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State, municipalities face off over oil regulation

In light of Senate Bill 1165 and House Bill 40, Midland officials not concerned with legislation

By Brandon Mulder and Rye Druzin
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Denton's unprecedented vote to ban hydraulic fracturing within city limits has spiraled into a lawsuit and legislation against it. The move caused great consternation in the oil and gas community and among Texas lawmakers, who have responded by filing a package of bills that would overturn the ban and separate how the state and municipalities can regulate the oil and gas industry.

Senate Bill 1165 and its companion House Bill 40 would assert the state's exclusive authority over all subsurface oil and gas activities and would pre-empt a municipality's ability to regulate hydraulic fracturing within its own city limits. In effect, the legislation would limit a municipality's regulation rights to events such as noise, lighting and nuisance control.

"There's a high degree of regulatory uncertainty right now in a number of municipalities across the state as it relates to oil and gas and mineral rights in those cities," said Jason Modglin, chief of staff for HB 40's author, Rep. Drew Darby of San Angelo. "There's concern that although the state has traditionally dominated this field of regulation that cities are beginning to exert more of a role than they have otherwise had over the past 100 years."

Currently, more than 300 cities, including Midland, have ordinances regulating oil and gas operations within city limits, many in the form of setbacks from buildings, schools or parks. According to data from the Texas Municipal League, 28 cities have outright bans against any hydraulic fracturing, many of which have little to no shale play underneath them. However, according to the Wilson Perkins Allen Opinion firm, 75 percent of Texans support state regulation over subsurface minerals.

When oil and municipal interests gathered before a Senate committee Monday and Tuesday, there was scant support for the bill among city officials. Many city leaders, said Bennett Sandlin, executive director of the Texas Municipal League, hope to see the bill amended to allow cities to instate their own setbacks.

During the testimony, Midland, along with other oil rich counties, was one of the few cities supporting the bills.

"This bill does not say you can't have oil and gas ordinances," Midland District 4 Councilman J. Ross Lacy said. "What it says is that if you have one, and it's not commercially reasonable, then you have to find a solution. I think Midland's oil and gas ordinance should be the staple of Texas."

Officials from areas such as oil-rich Karnes County in the Eagle Ford shale play agreed with Lacy.

"Ordinarily, I'm the kind of person that would favor local government over upstream government, but having had experience with the Railroad Commission in the oil field, I realize that it is the preeminent authority on subsurface operations in the state of Texas," said Karnes County's Truett Hunt in testimony before the Texas Energy Resources Senate Committee

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ARTISTIC CELEBRATION



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This photo taken Friday shows the Celebration of the Arts preview party at the Midland Center.

What to watch: Budget, in-state tuition fights, 'open carry'

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Get ready for budget battle week.

The House on Tuesday is scheduled to debate its version of the proposed state budget. That will likely mean slogging through numerous proposed amendments, and possibly fighting off Democratic- or tea party-led procedural challenges meant to stall the process.

The Senate is also expected to take up its budget plan this week, though the amendment fight shouldn't be as raucous as in the lower chamber.

Floor action aside, still unclear is how Senate and House budget writers will reconcile their versions' deep discrepancies on proposed tax cuts and funding for public schools and border security.

Here are other upcoming issues at the Texas Capitol:

IN-STATE TUITION REPEAL: Today could be a doozy. A Senate subcommittee meeting looks to be the opening salvo of what's likely a long and bitter debate over a GOP-led effort to repeal a popular Texas law offering in-state tuition at public universities to the children of some people in the U.S. illegally. Former Gov. Rick Perry signed the law after it sailed through the Legislature in 2001, and his defense of it — suggesting that conservatives who oppose it don't have hearts — marked the beginning of the end for his short-lived 2012 presidential bid.

PUBLIC INTEGRITY UNIT BILL IN THE SENATE?: A proposal to shift a unit of prosecutors who investigate public corruption out of left-leaning Austin and into the GOP-controlled state attorney general's office could hit the Senate floor anytime. It would move the state's Public Integrity Unit and direct the Texas Rangers and state attorneys to investigate corruption complaints, then forward cases to a district attorney where the accused official lives. Perry in 2013 vetoed the unit's funding after its Democratic chief refused his calls to resign following her drunken-driving conviction. That resulted in Perry being indicted on abuse-of-power charges.

HOUSE 'OPEN CARRY' VOTE?: A plan to allow Texans with concealed handgun licenses to openly carry their weapons cleared a House committee last week, meaning it should hit the floor soon. A similar plan already sailed through the Senate with only minimal objections. Though House debate may be more heated, the measure seems likely to pass.

HAIR OF THE DOG: A ceremonial resolution by Muenster Republican Rep. Drew Springer would declare Texas vodka and red grapefruit juice "the official mixed drink" of the 2015 legislative session. Springer's bill salutes the cocktail known as the Greyhound, but it's speeific enough that there's still room for enterprising (or hard-boozing?) lawmakers to propose the official beer, official wine and an official non-mixed drink of the session.

Cheaper foreign crude oil has shale well drilling on the run

■ COMMENTARY

By Chris Tomlinson
Houston Chronicle

The shale oil revolutionaries are retreating in disarray, and cheap foreign oil may banish them to the margins of the market.

As oil and natural gas move into a period of low prices, new data shows that North American drillers may not have the wherewithal to keep producing shale wells, which make up 90 percent of new drilling. In fact, if prices remain low for years to come, which is a real possibility, then investors may never see a return on the money spent to drill shale wells in the first place.

The full cost of producing oil and natural gas at a representative sample of U.S. companies, including capital spent to build the company and buy assets, is about $80 per barrel of oil equivalent, according to a study from the Bureau of Economic Geology's Center for Energy Economics at the University of Texas.

The analysis of 2014 corporate financial data from 15 of the top publicly traded producers, which I got an exclusive look at before it's published this week, determined that companies will have a hard time recovering the capital spent that year and maintaining production unless prices rise above $80 a barrel.

The price for West Texas Intermediate has spent most of the year below $50 a barrel.

Low prices, though, won't mean that producers will shut in existing wells. Many of these same companies can keep pumping to keep cash coming into the company, and they can still collect a 10 percent return above the well's operating costs at $50 a barrel of oil. They just won't make enough money to invest in new wells or recover the capital already spent.

This harsh reality of what it will take to keep the shale revolution going shows how vulnerable it is to competition from cheap overseas oil.

"Everyone walks around thinking that they know how much this stuff costs because they see published information on what people spend to just drill wells," explained Michelle Foss, who leads the

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OTHER DEATH

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW YORK

Tony winner and Neil Simon director Gene Saks dies at 93

Gene Saks, a prolific actor-director who teamed with playwright and fellow New Yorker Neil Simon on hit Broadway and movie productions of such Simon comedies as "The Odd Couple" and "Brighton Beach Memoirs," has died. He was 93.

Saks, who won three Tony Awards for his direction, died from pneumonia Saturday at his East Hampton home in New York, according to his son Daniel.

Saks' grab bag of hits also included many without Simon. Among them were the musicals "Mame" (1966), starring Angela Lansbury and his then-wife Bea Arthur; "Half A Sixpence," starring British pop star Tommy Steele (1965), and "I Love My Wife" (1977), as well as such comedies as "Enter Laughing" (1963) and "Same Time, Next Year" (1975).

The Simon-Saks collaboration had its beginnings in 1963 when Simon asked Saks — then a Broadway actor — to come to New Hope, Pennsylvania, and critique a tryout of "Barefoot in the Park." Simon didn't need much help. The play — under Mike Nichols' direction — turned out to be one of Broadway's biggest hits of the 1960s, running for more than 1,500 performances.

But three years later, when Simon was preparing the film version of "Barefoot in the Park," he persuaded producer Hal Wallis to hire Saks as director of his first movie. The film, which starred Robert Redford and Jane Fonda, was a huge success.

Besides the famous trilogy of "Brighton Beach Memoirs," "Biloxi Blues" and "Broadway Bound," their work together on Broadway included "California Suite," "Lost in Yonkers," "Rumors," "Jake's Women" and the female version of "The Odd Couple."

Their other films were "The Odd Couple," — with Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau — "Last of the Red Hot Lovers," "The Prisoner of Second Avenue" and "Brighton Beach Memoirs."

"I don't believe every director can direct every play," Simon once mused. "But Gene and I have had such a common point of view that my instincts tell me lately, 'Go with Gene.'"

In a 1987 interview, Saks explained his affinity for Simon: "Aside from Neil's wit, his brightness and his ability to characterize, he writes about things I know about and care about. We both came from middle-class, first-generation Jewish families, and our humor springs from the same roots."

Saks had been an actor for 15 years, and his career was gaining momentum, when he moved on to directing after producer Morton Gottlieb had seen him direct a scene at the Actors Studio and was impressed.

Gottlieb asked Saks to direct "Enter Laughing." It became a hit, elevating Alan Arkin to stardom.

Obituaries



Corinne Naumann

Corinne Naumann passed away peacefully at her home in Midland, Texas on March 27, 2015 with her loving family by her side.

She was born on September 21, 1920 in Burkeville, Texas to Dick and Lilyan Sadler. Connie was raised in east Texas and graduated from Tyler High School, Tyler Junior College, and attended college in Denton at Texas State College for Women, transferring to The University of Texas in Austin.

After college, she worked for the Security Intelligence Corp in San Antonio and Dallas before transferring to G-5 Intelligence at Fort Shafter, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Upon returning to the states, she met and married Henry Jack Naumann on March 18, 1950. They lived in Tyler, Nacogdoches, Los Angeles, New Orleans, and Houston before being transferred to Midland by Humble Oil and Refining Company (Exxon).

She was preceded in death by her parents; four siblings; a daughter, Nancy Merchant; and Connie's husband, H. Jack Naumann.

She is survived by her daughter, Diane Ellis and husband, Jody Ellis; her son, H. Jack Naumann, Jr and wife, Melinda; four grandchildren, Laura Ellis, Courtney Ellis, Krista Naumann Sheffield, and Joshua Naumann; two great grandchildren, Beckett Sheffield and Violet Sheffield; and by numerous beloved nieces and nephews.

Her kindness, loving nature, and wonderful sense of humor brought so much enrichment to her family. Her passing will leave an eternal void, but her memory will continue to live on in each and every one of her family members.

Connie was very active in numerous organizations over the years, often serving in leadership roles of the Lt. William Brewer Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution; Daughters of the Republic of Texas; Permian Basin Landwives; Petroleum Club Wives; Petroleum Museum, and En Amie. She and her husband were long time members of the First Presbyterian Church of Midland.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Petroleum Museum of Midland or the First Presbyterian Church of Midland.

The family would like to thank her many special caretakers, but most especially Darlene Wilson and Rosa Rodriguez, for their love and care.

Memorial services will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Midland, Texas, at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 30, 2015. Graveside services will be held at Oakhill Cemetery in Smithville, Texas on Saturday, April 4, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

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



Dorothy Wasson Duncan

Dorothy Wasson Duncan, born in Big Spring, Texas, to Sue King Wasson and Elmo Wasson in Big Spring, went home to her Heavenly Father March 25, 2015.

She is survived by the love of her life, her husband of 66 years, James Duncan; her children, Debbie Duncan Petree of Lubbock, Texas, Dave and wife, Paula Duncan of Dallas, Texas, and Sunny Duncan of Midland, Texas; three grandchildren, James and his wife, Angela Petree, Paige and husband, Tom Kuchler, and Alyson and husband, Powie French; and four great grandchildren, Kennedy and Duncan Kuchler, and Hattan and Lyles French.

There will be a private burial for family only, followed by a service at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel in Midland at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 31, 2015.

For Dorothy it was all about faith, family and friends. A beautiful Christian Lady outside as well as inside; she was gracious, gentle and grateful for all those she knew and loved. A gift of making everyone feel special, her sweet spirit will be missed as well as her sense of humor.

She had many interests and continued to seek knowledge on a number of subjects. She played a great hand of bridge and was a Life Master.

Heaven is a little brighter because of her presence. We will miss you Dottie, Mom, and Mimi.

The family suggests memorials can be donated to a charity of your choice.

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Francis Marvin (Frank) Singleton

Francis Marvin (Frank) Singleton passed away on Friday March 27, 2015 at home in Midland, Texas, at the age of 93.

He was born December 30, 1921 in Bartlett, Kansas to Harry Ambrose and Dolley Opal Singleton. He grew up in Shidler, Oklahoma, attending school through high school. He enrolled in college at Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa, Oklahoma until 1941. He then enlisted in the United States Navy and graduated as a Naval Aviator in Pensacola, Florida in 1942 before being transferred to the Pacific Theater during World War II as a LT JG aviator.

After his service to the United States Navy, he returned to Oklahoma and married Anna Joy Butler in Tulsa, Oklahoma on November 5, 1947 and continued his education at Tulsa University graduating in 1947 as a Geologist. After graduation, he worked for Sinclair Oil and Gas in various locations in Texas and New Mexico.

He retired from Atlantic Richfield in 1983 after 34 years of service as a Petroleum Engineer.

Frank was preceded in death by his father, Harry Ambrose Singleton; mother, Dolley Opal Singleton; brother, George Wesley Singleton; and sister, Lyla Lorene Singleton Brumley.

Frank is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Anna Joy Singleton; son, Glen and his wife, Margie Singleton, of Rowlett, Texas; daughter, Mary and her husband, Clint Hurst, of Midland, Texas; and son, Keith and his wife, Cindy Singleton, of Midland, Texas. He is also survived by five grandsons, 14 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Frank's pastime was filled with playing golf, traveling in the RV during his retirement, and fishing in Colorado for several summers. He tremendously enjoyed his time with his grandsons and great grandchildren. He was a devoted, long time member of the First Christian Church, serving in various capacities.

The funeral will be held at First Christian Church, 1301 W. Louisiana, Midland, Texas on April 1, 2015 at 11:00 a.m., officiated by Reverend Mike Hunter and Reverend Paula Brooks. A graveside service will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Visitation with the family will be March 31, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home at 3800 N. Big Spring, Midland, Texas.

The Singleton family expresses their appreciation to Kathreen Wiley, his caregiver these past seven months and Home Hospice for their excellent, compassionate care.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be directed to the First Christian Church of Midland, Texas "In His Steps" ministry at 1301 W. Louisiana Midland, Texas 79701 or Home Hospice at 200 W. Illinois Ave., Ste 190, Midland, Texas 79701.

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Geraldine "Jheri" Rutter

Mrs. Geraldine "Jheri" Rutter died peacefully in her home on Saturday, March 28, 2015 in Midland, Texas at the age of 74.

Jheri is survived by her husband, A.W. "Bill" Rutter, Jr.; children, John "Jack" James Fleet, III of Houston, Texas, Joe Chastain Fleet of Brussels, Belgium, and Geraldine "Dina" Fleet Berry of Bellingham, Washington; grandchildren, Leah Ingold, Tristan Ingold, Leo Chastain, Chloé Chastain, Lana Chastain, Liam Chastain, Pepper and Garcia Berry; and by her sister, Marthanelle Jones of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

She is preceded in death by her mother and father.

Mrs. Geraldine Francis Chastain Fleet Rutter, AKA "Salty," was born May 10, 1940 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Geraldine and Joe Chastain.

In her youth, 1944, she went with her family to Salta, Argentina before her family moved to Midland, Texas in 1946. At the age of 12, she illustrated her first book, Ku Chan, written by Mary Rea.

She graduated from Midland High School in 1957. She went to University of Oklahoma and William Woods University. She graduated from the University of Denver with degrees in Public Relations and Communications.

In 1960, she married John James Fleet, II of Dallas, Texas. They had three children.

Four years ago, she met the love of her life, Bill Rutter, Jr.

Jheri was accomplished at writing. As a speech writer, she wrote for international and national CEOs, politicians, and celebrities, including Corozan Aquino, President of the Philiipines. As a published writer, she was a member of the Authors Guild, Western Writers of American, Women's Writing Guild, Austin Writer's League, Tulsa Nightwriters and West Texas Writers. She authored more than 2000 national and regional articles, as well as six books. She created the National Magazine Editors' Conference which resulted in hundreds of magazine assignments for Texas writers.

She was also accomplished at strategy and tactics of public relations. She was passionate about the arts and civic non-profits. She served on the boards in Dallas, Denver, and Midland, including Dallas Junior Symphony, Opera Action of Dallas, Dallas Theater Center, Dallas Civic Ballet. She served on the board of governors of Colorado Symphony Orchestra. In Midland, she served on the board of Midland-Odessa Symphony and Orchestra.

She was a member of the Midland Mineral and Gem society. As a silver smith, she designed jewelry.

After training from the Proper Dog Training School, under the tutelage of Jeremy Burns, she was able to become involved in the Midland Dog Therapy Program that visits hospitals, nursing homes, and cancer treatment centers with her amazing Great Dane/Mastiff cross-breed, Duke.

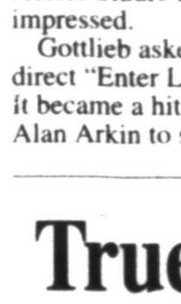
A memorial is scheduled for Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Midland. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Hospice of Midland, University of Oklahoma or William Woods University. The family would like to thank Brenda, Christina, Terri of Hospice of Midland and for Maria Torres for their care. They would also like to thank the Philipe Garcia family for their care, dedication, love, and support.

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

True grit: Spina bifida can't keep this kid down

By Janice Gibbs
Temple Daily Telegram

TEMPLE — Fernando Fonseca, 13, has the video on his phone of his two-point conversion play taken during last fall's Hico vs. Goldthwaite seventh-grade football game and he's more than happy to share it with anyone who's interested in watching.



Fonseca

It was Fernando's first time to play. He had been pestering his coach about allowing him in the game, but the coach was a tad skeptical about allowing the youngster play. Fernando has spina bifida.

During the play, Fernando, using his walker backward, decided to add something to the "Fernando Special," a maneuver developed just for him, when he launched himself forward to make the score. The launching part was Fernando's addition and was a surprise to everyone, even the coach.

Not one to sit idle, Fernando is now participating in track. The 100-yard is his sprint of choice.

"When I'm in ninth grade, I think I'm going to play baseball," he told the Temple Daily Telegram while a patient at McLane Children's Hospital Scott & White.

Spina bifida literally means "split spine," according to the Spina Bifida Association.

Spina bifida happens when a baby is in the womb and the spinal column does not close all of the way. Every day, about eight babies born in the United States have spina bifida or a similar birth defect of the brain and spine.

The fact that Fernando is participating in sports at his school is amazing, both physically and psychologically, said Dr. Christopher Souder, orthopedic surgeon at McLane Children's.

"Fernando has overcome a lot," Souder said. "He has a lot of weakness in his lower extremities and he's not let that get him down and he uses assisted devices, like walkers, when needed."

Fernando has a strong heart and a lot of support in the community that has allowed him to do things that others have not, he said.

Typically, the first treatment for a spina bifida infant is closing the skin over the spine to prevent further injury.

Most patients have hydrocephalus, requiring a shunt to drain the excess fluid from around the brain, Souder said. From there, treatments are based on the patient's needs.

Usually the bladder is affected and there are urological problems, he said. Bone and joints are affected to varying degrees. There's weakness and the accompanying contractures — the shortening and hardening of muscle, tendons and other tissues — makes it difficult for the youngsters to move their joints appropriately.

"Lots of these kids have scoliosis and hip problems, too," Souder said. "We have to follow them while they're growing to make sure they're developing appropriately."



Associated Press

Mexican officials examine a body, lower center in the water, discovered by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Air and Marine while on patrol near the Texas-Mexico border, in Rio Grande City, on Feb. 24. Five bodies were found at the scene.

Drownings along Rio Grande spike after enforcement surge

By Seth Robbins
Associated Press

MISSION — A U.S. surveillance helicopter hovering over the Rio Grande spots a body floating near a muddy bank on the Mexican side of the river.

Soon another body turns up, then another. A Mexican investigator arrives and holds up his hand confirming the grim tally: four men and a woman.

The grisly discovery last month is part of a spike in drownings since October. Immigrants, desperate to avoid detection at a time of increased patrols, are choosing more dangerous and remote crossings into South Texas. The Border Patrol has responded by expanding its search-and-rescue teams to monitor the area, particularly weed-choked irrigation canals where many of the bodies are being found.

"The canals and areas of the river they are trying to traverse, they typically weren't trying to go across before," said Raul L. Ortiz, deputy chief of Rio Grande Valley sector.

Encompassing some 320 miles of river, his sector has already seen at least 16 drownings in nearly six months, nearly a third of them in the canals. The tally is only five short of the number of deaths reported from October 2013 to September, when a historic surge of immigrant women and children were crossing into South Texas. Though illegal crossings have decreased dramatically from last summer, more law enforcement officials are patrolling the border to deter another wave of immigrants.

Many of the bodies are being discovered just southwest of Mission, where the fire department's dive-and-rescue team has had a busy winter. In January and February alone, it recovered at least six bodies in the murky canals.

"It used to be one a month," Mission Fire Chief Rene Lopez Jr. said. "Now it's one a week."

Some canals are 50 feet wide with steep brush-covered embankments that make it hard to climb out. The waters look deceptively calm but currents run through them, and swimmers often get caught in hydrilla, an invasive water plant, or debris such as shopping carts and tires.

"They get tied down and it's hard to get away from that in black water," said Capt. Joel Dominguez, part of the rescue team. "And they are often panicking, running from agents."

To provide help, the Border Patrol has transferred eight members of an elite rescue unit from El Paso to the Rio Grande Valley, bringing the total number of agents to 30. They're trained in swift-water rescues, emergency medicine, tracking and diving.

But experts say the extra resources can only do so much to prevent deaths in the Rio Grande, which has long claimed the lives of migrants trying to cross it.

"It's not like slow dying in the desert or in the prairies of South Texas," said Nestor Rodriguez, a University of Texas at Austin sociology professor who published a study that found drowning was the most common cause of migrant deaths. "A drowning happens in a minute or two and it's much more difficult to save someone."

Border Patrol trucks and Texas state trooper vehicles stand watch daily on the levees that separate the Rio Grande from the canals. Smugglers are now quicker to abandon their groups in the river or scrubland, according to Felix Cantu, the Border Patrol agent in charge of McAllen station.

Until recently, the smugglers "usually would take the group all the way to where they are going," he said. "Now they are trying to get more separation, remove themselves form the group, obviously not to get caught."

The dead will often float to the surface within a few days, still wrapped in their packs. Fish and turtles often have fed on the bodies, making identification difficult if the person didn't carry a form of ID. Three of the five bodies discovered last month by the helicopter crew were identified within days: two Mexicans and one from El Salvador.

"You just feel for them," Lopez Jr. said. "They are young, in their 20s and 30s, even teenagers."

Guatemalan Consul Allan Perez has had the unenviable task of notifying families back home that their loved ones died. Just last month, the decomposed body of a 27-year-old Guatemalan man was found in one of the canals.

He said he impresses upon immigrants who survive but get deported that they are the lucky ones.

"I tell them you are returning without money, injured, with broken dreams and your head down," he said. "But you are going back alive."

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

Texas spent $30M on tuition under program with lax rules

Over the past two decades, Texas agencies have spent at least $30 million on tuition payment programs for state workers in a program with lax rules and oversight, according to a newspaper review of payment records and policies.

Of the three rules governing the payment of tuitions — which include requiring agencies adopt a policy regarding recipient eligibility, put payments toward education programs related to job duties and prohibit agencies from paying in advance of six weeks before classes begin — all may have been violated, the Houston Chronicle reported.

The investigation, which reviewed 40,000 records at two dozen state agencies, also found that that high-ranking officials making six-figure salaries were being paid up-front tuition costs, a controversial practice because it does not make employees prove that they have passed their courses. Other problems included the appearance of favoritism when it came to handing out tuition payments, a lack of requiring recipients to repay tuition if they leave the state's payroll after completing classes and workers taking classes at private universities, including some outside of Texas.

Craig McDonald of Texans for Public Justice, an Austin-based group, told the newspaper "it's absolutely a recipe for problems."

The Texas Department of Transportation paid out at least $13 million since 1993, the most of any state agency. Records showed it has spent more than half a million dollars in a category of education programs it labels as "non-job related," and also issues all of its payments before classes begin.

Transportation spokeswoman Veronica Beyer rejected the idea that her agency may have violated state law, saying the rules allow for payments in the weeks before classes begin. She told the newspaper that the spending gives the department "flexibility to cross-train employees and to plan for succession."

Health and human services agencies spent roughly $4 million on tuition payments since 1993, with the central health commission spending $519,000 on just 34 employees, more per-recipient than any other agency, the newspaper reported. The health commission also said they followed state law.

Two bills in the Texas state legislature are looking to rein in the spending by banning up-front payments and requiring agency directors approve and make public any tuition payments.

AUSTIN

Amid border surge, fewer arrests across rest of Texas

State police agencies are making fewer arrests and fewer traffic stops than the same period a year ago, a drop-off that local officials attribute to sending hundreds of troopers to help secure the Texas-Mexico border.

The Dallas Morning News reported Highway Patrol citations have fallen 14 percent from the previous year, new investigations started by the state criminal investigations division have fallen 13 percent and Texas Rangers arrests have fallen by 25 percent.

The Texas Department of Public Safety acknowledged it has taken agents from other parts of the state to patrol the border as part of a security mission started last year.

Officials in counties across the state said they're seeing fewer troopers to assist them.

Denis Simons, the county judge in Jackson County, southwest of Houston, said the number of troopers sometimes falls from three or four to just one for his county and others nearby.

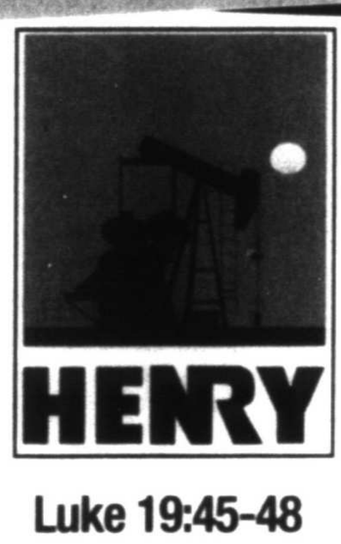
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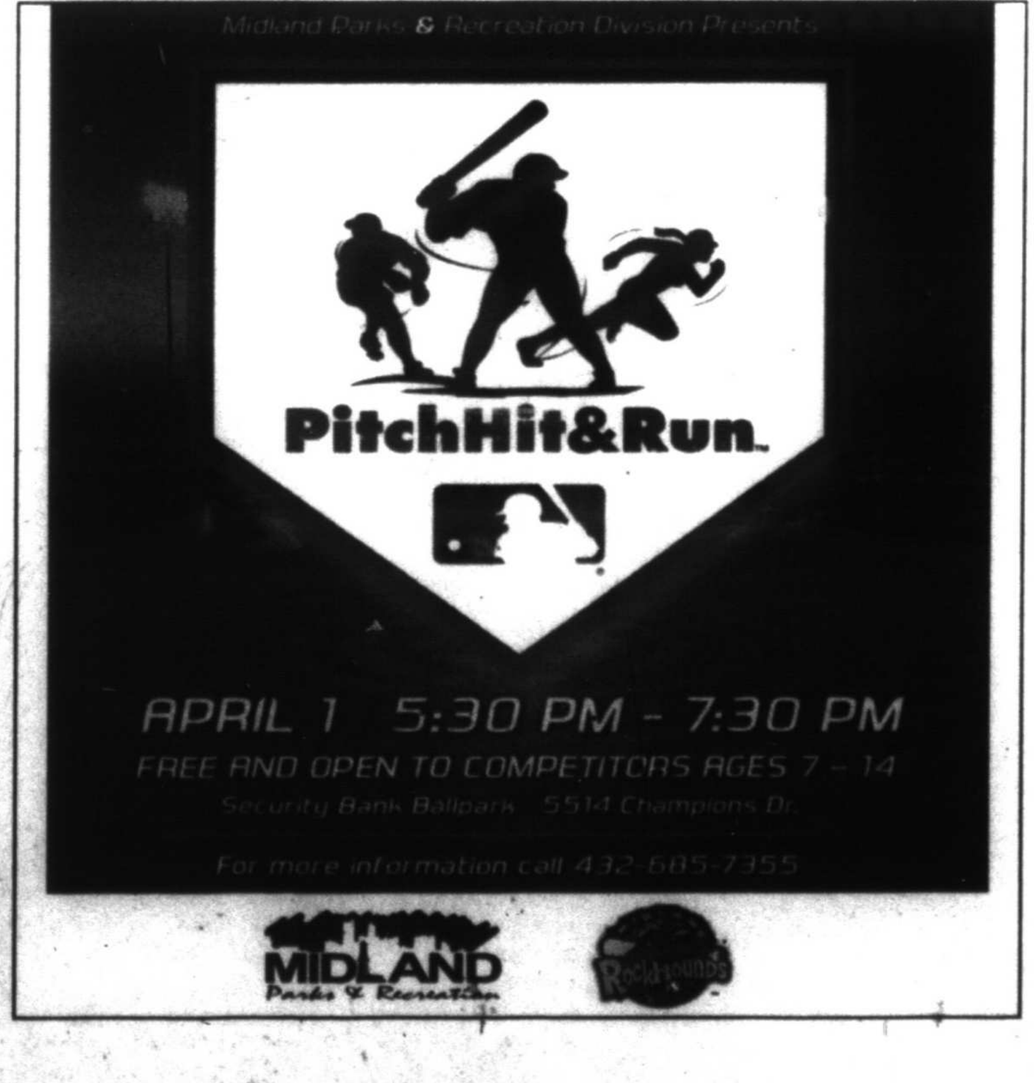


HENRY

Luke 19:45-48

Then he entered the temple area and began driving out those who were selling. "It is written," he said to them, " 'My house will be a house of prayer'; but you have made it 'a den of robbers.' " Every day he was teaching at the temple. But the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the leaders among the people were trying to kill him. Yet they could not find any way to do it, because all the people hung on his words.

