32, Green 4-8 0-0 11, Ginobili 5-8 5-6 16, Baynes 1-3 0-0 2, Mills 6-9 0-0 15, Diaw 1-1 0-0 2, Bonner 0-3 2-2 2, Belinelli 1-4 2-2 5, Joseph 0-1 0-0 0, Ayres 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 44-80 19-24 116.

Chicago	19	20	30	36	— 105
San Antonio	25	32	30	29	— 116

3-Point Goals—Chicago 5-15 (Dunleavy 2-4, McDermott 1-1, Hinrich 1-2, Brooks 1-3, Mirotic 0-2, Snell 0-3), San Antonio 9-22 (Mills 3-4, Green 3-6, Parker 1-1, Belinelli 1-3, Ginobili 1-3, Duncan 0-1, Leonard 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Chicago 49 (Gasol 15), San Antonio 41 (Duncan, Leonard 8). Assists—Chicago 20 (Noah 9), San Antonio 14 (Duncan, Belinelli 6). Total Fouls—Chicago 24, San Antonio 22. A—18,581. (18,797).

MAVERICKS 100, LAKERS 93

DALLAS (100): Parsons 5-11 0-1 11, Nowitzki 5-12 2-0 12, Chandler 2-2 4-4 8, Rondo 4-10 0-0 8, Ellis 12-22 2-6 31, Stoudemire 1-4 3-4 5, Jefferson 1-3 0-0 2, Barea 3-5 0-0 6, Felton 0-2 0-0 0, Aminu 3-7 6-7 13. Totals 38-78 15-22 100.

L.A. LAKERS (93): Johnson 6-9 2-3 15, Hill 4-6 1-2 9, Davis 2-5 2-2 6, Clarkson 6-13 3-4 15, Ellington 6-16 0-0 13, Lin 1-6 5-6 7, Boozer 8-15 1-1 17, Davis 5-8 0-2 10, Kelly 0-4 2-3 2. Totals 38-82 15-21 93.

Dallas	25	19	31	25	— 100
L.A. Lakers	24	20	33	16	— 93

3-Point Goals—Dallas 9-26 (Ellis 5-7, Nowitzki 2-5, Aminu 1-4, Parsons 1-5, Felton 0-1, Jefferson 0-2, Rondo 0-2), L.A. Lakers 2-14 (Johnson 1-3, Ellington 1-7, Clarkson 0-1, Lin 0-1, Kelly 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Dallas 40 (Chandler, Parsons 6), L.A. Lakers 57 (Davis, Boozer 8). Assists—Dallas 21 (Rondo 9), L.A. Lakers 23 (Lin, Clarkson 5). Total Fouls—Dallas 20, L.A. Lakers 24. A—18,997. (18,997).

WARRIORS 106, CLIPPERS 98

L.A. CLIPPERS (98): M.Barnes 4-7 1-2 9, Hawes 2-6 0-0 4, Jordan 2-2 2-4 6, Paul 7-17 0-0 14, Redick 8-12 0-0 18, Rivers 8-14 5-5 22, Davis 4-11 0-1 8, Turkoglu 4-7 0-0 12, Roberson 1-6 2-2 5, Hamilton 0-1 0-0 0, Wilcox 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-83 10-14 98.

GOLDEN STATE (106): H.Barnes 3-12 3-4 10, Green 8-15 4-4 23, Bogut 1-2 0-0 2, Curry 3-9 4-4 12, Thompson 9-13 0-0 21, Iguodala 1-5 2-2 4, Barbosa 4-7 0-0 9, Speights 0-0 0-0 0, Ezeli 0-0 0-0 0, Livingston 9-14 3-5 21, Lee 2-3 0-4 4. Holiday 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-80 16-23 106.

L.A. Clippers	28	22	18	30	— 98
Golden State	29	28	30	19	— 106

3-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers 8-25 (Turkoglu 4-7, Redick 2-5, Robinson 1-2, Rivers 1-4, M.Barnes 0-3, Paul 0-4). Golden State 10-22 (Thompson 3-5, Green 3-7, Curry 2-2, Barbosa 1-1, H.Barnes 1-4, Iguodala 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Clippers 47 (Jordan 14), Golden State 47 (Livingston, H.Barnes 8). Assists—L.A. Clippers 25 (Paul 11), Golden State 23 (Green 6). Total Fouls—L.A. Clippers 22, Golden State 15. Technicals—Rivers, Livingston. A—19,596 (19,596).

JAZZ 95, NETS 88

UTAH (95): Hayward 7-15 8-9 24, Favors 8-16 6-8 22, Gobert 1-4 2-2 4, Exum 5-6 0-0 14, Ingles 1-5 0-0 2, Burke 5-11 0-0 12, Millsap 2-4 1-2 6, Booker 4-7 0-0 8, Hood 1-4 0-0 3. Totals 34-72 17-21 95.

BROOKLYN (88): Johnson 4-10 0-0 9, Young 9-17 0-0 19, Lopez 8-17 3-5 19, Williams 3-8 1-2 6, Brown 1-4 0-0 3, Bogdanovic 4-7 0-0 11, Plumlee 2-2 0-2 4, Jefferson 3-5 0-2 6, Jack 3-6 4-6 12, Anderson 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 38-78 4-11 88.

Utah	21	21	24	29	— 95
Brooklyn	24	19	20	25	— 88

3-Point Goals—Utah 10-22 (Exum 4-4, Burke 2-5, Hayward 2-6, Millsap 1-1, Hood 1-3, Booker 0-1, Ingles 0-2), Brooklyn 8-15 (Bogdanovic 3-4, Williams 1-1, Johnson 1-2, Jack 1-2, Brown 1-2, Young 1-2, Lopez 0-1, Anderson 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Utah 51 (Gobert 11), Brooklyn 36 (Lopez 10). Assists—Utah 24 (Gobert 5), Brooklyn 21 (Johnson, Jack 4). Total Fouls—Utah 12, Brooklyn 18. A—17,041 (17,732).

MAGIC 103, CELTICS 98

BOSTON (98): Sullinger 2-12 2-2 7, Bass 9-14 0-0 19, Zeller 3-9 0-0 6, Smart 6-16 3-0 16, Turner 3-8 2-2 10, Olynyk 1-5 0-0 2, Thomas 5-14 8-10 21, Jerebko 2-4 1-2 5, Young 0-2 0-0 0, Jacome 4-6 0-0 10. Totals 35-89 13-16 98.

ORLANDO (103): Harris 8-17 3-3 21, Frye 2-10 1-2 6, Dedmon 4-6 3-6 11, Payton 7-16 5-6 19, Oladipo 7-16 0-2 16, Nicholson 3-5 0-0 6, D.Quinn 0-0 0-0 0, B.Gordon 0-3 2-4 2, A.Gordon 1-1 0-0 2, Harkless 6-11 0-3 14. Totals 38-87 11-20 103.

Boston	31	18	20	29	— 98
Orlando	17	26	26	34	— 103

3-Point Goals—Boston 15-34 (Smart 4-9, Thomas 3-8, Jacome 2-2, Turner 2-3, Jerebko 2-3, Bass 1-1, Crowder 1-5, Olynyk 0-1, Young 0-1, Orlando 7-22 (Harkless 2-3, Oladipo 2-3, Harris 2-7, Frye 1-4, B.Gordon 0-1, Payton 0-1, Nicholson 0-1, A.Gordon 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Boston 51 (Sullinger 17), Orlando 65 (Dedmon 16). Assists—Boston 24 (Thomas 9), Orlando 20 (Payton 7). Total Fouls—Boston 23, Orlando 15. Flagrant Fouls—Smart. Thomas. Ejected—Smart. A—17,941 (18,500).

HORNETS 108, PISTONS 101

CHARLOTTE (108): Kidd-Gilchrist 4-9 2-2 10, Zeller 4-5 3-3 11, Jefferson 10-14 4-6 24, M. Williams 6-15 5-8 21, Henderson 5-12 2-2 13, Ma.Williams 3-8 0-0 8, Biyombo 3-3 1-2 7, Roberts 2-3 0-0 5, Stephenson 4-8 0-0 9, Taylor 0-2 0-0 0, Maxiell 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 41-79 20-23 108.

DETROIT (101): Prince 3-5 0-0 6, Monroe 7-11 4-6 18, Drummond 7-13 2-4 16, Jackson 9-21 5-9 25, Caldwell-Pope 4-15 3-4 11, Tolliver 2-3 0-0 4, S.Williams 2-4 0-0 4, Meeks 3-12 6-6 13, Lucas III 2-4 0-0 4, Butler 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 39-89 20-25 101.

Charlotte	27	27	24	30	— 108
Detroit	33	29	22	17	— 101

3-Point Goals—Charlotte 6-17 (Ma.Williams 2-5, Roberts 1-2, Stephenson 1-2, Henderson 1-3, M.Williams 1-5). Detroit 3-14 (Jackson 2-4, Meeks 1-3, Tolliver 0-1, Prince 0-1, S.Williams 0-1, Caldwell-Pope 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Charlotte 47 (Jefferson 8), Detroit 49 (Monroe 11). Assists—Charlotte 32

Dustin Johnson back to golf, back to winning

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

DORAL, Fla. — A month after he returned from his curious leave of absence, Dustin Johnson was posing with another big trophy.

In a power show Sunday on the Blue Monster, Johnson was flawless on the back nine and blasted two big drives to finish off a 3-under 69 and win the Cadillac Championship for his second World Golf Championship title.

Johnson took advantage of a collapse by J.B. Holmes, who lost a five-shot lead and closed with a 75 to finish one shot behind. Masters champion Bubba Watson opened with four birdies in seven holes to lead by two shots, only to make three bogeys in a four-hole stretch on the back nine. He shot 71 and finished two behind.

Johnson won for the ninth time in his PGA Tour career and moved to No. 7 in the world.

It looked as though the 30-year-old Johnson was never gone.

He returned just five weeks ago from a six-month leave of absence to seek professional help for what he described only as personal challenge. Golf.com reported in August that Johnson had failed a cocaine test for the second time, and that he previously was suspended in 2012 under similar circumstances.

Johnson only said, "No," when asked if he failed a drug test in an interview before his return.

The swagger was back at Trump National Doral, especially on the finishing holes. But when he tapped in for par, it was clear this victory meant more than the others. He walked off with fiancee Paulina Gretzky — the daughter of hockey great Wayne Gretzky — and their son, Tatum, who was born in January.

"I knew I was really good," Johnson said. "I knew there was something I was missing that could make me great. I was working hard on that, and I think it's showing right now. ... It's tough. I'm so excited right now. I can't hardly talk. It feels great. The one definitely, by far, is the best one."

One day after Johnson made a hole-in-one on the par-3 fourth hole, he nearly did it again, missing the cup by an inch. That was his first birdie, and two birdies on the par 5s around the turn drew him closer as Watson began to slip.

Watson laid up into the rough on the par-5 12th hole, caught a plugged lie in a bunker and made his second straight bogey to create a three-way tie for the lead with three of the longest hitters in golf. Johnson took the lead for the first time when he made a 10-foot par putt on the 14th hole, and Holmes missed his par from 6 feet.

The pivotal moment came on the par-3 15th, when Johnson rolled in a birdie from inside 15 feet for a two-shot lead.

He made all the right moves the rest of the way.

Johnson finished at 9-under 279, adding to the WGC title he won in Shanghai at the end of 2013. He was on top of his game, one of golf's most athletic figures who already had contended in three majors. Then came the indefinite leave, forcing him to miss the Ryder Cup and the FedEx Cup playoffs.

And now he's back.

In five tournaments, he has missed the cut twice, lost in a playoff at Riviera and tied for fourth at Pebble Beach.

