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CONCHO & CHARITY

Tim Leach, chairman of the board, chief executive officer and president of Concho Resources, presented Fire Chief Robert Isbell the keys to a new mini-pumper fire truck Tuesday.

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Midland County first in state for weekly wage

Economist: 2015 to be a year of economic change, contraction, transition

By Rye Druzin
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Midland County topped the rankings again with the highest weekly wage in the Lone Star State and the second-fastest employment growth in the nation for the third-quarter of 2014, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. But an economist said that 2015 will be a time for economic transition as its oil-based economy adjusts to lower oil prices.

"We're transitioning in the Permian ... from a period of really strong growth to probably a period of economic contraction to one degree or another," said Karr Ingham, an independent Amarillo-based economist who compiles economic indexes on the Midland-Odessa region.

In the BLS numbers, Midland County posted a state-high average weekly wage of $1,256 for the third quarter of 2014, topping the largest counties with employment of 75,000 or above, including Harris County (Houston) at $1,238 a week; Dallas County at $1,141; and Collin County (Plano, Allen and Frisco) at $1,097. Ingham said the numbers have lagged behind oil prices that began to drop in July. Oil prices dropped by 9 percent in the third quarter of 2014, the time period from July 1 to Sept. 31. Prices have dropped by more than half since July, falling to $47.60 on Tuesday.

"It may be even approaching a year after prices began to decline that the general economy really begins to show the deep effects of that," he said. "It won't be quite a year, but it will be nine months I bet."

Only Brazoria County, located south of Houston, ranked higher than Midland nationally in wage growth from the third quarter of 2013 to the third quarter of 2014, growing wages by 7.1 percent (fourth nationally) compared to Midland's 6.8 percent (sixth). Jobs grew year-over-year by 7.4 percent ranked second only to the 8.8 percent employment growth in Weld County, Colorado (located north of Denver).

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WEST TEXAS REST STOP

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Canada geese stop for a rest and a bite to eat Wednesday at the I-20 Wildlife Preserve while migrating north for the spring.

Lawmakers compromise over oil regulation bill

■ Cities to have authority over above-ground activity

By Brandon Mulder
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A Texas House committee revisited a bill Monday that would limit local governments' ability to regulate oil and gas operations within their jurisdiction. The bill, initially filed in response to Denton's hydraulic fracturing ban within its city limits, was amended to insert some power into city and county entities after the committee heard eight hours of testimony last week from county and city officials from across the state.

The changes that were adopted Monday specified what cities will be able to regulate. All above-ground activity related to oil and gas operations — such as traffic, noise, lighting, and "commercially reasonable" setback requirements — will fall under the authority of city regulations. The changes to the bill also defines "commercially reasonable" to mean that a city ordinance must allow oil and gas companies to operate effectively and economically.

"We're not happy with the bill; we don't think the bill's necessary," said Bennett Sandlin, executive director of the Texas Municipal League, an association of municipal leaders opposed to the bill. "But to the extent that it preserves health and safety powers, we think that it's a big improvement over the originally filed version."

The bill also included a provision that would protect city ordinances that have not been legally challenged in the past five or more years.

"I'm calling it safe harbor," said the bill's author Drew Darby, R-San Angelo. "If an ordinance has been in effect for

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Desta: Dispute stems from bonus program

■ Attorney: 'The idea was to get everyone to work safely and efficiently, and, if they did, they would get a bonus'

By Mella McEwen
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Differing interpretations of regulations covering wages resulted in Desta Drilling paying $317,000 in back wages to 449 employees last year.

Mark Tisdale, an attorney for Desta's parent company, Clayton Williams Energy, said that the issue arose from a bonus program set up by the company.

"We set up a bonus program for the rig hands, who were rewarded if they completed a well in a timely manner and safely," he said.

"The idea was to get everyone to work safely and efficiently, and, if they did, they would get a bonus."

However, when the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor conducted an audit, investigators said that it wasn't a bonus program; it was overtime, he said.

"Our position was it was truly a bonus program because we didn't know if they would get the bonus," Tisdale said.

But because of how the Labor Department interpreted the regulations, "we decided to amend our program to align with their rules. We did amend the program and the issue was dealt with some time last year," he said.

"Most oil companies want to see their employees work safely, and most companies want to see their employees paid properly," he said.

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WTI Futures	$47.60	▼ $1.08
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Gasoline	$2.289	▲ $0.013

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Tractor-trailer tires are meant to handle
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Midland emergency personnel respond to a kitchen fire at La Mision on S. Big Spring Street on Tuesday.

MFD responds to grease fire at Mexican restaurant

From staff reports

Midland firefighters were called to a grease fire that erupted in the kitchen of a southside restaurant Tuesday evening.

The Midland Fire Department responded at 5:45 p.m. to a call of a grease fire in the back of the kitchen at La Mision Mexican restaurant on South Big Spring Street. No one was injured.

A line cook was heating up a pan of grease, which ignited and sent flames upward, burning ceiling material and insulation, said owner Bertha Ramirez.

"Grease was in a pan on the fire and it just went up in flames," Ramirez said. "I still don't know how that could happen. No one was hurt, just scared."

MFD quickly extinguished the flames after responding to the scene with three fire trucks and two ambulances.

"With the potential for a bigger fire at a restaurant and the more people right at supper time, we'll hit it with a lot of stuff," said Battalion Chief Drew Peters. "We don't want it to get ahead of us."

Odessa man accused of posing as officer to cut into fast-food line

Associated Press

ODESSA — A man has been charged with impersonating an officer by using sirens and flashing lights to skip to the head of the drive-thru line at a fast-food restaurant.

Odessa police said Michael Chico was arrested after an off-duty officer spotted a truck with law-enforcement trappings. Cpl. Steve LeSueur said Chico's vehicle looked like an unmarked police vehicle.

The officer who saw the truck cut in line Saturday thought the driver, who was wearing a uniform, was a volunteer firefighter and followed Chico to some apartments.

LeSueur said that when confronted, Chico said he wasn't an officer and also used the lights and sirens to get through traffic lights.

Chico was freed Sunday on $15,000 bond. Online jail records don't list an attorney for him.

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Former MISD substitute teacher convicted of assaulting students

A 64-year-old Midland man was convicted and sentenced Monday for assaulting three Midland ISD students in October 2013, according to a press release from the Midland County District Attorney's Office.

Melendez

Juan Leovardo Melendez will face "two years probation for a period of five years on one count, and three years probation for a period of five years in the second count," according to the release.

Melendez was arrested after indecently touching, choking and hitting Sam Houston Elementary students while substitute teaching over a period of three days, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram report. Fifth-graders told a teacher about sexual misconduct and physical abuse on Oct. 17, 2013, according to the report. The teacher told authorities that Melendez placed several students — some of whom had bruises — in a choke hold, cut their hair, called them names, hit them and touched female students in an inappropriate manner, according to the report.

Melendez also pushed his elbow into the breast of another child causing injury, according to the Tuesday press release.

When confronted by police, Melendez denied the accusations and said that the children liked to hug him because of his accent and that if he touched any students inappropriately, it was an accident, according to the previous report.

After hearing evidence last week, a jury found Melendez guilty of two counts of injury to a child, a third-degree felony, and one count of assault by contact, a class C misdemeanor.

Deputy apprehends fleeing driver

A 19-year-old Midland man was arrested Sunday after a Midland County deputy attempted to break up an alleged street-racing gathering, according to court documents.

Blackmon

Austin Blackmon was held Tuesday on a $25,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of evading arrest.

Just after midnight Sunday, a deputy observed two vehicles racing down a closed-off road "known for street racing" near Highway 191, according to Blackmon's arrest affidavit. When the deputy activated emergency lights, about 30 vehicles began to flee the area.

The deputy followed one 2004 Ford Mustang that turned onto the westbound service road of Highway 191. The deputy observed the vehicle "driving extremely recklessly," reaching speeds of 90 MPH and nearly colliding with multiple vehicles, according to the affidavit.

The driver, later identified as Blackmon, was pulled over and arrested.

If convicted of the third-degree felony, Blackmon could face up to 10 years in prison

Affidavit: 17-year-old allegedly assaults and robs Midland resident

A 17-year-old Midland man was arrested Monday in a case related to the robbery of a residence near the Neely Avenue and Midland Drive intersection, according to court documents.

Jefferson

Deandre Jefferson was held Tuesday on a $75,000 bond for the second-degree felony charge of robbery, his arrest affidavit read.

On Jan. 13, Midland police responded to a report where Jefferson had assaulted a victim and stolen an iPhone and wallet. The alleged victim told police that during the assault, the alleged victim bit Jefferson on his left forearm and, in return, Jefferson had bit the alleged victim on the neck, according to his arrest affidavit.

Police interviewed four witnesses who each identified Jefferson by the large bite mark on his forearm. One witness told police that Jefferson had entered her apartment out of breath and with a bloody nose after the alleged robbery and had immediately changed shirts.

With the corroboration of four witness accounts, a warrant was issued for Jefferson's arrest, and he was apprehended Monday afternoon.

If convicted of the second-degree felony, Jefferson could face up to 20 years in prison.

STATECRIME

FROM WIRE REPORTS

DALLAS

Police arrest man accused of illegal buttocks injections

Dallas police say a second person accused of recently providing illegal buttocks injections has surrendered to authorities.

Investigators said 32-year-old Jimmy Clarke was arrested Tuesday on a charge of practicing medicine without a license. He was being held at the Dallas County jail on a $25,000 bond.

A 43-year-old woman surrendered to authorities last week on the same charge.

Authorities said the two provided illegal hydrogel injections that were sealed with Super Glue at a salon. One customer said she suffered soreness and psychological problems after the procedure.

Investigators said Clarke and the second salon employee are being investigated in the death of a 34-year-old woman whose body was found at the salon in February after she received an injection.

Online jail records did not indicate an attorney for Clarke.

HOUSTON

2 dozen charged in online solicitation stings

Two dozen men have been charged in separate Houston-area online sex solicitation investigations by neighboring counties.

The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office on Tuesday announced 12 arrests in a sting last week of men allegedly trying to meet children for sex.

Spokesman Bob Haenel said the men are charged with online solicitation of a minor and attempted sexual assault. All remained in custody Tuesday after last week's undercover investigation.

The announcement came a day after the Harris County District Attorney's Office said 12 men were arrested after showing up at a home to meet someone they thought was a child. Those suspects are charged with online solicitation of a minor. If convicted, they face up to 20 years in prison.

The Harris County sting was last Wednesday through Friday.

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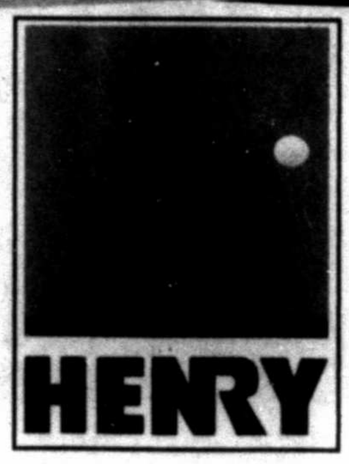

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AUSTIN — Highlights from around the Capitol

State budget

The first state budget under Republican Gov. Greg Abbott slogged toward a major vote Tuesday that inched him closer to sending hundreds more armed troopers to the Texas-Mexico border but muddled his proposed prekindergarten makeover that has underwhelmed.

Debate over a $210 billion spending plan was on track to extend well into Tuesday night before passing the GOP-controlled Texas House.

With two months left in the first legislative session under Abbott, the biggest tax cuts in Texas in a decade are in the pipeline and some measure of relief for congested highways has wide support. Gone is a trough of taxpayer dollars for risky corporate startups and money to test high school athletes for steroids — both quickly dismantled fixtures of former Gov. Rick Perry's 14 years in office.

Calls to abolish film incentives that subsidized a Dallas Cowboys cheerleader reality show and efforts by Democrats to mandate reports on equal pay fizzled early as the House slowly churned through 350 amendments tethered to the budget. Partisan battles over anti-abortion programs and school voucher plans still potentially loomed.

In the hallway outside, lobbyists hovered near the House doors and waited for lawmakers to exit, while Republicans inside defended leaving $8 billion in available funds on the sideline.

"This allows us plenty of room to negotiate with the Senate, and for tax cuts," said Republican state Rep. John Otto, the House's lead budget writer.

The budget is Abbott's biggest canvass to start leaving his own mark, but there's a long way to go.

Infectious disease response bill

Should Ebola or another infectious disease plague Texas again, the governor may declare a state of emergency and cede control of the situation to a state commissioner, under a bill the Texas Senate passed Tuesday.

The measure cleared the upper chamber 25-5 and now heads to the House.

Georgetown Republican Charles Schwertner, a physician, said his bill addresses vulnerabilities exposed last year when a Liberian man contracted Ebola and died in Dallas. Two nurses also contracted the disease but survived.

Schwertner said Texas avoided a wider outbreak, but "we are foolish to think that something like this will not happen in the future."

The bill would also permit law enforcement to detain someone who may be infected for 24 hours. It specifies if the person is infected with, has been exposed to, or is the carrier of a communicable disease.

Schwertner said the legislation is the first of its kind nationwide.

Texas' health commissioner already can issue "control orders" restricting the travel and movement of people infected with, or at risk of spreading, infectious diseases. But there are no legal consequences until someone violates those orders.

Former Gov. Rick Perry said that provision was so problematic that it prompted him in October to urge President Barack Obama to impose an air travel ban from countries hardest-hit by Ebola.

The new bill allows for immediate quarantine enforcement and says police can detain individuals under a "control order" for up to a full day.

Tougher state contracting bill

Texas senators have unanimously approved a measure aimed at increasing transparency in state contracts, one day after the release of a scathing report detailing a no-bid state contract.

Sen. Jane Nelson said Tuesday that her bill is intended to ensure contracts are fairly awarded and monitored. The Flower Mound Republican said "there is no room for favoritism when taxpayer dollars are at stake."

The bill — which now heads to the Texas House — requires more reporting on contracts, including forcing agencies to disclose and justify any no-bid contracts.

On Monday, Gov. Greg Abbott's office released a report about Health and Human Services Commissioner Kyle Janek, whose agency awarded a $110 million no-bid contract last year.

The report found that Janek helped create an environment that enabled the deal.

Truancy decriminalization bill

A Texas Senate panel has approved a bill to decriminalize truancy, advancing it after hearing an endorsement from the state's Supreme Court chief justice.

Chief Justice Nathan Hecht said he supports the idea since Texas has "a real problem with keeping kids in school."

The committee later voted unanimously to recommend it to the full Senate.

Houston Democratic Sen. John Whitmire is sponsoring a plan making truancy a misdemeanor punishable by graduated fines for parents starting at $100. Also, schools would be required to designate someone to implement truancy prevention measures.

Under current law, students with three unexcused absences in four weeks — or 10 unexcused absences in six months — could face fines up to $500.

Nearly 100,000 Texas schoolchildren were ticketed for missing school in fiscal year 2014.

Boosting abstinence education

Texas would cut $3 million in state funds for programs to prevent HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases and put that money toward abstinence education under a Republican-sponsored measure advanced by the state House.

The GOP-controlled House approved the measure 97-47 on Tuesday after a contentious debate with Democrats that veered into the unusually personal.

GOP state Rep. Stuart Spitzer, a doctor and the bill's sponsor, at one point defended the budget amendment by telling the Texas House that he practiced abstinence until marriage. The first-term lawmaker said he hopes schoolchildren follow his example, saying, "What's good for me is good for a lot of people."

The measure is a long way from final approval.

Texas in 2013 had the third-highest number of HIV diagnoses in the country.

Blocked same-sex benefits appealed

The U.S. Justice Department is asking a federal judge in Texas to reconsider his order temporarily blocking federal rules that would have expanded medical leave benefits to some gay couples.

In a filing Tuesday, attorneys sought an April 13 hearing to argue that the preliminary injunction shouldn't have been issued.

Last week, U.S. District Judge Reed O'Connor in Wichita Falls stayed expansion of the definition of "spouse" under the Family and Medical Leave Act to include same-sex couples.

That ruling came after Texas sued to block the change, which would have taken effect March 27.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton argued that complying would have forced state agencies to either violate federal rules or a 2005 gay-marriage ban in the Texas Constitution.

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Today in Midland history

On April 1, 1968, the United States Supreme Court decided in Avery v. Midland County that Commissioners' Court precincts must be redrawn as necessary to maintain a generally equal population within the four precincts. The court based its decision on the principle of "one man, one vote."

Today is April Fools' Day

April Fools' Day, sometimes called All Fools' Day, is one of the most light-hearted days of the year. Its origins are uncertain. Some see it as a celebration related to the turn of the seasons, while others believe it stems from the adoption of a new calendar.

Practices include sending someone on a "fool's errand," looking for things that don't exist, playing pranks and trying to get people to believe ridiculous things.

Source: www.infoplease.com

Things to do

■ Storytime for birth-2 years, 9:30 a.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

■ Storytime for 2-6 years, 10:30 a.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

■ Storytime for preschool, 10:30 a.m., Barnes and Noble Booksellers. barnesandnoble.com.

Club meetings, support groups today

■ Overeaters Anonymous; noon, B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-1031.

■ Midland Downtown Lions Club, noon to 1 p.m., 200 Plaza St. (old Hodge Theater).

Community calendar

■ The city of Midland's Parks and Recreation Department will kick off the Midland RockHounds' upcoming season with Major League Baseball's Pitch, Hit and Run skills competition.

Children between the ages of 7 and 14 are invited to the free event from 5:30-7:30 p.m. today at Security Bank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Drive.

For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 685-7355 or contact Recreation Superintendent Joey Jolly by email at jajolly@midlandtexas.gov.

■ West Texas Iris Society is to meet 7 p.m. Thursday at Community & Senior Services Center, 3301 Sinclair Ave. The program is on iris arrangements for shows.

In addition, there are two iris shows in April: The West Texas Iris Society's 37th annual show is April 18 at Midland Park Mall and the Permian Basin Iris Society's 27th annual show is April 25 at Music City Mall in Odessa. Public viewing for both shows is 12:30-4:30 p.m. The Midland show is outside JCPenney and the Odessa show is at the movie theater entrance.

For more information, call 352-5483.

■ Midland County Republican Women will meet April 8 at Midland Country Club. Author Jimmy Patterson will speak about his recently published book, "A History of Character: The Story of Midland, Texas."

Luncheon will be served beginning 11:15 a.m. Tickets are $20 in advance and $25 at the door. To RSVP, call 520-3500 or email: mcrwomen@aol.com. For more information, visit www.mcrw.us.

■ The Midland Texas Chamber of Commerce is looking for local singers to perform in this year's Star-Spangled Salute Fourth of July celebration.

Singers are needed to perform the national anthem or sing in a stage concert performance at the annual event.

Send a demo on DVD or CD, along with a brief bio, to Midland Chamber of Commerce, attn: Star-Spangled Salute Talent Search, 109 N. Main St., Midland, Texas 79701. Submissions must be postmarked by Friday.

City to host free Easter egg hunt for kids

The city is hosting a free Easter egg hunt on Thursday at the MLK Jr. Park, 1415 E. Scharbauer Drive, next to the MLK Jr. Community Center. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a hot dog supper.

The event is open to participants 12 years old and under. The hunt will be divided into four age groups: 4 and under, 5-7, 8-10 and 11-12.

For more information, contact Joey Jolly at 685-7379 or jajolly@midlandtexas.gov.

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Today in history

Today is Wednesday, April 1, the 91st day of 2015. There are 274 days left in the year. This is April Fool's Day.

Today's highlight:

On April 1, 1945, American forces launched the amphibious invasion of Okinawa during World War II. (U.S. forces succeeded in capturing the Japanese island on June 22.)

On this date:

In 1970, President Richard M. Nixon signed a measure banning cigarette advertising on radio and television, to take effect after Jan. 1, 1971.

CONCHO'S GIVING CONTINUES

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CLOCKWISE: The mini-pumper fire truck, which was donated to the Midland Fire Department during a ceremony, is shown Tuesday. Tim Leach, CEO of Concho Resources, left, shakes hands with members of the Midland Fire Department. Robert Isbell, fire chief for the city of Midland talks with the media in front of a new mini-pumper fire truck.

Concho CEO presents new vehicle to fire department

From staff reports

Tim Leach, chairman of the board, chief executive officer and president of Concho Resources, presented Fire Chief Robert Isbell the keys to a new mini-pumper fire truck Tuesday.

Leach said Concho has a policy of supporting the communities where it works and has budgeted a portion of its production to reinvest in those places. "We budget 10 cents a barrel to reinvest in each community. Last year was 40 million barrels, so that's $4 million," he said. That budget won't be cut despite current low oil prices, he added.

Isbell said that the Midland Fire Department's new vehicle, which cost about $180,000, is less expensive than a full-size truck, which costs about $600,000. The new vehicle can support other trucks in fighting wildfires, structure fires or supporting EMS personnel, he said. It contains a high-pressure pump and will give the department the opportunity to test that technology, he said.

Initially, the mini pumper will be part of the department's reserve fleet. "It's highly important we have a strong, updated reserve fleet," Isbell said.

Both Isbell and Mayor Jerry Morales praised the strong relationship the city and its public safety departments have with Concho.

RANKING

From 1A

Ingham said other indicators of the economies success or woes include real estate prices and city sales tax revenue. Year-over-year real estate prices for Midland have already fallen slightly during both January and February.

"I'm watching sales tax numbers like (a) hawk, and, in fact, the March Midland sales tax figure was just ever so slightly negative compared to March a year ago, and I believe that represents the onset of a decline in general spending as a result of crude oil price decline and the change that it's bringing about in the oil and gas economy down there," Ingham said.

The state Comptroller's office reported in March that the city's March sales tax revenues fell by less than $5,000, or 0.13 percent, compared to March 2014, marking the first time that a drop in sales tax revenue had been recorded since September 2013 and only the third time since a yearlong fall in sales tax revenue ended in April 2010.

Ingham blamed the faltering economic situation in Midland on the fall in oil prices and the impact the downturn has had on oil companies. Ingham also pointed out that just a decade ago West Texas was looking toward decline, not growth.

"Just think about what's happened in Midland and the Permian over the last five years. It's really things that nobody thought possible," he said. "It wasn't very long ago that most people thought that ... we were going to see just continuing declines in production, (and) that these declines in production were irreversible, and there was nothing that could be done about that."

"This is still going to be a growing, developing world that demands energy from here on out, and ... Midland and Odessa serve as the hub of this globally important production region, and that importance is increasing not decreasing as of this most recent cycle," Ingham emphasized.

By the numbers

Percent change in employment between Sept. 2013 and Sept. 2014: 7.4 percent (2nd nationally; figures from BLS)

Average weekly wage: $1,256 (Q3 2014) (16th nationally; figures from BLS)

Wage growth (Q3 2013 - Q3 2014): 6.8 percent (6th nationally; figures from BLS)

Change in price of oil for Q3 2014 (July 1 - Sept. 1; figures from dailyfx.com): - 9.1 percent

July 1: $105.28
Sept. 1: $95.72

Average weekly wage in Texas by county (Q3 2014; figures from BLS):

Midland	$1,256
Harris	$1,238
Dallas	$1,141
Collin	$1,097
Travis	$1,074
Texas	$988
Jefferson	$969
Brazoria	$966
Fort Bend	$956
Montgomery	$954
Tarrant	$944

But he also stressed that a sense of realism both for jobs and wages needs to take hold as the industry feels the impact of the budget cutbacks that have blanketed the entire industry.

"I think the likelihood and the expectation just has to be that (employment growth) will be a negative number, fewer jobs in Midland in 2015 compared to 2014 by some level," he said. "The wages are nothing more than a reflection of the demand for labor relative to supply. So we're in the process of creating an oversupply of labor relative to evolving demand. The demand for that labor is on the way down, while supply pretty much largely remains in place. That means the wages are going to fall."

BILL

From 1A

five years or more, and there have been oil and gas operations, then that would be (self-evident) evidence that the ordinance was valid and commercially reasonable."

During the Energy Resources House Committee last week, the bill received little support from the city and county officials who testified. Midland, however, was one of a small minority that supported the bill.

"I do not believe municipalities have the right to ban fracking," said Midland District 4 Councilman J. Ross Lacy, who testified before the Energy Resource Committee.

"That's a subsurface activity that's regulated by the Railroad Commission and the (Texas Center for Environmental Quality). We've already got state agencies in place," he said last week.

Three-fourths of Texan voters believed that regulating the oil and gas industry should be the responsibility of a state agency rather than local governments, according to a poll conducted by the Wilson Perkins Allen Opinion Research firm and funded by the Texas Oil and Gas Association.

A University of Texas/Texas Tribune poll, however, shows drastically different results. Only about 34 percent of voters would not support allowing local governments the ability to regulate the activities.

"Which poll on fracking are you going to believe?" read a press release from the Texas Municipal League. "An independent poll sponsored by a news organization and conducted by university researchers or a self-serving poll purchased by oil and gas lobbyists?"

But according to Chris Perkins, a partner of the WPA Opinion Research firm, the poll is much more reflective of the electorate.

"This is actual voters' results; these are not cooked books," Perkins said. "It's clear by these numbers that voters would prefer a state-regulatory agency rather than something going on at the city council level because there is just more trust at that level than there is at their own city council."

Banana peel hits comedian Dave Chappelle on New Mexico stage

Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — A man tossed a banana peel at Dave Chappelle during a standup show, hitting in the comedian in the leg, police in this northern New Mexico city say.

Christian Englander, 30, of Santa Fe, was arrested on suspicion of misdemeanor disorderly conduct and battery after the fruit throw Monday night, Santa Fe police Lt. Andrea Dobyns said.

Englander acknowledged throwing a peel from a banana he had eaten earlier because he took offense to jokes Chappelle made about his companion, Dobyns said.

The friend reportedly was drawing in a sketch book during the show when Chappelle noticed and asked the man his name, which he gave as "Johnny Appleseed," Dobyns said.

Chappelle then made jokes about the moniker, the police spokeswoman said, "so that's when Englander got upset."

Arresting officers said Englander appeared to be intoxicated after event security escorted him outside.

Gov. Martinez on Cruz: I don't know him; I don't follow him

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The nation's only Latina governor says she knows next to nothing about GOP presidential candidate and Sen. Ted Cruz.

New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez told The Associated Press on Tuesday that she had no opinion on Cruz's recent announcement at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia, that he would seek the Republican presidential nomination.

Martinez said she doesn't personally know Cruz nor does she "follow him."

The Republican governor's comments come after she has worked to recruit Latino and other minority candidates to the GOP. Martinez, who is Mexican American, also is a rising star within the Republican Party.

Cruz is Cuban American.

Martinez said she expects a crowded field of Republican presidential candidates and hasn't said who she might support.

Pennsylvania college expels 3 for racist radio broadcast

By Mark Scolforo
Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. — A private Pennsylvania college expelled three students over a campus radio broadcast in which they made racist comments and used a slur.

Bucknell University president John Bravman met with about 1,000 students and staff about the matter on Tuesday, a day after sending a late-night email revealing the expulsions.

"Their conduct is an affront to our values, damaging to our community and in clear violation of our community standards," he wrote to students, faculty and staff on Monday.

Bravman did not identify the students but shared their comments from a March 20 WVBU-FM broadcast in "the interest of transparency and candor."

He said one of the students used the N-word, a second said "black people should be dead" and the third said "lynch 'em."

Bucknell spokesman Andy Hirsch said an inmate a nearby prison heard the comments and reported them to a prisoner advocacy group, the Lewisburg Prison Project. The group then contacted a university faculty member, who alerted the radio station's adviser.

Hirsch said the school's senior staff investigated. The students were suspended and interviewed before the dean of students expelled them, he said.

"I would emphasize that the context really doesn't matter once you see what was said," Hirsch said.

Hirsch declined to say if alcohol was involved, noting the investigation is not complete.

Foreign adoptions by Americans reach lowest mark since 1982

By David Crary
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The number of foreign children adopted by U.S. parents dropped by 9 percent last year to the lowest level since 1982, according to new State Department figures.

The department's report for the 2014 fiscal year shows 6,441 adoptions from abroad, down from 7,094 in 2013 and about 74 percent below the high of 22,884 in 2004. The number has fallen every year since then — a trend that has dismayed many adoption advocates in the U.S.

Trish Maskew, chief of the State Department's Adoption Division, said it was difficult to predict when the number of foreign adoptions might start to rise again after so many years of decline.

"We're trying to identify places where there's potential, and work with them to see if we can improve the process," Maskew said. "It would be great to be as powerful as some people think we are."

As usual, China accounted for the most children adopted in the U.S., but its total of 2,040 was down more than 10 percent from 2013 and far below the peak of 7,903 in 2005. Since then, China has expanded its domestic adoption program and sought to curtail the rate of child abandonment.

Ethiopia was second at 716, a sharp drop over a two-year period from 1,568 adoptions in 2012. Ethiopian authorities have been trying to place more abandoned children with relatives or foster families, and have intensified scrutiny of orphanages to ensure that children placed for adoption are not part of any improper scheme.

The next three countries on the list showed increases — 521 children adopted from Ukraine, up from 438 in 2013; 464 adopted from Haiti, up from 388; and 370 from South Korea, up from 138.

Russia had been No. 3 on the list in 2012, with 748 of its children adopted by Americans, but that number dropped to 250 for 2013 and to just two in 2014 as an adoption ban imposed by Russia took effect. The ban served as retaliation for a U.S. law targeting alleged Russian human-rights violators.

The last time there were fewer foreign adoptions to the U.S. overall was in 1982, when, according to U.S. immigration figures, there were 5,749 adoptions from abroad.

Chuck Johnson, CEO of the National Council of Adoption and a critic of State Department adoption policy, said the department has worked hard to make international adoption more transparent and ethical, but has failed to advocate forcefully for adoption as a viable option for many of the world's orphans.

"I want to prevent every instance of fraud," Johnson wrote in an email. "But it appears that the Department of State has taken the view that we can't help even eligible children on the often unsubstantiated fear that a child might be trafficked."

Concerns about corruption, child-trafficking and baby-selling have prompted the United States to suspend adoptions from several countries in recent years, including Vietnam, Cambodia, Guatemala and Nepal.

The Cambodian government has expressed interest in resuming international adoptions, but U.S. officials say more improvements are needed in Cambodia's child-protection policies.

Maskew said some adoptions are expected to be completed soon from Vietnam under a new, limited program involving children with special needs.