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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
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10 a.m.-noon, Herman Cain
Noon-2 p.m. Glenn Beck
2-5 p.m. Sean Hannity
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How sick are you?

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

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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.

This date in Texas history

In 1870: Texas was readmitted to the Union.

Source: Associated Press

When it's open

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301 W. Missouri Ave.
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688-4320

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Midland County Tax Assessor/Collector
2110 N. "A" St.
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8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday
688-4810

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8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday
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Today in history

Today is Monday, March 30, the 89th day of 2015. There are 276 days left in the year.

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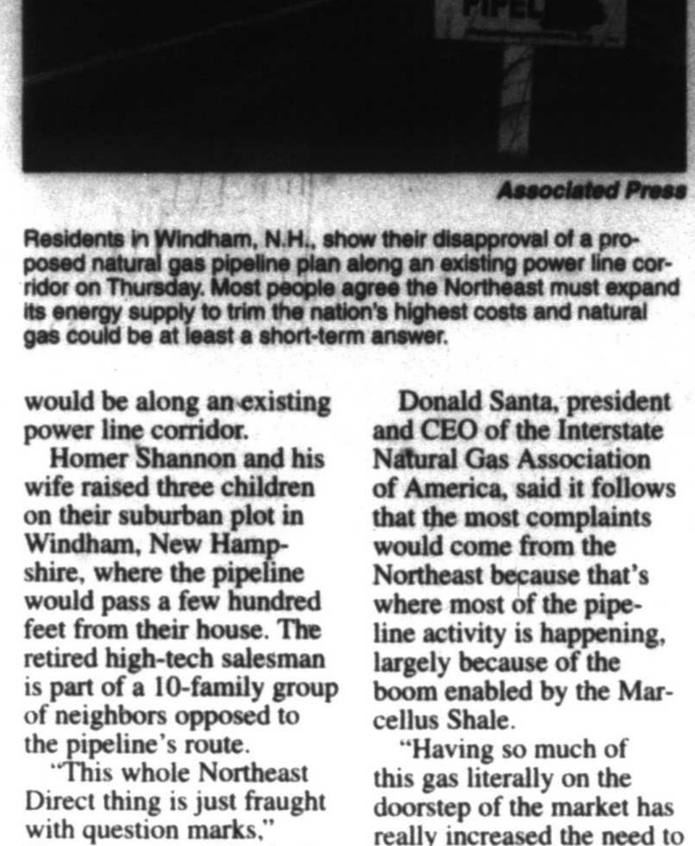
In 1870, the 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which prohibited denying citizens the right to vote and hold office on the basis of race, was declared in effect by Secretary of State Hamilton Fish. Texas was readmitted to the Union.

In 1964, The original version of the TV game show "Jeopardy!," hosted by Art Fleming, premiered on NBC.

In 1981, President Ronald Reagan was shot and seriously wounded outside a Washington, D.C., hotel by assailant John W. Hinckley Jr.

Northeast, despite highest gas costs, resists more pipelines

By Rik Stevens
Associated Press



Associated Press

Residents in Windham, N.H., show their disapproval of a proposed natural gas pipeline plan along an existing power line corridor on Thursday. Most people agree the Northeast must expand its energy supply to trim the nation's highest costs and natural gas could be at least a short-term answer.

CONCORD, N.H. — There is near universal agreement that the Northeast has to expand its energy supply to rein in the nation's highest costs and that cheap, abundant, relatively clean natural gas could be at least a short-term answer. But heels dig deep when it comes to those thorniest of questions: how and where?

Proposals to build or expand natural gas pipelines are met with an upswell of citizen discontent. At the end of last year, a Massachusetts route selected by Texas-based Kinder Morgan generated so much venom that the company nudged it north into New Hampshire — where the venom is also flowing freely. During this winter's town meetings, a centuries-old staple of local governance in New England, people in the nine towns touched by the route voted to oppose the project.

That Northeast Direct line is one of about 20 pipeline projects being proposed throughout the Northeast, where savvy environmental and political forces combine with population density to provide a formidable bulwark. There's another reason the loudest protests are all coming from the region: They're where the gas is, waiting just east of the gas-rich Marcellus Shale region.

"Everyone seems to know the Northeast has a pipeline capacity problem, but not many seem to be willing to make many concessions to fix that problem," said Andrew Pusateri, senior utilities analyst for Edward Jones.

And these are folks who pay a lot to stay warm in the winter and keep the lights on in summer. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, New Englanders paid $14.52 per thousand cubic feet of gas in 2014, compared to $10.94 for the rest of the nation. ISO-New England, which operates the region's power grid, said in its 2015 Regional Electricity Outlook that natural gas availability is "one of the most serious challenges" the region faces as more coal and oil units go offline.

The Kinder Morgan plan would take gas from the plentiful Marcellus Shale region of Pennsylvania and pump it through a 36-inch line from Wright, New York, to Dracut, Massachusetts. Along the way, it would cut across a 70-mile stretch of southern New Hampshire, tickling the Massachusetts line. About 90 percent of the project would be along an existing power line corridor.

Homer Shannon and his wife raised three children on their suburban plot in Windham, New Hampshire, where the pipeline would pass a few hundred feet from their house. The retired high-tech salesman is part of a 10-family group of neighbors opposed to the pipeline's route.

"This whole Northeast Direct thing is just fraught with question marks," Shannon said. "Why in the hell is it in New Hampshire anyway? They want to get it from New York to Massachusetts and if you draw that line on a map, it sure doesn't go through New Hampshire."

Opponents — on the route and far from it — worry about environmental and scenic harm, lower property values, the potential for accidents and the idea that relying on natural gas only forestalls a switch to more renewable sources like wind or solar.

"It would be really nice if, as a region, we had a coherent energy policy that stated, 'These are the things we need to do to improve our energy situation,'" Shannon said. "And if one of those things is I have to sacrifice part of my backyard for the greater good, I'd be willing to have that discussion. But I don't see it that way. I see it as them enriching themselves on my back and I don't like that."

In New York and Pennsylvania, the 124-mile Constitution Pipeline has also fanned flames of opposition, some of it pegged to the price the gas company is paying to take land. Of 651 landowners in New York and Pennsylvania affected by the $700 million pipeline project, 125 refused to sign right of way agreements. Condemnation proceedings undertaken by Constitution have largely resolved the remaining disputes, either through settlements or access granted by a judge.

Donald Santa, president and CEO of the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America, said it follows that the most complaints would come from the Northeast because that's where most of the pipeline activity is happening, largely because of the boom enabled by the Marcellus Shale.

"Having so much of this gas literally on the doorstep of the market has really increased the need to get the gas to consumers," Santa said.

Richard Wheatley, a spokesman for Kinder Morgan, said the company's pipeline is not the only one getting pushback. He declined to address the opposition specifically but said the company continues to reach out to landowners and others as the siting process moves along. The company expects to file a certificate with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission this year.

Pusateri, the Edward Jones analyst, said part of the resistance may also be inflamed because of how the gas gets out of the ground. The Marcellus Shale gas is extracted using hydraulic fracturing, or fracking. The process, which blasts chemical-laden water into wells to crack open rock, has drawn heavy criticism. In New York, much of the antipathy toward pipelines was driven by the anti-fracking sentiment that resulted in Gov. Andrew Cuomo's ban on shale gas development in New York.

"All major projects have some opposition, but I would say this pipe has garnered more attention and protests and gained more steam than average," he said. "I think Kinder has done what they can to move the right of way of the pipe as much off of people's property as possible. They can do this by utilizing utility easements at times. I don't know that opposition really softens."

WWII heroes to give congressional gold medal to Ohio museum

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — More than seven decades after an audacious bombing run by the "Doolittle Tokyo Raiders" rallied their own nation while stunning another, the World War II heroes are still adding to their legacy.

The group will receive the Congressional Gold Medal on April 15 in Washington then present it on April 18 — the 73rd anniversary of the raid — to the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force. The gold medal will go on display at the museum near Dayton, Ohio, joining an exhibit depicting the launch from an aircraft carrier of the Raiders' daring 1942 attack on Japan.

The only two surviving Raiders — retired Lt. Col. Richard "Dick" Cole and Staff Sgt. David Thatcher — plan to attend the museum ceremony. A third Doolittle Raider, Lt. Col. Robert Hite, died Sunday at a Nashville, Tennessee, nursing facility. He was 95.

Relatives of the 80 Raiders also are expected to attend the weekend of events, some of them private.

"The medal is for 80 people," said Cole, an Ohio native who now lives in Comfort.

The gold medal — the highest civilian honor Congress can give — is also a tribute to the mission's leader, the late Gen. James "Jimmy" Doolittle, Cole said. Doolittle died in 1993.

While the 16 B-25 bombers launched at sea inflicted only scattered damage on Japan, the attack was credited with boosting American morale while shaking Japan's confidence and prompting strategy shifts less than five months after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

"We did everything that the mission was planned to do," said Cole, who was Doolittle's co-pilot.

Cole, 99, and the other Raiders have often given humble assessments of their heroism, saying they were simply performing their duties, and he did again last week when discussing the gold medal.

"I think it's very nice," said Cole, who attended President Barack Obama's signing last year of the legislative measure to strike the gold medal. "But it was something that might be a bit too much."

The museum's director, retired Lt. Gen. Jack Hudson, praised the Raiders' "supreme example of courage, professionalism, creativity, leadership and patriotism" when announcing plans for the gold medal display, promising that their inspirational story "will live on" at the museum.

Eight Raiders were captured and three were executed; one more died in captivity and three others were killed after crash-landing or ditching at sea. In previous years, Hite, who was among the Japanese captives, had been unable for health reasons to travel to Raider events from his Nashville, Tennessee, home. His son said Hite had been battling Alzheimer's disease before his death Sunday.

Years after Hite and others were liberated by American troops in 1945, Hite returned to active duty during the Korean War. His son said Hite would want to be remembered for his patriotism.

"I think he would want two things: that's the attitude we ought to have about our country; and the second is, he was just doing his job," Wallace Hite said.

OIL

From 1A

today.

"We elect our (city leaders) based on their managerial ability, not on the basis of their knowledge of subsurface geology," Hunt said, later comparing a city's authority over oil and gas operations akin to placing airspace authority in the hands of a local homeowner's association.

In 2010, after more than a year of crafting, the Midland City Council adopted an ordinance that regulates how the city issues hydraulic fracturing permits. The ordinance mandates drilling at a 500-foot setback from buildings, 300 feet from an athletic field, and 135 feet from a road, though the city grants variances. The ordinance also includes a checklist of criteria that operators must meet in order to obtain a permit.

Critics contend that such legislation would strip cities of their regulatory and zoning powers and would drive down residential property values near oil wells. In Denton, where activists drew up a petition to ban hydraulic fracturing that was eventually adopted through a referendum, critics point out the apparent contradiction in the conservative nature of these bills; they argue that oil interests have been pitted against the rights of homeowners and local democracy.

"It would be a mistake to go down this trail and to take some very important local referees off the oil and gas field," said Denton's City Attorney Anita Burgess before the Energy Resource Committee.

Other municipal groups and coalitions have voiced opposition to the bill, stating that decades-old city ordinances have not hindered the drilling boom and have allowed the energy sector to thrive while protecting health and safety, Sandlin said.

State Rep. Tom Craddick said that he does not believe that HB 40 will impact Midland's regulations because it only deals with surface regulations and is reasonable compared to other municipalities.

"The courts have made it pretty clear that the mineral estate oversees that of anything else in the state. So that's why the state is defending that situation," he said. "The cities in some cases have stepped in and are trying to kind of push that a little bit. So that's the problem. I think you do have a conflict somewhat between some cities and the oil companies."

Lacy, president of the Lacy Oil Corp., added he believes that most operators adhere to the regulation in place.

"There are bad apples in this industry — there are operators that give us a bad name," Lacy said. "If someone came in here and violated this ordinance in whatever activity they're doing, I would never grant them another permit in the city limits."

Currently, 14 oil and gas companies are operating within Midland city limits with city-issued permits, including Pioneer Natural Resources, Endeavor Energy Resources and Fasken Oil and Ranch. Since the adoption of the ordinance the city has issued 92 permits.

"The reason why it works well here in Midland is because we have oil and gas executives that live here in Midland and they understand the business and don't want any problems outside their front door just like any other citizen," said District 2 City Councilman John Love, who also testified before the senate committee. "We have worked extremely well with oil and gas industry to find a medium that works for Midland."

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CRUDE

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Houston-based research center. "That is not what it takes for a company to build these businesses, to recover your capital and to make money." The bureau was founded in 1909 and functions as the state geological agency.

Low oil prices will also exacerbate the economic impact of low natural gas prices. For years, natural gas has kept flowing despite prices below $4 for a million British thermal units because about 50 percent of wells produced both gas and liquids, such as crude oil and condensate.

True natural gas costs

High oil prices have helped companies subsidize natural gas wells, but lower oil prices mean natural gas wells that don't produce liquids will need to stand on their own economics.

The center's analysis found that among the sample companies focused primarily on gas, prices will need to top $6 a million BTUs just to cover full costs and rise above $12 a million BTUs to recover the capital expended to develop the wells.

"We have important resources, but people have to be realistic about the challenges of developing them," Foss told me. "There will have to be higher prices."

Many predict prices will rise again. The only questions are how quickly and to what price. Some experts predict WTI prices will reach $70 a barrel by the end of 2015, while others see $60. The soonest most expect to see $80 a barrel oil is in 2017. Saudi Arabian officials have said they believe the price has stabilized and don't see oil returning to $100 a barrel for the next five years.

High prices and shale

The Saudi opinion is particularly important because that nation can produce oil cheaper than any other country and can produce more oil than any other country. As the informal leader of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, Saudi Arabia kept the price of oil inside a band between $80 and $100 a barrel for years. Now, the Saudis appear ready to keep the price low.

That's because high prices inspired the shale revolution, where American companies figured out how to economically drill horizontally into tight rocks and then hydraulically fracture them to release oil and natural gas. Since OPEC countries rely on high oil prices to finance their governments, everyone assumed OPEC would cut production and keep revenues high.

Arab leaders, though, were more concerned about holding on to market share and allowed prices to fall below levels that make most shale wells economic. Foss, who recently returned from meetings in the United Arab Emirates, said OPEC is unlikely to change course because developing countries are seeking alternatives to oil and reducing demand.

On the losing end

If prices remain low, the big losers will be the bond holders and shareholders of indebted, small and medium-size companies that drill primarily in North America. Because these companies are not getting high enough prices to pay off capital expenditures through higher share prices or interest payments, they are in serious trouble.

The inability of Denver-based Whiting Petroleum to sell itself is an example. The board of the North Dakota-focused company was forced to issue new shares, reducing the company's value by 20 percent, and take on more expensive debt. Quicksilver Resources, based in Fort Worth, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy on March 17 because it couldn't make the interest payments on its debt and no one was willing to invest more capital.

Until one of these companies is bought, we won't know the true value of the shale producers at the current oil and natural gas prices.

NATION BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

FLORIDA

More restrictive spring break pondered after party shooting

PANAMA CITY BEACH — A house party that dissolved into a hail of gunfire and left seven young people hurt has officials on the Florida Panhandle pondering what to do with a spring break season they say has gotten out of control.

The raucous parties in the spring break capital of Panama City Beach have had politicians, police and businesses tussling for years over how much to crack down on a key economic force.

That debate was revived again when a packed gathering of dancing 20-somethings turned into a sprawling crime scene early Saturday.

"This is what we've been trying to warn people about," said Bay County Sheriff Frank McKeithen. "It was only a matter of time and it's only a matter of time until it happens again if we don't address it."

The city council held an emergency meeting Saturday to address spring break, allocating up to $200,000 in additional spending for increased police patrols. But motions introduced by Councilman Keith Curry to ban alcohol on the beach and to roll back the last-call on alcohol sales two hours earlier to midnight were unsuccessful.

"We have blood on our hands," Curry told his fellow council members.

McKeithen had urged the beach alcohol ban and midnight last-call last year, but council members decided against them, instead rolling back last-call from 4 a.m. to 2 a.m. Curry said Sunday he realized they made a mistake as he went on patrols with police in recent weeks, saw the drug arrests for heroin and an increasingly popular club drug called Molly, as well as the number of guns that have been confiscated.

"It was woefully inadequate," he said.

NEW YORK

Police ramp up rail-crossing citations after recent crashes

VALHALLA — A series of crashes involving trains and passenger vehicles — including deadly collisions in New York and California last month — have prompted police to ramp up ticket enforcement at railroad crossings.

The Federal Railroad Administration has called for police departments nationwide to add patrols and issue more citations as the first step in a safety campaign, and drivers in the New York suburbs are already seeing the results.

Police from the Metropolitan Transportation Authority are issuing six times as many summonses as they did last year to drivers who go around gates, stop on the tracks or drive distracted at grade crossings on the Metro-North and Long Island commuter railroads, spokesman Aaron Donovan said. Officers wrote out 249 tickets between Jan. 1 and March 22, compared with 41 in a similar period last year.

"Ninety-four percent of grade crossing accidents are linked to a driver's behavior," said Sarah Feinberg, the Railroad Administration's acting administrator.

On Feb. 3, a Metro-North train slammed into an SUV on the tracks in suburban Valhalla, killing the SUV driver and five train passengers. Since then, a Metrolink commuter train struck a pickup truck in Oxnard, California, fatally injuring the engineer, and an Amtrak train slammed into a tractor-trailer in Halifax, North Carolina, injuring 55 people. On Saturday, a light rail train in Los Angeles struck a car that turned in front of it outside the University of Southern California, seriously injuring the driver and train operator and leaving 19 other passengers hurt.

Before leak, NSA mulled ending phone program

By Ken Dilanian
Associated Press



AP file photo

A sign stands outside the National Security Agency (NSA) campus in Fort Meade, Md., in 2013. The NSA considered abandoning its secret program to collect and store American calling records in the months before leaker Edward Snowden revealed the practice, current and former intelligence officials said, because some officials believed the costs outweighed its meager counter terrorism benefits.

WASHINGTON — The National Security Agency considered abandoning its secret program to collect and store American calling records in the months before leaker Edward Snowden revealed the practice, current and former intelligence officials say, because some officials believed the costs outweighed the meager counterterrorism benefits.

After the leak and the collective surprise around the world, NSA leaders strongly defended the phone records program to Congress and the public, but without disclosing the internal debate.

The proposal to kill the program was circulating among top managers but had not yet reached the desk of Gen. Keith Alexander, then the NSA director, according to current and former intelligence officials who would not be quoted because the details are sensitive. Two former senior NSA officials said they doubt Alexander would have approved it.

Still, the behind-the-scenes NSA concerns, which have not been reported previously, could be relevant as Congress decides whether to renew or modify the phone records collection when the law authorizing it expires in June.

The internal critics pointed out that the already high costs of vacuuming up and storing the "to and from" information from nearly every domestic landline call were rising, the system was not capturing most cellphone calls, and program was not central to unraveling terrorist plots, the officials said. They worried about public outrage if the program ever was revealed.

After the program was disclosed, civil liberties advocates attacked it, saying the records could give a secret intelligence agency a road map to Americans' private activities. NSA officials presented a forceful rebuttal that helped shaped public opinion.

Responding to widespread criticism, President Barack Obama in January 2014 proposed that the NSA stop collecting the records, but instead request them when needed in terrorism investigations from telephone companies, which tend to keep them for 18 months.

Yet the president has insisted that legislation is required to adopt his proposal, and Congress has not acted. So the NSA continues to collect and store records of private U.S. phone calls for use in terrorism investigations under Section 215 of the Patriot Act. Many lawmakers want the program to continue as is.

Alexander argued that the program was an essential tool because it allows the FBI and the NSA to hunt for domestic plots by searching American calling records against phone numbers associated with international terrorists. He and other NSA officials support Obama's plan to let the phone companies keep the data, as long as the government quickly can search it.

Civil liberties activists say it was never a good idea to allow a secret intelligence agency to store records of Americans' private phone calls, and some are not sure the government should search them in bulk. They say government can point to only a single domestic terrorism defendant who was implicated by a phone records search under the program, a San Diego taxi driver who was convicted of raising $15,000 for a Somali terrorist group.

Some fault NSA for failing to disclose the internal debate about the program.

"This is consistent with our experience with the intelligence community," said Rep. Justin Amash, R-Mich. "Even when we have classified briefings, it's like a game of 20 questions and we can't get to the bottom of anything."

The proposal to halt phone records collection that was circulating in 2013 was separate from a 2009 examination of the program by NSA, sparked by objections from a senior NSA official, reported in November by The Associated Press. In that case, a senior NSA code breaker learned about the program and concluded it was wrong for the agency to collect and store American records. The NSA enlisted the Justice Department in an examination of whether the search function could be preserved with the records stores by the phone companies.

That would not work without a change in the law, the review concluded. Alexander, who retired in March 2014, opted to continue the program as is.

But the internal debate continued, current and former officials say, and critics within the NSA pressed their case against the program. To them, the program had become an expensive insurance policy with an increasing number of loopholes, given the lack of mobile data. They also knew it would be deeply controversial if made public.

By 2013, some NSA officials were ready to stop the bulk collection even though they knew they would lose the ability to search a database of U.S. calling records. As always, the FBI still would be able to obtain the phone records of suspects through a court order.

There was a precedent for ending collection cold turkey. Two years earlier, the NSA cited similar cost-benefit calculations when it stopped another secret program under which it was collecting Americans' email metadata — information showing who was communicating with whom, but not the content of the messages. That decision was made public via the Snowden leaks.

Alexander believed that the FBI and the NSA were still getting crucial value out of the phone records program, in contrast to the email records program, former NSA officials say.

After the Snowden leaks, independent experts who looked at the program didn't agree. A presidential task force examined NSA surveillance and recommended ending the phone records collection, saying it posed unacceptable privacy risks while doing little if anything to stop terrorism. The task force included Michael Morell, a former deputy CIA director, and Richard Clarke, a former White House counter terrorism adviser.

"We cannot discount the risk, in light of the lessons of our own history, that at some point in the future, high-level government officials will decide that this massive database of extraordinarily sensitive private information is there for the plucking," the report said. Times, dates and numbers called can provide a window into a person's activities and connections.

A separate inquiry by the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board concluded the same thing.

David Medine, chairman of that board, said the concerns raised internally by NSA officials were the same as theirs, yet when NSA officials came before the privacy board, they "put on a pretty strong defense for the program. Except their success stories didn't pan out," he said.

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Obstacles Cruz must overcome in GOP primary

■ There's still plenty of work the senator must do



CARL LEUBSDORF
Dallas Morning News

In his first year as a senator, he cast one of three votes against longtime Sen. John Kerry as secretary of state, then incited like-thinking conservative Republicans in the House to shut down the federal government for 16 days in a futile bid to stop President Barack Obama's landmark health care act.

Now, just 44, he's beaten the rest of the large GOP field into the media spotlight as the first formal entrant in the party's 2016 presidential race. But a number of factors make it unlikely he'll finish first when Republicans pick their nominee.

By pledging to lead a grassroots army of "millions of courageous conservatives rising up to reignite the promise of America" and choosing the late Jerry Falwell's Liberty University as his kickoff site, Sen. Ted Cruz, of Texas, underscored his intention of relying heavily on the religious conservatives who constitute a majority of Republican voters in both the leadoff Iowa caucuses and the subsequent South Carolina primary.

But the Texas senator faces a battle for those votes, and history indicates that even success there does not guarantee victory when the primary trail hits larger, more diverse states.

Here are some of the handicaps the freshman Texas senator must overcome to win the Republican nomination:

■ Too far right? Though his views don't differ notably from most rivals, he sought in his announcement speech to portray himself as the purest conservative in the field, promising to repeal Obamacare, abolish the IRS, pass a flat tax and enable college graduates to choose from "four, five, six job offers." While appealing to many Republicans, it's a dubious path for a general election where even GOP analysts say the party must broaden its appeal.

■ Strong competition. In Iowa alone, Cruz has strong competition for support from the religious conservatives who dominated recent caucuses. Rivals could include Gov. Scott Walker from neighboring Wisconsin, who scored strongly at a recent conservative forum; Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky, whose father's past campaigns give him a solid Iowa base; former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, who won the 2008 caucuses; former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum, who won the 2012 caucuses; and several others. Recent polls showed Walker as the early favorite, with Cruz far behind.

■ Experience. For six years, the GOP has assailed Obama's lack of electoral experience. But Cruz, who won his first election in 2012, has less. Rivals can tout greater achievements. Besides, senators have generally fared poorly in Republican contests; the last three to be nominated, Barry Goldwater in 1964, Bob Dole in 1996 and John McCain in 2008, lost decisively.

■ Burned bridges. Running for president involves building coalitions, something Cruz has shown little interest in doing. His challenges to the congressional GOP leadership have aroused substantial antagonism, and he made clear Monday that his projected path to victory involves mobilizing increased conservative turnout, not expanding the GOP base.

■ Visage. Cruz sometimes comes across as angry, having defined himself so far by his fervent opposition to Obamacare and his role in shutting the government. While Republicans generally share his views, voters generally like positive candidates who display optimism about the future. Cruz sought to do that Monday to a very friendly audience, though the conservative nirvana he portrayed seemed optimistic even by political standards.

■ Texas base. He faces spirited competition for both Texas money and support. And it's not necessarily an electoral positive to come from so solidly a Republican state. The last two successful Texas candidates, the two George Bushes, benefited from their New England roots. Many Republicans may question his appeal in the crucial electoral battlegrounds of the Industrial Belt, where the key to GOP success is attracting independents. After losing four of the last six elections, GOP voters may want a candidate they feel can win.

■ History. In the past half-century, the only time Republicans nominated their most conservative candidate was Goldwater in 1964, and he carried six states. The Republican Party has gotten far more conservative since then, as have its leaders, but the country has become more diverse.

Cruz is smart and self-confident, delivering remarks with almost evangelical fervor, using neither podium nor script. A champion college debater, he could prove more adept than less-articulate rivals when televised campaign debates begin. Still, the odds on the quest he began last week are long.

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OUR VIEW

Transformational project has changed for the better

The more we hear of the Santa Rita Hotel project, the more we like it.

For years, there have been Midlanders interested in a catalyst project downtown, and our community appears to have one that is easy to embrace. But this past week, we got another reason to see more logic behind supporting the project.

First and foremost, the developers listened to Midlanders and their comments about the project. Then they made changes based on those comments. When people said they didn't want a project that looked like Austin, developers didn't question the messenger, they came back with a design that is more representative of our community, including the predominant use of brick on the outside to blend with other downtown buildings.

Developers also put the parking garage above ground and put more green space in the park. Why? Among the reasons was to be a good neighbor. Midlanders made suggestions, and they paid attention.

It is a given that not all Midlanders will be happy with Santa Rita Hotel going in the location of the historical Midland County Courthouse. They didn't like Energy Tower at City Center, and no matter what changes are made, Santa Rita Hotel will not be a fitting replacement either. Some people are sure to disagree with city officials that public funds will go toward the project. We get that and hope the days of incentivizing for downtown development are coming to an end. We believe a good catalyst project can go a long way toward that goal.

As we found out with previous development projects, details late in the process can change an opinion. We don't know what the future holds in terms of the negotiations between the city and developers. We don't know if a last-minute hang-up will impact negotiations. It is not expected, but you never know.

What we do believe is the city is on the verge of OK'ing a project with the ability to transform downtown. We believe the City Council's interest in Santa Rita Hotel goes beyond making a splash or finally ridding itself of the courthouse property. It has the long-term interest of a community in mind.

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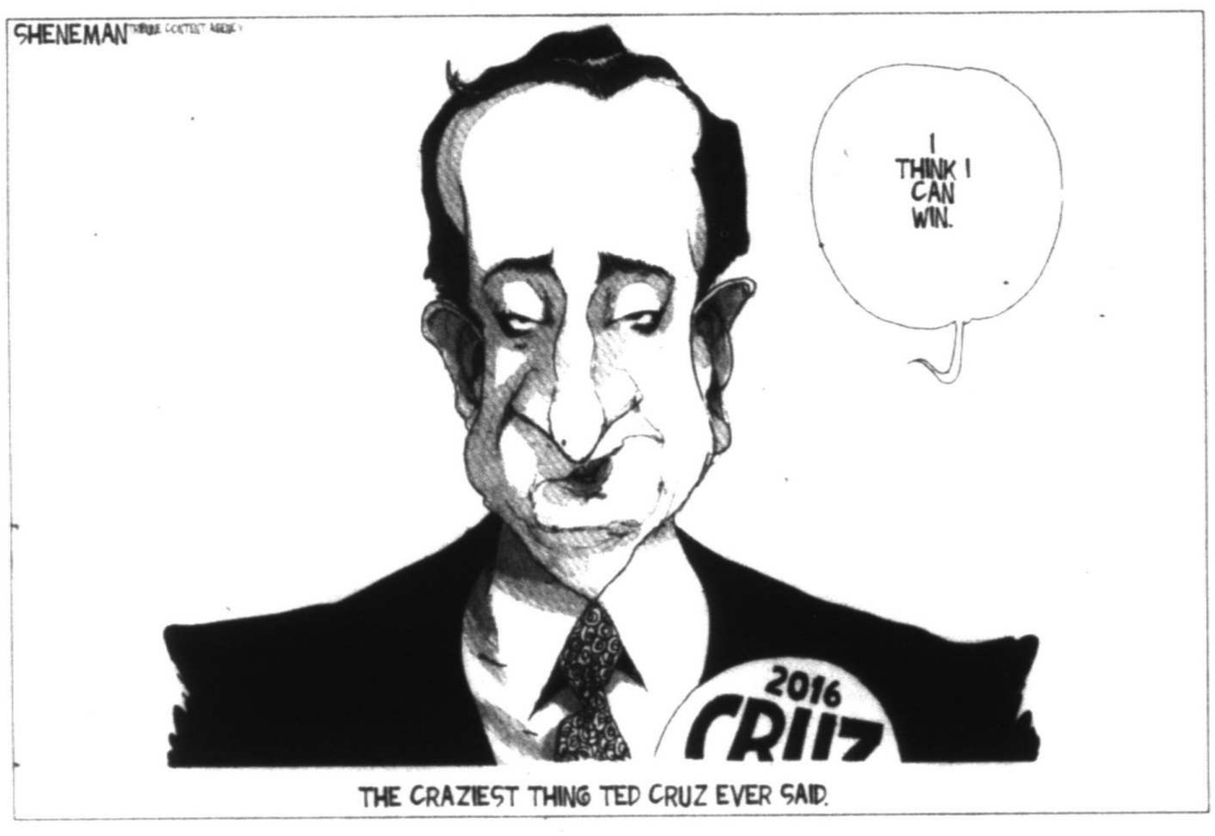
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What's written on Cruz's face?

