

Obituaries

Dana Dickson



Dana Dickson, 79, of Coahoma, died Monday, March 14, 2016 in a Lubbock hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 17, 2016 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Pastor Billy Guy officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born April 6, 1936 in St. Louis, Mo. and married William “Bill” Dickson June 25, 1960 in

Stockton, California. He preceded her in death Nov. 30, 2012.

Survivors include two daughters, Deidrei Dickson of Big Spring; Dr. Loretta Dickson and husband, Dr. Joseph Calabrese of Lock Haven, Pa.; one son, Sergeant Major William A. Dickson and wife, Michelle of Fort Riley, Kan; two grandchildren; one brother, Dr. Raymond Reeves and wife, Dr. Nancy Magnuson of Pullman, Wash.; one sister, Sandee Unger and husband, Daniel of Stockton, Cali.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Ogle C. Reeves and Mildred O. Reeves.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at: www.npwelch.com.

Agustin Leija



Funeral services for Agustin Ypina Leija, age 61 of Lamesa will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 18, 2016 at Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastor Maria S. Rios of Big Spring, Texas officiating. Burial will follow to Dawson County Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are under the care and direction of Gonzales Funeral Home.

Viewing will be on Wednesday and Thursday at

Gonzales Funeral Home until 9 p.m.

Agustin died Sunday, March 13, 2016 in Lamesa. He was born on Aug. 18, 1955 in San Luis Potosi, Mexico.

Agustin was preceded in death by his father, Leon Ypina and his sister, Mary Ypina.

Survivors include his son, Andrew Justin Amaro and wife, Monica Amaro of Big Spring, Texas; his granddaughters, Elyssa Amaro and Eliana Amaro of Big Spring, Texas; his mother, Lina Ypina of Lamesa; his sisters, Olivia Alonzo and Vickky Guel, both of Lamesa; a host of relatives and friends.

To send your condolences online please visit GonzalesFuneralHome.net.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JUAN CARLOS VIRONCHI**, 24, of 1009 E. 15th St. was arrested on warrants for disregard stop sign and a warrant from another agency.
- **CYNTHIA LYNN HERNANDEZ**, 35, of 1503 Lexington Ave. was arrested on warrants for failure to control speed and fail to appear.
- **KANDICE GRACE LONGORIA**, 33, of 501 E. 17th St. was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **BRENT LEE DOUGLAS**, 29, of 220 Brooks Rd. was arrested on warrants for failure to drive in a single lane, two counts of driving with invalid license, no driver’s license, and two counts of bail jumping/failure to appear.
- **FARRELL RAYNEI MCCULLOUGH**, 53, of 1213 E. 17th St. was arrested on warrants for public intoxication and theft of property, less than \$100 shoplifting.
- **PATRICK MATHEW RIOS JR.**, 23, of 601 S. Nolan St. was arrested on a warrant for bail jumping/failure to appear.

- **LARUTH ELIZABETH RAWLS**, 42, of 600 W. I-20 #119 was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **GERARDO PINA**, 31, of 1700 N. FM 700 was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **VIRGINIA BERNAL**, 31, of 1700 N. FM 700 was arrested on warrants for two counts of failure to appear, two counts of livestock or fowl at large, driving with invalid license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in he 1000 block of N. Main St.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 600 block of E. 2nd St., the 600 block of W. I-20, the 1000 block of Bluebonnet and the 2500 block of S. Gregg St.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in he 1700 block of Purdue Ave.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1500 block of S. Gregg St.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 700 block of W. I-20.
- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1300 block of 11th Place.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff’s Department reported the following activity:

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 83 inmates at the time of this report.

- **KIMBERLY DANIELLE BUCHANAN**, 22, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for theft of property, more than \$50 but less than \$500 and resisting arrest, search or transport.
- **FRANKLIN LAMAR CURTIS**, 49, was booked by the DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ANGELITA GARCIA**, 59, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for parent contributing to non-attendance.
- **TIFFANY GONZALES**, 22, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JESSE HERRERA JR.**, 34, was booked by the

BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **BRANDY ANN MARTINEZ**, 19, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.
- **ELIZABETH CRUZ RIOS**, 38, was booked by the BSPD on charges of failure to identify – fugitive giving false/fictitious information, possession of drug paraphernalia and a warrant for failure to appear – assault with a deadly weapon.
- **NAOMI NADINE RIOS**, 27, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for driving while license invalid, expired inspection certificate and rider not secured by safety belt.
- **MICHAEL LASHAWN VANDERBILT**, 22, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of assault – family violence/threat.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

• **RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy)** a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women’s meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers’ meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don’t have

to talk if you don’t want to. Flexible payment options.

• A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran’s Healing Center.

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

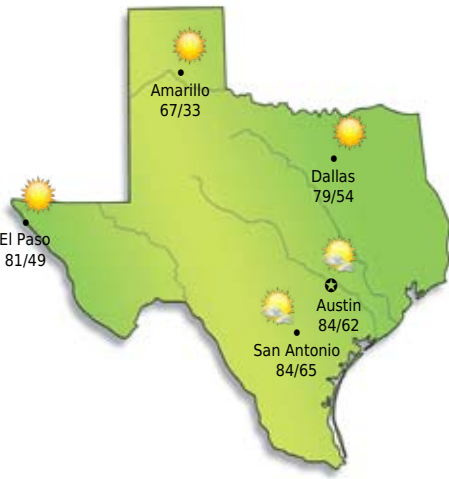
• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

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Local 5-Day Forecast				
Wed 3/16	Thu 3/17	Fri 3/18	Sat 3/19	Sun 3/20
 78/44 Sunny skies. High 78F. Winds SSW at 5 to 10 mph.	 68/47 Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the upper 40s.	 68/38 Clouds giving way to sun. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	 55/37 Cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the upper 30s.	 66/43 Sunshine. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 40s.
Sunrise: 7:54 AM Sunset: 7:55 PM	Sunrise: 7:52 AM Sunset: 7:55 PM	Sunrise: 7:51 AM Sunset: 7:56 PM	Sunrise: 7:50 AM Sunset: 7:57 PM	Sunrise: 7:49 AM Sunset: 7:58 PM

Texas at a Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	81	48	Sunny	Kingsville	90	66	Cloudy
Amarillo	70	35	Sunny	Livingston	88	56	Cloudy
Austin	92	59	Cloudy	Longview	86	50	Sunny
Beaumont	82	63	Cloudy	Lubbock	76	40	M Sunny
Brownsville	86	68	Cloudy	Lufkin	88	54	Cloudy
Brownwood	85	47	Sunny	Midland	82	49	Sunny
Corpus Christi	82	66	Cloudy	Raymondville	91	69	M Cloudy
Corsicana	86	51	Sunny	Rosenberg	85	65	Cloudy
Dallas	85	50	Sunny	San Antonio	92	62	Cloudy
Del Rio	89	56	Sunny	San Marcos	92	57	Cloudy
El Paso	77	49	Clear	Sulphur Springs	83	50	Sunny
Fort Stockton	82	51	Clear	Sweetwater	81	49	Sunny
Gainesville	80	45	Sunny	Tyler	87	51	P Cloudy
Greenville	83	47	Sunny	Weatherford	84	48	Sunny
Houston	87	65	Cloudy	Wichita Falls	79	46	Sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	84	60	Sunny	Miami	83	69	Sunny
Boston	47	42	Showers	Minneapolis	54	41	Sct T-Storms
Chicago	53	49	Cloudy	New York	58	49	Drizzle
Dallas	85	50	Sunny	Phoenix	86	58	Clear
Denver	52	32	M Clear	San Francisco	63	51	P Cloudy
Houston	87	65	Cloudy	Seattle	51	36	Cloudy
Los Angeles	79	56	M Clear	Saint Louis	79	50	Sunny

Moon Phases

First Mar 15	Full Mar 23	Last Mar 31	New Apr 7

UV Index

Wed 3/16	Thu 3/17	Fri 3/18	Sat 3/19	Sun 3/20
7	7	7	5	8
High	High	High	Moderate	Very High

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Lottery

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) _ These Texas lotteries were drawn Monday:

All or Nothing Day
01-02-05-06-07-08-10-13-17-19-23-24

All or Nothing Evening
01-04-06-08-09-11-12-13-14-15-19-24

All or Nothing Morning
03-06-08-09-12-13-15-16-17-18-19-24

All or Nothing Night
06-07-08-09-11-13-14-17-19-21-23-24

Cash 5
13-15-16-26-36

Daily 4 Day
8-2-5-8, Sum It Up: 23

Daily 4 Evening
7-8-4-1

Daily 4 Morning
6-1-2-6

Daily 4 Night
9-9-7-9, Sum It Up: 34

Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$20 million

Pick 3 Day
9-9-3, Sum It Up: 21

Pick 3 Evening
6-8-8

Pick 3 Morning
4-1-7

Pick 3 Night
3-1-3, Sum It Up: 7

Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$70 million

Triple Chance
02-05-07-18-24-29-31-36-45-47

Two Step
03-24-28-35, Bonus: 31
Estimated jackpot: \$200,000

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Take note

• American Legion Post 506 is having a fish fry Saturday from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Delivery is available from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Plates are \$12 each. The American Legion is located at 3203 W. Hwy 80. Call 432-263-2084 to place an order or for more information.

• Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.
Cost is \$8 per person.

• The Howard County Fair needs people to cross stitch squares for the annual Quilt Fundraiser. Complete kits may be picked up from Cheryl Joy at the Heritage Museum, Tuesday through Saturday. For more information call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674

Meetings

• The Big Spring Art Association meets every third Tuesday, September through May at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library. Everyone is welcome to attend. Memberships are available. The annual dues are \$20.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

• The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring meets at noon every Thursday in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Visitors are welcome.

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.

• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 ½ Main St. All Masons are welcome.

Volunteer opportunities

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of

needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fund-raisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, (432) 268-7535 or danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

• Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Kim Plew at 263-4016 or 213-7960.

• Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring Needs You! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary stu-

dents who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

Sacking dates are as follows (please note the group starts at 5:30 p.m.) March 28 and 29.

Our sacking location has moved to the Lakeview High School gym located at 1107 NW 7th. To get there take Gregg Street north and turn left on Delaney which is the block just past the Salvation Army Store. Delaney turns into 7th Street, you will go over the railroad tracks and the school is on the left.

Currently we are distributing food at Goliad, Marcy and Moss Elementary Schools. If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9-11 a.m. and get two for one, plus a rehab meeting.

Youth activities

• The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

Need help?

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. Call 888-995-HOPE.

DOCTORS

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People who are physically active tend to live longer and are at lower risk of heart disease,

stroke, Type 2 diabetes, depression and some cancers, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease and Control and Prevention. Yet fewer than one in four American adults exercises enough to reap those benefits, the

agency says.

Dr. Edward Phillips, a Boston physician, is so sold on exercise he pedals on a stationary bike that's integrated into his office desk. Phillips said exercise is "like taking a little bit of Pro-

zac — an antidepressant — and a little bit of Ritalin, which is a stimulant."

"Our bodies are meant to move," he said. "Integrating movement into our day allows the system to work optimally.

Part of the system that needs to work is our brain, and includes sleep, mood, cognition, ability to concentrate."

A prescription for exercise is a bargain, said Stephanie Dennis, who works out on a treadmill

to stay fit.

"\$10 a month is what? \$2 a week, \$2-\$2.50 a week," she said. "A lot of people pay that every day for coffee. It's not a big sacrifice for something that you get big rewards from."

GOP

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with 99 delegates, and Ohio, with 66. The Marianas have only nine delegates.

Also, the winners in Missouri and Illinois could get a large majority of the delegates from those states.

North Carolina awards delegates proportionally, so everybody gets a trophy.

THE HOME-STATE SENATOR AND GOVERNOR WIN

If Marco Rubio wins Florida and John Kasich

wins Ohio, their victories would go a long way toward making sure that no one gets the 1,237 delegates needed to lock up the nomination before the convention.

It's already too late for Rubio or Kasich to reach the magic number by June. Rubio has been winning just 15 percent of the delegates, and Kasich has been getting just 6 percent.

But if they could both pull off big wins on Tuesday, they could stop Trump, setting the stage for a contested convention this summer.

Even if Trump were to win the rest of the winner-take-all states

— there are only six others — he would still be denied a majority of the delegates.

THE HOME-STATE SENATOR AND GOVERNOR SPLIT

If Trump were to win Florida but lose Ohio, the status quo would prevail, and the race would continue on an uncertain path. Trump would have slightly less than 50 percent of the delegates, but he could jump above the threshold by winning the rest of the winner-take-all states.

The next big winner-take-all state is Arizona, with 58 delegates at

stake March 22. There are three winner-take-all states on June 7, the last day of the primary season. They are New Jersey, Montana and South Dakota.

TED CRUZ SWEEPS

The polls say it's unlikely, but if Ted Cruz were to win every state on Tuesday, he would jump into the lead in the race for delegates. However, he would still be short of a majority of the delegates, increasing the likelihood of a contested convention.

Cruz would need to win 61 percent of the remaining delegates to reach 1,237, a big improvement from his current rate of 34 percent.

Cruz would probably need Rubio and Kasich

to drop out, and then would need to beat Trump soundly in the remaining contests.

The AP delegate count thus far:

—Donald Trump: 460.
—Ted Cruz: 370.
—Marco Rubio: 163.
—John Kasich: 63.

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COUNTY

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ductive than we currently are ... There will be no changes in services to county residents."

In other business Monday, commissioners:

• Tabled an agreement with the city of Big Spring to share a

fiber-optic line until city and county officials can further review the proposal.

• Approved a request from CGG to put up a \$500,000 bond to perform seismic work on county roads. The bond will be used in case roads are damaged during the project.

• Approved the coun-

ty's annual financial report.

• Held a brief closed session to discuss personnel matters at the sheriff's office. No action was taken.

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Life, love & chaos:

Yours, mine and ours: Talking finances

Some think that the hardest conversations to have are about religion and politics.

I believe those are two topics that can cause a heated discussion, but if you want to see a real argument, talk about money.

Those who don't have it in abundance want more, those who have it wonder why others don't just work harder to get more and somewhere in the middle are those people that just go about their daily lives thankful that they have enough but still hoping they will have more eventually.

When couples discuss money, it can be a very difficult discussion which can easily lead to a fight.

If the couple has one breadwinner and one stay at home spouse, the one earning the money might be more likely to feel they know best how to spend their hard earned money.

When both partners work, it might be an argument that mine is mine and yours is yours ... but you pay the

bills and mine I will spend as I see fit.

And then there is also the chance that while one is working to earn the money, the other one knows what the bills and household requirements are so they feel they should be in charge which can leave a bitter taste in the mouth of the one earning it but unable to spend it when they want.

Now, knowing that finances are an argument waiting to happen, try throwing in a few kids to add a bit more strain and a new set of complications.

Do we spoil the kids? Do the kids come last and we spend the money on what we want because we are the adults? Do we let the kids have an allowance ... so on and so forth.

No one likes talking finances.

Anthony and I have been together so long, and he has always been the main breadwinner. My working life for the first 13 years of our marriage was sporadic. I would work around holidays and



when things were tight and we needed the extra money for a while and then I would go back to taking care of the girls and the house.

I always felt guilty about him earning the money, but I was in charge of deciding what bills to pay and what to do with whatever extra money (if any) and what needed to be purchased for the girls and the house.

It was always stressful to have to tell Anthony he couldn't buy something he wanted because we didn't

have the extra money. I felt like since he earned the money, he should have the most say in where the money went.

When Anthony was in the Army, I had complete control of the money because I was at home taking care of the bills and the girls, so I needed the money. He would take out an "allowance" for himself to buy what he wanted and needed over there and he gave me the rest.

Anthony and I have done better about communicating about our finances ... so guess what the next complication is ... two teenage daughters.

Dates, going out with friends to the movies or bowling, school projects, school lunches, the list goes on. Add on top of that one getting ready to drive so there is a car, insurance and gas to think about.

Planning ahead is the key. Talking about finances in a calm manner is also very important.

If you are the breadwinner, remember that you chose to support a family. You

need to make sure that their needs are met. Especially if you have children. No, your child does not need a new toy every payday, but that child will need diapers, clothes, shoes, food and other essentials that come with having a child.

If you are a stay at home parent/spouse, yes, they are earning the money and you should respect that fact. But you also have a right to say what your concerns/needs are for the home and the family so that they can be budgeted.

Finances don't have to lead to a battleground each time if you approach the other person with respect and understanding.

Talking finances is no different than addressing any other part of the relationship. In order to get what all people involved want and need, it is important to be open and honest about the finances. And try to be understanding about how the other person feels.

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Out in East Texas, there's a small town with big stories

KIRBYVILLE, Texas (AP) — John Henry Kirby, the prototypical East Texas timber baron, made a whale of a lot of money in the dense Piney Woods that once surrounded this little East Texas town that bears his name.

In the early years of the 20th century, he controlled more than 300,000 acres of timberland, operated as many as 13 lumber mills and five logging camps, and had more than 16,000 people working for him. He also owned the Gulf, Beaumont and Kansas City Railway, the line that hauled the finished pine lumber to market. Kirby's Houston Oil Company held the mineral, timber and surface rights to a million acres in Southeast Texas.

Kirby's pine forests were good to the Manchac family, as well, give or take a few million dollars. Pat Manchac, a congenial fellow with a cache of East Texas tales to tell, was born 71 years ago in nearby

Call, then a company town larger than Kirbyville and now a ghost town. His folks ran a mom-and-pop grocery store, but with 19 children in the family, they needed to supplement their income to make sure everybody got fed. (The women of Call, I learned this week, are proud to call themselves Call girls.)