It was the second close call this year for Holmes, who lost in a playoff at Torrey Pines. It was a struggle from the start, and Holmes lost his five-shot lead in the first 30 minutes, and fell behind with three bogeys in his opening six holes.

His lone birdie was a two-putt on the 293-yard 16th hole, but he didn't have good birdie chances on the final two holes. And Johnson didn't make any mistakes. He twice hit tee shots over 300 yards on the two closing holes, the last hole so bold that it challenged the corner of the water. It sailed right over, and Johnson was on his way.

Watson went bunker-to-bunker on the 11th for bogey, made another on the 12th and drove into the trees on the 14th for another bogey.

Adam Scott (71) and Henrik Stenson (72) tied for fourth, though they were five shots behind.

Rory McIlroy got his 3-iron back, the one he heaved into the water on the eighth hole Friday. A driver retrieved and Donald Trump delivered it to him on the range. McIlroy used it on the 18th hole and hit into the water for a double bogey and a 72. The world's No. 1 player, who missed the cut in the Honda Classic last week, tied for ninth.

Wilfredo Lee/AP

Dustin Johnson holds the Gene Sarazen Cup after winning the Cadillac Championship on Sunday in Doral, Fla.

Defending champ Harvick grabs 1st win of season at Las Vegas

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — After winning the Sprint Cup championship in their first season together, Kevin Harvick and his team came up with a new set of goals this year.

Near the top of the list was winning at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

Harvick, who grew up racing across the West Coast, had never won at Las Vegas and he told crew chief Rodney Childers "It would mean the world to him to come here and win."

So Stewart-Haas Racing built him a fast race car for their first visit to the track, and the team felt it had a chance to win last year's race. But a mechanical failure derailed his effort, and the loss stuck with them for the entire year.

"Just dwelling on that for 12 months and thinking about everything that you needed to do better and how much this race would mean to him, we just put a lot of effort into it," Childers said.

Harvick pulled off the overdue victory Sunday, grabbing his first win of the season.

It came in just the third race of the season, and Harvick has been inching toward victory lane since he began his title defense. He finished second in the season-opening Daytona 500, was second last week at Atlanta and, dating back to last season, has six consecutive top-two finishes. He also has won three of the last six races dating to last season.

Harvick isn't looking too far ahead, though.

"We just have to keep our heads down and keep doing everything that we've been doing," he said. "This isn't a bunch of guys that are just going to go out and brag. We're going to race every week like we have never won a race before. That's the kind of determination that you need when you are going to do this stuff."

Harvick now has a win that gives him a near-certain berth in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship, where he'd be guaranteed a shot to defend his title. The Chase format awards slots into the playoff via regular-season wins.

Isaac Brekken/AP

Kevin Harvick celebrates after winning the Kobalt 400 on Sunday in Las Vegas.

GOLF ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

PGA

PUERTO RICO OPEN: At Rio Grande, Puerto Rico, Alex Cejka won the Puerto Rico Open for his first PGA Tour title, making a 15-foot birdie putt on the first hole of a five-man playoff.

The 44-year-old Czech-born German won in his 287th start on the PGA Tour. A four-time European Tour winner, he birdied four of the first six holes and finished with a 3-under 69 in rainy, windy conditions at Trump International-Puerto Rico.

Sam Saunders, Arnold Palmer's grandson, had a chance to force another playoff hole, but his 8-foot birdie try on the par-5 18th went to the right. Jon Curran, Tim Petrovic and Argentina's Emiliano Grillo also were in the playoff.

Grillo and Curran shared the lead at 8 under with one hole left in regulation, but closed with bogeys in the second-to-last group. Grillo settled for a 70 after missed a short putt. Curran also had a 70. Petrovic shot a 67, and Saunders had a 68.

LPGA

HSBC WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS: At Singapore, South Korea's Inbee Park held off top-ranked Lydia Ko and No. 3 Stacy Lewis to win the HSBC Women's Champions for her 13th LPGA Tour title.

The second-ranked Park closed with a 2-under 70 for a two-stroke victory over Ko.

Park finished at 15-under 273 at Sentosa's Serapong Course. She had a bogey-free tournament and has played five rounds without a bogey since the third round of the Honda LPGA Thailand.

The 17-year-old Ko also shot a 70. She was coming off consecutive victories in the Women's Australian Open and New Zealand Women's Open. Lewis was third at 11 under after a 72.

Web.com

KARIBANA CHAMPIONSHIP: In Cartagena, Colombia, Andrew Landry won the Karibana Championship by five strokes at TPC Cartagena for his first Web.com Tour title.

The 27-year-old former University of Arkansas player shot a 5-under 67 in the completion of the wind-delayed third round and closed with a 69 to finish at 11-under 277. He earned $126,000.

Australia's Steve Allan and Argentina's Miguel Angel Carballo tied for second. Allan finished with rounds of 72 and 71, and Carballo shot 73-74.

PGA European

AFRICA OPEN: At East London, South Africa, South Africa's Trevor Fisher Jr. won the Africa Open for his first European Tour title, closing with an 8-under 64 for a five-stroke victory.

Fisher finished at 24-under 264. He had a 63 on Saturday to take a two-stroke lead.

England's Matt Ford was second after a 67.

GOLF SCORES

PGA

Cadillac Championship Scores
Sunday
At Trump National Doral
Doral, Fla.
Purse: $9.25 million
Yardage: 7,528; Par: 72
Final

D Johnson (350), $1,570,000 68-73-69-69—279
J B Holmes (315), $930,000 62-73-70-75—280
Bubba Watson (200), $540,000 71-69-70-71—281
Adam Scott (126), $365,000 70-68-75-71—284
Henrik Stenson (126), $365,000 69-71-72-72—284
L Oosthuizen (105), $270,000 71-74-67-73—285
Bill Haas (92), $215,000 74-73-65-74—286
Webb Simpson (80), $215,000 74-69-75-73—286
Kevin Na (78), $163,333 69-71-71-71—282
Rory McIlroy (78), $163,333 73-70-72-72—287
Ryan Moore (78), $163,333 66-71-74-76—287
Richie Ramsay (62), $123,000 68-77-71-72—288
Jim Furyk (62), $123,000 70-75-76-69—288
Ryan Palmer (62), $123,000 71-70-74-73—288
Lee Westwood (62), $123,000 71-78-70-75—288
Danny Willett, $123,000 73-76-71-68—288
M Hoffmann (52), $97,500 73-71-71-74—289
Brooks Koepka (52), $97,500 69-74-73-73—289
Shane Lowry, $97,500 71-74-70-74—289
Brandt Snedeker (52), $97,500 74-73-70-72—289
Jordan Spieth (52), $97,500 75-69-73-72—289
Marc Warren, $97,500 73-75-69-72—289
Thomas Aiken, $83,000 76-69-72-71—290
Ross Fisher, $83,000 78-71-69-72—290
Mark Isner, $83,000 76-72-67-73—290
M K Kuchar (45), $83,000 73-75-70-72—290
Hideki Matsuyama (45), $83,000 76-72-72-70—290
Patrick Reed (45), $83,000 71-73-71-75—290
Brendon Todd (45), $83,000 72-73-72-73—290
Gary Woodland (45), $83,000 70-74-76-70—290
Jason Day (37), $72,000 76-74-70-71—291
Sergio Garcia (37), $72,000 73-69-71-78—291
Martin Kaymer (37), $72,000 71-76-71-73—291
Phil Mickelson (37), $72,000 74-74-71-72—291
John Senden (37), $72,000 73-70-74-74—291
Jimmy Walker (37), $72,000 71-76-70-74—291
Bernd Wiesberger, $72,000 74-74-71-72—291
Keegan Bradley (31), $65,500 73-74-75-70—292
Paul Casey (31), $65,500 75-73-72-72—292
Charley Hoffman (31), $65,500 70-74-72-76—292
Alexander Levy, $65,500 68-73-79-72—292
Marcel Siem, $65,500 79-72-75-67—293
Cameron Tringale (31), $65,500 73-74-72-73—292
Jamie Donaldson (27), $61,500 70-72-76-75—293
Charl Schwartzel (27), $61,500 71-72-75-75—293
Sangmoon Bae (24), $59,000 75-71-73-75—294
Billy Horschel (24), $59,000 72-75-75-72—294
Joost Luiten, $59,000 79-69-73-73—294
Greg Chalmers (20), $55,000 72-76-73-74—295
Luke Donald (20), $55,000 72-76-74-73—295
Jason Dufner (20), $55,000 78-71-71-74—295
Zach Johnson (20), $55,000 76-73-73-73—295
Ian Poulter (20), $55,000 74-78-71-72—295
Brandon Grace, $52,000 75-74-72-75—296
Justin Rose (18), $51,000 73-74-79-71—297
Russell Henley (13), $48,000 74-74-72-78—298
Chris Kirk (13), $48,000 76-77-73-72—298
Graeme McDowell (13), $48,000 73-79-75-77—298
Alexander Noren, $48,000 73-77-74-74—298
Robert Streb (13), $48,000 72-80-72-74—298
Geoff Ogilvy (10), $45,500 74-76-74-75—299
Victor Dubuisson (8), $44,750 72-73-70-85—300
Steven Jeffress, $44,750 75-74-78-73—300
David Lipsky, $44,750 74-73-76-77—300
Hunter Mahan (8), $44,250 75-78-74-74—301
Stephen Gallacher, $43,875 84-72-78-69—303
Danie van Tonder, $43,875 74-74-75-80—303
Kournel Oda, $43,500 74-79-73-79—304
Thongchai Jaidee, $43,250 80-73-76-76—305
Gary Stal, $43,000 75-79-77-75—306
Tommy Fleetwood, $42,625 77-77-73-80—307
Anirban Lahiri, $42,625 85-76-74-77—307
Hiroyuki Fujita, $42,250 75-85-78-79—315

Puerto Rico Open Scores
Sunday
At Trump International-Puerto Rico
Rio Grande, Puerto Rico
Purse: $3 million
Yardage: 7,000; Par: 72
Final

