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Festival of Lights setup underway at Comanche Trail Park



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In this photo from 2016, volunteers unload decorations for last year's Festival of Lights. This year's Festival begins earlier than usual, on Dec. 3, and runs through Christmas Day.

Annual display set to open Dec. 3

By ERIN STEPHENS
 Staff Writer

The annual Festival of Lights in Big Spring attracts thousands of visitors from every corner of the globe. On average, the festival sees no less than 20,000 people each year. Last year, attendees came from 37 states and 7 countries to witness the spectacular display of lights in Comanche Trail Park.

Although the official first day of the festival isn't until Dec. 3, decorating efforts have already begun, with festival committee members and community volunteers working diligently to guarantee success on their opening day.

"The dam in the park, complete with multiple lighted poinsettias, was lit this past weekend, putting us ahead of our normally scheduled time of Thanksgiving week," said festival committee secretary Vicki Stewart. "This is the first time in the festival's history that we've started as ear-

ly as Dec. 3, and we decided to do it on our 21st year."

The festival, which will run Dec. 3 through Dec. 25 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. each day, will coincide with the annual parade hosted by The Big Spring Herald. Festival committee members intentionally planned their event to be held the same weekend as the Herald parade as a way to get people into the Christmas spirit.

Visitors to this year's Festival can expect to see the traditional "Christmas cards" placed throughout the park. The Christmas cards typically display the name of the individual(s) or business it was purchased by and a holiday greeting.

"Christmas cards are \$350 for the first year and \$200 every year thereafter," said Stewart.

Fees for Christmas cards will go towards storage and maintenance of them.

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Howard College board meeting today

Special to the Herald

The Board of Trustees of the Howard County Junior College District will convene today at 12:30 p.m. in the Tumbleweed Room of the Howard College Student Union Building for their rto consider and take formal action, if necessary, on the following agenda items:

- The status of the ongoing Hurricane Harvey effort that began in September.
- Updates on the building project at Lamesa's Howard College campus.
- School districts in Howard County will have a joint dinner meeting to discuss their vision for the future of schools in the area.
- Accountability measures-a plan for the board will be shared and enrollment, contact hours, and status of students will be discussed.
- Student Roundtable Reports- meeting that will take place with students from each campus.
- Enrollment Comparisons- will examine



Howard College trends and compare our campus to other West Texas colleges.

- Manikins for the Big Spring and San Angelo campus will be purchased for HC for health professions.
- A new phone system for Big Spring and SWCID campuses will be discussed
- Catalog and Handbook changes.
- Positions Consideration- new positions will be proposed at this meeting. In August 2018, proposed positions for the year will be approved.

There will also be a closed executive session prior to the meeting to consult with an attorney by telephone conference call about insurance matters. The executive session will begin at 11:15 a.m., and will not be open to the public.

The next meeting would normally be on Dec. 25, but will instead be moved forward to Monday, Dec. 11, because of the Christmas holiday.

Supporting our heroes



HERALD photo/Amber Mansfield

Crossroads Young Marines and Howard County citizens gather at First Presbyterian Church this past Saturday to help pack 500 care packages for American servicemen and -women through the Adopt-a-Military-Hero program. In this photo, the volunteers stand for the National Anthem before beginning their work.

Hippie cult leader Charles Manson dead at 83

By JOHN ROGERS

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Charles Manson, the hippie cult leader who became the hypnotic-eyed face of evil across America after masterminding the gruesome murders of pregnant actress Sharon Tate and six others in Los Angeles during the summer of 1969, died Sunday night after nearly a half-century in prison. He was 83.

Manson died of natural causes at a California hospital while serving a life sentence, his name synonymous to this day with unspeakable violence and depravity.

Michele Hanisee, president of the Association of Deputy District Attorneys for Los Angeles County, reacted to the death by quoting the late Vincent Bugliosi, the prosecutor who put Manson behind bars. Bugliosi said: "Manson was an evil, sophisticated con man with twisted and warped moral values."

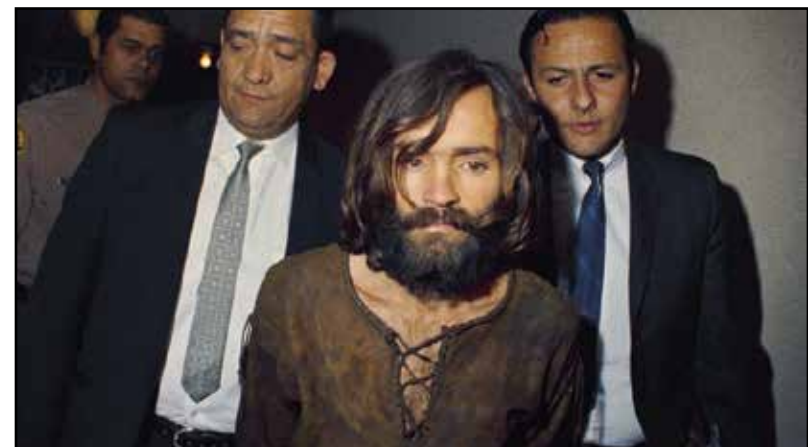
"Today, Manson's victims are the ones who should be remembered and mourned

on the occasion of his death," Hanisee said.

A petty criminal who had been in and out of jail since childhood, the charismatic, guru-like Manson surrounded himself in the 1960s with runaways and other lost souls and then sent his disciples to butcher some of L.A.'s rich and famous in what prosecutors said was a bid to trigger a race war — an idea he got from a twisted reading of the Beatles song "Helter Skelter."

The slayings horrified the world and, together with the deadly violence that erupted

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AP file photo

Authorities say Charles Manson, cult leader and mastermind behind 1969 deaths of actress Sharon Tate and several others, died on Sunday, Nov. 19, 2017. He was 83.



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Obituaries

Vernell Coble Lilly



Vernell Coble Lilly was born Feb. 28, 1926, in Sylvester, Texas, to Lee Roy Coble and Mary Oma Carlisle Coble. She married Marion Alton "Shorty" Lilly on Aug. 8, 1942 in Snyder, Texas.

Vernell was a homemaker and mother to two children, Alton Donell "Don" and Cheryl Janis "Cherry." When her children were young she made their clothes. Don's shirts were made of cotton feed sacks. She was a good seamstress, she also loved cooking and baking. Vernell also loved working in the yard; she always had beautiful flower beds and she loved to hoe! Vernell raised her children in church and they faithfully attended the Sand Springs Church of Christ until moving to Midland where she joined the Westside Church of Christ. She was a beautiful woman and she wore a necklace and earrings every day.

Vernell was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and a sister, Gwendolyn Coble Cox.

She is survived by her son, Alton Donnell "Don" Lilly and wife Geri of Midland, Texas; and her daughter, Cheryl Janis and her husband George Brice Willborn of Bridge City, Texas; grandchild-

dren, Joe Don Lilly and wife Susan of Knott, Texas, Jeffrey Carl Lilly of Midland, Texas, Janna Lynn Turner and her husband Randy Turner of Stanton, Kimberly Dawn Willborn Frenzel and husband Eddie Frenzel of Bridge City, Texas, Gregory Brice Willborn and wife Camie of Texas. And Grandchildren by marriage, Myra Kay Moore and Celina Rene Jeansson; great grandchildren, Brandon and Martin Lilly, Kaitlyn and Kenslea Inge, Brianna, Bailey, Brice and Eden Frenzel, Gatlin and Hayden Willborn, Cheramie Moore Urlacher and Caleb Moore; and one sister, Rebecca Rose Coble Barbee.