■ It's necessarily what the senator says that could matter most



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Rafael Edward "Ted" Cruz, native of Canada, junior senator of Texas and lover of Wagner, has thrown his hat into the ring to be the Republican nominee for the 2016 presidential election.

But it's not his hat that many recoil from so much as it is the head beneath it. Let's talk about the elephant in Ted Cruz's presidential campaign: his face.

OK, it's symmetrical in its composition, not too pudgy or gaunt — all in all, a fine face, really. Some might even say he has the face of an angel. Not me, mind you, but some. Like the funsters over at The Verge who cleverly noted that Cruz's Twitter avatar bears a striking resemblance to Jesus Christ.

"Let's really relish, for example, the candidate's oddball Internet acumen, like Cruz's Twitter avatar, which is the most blatant Jesus pose a person can hold without blaspheming the Lamb of God," wrote Chris Plante on the day Cruz formally announced his candidacy. "Scrolling through Ted Cruz's Twitter stream is like shopping at a Christian bookstore or cleaning out my grandmother's guest bedroom. Cruz knows his demo. ... A picture's worth a thousand words."

But, marketing acumen and religious symbolism aside, that's not the Ted Cruz most of us have come to know.

The Cruz who has most often graced the real estate of our newspapers and Web pages has appeared angry, disgusted, tired of your pathetic silliness, *done* with your sophomoric suggestions, knowing (more than you, duh), barely tolerant (of your ridiculous ideas), superior in every way, extremely self-satisfied and, most often, brimming with contempt.

Those less charitable than me have compared his face to the "tragedy" half of the comedy/tragedy mask common in theater logos. Me? I see the Italian poet Dante Alighieri, author of "The Divine Comedy." Go ahead, Google it, and see the portraits of Dante in a full-on grimace. You'll see. It's uncanny.

But where Dante may have been experiencing what some have described as psychotic distress, most certainly from his political, emotional and financial difficulties, Cruz seems simply tired of those of us who aren't as committed to Christianity or as disgusted with the government as he is.

We're to be pitied, really, since anyone who might not find him palatable as an elected representative of the entire country is just, well, daft. Cruz's conservatism is not so much a political ideology as it is, to him, simply the right and only way to be.

Watching him on "CBS This Morning" the day after his announcement, you saw that Cruz is undaunted. His tilted head, frowning lips, shrugged shoulders and hands upturned in gestures of incredulousness lead you to view his politics as anything other than "speaking the truth" and "defending common sense."

Facial expression expert Paul Ekman's research for the National Institute of Mental Health tells us that the mouth's expression of contempt — lip corners raised or tightened, usually more to one side of the face than the other — is universally understood across cultures, especially when combined with head and eye position changes.

Contempt, as you may well know, is the No. 1 sign or predictor of a failing relationship. Contempt telegraphs disdain, disrespect, loathing and other things that you and I and most people don't want in the leader of the free world. Writing on the website of Progress Texas, Ed Espinoza declared "Ted Cruz Has a Latino Voter Problem." To say that the Canadian immigrant — who has been labeled anti-Hispanic and anti-immigrant by Latino advocacy organizations across the U.S. — "has never demonstrated an ability to grow support among Latino voters" is putting it lightly.

And it's not just Hispanics. There are too many repulsed Republicans to quote here, but I like the irony of David Brooks, The New York Times' conservative columnist, who said last April: "It doesn't help that he has a face that looks a little like Joe McCarthy, actually. So, you know, I find him a little off-putting."

Mark my words: Whether you agree with some or none of Cruz's conservative positions, his potential for success will come down to his ability to rein in his smug, just-so-disappointed-in-all-of-you facial expressions.

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From the Right | Mallard Fillmore





Associated Press

Hundreds of people gathered outside the Indiana Statehouse on Saturday for a rally against legislation signed Thursday by Gov. Mike Pence that opponents say could sanction discrimination against gay people. The law's supporters contend the discrimination claims are overblown and insist it will keep the government from compelling people to provide services they find objectionable on religious grounds.

Indiana governor defends new law

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Gov. Mike Pence defended the new state law that's garnered widespread criticism over concerns it could foster discrimination against gays and lesbians and said Sunday it wasn't a mistake to have enacted it.

Pence appeared on ABC's "This Week with George Stephanopoulos" to discuss the measure he signed last week prohibiting state laws that "substantially burden" a person's ability to follow his or her religious beliefs. The definition of "person" includes religious institutions, businesses and associations.

Since the Republican governor signed the bill into law Thursday, Indiana has been widely criticized by businesses and organizations around the nation, as well as on social media with the hashtag #boycottindiana. Already, consumer review service Angie's List has said it will suspend a planned expansion in Indianapolis because of the new law.

Pence did not answer directly when asked at least six times whether under the law it would be legal for a merchant to refuse to serve gay customers. "This is not about discrimination, this is about empowering people to confront government overreach," he said. Asked again, he said, "Look, the issue here is still is tolerance a two-way street or not."

Sexual orientation is not covered under Indiana's civil rights law. Pence has said he "won't be pursuing that."

The governor told the Indianapolis Star on Saturday that he was in discussions with legislative leaders over the weekend and expects a clarification bill to be introduced in the coming week. He addressed that Sunday, saying, "if the General Assembly ... sends me a bill that adds a section that reiterates and amplifies and clarifies what the law really is and what it has been for the last 20 years, then I'm open to that."

But Pence was adamant that the measure, slated to take effect in July, will stick. "We're not going to change this law," he said.

House GOP caucus spokeswoman Tory Flynn referred questions about those discussions and possible language to the governor's office; it didn't response to a request for comment Sunday.

Some national gay-rights groups say it's a way for lawmakers in Indiana and several other states where such bills have been proposed this year to essentially grant a state-sanctioned waiver for discrimination as the nation's highest court prepares to mull the gay marriage question.

Supporters of the law, including Pence, contend discrimination claims are overblown and insist it will keep the government from compelling people to provide services they find objectionable on religious grounds. They also maintain courts haven't allowed discrimination under similar laws covering the federal government and 19 other states. Arkansas is poised to follow in Indiana's footsteps, with a final vote expected next week in the House on legislation that Republican Gov. Asa Hutchinson has said he'll sign.

Josh Earnest, President Barack Obama's spokesman, appeared on "This Week" just after Pence, and said the debate isn't a political argument.

"If you have to go back two decades to try to justify what you're doing today, it may raise questions," Earnest said, referring to the 1993 federal law Pence brought up. He added that Pence "is in damage-control mode this morning and he's got some damage to fix."

State Rep. Ed DeLaney, an Indianapolis Democrat, told a large, boisterous crowd Saturday gathered outside of the Statehouse to protest that the law creates "a road map, a path to discrimination." Rally attendees chanted "Pence must go!" several times and held signs that read "No hate in our state."

Pence addressed the critics Sunday, saying: "This avalanche of intolerance that's been poured on our state is just outrageous." Asked if he would be willing to add sexual orientation to the list of characteristics against which discrimination is illegal, he said, "I will not push for that. That's not on my agenda, and that's not been an objective of the people of the state of Indiana."

U.S. Sen. Joe Donnelly, a Democrat, encouraged Indiana residents who oppose the law to speak with their elected officials and said in a statement Sunday that he'll work with elected leaders who understand Indiana a stronger state when it is clear it values all state residents.

Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard, a Republican who opposed the law, has said he and other city officials will talk with businesses and convention planners to counter the uproar.

Angie's List had sought an $18.5 million incentive package from Indianapolis' City-County Council to add 1,000 jobs over five years. But founder and CEO Bill Oseterle said in a statement Saturday that the expansion was on hold "until we fully understand the implications of the freedom restoration act on our employees."

The Indianapolis-based NCAA has expressed concerns about the law and has suggested it could move future events elsewhere; the men's Final Four will be held in the city next weekend.

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WASHINGTON

O'Malley: Presidency 'not some crown' families should share

Potential Democratic presidential candidate Martin O'Malley said Sunday that the country needs fresh perspectives for confronting its problems and criticized the prospects of the Clinton and Bush families yet again seeking the White House.

"The presidency of the United States is not some crown to be passed between two families," the former Maryland governor told ABC's "This Week."

O'Malley spoke as former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton is considered a likely candidate and clear front-runner for the Democratic nomination. Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush is considered a probable contender for the Republican nomination.

"I think that our country always benefits from new leadership and new perspectives," O'Malley said. He added, "We need a president who's on our side, a president who's willing to take on powerful, wealthy special interests" to restore the economy.

Asked if Clinton would take on special interests, O'Malley said, "I don't know. I don't know where she stands. Will she represent a break with the failed policies of the past? I don't know."

O'Malley said he will decide whether to run for president this spring and questioned whether his party's nomination of Clinton — also a former senator and first lady — is inevitable.

"History is full of times when the inevitable frontrunner is inevitable right up until he or she is no longer inevitable," he said.

O'Malley's response to questions slowed noticeably when asked what he considers the top foreign threat faced by the U.S.

"Uh, the greatest danger that we face right now on a consistent basis in terms of man-made threats, is uh, is uh, nuclear Iran and related to that, uh, extremist violence. I don't think you can separate the two," he said.

FLORIDA

Obama golfs with big money, oil moguls

PALM CITY — President Barack Obama is teeing off in Florida with a trio of oil and private equity moguls.

The president is spending the weekend in Palm City in eastern Florida, at the private Floridian National Golf Club.

Obama was joined for his round of golf Sunday by Jim Crane, who owns the Floridian. Crane is a major Democratic donor who also owns the Houston Astros and golfed with Obama and Tiger Woods in 2013.

Also in Obama's foursome is Milton Carroll. He's on the board of directors of Halliburton, the oil company closely associated with former Republican Vice President Dick Cheney.

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NBC News' boss faces challenge fixing MSNBC

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — As he returns to run the NBC News Group, Andy Lack faces one of the same puzzles he tried to solve a decade and a half ago: how to make MSNBC work.

While he was gone, MSNBC changed from traditional news to a political network with a liberal lens. Now that it is mired in a ratings slump, Lack's mandate as chairman will be figuring out if MSNBC needs a complete overhaul or a sharpening of its mission.

The current picture is seriously ugly. Through early March, Chris Hayes' viewership at 8 p.m. on weekdays was down 23 percent from last year, Rachel Maddow was off 24 percent and Lawrence O'Donnell down 26 percent. Among the 25-to-54-year-old demographic that is the basis for advertising sales, the prime-time lineup lost nearly half its audience. Daytime isn't much better.

Fatigue is natural for fans of any presidential administration in its sixth year, and liberals are traditionally less loyal to political talk media than conservatives.

"Like political groups that raise money, they do better when they have something to rail against," said Mark Feldstein, veteran television journalist and professor at the University of Maryland.



AP file photo

Phil Griffin, left, president of MSNBC, answers a question as Rachel Maddow, host of "The Rachel Maddow Show," looks on at the NBC Universal summer press tour, in Beverly Hills, Calif., in 2011. Griffin has lately sought to broaden MSNBC's outlook by taking on a greater variety of stories, even hiring a food correspondent, and there's been some uptick in the ratings the past few weeks.

Phil Griffin, MSNBC president, has lately sought to broaden MSNBC's outlook by taking on a greater variety of stories, even hiring a food correspondent, and there's been some uptick in the ratings the past few weeks. He changed the daytime lineup, ditching opinionated programs hosted by Ronan Farrow and Joy-Ann Reid and establishing a news-focused bloc with Jose Diaz-Balart, Andrea Mitchell and Thomas Roberts.

Griffin has run MSNBC since 2006. Normally, executives at networks with his ratings are looking for another job, especially with a new boss coming in. But he and Lack have a long relationship, and Griffin has credited Lack with kick-starting his career by assigning him to supervise NBC News coverage of the O.J. Simpson case.

The shift in focus during the day has led some fans to fear MSNBC may abandon its liberal focus altogether.

That's very unlikely. Despite the ratings, analyst SNL Kagan predicts MSNBC will earn $509 million in revenue this year. While that's below Fox News Channel ($2.18 billion) and CNN ($1.16 billion), that would still be slightly up from $501 million in 2014, Kagan said.

The financial health is largely due to long-term deals with cable and satellite operators to carry MSNBC, made when the network sold itself as a counterbalance to Fox News, said Derek Baine, Kagan analyst. Bad ratings depress advertising prices, and while they would hurt MSNBC's future if they persist, the advertising is not as important as the carriage deals.

Considering Lack spent much of his first go-round at NBC News struggling to find an identity for MSNBC, the idea of searching for a new one is no doubt unappealing.

Shifting to straight news would be even harder because MSNBC is no longer seen as a primary news source. Its viewership doesn't go up much during big news events, certainly not like CNN and Fox. While conservatives like getting news from Fox, liberals don't feel the same way about MSNBC. A Quinnipiac University poll of 1,286 registered voters a month ago found 29 percent of people said Fox was their most trusted news source, compared to 7 percent for MSNBC. Even among Democrats, more than twice as many people said they trusted CNN more for news than MSNBC.

To many fans, MSNBC's weakness isn't that it's liberal. It's that the network is boring.

"The solution is not that 'we need more news' or that 'we need to alter the political viewpoint,' but what does the content of the shows look like," said Keith Olbermann, former MSNBC prime-time host. "Do not be afraid to make good television. And in Rachel, Phil Griffin and Andy Lack, they've got three people in place who've already done that there."

Olbermann single-handedly lurched MSNBC to the left during President George W. Bush's second term when his angry commentary attracted a loyal audience. He had the passion, Maddow the quietly analytical mind and together they formed a potent one-two punch.

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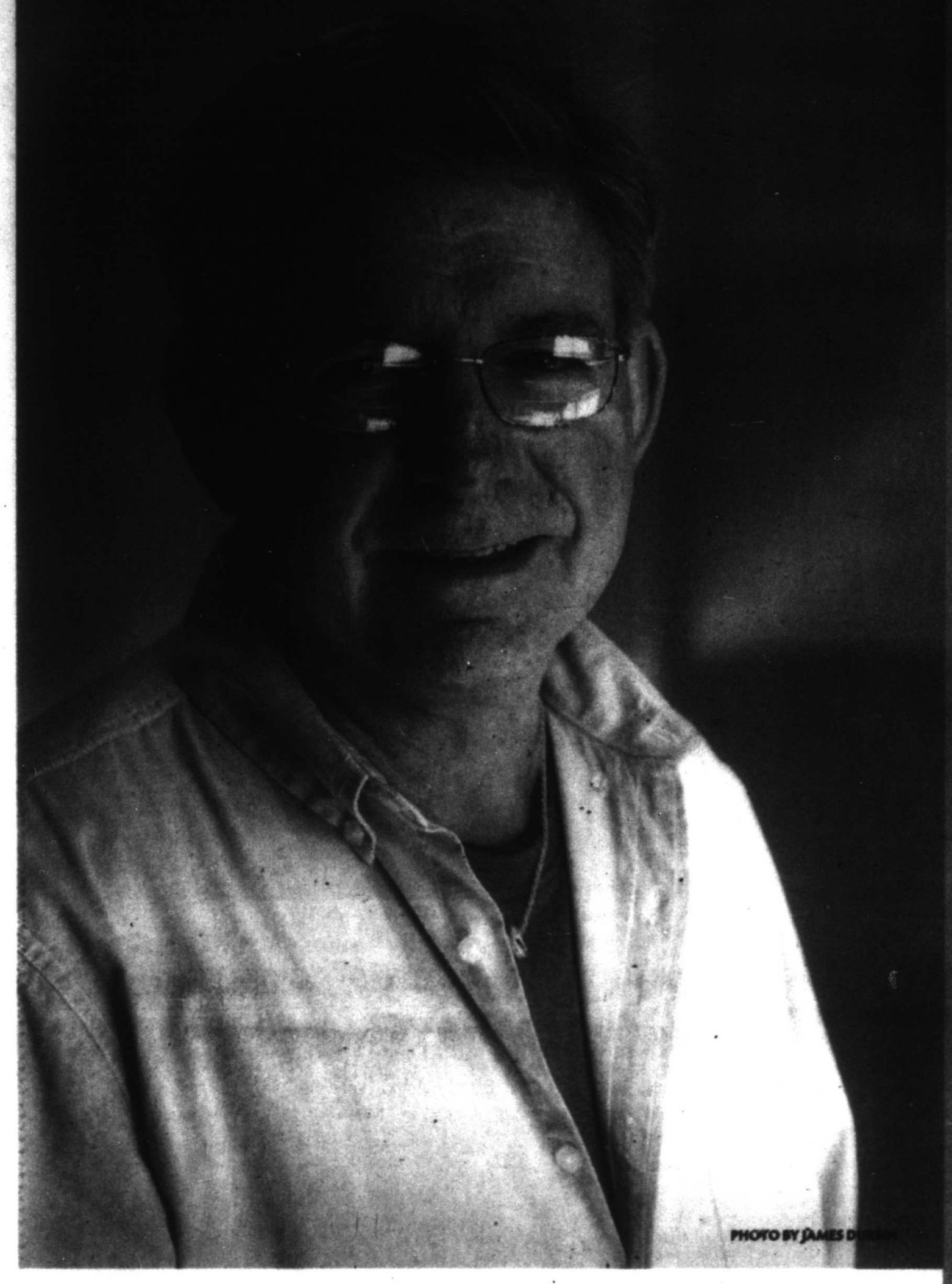


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TIP CHESNEY

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER

How did you become involved as a volunteer with Midland Need to Read and Hospice Midland?
I moved to Midland in 2009 to be a caregiver to a friend. Upon the remission of this person's illness, I began volunteering for Midland Need to Read and Casa de Amigos. The students I have been teaching came to Midland legally and all have varying degrees of English proficiency. The countries from which they have immigrated include China, Kazakhstan, Turkey, Vietnam, Greece, Mali, Cameroon, Mexico, Venezuela and Argentina. Caregiving first arose for me with my grandparents, father, and ill and dying friends at the time while still in my early adulthood. I know that giving some degree of fulfillment to those in need strengthens me for future challenges in teaching and in nurturing those approaching the end of their lives. Being a volunteer at Hospice Midland offers a venue to help develop a local "family." Being a volunteer for Midland Need to Read is similar. In Midland I have found foundation. I intend to stay in this giving and philanthropic city.

How much time do you dedicate to volunteering each week?
I volunteer about 30 hours a month for Hospice Midland and about 22 hours a month for Midland Need to Read.

When did you begin teaching?
I first remember teaching as a preteen working with younger kids in their Sunday school classes. My next recollection was my fourth-grade teacher allowing me to teach my classmates the daily science topics. In high school physical science classes, I was allowed to present and teach concepts of which I may have had a stronger grasp than others. While studying education at UT Austin, my supervisor had a long leave of absence, and I stepped up and finished the remainder of the semester for him. I began public school teaching in 1980. Long has been my belief that "learning to teach" does not reside in university settings. Thereby, I propose that erudition of students must first be prefaced upon an apprentice teacher learning the 'art of teaching' under the oversight of skilled/vintage educators. Grasping such a circumstance, I began as a novice in a two-room school house in Far West Texas with my mentor being an experienced guide. Our charges/our commitments were to teach (and learn from) 75 students all subject areas grades pre-K through eighth. Twelve years later outside of the public schools I began teaching individual students while living with their families in Texas, British Columbia, and the British Virgin Islands. Curricula had to be designed for each student's needs. New challenges increased my passion for pedagogy.

To learn more about ***Midland Need to Read,*** *visit midlandneedtoread.org. To learn more about* ***Hospice Midland,*** *visit hospicemidland.org.*

"APPROACHES TUTORING WITH A SENSE OF PATIENCE"

Tip Chesney has volunteered with Midland Need to Read as a one-to-one volunteer tutor since 2010. Tip meets with a number of students working toward their literacy goals, which may include GED preparation, English as a second language, grammar, reading and writing skills. Outside of utilizing the basic study materials, Tip engages his students through developing their personal experiences in the community. Students may attend local events like the AirSho, or visit landmarks like the Odessa Meteor Crater, with Tip. During such trips, he explains the importance of the event or landmark and encourages discussion, which builds the students' conversational skills. Through computer and phone conversations, Tip approaches his tutoring efforts with a sense of patience and understanding paired with true passion and care for his students and literacy. The community enrichment gained by literacy of Midland County adults is very important in Tip's eyes. He has had a desire to assist individuals in their educational pursuits since an early age and now believes it's one of his great gifts. Over the course of 2014 at Midland Need to Read, Tip logged 140 tutor hours with students, plus an additional 37 hours of preparation for his tutor sessions. He acquired the most hours of all the Midland Need to Read volunteer tutors for the year.

Jessica Smith, *Midland Need to Read resource development director*

"ATTENDEES ENJOY HIS ENERGY, ENTHUSIAM AND MOTIVATION"

For the last three years, Hospice Midland has had the privilege of the volunteer services of Tip Chesney. Volunteers are a main pillar of our organization. They provide services to our patients, families, as well as nursing homes and assisted-living facilities. It takes a special person to help those that are coping with end-of-life issues. Tip possesses that trait. During his time with Hospice Midland he has contributed to many different programs, one being our Care Givers Support Group. Tip has been extremely supportive by hosting and cooking for them every month. Another area that he has a passion for is reading. Tip was excited to initiate a reading and discussion group at one of the local facilities. Those who attended enjoyed his energy, enthusiasm and motivation while leading this group. Tip's commitment to be involved in weekly activities such as bingo, exercising and building relationships with the residents at the facilities is invaluable. His positive and uplifting personality has benefited not only hospice clients but those around him. Tip is always eager and willing to help with other hospice activities and administrative work. It has been a privilege of Hospice Midland to have Tip Chesney as a volunteer.

Sandy Lelker, *Hospice Midland volunteer coordinator*

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MADDEN-STEPHENS PARTIES

Michael Stoltz, from left, Scott Stephens and Turner Phipps.



Meredith Sauer, from left, Lindsey Parker, Natalie Madden and Shauna Madden.



Dr. Gary Madden, from left, Shauna Madden, Natalie Madden and Scott Stephens.

WEDDING FESTIVITIES

Midland attorneys **Natalie Madden** and **Scott Stephens**, who are planning a May 9 wedding at the Hotel del Coronado on Coronado Island, were honored at two parties last month.

Julie Harvey hosted a bridal shower on the snowy morning of Feb. 28.

The other hostesses were **Carole Clayton, Janabeth Cook, Janie Dyer, Brittany Grambling, Nancy Meyers, Laura Phipps, Susan South** and **Debbie Vasicek.** That evening, the couple were honored at an engagement party at the home of **Sharon and John Webb.**

Also hosting were **Susan and Craig Atchison, Cliffy and B.J. Beal, Nancy and John Bergman, Emily and Kevin Blonkvist, Sara and Andy Burleson, Linda and Pete Carter, Mary Ann and Robbie Christensen, Kendall and Craig Clark, Sigrid and Richard Coats, Kimberly and John Davis, Karen and Rick Davis, Glen Ellis, Sharon and Bobby Floyd, Iris and John Foster, Karen and Larry Gates, Teresa and Ron Ingram, Holly and Kyle McDonnold, Cynthia and Brian McLaughlin, Susan and John Nichols, Lyn and Robert Ochsner, Sandy and Larry Oldham, Diana and Steve Person, Courtney and Chris Renaud, Debbie Spinks and Lauren and Michael Stoltz.**

Madden, the daughter of **Shauna and Dr. Gary Madden,** is an in-house attorney with Mewbourne Oil Co. Stephens, the son of **Gail Stephens** and **Kerwin Stephens,** both of Graham, is with Stubbeman McRae Sealy Laughlin & Browder law firm.

HAWAII TRIP

Betty Melzer Moore recently visited the 50th state and said that "every day you spend in Hawaii is another day in paradise." She joined her cousin, **Suze Fedoroff** and husband, **Iggy**, from Cambria, California, for a trip to Maui, where they were joined by former Midlander **Marge Daniels.**

While on Maui, they attended luaus and magic shows, dined in luxury and went swimming.

But the highlight was their day trip to Haleakala National Park, where Moore said, "I fell in love with the spectacular beauty of the area." The travelers found Kauai — the least commercially developed of the islands — a more relaxing island.

They enjoyed beautiful sunrises and sunsets and a variety of flowers. They took a helicopter ride over the island and rode on a catamaran to go snorkeling.

The aircraft weaved in and out of the Olokele Canyon and the Waimea Canyon, known as the Grand Canyon of the Pacific, and by the Bali Hai cliffs.

While on the boat ride, they watched the breachings of the many whales as they passed by the 22-mile-long Na Pali coastline. The trip concluded with a week in San Francisco and a visit to the beautiful Napa Valley wine country.



Sara Davis, from left, Claire McLaughlin, Natalie Madden and Andrew Webb.



HAWAII TRIP

Former Midlander Marge Daniels, left, and Betty Melzer Moore.