(x-won on first playoff hole, a-amateur)
x-Alex Cejka (300), $540,000 70-67-75-69—281
Jon Curran (104), $198,000 70-71-70-70—281
Emiliano Grillo, $198,000 69-70-70-70—281
Tim Petrovic (104), $198,000 75-71-68-67—281
Sam Saunders (104), $198,000 72-72-69-68—281
Will MacKenzie (53), $87,125 75-69-72-68—284
Scott Pinckney (53), $87,125 70-71-71-70—282
Boo Weekley (53), $87,125 74-71-68-69—282
Will Wilcox (53), $87,125 77-69-69-67—282
Scott Brown (34), $66,500 73-70-67-73—283
Rafael Cabrera Bello, $66,500 70-75-68-70—283
John Daly (34), $66,500 72-70-72-69—283
Brandon de Jonge-Kotze, $66,500 77-70-71-75—283
Rod Pampling (34), $66,500 70-71-73-69—283
Chris Smith (34), $66,500 69-73-68-73—283
Jonathan Byrd (29), $43,500 72-71-72-72—284
Chad Collins (29), $43,500 70-72-71-71—284
Martin Flores (29), $43,500 72-73-68-71—284
Chesson Hadley (29), $43,500 71-70-67-76—284
Brandon Hagy, $43,500 74-67-78-68—284
Lee Janzen (29), $43,500 72-71-72-69—284
Benjamin Alvarado (26), $28,800 74-70-73-69—286
Eric Axley (26), $28,800 71-72-76-66—285
Jerry Kelly (26), $28,800 71-74-73-67—285
Troy Matteson (26), $28,800 73-73-69-70—285
John Merrick (26), $28,800 75-70-72-68—285
Arjun Atwal (22), $18,736 73-71-72-70—286
Roberto Castro (22), $18,736 74-72-71-69—286
Jeff Overton (22), $18,736 73-71-73-69—286
Jonathan Randolph (22), $18,736 73-72-73-68—286
Michael Bradley (22), $18,736 71-72-70-73—286
G Fdez-Castano (22), $18,736 73-69-71-73—286
Adam Hadwin (22), $18,736 72-72-68-74—286
Mark Hubbard (22), $18,736 68-74-71-73—286
Dicky Pride (22), $18,736 70-74-70-72—286
Chris Stroud (22), $18,736 72-73-70-71—286
Fabrizio Zanotti, $18,736 72-71-69-74—286
Ryan Armour (17), $11,700 73-69-74-71—287
Matt Bettencourt (17), $11,700 75-70-73-69—287
Zac Blair (17), $11,700 75-70-73-69—287
Daniel Chopra (17), $11,700 74-69-73-71—287
Oscar Fraustro (17), $11,700 72-71-75-69—287
Brice Garnett (17), $11,700 72-74-72-69—287
Greg Owen (17), $11,700 74-70-70-73—287
Josh Teeter (17), $11,700 71-75-72-69—287
D J Trahan (17), $11,700 72-70-73-72—287
Stephen Ames (13), $7,613 72-72-74-70—288
Glen Day (13), $7,613 73-68-75-72—288
David Duval (13), $7,613 78-74-72-72—288
Fabian Gomez (13), $7,613 74-72-72-70—288
Alex Kang, $7,613 76-70-74-68—288
Whee Kim (13), $7,613 72-74-74-68—288
Shaun Micheel (13), $7,613 71-72-72-73—288
Bo Van Pelt (13), $7,613 73-72-73-70—288
Cameron Beckman (9), $6,690 72-74-74-69—289
Robert Karlsson, $6,690 73-70-75-71—289
Scott Langley (9), $6,690 76-69-72-72—289
Bill Lunde (9), $6,690 76-69-73-71—289
Billy Mayfair (9), $6,690 73-74-73-69—289
Byron Smith (9), $6,690 73-73-70-73—289
Tyrone Van Aswegen (9), $6,690 75-71-71-72—289
Johnson Wagner (9), $6,690 75-71-69-74—289
a-Erick Morales 75-71-74-69—289
Guy Boros (4), $6,270 73-69-73-75—290
Jason Gore (4), $6,270 71-75-73-72—290
J J Henry (4), $6,270 70-73-77-70—290
Andres Romero (4), $6,270 72-73-69-76—290
Vaughn Taylor (4), $6,270 74-71-72-73—290
Y E Yang (4), $6,270 74-72-68-76—290
Brandt Jobe (1), $6,000 76-68-72-75—291
Alvaro Quiros, $6,000 73-73-75-70—291
Bobby Wyatt, $6,000 74-68-73-76—291
James Driscoll, $5,820 70-76-77-69—292
Tim Herron (1), $5,820 74-71-75-72—292
Ryo Ishikawa (1), $5,820 74-72-75-71—292
Andrew Svoboda (1), $5,700 71-72-73-77—293

PGA European

Africa Open Leading Scores
Sunday
At East London Golf Club
East London, South Africa
Purse: $1.24 million
Yardage: 6,878; Par: 72
Final

Trevor Fisher Jnr., South Africa 69-69-63-64—264
Matt Ford, England 67-66-69-67—269
Jorge Campillo, Spain 71-68-67-66—272
Eduardo De La Riva, Spain 68-66-72-66—272
Morten Orum Madsen, Denmark 71-71-64-66—272
John Parry, England 68-69-68-68—274
Jaco van Zyl, South Africa 70-66-68-70—274
Maximilian Kieffer, Germany 74-63-71-67—275
Julien Quesne, France 70-72-66-67—275
Keith Horne, South Africa 72-68-68-68—276
Moritz Lampert, Germany 74-66-69-67—276
Mark Tullo, Chile 70-67-70-69—276
Magnus A. Carlsson, Sweden 74-67-71-65—277
Mikko Korhonen, Finland 73-69-66-69—277
Joakim Lagergren, Sweden 72-67-68-70—277
Paul Maddy, England 72-67-72-66—277
Erik van Rooyen, South Africa 70-66-74-67—277
Oliver Bekker, South Africa 69-71-71-67—278
Lucas Bjerregaard, Denmark 72-69-70-67—278
Dean Burmester, South Africa 72-66-70-70—278
Gregory Havret, France 69-67-72-70—278
Jean Hugo, South Africa 72-67-69-70—278
Scott Jamieson, Scotland 71-69-72-66—278

LPGA

HSBC Women's Champions Scores
Sunday
At Sentosa Golf Club (Serapong Course)
Singapore
Purse: $1.4 million
Yardage: 6,553; Par: 72
Final
a-amateur

Inbee Park, $210,000 66-69-68-70—273
Lydia Ko, $133,258 68-70-67-70—275
Stacy Lewis, $96,669 69-69-67-72—277
Shanshan Feng, $61,406 70-71-68-68—277
So Yeon Ryu, $61,406 70-69-69-70—278
Azahara Munoz, $61,406 70-67-70-71—278
Caroline Masson, $41,221 71-68-72-68—279
Ilhee Lee, $31,372 72-72-71-65—280
Hyo Joo Kim, $31,372 70-74-69-67—280
Carlota Ciganda, $31,372 69-66-74-71—280
Anna Nordqvist, $31,372 69-70-68-73—280
Lexi Thompson, $23,273 69-75-70-67—281
Na Yeon Choi, $23,273 71-74-67-69—281
Lorelei Salas, $23,273 70-72-69-70—281
Suzann Pettersen, $23,273 71-68-68-74—281
Sei Young Kim, $19,480 73-73-70-67—283
Mo Martin, $19,480 68-72-73-70—283
Brittany Lincicome, $17,413 74-71-67-72—284
Jenny Shin, $17,413 68-70-73-73—284
Jessica Korda, $17,413 72-67-70-75—284
Catriona Matthew, $15,321 72-72-71-70—285
Danielle Kang, $15,321 70-70-72-73—285
Yani Tseng, $15,321 66-75-71-73—285
Karrie Webb, $15,321 68-70-74-73—285
Beatriz Recari, $13,680 72-74-70-70—286
Haru Nomura, $13,680 70-70-75-71—286
Chella Choi, $12,403 73-70-73-71—287
Mina Harigae, $12,403 73-73-69-72—287
Karine Icher, $12,403 74-71-70-72—287
Mirjam Lee, $10,798 70-73-75-70—288
Jane Park, $10,798 73-71-72-72—288
Pornanong Phatlum, $10,798 75-71-69-73—288
Jodi Ewart Shadoff, $10,798 70-69-75-74—288
Christina Kim, $9,338 73-75-69-72—289
Mi Hyang Lee, $9,338 73-72-70-74—289
Belen Mozo, $9,338 72-71-72-74—289
Ai Miyazato, $9,338 73-72-70-74—289
Julieta Granada, $7,328 74-74-72-70—290
Gerina Piller, $7,328 71-74-75-70—290
In Gee Chun, $7,328 74-71-74-71—290
Mirim Lee, $7,328 75-75-68-72—290
Marisol Uribe, $7,328 68-76-74-72—290
Mikaela Lee, $7,328 71-70-76-73—290
Hee Young Park, $7,328 68-76-70-75—290
Angela Stanford, $7,328 67-74-74-75—290
Lexi Vedal, $5,544 78-69-73-71—291
Cristie Kerr, $5,544 73-74-71-73—291
I.K. Kim, $5,544 74-70-74-73—291
Jing Yan, $5,544 72-73-73-73—291
Morgan Pressel, $5,544 73-72-70-76—291
Pernilla Lindberg, $4,742 73-73-74-72—292
Q Baek, $4,742 77-69-73-73—292
Amy Yang, $4,742 71-72-76-73—292
Michelle Wie, $4,742 73-70-74-75—292
Paula Creamer, $4,304 74-71-74-74—293
Eun-Hee Ji, $4,304 72-74-72-75—293
Heidi Kang, $4,013 72-74-74-74—294
Brittany Lang, $4,013 72-75-71-76—294
Lee-Anne Pace, $3,794 72-70-79-76—297
Caroline Hedwall, $3,648 75-76-66-81—298
Sandra Gal, $3,576 73-71-78-78—300
M. Jung Hur, $3,502 78-71-76-76—301
a-Sock Hwee Koh 79-77-76-75—307

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Karibana Championship Scores
Sunday
At TPC Cartagena
Cartagena, Colombia
Purse: $700,000
Yardage: 7,135; Par: 72
Final

Andrew Landry, $126,000 67-74-67-69—277
Steve Allan, $61,600 68-71-72-71—282
Miguel Angel Carballo, $61,600 66-69-73-74—282
Patton Kizzire, $27,563 67-72-70-75—284
Luke List, $27,563 74-67-67-76—284
John Mallinger, $27,563 70-67-74-73—284
Kevin Tway, $27,563 67-73-71-73—284
Jason Allred, $21,000 69-75-69-72—285
Drew Scott, $21,000 67-71-72-75—285
Alex Aragon, $17,500 74-71-71-70—286
Todd Baek, $17,500 68-72-72-74—286
Oliver Goss, $17,500 64-74-73-75—286
Jamie Lovemark, $14,000 68-69-72-78—287
Curtis Thompson, $14,000 70-73-73-71—287
Roberto Diaz, $11,550 75-68-75-70—288
Jhared Hack, $11,550 66-74-69-79—288
Sung Kang, $11,550 73-69-75-71—288
Nicholas Lindheim, $11,550 71-68-73-76—288
Joel Dahmen, $9,100 66-74-75-74—289
Frank Lickliter II, $9,100 68-75-75-71—289
Roland Thatcher, $9,100 69-74-74-72—289
Abraham Ancer, $7,000 72-71-72-75—290
Brett Drewitt, $7,000 68-74-74-74—290
Edward Loar, $7,000 73-71-74-72—290
Aron Price, $7,000 72-70-77-71—290
Chris Baker, $5,413 69-73-75-74—291
Hunter Haas, $5,413 69-77-74-71—291
Si Woo Kim, $5,413 69-74-77-71—291
Steve Marino, $5,413 71-73-74-73—291
Michael Hebert, $4,363 71-72-75-74—292
Mikey Moyers, $4,363 71-72-73-76—292
Matt Fast, $4,363 72-71-72-77—292
Tyler McCumber, $4,363 74-71-72-75—292
Patrick Rodgers, $4,363 74-67-72-79—292
Marc Turnesa, $4,363 67-76-77-72—292
Peter Tomasulo, $3,745 73-69-74-77—293
Matt Davidson, $3,241 73-72-70-79—294
Brock Mackenzie, $3,241 70-73-78-73—294
Bryden Macpherson, $3,241 71-71-77-75—294
Martin Piller, $3,241 74-69-72-79—294
Nathan Tyler, $3,241 70-71-79-74—294
Sebastian Cappelen, $2,520 73-67-71-84—295
Ricardo Celia, $2,520 73-73-75-74—295
Brad Fritsch, $2,520 68-70-74-83—295
Rob Oppenheim, $2,520 66-77-75-77—295
Harold Varner III, $2,520 74-71-78-72—295
Dominic Bozzelli, $2,048 73-71-77-75—296
Ben Kohles, $2,048 67-78-77-74—296
Manuel Merizalde, $2,048 72-71-77-76—296
Andy Pope, $2,048 70-75-75-76—296
Damon Stiles, $2,048 73-73-74-76—296
Casey Wittenberg, $2,048 71-74-77-74—296
Bronson Burgoon, $1,862 72-73-78-73—297
Sam Chien, $1,862 68-78-80-73—297
Adam Crawford, $1,862 64-76-75-82—297
Daniel Miernicki, $1,862 76-69-76-76—297
Ryan Sullivan, $1,862 72-69-79-77—297
Manuel Villegas, $1,862 74-72-76-73—297
Andrew Yun, $1,862 78-69-74-77—297
Matt Atkins, $1,813 71-73-79-75—298
Aaron Goldberg, $1,813 74-72-72-80—298
Jeff Curl, $1,785 74-72-77-76—299
Mathew Goggin, $1,785 70-76-75-78—299
Travis Bertoldi, $1,764 73-71-79-76—300
Fred Estes, $1,764 69-73-82-75—301
Kevin Foley, $1,729 71-74-78-78—301
Jeff Gove, $1,729 76-69-79-77—301
Ashleyhal, $1,729 75-70-84-71—301
Cameron Wilson, $1,694 77-69-78-78—302
David Venegas, $1,680 68-77-81-77—303
Justin Bolt, $1,680 75-70-84-75—304
Michael Arnaud, $1,645 76-69-80-79—305
Zack Fischer, $1,645 79-70-84-76—305
Peter Malnati, $1,624 71-74-85-77—307

Haas wants to know if Kurt Busch will be eligible for Chase

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Kurt Busch's team owner doesn't know when the suspended driver will be reinstated by NASCAR.