Viewing will be on Sunday, Nov. 19, 2017, from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 20, 2017, at the Peace Chapel of Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring, Texas. Services will be officiated by Minister Mike Vestal of Westside Church of Christ, Midland, Texas.

Honorary pallbearers are Joe Don Lilly, Jeffrey Carl Lilly, Brandon Lilly, Martin Lilly, Gregory Willborn, Gatlin Willborn, Hayden Willborn, and Caleb Moore.

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

Paid Obituary

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **TOMMY WELCH**, 43, of 6021 72nd St., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **MICHAEL WILSON CARL**, 34, of 1101 Marijo Ave., was arrested on a charge possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **JUSTIN KYLE DAHMER**, 29, of 2600 Coronado, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended or invalid with previous convictions.
- **JOHN PAUL JUAN RODRIGUEZ**, 20, of 1010 NM 2nd St., was arrested on a warrant of bail jumping and failure to appear, and possession of alcohol by a minor.
- **BURGLARY OF VEHICLE**, was reported on the 300 block of Tulane Ave.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE**, was reported on the 2600 block of Coronado Ave., and on the 2900 block of W HWY 80, and on the 1000 block of NW 2nd St.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE**, was reported on the 1500 block of Avion St.
- **DISTURBANCE**, was reported on the 600 E 12th St.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF**, was reported on the 300 block of E 1st St.
- **THEFT**, was reported on the 400 block of S Gregg St., and on the 1700 E FM 700.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 72 inmates at the time of this report.

- **ENIRQUE MARTINEZ ALVAREZ JR.**, 54, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of bail jumping and failure to appear.
- **SHAYLOR WAYNE ANDERSON**, 28, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant assault on a public servant-violation.
- **TERRELL LANCE BELCHER**, 27, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of improper driver license.
- **RODNEY CHASE BURROW**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of driving with license invalid with previous conviction.
- **MICHAEL WILSON CARL**,

34, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

- **JUSTIN KYLE DAHMER**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving with license invalid with previous conviction.
- **JEFFREY LEE FRAME**, 57, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **BRIAN MICHAEL GARZA**, 35, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of failure to maintain financial responsibility, driving while license invalid, three counts of failure to appear, violate promise to appear.
- **DESTINY LASHAE GILLIAM**, 22, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving with license with previous convictions.
- **JUAN (JOHN) PAUL RODRIGUEZ**, 20, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of minor in possession, and failure to appear.

• **APRIL FERN SMITH**, 36, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of failure to display driver's license.

- **CODY RAY THOMPSON**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft of property in between \$100 to \$750.
- **CODY LEE WEBSTER**, 22, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of bail jumping and failure to appear.
- **TOMMY JOE WELCH**, 43, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **EDDIE JAY WHITE**, 25, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of defective stop lamps, and a charge of possession marijuana less than two ounces.
- **JOHN MICHAEL WILKINSON**, 32, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant theft of property less than \$2,500.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N Hwy 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 100 block of E 15th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **PUBLIC SERVICE** was reported in the 200 block of N Moss Rd.
- **TRAUMA CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N HWY 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 300 block of NE 10th. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2200 block of S Gregg. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 500 W 17th. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3600 W HWY 80. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 4200 block of Parkway Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAUMA CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1300 block of Mt. Vernon. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAUMA CALL** was reported on NE 8th and Main. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of Young St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Vines Ave. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1100 block of Pickens. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Take Note

• The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains.

The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations.

Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs.

Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

• Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club.

Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade.

Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St.

For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is

time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students 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.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

• Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

• 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 has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

• Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month.

Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treatment and meeting at 12 p.m.

• The Big Spring Art

Association meets the third Tuesday of each month a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

• Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club meets twice a month at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. They meet on the first Tuesday of the month at noon and the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

•The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

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

• 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 432-271-2138.

• 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.

• Membership to the Big Spring Native

American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary Group is looking to expand.

Positions are available for the Auxiliary group and the Teen Volunteer program. Must be 15 years of age to take part in the teen volunteer program. If you would like to volunteer please contact Heath White at 268-4850.

• 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

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LIGHTS

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According to Stewart, the main way the park gets decorated is when someone or a group of people "adopt a spot", or focus on a certain area of the park to decorate and take care of until the final day of the festival. The Festival committee provides lights and decorations to those who adopt a spot, and ask that they sign a contract agreeing to be responsible for their area.

The Festival of Lights is completely free to all members of the public.

"A ride through the park to see the lights is free, but donations are accepted and that money will be used to pay the electric bill and buy new lights to replace the old ones," said Stewart.

The recently renovated Historic Spring should bring a new level of excitement for festival-goers this year. A plan is in place to erect a community Christmas tree at the spring; and, while parking will be limited, people are welcome to park near the spring for a short period of time if they'd like a closer look.

Festival committee members this year are Pat Simmons (founder and

chairperson), Howard Stewart (co-chair), Vicki Stewart (secretary), Jim DePauw, Randy Johnson, Brandon Ensy, Melinda Flenniken, Hayley Herrera, Deanna Burnett, and George Newsom (treasurer).

Committee members and volunteers from the community have made FOL possible year after year. Pat Simmons started the festival 21 years ago with some of her friends. Simmons and her friends decided to light up part of the park for the holidays one year, and the rest is history as they say.

The festival continued to grow as community members caught wind of

what Simmons and her friends had started.

"Pat has always had a goal of reaching 25,000 visitors; and, while we've come close, it hasn't happened just yet," said Stewart. "We're looking forward to this holiday season and we want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and encourage everyone to come enjoy the lights and help us take care of them."

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MANSON

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later in 1969 during a Rolling Stones concert at California's Altamont Speedway, exposed the dangerous, drugged-out underside of the counterculture movement and seemed to mark the death of the era of peace and love.

Despite the overwhelming evidence against him, Manson maintained during his tumultuous trial in 1970 that he was innocent and that society itself was guilty.

"These children that come at you with knives, they are your children. You taught them; I didn't teach them. I just tried to help them stand up," he said in a courtroom soliloquy.

Linda Deutsch, the longtime courts reporter for The Associated Press who covered the Manson case, said he "left a legacy of evil and hate and murder."

"He was able to take young people who were impressionable and convince them he had the answer to everything and he turned them into killers," she said. "It was beyond anything we had ever seen before in this country."

California Corrections Department spokeswoman Vicky Waters said it has yet to be determined what happens to Manson's body. It was also unclear if Manson requested funeral services of any sort.

Prison officials previously said Manson had no known next of kin, and state law says that if no relative or legal representative surfaces within 10 days, then it's up to the department to determine whether the body is cremated or buried.

The Manson Family, as his followers were called, slaughtered five of its victims on Aug. 9, 1969, at Tate's home: the actress, who was 8½ months pregnant, coffee heiress Abigail Folger, celebrity hairdresser Jay Sebring, Polish movie director Voityck Frykowski and Steven Parent, a friend of the estate's caretaker. Tate's husband, "Rosemary's Baby" director Roman Polanski, was out of the country at the time.