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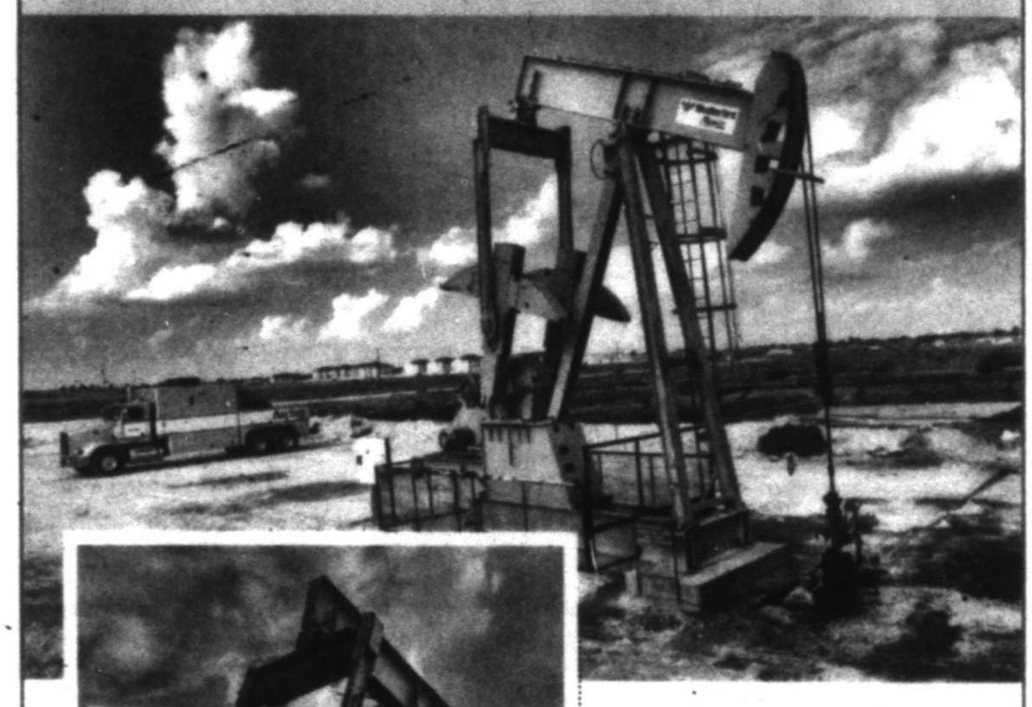
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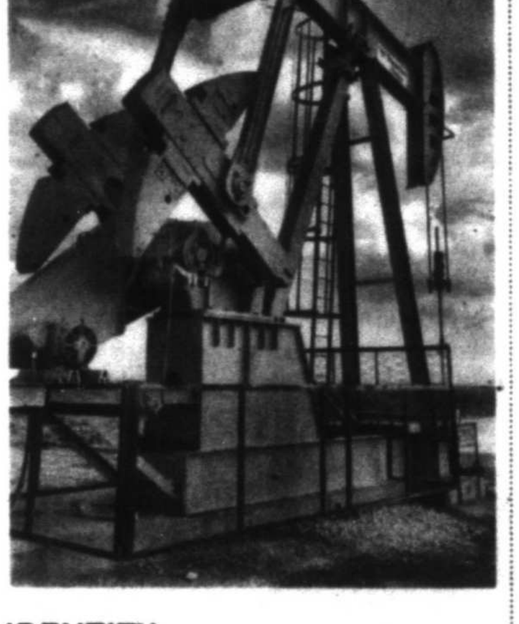
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KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Dancing With the Stars (N)				Castle "Habeas Corpse" (N)		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) News Nightline
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	2 Broke Girls (N)	Mike & Molly (N)	Scorpion "Crossroads" (N)		NCIS: Los Angeles "Blaze of Glory" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman	(:35) J.Corden
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	Banacek
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	8	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Gotham "Red Hood"		The Following "Reunion" (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. R.Booker	Update News	Day of Discovery	Light of the Southwest				House Call	Mani Erfan	Rocks/Manuscripts	Y.Salamanca
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		The Voice "The Knockouts, Part 3" (N)				The Night Shift "Need to Know" (N)		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show	(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Antique "Birmingham (Hour One)" (N)		Cancer: The Emperor of All Maladies "Magic Bullets" (N)				Charlie Rose (N)	Tavis Smiley (N)	Tavis Smiley
KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	La sombra del pasado		Amores con trampa (P) (N)		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 "Ballerina"		Law&O: SVU "Hell"		My News	Million..	Anger M.	M&M	Office	Access H.
FLIX		340	65		165		(3:45) ★★★ Little Odessa				★★★★ Clerks				(:05) National Lampoon's ...		(:45) National Lampoon Pre...	
HBO		300	68	14	14		(3:00) The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey				Going Clean: Scientology & the Prison...				FightGame	★★★ Prisoners		
HBO2		302	69	15	101	23	Movie	Last Week	Bill Maher				★★ The Conjuring Patrick Wilson.			★★★★ Dallas Buyers Club		
HBO5		304	70	16	102		(:15) Seeking a Friend for the End of the...				★★ The Internship Vince Vaughn.				Real Sports		Endless Love	
MAX		380	71	17	120	24	(5:30) A History o...		(:15) The Purge: Anarchy Frank Grillo.						★★ Armageddon ('98, Adv) Liv Tyler, Bruce Willis.			LifeTop
MAX2		382	72	18	122		(:05) ★★ Exorcist: The Beginning				★★★ The Truman Show		(:45) Cabo		"Eyes Wide Open"	(:20) The Signal		
PLEX				96			(5:30) High Schoo...		★★ Top Secret! Val Kilmer.		(:35) Elvis Has Left the Buil...				(:10) Master Harold & the ...		Movie	
SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	(5:15) Dreamcatcher		Shameless		Lies	Lies	Shameless		Lies	Lies	★★ Hostel	
TMC		336	67	22	155	26	(:55) A Night at t...		(:20) ★★ Crazy/ Beautiful Kirsten Durst.				★ Kelly and Cal (2014, Comedy/Drama)				★ The To Do List	
A&E		27	32	28	35	47	Bates Motel "The Arcanum Club"		Bates Motel "Persuasion"		Bates Motel "Ufbreak-Able" (N)		The Returned "Victor" (N)		(:05) The Returned "Victor"		(:05) Bates Motel "Persuasion"	
AMC		40	21	23	42	51	(4:30) ★★★ The Departed				(:55) Call Saul "RICO"		Better Call Saul (N)		(:05) Better Call Saul		(:10) ★ The Departed	
BET		58	26		40		Being Mary Jane		★ Couples Therapy (2015)				Being Mary Jane		Being Mary Jane		Wendy Williams	
BRAVO		65	63		41		Shahs of Sunset		Housewives Atlanta		Shahs of Sunset (N)		Southern Charm (N)		Housewives Atlanta		Shahs of Sunset	
CNBC		46	45		39	72	Marijuana Inc		Shark Tank		Colorado Pot Rush		Marijuana Country		Cocaine Cowboys II		Cocaine Cowboys	
CNN		43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		CNN	
DISC		50	20	31	24	42	Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud (N)		Fast N' Loud (N)		Misfit Garage (N)		Fast N' Loud		Misfit Garage	
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	KCUnder	Girl	★ Bad Hair Day Laura Marano.		Mickey		Austin	LivMad	I Didn't	Dog Blog	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball Division I Tournament (L)				NCAA Basketball Division I Tournament (L)				SportsCenter			
ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	SportsCenter		H.S. Basketb.		Powerade Jam Fest		NBA Coast to Coast			SportNat	NBA Tonight	
FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	(5:00) ★ Home Alone 2:		Lost in ...		★★★ The Goonies ('85, Adv) Sean Astin.				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...	Diners...	Food Fortunes (N)		Diners...	Diners...	Diners...	Diners...
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	(5:30) LHSAA Ch	SportsDay OnAir (N)	Stars Pre-game (L)	NHL Hockey Calgary Flames at Dallas Stars Site: American Airlines Center – Dallas, Texas (L)					Stars Live (L)	The Game 3...	Rangers Insider	SportsDay OnAir
FX		31	31	59	64	69	★★★ The Vow ('12, Dra) Rachel McAdams.				M&M	M&M	M&M	M&M	M&M	M&M	M&M	M&M
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	Waltons "The House"		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/ List It (N)		H.Hunt	House (N)	Love It or List It		Love It or List It, Too	
HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	Swamp "Bulletproof"		Swamp "Badlands"		Swamp People (N)		(:05) Outlaws (N)		(:05) Gangland U.		Swamp "Badlands"	
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	(5:00) ★★ Georgia Rule Felicity Huffman.		★★ The Nanny Diaries (2007, Comedy) Donna Murphy.				★ To Be Announced				★★ The Nanny Diaries ('07, Com)	
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			-	FB Talk	NHL Live! (L)		NHL Hockey Los Angeles Kings at Chicago Blackhawks (L)					Overtime	Blazers	Barclays Review (N)	
NICK		55	34	39	34	37	(5:00) iCarly	iCarly	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	(:10) Lopez	(:50) Lopez
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	★★★ Man on Fire ('04, Act) Dakota Fanning, Denzel Washington.						★ A Good Man					Movie
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	★★★ The 13th Warrior Antonio Banderas.				★★ The Last Airbender Noah Ringer.				★★ Jack the Giant Slayer Nicholas Hoult.			
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld "The Doll"	Family Guy	Family Guy	American Dad (N)	American Dad	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan Will Forte, Justin Willman		The Office	Conan
TCM		41	61	24	63	66	★ Granny Get Your...		★★★★ China Syndrome Jane Fonda.				(:15) ★★★ Broadcast News ('87, Com) William Hurt.				Movie	
TELE		20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		La Biblia		Tierra de reyes		Dueños del paraiso		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	Tierra de reyes	
TLC		51	33	32	38	52	My 600-lb Life "Melissa's Story" 1/2		My 600-lb Life "Melissa's Story" 2/2		600 Life: Supersized "Laura's Story" (N)		Who did I Marry (N)	Who did I Marry (N)	Who did I Marry (N)	Who did I Marry (N)	600 Life: Supersized "Laura's Story"	
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	Castle "Watershed"		Castle "Valkyrie"		Castle "Dreamworld"		iZombie "Pilot"		iZombie "Brother, Can You Spare a Brain"		Law & Order "Smoke"	
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	Walker, Texas Ranger		Fam.Feud	Fam.Feud	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	Friends	Friends
USA		26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Twilight"		WWE Monday Night Raw						(:05) WWE Hall of Fame (N)		(:10) DIG "Prayer of David"	
WGN		19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		★★ Murder at 1600 (1997, Suspense) Diane Lane, Alan Alda, Wesley Snipes.				Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.

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Midland College Foundation honored scholarship recipients and donors at a luncheon March 5 at Midland Country Club. Keynote speaker was David Smith, executive director of Abell-Hanger Foundation. Those attending included Jeff Alsup, left, and Nancy Sparr, right, with Fasken Foundation, and Blake Kiser, second from left, Shaylee Winchell and Amanda Hinton.

SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON



Cali Claybrook, from left, Erica Barrientez and Hannah Bowden.



Julie Vickery, Student Development coordinator, from left, Emily Roper and Lea Keesee, F. Marie Hall SimLife Center.



Courtesy photo

Albertsons Market's parent company, The United Family, on Tuesday delivered 5,600 pounds of apples to the West Texas Food Bank as part of the company's participation in the national Take a Bite Out of Hunger program. United Family representatives on hand for the donation were Roger Wakefield, from left, J.T. Arnold, Alfredo Riviera, Brent Slack, Lil Salagado, Mike Morgan, Cheryl Wall, Belinda Marquez and Teno Arroyo.

BRIDGE RESULTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Permian Bridge Club

March 17

Sandy Thomas-Marlene Blumentritt, Bonnie Hubbard-Kay Arrell, Betty Fernandez-Helen South, Flo Curry-Jane Myers, Marilyn Higgins-Brenda Brauner, Bitsy Loewenstein-Betty Marlow

March 18

Dorothy Brenneman-South, Curry-Blumentritt-Debra Jones-Scott Vaughan, Belle Harris-Ann Parish

March 19

Marty Massie-Lori Julian, Mary Tift-Blumentritt, Ann Servatius-Vaughan, Kay Sewell-Don Troy, Linda Farrar-Dorothy Blair

March 20

Curry-Myers, Roberta Bacon-Bob Bacon, Janet Stoltz-Hubbard, Linda Aaron-South, Thomas-Blumentritt, Judy Duke Miller-Sally Reeder, Sue Marshall-Tommie Strack

March 22

Gloria Crites-Jean Pistole, Shirley Davenport-Amanda Shaw, Ricki Perry-Curry, Sarana Savage-Aaron, Gloria Jackson-Nancy Ward

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For each word or phrase below, rearrange the letters to spell two new words that are things that can be smooth. For example: A LITTLE SCAMP can be rearranged to spell PLASTIC and METAL.

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M S

LAPEL GASPS
A G

PARK WINS
S W

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Yesterday's Answer: THEREBY, LEXICON, REVIVAL 3.30



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A reception to showcase local art from associations such as ArtiZen, Art Quest, Midland Arts Association and Midland Palette Club on display throughout the Midland Shared Spaces building was held March 19.

TECHTAILGATEPARTY

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Texas Tech fans showed up early to partake in tailgating activities before the start of a Red Raider spring scrimmage on Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium.











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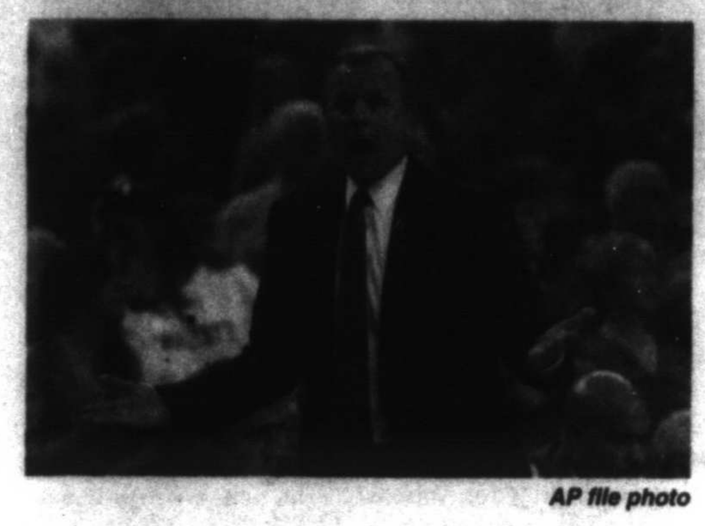
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Rick Barnes says he wanted to stay as Texas coach



AP file photo

In this Feb. 21 photo, Texas head coach Rick Barnes calls to his players during a game in Austin. Barnes, who shaped Texas into a national basketball power with three Big 12 championships and 16 NCAA Tournament appearances in 17 years, was released after yet another quick exit from the postseason.

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — An emotional Rick Barnes fought back tears in saying goodbye to Texas after 17 years Sunday, insisting he's grateful for his time with Longhorns and isn't bitter about being fired.

"The wins and losses are fleeting, but it's the relationships that matter," Barnes said at a 40-minute farewell news conference. "We know as a coach, this whole thing is about players. We've been blessed as a staff here to have so many players who have affected our lives."

But Barnes also revealed that he had been told by athletic director Steve Patterson that he would be back for another season after Texas lost to Butler in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

"Some things changed," Barnes said.

Barnes confirmed Patterson told him a few days ago he had to fire staff or be fired himself. That ultimatum was leaked to the media Thursday, publicly turning up the pressure on Barnes and his assistants. Barnes blamed the leaks on the athletic department but didn't name any individuals behind them.

"I was shocked," by the leaks, Barnes said. "I couldn't do that. That would be me saying this is about me. I've been carried by a lot of people here. We're in this together."

Barnes said his staff offered to quit but he refused to let them.

Patterson did not attend the news conference.

The university released a statement announcing a "mutual" agreement to part ways that included a comment from Patterson thanking Barnes for his service. But Barnes left no doubt that he was fired.

"I don't want anyone to think I'm bitter. Do those emotions rage up inside you? Yeah, they do. I told Steve I wanted a chance to finish the job," Barnes said.

Barnes, 60, said he would like to coach again but didn't say where. Given his resume, his name is likely to surface as a potential candidate for several job openings around the country. He had four years left on his Texas contract and is due a severance payment of $1.75 million.

Barnes leaves a legacy of winning at Texas.

Please see **BARNES**/5C

'It's very humbling'



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Dan Irons, former Texas Tech offensive lineman, will be inducted today into the Southwest Conference Hall of Fame.

Tech great Irons to be inducted into SWC Hall

By Oscar LeRoy
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At the time when Dan Irons played college football, he was one of the biggest offensive linemen in the sport.

The 6-foot-7, 260-pound tackle for Texas Tech not only towered over defenders, but he used his background in tennis to add agility and quickness.

Because of those traits, Irons was a three-year starter for the Red Raiders from 1975 to 1977 and was a consensus first team All-American in 1977.

He was one of the best linemen in the Southwest Conference at the time, which is why he was chosen by the Texas Sports Hall of Fame to be one of the nine new members of the Southwest Conference Hall of Fame.

He will be part of a class that includes, Bill Montgomery (Arkansas), Cotton Davidson (Baylor), Carol Lewis (Houston), Jose Cruz Jr. (Rice), Rick Herrscher (SMU), Eric Metcalf (Texas), Curtis Mills (Texas A&M) and Lance Brown (TCU). The nine members will be inducted in ceremony and luncheon at 11:30 a.m. today at the Hilton Hotel in downtown Austin.

"It's very humbling," said Irons, a longtime Midlander and Lubbock Monterey graduate. "I know there's a lot of great athletes, and I'm just honored they selected me. I was reading the list of athletes that have been inducted, and I am just honored to be part of that list."

Irons, 60, said he got a call from former Texas Tech men's basketball coach and athletic director Gerald Myers about a month ago informing him of the news. Irons said Myers actually recruited him to play basketball with the Red Raiders, but it never worked out since he originally signed to play football for head coach Jim Carlen at the time.

Athletic roots

The fact that Irons had a chance to play college basketball shows what a great athlete he was. Growing up with his dad Ed as a coach, sports were always a big part of Irons' life. Irons' dad was a pretty good athlete himself who played football and basketball at Tech in the early 1940s. In fact, Ed and Dan are the only father and son to be inducted into the Texas Tech Hall of Honor.

"I was pretty much always a Red

Please see **IRONS**/2C



Sue Ogrocki/AP

Baylor forward Sune Agbuke cries after Baylor's 77-68 loss to Notre Dame during a regional final in the NCAA Tournament on Sunday in Oklahoma City.

Lady Bears fall short of Final Four

Fighting Irish	77
Lady Bears	68

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Lindsay Allen scored 23 points to help top-seeded Notre Dame defeat Baylor 77-68 in the Oklahoma City regional final Sunday and reach its fifth consecutive Final Four.

Allen, who scored a career-high 28 points in the regional semifinal win over Stanford on Friday, followed that by making 10 of 16 shots and dropping seven assists. She was named the Most Outstanding Player of the regional.

Michaela Mabrey scored 14 points and Jewell Loyd added 13 points for the Fighting Irish (35-2), who won their 21st straight game. Notre Dame will play South Carolina next Sunday.

Nina Davis had 26 points and 13 rebounds, Sune Agbuke had 12 points and 10 rebounds and Niya Johnson added 10 assists for second-seeded Baylor (33-4), which had hoped to avenge an 88-69 loss to Notre Dame in last year's regional final.

A 3-pointer by Madison Cable gave Notre Dame a 60-56 lead, and a pair of free throws by Loyd pushed the advantage to six with just under 10 minutes to play.

Agbuke, Baylor's 6-foot-4 center,

Please see **LADY BEARS**/3C

Spartans Final Four-bound, beat Louisville

By John Wawrow
Associated Press

Spartans	76
Cardinals	70 (OT)

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Travis Trice vowed a day earlier that he wasn't going to cry should the Michigan State Spartans continue their improbable run to the Final Four.

The senior guard's vow lasted no more than 10 seconds once the final horn sounded following Michigan State's 76-70 overtime victory over Louisville in a thrilling NCAA Tournament East Regional final Sunday.

Amid the frenzied celebration, Trice squatted down at center court and began to sob uncontrollably.

"I was actually trying to hold it in," Trice said. "I try to keep it even keeled. I'm mad that I even cried now."

That's when senior forward Branden Dawson interjected by saying that was the first time he's ever seen Trice cry.

Counted out for done as recently as six weeks ago, the seventh-seeded Spartans (27-11) let it all out in a thrilling display of perseverance and defensive grit to oust the fourth-seeded Cardinals (27-9).

"I'd like to tell you that I thought five different times this year that we were good enough to get to a Final Four, but I'd be lying to you," said coach Tom Izzo, who described this as the best of seven regional final victories he has enjoyed. "But I think the burning desire to be in this Final Four, and they didn't want to be a group that didn't make it. I think it was more of the battle cry all year long."

Trice led the Spartans with 17 points. Dawson had 11 rebounds, including a key putback of Bryn Forbes' missed 3-point shot with 31.7 seconds left in overtime. And Denzel Valentine scored 15 points for a Michigan State team that won for the 12th time in 15 games. It's a run that included them knocking off second-seeded Virginia last weekend and third-seeded Oklahoma in the regional semifinal on Friday.

Michigan State will ply Duke, which beat Gonzaga, 66-52, in the South Regional final, on Saturday in Indianapolis.

Wayne Blackshear had 28 points for the Cardinals (27-9) in a game that featured 11 lead changes.

There could have been a 12th with 4.9 seconds left in regulation, when Cardinals forward Mangok Mathiang hit his first free throw to tie the game on a shot that hit off the heel of the rim and bounced high and in. But he wasn't so fortunate on his second one, which also hit the heel and bounced wide left.

"Sometimes it can be a cruel game. I was positive we were going to win it when the first free throw went in because it shouldn't have gone in," Cardinals coach Rick Pitino said. "It's very difficult for all the players. But real proud of our guys."

Louisville was denied a shot of making its third Final Four in four years, and 11th overall.

It's the ninth Final Four appearance for the Spartans, and first since 2010, when they lost 52-50 to Butler in the national semifinals. Izzo has led them to seven Final Fours including the 2000 national championship.

The Spartans did it with a roster that was regarded as having less talent than the team that lost in the regional final to Connecticut a year ago. Michigan State lost three of its top four scorers.

"Everybody doubted us. Everybody had us down and out," Valentine said. "They didn't have us making the tournament. We just kept strong. We believe in ourselves."

The Spartans rallied from a 40-32

Please see **SPARTANS**/3C



Nick Lisi/AP

Michigan State's Lourawls Nairn Jr. (11) and Gavin Schilling (34) react during the second half of a regional final against Louisville in the NCAA Tournament on Sunday in Syracuse, N.Y.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TODAY

WHAT'S ON TV

ARENA FOOTBALL LEAGUE

San Jose at Las Vegas, 9:30 p.m., CBSSN

BOXING

Mexico vs. Russia, 7 p.m., UDN

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Georgia at Tennessee, 6 p.m., SEC

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Miami vs. NY Mets, Noon, MLB

San Francisco vs. Chic. Cubs, 3 p.m., MLB

Minnesota vs. Boston, 6 p.m., MLB

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

CBI Final, Game 1: Louisiana-Monroe at Loyola (IL), 7 p.m., CBSSN

MEN'S SOCCER

U21 Friendly: England vs. Germany, 1:45 p.m., FOX-SOCP/FOXDEP

Friendly: Macedonia vs. Australia, 1:45 p.m., beIN/beIN2

NBA

Houston at Toronto, 6:30 p.m., NBAtv

Phoenix at Portland, 9 p.m., NBAtv

NHL

Los Angeles at Chicago, 7:30 p.m., NBCSN

Calgary at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW

TENNIS

ATP & WTA: Miami Open, 10 a.m., TENNIS

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Elite 8: Dayton vs. Connecticut, 6 p.m., ESPN

Elite 8: Tennessee vs. Maryland, 8 p.m., ESPN

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

TAPPS 1-3A Tournament, Abilene

SPRING TRAINING

AMERICAN LEAGUE	W	L	Pct
Oakland	18	9	.667
Kansas City	16	10	.615
Boston	13	10	.565
New York	15	12	.556
Toronto	15	12	.556
Los Angeles	13	11	.542
Houston	10	9	.526
Tampa Bay	11	11	.500
Minnesota	11	13	.458
Cleveland	11	15	.423
Baltimore	11	16	.407
Seattle	10	15	.400
Chicago	9	14	.391
Texas	9	14	.391
Detroit	10	16	.385

NATIONAL LEAGUE	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	15	8	.652
New York	16	11	.593
Cincinnati	13	10	.565
Pittsburgh	13	10	.565
San Diego	14	11	.560
Colorado	15	12	.556
St. Louis	11	10	.524
Miami	12	11	.522
Arizona	14	13	.519
Atlanta	12	14	.462
Milwaukee	11	13	.458
Washington	10	12	.455
Chicago	12	15	.444
Philadelphia	11	14	.440
San Francisco	9	19	.321

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

Sunday's Scores

Pittsburgh 7, Atlanta 2
Philadelphia 4, Detroit 4, tie
N.Y Mets 3, St. Louis 2
Minnesota 6, Baltimore (ss) 5
Washington 11, Miami 7
Boston 3, Tampa Bay 2, 10 innings
N.Y.Yankees 7, Houston 0
Baltimore (ss) 4, Toronto 2
Cincinnati 8, L.A. Angels 6
L.A. Dodgers (ss) 10, Texas 5
Chicago Cubs 7, Kansas City 0
Chicago White Sox 4, Cleveland 1
Oakland 7, Milwaukee 0
San Francisco 11, L.A. Dodgers (ss) 9
San Diego 8, Seattle 5
Colorado 11, Arizona 10, 10 innings
Colorado 2, Arizona 1

Today's Games

Baltimore vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Washington vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Atlanta vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla. 12:05 p.m.
Miami vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla. 12:10 p.m.
Colorado vs. Oakland at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Cleveland vs. Chicago White Sox at Glendale Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
Toronto vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 6:05 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Reassigned OF Daniel Alvarez, INF Chris Parmelee and RHP Chaz Roe to their minor league camp.

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Optioned RHP Joan Tomlin to Columbus (IL).

HOUSTON ASTROS — Optioned RHP Jake Buchanan, C Max Stassi and 3B Matt Dominguez to minor league camp. Reassigned RHP James Hoyt, INF Gregorio Petit, SS Carlos Correa, LHP Dann Downs and C Tyler Heineman to minor league camp.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Released RHP Scott Baker. Optioned RHP Bryan Mitchell and OF Ramon Flores to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Reassigned RHPs Kyle Davies and Nick Rumbelow, Cs Francisco Arcia and Kyle Higashioka, INFs Cole Figueroa and Jonathan Galvez, OF Slade Heathcott and LHP Jacob Lindgren to their minor league camp. Agreed to terms with RHP Jared Burton on a minor league contract.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Optioned RHP Chris Bassitt and OF Alex Hassan to Nashville (PCL). Reassigned C Luke Carlin and INFs Max Muncy and Andy Parrino to their minor league camp.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Optioned LHP Roenis Elias and RHP Carson Smith to Tacoma (PCL). Reassigned LHP Joe Saunders, C John Baker, OF Endy Chavez, INFs Shawn O'Malley and Carlos Rivero and RHPs Mark Lowe, Jordan Pries and Kevin Gorlesa to their minor league camp.

TEXAS RANGERS — Released RHP Mitch Atkins and OF Ryan Ludwick.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Claimed 1B Andy Wilkins off waivers from the Chicago White Sox and optioned him to Buffalo (IL).

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES — Released LHP James Russell.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Optioned RHPs Miguel Alfredo Gonzalez and Hector Neris to Lehigh Valley (IL). Reassigned C Kevin Hill, INF Chris McGuiness and Chris Nelson and RHP Paul Clemens to their minor league camp.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Reassigned RHP Curtis Partch to their minor league camp.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Optioned C Ed Easley, INF Dean Anna and 1B Xavier Scruggs to Memphis (PCL). Reassigned INF Jacob Wilson to their minor league camp. BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NEW YORK KNICKS — Signed G Ricky Ledo to a second 10-day contract.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CAROLINA HURRICANES — Recalled F Carter Sandlak from Florida (ECHL) to Charlotte (AHL).

FLORIDA PANTHERS — Agreed to terms with F Kyle Rau on an entry-level contract and assigned him to San Antonio (AHL).

American Hockey League

ALBANY DEVILS — Returned RW Alexandre Carrier on loan to the Orlando Solar Bears (ECHL).

BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS — Signed F Colin Markison to an amateur tryout agreement.

OKLAHOMA CITY BARONS — Returned F David Ling to Brampton (ECHL).

ECHL

ECHL — Suspended Wheeling RW Patrick McGrath two games and Cincinnati F David Pacan one game.

EVANSVILLE ICEMEN — Signed F Cody Freeman and D Chris Dumba.

MISSOURI MAVERICKS — Added G Brandon Jaeger as emergency backup. Signed F Brett Stowe.

TOLEDO WALLEYE — Released G Justin Sand as emergency backup.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

PORTLAND TIMBERS — Loaned M Nick Besler, G Jake Gleeson, Ds Taylor Peay and Andy Thoma and F Schillo Tshuma to T2 (USL, United Soccer League).

T2 — Signed D Anthony Manning.

COLLEGE

DEPAUL — Named Dave Leitao men's basketball coach.

TEXAS — Fired men's basketball coach Rick Barnes.

MLS STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New York	1	0	1	4	3	2
D.C. United	2	1	0	6	2	2
New York City FC	1	1	2	5	3	2
Orlando City	1	1	2	5	4	4
New England	1	2	1	4	2	6
Columbus	1	2	0	3	3	3
Toronto FC	1	2	0	3	4	5
Chicago	1	3	0	3	2	5
Montreal	0	1	2	2	2	3
Philadelphia	0	1	2	2	2	3

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
FC Dallas	3	0	1	10	6	1
Vancouver	3	1	0	9	5	4
San Jose	2	1	0	6	6	6
Real Salt Lake	1	0	2	5	5	4
Los Angeles	1	1	2	5	5	4
Houston	1	1	2	5	2	2
Sporting Kansas City	1	1	2	5	3	4
Seattle	1	1	1	4	5	3
Colorado	1	2	1	4	3	5
Portland	0	1	3	3	3	4

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

Sunday's Scores

Chicago 1, Philadelphia 0
Real Salt Lake 2, Toronto FC 1

Friday's Game

D.C. United at Orlando City, 6 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Toronto FC at Chicago, 2 p.m.
New England at Colorado, 6 p.m.
Los Angeles at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Houston at Seattle, 9 p.m.
FC Dallas at Portland, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 5

Real Salt Lake at San Jose, 4 p.m.
Philadelphia at Sporting Kansas City, 6 p.m.

NBADL STANDINGS

EAST CONFERENCE Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Sioux Falls	28	19	.596	—
Fort Wayne	26	22	.542	2 1/2
Iowa	24	23	.511	4
Grand Rapids	21	25	.457	6 1/2
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Maine	33	14	.702	—
Canton	29	18	.617	4
Erie	22	25	.468	11
Delaware	19	28	.404	14
Westchester	10	36	.217	22 1/2
WEST CONFERENCE **Southwestern Division**				
	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Austin	31	17	.646	—
Oklahoma City	26	22	.542	5
Rio Grande Valley	26	22	.542	5
Texas	21	25	.457	9
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Bakersfield	34	14	.708	—
x-Santa Cruz	33	14	.702	1/2
Reno	18	30	.375	16
Los Angeles	16	32	.333	18
Idaho	6	39	.170	25 1/2

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Sunday's Scores

Maine 108, Grand Rapids 107
Canton 102, Iowa 97
Oklahoma City 103, Austin 100
Texas at Santa Cruz, 8 p.m.

Today's Game

Grand Rapids at Westchester, 6 p.m.