She said Guatemalan and U.S. officials were trying to complete the last batch of adoption cases — about 14 — that were pending when adoptions from Guatemala were suspended in 2007. Guatemala was once a top source of adopted children for U.S. couples, with more than 4,000 babies adopted each year.

Maskew said it was unclear when Guatemala would be ready to start processing new foreign adoption cases.

The State Department reported that 92 American children were adopted by residents of foreign countries last year — 46 of them went to Canada and 27 to the Netherlands.

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Opponents shouldn't take Ted Cruz lightly

■ Senator isn't an insider, will make other candidates work hard

RUBEN NAVARRETTE
Washington Post Writers Group

Does the world of commentary really need another column bashing Ted Cruz for having the audacity to hope that he could be president?

I'll pass. As you may have noticed, the mainstream media are like birds on a wire. Reporters, pundits, and producers — especially those in Washington and New York — tend to cover the same stories, interview the same folks, and advance the same views.

From much of the media coverage of Indiana's Religious Freedom Restoration Act, you'd think the law is simply about allowing discrimination against gays and lesbians.

That could have been part of the intent. Apparently, some of the Hoosiers behind the new law have also crusaded against gay marriage.

Still, I've known, interviewed, and written about Gov. Mike Pence — the law's chief defender — for almost 10 years, since he was in Congress. And he is smart, inclusive and fair-minded. Pence said Tuesday he wants Indiana lawmakers to clarify that the law "does not give anyone a license to deny services to gay and lesbian couples."

Glad to hear it. But why wasn't this law clear from the beginning?

Meanwhile, it would be refreshing to see the media clarify that there is another side to this issue. Should people be forced to go against their religious beliefs?

And when it comes to Ted Cruz, the safe and conventional position for journalists, commentators and political experts is to argue that the firebrand is too extreme, too volatile, and too unelectable to be a viable presidential candidate. The 44-year-old junior senator from Texas doesn't have the temperament, experience or people skills, we are told. And the fact that Cruz, a Republican, is disliked by both parties supposedly points to some character flaw on his part, and not, say, the fact that the parties are now more alike than different.

This is the path of least resistance. Write and say these things, and your colleagues won't challenge or criticize you.

But the truth will lead you in a different direction. My colleagues underestimate Cruz at their peril. I've known him for more than a dozen years — back when he was working for the Federal Trade Commission during the George W. Bush administration, long before anyone outside of his circle of family, friends and acquaintances had ever heard of him.

What many in the media refuse to accept is that the very attributes that make Cruz unpopular among Washington political elites also endear him to many voters across the country. What his critics consider negatives, his supporters see as positives. This is another indicator of how far removed many of those who live and work in the nation's capital are from everyday Americans.

Cruz isn't part of the D.C. club, but that's a plus for those who think government is too clubby. He has smarts, courage and principle, and he won't fall in line behind the leaders of his own party when he believes they're going the wrong way.

He's unflinching on the attack. He did not hesitate to grill Sen. Dianne Feinstein over the Second Amendment, Attorney General Eric Holder about the investigation into allegations that the Internal Revenue Service targeted conservatives, or Defense Secretary nominee Chuck Hagel about whether he accepted money from foreign governments.

Cruz doesn't care about being popular or playing nice with colleagues, if it interferes with doing what he considers to be the right thing.

Not that he isn't wrong sometimes. On immigration reform, he parrots GOP talking points that ignore the realities of the debate. Here are three such realities: We can deport people, but they will come back. "Amnesty" isn't a magnet for illegal immigration, jobs are. And, until you punish employers, the problem will persist.

People ask me if I think Cruz would be a good president. I don't know. The same goes for Jeb Bush, Scott Walker, Hillary Clinton or Elizabeth Warren. The only way to evaluate a president is to see him, or her, on the job. George W. Bush looked and sounded more like a leader after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Yet I know this: Cruz will be good for the process. He'll force other GOP contenders to bring their "A-game" to every policy discussion and take their vitamins before every debate. He'll make them keep their words, and he'll have the nerve to call them on their nonsense. He won't be polite, and he won't defer. And because of all this, he shouldn't be taken lightly.

OUR VIEW

Creating a budget becomes frustrating for MISD, community

"MISD mulls tax rate election, budget cuts"

That was our headline for a story that continued the narrative from the school district about its fiscal problems. As we reported from last week's State of Education luncheon and Monday's MISD budget workshop, the district is being hit from multiple sides as it prepares the budget for the 2015-2016 school year.

■ The district expects to take a $47 million hit from "Robin Hood." That money is sent back to Austin to be redistributed to school districts with lower tax bases.

■ The district expects an 11 percent decline in property valuations.

■ The district also expects a 3 percent decrease in the number of enrolled students because of the oil industry downturn.

All totaled, the deficit could reach $34 million, which is significantly greater compared to last year's $3.7 million deficit.

So for the second straight year, the school board is considering an increase in the maintenance and operations (M&O) tax rate. That was the message from the State of Education and the budget workshop. The consortium of business and foundation leaders in Midland have not yet stated an opinion on the best move forward.

MISD leaders have stated this tsunami of pressures is forcing their hand yet again. There is little stomach for getting into the district's $51 million reserve account.

Last year, we stated our desire to take from the reserve account. This year just might be a different animal. In our view, this community needs that plan consortium members talked about last week so we don't have to revisit this deficit issue on a yearly basis. It is bad politics and tiresome for all involved — the district, those interested in public education, the taxpayers, teachers and students — to keep having to address a deficit.

One problem with school finance and performance issues is that they overshadow accomplishments. We promise to use this space later in the week to cite some of the really inspiring things we have seen and reported.

But for now, our hope is that a two-year budget blip doesn't turn into a long-term aggravation. We have to factor in Austin, the impact of the oil and gas industry and how large of a budget is repeatable. But first we must answer the No. 1 question: What is this community willing to pay for education? Once that question is answered, then the process can go forward and we can avoid having the community wonder "what now" or "what's next?"

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Time to come to Indiana's defense

■ The hullaballoo is about the left that is set on crushing any dissent from its cultural agenda

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

Indiana is experiencing its two minutes of hate. It is doubtful that since its admittance into the union in 1816, the heretofore inoffensive Midwestern state has ever been showered with so much elite obloquy.

Indiana's sin is that its Legislature passed and Gov. Mike Pence signed into law a Religious Freedom Restoration Act, setting out a legal standard for cases involving a clash between a person's exercise of religion and the state's laws.

To listen to the critics, you'd think the law was drafted by a joint committee of attorneys from the Ku Klux Klan and the Westboro Baptist Church.

The enlightened are stumbling over themselves in their rush to boycott Indiana. Seattle and San Francisco are banning official travel, and Connecticut is following suit. In a Washington Post op-ed, Apple CEO Tim Cook pronounced the Indiana law part of a "very dangerous" trend that allows "people to discriminate against their neighbors" (never mind that his company is happy to do business in Communist China).

The anti-Indiana backlash is a perfect storm of hysteria and legal ignorance, supercharged by the particularly censorious self-righteousness of the left.

All the Indiana law says is that the state can't substantially burden a person's exercise of religion, unless there is a compelling governmental interest at stake and it is pursued by the least-restrictive means. The law doesn't mandate any particular outcome; it simply provides a test for the courts in those rare instances when a person's exercise of religion clashes with a law.

Nineteen other states have similar protections, and they are all modeled on a federal version of the law that passed Congress with near unanimity in 1993 (Indiana's law is arguably a little more robust than the federal version, since it applies to private suits). If these Religious Freedom Restoration Acts were the enablers of discrimination they are portrayed as, much of the country would already have sunk into a dystopian pit of hatred.

Legal historians a century from now may be mystified by how a measure that was uncontroversial for so long suddenly became a mark of shame. They will find their answer in the left's drive to crush any dissent from its cultural agenda, especially on gay marriage.

The religious-freedom laws once were associated with minorities that progressives could embrace or tolerate — Native Americans who smoke peyote as part of religious ceremonies, Amish who drive their buggies on the roads, and the like. That was fine. It is the specter of Christian small-business people — say, a baker or a florist — using the laws to protect themselves from punishment for opting out of gay-wedding ceremonies that drives progressives mad.

Why? It's a large, diverse country, with many people of differing faiths and different points of view. More specifically, the country has an enormous wedding industry not known for its hostility to gays. The burgeoning institution of gay marriage will surely survive the occasional florist who doesn't want to provide flowers for a same-sex wedding for religious reasons.

As a practical matter, such a dissenting florist doesn't make a difference; the affected couple might be offended, but can take its business elsewhere. But for the left, it's the principle of the thing. For all its talk of diversity, it demands unanimity on this question — individual conscience be damned. So it isn't bothered when religious wedding vendors are sued or harassed under anti-discrimination laws for their nonparticipation in ceremonies they morally oppose.

It's not clear that Religious Freedom Restoration Acts will shield these kind of business people (they haven't, to this point). It might be that more specific exemptions are necessary. But the mere possibility that the Religious Freedom Restoration Act might protect a baker opposed to gay marriage is enough to create a furious, unhinged reaction.

Yes, there is intolerance afoot in the debate over Indiana, but it's not on the part of Indianans.

From the Left | Doonesbury

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Indiana gov. wants to change religious-objections law

By Tom Davies and Andrew Demillo
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Gov. Mike Pence asked lawmakers Tuesday to send him a clarification of the state's new religious-freedom law later this week, while Arkansas legislators passed a similar measure, despite criticism that it is a thinly disguised attempt to permit discrimination against gays.

The Arkansas proposal now goes to Republican Gov. Asa Hutchinson, who has said he will sign it.

Pence defended the Indiana law as a vehicle to protect religious liberty but said he has been meeting with lawmakers "around the clock" to address concerns that it would allow businesses to deny services to gay customers.

The governor said he does not believe "for a minute" that lawmakers intended "to create a license to discriminate."

"It certainly wasn't my intent," said Pence, who signed the law last week.

But, he said, he "can appreciate that that's become the perception, not just here in Indiana but all across the country. We need to confront that."

The Indiana law prohibits any 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.

Although the legal language does not specifically mention gays and lesbians, critics say the law is designed to shield businesses and individuals who do not want to serve gays and lesbians, such as florists or caterers who might be hired for a same-sex wedding.

Religious freedom laws not used against gays in the past

By Rachel Zoll and David Crary
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Religious freedom laws like the one causing an uproar in Indiana have never been successfully used to defend discrimination against gays — and have rarely been used at all, legal experts say.

However, past may not be prologue in these cases, since gays have only recently won widespread legalization of same-sex marriage, and religious conservatives are now scrambling for new legal strategies to blunt the trend.

"There's an inability to look to the past as a reliable predictor of the future on this," said Robert Tuttle, a church-state expert at George Washington University School of Law. "If what you're saying is that it can be certain it won't be used — you can't know that because this is now a different situation."

Last week, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence signed the state Religious Freedom Restoration Act, giving heightened protections to businesses and individuals who object on religious grounds to providing certain services. The law triggered a swift and intense backlash from gay rights supporters, businesses such as Apple, and some states, which barred government-funded travel to Indiana.

Critics of the law say the intent is to discriminate against gays. They fear, for example, that caterers, florists, photographers and bakers with religious objections to same-sex marriage will be allowed to refuse to do business with gay couples. Supporters of the law say it will only give religious objectors a chance to bring their case before a judge.

On Tuesday, Pence said he wants the Legislature to present him a bill by the end of the week clarifying that the new law does not allow discrimination against gays.

Pence said he does not believe lawmakers intended "to create a license to discriminate." But he added: "I can appreciate that that's become the perception, not just here in Indiana but all across the country."

Douglas Laycock, a constitutional scholar at the University of Virginia Law School who helped win passage of the 1993 federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act, said no one has ever successfully used such laws to override nondiscrimination statutes. He expressed frustration that gay rights advocates seem to be ignoring this in their attack on the Indiana law.

"I don't know if they don't know that, or whether they're pandering to their base," Laycock said.

But Eunice Rho, advocacy and policy counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, said the landscape shifted as gay marriage became legal in an increasing number of states over the past three years. Rho noted that when Indiana's bill was moving through the Legislature, its supporters rejected amendments that would have limited its potential to allow discrimination.

She also noted that Pence signed the bill at a private ceremony attended by several leaders of conservative groups that have campaigned against same-sex marriage.

"The language reflects the desire to use these laws in a certain way, to be able to discriminate and cause harm," Rho said.

The federal law was enacted in 1993 with near-unanimous bipartisan support and was aimed mainly at protecting religious minorities from laws that inadvertently infringed on their practices. Among the few recent cases to invoke the federal law: an Apache leader who protested government seizure of eagle feathers that he used in a religious ceremony, and a Sikh woman who sued after the IRS fired her for wearing a ceremonial 3-inch dagger to work.

States began passing their own Religious Freedom Restoration Acts after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1997 that the federal law didn't apply to the states. Twenty states now have their own Religious Freedom Restoration Acts.

Yet, the number of cases involving these laws has remained small. The laws, while of intense interest to religious groups, weren't widely known, and many state judges didn't understand them or interpreted them very narrowly, so "they've been under-enforced," Laycock said.

"The bottom line is very few cases — and even fewer wins for the religious side," Laycock said.

Tuttle said many people assumed that the protections applied only to religious nonprofits, not for-profit corporations, which further limited the potential for claims under the laws. That changed last year, after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in the Hobby Lobby case that some private businesses with religious objections could opt out of the birth control coverage requirement in the Affordable Care Act.

In a key case in 2013, the New Mexico Supreme Court ruled that a photography studio violated the state's Human Rights Act by refusing to photograph a lesbian couple's commitment ceremony. The court rejected the studio's effort to invoke the state's Religious Freedom Restoration Act, holding that the law applied only to lawsuits against a government agency, not to disputes between private parties.

Partly in response to that case, conservative lawmakers in several states proposed a new wave of religious-protection legislation aimed at shielding people from private discrimination lawsuits if they felt that doing business with same-sex couples violated their religious beliefs. Arizona passed such a law in 2014, but Republican Gov. Jan Brewer vetoed it amid intense criticism from major corporations and political leaders from both parties.

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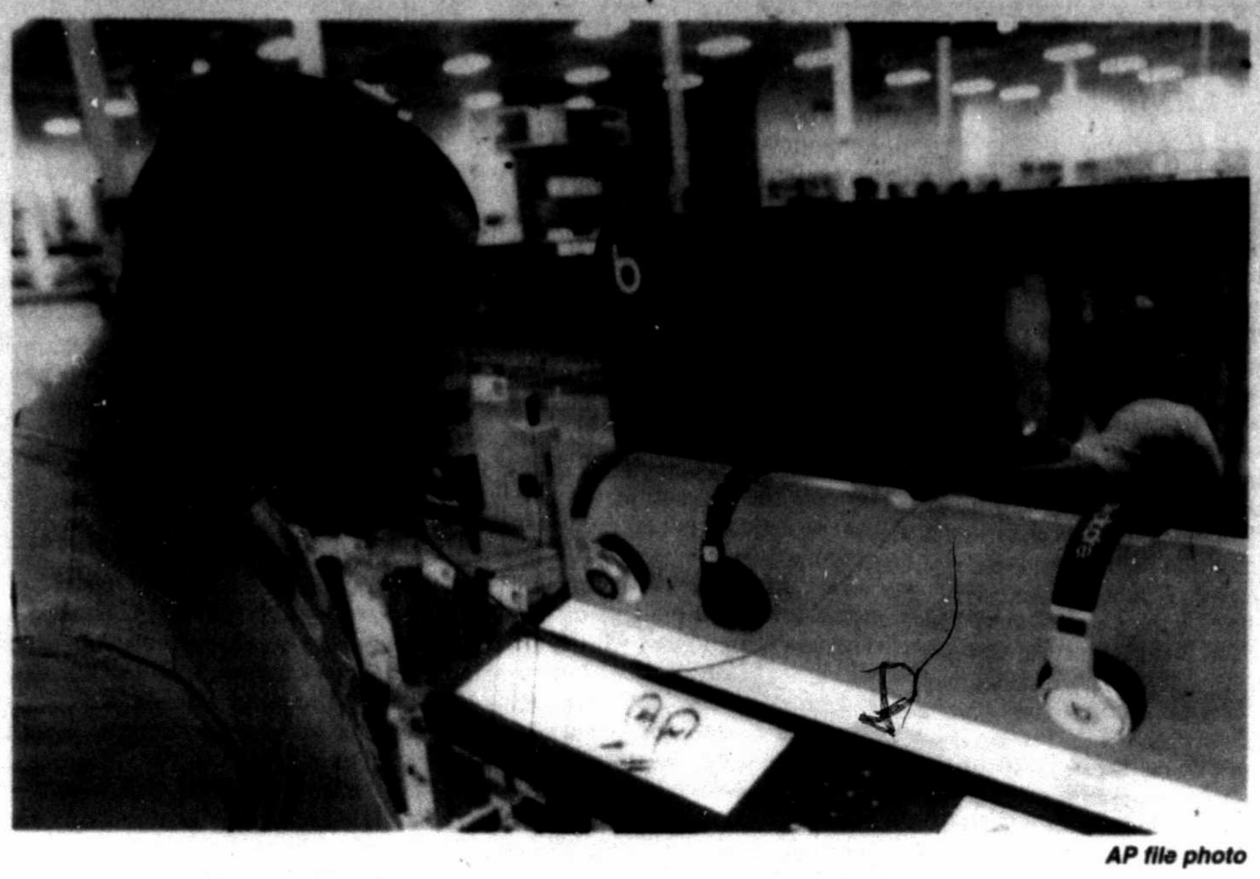
Who's Who in music streaming: Tidal, Spotify, Pandora & more

By Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press



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Eric Soriano listens to music with a pair of Beats headphones May 28, 2014, at a Best Buy store in Orlando, Fla. With paid subscriptions to music streaming services like Beats Music, Spotify, Pandora and others, you can listen to as many songs as you want on a variety of personal computers, phones, tablets and other devices.

NEW YORK — Since Apple shook up the music world with iTunes a little more than a decade ago, online music has exploded and become the central way many people enjoy and discover music. Internet services such as Pandora and Spotify have millions of users. Now, several high-profile musicians are behind what's being billed as the first artist-owned music-streaming service.

Tidal isn't new, but it's getting a reboot from rapper Jay-Z, who bought the Scandinavian company behind it, Aspiro. Madonna, Rihanna and Beyonce are among the co-owners. That's notable because many artists complain about how little payment they get from other music services, such as Spotify. As owners, artists could insist on better deals.

There are now three main ways to get music, and many services offer a blend:

■ **Pay per song.** Apple's iTunes has made it easy to buy singles or albums. Many artists release new albums early through iTunes. Google and Amazon now compete, but the premise remains the same: Buy songs or albums to own forever.

■ **Unlimited listening.** For a monthly subscription of about $10, you can listen to as many songs as you want on a variety of personal computers, phones, tablets and other devices. Many also let you download songs for offline playback. Once you stop paying, though, you lose all your songs, even ones you've already downloaded. Some offer free versions with ads and other restrictions, such as song selection only on PCs.

■ **Internet radio.** You can't choose specific songs or artists, as you can with the unlimited-listening services. But you can fine-tune your Internet stations by specifying a song, artist, genre or playlist. The station will then stream songs similar to your choices. You can personalize stations further by giving thumbs up or thumbs down to songs you hear.

Music services typically have deals with all major recording companies, so they differ mainly in features rather than song selection. That said, Taylor Swift took her music off Spotify last fall in a dispute over fees. All but her most recent album are on Tidal, Rdio and Beats.

Here's a look at who's who in music streaming.

Spotify

One of the most popular music services, with 60 million active users worldwide, and a quarter of them paying subscribers. Just this week, Spotify launched an app on Sony's PlayStation game console. The two companies worked closely to make listening seamless, so music can be heard in the background while playing games, without losing the game's sound effects, for instance. Spotify offers unlimited listening and Internet radio. It's free with ads; on mobile devices, users are limited to Internet radio and can't choose songs. Paying $10 a month gets you an ad-free premium service that offers song selection and offline playback on mobile devices.

Pandora

Offers Internet radio only. More than 81 million active listeners. Free with ads, or pay $5 a month for an ad-free premium service and higher-quality audio over Web browsers.

Tidal

Unlimited listening. Among the few services offering high-fidelity songs, which many audiophiles prefer over MP3s and other formats that reduce quality in the compression process. Offers music video and curated playlists from experts. $10 a month for standard sound quality and $20 for high fidelity. There's no free offering.

Apple

Pay per song to download and own forever through iTunes. Free Internet radio through iTunes Radio on Apple devices. Also owns Beats Music, which offers unlimited listening for $10 a month, with no free version. Beats touts its playlists and other recommendations curated by experts, not computers.

Google

Pay per song through Google Play. Google Play Music service offers unlimited listening for $10 a month, with no free option. Google also offers YouTube Music Key for selected music videos, free of ads, for $10. Paying for one gets you the other, too.

Amazon

Pay-per-song offering. Amazon's $99-a-year Prime membership comes with unlimited listening, though the song selection isn't as broad as what rivals offer.

Samsung's Milk Music

Offers free Internet radio like Pandora and others, but tries to make it easier to find music to match your mood. Instead of typing in songs or artists to find matching stations, you spin an on-screen wheel to go through various genres until you land on something you like. Initially exclusive to Samsung TVs and mobile devices, there's now a Web player for personal computers.

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Grand jury criticizes, doesn't indict UT regent

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — A grand jury declined to indict a University of Texas regent on criminal charges in an investigation into the release of confidential student records but issued a blistering report Tuesday decrying his "unaccountable and abusive behavior."

Travis County prosecutors asked grand jurors to consider whether Wallace Hall disseminated confidential student information during his pursuit of Austin campus records. State lawmakers already have censured Hall over his actions during a yearslong personal investigation of the campus administration, including President Bill Powers.

The four-page report issued by the grand jury contained no charges, but said that Hall "used his positional power to the point of abuse," that his actions lowered morale and caused talented staff to leave or avoid the university, and that he purposely avoided scrutiny by making verbal demands instead of written ones that could be documented.

The grand jury statement echoed previous reports prepared for state lawmakers that criticized Hall's record requests that topped 800,000 pages, cost more than $1 million in expenses and overwhelmed University of Texas System and Austin campus officials.

The grand jury said that while Hall didn't break any laws, it was "appalled at (Hall's) unaccountable and abusive behavior."

In a statement afterward, Hall didn't address the grand jury report. He instead criticized House Speaker Joe Straus for initiating the original legislative investigation, and two of his chief critics at the Capitol, Rep. Dan Flynn, co-chair of the investigating committee, and Sen. Kel Seliger, chairman of the Senate Higher Education, who has tried to limit regents' authority.

"Their use of the levers of political power to cover up wrongdoing by legislators should now be investigated, and those exposed for their abuses should be driven from office," Hall said.

The state House initially investigated Hall for possible release of confidential student records as he dug into Austin campus admissions procedures. Lawmakers then turned their findings over to prosecutors.

The grand jury also called for Hall's removal from office, an unlikely scenario.

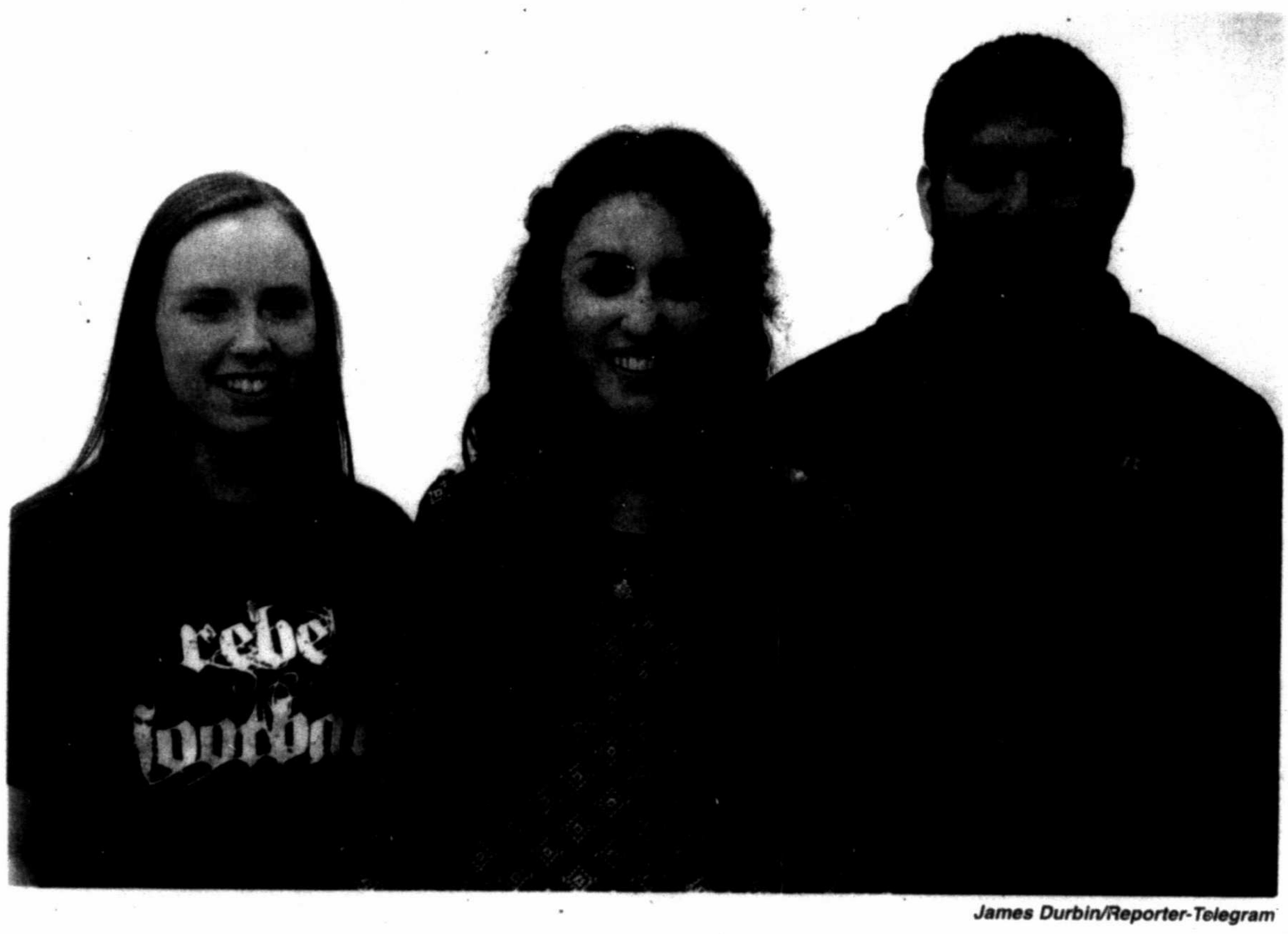
University regents are appointed by the governor and confirmed for six-year terms. Removing Hall would first require that he be impeached by the House, a move lawmakers have already chosen not to make.

Hall is unlikely to leave the board on his own before his term expires in February 2017.

He refused a call by board Chairman Paul Foster to resign last year, and has been emboldened by a recent report critical of a back-door campus admissions process that allowed the president to admit a handful of students over the objection of the admissions office. Some of them had subpar academic credentials but were recommended by donors, regents or state lawmakers.

Powers has resigned effective June 1 and regents have already named provost Gregory Fenves, his top lieutenant, as the lone finalist to replace him. The board voted 5-3 to support Fenves, with Hall one of the dissenters.

ALL-STATE HONORS



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lee High all-state choir students, from left, Sabrina Roberts, Nakita Harris and Gilbert Espinoza pose March 18 at the Lee High choir room.

Lee choir students receive recognition

From staff reports

Several Midland ISD students were chosen for All-State music honors. Three Lee High School students were chosen for All-State Choir, and three Midland High School students were selected for All-State Band.

The LHS choir students — Gilbert Espinoza, Nakita Harris and Sabrina Roberts — are featured today.

The MHS band students — Abby Barto, Austin Grammer and Jaren Stump — were featured in the March 25 Education section.

Gilbert Espinoza III

School: Lee High School
Year: Senior
Voice part: Baritone
All-State ensemble: Mixed Choir
Extracurricular activities: Band, orchestra, choir, Origin
Other honors received: 2014 All-State Men's Choir, three years All-Region choir, 2015 All-Region Symphony Orchestra, four years All-Region Band
What it means to be an All-State performer: It is a great honor. As a talented musician, it was a great experience to perform at such a high level with other talented musicians.
Why the fine arts are important to education: The fine arts provide many opportunities to succeed — to actually excel at something that may not be offered in the normal school experience.
Favorite moment in your fine arts discipline: What I liked most about the All-State Choir experience was the fact that the choir worked as a unit, a unit in which everybody was moving toward the exact goal: to be the best as a team. That was one of the best feelings that I have ever experienced as a musician.

Nakita Harris

School: Lee High School
Year: Senior
Voice part: Soprano 2
All-State ensemble: Women's Choir
Extracurricular activities: Choir, varsity band, orchestra, Origin
Other honors received: All-Region Band four years, Pre-Area 2014-2015 Band, three years Region Choir, two years Pre-Area and Area choirs, Superior ratings at UIL Solo and Ensemble Competitions (1s) in both band and choir, State UIL Solo and Ensemble
What it means to be an all-state performer: To be an All-State performer is a great achievement. It is to be dedicated, determined and to have a drive to achieve greatness. It is understanding responsibilities and being willing to make sacrifices to reach a goal.

There is a certain passion that emanates from these students, a desire to perform, to express, and to inspire. In these All-State groups are people who want to change the word, make it better and I am extremely privileged to be able to associate myself with people that hopefully will move and shape our future.

Why the fine arts are important to education: The fine arts develop and encourage students to become the builders and shapers of the future. It cultivates a higher level of thought, dedication, self-responsibility and motivation to develop oneself on a personal level but also the community and the nation of the future.
Favorite moment in your fine arts discipline: I have experienced many moments that have changed my life but my most memorable moment was the first All-State Choir rehearsal with our conductor. We sang one note and the conductor stopped and we realized she was crying. She made us realize what a difference a small group of people can make. If every person constantly tried to reach their potential, the world would be a different place.

TMEA gathers a bunch of inspired, determined and passionate people in one room and allows them to do what they love: sing. I realized in that room the difference each of us can make. How powerful music is. I realized that I want to give this overwhelming feeling to every person I meet. I want to change them; I want to make them better.

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'Theodore Roosevelt' visits schools, I-20 preserve

By Steve Kuhlmann
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Hippie parents, Ronald Reagan's youth campaign and Theodore Roosevelt — three things that are seemingly unrelated yet are united by the life of professional Theodore Roosevelt reprisor Joe Wiegand.