The next night, a wealthy grocer and his wife, Leno and Rosemary LaBianca, were stabbed to death in their home across town.

The killers scrawled such phrases as "Pigs" and a misspelled "Helter Skelter" in blood at the crime scenes.

Manson was arrested three months later. In the annals of American crime, he became the personification of evil, a short, shaggy-haired, bearded figure with a de-

monic stare and an "X" — later turned into a swastika — carved into his forehead.

"Many people I know in Los Angeles believe that the Sixties ended abruptly on August 9, 1969," author Joan Didion wrote in her 1979 book "The White Album."

After a trial that lasted nearly a year, Manson and three followers — Susan Atkins, Patricia Krenwinkel and Leslie Van Houten — were found guilty of murder and sentenced to death. Another defendant, Charles "Tex" Watson, was convicted later. All were spared execution and given life sentences after the California Supreme Court struck down the death penalty in 1972.

Atkins died behind bars in 2009. Krenwinkel, Van Houten and Watson remain in prison.

Another Manson devotee, Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, tried to assassinate President Gerald Ford in 1975, but her gun jammed. She served 34 years in prison.

Manson was born in Cincinnati on Nov. 12, 1934, to a teenager, possibly a prostitute, and was in reform school by the time he was 8. After serving a 10-year sentence for check forgery in the 1960s, Manson was said to have pleaded with authorities not to release him because he considered prison home.

"My father is the jailhouse. My father is your system," he would later say in a monologue on the witness stand. "I am only what you made me. I am only a reflection of you."

He was set free in San Francisco during the heyday of the hippie movement in the city's Haight-Ashbury section, and though he was in his mid-30s by then, he began collecting followers — mostly women — who likened him to Jesus Christ. Most were teenagers; many came from good homes but were at odds with their parents.

The "family" eventually established a commune-like base at the Spahn Ranch, a ramshackle former movie location outside Los Angeles, where Manson manipulated his followers with drugs, oversaw orgies and subjected them to bizarre lectures.

He had musical ambitions and befriended rock stars, including Beach Boy Dennis Wilson. He also met Terry Melcher, a music producer who had lived in the same house that Polanski and Tate later rented.

By the summer of 1969, Manson had failed to sell his songs, and the rejection was later seen as a trigger for the violence. He complained that Wilson took a Manson song called "Cease to Exist," revised it into "Never Learn

Not to Love" and recorded it with the Beach Boys without giving Manson credit.

Manson was obsessed with Beatles music, particularly "Piggies" and "Helter Skelter," a hard-rocking song that he interpreted as forecasting the end of the world. He told his followers that "Helter Skelter is coming down" and predicted a race war would destroy the planet.

"Everybody attached themselves to us, whether it was our fault or not," the Beatles' George Harrison, who wrote "Piggies," later said of the murders. "It was upsetting to be associated with something so sleazy as Charles Manson."

According to testimony, Manson sent his devotees out on the night of Tate's murder with instructions to "do something witchy." The state's star witness, Linda Kasabian, who was granted immunity, testified that Manson tied up the LaBiancas, then ordered his followers to kill. But Manson insisted: "I have killed no one, and I have ordered no one to be killed."

His trial was nearly scuttled when President Richard Nixon said Manson was "guilty, directly or indirectly." Manson grabbed a newspaper and held up the front-page headline for jurors to read: "Manson Guilty, Nixon Declares." Attorneys demanded a mistrial but were turned down.

From then on, jurors, sequestered at a hotel for 10 months, traveled to and from the courtroom in buses with blacked-out windows so they could not read the headlines on newsstands.

Manson was also later convicted of the slayings of a musician and a stuntman.

Over the decades, Manson and his followers appeared sporadically at parole hearings, where their bids for freedom were repeatedly rejected. The women suggested they had been rehabilitated, but Manson himself stopped attending, saying prison had become his home.

The killings inspired movies and TV shows, and Bugliosi, the prosecutor, wrote a best-selling book about the murders, "Helter Skelter." The macabre rock star Marilyn Manson borrowed part of his stage name from the killer.

"The Manson case, to this day, remains one of the most chilling in crime history," veteran crime reporter Theo Wilson wrote in her 1998 memoir, "Headline Justice: Inside the Courtroom — The Country's Most Controversial Trials." "Even people who were not yet born when the murders took place know the name Charles Manson, and shudder."

2nd woman accuses Sen. Al Franken of inappropriate touching

By KYLE POTTER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A second woman has accused Minnesota Sen. Al Franken of inappropriate touching, saying he put his hand on her bottom as they posed for a picture at the Minnesota State Fair in 2010 — after he had begun his career in the Senate.



Franken

Lindsay Menz told CNN last week for a report broadcast Monday that the interaction made her feel "gross." She said she immediately told her husband that Franken had "grabbed" her bottom, and she said she posted about it on Facebook.

Menz's allegation comes days after a Los Angeles broadcaster, Leeann Tweeden, accused Franken of forcibly kissing her during a 2006 USO tour. Franken already faced a Senate ethics investigation over Tweeden's allegation, but the Menz allegation is potentially more damaging for Franken because it would be behavior that occurred while he was in office.

Franken, a Democrat, told CNN he didn't remember taking the photo with Menz, but said in a statement to the network that he feels badly that she felt disrespected.

"I take thousands of photos at the state fair surrounded by hundreds of people, and I certainly don't remember taking this picture," Franken told CNN. "I feel badly that Ms. Menz came away from our interaction feeling disrespected."

Franken's office did not immediately respond to Associated Press messages seeking comment.

Menz, 33, who now lives in Frisco, Texas, said her father's business was sponsoring a radio booth at the Minnesota fair and that she took photos with several elected officials and political candidates as they stopped at the booth.

She said as she posed with Franken, he "pulled me in really close,

like awkward close, and as my husband took the picture, he put his hand full-fledged on my rear," Menz

said. "It was wrapped tightly around my butt cheek."

Menz said she told her husband, Jeremy Menz, and father Mark Brown about it right away. Both men affirmed that to CNN. Menz also said she posted the photo with Franken on Facebook on Aug. 27, and when her sister commented on the photo, she replied: "Dude -- Al Franken TOTALLY molested me! Creeper!"

The AP was not able to immediately view her account to verify the post.

Franken, 66, is the latest public figure to be caught in the deluge of revelations of sexual harassment and misconduct that have crushed careers, ruined reputations and prompted criminal investigations in Hollywood, business and beyond.

He has apologized to Tweeden, and she has accepted the apology, but a handful of Democrats have called for him to resign. Republicans, still forced to answer for the multiple allegations facing Alabama Senate candidate Roy Moore, joined in pressing for an expected investigation by the Senate Ethics Committee. Franken said he would welcome it.

Franken canceled a sold-out book festival appearance scheduled for Monday in Atlanta to speak and promote his book, "Al Franken, Giant of the Senate." He hasn't appeared in public since Tweeden's allegation.

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DAILY PRAYER

Dear Lord,

Thank you for families and friends, and the closeness the holiday season brings. Amen.

Diversity Obsession

A common feature of our time is the extent to which many in our nation have become preoccupied with diversity. But true diversity obsession, almost a mania, is found at our institutions of higher learning. Rather than have a knee-jerk response for or against diversity, I think we should ask just what is diversity and whether it's a good thing. How do we tell whether a college, a department or another unit within a college is diverse or not? What exemptions from diversity are permitted?