The Manchacs were bootleggers. "We'd come in at night and wrap bottles of whiskey in tow sacks and take them out in the woods to hide 'em," Pat Manchac recalled. "Hide it in the dark, find it in the dark," that was our motto. I knew how to hide 'em so you'd walk right over 'em and never know they were there."

The feds would raid the family operation occasionally, but the Newton County sheriff would almost always call ahead of time with a warning. "I remember the feds would line all of us up against a wall of the house, and we

couldn't move 'til they left," Manchac told the Houston Chronicle. "I thought it was exciting."

Manchac has lived in and around Kirbyville all his life. A retired barber and high school industrial arts teacher, he was a Kirbyville Wildcats football star in the early '60s and had a couple of scholarship offers but chose to go to barber college instead.

Kirby, also known as "Prince of the Pines," moved to Houston in 1901, where he invested in real estate (in Houston and Dallas) and continued to run his lumber interests, his oil and gas company, and his railroad. He also served two terms in the Texas Legislature. A quarrelsome type who hated labor unions and FDR's New Deal, he went broke during the Depression ("Once I built a railroad, I made it run. ..."). He died in 1940 and is best known today for the perpetually traffic-clogged Houston street

that bears his name.

Kirbyville, founded in 1895, had its own clogged streets in the early days. With a population of about 2,000 (then and now), it was a typical company town. Employees lived in Kirby Lumber Co. houses, relied on the company doctor and shopped in the company commissary with company scrip.

Although timber was pretty much cut over by the 1930s, the town prospered for another couple of decades as a market center for farming, poultry and dairy operations.

"You could not find a place to park on this street on Saturdays," Manchac recalled as he stood on a mostly empty Main Street amid old buildings now abandoned and collapsing on themselves. Manchac pointed out where the drug store, a Dr Pepper plant, Lindsay's Five & Dime, "Coon" Grimes'

pool hall, a grocery store, a lumber yard, a mule barn, Mixson's Department Store, Sam's Barber Shop, three auto dealers and the railroad depot (three passenger trains daily) used to be. He and other residents told me that local businesses succumbed to the Wal-Mart in nearby Jasper, but the town was struggling long before the retail behemoth moved in. It still struggles.

The town's not giving up, two-term Mayor Frank George told me. George, 65, moved to Kirbyville in 1967 and was a longtime Borden's milkman before becoming a partner in locally owned Jenny's Fried Chicken in 1991. He started out part-time, coming in to cut up chicken after finishing his milk route. "I needed another job; I was making \$90 a week," he recalled, while I took notes in a booth over "two pieces,

mixed, with french fries and a roll."

The chicken is good, and so is business - so good, in fact, that George is building a larger restaurant. "The community has been good to us," he said. "We're the get-together place."

The mayor's municipal duties, on the other hand, are a challenge. "Hurricane Rita almost did our community in," he said.

Instead of laying people off in the aftermath of the storm, the town reduced hours, which prompted the entire police department to quit. "Nobody got mad enough not to come back," the mayor said, although the town still needs a city administrator, an economic development board and a website. It also needs a supermarket, a hospital, some kind of industry - "anything to create permanent, well-paying jobs."

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Rubio, Kasich fighting to keep White House hopes alive

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio (AP) — Republicans Marco Rubio and John Kasich are fighting for their political futures Tuesday, desperate for wins in their home states of Florida and Ohio to keep their White House hopes alive and complicate Donald Trump's path to the nomination. Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton is hoping to keep rival Bernie Sanders from building new momentum in the Midwest.

With more delegates up for grabs than almost any other day in the primary calendar, Tuesday's contests afford Trump and Clinton the chance to put their parties' nominations out of sight for their competitors. While Florida and Ohio are the biggest prizes, Missouri, Illinois and North Carolina are also awarding a cache of delegates.

Trump enters Tuesday's primaries embroiled in one of the biggest controversies of his contentious campaign. The GOP front-runner has encouraged supporters to physically confront protesters at his events and is now facing criticism for encouraging violence after skirmishes broke out at a rally last week in Chicago.

During an event Monday in Tampa, Trump was interrupted intermittently by protesters, some of whom were forcibly removed. Trump said he didn't want to "ruin somebody's life, but do we prosecute somebody like that?"

The vibe at Trump's events has deepened the angst over his candidacy in some Republican circles. Rubio and Kasich have suggested they might not be able to support Trump if he's the nominee, an extraordinary stance for intraparty rivals. House Speaker Paul Ryan has also taken lightly veiled shots at the businessman, who has denied playing any role in encouraging violence against protesters.

Forget favorite candidates, some people voting strategically

WASHINGTON (AP) — Kennedy Copeland is a Marco Rubio fan who voted for John Kasich in Ohio. Ann Croft is all in to elect Hillary Clinton president but cast her ballot for Rubio in Virginia. Julia Price will back the Democratic nominee in November but voted for Kasich in Tennessee.

Are these voters confused? No, they're voting strategically in the year of Donald Trump in hopes of altering the outcome of the presidential race by voting for someone other than their favorite candidate in the primaries.

Democrat Croft, for example, figured Clinton didn't need her help to win Virginia. So she decided to vote instead against Trump in the Republican primary because some of her GOP friends were worried he would win the state.

"I was feeling almost sort of dirty about doing it," she recalled. But then Croft talked to a friend who had done exactly the same thing, which made her feel better.

In other cases, Democrats are crossing over to do just the opposite: voting for Trump, on the thinking he'd be the weakest candidate to face the eventual Democratic nominee.

Disorder at Trump rallies: As American as cherry pie?

Even before the presidential candidate arrived at the rally, the arena

seethed. Fistfights broke out as the national anthem played. Supporters tore up demonstrators' signs, beat them with sticks, pummeled them with folding chairs.

The year was 1968; the candidate was Alabama Gov. George Wallace.

If you're struggling with feelings of déjà vu, you're not alone. The recent dark turn of the 2016 presidential campaign — the ugly scuffles and confrontations at Donald Trump's rallies — has brought back memories of the turmoil of the 1960s, and fueled fears that America is careering into a similarly angry and violent era.

Will it happen? There's no way of knowing. Some note this is a different time: When Wallace climbed the stage of Detroit's Cobo arena, on Oct. 29, 1968, college campuses were exploding, American cities were in rubble, and Wallace's incendiary words were just some of many, many angry words of that era.

As contentious as our times may seem, they're not that bad — yet. But protesters, drawn by Trump's positions against immigrants and Muslims, have been ejected from his rallies; one North Carolina man was charged with assault after he was caught on video hitting a man being led out by deputies at the event in Fayetteville. Trump says he does not encourage violence; the fault, he says, lies with the demonstrators.

Iraqi official, Syrian activist: Senior IS leader dead

BAGHDAD (AP) — A top Islamic State commander and feared Chechen jihadi fighter Omar al-Shishani has died of wounds suffered in a U.S. airstrike in Syria last week, a senior Iraqi intelligence official and the head of a Syrian activist group said Tuesday.

Al-Shishani died on Monday outside the Islamic State group's main stronghold of Raqqa in Syria, the two told The Associated Press.

The read-bearded ethnic Chechen was one of the most prominent IS commanders, serving as the group's military commander for the territory it controls in Syria. He may have also become the group's overall military chief, a post that has been vacant after the Iraqi militant who once held it — known as Abu Abdul-Rahman al-Bilawi al-Anbari — was killed in the Iraqi city of Mosul in June 2014.

According to Rami Abdurrahman, of the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights which tracks the Syrian conflict through a network of activists on the ground, after al-Shishani was wounded, IS "brought a number of doctors to treat him, but they were not able to."

Abdurrahman said al-Shishani died in a hospital in the eastern suburbs of Raqqa. The Iraqi intelligence official, who spoke on condition of anonymity as he was not authorized to talk to the media, said the IS commander was buried in Deir el-Zour on Tuesday.

Moscow says Russian warplanes have started to leave Syria

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's defense ministry said Tuesday that the first group of warplanes stationed at the Russian air base in Syria has left for home following a pullout order from President Vladimir Putin.

The development came as U.N.-brokered Syria peace talks between Syrian President Bashar Assad's government and the opposition were to resume for a second day in Geneva.

Putin announced the withdrawal of most of the Russian forces from Syria on Monday night, timing his move to coincide with the resumption of the talks in Geneva.

The Defense Ministry said the first group of warplanes to depart included an unspecified number of Su-34 fighter jets, accompanied by a military transport aircraft. The planes would be making stops at airfields in Russia for refueling and technical checks since some of them are stationed more than 5,000 kilometers (3,100 miles) away from the Syria base, the ministry said.

Putin didn't specify how many aircraft and troops would be withdrawn. Russia has not revealed how many soldiers it has deployed to Syria, where it maintains a naval facility as well as an air base, but U.S. estimates of the number of Russian military personnel vary from 3,000 to 6,000.

Syria refugees fear long exile after 5 years of war

ZAATARI REFUGEE CAMP, Jordan (AP) — The murals of forests, seaside cities and beaches being painted on homes in a desert camp in Jordan are cheery and colorful, meant to boost the morale of the Syrian refugees living here.