Last week, Wiegand brought his character to life for audiences at several venues in Midland, including the I-20 Wildlife Preserve and Jenna Welch Nature Study Center, Midland Classical Academy and Trinity School.

Wiegand's journey to becoming "the world's premiere Theodore Roosevelt reprisor," as his business card proclaims, is an unusual one, much like his chosen profession.

"It goes all the way back to being a little kid," Wiegand said. "In fourth grade, I was quite precocious in history. I sort of locked myself in my room with a set of Encyclopedia Britannica and read it from cover to cover, volume to volume. I was that geeky kind of kid, but I still loved baseball and the outdoors, kind of what Teddy would have called the vigorous life."

While his childhood began in Chicago, Wiegand said that his family eventually moved to Los Angeles so that his father, a "hippie comedian,"

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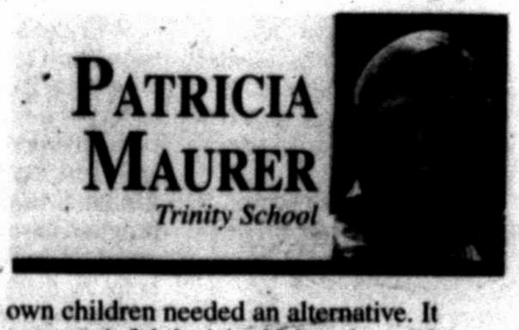
FIRST-PLACE FEAT

Courtesy photo

Carver Center sixth-grader Cole Pool won first place in the Life Science Microbiology category at the ExxonMobil Texas Science and Engineering Fair in San Antonio last weekend. Other Carver students who participated were Isaac Reyes, Eric Shannon, Parker Smith and Case Thompson. This is the first year in which Carver students have competed, according to a press release from Midland ISD. Read about Cole and his science fair project in a future Education section.

Private schools' missions differ from those of public schools



Patricia Maurer
Trinity School

I've read with interest the many articles recently published in the Midland Reporter-Telegram about the state of education in Midland, and I've decided to add my perspective. Having spent 35 years in Texas education — 23 years with MISD and 13 years at Trinity School — my perspective is somewhat unique, and I think I've earned the right to enter the conversation. I didn't say I was claiming to be "right" about everything; it's just that what I have to say might be interesting to some readers.

First, in interest of full disclosure, before my "60-second" retirement, I'd never considered working at a private school: I left public education because one of my own children needed an alternative. It was a painful decision. I loved my life at Carver Center, the faculty, the gifted and talented program I helped to build, and as a final assignment, the magnet schools I helped to design. In retrospect, I did the right thing for my family, and I have no regrets.

However, my story is not unique. There are many families who make the choice to leave public education because their children need something different. Many of these families make enormous sacrifices — financial, professional and personal — to ensure that the needs of their children are met.

In the conversation about educational alternatives in this community, these families should not be made to feel disloyal. They are making choices that best fit the social, emotional, educational or religious needs of their children, while at the same time supporting the public school system with their tax dollars. That's a win/win in my point of view, and it should be respected as such.

Second, if the public school district in this community is to thrive, district leadership and community supporters need to look forward. Attributing blame to the tenure of a single superintendent will not, in the long run, be productive. I worked for Joseph P. Baressi for 19 proud years. He never expected less than excellence from his employees, and I enjoyed trying to do my part.

During Baressi's tenure with MISD, the district organized the elementary gifted program, enhanced the honors program,

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Courtesy photo

Joe Wiegand portrayed former President Theodore Roosevelt Thursday at Trinity School. Wiegand also appeared at Midland Classical Academy, the I-20 Wildlife Preserve and at a Rotary Club function.

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From 1B

could better pursue his passion.

"As a kid, I kind of grew up (watching) my dad on nightclub stages and college stages," Wiegand said. "Dad wrote and performed, and we (also) renovated a burned-out house of ill repute into a rooming house for artists and entertainers, musicians, producers and young people coming out to Hollywood trying to make it."

But, as teenagers often do, Wiegand said he began to seek ways to rebel.

"You know, when your dad is a hippie comedian, the only way to be a rebellious teenager is to volunteer for Ronald Reagan's youth campaign, join the NRA and the Christian Coalition, and I did all of the above," Wiegand said. "I dedicated myself then — academically, professionally and as a citizen for the next 25 to 30 years — to campaigns, elections, public policy, student leadership, the Good Deeds Club and the Rotary Club."

Returning to Illinois, Wiegand built a career in Republican politics, serving in various capacities, including executive director of the statewide grassroots organization Family Taxpayers Network and campaign manager for Jim Oberweis' gubernatorial run in 2005 and for Mike Huckabee's presidential campaign in Illinois in 2008.

Wiegand said that he eventually grew frustrated with political corruption and after working "at the highest levels from within the Republican Party, fighting within the Republican Party for change in the Republican Party and change in the public policy outcomes," he began to consider another line of work.

"I had begun performing Theodore Roosevelt at Lincoln Day dinners, trying to bring some entertainment, and recognizing the fact that we had these great audiences full of very often public service-minded people," Wiegand said. "We always seem to do such a poor job of entertaining ourselves, raising our spirits, inspiring ourselves. I don't know about you, but when I go to church, I like to hear a good sermon. If I go to a political rally, don't forget the rally part. It shouldn't be like a funeral — which the Republicans could tend to do in Illinois."

After finishing his work on Huckabee's campaign in Illinois, Wiegand said that he and his wife decided that he would perform as Roosevelt and they toured the country in an RV.

Now, nearly eight years after he began bringing Roosevelt to life, Wiegand couldn't be happier with his decision.

"Being Theodore Roosevelt, I've been able to really achieve the kind of impact that I had envisioned that I might have through politics, just to make people's lives better," said Wiegand, who lives near San Diego. "I think I do so in this case through some inspiration and entertainment. (My) message to the kids and the adults — they both get the same preaching — is that life knocks you down, but your responsibility to yourself, your family, the community and in a broader sense, to the republic is to get back up again, dust yourself off and get back into the fight. Suffer the mighty blows and blow back with double."

Wiegand is particularly passionate about education and reaches out to students and educators whenever he can.

"I ask my customers to send me to their schools at no additional cost because I know that the schools are strapped and I want to give back," said Wiegand, adding that he owes a debt of gratitude to the teachers who instill and inspire a love of learning in children.

Since beginning his tour in 2008, Wiegand has performed his character at the White House, on the History Channel's "The Men Who Built America" and — most often — in Medora, North Dakota, just outside of Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

He has also served as the model for a sculpture of Theodore Roosevelt housed in the American Museum of Natural History in New York City and will have a feature role in the upcoming IMAX film "Wild American" debuting in early 2016.

"To whom much is given, much is expected," said Wiegand, in character, concluding his presentation to a group of fourth- through sixth-graders at Trinity School. "We live in a land of freedom and opportunity because thousands, indeed millions, of citizens have sacrificed before you so that you might so live. Make this world a better place for your having been here. Show great respect to your parents and your teachers and look for those in need."

Student loan recipients go on repayment strike, face default

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sarah Dieffenbacher is on a debt strike. She's refusing to make payments on the more than $100,000 in federal and private loans she says she owes for studies at a for-profit college that she now considers so worthless she doesn't include it on her resume.

The "debt strike" sentiment is catching on.

Calling themselves the "Corinthian 100" — named for the troubled Corinthian Colleges Inc., which operated Everest College, Heald College and WyoTech before agreeing last summer to sell or close its 100-plus campuses — about 100 current and former students are refusing to pay back their loans, according to the Debt Collective group behind the strike.

They're meeting with officials from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, an independent government agency that already has asked the courts to grant relief to Corinthian students who collectively have taken out more than $500 million in private student loans.

The Education Department is the group's primary target, because they want the department to discharge their loans. A senior department official

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Obituaries

Beverly Jane Hargrove

Beverly Jane Hargrove, 62, of Midland, Texas, passed away Saturday, March 28, 2015 at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, Texas, due to a lengthy illness.

A graveside service is scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, 2015, 10:00 a.m., at Carlsbad Cemetery, 1506 Boyd Drive, Carlsbad, New Mexico, with Caleb Lester officiating.

Denton-Wood Funeral Home, 575-885-6363, is in charge of the arrangements.

Beverly Jane Hargrove was born January 7, 1953 to Wallace and Ruby (Rakes) Lester in Charleston, West Virginia. Beverly's family moved to Carlsbad in 1964 where she remained and always called it home.

She was married to her husband of 45 years, Billie Hargrove, on January 24, 1970. They had two children together, Quinton and Kelly.

Beverly brought to this world a contagious laugh, radiant smile, and a kind word for everyone. She loved to sing, dance and make everyone around her want do to the same. She was a beautiful person on the inside and outside. Beverly never met a stranger. She was the person who never turned away a friend, or even a friend's friend. Her personality and laughter lit up every room and let her shine through any crowd. The world lost one of its' kindest, most loving people when it lost Beverly. She will be forever loved and missed.

Beverly was preceded in death by her parents, Wallace and Ruby Lester.

Survivors are her husband, Bill Hargrove; son, Quinton Hargrove of Carlsbad; daughter, Kelly Cantrell and husband, Justin of Texas; siblings, Bonnie Geer and husband, John of Florida, Wally Lester and wife, Denise of Carlsbad, Barbara Lassiter of husband, Rudy Santisteven of Tennessee, and Crystal King and husband, Roy of Carlsbad; grandchildren, Hunter Cantrell of Texas, Quinton Hargrove, Jr. of Florida, and Eden Walton of Nevada; and by numerous nieces, nephews, and friends that loved her.

Condolences may be expressed at *dentonwood.com*.

Douglas Kit Meshirer

Our beloved husband, step-father, grandfather, and friend, Douglas Kit Meshirer, 60, of Midland, Texas, passed away peacefully in his home on March 29, 2015. His racing family knew him as "Showtime," his grandchildren called him "Grandpa Dougo," his wife knew him as "Sweetheart," and Chloe, his border collie, knew him as "Daddy."

"Doug was born in Queens, New York on November 2, 1954. He made his way to Texas as a youngster with his parents, graduating in 1973 from Robert E. Lee High School in Midland, Texas. He married Shawnda Lovell on January 11, 1993.

Doug was a retired airline captain from American Eagle Airlines. His other passions included drag racing, motorcycles, scuba diving, fishing, a love for animals and wildlife, troubleshooting any kind of problem, and spending time with his family. There was never a job Doug would not tackle or a challenge he would not accept. Doug thrived on competition and he loved to make others smile. He will truly be missed by all of us.

Doug is preceded in death by his mother, Joan May Hartley Meshirer; his father, David Donald Meshirer; brother, Donald William Meshirer; and step-son, Eric Shawn Ruple.

Doug is survived by his loving wife, Shawnda Lovell Meshirer; step-daughter, Elisha Ruple Tredaway and fiance' Thomas Carney; granddaughters, Madelyne Marie Porter and Cheyenne Elizabeth Tredaway; and grandson, Thomas James Paul Carney, all of Midland Texas; mother-in-Law, Carolyn Lovell Head of May, Texas; sisters-in-law, La Ronda Carol Lovell and Avery Ann Steel of Arlington, Texas; brother-in-law Kevin Edward Lovell, wife, Anna, daughter Alexis Lovell, son Jeremy Shane Lovell, wife, Kelci, and daughter, Ashlyn, of May, Texas.

To honor Doug's wishes, a family visitation will be held Saturday, April 4, 2015, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 4604 Green Tree Blvd., Midland, Texas.

In lieu of plants and flowers, the family requests donations be made to Drag Racing Association of Women at *http://drawfasthelp.org/*.

The family wishes to thank everyone for their condolences during this difficult time."

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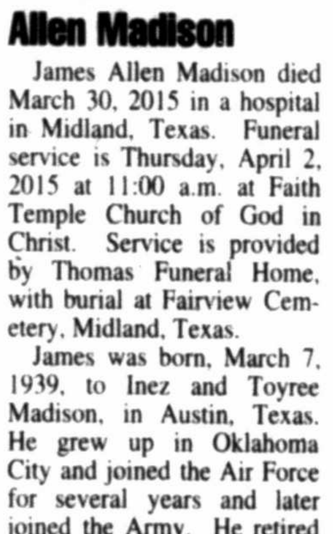

James Allen Madison

James Allen Madison died March 30, 2015 in a hospital in Midland, Texas. Funeral service is Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Faith Temple Church of God in Christ. Service is provided by Thomas Funeral Home, with burial at Fairview Cemetery, Midland, Texas.

James was born, March 7, 1939, to Inez and Toyree Madison, in Austin, Texas. He grew up in Oklahoma City and joined the Air Force for several years and later joined the Army. He retired from the Army and opened his own maintenance business. He was a member of a motorcycle club and enjoyed riding with his friends.

He met and married Audrey Alford and to this union, four children were born. He later married Addie Taylor. He was a member of Faith Temple Church of God in Christ, Midland, Texas.

He leaves to mourn his devoted wife, Addie Madison of the home; three daughters, Jamie Davis (Joseph), Sherrie Madison, and Bridget Bryant, all of Oklahoma City; Davone Madison Jackson (Tiffany) of New York; one sister, Majik Madison, Englewood, California; and by 16 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, and nine first cousins.

Proceeding him in death were his parents, father Toyree Madison, Inez Lusk, and stepfather Bob Lusk; and by sons, Chauncy and Michael Madison.

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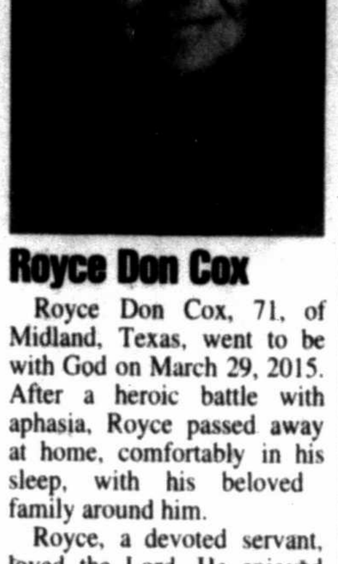


Royce Don Cox

Royce Don Cox, 71, of Midland, Texas, went to be with God on March 29, 2015. After a heroic battle with aphasia, Royce passed away at home, comfortably in his sleep, with his beloved family around him.

Royce, a devoted servant, loved the Lord. He enjoyed spreading this love through singing with his friends and fellow congregation members of Kelview Heights Baptist Church. Royce loved to play golf. Many understood this to be his greatest pastime, but to Royce it was a "passion of a lifetime." He excelled over the years including "shooting his age" many times, a highly recognized accomplishment, beginning when he turned 67. He also had a love for fishing.

His love of sports and nature allowed him the opportunity to teach integrity and respect for sportsmanship and the outdoors to many. He was an accomplished basketball official, being asked multiple times to officiate the Texas State U.I.L. High School Basketball Tournament. Royce was known as having an unrelenting work ethic that showed in his desire to educate youth through his chosen occupation and calling for over 37 years.

He began his career in education in Roaring Springs, where he coached and taught before moving to Big Spring in 1969. He continued teaching and coaching golf until accepting the position of vice principal for Goliad Middle School in 1980. Throughout his career in Big Spring, he was a principal in elementary, middle school, and junior high school. At one point, he was offered a position outside the realm of education but respectfully declined, stating that he could not leave his "hip huggers," which were his elementary students. Royce truly touched and influenced so many lives with his ideal of "worry less and love more."

Royce was married to the love of his life, Rue Ann Cox, for 48 years. They were an inspiring example of two souls predestined by God to be together. He was an amazing father to both Michelle and Jimmy Cox, teaching them through his own actions the values of integrity, wisdom, respect, and love. He was happiest when he was around family and the many friends that graced his life throughout the years.

Royce is survived by his wife, Rue Ann of Midland; four brothers and sisters, Thelma Burt of Knox City, Jackie Cox and wife Tippi of Ransom Canyon, Bobby Cox and wife Rosemary of Runaway Bay, and Carol Dickson and husband Dick of Benjamin; his two children, Michelle Cox of Midland and Jimmy Cox and wife Mindy of Midland; four grandchildren Megan Ivie, Max Ivie, Avery Cox, and Marlee Woodward; and one great grandchild Kel Gard.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ayres and Leola Cox of O'Brien; and brother, Wallace Cox of Fort Worth.

The family will receive guests on Thursday, April 2, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at Kelview Heights Baptist Church on Friday, April 3, 2015 at 1:00 p.m., with graveside immediately following at Resthaven Memorial Park.

A scholarship fund, The Royce Cox Memorial Big Spring High School Golf Scholarship, has been established. Should friends desire, contributions may be sent to The Royce Cox Memorial Golf Scholarship at any of the West Texas National Bank locations.

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

Robert L. Stafford, M.D.

Robert L. Stafford, 84, of Midland, passed away of a lengthy illness, Tuesday, March 24, 2015, at Senior Care of Midland.

He was born November 10,1930 in Xenia, Ohio, to Vernon and Esta Stafford. He was a family practice and emergency room physician.

After graduating from the Silvercreek High School in Jamestown, Ohio, Bob worked for his father before enlisting in the United States Air Force and serving in Germany. Upon his honorable discharge, Bob went to Ohio State University and the University of Tennessee.

In order to secure more funds for an undergraduate degree, he traveled to the Marshall Islands in the Pacific and worked as a medical specialist and observed both the atomic and hydrogen bomb testing during the 1950's.

Bob returned to the United States and began an undergraduate degree at Pepperdine University in Los Angeles. He entered the University of California College of Medicine in 1962 and later interned at the Sacramento Medical Center in Sacramento, California.

He had family medical practices in Sacramento and Chico California as well as in Elko, Nevada and Hamlin, Texas. Bob then went into emergency room medicine and worked in multitude ER's in Texas from Harlingen to Littlefield.

Bob married Janet Morris of Visalia, California in 1961 and is survived by their two daughters, Dr. Stephanie Stafford of Dallas and Susan Jeffus, Esq. and husband, John, of Dallas; grandchildren, Alexa Jeffus of Dallas and Jared Jeffus of Malibu, California; brothers, Donald Stafford of Lacey, Washington, and Richard Stafford of Canyon, Texas.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Kenny Stafford; and inlaws, Margaret and Vernon Morris.

The family wishes to express its appreciation to Drs. John Mckenna, Michael Miller, and Scotty Ortega. Also, a special thank you is given to the staff at Senior Care of Midland for both their medical expertise and the sincere love and care given to Bob during his stay there.

A private family service will be conducted later at the Visalia, California Cemetery at the Morris family gravesite.

CHOIR

From 1B

SABRINA ROBERTS

School: Lee High School
Year: Senior
Voice part: Alto 1
All-State ensemble: Mixed Choir
Extracurricular Activities: Choir, Origin, violin
Other honors received: Eighth grade - region (treble choir), ninth grade - region (high-school mixed choir), area choir and All-State auditions, 10th grade- Region (high-school mixed choir), area choir and first alternate at All-State, 11th grade - region (high-school mixed choir), Area and All-State choir

What means to be an all-state performer: It means that you have the ability to go beyond the notes on the page. It means being dedicated and hard-working, marking every mistake you make, practicing for hours and knowing the music like the back of your hand.

Why the fine arts are important to education: When you look at a sheet of music, you use your whole brain to process every note and every rhythm. Students that are in any fine arts program have higher SAT and ACT test scores. Music helps increase your concentration and attention span.

Favorite moment in fine arts discipline: Of course I'm going to say All-State. It was the best four days of my life. Every person in the mixed choir was so talented and musically inclined and singing with them and making music with them was unforgettable. We all worked together to create something that will always linger in the universe. Charles Bruffy is one of the most inspirational conductors I have ever met and his wisdom and silly sayings have made me a more mature and musical musician. I learned so much during All-State and I will do everything I can to make it again next year.

STRIKE

From 2B

is scheduled to attend the meeting.

Denise Horn, an Education Department spokeswoman, said the department has taken steps to help Corinthian students, but is urging them to make payments to avoid default. The department has income-based repayment options.

By not paying back their loans, the former Corinthian students potentially face a host of financial problems, such as poor credit ratings and greater debt because of accrued interest.

The former students argue that the department should have done a better job regulating the schools and informing students that they were under investigation.

"I would like to see them have to answer for why they allowed these schools to continue to take federal loans out when they were under investigation for the fraudulent activity they were doing," said Dieffenbacher, 37.

Dieffenbacher said she received an associate's degree in paralegal studies from Everest College in Ontario, California, and later went back for a bachelor's in criminal justice before later dropping out. She said she left school with about $80,000 in federal loans and $30,000 in private loans, but when she went to apply for jobs at law firms she was told her studies didn't count for anything.

Dieffenbacher, who works in collections for a property management company, said she was allowed at first to defer her loan payments, but now should be paying about $1,500 a month that she can't afford.

Makenzie Vasquez, of Santa Cruz, California, said she left an eight-month program to become a medical assistant at Everest College in San Jose after six months because she couldn't afford the monthly fees. She said she owes about $31,000 and went into default in November because she hasn't started repayment.

"I just turned 22 and I have this much debt and I have nothing to show for it," said Vasquez, a server at an Italian restaurant.

College plans See MC/Si, MC

The fourth annual See MC/Si, MC is 11 a.m.-2 p.m. April 11 at Midland College's Beal Plaza. The event will feature tours, presentations and booths with information on student services and programs. In addition, there will be food and music.

Students 10 and older can participate in a drawing to win an Apple iPad, laptop computer and a Kids' College scholarship. High school seniors also can participate in a drawing for MC scholarships. New attractions this year are a Curious George reading activity, a bungee jump and trackless train.

For more event information, contact Alfredo Chaparro at 559-1372 or achaparro@midland.edu.

MISD students advance to state arts contest

Fifteen Midland ISD students have advanced to the state Visual Arts Scholastic Event competition April 24-25 in Dallas.

Midland High School students competing are Mike Jacquez (who has entered two pieces), Kiana Kelipio, Wendi Locklar, Caleb McCarthy and Tatijana Portillo.

Lee High School students competing are Noah Boyles, Logan Bushman, Edwin Doncel, Ashlin Lee, Miranda Martinez, Matthew Moore (who has entered two pieces), Ivan Ramos, Estefania Ruiz, Mary Smith and Kim Soun.

EDUCATIONBRIEFS

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

Book festival accepts contest entries

The Texas Book Festival is accepting entries for its 15th annual Fiction Writing Contest for students in grades seven through 12. The theme is "I never told you, but ..."

Submissions must be students' original fiction and no longer than 2,000 words. Deadline is June 15. Stories may be submitted at the Texas Book Festival website: www.texasbookfestival.org/fiction-contest.

There are three divisions: grades 7-8, grades 9-10, and grades 11-12. Winners in each division will receive cash prizes: $250 for first place, $100 for second, and $50 for third. First-place winners will receive a plaque, have their stories published on the Texas Book Festival website, and be invited to participate on a panel during the festival, which is Oct. 17-18. Accommodations for one night will be provided for the first-place winners and their families.

In addition, the top five finalists in the grades 9-10 and grades 11-12 divisions will be invited to attend a writing workshop during the festival.

Winners will be notified by Aug. 3. For more information, visit the website or contact Kendall Miller at 512-477-4055 or kendall@texasbookfestival.org.

BOSTON

BU names business school after alumnus

Boston University has renamed its business school after an alumnus who made his fortune in the retail industry and donated $50 million, the largest gift in university history.

The university's school of management on Monday was renamed the Questrom School of Business after 1964 graduate Allen Questrom and his wife, Kelli, who made the gift through their foundation.

The gift, which includes $10 million given in 2012, will be used to endow 10 faculty chairs and enable planning for a new graduate program facility.

Allen Questrom became known as a turnaround specialist in the department store field, starting at Federated Department Stores Inc. and orchestrating turnarounds at Neiman Marcus, Barneys New York, and JC Penney.

Texas Scholars to be recognized

Midland ISD students will be recognized at a Texas Scholar banquet Monday at Midland Center. Close to 250 students will receive an award for their service to the community.

They contributed more than 4,800 hours of community service, according to a press release from MISD.

MAURER

From 1B

negotiated the district's resolution of the desegregation case and opened three successful magnet schools. Since his retirement, the district has been served by superintendents Robert Nicks, Sylvester Perez and now, Ryder Warren. While none of these men were elected, they were chosen to serve by those that we did elect. Consequently, they each bear a share of the responsibility for the current state of education in MISD. Warren now appears to benefit from broad support within the business community, and I, for one, wish him well.

Third, what has kept me energized about my work in education up until this day? This is where I get to talk about the very nature of an "independent" school. An independent school, like Trinity School of Midland, is governed by an independent board of trustees. The board sets the mission of the school, and the faculty and staff are charged with carrying out that mission. The board of trustees at an independent school doesn't pay homage to anyone — not the electorate or state legislators — and is not bound by federal mandates.

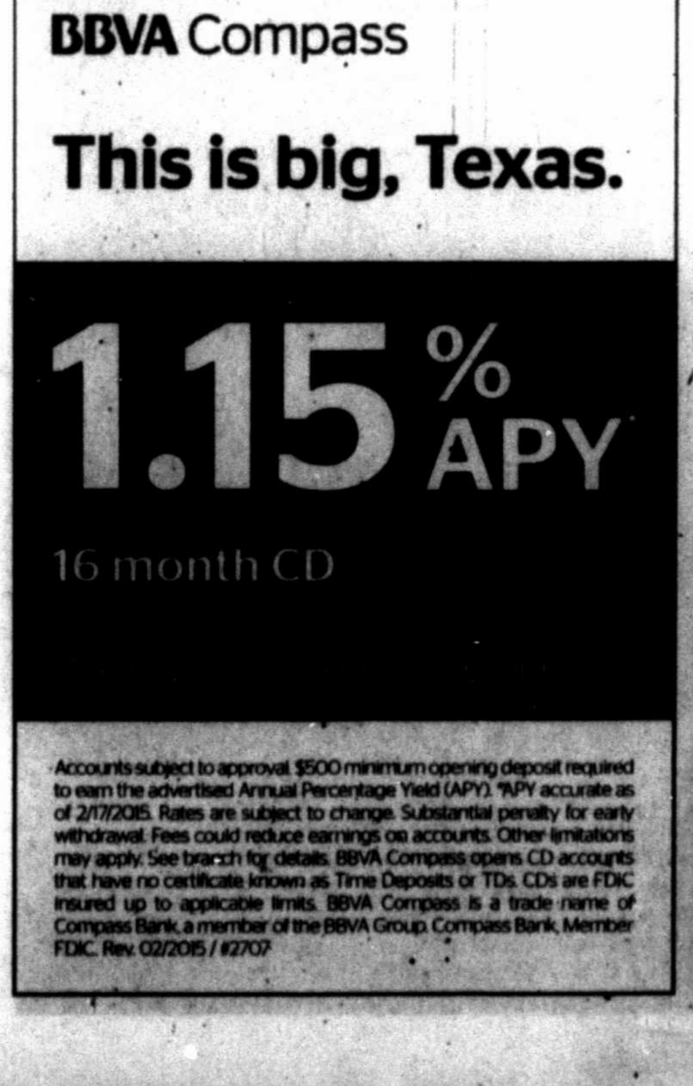
In an independent school, the board has one employee: the headmaster of the school. It is the headmaster's job to steer the ship and to ensure that — to the degree possible — every choice made contributes to realizing the mission established by the board. Chip Prehn, the headmaster of Trinity School, is fond of saying that we are about the business of educating every part of what it means to be a human being — body, mind, and soul. To be more specific, the mission of Trinity School is to be "a college preparatory school to enrich the mind, strengthen the body, and inspire servant leadership."

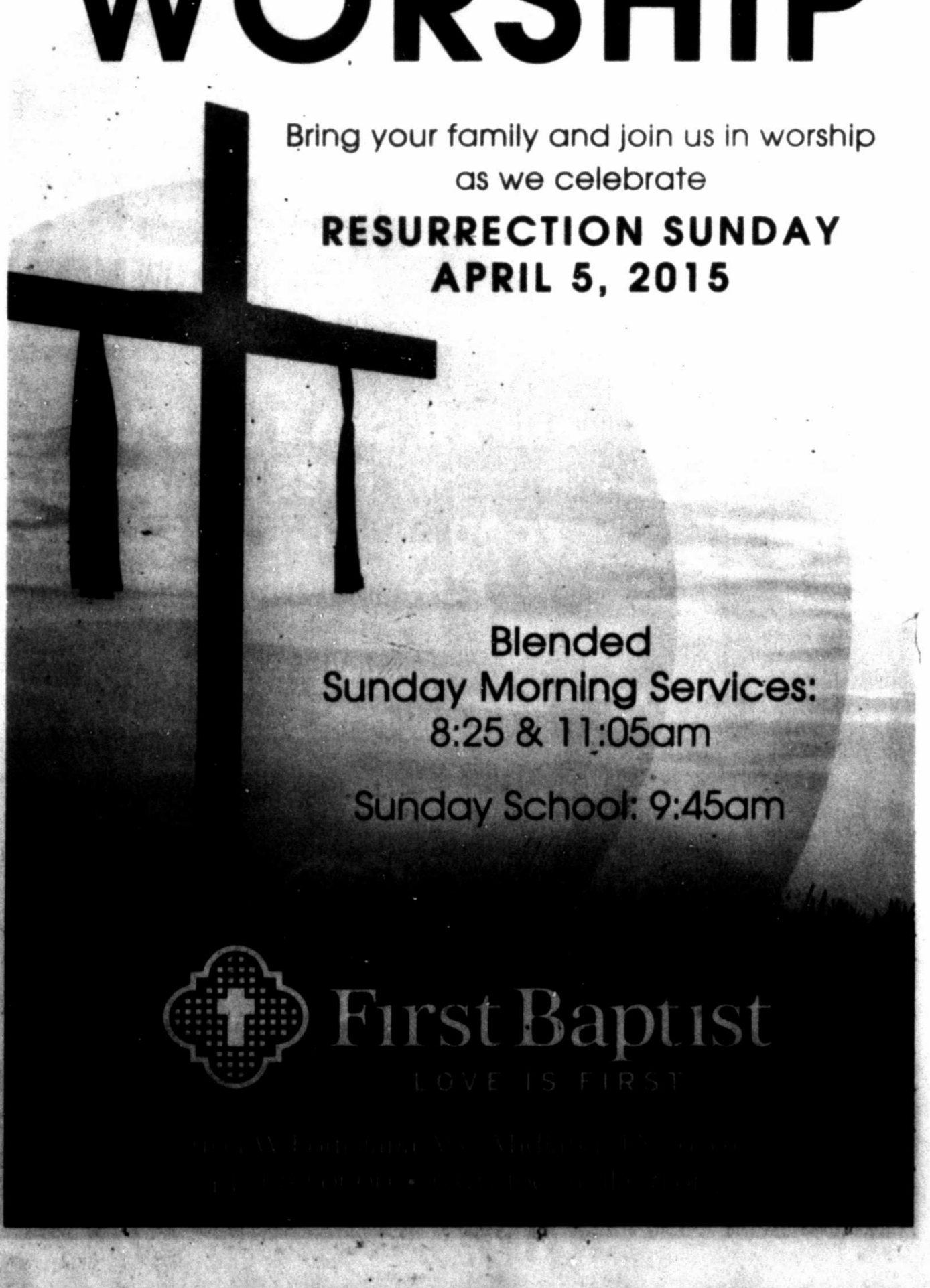
It is the "servant leadership" component of our mission statement that distinguishes Trinity as a Christian school, not a parochial school, because we are not governed by a particular church, but a school where we attempt to use the Gospel of Christ as a driver in our decisions. We don't pretend that we are perfect. We just are working hard every day to be the best school that we can be.