WALTER WILLIAMS

Seeing as college presidents and provosts are the main diversity pushers, we might start with their vision of diversity. Ask your average college president or provost whether he even bothers promoting political diversity among faculty. I'll guarantee that if he is honest — and even bothers to answer the question — he will say no. According to a recent study, professors who are registered Democrats outnumber their Republican counterparts by a 12-1 ratio (<http://tinyurl.com/gpp4svq>). In some departments, such as history, Democratic professors outnumber their Republican counterparts by a 33-1 ratio.

The fact is that when college presidents and their diversity coterie talk about diversity, they're talking mostly about pleasing mixtures of race. Years ago, they called their agenda affirmative action, racial preferences or racial quotas. Not only did these terms fall out of

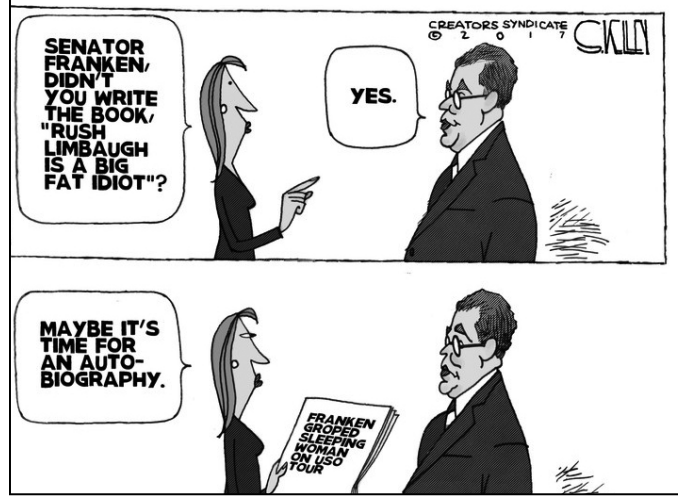
favor but also voters approved initiatives banning choosing by race. Courts found some of the choosing by race unconstitutional. That meant that the race people had to repackage their agenda. That repackaging became known as diversity. Some race people were bold enough to argue that "diversity" produces educational benefits to all students, including white students. Nobody has bothered to scientifically establish what those benefits are. For example, does a racially diverse student body lead to higher scores on graduate admissions tests, such as the GRE, LSAT and MCAT? By the way, Israel, Japan and South Korea are among the world's least racially diverse nations. In terms of academic achievement, their students run circles around diversity-crazed Americans.

There is one area of college life where administrators demonstrate utter contempt for diversity, and that's in sports. It is by no means unusual to watch a Saturday afternoon college basketball game and see that the starting five on both teams are black. White players, not to mention Asian players, are underrepresented. Similar underrepresentation is practiced in college football. Where you find whites overrepresented in both sports is on the cheerleading

squads, which are mostly composed of white women. If you were to explore this lack of racial diversity in sports with a college president, he might answer, "We look for the best players, and it so happens that blacks dominate." I would totally agree but ask him whether the same policy of choosing the best applies to the college's admissions policy. Of course, the honest answer would be a flat-out no.

The most important issue related to college diversity obsession is what happens to black students. Black parents should not allow their sons and daughters to fall victim to the diversity hustle, even if the diversity hustler is a black official of the college. Black parents should not allow their sons and daughters to attend a college where they would not be admitted if they were white. A good rule of thumb is not to allow your children to attend a college where their SAT score is 200 or more points below the average of that college. Keep in mind that students are not qualified or unqualified in any absolute sense. There are more than 4,800 colleges — a college for most anybody. The bottom-line question for black parents and black people in general is: Which is better, a black student's being admitted to an elite college and winding

up in the bottom of his class or flunking out or being admitted to a less prestigious college and performing just as well as his white peers and graduating? I would opt for the latter. You might ask, "Williams, but how will the nation's elite colleges fulfill their racial diversity needs?" My answer is that's their problem.



Will Political Setbacks Unite the Republican Party?

The inexorable workings of the political marketplace seem to be enforcing some discipline over hitherto fissionary Republican politicians. The question is whether this is happening too late to save the party's declining prospects in the 2018 midterm elections.

You can see this in Republicans' reactions to the tax bills Congress is currently considering. Last spring, when the party's congressional leadership teed up its health care bills, purportedly repealing and replacing Obamacare, they faced rebellions from practically every corner of their party's caucuses.

In the House, the Freedom Caucus trotted out one criticism after another. This is in line with standard practice, going back at least to October 2013, when Freedom Caucus types, heeding newly elected Senator Ted Cruz's calls to defund Obamacare, produced a government shutdown that sent the party, predictably, plummeting in the polls.

House Republican rebels made purist arguments, cited pledges never to vote for government expansion, called for constitutional conservatism. They chided Speakers John Boehner and Paul Ryan and Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell for insufficient boldness, seemingly forgetting that the Constitution gave President Barack Obama a veto.

Now things look different. With Republicans holding the White House and majorities in both houses of Congress, the purism that resulted in defeat of the House's first attempt at Obama

care revision, followed by the defeat of a second in the Senate, leaves Republicans double-digits behind Democrats on the generic which-party-would-you-back question.

Democrats' big victories in the Virginia and New Jersey governor races also struck a chord. These states, dominated by high-education suburbs in major metro areas, tilt more Democratic than the nation. But Republicans have been losing legislative special elections even in red-state Trump districts.

So just about all the erstwhile rebels are suddenly supporting Speaker Paul Ryan's tax bill, even though it's easy to find complex provisions to which purists could object. They've discovered that in the American political marketplace, whose rules usually limit competition to two parties, a majority party that can't perform is liable to severe punishment.

But for some — notably former White House advisor Steve Bannon — the point is not to win, but to oust the current Republican leadership. Just as California billionaire Tom Steyer conditions contributions on pledges to vote for impeachment, so former Goldman Sachs exec Bannon requires pledges to vote for ouster of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell.

That left him endorsing, apparently with no visible effect, Roy Moore in the special election Republican runoff for the Alabama Senate seat vacated by Attorney General Jeff Sessions. Moore, a dim bulb, was twice ousted from the state Supreme Court for disobeying a federal court order (banning his Ten Commandments courthouse statue) and the Supreme Court decision proclaiming a right to same-sex marriage.

His stands proved popular with many evangelical voters. But his argument, that the order and decision were wrong, shows ei-

ther ignorance of the supremacy clause in Article VI of the United States Constitution or a commitment to lawlessness that is the opposite of conservatism.

But all that has been pushed to the side after last week's Washington Post story that as a 30-something lawyer, Moore had at least one sexual encounter with a 14-year-old girl and pursued four other teens; this week came charges of sexual harassment by another. Moore's quasi-denials, even to the sympathetic Sean Hannity, have been unconvincing. Polls have shown him losing ground and even trailing against a respectable Democratic candidate in a state that Donald Trump carried 62 to 34 percent.

Republican senators, including McConnell and Alabama's Richard Shelby, have responded by saying he should withdraw from the race. His name can't legally be removed from the Dec. 12 ballot, but there is speculation about a write-in campaign for Luther Strange, the appointee he beat in the runoff, or even Sessions.