But they also reinforce a painful message to the displaced: a return home is a long way off.

As the Syria conflict enters year six this month, residents of Zaatari are grappling with the prospect of open-ended exile.

Memories of Syria are fading, roots in the camp of 80,000 people are growing deeper and resettlement to the West, though a long shot for most, is seen as a more realistic option than going back to Syria.

"I live on hope, but hope is far away," said Rasha Ali, 30, who fled a Damascus suburb four years ago. She now teaches in a camp kindergarten where most of the children were born after the March 2011 outbreak of the conflict, a popular uprising against Syrian President Bashar Assad that escalated into civil war.

Brothers accused in recording attack that left officer dead

CHEVERLY, Md. (AP) — An undercover narcotics officer was mortally wounded by one of his colleagues as he responded to an attack on his police station by a gunman with a death wish, their police chief angrily explained on Monday.

And while Officer Jacai Colson lay dying, the gunman's two brothers coldly recorded Sunday's firefight on their cellphones, Prince George's County Police Chief Hank Stawinski said, tapping a podium and trying to contain his emotions.

The gunman, Michael Ford, dictated a "last will and testament" just minutes before his two brothers drove him to the station, where he began spraying bullets at passing cars and even an ambulance to draw officers outside, police said.

Colson arrived at the station after the firing began. He was wearing civilian clothes without body armor and leaping out of an unmarked car.

"Police officers run to disorder. They run to the sound of shots," the chief said. "It's my sad duty to have to share with you that, circumstantially, we believe the fired round that led to Detective Colson's death was fired

by one of his fellow Prince George's County officers reacting to this."

Suu Kyi loyalist and friend elected Myanmar's president

NAYPYITAW, Myanmar (AP) — Myanmar's parliament elected Htin Kyaw as the country's new president Tuesday in a watershed moment that ushers the longtime opposition party of Aung San Suu Kyi into government after 54 years of direct or indirect military rule.

The joint session of the two houses of parliament broke into thundering applause as the speaker Mann Win Khaing Than announced the result: "I hereby announce the president of Myanmar is Htin Kyaw, as he won the majority of votes." Immediately, the state-run Myanmar TV's camera zoomed in from above on a beaming Suu Kyi, sitting in the front row, clapping excitedly, for a live nationwide audience.

The 70-year-old Htin Kyaw, a longtime confidant of Suu Kyi, will take office April 1 but questions remain about his position and power.

Rightfully, the job belonged to Suu Kyi, who has been the face of the pro-democracy movement and who endured decades of house arrest and harassment by military rulers without ever giving up on her non-violent campaign to unseat them. But a constitutional provision barred Suu Kyi from becoming president, and she made it clear that whoever sits in that chair will be her proxy.

Still, Htin Kyaw will be remembered by history as the first civilian president for Myanmar and the head of its first government to be elected in free and fair polls. After the parliament session ended, Suu Kyi did not comment as she exited, leaving the new president to deliver the first reaction.

N. Korea nuke threat not all bluff and bluster

TOKYO (AP) — Skeptics of North Korea's nuclear threat, and there are many, have long clung to two comforting thoughts.

While the North has the bomb, it doesn't have a warhead small enough to put on a long-range rocket. And it certainly doesn't have a re-entry vehicle to keep that warhead from burning up in the atmosphere before it could reach a target like, as it has suggested before, Manhattan.

North Korea on Tuesday suggested it will soon show the world it has mastered both technologies.

That would require a huge jump in the North's suspected nuclear capabilities, so it may be just the latest case of Pyongyang saying with vitriolic propaganda something it cannot demonstrate in tests. But if it delivers, it will put to rest one other comforting thought: that it's safe for policymakers in Washington and elsewhere to take North Korea's claims as mainly just bluster.

"We have proudly acquired the re-entry technology, possessed by a few countries styling themselves as military powers, by dint of self-reliance and self-development," North Korean leader Kim Jong Un was quoted as saying.

The authoritarian country's state-run media reported he made the comment after meeting scientists and technicians, following what it said was a successful ground test of a re-entry vehicle.



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President Barack Obama waves to the audience after taking part in a South by Southwest Interactive, Friday, March 11, 2016, in Austin, Texas. (AP Photo/Eric Gay)

Austin judge shot in 2015 thought she was going to die

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A judge in Austin who was shot last fall while in a vehicle says it was the most terrifying incident of her life and she thought she was going to die.

District Judge Julie Kocurek (koh-SER'-ik), in an interview with KXAN-TV (<http://bit.ly/1V97rC3>), says she heard rapid gunfire, the sound of the windshield shattering and she tried to take cover.

The ambush happened Nov. 6 as Kocurek, who presides over criminal cases, pulled up to her home.

No one has been charged but police have identified a person of interest in the attack that left the judge recovering for several months. Kocurek returned to the bench in February.

Kocurek told KXAN, in an interview that aired Monday, that she will end her career when she's ready and on her own terms.

Search continues for Katy girl

HOUSTON (AP) — Investigators are searching for a 14-year-old Houston-area girl amid concerns she was with her father when he was slain and his burned body dumped near a ditch.

The FBI has joined the investigation into the disappearance of Adriana Coronado of Katy. An Amber Alert was issued Monday.

Walker County Sheriff Clint McRae says Adriana is believed to be in grave danger. The girl was last seen Saturday in Katy.

The body of Caesar Vladimir Coronado was discovered Sunday in Walker County. Authorities believe the man was shot. His burned pickup truck was located near Conroe, about 45 miles south of where the body was found.

Fort Worth officer off patrols after pepper spray incident

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A North Texas police officer has been

removed from patrols after video shows him discharging pepper spray at some passing motorcycle riders.

Fort Worth police on Monday placed the officer, identified as W. Figueroa, on administrative duty amid the investigation.

A motorcyclist with a GoPro camera on Sunday recorded Figueroa discharging pepper spray toward the riders. The video was posted on Facebook.

Police say the incident, while Figueroa stopped a truck for a traffic violation, was also captured on his body camera and patrol car camera.

Fort Worth police earlier received calls reporting motorcycles weaving in and out of traffic and driving in a reckless manner.

Motorcyclist Jack Kinney, who shot the video, says he witnessed no such reckless driving.

Fort Worth police on Tuesday said Figueroa was not commenting.

Deliberations resume at trial of man charged in Texas attack

PHOENIX (AP) — Jurors will resume deliberations at the trial of an Arizona man charged with plotting an attack at a Prophet Muhammad cartoon contest in Texas.

Tuesday will mark the second day of deliberations at the trial of Abdul Malik Abdul Kareem.

The 44-year-old moving company owner is accused of hosting two friends at his home to discuss plans for the May 3 attack in Gar-

land, Texas.

Investigators say Kareem provided the guns used in the attack and went target shooting with two friends who were later killed in a police shootout outside the contest.

He also is charged with providing support to the Islamic State terrorist group.

Kareem vehemently denies the allegations.

Jurors heard closing arguments Friday and met privately for about 20 minutes before going home for the weekend.

Former police cadet sentenced in boyfriend's fatal shooting

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — A jury has sentenced a former Galveston Police Department cadet to 27 years in prison for fatally shooting her boyfriend.

Twenty-four-year-old Claudia Kristine Esquivel was convicted Monday of shooting and killing 27-year-old Christopher Chapa in June 2014.

Esquivel's attorney, Greg Russell, argued that his client pointed what she thought was an unloaded gun at Chapa in self-defense. Prosecutors said the former cadet scored well in her academy weapons class and knew the gun was loaded.

Esquivel graduated from Galveston College's Law Enforcement Academy just weeks before the shooting.

Esquivel was also given a \$10,000 fine, the maximum allowed by the law. She had faced a possible prison term

of five to 99 years in the case.

Court lets Texas join suit alleging federal land overreach

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A court has allowed Texas to join a group of families suing the federal government, alleging unconstitutional seizure of land along the Texas-Oklahoma border.

State Attorney General Ken Paxton announced Monday that the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas granted the state's intervention in a lawsuit filed in November.

It accuses the federal Bureau of Land Management of a "blatant land grab" involving a 116-mile tract along the Red River. The river marks the Texas-Oklahoma border, but its waters have shifted for decades, raising ownership questions.

Federal officials say they want to work with residents to determine proper ownership.

Paxton said in a statement that "Texas will not stand for the federal government's infringement upon Texas land and the property rights of the people who live here."

Environmental group warns of arsenic-laced water in Texas

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Arsenic levels in drinking water exceed federal safety levels in more than 60

rural Texas communities, and federal officials need to step in because the state isn't doing enough to notify residents of the dangers, according to a report released Monday by a national environmental group.