SKI REPORT

ROCKIES

New Mexico

Sipapu — Sun 4-36 am wet snow machine groomed 22-30 base 19 of 41 trails 46% open, 4 of 5 lifts. Mon-Fri 9:30a-4p Sat/Sun 9:30a-4p

Ski Apache — Sun 7:56 am machine groomed 7-35 base 55 of 55 trails 100% open, 27 miles, 750 acres, 10 of 10 lifts, am Mon-Fri 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p Apr 4: Last day

Ski Santa Fe — Sun 9:47 am variable machine groomed 42-96 base 77 of 77 trails 99% open, 6 of 7 lifts. Mon-Fri 9:30a-4:30p Sat/Sun 9:30a-4:30p

Taos — Sun 6:01 am machine groomed 05-89 base 113 of 113 trails, 100% open 15 of 15 lifts. Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun 9a-4p

Colorado

Arapahoe Basin — Sun 7:58 am 1 new powder machine groomed 46-66 base 85 of 155 trails, 55% open, 804 acres, 8 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Aspen Highlands — Sat 5:35 am spring snow machine groomed 51-74 base 89 of 122 trails 73% open, 750 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p

Aspen Mountain — Sat 5:33 am spring snow machine groomed 45-47 base 74 of 76 trails 97% open, 665 acres, 6 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p

Beaver Creek — Sun 5:16 am spring snow machine groomed 50-50 base 127 of 150 trails 78% open, 1455 acres, 24 of 26 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Breckenridge — Sun 5:21 am 1 new spring snow machine groomed 69-69 base 187 of 187 trails, 100% open, 2908 acres, 34 of 35 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Buttermilk — Sat 5:34 am spring snow machine groomed 85-37 base 42 of 44 trails 95% open, 465 acres, 7 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p

Copper Mountain — Sun 5:27 am 1 new powder machine groomed 62-70 base 141 of 143 trails, 99% open, 63 miles, 2440 acres, 23 of 23 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Crested Butte — Sun 5:35 am spring snow machine groomed 44-44 base 66 of 121 trails 88% open, 920 acres, 14 of 16 lifts, am Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Eldora — Sun 8:48 am spring snow machine groomed 46-59 base 46 of 53 trails, 87% open 10 of 11 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Keystone — Sun 5:20 am 1 new spring snow machine groomed 50-50 base 109 of 135 trails 74% open, 2355 acres, 19 of 20 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Loveland — Sun 6:56 am variable machine, groomed 08-09 base 92 of 93 trails, 99% open, 1702 acres, 9of 10 lifts, am Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p

Monarch — Sun 7:51 am packed powder machine groomed 66-85 base 60 of 62 trails, 97% open 762 acres, 6 of 6 lifts, am Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p

Purgatory — Sun 5:15 am spring single machine groomed 36-43 base 66 of 88 trails 99% open, 1360 acres, 8 of 10 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9:30a-4:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-4:30p

Silverton Mountain — Sun Reopen 4/3 powder 55-130 base 69 of 69 trails, 100% open, 1819 acres, 1 of 1 lift Fri: 9a-3p Sat/Sun: 9a-3p Open Fri-Sun

MCA, Trinity tennis teams prep for district

From staff reports

Trinity and Midland Classical Academy will be competing in the TAPPS 1-3A District Tennis Tournament today at Rose Park in Abilene.

MCA's Max Sivalls, who is a three-time district champion in boys singles and two-time state champion, is teaming up this year with Marshall McCray to play boys doubles, and the team goes in as the top seed in the division.

McCray teamed with Jonathan Childers last year to place fourth in the district in doubles.

"This will be a different challenge for both of them, and we are excited to see what happens," MCA coach Tracy Sivalls said. "In doubles, anything can happen. They have to work together and cover each other."

Beth Ann Holmes who placed third at state and second in district last year in doubles with Clara Cliver will be returning to play doubles again with a new partner Tracy Fu, and Sivalls said the team has a chance to win the district title.

Girls singles player Kelsie Kennedy placed second in district last year, and MCA coach Tracy Sivalls believes she's got a good chance to do well again this year.

Overall, however, Sivalls said as a team, district will be tough because of the lack of matches.

"As a team, we are not overly confident this year because we are coming into this tournament somewhat unprepared due to weather and the fact that TAPPS moved district up by two weeks," Sivalls said. "Our last three tournaments and a dual match and practices in our schedule were canceled due to icy and rainy weather. That is tough on all of us."

Trinity coach Janneke Garos is confident in her players, despite not having a senior competing.

"All players have shown great improvement in their playing abilities and understanding the game of tennis," Garos said. "I hope Trinity School will have players qualify for the state tournament (today)."

SIVALLS CHOOSES AUBURN: MCA coach Tracy Sivalls announced that Max Sivalls has chosen to play for Auburn University as a preferred walk-on.

Tracy Sivalls said that Max had more than 68 college programs across the nation show interest but chose the Tigers and would likely be playing the No. 8 singles player spot as a freshman.

"He wants to see what he can do with his tennis, how far he can take it," Tracy Sivalls said. "And he says he would have regretted it if he did not try."

Trinity lineup

Boys singles — Ethan Samuels (Sr.), Pearce Wray (Sr.)
Boys doubles — Justin Hoffman (So.)/Dylan Hoffman (Fr.); Evan Smith (Fr.)/Anthony Fago (So.)
Girls singles — Rhea Chotte (Jr.); Carmen Dragun (So.)
Girls doubles — Grace Davis (Fr.)/An Nguyen (So.)

Midland Classical Academy lineup

Boys singles — Sterling Armstrong (Fr.); Will Wineinger (Sr.)
Boys doubles — Max Sivalls (Sr.)/Jonathan Dingler (So.)
Girls singles — Kelsie Kennedy (Jr.); Paige McAninch (So.)
Girls doubles — Beth Ann Holmes (Jr.)/Tracy Fu (So.); Alissa Beattie (Jr.)/Elleri Hassl (So.)

MCS tennis team takes 3rd in Fort Stockton

From staff reports

FORT STOCKTON — The Midland Christian tennis team finished in third place over the weekend at the Fort Stockton Invitational.

Midland Christian finished with 28 points behind first place Del Rio (58) and second place Fort Stockton (28).

The girls doubles team of Faith McKinny and Bailey Warpula finished first to lead the Mustangs.

In boys singles, Ryan Ramos was third and Joshua Ramos was fourth.

Emma Holder got third in girls singles.

TAPPSALL-DISTRICTROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

VENZANT NAMED OFFENSIVE MVP

Midland Christian junior Daniel Venzant was recognized as the Offensive MVP on the TAPPS District 1-4A All-District Boys Basketball Team just released.

Venzant was also joined on the all-district first team by fellow guard and teammate Grant Little, also an MCS junior.

Lubbock Trinity was honored with two senior award winners — co-MVP Paul Stephenson and Defensive MVP Cory Wimberly.

Rickey Brice, of Arlington Pantego Christian, shared MVP honors with Stephenson.

2014-15 TAPPS DISTRICT 1-4A ALL-DISTRICT BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

Co-MVPs: Paul Stephenson, Sr., Lubbock Trinity; Rickey Brice, Sr., Arlington Pantego Christian
Offensive MVP: Daniel Venzant, Jr., Midland Christian
Defensive MVP: Cory Wimberly, Sr., Lubbock Trinity
Newcomer of the Year: Daniel Turner, Fr., Colleyville Covenant

First team

Rickey Brice, Pantego Christian; Paul Stephenson, Lubbock Trinity; **Daniel Venzant, Midland Christian;** Jordan Brannon, Lubbock Trinity; **Grant Little, Midland Christian;** Dalton Standish, Grapevine Faith Christian; Colten Wright, Forth Worth Southwest Christian; Luke Jordan, Colleyville Covenant; Jett Buchanon, Lubbock Trinity; Tanner Hilton, Fort Worth Christian; Corey Wimberly, Lubbock Trinity; Mike Modisett, Grapevine Faith Christian.

Second team

Tylin Lockett, Fort Worth Southwest Christian; Clayton Stanley, Fort Worth Southwest Christian; Will Boyd, Pantego Christian; Austin Hunt, Pantego Christian; Craig Ewald, Lubbock Trinity; Luke Storey, Fort Worth Christian; **Bryce Waters, Midland Christian;** Shea Southers, Colleyville Covenant; Joseph Gott, Colleyville Covenant; Logan McClure, Flower Mound Coram Deo; Blake Tullos, Flower Mound Coram Deo; Josh Turner, Colleyville Covenant

ASHTON, HAMMOND LEAD MCS HONORS

Midland Christian's Megan Ashton and Caroline Hammond were both named to the TAPPS Girls Basketball Second Team.

Ashton, a sophomore, was also named as the Defensive MVP on the 2014-15 TAPPS All-District Girls Basketball Team.

Hammond, a senior, was also a first-team all-district selection and was joined by senior teammates Lindsey Mills and Bailey Wright, who were named to the first team as well.

Mills was an honorable mention all-state selection.

Senior Megan McClendon and Hammond were also named as Academic All-State players.

2014-15 TAPPS DISTRICT 1-4A ALL-DISTRICT GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

MVP: Breklyn Wentz - Lubbock Trinity
Offensive MVP: Ashtyn Thorne, Lubbock Trinity
Defensive MVP: Megan Ashton, Midland Christian
Newcomer of the Year: Abby Leonhard, Grapevine Faith Christian
Coach of the Year: Gregg Ammons, Lubbock Trinity

First Team

Breklyn Wentz, Lubbock Trinity; Ashtyn Thorne, Lubbock Trinity; Darris Williams, Arlington Pantego; Ashton Duncan, Lubbock Trinity; **Megan Ashton, Midland Christian;** **Caroline Hammond, Midland Christian;** Shelby Southers, Colleyville Covenant; Summer Bennison, Grapevine Faith; **Lindsey Mills, Midland Christian;** Abigail Sosebee, Lubbock Trinity; Rachel Brice, Arlington Pantego; Bailey Wright, Midland Christian

Second Team

Megan McClendon, Midland Christian; **Blaire Hazlerbrin, Midland Christian;** Cara Cowan, Lubbock Trinity; Emma Hardin, Lubbock Trinity; Kennedy King, Lubbock Trinity; Berra Bryant, Colleyville Covenant; Hannah Delmar, Colleyville Covenant; Cecily Woolfolk, Fort Worth Christian; Brenna Hennings; Flower Mound Coram Deo; Brianna Burger, Arlington Pantego; Abby Leonhard, Grapevine Faith; Rebecca Fitzgerald' Grapevine Faith

TRINITY'S ESSMAN ON FIRST TEAM

The Trinity girls basketball team announced that Macy Essman was selected as an All-District TAPPS 1-3A selection.

Rebecca Young, Ashley Stroup and Reagan Long were named to the second team.

IRONS

From 1C

Raider," Irons said. "He kind of brainwashed me."

At the same time, Irons also had that same passion for sports as his dad and everybody else in his family did.

"I grew up loving to compete and win," he said.

Success at Tech

At Tech, he played for some of the best Red Raider teams of the 1970s.

The 1976 team, under head coach Steve Sloan, started the season 8-0 before it lost to the University of Houston in conference play, and then later lost to Nebraska in the Bluebonnet Bowl to finish the season at 10-2.

"We had some really good athletes who were there at the same time I was," Irons said. "We had a pretty close knit group of guys and the relationships formed there were memorable."

Some of Irons' teammates included quarterback and Odessa High graduate Rodney Allison, running backs Larry Isaac and Billy Taylor, All-SWC offensive guard Mike Sears, All-American linebacker Thomas Howard and All-SWC defensive back Greg Frazier, who was Irons' roommate for three and a half years. Also, Bill Parcells was the defensive coordinator for the Red Raiders long before he became an legendary NFL coach.

While he played alongside some great talent, Irons went up against some great ones too. Irons said that playing Texas, Texas A&M and Arkansas was always tough, and Houston had one of the toughest competitors he went up against in All-American defensive tackle Wilson Whitley.

"I try to forget about him," said Irons, recalling his battles in the trenches against Whitley. "He was the whole package. He was really quick, plus he was big and a smart player. But he relied on his quickness more than size."

Many would say Irons was the whole package as well as he also had size and quickness. He said he could have carried 300 pounds in those days but back then coaches thought that being too heavy would take away a player's quickness.

"The game has changed quite a bit," Irons said. "Guys have proven that they can be 300 pounds, move and get the job done."

Irons got up to 275 pounds, but after he suffered a knee injury he got back down to 265.

Life after Tech

Irons was drafted by the San Francisco 49ers in the 1978 NFL draft, but after three knee surgeries in three years, he decided to give up football.

Irons has lived in Midland since 1985 and has been selling school furniture ever since. His daughter Erin was a swimming standout at Midland High and went on to compete at Texas Christian University.

Irons said he and his wife Deb are expected to be joined by several family members at the induction ceremony today.

"I'm thrilled to death to get this award," he said. "It's something I did 40 years ago, so to be honored for it now is extremely exciting for me and my family."

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NCAA HOCKEY

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MIDWEST REGIONAL
NEBRASKA-OMAHA 4
ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY 0

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Ryan Massa made 40 saves and Nebraska-Omaha beat Rochester Institute of Technology 4-0 on Sunday night in the NCAA Midwest Regional final to advance to the Frozen Four for the first time.

EAST REGIONAL
PROVIDENCE 4
DENVER 1

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Tom Parisi broke a tie on a power play goal with 5:01 left and Providence beat Denver to reach the Frozen Four for the first time since 1985.

Noel Acciari opened the scoring for Providence (23-13-3) on a power play.

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Notre Dame forward Brianna Turner, center, struggles for possession of the ball in Sunday's game against Baylor in a regional final of the NCAA Tournament in Oklahoma City.

LADY BEARS

From 1C

picked up her fourth foul with just over 9 minutes to play, and Notre Dame continued to attack the basket. Cable's runner with just under a minute to go put Notre Dame up 74-68, and the Fighting Irish held on at the free-throw line.

Baylor made 12 of its first 18 shots to take a 26-17 lead. Baylor led 27-21 when Agbuke was called for a flagrant foul. Notre Dame's Brianna Turner hit two free throws, then Mabrey made a 3-pointer to cut Baylor's lead to a point. Mabrey made another 3-pointer to make it 31-all with just over 6 minutes left in the first half.

Notre Dame finally took the lead on a jumper by Allen with 12 seconds left in the first half that gave the Fighting Irish a 39-37 lead at the break.

SPARTANS

From 1C

halftime deficit to eventually build a 61-59 lead with 3:57 left, when Trice hit two free throws.

Michigan State took control in overtime, starting with Forbes hitting a 3-pointer 26 seconds in.

The Spartans then sealed it in the final 31 seconds. Dawson did what Izzo's teams have done well over the years: He put back a 3-point miss by Forbes to put Michigan State up 74-70.

Valentine batted away Quentin Snider's pass into the paint on the Cardinals' next possession, and Trice sealed the win by hitting two free throws with 10.1 seconds left.

Michigan State's defense — Izzo's other trademark — played havoc with the Cardinals. After hitting 17 of 32 attempts in the first half, Louisville managed to make six of its final 32.



Seth Wenig/AP

Michigan State's Branden Dawson, left, blocks a shot by Louisville's Mangok Mathiang, center, as Michigan State's Gavin Schilling also defends during the first half of a regional final in the NCAA Tournament on Sunday in Syracuse, N.Y.

It is the third straight year one conference has had two teams in the Final Four. The Southeastern Conference did last year with Kentucky and Florida and the Big East had Louisville and Syracuse in 2013.

The last time the Big Ten did it was 2005 with Michigan State and Illinois.

Though Blackshear stepped up his performance in what became his final collegiate game, Cardinals junior forward Montrezl-Harrell struggled.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SPURS 103
GRIZZLIES 89

SAN ANTONIO — Kawhi Leonard had 25 points and 10 rebounds and the San Antonio Spurs cruised to a 103-89 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies on Sunday.

San Antonio never trailed and won for the 13th time in 16 games to remain sixth in the Western Conference — 1 1/2 games ahead of Dallas and one game behind the Clippers.

Leonard had 10 points in the fourth and Tony Parker had nine of his 17 in the quarter. Tiago Splitter finished with 15 points and Tim Duncan and Boris Diaw scored 10 apiece.

The Spurs shot 51 percent from the field and had 25 assists in handing the Grizzlies their third straight loss.

Zach Randolph had 20 points and 13 rebounds and Jeff Green had 19 for Memphis, which dropped into a tie with Houston for second in the West.

PACERS 104
MAVERICKS 99

INDIANAPOLIS — C.J. Miles scored 28 points and made a key 3-pointer with a minute left to help the Indiana Pacers beat the Dallas Mavericks 104-99 on Sunday night.

The Pacers won for the second time in nine games to pull even with Boston for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Chandler Parsons led Dallas with 27 points. The Mavericks have a comfortable lead over Oklahoma City for the No. 7 seed in the West.

Indiana trailed 68-61 early in the third quarter, but pulled to 79-78 heading into the fourth.

The Pacers used an 8-2 flurry midway through the fourth to take a 97-91 lead.

After Dallas rallied to tie it 97, Roy Hibbert broke the tie two free throws and Miles followed with the 3-pointer. Parsons' 3 to force overtime in the closing seconds came up short.

ROCKETS 99
WIZARDS 91

WASHINGTON — One game after clinching a playoff berth, the Rockets delayed the Wizards' bid to secure their own spot, beating Washington 99-91 Sunday behind James Harden's 24 points.

Houston entered the day third in the Western Conference, a half-game behind No 2 Memphis. Washington is fifth in the East and still had a chance to end Sunday with a guaranteed place in the postseason, depending on results of later games.

Corey Brewer scored 15 for Houston, including pairing with Pablo Prigioni for consecutive 3-pointers that pushed the lead back up to 85-75 with 8 minutes left after Washington had pulled within four.

NETS 107
LAKERS 99

NEW YORK — Brook Lopez had 30 points and 11 rebounds, and the Brooklyn Nets kept up their playoff push by beating the Los Angeles Lakers 107-99 on Sunday for their third straight victory.

Joe Johnson added 18 points, eight rebounds and seven assists for the Nets, who entered play a half-game behind Boston for eighth place in the Eastern Conference. The Celtics hosted the Los Angeles Clippers later Sunday.

PELICANS 110
TIMBERWOLVES 88

NEW ORLEANS — Anthony Davis had 28 points and nine rebounds, and the New Orleans Pelicans defeated the Minnesota Timberwolves 110-88 on Sunday.

Omer Asik had 15 points for New Orleans, which won its second straight while pulling two games behind Oklahoma City for the Western Conference's final playoff spot before the Thunder played at Phoenix later Sunday night.

CAVALIERS 87
76ERS 86

CLEVELAND — LeBron James scored 20 points, Kyrie Irving added 17 and the Cleveland Cavaliers hung on for an 87-86 win over the Philadelphia 76ers on Sunday.

The Cavaliers earned their 16th straight home win despite being held scoreless in the final 4:04.

HEAT 109
PISTONS 102

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade scored 40 points one day after having fluid removed from his balky left knee. Udonis Haslem set season highs with 18 points and 13 rebounds, and the undermanned Miami Heat beat the Detroit Pistons 109-102 on Sunday night.

James Ennis matched his season best with 16 points. Mario Chalmers scored 11 and Goran Dragic had 10 for the Heat, who won their fifth straight at home and strengthened their hold on the No. 7 spot in the Eastern Conference standings.

CLIPPERS 119
CELTICS 106

BOSTON — J.J. Redick scored 27 points, Chris Paul had 21 points and 10 assists, and the Los Angeles Clippers beat the Boston Celtics 119-106 on Sunday for their seventh consecutive win.

Blake Griffin had 21 points and nine rebounds for Los Angeles, which jumped out to a 68-47 halftime lead. DeAndre Jordan had 15 points and 14 rebounds, and Matt Barnes scored 18 points.

THUNDER 109
SUNS 97

PHOENIX — Russell Westbrook had 33 points, nine rebounds and seven assists, and the Oklahoma City Thunder rallied from 20 points down to beat the Phoenix Suns 109-97 on Sunday night.

D.J. Augustin scored 13 of his 19 points in the fourth quarter for the Thunder, who snapped a four-game road skid. Steven Adams had 13 points and 16 rebounds, and Dion Waiters scored 18 points.



Edward A. Ornelas/San Antonio Express-News

San Antonio's Tim Duncan, left, shoots between Memphis Grizzlies' Vince Carter, center, and Marc Gasol Sunday's game at the AT&T Center.

NCAATOURNAMENTROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Women

GREENSBORO REGIONAL
SOUTH CAROLINA 80
FLORIDA STATE 74

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Tiffany Mitchell scored seven of her 21 points in the final 2 minutes, and South Carolina earned its first Final Four berth by beating Florida State 80-74 on Sunday in the Greensboro Regional final.

Alaina Coates finished with 14 points, A'ja Wilson added 10 and Asia Dozier hit four free throws in the final 20 seconds for the top-seeded Gamecocks (34-2).

Playing from behind for most of the day, they shot 61 percent while rallying to win their seventh straight and keep the best season in school history going.

Next stop: Tampa, Florida, to face the Oklahoma City Regional winner on April 5.

Leticia Romero scored 13 points and Brittany Brown had 12 for the second-seeded Seminoles (32-5).

Men

SOUTH REGIONAL
DUKE 66
GONZAGA 52

HOUSTON — A special group of freshmen is taking Duke and Coach K back to the NCAA Final Four.

The Blue Devils and their trio of freshmen starters are going to their 16th Final Four, a record-matching 12th for coach Mike Krzyzewski, after a 66-52 win Sunday in the South Regional over Gonzaga.

Justise Winslow, the freshman playing home in Houston, had 16 points, including a big 3-pointer in the closing minutes. Matt Jones had also had 16 points while freshman Tyus Jones had 15 points, while Jahlil Okafor nine points and eight rebounds.

Duke (33-4), the region's No. 1 seed, is going to Indianapolis to play Michigan State in the Final Four. The other national semifinal game Saturday matches undefeated Kentucky and Wisconsin.

Krzyzewski is going to the Final Four for the 12th time, matching UCLA's John Wooden for the most by a head coach and five more than anyone else.

No. 2 seed Gonzaga (35-3) had taken a 38-34 lead less than 4 minutes into the second half, putting the Blue Devils in their largest deficit of this tournament.

These young Blue Devils responded with nine straight points and never trailed again. They had stretched it to 60-51 when Winslow made a 3-pointer from the left wing with 2:28 left.

NCAA TOURNAMENTS

Men

NCAA Tournament
EAST REGIONAL
At The Carrier Dome
Syracuse, N.Y.
Regional Semifinals
Friday

Louisville 75, N.C. State 65
Michigan State 62, Oklahoma 58

Regional Championship
Today

Michigan State 76, Louisville 70, OT

SOUTH REGIONAL
At NRG Stadium
Houston
Regional Semifinals
Friday

Gonzaga 74, UCLA 62
Duke 62, Utah 57

Regional Championship
Today

Duke 66, Gonzaga 52

MIDWEST REGIONAL
At Quicken Loans Arena
Cleveland
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 26

Notre Dame 81, Wichita State 70
Kentucky 78, West Virginia 39

Regional Championship
Today
Saturday

Kentucky 68, Notre Dame 66

WEST REGIONAL
At The Staples Center
Los Angeles
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 26

Wisconsin 79, North Carolina 72
Arizona 68, Xavier 60

Regional Championship
Today

Wisconsin 85, Arizona 78

FINAL FOUR
At Lucas Oil Stadium
Indianapolis
National Semifinals
Saturday

Michigan State (27-11) vs. Duke (33-4), 5:09 p.m.
Kentucky (38-0) vs. Wisconsin (35-3), 7:49 p.m.

National Championship
Monday, April 6

Semifinal winners

Women

NCAA Division I Tournament
ALBANY REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At Albany, N.Y.
Saturday

UConn 105, Texas 54
Dayton 82, Louisville 66

Regional Championship
Today

UConn (35-1) vs. Dayton (28-6), 6 p.m.

SPOKANE REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At Spokane, Wash.
Saturday

Maryland 65, Duke 55
Tennessee 73, Gonzaga 69, OT

Regional Championship
Today

Maryland (33-2) vs. Tennessee (30-5), 8 p.m.

OKLAHOMA CITY REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At Oklahoma City
Friday

Baylor 81, Iowa 66
Notre Dame 77, Baylor 68

Regional Championship
Sunday

Notre Dame 77, Baylor 68

GREENSBORO REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At Greensboro, N.C.
Friday

South Carolina 87, North Carolina 65
Florida State 86, Arizona State 65

Regional Championship
Sunday

South Carolina 80, Florida State 74

FINAL FOUR
At Tampa, Fla.
National Semifinals
Sunday, April 5

Albany Champion vs. Spokane champion
TBA
Notre Dame (35-2) vs. South Carolina (34-2)
TBA

National Championship
Tuesday, April 7

Semifinal winners

OTHER TOURNAMENTS

Men

National Invitation Tournament
Semifinals
At Madison Square Garden
New York
Tuesday

Miami (24-12) vs. Temple (26-10), 6 p.m.
Stanford (22-13) vs. Old Dominion (27-7), 8:30 p.m.

Championship
Thursday

Semifinal winners, 8 p.m.

College Basketball Invitational
Championship Series
(Best-of-3)

Today: Loyola of Chicago (22-13) vs. Louisiana-Monroe (24-12), 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Loyola of Chicago vs. Louisiana-Monroe, 7 p.m.
Friday, April 3: Loyola of Chicago vs. Louisiana-Monroe, 7 p.m., if necessary

CollegeInsider.com Tournament
Quarterfinals
Wednesday, March 25

UT-Martin 70, Eastern Kentucky 69

Thursday

Evansville 89, Louisiana-Lafayette 82

Friday

Northern Arizona 74, Kent State 73, OT

Sunday

NJIT 76, Canisius 73

Semifinals
Tuesday

UT-Martin (21-12) at Evansville (22-12), TBA
Northern Arizona (22-14) vs. NJIT (21-11), TBA

Women

National Invitation Tournament Glance
Quarterfinals
Sunday

West Virginia 75, Villanova 70, OT
Michigan 69, Southern Mississippi 60
Temple 69, Middle Tennessee 57
UCLA 82, Saint Mary's (Cal) 66

Semifinals
Wednesday

UCLA (17-18) at Michigan (20-14), 6 p.m.
Temple (20-16) at West Virginia (22-14), 6 p.m.

Saturday, April 4

Semifinal winners, 2 p.m.

NBA STANDINGS AND BOXES

STANDINGS
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Toronto	43	30	.589	
Brooklyn	32	40	.444	10 1/2
Boston	32	41	.438	11
Philadelphia	19	56	.253	25 1/2
New York	14	60	.189	29 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Atlanta	55	18	.753	
Washington	41	33	.554	14 1/2
Miami	37	36	.507	17 1/2
Charlotte	31	41	.431	23 1/2
Orlando	20	52	.278	33 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Cleveland	48	27	.640	
x-Chicago	45	29	.608	2 1/2
Milwaukee	36	37	.493	11
Indiana	32	41	.438	15
Detroit	26	45	.366	19

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Houston	50	23	.685	
x-Memphis	50	24	.676	1/2
San Antonio	47	26	.644	3
Dallas	45	29	.608	5 1/2
New Orleans	39	34	.534	11

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Portland	47	25	.653	
Oklahoma City	42	32	.568	6
Utah	32	41	.438	15 1/2
Denver	28	46	.378	20
Minnesota	16	57	.219	31 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Golden State	60	13	.822	
x-L.A. Clippers	49	25	.662	11 1/2
Phoenix	38	36	.514	22 1/2
Sacramento	26	46	.361	33 1/2
L.A. Lakers	19	53	.264	40 1/2

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

Sunday's Scores

Houston 99, Washington 91
Brooklyn 107, L.A. Lakers 99
New Orleans 110, Minnesota 88
Cleveland 87, Philadelphia 86
Miami 109, Detroit 102
L.A. Clippers 119, Boston 106
San Antonio 103, Memphis 89
Indiana 104, Dallas 99
Oklahoma City 109, Phoenix 97

Today's Games

L.A. Lakers at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Boston at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Houston at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Utah at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Portland, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY'S BOXES
SPURS 103, GRIZZLIES 89

MEMPHIS (89): Carter 1-3 2-2 5, Randolph 9-16 2-3 20, Gasol 7-15 2-2 16, Conley 2-11 0-0 5, Lee 4-11 2-2 10, Je.Green 8-15 1-1 19, Calathes 0-2 0-0 0, Udrih 3-5 2-2 9, Koufos 2-3 0-0 4, Adams 0-1 0-0 0, Ja.Green 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-82 11-12 89

SAN ANTONIO (103): Leonard 11-17 2-2 25, Duncan 4-8 2-2 10, Splitter 6-9 3-3 15, Parker 7-16 3-5 17, D.Green 4-7 0-0 9, Ginobili 1-3 2-2 4, Diaw 4-8 1-2 10, Baynes 2-5 0-0 4, Mills 1-5 0-0 2, Belinelli 2-5 2-2 7, Bonner 0-0 0-0 0, Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Joseph 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 42-83 15-18 103.

Memphis	21	21	24	23 — 89
San Antonio	28	23	19	33 — 103

3-Point Goals—Memphis 6-14 (Je.Green 2-2, Conley 2-5, Udrih 1-1, Carter 1-3, Lee 0-3), San Antonio 4-17 (Diaw 1-2, D.Green 1-3, Belinelli 1-3, Leonard 1-3, Ginobili 0-1, Parker 0-2, Mills 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Memphis 38 (Randolph 13), San Antonio 53 (Leonard 10). Assists—Memphis 22 (Conley 8), San Antonio 25 (Parker 6). Total Fouls—Memphis 17, San Antonio 15. A—18,581 (18,797).

PACERS 104, MAVERICKS 99

DALLAS (99): Parsons 11-20 3-5 27, Nowitzki 7-13 4-5 18, Chandler 1-5 0-0 2, Rondo 9-14 1-1 17, Jefferson 2-8 0-0 4, Stoudemire 5-12 1-2 11, Ennis 1-4 1-2 3, Harris 1-5 1-2 4, Felton 3-8 2-2 9, Williams 1-5 2-2 4. Totals 45-97 15-21 99.