Fourth, and this is an important question that I wanted to answer in this article. Who is welcome at Trinity School? It's very simple: We recruit and seek to retain families who believe in our mission. We have no desire to set the mission of Trinity School above the mission of any other public or private school in the community. We do not say that we are better; instead we say that we are different. We do not pretend to be exclusive, and we budget generously for tuition support for a large share of our student body. In our difference, however, we just may be a better place for some children, and that's why — after 47 years — I still find myself happily at work.

I celebrate educational excellence, but I also celebrate educational options. Midland is not a metropolis, but neither are we a backwater town. We've always had room for innovation, and we've always been willing to celebrate good work, wherever it may be found. We certainly have sufficient numbers of families and children in the greater Midland community to support a vibrant and successful public school system, while at the same time leaving room to support independent schools, private schools and parochial schools that provide viable options for families and children.

Patricia Maurer is the head of preschool and lower school at Trinity School.





GUEST VIEW

San Antonio Express-News

Education should be tackled in this session

Lack of money isn't the only thing ailing Texas public education — but it is a very big thing. This is why a House proposal for a $3 billion fix to an inequitable and inadequate method of state school financing is so welcome. And welcome also is the sentiment driving the proposal.

Rep. Jimmie Don Aycock, House Public Education Committee chairman, said the Legislature should not wait for the state Supreme Court to rule on an opinion by a state district judge in August that found Texas' school funding to be utterly flawed.

"The Legislature is faced with the decision to either act proactively, to try to get something done about education funding, or simply do nothing," said Aycock. "Do we try to do what's right for children in the state of Texas, or try to out-guess lawyers? This time, we're going to try to do what's right for the state of Texas."

Clearly, the Legislature should not wait for the Supreme Court to act. This is not anticipated to occur until after this session ends in June. Such a delay would constitute legislative malpractice. On this, Aycock is quite correct, and he will be correct no matter how the state's high court rules.

State District Court Judge John Dietz laid out the inadequacies in his ruling last year. All schools are shortchanged, with districts with low property valuations suffering most. All, however, have had to run their property taxes up to the upper limits to make up for state funding shortfalls. And the so-called Robin Hood plan in which wealthier districts help out the poorer districts has failed to equalize funding.

The House plan apparently enjoys bipartisan support in that chamber but conflicts with a funding proposal in the Senate of $1.2 billion.

No one said the fixes would be cheap. The Senate, however, should view this as an investment that will be more than repaid in better-educated students and a higher-skilled workforce in the future. A better investment in economic growth, by the way, than tax cuts.

House Speaker Joe Straus deserves much credit for the House action. Last session, Straus asked Aycock to look into the state's school financing. More details will emerge later, but these other fixes could involve broad changes to funding formulas.

The Senate should bring its funding more in line with the House measure, even if that puts a crimp in tax-cutting plans. Education rightfully belongs at the front of the line.

An ode to the joy of inspired teaching

ESTHER J. CEPEDA
Washington Post Writers Group

Writing in the Wall Street Journal, David Gelernter, professor of computer science at Yale and a former board member of the National Endowment for the Arts, made the following bold statement in response to a student's wondering about why anyone should give a hoot about Beethoven:

"You must know Beethoven's music because no one has ever said anything deeper about what it means to be human, to look life and death in the eye, to know beauty at its purest and most intense — if you can take it. Because Beethoven asserts his own mere human self against the whole cosmos and makes it listen."

Gelernter's essay on why "Music Education Needs to be a Click Away" both shocked and heartened me.

It, I realized, is an incisive example of what's missing in education: passion. The deep scholarship, rock-solid understanding of a topic or discipline and the fanaticism, the ardor, to bring it to life for another human being.

I might not have made the connection had I not been in the middle of professor Robert Greenberg's "Beethoven — His Life and Music," one of his series of "The Great Courses" lectures on the German composer.

Of the many books, movies, college music history classes and other explorations of Beethoven's life I've consumed over the last 30 years, I can't recall enjoying any other as much as Greenberg's telling.

To state it plainly, Greenberg's wealth of knowledge about Beethoven — from the vicious beatings he endured as a child to his inability to find love, his crazy, lead-filled hair, slovenly appearance, haughtiness, monstrous overprotectiveness of his nephew and total klutziness — comes through in every word of his animated lecture.

Ostensibly an essay about how technology could and should enable learners as young as first grade to experience the timeless beauty of Beethoven — or Mozart or Brahms — Gelernter ends up illustrating what no app or music appreciation service could ever entice a learner as much as just a small taste of a passionate advocate's love for his or her subject.

This adoration, this chest-thumping, hair-pulling awe for a subject is what creates lifelong learners. This dynamism about a topic — really, any topic — so enthusiastically passed on to a student is what makes education life-altering.

Holy Week 2015

St. Ann's Catholic Church Midland, TX

Holy Thursday
Thursday, April 2
Mass at 7:00 pm
Washing of Feet
Presentation of Sacred Oils
The Lord's Supper and Adoration

Good Friday
Friday, April 3
Stations of the Cross at 12:00 pm
Good Friday Liturgy at 7:00 pm
Liturgy of the Word
Veneration of the Cross
Holy Communion

Holy Saturday
Saturday, April 4
Easter Vigil at 8:00 pm
First Mass of the Resurrection

Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 5
Masses at 8:30 am, 10:45 am, 1:00 pm(Spanish), and 5:00 pm

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SUPER SATURDAY is open to the public and FREE of charge! There will be FOOD and LIVE MUSIC, as well as FUN activities for the kids.

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GOD BLESS MIDLAND!

TODAY: Mostly sunny High: 87 Low: 55

THURSDAY: Sunny High: 91 Low: 54

FRIDAY: Sunny High: 73 Low: 46

SATURDAY: Mostly cloudy High: 63 Low: 48

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny High: 83 Low: 55

MONDAY: Sunny High: 87 Low: 57

Local forecast

Expect high temperatures to go up, down and then up again over the next seven days from up to 91 degrees (more than 15 degrees above average) on Thursday to 63 degrees (around 10 degrees below average) on Saturday. High temperatures could then head into the upper 80s as soon as Monday.

In addition to the warmer conditions Thursday, expect wind gusts reaching 35 mph, according to the National Weather Service. What is not in the forecast is rain. The NWS is calling for generally warm and dry conditions moving into next week.

The high on Tuesday reached 81, while the low dropped to 58. The record high for March 31 is 97 set in 1946. The record low is 16 set in 1931.

National forecast

Sunshine is in store for a large part of the eastern third of the nation today. An area of high pressure will be centered over the central Appalachians and will drift slowly east. Despite the strong April sunshine, temperatures will be slightly less than average.

Showers and thunderstorms will expand over the Deep South from southern Georgia and part of Florida to eastern Texas and Oklahoma.

Precipitation

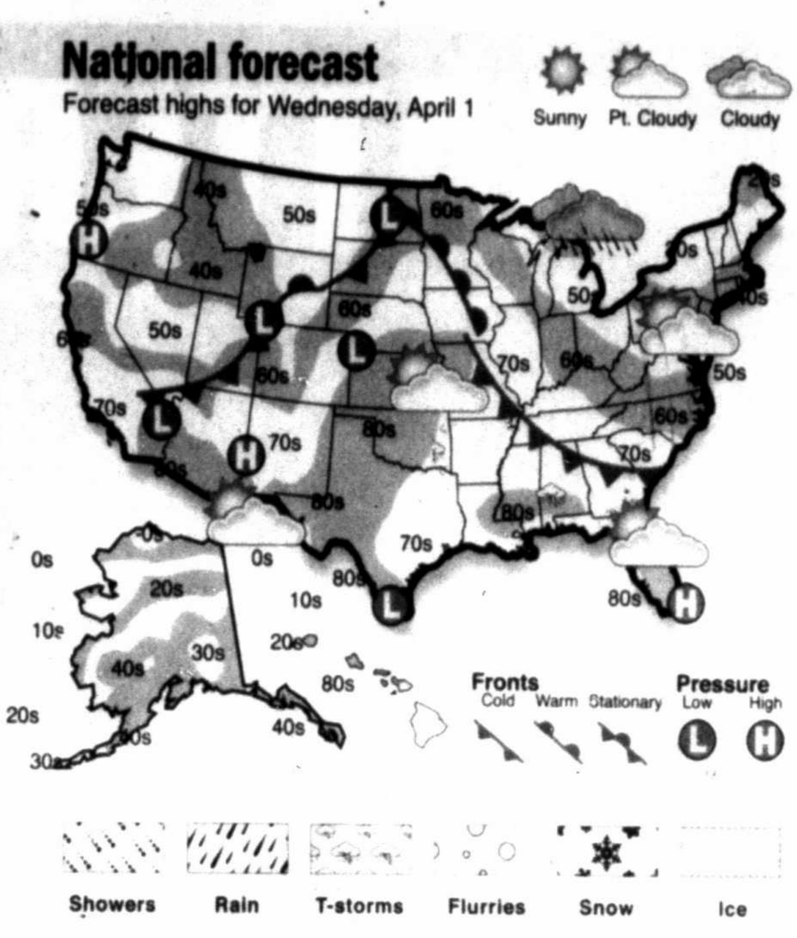
Monday	0.00 in.
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Month total	1.65 in.
Year total	4.34 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.87 in.

Tuesday's temperatures

High	81
Low	58
Normal high	75
Normal low	45
Sunrise	7:37 a.m.
Sunset	8:08 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, April 1



Today is a day to celebrate biting gators and big tonsils

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 READERS: In honor of April Fools' Day, I'll share a couple of offbeat letters I've received from readers who have attempted to pull my proverbial leg. Enjoy!

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing to brag about my boyfriend. He's a semi-professional alligator wrestler and super brave. It's a tough job and it takes him away from home a lot. It's also a very dangerous job. He often comes home with bite marks all over his neck and shoulders, and scratches on his back.

Want to know something weird about alligators? Their natural odor smells a lot like perfume. When my beau gets back from a tournament, he often reeks of it. The first time I smelled it on him, I was worried. But after he explained it to me, it made perfect sense. (Just another one of life's coincidences, I guess.)

We're so happy together. We have four beautiful children, and he promises we'll get married soon — right after the next tournament. I know you get lots of letters about bad relationships, so I thought I'd let you hear about a good one. — GATOR GIRL IN FLORIDA

DEAR GATOR GIRL: That's a good one, all right. You may have thought you smelled perfume, but I smell a rat. Be glad your boyfriend doesn't wrestle cougars because I hear they wear indelible lipstick.

DEAR ABBY: A teacher at our high school took some time off to get a breast augmentation. Before she left, she told the class she was having her tonsils out. When she returned to the classroom with a larger chest, one of the students cracked, "Nice tonsils!" Of course, the class roared. What do you think about this? — GEORGE IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR GEORGE: I think that unless her students pay more attention to what she's teaching and less to her chest, they may be earning double D's.

And now ... back to work:

DEAR ABBY: When does an extramarital affair actually start? Is it when the two parties involved do the mattress mambo, their first kiss, or is it sooner? — CLUELESS WIFE IN CANADA

DEAR CLUELESS: A love affair involves more than having sex. An extramarital affair begins as soon as a man or woman starts sneaking around and lying to his or her mate.

DEAR ABBY: Please settle an argument my ex-husband and I still have. Over the course of our marriage, we had problems. One night we had a nasty spat, after which he moved out and never returned. He claims I should have asked him to move back in. My response has always been that he chose to leave, so I shouldn't have had to beg him to come back. Your opinion, please? — WONDERING IN CRYSTAL LAKE, ILL.

DEAR WONDERING: In my opinion, you and your ex-husband should stop arguing because after your divorce became final, the question became moot.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Good play helps

North-South vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH
♠ Q 9 4
♥ A J 6
♦ Q 6 3 2
♣ A J 4

WEST
♠ A K 6 5
♥ 8 5
♦ J 10 7 5
♣ K 8 6

EAST
♠ 10 8 7 3 2
♥ 4 2
♦ K 9
♣ Q 7 5 3

SOUTH
♠ J
♥ K Q 10 9 7 3
♦ A 8 4
♣ 10 9 2

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	1	Pass	1
Pass	INT	Pass	3
Pass	4	All pass	

Opening lead: Ace of ♠

Good players bid aggressively because their superior card play will often bring them success in a dicey contract.

West shifted to a trump at trick two. South won with dummy's jack and paused for thought. There were three certain losers — a club, a diamond and a spade. The fine intermediate cards in clubs gave a good chance to hold the club losers to one. The diamond suit seems to need the king with West for the contract to succeed. It looked like West held the ace and king of spades for his lead, and also must be presumed to hold at least one club honor or there won't be a second trick there. As a passed hand, West was unlikely to also hold the king of diamonds.

Declarer found a line of play that would give him a chance even with the diamond king in the East hand. He ruffed a spade at trick three, crossed back to dummy with the ace of hearts, drawing trumps, and ruffed another spade. He now led a low club to dummy's jack. East won with the queen, but was forced to return a club — a spade or a diamond would be fatal. South captured West's king with the ace and led a club to his 10.

Declarer now cashed his ace of diamonds and led a diamond to dummy's queen and East's king. His care in eliminating the black suits was rewarded when East was forced to yield a ruff-sluff and the contract. Well done!

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 Wednesday, April 1, 2015:

This year you will be forced to deal with quite a few issues in your daily life. Perhaps you have focused on one specific area of your life and are slacking in other areas. You will see what this lack of attention has caused, though you will be able to change directions if need be. If you are single, you are likely to attract someone who is fun before September. This person could be of significance to your life. If you are attached, the two of you might need to reconstruct your life together. Learn to share more often and avoid being critical. Accept your partner as he or she is. VIRGO is drawn to you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You easily could be irked by everything you have to do, including the challenges that are presented by others. Listen to where people are coming from, as their thinking might not be in line with yours. Know that this is likely the source of the problem. Tonight: Early to bed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Where others lose their temper, your creativity finds a solution. Recognize that an off-the-wall comment is not directed at you. Detach and look at the big picture. Perhaps you will want to make some changes in order to avoid this type of nonsense. Tonight: Midweek break!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Tension seems to build in your immediate surroundings. You could be making a judgment about what your role is in a certain situation and what you "should" do. Take a break from this scenario before you make any decisions. Tonight: A friend surprises you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Try not to let a judgment come out when dealing with several different people. The less judgmental you are, the more information you will gain. Perhaps your conclusion will be different as a result. Reach out for more information. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Your awareness of some of the games that surround you could interfere with your interactions. Be more open to what is happening. Do not lose sight of what you want. You can't change people, but you can take good care of yourself. Tonight: Your treat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Your awareness of someone else's expectations could make you feel uncomfortable at times. You might want to share your discomfort, but can't find the right time. Your creativity will emerge as you seek answers. Avoid taking any risks. Tonight: You call the shots.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ You might decide to move forward with a key project or at least test the waters. You could be off on some of your judgments about how others are receiving this project. Take a step back and be more observant. You need to see the big picture. Tonight: Not to be found.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Zero in on what you want and expect from a situation that is near and dear to you. To your surprise, a meeting could prove to be very informative. Use others' criticism to strengthen your perceptions and actions. Tonight: Where your friends are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You could be in a position where you must deal with a boss or an older relative. You probably won't be able to get away from the situation, and your choices might be limited. Why not just step up to the plate and clear up the issue now? Tonight: Out late.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Be willing to reach out to a loved one whose wisdom you value. You are able to listen to someone who is not involved in a discussion much better than someone who is actively involved. Curb a tendency to be overly controlling. Tonight: Follow the music.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ No one can deny the importance of a particular relationship in your life. In some way, the unconventional nature of the bond plays into its very existence. It would be wise not to follow a hunch with a purchase or an investment right now. Tonight: Relish a meal with a favorite person.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Someone whom you believed to be a friend might turn out to be otherwise. You could be taken aback and forced to review who your real friends are. Be sure to look at your relevance to them. Though you might be upset, this review will be beneficial. Tonight: Stretch your wings.

BORN TODAY

Composer Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873), actress Debbie Reynolds (1932), physician William Harvey (1578)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 "Stopping By Woods on a Snowy Evening" rhyme scheme
5 Govt. org. with a "Safety Compass" blog
9 Under-the-tree pile
14 Silly smile, maybe
15 Snack with a white center
16 Garnish
17 "Gotcha!"
19 Brawl
20 Menlo Park initials
21 Those, in Oaxaca
22 __ mater
23 Gear on a tour bus
24 "Gotcha!"
28 They blow off steam
30 Bugged by a bug
31 Like a twisted remark
32 Within: Pref.
33 Hive-dwelling
35 "Gotcha!"
41 College declaration
42 Feminizing finish
44 Icarus, to Daedalus
47 Snooze
48 Add to a scrapbook, say
51 Significance of this puzzle's circled letters (gotcha again!)
54 Map rtes.
55 Drop-off point
56 Charlie's fourth wife
57 201, on a monument
58 Carillon sounds
60 Today's "Gotcha!"
62 Cookout spot
63 Willing
64 "A __ for Emily": Faulkner short story
65 Not in a slump?
66 "Iliad" deity
67 Stops equivocating

DOWN

1 Stir up
2 Military equipment
3 Designated park trail
4 DiFranco of folk rock
5 Greets wordlessly
6 Three-note chords
7 Have a feeling
8 Peat source
9 Leg. to a film noir detective
10 Model of perfection
11 Trail
12 Seismometer detection
13 Duplicitous
18 Self-produced recording, perhaps
25 Slangy golf term for nervousness while putting, with "the"
26 Everything-in-the-pot stew
27 __ Bator
29 Mary Oliver output
33 __ Lingus
34 Babushka's denial
36 Actress Kaczmarek with seven Emmy nominations
37 Ventura County resort city
38 Keystone force
39 Kid-sized ice cream order
40 Price per can: e.g.
43 Stores in a farm tower
44 Vast grassland
45 "Goodness gracious"
46 Cancel out
48 "I have the worst luck!"
49 John Denver's "__ Song"
50 Corporate emblem
52 Dig find
53 Wall Street phrase
59 Pink-elephant spotter, stereotypically
60 Ottoman bigwig
61 To and __

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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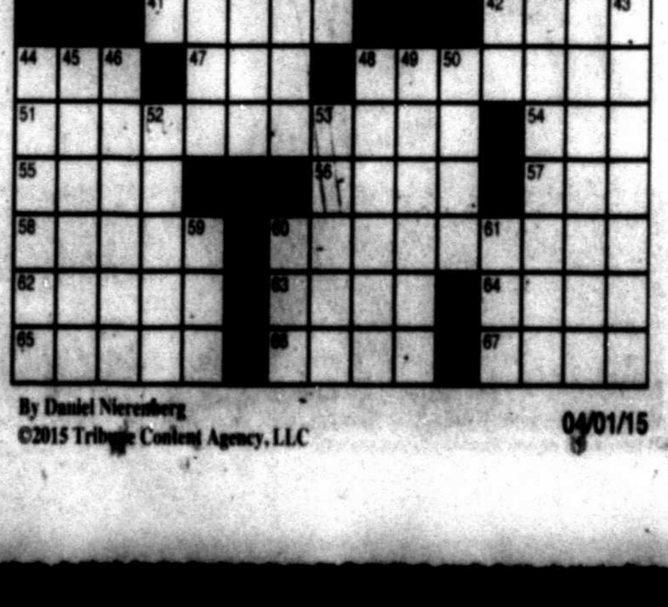

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BATTER UP

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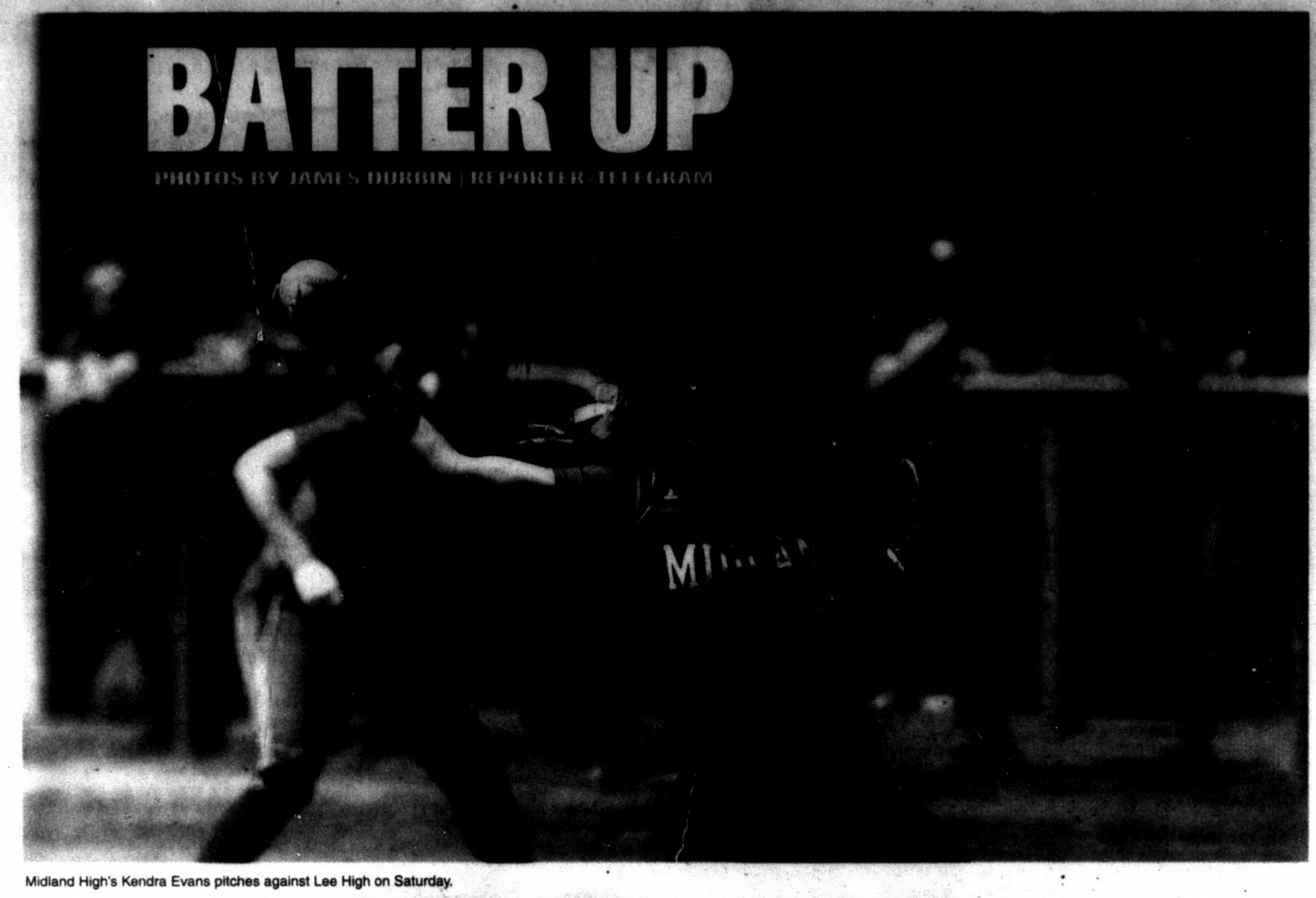
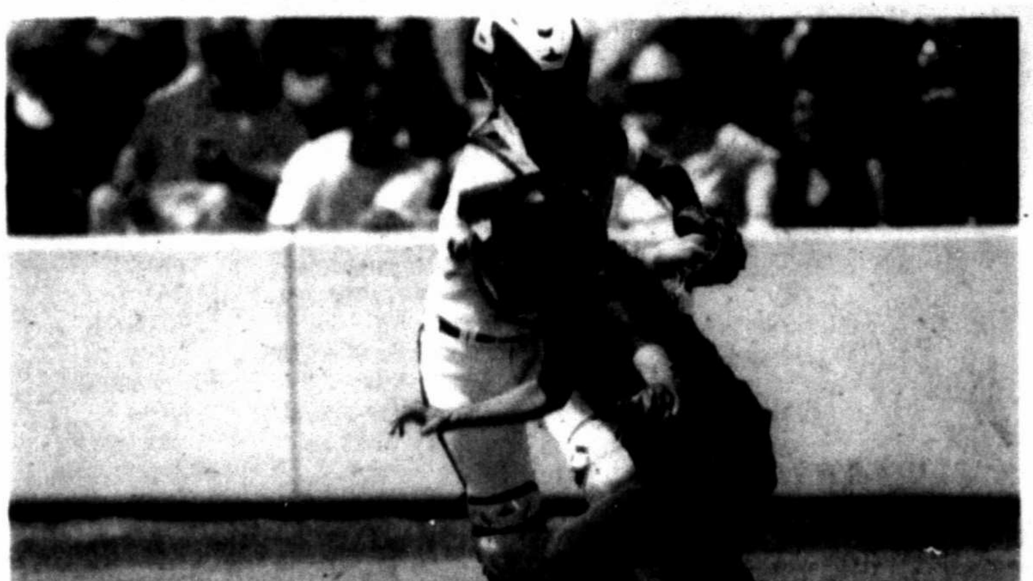
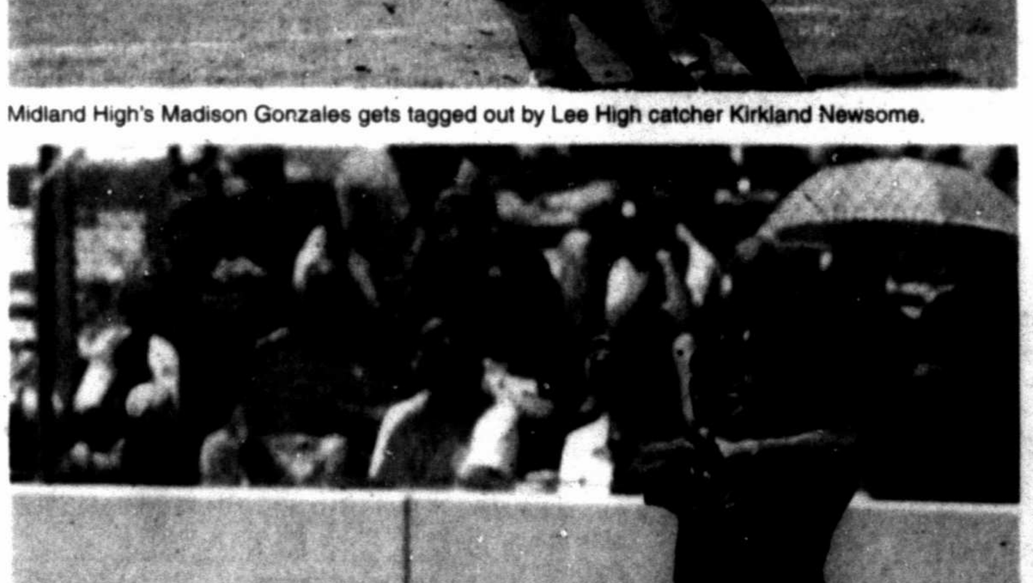


Midland High's Kendra Evans pitches against Lee High on Saturday.

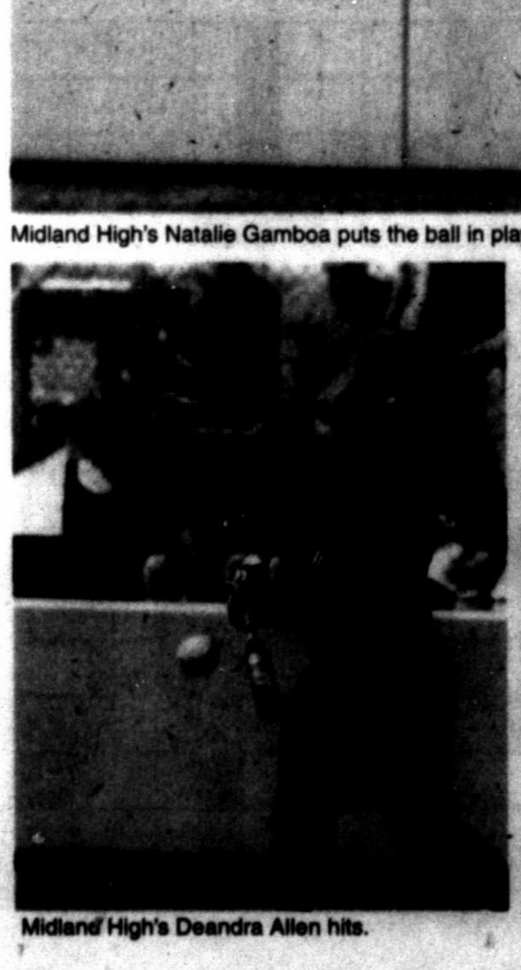
Midland High's Alyssa Flores hits.



Midland High's Madison Gonzales gets tagged out by Lee High catcher Kirkland Newsome.

