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NATION

Stakes high in Super Tuesday voting

Clinton, McCain try to hold off rivals as voters turn out in 24 states.

By STEVEN THOMMA
of McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Democrat Barack Obama heads into Super Tuesday's voting with apparent momentum in several big states where Hillary Clinton has been the longtime leader, raising hopes in his camp for upsets that could give him the edge in delegates and enthusiasm coming out of the primaries' biggest voting day.

Republican John McCain, meanwhile, maintains solid leads in the Northeast, but faces scattered threats from Mitt Romney in the South, Midwest and California.

Possible late swings by blocs of voters raised the uncertainty level as nearly 80 million Americans will be eligible to vote today for the Democratic or Republican presidential nominations in 24 states.

For Democrats, the key question was whether Clinton and Obama would split the delegates up for grabs or whether one of them would

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Molester not in alternative school

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A teenager who admitted in August to molesting a 7-year-old girl at Franke Park Day Camp is now enrolled as a student at North Side High School.

The then-15-year-old boy was sentenced to probation and was not required to register as a sex offender. Upon leaving his previous school, however, the teen was not required to enroll in Fort Wayne Community Schools' alternative school, which takes a "small number" of students on probation, according to Ward Education Center Assistant Principal Jill Nixon.

FWCS officials would not comment on why the teen was not in the alternative school at Ward. Nixon

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ON HIS OWN TERMS ...

Knights walks away



Texas Tech head basketball coach Bob Knight, left, the Division I men's basketball coach with the most all-time wins, resigned Monday, a spokesman for Athletic Director Gerald Myers said. The program will be turned over to his son, Pat, right, who was named the designate in 2005.

By The Associated Press

Coach steps down, leaves Texas Tech program to son



A column by REGGIE HAYES

"ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? Good."

Back in the day, the good old days, the sarcasm-dripping days when Bob Knight

ruled Indiana from Fort Wayne to Evansville and all points between, that's how the General would end a news conference.

Knight didn't pause between "questions" and "good," incidentally.

When he decided to leave, there wasn't anything a roomful of reporters could do about it, even if Knight's previous few minutes had been spent on a tangent that didn't touch on the game at hand.

Knight turned and walked away again Monday.

This time, he left behind a

career.

The mood struck him. He decided it was time to turn over the keys to Texas Tech's basketball program to his son, Pat, and he left. He resigned as coach, and closed the book on his illustrious, infamous, national-championship-winning, expletive-deleted career as men's college basketball's biggest winner and most polarizing figure.

Pat Knight said of his father, "He's ready. He's tired."

Bob Knight quit in the middle of a season, with nothing left to prove. He already enjoyed his coronation — his revenge on those who fired him at Indiana University — when he passed North Carolina's Dean Smith last year for most wins in NCAA Division I men's hoops.

All that's left is the debate on how to remember Knight.

Memories will be sunny to

I remember Knight once saying that when he decided to walk away from the game, he wouldn't issue a news release to let everyone know it was going to happen.

— REGGIE HAYES

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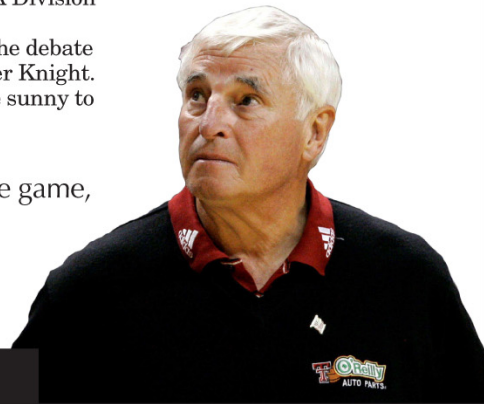
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some, stormy to others, cloudy to the rest of us. His loyal fans will remember how he drove IU to the top of college basketball with three national titles, including the 1976 team that remains the last undefeated team in men's college history.

His staunchest critics will remember flying chairs, chokeholds and head butts.

The rest of us see it with less certainty. I spent most of my time on the side of the critics because Knight's worst behavior seemed so petty, pointless and pernicious it

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CITY COUNCIL

Harper, Smith against levy hike

Councilmen won't vote in favor of city's request.

By KATHLEEN QUILLIGAN
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The co-chairs of City Council's finance committee will not vote in favor of an ordinance that would increase the city's tax levy, the amount of tax that government collects.

Councilman Mitch Harper, R-4th District, and Councilman Tom Smith, R-1st District, said Monday they are opposed to the city's request to raise the levy that last year's council cut in September, questioning the legality of the proposed increase.

Increasing the levy would mean an estimated additional \$10.36 on a \$100,000 home.

Smith called increasing the levy a matter of trust, and if council was allowed to change the levy, he predicted "chaos" throughout the state.

Harper asked what would stop a city council from passing one budget on time, and then changing its mind after a November election. He said state statute sets strict deadlines for budgets, and the last date for budget

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FOLLOW-UP

Sunday shooting survivors begin recovery process

By EVAN GOODENOW
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He survived being shot in the neck and will not be paralyzed, but Uriah Bird doesn't feel lucky.

"Everyone keeps telling me how lucky I am. Lucky's not being shot," Bird said Monday a day after being wounded in a triple shooting that left a pregnant woman wounded and the shooter dead.

Bird said he had been at the 20th-birthday party of a friend at the West Wind apartment complex at 2215 Point West Drive for about two hours and was about to step outside for a cigarette around 1 a.m. Sunday. As Bird set his beer down, he saw a man police identified as Jason Bo Compton pull out a .38-caliber

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