The Washington, D.C.-based Environmental Integrity Project analyzed more than a decade of Texas data that showed about 51,000 people in 34 of those communities have been exposed to contaminated drinking water for at least a decade, many at levels several times higher than the arsenic limit. The group said Texas needs to do more to warn residents about the risks of exposure to arsenic, a naturally occurring carcinogen.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, which collected the data, confirmed that 65 communities' water exceeded the limit for arsenic, most of them in West Texas and near the Gulf Coast. But the agency said all but two were "under enforcement" by the state or the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, meaning the operators of those communities' water systems have been ordered to implement better filters and faced fines.

TCEQ spokesman Terry Clawson said arsenic levels typically found in Texas "do not pose an immediate health threat," and that "the potential danger of arsenic intake is very specifically detailed" in advisories the agency sends to communities. He said the agency doesn't provide funding for cleanup, but gives communities information about potential funding sources.

That isn't enough, according to the Environmental Integrity Project and other experts who called on the EPA to intervene.

As SXSW grows, Austin unaffordability dims faded music scene

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — As the music universe orbits Austin again this week for SXSW, the "Live Music Capital of the World" is losing its cool — or at any rate, fretting about losing the bands and clubs that make it such.

Anxiety is rising among politicians, SXSW organizers and \$5-cover venues over runaway rent prices squeezing the cultural backbone of Austin, the fastest-growing big city in the U.S., where performers including Lil Wayne and Jamie xx will flock starting Monday at a time of unease in the famed music scene over what locals leaders call an unaffordability crisis.

Mayor Steve Adler this month promised help for struggling musicians from City Hall — a sleek plaza on a redeveloped block of trendy shops, which chased off the iconic rock venue Liberty Lunch and is now shadowed by \$1 million condos at the W Hotel. Adler has embraced a recent study, commissioned by an Austin advocacy group for local musicians, which estimated that 1,200 jobs in the music industry have been lost since 2010.

Whether those figures are on the mark, Austin leaders say landmark clubs that closed recently in the face of 40 percent rent hikes and an affordable housing crunch are clear distress signs for a city home to Grammy-winner Patty Griffin, guitar virtuoso Gary Clark Jr. and indie heroes Spoon.

"You don't get to be the live music capital of the world if you've lost all your artists," Adler said.

Any frailty won't be obvious to SXSW goers.

The weeklong festival is as big as ever with 2,100 bands overrunning Austin for six days. Big acts this year include The Strokes, The Roots and The Avett Brothers. First lady Michelle Obama will also deliver a speech Wednesday on education for girls, following her husband's first SXSW visit last week that gridlocked downtown.

"We see our fault lines that, left unchecked, existentially threaten the creative ecosystem in Austin," said Brad Spies, SXSW's brand director, about the concerns of affordability. "When people come to Austin they notice a lot of new buildings, a lot of new construction. But I like to think the soul of Austin is still here."

A study by Austin Music People found that SXSW and other music festivals since are now bigger economic drivers than the local music scene.

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Hawks win three in NM

By DREW WILLIAMS
Sports Editor

The Howard Hawks (11-10, 3-1) won three out of four in Las Vegas, NM last weekend to start their conference play with a 3-1 record, but head coach Britt Smith said the team probably needed to do better, even this early.

"Wereallyprobablyneeded to win four. That game could end up keeping us out of the playoffs in the long run, but with the way we played in the first three games I was extremely pleased. It was about as good as we played all year, certainly in a three-game stretch all put together," Smith said.

Howard beat Luna Community College in the third game of the series Saturday 13-3, and dropped the final game 16-8. Smith said the team's pitching and errors cost them game four, and that the weather didn't do the Hawks any favors.

"A weather front came in and it went from 61 degrees down to the low 40s with 35 mile-an-hour winds, and the guys were freezing. It was just a bad combination of not handling the weather

very well and not handling anything else very good either."

He added that if the team had played as well in game three as they did in game four, they could have come back to Big Spring with an impressive 4-0 start to conference.

"Game three we played really well and we pitched really well, just like we did the first day. Then game four we were terrible. We pitched bad, played lousy defense, but we had a chance," Smith said. "We were down 4-1 and came back and put up a 6-spot to take a 7-4 lead and we held it for a couple innings, and then we just imploded."

Robbie Lammons played third base Saturday for the team's RBI-leader Andrew Beck due to an injury, but Beck was still able to play as the designated hitter. Lammons, Bendon Foust, James Davison and Dominic Thornton continue to put up impressive numbers for the Hawks in the one through four spots in the lineup. Davison in particular had a great weekend by

all accounts, going 10-for-17 with two home runs, nine RBIs, six runs scored and four stolen bases.

The bottom of the order has had trouble finding the same success that the top four have. Smith was disappointed in the way the bottom five played in Las Vegas.

"Our top four guys in the lineup had a good weekend, we just didn't get a lot of production out of the bottom after the first day. The bottom of our order was really bad on Saturday, it was really bad," he said. "It didn't help us that after we got through the 4-hole, we had opportunities, but we took bad at-bats. We took bad, bad at-bats, and in bad situations. Second and third, less than two outs and we swing at balls in the dirt we look at strike three and don't even put it in play. And this is with the infield in and the ball flying with the 7,000 feet elevation, and we don't even compete to put a ball in play."

The Hawks return to Jack Barber field on Tuesday, when they'll take on Western Texas College at 1 p.m.



File photo/Tony Claxton (www.claxtonphotography.com)
Howard's Tyson Mauser catches a pop fly in a game against Vernon College earlier this season.

Hield has one last chance to electrify college basketball

By CLIFF BRUNT

AP Sports Writer

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Buddy Hield has one last chance to electrify college basketball.

Oklahoma's explosive 6-foot-4 guard came back for his senior season after considering jumping to the NBA, and he made the most of it. The Bahamas native ranks second nationally with 25.0 points per game, and now, he has the chance to accomplish the goal he set when he chose to return — take the Sooners to the Final Four. Oklahoma opens NCAA Tournament play Friday in Oklahoma City against Cal State Bakersfield.

"Just go out there and compete as hard as you can and leave it on the floor," he said Sunday after the brackets were announced. "You can't get a game back. It's going to be heartbreaking that I won't be playing any more college games (after the tournament), but you just go out there and compete and have fun, and have no regrets when you leave the court."

Hield's final season has been filled with special moments. He scored 46 points at Kansas in a triple-overtime loss and drew a standing ovation from fans at Allen Fieldhouse. He drained seven 3-pointers in the second half in a comeback win at LSU and got the best of a showdown with projected No. 1 overall NBA draft pick Ben Simmons. He hit a game-winning 3-pointer against Texas and later dropped 39 points against Iowa State in the Big 12 Tournament quarterfinals. The halfcourt shot Hield made against West Virginia in the Big 12 semifinals would have been a game winner, but he released it just late.

He leads the nation with 127 made 3-pointers. He attempts 8.6 3-pointers per game, fourth in the nation, yet ranks 11th nationally among players with at least 1.5 makes per game at 46.4 percent.

He does plenty of damage inside,

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AP photo
Baylor senior Niya Johnson lays in a basket against Iowa State University.

Baylor women 1 seed

By STEPHEN HAWKINS
AP Basketball Writer

WACO, Texas (AP) — Kim Mulkey and Baylor could face some familiar postseason foes if they keep winning games as the top seed in the Dallas Region.

Also in that region are No. 3 seed Louisville and No. 4 seed Texas A&M, their former Big 12 rival. Those teams beat the Big 12 champion Lady Bears when they were a top seed in past NCAA Tournaments.

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Mavs end Hornets' 7-game win streak, 107-96

By STEVE REED

AP Sports Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks went small Monday night and came up big.

Using a smaller starting

lineup that included Raymond Felton instead of Zaza Pachulia, the Mavericks were able to slow down the red-hot Charlotte Hornets and come away a 107-96 victory.

Chandler Parsons had 24

points and nine rebounds for the Mavericks, who snapped Charlotte's season-high seven-game winning streak and ended their own five-game skid.

Dirk Nowitzki added 23 points and 11 rebounds for the Mavericks, who moved back above .500. Deron Williams chipped in with 15 points.

Parsons called it a "huge win."

Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said he changed the lineup because he wanted to shake things up. Playing the smaller, but quicker 6-foot-1 Felton over the 6-11 Pachulia seemed to do the trick.

"The defense was great," Carlisle said. "We just had really good energy, focus, togetherness. We were playing relatively small, so we needed everybody to be very vigilant about being on the boards. That's our best chance to win and we did that tonight."

The Hornets came in averaging more than 36 points in the first quarter of their last three games. They only scored 33 in the first half against the Mavs, falling behind by 19 at intermission.

Charlotte shot 27 percent from the field in the first half and 43 percent from the foul line.

Dallas wasn't exactly lighting it up either.

The Mavericks were just 3 of 20 from 3-point range in the first three quarters, but hit 6 of 10 in the fourth quarter.

Charlotte didn't go down without a fight.

The Hornets battled back to take the lead when Kemba Walker knocked down back-to-back 3-pointers on Charlotte's first two possessions of the fourth quarter to tie it and added two free throws to put the Hornets up 73-71.