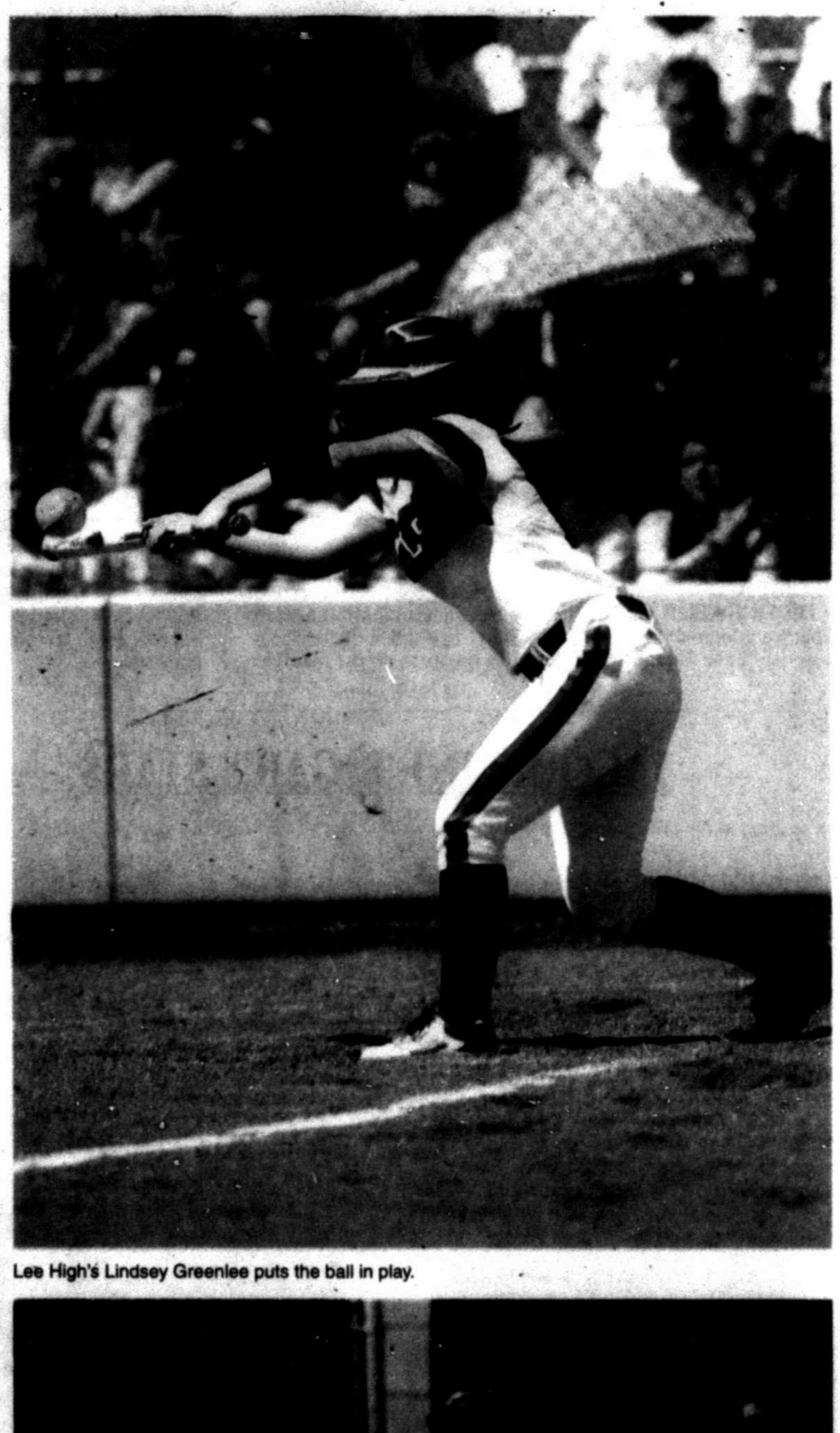


Midland High's Natalie Gamboa puts the ball in play.



Midland High's Deandra Allen hits.

Lee High's Shelby Olivas makes a catch for an out.



Lee High's Lindsey Greenlee puts the ball in play.

Lee High's Rosie Marquez makes an out at first base.

Tennessee hires former Texas coach Rick Barnes

By Steve Megargee
Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Just two days after leaving Texas, Rick Barnes has landed at Tennessee.

Tennessee announced the hiring Tuesday, calling Barnes an "elite basketball coach in every respect." The agreement is for six years at $2.25 million annually.

Barnes succeeds Donnie Tyndall, who was fired Friday after one season amid an NCAA investigation of his two years at Southern Mississippi.

"We are very, very fortunate today to have hired an elite basketball coach," Tennessee athletic director Dave Hart said Tuesday at press conference to introduce Barnes. "That's what Rick Barnes is. He is definitely an elite coach."

Barnes went 402-180 at Texas and reached the NCAA Tournament in 16 of his 17 seasons, including a Final Four appearance in 2003.

"Walking through here and seeing everything (on campus), it was so easy for me to get energized and to step back and realize just how fortunate and just blessed I am to have this opportunity," Barnes said. "I really want to emphasize how humbled I am to be here. I understand the great traditions that have come before me.

"I can promise you this, every day, I'll promise you this, I'm going to protect the great integrity of this university. This basketball team is going to mirror what this university stands for."

Barnes said he often made the drive from his hometown in Hickory, North Carolina, to Tennessee's campus in 1974 while courting his wife, Candy, a former Tennessee student.

"Rick brings an extremely impressive track record of excellence, as well as much-needed stability, to our men's basketball program," Hart said in earlier Tuesday in a statement. "This is an exciting day for our Tennessee family."

Texas announced his departure Sunday, saying it was a mutual decision.

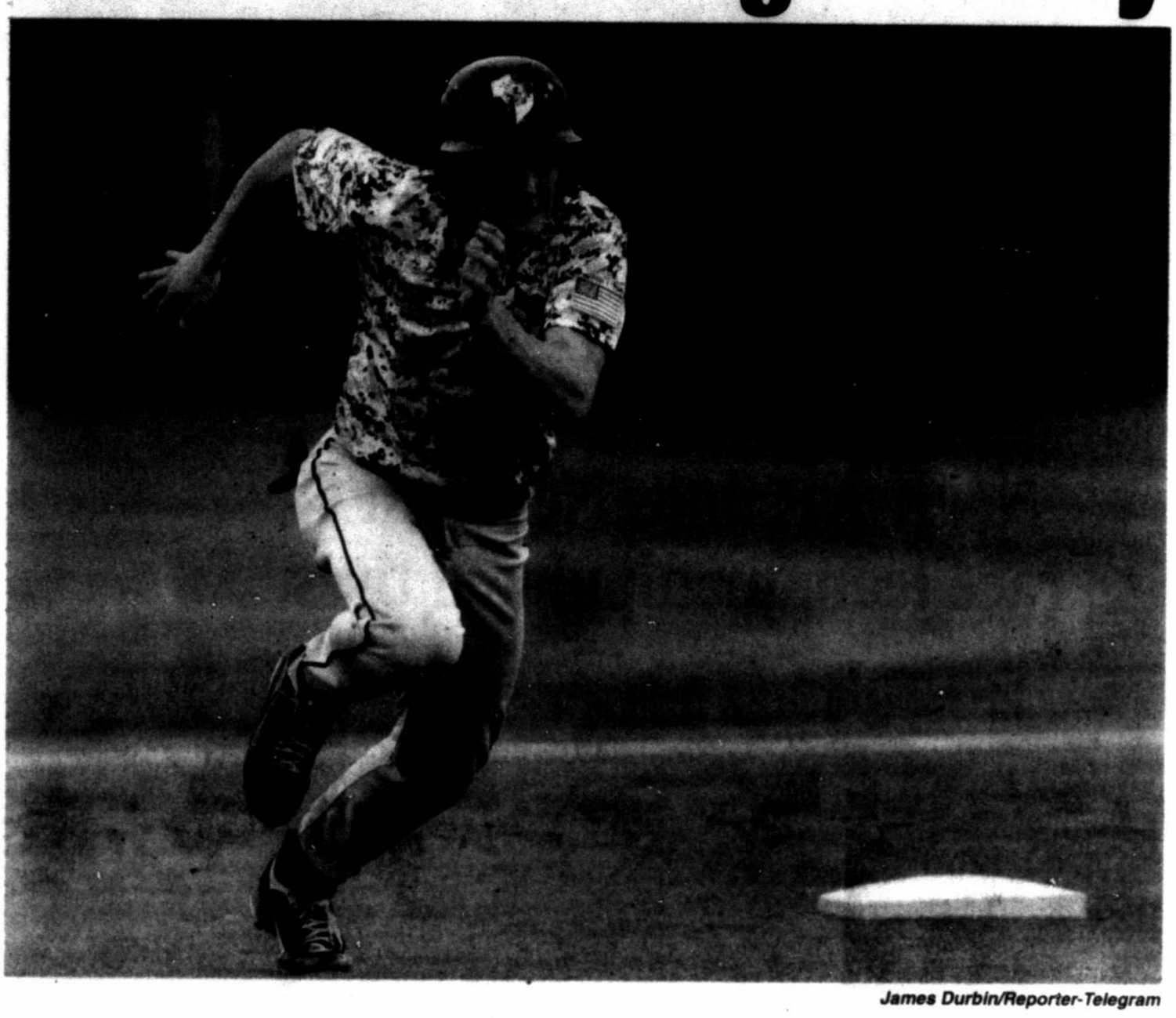
Barnes made it clear at his farewell

Please see BARNES/3C

Associated Press

Former University of Texas head basketball coach Rick Barnes addresses reporters in Knoxville, Tenn. on Tuesday after he was named head coach at the University of Tennessee. Barnes replaces Donnie Tyndall, who was fired amid an NCAA investigation of his two years at Southern Mississippi.

MCA runs through Trinity



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Midland Classical Academy's Garrett Sparks runs to third after a throwing error on an RBI base hit against Trinity on Tuesday at Christensen Stadium.

Knights put up 18 runs; Rabe makes return

By Will Korn
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Knights	18
Chargers	5

In the top of the fifth inning, MCA junior Josh Rabe made a memorable comeback. Knights coach Clete Seyle brought in the right hander in relief of Heath Gladson to pitch for the first time in well over a year.

After taking his entire sophomore season off following labrum surgery in his right shoulder, Rabe threw a quick and confident fifth inning and helped MCA (4-6, 2-0 in TAPPS 1-3A) blast Trinity, 18-5, in TAPPS 1-3A action Tuesday at Christensen Stadium. Trinity fell to 0-3 overall and 0-1 in TAPPS 1-3A with the loss.

"It was pretty intense," Rabe said when asked how he felt about taking the mound after so long. "My adrenaline was pumping insane, and I haven't felt like this in a long time."

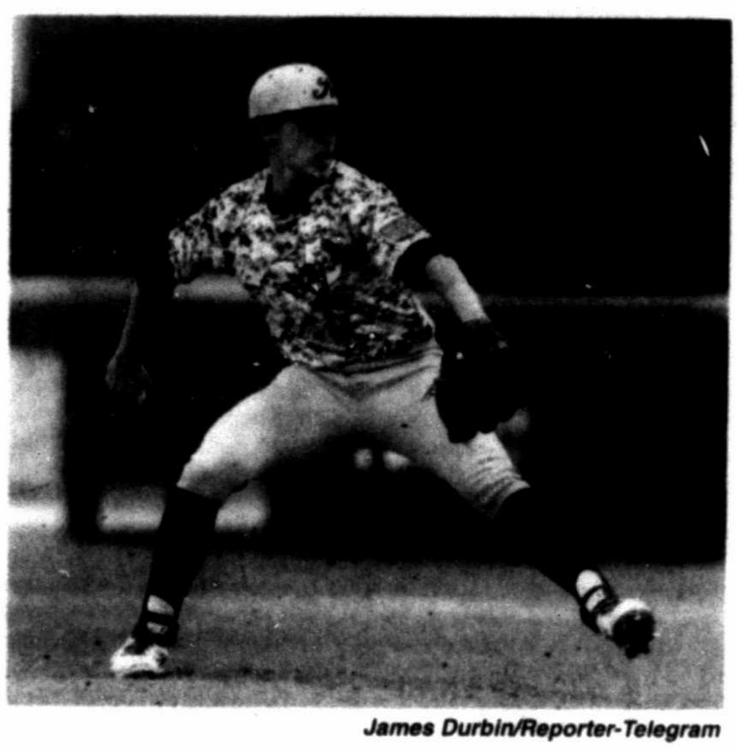
Rabe struck out the very first batter he faced, Trinity's Jacob Webb.

"I remember as a freshman striking people out, and just the power you feel after they call the strike and you just get to walk around the mound. Tonight kind of rekindled that."

Thanks to his team's 18-5 lead by the top of the fifth, Rabe pitched without fear in his one inning of relief.

The Knights jumped all over the Chargers in the first inning, as they scored nine runs, mostly courtesy of sloppy defensive play and

Please see MCA/2C



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Midland Classical Academy's Josh Raies pitches against Trinity on Tuesday at Christensen Stadium.

AP study projects average MLB salary tops $4 million

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Even before the first pitch of the 2015 season is thrown, an eye-popping baseball record will be set.

The average salary when opening-day rosters are finalized Sunday will break the $4 million benchmark for the first time, according to a study of all major league contracts by The Associated Press. Dodgers pitcher Clayton Kershaw tops players at $31 million, and Los Angeles projects to open the season with a payroll at about $270 million, easily a record.

"We're enjoying a tremendously bountiful season in baseball," said Toronto pitcher R.A. Dickey, the 2012 NL Cy Young Award winner with the New York Mets.

Fueled by the largest two-year growth in more than a decade, the average salary projects to be about $4.25 million, according to the AP study, with the final figure depending on how many players are put on the disabled list before the first pitch is thrown. That is up from $3.95 million on the first day of last season and $3.65 million when 2013 began.

"MLB's revenues have grown in recent years, with the increase in national and local broadcast rights fees being a primary contributor," said Dan Halem, MLB's chief legal officer. "It is expected that player compensation will increase as club revenues increase."

Baseball's average was about $50,000 in 1976, the last year before free agency. Back then, many players took offseason jobs to pay their bills.

Now almost all of them do their heavy lifting in gyms, not warehouses.

In a $9 billion industry propelled by ballpark luxury suites and premium tickets, regional sports networks and streaming video, more than half the major leaguers are millionaires.

The average broke the $1 million mark in 1992, topped $2 million in 2001 and reached $3 million in 2008.

By comparison, the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers has risen slightly less than fourfold since the first class of free agents started negotiations in November 1976. And the average U.S. wage in 2013, the latest figure available, was $44,888, according to the Social Security Administration, up 1.28 percent from 2012.

"It isn't just the TV deals," union head Tony Clark wrote in an email to the AP. "From the parity on the field to the fan support & business off it (including the national TV contracts), the industry has

Please see MLB/5C

Spurs stay hot in Miami, pull away from Heat for victory

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

Spurs	95
Heat	81

MIAMI — Kawhi Leonard scored 22 points, Tony Parker added 16 in his 1,000th NBA game, and the San Antonio Spurs added more steam to their playoff push by beating the Miami Heat 95-81 on Tuesday night.

Tim Duncan had 12 points and 11 rebounds for San Antonio, which went 12-3 in March — the league's second-best record during the month behind only Golden State. Boris Diaw scored 11 points.

Goran Dragic had 19 points and Dwyane Wade added 15 for Miami. Hassan Whiteside and Mario Chalmers each had 10 points, and Chris Andersen grabbed 10 rebounds.

San Antonio stayed No. 6 in the West, and could clinch a playoff berth Wednesday in Orlando.

The Heat remained in the No. 7 spot in the Eastern Conference race but now are two losses behind No. 6 Milwaukee (which also owns the tiebreaker over Miami if necessary) and only a half-game up on Brooklyn, which climbed into the No. 8 spot with a win over Indiana earlier Tuesday.

It was still a game at the half, with Miami down just 47-42. But the Spurs pulled away after the break, going up by as many as 15 in the third and then stretching it out to 21 in the fourth.

Miami closed to 85-75 on a putback by Andersen with 3:32 left, but Parker hit a floater from the right baseline on the ensuing San Antonio possession and the rally try was quickly snuffed out.

San Antonio is now two wins away from its 16th consecutive 50-win season, with eight games remaining. The last time the Spurs didn't win 50 was 1998-99, when they had a good excuse — that was only a 50-game season.

Miami started cold but scored 12 points in the final 4:16 of the opening quarter to take a 20-19 lead going into the second, the first time the Spurs trailed after the first period in seven games.

The Heat used only nine players, with their roster still depleted by illness and injury and forcing Miami into a team-record-tying

Please see SPURS/3C

Associated Press

Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade (3) can't get past San Antonio Spurs guard Manu Ginobili in the second half Tuesday in Miami. The Spurs won the game 95-81.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

WHAT'S ON TV

Beach Volleyball

Loyola Marymount at UCLA, 2 p.m., P12/P12 BAY/P12 LA

College Softball

North Carolina at Georgia, 5 p.m., SEC

Golf

ANA-Inspirational Pro-Am, 7 p.m., GOLF

High School Basketball

Girls: McDonald's All-American Game: East vs. West, 4:30 p.m., ESPNU

Boys: McDonald's All-American Game: East vs. West, 7 p.m., ESPN

MLB

St. Louis vs. NY Mets, 11 a.m., MLB

Milwaukee vs. Chic. Cubs, 2 p.m., MLB

Pittsburgh vs. Baltimore, 4 p.m., MLB

Men's College Basketball

CBI Championship, Game 2: Loyola (Chicago) at Louisiana-Monroe, 7 p.m., CBSSN

Men's Soccer

Copa Libertadores: San Lorenzo de Almagro vs. Sao Paulo, 4:30 p.m., FOXDEP

Copa Libertadores: Corinthians vs. Danubio, 8 p.m., FOXDEP

A-League: Brisbane Roar vs. Central Coast Mariners, 3 a.m., FOXSOCCP

NBA

San Antonio at Orlando, 5 p.m., FSSW+/FSSWSA

Indiana at Boston, 5:30 p.m., NBAtv

Dallas at Oklahoma City, 6 p.m., FSSW

LA Clippers at Portland, 8 p.m., NBAtv

NHL

Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m., NBCSN

Colorado at San Jose, 8:30 p.m., NBCSN

Tennis

ATP & WTA: Miami Open, 11 a.m., TENNIS

ATP & WTA: Miami Open, 5 p.m., TENNIS

WHAT'S ON DECK

JUNIOR COLLEGE BASEBALL

Midland College at NMJC, 4 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

TAPPS 1-4A Tournament, Abilene

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF BASEBALL — Suspended free agent minor league LHP Jose Mijares 50 games, following a second positive test for a drug of abuse in violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

American League

BOSTON RED SOX — Released RHP Felipe Paulino.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Released INF Rafael Furcal.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Optioned RHP Nick Tropeano to Salt Lake (PCL).

MINNESOTA TWINS — Optioned LHP Aaron Thompson to Rochester (IL).

SEATTLE MARINERS — Released and re-signed OF Endy Chavez. OF Franklin Gutierrez and LHP Joseph Saunders to minor league contracts.

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Released INF Alex Casilla.

TEXAS RANGERS — Traded INF Elliot Johnson to the Los Angeles Dodgers for cash considerations. Released RHP Jamey Wright from his minor league contract. Optioned RHP Nick Tepesch to Round Rock (PCL).

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Reassigned LHP Jeff Francis, OF Caleb Gindl and INF Jonathan Diaz to minor league camp. Optioned C Josh Thole to Buffalo (IL). Released OF Dayan Viciedo and INF Ramon Santiago.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES — Release RHP Jose Veras. Announced OF Zoilo Almonte cleared waivers and was sent outright to Gwinnett (IL).

COLORADO ROCKIES — Optioned INF Charlie Culberson to Albuquerque (PCL). Traded C Audry Perez to Baltimore for cash.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Freddy Garcia on a minor league contract. Assigned RHP Mike Adams to Oklahoma City (PCL).

MIAMI MARLINS — Released RHP Nick Masset. Reassigned INF Reid Brignac and OFs Tyler Colvin and Cole Gillespie to minor league camp.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Optioned C Juan Centeno, INF Matt Clark, INF-OF Jason Rogers and RHP Rob Wooten to Colorado Springs (PCL). Reassigned C Nevan Ashley, OF Matt Long and RHP Ariel Pena to minor league camp.

NEW YORK METS — Optioned LHP Dano Alvarez to Las Vegas (PCL).

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Placed OF Domonic Brown on the 15-day DL, retroactive to March 27.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Optioned RHPs John Holdzkom and Rob Scahill to Indianapolis (IL). Reassigned RHP Blake Wood to minor league camp.

American Association

GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Signed OF Adam Taylor. Traded C Ryan Balthesau to Bridgeport for future considerations. Released RHP Nick McCully.

GRAND PRAIRIE AIR HOGS — Signed INF Frazier Hall. INF Victor Diaz. LHP Jared Gaynor and RHP Zachary Dando.

JOPLIN BLASTERS — Released INF Tyler Pederson.

SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Signed RHP Tyler Pearson.

WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Signed RHP Rob Nixon and RHP Raul Rivera.

Can-Am League

NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Signed RHP Danny Moskovits. RHP Justin Van Grouw and INF Steve Proscia.

Frontier League

EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Signed INF Josh Allen to a contract extension. Signed INF Shayne Houck.

JOLIET SLAMMERS — Signed OF Charlie White.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS — Signed 1B Jerrud Sabourin.

TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS — Released RHP Eric Eck.

WASHINGTON WILD THINGS — Signed RHP Willie Ethington and OF Craig Masson.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NBA — Fined Los Angeles Clippers F Glen Davis $15,000 for kicking a seat cushion into the spectator stands during a March 29 game at Boston.

Women's National Basketball Association

LOS ANGELES SPARKS —Named Curt Miller assistant coach.

PHOENIX MERCURY — Re-signed F DeWanna Bonner.

USA Basketball

USAB — Named Michelle Clark-Heard assistant coach for the 2015 U.S. Pan American women's team.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed QB Chandler Harnish to a one-year contract.

BALTIMORE RAVENS — Signed QB Matt Schaub to a one-year contract.

CAROLINA PANTHERS — Signed LB Jason Trusnik to a one-year contract.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Re-signed DT Letroy Guion and DT B.J. Raji.

OAKLAND RAIDERS — Released DT Antonio Smith.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Signed WR Miles Austin to a one-year contract.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Re-signed LB Desmond Bishop to a one-year contract.

Canadian Football League

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed WR Derrick Hector.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Activated LW Matt Calvert off injured reserve. Assigned C William Karlsson to Springfield (AHL).

DALLAS STARS — Reassigned LW Curtis McKenzie and RW Brett Ritchie to Texas (AHL).

WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Signed F Travis Boyd to a two-year, entry-level contract.

American Hockey League

AHL — Suspended San Antonio D Shane O'Brien three games for an illegal check to the head of an opponent in a March 28 game at Iowa. Suspended Lehigh Valley LW Jay Rosehill three games for his actions in a March 29 game against Manchester. Suspended Norfolk LW John Kuntz one game for an interference incident in a March 28 game against Albany. Suspended Iowa LW Brett Bulmer one game for receiving a match penalty for slashing during a March 28 game against San Antonio.

HAMILTON BULLDOGS — Signed D Josiah Didier to a professional tryout contract.

ECHL

ECHL — Suspended Stockton's Garet Hunt two games and fined him an undisclosed amount for his actions in a March 29 game against Alaska.

READING ROYALS — Signed F Justin Crandall to an amateur tryout agreement. Announced F Andrew Johnston was reassigned to Lehigh Valley (AHL).

LACROSSE

National Lacrosse League

BUFFALO BANDITS — Acquired D Jamie Batson and a 2017 second-round draft pick from Rochester for F Joe Resetarits and a 2016 third-round draft pick.

COLORADO MAMMOTH — Acquired Cam Flint from Minnesota for 2016 second- and third-round draft picks.

MINNESOTA SWARM — Traded F Logan Schuss to Vancouver for F Johnny Powless.

MOTORSPORTS

NASCAR — Fined Ryan Newman's crew chief Luke Lambert $125,000 and suspended him for the next six races and placed on probation through the end of the year for manipulating the tires during a March 22 race at Auto Club Speedway in California. Suspended tire technician James Bender and engineer Philip Surgen suspended six races and placed on probation through Dec. 31. Docked Newman and car owner Richard Childress were docked 75 points each.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

MLS — Suspended Philadelphia MF Fred an additional game and fined him an undisclosed amount for violent conduct which endangered the safety of an opponent during a March 29 game against Chicago. Suspended Toronto F Luke Moore one game and fined him an undisclosed amount for serious foul play that endangered the safety of an opponent during a March 29 game against Real Salt Lake.

NEW YORK CITY FC — Signed G Eirik Johansen.

COLLEGE

ARIZONA STATE — Fired swimming coach Dorsey Tierney-Walker.

LSU — Announced sophomore F Jordan Mickey will enter the NBA draft.

MISSOURI BAPTIST — Named Matt Brock men's basketball coach.

ST. JOHN'S — Named Chris Mullaff men's basketball coach and Matt Abdelmassih men's assistant basketball coach.

TENNESSEE — Named Rick Barnes men's basketball coach.

THIEL — Named Rob Clune women's tennis coach.

UCLA — Announced redshirt senior WR Devin Lucien has left the football program.

NHL STANDINGS

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Montreal	77	47	22	8	102	203	174
x-Tampa Bay	78	47	24	7	101	250	204
Detroit	76	40	23	13	93	221	208
Boston	77	39	25	13	91	204	198
Ottawa	76	38	26	12	88	220	204
Florida	77	35	27	15	85	192	210
Toronto	77	29	42	6	64	201	245
Buffalo	76	21	47	8	50	148	255

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-N.Y. Rangers	76	48	21	7	103	231	179
Pittsburgh	76	42	23	11	95	210	190
N.Y. Islanders	77	45	27	5	95	235	215
Washington	77	42	25	10	94	227	190
Columbus	76	37	35	4	78	210	234
Philadelphia	76	30	29	17	77	198	219
New Jersey	77	31	33	13	75	170	197
Carolina	76	28	37	11	67	176	208

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Nashville	76	47	22	9	103	224	183
St. Louis	76	46	23	7	99	229	190
Chicago	76	46	24	6	98	217	176
Minnesota	76	44	25	7	95	219	188
Winnipeg	77	39	26	12	90	217	204
Dallas	77	37	30	10	84	239	246
Colorado	76	35	29	12	82	206	213

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Anaheim	78	49	22	7	105	227	216
Vancouver	77	45	27	5	95	224	208
Calgary	77	42	28	7	91	229	204
Los Angeles	76	37	25	14	88	251	192
San Jose	76	37	30	9	83	212	215
Edmonton	76	23	40	13	59	185	255
Arizona	77	23	46	8	54	161	256

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

x-clinched playoff spot

Scores

TUESDAY

Ottawa 2, Detroit 1, SO

Vancouver 5, Nashville 4, SO

Boston 3, Florida 2

Washington 4, Carolina 2

Columbus 3, New Jersey 2, OT

Toronto 3, Tampa Bay 1

N.Y. Rangers 3, Winnipeg 2

Schedule

TODAY

Toronto at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m.

Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

Edmonton at Anaheim, 7 p.m.

Colorado at San Jose, 7:30 p.m.

FISHING REPORT

ALAN HENRY: Water stained; 51-56 degrees; 9.96 feet low. Black bass are fair on Senkos, Rat-L-Traps, whitebaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs under a slip cork. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

ARROWHEAD: Water off color; 52-57 degrees; 19.6 feet low. One ramp open and few anglers have been on the lake.

COLORADO CITY: 23.15 feet low. No report available.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 51-56 degrees; 16.86 feet low. Black bass are fair on flukes, Rat-L-Traps and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and live minnows. Catfish are fair on cut bait.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 52-57 degrees; 30.5 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on drop shot rigs, Rat-L-Traps and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and live shad.

NASWORTHY: No report available.

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 51-56 degrees; 25.71 feet low. Black baits are fair on spinnerbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs under a slip cork. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

Andrews girls lead at 4-4A golf tourney

From staff reports

SEMINOLE — There won't be any suspense about which team will win the District 4-4A girls golf title this season.

Andrews Black (303-327-600) sits comfortably in first place after the second round of the District 4-4A Girls Golf Championships, which were held Tuesday at Gaines County Golf Course.

Andrews Black holds a 90-stroke lead over second-place Seminole A (351-339-690).

Third-place Andrews Gold (353-346-699) and fourth-place Monahans (360-350-710) remain in contention for the coveted runner-up spot, an automatic qualifier for the Region I-4A Championships in Lubbock on April 13-14.

Kalli Jennings, of Andrews Black, leads the individual field after shooting 69-70-139 through two rounds. Hailey Burgen, Jennings' teammate, is second with a scorecard of 74-72-146.

The Andrews Black squad boasts four of the tournament's top six medalists.

Greenwood's Ryan Pate is currently in position to earn one of the tournament's regional berths that are extended to the best two golfers not associated with a qualifying team. Pate scored 82-75-157, ranking her fifth among medalists and second among golfers on non-qualifiers.

Gabi Cano, of Monahans A, is also in position to earn an individual berth, sitting in third-place with a scorecard of 154.

The District 4-4A tournament concludes on April 6 at Andrews County Golf Course.

DISTRICT 4-4A GIRLS GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

Round 1: March 23, Reeves County GC, Pecos

Round 2: Tuesday, Gaines County GC, Seminole

Round 3: April 6, Andrews County GC, Andrews

Results through two of three rounds

Team standings — 1. Andrews Black — 303-297-600; 2. Seminole A — 351-339-690; 3. Andrews Gold — 353-346-699; 4. Monahans A — 360-350-710; 5. Greenwood A — 375-360-735; 6. Pecos A — 395-382-777; 7. Seminole B — 407-389-796; 8. Monahans B — 398-404-802; 9. Fort Stockton A — 429-393-822; 10. Greenwood B — 520-478-998.

Medalist standings — 1. Kalli Jennings, Andrews Black, 69-70-139; 2. Hailey Burgen, Andrews Black, 74-72-146; 3. Gabi Cano, Monahans A, 78-76-154; 4. Libby Wallnder, Andrews Black, 80-75-155; 5. Ryan Pate, Greenwood A, 82-75-157; 6. Lexi Lopez, Andrews Black, 82-80-162; 7. Lauren Franco, Seminole A, 82-81-163; 8. Janet Froese, Seminole A, 81-83-164; 9. Rachel Huffman, Andrews, 86-78-165; 10. Madee McAllister, Andrews Black, 80-86-166.

Team results

Andrews Black (303-297-600) — Kalli Jennings 69-70-139; Hailey Burgen 74-72-146; Libby Wallnder 80-75-155; Lexi Lopez 82-80-162; Madee McAllister 80-86-166.