But Gene Haas seemed to indicate Sunday that Busch will be back in the No. 41 when he is cleared to compete. The co-owner of Stewart-Haas Racing said the organization wants to know if Busch will be eligible to race for the championship when he returns.

Busch was suspended two days before last month's season-opening Daytona 500 for an alleged domestic assault against a former girlfriend. He was not criminally charged, and NASCAR said Busch is working with them toward reinstatement.

He's missed three races, and would only be eligible for the Chase if NASCAR granted him a waiver.

Haas said after Kevin Harvick gave SHR its first win of the season on Sunday that he has no indication when Busch will be back in the car.

"At this time, that's really up to NASCAR," Haas said. "Some of our concerns are obviously does he come back, could he get into the Chase? Those issues really reside with NASCAR."

RESULTS

NASCAR Sprint Cup-Kobalt 400 Results
By The Associated Press
Sunday
At Las Vegas Motor Speedway
Las Vegas, Nev.
Lap length: 1.5 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (18) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 267 laps, 141.5 rating, 48 points, $431,815.
2. (8) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 267, 117.1, 43, $268,950.
3. (7) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 267, 103.4, 42, $236,980.
4. (4) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 267, 123.5, 41, $184,455.
5. (19) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 267, 108.7, 39, $162,380.
6. (22) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 267, 94.1, 38, $162,703.
7. (1) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 267, 102.8, 38, $170,461.
8. (5) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 267, 102.3, 36, $156,078.
9. (6) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 267, 92.4, 36, $157,206.
10. (2) Joey Logano, Ford, 267, 102.6, 35, $165,853.
11. (10) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 267, 86.9, 33, $144,426.
12. (24) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 267, 80.8, 32, $121,010.
13. (23) Brian Scott, Chevrolet, 267, 74.6, 0, $429,098.
14. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 267, 77.5, 30, $141,793.
15. (28) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 266, 70.3, 29, $137,274.
16. (34) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 266, 70.3, 0, $123,160.
17. (9) Casey Kahne, Chevrolet, 266, 102.7, 27, $121,660.
18. (11) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 266, 76.4, 26, $157,196.
19. (30) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 266, 63.0, 0, $101,660.
20. (25) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 265, 75.2, 24, $146,661.
21. (20) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 265, 62.23, $137,418.
22. (13) David Ragan, Toyota, 265, 53.8, 22, $143,651.
23. (37) David Gilliland, Ford, 265, 47.8, 21, $123,318.
24. (29) Sam Hornish Jr., Ford, 265, 45.5, 20, $126,380.
25. (17) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 264, 68.5, 19, $118,593.
26. (15) Aric Almirola, Ford, 264, 72.5, 18, $134,771.
27. (21) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 264, 60.4, 17, $104,710.
28. (35) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 264, 51.1, 16, $137,185.
29. (31) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 264, 53.7, 15, $103,385.
30. (32) Michael McDowell, Ford, 264, 42.9, 14, $93,610.
31. (26) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 263, 49.1, 13, $112,457.
32. (38) Cole Whitt, Ford, 262, 37.7, 12, $94,210.
33. (12) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 262, 52.6, 11, $118,724.
34. (39) Josh Wise, Ford, 261, 32.8, 10, $91,310.
35. (42) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 261, 32.6, 0, $91,085.
36. (40) J.J. Yeley, Toyota, 260, 32.4, 0, $90,845.
37. (36) Brett Moffitt, Ford, 260, 36.6, 7, $90,614.
38. (43) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, 258, 26.0, $85,290.
39. (33) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, 257, 43.3, 5, $81,290.
40. (41) Jeb Burton, Toyota, 254, 26.4, 4, $78,790.
41. (9) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 236, 94.7, 4, $127,226.
42. (14) Carl Edwards, Toyota, 227, 75.3, 3, $69,290.
43. (27) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, engine, 28, 35.7, 1, $65,790.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 143.677 mph.
Time of Race: 2 hours, 47 minutes, 15 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 1.640 seconds.
Caution Flags: 6 for 28 laps.
Lead Changes: 18 among 9 drivers.
Lap Leaders: J.Logano 1-27. D.Earnhardt Jr. 28-29. J.Logano 30-42. J.Johnson 43-76. C.Edwards 77-78. M.Kenseth 79. J.Johnson 80-90. K.Harvick 91-130. B.Keselowski 131-132. J.Logano 133-138. K.Harvick 140-144. M.Truex Jr. 145-147. K.Harvick 148-198. D.Earnhardt Jr. 199-200. K.Harvick 201-230. R.Newman 231-244. B.Keselowski 245-251. K.Harvick 252-267.
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): K.Harvick, 5 times for 142 laps. J.Logano, 3 times for 47 laps. J.Johnson, 2 times for 12 laps. R.Newman, 1 time for 14 laps. B.Keselowski, 2 times for 9 laps. D.Earnhardt Jr., 2 times for 4 laps. M.Truex Jr., 1 time for 3 laps. C.Edwards, 1 time for 2 laps. M.Kenseth, 1 time for 1 lap.
Wins: K.Harvick, 1. J.Johnson, 1. J.Logano, 1.
Top 16 in Points: 1. K.Harvick, 134. 2. D.Earnhardt Jr., 125. 3. J.Logano, 123. 4. M.Truex Jr., 118. 5. A.Allmendinger, 100. 6. K.Kahne, 92. 7. J.Johnson, 91. 8. D.Hamlin, 87. 9. C.Mears, 87. 10. M.Kenseth, 85. 11. G.Biffle, 84. 12. R.Newman, 82. 13. P.Menard, 82. 14. C.Bowyer, 81. 15. A.Almirola, 80. 16. B.Keselowski, 77.

NASCAR Driver Rating Formula
A maximum of 150 points can be attained in a race.
The formula combines the following categories: Wins, Finishes, Top-15 Finishes, Average Running Position While on Lead Lap, Average Speed Under Green, Fastest Lap, Led Most Laps, Lead-Lap Finish.

Jets RB Chris Johnson shot in Orlando

By Mike Schneider
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — New York Jets running back Chris Johnson and another passenger were shot in their shoulders while stopped at a traffic light in Orlando early Sunday morning, and the driver of the vehicle they were in was killed.

The NFL player and the other passenger, Reggie Johnson, were in stable condition at a hospital Sunday. A person close to Johnson confirmed it was the running back who was involved. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak on Johnson's behalf.

Johnson

Sheriff's deputies said another vehicle pulled up to the Jeep the men were in and opened fire. The Jeep's driver, Dreekius Oricko Johnson, was killed.

Deputies said no arrests had been made, and investigators were seeking witnesses to the shooting.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with Chris and everyone impacted by this tragic event," the Jets said in a statement.

The shooting adds some uncertainty to Johnson's playing career.

While he is expected to fully recover, Johnson, who will be 30 in September, is still officially on the Jets' roster but is due to become an unrestricted free agent on Tuesday, when the NFL's new league year begins. The Jets cut ties with Johnson on Feb. 14, when they declined to exercise their contract option on him — meaning he will be free to sign with another team.

He was signed to a two-year, $8 million deal by the Jets last April, after six years with the Tennessee Titans, to provide a versatile presence in the backfield. But, he had his worst statistical season while splitting time with Chris Ivory. He ran for 663 yards — his first season under 1,000 — and one touchdown, while catching a career-low 24 passes for 151 yards and a score.

Johnson also rarely resembled the dynamic player with game-changing speed who ran for 2,006 yards in 2009, earning him his "CJ2K" nickname while with the Titans. He rushed for 100 yards just once last season, when he had 105 on 17 carries, including a 47-yard scamper, against Miami last December.

While it likely didn't play a major role in the Jets' decision to part ways, Johnson also was arrested in Orlando in January on a misdemeanor weapons charge.

Johnson has rushed for 8,628 yards and 51 touchdowns and caught 296 passes for 2,154 yards and nine TDs in his NFL career after being a first-round pick out of East Carolina in 2008.

NFL BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

DOLPHINS PRIVATELY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT REACHING DEAL WITH SUH: At Miami, the Miami Dolphins have pulled ahead in the Ndamukong Suh sweepstakes, and their lead may be insurmountable.

The Dolphins were privately optimistic Sunday that they would seal a deal with the All-Pro defensive tackle shortly after free agency begins Tuesday. Suh's multiyear contract is expected to reach nine figures and set a record for an NFL defensive player.

Miami began negotiating with Suh's agent Saturday to hammer out the framework for a contract, but teams can't talk directly with players until Tuesday.

Suh, whose contract with the Detroit Lions is expiring, has been hailed by many as the best free agent defensive player in a generation. He's a three-time first-team All-Pro pick, including the past two seasons.

AP SOURCES: EAGLES WILL SIGN FRANK GORE, BYRON MAXWELL: At Philadelphia, two people familiar with the moves say five-time Pro Bowl running back Frank Gore and cornerback Byron Maxwell have agreed to contracts with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Both sources spoke on condition of anonymity Sunday because the deals weren't finalized and can't be announced until the NFL's new season begins on Tuesday at 3 p.m.

Free agents were allowed to start negotiating with teams on Saturday.

Gore leaves the San Francisco 49ers as the franchise's all-time leading rusher after 10 seasons. His contract is for three years and reportedly includes $7.5 million guaranteed. Gore will help replace LeSean McCoy. The two-time All-Pro will be traded to the Buffalo Bills on Tuesday.

Maxwell started 17 games for the Seattle Seahawks over the last two seasons and played opposite All-Pro cornerback Richard Sherman in a star-studded secondary that includes All-Pro safety Earl Thomas and three-time Pro Bowl safety Kam Chancellor. His deal is for five years and reportedly is worth $54 million with $25 million guaranteed.

RAVENS WR TORREY SMITH BIDS FAREWELL TO BALTIMORE: At Owings Mills, Md., Ravens wide receiver Torrey Smith has said goodbye to Baltimore, where he starred for four seasons after being drafted out of Maryland.

The Ravens have very little room under the salary cap and evidently won't be spending the money it will take to keep Smith in Baltimore when free agency begins on Tuesday.

In a blog, Smith wrote Sunday, "I will be playing for a different organization" and "It is tough to leave a city that I now call home."

Smith is the Ravens career leader in yards per catch with a 16.9 average. He ranks second in team history with 30 touchdown catches.

Smith had 49 catches for 767 yards and 11 TDs in 2014. Various reports indicate he will be signed this week by San Francisco.

BILLS, MCCOY AGREE TO NEW $40 MILLION CONTRACT: At Orchard Park, New York, running back LeSean McCoy has a new team and a new contract after he and the Buffalo Bills agreed to restructure his previous deal.