Corey Gardner, head of the Senate Republicans' campaign committee, has gone father. "If he refuses to withdraw and wins, the Senate should vote to expel him." Under the Supreme Court Powell v. McCormack decision, the Senate must seat him, but could expel him by a two-thirds vote.

Contrary to claims that there is no precedent for this or that a senator can't be expelled based on conduct prior to election, a move by senators to expel Michigan Senator Truman Newberry was frustrated only when Newberry resigned in 1922.

No possible outcome looks helpful for beleaguered Republicans now. Unless, perhaps, Republican politicians — and voters — heed the signals in the political marketplace and reject Steve Bannon's burn-the-barn-down strategy.



MICHAEL BARONE

New US weather satellite launched

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — An advanced U.S. weather satellite designed to improve the accuracy of extended forecasts has been launched into polar orbit from California.

The Joint Polar Satellite System-1 lifted off from Vandenberg Air Force Base at 1:47 a.m. PST Saturday atop a United Launch Alliance Delta 2 rocket.

The satellite is the first of four next-generation spacecraft for NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Circling the Earth from pole to pole 14 times a day, JPSS-1 carries a suite of five instruments intended to make global observations that will improve forecasts of severe weather events three to seven days beforehand.

The satellite also will contribute to near-term weather forecasts, climate and ocean dynamics research, among many other uses.

Woman must pay Katy Perry for interfering with convent sale

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A jury has found that a businesswoman must pay \$5 million to singer Katy Perry and the archdiocese of Los Angeles, finding that the woman intentionally interfered with the sale to Perry of a hilltop property that was once a convent.

The jury found Friday that entrepreneur Dana Hollister should pay the archdiocese \$3.47 million and Perry \$1.57 million for interference with contractual relations and other misdeeds.

The 33-year-old pop star has sought to buy the 8-acre property and its Roman-villa style buildings in the city's Los Feliz neighborhood for \$14.5 million, and to relocate an adjoining house of prayer used by priests. Her bid has the approval of Los Angeles' archbishop.

But Hollister stepped in and attempted to purchase the property from two nuns who had lived there. A judge voided that sale earlier this year, saying the archdiocese had the right to sell the property, not the nuns.

The jury found that her actions led to Perry and the archdiocese having to pay exorbitant lawyer fees and other costs, which Hollister should get the bill for.

The trial moves to a second phase in December, when the jury will decide if Hollister should pay punitive damages.

Keystone pipeline leak won't affect last regulatory hurdle

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Discovery of a 210,000-gallon oil leak from the Keystone pipeline would seem to be poor timing four days before regulators in Nebraska decide whether to allow a major expansion of the system, but officials say state law does not allow pipeline safety to be a factor in their decision.

The Nebraska Public Service Commission was scheduled to rule Monday if a Keystone XL expansion pipeline proposed by TransCanada Corp. can cross the state. The commission's decision is the last major regulatory hurdle for a project that has faced numerous local, state and federal reviews and lawsuits since it was announced in 2008.

Keystone operator TransCanada Corp. shut down the existing pipeline early Thursday morning and workers were testing to determine the cause of the spill on agricultural land in Marshall County, South Dakota, near the North Dakota border, about 250 miles (402 kilometers) west of Minneapolis.

State and company officials said the spill was not a threat to waterways or drinking water, but critics were quick to use the leak as an example of what they see as the risks to the environment.

Serena Williams reportedly marries in New Orleans

The game is love for tennis star Serena Williams and her new husband, Reddit co-founder Alexis Ohanian.

The couple got married at the Contemporary Arts Center in New Orleans, according to a story and photos posted on Vogue's website on Friday night.

Vogue said the celebrity guests at Thursday's ceremony included Beyonce and Kim Kardashian West.

The 36-year-old Williams has won 23 Grand Slam singles titles, a record for the professional era.

She and Ohanian were engaged in December. Williams gave birth to a girl named Alexis Olympia Ohanian Jr. on Sept. 1.

As sex harassment scandal grows, minorities seldom involved

By ERRIN HAINES
WHACK

AP National Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — In the weeks since dozens of women have accused movie mogul Harvey Weinstein of rape or sexual, unleashing an avalanche of similar charges against other prominent men across American life, women and men of color have been largely absent from the national furor.

The stories of abuse have roiled the entertainment industry, politics, tech and more, raising the possibility that this could be a watershed moment to end tolerance of such behavior. But some observers fear minority women may miss the moment, as they often are more reticent to speak up about sexual harassment.

"The stakes are higher in a lot of instances for us than they are for a lot of other women," said Tarana Burke, a black activist who founded the #MeToo movement on Twitter in 2006 to raise awareness around sexual violence. "That creates a dynamic where you have women of color who have to think a little bit differently about what it means for them to come forward in cases of sexual harassment."

A few high-profile minority actresses have come forward. New York authorities are investigating claims from actress Paz de la Huerta that Weinstein raped her twice in 2010; he has denied charges of non-consensual sex with any woman.

When Oscar-winning actress Lupita Nyong'o wrote in a New York Times op-ed last month that she had an unsettling encounter with the producer in 2011 at his home, Weinstein quickly denied doing anything inappropriate with Nyong'o, after days of silence following similar accusations by famous white accusers.

Author and activist Feminista Jones said that Weinstein's denial of Nyong'o's allegations sent the message to black women that they can't be harassed, they can't be assaulted.

For black women, that is a message that dates back to slavery, when black women's bodies were not their own and racist stereotypes were used to justify abuse, said Rutgers University historian Deborah Gray White.

"Historically, African-American women have been perceived as promiscuous," said White, author of the book, "Ar'n't I a Woman?: Female Slaves in the Plantation South."

"Black women's bodies, from Day One, have been available to all men," she said.

As a result, White said, black women have had a hard time proving sexual exploitation. In response, many chose to remain silent as a form of self-preservation.

"Somehow talking about it is admitting, 'I walk the land unprotected,'" White said. "They were damned if they did and damned if they didn't."



AP photo

In this June 13, 2017 file photo, Lupita Nyong'o attends the Women In Film 2017 Crystal and Lucy Awards in Beverly Hills, Calif. Nyong'o became the lone public woman of color among Weinstein's litany of accusers, writing in a New York Times op-ed last month that she had an unsettling encounter with the producer in 2011 at his home in Connecticut.

likely to report an assault or harassment, fearing anything from job loss to blackmail or deportation.

"Even for white women, there's not going to be any guarantee of an equitable resolution, so it's a lot to expect women in a more highly vulnerable situation to be willing to speak out at the same rate," Russel y Rodriguez said. "There's no reason to expect that Latinas aren't being sexually harassed or raped at the same degree or more."

While most of the recent spate of sexual abuse allegations have been against white men, men of color have not been immune to such charges. Before the Weinstein scandal upended Hollywood, Bill Cosby's name became synonymous with sexual abuse, as more than 50 women came forward and said the pioneering black actor once known as "America's Dad" forced sexual contact with them over decades.

Last June, Cosby went to trial on charges that he drugged and molested a woman in 2004. The case ended in a mistrial and Cosby is expected to be retried next year.

Since the Weinstein scandal, a writer for The Root, a website geared toward the black audience, said both Jesse Jackson and John Singleton sexually harassed her. Jackson and Singleton declined comment when contacted by The Associated Press, as did the Root writer.