Seminole A (351-339-690) — Lauren Franco 82-81-163; Janet Froese 81-83-164; Ellen Froese 81-83-164; Alyssa Garcia 87-81-168; Haylee Everitt 95-94-189.

Andrews Gold (353-346-699) — Katelynn Sewell 89-80-169; Mikala Hughes 87-86-173; Savannah Pinson 89-85-174; Kristin McDonald 88-95-183; Kinee McAllister 92-96-188.

Monahans A (360-350-710) — Gabi Cano 78-76-154; Sydney Lowry 84-83-177; Jordan Strickland 94-87-181; Sommer Hummel 94-94-188; Amanda Brandenburg 104-95-199.

Greenwood A (375-360-735) — Ryan Pate 82-75-157; Haley Wood 91-91-182; Erin Roye 96-100-196; Marina Candelaria 106-94-200; Jordan Shoults 108-11-219.

Pecos A (395-382-777) — Abishag Porras, 88-96-184; Valerie Matta 96-93-189; Guadalupe Alaniz 109-91-200; Natalia Romo 102-102-204; Monica Flores 115-122-237.

Seminole B (407-389-796) — Lacy Jackson 103-92-195; Aryssa Nichols 106-91-197; Juliana Klassen 105-99-204; Mallorie Duncan 103-108-211; Kayla Dell-Kenio 109-107-216.

Monahans B (398-404-802) — Arylin Mena 97-104-201; Caitlyne Bolin 102-100-202; Ramsie Gilliam 108-96-204; McKylie Irons 105-104-209; Allyson McDaniel 133-127-260.

Fort Stockton A (429-393-822) — Lexie Luera 86-90-176; Suzy Meikus 104-93-197; Kendall Lopez 103-102-205; Rebecca Rodriguez 121-108-229; Nia Lopez 119-111-230.

Greenwood B (520-478-998) — Crosby Cobb 112-117-229; Hayleigh Kitto 123-110-233; Rachel Barner 134-126-260; Regan Wood 151-125-276.

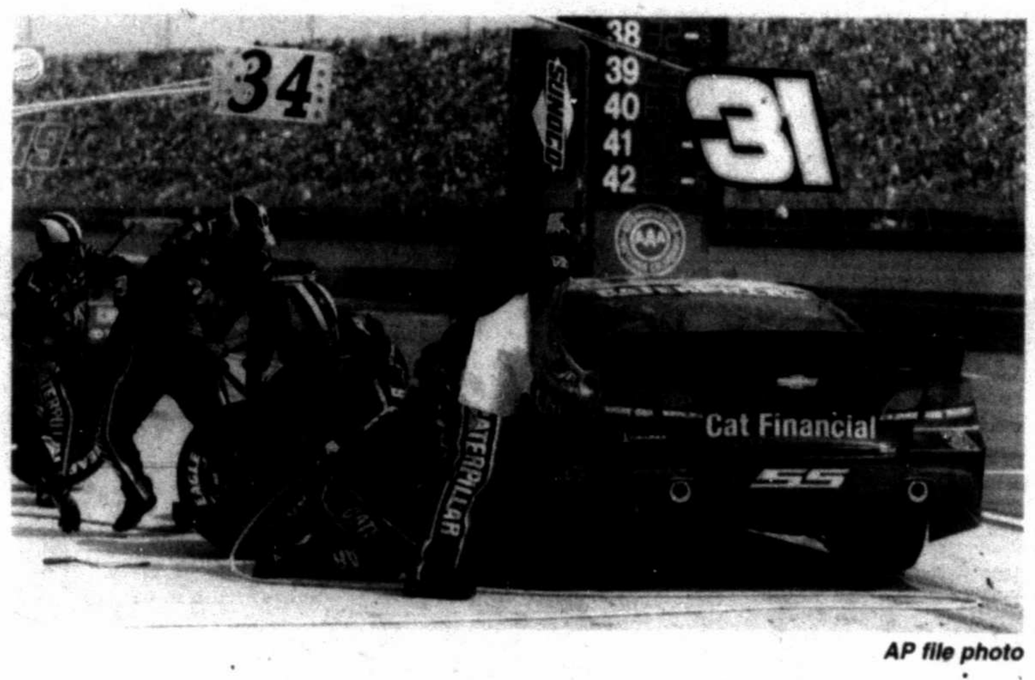
Individual medalists

Andrews — Rachel Huffman 86-79-165; Mag Lopez 86-87-173; Bailey McCarver 85-95-180.

Fort Stockton — Kimberly Leyva 125-137-262; Elizabeth Garrison 140-139-279.

Pecos — Caleigh Hinojos 125-103-228; Esmeralda Cano 112-NS-NS.

Seminole — Jordan Allen 127-111-238; Reghna Correstt 122-118-240.



AP file photo

Ryan Newman's team change tires and refuel during a pit stop in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race in Fontana, Calif., on March 22. NASCAR found Newman's team manipulated tires at the race, leading to points reductions, a suspension for crew chief Luke Lambert and hefty fines Tuesday.

NASCAR finds Newman's race team manipulated tires

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — NASCAR levied harsh penalties against Ryan Newman's race team Tuesday after determining Richard Childress Racing manipulated the tires Newman used at Auto Club Speedway in California.

There had been rampant speculation throughout the Sprint Cup garage that teams were drilling tiny holes in their tires to allow air to escape during a race. The process is known as "bleeding tires" and NASCAR last week at Martinsville Speedway warned crew chiefs about the penalties that would be levied against any team caught.

Newman was one of four drivers to have his tires taken by NASCAR after the March 22 race at Fontana. The tires were sent for an independent inspection, and NASCAR said Tuesday that Newman's tires were found to have violated a rule that "bars any modifications to the tire or wheel, including the valve stem hardware, that is used to release pressure."

As a result, crew chief Luke Lambert was fined $125,000 and suspended for the next six races. The suspension also includes the All-Star race in May. Lambert was also placed on probation through the end of the year.

Tire technician James Bender and engineer Philip Surgen were also suspended six races and placed on probation through Dec. 31.

Newman and car owner Childress were docked 75 points each. The penalty dropped Newman, runner-up to Kevin Harvick in last year's championship finale, from sixth to 27th in the standings.

"NASCAR takes very seriously its responsibility to govern and regulate the rules of the sport in order to ensure competitive balance," said Steve O'Donnell, NASCAR executive vice president. "We've been very clear that any modifications to race vehicle tires is an unacceptable practice and will not be tolerated."

Torrey Galida, President of Richard Childress Racing, said the team was awaiting more information from NASCAR before deciding how to proceed.

"We understand the seriousness of the penalty. In fact, RCR has been one of the most outspoken opponents against 'tire bleeding' since the rumors began to surface last season," Galida said in a statement. "Once NASCAR provides us with the specific details of the infraction we will conduct a further internal investigation, and evaluate our options for an appeal."

NASCAR has been periodically doing random checks of tires since late last season, when rumors surfaced that Harvick's team was bleeding tires to gain an edge. Harvick went on to win the championship, and NASCAR never revealed any infractions regarding the tires for Harvick or anyone else.

NASCAR then seized the tires of Harvick and Joey Logano following Harvick's win at Phoenix earlier this month. Both drivers cleared inspection with no issues.

But NASCAR then took the tires for Harvick, his Stewart-Haas Racing teammate Kurt Busch, and RCR drivers Newman and Paul Menard after California. The tires were first inspected at NASCAR's R&D Center, then sent to an independent facility for testing.

As the garage area awaited the results, drivers and crew chiefs finally began talking about the issue in the open.

"There's a lot of talk, there's a lot of dialogue, there's a lot of rumors in the garage," said Jeff Gordon crew chief Alan Gustafson. "So yeah, I think some people think something is going on."

Although much of the speculation had surrounded Harvick's team, his tires have passed at least two inspections this season. The reigning series champion tweeted a link to the penalties against RCR within moments of it being announced.

There's a thought in the sport, though, that tampering with tires should lead to the harshest penalties possible.

Team owner Roger Penske said he told his teams they better not manipulate the tires — something he considers taboo.

"That's one of the conditions, you talk about fuel, you talk about engine (being) oversized, you talk about fooling around with the tires — I would assume that's pretty much they kick you out (of NASCAR)," Penske said.

MCA

From 1C

decision making by Trinity. MCA only recorded three hits, two of them of the infield-single variety, off of Jacob Webb. But four errors in the first dug the Chargers too deep of a hole too early.

"Everything after the first inning went pretty well," Trinity coach Hank Cunningham said. "Errors, errors, errors and compounding errors. We have to cut that down, go back to work and try to figure it out somehow."

MCA continued to thicken its lead and scored seven more runs over the next two innings to take a 16-3 advantage. Seyle was impressed with how his team continued to play, even with a big lead.

"Pleased to see that," Seyle said. "I told them (the MCA players) before the game, obviously, to go out and take care of business. So I felt like they made a good step in that direction."

Trinity responded with two runs in the bottom half of the third to cut MCA's lead to 16-5. But the Chargers wouldn't get any closer than that. MCA relief pitchers fanned four of Trinity's eight batters over the rest of the game and allowed just two soft hits.

Overall, all nine of MCA's starting players either reached base or collected a hit. Miciah Avampato led the Knights with a 2-for-3 night at the plate. He drove in two runs and drew a walk. Max Sivalls went 3-for-4 with an RBI.

Josh Raies got the start for MCA and took the winning decision. He allowed five runs, four earned, on five hits in 2 2/3 innings pitched. He struck out one and walked two.

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MCA 16, TRINITY 5 (5 INNINGS)

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Trinity	302	00	—	5 6 5

Josh Raies, Heath Gladson (3) and Josh Rabe (5) and Garrett Sparks, Jacob Webb and Will Brown (5) and Boomer Selvera. W — Raies. L — Webb. 2B — MCA: Heath Gladson; Trinity: Will Brown, Daniel Webb, Robb. 3B — Trinity: Brack Foreman. Records: MCA 4-6, 2-0; Trinity 0-3, 0-1.

Next game: Abilene Christian at MCA, 6 p.m. Thursday; Trinity at Velarde, 10 a.m. Friday.

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Stewart, Loyd top AP women's All-America team

By Doug Feinberg
Associated Press

Breanna Stewart is among the best players in women's basketball, and she never takes it for granted.

Connecticut's star junior earned All-America honors from The Associated Press for the second straight season Tuesday. She was a unanimous choice for the second consecutive year.

"It means a lot because it means each season you've gotten better and been productive on the court," Stewart said.

Notre Dame's Jewell Loyd was also on all 35 ballots selected by the national media panel that votes in the weekly Top 25. It's the eighth straight season with at least one unanimous choice. Voting was done before the NCAA tournament.

The two juniors are joined on the first team by South Carolina's Tiffany Mitchell, Baylor's Nina Davis and Minnesota's Amanda Zahui B.

"We've grown up with each other, whether it's been AAU or McDonalds or USA, we've seen each other and we have that sense of familiarity with each other," Stewart said. "Even now, when we play against each other, I think we have a huge sense of respect for one another."

This is only the second time since the AP started honoring All-Americans in 1996 there were no seniors on the team.

Loyd is the latest in a line of Notre Dame standouts.

"It's great to be listed alongside those former Irish greats," said Loyd, who earned the same honor as former teammates Skylar Diggins and Kayla McBride. "Pretty much for me, it was watching Sky and learning from her and watching Natalie Achonwa and learning from her. Seeing how hard they work helped make me better."

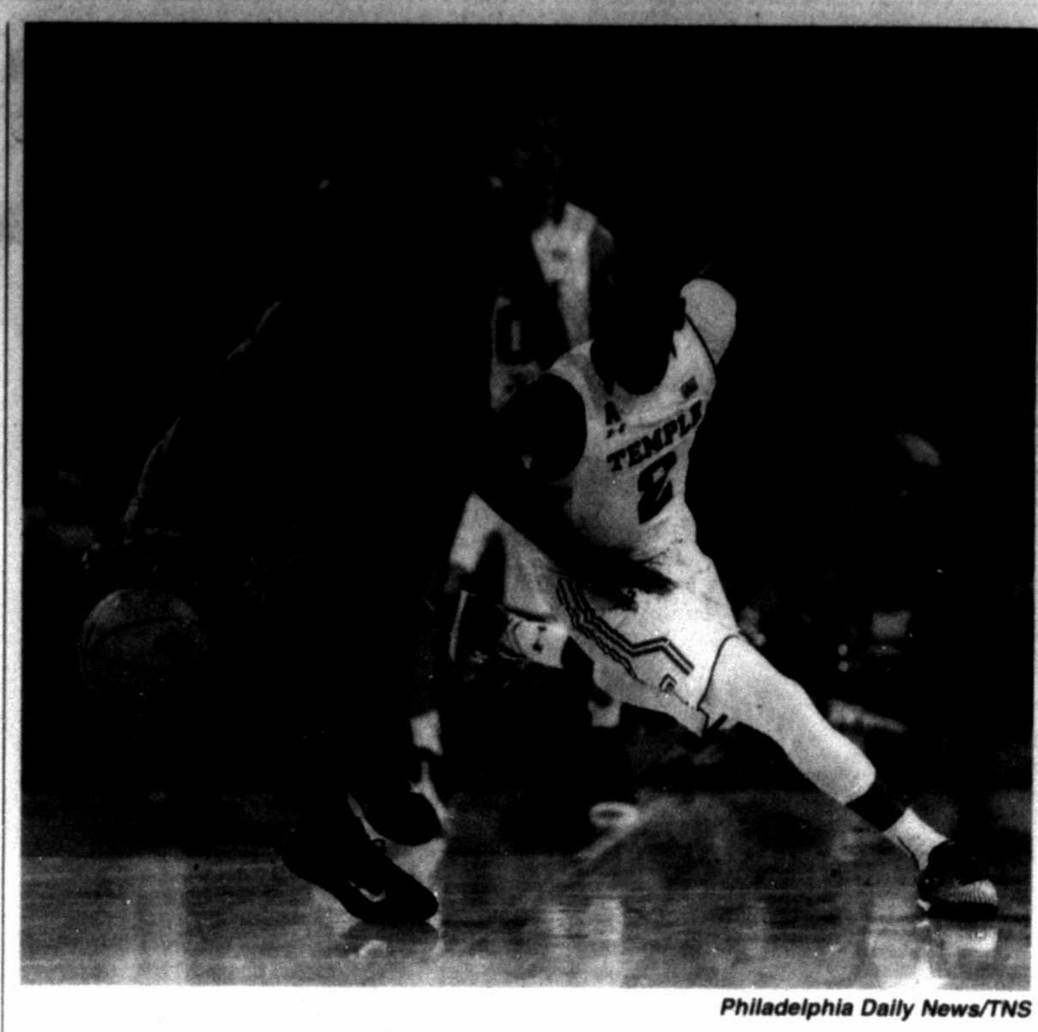
The Irish's star guard averaged 20.1 points this season.

Davis gave Baylor a first-team All-America player for the fifth straight season, joining former Lady Bears Brittney Griner and Odyssey Sims. The sophomore forward averaged 20.9 points and 8.2 rebounds this season.

"Growing up in high school, you watched the great players like Odyssey Sims, and you watched the Brittney Griners, and I can't say that I ever imagined that I would be, my name would even be in conversation with theirs, and just to be able to be a sophomore and to be able to be an All-American is just a blessing," Davis said.

While UConn, Notre Dame and Baylor have dominated the All-America teams the past few seasons, Mitchell became the first South Carolina player ever to earn that accolade. The junior guard averaged 14.3 points to help South Carolina win the SEC regular season and conference tournament titles.

"I think you have to start with one and I'm glad it's someone like Tiffany Mitchell who puts the work in," Gamecocks coach Dawn Staley said.



Philadelphia Daily News/TNS

Temple's Will Cummings, right, tries to steal the ball against Miami's Sheldon McClellan during the second half in the NIT semifinals at Madison Square Garden in New York on Tuesday. Miami advanced after winning 60-57 and will face Stanford, who downed Old Dominion 67-60 on Tuesday, in the final Thursday.

NIT ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MIAMI 60
TEMPLE 57

NEW YORK — Sheldon McClellan scored 12 of his 16 points in the second half, and short-handed Miami rallied to beat Temple 60-57 on Tuesday to reach the NIT championship game.

Already without point guard Angel Rodriguez, the Hurricanes lost center Tonye Jekiri to a concussion early on and trailed by 11 late in the first half.

The Owls' Quenton DeCosey was off on a potential tying 3-pointer at the buzzer as they went 0 for 15 from beyond the arc in the second half. The Hurricanes held Temple to 22.5 percent shooting overall after halftime.

After missing six of his first eight shots, McClellan hit two 3s in a row with about 8 minutes left to put Miami in front for good.

Owls freshman Obi Enechionyia set career highs with 17 points and five blocks. But leading scorer Will Cummings, who had averaged 22 points in the NIT, shot just 3 for 15.

Rodriguez missed his third straight game because of a nagging wrist injury. Jekiri, who scored two early baskets, was inadvertently struck in the face just over six minutes in and did not return. The two had combined to average more than 20 points per game.

Miami faces Stanford on Thursday, seeking its first NIT title. The Owls were the top seed in the NIT as the first team left out of the NCAA Tournament.

STANFORD 67
OLD DOMINION 60

NEW YORK — Chasson Randle had 24 points to become Stanford's all-time leading scorer and carry the Cardinal to a 67-60 victory over Old Dominion in the NIT semifinals Tuesday.

Stanford blew a 21-point first-half lead but rallied behind its senior star, who played through foul trouble to make a string of big second-half shots.

Randle came in needing 11 points to break Todd Lichti's record and has 2,350 for his career.

The Cardinal led 15-0 when Old Dominion finally scored its first points nearly five minutes in and were up 25-4 midway through the first half. But the deficit was just six at halftime after Richard Ross' dunk with six seconds left.

The Monarchs (27-8) took their first lead on Ross' layup with just over 11 minutes left. But a steal and a dunk in transition by Marcus Allen with less than eight minutes to go put Stanford up for good.

The Cardinal (23-13) face Miami in Thursday's NIT championship game.

Barnes

From 1C

news conference that he was fired and that he told Texas athletic director Steve Patterson he wanted to stay. Barnes said he was given the choice of firing his staff or being fired himself.

The 60-year-old Barnes is 604-314 in 28 seasons, overall with stops at George Mason, Providence and Clemson. He has reached the NCAA Tournament in 19 of his last 20 seasons.

Hart said he fired Tyndall for cause after determining the NCAA would likely find the coach committed major violations while at Southern Mississippi from 2012-14. Tyndall went 16-16 in his lone season at Tennessee.

Although Barnes' only Southeastern Conference experience came during a brief stint as an Alabama assistant in 1985-86, Barnes has some familiarity with the area. He grew up about 200 miles east of Tennessee's Knoxville campus.

"I know what the University of Tennessee and the great fan base here is about," Barnes said. "I know that. When people talk about Rocky Top, I know what they're talking about."

Barnes takes over a Tennessee program that has gone at least as far as the NCAA regional semifinals four of the last nine seasons despite encountering plenty of recent coaching turnover.

Bruce Pearl was fired in 2011 amid an NCAA investigation after leading Tennessee to NCAA Tournament appearances in each of his six seasons. Pearl was replaced by Cuonzo Martin, who left for California after earning one NCAA invitation and two spots in the NIT in his three seasons. Tyndall took over for Martin.

Barnes' 402 wins at Texas were the most in school history. He led Texas to the Sweet 16 five times, one Final Four and three trips to the regional finals.

NCAA TOURNAMENTS GLANCE

NCAA Women's Tournament

ALBANY REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At Albany, N.Y.
Saturday, March 28
UConn 105, Texas 54
Dayton 82, Louisville 66

Regional Championship
Monday, March 30
UConn 91, Dayton 70

SPOKANE REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At Spokane, Wash.
Saturday, March 28
Maryland 65, Duke 55
Tennessee 78, Gonzaga 69, OT

Regional Championship
Monday, March 30
Maryland 58, Tennessee 48

OKLAHOMA CITY REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At Oklahoma City
Friday, March 27
Baylor 81, Iowa 66
Notre Dame 81, Stanford 60

Regional Championship
Sunday, March 29
Notre Dame 77, Baylor 68

GREENSBORO REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
At Greensboro, N.C.
Friday, March 27
South Carolina 87, North Carolina 65
Florida State 86, Arizona State 65

Regional Championship
Sunday, March 29
South Carolina 80, Florida State 74

FINAL FOUR
At Tampa, Fla.
National Semifinals
Sunday, April 5
Notre Dame (35-2) vs. South Carolina (34-2), 5:30 p.m.
UConn (36-1) vs. Maryland (34-2), 8:30 p.m.

National Championship
Tuesday, April 7
Semifinal winners, 7:30 p.m.

NCAA Men's Tournament

EAST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 27
Louisville 75, N.C. State 65
Michigan State 62, Oklahoma 58

Regional Championship
Sunday, March 29
Michigan State 76, Louisville 70, OT

SOUTH REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 27
Gonzaga 74, UCLA 62
Duke 63, Utah 57

Regional Championship
Sunday, March 29
Duke 66, Gonzaga 52

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 26
Notre Dame 81, Wichita State 70
Kentucky 78, West Virginia 39

Regional Championship
Saturday, March 28
Kentucky 68, Notre Dame 66

WEST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 26
Wisconsin 79, North Carolina 72
Arizona 68, Xavier 60

Regional Championship
Saturday, March 28
Wisconsin 85, Arizona 78

FINAL FOUR
At Lucas Oil Stadium
Indianapolis
National Semifinals
Saturday, April 4
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

Spurs

From 1C

30th starting lineup of the season. Whiteside returned after missing three games with a hand laceration and, wearing a brace of sorts to protect the still-healing wound, shot 5 for 7.

Tip-Ins

Spurs: Parker is now the second player in Spurs history with 1,000 regular-season appearances, behind Duncan (1,323). Among those in the 1,000-NBA-game club, Parker has the highest career winning percentage — .718, just ahead of Duncan (.714). ... Duncan needed the ring finger on his right hand taped after the third quarter, but returned for part of the fourth. ... Manu Ginobili had plenty of Argentinian-flag-waving fans, some chanting "Ole!"

Heat: The Heat lost for only their second time in their last 10 home games, and now are back under .500 in Miami this season (18-19). ... Chalmers beat the halftime buzzer with a 53-foot heave. ... Udonis Haslem (flu), Shabazz Napier (hip) and Luol Deng (knee) were sidelined. ... The Heat haven't led by more than two points in any of their last three home games against the Spurs, going back to last year's NBA Finals.

Rollings Spurs

Since losing to the Knicks eight games ago, the Spurs have been rolling. Out of 384 game minutes since that defeat, the Spurs have led for 334 minutes and 11 seconds — 87 percent of the time. They've trailed for 35:14 (9.2 percent) and been tied for 14:35 (3.8 percent). On Tuesday, they led for 44:21, trailing for only 1:20.

Cold heat

Miami went 6:34 without a field goal to open the game, its longest such stretch of the Wade era in Miami. Before Tuesday, the longest drought on that list was 5:35 against Dallas on Dec. 11, 2009.

Up next

Spurs: At Orlando today.

Heat: At Cleveland on Thursday.

NBA ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

PISTONS 105
HAWKS 95

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Andre Drummond had 22 points and 13 rebounds, powering Detroit to the victory.

Anthony Tolliver had 13 points and 10 rebounds for the Pistons (29-45), who have won five of six. Reggie Jackson collected 12 points and 11 assists despite being limited to four-minute stints in each of the last three quarters by an illness.

Tolliver made his eighth consecutive start in place of Greg Monroe, who is out with a right knee injury.

Thabo Sefolosha scored 19 points for Atlanta, while Al Horford had 16 on 8-of-11 shooting.

NETS 111
PACERS 106

NEW YORK — Brook Lopez had 24 points and 11 rebounds, and the Brooklyn Nets reclaimed sole possession of eighth place in the Eastern Conference by beating the Indiana Pacers 111-106 on Tuesday night for their season-high fourth straight victory.

The Nets moved back ahead of Boston and dealt a blow to the Pacers, who fell 1 1/2 games behind Brooklyn. They will visit the Celtics on Wednesday.

Joe Johnson added 21 points, including five straight after the Pacers got within three with about 2 minutes left. Alan Anderson scored 20.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
xy-Toronto	44	30	.595	
Brooklyn	33	40	.452	10½
Boston	33	41	.446	11
Philadelphia	18	57	.240	26
New York	14	60	.189	30

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Atlanta	56	18	.757	
x-Washington	41	33	.554	14
Miami	34	40	.459	21
Charlotte	31	42	.425	23½
Orlando	22	52	.297	33

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Cleveland	48	27	.640	
x-Chicago	45	29	.608	2
Milwaukee	36	38	.486	11
Indiana	32	42	.432	15
Detroit	29	45	.392	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Memphis	51	24	.680	
x-Houston	50	24	.676	
San Antonio	48	26	.649	2
Dallas	41	29	.608	5
New Orleans	39	34	.534	9½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Portland	48	25	.658	
Oklahoma City	42	32	.568	6
Utah	33	41	.446	15
Denver	28	46	.378	20
Minnesota	16	58	.216	32

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Golden State	60	13	.822	
x-L.A. Clippers	49	25	.662	11
Phoenix	38	36	.514	22
Sacramento	28	47	.356	34
L.A. Lakers	20	53	.274	40

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

Scores

TUESDAY

Detroit 105, Atlanta 95
Brooklyn 111, Indiana 106
San Antonio 95, Miami 81
Golden State at L.A. Clippers, late

Box scores

SPURS 95, HEAT 81

SAN ANTONIO (95): Leonard 8-13 5-6 22, Duncan 5-10 2-2 12, Splitter 3-6 1-2 7, Parker 7-12 2-2 16, Green 1-3 0-1 3, Ginobili 1-4 0-0 2, Diaw 5-12 0-0 11, Mills 0-0 0-0 0, Baynes 0-0 0-0 0, Joseph 2-5 3-4 7, Belinelli 2-6 0-0 6, Bonner 2-2 0-0 6, Williams 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 37-74 13-17 95.

MIAMI (81): Ennis 2-7 2-2 7, Walker 1-3 0-0 2, Andersen 2-8 0-0 4, G.Dragic 6-14 6-6 19, Wade 6-20 2-2 15, Chalmers 4-7 0-0 10, Whiteside 5-7 0-0 10, Johnson 3-7 2-2 8, Beasley 3-6 0-0 6, Z.Dragic 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-79 12-12 81.

San Antonio	19	28	34	24	— 95
Miami	20	22	18	21	— 81

3-Point Goals—San Antonio 8-18 (Bonner 2-2, Belinelli 2-4, Williams 1-1, Leonard 1-3, Green 1-3, Diaw 1-3, Ginobili 0-1, Duncan 0-1, Parker 0-1), Miami 5-15 (Chalmers 2-2, Wade 1-3, G.Dragic 1-3, Ennis 1-4, Johnson 0-1, Walker 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—San Antonio 49 (Duncan 11), Miami 39 (Andersen 10). Assists—San Antonio 21 (Parker 5), Miami 11 (Chalmers, G.Dragic 3). Total Fouls—San Antonio 19, Miami 21. Technicals—Beasley, A. 20,047 (19,600).

PISTONS 105, HAWKS 95

ATLANTA (95): Carroll 5-17 0-0 12, Millsap 7-17 2-3 4, Horford 6-12 0-0 16, Teague 4-7 0-0 9, Korver 4-7 0-0 11, Mack 6-9 0-0 12, Antic 0-7 0-0 0, Sefolosha 7-14 3-3 19, Bazemore 2-6 2-2 6, Muscala 1-2 2-2 5, Dave 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 43-84 9-10 95.

DETROIT (105): Butler 2-6 0-0 5, Stuckey 4-9 2-3 13, Drummond 8-16 7-12 23, Jackson 5-9 2-2 12, Caldwell-Pope 7-16 1-1 16, Meeks 1-6 0-0 2, Dinwiddie 0-0 0-0 0, Williams 0-4 2-2 2, Anthony 2-6 1-5, Prince 4-9 3-3 9, Lucas III 2-7 1-2 5. Totals 41-83 17-27 105.

Atlanta	28	22	22	23	— 95
Detroit	33	19	24	29	— 105

3-Point Goals—Atlanta 8-25 (Korver 3-4, Sefolosha 2-3, Dave 1-1, Teague 1-2, Bazemore 1-4, Muscala 0-1, Carroll 0-1, Millsap 0-2, Mack 0-2, Antic 0-3), Detroit 10-29 (Stuckey 3-7, Caldwell-Pope 3-9, Jackson 2-3, Prince 1-1, Butler 1-3, Lucas III 0-3, Meeks 0-1, Williams 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 51 (Muscala 13), Detroit 43 (Drummond 13). Assists—Atlanta 25 (Mack 5), Detroit 26 (Jackson 11). Total Fouls—Atlanta 14, Detroit 14. Technicals—Butler, A. 14,242 (22,076).

NETS 111, PACERS 106

INDIANA (106): S.Hill 3-7 0-0 8, West 4-10 6-7 14, Hibbert 3-11 1-1 7, G.Hill 10-17 4-5 28, Mahinmi 1-1 0-0 2, Stuckey 1-8 1-2 4, Mahinmi 1-1 0-0 2, Scola 4-10 5-5 13, Rudez 5-6 0-0 12, Allen 2-7 0-0 4, Watson 4-5 3-4 13. Totals 37-82 20-24 106.

BROOKLYN (111): Johnson 6-13 6-6 21, Young 4-11 3-3 12, Lopez 11-17 2-2 24, Williams 4-6 2-3 11, Brown 3-8 2-4 10, Anderson 7-11 3-3 20, Jack 4-11 5-6 13, Plumlee 1-2 2-4 4, Clark 0-1 0-0 0, Boggioni 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-80 22-28 111.

Indiana	15	39	25	27	— 106
Brooklyn	33	24	27	27	— 111

3-Point Goals—Indiana 12-23 (G.Hill 4-6, S.Hill 3-5, Rudez 2-2, Watson 2-3, Stuckey 1-3, Hibbert 0-1, Scola 0-1), Brooklyn 9-18 (Anderson 3-4, Johnson 3-6, Brown 2-4, Williams 1-1, Young 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Indiana 48 (Scola 9), Brooklyn 47 (Lopez 11). Assists—Indiana 23 (West, Watson 6), Brooklyn 25 (Williams 8). Total Fouls—Indiana 22, Brooklyn 23. Technicals—Indiana Coach Vogel, Brooklyn defensive three second. A—16,756 (17,732).