INDIANA (104): S.Hill 1-3 0-2 2, West 1-4 0-0 2, Hibbert 5-10 3-4 14, G.Hill 6-12 0-0 14, Miles 11-25 4-6 28, Stuckey 4-14 7-7 16, Mahinmi 1-4 3 Watson 2-5 3-4 7, Scola 3-6 4-6 10, Rush 2-3 0-0 6, Allen 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 38-101 14-20 104.

Dallas	27	34	18	20 — 99
Indiana	33	22	23	26 — 104

3-Point Goals—Dallas 6-15 (Parsons 2-4, Nowitzki 1-1, Harris 1-2, Felton 1-2, Williams 1-3, Ennis 0-1, Jefferson 0-1, Stoudemire 0-1), Indiana 10-17 (Miles 5-6, Rush 2-2, G.Hill 2-5, Stuckey 1-2, Watson 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Dallas 50 (Chandler 11), Indiana 52 (Hibbert 7). Assists—Dallas 20 (Rondo 10), Indiana 23 (S.Hill 6). Total Fouls—Dallas 25, Indiana 25. Technicals—Chandler, Dallas defensive three second, G.Hill. A—17,358 (18,165).

ROCKETS 99, WIZARDS 91

HOUSTON (99): Anza 3-9 5-5 13, Smith 6-13 0-0 14, Howard 3-6 5-8 11, Terry 2-4 0-0 5, Harden 7-20 9-10 24, Dorsey 3-4 1-4 7, Brewer 5-14 0-0 15, Prigioni 2-7 2-2 7. Johnson 0-3 1-4 1. Totals 34-80 22-33 99.

WASHINGTON (91): Pierce 7-16 0-0 2, Nene 4-8 2-5 10, Gortat 3-10 0-0 6, Wall 7-17 1-1 15, Beal 4-11 6-7 15, Webster 1-2 0-0 3, Gooden 2-4 0-0 4, Butler 0-3 2-2 2, Seraphin 1-4 1-2 3. Sessions 2-3 2-2 6, Porter 4-7 5-7 15. Totals 29-75 29-37 91.

Houston	28	31	17	23 — 99
Washington	20	26	21	24 — 91

3-Point Goals—Houston 9-29 (Smith 2-4, Prigioni 2-5, Anza 2-8, Brewer 1-2, Terry 1-3, Harden 1-6, Johnson 0-1), Washington 4-15 (Porter 2-2, Webster 1-1, Beal 1-4, Gooden 0-1, Sessions 0-1, Wall 0-1, Butler 0-2, Pierce 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Houston 61 (Howard, Smith 10), Washington 50 (Gortat 12). Assists—Houston 18 (Harden 6), Washington 17 (Wall 12). Total Fouls—Houston 25, Washington 22. Technicals—Houston defensive three second, A.-20 356 (20,308).

NETS 107, LAKERS 99

L.A. LAKERS (99): W.Johnson 8-18 0-0 17, Kelly 2-5 2-2 6, Black 4-8 0-0 8, Clarkson 7-14 3-4 18, Ellington 5-12 0-0 13, J.Brown 4-14 2-2 11, Sacre 2-5 0-0 4, Hill 10-17 2-3 22. Totals 42-91 9-11 99.

BROOKLYN (107): J.Johnson 7-14 1-1 18, Plumlee 2-3 3-4 7, Lopez 13-22 4-4 30, Williams 5-13 2-2 13, M.Brown 6-11 3-4 17, Clark 2-10 0-0 4, Anderson 3-6 2-2 9, Bogdanovic 1-4 0-0 2, Jack 3-4 0-0 7. Totals 42-87 15-21 107.

L.A. Lakers	19	31	24	25 — 99
Brooklyn	30	31	24	22 — 107

3-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 6-18 (Ellington 3-4, Clarkson 1-3, W.Johnson 1-4, J.Brown 1-5, Kelly 0-2), Brooklyn 8-28 (J.Johnson 3-8, M.Brown 2-7, Jack 1-1, Anderson 1-2, Williams 1-4, Bogdanovic 0-1, Clark 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Lakers 51 (Hill 16), Brooklyn 51 (Lopez 11). Assists—L.A. Lakers 25 (Clarkson 7), Brooklyn 29 (Williams 9). Total Fouls—L.A. Lakers 14, Brooklyn 9. A—17,732 (17,732).

PELICANS 110, TIMBERWOLVES 88

MINNESOTA (88): Wiggins 6-15 8-9 20, Payne 7-14 0-0 14, Dieng 5-1 0-0 0, Brown 3-6 2-2 8, LaVine 6-16 4-5 17, Budinger 3-9 4-4 10, Hamilton 5-6 0-0 11, Hummel 2-4 2-2 6, Bennett 0-4 2-2 2. Totals 30-75 22-24 88.

NEW ORLEANS (110): Pondexter 3-4 2-2 10, Davis 10-21 8-10 28, Asik 7-9 1-2 15, Evans 4-6 0-0 9, Gordon 5-8 1-2 12, Cunningham 3-6 0-0 6, Cole 4-7 2-4 10, Aldrich 3-8 4-4 10, Douglas 1-4 0-0 3, Babbitt 3-4 0-0 7. Totals 43-75 18-24 110.

Minnesota	11	30	29	18 — 88
New Orleans	25	25	27	33 — 110

3-Point Goals—Minnesota 2-12 (Hamilton 1-1, LaVine 1-5, Bennett 0-1, Wiggins 0-1, Hummel 0-1, Brown 0-1, Budinger 0-2), New Orleans 6-13 (Pondexter 2-3, Babbitt 1-1, Evans 1-1, Douglas 1-3, Gordon 1-3, Cole 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Minnesota 43 (Payne 11), New Orleans 40 (Davis 9, Asiks—Minnesota 17 (Brown 8), New Orleans 29 (Gordon 7). Total Fouls—Minnesota 17, New Orleans 21. Technicals—Bennett, New Orleans defensive three second. A—17,576 (16,867).

CAVALIERS 87, 76ERS 86

PHILADELPHIA (86): Grant 0-4 2-4 2, Noel 4-12 0-0 8, Aldama 5-8 1-2 11, Smith 5-18 1-1 11, Covington 7-13 0-2 19, Mbah a Moute 2-6 2-4 6, Carroll 3-7 0-0 6, Thompson 3-7 0-0 6, Hardaway Jr. 2-5 1-2 5, Young 2-3 1-2 5. Totals 33-83 8-17 86.

CLEVELAND (87): James 6-14 1-6 20, Love 2-11 7-7 11, Mozgov 6-9 1-2 13, Irving 7-16 2-2 17, Smith 3-8 1-2 9, Shumpert 2-3 3-4 7, Thompson 1-2 0-0 2, Delaney 0-0 0-0 0, Varejao 0-0 0-0 0, Marshall 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 33-85 14-23 87.

Philadelphia	20	25	24	17 — 86
Cleveland	26	27	19	15 — 87

3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 10-30 (Covington 3-6, Canaan 2-4, Thompson 1-2, Sampson 1-2, Mbah a Moute 1-4, Aldama 1-4, Grant 1-5, Smith 0-3), Cleveland 4-23 (James 2-7, Irving 1-2, James 1-4, Jones 0-1, Delaney/Jones 0-2, Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 51 (Noel 11), Cleveland 44 (James 11). Assists—Philadelphia 18 (Smith 7), Cleveland 19 (James 6). Total Fouls—Philadelphia 21, Cleveland 21. A—20,562 (20,562).

HEAT 109, PISTONS 102

DETROIT (102): Butler 7-13 0-0 17, Tolliver 1-6 0-0 2, Drummond 4-14 2-4 10, Jackson 5-11 4-8 17, Caldwell-Pope 4-15 1-2 9, Prince 1-8 1-2 4, Anthony 1-3 0-0 2, Meeks 4-8 0-0 11, Smedsmo 0-3 2-2 2, Williams 3-5 2-2 7. Totals 40-83 14-22 102.

MIAMI (109): Deng 7-12 2-2 16, Walker 2-5 0-0 5, Haslem 8-13 2-2 18, D.Grage 4-10 1-2 10, Wade 14-27 7-7 38, Chalmers 3-7 1-4 11, Ennis 5-7 4-6 16, Johnson 0-2 0-0 0, Beasley 2-6 1-4 5. Totals 39-82 24-29 109.

Detroit	27	17	21	37 — 102
Miami	25	24	22	38 — 109

3-Point Goals—Detroit 8-25 (Jackson 3-4, Meeks 3-5, Prince 1-3, Tolliver 1-4, Butler 0-1, Williams 0-1, Smedsmo 0-1, Caldwell-Pope 0-6), Miami 7-18 (Ennis 2-2, Walker 2-4, Chalmers 2-6, D.Grage 1-3, Haslem 0-1, Wade 0-1, Deng 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 42 (Drummond 14), Miami 57 (Haslem 13). Assists—Detroit 24 (Jackson 9), Miami 20 (D.Grage 5). Total Fouls—Detroit 20, Miami 16. A—19,660 (19,600).

CLIPPERS 119, CELTICS 106

L.A. CLIPPERS (119): Barnes 7-13 0-0 18, Griffin 7-14 7-9 21, Jordan 6-8 3-15 15, Paul 5-9 8-8 21, Redick 11-15 0-0 27, Rivers 2-4 3-4 7, Hawes 0-2 3-4 3, Turkoglu 1-5 0-0 3, Davis 2-6 3-6 4, Jones 0-1 0-0 0, Wilcox 0-2 0-0 0. Hudson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 41-84 24-40 119.

BOSTON (106): Turner 4-9 0-0 9, Bass 4-6 5-6 13, Zeller 7-12 2-2 16, Smart 0-6 0-0 0, Bradley 2-7 0-0 5, Thomas 4-12 9-10 19, Crowder 2-6 2-2 6, Olynyk 6-11 1-2 14, Datome 5-9 0-0 12, Jerebko 4-12 1-1 10, Pressey 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 39-85 20-23 106.

L.A. Clippers	34	34	37	14 — 119
Boston	20	27	32	27 — 106

3-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers 13-32 (Redick 5-6, Barnes 4-13, Paul 3-4, Turkoglu 1-4, Jones 0-1, Rivers 0-1, Hawes 0-1, Wilcox 0-2), Boston 8-31 (Datome 2-4, Thomas 2-7, Turner 1-3, Jerebko 1-3, Olynyk 1-3, Bradley 1-4, Pressey 0-1, Bass 0-1, Crowder 0-2, Smart 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Clippers 66 (Jordan 14), Boston 50 (Jerebko 8). Assists—L.A. Clippers 28 (Paul 10), Boston 29 (Turner 10). Total Fouls—L.A. Clippers 21, Boston 32. Technicals—Hawes, Redick. A—18,624 (18,624).

THUNDER 109, SUNS 97

OKLAHOMA CITY (109): Singler 1-3 1-2 4, Kanter 5-10 1-1 11, Adams 6-9 1-4 13, Westbrook 10-28 12-14 33, Waiters 8-20 1-2 18, Morrow 4-6 0-0 11, Augustin 6-9 3-3 19, McGary 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-86 19-26 109.

PHOENIX (97): Marc.Morris 5-13 3-4 15, Mark.Morris 10-20 3-4 24, Lan 1-3 0-0 2, Bledsoe 5-12 4-5 15, Tucker 4-9 3-3 12, Knight 1-10 1-2 3, Warren 8-10 2-2 18, Wright 2-2 2-4 6, Goodwin 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 37-92 16-24 97.

Oklahoma City	24	30	22	33 — 109
Phoenix	35	27	17	18 — 97

3-Point Goals—Oklahoma City 10-26 (Augustin 4-5, Morrow 3-5, Singler 1-3, Waiters 1-6, Westbrook 1-7), Phoenix 5-22 (Marc.Morris 2-7, Mark.Morris 1-2, Tucker 1-2, Bledsoe 1-5, Knight 0-6). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Oklahoma City 55 (Adams 16), Phoenix 49 (Lan 11). Assists—Oklahoma City 16 (Westbrook 7), Phoenix 23 (Bledsoe 7). Total Fouls—Oklahoma City 20, Phoenix 20. Technicals—Westbrook. A—17,536 (18,055).

Jimmy Walker wins Texas Open

By Tim Price
Associated Press

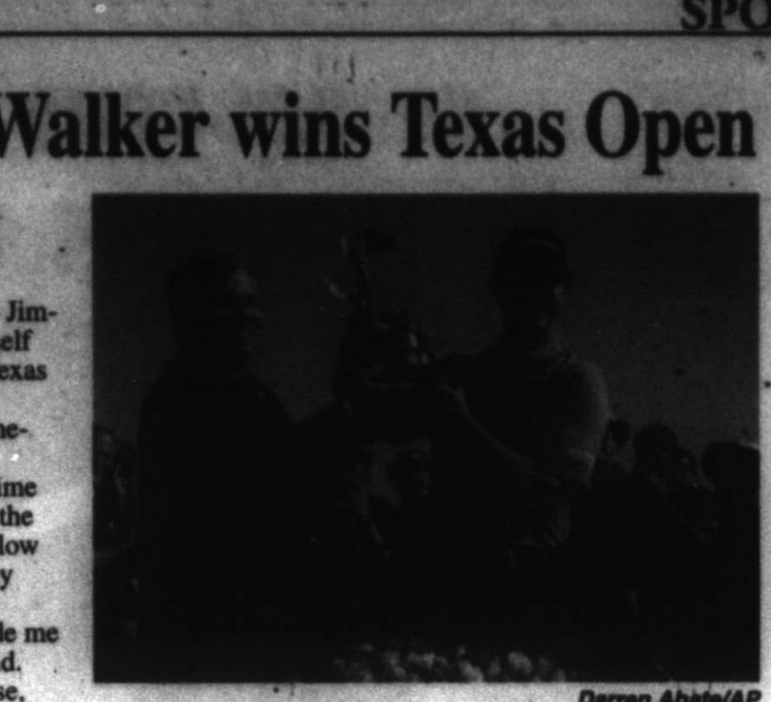
SAN ANTONIO — Jimmy Walker made himself right at home on the Texas Open leaderboard.

Walker won his hometown event Sunday to become the first two-time winner this season on the PGA Tour, beating fellow Texan Jordan Spieth by four strokes.

"(Spieth) really made me fight hard," Walker said. "He kept hitting it close, and I had to keep making putts."

Walker made birdie putts of 15 feet at No. 16 and 17 feet at the 17th in a 2-under 70 that left him at 11-under 277 at TPC San Antonio, a 35-minute drive from his home.

The 36-year-old former Baylor player won the Sony Open in Hawaii by nine shots in January and has a tour-best five victories in the past two seasons.



Darren Abate/AP

Valero Texas Open winner Jimmy Walker, right, holds the tournament trophy with Valero executive vice president Lane Riggs on Sunday in San Antonio.

"Everybody says it's hard to win at home," Walker said, "(but) it's hard to win any week — home, away, out of the country, it's hard. So I feel good."

Spieth also finished with a 70, making four late birdies in a row. The 21-year-old Dallas player was coming off a playoff victory two weeks ago at Innisbrook.

"It actually looked like I had a chance," said Spieth, seven shots back with eight to play. "I didn't think that would be possible. You're never out of it in this game, but Jimmy shut that down pretty quickly with his made putts."

Denny Hamlin races to 25th Cup win, 5th at Martinsville

By Hank Kurz Jr.
Associated Press

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — Denny Hamlin just needed a visit to Martinsville Speedway to get his racing team back on track.

Now, with his spot in NASCAR's Chase for the championship virtually assured, they can work to make it better.

Hamlin passed teammate Matt Kenseth for the lead with 28 laps to go Sunday and ended Toyota's 32-race winless streak in the NASCAR Sprint Cup race at Martinsville Speedway. It was his fifth victory on NASCAR's oldest, smallest circuit.

"We had a very fast car, but obviously some pit road issues, but we overcame it," Hamlin said after his 25th career victory, which was helped along by a serious blunder that took four-time champion Jeff Gordon out of contention late.

Hamlin's pit crew, unlike Gordon, made their mistake early enough in the race to recover. Before the event was 200 laps old, Hamlin was penalized when his crew failed to control a tire on pit road. It dropped him from the lead to 22nd place.

He was back in the top 10 by the midpoint, and stalking the leaders shortly thereafter.

"The last 60, 70 laps played out how they needed to play out for us to win today," Hamlin said.

Hamlin also held off a five-lap, bumper-to-tail challenge from Brad Keselowski at the finish. There was some bumping and nudging, and a big wiggle for Hamlin in the final fourth turn, but Keselowski never caused him to spin.

"We just weren't going to be denied today, and hats off to Brad," he said, thanking Keselowski for not wrecking him.

"I did everything I could other than wreck him," Keselowski said.

Keselowski was second, followed by Joey Logano, Kenseth and David Ragan, giving Joe Gibbs Racing three cars in the top five. The jolt was especially appreciated in a week when the team announced that President J.D. Gibbs is being treated for a "symptoms impacting areas of brain function," an issue that has left doctors with very few answers thus far.



Hamlin

It was J.D. Gibbs who discovered Hamlin on a North Carolina short track, and Joe Gibbs thought of that near the end.

"For me it was emotional and thinking about J.D. and all that he means to our team, so it was a big week for us, but a great finish to a story there," Gibbs said.

Logano, the pole-sitter, was trying to become the first driver to sweep a weekend at Martinsville, having won the truck race on Saturday. He led 109 laps, but said his car at the end was not as strong as the leaders.

Gordon, an eight-time Martinsville winner, took the lead for the first time with 58 laps to go and then got caught entering pit road too fast when the 16th and final caution came out with about 40 laps to go.

The mistake put him well back in the field, and while he rallied to finish ninth, was left disappointed.

"Wow. I'm sorry guys," he said on the radio when told of the penalty. "That's on me. I apologize."

Gordon said he knew he was pushing the limit, knd wing he had a chance to win the race.

"I thought with our track position there at the end, we had a shot at it," he said. "Oh, my gosh, I'm so disappointed. I don't even know what to say right now. Of course, then the car is the absolute best it has been all day ..."

The race also ended Kevin Harvick's streak of top-two finishes at eight. Harvick, who was three races shy of tying Richard Petty's record of 11, set in 1975, led a race-high 154 laps, but got caught in the outside lane on a restart and faded to eighth.

"Just lost track position at the wrong time," the defending series champion said.

Gordon and his Hendrick Motorsports teammates have dominated at the 0.526-mile oval in recent years, but Gordon's finish and an 11th for Kasey Kahne were the best they could muster. Dale Earnhardt Jr., who won here last fall, wound up in the garage after losing his radiator in a large crash in turn one before the midpoint of the race, and Jimmie Johnson, an eight-time Martinsville winner, had issues throughout and finished 35th, 32 laps down. Earnhardt finished right behind him.

The race also marked the Cup debut of Chase Elliott, who will replace the retiring Gordon in the Hendrick stable next season, and Elliott got a quick welcome. His car was bounced around early, also wound up in the garage and finished 38th.

NATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

LPGA

KIA CLASSIC: At Carlsbad, California, Cristie Kerr ran off four straight birdies on the back nine and closed with a 7-under 65 to win the Kia Classic for her first LPGA Tour title in nearly two years.

Starting the final round three shots behind, Kerr was in a three-way tie for the lead at Aviara Golf Club when she pulled away from Mirim Lee and 17-year-old Lydia Ko. Her fourth straight birdie was on the 16th hole when she drove the green and two-putted from 20 feet.

Champions

MISSISSIPPI GULF RESORT CLASSIC: At Saucier, Mississippi, David Frost survived a one-stroke penalty on the par-3 17th and won the Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic when Tom Lehman missed a 4-foot birdie putt on the last hole.

The 55-year-old South African finished with a 4-under 68 at Fallen Oak for a one-stroke victory over 2011 winner Lehman and second-round leader Kevin Sutherland.

PGA European

TROPHEE HASSAN II: At Agadir, Morocco, Scotland's Richie Ramsay won the Trophee Hassan II for his third European Tour title, beating France's Romain Wattel by a stroke.

Ramsay finished with a 3-under 69 to finish at 10-under 278 at Golf du Palais Royal. He lost a three-shot lead before recovering with three straight birdies on Nos. 12-14 and parring the last four.

Wattel closed with a 70.

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LOUISIANA OPEN: At Broussard, Louisiana, Kelly Kraft won the Louisiana Open for his first Web.com Tour title, closing with a 6-under 65 in windy conditions for a one-stroke victory at Le Triomphe.

Symetra

FLORIDA'S NATURAL CHARITY CLASSIC: At Lake Wales, Florida, Sue Kim won the Symetra Tour's Florida's Natural Charity Classic, leading a Canadian sweep of the first three places.

GOLF SCORES

PGA

Valero Texas Open Scores
Sunday
At TPC San Antonio, Oaks Course
San Antonio
Purse: $6.2 million
Yardage: 7,435; Par 72
Final

Jimmy Walker (500): $1,116,000 71-67-69-70—277
Jordan Spieth (300): $669,600 71-69-71-70—281
Billy Horschel (190): $421,600 72-71-71-70—284
Chesson Hadley (123): $272,800 71-72-71-71—285
D Summerhays (123): $272,800 71-73-72-69—285
Dustin Johnson (95): $215,450 70-72-68-76—286
Ryan Palmer (95): $215,450 70-71-73-72—286
Chris Kirk (80): $179,800 71-71-73-72—287
Scott Pinckney (80): $179,800 73-72-69-73—287
Brendan Steele (80): $179,800 74-68-72-73—287
Charley Hoffman (63): $136,400 67-72-79-70—288
Jason Kokrak (63): $136,400 72-71-71-74—288
John Peterson (63): $136,400 74-72-74-68—288
Kyle Reifers (63): $136,400 71-68-75-68—288
K.J. Choi (54): $99,200 75-70-73-71—289
Matt Kuchar (54): $99,200 72-74-74-69—289
John Merrick (54): $99,200 73-72-72-72—289
Carlos Ortiz (54): $99,200 73-67-70-73—289
Cameron Percy (54): $99,200 72-74-74-69—289
George McNeill (49): $82,150 71-74-73-72—290
Bryce Molder (49): $67,167 73-74-71-72—290
Kevin Na (49): $67,167 72-68-75-75—290
Pat Perez (49): $67,167 76-71-69-74—290
Aaron Baddeley (49): $67,167 68-71-78-75—290
Zach Johnson (49): $67,167 71-71-72-76—290
Matt Jones (44): $46,810 71-71-77-68—291
Kevin Kisner (44): $46,810 76-70-76-69—291
Shawn Stefani (44): $46,810 79-70-72-70—291
Greg Woodland (44): $46,810 75-75-68-73—291
Harris English (39): $38,502 74-72-73-73—292
Brice Garnett (39): $38,502 76-72-74-70—292
Brandon Grace (38): $38,502 75-71-76-71—292
Phil Mickelson (39): $38,502 74-71-74-73—292
Brendon Todd (39): $38,502 73-70-75-74—292
Matt Every (34): $30,566 78-71-71-73—293
John Huh (34): $30,566 71-72-74-74—293
Billy Hurley III (34): $30,566 74-73-72-74—293
Hudson Swafford (34): $30,566 79-71-70-73—293
Marc Warren: $30,566 74-74-75-70—293
Chad Campbell (30): $24,800 77-71-74-72—294
William McGirt (30): $24,800 72-77-74-71—294
Scott Piercy (30): $24,800 72-76-70-76—294
Cameron Tringale (30): $24,800 71-74-74-75—294
Jon Curran (25): $18,745 77-73-71-74—295
David Lingmerth (25): $18,745 74-71-76-74—295
Davis Love III (25): $18,745 76-74-71-74—295
Michael Thompson (25): $18,745 73-73-75-74—295
Cameron Beckman (25): $18,745 71-72-79-73—295
Fabian Gomez (25): $18,745 72-74-71-78—295
Brian Davis (19): $14,839 73-73-75-75—296
Luke Guthrie (19): $14,839 76-73-70-77—296
Martin Laird (19): $14,839 76-71-73-76—296
Jeff Overton (19): $14,839 76-70-74-77—296
Freddie Jacobson (19): $14,839 77-73-74-72—296
Seung-Yul Noh (19): $14,839 74-72-76-74—296
Scott Brown (15): $14,074 75-72-73-77—297
Max Homa (15): $14,074 69-81-77-70—297
Blake Adams (11): $13,578 76-73-75-74—298
Jim Furyk (11): $13,578 76-74-76-72—298
Robert Garrigus (11): $13,578 75-70-81-72—298
Retief Goosen (11): $13,578 74-75-74-75—298
Scott Langley (11): $13,578 78-70-78-72—298
Shane Lowry (11): $13,578 74-74-75-75—298
Derek Fathauer (7): $13,082 78-71-76-74—299
Brian Stuard (7): $13,082 74-75-78-72—299
Kevin Chappell (5): $12,834 73-73-73-81—300
Andres Romero (5): $12,834 75-71-78-76—300
Tony Finau (2): $12,524 79-69-76-77—301
S.J. Park (2): $12,524 72-74-77-78—301
Jhonattan Vegas (2): $12,524 76-71-77-77—301
Troy Merritt (1): $12,276 74-76-75-77—302
Thomas Birdsey: $12,090 73-74-78-79—304
Andrew Putnam (1): $12,090 76-71-78-79—304
Will MacKenzie (1): $11,904 77-72-80-76—305
Michael Putnam (1): $11,780 76-71-76-83—306

PGA European

Trophee Hassan II Leading Scores
Sunday
At Golf Du Palais Royal
Agadir, Morocco
Purse: $1.63 million
Yardage: 7,041; Par: 72
Final

Richie Ramsay, Scotland 72-66-71-69—278
Romain Wattel, France 68-74-67-70—279
Chris Wood, England 67-72-74-67—280
Pablo Larrazabal, Spain 70-69-73-68—280
Mikael Lundberg, Sweden 70-75-66-69—280
George Coetzee, South Africa 67-72-70-71—280
Jaco Van Zyl, South Africa 69-71-70-70—280
Kevin Phelan, Ireland 70-70-70-70—280
Jose Maria Olazabal, Spain 70-68-70-72—280
Marcel Schneider, Germany 73-69-72-67—281
Ben Evans, England 69-70-74-68—281
Wade Ormsby, Australia 71-72-68-70—281
Richard Bland, England 69-70-71-71—281
Mark Foster, England 73-72-71-66—282
Anthony Wall, England 68-72-72-70—282
Soren Kjeldsen, Denmark 68-73-69-72—282
Tommy Fleetwood, England 70-71-73-69—283
Eddie Pepperell, England 71-74-69-69—283
Steve Benson, England 71-68-70-74—283
Pelle Edberg, Sweden 71-71-71-70—283
Andrew Marshall, England 71-73-69-70—283
Bernd Ritthammer, Germany 71-70-71-71—283
David Horsey, England 70-71-69-73—283

Champions

Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic Scores
Sunday
At Fallen Oak
Biloxi, Miss.
Purse: $1.6 million
Yardage: 7,080; Par: 72
Final

David Frost (240), $240,000 68-70-68—206
Tom Lehman (128), $128,000 71-66-70—207
Kevin Sutherland (128), $128,000 68-67-72—207
Joe Durant (95), $95,200 67-72-69—208
Woody Austin (70), $70,000 68-69-71—209
Colin Montgomerie (70), $70,000 67-72-70—209
Billy Andrade (54), $54,400 69-71-70—210
Tom Pernice Jr (54), $54,400 69-69-72—210
Olin Browne (42), $41,600 71-68-72—211
Jose Coceres (42), $41,600 73-70-68—211
Scott Dunlap (42), $41,600 74-65-72—211
Michael Allen (0), $33,600 70-70-73—213
Brad Bryant (0), $33,600 72-72-68—212
Jeff Maggert (0), $30,400 73-70-70—213
Fred Couples (0), $28,000 71-70-73—214
Kenny Perry (0), $28,000 73-72-69—214
Brad Faxon (0), $23,240 68-73-74—215
Lee Janzen (0), $23,240 71-74-70—215
Jamie Sadlowski (0), $23,240 68-72-75—215
Peter Senior (0), $23,240 71-73-71—215
Esteban Toledo (0), $19,680 76-72-68—216
Bart Bryant (0), $16,832 70-73-69—212
Mike Goodes (0), $16,832 71-74-72—217
Scott Hoch (0), $16,832 73-69-75—217
Miguel Angel Jimenez (0), $16,832 76-70-71—217
Mark O'Meara (0), $16,832 74-69-74—217
Stephen Ames (0), $13,600 71-73-74—218
Guy Boros (0), $13,600 72-75-71—218
John Huston (0), $13,600 72-71-75—218
Kirk Triplett (0), $13,600 70-75-73—218
Jay Don Blake (0), $11,040 73-75-71—219
Jeff Coston (0), $11,040 73-73-73—219
Paul Goydos (0), $11,040 76-74-69—219
Steve Lowery (0), $11,040 75-72-72—219
Steve Pate (0), $11,040 77-73-69—219
Larry Smith (0), $9,173 73-75-72—220
Marco Dawson (0), $9,173 73-71-76—220
Loren Roberts (0), $9,173 69-73-78—220
Bill Glasson (0), $7,360 71-75-75—221
Jeff Hart (0), $7,360 73-73-75—221
Morris Hatalsky (0), $7,360 73-72-76—221
Rocco Mediate (0), $7,360 74-73-74—221
Jeff Sluman (0), $7,360 75-74-72—221
Rod Spittle (0), $7,360 74-72-75—221
Duffy Waldorf (0), $7,360 73-74-74—221
Mark Wiebe (0), $7,360 76-73-72—221
Tommy Armour III (0), $4,820 79-73-70—222
Mark Brooks (0), $4,820 75-75-72—222
Tom Byrum (0), $4,820 74-76-72—222
Bob Gilder (0), $4,820 74-75-73—222
Brian Henninger (0), $4,820 76-73-73—222
Sammy Lyle (0), $4,820 76-73-73—222
Jim Rutledge (0), $4,820 76-74-69—222
Bob Tway (0), $4,820 73-75-74—222
Jesper Parnevik (0), $3,586 76-73-74—223
Jeff Quinney (0), $3,286 75-75-74—224
Gil Morgan (0), $3,280 79-75-70—224
Wes Short Jr (0), $3,280 76-77-71—224
Tom Kite (0), $2,000 77-72-75—224
Ben Bates (0), $2,604 78-70-77—225
Larry Mize (0), $2,640 75-74-76—225
Tom Purtzer (0), $2,640 74-75-76—225
Jan Woosnam (0), $2,640 77-75-73—225
Dan Forsman (0), $2,000 75-74-77—226
Tom Kite (0), $2,000 78-74-74—226
Larry Nelson (0), $2,000 73-72-81—226
Joey Sindelar (0), $2,000 77-73-76—226
Mark Calcavecchia (0), $1,600 76-76-81—227
Nick Price (0), $1,504 74-76-78—228
Russ Cochran (0), $1,408 79-76-74—229
Jim Gallagher Jr (0), $1,312 76-76-79—231
Hal Sutton (0), $1,216 79-79-75—233
Frank Esposito (0), $1,120 81-73-80—234
Jim Thorpe (0), $1,056 76-79-80—235
Bobby Wadkins (0), $992 77-78-81—236
Craig Stadler (0), $928 81-78-80—239
Nolan Henke (0), $864 86-81-75—244