McCoy's agent, Drew Rosenhaus, confirmed in a text to The Associated Press on Sunday that his client has negotiated a new $40 million five-year contract that will make him the NFL's highest paid running back. McCoy will make $16 million this season and earn a guaranteed $26.5 million.

The agreement was reached five days after the Bills reached a deal to acquire McCoy from the Philadelphia Eagles in exchange for linebacker Kiko Alonso.

The trade and McCoy's new contract won't take effect until the new NFL season begins on Tuesday.

McCoy had three years left on his previous contract.

TITANS AGREE TO TERMS WITH LONG SNAPPER BEAU BRINKLEY: At Nashville, Tennessee, the Tennessee Titans have agreed to terms with long snapper Beau Brinkley, keeping a second special teams player from hitting free agency.

The Titans announced the deal Sunday with no terms immediately available.

They agreed to terms on a five-year, $15 million deal with punter Brett Kern on Saturday night. Brinkley has been Kern's snapper the past three seasons after signing as an undrafted free agent in 2012.

Last season, Brinkley ranked third on the team with a career-high 10 special teams tackles, and he helped Kern set a team record for net punting average in a season.

NHL ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

RANGERS 1
BLACKHAWKS 0

CHICAGO — Derick Brassard scored 32 seconds into overtime and Cam Talbot made 29 saves for his fifth shutout of the season in the New York Rangers' 1-0 victory over the Chicago Blackhawks on Sunday night.

Brassard swooped in from left wing and fired a shot past Corey Crawford on the stick side after taking a cross-ice feed from Mats Zuccarello.

The Rangers moved within a point of the first-place New York Islanders in the Metropolitan Division.

Talbot was sharp in his 15th start in 16 games since No. 1 goalie Henrik Lundqvist has been sidelined with a neck injury. Talbot has eight career shutouts.

Crawford finished with 35 saves after stopping a career-high 46 shots Friday night in a 2-1 shootout win over Edmonton.

BRUINS 5
RED WINGS 3

BOSTON — Daniel Paille scored two goals, one short-handed, and Brad Marchand added a short-handed goal in Boston's victory over Detroit.

Clinging to the Eastern Conference's eighth and final playoff spot, Boston is 5-1-1 in its last seven.

David Pastrnak and Loui Eriksson each had a power-play goal for Boston. Backup goalie Niklas Svedberg made 36 saves. Tuukka Rask got the day off after playing 21 of 22 games.

Luke Glendening, Gustav Nyquist and Marek Zidlicky scored for the Red Wings. They have lost two straight after a three-game winning streak.

AVALANCHE 3
WILD 2

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Semyon Varlamov stopped 29 shots, Zach Redmond had a goal and an assist and Colorado beat Minnesota Wild 3-2 on Sunday night.

Cody McLeod and Gabriel Landeskog also scored for Colorado.

Chris Stewart and Thomas Vanek scored late for the Wild, and Devan Dubnyk had 18 saves in his 24th straight start for Minnesota. The Wild had won five straight.

DEVILS 5
FLYERS 2

NEWARK, N.J. — Adam Henrique scored two goals and Keith Kinkaid had 25 saves in his return to the lineup to lead New Jersey past Philadelphia.

Jacob Josefson broke a second-period tie with a short-handed goal and defenseman Eric Gelinas added a power-play tally to help the Devils bounce back from a disappointing loss to Columbus and send the Flyers to their second loss in two days. Stephen Gionta also scored and Steve Bernier added three assists.

Ryan White and Michael Raffl scored for the Flyers.

SENATORS 5
FLAMES 4, SO

OTTAWA, Ontario — Erik Karlsson scored the winner in the sixth round of the shootout and Ottawa beat Calgary after blowing a big lead in regulation.

Alex Chiasson, Milan Michalek, Mark Borowiecki and Mike Hoffman scored for the Senators, They led 4-0 in the third period before giving up four straight goals to allow the Flames to tie it.

Kris Russell scored twice for the Flames, and Joe Colborne and Mikael Backlund added goals.

HURRICANES 7
OILERS 4

RALEIGH, N.C. — Elias Lindholm had three goals for his first hat trick and added two assists and Carolina rallied from three goals down to beat Edmonton.

Jeff Skinner scored twice, and Alexander Semin and Andrej Nestrasi added goals for Carolina.

Ryan Nugent-Hopkins had his second career hat trick to increase his scoring total to 19 goals for Edmonton. Jordan Eberle added a goal and two assists for the Oilers.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Atlantic Division							
Montreal	66	42	18	6	90	177	146
Tampa Bay	67	41	20	6	88	222	177
Detroit	64	36	17	11	83	187	170
Boston	65	33	22	10	76	176	170
Florida *	66	29	23	14	72	163	188
Ottawa	64	30	23	11	71	184	173
Toronto	66	26	35	5	57	176	205
Buffalo	66	19	42	5	43	126	224
Metropolitan Division							
N.Y. Islanders	67	42	21	4	88	214	189
N.Y. Rangers	64	40	17	7	87	198	155
Pittsburgh	65	38	18	9	85	188	160
Washington	67	36	21	10	82	200	165
Philadelphia	67	28	26	13	69	177	195
New Jersey	66	28	28	10	66	151	170
Columbus	65	27	34	4	58	166	207
Carolina	64	25	32	7	57	152	174
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
Nashville	67	41	19	7	89	197	165
St. Louis	65	41	19	5	87	204	163
Chicago	66	39	21	6	84	190	154
Minnesota	66	36	23	7	79	186	168
Winnipeg	66	33	21	12	78	183	176
Colorado	66	30	25	11	71	177	185
Dallas	66	29	27	10	68	207	220
Pacific Division							
Anaheim	67	42	18	7	91	198	164
Vancouver	65	37	24	4	78	187	178
Calgary	66	36	25	5	77	191	172
Los Angeles	65	31	21	13	75	175	168
San Jose	66	32	26	8	72	187	186
Arizona	66	21	38	7	49	142	222
Edmonton	66	18	37	11	47	150	222

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

Sunday's Scores

Ottawa 5, Calgary 4, SO
Boston 5, Detroit 3
Carolina 7, Edmonton 4
New Jersey 5, Philadelphia 2
Colorado 3, Minnesota 2
N.Y. Rangers 1, Chicago 0, OT

Today's Games

N.Y. Islanders at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Nashville at Arizona, 9 p.m.
Pittsburgh at San Jose, 9 p.m.

Finally some snow for Iditarod mushers

By Mark Thiessen
Associated Press

FAIRBANKS, Alaska — Winter has finally cooperated with the Iditarod.

More than four inches of new snowfall greeted Stan Hooley, the chief executive officer of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, when he arrived in Fairbanks on Sunday, a day before the competitive race begins.

"Seems a little bit more like the Iditarod when you actually have some snow around," said Hooley.

Warm temperatures have played havoc with the Iditarod all winter long as the same stalled jet stream that buried the eastern seaboard in snow has left Alaska unseasonable warm and dry. Officials last month decided conditions in the Alaska Range were so poor because of a lack of snow that the competitive start would be moved over the mountain range to Fairbanks.

That wasn't the only change officials were considering, and the ceremonial start in Anchorage could have been moved to Fairbanks, as well, also because of the weather.

"It was closer than I'd like to admit, yeah," he said. "We like to tell people the Iditarod will never be canceled, and it wouldn't. But the possibility of the ceremonial start needing to be moved as well, was very real."

The temperature of 14 degrees and light snow in Fairbanks Sunday morning were very different from the conditions mushers faced in Anchorage a day before, when it was 40 degrees and rainy. Municipality of Anchorage crews trucked in snow so mushers could travel downtowns streets for the ceremonial start, but Hooley said if the event had gone on another hour, that all would have been melted away.

There was one casualty during the ceremonial run when Stuart, a dog on Buena Vista, Colorado, musher Lachlan Clarke's team, was struck and killed by a car in Anchorage after it got loose.

Fairbanks hasn't been entirely without weather worries either. The race was to have started on the Chena River, but a string of days near the freezing mark prompted worry the ice wouldn't be strong enough to handle the weight of mushers, dog teams and all the volunteers needed at the start. Officials have moved the start a few hundred feet onto land, and mushers will go about a half-mile before getting on the river.

The route change will put 78 mushers on an entirely new route to the finish line in the old Gold Rush town of Nome on the Bering Sea, most of it on river ice. The winner, who will pocket $70,000 and the keys to a new pickup, is expected in about nine days.

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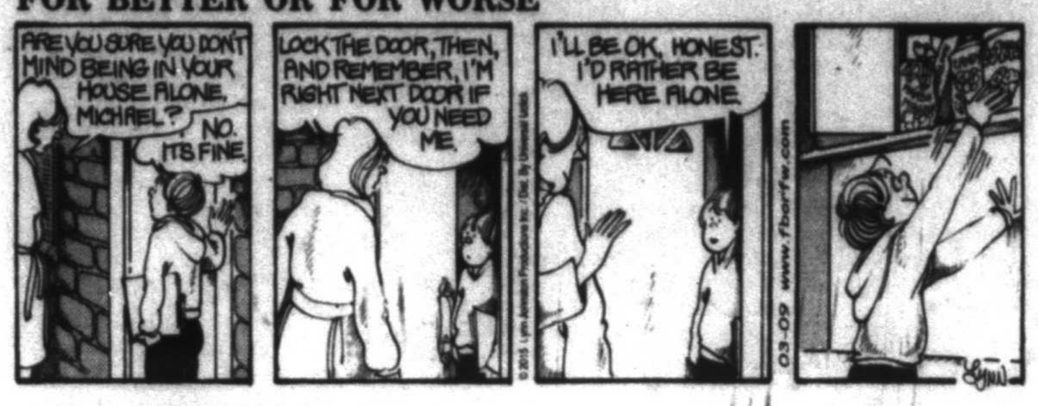

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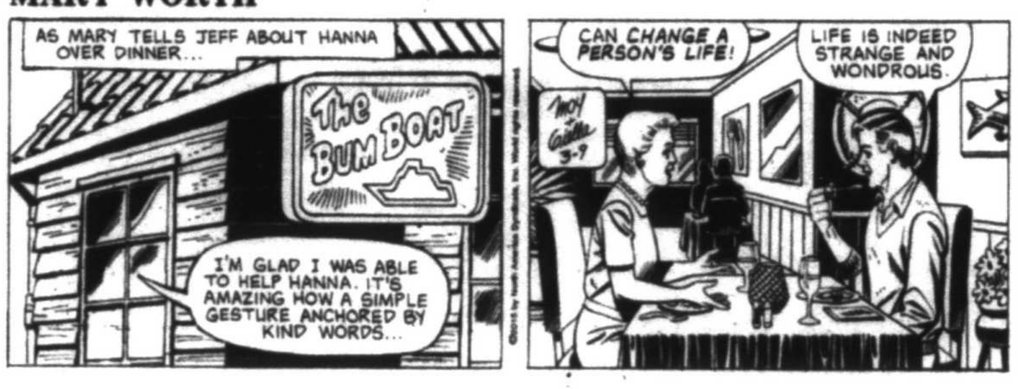