George Takei, best known for his role in the original "Star Trek," was recently accused of groping a man decades earlier; he denied the allegations. Actor Terry Crews went public with a claim that a Hollywood agent groped him, and that agent was later fired.

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Jerry Jones dishes on Goodell as Cowboys lose sans Elliott

By SCHUYLER DIXON
AP Pro Football Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — The Dallas Cowboys have lost both games without Ezekiel Elliott, and owner Jerry Jones is still trying to explain what the six-game suspension for his star running back has to do with his objections over a contract extension for Commissioner Roger Goodell.

Jones said after a 37-9 loss to Philadelphia on Sunday night that he wants "unprecedented accountability to the ownership" while again referring to a desire to revisit the power Goodell has to punish players under the collective bargaining agreement.

Elliott's suspension stemming from alleged domestic abuse finally started after a two-month legal battle, and with the Cowboys coming off a three-game winning streak that had the defending NFC East champions headed in the right direction a year after having the best record in the NFC at 13-3.

Now Dallas (5-5) has been outscored 47-0 in the second half of consecutive losses without last year's NFL rushing leader, and the team trails the divi-

sion-leading Eagles (9-1) by four games with six to go. Philadelphia has won eight straight games, its most since the 2003-04 seasons.

Elliott was suspended following a yearlong NFL investigation after prosecutors in Ohio cited conflicting evidence in declining to pursue the case.

"I want unprecedented accountability to the ownership," Jones said after the Cowboys' most lopsided loss at 8-year-old AT&T Stadium on the same night he received his Hall of Fame ring in a halftime ceremony.

"It's unfortunately that motives are being pressed, (that) it's all about Zeke. Zeke is over. But some of the things that make that happen are still around."

Jones wouldn't address questions about a report that he threatened to go after Goodell's job when the commissioner told him this past summer.

The 75-year-old Jones also pushed back when told that Jonathan Kraft, son of New England owner Robert Kraft, had said that Jones suggested the Krafts move on when they were upset over quarterback Tom Brady's four-game suspension over Deflat-

egate two years ago.

"Those circumstances are so different," Jones said. "We're not going to write anything — a book here. They're just different. But I didn't hear that. I think the world of Jonathan."

Things to consider after the Eagles scored at least 25 points for the eighth straight time, the longest current streak in the NFL:

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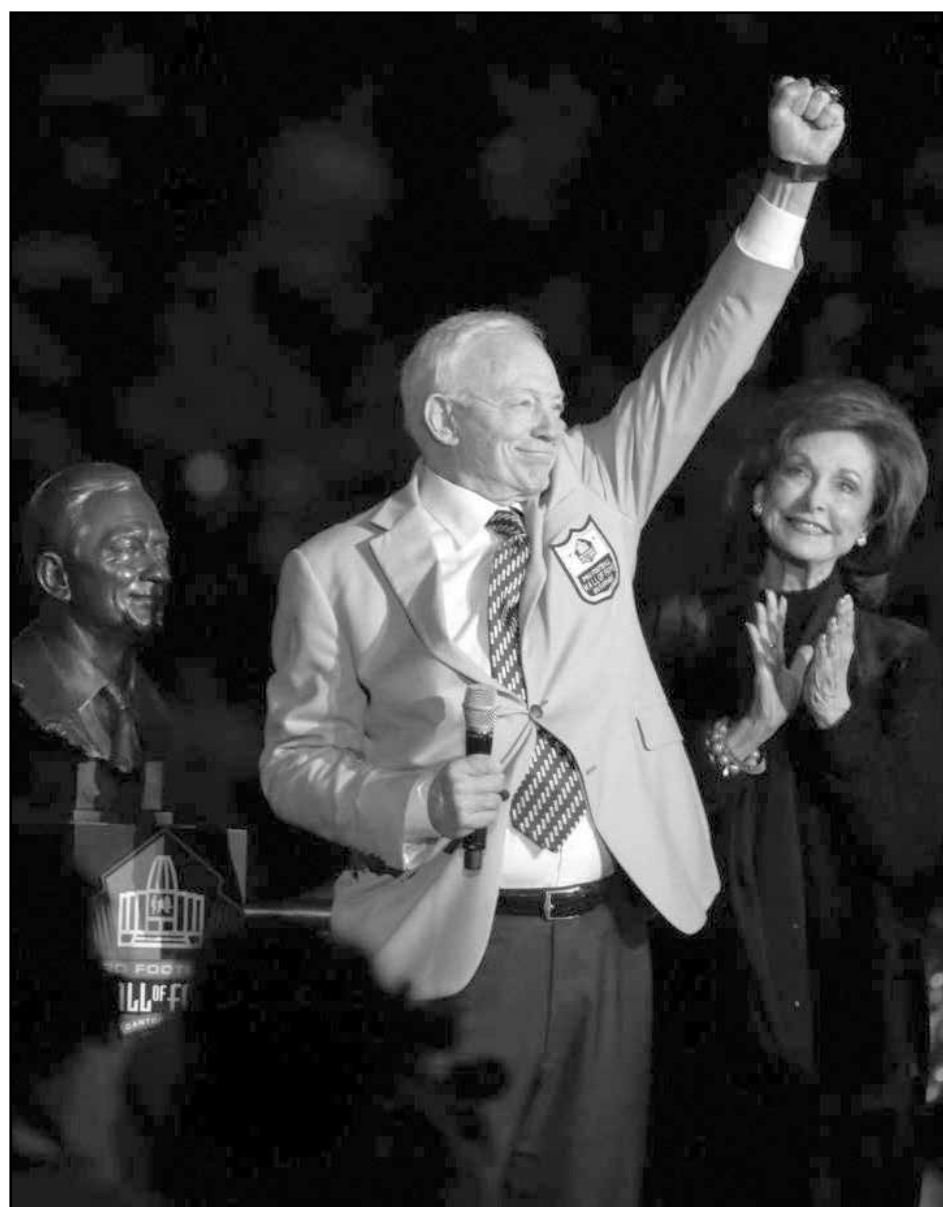
Coach Doug Pederson wasn't ready to speculate on the head injury that left the Eagles without a kicker. They just had to adjust with Jake Elliott out of the game.

"I've got to watch a bit of the film and see," Pederson said. "I know it was in the first half."

Possibly on the game's opening kickoff, when he was in on the tackle after Ryan Switzer's 61-year return. Elliott did make the extra point and kicked off after Philadelphia scored a touchdown on its opening drive, but was wide right on a 34-yard field goal attempt at the end of the first quarter.

Without Elliott after

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AP Photo
Dallas Cowboys team owner Jerry Jones stands by his wife Gene as he holds up the Hall of Fame ring presented to him during a ceremony at half time of an NFL football game against the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday, Nov. 19, 2017, in Arlington, Texas.

Texans end three-game skid with 31-21 win over Arizona



AP Photo
Houston Texans wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins (10) celebrates a touchdown catch by teammate Lamar Miller (26) during the first half of an NFL football game against the Arizona Cardinals, Sunday, Nov. 19, 2017, in Houston.

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — DeAndre Hopkins admitted that Andre Johnson being at NRG Stadium on Sunday to become the inaugural member of the Houston Texans Ring of Honor gave him a little boost in a 31-21 win over the Arizona Cardinals.