Schedule

TODAY

Philadelphia at Washington, 6 p.m.
San Antonio at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Indiana at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Brooklyn at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Houston, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Denver at Utah, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Portland, 9 p.m.
New Orleans at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Djokovic beats Dolgopolov at Miami Open; Murray gets 500th win

By Steven Wine
Associated Press

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — Novak Djokovic rallied from a set and a break down Tuesday to beat Alexandr Dolgopolov 6-7 (3), 7-5, 6-0 in the fourth round of the Miami Open.

Dolgopolov led 4-1 in the second set before the No. 1-ranked Djokovic mounted a comeback to remain in contention for his fifth Key Biscayne title.

After the second set, Dolgopolov received treatment from a trainer, who bandaged the soles of both feet. Dolgopolov moved poorly after that and won only three of 27 points in the final set.

As Djokovic fell behind in the first set, he busted a racket in anger, drew jeers from the crowd and was cited for two code violations, which cost him a point penalty. But he won a succession of long exchanges late in the second set that allowed him to pull even with Dolgopolov.

"The first set and a half, he was dominating from the baseline," Djokovic said. "I was frustrated and nervous and wasn't showing composure on the court."

Andy Murray became the ninth active man to win 500 matches by beating Kevin Anderson 6-4, 3-6, 6-3. Murray, who improved to 500-155, is the 46th man to reach the milestone during the Open Era, and the first from Britain.

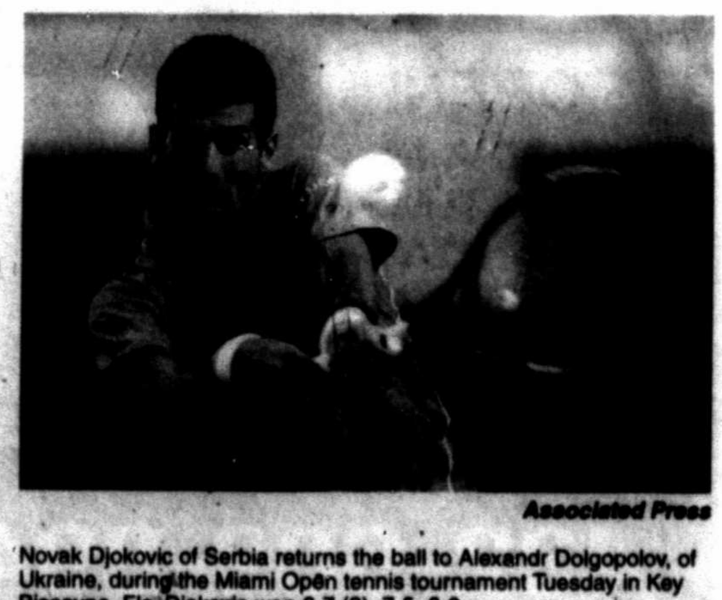
"I don't know why, but getting to 500 gives me motivation to go on and try and win more," Murray said. "I hope I've still got a lot more wins in me."

The No. 3-seeded Murray, who won the Key Biscayne title in 2009 and 2013, was presented with a cake in a postmatch ceremony. He next plays unseeded Dominic Thiem of Austria, who beat No. 28 Adrian Mannarino 7-6 (5), 4-6, 7-5.

Djokovic next plays No. 6 David Ferrer, who beat No. 12 Gilles Simon 7-6 (5), 6-0. No. 4 Kei Nishikori, who has lost 10 games in his three matches, eliminated No. 18 David Goffin 6-1, 6-2.

No. 8 Tomas Berdych advanced when No. 17 Gael Monfils fell and hurt his hip. Berdych was leading 6-3, 3-2 when Monfils retired.

Monfils, seeded 17th, said he bruised his hip.



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Novak Djokovic of Serbia returns the ball to Alexandr Dolgopolov, of Ukraine, during the Miami Open tennis tournament Tuesday in Key Biscayne, Fla. Djokovic won 6-7 (3), 7-5, 6-0.

Lydia Ko rolling toward history on LPGA Tour

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

The pressure from playing in the first major of the year is clearly getting to Lydia Ko.

The 17-year-old sensation already is the youngest golfer, male or female, to be ranked No. 1. She has finished in the top 10 in her last 10 starts on the LPGA Tour, including two victories. She has broken par in 28 consecutive rounds, one short of the record set by Annika Sorenstam in 2004.

As she made her way around Mission Hills for her first practice round at the ANA Inspiration, swing coach David Leadbetter heard a peculiar sound from his teenage pupil.

She was humming a children's song.

"The wheels on the train go 'round and 'round," Leadbetter said Tuesday, laughing at the latest example that Ko is not bothered by much in life and in golf.

The song she chose was not lost on him, either.

The train keeps chugging along, all the parts moving in beautiful rhythm, no evidence that it's about to jump the tracks. More than an efficient swing is a clear mind that makes Leadbetter forget she is still 17.

Ko has such an even temperament that when Leadbetter saw her Monday morning for a practice round, the first thing Ko told him was how great it was that Cristie Kerr won the Kia Classic the day before. In the final event before the first major of the year, Kerr and Ko were tied for the lead midway through the back nine when Ko stopped making birdie putts. She didn't mention that part.

"Most players would be complaining about how they should have holed a couple of more putts," Leadbetter said. "She's different. Every other player I've known or have observed has this intensity. She's intense, but she also has a humble side. She doesn't lose her head. I told her, 'You can't be this calm. Go throw a ball in the pond.'"

That's what led Leadbetter to jokingly say, "We sent her to anger management school so she could learn how to get angry."

Then again, there hasn't been much to get under Ko's skin.

She has yet to miss the cut in her 48 events on the LPGA Tour. That includes 15 starts as an amateur, and she won two of them, both at the Canadian Women's Open.

Ko is a combined 90 under par during her streak of sub-par rounds that dates to the final round of the Lorena Ochoa Invitational. Sorenstam was 100 under when she ran off 29 straight rounds under par. That streak included two majors, and that's what Ko is lacking.

This week is her next chance.

"That's really what she's missing at the moment," Sorenstam said, pausing to remind herself of Ko's age. "At that young age, you would think she'd be missing a lot more, but she's certainly done a lot. ... I watch her play and she's just very consistent in every area. I think the strongest part is between her ears. She just has this composure about her which she does so well under pressure. So that's what it takes to be No. 1."

It still hasn't translated into the majors, although Ko has played only 10 of them — six as a pro. She was runner-up at the Evian Masters in 2013 as an amateur and finished third in the LPGA Championship last year. She has not cracked the top 25 in two starts at Mission Hills.

Lexi Thompson is the defending champion after winning a duel against Michelle Wie. Both are power players. Mission Hills tends to favor the long hitter, though Leadbetter was pleased to see the rough up at Mission Hills, which would put a slightly greater premium on accuracy.

Ko has added a draw to her repertoire, and Leadbetter said she hits it about 15 yards longer.

She doesn't do anything exceptional, she just does everything very well. And what makes play older than her age is her mind.

"Her great strength is she doesn't have any real weaknesses," Leadbetter said. "When she gets into the heat of things, she goes on autopilot. Things don't bother her."

Without a major, or piling up more wins at an alarming rate, it will be difficult for Ko to stay at No. 1 because of the math involved in the ranking formula. At the moment, she is helped in the ranking by not having played as many tournaments as the other top players.

But it's not as if Ko came along at the right time during a lull at the top of women's golf. Inbee Park, who has won four of the last 10 majors, is No. 2 in the world. Stacy Lewis, the LPGA Tour player of the year last season, is No. 3.

"For her to continue, you need to have the hunger," Sorenstam said. "The hunger to stay at the top, the hunger to keep on working, and the motivation to grind, and all the players are looking at you and trying to find flaws in your game or for you as a person and trying to pull you down."

For now, the wheels keep going around and around.

AP file photo

Lydia Ko of New Zealand hits her tee shot on the 13th hole during the final round of the LPGA Kia Classic golf tournament Sunday in Carlsbad, Calif.

Events this week

LPGA Tour

ANA INSPIRATION
Site: Rancho Mirage, California.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: Mission Hills Country Club, Dinah Shore Tournament Course (6,769 yards, par 72).
Purse: $2.5 million. Winner's share: $375,000.
Television: Golf Channel (Thursday, 11 a.m.-2 a.m.; 5-8 p.m.; Friday, midnight-3 a.m., 8-10 a.m., 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 5-8 p.m.; Saturday, midnight-3 a.m., 8 a.m.-11 a.m., 4-8 p.m.; Sunday, midnight-4 a.m., 4-8 p.m.; Monday, midnight-4 a.m.).
Last year: Lexi Thompson won her first major title and fourth tour victory, beating Michelle Wie by three strokes. The 19-year-old Thompson became the second youngest major champion in LPGA Tour history.
Last week: Cristie Kerr won the Kia Classic at Aviara in Carlsbad for her 17th LPGA Tour title. Mirim Lee was second, two strokes back.
Notes: The event, first played in 1972 as the Colgate Dinah Shore, became a major in 1983. ... Top-ranked Lydia Ko has two worldwide victories this year, winning the tour's Women's Australian Open and the Ladies European Tour's New Zealand Women's Open in consecutive weeks. The 17-year-old New Zealander has 10 straight top-10 finishes and has broken par in her last 28 LPGA Tour rounds, one short of the record set by Annika Sorenstam in 2004. ... Morgan Pressel won in 2007 to become the youngest major champion in LPGA Tour history at 18 years, 10 months, 9 days.
Online: www.lpga.com.

PGA Tour

SHELL HOUSTON OPEN
Site: Humble
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: Golf Club of Houston, The Tournament (7,441 yards, par 72).
Purse: $5.9 million. Winner's share: $1,062,000.
Television: Golf Channel (Thursday, 2-5 p.m., 8:30 p.m.-11:30 a.m.; Friday, 3-5 a.m., 2-5 p.m., 8:30 p.m.-11:30 a.m.; Saturday, 3-6 a.m., noon-2 p.m., 9 p.m.-midnight; Sunday, noon-2 p.m., 9 p.m.-midnight) and NBC (Saturday-Sunday, 2-5 p.m.).
Last year: Matt Jones won with a 42-yard birdie chip on the first hole of a playoff with Matt Kuchar. Jones made a 46-foot birdie putt on the final hole of regulation.
Last week: Jimmy Walker won his hometown Texas Open for his fifth victory in the last two seasons. Fellow Texan Jordan Spieth was second, four strokes back.
Notes: The Masters is next week at Augusta National. ... Spieth and Kuchar are in the field along with Phil Mickelson, Sergio Garcia, Rickie Fowler, Martin Kaymer, Hunter Mahan, Lee Westwood and Ernie Els. Spieth won three weeks ago at Innisbrook. ... Walker withdrew Tuesday. No reason was given.
Online: www.pgatour.com.

GOLF NOTES

Spieth speaks out

Nine months after Jordan Spieth signed an endorsement deal with AT&T, the 21-year-old Texan is starring in his first TV commercial with the Dallas-based company.

Only he won't be pitching a product.

Spieth is supporting the company's "It Can Wait" campaign against texting and driving.

"I like this more," Spieth said Monday night after his runner-up finish in the Texas Open that moved him to No. 4 in the world. "This is more genuine, more natural and has a bigger impact. It's something the entire audience can do. It's not, 'Hey, go buy this smartphone.' This is very simple."

AT&T began its campaign in 2010 with minimal branding, an aggressive social media campaign and more than 6 million pledges not to text and drive.

The television spot with Spieth is expected to debut during the Par 3 Tournament at the Masters on April 8, and then slide into the rotation. AT&T is among three global sponsors at the Masters, allowing it to air advertisements during limited commercial space.

The spot with Spieth is more like a 30-second documentary, much of it shot at Augusta National when he was playing a practice round earlier this month. He is hitting shots, putting and walking across the Hogan bridge. He also is seen arriving at an airport, in his hotel room and in a coffee shop, with his phone always in his hand.

"I feel so fortunate to be out on tour," Spieth says in the commercial. "The only downside is being away from my friends and family. So I don't know what I'd do without my phone. I use it to stay connected. I use it to remind me of what really matters most."

And then he gets into his car — a Masters courtesy car — and stashes the phone in the glove box.

"That's why sometimes," he concludes, "I don't use it at all."

Spieth said he had to work hard at not texting and driving when he first got his license, and he has read plenty of tragic stories about accidents from texting while driving, though not from anyone he knew personally.

What he liked about the commercial was how it captured a day in his life when he's on the road.

"It was intriguing, because it draws people into my personal life — what I'm doing, day in and day out," he said. "I don't think it makes much of a difference who you have (in the commercial). I can draw an audience in, but it's something universal. We're hearing more and more stories about teens ignoring the dangers and adults setting a bad example. It needs to change direction."

Houston WDs

The bad news for the Shell Houston Open is that it lost two of the hottest players on the PGA Tour. Henrik Stenson withdrew on Monday because of the flu, while Valero Texas Open winner Jimmy Walker withdrew on Tuesday. No reason was given.

The good news is for the two players replacing them.

Cameron Percy of Australia replaced Stenson, while Greg Owen of England got in for Walker. That at least gives them fleeting hope of getting to the Masters.

The last change to qualify for Augusta National is to win the Shell Houston Open, which starts Thursday.

Change in plans

Now that the British Masters is back on the European Tour schedule, it could free Ian Poulter to play at least one of the events in Texas in May.

Poulter is trying to juggle membership on the European Tour and PGA Tour. He typically plays all four events in the finishing stretch of the Race to Dubai, along with the BMW PGA Championship at Wentworth and either the Scottish Open or the French Open.

The British Masters is Oct. 8-11 at Woburn, his home club.

Poulter said he might skip Wentworth and instead play Colonial, and perhaps the AT&T Byron Nelson Championship the following week.

"The way the rules went in Europe, I had to play my home event, and that meant Wentworth," the Englishman said. "That was my home event because there was no British Masters. Wentworth still want me there to play golf, but I need to make a smart decision and not travel as much. I probably will get a couple of extra events here."

The BMW PGA Championship at Wentworth, the flagship event in Europe, is the same week as Colonial.

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KMID	ABC	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Middle (N)	Goldberg (N)	Modern Family (N)	Black-ish (N)	Nashville "I Can't Keep Away From You" (N)		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA	CBS	7 News	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: World		The Dominicopers ('15, Dra) Rachel Brosnahan, Cote De Pablo. 2/2 from March 31				CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT	CW	M*A*S*H "Crisis"	M*A*S*H "George"	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Hogan's Heroes	Twilight Zone	Cheers	Cheers	Carol Burnett	Mason "The Case of the Drifting Dropout"		Banacek
KPEJ	FOX	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	American Idol "Top Eight Perform" (N)				Modern Family	Modern Family	Hot in Cleveland	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
KMLM	IND	Man/ Erfan	House Call	Update News	Dollars & Sense	Light of the Southwest				HaYesod	Mission: M25	Jean-Claude	Dr. William
KWES	NBC	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		Laura "The Mystery of the Sunken Sailor" (N)		SVU "Devastating Story" (N)		Chicago P.D. "Get Back to Even" (N)		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT	PBS	PBS NewsHour		Nova "Alien Planets Revealed"		Cancer: The Emperor of All Maladies "Finding the Achilles Heel" (N)				Charlie Rose (N)		Tavis Smiley (N)	Tavis Smiley
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FLIX		(5:30) ★ A Night at t...		★★★ Big Business		(:45) ★★★ Ruthless People					★★ Be Cool John Travolta.		
HBO		★★ Now You See Me Jesse Eisenberg.				★★ Divergent ('14, Act) Shailene Woodley.					Bill Maher		LastWeek
HBO2		★★★ Erin Brockovich Julia Roberts.				★★ The Internship Vince Vaughn.				Vice	★ Fast and Furious 6 Vin Diesel.		
HBO5		★★ That Awkward Moment				LastWeek	★★ Enough Said			(:15) ★★ Rumor Has It Kevin Costner.			
MAX		(:55) ★★★ Dances With Wolves ('90, Epic) Kevin Costner.								★★ Transcendence Johnny Depp.		Zane	Movie
MAX2		(:05) ★★ You, Me and Dupree				★★★ Wedding Crashers Owen Wilson.				In Bed	(:25) ★ The Hangover Part III		
PLEX		(5:20) ★ Blind Date		★★★★ Impromptu				(:50) ★★ Oxford Blues Rob Lowe.			★ Paradise, Hawaiian Style		
SHOW		(:05) ★★ Alex Cross		Shameless		Jim Rome (N)		60 Minutes Sports		Jim Rome		60 Minutes Sports	
TMC		(5:15) ★ Styria		(:55) ★★★ Lord of War Nicolas Cage.						★★ Aeon Flux	(:25) ★★ Alone in the Dark		
A&E		Shipping Wars	Shipping Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	Shipping Wars (N)	Shipping Wars (N)	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
AMC		(4:30) ★ Fool's Gold		★★★ Body of Lies ('08, Act) Russell Crowe, Leonardo DiCaprio.							★★ Sahara Matthew McConaughey.		
BET		Being Mary Jane		Being Mary Jane		Live Fast & Furious		KeyshiaC	KeyshiaC	KeyshiaC	KeyshiaC	Wendy Williams	
BRAVO		Shahs of Sunset		Beverly Hills		Beverly Hills		Best Restaurant (N)		Beverly Hills		Housewives Atlanta	
CNBC		American Vice		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		American Vice	
CNN		OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Anthony Bourdain		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		Anthony Bourdain	
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FOOD		Diners...	Diners, Dr.	M. Diners	M. Diners	M. Diners	Diners (N)	Restaurant (N)		Food Fortunes		M. Diners	M. Diners
FSSW		Big 12 (N)	Mavs Live Pregam (L)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Oklahoma City Thunder Site: Chesapeake Energy Arena (L)					Mavericks Live (L)	Rangers Insider	H.S. Basketball UIL State Championship		
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HALLMARK		The Waltons		The Waltons		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
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HISTORY		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers		American Pickers	
LIFETIME		Little Women "Big City, Little Women"		Little Women: LA "Reunion Special"		Little Women: LA "Reunion Special" (N)		Little Women: NY "Moving Out" (N)		Little Women: NY "Moving Out"		Little Women: LA "Reunion Special" 1/2	
MSNBC		Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		NHL Live!		NHL Hockey Philadelphia Flyers at Pittsburgh Penguins (L)						NHL Hockey Colorado Avalanche at San Jose Sharks (L)			
NICK		100 Things to do		F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	(:10) Lopez	(:50) Lopez
SPIKE		Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Jail	Jail	Jail
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TELE		Caso cerrado		La Biblia		Tierra de reyes		Dueños del paraiso		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	Tierra de reyes	
TLC		My 600-lb Life "Angel's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Charity's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Chay's Story" (N)		Outrageous Births "Born on Empty" (N)		My 600-lb Life "Chay's Story"		Outrageous Births "Born on Empty"	
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USA		NCIS "Monsters and Men"		NCIS "Crescent City" 1/2 cont'd next		NCIS "Crescent City" 2/2		NCIS "Page Not Found"		Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family
WGN		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.

The Royals Way: Speed, defense and the game's best bullpen

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

SURPRISE, Ariz. — The first thing Dayton Moore makes clear is that he never set out to change how baseball clubs are built. He simply wanted to win games, something the Kansas City Royals had repeatedly failed to do for nearly three decades.

Never once did Moore think he'd become the next Billy Beane, the Oakland Athletics' general manager whose use of advanced statistics revolutionized the game.

"We were just trying to put ourselves in the best position to win," Moore said.

Like the A's, the Royals are a small-market team operating within very narrow margins. They can't spend big on key free agents. But rather than search for undervalued players by putting a premium on things such as on-base percentage — the "Moneyball" approach of Beane — Moore chose to identify specific players and skill-sets for the wide expanses of Kauffman Stadium.

The result was The Royals Way: Invest heavily in speed and defense at the expense of power, and build the game's best bullpen to take pressure off the starting rotation.

"In a market like ours, we may not be able to afford top-of-the-rotation pitchers, or a power bat," Moore explained in an interview with The Associated Press. "But what helps your starting pitchers? A good bullpen. What makes them better? Defense. So what we tried to do was make sure we have as many quality defenders and speed-type players as possible."

Speedy, weak-hitting outfielders come cheaper than someone who pounds 30 homers. And you can get a bushel of relievers for the price of a starting pitcher.

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never been healthier."

Last year, the Dodgers opened at $234 million and ended the New York Yankees' 15-year streak as baseball's biggest spenders. Still seeking their first World Series title since 1988, Los Angeles is No. 1 by a huge margin. The Yankees project to be second at about $215 million, followed by Boston at around $185 million.

Detroit is fourth at roughly $170 million — about $100 million less than the Dodgers. Coming off its third World Series title in five years, San Francisco is fifth, about $1 million behind the Tigers.

The low rollers are led by Miami (about $65 million), with Houston a few million dollars higher. The large-market Mets are right around $100 million, a mark they haven't reached since 2011.

"The industry is doing very well," Yankees outfielder Carlos Beltran said. "The owners are making a lot of money, and the salaries for the players are going up."

Following Kershaw are Detroit pitcher Justin Verlander ($28 million), Dodgers pitcher Zack Greinke ($27 million) and injured Texas outfielder Josh Hamilton ($25.4 million).

SPRING TRAINING

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Oakland	20	9	.690
Kansas City	17	10	.630
Boston	15	10	.600
Toronto	17	12	.586
New York	15	13	.536
Houston	15	10	.524
Los Angeles	13	13	.500
Tampa Bay	12	12	.500
Cleveland	13	15	.464
Minnesota	12	14	.462
Seattle	11	16	.407
Chicago	10	15	.400
Baltimore	11	17	.393
Detroit	10	18	.357
Texas	9	17	.346

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	16	9	.640
New York	18	11	.621
Pittsburgh	15	10	.600
San Diego	15	11	.577
Cincinnati	14	11	.560
St. Louis	12	11	.522
Miami	13	12	.520
Arizona	15	14	.517
Colorado	15	14	.517
Chicago	14	15	.483
Atlanta	13	15	.464
Milwaukee	11	14	.440
Washington	10	14	.417
Philadelphia	11	16	.407
San Francisco	10	20	.333

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

Scores

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Pittsburgh 7, Detroit 3
N.Y. Mets 2, Washington 0
Boston 11, Tampa Bay (ss) 8
Miami 3, St. Louis 2
Tampa Bay (ss) 4, Baltimore 3
Minnesota 3, N.Y. Yankees 1
Toronto 10, Philadelphia 6
Chicago White Sox 2, L.A. Dodgers 1
San Francisco 4, Colorado 3
Chicago Cubs 15, Texas (ss) 10
Cleveland 5, Seattle 6
Cincinnati 10, Milwaukee 4
Oakland 13, L.A. Angels 10
Arizona 8, Texas (ss) 7
Houston 8, Atlanta (Kansas City vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., late

Schedule

TODAY'S GAMES

Atlanta vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Washington vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Detroit vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Boston (ss) vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. Boston (ss) at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 12:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels vs. Oakland at Mesa, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Cleveland vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Arizona vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (ss) vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. Chicago White Sox (ss) at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Texas vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 5:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 6:05 p.m.

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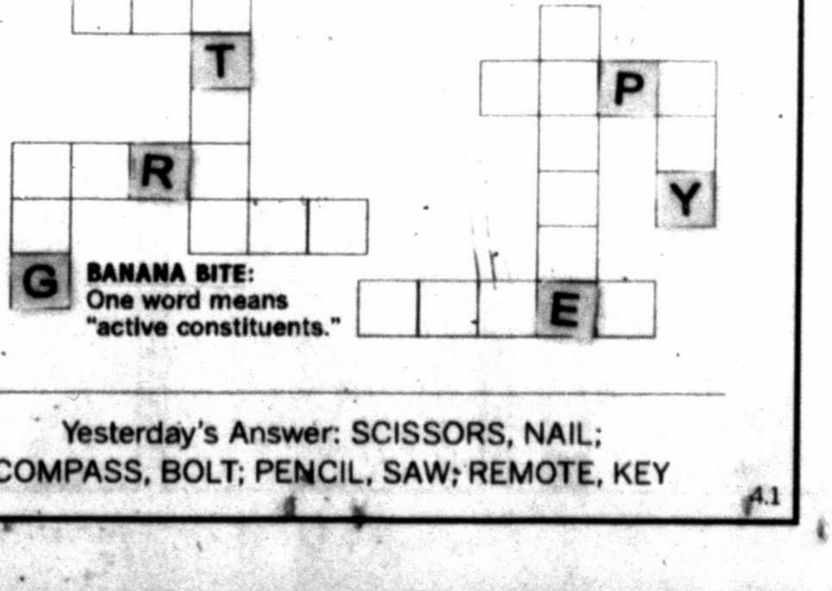

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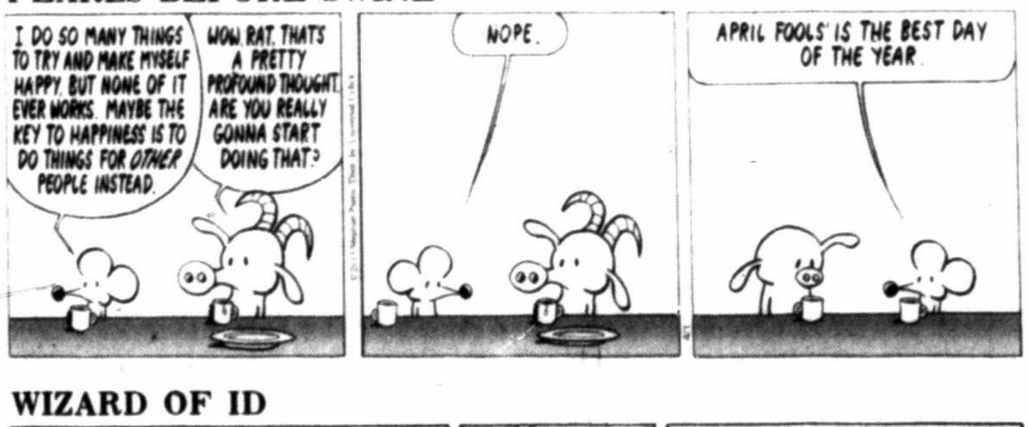

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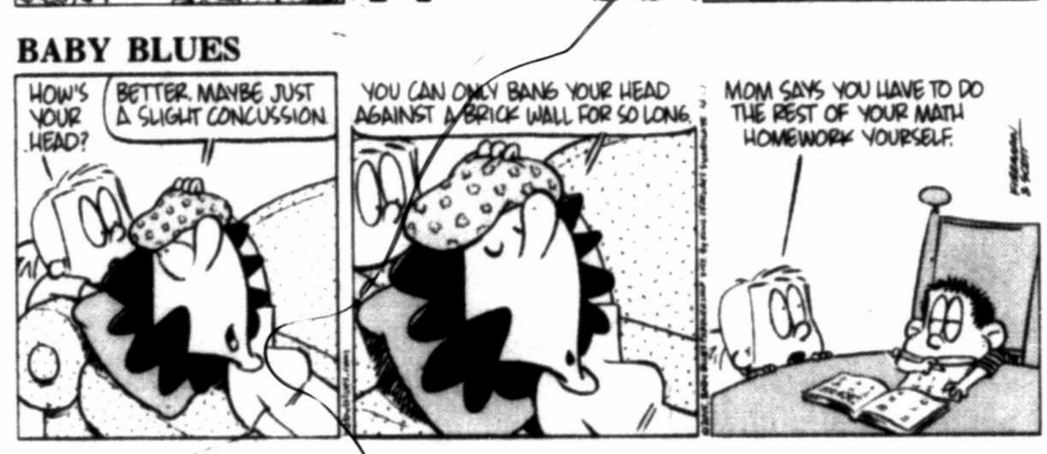

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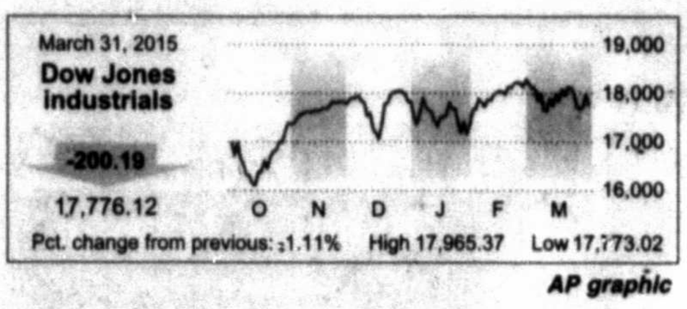

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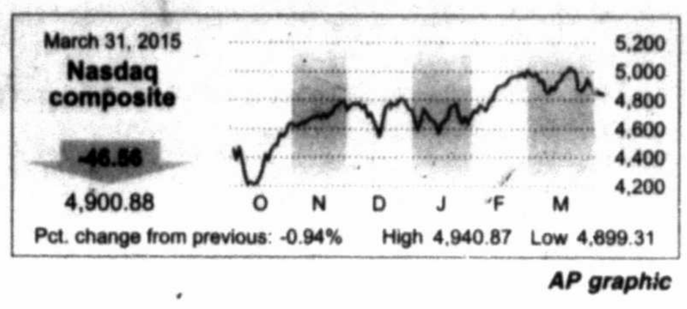

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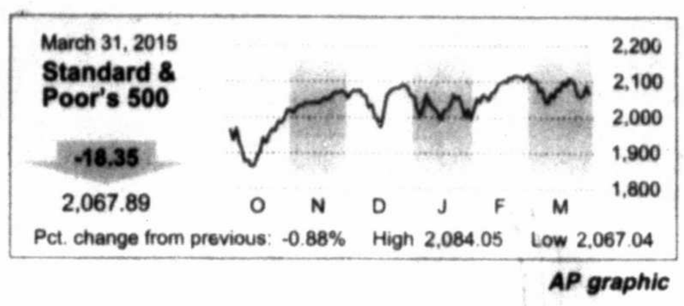

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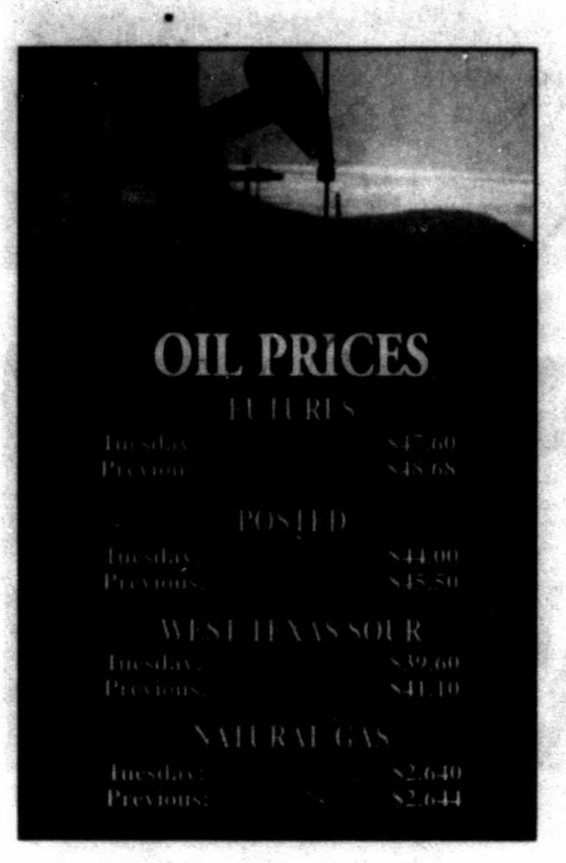

Tractor-trailers often travel faster than tires can handle

By Tom Krisher
Associated Press

DETROIT — Many tractor-trailers on the nation's roads are driven faster than the 75 mph their tires are designed to handle, a practice that has been linked to wrecks and blowouts but has largely escaped the attention of highway officials.