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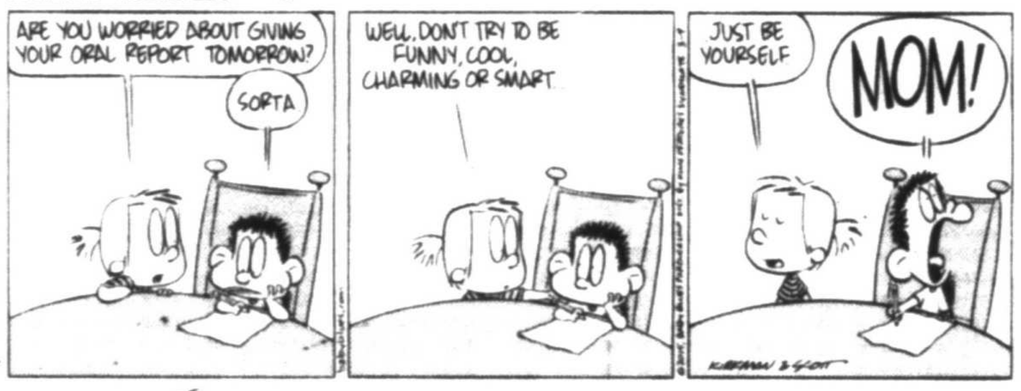

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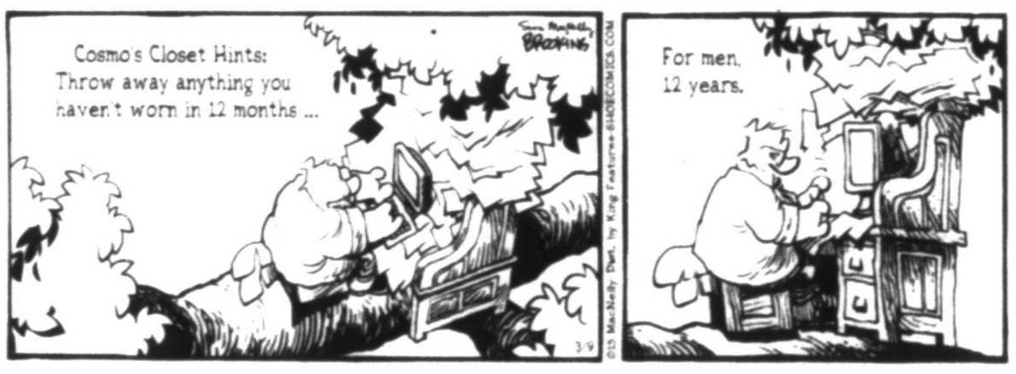

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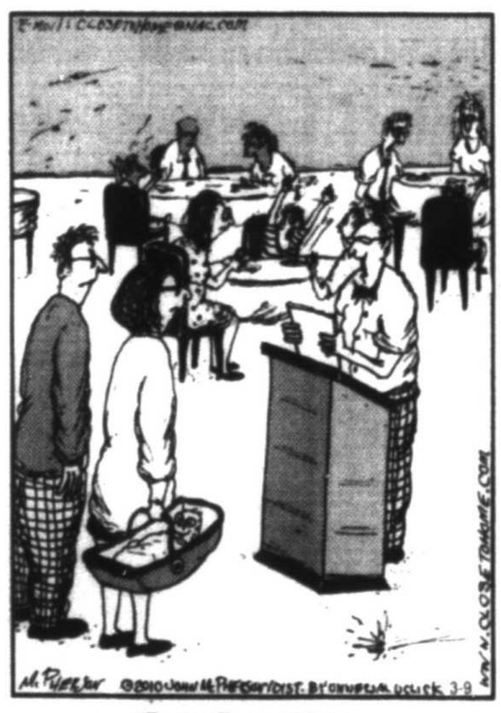

"Projectile-vomiting or non-projectile-vomiting?"

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"THIS IS WHERE MR. WILSON RECEIVES HIS *TEXT* MESSAGES."

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

WIZARD OF ID

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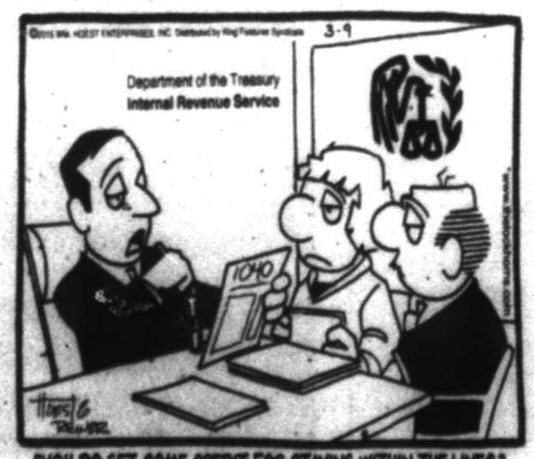

"YOU DO GET SOME CREDIT FOR STAYING WITHIN THE LINES."

FAMILY CIRCUS

"I can tell you if you let me take off my mittens."

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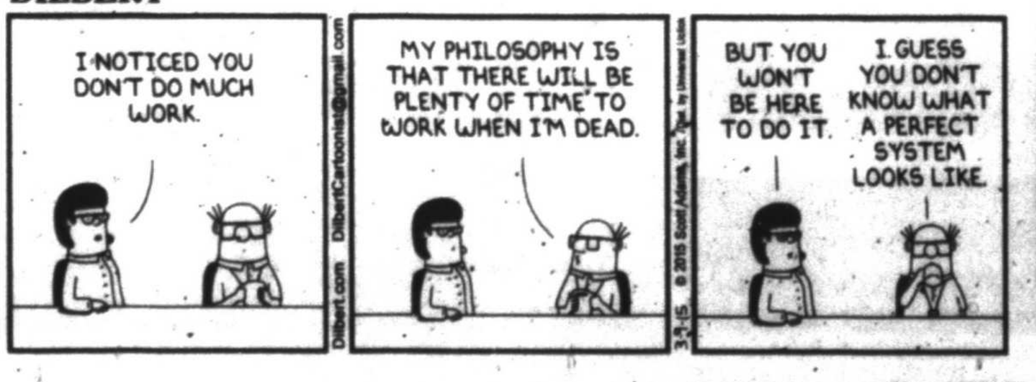


TODAY: Mostly cloudy High: 57 Low: 43

TUESDAY: Partly sunny High: 62 Low: 41

WEDNESDAY: Sunny High: 67 Low: 43

THURSDAY: Sunny High: 70 Low: 48

FRIDAY: Partly sunny High: 67 Low: 48

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny High: 65 Low: 42

Local forecast

Expect mostly cloudy skies today and tonight with a 50 percent chance of showers during the day and a 10 percent chance last night. The forecasted high is around 57 and the low around 43.

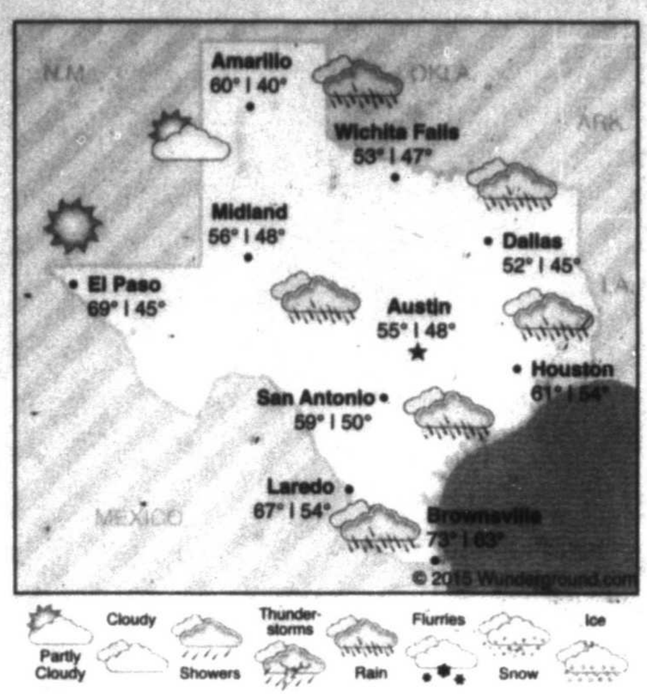
On Tuesday, look for partly sunny skies with a high near 55. Tuesday night look for partly cloudy skies with a low around 41.

The high on Sunday reached 64, while the low dropped to 44. The record high for March 8 is 86 set in 1951. The record low is 18 set in 1932.

National forecast

The most adverse weather across the United States today will be found across the south-central states. A storm system will deliver some rain, which may be heavy enough to cause flooding in eastern Texas. The soaking rain will spread to the Tennessee and southern Ohio Valleys tonight through Tuesday.

A couple of snow showers will accompany a weak storm system through northern New England. Otherwise, high pressure will promote dry weather from southern New England and the Middle Atlantic to the northern Plains.

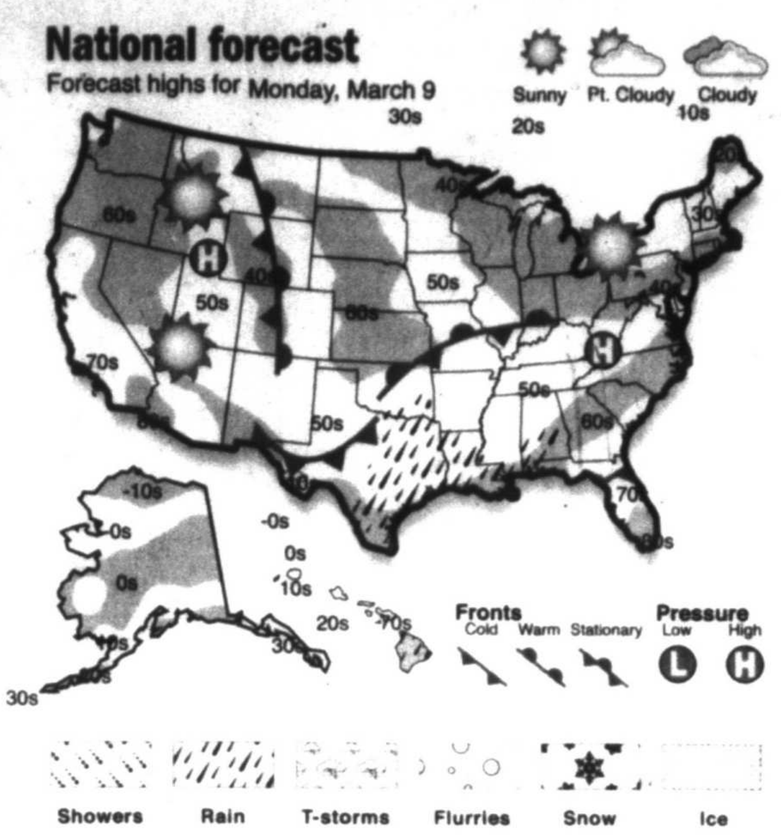


Precipitation

Sunday	0.00 in.
Saturday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.13 in.
Year total	2.82 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.43 in.

Sunday's temperatures

High	64
Low	44
Normal high	68
Normal low	39
Sunrise	8:07 a.m.
Sunset	7:52 p.m.



Kidney disease often goes undetected until it's too late

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: Hypertension runs in my family, but as a pretty healthy 49-year-old, I didn't think much about it. I never realized that my pounding headaches were a direct result of high blood pressure. To make matters worse, the same high blood pressure that was causing my head to throb was also destroying my kidneys.

I wish I had known about my high blood pressure sooner and taken it seriously. When I finally learned about my kidney damage, it was too late to save them.

More than 73 million people are at risk for developing kidney disease, and I sincerely want to help them avoid this fate. My battle with kidney disease has turned me into an advocate for patients and those who are at risk. In honor of National Kidney Month in March and World Kidney Day on March 12, will you please help me spread the word? — LANCE TAYLOR IN MINNESOTA

DEAR LANCE: I'm pleased to help you in this worthwhile effort. According to the National Kidney Foundation, one in three American adults is at risk for kidney disease. Major risk factors for kidney disease include diabetes, high blood pressure, a family history of kidney failure and being age 60 or older. Additional risk factors include kidney stones, smoking, obesity and cardiovascular disease.