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Chitimacha Louisiana Open Scores
Sunday
At Le Triomphe Golf and Country Club
Broussard, La.
Purse: $550,000
Yardage: 7,006; Par 71
Final

Kelly Kraft: $99,000 67-70-68-65—270
Rhein Gibson: $48,400 62-68-70-71—271
D.H. Lee: $48,400 66-69-73-63—271
Ryan Blaum, $20,735 65-68-74-65—272
Rick Cochran III: $20,735 66-68-65-73—272
Smylie Kaufman: $20,735 67-69-66-70—272
Darron Stiles, $20,735 68-71-68-65—272
Cameron Wilson, $20,735 64-68-71-69—272
Bronson Burgoon, $15,400 67-68-71-69—273
Dawie van der Walt, $15,400 70-71-65-67—273
Tyler Aldridge, $11,660 67-73-66-68—274
Michael Bradley, $11,660 68-69-70-67—274
Cody Gribble, $11,660 70-70-64-70—274
Hao Tong Li, $11,660 66-67-67-74—274
Roger Sloan, $11,660 70-67-70-67—274
Peter Malnati, $7,716 72-69-73-70—284
Greg Owen, $7,716 66-72-70-67—275
Dicky Pride, $7,716 69-69-71-66—275
Steve Allen, $7,716 67-68-67-73—275
Erik Barnes, $7,716 67-73-66-69—275
Si Woo Kim, $7,716 68-67-72-69—275
Kevin Tway, $7,716 72-69-67-67—275
Michael Hebert, $4,475 69-67-71-69—276
Whee Kim, $4,475 65-76-68-67—276
Andrew Landry, $4,475 72-69-69-66—276
Jin Park, $4,475 68-70-71-67—276
Vaughn Taylor, $4,475 73-68-72-63—276
Brent Witcher, $4,475 70-70-67-69—276
Jorge Fernandez-Valdes, $4,475
68-69-68-71—276
Seamus Power, $4,475 67-71-69-72—276
Aron Price, $4,475 69-67-67-73—276
Patton Kizzire, $3,246 68-68-73-68—277
Luke List, $2,948 70-67-72-68—277
Rob Oppenheim, $2,948 69-71-68-69—277
Jonathan Randolph, $2,946 72-69-69-67—277
Chase Wright, $2,946 71-69-71-66—277
Hunter Haas, $2,945 67-66-70-74—277
Jared Hack, $2,946 68-70-69-70—277
John Rollins, $2,946 67-71-69-71—277
Andy Winings, $2,946 68-73-71-65—277
Brad Fritsch, $1,907 68-73-71-66—278
Michael Kim, $1,907 70-69-73-66—278
Michael Letzig, $1,907 69-71-68-70—278
Brock Mackenzie, $1,907 69-69-70-70—278
Charlie Wi, $1,907 72-68-67-71—278
Ryan Yip, $1,907 70-68-69-71—278
Matt Fast, $1,907 70-70-66-72—278
Scott Harrington, $1,907 71-70-66-71—278
Harold Varner III, $1,907 66-67-69-76—278
Roberto Castro, $1,581 71-68-68-72—279
James Driscoll, $1,493 67-73-69-71—280
Tyler Duncan, $1,493 73-67-69-71—280
Greg Eason, $1,493 72-68-71-69—280
Nicholas Lindheim, $1,493 69-69-72-70—280
Casey Wittenberg, $1,493 70-70-67-73—280
Glen Day, $1,493 64-69-70-77—280
Brady Schnell, $1,493 71-68-67-74—280
Kelvin Day, $1,436 70-71-69-71—281
Brian Richey, $1,436 71-70-69-71—281
Alex Aragon, $1,397 72-68-70-72—282
Greg Chalmers, $1,397 68-72-70-72—282
Justin Leonard, $1,397 68-72-69-72—282
Jamie Lovemark, $1,397 72-68-70-72—282
Justin Peters, $1,397 68-72-70-72—282
Dustin Bray, $1,342 67-71-72-73—283
Matt Davidson, $1,342 71-65-69-78—283
Seth Fair, $1,342 67-73-73-70—283
Scott Gardiner, $1,342 72-69-71-71—283
Mark Silvers, $1,342 72-69-71-71—283
David Bergjanz, Jr, $1,293 68-70-73-73—284
James Nitties, $1,293 66-73-75-70—284
Rod Pampling, $1,293 68-72-77-67—284
Richy Werenski, $1,293 72-68-70-74—284
Chris Gilman, $1,265 70-71-74-70—285
Michael O. Smith, $1,254 68-71-76-71—286
Mathew Goggin, $1,232 67-74-73-73—287
Brad Hopfinger, $1,232 68-70-76-73—287
Chris Wilson, $1,232 70-71-76-70—287
Mark Anderson, $1,205 69-72-73-75—289
Jeff Curl, $1,205 70-71-78-70—289

LPGA

Kia Classic Scores
Sunday
At Aviara Golf Club Course
Carlsbad, Calif.
Purse: $1.7 million
Yardage: 6,593; Par: 72
Final

Cristie Kerr: $255,000 67-68-68-65—268
Mirim Lee: $156,242 55-69-66-70—270
Lydia Ko, $113,342 67-70-67-67—271
Alison Lee: $87,679 69-66-66-71—272
Chella Choi: $70,572 68-70-68-67—273
Hyo Joo Kim, $53,036 68-68-72-66—274
Ha Na Jang, $53,036 70-69-67-68—274
Monya Jutanugarn: $40,205 69-69-69-68—275
Sakura Koyama: $40,205 68-67-67-73—275
Ilhee Lee: $30,213 71-71-70-64—276
Anna Nordqvist: $30,213 72-69-68-67—276
Lee-Thompson: $30,213 68-72-65-71—276
Paula Creamer: $30,213 69-69-66-72—276
Se Ri Pak: $30,213 69-71-64-72—276
Jessica Korda: $22,925 71-68-68-67—277
Stacy Lewis: $22,925 68-69-70-70—277
Morgan Pressel: $22,925 70-64-72-71—277
Jennifer Song: $22,925 70-68-66-73—277
I K Kim: $17,365 73-68-71-66—280
Caroline Masson: $17,365 71-70-71-68—280
Austin Ernst: $17,365 68-73-70-69—280
Shanshan Feng, $17,365 70-69-72-69—280
Beatriz Recari: $17,365 69-71-70-70—280
Carlota Ciganda: $17,365 70-72-67-71—280
Lee-Anne Pace, $17,365 71-67-71-71—280
Julieta Granada, $17,365 71-69-67-73—280
Maria Hernandez, $17,365 70-66-73-71—280
Katie Burnett $17,365 71-67-68-74—280
Karine Icher: $12,660 68-74-72-67—281
Sandra Gal: $12,660 72-71-70-68—281
Hun-Hee Ji, $12,660 69-71-70-71—281
Michelle Wie: $12,660 69-74-70-68—281
Se Young Kim, $12,660 71-71-70-69—281
Amy Yang, $12,660 70-72-70-69—281
Danielle Kang, $9,894 71-72-70-69—282
Pornanong Phatlum, $9,894 71-71-70-70—282
Jane Rah, $9,894 69-69-74-70—282
Mo Martin, $9,894 70-68-73-71—282
Brittany Lincicome, $9,894 71-69-70-72—282
Brittany Lang, $9,894 68-68-70-76—282
Ai Miyazato, $7,887 70-73-70-70—283
Angela Stanford, $7,887 70-73-70-70—283
Chella Choi, $7,887 70-71-71-71—283
Therese Koetbaek, $7,887 71-68-72-72—283
Alison Walshe, $7,887 70-67-74-72—283
So Yeon Ryu, $6,629 70-71-73-70—284
Thidapa Suwannapura, $6,629 69-71-73-71—284
Paula Reto, $6,629 71-72-69-72—284
Candie Kung, $6,629 71-69-70-74—284
Kim Kaufman, $5,474 74-69-71-71—285
Christina Kim, $5,474 71-70-73-71—285
Pernilla Lindberg, $5,474 73-66-74-72—285
In Gee Chun, $5,474 69-72-72-72—285
Xiyu Lin, $5,474 67-72-73-73—285
Alena Sharp, $5,474 69-74-69-73—285
Jodi Ewart Shadoff, $5,474 74-69-68-74—285
Catriona Matthew, $4,619 72-71-71-72—286
Jennifer Johnson, $4,619 72-70-71-73—286
Brooke Pancake, $4,619 69-71-73-73—286
Wei Ling Hsu , $4,192 71-71-73-72—287
Mi Hyang Lee , $4,192 71-72-71-73—287
Magaly Uribe, $4,192 71-70-70-76—287
NiDie Ciasnick, $3,784 70-73-75-70—288
Dpmi Runas, $3,784 73-70-75-70—288
Kathie Webb, $3,764 67-75-74-72—288
Q Baek, $3,764 73-70-71-74—288
Jennifer Rosales, $3,764 69-71-74-74—288
Haeji Kang, $3,764 70-73-70-75—288
Mika Miyazato, $3,764 70-73-70-75—288
Lavetta Beck, $3,402 70-70-77-72—289
Dori Carter, $3,380 74-69-69-77—289
Yani Tseng, $3,335 66-76-72-76—290
Victoria Elizabeth, $3,293 72-71-74-76—293
Stefani Moss, $3,293 71-73-78-71—293
Karlin Beck, $3,211 70-71-80-77—298

AUTO RACING RESULTS

Sprint Cup

STP 500 Results
Sunday
At Martinsville Speedway
Ridgeway, Va.
Lap length: .526 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (15) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 500 laps, 134.9 rating, 47 points, $166,780.
2. (12) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 500, 114.9, 43, $157,401.
3. (3) Joey Logano, Ford, 500, 121.9, 42, $162,418.
4. (8) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 500, 113.4, 41, $142,121.
5. (20) David Ragan, Toyota, 500, 96.2, 39, $144,061.
6. (3) Martin Truex Jr, Chevrolet, 500, 96.2, 39, $118,665.
7. (16) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 500, 86.9, 37, $99,570.
8. (17) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 500, 129, 38, $144,495.
9. (4) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 500, 104, 36, $133,206.
10. (19) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 500, 97.4, 34, $118,461.
11. (9) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 500, 96.4, 34, $101,200.
12. (18) Aric Almirola, Ford, 500, 82.6, 32, $123,811.
13. (30) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 500, 86.5, 31, $120,733.
14. (26) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 500, 84.3, 31, $105,750.
15. (24) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 500, 77.8, 29, $112,683.
16. (7) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 500, 73.6, 0, $133,675.
17. (11) Carl Edwards, Toyota, 500, 98.9, 28, $82,000.
18. (36) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 500, 63.5, 26, $125,450.
19. (25) Greg Biffle, Ford, 500, 71.8, 25, $115,508.
20. (6) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 500, 82.1, 25, $111,839.
21. (34) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 500, 57.4, 0, $83,800.
22. (37) Cole Whitt, Ford, 499, 52.6, 22, $99,633.
23. (13) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 499, 66.5, 21, $91,175.
24. (35) Chris Buescher, Ford, 499, 47.6, 0, $85,075.
25. (29) David Gilliland, Ford, 499, 58.3, 19, $104,808.
26. (42) J.J. Yeley, Toyota, 497, 36.4, 0, $93,933.
27. (2) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 496, 62.9, 18, $118,000.
28. (33) Brett Moffitt, Toyota, 496, 40.1, 16, $110,339.
29. (32) Jeb Burton, Toyota, 495, 35.7, 15, $81,450.
30. (31) Josh Wise, Ford, 495, 40.8, 14, $82,325.
31. (43) Matt DiBenedetto, Toyota, 494, 30.8, 13, $87,722.
32. (38) Sam Hornish Jr., Ford, 493, 46.5, 12, $104,370.
33. (41) Alex Kennedy, Chevrolet, 492, 31.4, 11, $77,800.
34. (40) Mike Bliss, Ford, 491, 33, 0, $77,675.
35. (5) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 468, 57.1, 9, $125,856.
36. (14) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 453, 64, 8, $96,970.
37. (39) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 444, 35.7, 7, $77,472.
38. (27) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 427, 39, 0, $73,047.
39. (28) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, 389, 46.9, 5, $68,975.
40. (23) Reby Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 364, 34.7, 4, $72,975.
41. (22) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, electrical, 330, 49.5, 3, $97,911.
42. (21) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 328, 54.4, 2, $64,975.
43. (10) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, oil leak, 177, 67.9, 1, $71,475.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 68.843 mph.
Time of Race: 3 hours, 49 minutes, 13 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 0.186 seconds.
Caution Flags: 10 for 112 laps.
Lead Changes: 31 among 13 drivers.
Lap Leaders: J.Logano 1-16; R.Newman 17-18; J.Logano 19-58; M.Bliss 57; J.Logano 58-86; M.Truex Jr. 87-112; J.Logano 120-133; K.Harvick 134-147; D.Hamlin 148-164; B.Keselowski 165; K.Harvick 166-170; B.Keselowski 171-172; K.Harvick 173; K.Busch 174-196; K.Harvick 186-207; J.Logano 208; K.Kahne 209-237; K.Harvick 238-270; B.Keselowski 271; C.Edwards 272-284; K.Harvick 285-301; B.Keselowski 302-315; D.Hamlin 316-326; K.Harvick 327-357; M.Kenseth 358; K.Harvick 359-298; D.Hamlin 399-433; M.Kenseth 434-441; J.Gordon 442-462; T.Stewart 463-470; M.Kenseth 471-472; D.Hamlin 473-500.
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): K.Harvick, 8 times for 154 laps; J.Logano, 5 times for 108 laps; D.Hamlin, 4 times for 91 laps; K.Kahne, 1 time for 29 laps; M.Truex Jr., 1 time for 23 laps; J.Gordon, 1 time for 21 laps; K.Busch, 1 time for 21 laps; B.Keselowski, 4 times for 18 laps; C.Edwards, 1 time for 13 laps; M.Kenseth, 3 times for 11 laps; T.Stewart, 1 time for 8 laps; R.Newman, 1 time for 2 laps; M.Bliss, 1 time for 1 lap.
Wins: K.Harvick, 2; D.Hamlin, 1; J.Johnson, 1; B.Keselowski, 1; J.Logano, 1.
Top 16 in Points: 1. K.Harvick, 263; 2. J.Logano, 239; 3. M.Truex Jr., 231; 4. B.Keselowski, 206; 5. K.Kahne, 193; 6. R.Newman, 180; 7. P.Menard, 173; 8. D.Hamlin, 172; 9. D.Earnhardt Jr., 172; 10. A.Almirola, 170; 11. J.Johnson, 168; 12. M.Kenseth, 168; 13. D.Ragan, 163; 14. C.Mears, 161; 15. J.McMurray, 154; 16. D.Patrick, 148.
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

Formula 1

Malaysia Grand Prix Results
Sunday
At Sepang International Circuit
Sepang, Malaysia
Lap length: 3.44 miles

1. Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Ferrari, 56 laps, 1:41:05.793, 114.471 mph
2. Lewis Hamilton, England, Mercedes, 56, +1.146
3. Nico Rosberg, Germany, Mercedes, 56, +1.181
4. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Ferrari, 56, +1.597
5. Valtteri Bottas, Finland, Williams, 56, +2.162
6. Felipe Massa, Brazil, Williams, 56, +2.179
7. Max Verstappen, Netherlands, Toro Rosso, 56, +1 lap
8. Carlos Sainz Jr., Spain, Toro Rosso, 55, +1 lap
9. Daniil Kvyat, Russia, Red Bull, 55, +1 lap
10. Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, Red Bull, 55, +1 lap
11. Romain Grojean, France, Lotus, 55, +1 lap
12. Felipe Nasr, Brazil, Sauber, 55, +1 lap
13. Sergio Perez, Mexico, Force India, 55, +1 lap
14. Nico Hulkenberg, Germany, Force India, 55, +1 lap
15. Roberto Merhi, Spain, Marussia, 53, +3 laps
Not Classified
16. Pastor Maldonado, Venezuela, Lotus, retired
17. Jenson Button, England, McLaren, retired
18. Fernando Alonso, Spain, McLaren, retired
19. Marcus Ericsson, Sweden, Sauber, retired

Drivers Standings
(After two of 19 races)
1. Lewis Hamilton, England, Mercedes, 43 points.
2. Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Ferrari, 40.
3. Nico Rosberg, Germany, Mercedes, 33.
4. Felipe Massa, Brazil, Williams, 20.
5. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Ferrari, 12.
6. Felipe Nasr, Brazil, Sauber, 10.
7. Valtteri Bottas, Finland, Williams, 10.
8. Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, Red Bull, 9.
9. Max Verstappen, Netherlands, Toro Rosso, 8.
10. Nico Hulkenberg, Germany, Force India, 6.
11. Carlos Sainz Jr., Spain, Toro Rosso, 6.
12. Marcus Ericsson, Sweden, Sauber, 4.
13. Daniil Kvyat, Russia, Red Bull, 2.
14. Sergio Perez, Mexico, Force India, 1.

Constructors Standings
1. Mercedes, 76 points.
2. Ferrari, 52.
3. Williams, 30.
4. Sauber, 14.
5. Toro Rosso, 12.
6. Red Bull, 11.
7. Force India, 7.

NHRA

Results
Sunday
At Atlas Dragway
Charlotte, N.C.
Final Finish Order
Top Fuel

1. Antron Brown, 2. Steve Torrence, 3. Richie Crampton, 4. Clay Millican, 5. Tony Schumacher, 6. Doug Kalitta, 7. Brittany Force, 8. Steve Connolly, 9. Spencer Massey, 10. Pat Dakin, 11. J.R. Todd, 12. Larry Dixon, 13. Bo Meier, 14. Shawn Langdon, 15. Leah Pritchett, 16. Chris Karamesines.

Funny Car
1. Jack Beckman, 2. Del Worsham, 3. Chad Head, 4. Tommy Johnson Jr., 5. John Force, 6. Robert Hight, 7. Cruz Pedregon, 8. John Hale, 9. Tony Pedregon, 10. Ron Capps, 11. Dale Creasy Jr., 12. Courtney Force, 13. Alexis DeJoria, 14. Paul Lee, 15. Tim Wilkerson, 16. Matt Hagan.

Pro Stock
1. Larry Morgan, 2. Greg Anderson, 3. Jonathan Gray, 4. Vincent Nobile, 5. Jimmy Alund, 6. Chris McGaha, 7. Jason Line, 8. Erica Enders-Stevens, 9. Allen Johnson, 10. Drew Skillman, 11. Shane Gray, 12. Rodger Brogdon, 13. Buddy Perkinson, 14. V. Gaines, 15. John Gaydosh Jr, 16. Mark Hogan.

Pro Stock Motorcycle
1. Andrew Hines, 2. Eddie Krawiec, 3. Hector Arana Jr, 4. Scotty Pollacheck, 5. Chaz Kennedy, 6. Mike Berry, 7. Matt Smith, 8. LE Tonglet, 9. Freddie Camarena, 10. Katie Sullivan, 11. Angelle Sampey, 12. Brian Pretzel, 13. Hector Arana, 14. Karen Stoffer, 15. Shawn Gann, 16. Jim Underdahl.

Final Results
Top Fuel—Antron Brown, 3.749 seconds, 319.90 mph def. Steve Torrence, 3.847 seconds, 317.

NHL ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CAPITALS 5
RANGERS 2

NEW YORK — Alex Ovechkin scored twice and Jason Chimera added two goals in the third period to rally the Washington Capitals to a 5-2 victory over the New York Rangers on Sunday.

Ovechkin had a goal in each of the first two periods, and Chimera broke a 2-2 tie 4:41 into the third with his first in 21 games. He made it 4-2 with 12:20 remaining, and Marcus Johansson added an empty-netter with 2:23 left. Braden Holtby made 23 saves.

Washington, which has won four of six, rebounded from Saturday's home loss to Nashville and beat the Rangers for the first time in three games this season.

Kevin Hayes and Derick Brassard scored first-period goals for the Rangers, who lost for the second straight day and have dropped three of four. Cam Talbot was back in goal, one day after Henrik Lundqvist returned from a neck injury at Boston, and stopped 26 shots.

ISLANDERS 5
RED WINGS 4

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Frans Nielsen's goal 16 seconds into the second period broke a 3-3 tie and New York held on to beat Detroit for its first home win this month.

The Islanders came in winless in seven previous home games, last winning at Nassau Coliseum over Calgary on Feb. 27, and with only one victory in their last eight contests overall.

New York quickly fell behind 2-0 before the teams went on to score six goals combined in the first 10 minutes of the opening period.

Ryan Strome, Kyle Okposo, Brock Nelson and Cal Clutterbuck also scored for the Islanders.

Tomas Tatar, Drew Miller, Niklas Kronwall and Pavel Datsyuk had Detroit's goals.

BRUINS 2
HURRICANES 1, OT

RALEIGH, N.C. — David Pastrnak scored on a nice centering pass from Carl Soderberg at 4:23 of overtime, giving Boston a win over Carolina.

The win put the Bruins three points ahead of Ottawa and four up on Florida in their race for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. Ottawa has a game in hand on both of the teams.

Ryan Spooner scored for Boston early in the first period on Pastrnak's assist.

PANTHERS 4
SENATORS 2

OTTAWA, Ontario — Jaromir Jagr scored two goals and Dan Ellis made 25 saves as Florida defeated Ottawa.

The win pulled the Panthers within a point of Ottawa for ninth place in the Eastern Conference.

Jussi Jokinen and Dave Bolland also scored for Florida, while Erik Karlsson and Jean-Gabriel Pageau had goals for the Senators. Ottawa's Craig Anderson made 33 saves.

After drawing Anderson out of the net with a fake shot, Jagr scored his second goal of the game at 13:57 on a wrap-around to give the Panthers a 3-1 lead.

Pageau scored at 17:39 for the Senators before Bolland sealed the win for Florida with an empty-net goal.

FLAMES 5
PREDATORS 2

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Lance Bouma scored two goals to lead Calgary Flames past Nashville.

Michael Ferland, Kris Russell, and Jiri Hudler also scored for the Flames, who snapped a two-game losing streak.

DUCKS 4
DEVILS 2

NEWARK, N.J. — John Gibson made 26 saves and the Anaheim Ducks took another step to securing the NHL's best regular-season record with a victory over New Jersey.

Ryan Kesler and Francois Beauchemin scored for the Ducks, who won their third straight and opened a three-point lead over Nashville and Montreal in the race for the Presidents' Trophy. Anaheim has four games left in the regular season, one less than Predators and two fewer than the Canadiens.

PENGUINS 3
SHARKS 2, SO

PITTSBURGH — David Perron and Sidney Crosby scored in the shootout, and Pittsburgh won its second home game in as many days.

After the Penguins killed off the final 3:52 of overtime while short-handed — the result of Patric Hornqvist's high-sticking double-minor — Perron and Crosby beat Sharks backup goalie Alex Stalock to his stick side on Pittsburgh's first two attempts of the shootout.

BLACKHAWKS 4
JETS 3

WINNIPEG, Manitoba — Jonathan Toews deflected in the winning goal with 31 seconds left in regulation to lead Chicago past Winnipeg.

Toews' 25th goal of the season came after he redirected Niklas Hjalmarsson's long shot. Andrew Shaw, Brad Richards and Patrick Sharp also scored for Chicago.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Montreal	76	47	21	8	102	200	169
Tampa Bay	76	46	23	7	99	244	198
Detroit	75	40	23	12	92	220	206
Boston	76	38	25	13	89	201	196
Ottawa	75	37	26	12	86	218	203
Florida	76	35	26	15	85	190	207
Toronto	76	28	42	6	62	198	244
Buffalo	75	20	47	8	48	144	254

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-N.Y. Rangers	75	47	21	7	101	228	177
Pittsburgh	76	42	23	11	95	210	190
N.Y. Islanders	77	45	27	5	95	235	215
Washington	76	41	25	10	92	223	188
Philadelphia	76	30	29	17	77	198	219
Columbus	75	36	35	4	76	207	232
New Jersey	76	31	33	12	74	168	194
Carolina	75	28	36	11	67	174	204

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Nashville	77	47	22	8	102	220	188
St. Louis	75	46	22	7	99	228	186
Chicago	75	45	24	6	96	213	175
Minnesota	76	44	25	7	95	219	186
Winnipeg	76	39	25	12	90	215	201
Dallas	76	37	29	10	84	236	243
Colorado	75	35	28	12	82	205	209

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Anaheim	78	49	22	7	105	227	216
Vancouver	75	43	27	5	91	215	203
Calgary	76	41	28	7	89	224	201
Los Angeles	75	37	24	14	88	200	188
San Jose	76	37	30	9	83	212	215
Edmonton	75	22	40	13	57	181	254
Arizona	76	23	45	8	54	160	252

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

x-clinched playoff spot

Sunday's Scores

Pittsburgh 3, San Jose 2, SO
Washington 5, N.Y. Rangers 2
Florida 4, Ottawa 2
N.Y. Islanders 5, Detroit 4
Boston 2, Carolina 1, OT
Calgary 5, Nashville 2
Anaheim 2, New Jersey 1
Chicago 4, Winnipeg 3

Today's Games

Tampa Bay at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Vancouver at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Buffalo at Arizona, 9 p.m.

Serena Williams beats 15-year-old at Miami Open; Nadal loses

By Steven Wine
Associated Press



J. Pat Carter/AP

Serena Williams returns the ball to CiCi Bellis at the Miami Open on Sunday in Key Biscayne, Fla.

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — When the ball whizzed past Serena Williams for an ace late in Sunday's match, the subdued crowd suddenly erupted with a roar.

Williams said she was tempted to join the applause. Everyone wanted to see her underage, underdog opponent do better.

Fifteen-year-old Californian CiCi Bellis lasted only 41 minutes against Williams, losing 6-1, 6-1 in the third round at the Miami Open.

"It wasn't like, 'Oh, I'm so happy to win this match,'" said Williams, 33. "It was tough. She's young and her being an American, you want to see people like her do well."

While Williams moved a step closer to her eighth Key Biscayne title, Rafael Nadal again came up short. He was eliminated by fellow Spaniard Fernando Verdasco, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3.

Nadal, who was seeded second, has never won the tournament in 11 appearances. It's the only event he hasn't won in so many tries.

The precocious Bellis made headlines by winning a match at last year's U.S. Open, but she couldn't stay with the world's No. 1 player. Williams won 51 of the 65 points and lost only two points in seven service games.

Bellis managed to smile afterward despite the drubbing.

"I was pretty nervous," she said. "I didn't know how my game would hold up against her, because I have never played her before. Never really seen her in person, just on TV.

"I mean, she's my idol; she's from America; she's No. 1 in the world; she's the best of all time. It's pretty scary playing her."

Williams advanced to Monday's round of 16 against 2006 champion Svetlana Kuznetsova, seeded No. 24. She eliminated No. 13 Angelique Kerber 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

Nadal beat Verdasco the first 13 times they played but has now lost to him twice in a row. Nadal dealt with several health issues in 2014 and said that while he's fully recovered, he hasn't regained his confidence.

"It's a question of being relaxed enough to play well," the 14-time Grand Slam champion said. "I'm still playing with 400 much nerves for a lot of moments, in important moments, still playing a little bit anxious in those moments.

"But I'm going to fix it — I don't know if in one week, in six months, or in one year, but I'm going to do it."

The Key Biscayne draw was already without Roger Federer, who skipped the tournament. Four-time champion Novak Djokovic and two-time champion Andy Murray are now heavy favorites to make the final.

Murray, seeded No. 3, reached the fourth round by beating Santiago Giraldo 6-3, 6-4.

In other women's play, two-time champion Victoria Azarenka lost to No. 15 Flavia Pennetta 7-6 (5), 7-6 (6). Azarenka, mounting a comeback from injuries, was playing at Key Biscayne for the first time since 2012.