But Nowitzki turned the momentum, hitting a 3-pointer from the top of the key to give the Mavericks the lead for good and ignite an 18-6 run. The Mavs shot 65 percent from the field in the fourth quarter.

The Hornets seemed to expend their energy battling back from the halftime deficit and never really challenged again after falling behind by double digits later in the fourth quarter.

The Hornets didn't help themselves, making just 22 of 34 foul shots and committing 15 turnovers which led to 18 points.

"It comes down to basic things: too many turnovers,

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Charlotte Hornets' Frank Kaminsky III, center, tries to muscle his way through the double-team of Dallas Mavericks' David Lee, left, and Justin Anderson, right, during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Charlotte, N.C., March 14, 2016. (AP Photo/Bob Leverone)

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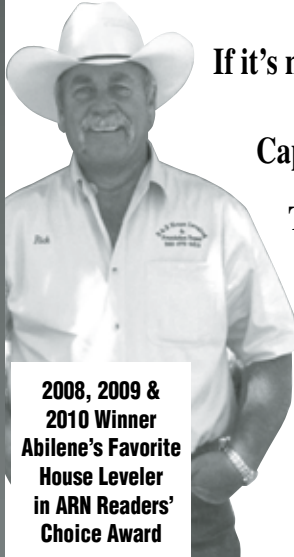
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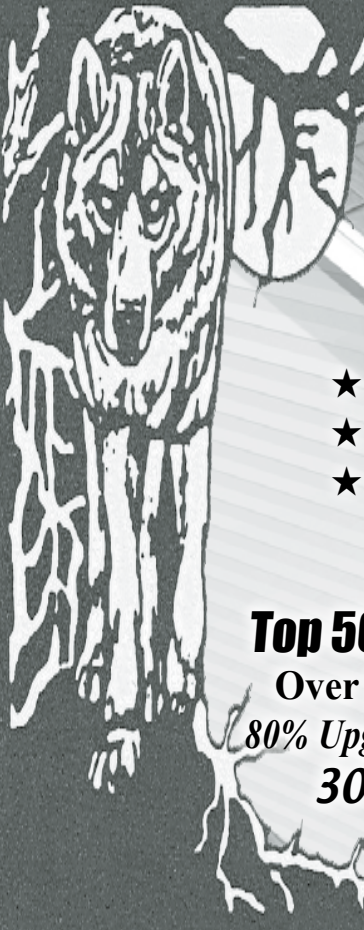
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You are like Michelangelo today, chipping and chiseling away at the marble so you can liberate the angels inside. Truly, when you create, you are the most alive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your mind doesn't work alphabetically -- no one's does. The associations you make to keep things straight will amuse you and anyone lucky enough to share ideas

with you, too.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Conversation helps you flex your creative muscles. You might be surprised at what certain people say. It's not what you would have predicted, but then again, you have a way of bringing unusual things out of people.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). What comes automatically to you would require a great effort from another person. This is a perk you get to enjoy because long ago you put in the time and energy necessary to obtain some good habits.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). What you're conscious of is only a small portion of the story. This is one more reason why you shouldn't worry so much about the things you said. It wasn't about your word choices. There's quite a lot going on right now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've come a long way, and now you'll be retracing some of those steps. You're not exactly in

Tomorrow's Horoscope

the place you wanted to land, but you're close. Once you back up, you'll see where you needed to turn.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Will the person be able to meet your expectations or do you need a change of cast? You could just ask! You might not get a completely honest answer, but you'll get the answer you need to make a decision.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's natural to create a buffer around yourself. It's a matter of protection, really. You prefer to control how involved you are with others. You don't always want to be so intimately known.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Sure, there are things you could be doing better, and in time you'll get to the place you want to be. But for now, celebrate where you're at. You are doing so many things right.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You don't want the same things as the people around you want, yet you still feel like you're in

competition for some reason. Maybe it's because you simply thrive on challenge.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Because you have higher standards, you'll be held to them. This will be true regardless of whether you share your expectations or not. You're in your own category. Really, this can't be helped.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Someone approves of you, another person disapproves -- no matter what you do, you can't please everyone. Work on making yourself happy and you'll be just fine.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (MARCH 15). The best you have is, quite simply, the best there is. You suspected that was true, and at this juncture there is no point in being modest about it. Everyone knows. Enjoy it! This is your moment. Your brainchild will put money in your bank account in April. You'll have fun keeping your word in June. Libra and Capricorn adore you.

Your lucky numbers are 6, 20, 1, 11 and 18.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "I know that life is cyclical, but I've never hit a cycle quite as bad as this one. Everything is going wrong on every level, including loss of job, eviction and loss of what I consider the great love of my life. I was born Nov. 18."

Scorpios born between Nov. 17 and Nov. 20 are in a time of turmoil that will result in positive financial gains and renewed self-confidence. In your inventory, your greatest assets are your dedication, your ability to analyze problems and your inventive minds. Scorpios who have considered going into business for themselves should do so now. You are ready to devote long hours to a new pursuit. Your luckiest period ahead lies during Sept. 12-20, when you get help from strangers and through legal matters. In love, you will be ending several important relationships that have kept you in an emotional rut

for years. New ones come along in mid-November, but you must be free to accept these delightful offers. A move or slight change in residence this year is lucky. Expect Capricorn men and Leo women to be very generous, and understand all that you are striving for.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My oldest and youngest sisters are 10 years apart. They used to be good friends, but in the past three years, something apparently happened and now they can't stand to be in the same room together. At family events, the tension is awful. They can't talk to one another without condescension and sarcasm.

My parents and I are caught in the middle. Each sister comes to me to complain about the other. I have tried to get them to talk it out or call a truce for the sake of the family, but it continues to get worse. My oldest sister will invite everyone for dinner except my youngest

sister. Then my youngest sister complains to our mother.

Mom is 86 years old and worries constantly about her daughters. My brother wanted to move back home to help with my parents, but he changed his mind because he didn't want to deal with the bad vibes coming from our other two sisters. No other family members will talk to them about this, because they don't want to hurt their feelings.

I am so sick of this family feud. Is there anything we can do with these selfish adults? -- The Middle Sister

Dear Middle Sister: Does anyone know the

original cause of this animosity? Sometimes, a minor problem can become a major rift because it isn't dealt with at the time, so it festers. Could you, your mother, your clergyman or a professional mediator get the two of them in a room together to discuss it?

One common problem with estranged siblings is that they spend years unable to enjoy each other's company, only to regret it when it's too late to fix. You might remind your sisters that they could have less time to repair this than they think. We hope one of them can be the bigger person and make the first move.

Dear Annie: A while back, I read with interest a letter from "Jungle Jim in Indiana," regarding the things men should know if their wives become incapable of doing common household tasks. What is good for one is good for the other. Please print my list of things a woman should know if her husband were no longer around, or incapable of doing these things. -- Dover, Pennsylvania

Dear Dover: Thanks. Here it is:

1. Know how to check the fluids in the car (oil, power steering, brake, windshield washer). Also, know how to check the air pressure in the tires

and properly wax the car. Or know where to find a reputable mechanic and car wash.

2. Know where the main water shutoff is located in the home in case a pipe bursts.

3. Know where important papers are kept (car titles, insurance papers, deeds, IRA and CD certificates, bonds), as well as retirement information and medical records.

4. Know what to do if the pilot light goes out on the gas stove and who to call if there is a gas leak.

5. Know how to replace the batteries in the smoke detectors/radon detectors in the home and do it every six months.

6. Know where the fuse box is and how to change a fuse.

7. Know how to fix a toilet that has stopped working properly.

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Bridge**

By Steve Becker

Solving a Diamond Mystery

East dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠	A K 10 9 4		
♥	8 2		
♦	A J 8 7 5		
♣	7		
EAST			
♠	5		
♥	A K 7 6		
♦	6		
♣	K J 10 9 6 4 3		
SOUTH			
♠	Q J 8 7 2		
♥	10		
♦	K 4 3 2		
♣	8 5 2		

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♥	Dble
4 ♠	4 ♣	5 ♥	5 ♠

Opening lead — ace of clubs.

When declarer is faced with a crucial choice of plays, he should, whenever possible, defer making the decision until he is able to assemble all the clues that might have a bearing on it.

Here is a typical case. West leads the ace of clubs and shifts to the queen of hearts. East wins with the king and continues with the ace, which South ruffs. Having lost the

first two tricks, South must win the rest to make the contract. His only problem is to avoid a diamond loser.

Ordinarily, missing four to the queen, South would cash the K-A rather than attempt a finesse. But the mathematical advantage of playing for the queen to fall is very slight, and declarer should always be on the lookout for a reason to abandon the so-called percentage play in favor of the finesse.

In order to learn as much as he can about the opponents' distribution, declarer should ruff a club in dummy at trick four, lead a trump to the queen and ruff another club — on which West shows out.

This significant development is exactly what South is looking for. It tells him that East started with seven clubs to go with the four hearts he showed during the bidding. (East could hardly have leaped to four hearts with fewer than four of them.) Also, because East has already followed to one round of spades, he cannot possibly have been dealt more than one diamond.