"Andre is always inspiring," Hopkins said. "Just his presence, being out there before the game ... for him to have this day, it definitely brought a spark to some people."

Hopkins finished with four receptions for 76 yards and a touchdown as the Texans (4-6) scored two fourth-quarter touchdowns to secure the victory to snap a three-game losing streak.

Johnson spent 12 seasons in Houston and is the team's leader in yards receiving (13,597), receptions (1,012) and touchdown receptions (64). He was given a red jacket and feted with a halftime ceremony attended by doz-

ens of former Texans.

Hopkins played with Johnson in his final two seasons in Houston and still considers him a mentor even though he's now firmly placed himself among the NFL's top receivers.

Hopkins said that Johnson, who endured two 2-14 seasons in his time in Houston, spoke to the team on Saturday about navigating through tough times such as what the Texans have dealt with this season.

"Just block out everybody around us," Hopkins said. "Even though everybody counted us out to win this division or to do what we want. So, just basically block out the noise and focus on the goal ahead."

Cardinals receiver Larry Fitzgerald was happy to be in Houston to see Johnson honored. He called him a longtime friend and said he believes he deserves to be in the Hall of Fame. The veteran receiver also raved about the work he did in aiding the

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Evans scores 25, Texas Tech beats No. 20 Northwestern 85-49



AP Photo
Northwestern's Scottie Lindsey (20) scores against Texas Tech center Norense Odiase (32) in the first half of an NCAA college basketball game Sunday, Nov. 19, 2017, at the Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville, Conn.

By WILLIAM S. PAXTON
Associated Press

UNCASVILLE, Conn. — A veteran Texas Tech squad didn't want to wait until the Big 12 season to try and earn respect.

The Red Raiders started that campaign Sunday with Keenan Evans scoring 25 points to lead his team over No. 20 Northwestern 85-49 in the championship game of the Hall of Fame Tip-Off Tournament.

"When you are a team like us that really hasn't done much in recent history, we are trying to get our respect," Texas Tech coach Chris Beard said. "We're trying to earn our respect. We have five seniors, and this is their last go-round."

"We don't have time to wait until tomorrow. Every day is the biggest game of our careers."

Evans scored 54 points in the two wins for the Red Raiders (4-0), who were picked seventh in the preseason Big 12 poll. Zach Smith added 11 points, while Tommy Hamilton IV and Niem Stevenson each had 10.

"We want to be that team that comes out and throws that first punch every game," Evans said. "Knowing they are a ranked team, we want to be ranked, too."

The Red Raiders never let up, shooting 60.4 percent and handing coach Chris Collins his worst loss in five

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♥ 8 4
♦ A J 9 7 6
♣ K J 7

WEST
♠ K Q 10 5 3
♥ Q 10 7 6
♦ Q 8 5
♣ 2

EAST
♠ 9 6 2
♥ 9 3
♦ 10 4 3
♣ 10 8 6 5 4

SOUTH
♠ A 8
♥ A K J 5 2
♦ K 2
♣ A Q 9 3

The bidding:
East Pass
South 2 ♠
West Pass
North 2 ♦
Pass 3 NT
Pass 6 ♣

Opening lead — king of spades.
The 2006 Junior World Team Championship was won by the United States in a successful defense of the title it had won the previous year. The Junior championship is restricted to players 25 years or younger.

The winning U.S. squad was comprised of then-newcomers Joshua Donn and Jason Feldman, along with Joe Grue, John Kranyak, Justin Lall and Ari Greenberg, who were members of the 2005 winning squad.

In today's deal, from a qualifying-

round match between the U.S. and France, the French pair of Thomas Bessis and Julien Gaviard reached six notrump as shown. Obviously, 12 tricks can easily be made by taking a diamond finesse, giving declarer five diamond tricks, four clubs, two hearts and a spade. But an effective false-card by Lall, East, steered declarer away from the winning path.

Bessis won Greenberg's king-of-spades lead with the ace and cashed three rounds of clubs, learning that West had started with only one club. Bessis then cashed the king of diamonds, on which Lall dropped the ten!

Assuming the ten was a doubleton or singleton, it seemed to declarer that even if he led a diamond to the jack and it won, he would have only three diamond tricks. This meant he would need at least three tricks from the heart suit, so he next led a diamond to the ace, catering to the possibility that East had started with the Q-10 doubleton. When the queen did not appear, he took the heart finesse and finished down two, -200.

At the other table, Grue and Kranyak stopped in four hearts, making exactly four for plus 620, to give the Americans a pickup of 13 IMPs. Of course, if Bessis had not been diverted from the winning line at the other table, the French would have gained 13 IMPs instead.

Tomorrow: Thanks — but no thanks!
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



Scorpio Sun Digs Down to Rise Up

These are the last moments of this year's Scorpio sun. Make the most of them. Dig down past the pettiness that keeps us small. To think "this problem shouldn't be mine" or "this is below me" or "what a hassle" is to engage in an unhelpful and ultimately immature and diminishing mindset. All it takes to be bigger is to rise up.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's this little trap that happens -- an unhelpful habit of mind. It has to do with thinking of happiness as a "then" thing or a "later" thing when happiness is pretty much always a "now" thing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's a time to think carefully and thoroughly, but this isn't it. Don't take your thoughts too seriously. They're not who you are. One way to think less is to move more.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Inner peace, evenness, satisfaction -- it all comes from physical challenge today. Engage your muscles and your mind and spirit will get just what they need to help you feel right with the world.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You want to show up strong. Perception is important, and it does impact what opportunities you get. That being true, sometimes you make the strongest impression when you don't care so much about how you're being perceived.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's an opportunity in everything. For instance, miscommunication is an opportunity to get to know what another person really wanted or expected to hear. It's also a chance for better understanding.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The restlessness you feel can be positively interpreted. Let restlessness be a leader that points you toward a more successful path.

Otherwise, it becomes a tempter, increasing the allure of temporary fixes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You don't like what's going on, so start right away with the change. Don't worry too much about what to change exactly. A tweak of any degree to any part of the equation will make a difference to the outcome.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are very few people out there who can work everything out in their minds before they begin. Most people learn as they go. Don't worry if you don't know what you're doing. Trust the intelligence of movement.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Much good will come of an attempt to assess and manage expectations. Yours aren't the same as theirs. Where are the discrepancies? What's not matching up?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Good interviewers don't worry too much about seeming smart and letting everyone know they did their research. What makes for a quality interaction is honest curiosity.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). No one likes to misplace things. But if you find yourself losing the items of your daily life, it's a chance to get organized, downsize for simplicity's sake or determine what is truly important to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The difference between people you want to be around and people you don't want to be around will be immediately apparent in the way they deal with the annoyances of daily life.

TODAY'S BIRTH-

DAY (Nov. 20). A financial opportunity in the next 10 weeks will be your cosmic birthday gift. Nothing is holding you back from adventure in early 2018, so go on and fly. Your family members will cheer you on. Later, they'll also give you a new direction. Someone who loves you wholeheartedly will make a wish for you that comes true. Cancer and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 38, 12, 7 and 49.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "My friend goes to a psychic who gets messages in bones. I don't mean in a 'I feel it in my bones' kind of way. He actually uses animal bones to tell her future. To me, this sounds like voodoo. Is it safe for her? The psychic has been quite accurate, and I'm thinking of going, too, but first I want to make sure that it's not an evil or cursed practice."