Kidney disease often goes undetected because it lacks physical symptoms until the very late stages. By then the organs have already failed. But early detection, healthy lifestyle changes and proper treatment can slow the progress of kidney disease. Those at risk should have simple blood and urine tests to check if their kidneys are working properly.

Readers, if you are at risk, during your next physical examination, ask your health care practitioner to check your kidneys. To learn more about prevention, visit kidney.org. You will also find information about free KEEP Healthy kidney screenings in your area.

DEAR ABBY: My 17-year-old son told me he has finally had his first kiss, and it was with another boy. I'm not sure what to think.

When he was in eighth grade, he had a crush on a girl named "Lisa." She rejected him because she had a girlfriend. Then he dated a girl, "Annie," but it didn't last because he said he felt only friendship for her. Then he became friends with this boy "Joey" in high school, who spent the night several times. He told me from the start this boy was gay (this is the boy he kissed). Now Joey has a girlfriend.

To say the least, I'm confused. I know that in this generation, everything is acceptable. I have no problem if my son is gay, and I will love him no matter what, but I honestly think he is just confused. (He says this, too.) Is there anything I can do to help him through this? — MODERN MOM IN MARYLAND

DEAR MODERN MOM: Yes. Tell your son you love him and all you want is for him to be happy. Then let him figure this out for himself. Trust me, he will. Things will be clearer in the future.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, March 9, 2015:

This year no one will doubt your intuitive strength. You often seem to be able to anticipate what will happen next. Your feelings direct you toward success, though you still might want to think before acting. If you are single, the period after early summer could be very fruitful as far as dating goes. It is quite possible that someone special lurks somewhere among the layers of potential suitors. If you are attached, your relationship benefits from you being more in touch with your feelings. A trip could bond you even closer together. SCORPIO can be very informative.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Listen to your intuition, yet remain responsive to a friend's critique. Your energy could be bolstered by a humorous moment or by a loved one's display of affection. Lose the word "impossible" from your vocabulary. Tonight: Spend quality time with a favorite person.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Defer to others. People will be delighted to have their way, and you will appreciate being less aggravated. With your free time, you might decide to do something special for a friend or family member. Your efforts will be greatly appreciated. Tonight: Happy close to home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You will feel more upbeat than you have in a while. Someone you look up to could give you important feedback that makes you feel as if you're on top of the world. Step away from a situation that involves a lot of tension. Tonight: Make the most out of the moment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You always seem to make the best of a difficult situation, but today your creativity and intuition could be off the mark. You might be able to break through emotional walls that previously seemed indestructible. Tonight: There is no saying "no."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Though you might be reflecting on a serious matter involving your personal life, news from a distance will put a smile on your face. Don't force yourself to do anything you don't want to. Maintain a long-term perspective. Tonight: Relax at home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You'll perk up because you are about to hit your most energetic days of the month. You might be delighted by what an imaginative friend or loved one has conjured up. Test out his or her idea on others before instrumenting it. Tonight: Catch up on someone else's news.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Your discomfort will come through to others no matter what you do. There is no point in trying to hide your mood. Ask questions rather than just jumping to a conclusion. A partner is likely to make you feel better once he or she gets involved. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Don't make the assumption that everyone is on the same page as you. In fact, it could be quite the opposite. Explore other ideas. Someone you respect suddenly might appear with a unique solution. No one will be able to hold you back. Tonight: Catch up with friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You might be daydreaming instead of seeing the big picture. You'll feel good when you distance yourself from the issue at hand. Your creativity is likely to provide an unusual yet effective solution. A discussion will prove to be most fortunate. Tonight: Where your friends are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Keep reaching out for more information. You might want to understand more of what an associate or loved one is trying to say. Come from a place of love and caring, and try to remain open to a very different perspective. Tonight: Togetherness works.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You might want to understand what is happening within your group of friends. Listen to news with more openness, and as a result, success will flow. You might not realize how deeply a loved one supports you in your endeavors. Remain upbeat. Tonight: As you like it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Your mind is likely to lead you to an interesting idea. You intuitively might feel as if you finally are heading in the right direction. Stay focused when dealing with a nearly overwhelming amount of requests. Use care with your finances. Tonight: Tap into your imagination.

BORN TODAY

Soccer player Clint Dempsey (1983), chess grandmaster Bobby Fischer (1943), actor Will Geer (1902)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

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

♠ K J 2 ♡ A 9 7 ◇ J 9 4 ♣ A Q 10 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	Pass	2♡*	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass

*Transfer

What call would you make?

A — This minimum hand cannot accept partner's invitation, but which part-score will you play? Partner has not promised a balanced hand, just invitational values. Play in his suit. Bid three spades.

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

♠ J 9 8 6 2 ♡ K Q ◇ 10 ♣ A Q J 8 3

Right-hand opponent opens one diamond. What call would you make?

A — Some clever fellows will bid two clubs, hoping to get their spades in at the two-level. That sequence won't show the fifth spade, which is important. Bid one spade, despite the poor suit quality.

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

♠ Q J 8 6 ♡ A Q 9 ◇ 10 7 6 3 2 ♣ 4

Partner opens one heart and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

A — In order to bid one spade when you also have a fit for partner's hearts, you must be strong enough to jump to three hearts next. This hand qualifies, so bid one spade.

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

♠ J 10 5 ♡ Q 9 2 ◇ A 7 6 2 ♣ 9 8 4

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	1♡	?	

What call would you make?

A — After an overcall, a one no-trump response shows 7-11 points and a stopper. This hand is a minimum in all aspects, but it is important to tell partner that your side holds at least half the deck. Bid one no-trump.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Works with yarn
6 Anheuser-Brewery
11 Solomon, for one
14 Valium drug company
15 Snow-block home
16 Logger's tool
17 Past one's prime
19 Doc for a kitty
20 Thickness-measuring instrument
21 Hiker's tool
23 Mauna __
24 Actress Zellweger
25 Perilous course to go down
30 Margarita condiment, in Mazatlán
32 Tiny amt. of time
33 Ballet skirt
34 Vote in
36 Tom Collins liquor
38 Red giant with a carbon-rich atmosphere
39 Say with assurance
40 Red-shirted bear
42 Prefix with bar
43 Achieves one's goal
48 Skin openings
49 "Saw __": second "Saw" sequel
50 Popeye's adoptee
53 Lacking a handle?
57 Bother a lot
58 Interest-paying institution
60 Alphabet finale
61 Where embryos develop
62 Do-or-die poker bet
63 Finale
64 Heat-resistant glassware
65 Writer/director Allen with four Oscars

DOWN

1 McDonald's founder Ray
2 __ Scotia
3 Atlantic republic at the edge of the Arctic Cir.
4 Roller-coaster ride feeling
5 Climactic tennis match situation
6 Oktoberfest quaff
7 "That turns my stomach"
8 Deli machine
9 Ant complex
10 Watson's associate
11 Perked pot contents
12 Couple that's split
13 Dampens
18 Piles
22 Furner's hides
24 Cookbook contents
25 Streamlined
26 Take down a __ humble
27 Navel variety
28 School support gps.
29 Peseta replacement
30 Tailor's line
31 Thomas Edison
35 __ suzette dessert pancake
37 Christmas quaff
38 Logger's tool
41 Round gasket
44 Cleans with a paper towel, as a spill
45 War-ending pact
46 Shot put competitor, e.g.
47 Devil, in Durango
50 Small or medium
51 Small songbird
52 __ out a living: barely got by
53 Windows alternative
54 Bueno's opposite
55 City near Tulsa
56 Big Apple fashion initials
59 Anger

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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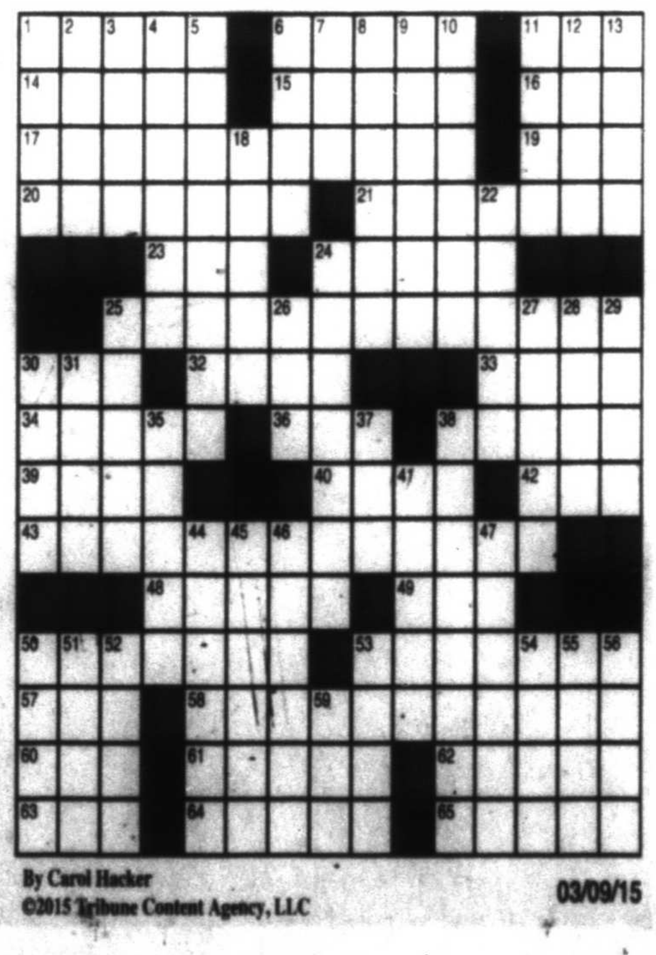

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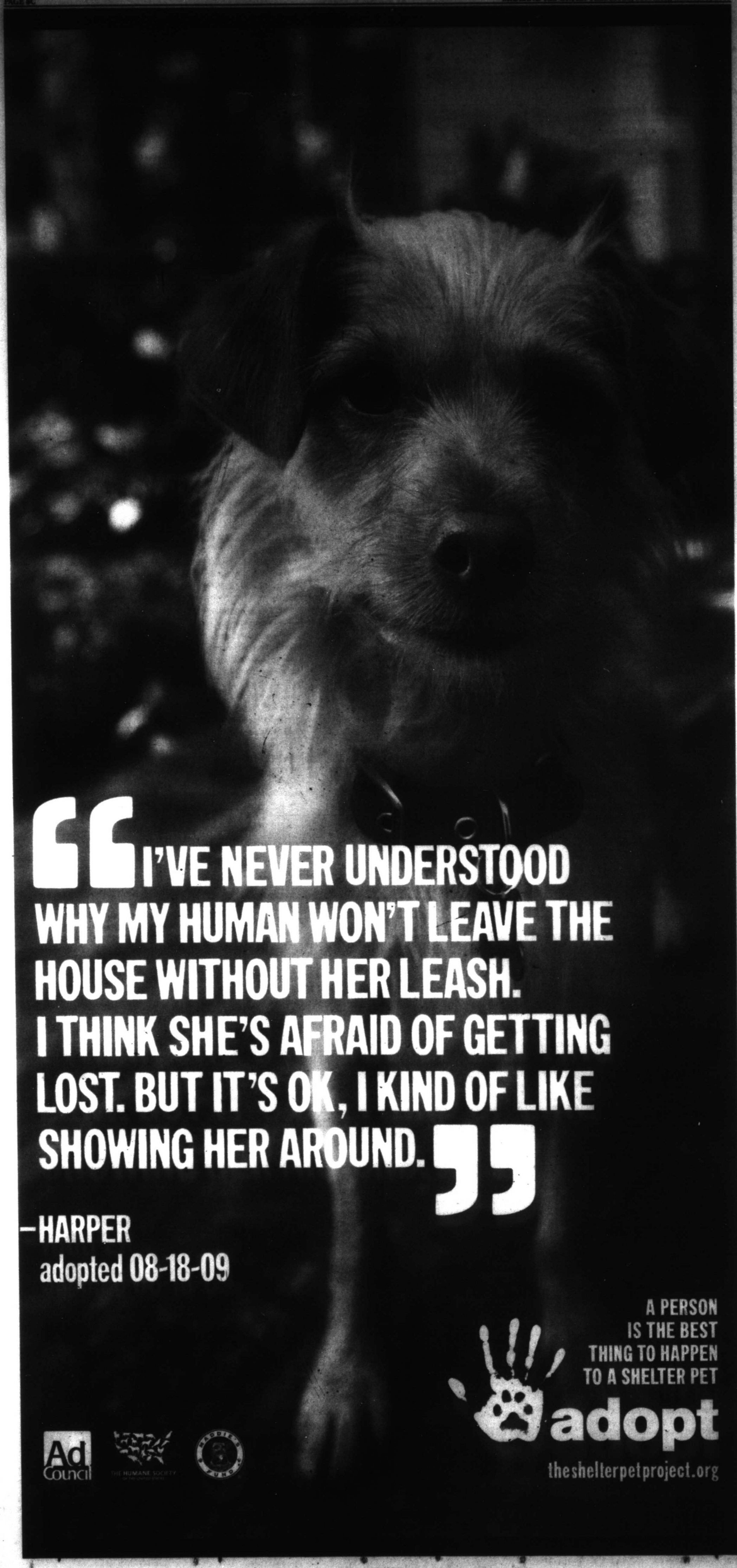
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Thomas Campagna, DMD