Consequently, after drawing another round of trumps, declarer cashes the king of diamonds and then finesses the jack with full confidence that the finesse will succeed.

Tomorrow: Timing is everything.

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	KMID (3) Midland	UNI (4) Spanish	KPEJ (5) Odessa	KOSA (7) Odessa	KTLE (8) Telemundo	KWES (9) Midland	KMLM (12) Odessa	KPBT (13) Odessa	KWWT (14) Odessa	KWES2 (15) Midland	WTBS (33) Atlanta	TNT (34) Atlanta	ESPN (35) Sports	ESPN2 (36) Sports	FSN (38) Sports	USA (55) New York	A&E (58) New York	DISC (60) Discovery
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DENNIS THE MENACE

"No, we don't serve 'MARGARETAS.'"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

"Aw, c'mon, Daddy. Are you SURE this one isn't your card either?"

HAGAR

YOU CAN'T HAVE A DOG IN HERE!

HE'S A SERVICE DOG!

HE'S GOING TO HELP ME FIND MY WAY HOME!

BLONDIE

TODAY IS "IDES OF MARCH," MY BOY! A GRIM DAY FOR MY NAMESAKE JULIUS CAESAR DITHERS!

I'll SAY!

AT LEAST I KNOW THAT I'LL NEVER HAVE TO UTTER THE WORDS: ET TU, BUMSTEAD?!

I BET BRUTUS GOT MORE RAISES THAN BUMSTEAD!

BC

NEVER PLAY POKER WITH A GUY WHO PROFFESSES TO KNOW WHICH DROIDS YOU'RE LOOKING FOR.

WIZARD OF ID

MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE WALL... SHOW ME THE ENEMY

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN DOING THIS? YOU HAVE TO RHYME

OR I'LL FRISBEE TOSS YOU DOWN THE HALL!

OK! OK! YOU'RE A REGULAR EMINEM!

AGNES

HEY! THIS ISN'T A DEAD FAIRY! IT'S SOME SORT OF CHOPPED UP CHEAP FASHION DOLL!

THE STINK MUST HAVE BEEN THESE OLD EGGS.

LOOKS LIKE IT'S BEEN RUN OVER BY A LAWN MOWER.

YEAH.

AM I FLYING?

IF IT WASN'T A FAIRY, IT'S NOT FAIRY DUST.

HI AND LOIS

REMEMBER WHEN DOCTORS USED TO MAKE HOUSE CALLS?

THOSE DAYS ARE LONG GONE.

NOW WE WAIT 45 MINUTES FOR 5 MINUTES OF THEIR TIME.

THE OTHER COAST

CYCLING CHAMPION BUTCH FLETCHER HAS PICKED UP ANOTHER CORPORATE ENDORSEMENT.

BIG DEAL, SO HE CAN BIKE UP A HILL. I'M AN AGILITY COURSE CHAMPION.

BUT DO YOU SEE PIPE MANUFACTURERS AND TILTING BOARD OF DOOM BUILDERS SPONSOR ME?

HALF THE TIME I DONT EVEN GET A BRAND-NAME BISCUIT WHEN I FINISH FIRST.

SNUFFY SMITH

I SWEAR, LUKEY HINKS, YA DON'T R'MEMBER A THING I TELL YA !!

I DO SO !!

I R'MEMBER YO'RE ALWAYS TELLIN' ME THAT !!

BEETLE BAILEY

MY TEACHER IN HIGH SCHOOL SAID I WROTE THE MOST COMPLETE AND THOROUGH REPORTS HE'D EVER SEEN!

SO HE'S TO BLAME FOR THIS?!

GREGG MORT WALKER

This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, March 15, the 75th day of 2016. There are 291 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On March 15, 1916, a U.S. expeditionary force led by Brig. Gen. John J. Pershing entered Mexico on an ultimately futile mission to capture Pancho Villa, whose raiders had attacked Columbus, New Mexico, killing 18 U.S. citizens. Trumpet player and bandleader Harry James was born in Albany, Georgia.

On this date:

In 44 B.C., Roman dictator Julius Caesar was assassinated by a group of nobles that included Brutus and Cassius.

In 1767, the seventh president of the United States, Andrew Jackson, was born in Waxhaw, South Carolina.

In 1820, Maine became the 23rd state.

In 1922, Sultan Fuad I proclaimed himself the first king of modern Egypt.

In 1935, the Busby Berkeley movie musical "Gold Diggers of 1935" was released by Warner Bros.

In 1941, Richard C. Hottel, a correspondent for the United Press, was arrested in Berlin

by the German secret police on suspicion of espionage. (Hottel was released four months later in a prisoner exchange.)

In 1956, the Lerner and Loewe musical play "My Fair Lady," based on Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion," opened on Broadway.

In 1966, at the 8th Annual Grammy Awards, "A Taste of Honey," performed by Herb Alpert & the Tijuana Brass, was named Record of the Year, while Frank Sinatra's "September of My Years" won Album of the Year.

In 1977, the U.S. House of Representatives began a 90-day closed-circuit test to determine the feasibility of showing its sessions on television.

In 1985, the first Internet domain name, symbolics.com, was registered by the Symbolics Computer Corp. of Massachusetts.

In 1996, the Liggett Group agreed to repay more than \$10 million in Medicaid bills for treatment of smokers, settling lawsuits with five states.

In 2001, federal authorities confirmed that remains found on a Texas ranch were those of missing atheist leader Madalyn Murray O'Hair and two of her relatives, who had disappeared 5 1/2 years earlier. (David Waters, the key suspect in the slayings, was sentenced to 20 years in prison after pleading

guilty in federal court to extortion conspiracy.)

Ten years ago: A gunman opened fire inside a Denny's restaurant in Pismo Beach, California, leaving two dead and two injured before taking his own life.

One year ago: Mike Porcaro, 59, who'd carved out a long, successful career as the bass player for the award-winning pop group Toto, died in Los Angeles. Actress-dancer Sally Forrest, 86, died in Beverly Hills, California.

Thought for Today:
"There are no hopeless situations; there are only men who have grown helpless about them."

Clare Boothe Luce
American author
diplomat, member of
Congress (1903-1987)

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Answer to previous puzzle

TACT	PHASE	CHOW
UHOH	RERAN	LOVE
NAME	EMEND	ABEL
ABBREVIATED	WORD	
ETA	ADO	
HEM	SLABS	ITEMS
OMEN	ERA	GLOBAL
ACCOUNTS	PAYABLE	
RECENT	TAM	DEEP
DEALS	GENES	DST
ESE	PAR	
ADDITIONAL	MONEY	
LEAP	DRAMA	AIDE
ONTO	EGGON	STEW
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Newsday Crossword

BRIDLE PATH by Billie Truitt
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS

1 Ski run

6 Lower leg

10 Any harvested product

14 Chicken for roasting

15 Mona _

16 Mystical glow

17 On one's toes

18 Years and years

19 End of a waiting line

20 At work again

23 Fish eggs

24 Commercial, for instance

25 Window-shade holder

29 Tater

31 High-tech "fingerprint"

34 Fencing sword

35 Reveal a secret

37 Mermaid's home

39 "Hold on, I'm almost ready"

42 St. Patrick's Day celebrants

43 Quiche ingredients

44 Not prerecorded

45 Courtroom prosecutors: Abbr.

46 Crimson and scarlet

48 How pretzels are often served

50 That woman

51 Cat's coat

52 Removed all constraints

61 Untruthful person

62 Center of an apple

63 Acknowledge

silently

64 Pals in Paris

65 Leisurely run

66 From China or India

67 Feeling achy

68 Droops

69 Brief argument

DOWN

1 Sign of healing

2 Song syllables

3 Oil cartel

4 Sausage meat

5 All-inclusive

6 List of candidates

7 Way up in the sky

8 "Now it makes sense"

9 Bahamas capital

10 Jacks and kings

11 Regretted

12 Word-of-mouth

13 Whittle down

21 Up, on a map

22 Extra-cost item

25 Make a new proposal

26 Musical drama

27 _ and Clark

28 Hawaiian wreaths

29 Trudges along

30 Electrical cord's end

31 Account subtraction

32 Too trusting

33 Started a poker pot

36 Looked at

38 Reach by phone

40 Flung

41 Magazine edition

47 Builds, as a building

49 Sports venues

50 Carousel mount

51 Worries

52 "That's a shame"

53 VIP's vehicle

54 Animal den

55 "Explorer" of kids' TV

56 "Ribbit" croaker

57 Ascended

58 Prepare for publication

59 "Let's just leave _ that"

60 Taboo action

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BAYLOR

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“Well, I’m not going to talk much about those guys because we all have to win to meet up in the Dallas Region,” Mulkey said with a smile after the brackets were revealed Monday night. “But isn’t that funny. Those two guys had our number the last times we played.”

Pac-12 champion Oregon State (28-4), which has won 18 of its last 19 games, is the No. 2 seed.