Nearly all truck tires have been built for a maximum sustained speed of 75 mph since the middle of last decade, when drivers across the vast majority of the U.S. were allowed to go no faster than 65 or 70 mph.

But 14 states, mainly west of the Mississippi River, now have speed limits of 75, 80, even 85 mph in part of Texas. Some of those states acted without consulting the tire industry.

Safety advocates and tire experts say that habitually driving faster than a tire's rated speed can generate excessive heat that damages the rubber, with potentially catastrophic results.

The disconnect between highway speed limits and safety standards was discovered by The Associated Press in a government document that detailed an investigation into truck tire failures.

Last month, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration closed the investigation into blowouts involving certain Michelin tires after determining that truck operators, not the tires, were at fault. An investigator wrote that exceeding the 75 mph rating was the most likely cause in all 16 complaints examined. The blowouts resulted in three crashes but no injuries.

State officials and the tire and trucking industries point the finger at each other for causing the problem. Highway officials in three states that allow trucks to go 80 mph or more either disregarded tire safety ratings, wouldn't answer questions about them or told the AP they were unaware of them.

From 2009 through 2013, there were just over 14,000 fatal crashes in the U.S. involving heavy trucks and buses, killing almost 16,000 people, according to NHTSA. Tires were a factor in 198 of those crashes and 223 deaths.

Forty people died in truck tire-related crashes in 2009, and that rose to 52 in 2013, the latest year for which statistics are available.

It's hard to pinpoint the cause of most blowouts. Road debris can be a factor. Underinflation, heavy loads and high speeds can also damage tires over time.

States set their own speed limits, having been given sole authority to do so by Congress in the mid-1990s, while the federal government, through NHTSA, has authority to raise tire standards.

For now, NHTSA contends the most effective way to attack the problem is a regulation to require devices that would prevent trucks from going over 75 mph. But the proposed measure has been stalled for years in a morass of cost analyses and government reviews.

Another possible solution would be for manufacturers to make tires that can handle higher speeds. Some companies already produce a small number safety-rated at 81 mph that cost about the same as those built for 75 mph.

But manufacturers are hesitant to make more, fearing sales won't be big enough to justify the cost of redesigning and retooling, said Dan Zielinski, spokesman for the Rubber Manufacturers Association.

He said many trucking companies would not be interested in higher-rated tires because they already equip their 18-wheelers with speed governors that prevent them from going over 75 mph.

Michelin sells more truck tires than any other manufacturer, followed by Bridgestone, Goodyear, Yokohama and Firestone, according to Modern Tire Dealer magazine.

The problem does not extend to ordinary car tires. Ever since Firestone tires started failing on Ford Explorers in the 1990s, the government has required car and light truck tires to be designed for well above highway speed limits. Even the most basic car tires can safely go up to 112 mph.

The American Trucking Associations, an industry group, says it opposes speed limits over 65 mph, and it has petitioned the government to require speed-limiting devices on trucks.

ATA spokesman Sean McNally provided a 2007 survey done by the group showing that 69 percent of trucking companies already had such devices on at least some of their rigs, with an average limit of 69 mph.

Still, it took federal regulators five years to propose a regulation, and it is still being reviewed by government agencies. It could take months, if not years, to go into effect.

For now, truck drivers keep driving at high speeds — legally and illegally.

NHTSA began investigating the Michelin tires last October after getting complaints about tire failures, mainly from auto-hauling companies. In one case, a truck going more than the 75 mph speed limit on Interstate 10 in Deming, New Mexico, blew a tire and rolled onto its side.

Of the states that now let trucks travel 75 mph or more, three allow 80 or higher — Texas, Utah and Wyoming. South Dakota is about to raise its truck speed limit to 80, and three more states — Missouri, Nevada and Washington — may go to 75 or higher.

Along Texas Highway 130, which has an 85 mph speed limit for big rigs, driver David Ortiz said he didn't know about the 75 mph rating for most truck tires, or how fast his tires were designed to go. He said his company has limited the top speed of his truck to 65 mph, and he normally goes 63.

But Ortiz conceded that a speed limit higher than the tires can handle is a safety problem for truckers who drive faster. "Somebody needs to think about it," he said.

Stocks slide late

The stock market closed out the first three months of the year Tuesday on a down note, erasing much of the gains from the prior day's big rally.

The Dow Jones industrial average slumped 200 points, knocking the blue chip index slightly lower for the year. The Standard & Poor's 500 index ended the quarter with a meager gain of half a percent.

The broad decline came as traders seized on the final day of the quarter to do some profit-taking and prune their portfolios. Health care stocks were among the biggest decliners. Oil prices extended their slide.

"It's the end of the quarter," said Anwiti Bahuguna, senior portfolio manager at Columbia Threadneedle Investments. "Today the markets are probably driven by that quite a bit, because people are rebalancing their portfolios."

The Dow fell 200.19 points, or 1.1 percent, to 17,776.12. The 30-company index was down as much as 203 points. It's now down 0.3 percent for the year.

The S&P 500 index slid 18.35 points, or 0.9 percent, to 2,067.89. The index is now up 0.4 percent for the year. The Nasdaq composite lost 46.56 points, or 0.9 percent, to 4,900.88. The tech-heavy index ended the quarter up 3.5 percent.

Traders often look to close out positions to make their books look as healthy as possible at the end of a quarter.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF1009311206.43			-1.82
BkofAm	596775	15.39	-.13
CSVLgCrde501396		2.20	-.14
iShEMkts	373172	40.13	-.09
GenElec	336338	24.81	-.31

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Navios pfG	26.50	+4.90	+22.7
E-CDang	9.55	+1.17	+14.0
Cambrex	39.63	+4.04	+11.4
Movado	28.52	+2.89	+11.3
PionEnSvc	5.42	+.50	+10.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
VsalcoE	2.45	-.68	-21.7
JourMda wi	8.74	-1.51	-14.7
PhoenixCos	49.99	-6.08	-10.8
TeckRes g	13.73	-1.54	-10.1
Mesab	13.33	-1.42	-9.6

DIARY

Advanced	1,284
Declined	1,843
Unchanged	108
Total issues	3,235
New Highs	121
New Lows	31
Volume	3,274,978,445

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BarcGSOil	43006	10.05	-.22
NwGold g	39487	3.39	-.05
GranTrra g	36405	2.73	+.14
Globalstar	28788	3.33	-.04
NovaGld g	26751	2.96	+.03

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ConMed wt	6.34	+1.21	+23.6
ConMedix	9.84	+1.14	+13.1
VoltInfoSci	11.76	+1.14	+10.7
TigerM rs	7.26	+.42	+6.1
IntelligSys	2.88	+.15	+5.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
WirelessT	2.60	-.40	-13.3
Tofutti	4.31	-.41	-8.7
EnerJex pf	7.93	-.55	-6.5
TrioTch	2.71	-.18	-6.2
Innsuites	2.70	-.17	-5.9

DIARY

Advanced	190
Declined	217
Unchanged	22
Total issues	429
New Highs	9
New Lows	14
Volume	88,260,475

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Apple Inc s	400301	124.43	-1.94
Microsoft	332095	40.66	-.31
Intel	308188	31.27	-.19
Cisco	268927	27.53	+.09
PwShs QQQ	251730	105.60	-1.13

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GlBasSci n	3.90	+1.46	+59.8
HKTv	9.57	+1.97	+25.9
GlBasSc un	13.40	+2.65	+24.7
ChiCache	11.87	+1.95	+19.7
QC Hldgs	2.19	+.31	+16.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AppRecyc	2.05	-.47	-18.7
Sphere3D g	3.70	-.67	-15.3
EuroTech	2.91	-.52	-15.2
CellularBio	31.46	-5.49	-14.9
Celladon	18.94	-2.73	-12.6

DIARY

Advanced	1,086
Declined	1,639
Unchanged	160
Total issues	2,885
New Highs	82
New Lows	42
Volume	1,735,052,193

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $50.63 Up 0.46

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $115.92 Up 0.93

Dawson Operating (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.27 Down 0.15

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $76.84 Down 0.79

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $10.12 Down 0.11

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.58 Down 0.07

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $19.22 Up 0.28

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $25.19 Down 0.82

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $10.62 Up 0.18

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $18.25 Down 0.57

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.88	27	32.65	-.32	-2.8
AbbVie	2.04f	54	58.54	+.30	-10.5
Abraxas	...	5	3.25	**+.06**	**+10.5**
AdamsEx	**1.18e**	...	**13.96**	**-.07**	**+2.0**
Alcoa	.12	68	12.92	-.04	-18.2
AlonUSA	.40a	30	16.57	+.59	+30.8
Ambev	.24e		5.76	-.01	-6.6
Amgen	**3.16**	**24**	**159.85**	**-4.46**	**+.4**
Anadarko	**1.08**	...	**82.81**	**-1.04**	**+.4**
Apache	**1.00**	...	**60.33**	**-.50**	**-3.7**
Apple Inc s	1.88	17	124.43	-1.94	+12.7
ApldMatl	**.40**	**24**	**22.56**	**-.21**	**-9.5**
ATMOS	**1.56**	**18**	**55.30**	**-.08**	**-.8**
AutoData	1.96	29	85.64	-.25	+2.7
BP PLC	**2.40**	**33**	**39.11**	**-.73**	**+2.6**
BabsCClInv	1.20	...	15.54	+.08	-2.2
BakrHu	.68	15	63.58	+.10	+13.4
BcoBrad s	.42e	...	9.28	+.25	-16.7
BkofAm	.20	44	15.39	-.13	-14.0
B iPVixST	...	...	25.63	+.67	-18.7
BasicEnSv	...	...	6.93	+.03	-1.1
BerkHa A	**...**	**172175**	**00.00-2200.00**		**-3.8**
BlkHillsCp	**1.62f**	**18**	**50.44**	**-.19**	**+4.9**
BlackBerry	...	...	8.93	+.13	-18.7
BrMtySq	**1.48**	**54**	**64.50**	**-1.26**	**+9.3**
BrownFA	**1.26**	**29**	**90.78**	**-.07**	**+3.4**
BrownFB	**1.26**	**29**	**90.35**	**-.45**	**+2.9**
CVS Health	1.40	26	103.21	-.62	+7.2
Cameron	...	11	45.12	-.69	-8.7
Catamaran	...	35	59.54	-.29	+15.1
Caterpillar	2.80	14	80.03	-1.34	-12.6
Celestic g	...	12	11.11	...	-5.4
CntryLink	2.16	26	34.55	+.49	-12.7
ChesEng	.35	7	14.16	+.19	+27.6
Chevron	**4.28**	**10**	**104.98**	**-1.92**	**-6.4**
Chicos	.31f	...	17.69	+.14	+9.1
Cimarex	.64	20	115.09	-.43	+8.6
Cisco	.84f	17	27.53	+.09	-.4
Citigroup	.04	23	51.52	-.12	-4.8
CleyEng	...	14	**50.83**	**+.45**	**-20.6**
CocaCole	**1.32f**	**25**	**40.55**	**+.04**	**-4.3**
ColgPalm	**1.52f**	**29**	**69.34**	**+.05**	**+.2**
Comcast	1.00f	18	56.47	-.14	-2.7
ConAgra	**1.00**	...	**36.53**	**-.37**	**+.7**
ConchoRes	...	24	**115.92**	**+.93**	**+16.2**
ConocoPhil	**2.92**	11	**62.26**	**-1.74**	**-9.8**
CrackerB	4.00	24	152.14	-.65	+8.1
CSVLgCrde	...	...	2.20	-.14	-55.0
CSVelIVST	...	...	34.64	-.89	+11.2
CSVixShT	...	...	1.70	+.08	-38.4
CrpsTim	**2.52e**	**7**	**19.17**	**-.28**	**+10.7**
DCP Mid	3.12f	13	36.95	-.46	-18.7
DTE	2.76	15	80.69	-.04	-6.6
Datram h	...	...	2.25	+.02	+32.4
DenburyR	.25	3	7.29	-.35	-10.3
DBXEafeEq	1.37e	...	29.96	-.44	+11.0
DevonE	**.96**	**16**	**60.31**	**-.40**	**-1.5**
DxGldBull	...	...	9.42	-.37	-15.6
Disney	**1.15f**	**23**	**104.89**	**-1.23**	**+11.4**
DowChm	**1.88**	**17**	**47.98**	**-.70**	**+6.2**
EMC Cp	.46	20	25.56	+.04	-14.1
EOG Res s	**.87**	**17**	**91.69**	**-.45**	**-.4**
EmpDist	**1.04**	**16**	**24.82**	**-.05**	**-16.5**
Energen	.08	28	66.00	-.23	+3.5
EngyTsfr	3.98f	34	55.75	-.68	-14.2
EnPro	**.80**	**78**	**65.95**	**-.52**	**+5.1**
EntPrdPt s	1.48f	22	32.93	+.02	-8.8
Ericsson	.46e	...	12.55	-.15	+3.7
Exelon	1.24	18	33.61	+.04	-9.4
ExterranH	**.80**	**24**	**33.57**	**-.03**	**+3.0**
ExxonMbl	**2.76**	**11**	**85.00**	**-.63**	**-8.1**
Facebook	...	75	82.22	-.98	+5.4
FordM	.60f	20	16.14	-.02	+4.1
FrptMcM	.20m	...	18.95	-.43	-18.9
FrontierCm	.42f	54	7.05	-.27	+5.7
GATX	**1.52f**	**13**	**57.98**	**-1.03**	**+.8**
GabMultT	**1.06e**	...	**9.29**	**-.06**	**-7.2**
GAInv	**3.50e**	...	**34.98**	**-.17**	**-.1**
GenElec	**.92**	**17**	**24.81**	**-.31**	**-1.8**
GenMotors	1.20	23	37.50	-.18	+7.4
GeneticT rs	...	...	5.27	+.33	+173.8
GileadSci	...	13	98.13	-2.56	+4.1
GlPlainEn	**.90**	**17**	**26.88**	**+.20**	**-5.1**
HalconRes	...	...	1.54	-.04	-13.5
Halliburtn	**.72**	**10**	**43.88**	**+.06**	**+11.6**
HewlettP	.64	12	31.16	-.41	-22.4
IShBrazil	1.38e	...	31.37	+.28	-14.2
iSJapan	.15e	...	12.53	-.25	+11.5
iShChinaLC	1.04e	...	44.40	-.34	+6.7
iShEMkts	.88e	...	40.13	-.09	+2.1
iS Eafe	2.26e	...	64.17	-1.01	+5.5
iShR2K	1.59e	...	124.37	-.40	+4.0
IntegrysE	2.72	21	72.02	-.08	-7.5
Intel	**.96**	**13**	**31.27**	**-.19**	**-13.8**
InterDig	.80	...	50.74	-.52	-4.1
IntlGame	.44	21	17.41	-.32	+.9
ItauUnibH	.41e	...	11.06	+.29	-14.9
JPMorgCh	1.60	11	60.58	-.38	-2.6
JohnJn	**2.80**	**18**	**100.60**	**-.95**	**-3.8**
KimbClk	**3.52f**	**27**	**107.11**	**-.63**	**-7.3**
KraftFGp	2.20	51	87.12	-3.50	+39.0
LegacyRes	2.44	...	10.12	-.11	-11.5
Lubys	...	...	**5.19**	**+.14**	**+14.1**
MGM Rsts	...	...	21.03	-.24	-1.6
MktVGold	.12e	...	18.24	-.23	-.8
McDnlds	3.40	20	97.44	-.44	+4.0
Merck	1.80	14	57.48	-.86	+1.2
MeritMed	...	**36**	**19.25**	...	**+11.1**
MexcoEn	...	...	5.58	-.07	+2.8
MicronT	...	9	27.13	+.45	-22.5
Microsoft	1.24	16	40.66	-.31	-12.5
Nabors	.24	11	13.65	+.01	+5.2
NatGrid	**3.48e**	...	**64.61**	**-1.11**	**-8.6**
NOilVarco	1.8e	8	49.99	+.15	-23.7
NokiaCp	.51e	...	7.58	-.15	-3.6
NvMAd	**.75e**	...	**13.76**	**+.04**	**+.7**
NvPMI	**.82e**	...	**13.90**	**+.07**	**-.5**
NuvPI	**.82e**	...	**14.02**	**+.09**	**+1.2**
NSTFI3	**.59e**	...	**14.78**	**-.01**	**+3.8**
NTXQI	**.65e**	...	**14.33**	**+.05**	**-.9**
OccIPet	**2.88**	**12**	**73.00**	**-.96**	**-9.4**
OfficeDpt	...	...	9.20	-.15	+7.3
Oracle	.60f	18	43.15	-.29	-4.0
ParTech	...	...	**4.19**	**-.03**	**-31.9**
ParkDrl	...	**11**	**3.49**	**+.06**	**+13.7**
PattUTI	**.40**	**17**	**18.78**	**-.14**	**+13.2**
PeabdyE	.01m	...	4.92	-.42	-36.4
Penney	...	...	8.41	+.58	+29.8
PennaRE	**.84f**	...	**23.23**	**-.15**	**-1.0**
Pmrian	.87e	8	8.09	-.10	-15.3
PetrbrsA	.85e	...	6.09	+.09	-19.7
Petrobras	.46e	...	6.01	+.08	-17.7
Pfizer	**1.12f**	**25**	**34.79**	**-.21**	**+11.7**
PioNtrl	.08	26	163.51	-2.99	+9.8
PlainsAAP	**2.70f**	**21**	**48.77**	**+.07**	**-5.0**
PwShs QQQ	1.49e		105.60	-1.13	+2.3
Praxair	**2.86f**	**22**	**120.74**	**-.78**	**-6.8**
PrmEgy	...	**6**	**53.50**	**+.91**	**-26.5**
PURVisST	...	...	15.05	+.74	-40.2
PrUltCrude	...	...	6.79	-.33	-34.5
ProctGam	**2.57**	**25**	**81.94**	**-.78**	**-10.0**
Qualcom	1.92f	15	69.34	+.46	-6.7
RangeRs	.16	21	52.04	+.33	-2.6
RegionsFn	.20	12	9.45	+.11	-10.5
RiteAid	...	26	8.69	-.07	+15.6
Rowan	.40	...	17.71	+.13	-24.1
RoyDShllA	3.76	12	59.65	-1.28	-10.9
SpdrDJIA	3.55e	...	177.58	-1.81	-.2
S&P500ETF	3.94e	...	206.43	-1.82	+.4
SabnR	4.26e	10	39.34	-1.09	+9.9
SanderFm	**.88a**	**6**	**70.65**	**+1.48**	**-5.2**
SandRdge	...	**4**	**1.78**	**-.05**	**-2.2**
Schlmbrg	2.00f	20	83.44	-1.04	-2.3
SigmaAld	**.92**	**33**	**138.25**	**-.16**	**+.7**
SiriusXM	...	42	3.82	-.05	+9.1
Smucker	2.56	21	115.73	-1.40	+14.6
Sprint	...	...	4.74	-.01	+14.2
SPDR Fncl	.41e	...	24.11	-.17	-2.5
SunocoL s	1.60f	74	41.34	-.38	-1.1
TankSemi	.50e	...	23.48	+.23	+4.9
TelefEsp	**.97e**	...	**14.35**	**-.13**	**+1.0**
Tesoro	1.70f	14	91.29	+.14	+22.8
3M Co	4.10f	22	164.95	-1.10	+.4
Torchmrk s	**.54f**	**13**	**54.92**	**-.16**	**+1.4**
TriContl	**.78e**	...	**21.69**	**-.11**	**+1.3**
21stCFoxA	.30	8	33.84	-.42	-11.9
Twitter	...	...	50.08	+.19	+39.6
TylerTech	...	**68**	**120.53**	**-2.15**	**+10.1**
UBWV	**1.28**	**20**	**37.58**	**-.02**	**+.3**
US OilFd	...	...	16.84	-.39	-17.3
Vale SA	.60e	...	5.65	-.14	-30.9
ValeroE	1.60f	9	63.62	-.14	+28.5
VerizonCm	2.20	20	48.63	-.49	+4.0
VulcanM	**.40f**	**52**	**84.30**	**-1.09**	**+28.3**
WalgBoots	1.35	40	84.68	-1.31	+11.1
WellsFargo	1.40	13	54.40	-.37	-.8
WstnRefin	1.20	10	49.39	-.36	+30.7
WstnUnion	.62f	13	20.81	+.41	+16.2
WhitingPet	...	8	30.90	+.18	-6.4
WmsCos	2.32f	77	50.59	-.05	+12.6
Windstrm	1.00	...	7.40	-.09	-10.2
XcelEngy	**1.28f**	**17**	**34.81**	**+.07**	**-3.1**
Xerox	**.28f**	**15**	**12.85**	**+.01**	**-7.3**
Zynga	...	...	2.85	+.07	+7.1

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
18,288.63	15,855.12	Dow Jones Industrials	17,776.12	-200.19	-1.11	-.26	+7.52
9,310.22	7,346.24	Dow Jones Transportation	8,741.41	-46.65	-.53	-4.36	+14.34
657.17	519.56	Dow Jones Utilities	562.08	-1.06	-.18	-5.02	+11.00
11,142.56	9,866.08	NYSE Composite	10,699.19	-89.97	-.82	+.55	+2.97
5,042.14	3,946.03	Nasdaq Composite	4,900.89	-46.55	-.94	+3.48	+14.83
2,119.59	1,814.36	S&P 500	2,067.89	-18.35	-.88	+.44	+9.67
1,542.16	1,269.45	S&P Midcap	1,524.03	-5.71	-.37	+4.93	+9.60
22,388.10	19,160.13	Wilshire 5000	21,947.91	-166.65	-.75	+1.28	+8.81
1,268.16	1,040.47	Russell 2000	1,252.77	-5.03	-.40	+3.99	+5.39

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Summary of Desired Qualifications:
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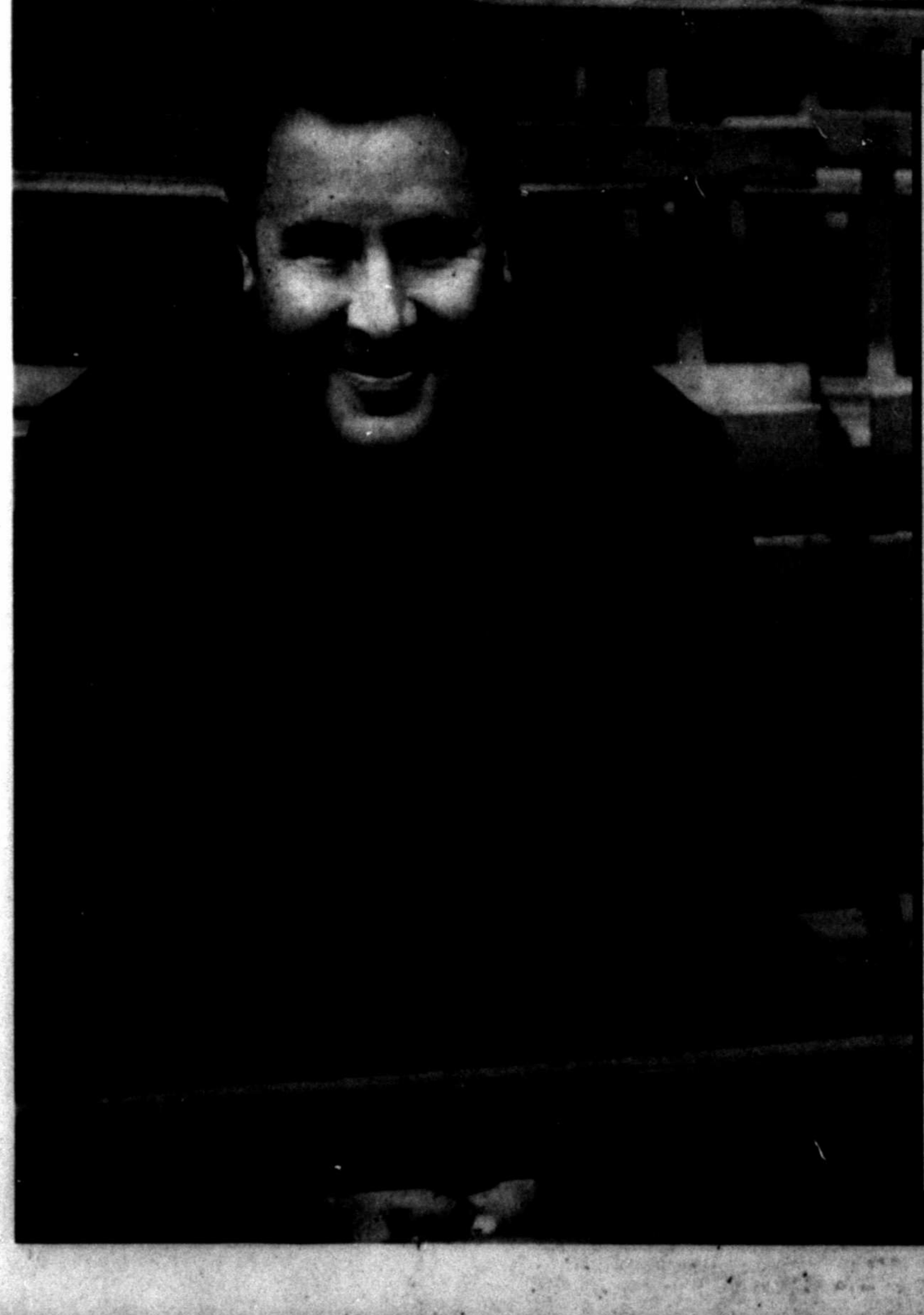

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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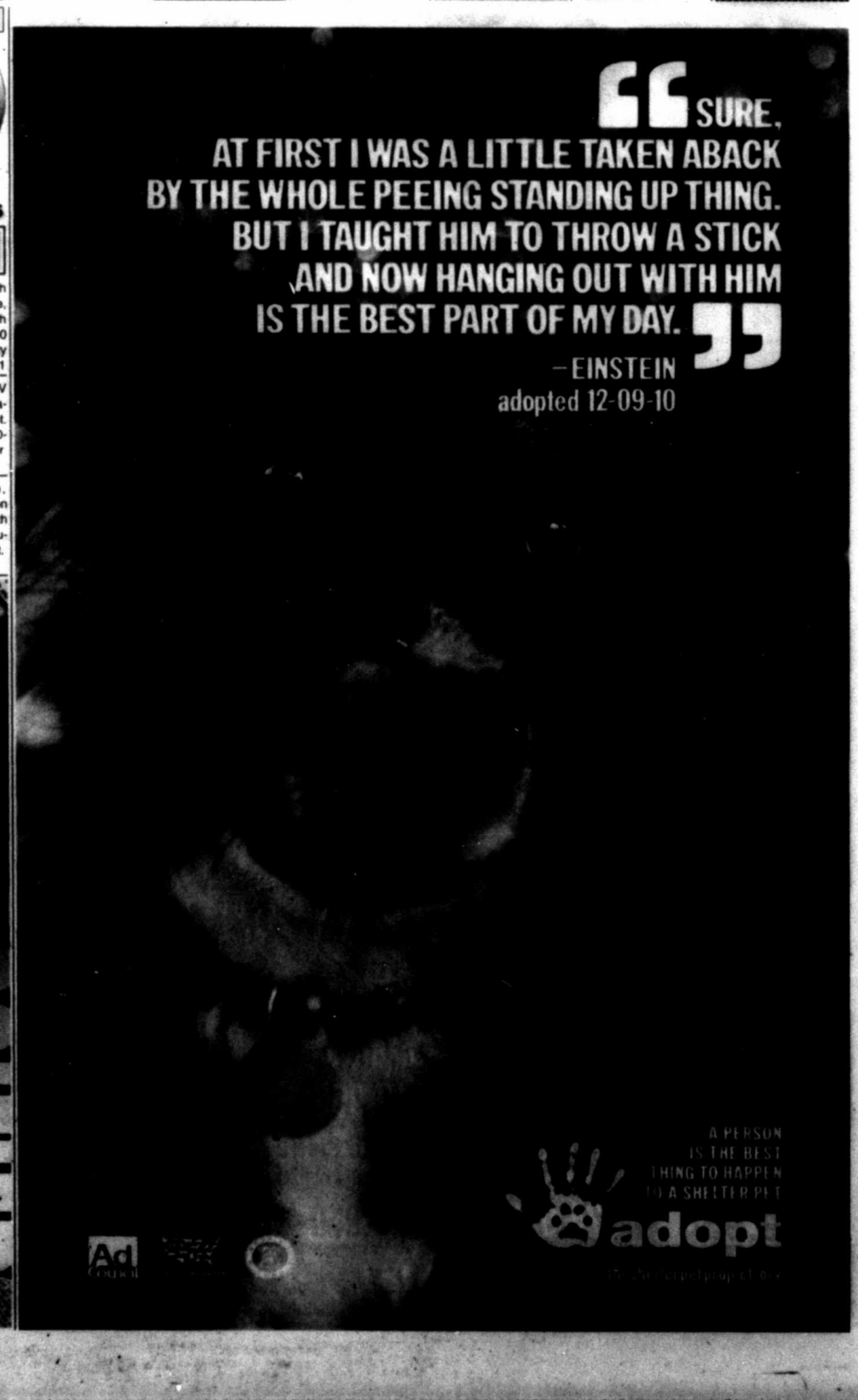

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