No. 3 Simona Halep, who won Indian Wells a week ago, reached the women's fourth round by beating No. 30 Camila Giorgi 6-4, 7-5.

Williams withdrew before the semifinals at Indian Wells, citing an ailing right knee, but hardly had to run against Bellis.

The teenager, who had never played in such a large arena, appeared to be overwhelmed and overpowered from the start. But then at 5-6, she was smaller — and perhaps younger — than some of the ballkids.

Williams shared the crowd's subdued mood, forgoing her customary fist pumps and other demonstrative gestures as she blasted winners. She hit 13 to only one by Bellis, who is the world's top-ranked junior and still an amateur.

Their postmatch handshake was brief.

"I just said, 'Good job,' and that's it," Williams said.

"She's really nice," Bellis reported. "I mean, there's not much that you can say, but, you know, whatever."

Williams was already ranked in the top 20 when Bellis was born in 1999, and she drew a blank when asked to recall her first match against a top player, saying it was too long ago.

"I don't remember," Williams said. "I have been playing a little over 10 decades."

"I never played that well at 15 to play professional. I wasn't good enough. So, I mean, CiCi's doing really great."

BARNES

From 1C

His Longhorns teams reached the NCAA Tournament 16 times and he won three Big 12 titles. Barnes won 402 games at Texas, the most in school history, and this season he became just the 13th active coach to reach 600 career wins. Texas made the Final Four in 2003 for first time in more than 50 years.

The Longhorns also made it to the tournament's final eight in 2006 and 2008 and boasted rosters full of future NBA talent in players like T.J. Ford, Kevin Durant, LaMarcus Aldridge and others. Ford (2003) and Durant (2007) both earned national player of the year honors.

"They are the program. They are the ones who created the real legacy," Barnes said.

Ford, who attended the news conference, was the player Barnes leaned on to build the program.

"No player ever taught me more about the game than he did," Barnes said.

Ford said Barnes recruited him on the promise of the powerhouse Texas could be.

"He sold me on making an impact and changing the culture of basketball at the University of Texas and the entire state," Ford said. "That's something we'll all remember and cherish because those memories will never go away."

It was the inability to make deep runs into the tournament in recent years despite the talent that ultimately cost Barnes the loyalty of the Texas fan base, who complained the program had become stagnant. Texas hasn't advanced past the first weekend of the NCAA Tournament since 2008.

"You want the fairy tale ending. You want it all to end right. Sometimes you don't get what you want in life," Barnes said.

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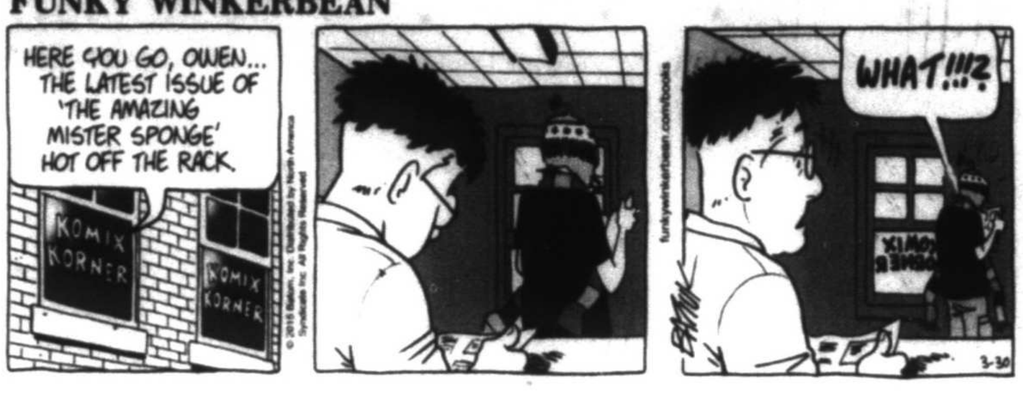
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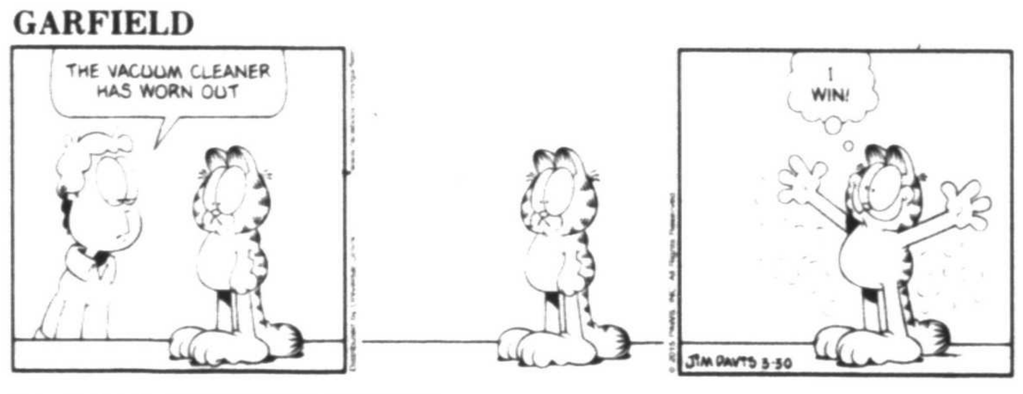
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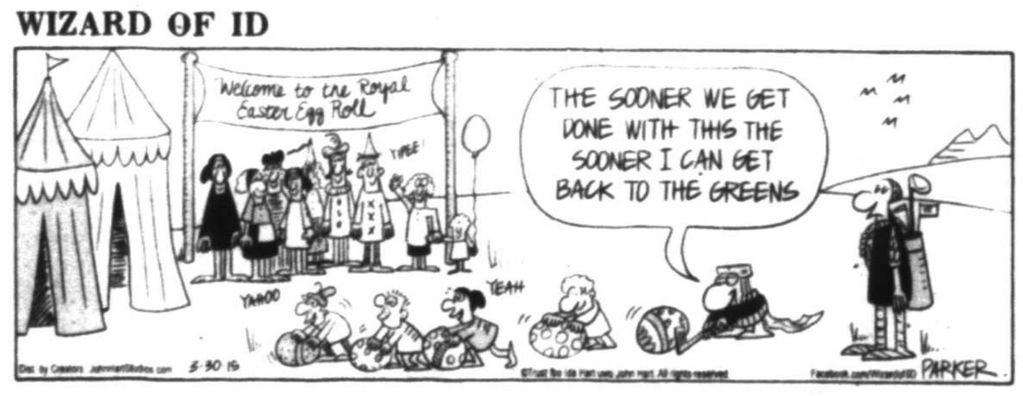
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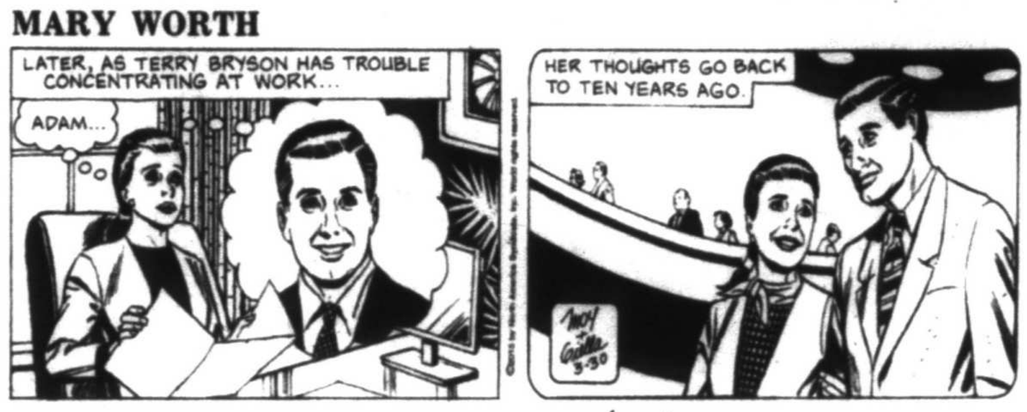
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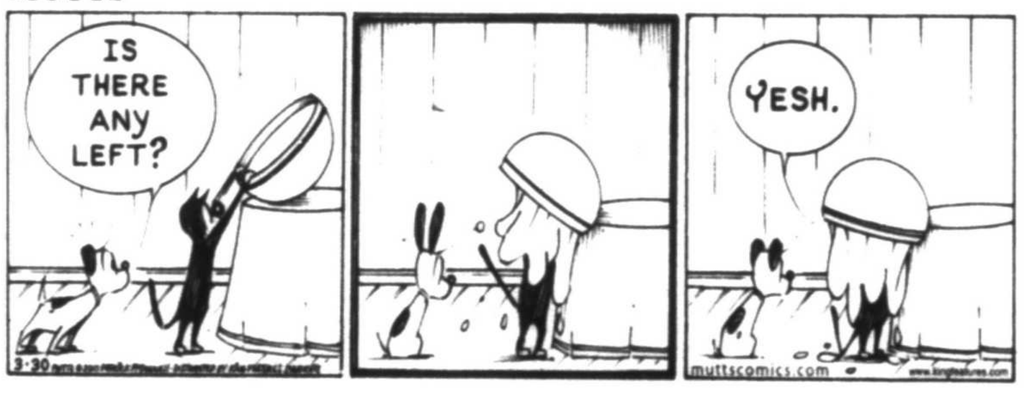
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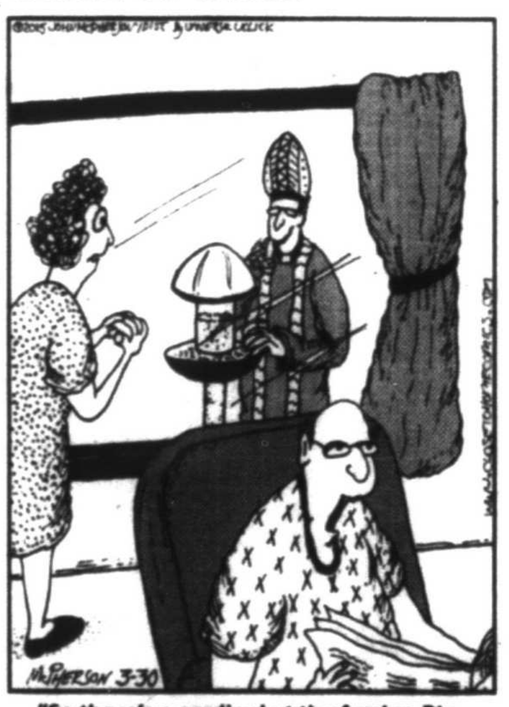
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"So there's a cardinal at the feeder. Big deal. If I've seen one cardinal, I've seen a hundred of 'em."

DENNIS THE MENACE



"BE CAREFUL, JOEY. SHE'S GOT A PHONE WITH A CAMERA AND SHE'S NOT AFRAID TO USE IT."

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"IT'S TIME TO GET BUSY WITH THE YARD...I CAN SEE SOME OF THE GARDEN TOOLS PEEKING OUT OF THE SNOW."

FAMILY CIRCUS



"No, I'm not embarrassed to be seen with an out-of-date phone."

TODAY: Partly sunny	TUESDAY: Partly sunny	WEDNESDAY: Sunny	THURSDAY: Sunny	FRIDAY: Sunny	SATURDAY: Partly sunny
High: 79 Low: 56	High: 83 Low: 55	High: 86 Low: 56	High: 89 Low: 56	High: 90 Low: 46	High: 83 Low: 45

Local forecast

After the first 90-degree day of the year on Sunday, the National Weather Service is calling for cooler high temperatures this week, including a high in the 70s today. Otherwise expect high temperatures in the 80s through Friday. Normal for this time of year is in the mid-70s.

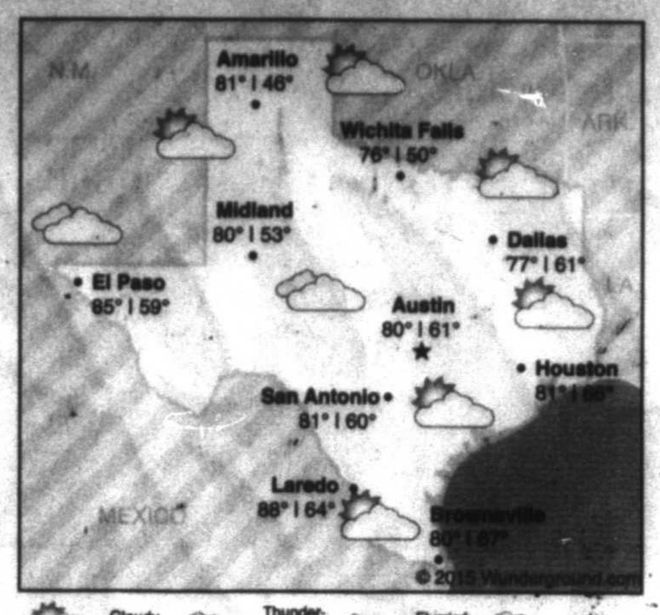
There is a 30 percent chance of rain Tuesday.

The high on Sunday reached 91, while the low dropped to 53. The record high for March 29 is 95 set in 1963. The record low is 18 set in 1944.

National forecast

A storm system will sweep through the Northeast today with gusty winds, rain and snow showers. The snow showers will be mostly confined to the interior, dotting the Interstate 95 corridor. The latter is especially true in the morning from New York City southward.

The system's cold front will cause a shower or thunderstorm in the South as warmer air returns in the wake of the tail-end of this front, easing Sunday's heat across the southern Plains.



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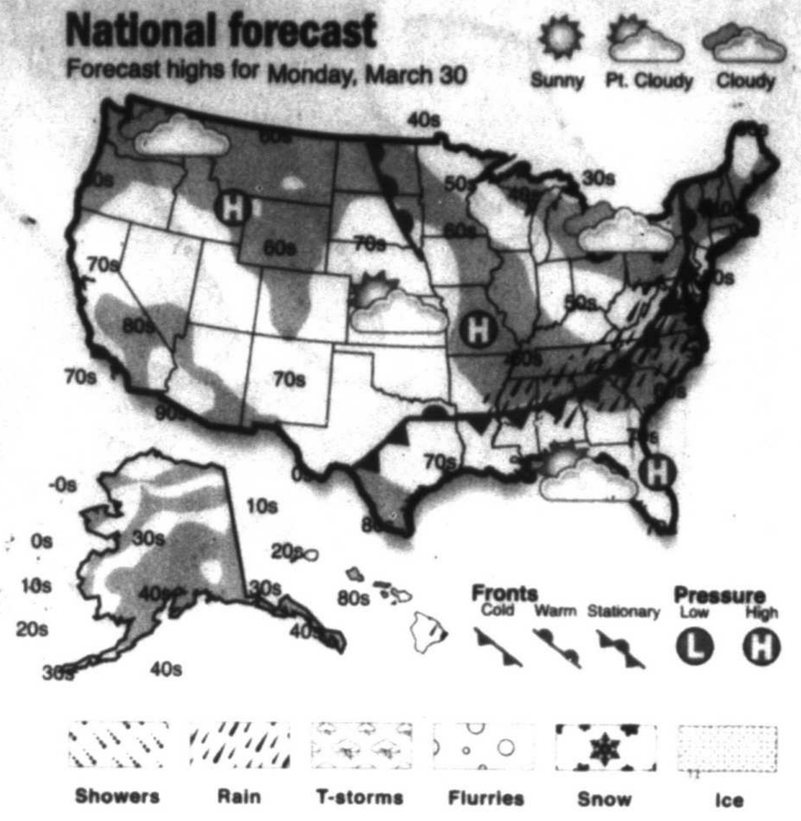
Saturday	0.00 in.
Sunday	0.00 in.
Month total	1.65 in.
Year total	4.34 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.83 in.

Sunday's temperatures

High	91
Low	53
Normal high	74
Normal low	44
Sunrise	7:40 a.m.
Sunset	8:07 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Monday, March 30



Wife who doesn't enjoy sex got bad wedding day advice

DEAR ABBY



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

DEAR ABBY: I've been married more than 20 years and have three children. What I haven't had is a real desire for sex — nor have I ever had, as far as I know, an orgasm. Before my wedding, my mother warned me that sex was overblown, uncomfortable and messy, but she said I had to put up with it if I wanted kids and a good marriage.

Movies, TV shows and ED ads all suggest that "normal" women are just looking for the next opportunity to jump into bed with their man. Am I a freak? Are there others like me? What do I tell MY girls as they grow up? — WAITING IN WICHITA

DEAR WAITING: Your mother did you no favor by saying what she did about sex. Sex can be "messy," but it is also supposed to be pleasurable, and both parties should be able to enjoy it. If sex is painful, then something is wrong.

I would never label you a freak. However, you may be asexual, because some people are. If you have never experienced an orgasm, you may have married a man who was also sexually inexperienced.

It's a mistake to judge what sex is supposed to be like from media and/or advertising. People pitching products can be notoriously unreliable, and some television shows and movies strive for shock value. Your gynecologist would be a far more reliable information resource.

As to what to tell your daughters, there are many books on the subject, and your gynecologist may be able to recommend some literature. But please do not give your daughters the same message your mother gave to you, because it was wrong.

DEAR ABBY: I have two daughters, "Mary Beth," 48, and "Anne," 50, who do not talk to each other. The last time we were all together was a family vacation in 2010. They live in different states, and I travel to visit them for the holidays. They have similar lifestyles — married, children, work outside the home — but they don't reach out to each other.

When Mary Beth wrote her feelings to Anne, they were viewed as hurtful and vindictive. I received a copy of the letter, but I didn't think they were. That was two years ago, and Anne never sent a reply. She said, "Oh, Mom, I don't know what to write. Can you help?"

Frankly, I think Anne prefers the lack of contact with her sister, and that even though they are sisters there is no bond between them. What do you suggest? The silence is unbearable. I want to hear the "noise" again. — DISAPPOINTED MOM IN RENO

DEAR DISAPPOINTED MOM: Nowhere in your letter did you mention how Mary Beth feels about the fact that her letter may have caused an estrangement. As an adult, Anne should have responded to that letter. It isn't unusual in families that are geographically separated for sibling bonds to loosen. Work, marriage and children can be profoundly distracting.

I'm advising you to continue to see both daughters, but not involve yourself in their relationship. I'm not sure what kind of "noise" you're looking for, but if you poke into this, it could be an explosion.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

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

♠ A Q 10 8 ♡ K 10 4 2 ◇ 8 4 ♣ A 8 2

With both opponents silent, partner opens three diamonds. What call would you make?

A — Three no-trump, hoping that partner has a solid suit, is way against the odds. You should have an honor in his suit to hope for lots of tricks there. Pass.

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

♠ 10 9 6 ♡ A K J 10 7 ◇ Void ♣ Q 10 9 7 3

Right-hand opponent opens one spade. What call would you make?

A — The popular convention, Michael's Cue Bids, would be useful here. This is a two-spade bid to show five hearts and an unknown five-card minor. Failing that, this hand is well worth an overcall. Bid two hearts.

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

♠ K 9 ♡ A K J 10 9 8 3 ◇ 5 3 ♣ J 10

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♡	Pass	1NT	2♠

What call would you make?

A — This hand is minimum in high-card points, but not in playing strength. A suit this magnificent cannot be suppressed. Bid three hearts.

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

♠ 10 5 ♡ 10 6 5 4 ◇ A J 5 2 ♣ A 6 2

Partner opens one heart and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

A — This hand is perfect for a limit raise — four-card support in a hand worth 10-11 points. Bid three hearts.

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 30, 2015:

This year you are able to easily grasp both sides of an issue. As a result, you might waffle over which point of view to support. You are extremely playful this year, as if you were a kid again. You will be surrounded by people who are in touch with their authentic selves. If you are single, that status easily could change, if you so desire. A friendship could play a strong role in your love life. If you are attached, the two of you often have different ideas about which people you should reach out to, so entertaining will be challenging. Just enjoy the different characters you bring together. LEO encourages you to let go more often and have fun.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You'll be energized and ready to tackle someone who is standing in your way. Allow yourself some freedom in how you approach this situation. Being flexible could become a high priority. Tonight: You are extremely verbal and direct.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You can be very direct, but will that serve you well? Perhaps detaching and understanding more of what might be happening with each individual would be better. You will find a solution that works for everyone involved. Tonight: Head home, and buy a treat on the way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You could feel awkward in a discussion that makes you feel out of sorts. Worry less. Understand that your ability to reach out to this person has not changed — he or she simply has turned inward. Tonight: Get together with a friend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Sometimes you become possessive. Security has always been a primary concern for you. Ask yourself what it will take to make you feel safer and more confident. You might need to have a discussion with several people who know you well. Tonight: Pay bills first.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You'll realize that you are on a very expansive and fortunate path. Stop for a moment and look at everything that has occurred in recent months. Is there an area of your life that you might want to change? Start putting more energy there. Tonight: Respond to someone's call.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Don't push yourself too hard. You might be irritated about the fact that you aren't getting the information you want. Resist causing an argument; you can get the same information from someone else. Tonight: Take a step back, and observe what's happening around you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You can't always make everyone happy, but you have a tendency to try hard to do so. Trying to be a ray of sunshine is natural, but it is not your job to make others happy. Trust that you have the wherewithal to handle any issue. Tonight: Head home early.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Take charge of a matter that affects others, and they will appreciate your efforts. Try not to be too demanding! The unexpected could throw your schedule into chaos. Relax, and let go of any controlling instincts for now. Tonight: A must appearance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Allow yourself to see the big picture, even if an issue triggers you. Do whatever you need to do in order to avoid letting let a situation control you. You have the power and strength to ride out this matter. Your inner strength and discipline will emerge. Tonight: Relax to a good movie.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Deal with someone directly, rather than push others away. Not everyone understands the issues you are dealing with, nor do they need to. However, having a confidant might be important, as you'll need someone to bounce ideas off of. Tonight: Togetherness works.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Defer to others, and gain a better sense of direction through active conversation with a partner. You might realize that you're not as dependent as you had thought you were. Listen to a dear friend's suggestion, and everything will work out. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Without much effort, you seem to have put yourself in a pivotal position. Stay levelheaded when dealing with key people in your life. Aim for what you want in a meeting. A discussion will help others understand your direction. Tonight: Take a hard look at your finances.

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Singer Celine Dion (1968), football player Richard Sherman (1988), musician Eric Clapton (1945)

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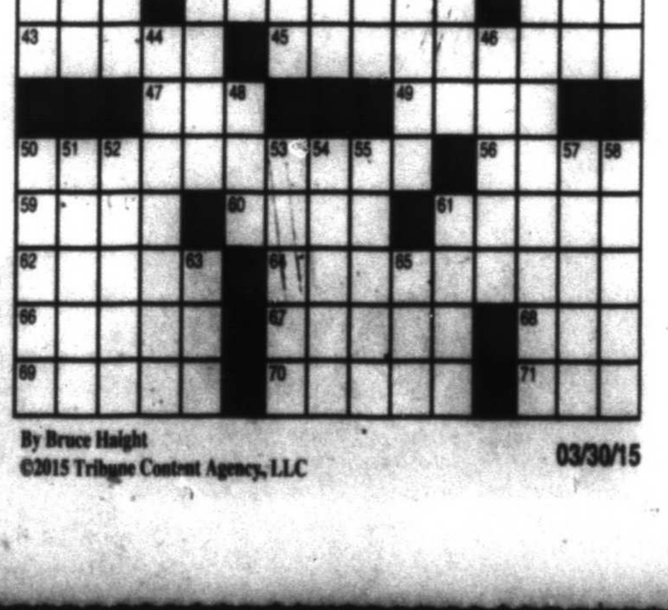
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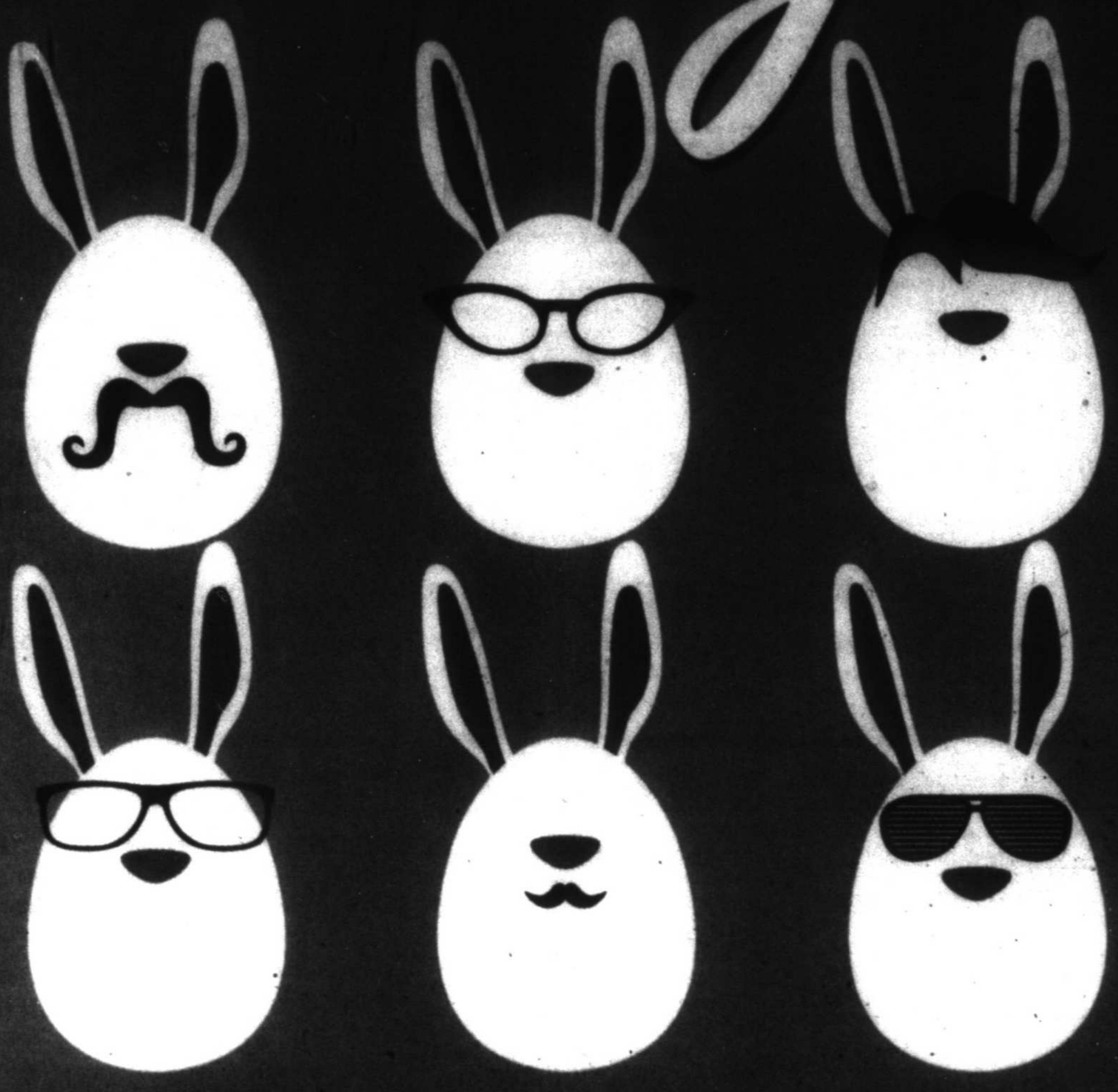
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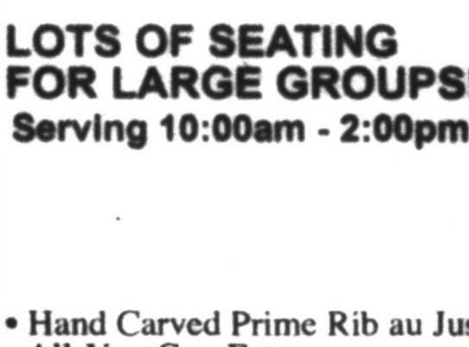
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Tubular Coordinator/Assistant

Master Tubulars, Inc. is now accepting resumes for a Tubular Coordinator. The ideal candidate for this position should have tubular experience and be a motivated self-starter.

Summary of Duties:
- Provide excellent customer service by taking inside sales orders.
- Create material releases and update shipment information by organizing files, both manually and electronically.
- Initiate and maintain contact with vendors and customers to ensure timely delivery of goods and services.
- Assist customers with inquiries.
- Interact with third party logistics service providers by tracking and expediting the purchase and delivery process.
- Ensure accuracy of all inventories.
- Coordinate logistics and maintain documentation, both manually and electronically, for well returns.
- Audit freight cost and documentation.
- Reconcile and document tallies.
- Other duties as assigned by management.

Summary of Desired Qualifications:
- College degree preferred but not required.
- 2 years OCTG experience.
- Computer skills, including Excel, Word, Outlook.

Interested candidates should email their resume to humanresources@mastertubulars.com.
Please include your salary expectations.

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- Provide excellent customer service by taking inside sales orders.
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- Initiate and maintain contact with vendors and customers to ensure timely delivery of goods and services.
- Assist customers with inquiries.
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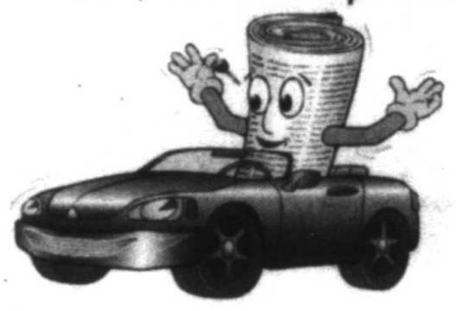
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7	5	4	1	6	9	2	3	8
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