We are looking for an exceptional, experienced, reliable, **Dental Front Desk Receptionist**, experience with Eaglesoft required. Spanish a plus, to join our team, at Midland's premier dental practice. Please email **info@smilemidland.com**, fax: **(432) 520-0720** or bring resume to: **3722 W. Loop 250 North, Midland, TX**

FT Night Shift, Med/Surg- RN/LV, CNA FT Days

Martin County Hospital is looking for: FT Night shift (7p-7a) MED/SURG- RN or LVN also a CNA FT Days (7a-7p). Send resume to pdority@martinch.org or apply in person @ Martin County Hospital, 600 E. I-20, Stanton, TX. 79782.

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Hiring Assistant Manager @ 2 Midland locations World finance & Persons Credit Plan. Valid driver license and auto required. This is a Manager trainee position and a career opportunity that offers excellent salary and a complete fringe benefit package. Promotion to Manager possible within 15 months. No experience necessary. Apply in person at Personal Credit Plan, 3308 W. Illinois or World Finance, 2207 N. Big Spring Street or Fax resumes to 325-691-8810

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All Positions

La Bodega Mexican Restaurant now hiring for all positions. Please apply in person at 2700 N. Big Spring Street Mon. - Fri. 2-4pm.

Delivery Driver

American Glass Dist. PT

Help wanted: Male or Female Delivery Driver. Must be 25 years of age, have social security card, driver's license & have a decent driving record. Good benefits after 6 months of employment. Starting at $12/hr. Please call 432-699-5235 or come by 5002 Basin Street, A-2, to fill out an application.

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Midland, TX

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Purity Oilfield Services (EOE) is now hiring a Sales Representative with oilfield and/or rental sales experience located in Midland. Competitive salary with excellent benefits. Please send your resume to wschiwart@purityoilfieldservices.com or call 432-269-6062 for more info

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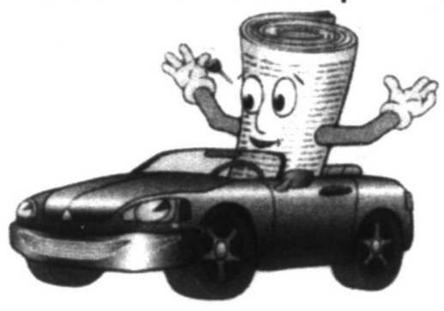

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Send resume and salary requirements to:
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CDL Drivers needed with oilfield experience
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BMW 2011 535i Xdrive M-Sport for sale. 56K miles. Call for more details. $32K OBO. 432-553-0344

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DODGE 2000 Ram 2500HD Quad Cab Laramie SLT, 5.9L diesel, white, long bed, 2WD, automatic, power, running boards, grille guard, low mileage tires, great condition, 52k miles. $15,000. 432.210.4435.

DODGE 2006 Ram 2500, Megacab, Laramie Edition. 5.9 diesel, high MPG, 130k miles. Excellent condition. 1 owner. $20,499 OBO. 214-240-9039

DODGE 2014 Lone Star pickup. 18,000 miles only asking payoff. $30,685. 432-528-1609

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR AN AIR QUALITY PERMIT

PROPOSED PERMIT NUMBER: 122075

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Smith Industries, Inc., P.O. Box 870, Midland, Texas 79702-0870, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Proposed Air Quality Permit Number 122075, which would authorize continued operation of the Steel Storage Tank Manufacturing Facility located at 3601 East State Highway 158, Midland, Midland County, Texas 79706. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on July 21, 2014. The proposed facility will emit the following contaminants: organic compounds and particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit which, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision to issue the permit because it meets all rules and regulations. The permit application, executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Midland regional office, and the Midland County Courthouse, 500 North Loraine Street, Midland, Midland County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review at the TCEQ Midland Regional Office, 9900 West Interstate 20, Suite 100, Midland, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comment or to ask questions about the application. The TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. **You may submit additional written public comments within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice in the manner set forth in the AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION paragraph below.**

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments. Because no timely hearing requests have been received, after preparing the response to comments, the executive director may then issue final approval of the application. **The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application, and will be posted electronically to the Commissioners' Integrated Database (CID).**

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. When they become available, the executive director's response to comments and the final decision on this application will be accessible through the Commission's Web site at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Once you have access to the CID using the above link, enter the permit number for this application which is provided at the top of this notice. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=31.98&lng=-102.026666&zoom=13&type=r.

MAILING LIST. You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to obtain additional information on this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

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

Further information may also be obtained from Smith Industries, Inc. at the address stated above or by calling Mr. David Moreno, P.E., Environmental Consultant at (806) 783-9944.

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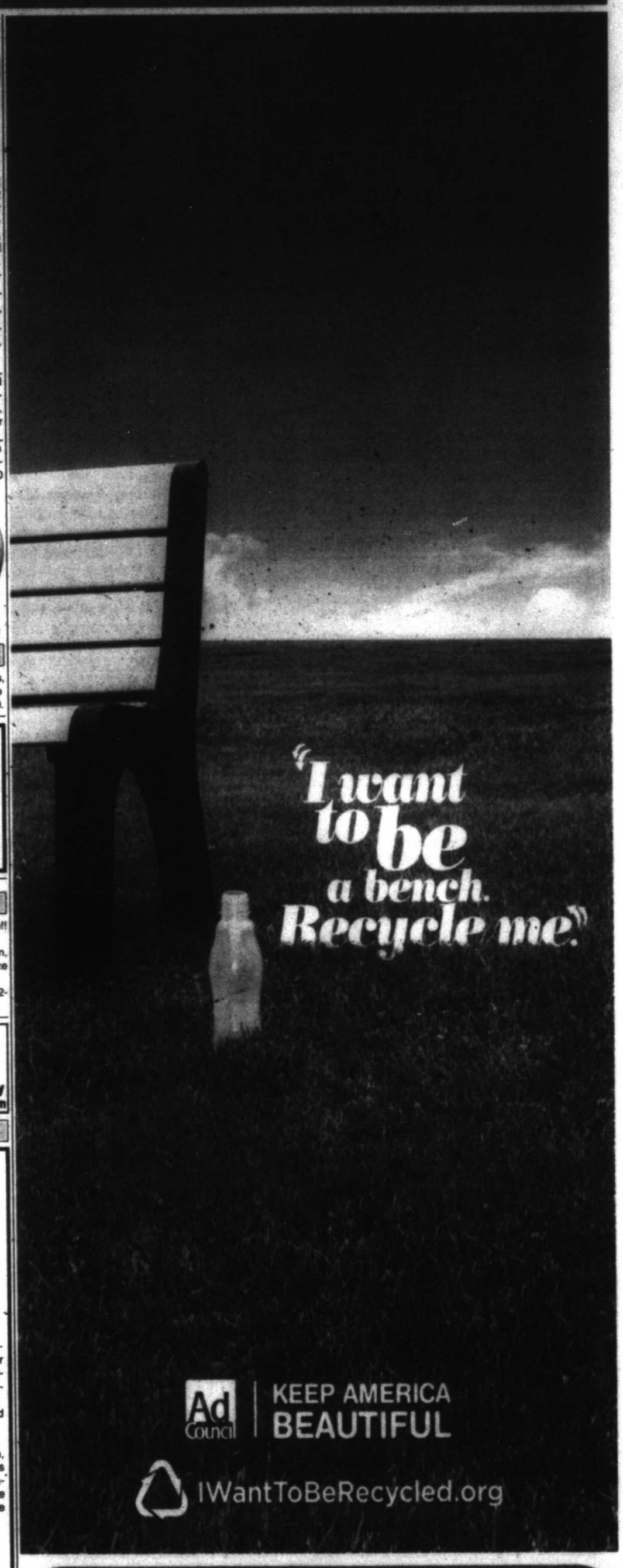

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Real Estate Rentals & Sales

Residential Rentals

Apartments for Rent Unfurnished

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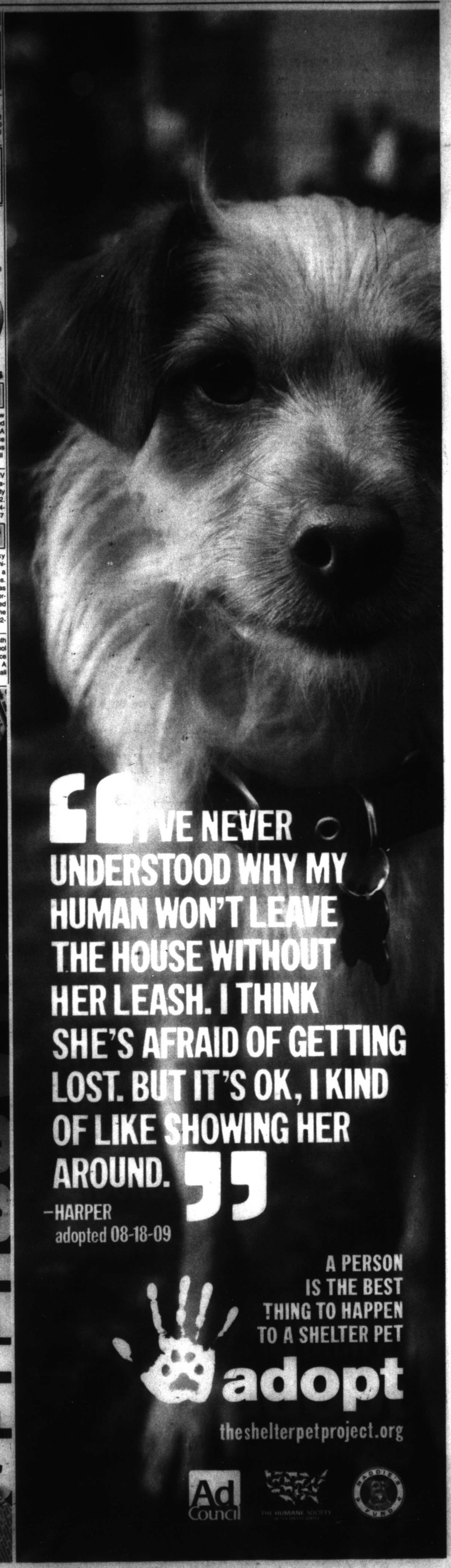

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