It sounds as if your friend's psychic is practiced in the ancient art of astragalomanicy. "Astragalos" is the Greek word for "ankle." The ancient Greeks inscribed symbols on this type of bone -- for instance, the knucklebones of sheep -- and cast them like dice. Messages were derived from the dice, depending on where they fell. The knucklebones of sheep are very much like dice in form and were used in gaming, as well as in fortunetelling.

I don't believe the practice is inherently evil or cursed, but in these matters, much depends on the heart and the intent of the person reading the omens. If the reading brings a feeling of positivity and clarity, it is probably spiritually safe. A good reading should never cause confusion, fuzziness or weakness.

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5	8	1	3	4	9	6	7	2
7	4	2	8	9	1	6	3	5
6	9	3	2	5	7	4	1	8
9	7	8	6	1	9	3	2	4
3	5	1	4	7	6	9	8	2
4	2	9	5	3	8	7	6	1
6	8	2	3	9	7	4	5	1
7	9	5	4	8	1	6	3	2
3	1	4	5	2	6	7	9	8

ANSWER:

TECH

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years at Northwestern, surpassing an 89-57 road defeat to then-No. 25 Indiana on Jan. 23, 2016.

"We came out with low energy, low talk and quite frankly played terrible defense," said guard Scottie Lindsay, who led the Wildcats (3-2) with 20 points.

Evans scored 17 points in the first half and the Red Raiders led 41-25 at the break. Texas Tech raced out to a 9-0 lead, with two 3-pointers from Evans.

For much of the half, Northwestern had more turnovers (15) than points. Lindsay was the lone threat on offense with 17 points, but the rest of the team was 2-for-12 from the field. The Wildcats tied for their season-high with 17 turnovers for the game.

"I thought their pressure affected us. They had us on our heels," Collins said. "Their defense really set the tone for the game."

Texas Tech scored 26 points off the Wildcats' mistakes in the first half.

BIG PICTURE

Texas Tech: The Red Raiders' victory over a ranked opponent should earn them votes in the Top 25 poll this week and might even be enough to get them in.

Northwestern: The Wildcats, who played five games in 10

days, will almost certainly fall out of the Top 25 with this loss and the one to Creighton earlier in the week.

STAT OF THE NIGHT

The Red Raiders' defense held Northwestern to season-lows in points and shooting (26.7 percent). Through four games, Texas Tech has allowed only one team — Boston College — to score more than 50 points over shoot better than 30 percent from the field.

HE SAID IT

Collins on Texas Tech: "They have great point, they are very well coached and they are a terrific defensive team. They have depth, so they can keep coming in with athletes in waves and have fresh bodies out there. I think they have the makings of having a great year."

TURNING POINT

The Wildcats put themselves in a 1-0 hole before the game even started. Northwestern was assessed a technical foul for turning in a late starting lineup card, so Evans went to the line and made one free throw.

UP NEXT

Texas Tech heads home to host Wofford and Savannah State, but will be back East to play Seton Hall on Nov. 30 at Madison Square Garden.

Northwestern will host Sacred Heart on Friday and head to Georgia Tech on Nov. 28 to finish the month.



TEXANS

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development of Hopkins.

"He did a great job of mentoring Hopkins and now you see how he's one of the top guys in the game," Fitzgerald said. "He's a special, special talent. He's got a knack for making those tough catches week in and week out."

Here are some things to know about the Cardinals-Texans game.

FOREMAN'S FASHION STATEMENT

D'Onta Foreman scored his first two NFL touchdowns on runs of 3 and 34 yards in the fourth quarter before being carted off with an ankle injury. But he also made a statement before the game, showing up to the stadium wearing a Deshaun Watson jersey with his street clothes.

"To be honest I just felt like it was a fashion statement really," he said with a laugh. "I just wanted to go viral really. That was it."

Then he got serious noting that he wanted to do something as a nod to Watson, who is out for the season with a knee injury.

"All jokes aside, it was just him being out and I just really wanted to show him some support and come out here and show him that we care about him and care about everything he's going through," Foreman said.

Foreman said he wasn't sure how serious his injury was, but that he expected to know more on Monday.

AGELESS FITZGERALD

Fitzgerald hasn't displayed any signs of slowing down despite being in his 14th NFL season. The 34-year-old had another good game on Sunday, finishing with 91 yards receiving and a touchdown in the loss. The performance moved him past Tony Gonzalez (15,127) for the fifth-most receiving yards in NFL history with 15,157 yards.

CLOWNEY'S CONTRIBUTIONS

Houston defensive end Jadeveon Clowney continues to carry the defense with J.J. Watt and Whitney Mercilus out for the season with injuries. On Sunday, the top overall pick in the 2014 draft had two sacks to give him a career-best eight this season.

He also tackled Adrian Peterson for a 1-yard loss on fourth-and-1 in the fourth quarter to help Houston secure the win and added three quarterback hits. Clowney has 15 tackles for losses this season and Sunday was his career-high fourth straight game with a sack.

"This game gave us a spark as a confidence builder for so many guys," he said. "We needed this win, especially at home."

PASSING THE BATON

The Texans took a 7-0 lead when Lamar Miller grabbed a 7-yard pass from Tom Savage before falling out of bounds early in the second quarter. Miller, a sprinter at Miami, then started a relay baton celebration where he ran before pretending to hand off to Hopkins, who passed it on to Braxton Miller, who finished the bit by handing it off to Bruce Ellington.

Miller said the idea came from Hopkins and that they didn't rehearse it.

"I think we would be a great 4x100 team," Miller said.



AP Photo

Philadelphia Eagles running back LeGarrette Blount (29) breaks a tackle attempt by Dallas Cowboys' Xavier Woods (25) as LeGarrette carries the ball for long yardage in the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Nov. 19, 2017, in Arlington, Texas.

DALLAS

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half-time, linebacker Kamu Grugier-Hill kicked off. But Pederson decided they would go for 2-pointers after every touchdown — and they converted on three of four.

DAK EAGER TO PLAY AGAIN

After throwing a career-high three interceptions, Dak Prescott was already thinking about getting back on the field.

"I'd play tomorrow if I could," he said.

At least it is a short week, with the Cowboys' annual Thanksgiving Day game against the Los Angeles Chargers.

The first pick was a tipped pass, the second was one

Prescott called "boneheaded, simple as that." The third, he said, was a miscommunication with a receiver when both of them were just trying to make a play.

HURTING LINEBACKERS

Anthony Hitchens was starting for injured Cowboys linebacker Sean Lee. Now Hitchens is hurting.

Hitchens left early in the second half with because of a groin pull, and will have an MRI on Monday. And Lee is likely to be out again with his hamstring issue.

Jaylon Smith was splitting time with middle linebacker Justin Durant

against the Eagles before moving into Hitchens' spot. Smith and Durant could be playing even more Thursday.

BIG WINS

Philadelphia has two of the three most-lopsided wins by

a visitor since AT&T Stadium opened in 2009. The Eagles won 33-10 on Thanksgiving Day three years ago, though the New England Patriots then won by one more point — 30-6 — in a 2015 game at the Cowboys.

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