A potential second-round opponent is Auburn, the last unranked opponent to beat the Lady Bears on their home court — 13 years ago in the WNIT final. That was the only of Mulkey’s 16 seasons they didn’t make the NCAA Tournament.

Still, Baylor was rewarded after winning the Big 12 regular season and tournament titles for the sixth consecutive year. They open at home — Friday against Idaho (24-9) — and with two home wins would advance to Sweet 16 for the eighth consecutive year. That round is at the Dallas Mavericks’ home arena only about 100 miles from the Waco campus.

“Being a No. 1 seed once again, back from my freshman year. ... Hard work pays off,” said Niya Johnson, one of three Baylor seniors with their last chance to make a Final Four.

When Baylor was a No. 1 seed for the first time in 2011, the Lady Bears lost to Texas A&M in the Dallas Region final. They were also a No. 1 seed in 2012, when they had their 40-0 national championship season, and a top seed again in 2013, when they lost to Louisville in the Sweet 16 when Johnson was a freshman on a team with All-America players Brittney Griner and Odyssey Sims.

“It’s even more motivating,” Johnson said. “It just brings back memories, and we’re more than ready.”

That was the second time Louisville beat Baylor in the Sweet 16. The Cardinals were national runner-ups to Connecticut in

both 2009 and 2013 after beating Baylor in the second weekend of the NCAA Tournament.

Baylor fans watching the selection show with the team moaned when both Louisville and Texas A&M were revealed on the bracket.

The Lady Bears made it to a regional final each of the last two seasons, both ending with losses to Notre Dame.

The only way for there to be a third consecutive postseason matchup between Baylor and the Fighting Irish would be if both make it to the national championship game April 5 in Indianapolis. The Lady Bears are on the side of the bracket that could lead to a national semifinal game against three-time defending national champion UConn.

“UConn is the team to beat. UConn is just better,” said Mulkey, who also won a national title in 2005. “But I’ve won a national championship at Baylor when the better team didn’t win. I’ve lost a national championship when the better team didn’t win.”

Oregon State opens the Dallas Region at home against Troy (19-11), and Louisville (25-7) is home Friday against Central Arkansas. Texas A&M (21-9), now in the SEC, hosts Missouri State (24-9), which is in its first NCAA Tournament since 2006.

In the other first-round game Friday in Waco, No. 8 seed St. John’s (23-9) takes on Auburn (19-12).

The only other Big 12 team in the Dallas Region is No. 7 Oklahoma State (21-9), the only team to beat Baylor this season — in the conference opener Dec. 30 before the Lady Bears won their last 20 games, including a 25-point home win against the Cowgirls. Oklahoma State plays St. Bonaventure (23-7) at Corvallis, Oregon.

No. 6 seed DePaul (25-8) takes on James Madison (27-5) in Louisville, in a matchup of teams that lost to Baylor during the regular season. No. 5 seed Florida State (23-7), which the Lady Bears beat by 38 points in the second round of the 2013 NCAA Tournament, takes on Middle Tennessee State (24-8) in College Station, Texas.

HIELD

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too — he shoots 53.2 percent inside the arc and 89.5 percent from the free-throw line on 5.4 attempts per game. He is 49.6 percent from the field overall, an exceptional mark for a player who shoots so often from the perimeter.

“A lot of scoring, energy, a good teammate just flying around,” Oklahoma forward Ryan Spangler said.

Hield has improved significantly each college season.

He was a knockdown shooter as a sophomore, but often settled for jumpers. He became stronger and began attacking the basket more as a junior and was named Big 12 Player of the Year. After

listening to feedback from the NBA, he improved his ball handling and decision making during the offseason. He was named Big 12 Player of the Year again this season and is in position to be a lottery pick. He has scored 30 or more points 10 times this season.

He has business to handle before worrying about the pros. He remembers the way his last trip to the NCAA Tournament ended — a loss to Michigan State in the Sweet 16. He said he learned from that game.

“Just don’t take no plays off,” he said. “Fight fatigue when you’re out there tired. There’s going to be a lot of tough games. Go out there and execute, rebound the ball. You’ve got to be ready to go out there and compete, locked in and focused.”



AP Photo/Sue Ogrocki

Oklahoma guard Buddy Hield (24) pumps his fist in the second half of an NCAA college basketball game against TCU in Norman, Okla., Saturday, Feb. 28, 2015. Hield was named the Associated Press Big 12 Player of the Year for the second consecutive season.

MAVS

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too many missed free throws,” Clifford said. “We did some good things to get back in the game after we put ourselves in the hole, but 16 turnovers which turned into 18 points and missing 12 free throws makes it tough to win.”

Walker finished had 25 points and nine assists, Nicolas Batum scored 20 points and Marvin Williams added 19 for the Hornets.

TIP-INS
Mavericks’ bench outscored Charlotte’s 31-19.

Hornets: Walker was named Eastern Conference Player of the Week for the second time this season Monday.

HIGH TECHS

It was a tough night all around for Charlotte.

Clifford, Batum and Walker were all assessed technical fouls in the first half for disputing calls. The crowd repeatedly expressed its displeasure with the officiating, booing loudly as the trio walked out off the court at halftime and again when they returned to the floor for the second half.

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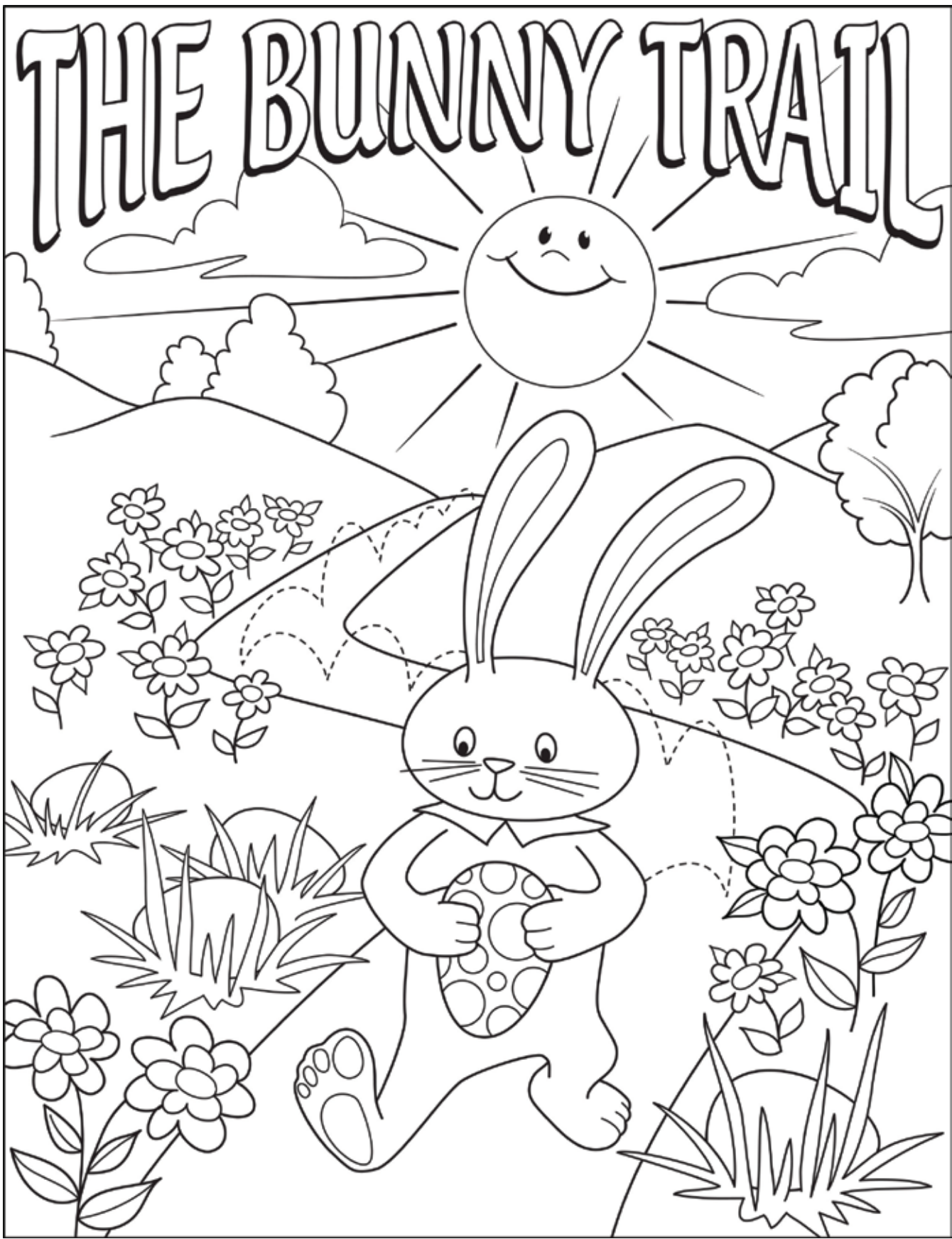
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